

## *Echoes in the Forest*

While hiking through an ancient wood,  
we came upon a heap of stone  
and there beyond - a fading shape  
swallowed by the mossy loam.

Here, we paused upon our journey  
to contemplate and rest,  
when the whispers of a haunting wind  
seemed to answer our inquest.

There was a time – a distant time  
field and farm spread out before us,  
while a song of life and love and strife  
was sung in human chorus --

a song of children playing,  
of farmers in the field,  
of women in the kitchen --  
a song thought not to yield.

But t' was a melody in passing  
now no children left to play  
and field returned to forest  
once the farmer went away.

The winds of time blow ever softly  
as they carry off the chorus,  
leaving remnants of that distant time  
like Echoes in the Forest.

**DK Young**

## **Preface**

Like the farm in the verse, so went most of Stratton's homesteads – abandoned to the forest – destined to fade away beneath the mossy loam. Of course, nature has not yet reconquered all of Stratton. While no true farms remain in this town and only a scant few landowners have held back forest from field, the population of the town has rebounded, but to the tune of another lifestyle – another time.

The following pages address the majority of Stratton's inhabitants from its beginnings to the early part of the twentieth century; also many of the more recent resident families are detailed, if they wished to be included here. This supplement was compiled from: Stratton's vital records, land records, its censuses from 1791 to 1920, data from Stratton's cemeteries, Somerset's vital records and land records, also data from Vermont's and Massachusetts's vital records, family histories, published genealogies, and Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolutionary War - A Compilation from the Archives - Boston, 1896. As well, I have denoted any additional sources (other than those listed above) following the specific family description. Space restrictions prevent more detailed source information

This supplement is an important aspect of Stratton's History in that a true town history can be defined only by the cumulative life stories of its citizens. Furthermore, this work represents an in-depth study of the migration patterns into and out of this area. While this supplement is an accurate account of Stratton's families and transients who left some record of their existence within the town, mistakes are inevitable when compiling extensive amounts of information such as this from various sources. This document, therefore, should not be used as an official source for genealogical data, but instead as a guide.

This volume uses the following format: Family names are grouped alphabetically, while individuals follow more of a chronological sequence. Each individual family begins with a brief biography of the patriarch or matriarch of the earliest member of that family to arrive in Stratton (husband and wife are nearly always discussed together under the husband's surname). The family line is then carried through to the last family or individual who lived in Stratton. When families of siblings remained in town for multiple generations, the family of the oldest sibling is addressed first, followed by their children, then grandchildren, etc., following this rule through each line. When a particular line has been covered completely, then the next sibling's family is addressed, etc. Names of parents are associated with each individual, when known, to clarify family relationships. Children within a household are listed at the end of their parents' biographies with a summary of birth, death and marriage data for each child. This information may appear again if that child warrants having a detailed biography.

This work contains numerous references to the Lot / Range designations of respective individual's homes, farms or property. These parcels can be found on Stratton's grid map.

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## Abbott

**Samuel Abbott, Jr.** may have come to Stratton between 1860 and 1864. During the Civil War, Samuel enlisted into the Navy in October, 1864, and served aboard the "Don," (probably the USS Macedonia). He may have been someone from out of town recruited by Stratton's Selectmen to fill a position for Stratton during the war. Samuel evidently deserted on May 29, 1866. Subsequently, he did not return to Stratton to live.

## Adams

**Andrew Adams, Jr.**, was probably the same born March 24, 1767, at Milton, Massachusetts, son of Andrew and Ruth (Wadsworth) Adams.

Andrew moved to Stratton about 1793, from Palmer, Massachusetts. Andrew married Rebecca Putnam, daughter of Amos and Sarah (Swift) Putnam, on September 13, 1789, at Ward, Massachusetts. Sarah was born on February 18, 1767.

Amos Putnam, one of Stratton's early proprietors, sold Rebecca 12L1R in Stratton in October, 1793. The Adamses were the first to build on this lot and settled there soon after. In 1795, a 50-acre parcel of the Adam's lot was auctioned off by the town at a tax-sale to pay back-taxes; however, Andrew bought the parcel back and then sold the

entire 200 acres to John Hill of Palmer on September 23, 1795. Andrew then purchased the east half of 6L7R in March, 1796. They may have settled on the farm first occupied by Clark Stone, located just below Little Stratton Mountain on the south side. In September, Andrew sold this lot to Samuel Blodgett of Palmer, and then evidently returned to Palmer to live.

Their children were:

- 1) Amos, born February 12, 1790, at Palmer, Massachusetts.
- 2) Lucy, born October 18, 1791, at Palmer, Massachusetts.
- 3) Andrew, born in 1795 at Palmer, Massachusetts.
- 4) Sally Swift, born January 11, 1798, at Palmer, Massachusetts.

**John Adams** was probably the same born July 23, 1761, at Milton, Massachusetts, son of Andrew and Ruth (Wadsworth) Adams. John was living in Barnard, Vermont, when he purchased the west half of 6L7R in Stratton from Clark Stone in April, 1796. John may have settled on this lot. The remains of a farm can still be seen along the Appalachian Trail, west of its intersection with the IP Road. Two months later, he purchased the west half of 4L8R.

John sold his farm to Thomas Hill in November, 1796, and removed to Palmer, Massachusetts. Following the move, he continued to purchase other properties in Stratton but never resettled there. John had

many dealings with Clark Stone and may have been related to Stone in some way. John later sold one of his lots to Benjamin Adams of Palmer. Benjamin may have been John's brother, born March 25, 1771, at Milton.

## Akeley

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**Newell Henry Akeley**, son of Thomas Jr. and Betsey (Whitcomb) Akeley, was born on March 11, 1810, at Guilford, Vermont. He married Betsey Caroline Jones on April 13, 1835, at Brattleboro, Vermont. Betsey was born about 1812. The Akeleys lived awhile in Guilford, Vermont, before settling in Somerset. They lived in the northeastern part of the town that was annexed to Stratton in 1858. Their farm was off of the old road that paralleled the course of Rt. 100. It was located on the Somerset border (see McClellan's Map of 1856) and on the west side of the old road.

Newell made spruce shingles that had to be made by hand, individually. In 1860, the Akeleys had their son Martin and his wife, Betsey, living with them. They lived in Stratton for the remainder of their lives. Newell passed away on November 15, 1892, while visiting his brother, Martin, in Guilford, Vermont.

Children of Newell and Becky:

- 1) Newell Henry, born January 22, 1836; died on June 24, 1863; married Eliza M. Knight on March 6, 1859, at Stratton, Vermont.

- 2) Martin Elbridge, born April 20, 1838, at Northfield, Massachusetts; married Lucinda Hall on November 26, 1860, at Somerset, Vermont.
- 3) Betsey M., born January 21, 1842, at Somerset, Vermont; died April 24, 1900; married Nelson E. Willis on April 7, 1868.

**Newell Henry Akeley, Jr.**, son of Newell and Betsey Akeley, was born January 22, 1836, at Northfield, Massachusetts. He married Eliza M. Knight on March 6, 1859, at Stratton. She was born on November 15, 1840. In 1860, they were living in Stratton with Newell's Aunt Jane Akeley who was born in 1812/3.

Newell died on June 24, 1863, and was buried in Mountain View Cemetery in West Dover, Vermont.

A child of Newell and Lucinda:

- 1) Amarette, born about 1862.

**Martin Elbridge Akeley**, son of Newell and Betsey Akeley, was born in 1838, at Brattleboro, Vermont. He married Lucinda Hall on November 26, 1860, at Somerset, Vermont. Lucinda was born November 26, 1839 - most likely the daughter of Milo and Laura Hall of Somerset and Statton.

In 1860, they were living with Martin's parents. They lived in Stratton at least until 1880, as they are listed in that year's census. Lucinda died on May 10, 1915. Newell died on November 2, 1920, at Brattleboro, Vermont,

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from diabetes and gangrene of the left leg. He was buried in Clark Warren Cemetery at Marlboro, Vermont.

Their children were:

- 1) Myron John, born November 15, 1862; died October 4, 1902, at Marlboro, Vermont (took the Freeman's oath in Stratton on September 2, 1884).
- 2) Gilbert Carlton, born November 10, 1864, at Stratton, Vermont; died March 24, 1954, at Brattleboro, Vermont.
- 3) Delos Elbridge, born July 8, 1869, at Stratton, Vermont; died April 3, 1939, at Brattleboro, Vermont; married Alice (Tenney) Akeley (widow of his brother, Newell).
- 4) Newell Clayton, born January 15, 1871, at Stratton, Vermont; died February 6, 1898, at Marlboro, Vermont; married Alice Elizabeth Tenney on October 30, 1893.
- 5) (a daughter), born July 19, 1872, at Stratton, Vermont; died the same day.
- 6) Clifford Martin, born February 8, 1874, at Stratton, Vermont; died June 27, 1952.
- 7) LeRoy Luman, born July 8, 1876, at Stratton, Vermont; died March 7, 1924, at Marlboro, Vermont; married Minnie Esther Ryder on November 20, 1910.

Additional Sources:

The Akeley Family Record (1750 - 1985)  
by Barbara Akeley

## Albert

**John Albert**, a farmer, was born in Canada. He married Rosella (possibly Howe). John was probably employed in one of Stratton's lumber camps during the late 1880s.

A child of John and Rosella was:

- 1) Victoria, born September 18, 1888, at Stratton, Vermont.

## Alden

**Phineas Alden**, son of John and Hannah Alden, was born on May 27, 1791, at Petersham, Massachusetts. He married Persis Boutell, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth Boutell, on December 21, 1815, at Stratton. Persis was born at Stratton on June 11, 1795.

The Aldens first settled in Dover, Vermont, and had several children there. Later, Phineas purchased half of his father-in-law, Samuel Boutell's, farm (half of the west half of 5L7R) on June 2, 1819, and lived in Stratton at the time of the 1820 census. The 1820 census indicated that Phineas and Persis had a son and two daughters under the age of ten that year. The Boutell farm later became Torrey's Tavern, once the Aldens had moved away.

Phineas also had a brother, John A. Alden, who purchased the other half of this same lot from Mr. Boutell on August 18, 1820. Phineas bought out his brother then sold the entire west half of 5L7R to Paul Wheeler of Wardsboro, Vermont, on July 24, 1821. The Aldens evidently returned to Dover following the sale. Witnesses for these various

transactions include another John Alden (perhaps their father) and also Lyman Alden.

The history of Dover, Vermont by Kull (1961) notes that -- *“the Phineas Alden family lived on a hill farm between the Handle Road and present Route 100. Tuberculosis was the family’s scourge, several members having died of it. After the burial of one member in the family graveyard, the others in the family decided to take drastic measures. Opening the grave, they removed the heart from the body, and burned it upon a large flat stone near by, that no more of the family might die of the dread disease. The burned spot on the stone is still to be seen, say some old-timers in Dover. As recounted by Mrs. Blanche Holland Snow (about 1935) -- Mother Snow saw the fire from up the road. I presume we’d see a dark stain on that stone to this day. They say it’s there. No one ever lived in that house again. They say it’s haunted....”*

By 1834, the Aldens had settled in Newfane, Vermont. Persis passed away there on July 25, 1834, aged 39 years, and was buried in the Williamsville Cemetery. Apparently, the family curse had not been lifted. Phineas lived many more years as did at least one of their children, namely Samuel. Phineas died on December 13, 1869, and he was buried beside Persis.

Children of Phineas and Persis:

- 1) Persis, born about 1819; died on December 12, 1885; married (?) Hubbard.

- 2) William Adams, born August 3, 1820 (baptized in Stratton on September 10, 1820); died March 18, 1827.
- 3) Samuel Lee, born December 9, 1822; died December 12, 1872.
- 4) Elvira
- 5) Sally
- 6) Elizabeth
- 7) Mary E., born about 1826, at Dover, Vermont; died February 9, 1873; married 1) Chester Warren Adams on November 1, 1854, at Newfane, Vermont 2) Thomas Parker Morse on March 31, 1869, at Brattleboro, Vermont.
- 8) Marcia, born April 24, 1828, at Dover, Vermont; died January 20, 1881, at Newfane, Vermont; married Mason Ingram on January 7, 1868, at Newfane, Vermont.

## Allen

**Jacob Allen** was born about 1757. He resided in Fitchburg, Massachusetts, where he was prominent in town affairs during the 1780s and early 1790s. His name appears many times over in the Fitchburg town records.

Jacob married Sarah Boutell, daughter of William and Persis Boutell, on November 3, 1784. Sarah was born on February 22, 1765, at Leominster, Massachusetts.

In May of 1794, Jacob purchased the south half of 3L7R in Stratton from Hezekiah Gibbs, who had a homestead thereon. 3L7R contains much of what is now called Grout Pond. The first

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road through Stratton also crossed through this lot heading to Somerset. The dwelling was located at the top of the road that currently descends to what is now the parking lot for the pond. Hudson Grout later occupied this house.

Jacob purchased all of 2L7R and the east half of 2L8R in 1795. In 1798, Jacob purchased the rest of 3L7R except for 5 acres on the north side of the pond. In this area, the Allens were surrounded by family and friends who had resettled in Stratton from the Leominster, Massachusetts vicinity. Sarah's two brothers, Samuel and William Boutell, lived on nearby farms. The Hales and Ramors who owned neighboring farms were related through Sarah's brother, Samuel Boutell, by marriage.

In 1800, Jacob was head of a household with Sarah and their children - three sons under ten and one son 10 to 16, two daughters under 10 and one daughter between 10 and 16. On November 22, 1800, Jacob sold the southwest corner of 2L7R (roughly half way between Grout Pond and Somerset Reservoir) to Solomon Goodale. He also sold property to Cornelius Allen of Townshend, Vermont. Cornelius was probably Jacob's son.

In May, 1802, Jacob sold 3L7R, except for the five acres that he did not own, and removed to Townshend. Later, the Allens evidently resettled in Newfane, Vermont. Jacob passed away on January 30, 1842, aged 84 and

was buried in the Newfane Village Cemetery. Sarah died on April 28, 1850, aged 85, and she was also buried there.

Children of Jacob and Sarah possibly included:

- 1) Jacob, born in 1788; died July 3, 1853; married 1) Nancy Rawson 2) Mary (?) (Jacob Allen, Jr. was admitted to the Church of Christ in Townshend, Vermont, in 1823)
- 2) Cornelius
- 3) Amos
- 4) Abiel
- 5) Henry

**Amos Allen** may have been a son of Jacob and Sarah Allen. At the March Meeting of 1797, Amos was selected a committeeman to ask neighboring preachers to preach in Stratton.

**Abiel Allen** may have been a son of Jacob and Sarah Allen. He and his wife were born during the 1790s, and settled in Stratton during the 1820s. In 1830, they had three sons and two daughters. The Allens moved away before 1840.

**Samuel Allen**, son of Seth and Elizabeth (Guild) Allen, was born at Holliston, Massachusetts, on April 17, 1755. His first wife was Mary Harwood, whom he married on July 30, 1772. Mary evidently died soon after the marriage and so Samuel married again. His second wife was Bethana White, daughter of Benjamin and Naomi (Cook) White, whom he married

on April 26, 1785, at Milford, Massachusetts. The Allens eventually came to Vermont, settling in Newfane. Bethana died on April 12, 1830. Following her death, Samuel probably went to live with one of his children in Stratton. He died there on April 24, 1846. Both were buried in the Wardsboro Rd. Cemetery in Newfane, Vermont.

Children of Samuel and Bethana:

- 1) Seth, born May 31, 1786, at Uxbridge, Massachusetts; married Susan Pierce.
- 2) Polly, born December 18, 1788, at Uxbridge, Massachusetts; died in 1832 (buried in Wardsboro Rd. Cemetery).
- 3) Samuel, born July 19, 1791, at Uxbridge, Massachusetts; died February 23, 1870, at Stratton, Vermont; married Elizabeth Hill on October 31, 1812, at Newfane, Vermont.
- 4) Ebenezer, born July 5, 1795, at Uxbridge, Massachusetts; died February 17, 1854, at Stratton, Vermont; married Lucy Pierce on May 7, 1817, at Newfane, Vermont.

**Samuel Allen Jr.**, son of Samuel and Bethana (White) Allen, was born July 19, 1792, at Uxbridge, Massachusetts. He married Elizabeth Hill on October 31, 1812, at Newfane, Vermont. Elizabeth was born on December 10, 1792, and may have been a sister or daughter of Thomas Hill of Stratton. Samuel and Elizabeth were living in Wardsboro, Vermont at the time Samuel

purchased 4L2R in Stratton on June 27, 1826. Soon after the purchase, Samuel settled his family there. Samuel bid to care for the widow Betsey Grant, wife of Joshua Grant, in 1837. But it seems as though the Allens may have settled into the Grant homestead before that time. The Allen farm was located on the north side of what is now the *Canedy Rd. - West Jamaica Rd.* intersection. In 1849, Samuel deeded an undivided half of the lot to his son, Henry. In 1853, he sold the northeast corner of 4L2R to Henry Fowler with the right to block flow in the brook for a mill.

The Allens remained in Stratton for the rest of their lives. In 1867, Capitola Johnson was living with them and attending school. She may have been their granddaughter.

By 1869, the Allens apparently resettled into the house on the southwest corner of the intersection of the *Stratton-Arlington Rd.* and *Old Forrester Rd.*. Samuel died at Stratton on February 23, 1870, and Elizabeth died on November 18, 1881. They were buried in Ball Cemetery.

Their children were:

- 1) William D., born August 28, 1814; married Clymena Scott (intent published on May 1, 1842, at Stratton, Vermont).
  - 2) Bethany, born February 16, 1815.
  - 3) Bethana W., born June 11, 1817.
  - 4) Henry C., born April 24, 1820.
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- 5) Charles F., born June 30, 1822.
- 6) Leander L., born December 15, 1824; died June 29, 1902; married Lovisa W. Wing.
- 7) Martin F., born July 4, 1827, died September 3, 1842.
- 8) Sylvia, born December 24, 1830, died January 12, 1835.
- 9) Jon, born September 4, 1834; died October 16, 1835.
- 10) Jane, born October 9, 1836; died January 21, 1901, at Edmonds, Washington; married Carlos Boardman Sanford Knapp about 1855 in Stratton, Vermont.
- 11) Mary E., born June 19, 1839; died November 1, 1863.

**William D. Allen**, son of Samuel and Elizabeth Allen, was born on August 28, 1814. He came to Stratton with his parents. William purchased his father's mortgage of 4L2R in 1836. William sold 90 acres of the lot back to his father in 1839. William also purchased the Ira Scott farm - 94 acres of 5L2R in 1837. He mortgaged this lot and settled there.

William married Clymena G. Scott, daughter of Ira and Sophie Scott, (intent published at Stratton on May 1, 1842). Clymena was born on May 7, 1815, at Stratton.

William apparently became entangled in a civil suit with the State of Vermont. In October, 1843, the town voted to pass over an article to pay costs accrued in this suit.

Before April, 1844, the Allens settled in North

Whitecreek, Washington County, New York. That month, William sold the farm to Phineas White of Putney, Vermont. Sometime before 1877, the Allens settled in Osborne, Kansas. In 1877, William's sister, Jane Knapp, and her husband, Carlos Knapp, also settled in Osborne.

**Henry C. Allen**, son of Samuel and Elizabeth Allen, was born on April 24, 1820. On March 15, 1849, Henry's father deeded him an undivided half of the family farm.

**Leander L. Allen**, son of Samuel and Elizabeth Allen, was born on December 15, 1824, at Wardsboro, Vermont. Leander married Lovisa W. Wing, daughter of Samuel and Lucinda Wing. Lovisa was born on April 3, 1828, in West Livermore, Maine. The Allens lived out their lives in Stratton. In 1846, Leander purchased the north part of 5L2R and evidently settled on that lot. He sold this lot to his father-in-law in 1848, but the Allens and the Wings probably continued to share the dwelling there. In September of 1847, Leander qualified as a Freeman of Stratton. In 1867, Leander purchased a farm from George and Mary Eager (previously the Hudson farm) on 7L1R on what is now *Forrester/Half Mile Rd.*, located on the Jamaica border and on the same location where Walter and Jennie Forrester now live. The farmhouse remained

standing until the 1970s, when the Forresters tore it down.

Lovisa died at Stratton on July 24, 1901, and Leander died there on June 29, 1902. Both were buried in Ball Cemetery.

Children of Leander and Lovisa:

- 1) Martin J., born April 20, 1848; died May 2, 1868, at Stratton, Vermont (of typhoid fever).
- 2) Sylvia A., born March 20, 1849, at Stratton, Vermont; died May 20, 1849, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 3) Dwight, born February 7, 1857, at Stratton, Vermont; died November 6, 1865, at Stratton, Vermont (of typhoid fever).
- 4) Mary J., born December 1, 1859, at Stratton, Vermont; died September 21, 1863, at Stratton, Vermont (of diphtheria).
- 5) Dana P., born March 27, 1862, at Stratton, Vermont; died October 1, 1940, at Jamaica, Vermont; married 1) Ida Bush on June 6, 1885, at Stratton, Vermont 2) Angie E. Starr on September 1, 1893, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 6) Sylvester, born March 29, 1866, at Stratton, Vermont; married Eva Hartwell.
- 7) Elias Dwight, born August 10, 1867, at Stratton, Vermont; died March 21, 1893, at Stratton, Vermont (of Bright's disease); married (?).
- 8) Melvina Jerusha, born April 22, 1869, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 9) Flora Ella, born March 3, 1872, at Stratton, Vermont.

**Dana P. Allen**, son of Leander and Lovisa Allen, was born March 27, 1862, at Stratton. Dana took the Freeman's oath in Stratton on September 2, 1884.

Dana married Ida Bush, daughter of Charles and Betsy Bush, on June 6, 1885, at Stratton. Ida was born in Winhall, Vermont and was just 14 at the time of their marriage. Dana owned a farm along *Mountain Rd.*, located on the east side of the road a few rods south of what is now *Forrester/Half Mile Rd.*

Ida died on June 17, 1888, at Stratton, and Dana then married Angie E. Starr, daughter of Nelson A. and Laura B. Starr, on September 1, 1893, at Stratton. Angie was born in 1867 at Ludlow, Vermont.

Angie died of pneumonia on January 25, 1900, shortly after giving birth to a stillborn child. She was buried in Ball Cemetery. After her death, Dana put his children under the care of his parents. Dana's parents both died within two years and then the two boys were put up for adoption. Dana lived on his own until his death. He evidently was living on the old Ithamer Allen farm in West Wardsboro when it burned in 1924. C. S. Streeter owned this farm at that time and Dana shared the house with Mark Tudor. They apparently were working for Streeter.

After 1924, Dana returned to his old farmhouse in Stratton where he reportedly allowed the farm animals to share the house

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with him. He died on October 1, 1940, at Jamaica, Vermont, and was buried in Ball Cemetery.

A child of Dana and Ida was:

- 1) Martin D., born in December, 1887.

Children of Dana and Angie were:

- 2) Ida May, born February 14, 1895, at Stratton, Vermont; married (?) Aldrich.
- 3) (stillborn son), born August 14, 1896, at Stratton, Vermont (*from a stroke of lightning 2 weeks before birth*).
- 4) Elias (twin), born May 18, 1898, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 5) Darius (twin), born May 18, 1898, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 6) (stillborn son), born January 24, 1900, at Stratton, Vermont.

**Sylvester Allen**, son of Leander and Lovisa Allen, was born on March 29, 1866, at Stratton. Sylvester married Eva Hartwell.

A child of Sylvester and Eva was:

- 1) Westley Lewis Hawley, born January 23, 1897, at Stratton, Vermont.

**Elias Dwight Allen**, son of Leander and Lovisa Allen, was born on August 10, 1867, at Stratton. He was married at the time of his death. He died at Stratton on March 21, 1893, of Bright's disease.

**Ebenezer Allen**, son of Samuel and Bethana (White) Allen, was born on July 5, 1795, at Uxbridge, Massachusetts. He married Lucy Pierce of Wardsboro, on May 7,

1817, at Newfane, Vermont. She was born in April, 1798.

Ebenezer and his family may have settled in Stratton in 1830 in the Inn previously operated by Hudson Grout. That year, Ebenezer was given a license to keep an Inn. This may have been within the house on the east half of 5L7R. This house was located along the *Stratton-Arlington Rd*, on the west side of where that road intersects with the *IP Rd*.

Ebenezer did not renew his Innkeeper's license after 1830. Ebenezer was not listed in the census of 1830, therefore, he and his wife may have been the other adult couple listed in the home of Hudson Grout that year.

Ebenezer purchased the east side of 5L5R in Stratton at a tax-sale in 1832, and it was deeded to him in 1833. The Allens may have settled there, although it seems likely that he lived on the east half of 5L7R all those years. On February 29, 1844, Ebenezer purchased this lot along with the west 50 acres of 5L6R. The Allens were living there at that time.

On September 10, 1844, Ebenezer and his sons, Chester and Cheselton agreed to "*superintend, manage and carry on the business of lumbering*" at N. J. Shaw's sawmill located on 3L8R and 3L9R for a term of five years. They agreed to cut for Mr. Shaw a total of "*375,000 feet of good merchantable lumber*" over that time (75,000 feet each year). They also agreed "*to stick up in a good workmanlike manner 50,000*

*feet of good merchantable floorboards and clapboards of each an equal quantity by mid-June, 1845, and the same kind quality and quantity to be stuck up in good condition for seasoning by the middle of June each successive year the other annual 25,000 to be a good saleable lot of common boards to be sawed in the course of each year as they may be wanted. The said Allens likewise agreed to draw to the said Shaw's mill 150 logs annually of their own and whatever logs they cut on said Shaw's land they agree to cut and take all as far as they go that are profitable to saw." The Allens furthermore agree to clear three acres each year for the term of five years on the land now owned and occupied by Mr. Shaw as near the mill as possible. They also agreed to pay all taxes, which may be assessed on the betterment of said land during their term of hire, whether they be State, Town or Highway. The Allens also agreed "to be at every expense necessary to the keeping of the mill in first rate repair and agree to leave the mill at the expiration of the five years in as good condition as they found it, except the natural wear of the mill. The Allens have the privilege of use of the above said land and cutting and sawing all they can for themselves above the quota." They, however, did not follow through with the agreement. The following year, Ebenezer's son Chester and another gentleman, George*

Fowler, were in business together operating the mill.

Ebenezer passed away on February 17, 1854, and he was buried in Ball Cemetery. Lucy and the younger children then lived with Ebenezer, Jr. and his wife, Martha. Lucy died on January 27, 1892, at the age of 93. She was buried next to Ebenezer. Some of Ebenezer and Lucy's twelve children were:

- 1) Chester, born November 9, 1817, at Marlboro, Vermont; died on August 29, 1877, at Stratton, Vermont; married Arathusa "Miranda" Hagar on April 11, 1841, at Stratton, Vermont
- 2) Cheselton, born in 1822; died on October 20, 1899; married Sarah Parsons on September 3, 1851, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 3) Ebenezer, Jr., born May 16, 1827; died January 9, 1892; married Martha Willis.
- 4) Lucy Ann, born January 11, 1831, at Stratton, Vermont; married (?) Dean.
- 5) Ormando, born March 25, 1833, at Stratton, Vermont; married Mary A. Smith.
- 6) Susan B., born October 17, 1835, at Stratton, Vermont; married Henry C. Plimpton on October 6, 1857, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 7) Frances, born June 26, 1838, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 8) LeRoy, born October 7, 1840, at Stratton, Vermont; died February 27, 1926, at Jamaica, Vermont; married 1) Myra Elmeda Thomas in 1862/3 2)

Mira E. Pierce on July 2, 1873, at Stratton, Vermont.

- 9) Virginia Helen, born May 15, 1843, at Stratton, Vermont; married William P. Buck.
- 10) Polly, married (?) Lee.

**Lucy Ann Allen**, daughter of Ebenezer and Lucy Allen, was born on January 11, 1831, at Stratton. She evidently married (?) Dean, and had two children. In 1862, she was called Lucy Dean and her son, William Allen, attended school in district #3. In 1867, Lucy was head of a household as Lucy Allen, with George Dean who was attending school #2. Lucy was accepted as a member of the Church of Christ in Stratton on May 26, 1867. In 1870, her son George was living with her brother, LeRoy. Lucy was living in Arlington in 1907.

Lucy's children were:

- 1) William W. Allen, born February 12, 1856; died October 6, 1862, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 2) George Dean, born about 1861.

**Chester Allen**, son of Ebenezer and Lucy Allen, was born about November 9, 1817, at Marlboro, Vermont. He married Arathusa "Miranda" Hagar, daughter of Aaron and Sarah (Holt) Hagar, on April 11, 1841, at Stratton. Miranda was born at New Salem, Massachusetts, on September 1, 1820. The Allens probably lived with Chester's parents for many years.

In 1844, Chester, his father and his brother, Cheselton, signed an agreement to work the Shaw Sawmill, located on 3L8R and 3L9R, public rights which were leased from the town (*see details of agreement under Ebenezer Allen*). This agreement was abandoned the following year. Afterward, Chester and another gentleman, George Fowler, purchased the Shaw Sawmill on March 8, 1845. On January 29, 1846, Fowler bought out Chester's share of the mill. In December 1848, Stratton's Selectmen agreed to farm-let 40-acre lot #57 to Chester as long as wood grows and water runs. This agreement also did not last long.

Sometime after 1851, and prior to 1856, the Allen's settled on the east half of 5L6R, apparently on the farm that had been first occupied by the Richardson family. Their home was located on the *Stratton-Arlington Rd.*, just east of the home of Chester's father Ebenezer Allen, and on land that Ebenezer owned. The site of the house is visible along the *Stratton-Arlington Rd.*, about a third of a mile east of the *IP Rd.* on an old route of the Long Trail.

Chester died on August 29, 1877, from the effects of a wound. He also had suffered from consumption. Following his death, Miranda married Alexander "Hamilton" Pike in 1888. Alexander was 78 and Miranda was 47 at the time of the marriage. Hamilton died July 9, 1902. Miranda died on October

26, 1907, and was buried next to Chester in Ball Cemetery.

Children of Chester and Miranda:

- 1) Sarah Jane Miranda, born April 13, 1842, at Stratton, Vermont; married John Dunlap.
- 2) Ellen Abigail Elisa, born July 14, 1844, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 3) Cheselton J. "Chessie," born February 10, 1847; died July 10, 1926; married Elcina M. Arenavilla Knapp.
- 4) Lucy M., born in 1850; married Selonius Taylor on May 4, 1871, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 5) Cassandra Betsy "Cassie," born August 17, 1856, at Stratton, Vermont; died May 12, 1908 (buried in Williamsville Cemetery); married Charles F. Reed.
- 6) Charlie Chester, born February 11, 1864, at Stratton, Vermont; died December, 24, 1867.

**Cassandra "Cassie" Allen**, daughter of Chester and Miranda Allen, was born on August 17, 1856. She apparently did not marry but had two children. Her first child was Frankie H. Wood Allen, born June 29, 1878, at Stratton. A second child, fathered by Henry Jones, was Claude Clinton Jones, born April 10, 1883, at Stratton. Cassie moved away from Stratton before 1890.

**Cheselton J. "Chessie" Allen**, son of Chester and Miranda Allen, was born on February 10,

1847. Chessie married Elcina M. Arenavilla Knapp, called "Villa," daughter of Hiram and Elvira Knapp. Villa was born on June 25, 1846. Following their marriage, the Allens lived with Chessie's parents. Eventually, they settled in the Alexander Hamilton Pike farmhouse on *Pike Hollow Rd.*, after AH Pike, Chessie's stepfather, had died in 1902. The Allens lived there through 1920. Chessie died on July 10, 1926, and Villa died at Whitingham, Vermont, on January 29, 1933.

Children of Chessie and Villa:

- 1) Jennie Lena, born June 23, 1871, at Stratton, Vermont; died June 20, 1934, at Jamaica, Vermont.
- 2) Lula B., born in 1873; died in 1874.
- 3) Lorra E., born in 1877; married Forrest Vose.
- 4) Andy Marcien, born August 17, 1882, at Stratton, Vermont; died July 5, 1885, at Stratton, Vermont.

**Cheselton Allen**, son of Ebenezer and Lucy Allen, was born in 1822. On September 6, 1842, Cheselton qualified as a Freeman of Stratton and in 1848, he agreed to lease 40-acre lot #62 and 8L5R from Stratton's Selectmen. He attempted to farm these parcels, but did not remain there long. In 1850, Cheselton was living with Freeman and Lorena Wyman.

Cheselton married Sarah Parsons, daughter of Amos and Rhoda Parsons, on September 3, 1851, at Stratton. They were

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married by David Eddy, Justice of the Peace. Sarah was born at Greenfield, Massachusetts, on October 31, 1826.

Cheselton evidently resided at Wyman's Inn, located west of the corner of the *Stratton-Arlington Rd.* and the *West Jamaica Rd.* This was probably the Wyman's home through to that time. The Wymans soon built a home directly east of the Inn and on the corner of the roads mentioned above, leaving Cheselton in charge of the Inn. On June 27, 1853, the town allowed Cheselton to keep a tavern. Town meetings and Freemen's meetings were held at Cheselton Allen's Inn from 1852 to 1858. A warning of a town meeting dated July 31, 1858, recorded the following to act on: "*to see where the town will hold the Town and Freemen's Meetings in said town the usual place of holding Town and Freemen's Meetings being destroyed.*" Apparently Cheselton lost his home and Inn to fire that summer. By 1869, Cheselton was living further up the *West Jamaica Rd.* in 3L4R.

Sarah passed away at Stratton on February 22, 1897, and Cheselton died October 20, 1899; both were buried in Ball Cemetery.

Children of Cheselton and Sarah:

- 1) Flora, born in 1854; married Herbert F. Willis on March 28, 1872, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 2) Amos Ebenezer, born May 1, 1859, at Stratton, Vermont; died August 25, 1863, at Stratton, Vermont (of

diphtheria); buried in Ball Cemetery.

- 3) Amos Ebenezer, born in May, 1865, at Stratton, Vermont; died in October, 1865.

**Ebenezer Allen, Jr.**, son of Ebenezer and Lucy Allen, was born on May 16, 1827, at Jamaica, Vermont. He married Martha J. Willis. Martha was born on July 20, 1829, at Stratton. In 1848, Stratton's Selectmen leased 40-acre lot #29 to Ebenezer for five years. He evidently did not follow through with this lease. On April 21, 1851, the town issued Ebenezer a license to sell liquor. Following his father's death, Ebenezer, Jr. became head of the household on his father's farm, while his mother and younger siblings remained on the family farm with him (see *Ebenezer Allen, Sr.*). On February 12, 1868, Ebenezer purchased a 75-acre farm on *Pike Hollow Rd.* from AH Pike (see E. Allen on Beer's Atlas of 1869 – this map shows that he owned both properties at that time). The farmhouse was located where DR Holton's cabin currently stands. The farm included the area of AH Pike's mill yard and millpond and continued south to include the orchard; all of which Pike reserved for himself. The Allens sold this farm to Daniel Willis in 1871.

Ebenezer also owned what was known as the Phineas Eddy place on the corner of what is now *Willis Cemetery Rd.* and the *Stratton-Arlington Rd.* He may

have lived there with his son, Orville, after selling the Pike Hollow property. Following Ebenezer's death, his son Elmer, sold the Eddy property, with the exception of the cemetery, to Orville.

Ebenezer died on January 9, 1892, and Martha died on August 4, 1899. They were buried in the West Wardsboro Cemetery.

Children of Ebenezer and Martha:

- 1) Orville E., born September 12, 1859, at Stratton, Vermont; died June 1, 1926; married Mary L. Morse on February 1, 1887, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 2) (a daughter), born October 31, 1863, at Stratton, Vermont; died soon thereafter.
- 3) Elmer E., born October 27, 1867, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 4) Frank L., born March 28, 1870, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 5) Isabell May, born March 2, 1877, at Stratton, Vermont.

**Orville E. Allen**, son of Ebenezer Jr. and Martha Allen, was born in Stratton on September 12, 1859. He married Mary L. Morse, daughter of Abial and Julia Morse, on February 1, 1887, at Stratton. Mary was born in Wardsboro on September 13, 1868. The Allens lived in Stratton after the marriage. Orville's father evidently purchased the Phineas Eddy farm on the corner of what are now *Willis Cemetery Rd.* and the *Stratton-Arlington Rd.*. They probably resided there with Orville's parents. Following his father's death, Orville's brother,

Elmer, sold him this property. Orville served the town in several offices and was elected a Selectman in 1902. The Allens apparently left Stratton in 1904 and settled in Wardsboro, Vermont. Orville died on June 1, 1926, and Mary died on June 1, 1946. They were buried in the West Wardsboro Cemetery.

A child of Orville and Mary was:

- 1) Ethel, born May 18, 1889, at Stratton, Vermont.

**Ormando Adams Allen**, the son of Ebenezer and Lucy Allen, was born on March 25, 1833 (also seen as Adams O. Allen). He married Mary A. Smith. She was born on September 27, 1837. During the 1850s, the Allens settled in the house built by Phineas Ward Eddy at the intersection of the *Stratton-Arlington Rd.* and *Willis Cemetery Rd.*

Mary died on February 19, 1888, and was buried in Ball Cemetery. Ormando evidently left Stratton after Mary's death. Apparently, their son Norman lived at the Allen house until about 1901.

Children of Ormando and Mary:

- 1) Leslie E., born March 22, 1857, at Stratton, Vermont; died May 25, 1869, at Stratton, Vermont (of typhoid fever).
  - 2) Norman Densmore, born July 29, 1858, at Stratton, Vermont; died in 1950; married 1) Etta E. Temple on May 6, 1882, at Stratton, Vermont 2) Sophia S. Jones.
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- 3) Arthur F., born in 1860; married Abbie E. (Parsons) Wyman on October 22, 1880.
- 4) Lillian Eliza, born June 11, 1861, at Stratton, Vermont; died in 1954; married Lyman Huntley Sprague on September 2, 1882.
- 5) Wesley Elmore, born August 15, 1870, at Stratton, Vermont; died in 1954; married 1) Josephine (Lowe) Smith on June 1, 1897, at Stratton, Vermont 2) Ada Wilder.
- 6) Charles C., born January 1, 1873, at Stratton, Vermont; married Jerusha Styles.

**Norman Densmore Allen**, son of Ormando and Mary Allen, was born on July 29, 1858, at Stratton. In 1880, he had taken his late father's place as head of the household. He married Etta E. Temple, daughter of Jerome and Matilda Temple, on May 6, 1882. Etta was born on April 14, 1864, at Stratton.

Etta died in 1888 and by 1900, Norman had married Sophia S. Jones, daughter of Jesse and Sarah Jones, and widow of Franklin C. Hall. Sophia was born in March, 1860. In 1900, Norman and Sophia had no children and Norman's daughter was living with her grandparents, the Temples. That year, the Allens had a boarder, Irving Bills, living with them. They apparently were living in the home that had belonged to Norman's parents. They evidently sold the house about

1901 to the Wheeler family and settled in Wardsboro, Vermont. Norman died in 1950 and Sophia died in 1937. They were buried in the West Wardsboro Cemetery.

A child of Norman and Etta was:

- 1) Irene M., born in October, 1885; married Hugh Carter Fitts on April 4, 1906.

**Arthur F. Allen**, son of Ormando and Mary Allen, was born about 1860. He married Abbie E. (Parsons) Wyman on October 22, 1880. Abbie, the daughter of Orrin and Rebecca Parsons, was born at Stratton on April 25, 1860. She had first married Frederick F. Wyman, son of Freeman and Lorena Wyman, on November 24, 1857, however, Frederick died on January 9, 1879, at Stratton.

The Allens evidently resided near the remains of Batchellor's Mill, across from the intersection of *Mountain Rd.* and the *West Jamaica Rd.* Their son, Ernest, claimed that he was born there and that later, Robert Penn Warren built a new house over the old cellar hole. In 1890, the Allens resettled in Jamaica, Vermont.

Children of Arthur and Abbie:

- 1) Wayne Arthur, born September 8, 1882, at Stratton, Vermont; died October 16, 1882 (of cholera), at Stratton, Vermont; buried in Ball Cemetery.
- 2) Ernest O., born August 30, 1884, at Stratton, Vermont; married Florence Muzzy on

October 9, 1907, at Jamaica, Vermont.

**Ernest O. Allen**, son of Arthur and Abbie Allen, was born at Stratton on August 30, 1884. He lived with his family above the site of the old Batchellor Mill and attended school in Jamaica's district #12. In 1890, the family resettled in Jamaica. Ernest attended four terms at Leland and Gray Seminary in Townshend, then took the teacher's examination and briefly taught school in Stratton. In 1900, he began work in Townshend, then removed to Jamaica in 1902 to work for James Muzzy. On October 9, 1907, he married Florence Muzzy, daughter of James and Elnora Muzzy. Ernest eventually took over Muzzy's Store there. He lived out his life in Jamaica as one of its most outstanding citizens. Photographs of Ernest Allen can be found in [Hometown Jamaica, A Pictorial History of a Vermont Village](#) by Mark Worthen.

A child of Ernest and Florence:

- 1) Eleanor, married Arlo P. Monroe.

**Wesley Elmore Allen**, son of Orlando and Mary Allen, was born August 15, 1870, at Stratton. He married Josephine (Lowe) Smith, daughter of William and Mary (Crosby) Lowe of Somerset, Vermont, on June 1, 1897, at Stratton. Josephine was born in September, 1850, at Somerset. Wesley was voted a petit juror for Stratton in 1902.

Josephine died in 1910 and Wesley died in 1954. They were buried in the West Wardsboro Cemetery.

**Charles C. Allen**, son of Orlando and Mary Allen, was born January 1, 1873, at Stratton. He married Jerusha V. Styles, daughter of Jeremiah and Melantha Styles. Jerusha was born March 3, 1874, at Stratton. They lived a while in Stratton, but moved away before 1900.

Their children were:

- 1) Rena Leone, born April 27, 1893, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 2) Una Mary, born January 16, 1895, at Stratton, Vermont.

**LeRoy Allen**, son of Ebenezer and Lucy Allen, was born on October 7, 1840, at Stratton. He took the Freeman's oath in Stratton on September 6, 1864.

LeRoy married Myra "Elmeda" (or Almedia) Thomas, daughter of Ebenezer and Mariah Thomas, in 1862 or 1863. Elmeda was born in February, 1845, at Fayston, Vermont. She died of typhus at Stratton on August 26, 1870.

LeRoy then married Mira E. Pierce, daughter of Waldo and Asa Pierce of Jamaica, Vermont, on July 2, 1873, at Stratton. In 1870, their nephew, George Deane, aged 9, a son of LeRoy's sister, Lucy, was also living with them.

Children of LeRoy and Almedia:

- 1) Nettie Marie, born June 3, 1864, at Stratton, Vermont.
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- 2) Ebenezer L., born in 1867 at Stratton, Vermont.
- 3) Willis O., born March 13, 1869, at Stratton, Vermont; died July 17, 1939, at Jamaica, Vermont.
- 4) Alpha R., born in 1875.
- 5) Bessie B., born in 1877.

**Samantha Allen** married George Fowler on May 25, 1845, at Stratton. She may have been a daughter of Ebenezer and Lucy Allen. Their son, Chester Allen, was a business partner of George Fowler in 1845.

Additional Sources:  
Notes of Ora Knapp of Wardsboro, Vermont.

*Other Allen families with no known relation to the above are as follows:*

**Charles L. Allen** was born in December, 1888, in Massachusetts. In 1900, he was listed as a boarder in the home of Orrin and Melissa Johnson along with several lumbermen. He was just 11 at that time. He may have been there on his own working in a lumber camp, but it is more likely that he was a son or a relative of one of the other workers there.

**Charles Louis Allen**, may have been a son of Charles L. Allen above. He was born in 1908/9, and married Violet A. Clark on October 25, 1930, in West Hartford, Connecticut. Violet was the daughter of William A. and Annie (Putnam) Clark of South

Wardsboro, Vermont. She was born there on November 8, 1912.

Charles was a foreman in the construction business in Norwich, Connecticut, until he moved to Stratton, in 1972. He was a Selectman and a fire warden in Stratton over several years. Violet died on December 15, 1987, and he died on February 12, 1988. They were buried in Fairview Cemetery in Wardsboro, Vermont.

**Milton E. Allen**, son of Albert F. and Catherine (Pierce) Allen, was born on October 3, 1847. He married Betsy Amanda Pike, daughter of Isaac and Jane Pike, on July 13, 1867, and they settled in Jamaica, Vermont. Betsey was born on May 26, 1844, at Somerset, Vermont. Milton died on November 5, 1903, and Betsey died on October 30, 1923.

Children of Milton and Betsey:

- 1) Katie Jane, born March 16, 1870; married Andrew P. Abbott on April 30, 1898.
- 2) Lillian May, born April 30, 1882.

## Ames

**Jacob Ames** came to Stratton from Hubbardston, Massachusetts. He purchased the west half of 5L5R on June 21, 1794, and apparently settled thereon. Jacob remained in Stratton until 1796. On October 8 of that year he sold his land to Nathan Smith of Princeton, Massachusetts, but repurchased it on December 5, 1796, then resold it the same day to Nathan Patch.

**Hiram Ames** was born about 1820 and his wife, Dorothy, was born about 1818. The Ames were residents of Somerset in 1844. That year, Hiram signed an indenture with Warren Higley, agreeing to farm the Higley farm in Stratton Gore for five years for half of the farm's output. This farm was located north of Pike Hollow Brook, across from the *Penny Ave. - Pike Hollow Rd.* intersection (the Luz Williams property). Hiram purchased the Rider farm - 100 acres of 2L3R - in Stratton from Joseph Smith. On March 6, 1849, Hiram made an agreement with his neighbor, David Eddy, to build the north part of a fence along their property line, while Eddy agreed to build the southern section. Hiram and Dorothy sold their farm to Aaron Lowe on April 6, 1853, and apparently moved away.

Children of Hiram and Dorothy:

- 1) Charles Oscar, born about 1831.
- 2) Samuel A., born about 1835.
- 3) John H., born about 1847.

## Anderson

**Herman Anderson** was born about 1880 in Sweden. In 1920, he was a lumberman in Stratton, living in the boarding house at the Grout Job.

## Armstrong

**Charles Armstrong** was born in Sweden in May, 1849. His wife, Alma, was also born there in March, 1859. After immigrating to America, the Armstrongs

settled in Massachusetts, then came to Stratton during the late 1890s. Charles probably worked in one of Stratton's lumber camps. In 1900, they had a boarder in their home, Hilan Dean, aged 64. The Armstrongs were no longer living in Stratton in 1910.

Children of Charles and Alma:

- 1) Ellen, born in June, 1893, in Massachusetts.
- 2) Charles, born in May, 1897, in Vermont.

## Attridge

**Daniel Attridge** was born about 1794 at Brattleboro, Vermont. Daniel married Lucinda Hadley, daughter of Benjamin and Abigail (Spaulding) Hadley of Brattleboro. Lucinda was born there on April 21, 1798.

Daniel was already living in Stratton when he purchased the east half of 12L1R (81 acres) in Stratton from Noah Hill on June 5, 1821. He apparently occupied this property for about a year, then sold it to his father-in-law, Benjamin Hadley of Dummerston, Vermont, on April 18, 1822. Daniel evidently left Stratton soon after the sale. He was probably closely related to Noah Hill. Lucinda died in 1859.

## Atwood

**John A. Atwood** was born in 1799. He married Anna Copeland at Somerset, Vermont, on February 24, 1822. The Atwoods were living in Somerset when John purchased the west half of 4L5R in Stratton on September 2, 1823. They settled on this lot and

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their home was located on the north side of the old road that ran past the meetinghouse toward Sunderland. Evidently the Atwoods did not remain in Stratton long. They removed to Dover, Vermont, where Anna died on June 6, 1833. She was buried in Mountain View Cemetery there. John married a second time to Lucretia W. Holden. Lucretia was born in 1793. She died in 1877 and John died in 1881. They were also buried in Mountain View Cemetery.

Children of John and Anna were:

- 1) Harriet Welch, born March 15, 1822.
- 2) John, born December 26, 1824, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 3) Moses A., born in June or July, 1829.
- 4) James K. Polk (possibly), born in 1845; died in 1929; married Mary.

**Orlin G. Atwood**, son of Martin S. and Jane M. (Nye) Atwood, was born in Bennington, Vermont, on June 21, 1853. Orlin learned the trade of a mason. He married Hattie Bell Jones, daughter of Jesse and Sarah Jones, on May 26, 1883, at Dover, Vermont. She was born in December, 1867. The Atwoods ran the boarding house in Stratton that housed many of the lumbermen that were coming into Stratton for work. By 1900, Orlin had left Hattie living alone with her children. Hattie had also taken in a boarder, Frank Gonyer, born in September, 1862, in Old

Town, Maine. She married Frank on December 2, 1900, at Stratton (see the Gonyer family).

Frank was son of Joseph and Etta (Buscha) Gonyer and a brother of Hattie's daughter Clara's husband, George Gonyer, to whom she married in 1902.

Hattie moved away from Stratton and died in 1933 at Hinsdale, New Hampshire. Orlin died at Northampton, Massachusetts, at the state hospital there on October 18, 1926.

Children of Orlin and Hattie:

- 1) Clara May, born September 1, 1884, at Stratton, Vermont; died September 1, 1884; married George Gonyer on March 16, 1902 (George was born in Old Town, Maine in 1872, to Joseph and Ida Gonyer).
- 2) Ora John, born April 13, 1888, at Stratton, Vermont; died November 11, 1973; married Elsie S. Norcross on November 29, 1920, at Westmoreland, New Hampshire.
- 3) Jesse Spruce, born in July, 1894, at Stratton, Vermont; married Florence Powers.
- 4) George Brigg, born July 28, 1897, at Stratton, Vermont; died in 1940 at Dover, Vermont.

**Ora John Atwood**, son of Orlin and Hattie Belle Atwood, was born on April 13, 1888, at Stratton, at his grandfather, Jesse Jones', house. Ora attended school in Stratton but did not finish the fifth grade. Instead, he

went to work in the lumber camps in the area. While a young man, Ora had a common law wife, Mattie Stone Allen. They had three boys; however, Mattie went her own way and took the boys with her.

During WWI, Ora enlisted in Brattleboro, Vermont, and he was indoctrinated on May 3, 1918. He was placed into the 25th Recruit Co. at Ft. Slocum, New York, where he remained until November 25, 1918. He then reported to Co. C of the 116th Infantry, 29th Division, known as the Blue and Gray. This unit was sent over seas on June 14, 1918, and remained there until May 20, 1919. Ora was discharged on June 3, 1919. He was one of nine of the entire original regiment to return with the regiment.

Following the war, Ora started a garage and repair service in Westmoreland, New Hampshire. Ora married Elsie Selena Norcross, daughter of Charles H. and Gertrude A. (Crouch) Norcross, on November 29, 1919, at Westmoreland. She was born on April 15, 1898. After the marriage, the Atwoods kept house over the garage where Ora was working.

Later, Ora decided to return to the Stratton area, where he bought a farm near Pikes Falls in 1926. There he operated his own mill. In 1927, the Atwoods nearly lost all they owned to a flood. Interestingly, the new road that replaced the old road destroyed by the flood, was located behind the house; therefore, Ora had to

rework the exterior making the back of his house the new front.



**Ora John and Elsie Atwood**

Photo courtesy of Ora Mae (Atwood) Knapp

In 1938, the Atwoods moved back to New Hampshire to Sullivan, as they were in poor health and needed to be closer to a doctor, and so that the children could be closer to school. Ora found property with a cellar hole, bought it and commenced building a home with lumber from his mill in Pikes Falls.

Ora died on November 11, 1973, at East Sullivan, New Hampshire. He was buried in the East Sullivan Cemetery, beside his home.

Ora's children by Mattie Allen:

- 1) Roy
- 2) Carl
- 3) (?)

Children of Ora and Elsie were:

- 4) Ora Mae, born May 18, 1921, at Westmoreland, New Hampshire; married Ira Andrew Knapp on December 17, 1938.
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- 5) Agnes Adeline, born July 8, 1924, at Westmoreland, New Hampshire; married Freeman Ellis.
- 6) Paul Charles, married Merleen (Lee) Gomez.
- 7) Joyce Elaine, married Walter Roberts.
- 8) Arlie Glenn, born March 10, 1936, at Jamaica, Vermont; died March 13, 1936, at Jamaica, Vermont.

## Additional Sources:

Notes of Ora Mae (Atwood) Knapp  
History of Westmoreland, New Hampshire

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### Babcock

**Robert Babcock** was born about 1754/5 in South Kingston, Rhode Island. He enlisted during the Revolutionary War and served in Captain Potter's Company. He fought in the battle of the burning of New London, Connecticut, in 1781, where a gun wound to the left leg broke the bone. His leg never healed properly and so he was lame throughout the remainder of his life. Robert returned to his father's home in 1783. He married Sarah Peters at Adams, Massachusetts. The Rev. Peter Worden performed the ceremony.

During the years that followed, the Babcocks lived at Tuftenboro, New Hampshire, Dummerston, Vermont, Newfane, Vermont, and Dover, Vermont. In his latter years Robert lived with his daughter, Sarah, wife of Nathaniel Jones, at Stratton. He

was living there in August, 1859, at the age of 104 years. At that time, he attempted to get a pension for his Revolutionary War service. He, nor the Joneses, was living in Stratton in 1860, but they apparently returned to Stratton before 1863. Robert supposedly died in 1863, aged 108, while residing with the Joneses.

## Children of Robert and Sarah:

- 1) Jonathan M., born in March, 1811, at Newfane, Vermont; died October 28, 1905, at Stratton, Vermont; married 1) Olive H. Fuller on September 7, 1835, at Stratton, Vermont 2) Rhoda (May) Edwards on September 25, 1886, at Stratton, Vermont 3) Julia (Maynard) Underwood on October 2, 1887, at Jamaica, Vermont.
- 2) Sarah S., born September 6, 1804, at either Cambridge, Massachusetts, or Shushan, New York; died May 5, 1896, at Stratton, Vermont; married Nathaniel Jones.

**Jonathan M. Babcock**, son of Robert and Sarah Babcock, was born in Newfane, Vermont, in March, 1811. He was a resident of Jackson, Washington County, New York, when he married Olive H. Fuller, daughter of James and Sally Fuller, on September 7, 1835, at Stratton. Olive was born at Stratton on November 4, 1812. A Stratton land deed of October, 1845, mentioned that Jonathan was living on land owned by Phineas White. This was

evidently in 3L2R, somewhere between what is now *Canedy Rd.* and the *Stratton-Arlington Rd.* On May 26, 1846, Jonathan purchased 46 acres in the northwest corner of 1L1R. The Babcock house was located on the north side of the *Stratton-Arlington Rd.* half way between *Pike Hollow Rd.* and *Willis Cemetery Rd.* It still stands today as one of the few old homes remaining in Stratton.



**Jonathan Babcock  
(1811 - 1905)**

Photo courtesy of Arleen Huesman

In 1853, Jesse Jones was living with the Babcocks and attending school in district #5 in Stratton. By 1860 their niece, Florentine Rosella Brown who was born about 1856, was living with them, and remained with them through 1880.

Jonathan enlisted during the Civil War in Wardsboro, Vermont, on October 1, 1864, and served in Company I of the 8th Vermont Volunteers.

*In 1930, EA Eddy, Stratton's town clerk, later wrote to Jonathan's granddaughter, Alice Stiles: "Your Grandfather was a soldier in the Civil War, I knew him well. I will tell you a little story of him which I presume you never heard and was told to me by a Mr. Grout, who was in the war with him. It seems that when he first went south that they had a battle and there was not arms enough for everyone so he was detailed with a few others to take care of the dead and the wounded - which did not seem to suit him very well and he went up in front where the fighting was. The captain saw him and told him to go back. He went back and soon found a soldier that was killed and his gun lay there and he took up the gun and went up in front where the fighting was. The Captain saw him and said, "I thought I told you to go back and now I tell you to go back and stay there!" Uncle John said, "I came down here to fight and I'm going to fight." The Captain said no more to him.*

This probably occurred at the Battle of Cedar Creek, Virginia, on October 19, 1864, since this was the first engagement that regiment took part in following Jonathan's enlistment. The last and only other engagement fought by this regiment before the war ended was at Newtown, Virginia, on November 12, 1864. Jonathan mustered out of the service on June 1, 1865.

Olive died on October 20, 1885, at Stratton, and was buried



in Ball Cemetery. Jonathan then remarried to Rhoda (May) Edwards, daughter of Lyman and Patty May of Edinburg, New York, and widow of Henry Willard Edwards. They were married on September 25, 1886, at Stratton. Rhoda died soon after on November 30, 1886. He married a third time to Julia (Maynard) Underwood, daughter of Oliver and Anna (Allen) Maynard, on October 2, 1887, at Jamaica, Vermont. Julia was born in July, 1813, at Jamaica, and first married Joseph Shepard in 1830 and second, William Underwood in 1860. In 1900, Jonathan and Julia were living in Jonathan's home with John and Flora Underwood. John was no relation to William Underwood; however, Flora was Julia's daughter. John Underwood was listed as head of that household in the 1900 census.

Jonathan fractured his hip and died on October 28, 1905. He was buried in Ball Cemetery.

Children of Jonathan and Olive:

- 1) Caroline Sophia, born May 12, 1835, in Salem, New York; died September 29, 1915, at Stratton, Vermont; married Harvey Dwight Stiles on March 26, 1856, in West Townshend, Vermont.
- 2) Harriet Ann, born June 25, 1839, in Jackson, New York; died February 4, 1844, at Stratton, Vermont.

Additional Sources:

Notes of Ora Knapp and Arleen Huesman

**George Babcock** was born about 1835 and was living alone in

Stratton in 1870. George moved away from town before 1880.

## Bacon

**Burt Bacon** was born in Vermont in October, 1874. In 1900, he was living in Stratton and boarding in the home of Orrin and Melissa Johnson. He probably worked for Mr. Johnson who operated a sawmill. He no longer was living in Stratton in 1910.

**Frank Bacon** worked as the head sawyer at the Grout Job in Stratton in 1902. He probably worked there for many years. Frank was not listed in Stratton's census; therefore he may have been the same as Burt Bacon above.

## Bailey

**Barney N. Bailey** was born about 1884 in Vermont. In 1920, he was a lumberman in Stratton and lived in the boarding house at the Grout Job.

## Baker

**Sherebiah Baker**, son of Marshall and Thankful (Ward) Baker, was born on March 18, 1747, and lived at Upton, Massachusetts. He married Clotilda Daniels, daughter of David and Huldah (Taft) Daniels, on June 25, 1772. Clotilda was born on September 19, 1755.

During the American Revolution, Sherebiah gained the rank of sergeant. He served in Captain Stephen Sadler's company in Colonel Wheelock's

regiment that marched to Roxbury, Massachusetts, on April 20, 1775, in response to the alarm of April 19, serving eight days at that time. He later served in Captain David Batchellor's company of Colonel Joseph Read's regiment for 3 months and 12 days beginning on April 27, 1775.

After the war, Sherebiah settled at North Orange, Massachusetts, and resided in the southeast corner of Orange in the 4th school district. Sherebiah later purchased part of his son, Jedidiah's, lot in Stratton. Sherebiah may not have come to Stratton; however, Clotilda did come about the same time as their son, Jedidiah. Stratton's Selectmen warned Clotilda out of Stratton on May 31, 1809. The Bakers were apparently not in Stratton in 1810. Sherebiah died in May, 1823.

Children of Sherebiah and Clotilda included:

- 1) Phila, born on July 10, 1773, at Upton, Massachusetts.
- 2) Marshall, born November 8, 1774, at Upton, Massachusetts; died October 20, 1848, at Plainsfield, New York (resided in Somerset, Vermont and purchased land in Stratton).
- 3) Jedidiah, born September 18, 1784, at Orange, Massachusetts; married Polly Phillips on February 11, 1808, at Stratton, Vermont.

**Jedidiah Baker**, son of Sherebiah and Clotilda Baker, was born at Orange Massachusetts, on

September 18, 1784. He resided in Orange at the time that he purchased the east half of 4L4R in Stratton from Thomas Lathrop on August 4, 1807. After the purchase, Jedidiah came to Stratton and was duly warned out of town on January 4, 1808, but he stayed and qualified as a Freeman of Stratton on September 6, 1808.

Jedidiah married Polly Phillips, daughter of Asa and Polly Phillips on February 11, 1808, at Stratton. The Bakers resided in the house on 4L4R, located on the north side of the road leading to the old town common. This was one of the more prominent homes in Stratton. It was a tavern when Joseph Patch owned it and it was large enough for town meetings and vendues to be held there. In March, 1808, a vendue, held to sell lands of delinquent taxpayers, was held in the Baker home. One of Jedidiah's many purchases in Stratton interestingly included rights to pew #3 on the lower floor of the meetinghouse. Also, on April 5, 1808, he sold half of a potash house which stood ten rods northeast of the house and 16 rods from the road to Henry Allen of Newfane, Vermont,. Jedidiah later repurchased the potash house. He also bought and sold 4L7R - the Harvey lot on what is now Grout Pond.

In May of 1808, Jedidiah sold his land and buildings to his father, Sherebiah Baker of Orange, Massachusetts. He repurchased this lot, then sold it

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back to Thomas Lathrop in January, 1810. At that point, the house on 4L4R must have been empty or occupied by others. Jedidiah and Polly were not named in the 1810 census of Stratton and they were very likely living in the Phillips' house at that time.

Jedidiah and Polly had resettled in Watervliet, New York, by 1816, where Jedidiah was named an executor of his mother-in-law, Polly (Phillips) Sigourney's will that year.

**Additional Sources:**

History of North Orange, Massachusetts

**George F. Baker** was living in Stratton in the home of (?) Baker and attending school in 1866. Another child, M. Baker, was also living there and attending school. George Baker later married Inez Theodocia Pike. George either passed away or he and Inez were divorced. Inez then married Elmer Albert Eddy on June 5, 1880, at Sushan, New York (*see Elmer Albert Eddy family*).

## Balcom

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**Isaac Balcom**, son of Micah and Katherine (Harrington) Balcom, born on August 26, 1776, at Sudbury, Massachusetts. Micah Balcom was a resident of Somerset in 1804, at the time Stratton first considered to annex part of that town.

Isaac married Sarah Green, daughter of Joseph and Hepzibah (Heald) Green, of Hubbardston,

Massachusetts. Sarah was born there on December 23, 1777.

The Balcoms settled in Stratton by 1800. That year, the Balcoms had two children under 10. Isaac was elected a highway surveyor for Stratton in March, 1802. He apparently resettled briefly in Somerset about this same time since Isaac was said to be of that town when he purchased 40 acres in the north part of 4L5R from Jacob Hale on January 18, 1803. This lot was located west of the town common beyond Joshua Robbin's lot and along the road. Within a few months, the Balcoms sold this lot to Sampson Wetherbee.

The Somerset Annex of Stratton contains a lot near the Town Forest. This lot is still referred to as the Balcom lot. This area became part of Stratton in 1858. It may be that Isaac settled there after leaving Stratton, but it is more likely that this was his father's lot and that Isaac moved his family from the area.

At some time the Balcoms were living in Hague, New York. Isaac died on December 26, 1826, and Sarah died on April 22, 1869, at Hague.

Their children were:

- 1) John, born July 7, 1797, at Hubbardston, Massachusetts; died March 18, 1849.
- 2) Hannah, born March 4, 1800, in Vermont.
- 3) Stephen, born January 23, 1802.
- 4) Curtis, born January 12, 1804; died November 1, 1885.

- 5) Caleb, born March 12, 1806; died March 11, 1862.
- 6) Uriah, born April 8, 1808; died June 27, 1864.
- 7) Matilda, born February 2, 1810.
- 8) Roxanna, born December 2, 1813.
- 9) Sally, born November 18, 1815.
- 10) Chauncy M., born June 13, 1818; died February 18, 1903, at Rosendale, Wisconsin.
- 11) Betsey (twin), born June 11, 1820.
- 12) Joseph G. (twin), born June 11, 1820; died September 10, 1891, at Gardner, Massachusetts.
- 13) Mary, born September 9, 1823; died March 29, 1904.

## Baldwin

**Hiram Baldwin**, son of Elijah and Polly (Evans) Baldwin, was born on August 14, 1807. His wife was born between 1800 and 1810. They came from Dover, Vermont to Stratton about 1839 after Hiram had purchased six acres in the northeast corner of 6L6R on February 25, 1839, from Ira Baldwin<sup>1</sup> of Dover. Ira may have been Hiram's brother.

The Baldwins were living alone in 1840. On March 14 of that year Hiram purchased 6L7R, except for 55 acres on the east side of the lot, from George Pond. This included the Hill farm - its ruins can still be seen along the Appalachian Trail, west of the trail's intersection with the IP Road. In 1841, Hiram purchased the east half of 5L8R. The

Baldwins probably lived on this farm. The farmhouse was located opposite the Webster Memorial.

Hiram was accepted as a member of the Church of Christ in Stratton in 1840. He was received by letter from the Methodist Church probably of Dover. The Baldwins had moved back to Dover by October, 1849. Hiram sold the last of his property in Stratton on October 15, 1849. In 1847, a child, M. J. Baldwin was living with them and attending school in district #2 in Stratton.

1) Ira Baldwin was born January 27, 1791, at Chesterfield, New Hampshire. He was a son of Daniel and Susannah Baldwin of Chesterfield. Daniel evidently settled in Wardsboro South District before 1800.

**John Baldwin**, son of Levi and Abassah Baldwin, was born March 17, 1801, at Jamaica, Vermont. John married Ruth Willis, daughter of Samuel and Lydia Willis on March 18, 1841. She was born January 6, 1807, at Mendon, Massachusetts. The Baldwins lived on the farm of Ruth's father, Samuel Willis, in the early 1840s. This farm was evidently located west of Willis Cemetery and the Daniel Willis farm (see D. Willis on Beer's Atlas of 1869) and south of where the *Somerset Rd.* and the *Gore Rd.* crossed. In 1845, John bought 100 acres on the north part of 5L1R; however, it appears that the Baldwins continued to live in the same house they had shared with Samuel Willis. In 1845, Samuel moved out of his old farmhouse and in with his son, Daniel, leaving the Baldwins on

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the old farm. In 1846, Ezra B. Willis was living with the Baldwins and attending school in the Stratton Somerset United School District. The Baldwins built a new house on 5L1R and it was mentioned in a road description on March 12, 1846. They may have settled there briefly before John sold 5L1R to Samuel Wing in 1849. At that time, the Baldwins moved to Jamaica.

In 1853, John bought 90 acres of 7L2R from Ephraim Rice; however, at that time, they settled back on the north part of 5L1R on the Jamaica border (see McClellan's Map of 1856). In 1850, Ezra Willis had purchased the north part of 5L1R, and apparently allowed the Baldwins to live there. In 1854, John was head of a household in Stratton with Elizabeth C. Converse living there and attending school in district #4 in Stratton. In 1856 Nathan Johnson was living with the Baldwins and attending school. The Baldwins were living alone in Stratton in 1860. John died on September 14, 1862, at Stratton. Ruth remained on this lot for several years (Beer's Atlas of 1869 shows a Mrs. Baldwin on both the north part of 5L1R and also on 7L2R). In 1870, she was living alone, and in 1880, she was living with her sister, Sylvia Willis, and her nephew, Ezra Willis. Ruth died at Stratton on October 27, 1889.

## Ball

**Edward A. Ball**, son of Abram and Hannah Ball, was born at Athens, Vermont, about 1812. He married Marena R. (Moon) Jones, daughter of Benjamin and Betsey Moon and widow of Silas Jones (see the Jones Family) on December 25, 1871. Marena was born March 10, 1830, at Stratton.



**Edward and Marena Ball**

Photo courtesy of Carl Ball

After the marriage, Edward moved into Marena's home which was located at the corner of *Ball Farm Rd.* and the *West Jamaica Rd.* Edward is the gentleman from whom the farm, road, and cemetery took their names. He died at Stratton on October 10, 1890. Following Edward's death, Marena moved away from Stratton and settled in Cambridgeport, Vermont.

A child of Edward and Marena:

- 1) Arthur, born December 12, 1872, at Athens, Vermont; married Harriet Eliza Allen..

**John C. Ball** was born about 1839. He lived in Ashfield, Massachusetts and united with the church there. He began preaching in 1862, within the Free-Will Baptist Church and he was ordained at the Rensselaer Quarterly Meeting in 1867. He preached in several towns and in 1868, he was appointed as the pastor of the Free-Will Baptist Church in Stratton. He also preached for the West Jamaica Church.

The Rev. Ball apparently had left Stratton by 1870 and he died on February 4, 1872, aged 33 in Lock's Village, Massachusetts. He keeping vigil over his sick daughter, when he fell asleep and knocked over a lamp. The lamp oil saturated his clothes and ignited. He succumbed to his burns.

Additional Sources:

Free Baptist Cyclopedia  
by Burgess and Ward 1889

## Ballard

**Sylvanus Ballard**, son of Sylvanus and Judith (Boyden) Ballard, was born on August 10, 1758. During the American Revolution, Sylvanus was called of Framingham, Massachusetts, when he served as a Private in Captain Simon Edgell's Company, which marched on the alarm of April 19, 1775, to Concord and Cambridge,

Massachusetts. He served four days at that time. Later, he was a Private in Mellen's Company, Colonel Abner Perry's Regiment. He enlisted July 28, 1780, and served for two weeks during an alarm in Rhode Island.

Sylvanus was living in Stratton at the time that he purchased half of 4L3R (100 acres) from John Blood on September 25, 1784. On May 31, 1786, Sylvanus sold his property in Stratton. Before the sale, he had settled in Dummerston, Vermont. He soon settled in Chesterfield, New Hampshire. Sylvanus married Dorcas Cressey, daughter of Jonathan and Anna (Davis) Cressey in 1787 in Chesterfield. Dorcas was born on July 15, 1766.

Notes:

- 1) It is possible that Sylvanus Ballard, Sr. purchased this property and that Sylvanus, Jr. later sold it.
- 2) His mother, Judith (Boyden) Ballard, was born in 1731 and died in Chesterfield, New Hampshire, on July 4, 1806, and was buried in the West Burying Ground in Chesterfield.)

Additional Sources:

*Ballard Genealogy* by Charles F. Farlow  
1911

**Stephen Ballard**, son of Joshua and Anna (Raymond) Ballard, was born on April 21, 1791, at Athol, Massachusetts. Stephen married Sarah Thayer on July 5, 1812, at Newton, Massachusetts. Sarah was born on July 14, 1792, at Brookline, Massachusetts.

The Ballards first lived in Athol, and then Orange, Massachusetts, coming to Stratton about 1821. In 1813, James

Ballard purchased most of the west half of 2L4R from Joshua Newell. This James was probably a close relative, since Stephen later settled on this same lot. Stephen purchased 2L4R at a tax-sale in 1822. The lot was deeded to Stephen on April 25, 1823. The Ballards settled on this lot, located south-southwest of where the *West Jamaica Rd.* intersects the *Stratton-Arlington Rd.*. The house was located well off of the road and up on the ridge. They apparently remained there through Stephen's death.

Stephen qualified as a Freeman of Stratton on September 5, 1826. In 1830, the Ballards had eleven children living with them, and in 1840, there were still nine children living with them. In 1844, Edwin Sprague stayed with them and attended school.

Stephen also owned what was later called the Daniel Willis farm as well as many other properties of which he either held the mortgage or had purchased at tax-sales. In 1841, he sold 3L8R and 3L9R to his son, Stephen, Jr.. On April 1, 1846, he sold the Daniel Willis farm (as it was later called), noting an exception of the cemetery there (Willis Cemetery), to Samuel Willis. At that time, Daniel Willis (Stephen's son-in-law) occupied the farm.

In 1850, Bernard Sprague, aged 13, lived with them as well as their son, William. In 1860, Jane Lincoln, daughter of Obed and Alanatha Lincoln, lived with them.

Stephen passed away on September 11, 1863, at Stratton, and Sarah followed on September 5, 1871. They were buried in Willis Cemetery.

Children of Stephen and Sarah:

- 1) Charles, born April 8, 1813, at Athol, Massachusetts; died September 6, 1834, at Athol, Massachusetts.
- 2) Abigail, born April 26, 1814, at Orange, Massachusetts; died April 18, 1900; married Daniel Willis in September, 1836, at Wardsboro, Vermont.
- 3) Joshua, born on April 28, 1816, at Orange, Massachusetts; died at Liberty, Mississippi.
- 4) Sarah Ann, born January 2, 1818, at Orange, Massachusetts (became a member of the Church of Christ in Stratton on March 4, 1838 and was baptized by immersion. In 1840 she was given a letter of recommendation to the Union Congregational Church).
- 5) James, born October 25, 1819, at Orange, Massachusetts; died in July 11, 1847, in Louisiana.
- 6) Stephen, born May 24, 1821, at Orange, Massachusetts; died in Wisconsin.
- 7) Maria, born November 11, 1822, at Stratton, Vermont; died November 11, 1860, at Oxford, Wisconsin; married Jotham Pike Jr. on December 29, 1847 (intent published December 6, 1847, at Stratton, Vermont).
- 8) William, born November 9, 1824, at Stratton, Vermont

- (qualified as Freeman of Stratton on September 12, 1846).
- 9) Elizabeth Mary, born April 18, 1826, at Stratton, Vermont; died August 8, 1877, at Stratton, Vermont; married Alexander Hamilton Pike on July 4, 1844, at Somerset, Vermont.
  - 10) Richard O., born April 22, 1828, at Stratton, Vermont; died May 11, 1839.
  - 11) Lyman F., born October 9, 1829, at Stratton, Vermont (enrolled in the militia in 1867 - occupation gum picker).
  - 12) Caroline J., born October 12, 1831; died May 8, 1902, in New York; married Martin Leonard on September 19, 1848, at Townshend, Vermont.
  - 13) Frederick, born December 13, 1833, at Stratton, Vermont; died at Springfield, Massachusetts.
  - 14) Edward N., born August 11, 1836; died August 9, 1837, at Stratton, Vermont.

**Stephen Ballard, Jr.**, son of Stephen and Sarah Ballard, was born May 24, 1821, at Orange, Massachusetts. In 1840, Stephen had the second largest flock of sheep in Stratton, numbering 33. He purchased 3L8R and 3L9R from his father on June 15, 1841. These lots, however, were public rights and the town required a lease. Therefore, the next year the Selectmen of Stratton leased these lots to N. J. Shaw. Stephen Ballard, Jr. was not mentioned again in Stratton's records.

**Joshua Ballard**, son of Stephen and Sarah Ballard, was born on April 28, 1816, at Orange, Massachusetts. He came to Stratton with his parents. Joshua worked as a carpenter. He evidently was given an undivided half of 9L5R by his father, who had purchased this lot at a tax-sale in 1832. Joshua sold it to Wilson Wheeler of Orange on September 11, 1837. He probably lived with his parents on 2L4R while residing in Stratton, and left town soon after the above transaction. He died at Liberty, Mississippi.

**Lyman F. Ballard**, son of Stephen and Sarah Ballard, was born on October 9, 1829, at Stratton, Vermont. He was listed as head of a household in School District #5 in 1867.

Lyman's children were:

- 1) Virginia
- 2) Eugene

## Barnes

**Jason Barnes** and his wife, Nelly, settled in Stratton about 1813. They were warned out of town by Stratton's Selectmen on March 7, 1814, and served notice by the constable on March 11, 1814. Jason took the Freeman's oath on September 5, 1815. A town record mentions a road running between his house and Asa Phillips' house; therefore, it appears that he resided near the old town common. The Barneses were no longer in Stratton in 1820.

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## Barnett

**Michael Barnett** was born in Ireland about 1870. He came to Stratton about 1920, where he worked as a lumberman. In 1920, he was living in the boarding house at the Grout Job.

## Barrett

**Elmer J. Barrett**, son of Burton A. and Minnie (Hulet) Barrett, was born on January 6, 1892, at Shaftsbury, Vermont. He married Katheryn Delaney and he served during WWI.

Elmer was a resident of Arlington, Vermont, who apparently suffered from emphysema. He came to Stratton during the 1930s supposedly because the mountain air was better for his condition. Elmer was considered a squatter on Grout Pond, not owning the land where he maintained a camp. He was said to be responsible for putting in many of the logs along the *Kelly Stand Rd.* in a corduroy fashion in order to keep it passable. Some of this work may have been confused as some of the original corduroy of the Stratton Turnpike.

Elmer died of a heart attack at Stratton on July 14, 1961. He was buried in Grandview Cemetery in Shaftsbury.

## Bartlett

**Richard Bartlett, 3<sup>rd</sup>**, son of Richard Bartlett, lived at Sutton, Massachusetts. During the American Revolution, Richard served as a Private in Captain

James Greenwood's Company, Colonel Ebenezer Learned's Regiment, which marched April 20, 1775, to Roxbury, Massachusetts, in response to the alarm of April 19. This was only a two-day service. He also joined under Captain Isaac Bolster's Company, Colonel Learned's Regiment on May 1, 1775, and served for three months and eight days.

On March 31, 1796, Richard purchased the west half of 4L5R. Soon after this purchase, Richard and his wife settled on this lot. In 1800, he and his wife were between 26 and 45 years of age and they had an older woman living with them that year. On November 7, 1800, Richard sold his land to Asahel Kimball of Newfane, Vermont, and moved away from Stratton.

**Henry Bartlett** was born about 1855. In 1900, he was living in Stratton and boarding in the home of Orrin and Melissa Johnson. Henry probably worked for Mr. Johnson in his sawmill. He was no longer in Stratton in 1910.

## Bassett

**Elias Bassett** and his wife, Amy, came to Stratton about 1831 from Dover, Vermont. He purchased the east half of 4L4R from Asa Phillips on March 28, 1831, and lived thereon. Elias was Stratton's town clerk from 1832 to 1834 and was also a surveyor for Windham County. Elias sold his Stratton property to Benjamin

Thatcher on March 28, 1833, and apparently left town at that time.

Children of Elias and Amy:

- 1) Roena Sophia, born July 13, 1825, at Dover, Vermont.
- 2) Jacob Henry, born August 6, 1830, at Dover, Vermont.

## Batchellor

**Jacob Batchellor**, son of Benjamin and Hannah (Hale) Batchellor, was born at Brookfield, Massachusetts, on February 8, 1752. He first married Candace Blair, who evidently died soon after the marriage. Jacob then married Lois Rice, daughter of Oliver and Lucy Rice, on September 13, 1773, at Brookfield. Lois was born at Brookfield on October 12, 1753.

Jacob was a very large man, almost a giant. He was a blacksmith and a farmer. He served during the American Revolution as a private from Brookfield in Captain Ezekiel Knowlton's Company of Colonel Dyke's Regiment during 1776. After the war, the Batchellors remained in Brookfield through 1790.

In 1791, the Batchellors resettled in Stratton. That year, Jacob bought the east half of 5L4R from Nathan Patch. The foundations of the house and barn are still visible on what is now called *Shepardson Rd.*. At that time, this was the main road running through Stratton. Deacon Edwin Grout last owned this farm before its abandonment. This parcel also had a corn mill that

was built along the brook that runs along the south side of this property. After purchasing the property, Jacob continued its operation.

In 1802, Jacob and his son, Calvin, built a gristmill and a sawmill on 5L1R, located on what is now called Ball Mountain Brook near where *Mountain Rd.* and the *West Jamaica Rd.* intersect. Jacob and his son operated this mill for many years. Calvin sold his share of the water rights ( $\frac{1}{5}$ ) to Samuel Marble, Jr. in 1803. Records do not indicate just how active Jacob was in operating the mill. It is far more likely that he hired others to work there.

The Batchellors apparently belonged to the Baptist Church. The Wardsboro Baptist Church records indicate that before that church was built in 1795, on occasion services were held at "Brother Batchellor's" in Stratton.

In 1807, Jacob and Lois removed to Arlington, Vermont, however; Jacob remained an active proprietor of Stratton. The family farm was given over to his sons, Oliver and Jacob, in December, 1808, and they promptly leased it to Jonas Woodward. It appears that Jacob and Lois returned to Stratton in early 1810, and settled again back on the farm. In 1818, Jacob sold the mill to David Newman. Before 1820, the Batchellors again moved to Arlington and probably lived with their son, Jacob, Jr.. Jacob repurchased the mill in 1821, then resold it to

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Jonathan M. Bissell on March 6, 1823. Many years later in a letter that survived the years, Jacob's son, Sewell asked his sister, Lucy Grout, wife of Joel Grout, if her family still operated the old mill.



**Gravestones of Jacob and Lois Batchellor located in St. James Cemetery, Arlington**

Jacob held several town offices over the years. In 1792, he was elected Stratton's Grand Jurorman, and a surveyor. He was also voted a trustee to take care of Town securities (treasurer). In 1793, Jacob was voted one of five petit jurors. He was voted a member of a committee to lay out school money and was the trustee for the school money. Jacob hosted several town meetings at his home and filled several other positions of the town government over the years. The Town's record of sheep and cattle indicates that Mr. Jacob Batchellor's mark for sheep was the letter "B" under the eyes.

Over the years, Jacob bought and sold many parcels of land in Stratton, purchasing large amounts at tax-sales. In 1808,

Jacob had become involved in the Stratton Turnpike Company, however, the turnpike was not completed in his lifetime.

Jacob died on December 10, 1827, at Arlington. Lois died there on January 5, 1831. They were buried there in St. James Cemetery.

Jacob and Lois's children were:

- 1) Lucy, born January 11, 1777, at Brookfield, Massachusetts; died July 8, 1778 at Brookfield, Massachusetts.
- 2) Calvin, born February 7, 1779, at Brookfield, Massachusetts; died in 1856 at Port Huron, Michigan; married Samantha French on December 4, 1800, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 3) Ebenezer, born August 12, 1780, at Brookfield, Massachusetts (went to Natchez, Mississippi about 1806).
- 4) Ambrose, born June 13, 1782, at Brookfield, Massachusetts; died in January, 1843, at Edinburgh, New York; married 1) Sally Garfield on June 4, 1804, at Stratton, Vermont 2) (?? - widow of John Graves).
- 5) Sewell, born July 19, 1784, at Brookfield, Massachusetts; died in January, 1866, at Lowville, New York; married Delilah Barney on April 29, 1805, at Halifax, Vermont.
- 6) Oliver, born December 31, 1786, at Brookfield, Massachusetts; died May 14, 1879, at Woodville, New York; married 1) Polly Wood

- 2) Elizabeth Doyle 3) Patty Clark.
- 7) Jacob, born in 1790 at Stratton, Vermont; died February 12, 1843, at Arlington, Vermont; married 1) Elsa Knapp 2) Sally H. Barney.
- 8) Theodocia, born February 14, 1791, at Stratton, Vermont; died February 28, 1868, at Stratton, Vermont; married Abel Grout on December 2, 1810, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 9) Lucy, born February 21, 1793, at Stratton, Vermont; died on April 5, 1878, at Manchester, Vermont; married Joel Grout on April 23, 1812, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 10) Lyman, born March 20, 1795, at Stratton, Vermont; died February 5, 1858, at Wallingford, Vermont; married Anna Gale on April 11, 1816, at Stratton, Vermont.

**Calvin Batchellor**, son of Jacob and Lois Batchellor, was born February 7, 1779, at Brookfield, Massachusetts. He came to Stratton as a boy and there married Samantha French, daughter of Jacob and Sarah French, on December 4, 1800. Samantha was born about 1782.

Calvin was listed as head of his own household on the 1800 census of Stratton that included a female 10 - 16 years of age. This was probably Samantha although the census was taken prior to the marriage. In 1802, Calvin helped his father build a sawmill and

gristmill on Ball Mountain Brook on 5L1R of which he was part owner. In January, 1803, he sold  $\frac{1}{5}$  of the water rights to Samuel Marble, Jr.. In December of that year, he sold another fifth back to his father.

The Batchellors eventually resettled at Port Huron, St. Clare County, Michigan, by 1847; there, Calvin died in 1856 and Samantha died in 1857.

Children of Calvin and Samantha:

- 1) Ebenezer, born August 5, 1802, at Stratton, Vermont; died May 6, 1880, at Galesville, Wisconsin; married Lucy Comstock on June 16, 1830, at West Parrish, New York.
- 2) Simon Richerson, born March 3, 1805, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 3) Sophronia, born July 1, 1808, at Stratton, Vermont (lived in Detroit, Michigan); married (?) Allen about 1830.
- 4) Jacob F., born July 5, 1811; died January 3, 1892, at Saginaw, Michigan.

**Ambrose Batchellor**, son of Jacob and Lois Batchellor, was born on June 13, 1782, at Brookfield, Massachusetts. He grew up in Stratton and there married Sally Garfield, daughter of Nathaniel and Eunice Garfield, on June 4, 1804. Sally was born at Greenwich, Massachusetts, on May 15, 1788.

Ambrose took the Freeman's oath at Stratton on September 6, 1808. The Batchellors resettled in Edinburgh, New York, before 1814 and probably soon after their

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marriage. In February, 1814, Eliakim Garfield of Edinburgh sold 10 acres of 4L2R to Ambrose, who was also of Edinburgh at that time. In July, 1815, Ambrose sold this lot to Joseph Garfield of Stratton. The Batchellors were apparently instrumental in establishing the town of Batchellorville, New York.

Sally evidently died several years before Ambrose. Following Sally's death, Ambrose married the widow of John Graves. Ambrose died in January, 1843, at Edinburgh.

Children of Ambrose and Sally:

- 1) Sherman, born about 1805; died in 1862; married Mary B. Noyes.
- 2) Samuel, born September 18, 1806; died April 20, 1888, at Waterloo, New York; married Charlotte DeGolia.
- 3) Sally, born about 1808.
- 4) Lucy, born about 1813.
- 5) Ambrose, born October 13, 1817, at Batchellorville, New York; died February 23, 1889.
- 6) Franklin, born about 1819 at Batchellorville, New York.

**Sewell Batchellor**, son of Jacob and Lois Batchellor, was born July 19, 1784, at Brookfield, Massachusetts. He grew up in Stratton and in 1807 purchased part of 2L4R from his father, which he immediately sold. Sewell married Delilah Barney, daughter of James and Thankful Barney, on April 29, 1805, at Halifax, Vermont.

The Batchellors eventually settled near Watertown, New

York, at Three Mile Bay, in Jefferson County, before 1847. Following his wife's death about 1854, Sewell moved to Lowville, New York, about 40 miles away from Three Mile Bay to live with his son, Sewell. He sent a letter home to his sister, Lucy, dated December 24, 1854. He died at Lowville in January, 1866.

Children of Sewell and his wife:

- 1) Sewell Barney, born in 1815; died in January, 1879, at Lowville, New York; married
  - 1) Mary Lamphee
  - 2) Sophia D. Stevens.

**Oliver Batchellor**, son of Jacob and Lois Batchellor, was born on December 31, 1786, at Brookfield, Massachusetts. He grew up in Stratton, but moved away as a young man. Oliver took the Freeman's oath in Stratton on September 6, 1808. On December 26, 1808, Oliver's father deeded over the family farm to Oliver and his brother, Jacob, Jr.. They, in turn, leased the farm to Jonas Woodward, with "*use of above mentioned farm and farming tools for 2 years with exception of half the house and 1 acre of land and not cutting fire wood on said premises - at 45 dollars per year provided Woodward pays the rent by building stone walls at 75 cents per rod to be 4 and a half feet tall and thickness in proportion. Also to put down a thrashing floor in the barn.*" Oliver owned other parcels in Stratton, but evidently lived on his parents' farm in the unleased half of the house. In January, 1811, Oliver appointed

his father his legal agent to sell his part of the family farm. Oliver apparently left Stratton at that time.

Oliver's first wife was Polly Wood. Following Polly's death, he married Elizabeth Doyle. Oliver's last wife was Patty Clark. Oliver lived at Woodville, Massachusetts. He was still living there and in good health in 1871 as reflected in a letter he had written to his sister, Lucy Grout. In that letter, he tells of visiting his brother, Lyman. Oliver died at Woodville on May 14, 1879.

**Jacob Batchellor, Jr.**, son of Jacob and Lois Batchellor, was born in 1790 at Stratton. On December 26, 1808, Jacob's father deeded over the family farm to Jacob and his brother, Oliver. They, in turn, leased the farm to Jonas Woodward (*see Oliver Batchellor above*).

Jacob enlisted during the war of 1812 and was taken prisoner by the British while aboard ship on the Atlantic. He was kept prisoner at Dartmoor Prison in England, and returned home after the war. Upon his return, Jacob first married Elsa Knapp about 1817. Elsa was born in 1788. She died on March 25, 1824. He then married Sally H. Barney (she may have been a daughter of Reuben Barney).

Jacob was a machinist and manufactured chairs. He resettled in Arlington, Vermont, where he built a house on *Warm Brook Rd.* When he first arrived in

Arlington, he was warned out on May 17, 1817.

Jacob died on February 12, 1843, at Arlington and was buried in St. James Cemetery there.

Children of Jacob and Elsa were:

- 1) Lucien Bonaparte, born April 1, 1818, at East Arlington, Vermont; died September 7, 1903.
- 2) Mary Ann, born in 1820; died December 20, 1836, at Arlington, Vermont.
- 3) Norman Hinsdale, born January 13, 1822; died January 18, 1892, at Arlington, Vermont; married Lucy Babcock.
- 4) Job Orleans, died in Salinas, California.
- 5) Fannie Elizabeth, born about 1831.

**Lyman Batchellor**, son of Jacob and Lois Batchellor, was born at Stratton on March 20, 1795. He married Anna Gale, daughter of Isaac and Susannah Gale, on April 11, 1816, at Stratton. Anna was born in 1791. In 1810, she was evidently living with her mother, Susannah Gale and John Coes, Jr. in Stratton. Anna was warned out of town on January 17, 1811, as were Susannah and John.

The Batchellors lived at Stratton until after the birth of their first son, then removed to Arlington, Vermont, about 1817, where Lyman set up a forge and began to work at his trade. He was warned out of Arlington on May 17, 1817.

While living in Arlington all their remaining children were

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born. In 1823, Lyman purchased the west half of 5L4R in Stratton from his mother-in-law, however, the Batchellors remained in Arlington. In 1835, they moved to Wallingford, Vermont, where Lyman purchased a water right and with his sons built a business making forks. In 1847, the shop burned, but the Batchellors rebuilt what is now called "the old stone shop" in Wallingford. Lyman along with his sons, Isaac, John and Lyman, Jr., formed the firm of *Batcheller & Sons*, whose forks (hay and manure forks) were used all over this country and in Great Britain.

Lyman was a staunch abolitionist and allowed his home to be used by the underground railroad. He died at Wallingford on February 5, 1858, and was buried in Green Hill Cemetery. Anna died on May 27, 1868, and she was buried next to Lyman.

Their son, Justin and Justin's brother-in law, John Scribner, who had been in the mercantile business, dissolved the old business in 1868 and became part of *Messrs. Batcheller & Sons*. Lyman, Jr. and his family evidently resettled in Iowa and were living there in 1871. The business continued in the family until it was bought out by *The American Fork and Hoe Company* in 1902. It later became *True Temper Tools*, which continues making tools to the present.

Children of Lyman and Anna:

1) Isaac Gale, born on February 14, 1817, at Stratton, Vermont.

- 2) Susan Coes, born April 12, 1819, at Arlington, Vermont; died October 12, 1872.
- 3) John C., born June 2, 1821, at Arlington, Vermont.
- 4) Laura A., born September 11, 1823, at Arlington, Vermont; died in 1895.
- 5) Lyman, Jr., born October 20, 1824, at Arlington, Vermont.
- 6) Justin, born March 20, 1828, at Arlington, Vermont.

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## Baybrook

**H. George Baybrook** was born in February, 1838, at Whitehall, New York. He came to Stratton during the 1860s with his first wife, Sylvia, who was born in Dover, Vermont.

After Sylvia's death, George apparently moved away and was not present when the 1870 census was taken. He returned to Stratton where he married Martha A. Kent on March 11, 1878. Martha was born in July, 1857, and she was probably the daughter of William P. Kent of Stratton.

The Baybrooks operated two farms in Stratton during 1898, and they had done so for several years. The first was located on the *Stratton-Arlington Rd.* east of the meetinghouse and the second was located two miles from the meetinghouse on the *West Jamaica Rd.* The Baybrooks were no longer in Stratton by 1920.

A child of George and Sylvia was:

- 1) Nellie Ann, born May 25, 1864, at Stratton, Vermont.

Children of George and Martha:

- 2) Albert Henry, born May 1, 1879, at Stratton, Vermont; died in January, 1973; married Clara Bell Magoon on August 13, 1900, in New York.
- 3) (a son), born December 12, 1883, at Stratton, Vermont; died December 15, 1883, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 4) Martha Idell, born February 23, 1885, at Stratton, Vermont.

**Albert Henry Baybrook**, son of George and Martha Baybrook, was born at Stratton on May 1, 1879. He took the Freeman's oath in Stratton on September 2, 1902.

Articles published in the Vermont Phoenix in late 1898 called him the burglar of Stratton. The account of his ordeal, taken from the Vermont Phoenix proceeded as follows:

*At the age of 19, Albert allegedly broke into the Brown and Ryder Store in West Wardsboro and stole \$112.00 of postal money, \$38.00 from the store, a gold watch and several silver watches. He left the area and was later seen in Hoosick, New York. He was persuaded to go to Bennington, where he was locked up. Post-Office inspector Willis was summoned and he and other officers went with the prisoner to New York state on the train. Albert was allowed to go into the water closet near Eagle Bridge, New York, and that was*

*the last the officers saw of him that day. He had opened the window and escaped from the speeding train. Several days later, back in Stratton, Irving Grout started up the mountain between Stratton and Arlington to meet his brother who was drawing lumber. He rode his bicycle up the mountain as far as possible then walked the remainder of the way. Irving met Baybrook coming down the mountain. Albert had apparently stole a horse in Bennington, rode it up the mountain to Stratton and set it free. He was on foot when he met Mr. Grout. When Grout returned down the mountain, his bicycle was missing. Grout proceeded to Brown and Ryder's store to inform them that Albert was back in town. The storeowners called Constable Benson of Wardsboro. Benson and others met and devised a plan of capture. They guessed that Albert would be at one of the two lots that his parents farmed in Stratton. It was reported that Albert was at his father's farm on the West Jamaica Rd. Benson arrived there and found Bert Perry, a resident of Stratton, and another man already there. When Baybrook appeared, someone fired a shot and Albert returned a shot. Several more shots were fired. One shot from Baybrook was at such close range that Perry's coat sleeve caught fire. Albert was overpowered and arrested. He eventually plea-bargained and pleaded guilty to an assault charge. He was sentenced to*

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*eight months in the correctional facility.*

Albert married Clara Bell Magoon on August 13, 1900, in New York. Clara died May 30, 1919. Albert may have spent more time in Stratton in the 1920s, occupying the abandoned parsonage across from Stratton's meetinghouse. Albert died in January, 1973.

## Bayley

**Benjamin Bayley** and his wife were living in Stratton in 1800. At that time they were between the ages of 26 and 45, and had five children less than 10 years of age and two between the ages of 10 and 16. The Bayleys did not own property in Stratton and had moved out of town before 1810.

## Beach

**Stephen Beach** was born about 1829. He was a lumberman that settled in Stratton after the Civil War. He was enrolled in the militia in Stratton in 1867, but had left town before 1870.

## Beauregard

**Henry Beauregard** was born about 1897 in Canada. In 1920, he was a lumberman in Stratton, living in the boarding house on the Grout Job.

## Becker

**Andy Becker** was born about 1899 in Switzerland. In 1920, he was a lumberman in Stratton, living in the boarding house at the Grout Job.

## Bennett

**Allyne Otis Bennett**, son of John and Lucretia Bennett, was born between at Dummerston, Vermont, on September 14, 1793. He married Olive Perham, daughter of Leonard and Lucy (Streeter) Perham on January 7, 1816, at Hinsdale, New Hampshire. Olive was born about 1790. Allen did not own property in Stratton; however, he was living in Stratton alone in 1820. He moved out of town before 1830.

## Bills

(Bill)

**Ebenezer Bill**, the first of that name to settle in Stratton, was born on March 25, 1759, in Dedham, Massachusetts – the son of Samuel and Mary (Davis) Bill. During the American Revolution, Ebenezer first served in Captain Ebenezer Battle's Company, Colonel William McIntosh's Regiment, then in Captain Benjamin Frothingham's Company, Colonel John Crane's Regiment. He also served in Captain Moses Bullard's Company, Colonel Ebenezer Thayer's Regiment of Suffolk County from July 27, 1780, to October 27, 1780, serving in Rhode Island.

After the war, Ebenezer married Hannah Bullard on May 13, 1784. Hannah was from Roxbury, Massachusetts, born about 1763, a daughter of Jonathan and Anna (Harrington) Bullard.

Ebenezer was most likely the same who appeared on the Freeman's roll of Wardsboro, Vermont, in 1786. Ebenezer and Hannah settled in Stratton Gore, where Ebenezer signed a petition requesting that the gore be annexed to Stratton. In 1800, the Bills were listed in the census of Stratton as both being between 26 and 45 years of age. At that time, they had two sons under ten, three daughters under ten and two daughters between ten and sixteen. By 1809, the Bills had resettled in Amherst, New Hampshire. That year, in a legal suit, Ebenezer recovered judgment of Jacob Goodell and he was awarded some of Goodell's lands in Stratton Gore (53 acres). Ebenezer sold this land the following year to Aaron Draper. Ebenezer died at Amherst, New Hampshire, on March 13, 1822.

A son of Ebenezer and Hannah:

- 1) Luke Hamilton, born in 1808; married Marinda Dodge.

**Gardner Bills**, son of Richard and Abigail (Kenny) Bills, was born on September 19, 1773, in Roxbury, Massachusetts. He was a nephew of Ebenezer Bill (named above). Gardner married Arpatia Church who was born about 1774 and had lived at Guilford, Vermont. They never settled in Stratton; but two lines of their descendants eventually settled there.

The Bills first lived in Chesterfield, New Hampshire, then Newfane and Jamaica, Vermont. Gardner may have been

related in some way to Ebenezer Bills (above), although they apparently were not brothers. Gardner died on June 30, 1844, and Arpatia died on August 7, 1846. They were buried in the West Jamaica Cemetery.

A child of Gardner and Arpatia:

- 1) Lewis, born in May 1808; died July 16, 1869; married Sally Sage.

**Lewis Bills**, son of Gardner and Arpatia Bills, was born in May, 1808. Lewis married Sally Sage who was born on October 13, 1809. Lewis and Sally lived in Jamaica, Vermont, and never settled in Stratton; but two lines of their descendants eventually settled there. Sally died on November 20, 1844, and Lewis passed away on July 16, 1869. They were buried in the West Jamaica Cemetery.

Children of Lewis and Sally were:

- 1) Lewis Gardner, born about 1838 in Jamaica, Vermont; died November 9, 1897, at Newfane, Vermont; married Melvina Mandana Pike on December 22, 1861, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 2) Emery Alphonso, born April 5, 1841; died October 13, 1892; married 1) Anna C. Magoon 2) Sally Richardson.
- 3) Catherine M., married Augustus Bogle.
- 4) Clarina, married Sylvester Cushman.

**Lewis Gardner Bills**, son of Lewis and Sally Bills, was born about 1838 in Jamaica. He

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married Melvina Mandana Pike, daughter of Moses and Dorcas Pike, on December 22, 1861, at Stratton. Melvina was born in Somerset, Vermont, on April 11, 1841. They lived in Wardsboro before moving to Newfane, Vermont, in 1895. Lewis died on November 9, 1897, at Newfane, Vermont. Mandana died there on December 25, 1920. They were buried in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Children of Lewis and Mandana:

- 1) Fidelia M., born August 17, 1864, at Jamaica, Vermont; died March 6, 1949, at Newfane, Vermont; married Eugene Thompson.
- 2) Lyman, born November 19, 1866, at Jamaica, Vermont; died December 29, 1928, at Newfane, Vermont; married Nora Cunningham in 1892 in New York.
- 3) Leslie M., born May 10, 1874, at Wardsboro, Vermont; died April 26, 1932, at Springfield, Massachusetts; married Nellie Spaulding on September 4, 1918.

**Lyman O. Bills**, son of Lewis and Mandana Bills, was born on November 19, 1866, at Jamaica, Vermont. He married Nora Cunningham, daughter of Patrick and Ellen Cunningham in 1892 in New York. Nora was born in Moate, Ireland, on September 27, 1871. The Bills settled in Stratton about 1900, then moved to Newfane in 1905. Lyman died at Newfane on December 29, 1928. Nora passed away in Brattleboro on January 16, 1945. They were

buried in Woodlawn Cemetery in Newfane.

Children of Lyman and Nora:

- 1) Helen F., born in November, 1893; married Lawrence Butterfield.
- 2) Melvina A., born in December, 1894; married Floyd Clark.
- 3) Lewis C., born in October, 1896; died June 5, 1958.
- 4) Violet Edith, born October 1, 1900, at Stratton, Vermont, married Edward Beaudry.
- 5) Lyman, born October 22, 1904.
- 6) Onnie Laurie
- 7) Kathleen, married (?) Perry.
- 8) Margaret May, died in infancy.

**Emery Alfonso Bills**, son of Lewis and Sally Bills, was born on April 5, 1841. He married Betsy "Anna" Magoon, daughter of John Edward and Hulda Magoon. Betsey was born on May 25, 1856, and came to this area from Schroon Lake, New York.

The Bills lived in Jamaica, Vermont, never settling in Stratton; however, Emery acquired large amounts of land in Stratton during his lifetime, much of which was passed down to his son, Leon.

Emery died on October 13, 1892, at the age of 51 and was buried in the West Jamaica Cemetery. Anna passed away in 1938.



**Lewis Gardner Bills**  
(1838-1897)

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**Melvina Mandana (Pike) Bills**  
(1841 – 1920)

Photo courtesy of the Ethel Eddy Collection



**Lyman and Leslie Bills**

Photo courtesy of the Ethel Eddy Collection



**Fidelity Bills**

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Children of Emery and Anna:

- 1) Irvin E., born November 24, 1877, in Jamaica, Vermont; died December 12, 1957.
- 2) Leon Bruce, born May 19, 1880, in Jamaica, Vermont; died February 22, 1945; married Sarah Ella Underwood on February 17, 1901.
- 3) Merle Sylvester, born March 10, 1887; died February 6, 1937; married Irene Taylor.
- 4) Emery Alphonso, born December 20, 1892; died October 11, 1955; married Gertie Howard.

**Irvin E. Bills**, son of Emery and Anna Bills, was born on November 24, 1877, in Jamaica, Vermont. Irvin was a lumberman that came and settled in Stratton. He first married Gustie Allen. Irvin's second marriage was to Amanda E. Putnam, daughter of Cornelius H. and Cornelia (Myers) Putnam, on September 14, 1901. Amanda was born in Moores, New York, about 1884.

Children of Irvin and Gustie were:

- 1) Roberta
- 2) Rita

Children of Irvin and Amanda:

- 3) Violet
- 4) Annie
- 5) Shirley, married Dexter Greenwood
- 6) Stanley

**Leon Bruce Bills**, son of Emery and Anna Bills, was born on May 19, 1880, at West Jamaica, Vermont. He was a teamster and probably worked at the lumber

camps in Stratton. He married Sarah Ella Underwood, daughter of John and Flora Underwood on February 17, 1901. Sarah, or "Sadie" as she was called, was born in Jamaica on November 20, 1882. Leon and his father bought up several lots in Stratton. Eventually, some of this land went to Leon's son, Melbourne. Although Leon owned a considerable amount of land in Stratton, he settled in Jamaica instead. The Bills may have briefly lived in Stratton since their first child was born in Stratton, probably at the home of Flora's parents. Leon died on February 22, 1945. Sadie died on March 19, 1968.

Children of Leon and Sadie were:

- 1) Christy L., born February 11, 1901, at Stratton, Vermont; died November 16, 1968; married Guy Bacon.
- 2) Madeline Elenore, born February 18, 1902; died March 16, 1931; married Harry Magoon on October 2, 1926.
- 3) Melbourne Leon, born April 1, 1904; died July 19, 1994; married Mabel Mary Fitzpatrick.
- 4) Cecil Alphonso, born May 22, 1905; married Lydia Johnson.
- 5) Isla Flora, born June 7, 1908; died June 11, 1954; married Robert Reynolds.
- 6) Eva May, born June 21, 1910; died November 4, 1958; married Stan Stocker.
- 7) Leonard Merle, born May 22, 1912; died March 1, 1981; married 1) Ruby Waldron 2) Mildred Hescok.

- 8) Ilene Cola (twin), born December 23, 1913; married Herbert Brooks.
- 9) Irene Clara (twin), born December 23, 1913; died April 2, 1981; married Archibald Bernard Fitzpatrick.
- 10) Loena Elnora, born April 28, 1918; married John Fuller.
- 11) Leon Bruce, Jr., born March 25, 1923, married 1) Ethel Grindley 2) Marlene Weston.
- 12) Doris Sadie, born June 19, 1925; married Kenneth Fuller.

**Melbourne Leon Bills**, son of Leon and Sadie Bills, was born April 1, 1904, in Jamaica, Vermont. Melbourne married Mabel Mary Fitzpatrick, who was born on October 10, 1905.

Melbourne briefly lived in Stratton about 1925. He eventually bought the Moses Pike farm, where his son, M. Lee Bills lived. The Bills settled in Stratton for just a brief time, then settled in Wardsboro, Vermont, where they remained for the remainder of their years.

Melbourne operated the mill in Wardsboro (currently owned and operated by some of his sons). It is located just off of Rt. 100 near the center of the township. Melbourne also acquired a large amount of land in Stratton (nearly 3000 acres) most of which he sold to the National Forest before his death. Mabel died on February 9, 1991. Melbourne died on July 19, 1994. They were buried in the West Wardsboro Cemetery. Children of Melbourne and Mabel were:

- 1) Melbourne Lee, born July 30, 1927; died May 2, 1999; married Inez Alice Streeter on October 18, 1952.
- 2) Burdette Bruce, married Rosalee Mabel Connelly.
- 3) Beverly Mabel, married Francis Harlan Capen.
- 4) Milton David, married Annette Catto.
- 5) Everett Albyn, married Katherine Susan Lawrence.
- 6) Alan, married Janet Lynn Eddy.
- 7) Kathleen Ann, married Jonathan Everett Meeks.

**Melbourne Lee Bills**, son of Melbourne and Mabel Bills, was born on July 30, 1927, at Wardsboro, Vermont. Lee married Inez Alice Streeter, daughter of Clarence S. and Edith (Putnam) Streeter on October 18, 1952. Inez was born on August 26, 1927.

Lee and Inez settled in Stratton on a farm, located at the end of *Pike Hollow Rd.* in 1952. This was the old Moses Pike farm that Lee's father had purchased from the Quillinans.

Lee served in the army during WWII. After the war, he was a self-employed heavy equipment operator for many years and a lumberman.

Once the Bills had settled in Stratton, Lee served the town in many official positions including Justice of the Peace, Road Commissioner, Planning Commissioner, Lister, Zoning Administrator and Health Officer.

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**Annie (Magoon) Bills**

Photo courtesy of the Bills Family



**Emery Bills**

Photo courtesy of the Bills Family



**Leon and Sarah (Underwood)  
Bills**

Photo courtesy of the Bills Family



**Melbourne and Mabel  
(Fitzpatrick) Bills**

Photo courtesy of the Bills Family

Inez served for many years as a Town Auditor. She passed away on February 4, 1998, in Brattleboro, Vermont. Lee died at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, New Hampshire, on May 2, 1999. Lee and Inez were buried in Pike Hollow Cemetery in Stratton. Children of Lee and Inez are:

- 1) Lawrence Scott, married Karen Kemnitzer.
- 2) Jacqueline Edith, married Paul Bedard.
- 3) Terri Lee, married Rusty Garland.

Additional Sources:

Genealogy of the Bills family compiled by Darcy Meeks, Terri Garland and others.



**M. Lee Bills with siblings, Burdette, Beverly, Alan, Everett and Milton.**

Photo courtesy of the Bills Family

## Birch

**C. Birch** purchased the sawmill of Jesse Sage, located between Black Brook and the east branch of the Deerfield River prior to 1869. He apparently resided on this property at that time. He apparently left Stratton before the 1870 census was taken.

## Bissell

**Austin Bissell**, son of Ozias, Jr. and Elizabeth (Kilborn) Bissell, was born in September, 1787. Austin married Clarissa Stacy in 1810. She was born about 1793. The Bissells settled in Wardsboro probably soon after their marriage, however, they also lived for a time in Stratton.

In 1823, Austin signed an agreement to lease the west part of 5L4R from Susannah Coes. Upon this lot, Austin built a furnace—probably used to process iron ore. He purchased one acre surrounding the furnace in September, 1827, then sold it to several gentlemen from Wardsboro, Vermont, ten days later. Austin owned other parcels in Stratton. The Bissells were apparently living on the west half of 5L4R and paid taxes on that lot in 1827. This lot was where Oliver Morsman, one of Stratton's first settlers, built his home. The foundation can still be seen next to the trail several hundred yards west of the gate at the end of *Shepardson Rd.*. It is unclear when the Bissells resided in Stratton. They were living in town in 1827, but were not listed in Stratton's 1830 census, although they were members of the church in Stratton from 1827 to 1832. They probably had moved away just before 1830.

On June 17, 1827, the Church Clerk of the Church of Christ in Stratton recorded, "*Mr. Austin Bissell and Clarissa his wife and Emily their daughter having been previous to this examination and*



*propounded, were received into full communion with the Congregation Church in this town. Mrs. Bissell and daughter were baptized by Reverend Mr. Riddle.*" At this same time their eight children were baptized. On June 17, 1832, Clarissa and their daughter, Emerlia were given a letter of dismissal from this church to the church in Wardsboro. And, on January 12, 1834, the church voted to give Austin a letter of dismissal also. On November 14, 1836, Sister Bissell was dismissed from the Stratton Church. This may have been another of the Bissell's daughters, if not Clarissa.

In 1850, the Bissells bought the Samuel Kidder farm in Wardsboro, and in 1854, sold this place and bought a home near the Raymond Read place in Wardsboro. Here, Austin set up a little laboratory and manufactured liniments and various other remedies. He peddled these products around the area. Clarissa died on August 12, 1862, and was buried in Smead Cemetery in Wardsboro.

The Bissells' children were:

- 1) Emerlia Carrel, married Farnum White on October 6, 1834.
- 2) Horace, born in April, 1813; died December 26, 1892; married Fanny Newell on February 15, 1837.
- 3) Elijah Austin
- 4) Lewis
- 5) Caroline
- 6) Elbridge M., married Rowena White.
- 7) Edward
- 8) George Martin, died on November 8, 1876, at Wardsboro, Vermont; married 1) Eunice Ann Grover 2) Lucretia Knowlton on October 5, 1865.
- 9) Justin, died in 1831 (age 1 year 5 months).
- 10) Clarissa Jane, died September 9, 1896, at Brattleboro, Vermont; married Emerson B. Barrett on October 8, 1849.
- 11) Lucius
- 12) Emery

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**Jonathan Marsh Bissell**, son of Jabez and Dorcas (Marsh) Bissell, was born on March 31, 176(7), at Windsor, Connecticut. During his early years, he was called Marsh. Marsh served during the American Revolution as a Private in the Massachusetts Militia in Captain Ephraim Chapins' Company, Colonel Ruggles Woodbridge's<sup>1</sup> Regiment from August 12, 1777, to September 30, 1777. Marsh then served in Captain John Carpenter's Company of the guards at Springfield, Massachusetts, from June 29, 1779, to September 29, 1779. He later served from July 21, 1780, to October 10, 1780, in Captain Joseph Browning's Company, Colonel Seth Murray's Hampshire County Regiment. Marsh also served for three months in a Company raised to reinforce the Continental Army.

Jonathan first married Submit Cushman, daughter of Consider

and Submit (Newcomb) Cushman. She was born in 1765 in Stafford, Connecticut. The Bissells settled in Springfield, Massachusetts.

Submit evidently passed away before Jonathan's move to Vermont. He settled in Stratton just after 1820 and purchased six acres that included a sawmill and gristmill from Jacob Batchellor on March 6, 1823. The house was probably located on the north side of the dam between the mill and what is now the *West Jamaica Rd.*. It probably stood where Robert Penn Warren later built his house, since apparently the Warren's house was built over an old cellar hole.

Jonathan married Olive Worthington, on May 12, 1830, at Stratton. Olive was also born during the 1760s. In 1830, there was another gentleman aged 70 to 80 living with them. Jonathan sold the mill site to his son on September 17, 1838, but continued to operate the mill himself. In 1840, the census showed Jonathan and Olive living alone in Stratton and it also indicated that Jonathan was a Revolutionary War pensioner. Jonathan was still living in 1847 and operating the mill; however, he evidently died just before 1850. Children of Jonathan and Submit included:

- 1) John Winthrop, born September 23, 1794; died February 8, 1876, at Springfield, Massachusetts; married Sophia Shepardson (lived at Gill and Montague, Massachusetts -- bought and

sold several parcels in Stratton).

- 2) Jabez Fitch, born in 1790; married Elizabeth Bascom (lived at Gill, Massachusetts -- bought and sold several parcels in Stratton).
- 3) Jonathan Marsh, born in 1797.

Notes:

- 1) Ruggles Woodbridge was an Original Proprietor of Stratton, but it is not certain that he was Bissell's connection with this town.

## Bixby

**Sampson Bixby**, son of Samuel and Lydia (Bond) Bixby, was born at Sutton, Massachusetts, on May 23, 1759. During the American Revolution, Sampson was drafted for two months beginning his service in August, 1776, and serving in Captain Sibley's Company, of Colonel Converse's Regiment. This regiment marched to Horse-Neck, then to Tarrytown, New York, where they remained until November. Sampson enlisted a second time and served in Captain Elliot's Company, Jonathan Holman's Regiment. This regiment marched to Providence, Rhode Island, on the alarm of December 10, 1776. Sampson served with them for 43 days. He again enlisted on August 13, 1777, in Captain Woodbury's Company, Colonel Cushing's Regiment from Worcester County, Massachusetts, which marched to Bennington, Vermont, arriving a few days after the battle. This regiment then marched to Skeensboro, then to Stillwater, and was in Saratoga when Burgoyne surrendered. The

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regiment next went to White Plains and remained there until the end of its term of enlistment on November 29, 1777. Sampson enlisted for another term of six months in July, 1778, in Captain Hammond's Company, Colonel Waid's Regiment, and was transferred after two months into Captain Lamb's Company. This regiment marched to Providence, then accompanied General Sullivan in his campaign through Rhode Island. Sampson's company was ordered, and went, to Greenwich, and subsequently marched to Warwick Neck. Sampson was discharged there.

Sampson was a farmer and settled in Stratton, about 1788. He and Isaac Chase purchased 5L3R in 1785; however, Sampson remained in Sutton and there married Sarah Richardson, daughter of Ralph and Sarah (Bartlett) Richardson, on April 27, 1786. Their first child was born in Sutton in April, 1787. Sampson had already settled in Stratton when he purchased the east half of 3L1R on November 20, 1788. This lot was where Sampson built his farm, located on the Wardsboro line and along the road now referred to as *Canedy Rd.* The following year, he purchased the west half of this lot.

Sampson and Sarah were charter members of the Church of Christ in Stratton, which was founded on August 17, 1801, and on October 17, 1801, their children were baptized into this church. Sampson was voted to be

the first deacon of the Church on June 25, 1802. He was also referred to as Lieutenant Bixby in town records in 1797, implying that he was a member of Stratton's militia. In 1798, he was called Captain Bixby and therefore may have been Stratton's senior officer.

In 1812, after living in Stratton for about 25 years, the Bixbys moved to Painted Post (now Campbell), New York, where Sampson and his sons began several new settlements. Sampson was listed as a deacon of the church there also. He evidently returned to Stratton or had not officially left Stratton until after May 25, 1814. On that day he was still called Deacon Bixby and served as a moderator for the church meeting. This is the last mention of him in the church record and he was not replaced by another deacon following his departure.

On February 21, 1818, Sampson sold the farm to David Holmes of Woodstock, Connecticut. Perhaps his son, Lyman, resided there prior to the sale, since Sampson was called of Painted Post at that time and had been for several years. Sarah died at Painted Post on September 15, 1819. Sampson applied for and received a pension as a soldier of the Revolution in 1832. In 1840, Sampson was living at Campbell, New York, with Samuel Bixby. He died on February 11, 1847.

Children of Sampson and Sarah:

- 1) Rufus, born April 2, 1787, at Sutton, Massachusetts; died

- August 16, 1866, at Hornsby, New York.
- 2) Amasa, born November 6, 1788, at Stratton, Vermont; married Sophia Blashfield on January 10, 1815.
  - 3) Salmon, born March 29, 1792, at Stratton, Vermont; married Lucy French.
  - 4) Lyman, born March 3, 1794, at Stratton, Vermont; married Anna Woodward.
  - 5) Sally, born December 24, 1795, at Stratton, Vermont; married Chester Knowlton.
  - 6) Samuel, born September 7, 1801, at Stratton, Vermont; married Lucretia Sanders.
  - 7) Mary "Polly," born October 26, 1804, at Stratton, Vermont (baptized in Stratton on April 16, 1805) (possibly Mary Bixby of Guilford, Vermont, who sold land in Stratton - previously Sampson Bixby's - in 1819).
  - 8) Simeon, born November 27, 1807, at Stratton, Vermont (baptized in Stratton on September 20, 1807); died October 10, 1808, at Stratton, Vermont.

**Amasa Bixby**, son of Sampson and Sarah Bixby, was born on November 6, 1788, at Stratton. On December 7, 1812, Amasa purchased 100 acres on the east side of 2L1R from his father and John Greenwood. This lot was located west of what is now *Leon Stocker Drive* in Snow Mountain Farms West. Amasa married Sophia Blashfield, daughter of James and Sally (Arnold)

Blashfield of Wardsboro, Vermont, on January 10, 1815. They evidently settled on the lot Amasa had purchased. On May 2, 1816, Amasa sold his land in Stratton and probably went to Painted Post, New York, where his parents had resettled.

**Lyman Bixby**, son of Sampson and Sarah Bixby, was born at Stratton on March 3, 1794. He grew up in Stratton and took the Freeman's oath on September 15, 1815. He may have remained on his father's farm when his parents left for New York about 1814. Lyman probably left Stratton in 1817 or 1818, since his father sold the farm in February, 1818. Lyman married Anna Woodward probably after he had moved away from Stratton.

Additional Sources:

*Descendants of Joseph Bixby*

## **Blodgett**

*Stratton was occupied by at least three separate families of Blodgetts evidently with no close relationship existing between these families, nor apparently with the Blodgetts who were Original Grantees of the town.*

**Samuel Blodgett**, son of Joseph and Sarah (Ingersoll) Blodgett, was born on May 17, 1739, at Brimfield, Massachusetts. He married Elizabeth Haynes on April 5, 1763, at Brimfield. Elizabeth was born on April 8, 1735. The Blodgetts were living in Palmer, Massachusetts, at the time Samuel purchased the east

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half of 6L7R on September 29, 1796, from Andrew Adams. Samuel brought his family to Stratton from Palmer shortly thereafter. This homestead was located on the southern base of Little Stratton Mountain and later occupied by Abel Grout.

The census of 1800 recorded that Samuel and Betty had two sons and a daughter living at home between the ages of 10 and 16. On September 12, 1800, Samuel sold 30 acres of his farm to his son, Samuel, Jr. "with a 30 foot barn on said lot." At the time of the sale, Samuel and Betty had already resettled in Wardsboro, Vermont. A few days later on September 20, 1800, Samuel sold the remaining 70 acres to his son-in-law, Ebenezer Vinton of Wardsboro, with the privilege of using the barn thereon.

Samuel died on September 30, 1800, at Wardsboro. Betty passed away there on September 1, 1807.

Children of Samuel and Betty included:

- 1) David, born August 15, 1764.
- 2) Samuel, born June 18, 1767; married Mary Gilbert on March 20, 1796, at Palmer, Massachusetts.
- 3) Parsimus, born August 29, 1769.
- 4) Azubah, born September 1, 1771; married Ebenezer Vinton at Wardsboro, Vermont.
- 5) Abner, born January 14, 1774.
- 6) Betsey, born May 1, 1776; married (?) Huldreth of Chesterfield, New Hampshire.

- 7) Sally, born June 30, 1780; married (?) Daniels.
- 8) Seneca, born January 17, 1783.
- 9) Joseph, born February 27, 1787.

**Samuel Blodgett Jr.**, son of Samuel and Betty Blodgett, was born on June 18, 1767. He married Mary Gilbert in Palmer, Massachusetts, on March 20, 1796 (*Palmer vital records show her name as Massa*). They settled in Stratton probably at the same time Samuel's father had settled there. On September 12, 1800, Samuel, Jr. purchased a part of his father's farm. In November of that year he purchased 25 acres more of this lot from his brother-in-law, Ebenezer Vinton. The Blodgett farm was located at the southern base of Little Stratton Mountain and later occupied by the Abel Grout family.

The 1800 census shows that Samuel and Mary had two sons and two daughters under the age of ten.

Samuel and Mary were among the charter members of the Church of Christ in Stratton, which was formed on August 17, 1801, and their three children were baptized into the church on August 30, 1801. On April 13, 1803, Samuel sold his 55-acre farm to Ebenezer Vinton and left Stratton soon thereafter.

Children of Samuel and Mary:

- 1) Ellehia
- 2) Rosa
- 3) Samuel
- 4) Russell (baptized in Stratton on May 29, 1802).

- 5) Silvanus (baptized in Stratton on July 17, 1803).

**Jonas Blodgett**, son of Isaac and Persis (Whitcomb) Blodgett, was born in 1792 at Westminster, Massachusetts. He married Polly Blair of Ware, Massachusetts, and they first settled in Fitzwilliam, New Hampshire.

During the 1830s, the Blodgetts settled in Stratton. It appears that their home was located in an 11-acre lot on the northeast corner of 9L1R, owned by Abraham Wheeler. McClellan's Map of 1856 does not indicate that a house existed there, however, Beer's Atlas of 1869, shows the Blodgetts living on this lot.

Charlotte Blodgett, born in 1841, probably their granddaughter, was living with them in 1850. By 1860, Jonas was living alone and by 1870, he was the only Blodgett living in Stratton. Jonas was named the only surviving heir of his grandson, Ziba Blodgett, in a court record dated April 29, 1871.

The Church Clerk of the Church of Christ in Stratton recorded "*Mr. Jonas Blodgett was baptized and admitted into the church in Stratton August 9, 1871.*" Jonas died there on December 12, 1873.

Children of Jonas and Polly were:

- 1) Jonas Prescott, born in 1811; died August 2, 1870; married Lucina.
- 2) James, born January 5, 1812; married Mary Blodgett on February 24, 1834.

**Jonas Prescott Blodgett**, son of Jonas and Polly Blodgett, was born about 1811. Jonas married Lucinda Albee who was born at Chesterfield, New Hampshire, on December 18, 1810. They came to Stratton in the 1830's and lived in the northeast corner of town. The Grand List of 1847 shows that they were renting 11L1R - the Wheeler farm. By 1860, Jonas had married a second time to Abby (?). She was born in 1819. Jonas evidently settled in Wardsboro, where he had purchased the Stephen Corbin farm. Jonas passed away on August 2, 1870, and was buried in the West Wardsboro Cemetery.

Children of Jonas and Lucinda:

- 1) Lucy Ann, born March 21, 1838; died April 12, 1864, at Wardsboro, Vermont; married Henry Albert Waite on September 1, 1858, at Stratton, Vermont.
  - 2) Ziba A., born July 6, 1839; died on August 29, 1864 (buried in the West Wardsboro Cemetery).
  - 3) William A., born in November, 1843, at Stratton, Vermont; died February 15, 1845, at Stratton, Vermont.
  - 4) Rosette M., born December 23, 1844; died February 18, 1864.
  - 5) Elbridge A., born June 3, 1849; married Rose I. Vaile on November 29, 1871.
  - 6) Horace A., born September 24, 1850, at Stratton, Vermont; died January 20, 1858, at Stratton, Vermont.
  - 7) Emma A., born March 18, 1852; died April 10, 1930.
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**Joseph Blodgett**, son of Levi and Keziah (Puffer) Blodgett, was born at Deerfield, Massachusetts, on May 2, 1800. Joseph married Irene P. Scott, daughter of Shepard and Eunice Scott of Townshend, Vermont. Irene was born on February 23, 1812. After the marriage, the Blodgetts settled in Townshend.

On January 13, 1837, Joseph purchased the west half of 12L1R in Stratton and they settled upon this lot soon after. The Blodgett farm was located at what is now the corner of *Pike's Falls Rd.*, and *North Rd.*. Blodgett Cemetery, the family's private plot, was located on their farm. On May 23, 1845, Joseph purchased the east half of 12L1R, doubling the size of his farm to 160 acres. Their house can be seen on McClellan's Map of 1856, in the northeast corner of Stratton. Apparently, it was sold to Calvin Newton Pike who was living there in 1869 (see Beer's Atlas).

Joseph was a farmer and also a baker. Irene passed away on March 10, 1858, and was buried in the family cemetery. Joseph apparently returned to Townshend after her death. He may have married a second time to Mary T. Benson<sup>1</sup>. Mary died on February 12, 1899.

Children of Joseph and Irene:

- 1) Cornelia, born August 15, 1833; died February 21, 1854, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 2) Oscar B., born September 30, 1836, at Townshend, Vermont; married 1) Ellen Benson 2)

Henrietta M. Waite on January 1, 1874, at Putney, Vermont.

- 3) Cirene, born September 18, 1840; died March 18, 1841, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 4) Royall Tyler, born April 18, 1842, at Stratton, Vermont; died April 17, 1897, at Brattleboro, Vermont; married Harriet Ella Johnson in January, 1878.
- 5) Hannah Luthera, born April 28, 1845; married Leslie D. Lowe.
- 6) Walter Elliot, born November 15, 1848; married Lucia Charlotte Barrett on July 17, 1870 (she was a daughter of Shubel and Lucy Barrett).
- 7) Llewellyn Shepard, born March 2, 1851, at Stratton, Vermont; died August 5, 1859, at Stratton, Vermont.

A child of Joseph and his second wife was:

- 8) Albert Joseph, born May 26, 1861; died March 12, 1863.

Notes:

- 1) The Blodgett Genealogy stated that Irene died in 1834 and in 1835 he married Mary T. Benson. This was obviously not correct, since Irene's gravestone recorded the correct death in 1858 and some of the children born after this time that died young have stones that call them children of J. and I. Blodgett. Therefore, if Joseph married Mary, it was after Irene's death in 1858.

**Oscar B. Blodgett**, son of Joseph and Irene Blodgett, was born on September 30, 1836, at Townshend, Vermont. Oscar married Eleanor Benson, daughter of John Benson, and they settled in Stratton after the marriage. Eleanor was born about 1839.

In 1862, Oscar's brother, Royal, was living with them and attending school in district #1 in Stratton. It appears that the Blodgetts removed to Stanstead, Canada, by 1865. By 1873, they had returned to Vermont and settled in Putney. Ellen died on March 4, 1873, apparently from complications during childbirth. She gave birth to a stillborn baby the day before her death.

Oscar then married Henrietta M. Waite, daughter of Luther and Asenath Waite of Stratton, on January 1, 1874, at Putney. Henrietta was born in 1831.

Children of Oscar and Ellen were:

- 1) Clarence A., born February 11, 1862, at Stratton, Vermont; married Otilie Boedekin on November 11, 1896, at Suffield, Connecticut.
- 2) Grace Irene, born August 18, 1866, at Stanstead, Canada; married Emerson E. Pratt on July 26, 1893, at Brattleboro, Vermont.
- 3) Ernest C., born September 8, 1867, in East Canada.
- 4) Nellie Jane, born March 3, 1871, in East Canada; married Herbert A. Blood on May 4, 1899, at Putney, Vermont.
- 5) (a child), stillborn March 3, 1873, at Putney, Vermont.

Additional Sources:

Ten Generations of Blodgetts in America  
by Edwin A. Blodgett 1969  
(There appears to be many errors in this work - therefore, some information above may be incorrect.)

## Blood

John and Jared Blood were among the proprietors that first settled

Stratton. Their father was Ensign Isaiah Blood of Charlton and South Brimfield, Massachusetts, born January 19, 1720/1. Their mother was Martha Thompson, daughter of John Jr. and Abigail (Thayer) Thompson of Oxford, Massachusetts. Isaiah and Martha were married on January 19, 1743/4. Martha may have been related to Elijah Thompson of Charlton, Massachusetts, who was active among Stratton's early Propriety. Martha passed away on October 23, 1767, and Isaiah remarried to Thamazin (Ellis) Hudson. Isaiah apparently bought land in Stratton in 1782/3, and he was still living in June, 1804.

**John Blood**, son of Isaiah and Martha Blood, was born on November 19, 1744. He married Mary (Green) Chamberlain, at Dudley, Massachusetts, on May 12, 1773. Mary was born on August 9, 1750, and was the widow of Samuel Chamberlain who had died on June 12, 1771. She had lived at Voluntown, Connecticut, at the time of her first marriage.

John and Mary resided in Dudley, where John was appointed to the school committee in 1775. During the American Revolution, John was a trumpeter in Captain Ebenezer Craft's Company, Colonel Learned's Regiment, which marched on April 20, 1775, in response to the alarm of the previous day. At that time, he served fifteen days. He may also have been the John Blood who served at Fort



Ticonderoga in 1776 and he may also have served at other times throughout the war.

John was the gentleman put in charge of establishing the first settlement in Stratton and of cutting the first road into the center of town. In his dealings in Stratton in 1781 to 1784, he is referred to as John Blood of Charlton, Massachusetts, and later of Pownal, Vermont. He lived in Pownal and was Town Clerk, Surveyor and Treasurer of that town in 1790.

In 1791, the Bloods moved to Saratoga, New York, and they were in Greenfield, New York in 1794. In 1802, John appeared in the church records of Ballston Spa, New York. In 1810, he was living in New Lisbon, Otsego County, New York. In 1814, John sold his lands in Saratoga County and was then a citizen of Laurens, New York.

John died at Laurens, New York, on April 27, 1828. Mary survived until April 15, 1835. John's will mentioned eight children living at the time of his death.

Children of John and Mary were:

- 1) Rachel, born May 2, 1774, at Dudley, Massachusetts.
- 2) Margaret, born October 4, 1775, at Dudley, Massachusetts.
- 3) Amos, born December 19, 1777, at Dudley, Massachusetts.
- 4) Phebe, born February 16, 1782, at Charlton, Massachusetts.
- 5) Isaiah, born April 9, 1784, at Pownal, Vermont.
- 6) John, born June 23, 1786, at Pownal, Vermont.
- 7) Mary, born April 27, 1789, at Pownal, Vermont.
- 8) Joseph, born October 18, 1791, at Pownal, Vermont.

**Jared Blood**, son of Isaiah and Martha Blood, was born on January 6, 1764. He married Esther (Upham) Lamb, daughter of Jonathan Upham and widow of Samuel Lamb, Jr., on May 5, 1785, at Sturbridge, Massachusetts. Esther was born about 1762. Jared was one of the three brothers in this family to marry three sisters in the Upham family.

During the American Revolution, Jared served as a Private in Captain Reuben Davis's Company, Colonel Luke Frury's Regiment. This Company was detached on July 17, 1781, and marched to join the Regiment on July 25, arriving at West Point on August 1, 1781. Jared was discharged on November 1, 1781 and had served three months and 21 days.

Jared was among the earliest settlers of Stratton, first buying land there on February 8, 1783, from his brother, John. Following the marriage, the Bloods settled in Stratton. Jared was Proprietor's Clerk from October 6, 1787, to May 27, 1789, and apparently moved to Pownal, Vermont, following that time. He was listed in the censuses of 1791 and 1800 in Pownal. He is last heard of in

a petition of Jared Blood et al of the Society of Methodists that was read before the Governor and Council on October 12, 1805.

During his time in Stratton, Jared bought and sold many parcels of land, as did his brother, John and father, Isaiah. It has been difficult determining where he may have lived; however, the most likely location for his homestead was 4L5R.

Children of Jared and Esther were:

- 1) Nancy, born November 18, 1787, at Stratton Vermont (in Pownal VRs); married Thomas Bushnell.
- 2) Polly, born January 8, 1789, at Stratton, Vermont (in Pownal VRs).

Additional Sources:

The Story of the Bloods by Roger Dean  
Harris, 1960  
Pownal, Vermont, VRs.

## Botsford

**Jesse H. Botsford** was born in Manchester, Vermont. He was a salesman and settled in Stratton before 1898. He married Ina May White, daughter of Lester and Sarah (Holmes) White. Ina was born at Stratton on June 28, 1875. A child of Jesse and Ina was:

- 1) Bula Bussell, born January 13, 1898, at Stratton, Vermont.

## Bounds

**Daniel Bounds**, a lumberman, was born in Troy, New York, about 1843. His wife, Charlotte Wilkinson was born in Rupert, Vermont, about 1845. They settled in Stratton just after the

Civil War. Daniel apparently had served during the war, probably in a New York regiment, and he was enrolled in the militia in Stratton in 1867. The Bounds had moved away before 1880.

Children of Daniel and Charlotte:

- 1) George, born in 1863.
- 2) James, born May 28, 1866, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 3) Burton Allen, born April 23, 1868, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 4) Grace, born March 25, 1870, at Stratton, Vermont.

## Bourn

**Abraham Bourn**, son of Abraham and Lydia (Cass) Bourn, was born about 1812 in New Hampshire. Abraham married Catherine Sage, daughter of Jared and Betsy Sage. Catherine was born in Jamaica about 1805. The Bourns resided in Jamaica, Vermont. Abraham donated some of his land for the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Pikes Falls and Catherine was one of its organizers. She died at Stratton on January 15, 1899.

Children of Abram and Catherine:

- 1) Sarah C., born about 1836 at Jamaica, Vermont; died October 2, 1904, at Stratton, Vermont; married 1) Henry Kimball Pike 2) Calvin Newton Pike on September 20, 1900.
- 2) Leander, married Marietta Tolman.

**George Frank Bourne**, son of Leander and Marietta (Tolman) Bourn, was born on January 17, 1869, at Jamaica, Vermont. In

1900, he was boarding in Stratton in the home of his Aunt Sarah C. Pike, widow of Henry Pike and daughter of Abram and Catherine Bourn. Frank, as he was called, married Susie E. Cowdry on June 25, 1891, at Jamaica. He took the Freeman's oath in Stratton in November, 1908. Frank apparently married a second time to Lizzie (?). He died on April 9, 1926, at Jamaica, Vermont.

A child of Frank and Susie was:

- 1) Esther Aurrella, born April 6, 1892; died October 8, 1893, at Jamaica, Vermont

**Nelson D. Bourn**, son of Daniel and Olive Bourn, was born on December 10, 1827, at Richmond, New Hampshire. He married Lucinda A. Mathers who was born on October 10, 1830, at Pittsford, Vermont. Apparently, the Bourns were living in Maine when their first daughter was born. They settled in Stratton soon after that time. In 1863, the town of Stratton paid Nelson to care for Mrs. Abigail Mason, widow of Royal Mason.

Lucinda died at Stratton on October 6, 1864. Nelson married a second time to Georgianna Hudson, daughter of James and Mary Hudson, on June 3, 1865, at Dover, Vermont, but they were divorced in June of 1870, in Cheshire County, New Hampshire. Georgianna was born in 1849.

Nelson died of consumption on February 5, 1871, at Fitzwilliam, New Hampshire.

Children of Nelson and Lucinda were:

- 1) Harriette E., born July 3, 1854, in Maine; died October 24, 1862, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 2) Ella Flora, born in 1858.
- 3) Sada, born June 2, 1863, at Stratton, Vermont.

Additional sources:

Notes of Melvin and Sherrill Bourn of Jacksonville, Florida.

## Boutell

The Boutell family of Leominster, Massachusetts, was the keystone of a group of families from that area that settled the western part of Stratton beginning in 1790. William and Persis Boutell were parents of at least three children who later settled in Stratton. The Boutells, the Hales, the Jacob Allen family, the Phineas Alden family, the John Ramor family and later, the Carter family were all interrelated and had purchased adjacent farms within Stratton.

Although William and Persis Boutell were never residents of Stratton, their immediate family should be included here, since several later resided in Stratton.

William Boutell was born about 1727. His wife, Persis Hubbard was born about 1735. William served during the American Revolution as a Private in Captain John Joslin's Company, Colonel Job Cushing's Worcester County Regiment that marched from Leominster during the last of July, 1777, to join Colonel Seth Warner at Bennington. He served for one month and seven days. He later

joined Lieutenant Samuel Stickney's Regiment and marched October 9, 1777, under command of Major Ebenezer Bridge to assist General Gates at Saratoga. This service lasted only 17 days.

William died on April 8, 1797, and Persis died on April 12, 1807, both in Leominster.

Children of William and Persis:

- 1) Judith, born August 4, 1758, at Leominster, Massachusetts.
- 2) Persis, born March 29, 1760, at Leominster, Massachusetts; died May 31, 1836, at Putney, Vermont; married Asa Washburn (intent published September 8, 1805).
- 3) Samuel, born November 20, 1761, at Leominster, Massachusetts; died January 18, 1822, at Stratton, Vermont; married Elizabeth Hale on November 25, 1790, at Leominster, Massachusetts.
- 4) John, born July 24, 1763, at Leominster, Massachusetts.
- 5) Sarah, born February 22, 1765, at Leominster, Massachusetts; died April 28, 1850, at Newfane, Vermont; married Jacob Allen on November 3, 1784, at Leominster, Massachusetts.
- 6) William, born October 19, 1766, at Leominster, Massachusetts; died October 16, 1843; married Tabitha White on August 22, 1787, at Leominster, Massachusetts.
- 7) Dolly, born May 12, 1768, at Leominster, Massachusetts.
- 8) Daniel (twin), born December 25, 1769, at Leominster, Massachusetts; married 1)

Grace Parker 2) Betsey Adams.

- 9) David (twin), born December 25, 1769, at Leominster, Massachusetts.
- 10) Oliver, born June 22, 1772, at Leominster, Massachusetts.
- 11) Caty, born February 27, 1775, at Leominster, Massachusetts.

**Samuel Boutell**, son of William and Persis Boutell, was born on November 20, 1761, at Leominster, Massachusetts. There, he married Elizabeth Hale, daughter of Samuel and Eleanor (Smith) Hale, on November 25, 1790. Elizabeth was born there on April 11, 1770.

Samuel served Massachusetts during the American Revolution. He appears on a muster in Worcester County serving in Capt. Timothy Butell's Co. Col. Rand's Regiment. He enlisted for nine months, mustering July 6, 1779, to serve in Rhode Island until Jan. 1, 1780. His name appeared in a list to reinforce the Continental army for a term of six months in June, 1780. A description had him listed at 5'10" tall, with a dark complexion, and 18 years of age. He marched to camp on July 12, 1780, under command of Ensign Gilbert. His name appeared among a list of men raised for the six month service by Brigadier General Paterson and he passed muster in a return dated Camp Totoway Oct. 25, 1780. Samuel was discharged on December 25, 1780.

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On June 27, 1785, Samuel and John Boutell, both of Leominster at that time, purchased the west half of 5L7R. John was Samuel's younger brother. Over the years, Samuel purchased and sold large amounts of land in Stratton as well as ten Proprietor's rights of the town's undivided lands.

Samuel and Elizabeth evidently came to Stratton just after their marriage in 1790. Samuel was called "of Stratton" in a deed dated June 13, 1791, and about that time, he built a farm on 5L7R. Samuel and Elizabeth's daughter, Elizabeth, died May 24, 1796. This was the first death noted in Stratton's records, although it may not have been the first death to occur in Stratton.

Samuel was elected Stratton's first Representative to the General Assembly of Vermont in 1799 during Stratton's first Freeman's meeting. He served as Stratton's Representative for 17 of the next 18 years. Samuel was also appointed Justice of the Peace and served in that capacity for 22 years. He also served as a Selectman and in other capacities for the town during his lifetime.

The Boutells were taken into the Church of Christ in Stratton in May, 1802. Elizabeth passed away at Stratton between 1807 and 1809, and Samuel then married Jane Hill, widow of Thomas Hill who had passed away in 1807. Thomas had owned a neighboring farm.

Jane was born about 1750, making her ten years Samuel's

senior. They were married at Stratton on December 28, 1809.

On May 24, 1814, Samuel was appointed Deacon of the Church and in September, 1814, Jane was taken into the Church. In 1820, Samuel sold his farm and house and he and Jane evidently moved into the home of Jonathan and Eber Hill, Jane's children, who still lived on the Hill homestead located north of Samuel's homestead. The Boutell homestead became Torrey's tavern within the next few years and was distinguished as being the place Daniel Webster slept following his speech at Stratton in 1840.

Samuel passed away at Stratton on January 18, 1822. Jane remained with her children and fell into poverty following Samuel's death. They became charges of the town and so the Selectmen bid off the care of Jane and her children to the lowest bidder in exchange for the Hill's property (the west half of 6L7R). Luther Torrey bid off the Hill lot in 1828, agreeing to care for Jane and her family in exchange. In September, 1831, the town agreed to add a new roof and re-sill her home. On October 30, 1834, Luther Purrington of Winhall, Vermont was deeded the Hill farm by the Selectmen. Purrington mortgaged it back to the Selectmen for \$1000.00 with an agreement that Mr. Purrington would care for Jane and her children for the remainder of their lives. Jane died on December 20, 1835, and her three children

followed within the next year. Mr. Purrington claimed the farm for himself following their deaths. Children of Samuel and Elizabeth:

- 1) Elizabeth, born October 14, 1791, at Stratton, Vermont; died May 24, 1796, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 2) Sally, born June 5, 1793, at Stratton, Vermont (admitted to the Church of Christ in Stratton on February 12, 1812); married Woodbridge Daniels on December 3, 1818, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 3) Persis, born June 11, 1795, at Stratton, Vermont; married Phineas Alden (of Dover, Vermont) on December 21, 1815, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 4) Elinor, born March 17, 1797, at Stratton, Vermont (admitted to the Church of Christ in Stratton on August 31, 1817).
- 5) Samuel, born June 2, 1799, at Stratton, Vermont; died October 29, 1875.
- 6) Betsey, born about 1801, at Stratton, Vermont (baptized in Stratton on July 17, 1803); died March 15, 1879; married Nathaniel Russell on November 12, 1820, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 7) Dolly, (baptized in Stratton on December 27, 1803).
- 8) Lydia, born December 20, 1806 (admitted to the Church of Christ in Stratton on March 6, 1825); died December 30, 1889.

**William Boutell**, son of William and Persis Boutell, was born on

October 19, 1766, at Leominster, Massachusetts. During the American Revolution, William served as a Private in Captain Joshua Wood's Company that marched on the alarm of April 19, 1775, to Cambridge, Massachusetts. He served for seven days.

William married Tabitha White, daughter of Josiah and Tabitha (Carter) White, at Leominster on August 22, 1787. Not long after the marriage, the Boutells settled in Stratton, probably residing in the home of William's brother, Samuel.

William was recorded as being "of Stratton" when he purchased the east half of 4L7R and 5 acres of 3L7R on January 22, 1790. This was the Isaiah Harvey lot located north of what is now called Grout Pond. William was not, however, recorded in Stratton's Census of 1791, although it is probable that William Boutell was mistakenly transcribed as "Warren Burch," a name that does not exist elsewhere in Stratton's records.

William and Tabitha had settled near the pond, evidently remaining there for about 15 years. The 1800 census lists William as head of a household with his wife, three boys under ten, one girl under ten and two girls ten to sixteen. The Boutells were taken into the Church of Christ in Stratton in May, 1802. William also served as a Lister and a Highway Surveyor for the town.

On November 16, 1805, William sold his farm to John Franklin of Townshend, Vermont, and on December 25, 1806, the Boutells were warned out of Townshend. On April 27, 1808, the Church Clerk recorded, "Voted Brother William Boutell and his wife dismissal from this church and recommended to the church in Townshend." The Townshend church recorded William as a member that same year. The move to Townshend from Stratton was also made by William's sister and her husband, Sarah and Jacob Allen - neighbors of the Boutells. William died on October 16, 1843.

Children of William and Tabitha:

- 1) Polly (or Sally), born December 14, 1787, at Leominster, Massachusetts.
- 2) Lucinda, born February 22, 1789, at Leominster, Massachusetts.
- 3) Susanna (Susa or Sukey), born February 4, 1792, at Leominster, Massachusetts.
- 4) William, Jr.
- 5) Artemas, born January 8, 1797; married Susan Ranson.
- 6) Josephas, baptized January 26, 1800.
- 7) James
- 8) Larra (baptized in Stratton on December 27, 1803).
- 9) Nancy (baptized in Stratton on April 16, 1805).

*and possibly:*

- 10) Oraton, married Mary Taft on January 1, 1834, at Putney, Vermont (*both of Townshend, Vermont. Oraton Boutell was*

*admitted to the Church of Christ in Townshend in 1823).*

## Bowker

**Edgar W. Bowker**, son of S. Wright and Henrietta A. (Halladay) Bowker, was born in 1858. He came to Stratton during the late 1870s and bought out the Hubbard and Metcalf sawmill on the east branch of the Deerfield River. In 1880, at age 21, Mr. Bowker was head of a household that included four other men all of whom probably worked at his sawmill. These gentlemen were: Michael Morissy, Marshall Garvey, John Williams and John Connell. John's wife, Ella J. Connell, was also residing in this house. Mr. Bowker sold the sawmill to Joel F. Grout that same year. Since then, the site has been known as the Grout Job. Edgar died on December 1, 1887, age 29, and was buried in the Williamsville Cemetery in Newfane, Vermont, in the family plot.

## Boyd

**Lorezo Boyd** was born in Vermont in September, 1824. He settled in Stratton about 1900 and was listed as a widower in that year's census. He was no longer in Stratton in 1910.

## Boyden

**Nathaniel Boyden** had already settled in Stratton before his purchase of 3L1R on February 26, 1838. This was the old Bixby farm. He apparently did not stay

long in Stratton. Nathaniel sold this lot to Amos Parsons on September 25, 1838, and evidently left town at that time. He was not listed in the 1840 census of Stratton.

## Boynouske

**Stanley Boynouske** was born about 1882 in Russia. In 1920, he was a lumberman in Stratton, living in the boarding house at the Grout Job.

## Bragg

**Alexander Bragg** married Mary Man on June 2, 1802. The Braggs came to Stratton about 1816. They were warned out of town by Stratton's Selectmen on March 10, 1817, and served notice by the constable on March 12, 1817. Alexander evidently died soon after. The Church Clerk of the Church of Christ in Stratton recorded "*Voted not to receive Widow Bragg into the church without better satisfaction*" on May 4, 1818. Mrs. Bragg apparently left Stratton before 1820.

## Bramin

**Ezra Bramin**, son of (?) Bramin and Chloe Willis, was born in 1830 at Somerset, Vermont. Ezra took his mother's maiden name, Willis (*See Ezra Willis below*). However, Stratton's town records show his birth and the birth of some of his children as surnamed Bramin.

## Brazer

**Paul E. Brazer** was born on March 31, 1911. His wife, H. Madeline Adams, was born on September 3, 1917. Paul served in the Navy during WWII.

The Brazers first lived at Ogdensburg, New York, then settled in Stratton in April, 1946, in the northeast corner of town on land on and around the area of *Pikes Falls Road, Brazers Way* and *County Rd.*, land which they had purchased from Raymond and Irene Styles in April, 1946 – apparently located in 11L1R. The Brazers were very active in town affairs. Paul was chairman of the Selectboard for several years and he built Stratton's Town Hall on the site of the old Wyman Hotel, across from the church.

Paul died on August 18, 1989, and he was buried in North Cemetery. Madeline died on November 22, 1997 and she was buried beside Paul.

A child of Paul and Madeline:

- 1) Carolyn, married Stewart John Underwood.

## Briggs

**Thomas Briggs** was living in Stratton in 1855 and his children were attending school in district #5 that year. He was placed in school district #6 in March, 1859. He lived on the *Stratton-Arlington Rd.*, near the Wardsboro border. This house was later owned by Ralph Pike (see McClellan's Map of 1856).

His children were:

- 1) Roselana
  - 2) Alma
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**Bert Briggs** was born in New York in February, 1876. He came to Stratton by 1900 and worked as a lumberman at the Grout Job. In 1900, he was listed as a boarder in the Grout boarding house, located at the site. Bert moved away from Stratton before 1910.

## Brooks

**Rufus Brooks**, son of Samuel and Chloe Brooks, was born at Vernon, Vermont, in January, 1808. His wife, Hannah M., was born about 1815. The Brooks settled in Stratton during the 1860s and Rufus was elected a highway surveyor in 1871. They lived on the old Glazier homestead on 8L1R, located just off *Mountain Rd.* on a farm later referred to as the Brown farm.

Rufus died at Stratton on May 11, 1880. Hannah had either passed away before Rufus or she left Stratton soon after his death.

**George Brooks** apparently lived in Stratton in the late 1890s. A map of Stratton drawn just prior to 1900 shows him occupying a farm in 12L2R on *Pikes Falls Rd.* on the Winhall border (see FA White on Beer's Atlas of 1869).

**H. M. Brooks** was born about 1812. He settled in Stratton during the 1870s and he was living there alone in 1880. He probably died, or he had moved away from Stratton before 1900.

## Brown

**Moses Brown** of Ware, Massachusetts, and his wife, Mary

(or Mercy), settled in Stratton, after buying the east half of 4L4R on April 4, 1817. Moses removed his relation from the Church of Christ in Ware, Massachusetts, to the Church of Christ in Stratton on October 14, 1817. He was elected Constable and Collector for Stratton at the March meeting of 1818; however, the Browns moved away from town on December 29 of that same year.

**George Brown** was born about 1845 in Danby, Vermont. He married Estella M. Boutwell, daughter of Milo and Abigail (Johnson) Boutwell on February 4, 1875. Stella was born in Jamaica, Vermont, on May 15, 1859.

George was a peddler and settled in Stratton during the 1870s, apparently settling on the old Glazier farm on the north half of 8L1R. He died there in 1899 and was buried in Ball Cemetery. Stella died on February 5, 1938, at Orange, Massachusetts, and was buried in Ball Cemetery.

Children of George and Stella:

- 1) George H., born February 24, 1876, at Stratton, Vermont; died October 3, 1876, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 2) William James, born September 6, 1877, at Stratton, Vermont; died in 1901.
- 3) Frank A., born August 20, 1882, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 4) Bert Cleveland, born July 5, 1885, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 5) Edwin M., born May 15, 1888, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 6) Abbie Florence, born June 20, 1894, at Stratton, Vermont.

- 7) Mary J., born November 6, 1892, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 8) George, Jr., born in 1897; died in 1919 - during WWI.

**George Brown, Jr.**, son of George and Stella M. Brown, was born about 1897 in Stratton. George enlisted during WWI. He apparently died in the service in 1919 and was buried in Ball Cemetery.

**Katie R. Brown** was born about 1875. In 1880, she was living in Stratton with her uncle and aunt, Lewis and Phoebe Wilder. She no longer lived in Stratton in 1900.

**Florencia Brown** attended school in Stratton's district #5 in 1863.

## Brownell

(Bunnell)

**John Brownell** (or Bunnell) was born about 1838 at New Haven, Connecticut. His wife, Eliza Wilkinson was born about 1854. She was originally from Sandgate, Vermont, and she was probably a sister of Charlotte Wilkinson, wife of Daniel Bounds.

The Brownells had settled in Stratton by 1870, but had moved out of town by 1880.

Their child was:

- 1) Warren Augustus, born September 18, 1870, at Stratton, Vermont.

**Frank W. Brownell** and his wife, Margueritte P., of Braintree, Massachusetts, purchased one acre at the corner of *Pike Hollow Rd.* and the old road called the

*Limekiln Farm Rd.* on December 2, 1935. There, they built the cabin now occupied by DR Holton (2000).



**Frank Brownell**

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## Buck

**William P. Buck**, son of Philo and Sally Buck, was born about 1836 and apparently grew up in Sunderland. He married Virginia "Helen" Allen, daughter of Ebenezer and Lucy Allen. Helen was born on May 15, 1843, at Stratton.

The Bucks first settled in Sunderland, Vermont, then settled in Stratton by 1869. William's father, Philo, purchased lands in the western part of Stratton in 1841 and was apparently involved in a logging operation there.

William and Helen's home was located on the north side of the *Stratton-Arlington Rd.*, just west of *Knowlton Farm Rd.* and on the northwest corner of 1L2R.

The Bucks left Stratton before 1880. In 1907, Helen was living in Arlington, Vermont.

Children of William and Helen:

- 1) Martha, born about 1865.
- 2) Cora Irene, born February 23, 1876, at Stratton, Vermont.

## Bugby

**Cyrus F. Bugby** was born between 1810 and 1820. He moved to Stratton before 1839 and married Sarah Ann Potter, there on October 6, 1839. Sarah was born between 1820 and 1825. The Bugbys had left Stratton by 1850.

## Burk

**McColon Burk** and his wife, Anna, were of French descent. They apparently settled in Stratton in the Fall of 1865, coming from Camden, New York. They had removed from town by 1870.

A child of McColon and Anna:

- 1) Laura, born August 18, 1865, at Camden, New York; died October 12, 1865, at Stratton, Vermont

## Burt

**Asahel Burt**, son of Captain Joseph and Mary (Burt) Burt, was born on August 29, 1774, at Westmoreland, New Hampshire. Asahel married Charlotte McBride at Athol, Massachusetts, on November 14, 1802.

On January 9, 1808, Asahel purchased the northeast corner of 2L4R, and apparently settled thereon. The house was located south-southwest of the *Stratton-*

*Arlington Rd. - West Jamaica Rd.* intersection on the ridge, and it was later occupied by Stephen Ballard (see McClellan's map of 1856). Asahel and Charlotte settled in Stratton at that time. On December 12, 1808, Asahel took the Freeman's oath and about that same time he purchased a 26-acre lot located west of, and adjacent to, the meetinghouse lot in 4L4R and 4L5R. This was during the time that the meetinghouse was being built and so Asahel, whose occupation was a painter, undoubtedly was hired to paint the new structure. The remains of the farmhouse in which they lived still exist just a few yards west of the town common.

As was the custom for newcomers, the Burts were warned out of town within a year of their arrival on February 25, 1809, and served notice by Stratton's constable on March 3, 1809. Asahel sold 50 acres of 2L4R on March 7, 1809. Within the next year, the Burts removed to Scaghtikak, Rensselaer County, New York. Asahel sold the lot by the meetinghouse that included a dwelling house and barn to Augustus Burt (possibly his brother) on September 14, 1810. The Burts were not included in Stratton's 1810 census.

## Butler

**Fitzalen H. Butler** and his wife, Angie, came to Stratton from Plymouth, Vermont, about 1876. Fitzalen was Stratton's Free-Will Baptist minister from that time

until May, 1879. He preached his last sermon in Stratton on Sunday, May 25, 1879. He and his family then removed to Franklin, New York.

Their children were:

- 1) Alice M., born February 25, 1877, at Stratton, Vermont; died June 18, 1877, at Stratton, Vermont (of pneumonia).
- 2) (a daughter), born October 3, 1878, at Stratton, Vermont.

## Byclura

**Charles Byclura** was born about 1890 in Lithuania. In 1920, Charles was a lumberman working in Stratton and living in the boarding house at the Grout Job.

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### Canedy

**Clarence Truman Canedy**, son of Israel and Elmira (Sanders) Canedy, was born on December 2, 1873 at Halifax, Vermont. He came to Stratton sometime before 1919 and lived for a time on the Orrin Johnson farm<sup>1</sup>. This farm was located on what is now *Penny Avenue* on the site currently occupied by the Pickerings. At some point, he resided on the road named for him - *Canedy Rd.* in 3L1R. He apparently was in the sugaring business and he owned a row of maples along this road in the early 1920s.

Clarence died on January 30, 1959 at Brattleboro, Vermont. He was buried in Ball Cemetery.

Additional Sources:

1) *VT Phoenix* July 25, 1919

## Cannon

**George Cannon** was born between 1790 and 1800. He married Abigail Wellman, daughter of Ebenezer and Eunice Wellman before 1824. Abigail was born on October 22, 1798, at Mansfield, Massachusetts, and came to Stratton with her parents in 1813. Following the marriage, the Cannons evidently settled in with Abigail's family and were living there in 1824. The Wellman farm was located on 2L2R - east of what is now *Knowlton Farm Rd.* They may have settled elsewhere, but apparently returned to live with the Wellmans by 1830. They had a son John, born in 1824 in Stratton. The 1840 census indicated that besides John, the Cannons also had three sons and a daughter born between 1825 and 1830, and a daughter born between 1830 and 1835. Abigail died at Wardsboro, Vermont, on November 29, 1875.

Their children were:

- 1) Joseph Howard
- 2) John Howard, born February 5, 1824, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 3) Franklin
- 4) Frances
- 5) Jane

**Joseph Howard Cannon**, son of George and Abigail Cannon, was living with Hartford Wellman in 1844 and attending school in the Stratton Somerset United district.

## Carroll

**Henry L. Carroll** was born about 1847. He may not have resided in Stratton; however, during the Civil War, Henry enlisted for Stratton - a one-year enlistment, beginning on March 28, 1865. Henry was assigned to Company G of the Vermont 17th Regiment, mustering in on March 1, 1865. He mustered out just four and a half months later on July 14. If Henry settled in Stratton after the war, he had left town before the 1870 census was taken.

## Carter

**Ephraim Carter**, son of Deacon Ephraim and Joanna (Wheelock) Carter, was born on March 17, 1772, at Leominster, Massachusetts. He married Polly "Patty" Phelps there on September 28, 1794. Patty<sup>1</sup> was born in 1768 and may have been the daughter of Abel and Eunice Phelps. The Carters were members of the church in Leominster and had their four oldest children all baptized there on December 26, 1803. They remained in Leominster at least through 1817. This was the year that Ephraim's father died and also the year their daughter, Abigail, was baptized at Leominster.

The Carters settled in Stratton before 1820. At that time, Ephraim was called Captain Carter and he took the Freeman's oath in Stratton on March 29, 1820. Ephraim was given credit for clearing the farm on Grout Pond, as it is now called. Before the arrival of the Carters, the pond

was known as Holman Pond. Once the Carters had settled there, it was called Carter Pond (as seen on McClellan's map of 1856). Ephraim paid taxes on 2L7R in 1820, along with Abel Phelps who was probably Patty's father. This lot was located southwest of the Pond and was previously occupied by Russell Haynes. Ephraim probably settled into the Haynes farm. Later, his son, Leander purchased large amounts of land in this area including 3L7R to the north of his father's lot.

On March 6, 1825, Ephraim and Patty, along with their children, Abigail, Leander and Martha were accepted as members of the Church of Christ in Stratton.

By 1830, a woman aged 70 to 80 was living with the Carters. This woman was likely Patty's mother (Eunice). The Carters remained in Stratton through 1832, then evidently went west to Ohio with their son, Leander, and his family that year. Patty died in 1836.

Children of Ephraim and Patty:

- 1) (a child), born in March, 1795; died May 7, 1795, at Leominster, Massachusetts.
- 2) Lucy, born October 1, 1796; baptized December 26, 1803, at Leominster, Massachusetts; died December 25, 1874.
- 3) Henry, born in 1800; baptized December 26, 1803, at Leominster, Massachusetts; died March 20, 1882.
- 4) Louisa, born in 1802; baptized December 26, 1803, at

- Leominster, Massachusetts; died September 30, 1870.
- 5) Wilder, baptized December 26, 1803, at Leominster, Massachusetts; died May 16, 1877; married Dolly Sawyer.
  - 6) Leander, born April 14, 1806; baptized April 20, 1806, at Leominster, Massachusetts; died September 19, 1878, at Ashland, Ohio; married Nancy Mann Richardson on April 14, 1831, at Stratton, Vermont.
  - 7) Thirza, baptized May 8, 1808, at Leominster, Massachusetts.
  - 8) Martha, baptized September 17, 1810, at Leominster, Massachusetts; married Ephraim Slocum on August 21, 1856.
  - 9) Abigail, born in 1814; baptized December 20, 1817, at Leominster, Massachusetts; married Thomas Jones (intent published on May 15, 1836, at Stratton, Vermont).

Notes:

- 1) Polly may have been a daughter of Abel and Eunice Phelps who owned 2L7R. Abel died about 1827. Others who were involved in the sale of his lands on 1/1/1828 were his widow, Eunice; Sumner Phelps and wife, Dolly; David Phelps and wife Rhoda, all of Leominster and Abel Phelps (Jr.) of Boston.

**Leander Carter**, son of Ephraim and Patty Carter, was born in Leominster, Massachusetts, on April 14, 1806. He was baptized there on April 20, 1806, and came to Stratton with his parents, where he gained the title of "lieutenant." Leander married Nancy Mann Richardson, a daughter of Timothy and Nancy Richardson, on April 14, 1831, at Stratton.

Nancy was born in Franklin, Massachusetts, on December 15, 1808.

On April 7, 1828, Leander purchased 3L7R, the lot north of his father's lot. He apparently settled in the house on that lot, which was located at the top of the hill where the road currently descends to the parking area for the pond. Leander also purchased many other parcels of land in Stratton, including part of his father-in-law's farm (the Richardson farm) on 5L6R.

In 1832, soon after Leander and Nancy were marriage, the Carters went west and settled in the Western Reserve, Ashland County, Ohio. Leander allowed Bezaliel Lawrence of Leominster, who held a mortgage on the farm by the pond, to foreclose. Many years later, a descendant of the Carters sent back a trunk that they had used to carry their belongings west in. The trunk is kept as part of the Russell Collection in East Arlington.

Leander died at Ashland, Ohio, on September 19, 1878.

Children of Leander and Nancy:

- 1) Hiland Mann, born August 10, 1832, at Stratton, Vermont (baptized in Stratton on December 2, 1832).
- 2) Martha A., born February 16, 1835.
- 3) Eliza L., born March 27, 1837; died February 2, 1875.
- 4) Vermelia, born October 11, 1838.
- 5) Mary, born April 8, 1841.
- 6) Caroline, born March 2, 1843.

- 7) William H., born December 3, 1847.
- 8) Augustus E., born October 15, 1849.

## Casey

**J. Henry Casey**, son of James and Elizabeth (McCourt) Casey, was born in New Brunswick, Canada, about 1866. He came to Stratton and worked as a laborer at one of the lumber camps there. He married Augusta S. Allen, daughter of John and Sarah (VanTassell) Allen, on December 1, 1902. Augusta was born at Northampton, New York, about 1883.

## Centor

(Center)

**John Centor**, a Canadian, was born about 1815. He married Hannah Burke of Salem, New York. Hannah was born about 1829. The Centors settled in Stratton about 1876 and moved away before 1900.

Children of John and Ann were:

- 1) Hiram J. (*possible*)
- 2) George, born about 1859.
- 3) Maria Fanny, died in Rupert, Vermont; married Riley Davidson.
- 4) Frank, born about 1864.
- 5) Charles, born about 1870.
- 6) Laura, born about 1873.
- 7) Emma Etta<sup>1</sup>, born July 19, 1877, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 8) Martin<sup>1</sup>, born about 1877.
- 9) Blanche, born about 1880.

Notes:

- 1) Stratton's vital records gives Emma's birth as July 19, 1877; however, the 1880 census shows that she was born

about 1875 and that Martin was born about 1877.

**Hiram J. Center**, possibly a son of John and Hannah Centor, was accepted into the Church of Christ in Stratton on October 18, 1874. He was not fully accepted into the church at that time because he wanted to be baptized by immersion and preparations for such a baptism had not been made. This marked the end of the Church records and the Church ceased to exist about this time. So, Mr. Center may never have been baptized into Stratton's Church. Hiram took the Freeman's oath in Stratton in 1876.

## Chamberlain

**Charlie Chamberlain**, son of Rodney and Helen Chamberlain, was born in June, 1863. He came to Stratton with his widowed mother who married Calvin Shepardson there in 1876. At that time, his sister Lettie (born in 1866) was with them. Charlie resided in Stratton well into his middle age. In 1900, he was still living with his widowed mother, but by 1910, he had moved away.

## Chase

The Chase family had a large representation within Stratton at an early time - most as wives using their husbands' surnames. Deacon Abel Chase of Sutton, Massachusetts, and his wife, Sarah Holman, daughter of Solomon Holman (related to the Holmans of Stratton), had two

daughters that came to Stratton - Mary, wife of Francis Kidder, and Ruth, wife of Anthony Sigourney. A grandson, Isaac Chase, son of their son, Abel Chase and his wife Judith Gale<sup>1</sup>, daughter of Isaac and Judith Gale, also settled in Stratton (*Isaac is profiled below*). Others of this family that came to Stratton were the children of Hannah Chase, wife of Eliakim Garfield and also Dorcas Chase, wife of Abel Grout and daughter of Henry and Abigail Chase of Sutton. Dorcas was distantly related to Deacon Abel Chase's line.

Note:

1) Judith's brother, Nehemiah Gale, owned much land in Stratton and several of his children settled in Stratton.

**Isaac Chase**, son of Abel and Judith (Gale) Chase, was born in Sutton, Massachusetts, on September 12, 1761. During the American Revolution, Isaac served in Captain Andrew Elliot's Company, Colonel Jonathan Holman's Regiment, which marched September 26, 1777, to reinforce the Northern Army at the taking of General Burgoyne. This service lasted 30 days. Isaac also served in Captain John Putnam's Company, Colonel Wade's Regiment, which marched from Worcester on June 20, 1778, to join General Sullivan's Army at Providence. This was a 26-day service. The Company then detached from Colonel John Holman's Regiment for 21 days of service. Isaac was also named on a descriptive list of men returned by Seth Washburn,

Superintendent of Worcester County, as serving with Captain Elliot's Company, Colonel Davis's Regiment, age 18, stature 5'1" (or 5'7") with a light complexion. This Regiment marched to Springfield, Massachusetts, on July 8, 1779. This was a nine-month enlistment beginning June 29, 1779.

Following the war, Isaac married Sarah Bond, daughter of Josiah and Sarah (Melendy) Bond, on January 8, 1789, at Sutton. Sarah was born there on September 21, 1769.

Isaac and Sarah moved to Stratton, where Isaac had purchased the east half of 5L3R on December 29, 1785. This was the lot upon which the Chases settled and the remains of their home can still be found north and east of the *Shepardson Rd. / West Jamaica Rd.* intersection. Isaac also had purchased other lots such as 10L1R (200 acres) on May 17, 1785, but he sold this land before moving to Stratton.

The Chases were among a large group of early Stratton settlers from Sutton, many of whom were related. The Chases probably settled in Stratton in 1787. On June 3, 1787, Isaac was elected temporary Proprietor's Clerk of Stratton for a meeting held that day in Stratton. On May 28, 1788, he was a member of a committee to transfer papers to the Proprietor's new treasurer, and on May 27, 1789, he was elected Proprietor's Treasurer. Isaac was listed as head of a household in Stratton in 1791.

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On September 25, 1793, Isaac was a member of a committee representing the inhabitants of Stratton at a proprietor's meeting concerning a petition to the Vermont General Assembly about an acreage problem within the survey of Stratton.

The Chases evidently resettled in Newfane, Vermont, in 1794, and Isaac sold his farm on February 10, 1795, to Clark Stone.

In 1797, the Chase family moved from Newfane to Westford, Vermont, where Isaac was listed among the original members of the Westford Baptist Church on December 23, 1798. Isaac became a deacon of that church. He served Westford in various town offices for many years, including Selectman. Isaac died there on January 9, 1833, and Sarah followed on July 7, 1841. They were buried in Pleasant View Cemetery, in Westford.

Children of Isaac and Sarah were:

- 1) Truman, born January 17, 1790, at Stratton, Vermont; died April 28, 1871; married Laura Ballard on January 2, 1816.
- 2) Irah, born October 5, 1793, at Stratton, Vermont; died on November 1, 1864, at Newton, Massachusetts; married 1) Harriet Savage on March 15, 1821 2) Martha Raymond on October 13, 1835.
- 3) Peter, born May 2, 1796, at Newfane, Vermont; died May 10, 1866, at Enosburg, Vermont; married Martha Stewart on August 28, 1821.
- 4) Isaac, born November 3, 1798, at Westford, Vermont; married Elitha Naranda Ballard.
- 5) Sarah, born August 5, 1810, at Westford, Vermont; died September 13, 1871, at Elgin, Illinois; married John Morse on September 7, 1828.

**Truman Chase**, son of Isaac and Sarah Chase, was born at Stratton, on January 17, 1790. As a boy, he lived in Newfane, Vermont, before settling in Westford, Vermont, with his parents in 1797. Truman married Laura Ballard, daughter of Joseph and Mary (Loomis) Ballard on January 2, 1816, at Georgia, Vermont. Laura was born on November 11, 1794, at Georgia. The Chases settled in Westford. Truman passed away there on April 26, 1871, and Laura died there on March 28, 1872. Laura was buried at Westford in Pleasant View Cemetery.

Children of Truman and Laura:

- 1) Royal Ballard, born December 15, 1816, at Westford, Vermont.
- 2) Mariette, born March 17, 1820, at Westford, Vermont.
- 3) Laura Marie, born November 24, 1822, at Westford, Vermont.
- 4) Julia Ann, born July 6, 1824, at Westford, Vermont.
- 5) Henry Loomis, born September 9, 1832, at Westford, Vermont.

**Irah Chase**, son of Isaac and Sarah Chase, was born in Stratton, on October 5, 1793. When Irah was young, his father

moved the family to Westford, Vermont. Irah graduated from Middlebury College in 1814, and from Andover Theological Seminary in 1817. He was ordained a Baptist minister at Danvers on September 17, 1817, and was associated with Dr. William Staughton in establishing the first Baptist Theological School in this country in Philadelphia in 1822. Irah was professor of biblical literature there. The school moved to Washington and became part of Columbian College. In 1825, Irah removed to Newton, Massachusetts, and took part in establishing Newton Theological Institute. Irah was a professor of Biblical Theology there until 1836, then taught Ecclesiastical History until 1845. He published Remarks on the Book of Daniel in 1844, Life of John Bunyan, The Design of Baptism in 1851; The Work Claiming to be the Constitution of the Holy Apostles, and Infant Baptism an Invention of Man.

Irah married Harriet Savage, daughter of Timothy Savage of Wilmington, North Carolina, there on March 15, 1821. She died on May 2, 1834, at Newton, Massachusetts. Irah married secondly, Martha Raymond, daughter of Jonathan and Patty (Downs) Raymond, on October 13, 1835, at Middlebury, Massachusetts. Irah died at Newton on November 1, 1864.

Children of Irah and Harriet were:

- 1) Harriet
- 2) William Stoughton

- 3) Henry Savage, born June 17, 1825, at Washington, DC; married Sarah Grano Leverett on December 25, 1857.
- 4) Irah
- 5) Heman Lincoln
- 6) Thomas Small
- 7) Harriet Emma, died May 15, 1835, at Newton, Massachusetts.

Children of Irah and Martha:

- 8) Martha
- 9) Sarah Emma

Additional Sources:

Chase Family History taken from Vermont Families in 1791, Volume 1 pg 30, 31.

## Cheney

**John F. Cheney** was born about 1898 in Massachusetts. In 1920, John was a lumberman working in Stratton and living in the boarding house at the Grout Job.

## Cigler

**Dino Cigler** and his wife Mina Pasquelin came to America from Italy. Dino probably worked at one of Stratton's sawmills.

A child of Dino and Mina was:

- 1) Mary E., born June 23, 1904, at Stratton, Vermont.

## Clark

**Olive H. Clark** was a teacher in Stratton in 1835.

**John Clark** was born in England about 1815. In 1860, he was living in Stratton in the home of Leander and Mary Fuller. At that time, Esther Clark, aged 60, and Augusta Clark, aged 4, were there

also. Although Esther would have been only 15 or 16 when John was born, she may have been John's mother. Augusta was likely his daughter and Mary Fuller, who was born about 1831, was probably his sister. John died at Stratton on December 31, 1860.

## Clayton

**Royal M. Clayton**, son of Almon and Betsey (Landman) Clayton, was born in March, 1854, in Vermont (evidently a twin brother of John below). He married Sarah M. Pike, daughter of Henry and Sarah Pike in 1892. Sarah, or Sadie as she was called, was born in March 1874, at Jamaica, Vermont. The Claytons were living in the home of Sarah's mother, Sarah Pike, in 1900. In 1902, Royal purchased his mother-in-law's farm – 11LIR and remained on this farm. In the 1910 census, Sarah claimed to have no children, but they had two young girls living with them. Apparently, they were foster children.

The Claytons remained in Stratton possibly until 1926, when they sold their farm to Mason Jones.

Royal passed away in 1941. Sarah died on April 20, 1957, at Brattleboro, Vermont. They were buried in the Pike's Falls Cemetery in Jamaica, Vermont. The foster-children cared for by Royal and Sarah were:

- 1) Linda V., born in February, 1897, in Vermont; married Charles Herbert Linscott.

- 2) Leola V., born about 1906 in Pennsylvania.

**John A. Clayton**, son of Almon and Betsey (Landman) Clayton, was born March 19, 1854, at Jamaica, Vermont (evidently a twin of Royal above). John married Adah M. Richmond, daughter of Otis A. and Laura (Ware) Richmond. Adah was born on December 1, 1853, in Massachusetts. The Claytons were married about 1881 and settled in Stratton between 1900 and 1910. They lived where the Stratton Golf School is now located, on the farm later owned by Floyd Hurd. In 1910, they had a foster-son, Gilbert W. Wood, who was born about 1898 in Vermont. By 1920, the Claytons were living alone in Stratton. John died at Stratton on April 4, 1928, and Adah followed on February 28, 1930. During Adah's last years, she lived with the Hurd family who had purchased the Clayton farm after John's death. The Claytons were buried in Pike's Falls Cemetery, in Jamaica.

## Clemons

**Alexander Clemons** was born in May 1822. He came to Stratton about 1900, and he was living in the home of Franklin and Albina Fish that year. He may have been Albina's father. Alexander was no longer in Stratton by 1910.

## Cloaky

**Archy Cloaky** was born in Canada. He married Minnie (?)

who was born in Weston, Vermont. Archy was a lumberman who came to Stratton about 1899.

A child of Archy and Minnie was:

- 1) Mary Jane, born October 30, 1899, at Stratton, Vermont.

## Closson

**Joseph Closson**, a resident of Easton, New York, purchased the east half of 5L8R from Joel Hale on March 27, 1801. Hale had lived in Stratton, then resettled in Easton. Joseph settled in Stratton shortly after buying the lot and remained in Stratton through the end of 1804. He sold his land in Stratton to Mishal Bradlee of Easton on November 18, 1804, and left town soon thereafter.

## Clough

(also see Clow)

**George Clough** was born about 1835. He married Minerva Parsons, who was born about 1839. The Cloughs settled in Stratton and were listed in the 1860 census there.

During the Civil War, George enlisted on January 13, 1862, and mustered into Company H, of the Vermont 8th Regiment on February 12, 1862. When his first enlistment expired, he reenlisted on March 5, 1864, and finally mustered out of service on June 28, 1865. Following the war, George returned home to Stratton; however, he and his family moved away before 1870.

Children of George and Minerva:

- 1) Charles, born in 1856.
- 2) Elizabeth, born in 1858.

- 3) Mariette, born October 30, 1860, at Stratton, Vermont.

A child born to Minerva (George was not the father)

- 4) Clara E., born January 5, 1863, at Stratton, Vermont.

Another child of George and Minerva was:

- 5) Henry P., born April 11, 1866, at Stratton, Vermont.

## Clow

(also see Clough)

**Hannah Clow**, wife of Peter Clow, became a member of the Church of Christ in Stratton on March 6, 1825. She was not mentioned in any other Stratton record. She was probably born Hannah Palmer, daughter of Isaac and Johanna (Mott) Palmer, on December 22, 1790. She married Peter Clow, son of Henry and Rebecca (Deforest) Clow and they resided for a time in Seaforth, Ontario, Canada. Hannah died at Nodine, Minnesota, on April 6, 1876.

A child of Peter and Hannah was:

- 1) Johanna, born July 26, 1818, at Seaforth, Ontario, Canada; died February 23, 1905, at Nodine, Minnesota.

## Coates

**Ezekiel Bradford Coates**, son of Hezekiah and Eleanor (Porter) Coates, was born on September 30, 1829, at Heath, Massachusetts. About 1849, Ezekiel settled in West Townshend, Vermont, and opened a shoemaker's shop. He married

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Eliza Goodell of Readsboro, Vermont, on March 12, 1851. Eliza was born in Rowe, Massachusetts. The Coates family settled in Stratton about 1857, but moved away before 1860.



**Ezekiel Bradford Coates**  
(1829 – 1905)

Photo from the Vermont Phoenix

During the Civil War, Ezekiel was a corporal in Company D of the Vermont 16th Regiment. He enlisted on August 29, 1862, and fought at Gettysburg. He mustered out on August 10, 1863. The next year, 1864, Eliza passed away.

After the war, Ezekiel worked in Jamaica, Vermont, then again took up shoemaking in Wardsboro, Vermont. He married Charlotte R. Moran there on October 5, 1867. In 1871, they removed to Brattleboro, Vermont, and in 1876 they bought a farm in Newfane, Vermont. The Coates family returned to Brattleboro in 1881, where Ezekiel worked as a carpenter and casemaker for the Estey Organ Company until 1887.

He then became janitor for the high school. Ezekiel died in late 1905.

Children of Ezekiel and Eliza:

- 1) Abel C., born in July, 1853; died May 10, 1858, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 2) Elnora B., born March 10, 1858, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 3) Albert O.
- 4) Adelbert A.
- 5) (a daughter), married C. N. Boynton.

Children of Ezekiel and Charlotte:

- 6) Leon B.
- 7) Harvey
- 8) (a daughter), married Luther L. Maynard.

## Cobb

**William Cobb** was accepted as a member of the Church of Christ in Stratton on October 17, 1874. His wife's name may have been Sylvia K.. William may have been the Samuel W(illiam) Cobb, who had lived in Randolph, Vermont, in 1821.

A child of Samuel W. and Sylvia:

- 1) Elias, born September 20, 1821, at Randolph, Vermont; married Abbie A. (?).

**Elias Cobb**, son of Samuel W. and Sylvia Cobb, was born on September 20, 1821. Elias' wife, Abbie A., was born about 1822. The Cobbs came to Stratton about 1874 and settled in the northeastern part of town. In 1876, Elias was elected a Selectman of Stratton. In 1880, a woman who was very likely Elias's mother, Sylvia K. Cobb,

aged 84, was living with them. The Cobbs moved away from Stratton in 1883.

A child of Elias and Abbie was:

1) Edwin R., born about 1864.

## Coes

**John Coes Jr.** was living in Stratton in 1806. At that time, John was evidently living with Susannah and Anna Gale. Susannah was the widow of Isaac Gale and Anna was her daughter. On June 28, 1806, the Selectmen separately warned John Coes and Susannah Gale out of Stratton, as was the custom for newcomers.

In January, 1808, John purchased the west half of 4L4R with the exception of the town common. In December, 1808, he sold this lot and purchased the west half of the school lot, 8L2R, but immediately sold it. It is unclear where they were living during those years, possibly on the east half of 10L2R; however, after selling these lots, John, Susannah and Anna must have settled away from Stratton.

On April 17, 1810, Susannah purchased the west half of 5L4R. All three settled upon this lot. The dwelling house was probably on the site of Oliver Morsman's home, built in 1783. Remains of the house can still be seen several hundred yards west of the gate at the end of *Shepardson Rd.* The census of 1810 shows John as head of the household with two females, one aged 16 to 26 (Anna) and the other aged 26 to 45 (Susannah).

On January 17, 1811, and within a year of their move back to Stratton, John, Susannah and Anna were all warned out of town again. Although warnings out were more of a formality to protect the town, in this case Stratton's Selectmen may have been more serious about them leaving Stratton. This is speculation based on the fact that after many years of living together unmarried, John and Susannah filed an intent to marry on May 26, 1811, not too long after the warning. They were married on June 13, 1811, at Stratton and John took the Freeman's oath in Stratton on September 3, 1811.

Susannah was admitted into the Church of Christ in Stratton on December 13, 1812, and she was baptized at that same time. By 1820, the Coes had moved out of town evidently to Arlington, Vermont. John apparently passed away before 1823. Following John's death, Susannah published an intent to marry Ira Scott in early 1824 and they were soon married. In a deed dated September 14, 1827, Susannah was called Susannah Scott. Ira and Susannah were evidently divorced after a short marriage and Susannah returned to Arlington. By 1838, she was living with her daughter and son-in-law, Anna and Lyman Batchellor in Wallingford, Vermont.

## Conant

**Samuel G. Conant** was born about 1839. He may have lived in

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Stratton at the outbreak of the Civil War. He enlisted for Stratton on August 30, 1862, and mustered into Company A of the Vermont 2nd Regiment. Samuel was wounded on May 5, 1864, during the Battle of the Wilderness, and was discharged on December 29, 1864, for his wounds. If he returned to Stratton following his discharge, he did not stay long. He was no longer in Stratton in 1870.

## **Connell**

**John Connell** was born about 1848. His wife, Ella J., was born about 1853. The Connells came to Stratton during the 1870s. John was a lumberman and worked for E.W. Bowker in the sawmill. In 1880, John and Ella were residing with Mr. Bowker and other lumbermen at that site. That same year Mr. Bowker sold out to Joel F. Grout. John may have worked for the Grouts afterward, however, the Connells had moved away from Stratton by 1900.

## **Cook**

**David Cook** of Stratton may have been the same David Cook born in Rhode Island on March 17, 1753. This David Cook married Elizabeth Arnold and died in 1844. This possibility seems very likely, since one of their children was named Arnold. Arnold later settled in Chesterfield, New Hampshire, and the history of that town states that David Cook apparently was from Rhode Island. During the American

Revolution, this David Cook served as a Sergeant and a fifer from that State.

Regardless of the above, the David Cook who settled in Stratton had a wife, Elizabeth. Stratton's censuses reflect that they were born between 1755 and 1774. Although this conflicts slightly with the age of David Cook of Rhode Island, mistakes such as this were not uncommon.

David was living in Franklin, Massachusetts, when he purchased the west half of 7L3R (100 acres) in Stratton on October 30, 1787. The Cooks settled in Stratton shortly after purchasing this farm. Their first house was located in the southwest corner of 7L3R. Over the years, David acquired several parcels of land surrounding his farm and sold off much of it to family members. The Cooks were listed in Stratton's census of 1791, where David was listed as head of a household with one son and two daughters. In 1794, Cook purchased the part of the north half of 6L3R. He apparently settled into a house on this lot, along the road and opposite a house on 6L4R. In 1800, their household consisted of David seen as aged 26 to 45, a male aged 10 to 16, a male aged 16 to 26 a female under 10, and two females between the ages of 16 and 26.

David became a member of the Church of Christ in Stratton on April 16, 1805. He was mentioned in a land dispute with Jonas Woodward in both town and church records. David sold his

farm to his son, Arnold, in 1806, but several months later David repurchased the farm. He finally sold the farm to John Shepardson on October 13, 1812; however, the Cooks evidently remained in Stratton for a few more years. They evidently moved away from Stratton after 1816 (the year without a summer), probably settling in Chesterfield, New Hampshire.

Children of David and Elizabeth probably were:

- 1) Wealthy, born about 1784; died September 20, 1864, at Wardsboro, Vermont; married Archibald Pratt (intent published April 5, 1801, at Stratton).
- 2) Arnold, born about 1782; died March 5, 1833, at Chesterfield, New Hampshire; married Suzy Livermore.
- 3) David, born August 12, 1791, at Stratton, Vermont (took the Freeman's oath on September 1, 1812).
- 4) Prudence, born about 1779; married Daniel Shepardson on September 9, 1801, at Stratton, Vermont.

**Arnold Cook**, son of David and Elizabeth Cook, was born about 1782. He came to Stratton with his parents about 1787. Once he was of age, he purchased several pieces of property in Stratton, beginning in 1803. These lots included the east half of 6L4R in 1803 and his father's farm in the west half of 6L3R and 7L3R, purchased in 1806. Arnold may have settled briefly on the east

half of 6L4R across the road from his parents; however, by 1809 Arnold had moved to Jamaica, Vermont, where he married Suzy Livermore of Jamaica. Suzy was probably the same born May 2, 1787, to Elisha and Rebeckah (Hammond) Livermore, at Spencer, Massachusetts.

Arnold and Suzy settled in Chesterfield, New Hampshire, about 1820. Arnold was still buying and selling land in Stratton as late as 1823.

Suzy died at Chesterfield on April 2, 1825, and she was buried in the West Burying Ground in Chesterfield. Arnold then married Thirza Day, daughter of John Day.

On February 11, 1833, Arnold sold the last of his property in Stratton to his son, Mark. This included 10L4R and the west half of 2L5R. Arnold's younger brother, David Cook, Jr, witnessed this transaction.. Arnold passed away on March 5, 1833, and was buried beside Suzy. Thirza died in February, 1867.

Children of Arnold and Suzy:

- 1) Madison (settled in Michigan).
- 2) Mark, born September 9, 1807; married Mille T. Stoddard on April 27, 1829, at Chesterfield, New Hampshire (they lived in Chesterfield).
- 3) Arnold, born about 1821; married Fanny (?).

Children of Arnold and Thirza:

- 4) Susan E., married Hezekiah F. Horton, Jr. of Hinsdale, New Hampshire.
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- 5) Selina, married William A. Newton of Vernon, Vermont.

**Arnold Cook**, probably a son of Arnold and Suzy Cook, was born about 1821. He and his wife, Fanny, moved to Stratton sometime between 1840 and 1850. Fanny was born about 1827. In 1850, the Cooks also had Martha Hudson, daughter of Benjamin and Sarah Hudson (aged 11), living with them. The Cooks had moved away from Stratton in 1859 or 1860.

Children of Arnold and Fanny:

- 1) Angeline, born about 1846.
- 2) Semantha, born about 1847.
- 3) Alice, born about 1849.
- 4) Meribah (*from Stratton school records of 1857 and probably the Meribah J. Cook who lived with the JW Copeland family and attended school #4 in Stratton in 1864.*)
- 5) Ida R., born September 26, 1853; died March 12, 1855.
- 6) Mary E., born August 25, 1857, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 7) Edith O., born December 25, 1859, at Stratton, Vermont.

**Jabez Cook** was living in Stratton in 1859. His children attended school in district #3.

Jabez's children were:

- 1) Lydia
- 2) Manda
- 3) Oscar

**Frederick "Francis" Cook** of Guilford, Vermont, was born about 1832. He married Emogene "Emma" Streeter of Brattleboro. Emma was born about 1834. The Cooks settled in Stratton about 1859 in school district #3. That

year, a boy named William (?) was living with them and attending school. The Cooks were not in Stratton in 1860; however, they returned in 1867 and Francis was enrolled in the militia in Stratton that year. The Cooks lived on the west half of 7L1R in 1869 (see McClellan's Map of 1869). In 1870, Edmund Streeter, probably a nephew, was living with them. The Cooks had moved away from Stratton by 1880.

Children of Francis and Emma:

- 1) Walter C.
- 2) Christina
- 3) Fred W., born about 1862.
- 4) Rosa, born about 1864.
- 5) Sarah, born about 1867.
- 6) Waland E., born June 1, 1870, at Stratton, Vermont.

**Amanda Cook**, aged 8, was living at the home of Freeman Wyman in 1860.

**Lucy Cook**, aged 40 was boarding with the Edwin Grout family in 1880.

**John S. Cook**, aged 36 in 1920, was a lumberman boarding at the Grout Job that year in Stratton.

## Copeland

**James Copeland**, son of Ebenezer and Lucy (Fassett) Copeland, was born on June 9, 1811. He married Meribah "Mary" Cook on February 21, 1833. Mary was born about 1812. The Copelands were living in Wardsboro, Vermont, when James signed a lease from Rollin M. Witt of Stratton to farm-let 6L1R in

Stratton with the dwelling house and other buildings for six years beginning on April 1, 1848 (see J. Copeland on McClellan's Map of 1856 and NE Hart on Beer's Atlas of 1869). In 1860, Mrs. Abigail Mason, widow of Royal Mason, was living with the Copelands. She was born about 1780.

No other lease was made; however, James retained the farm. In March, 1859, they deeded over the farm to their son, Andrew.

James died at Stratton of typhoid fever on September 7, 1867. Mary evidently moved away after his death.

Children of James and Meribah:

- 1) James William, born in 1834; died in September, 1893; married Mariette M. Estabrook.
- 2) Andrew J(ackson)., born in 1836; died January 1, 1865, at Danville, Virginia.
- 3) Jane L. Lee, born in 1838.

Additional Sources:

Copeland Genealogy by George Lindsey

**James William Copeland**, son of James and Meribah Copeland, was born in 1834. He married Mariette M. Estabrook, daughter of Ezekiel and Betsey Estabrook. Mariette was born about 1838. The Copelands settled in Stratton during the 1850s and James took the Freeman's oath in Stratton on September 4, 1855. On June 6, 1858, James and Mariette became members of the Church of Christ in Stratton and were baptized that same day.

Mariette died on August 30, 1867. James remained a member

of the Stratton Church through 1871 and was listed as a non-resident member that year. He died in September, 1893. The Copelands were buried in Ball Cemetery.

Their child was:

- 1) Lula B., born December 16, 1859, at Stratton., Vermont; died March 21, 1863, at Stratton, Vermont (of diphtheria).

**Andrew J(ackson). Copeland**, son of James and Meribah Copeland, was born about 1836 and came to Stratton with his parents while he was still quite young. He took the Freeman's oath in Stratton in September, 1857. His father deeded over the family farm in 6L1R on March 31, 1859, in agreement that Andrew would care for his parents for the remainder of their lives. In 1863, Frank Hudson and J. M. Cook were living with Andrew and attending school in district #4 in Stratton.

During the Civil War, Andrew was drafted and entered the service on July 31, 1863. He was assigned to Company A, of the 6th Vermont Regiment. Andrew was captured during the Battle of Cedar Creek, Virginia, on October 19, 1864, and died January 1, 1865, in a Confederate prison at Danville, Virginia. He was later interred in the National Cemetery in Danville.

**Lucy J. Copeland**, daughter of Daniel and Mary M. Copeland, was born about 1840. She

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married Densil Streeter of Dummerston, Vermont, on April 15, 1866, at Stratton. This was a second marriage for both. The Streeters sold the southwest corner of 6L1R on August 4, 1866. Lucy was buried in West Wardsboro, Vermont.

## Covey

**John B. Covey** lived on the east half of 4L8R – the Hale farm along what is now the *Grout Pond Access Rd.* in 1869. He owned half of a sawmill of which George Wilkinson owned the other half.

## Crisco

**Raffaele Crisco**, son of Giuseppe and Luizi Crisco, was born in Italy. He came to Stratton and worked as a lumberman in the lumber camps there. Raffaele married Maddalena Cillo, daughter of Pasquale and Maria Cillo, on May 9, 1903, at St. Paul's Church in Manchester, Vermont. Maddalena was also born in Italy.

Raffaele was a resident of Stratton at the time of the marriage. He may have brought Maddalena back to Stratton at that time, but they were not living in Stratton when the census of 1910 was taken.

## Crouch

**Nelson E. Crouch**, son of Nelson and Maria Crouch, was born at Vernon, Vermont, in 1840. He married Esther M. Hall on July 4, 1858, at Stratton. Esther was

born in 1837 in Townshend, Vermont.

A child of Nelson and Esther was:

1) Sarah

## Crowningshield

**Richard Crowningshield**, son of Richard and Elizabeth (Day) Crowningshield, was born at Attleboro, Massachusetts, on August 4, 1739. Richard married Zilpha Robinson, daughter of George and Abigail (Everett) Robinson, on March 16, 1786, at Cumberland, Rhode Island. Zilpha was born on March 17, 1757.

In 1786, the Crowningshields apparently resettled in Wardsboro, Vermont, as Richard was listed on Wardsboro's Freeman's roll that year.

Richard spent many years in Wardsboro, and then evidently resettled in Arlington, Vermont, before 1833.

On March 29, 1833, Richard and his son, William, purchased the Charles Morse farm in Stratton Gore (see D. Willis place on Beer's Atlas of 1869). Richard probably resided there with his son.

Children of Richard and Zilpha:

- 1) Nabby E., born July 8, 1787, at Wardsboro, Vermont.
- 2) Elizabeth, born October 1, 1788, at Wardsboro, Vermont.
- 3) Jesse, born December 16, 1789, at Wardsboro, Vermont; died August 9, 1790, at Wardsboro, Vermont.
- 4) William, born April 2, 1791, at Wardsboro, Vermont; died February 4, 1846, at

Wardsboro, Vermont; married Tirzah McDaniels on February 27, 1817, at Dover, Vermont.

- 5) Nancy, born April 18, 1793, at Wardsboro, Vermont; married Lemuel Toby on January 6, 1813, at Wardsboro, Vermont.
- 6) Rebecka Allen, born February 23, 1796, at Wardsboro, Vermont.

**William Crowningshield**, son of Richard and Zilpha Crowningshield, was born on April 2, 1791. He lived at Wardsboro, Vermont, before settling in Stratton. Apparently, William was married twice. His first wife was named Sally. Perhaps she passed away about 1816, since William married Tirzah McDaniels on February 27, 1817, at Dover, Vermont. Tirzah may have been a daughter of Thomas McDaniels of Dover – a British deserter who settled there after the Revolutionary War.

William was a deacon of the Baptist Church of Wardsboro, as early as 1825 and remained a deacon for many years. On March 29, 1833, William and his father purchased - the Charles Morse farm - located at the end of what is now called *Willis Cemetery Rd.*; this farm was later occupied by Daniel Willis (see D. Willis on Beer's Atlas of 1869).

William served as one of the town's sextons for the cemetery on his farm (*Willis Cemetery*) from 1834 through 1838. He was also elected a highway surveyor in 1834. On February 14, 1834, at the first meeting of the Wardsboro

and Stratton Baptist Church Society, William was elected its president.

On May 3, 1838, William sold his farm to Daniel Willis and moved into Pike Hollow in Somerset. Their home was apparently located on the site later occupied by A.H. Pike (see Beer's Atlas of 1869) and currently occupied by the Marcucci family. This 80 acre farm was laid out in an "L" shape, surrounding Wm. Pike's lot in the northeast corner of Somerset (the Lyman farm and mill).

In 1840, William sold this farm to Artemas Crowningshield of Cumberland, Rhode Island and Eben L. Crowningshield of Hinsdale, New Hampshire. They were probably William's brothers (or older sons). William died on February 4, 1846, and he was buried in Fairview Cemetery in Wardsboro. In 1845, the above named gentlemen sold the farm to Tirzah, who remained there for several years. The Stratton-Somerset United School District records show Widow Crowningshield with several children attending school in that district.

A child of William and Sally was:

- 1) Timothy, born August 31, 1815, at Wardsboro, Vermont.

Children of William and Tirzah:

- 2) Susan Jane, born March 1, 1824, at Wardsboro, Vermont; died October 11, 1880, at Stratton, Vermont; married Pliny Fisk Grout on February 7, 1843, at Somerset, Vermont.
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- 3) Sarah E., born April 5, 1830; died November 15, 1892, at Stratton, Vermont; married Jesse C. Jones on February 25, 1857, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 4) C. R.
- 5) Frances L.
- 6) T.

**Sarah Crowningshield**, daughter of William and Thirza Crowningshield, was head of a household in Stratton in 1855 with a child, C.R. Crowningshield (probably a sibling), living with her. She married Jesse C. Jones on February 25, 1857. (*See Jesse C. Jones*).

## Cummings

**David Cummings** of Petersham, Massachusetts, married Meriam Wheeler of Gerry, Massachusetts, on February 23, 1793. Meriam, the daughter of James and Sarah Wheeler, was born at Petersham on December 8, 1768.

David purchased a 60-acre parcel of land on the north end of 1L4R in Stratton on October 18, 1810, from Richard Harris. David and his wife, Merriam, then settled in Stratton, probably in early 1811. They were warned out of town by Stratton's Selectmen on February 10, 1812, and served notice by the constable on February 17, 1812. David sold his land back to Richard Harris on October 15, 1812. The Cummings evidently left Stratton at that time and settled in Wardsboro, Vermont, where they were warned out on March 9, 1813. They remained in

Wardsboro for many years. Miriam moved from Wardsboro to Putney, Vermont, and was accepted into the church in Putney on September 1, 1836.

Children of David and Meriam:

- 1) Betsey, born October 20, 1793, at Petersham, Massachusetts; married Joshua Sprague (intent published on December 11, 1814, at Wardsboro, Vermont).
- 2) Reuben, born August 20, 1795, at Petersham, Massachusetts.
- 3) David, born March 19, 1797, at Petersham, Massachusetts.
- 4) Gilbert, born October 18, 1798, at Petersham, Massachusetts.
- 5) Lyman, born October 11, 1800, at Petersham, Massachusetts.
- 6) Almira (twin), born April 26, 1803, at Petersham, Massachusetts.
- 7) Alvira (twin), born April 26, 1803, at Petersham, Massachusetts.
- 8) Sumner, born May 9, 1804, at Petersham, Massachusetts.

Another Cummings clan that settled in Stratton was that of William and Hannah (Wyman) Cummings of Walpole, New Hampshire. Among their children were William, Jr., John (who later lived at Washington, New Hampshire), and Rebecca, wife of William Knight of Stratton.

John Cummings of Washington, New Hampshire, purchased half of the west part of 5L4R (60 acres) from his brother-in-law, William Knight of

Plymouth, Vermont, on  
September 12, 1840.

**William Cummings, Jr.**, son of William and Hannah (Wyman) Cummings, was born at Walpole, New Hampshire, on September 19, 1792. His parents resettled in Chester, Vermont, by 1795 and there, William Jr. spent his early life. William Jr.'s wife, Betsey, was born between 1790 and 1800.

Following the marriage, the Cummings settled in Cavendish, Vermont, and on February 21, 1815, they were warned out of that town as was the custom in Vermont. On October 4, 1815, they were warned out of Jamaica, Vermont. It also appears that William was warned out of Putney, Vermont, in 1816, and at that same time (March 15, 1816) Betsey and the children were again warned out of Jamaica. In 1817, Betsey was warned out of Putney and on April 17, 1817, they were warned out of Jamaica again. William and his family were warned out of Jamaica one final time on January 1, 1818. This was a bad time for many Vermonters, since 1816 was "the year without a summer." No doubt, the Cummings family was affected by that financially devastating time.

William and Betsey eventually moved to Stratton, where William had purchased the west part of 5L4R on August 21, 1837. At the time of the sale, the Cummings were living in Holden, Massachusetts. That same year, William sold half of this lot to

William Knight and half to his son, Horace Cummings. It was between July, 1838, and September, 1839, that the Cummings finally settled in Stratton. In 1839, William also sold land - the Scranton lot in 5L3R - to his daughter Lorena Cummings of Holden and the west half of 5L4R to his son-in-law Obed Coombs of Holden. The location of the Cummings' first home in Stratton is unclear; however, they probably resided on 5L3R, living there with their daughter Lorena. This lot was located around what is now called the *Shepardson Rd.* - *West Jamaica Rd.* intersection. The house was probably the Marble farm - the same farm later occupied by W.G. Howard (see McClellan's Map of 1856) and then by I. Shepardson (see Beer's Atlas of 1869).

On May 1, 1843, William bought the farm at the junction of the *Stratton-Arlington Rd.* and the *West Jamaica Rd.* from Luther Holbrook along with the farm buildings and 109 acres. They evidently moved to this location, where William operated an Inn from his home, as Mr. Holbrook had previously done. By early 1844, William had turned over the Inn's operation to his son-in-law, Freeman Wyman (who later purchased the farm from William Grant Pike - the mortgage holder).

William and Betsey then settled in Benton, New Hampshire, about 1844, where they remained at least through 1850. By 1860, they had settled

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in LaPrairie, Wisconsin, where other members of the Cummings family had settled. Betsey may have returned to Vermont and lived at Putney. If so, then she died at Putney on March 24, 1873, age 84 years 8 months. This would have placed her birth in July, 1792.

Children of William and Betsey:

- 1) Horace, born about 1814; married 1) Lucena Wyman 2) Minerva A. Scott.
- 2) Elizabeth, born about 1815; married Richard Perry on October 13, 1831, at Chester, Vermont.
- 3) Eunice
- 4) Lorena, born October 10, 1818, in Chester, Vermont; died October 12, 1887; married 1) Freeman Wyman about 1840 2) Willard Shepard on February 2, 1875.
- 5) Lucinda B., born about 1821; married Samuel Orrison Howard on March 30, 1842, at Stratton, Vermont
- 6) Stephen W., born in 1825; died February 18, 1849, at Stratton, Vermont; married Elsa Shepardson on June 6, 1843.
- 7) Philena A., married James S. Bassett on February 28, 1839, at Holden, Massachusetts.
- 8) Sarah T., married Obed Nelson Coombs (intent published February 2, 1839, at Holden, Massachusetts).

**Horace Cummings**, son of William and Betsey Cummings, was born about 1814, probably in Athens, Vermont. There, he

married Lucena Wyman, daughter of Robert and Lydia Wyman, on March 3, 1833. Lucena was born about 1810.

Horace was called a resident of Rockingham, Vermont, on October 18, 1837, when he purchased half of the west half of 5L4R from his father. In 1838, Horace was living in Chester, Vermont, then, after 1840, Horace and Lucena settled in Stratton. Their home was probably located beyond what is now *Shepardson Rd.*, several hundred yards past the gate and along the road (see Draper on Beer's Atlas of 1869).

Lucena died on May 27, 1846, and was buried in Cambridgeport, Vermont. In 1847, Horace and Minerva (Scott) Purrington were living together and Horace's son Jasher was there attending school in Stratton's district #2. Before 1850, Horace married Minerva. She was the daughter of Ira and Sophie Scott. Minerva was born on December 12, 1813, at Stratton. She had first married Luther Purrington on March 7, 1839, at Stratton. Apparently Luther and Minerva were divorced before 1847. Horace and Minerva were living with Minerva's parents in 1850 (see I. Scott on McClellan's map of 1856).

Sometime during the next decade, Horace evidently passed away. Following Horace's death, Minerva remained at the home of her parents and was living there in 1860. She then married Aaron B. Howard on May 6, 1863, at

Stratton. Minerva passed away at Stratton on March 14, 1894.

Children of Horace and Lucena:

- 1) Alonzo, born about 1835; married Ellen (?) (in 1847 he was living with John Underwood in Stratton and attending school).
- 2) Achsa
- 3) Jasher<sup>1</sup> R., born about 1838; married Mary Jane Case on November 19, 1864, at Rockingham, Vermont.

1) Sometimes seen as Jacia or Joshua.

**Stephen W. Cummings**, son of William and Betsey Cummings, was born in 1825. He married Elsa Shepardson, daughter of Isaac and Mary Shepardson, on June 6, 1843, at Stratton. Elsa was born in 1813. Apparently, Elsa had been married previously and had a daughter, Eleanor Fox Hall.

The Cummings evidently lived near the intersection of what are now *Shepardson Rd.* and the *West Jamaica Rd.* Stephen took the Freeman's oath on September 12, 1846, in Stratton. In 1848, his farm was mentioned in the town records in reference to the road there.

Stephen died on February 18, 1849, at Stratton and was buried in Ball Cemetery. Elsa and her son then went to live with her brother and mother. Elsa died on March 23, 1881, and was buried beside Stephen.

A child of Elsa and her first husband (?) Hall was:

- 1) Eleanor Fox, born September 30, 1835, at Stratton,

Vermont; died October 7, 1890, at Norton, Kansas; married Squire Henry Elliot Knapp on March 1, 1855.

Children of Stephen and Elsa:

- 1) John Henry, born June 9, 1845, at Stratton, Vermont; married Mary A. (?).
- 2) Joseph

**John Henry Cummings**, son of Stephen and Elsa Cummings, was born on June 9, 1845. His wife's name was Mary A.. The Cummings lived in Stratton during the 1860s, and John was enrolled in the militia there in 1867. They moved away before 1870, settling in Jamaica and Winhall, Vermont. In 1865, Hubbard H. Howe lived with them and attended Stratton's 2<sup>nd</sup> school district.

Their children were:

- 1) Willie O., born March 22, 1867, at Jamaica, Vermont; died May 3, 1867, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 2) Hattie, born about 1868.
- 3) Joseph S., born about 1873; died about 1908; married Alma L.
- 4) Emma L., born about 1875.
- 5) Hellen M., born about 1877.

**Edwin Cummings** married Carry (?). They came to Stratton from Wallingford, Vermont, about 1890. Edwin was a lumberman and probably worked in one of the lumber camps in Stratton. They had moved away from town by 1910.

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Their child was:

- 1) Emogene, born March 6, 1890,  
at Stratton, Vermont.

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### Daniels

**Woodbridge Daniels** was probably a son of Joshua and Hannah Daniels of Mendon, Vermont, who later settled in Jamaica, Vermont. Joshua and Hannah may have settled briefly in Stratton. The Daniels of Mendon were related to a group of families from Mendon that owned property or settled in Somerset, Vermont. This group included the Baker, Goss, Davenport and Willis families.

Woodbridge married Sally Boutell, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth Boutell, on December 3, 1818, at Stratton. Sally was born on June 5, 1793, at Stratton. They settled in Jamaica, Vermont. Sally was a member of the Church of Christ in Stratton. The Church Clerk recorded on March 10, 1822, "*At the request of Sally Daniels, wife of Woodbridge Daniels of Jamaica, voted to give her a letter of recommendation and admission to the Church of Christ in Jamaica.*"

**Abel Edward Daniels**, son of Abel and Louise (Deveneau) Daniels was born at West Springfield, Massachusetts, in 1901.

Abel was a farmer in Stratton in 1938. He married Virginia Lucille Law, daughter of William

A. and Katherine H. (McCabe) Law, there on December 8, 1938. Virginia was born in 1922 in Jackson, Michigan. A note from her mother gave permission for the marriage.

### Davidson

**Riley Davidson** of Jamaica, Vermont, married Maria Centar of Rupert, Vermont. They settled in Stratton about 1882.

A child of Riley and Maria was:

- 1) Martha Elizabeth, born  
September 30, 1882, at  
Stratton, Vermont.

**Lyman Erle Davidson** was born about 1861 in Vermont. He married Nancy A. Symmister, daughter of Frank Symmister. Nancy was born about 1862. The Davidsons settled in Stratton between 1910 and 1920, where Lyman put his hand to farming. They apparently resided on the Powers lot on 3L1R that Lyman purchased from John Davidson – probably a brother – in 1919. Nancy's father also resided with them for a time and passed away in Stratton in 1915.

A child of Lyman and Nancy was:

- 1) Henry W., born about 1904.

**John E. Davidson** married Nettie F. Wheaton on July 12, 1890, at Houston, Minnesota. John and Nettie were both born about 1856 in Vermont.

The Davidsons were farmers who evidently traveled west to Minnesota, then returned to Vermont and settled in Woodford. They settled in Stratton between

1910 and 1920. In 1920, they were living in Stratton with their son-in-law, Edward E. Elmer, aged 38. Elmer worked the farm for them. The Davidson apparently settled on 3L1R, on the south side of the old Parsons farm, probably on the lot previously occupied by Fred Willis. John sold a lot on the north side of the road to Lyman Davidson (possibly his brother) in 1919.

A child of John and Nettie was:

- 1) Minnie, born at Woodford, Vermont; married Edward E. Elmer.

## Davis

**Simon Davis** married Mary Fuller on December 26, 1793, at Fitchburg, Massachusetts. They were living in Oakham, Massachusetts, when Simon purchased 124 acres of the east half of 3L5R in Stratton on January 2, 1798. Simon and Mary settled there before 1800. At that time, they were between the ages of 26 and 45 and had a son and two daughters less than ten years of age. Their lot was located west of what is now called *Plimpton Rd*, along both sides of the current route of the *Stratton-Arlington Rd*. for about a quarter-mile.

Simon sold his land in Stratton on August 8, 1801. He then purchased a small five-acre lot in 4L5R and apparently settled there for a brief time. Mary was taken into the Church of Christ in Stratton on October 17, 1801. Her son and two daughters were baptized into the Church on May

29, 1802. Simon was not mentioned as the father, probably because he did not join the church. It is also possible that he may have been dead by 1802. The Davises evidently had left town by 1810.

Children of Simon and Mary:

- 1) Polly
- 2) Hannah
- 3) Nehemiah

**Francis Davis**, a close relative of Simon and Mary Davis above, and possibly their son, purchased 30 acres at the south end of the west half of 2L4R in Stratton on September 8, 1800, from James Thurston. In this deed, he is referred to as late of Stratton and therefore may have resided briefly with Simon in Stratton before that time. Their home was located southwest of the current locations of the church and town hall, and on the ridge there (see Ballard on McClellan's map of 1856). Francis sold his Stratton property on March 20, 1801. This transaction was witnessed by Simon and Mary Davis.

**Zephaniah Davis**, son of Jonas Davis, was born on April 5, 1764, and he married Submit Haven, daughter of Elkanah Haven. Submit was born in Framingham, Massachusetts, on June 28, 1767.

The Davises were residents of Chesterfield, New Hampshire, when Zephaniah purchased 100 acres of the east half of 2L1R in Stratton on January 30, 1807. Shortly following this date, the Davises settled in Stratton. The

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Davis's lot was located west of what is now called *Leon Stocker Drive* in Snow Mountain Farms West.

The Davises were warned out of town by Stratton's Selectmen on January 4, 1808, and served notice by the constable on January 30, 1808. Zephaniah took the Freeman's oath on September 6, 1808, and they remained in Stratton through 1810, evidently returning to Chesterfield about 1812. The census of 1810 recorded that just one of their children was living in their home at that time.

In December of 1810, Zephaniah sold his Stratton land to Sampson Bixby and John Greenwood. A note in the land records stated that Zephaniah received \$450.00 in full of all that the farm sold for on February 14, 1813. They may have settled for a time in Wardsboro. Zephaniah's father had settled there in 1805.

Children of Zephaniah and Submit were:

- 1) Orrie, born April 16, 1790.
- 2) Lucinda, born April 24, 1792; possibly married Jackton Green Haven (intent published July 8, 1810, at Stratton (she was of Wardsboro at that time).
- 3) Rachel, born in 1794; died in 1795.
- 4) Betsey, born May 8, 1796; died in 1798.
- 5) John, born June 5, 1800.
- 6) Roswell, born September 14, 1802.
- 7) Mooney, born in 1805.

## Davison

**Joseph Davison** was born at Ludlow, Vermont, on August 13, 1805. He attended Middlebury College, then studied to become a minister of the Congregational Church under the Reverend J. Parsons. Joseph was Stratton's Congregational minister from September, 1836, to September, 1838; however, he was not officially ordained until January 13, 1842. He apparently resided in Stratton only during the time of his ministry. He died at Hartland, Wisconsin, on February 8, 1892.

## Day

**Moses Day** of Chesterfield, New Hampshire, married Sarah W. Johnson, daughter of Moses and Lydia (Wheeler) Johnson. Sarah was born on July 5, 1796, at Chesterfield, New Hampshire.

Moses purchased the east half of 1L1R on September 28, 1820, from John Wheeler (John was a brother of Lydia Johnson, Sarah's mother). That same day, Moses also leased the west half of this same lot (which included a dwelling house and other buildings) from Mr. Wheeler for a period of three years. Later, Elias and Persis Gates occupied this lot (see McClellan's map of 1856).

Moses evidently spent the winter in Stratton, since he was said to be "of Stratton" when he sold the east half of the lot back to Mr. Wheeler on January 5, 1821. He may have finished the lease of the west half; however, Moses was not mentioned in Stratton records after January of 1821. They may

have resettled in Jamaica, Vermont. After Moses passed away, Sarah married Erastus Downey.

Children of Moses and Sarah:

- 1) Nathan, born April 4, 1816.
- 2) John W., born March 12, 1820, at Chesterfield, New Hampshire; died January 1, 1884, at Jamaica, Vermont; married Sarah Johnson on April 17, 1841, at Jamaica, Vermont.
- 3) Sarah

**John W. Day**, son of Moses and Sarah Day, was born on March 12, 1820, at Chesterfield, New Hampshire. John lived in Jamaica, Vermont, where he married Sarah Johnson, daughter of Elisha and Olive Johnson, on April 17, 1841. Sarah was born on February 3, 1817, at Putney, Vermont. The Days continued to reside in Jamaica after the marriage. John died there on January 1, 1884. Sarah died at Stratton on August 13, 1885.

Children of John and Sarah Day:

- 1) Ellen L., married Dwight Bourn.
- 2) George E., married Adda L. Mundell.
- 3) Lucinda Sophia, died July 14, 1888; married Lewis Johnson.
- 4) Willard O., died March 6, 1892.
- 5) John, born about 1849.
- 6) Lucius
- 7) Laura Frances (twin), born April 30, 1858; married Dwight Bourn (her sister's widower).

- 8) Henry Franklin (twin), born April 30, 1858; died August 1, 1880.

Additional sources:

Notes of Melvin and Sherrill Bourn of  
Jacksonville, Florida.

## Dean

**Hilan M. Dean** was born in Vermont in July, 1835. He was single when he settled in Stratton about 1900 and was living in the home of Charles and Alma Armstrong that year. He probably worked in one of Stratton's lumber camps for a while, but was no longer in Stratton in 1910.

**Robert H. Dean**, son of Lucius and Sylvia J. (Prouty) Dean, was born at Boston, Massachusetts, in 1875. He came to Stratton and was a teamster for one of the lumber camps by 1900. He married Alice M. Kidder, daughter of H. E. and Mary E. Kidder, on October 3, 1900, at Stratton. Alice was born at South Wardsboro, in December, 1885.

## DeCell

**Walter W. DeCell**, son of Joseph and Mary (Longe) DeCell, was born in Mount Holly, Vermont, about 1870. He lived at Stratton and was a teamster, probably working at the lumber camps. He married Ida E. Boyd, daughter of Charles H. and Hellen E. (Thomas) Boyd, on December 30, 1898, at Stratton. Ida was born in 1883 at Wilmington, Vermont.

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## Denker

**John Denker** was born in Sweden on January 6, 1857. The story goes that he was an orphan and had no surname known to him as he grew up. The name "Denker" was later given him at the time he had joined the German Army.

John married Anna Sophia Anderson. Anna was born in Sweden on September 16, 1865. The Denkers came to America and settled first in Waterbury, Connecticut, before settling in Stratton sometime after 1920.



**Anna Sophia Denker**  
(1865 - 1942)

Photo courtesy of Milton Denker

They resided along the *Stratton-Arlington Rd.*, in a house that once belonged to Jonathan Babcock. The house still stands today and it is located on the northeast side of the road between *Willis Cemetery Rd.* and *Pike Hollow Rd.* John farmed this property until 1933. He died at

Hartford, Connecticut, on December 9, 1936. Anna died at Brattleboro, Vermont, on April 22, 1942. They were buried in the West Wardsboro Cemetery.

Children of John and Anna were:

- 1) Lawrence Albin, born April 2, 1901, at Waterbury, Connecticut; died October 27, 1975, at Brattleboro, Vermont; married Margaret Elizabeth (Laughton) Eddy on August 4, 1947.
- 2) Arthur, married Mae (?).
- 3) Almeda, married Haven Wormwood (lived in Kennebunkport, Maine)
- 4) Selma, married (?) Gellander.

**Lawrence Albin Denker**, son of John and Anna Denker, was born on April 2, 1901, at Waterbury, Connecticut. He came to Stratton as a young man with his parents. He built a home for himself on the *Stratton-Arlington Rd.* on a hill opposite *Bills Rd.* Lawrence sold this house in the summer of 1946 to Margaret Pepon.

Lawrence married Margaret Elizabeth (Laughton) Eddy, daughter of Arthur and Maude Laughton, on August 4, 1947. Margaret had previously married and divorced Elmer Hermon Eddy of Stratton (*see the Eddy Family*). Peg, as she was called, was born on July 3, 1911, at Dummerston, Vermont. After the marriage, Lawrence and Peg lived in Breezy Knoll, Hinsdale, New Hampshire, just across the river from Brattleboro, Vermont. Peg and Lawrence had a son, Milton, and

Peg's daughter, Elizabeth, also lived with them.



**Lawrence Denker  
(1901 - 1975)**

Photo courtesy of Milton Denker

Lawrence worked for the paper mill there. He died on October 27, 1975, at the Memorial Hospital in Brattleboro, Vermont, and was buried in the West Wardsboro Cemetery. Peg eventually moved to Brattleboro and lived there for several years. In 1988, she moved to Orlando, Florida, to be with her son, Milt's family. She died there on March 9, 1998, and was buried beside Lawrence in West Wardsboro.

A child of Lawrence and Peg was:  
1) Milton Earl, married Patricia Anne Elliott.

## DePray

**John C. DePray** was born about 1898 in Connecticut. In 1920, he was a lumberman working in Stratton and living in the boarding house at the Grout Job.

## Derby

**Levi Derby**, son of Nathan and Abigail (Pierce) Derby, was born at Concord, Massachusetts, in 1786. Levi came to this area from Athol, Massachusetts, when he purchased land in Stratton Gore and Somerset in 1809. He married Sally Stratton on January 14, 1810, at Athol, Massachusetts. Sally was born in August, 1790.

The Derbys apparently settled in Stratton about 1819. Their daughter, Elizabeth, was baptized within the Church of Christ in Stratton that year. On June 15, 1823, the Church Clerk recorded "*Mrs. Derby, wife of Levi Derby, removed her relation from the Church of Christ in Stratton to that in Wardsboro by letter by vote of the church at her request.*" About that same time, Levi had purchased the Fay farm, adjacent to the West Wardsboro Cemetery and they apparently settled there. Within a few years, Levi sold this farm to his son, Philander, although, they may have continued to live there with him. In 1836 and 1837, Levi sold two parcel in Stratton. He resided in Wardsboro at that time and can be found associated with the North Wardsboro Congregational church in 1842. Sally died on May 11, 1843, and Levi died on September 12, 1873. They were buried in the West Wardsboro Cemetery.

Children of the Derbys were:

- 1) Philander
- 2) Elizabeth Maria, born in 1819 (baptized in Stratton on June

6, 1819); died July 31, 1909; married Alanson Ramsdell.

- 3) Harriet, born in 1824; died on April 27, 1844.
- 4) Mary F., born in June, 1831; died on December 4, 1838.
- 5) Adeline, married Drury Fairbanks.

## Dickinson

**Maurice Dickinson** was born at French Mountain, New York. He married Gertrude Dwinell, who was born at Walpole, New York. The Dickinsons came to Stratton about 1895, where Maurice was a laborer, probably in the lumber camps. The had left town before the census of 1900 was taken.

A child of Maurice and Gertrude:

- 1) Ella Bertha, born November 1, 1895, at Stratton, Vermont.

## Diekamper

Ed Diekamper, was probably the same E. C. Diekamper born in August, 1886, in Missouri, who was a boarder in the Phineas O. Eddy home in Stratton in 1900.

In his latter years, Ed became involved in maintaining the Stratton Meetinghouse and for a time he was president of the Stratton Old Church Association. He apparently passed away in 1955 or 1956 during his term as president, since he was mentioned in memoriam in the association's report of 1956.

## Dority

**George Dority** was born in Canada in May, 1873. He came to Stratton before 1900 and

worked for George Tudor in the Upper Tudor Mill in Stratton. At that time, he was a widower and was boarding with the Tudors. After the Tudors sold out in 1902, George evidently moved away from Stratton at that time.

## Draper

**Hiram H. Draper** of Fair Haven, Vermont, purchased the west half of 5L4R and 30 acres of 5L5R from Henry Knapp. Following the purchase, Hiram settled on this property. He was listed there on Beer's Atlas of Stratton in 1869. This was often referred to as the Joseph Adams lot that Oliver Morsman had owned.

## Drury

**Warren Drury** was born in June 1865, in Massachusetts. His wife, Elda E., was born in New York in January, 1860. The Drurys were married about 1887 and had settled in Stratton by 1900. They had move away from town by 1910.

Children of Warren and Elda:

- 1) Arthur B., born in December, 1890, in Vermont.

## Duly

**John F. Duly** was born in Canada about 1872. In 1920, he was a lumber camp laborer, living in the boarding house at the Grout Job in Stratton.

## Dunlap

**John Dunlap**, a farmer from Arlington, Vermont, was born about 1835. He married Sarah

Jane Miranda Allen, daughter of Chester and Miranda Allen. She was born on April 13, 1842, at Stratton.

The Dunlaps settled in Stratton during the 1860s and they lived on the west side of *Mountain Rd.*, across from the intersection of *Forrester / Half Mile Rd.* John left town before 1880 and he was never heard of again. That year, just Sarah and her children were living in Stratton. They too had moved from town by 1900.

Children of John and Jane were:

- 1) Gratia, born February 6, 1868, at Stratton, Vermont; married Arthur Harmon Grout on May 14, 1885.
- 2) Frank, born June 19, 1872, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 3) Henry, born about 1876.

## Dupell

**Albert Dupell** and his wife, Mildred, settled in Stratton on the south end of *Penny Ave.*, near Rt. 100. Al has been a Selectman for many years. He is currently Stratton's Chairman of the Select Board.

A son of Al and Mildred:

- 1) Jason J.

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### Eager

**George E. Eager**, son of Benjamin and Sally Ball (Brigham) Eager, was born on November 8, 1829, at Bangor, New York. By 1860, George had

married Mary (Wing) Hudson, who was widowed by James B. Hudson. Mary was born about 1824 and she came into the marriage with two children, Georgianna and James Ralph Hudson. In 1866, a child under their care with initials J. F. B. attended school #4 in Stratton.

George enlisted into Company K of the 9th Vermont Regiment on June 28, 1862, mustering into service on July 9, 1862. He served through the remainder of the war and mustered out on June 13, 1865. George was buried in the Athens Valley Cemetery, Athens, Vermont. His grave is marked with a standard Civil War Veterans' marker.

**George N. Eager** married Mary Etta Jones, daughter of Sidney and Mariah Jones. Mary was born on July 12, 1878, at Stratton. She died on December 3, 1958.

### Eddy

**Phineas Ward Eddy**, son of Abel and Abigail Eddy, was born at Warwick, Massachusetts, on May 13, 1790. He married Lois Goddard, daughter of Asa and Lucy Goddard, on April 18, 1812. Lois was born on April 4, 1790, at Orange, Massachusetts.

Soon after their marriage, the Eddys left Warwick and settled at Orange, Massachusetts, for a short time, then according to family tradition, the Eddys settled at Stratton, in the summer of 1817.

The Eddys settled on the east half of 1L2R that was owned by

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John and Lydia Sanderson of Petersham, Massachusetts, at that time. Lydia may have been Lois's aunt. The Sandersons had purchased land in Stratton from John Goddard of Orange. This John was apparently a brother of Lydia (Goddard) Sanderson and Lucy (Goddard) Goddard, Lois's mother. Upon this lot, Phineas cleared a farm and built a sawmill. The site of their home was located on the southwest corner of the *Stratton-Arlington Rd.* and *Willis Cemetery Rd.* The remains of the sawmill's dam can be seen just a few yards up the brook from the road, and the old millpond is still obvious beyond the dam.

The Eddys home burned to the ground one cold winter night, with the snow six feet deep. Phineas began at once and rebuilt. This house still stands, and is often referred to as the Wheeler house after a more recent occupant.

The town records, however, do not mention the Eddys until 1825, when the Eddy family was placed in the third school district. They also were not shown in the 1820 census of Stratton. Phineas was first noted in the land records as paying taxes on part of 1L2R in 1829. Then, in 1832, he purchased this land, (80 acres) at a tax-sale. In 1837, Justus Eddy purchased this same lot from the original owners, the Sandersons, although legally, they no longer owned it. This implies that the Sandersons were relatives - and it appears that they were. On

August 20, 1844, Justus deeded the land to his father (83 acres of the east half of 1L2R). Justus had resettled at Warwick, Massachusetts, before the sale.

Lois died on March 20, 1836, at Stratton, and was buried near their home. She was the first burial within the family plot, located behind the Eddy home. It later became known as the Eddy Cemetery.

Phineas then married Lois' half-sister, Amanda, on September 18, 1837, at Stratton. Amanda, daughter of Asa and Mary Goddard, was born on April 28, 1807, at Orange, Massachusetts.

In 1850, Phineas' sons, Henry and Erastus, along with a 12-year-old girl, Lucy Rider, daughter of Samuel and Ama Rider, were living with Phineas and Amanda. On February 3, 1853, Phineas and Amanda sold the 83-acre lot to Phineas's sons, Albert and William Henry, for \$1000.00 with an agreement that the boys would take care of them for the remainder of their lives.

Just after 1850, Amanda's mother, Mary Goddard, came to live with them. Mary died on May 19, 1855, aged 89, and was buried in the Eddy Cemetery.

Phineas and Amanda lived on the farm for several more years. In 1855 Lucy Rider and Silas Pike were living with them and attending school in district #5. By 1860, the Eddys were living alone. They resettled in South Londonderry, Vermont, before

1869, with their son, David's family.

Phineas died on August 2, 1878, and Amanda died on June 11, 1883. Both were buried in Rest Haven Cemetery in Londonderry.

Phineas and Lois's children were:

- 1) Sophronia, born September 28, 1812, at Orange, Massachusetts; died December 14, 1812, at Orange, Massachusetts.
- 2) Justus, born April 7, 1814, at Orange, Massachusetts; died May 9, 1880, at Millbury, Massachusetts; married Lucy Maria Smith on June 8, 1842, at Grafton, Massachusetts.
- 3) Orrin, born May 22, 1816, at Orange, Massachusetts; died December 26, 1893, at Stratton, Vermont; married Mary Jane Moran on May 12, 1850, at Putney, Vermont.
- 4) David Goddard, born November 15, 1817, at Stratton, Vermont; died November 27, 1878, at Londonderry, Vermont; married Rosina Lovina Rice on November 19, 1845.
- 5) Lucy E., born January 22, 1820, at Stratton, Vermont; died March 28, 1851, at Londonderry, Vermont.
- 6) Francis W., born March 30, 1822, at Stratton, Vermont; died January 16, 1905, at Townshend, Vermont; married Susan T. Bartlett on June 6, 1849 (Francis qualified as a Freeman of Stratton in September, 1843).
- 7) Asa Goddard, born August 14, 1824, at Stratton, Vermont; died October 15, 1894, at Wardsboro, Vermont; married Mary Maranda Barrett on September 17, 1848, at Wardsboro, Vermont (Asa qualified as a Freeman of Stratton on August 16, 1845).
- 8) Albert, born December 9, 1826, at Stratton, Vermont; died May 19, 1899, at West Brattleboro, Vermont; married Chloe Ann Rice on October 20, 1851, at Somerset, Vermont.
- 9) William Henry, born February 4, 1829, at Stratton, Vermont; died February 24, 1908, at Townshend, Vermont; married Sarah Ann Hartwell on October 8, 1854, at Wardsboro, Vermont.
- 10) Phineas Emery, born May 15, 1830, at Stratton, Vermont; died February 29, 1880, at Townshend, Vermont; married Francena M. Haynes (Phineas qualified as a Freeman of Stratton on September 2, 1851).
- 11) Erastus Alcetus, born June 12, 1832, at Stratton, Vermont; died May 28, 1911, in Minnesota; married Henrietta Althoff on March 23, 1866, in Minnesota (Erastus qualified as a Freeman of Stratton in September, 1853).

**Orrin Eddy**, son of Phineas and Lois Eddy, was born May 22, 1816, at Orange, Massachusetts. Orrin qualified as a Freeman of Stratton on September 4, 1838.

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He purchased the south half of 6L3R in 1840. This lot was located northeast of *Shepardson Rd.* (see N. W. Mason on Beer's Atlas of 1869). He evidently lived there until selling this lot in 1845. In 1848, Orrin purchased land in 2L3R south of the road that runs between Sunderland and Wardsboro. His home was located on the *West Jamaica Rd.*, northeast of the meetinghouse.

Orrin married Mary Jane Moran, daughter of James and Emma Moran on May 12, 1850, at Putney, Vermont. They returned to Stratton after the marriage and settled in a home of their own.

They resided in the house located at the corner of the *Stratton-Arlington Rd.* and *Old Forrester Rd.* as indicated on McClellan's Map of 1856. The house burned in 1940 and another was built in its place. In 1853, Mary's brother, Newton Moran was living with them and attending school. By 1869, the Eddys had moved away from Stratton, but returned before 1880. At that time, Mary's parents were living with them as well as a cousin, Julia A. Johnson, aged nine. They probably settled on the west side of the *West Jamaica Rd.* about half way between the church and *Ball Farm Rd.* This was the home of their son, Phineas, in 1900 and they lived with Phineas during their latter years.

Orrin died on December 26, 1893, at Stratton and Mary died on March 10, 1911. They were buried in the Eddy Cemetery.

Children of Orrin and Mary were:

- 1) Phineas Orrin, born in July, 1854, married Alma (Chipman) Wilcox (of Waitsfield, Vermont) on December 28, 1911, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 2) Edgar James, born August 24, 1856, at Stratton, Vermont; died May 11, 1914, at Proctorsville, Vermont; married Emma M. Heald on March 22, 1892, at Claremont, Vermont (took the Freeman's oath in Stratton in 1880).
- 3) Clarissa A., born November 19, 1861, at Stratton, Vermont; died February 7, 1864, at Stratton, Vermont (of diphtheria).
- 4) Newton Warren, born October 23, 1864, at Stratton, Vermont; died January 18, 1902, at Stratton, Vermont; married 1) Minnie Forrester 2) Jennie (Shattuck) Dannett on February 25, 1891 3) Nellie S. (Page) Wilson (of Buffalo, NY) on May 26, 1900, at Stratton, Vermont (lived at Claremont, NH).

**Phineas Orrin Eddy**, son of Orrin and Mary Eddy, was born in July, 1854, at Stratton. He was a farmer and had remained in Stratton after many of the residents had moved on. Phineas took the Freeman's oath in Stratton in 1876.

A map of Stratton that dates about 1900, shows the Eddy home on the west side of the *West Jamaica Rd.* about half way between the church and *Ball Farm*

*Rd.* (the foundation can still be seen there). This was likely the home of Phineas's parents, whom he cared for in their old age. In 1900, Phineas resided there with his mother, Mary, his brother Newton's daughter, Arlie J. Eddy and a boarder, E.C. DieKamper, aged nine, who was born in Missouri in August, 1886. In 1910, the DieKamper boy had moved away and another boarder had taken his place - Emil A. Selfors, aged 35 of Sweden.

After his mother's death in March, 1911, Phineas married Alma E. (Chipman) Wilcox, daughter of Henry H. and Martha M. (Brown) Chipman, on December 28, 1911, at Stratton. Alma was born at Waitsfield about 1873.

**Newton Warren Eddy**, son of Orrin and Mary Jane Eddy, was born on October 23, 1864, at Stratton. He first married Minnie Forrester, daughter of Henry P. and Lucy (Sprague) Forrester. Minnie was born on June 7, 1859, and she died on July 11, 1885, at Stratton. Newton then married Jennie (Shattuck) Dannett, daughter of George W. and Fannie J. Shattuck on February 25, 1891. His third marriage was to Nellie S. (Page) Wilson, daughter of Clarence C. and Mary (Goss) Page on May 26, 1900, at Stratton. Nellie was born about 1863 at Isle au Haut, Maine.

A child of Newton and Jennie:

- 1) Arlie Jane Dannett, born May 22, 1894, in New Hampshire; married Thomas F. Moakley.

**David Goddard Eddy**, son of Phineas and Lois Eddy, was born November 15, 1817, at Stratton. He married Rosina Lovina Rice, daughter of Perez and Emily Rice, on November 19, 1845. Rosina was born on January 18, 1828.

David was Justice of the Peace in Stratton for a time and he was also the first deacon of the Free-Will Baptist Church there. In June of 1844, David purchased 70 acres of the southwest corner of 2L3R in Stratton, and in 1848, he purchased an additional 55 acres of this lot's northwest corner. This farm was formerly owned by Matthew Randall and was situated along the old road between Winhall and Somerset. The house was located on the northeast side of the *Stratton-Arlington Rd.*, about midway between the intersections of *Old Forrester Rd.* and the *West Jamaica Rd.*

In 1850, David's sister, Lucy, resided with them. Lucy died the following year. The Eddys remained in Stratton through 1860, then resettled in South Londonderry, Vermont.

David died on November 27, 1878, at Londonderry after he was thrown from a horse. Rosina remarried to Thomas Mackie on October 24, 1880. She died on May 11, 1894.

Adopted son of David and Rosina:

- 1) Sidney Henry Eddy (his name was changed from Packard), born about 1849; married Lydia L. Roberts on December 24, 1868, at Wardsboro, Vermont.



**Phineas Ward Eddy**  
(1790 – 1878)

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**Amanda (Goddard) Eddy**  
(1807 – 1883)

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**David Goddard Eddy**  
(1817 – 1878)

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**Rosina (Rice) Eddy**  
(1828 – 1894)

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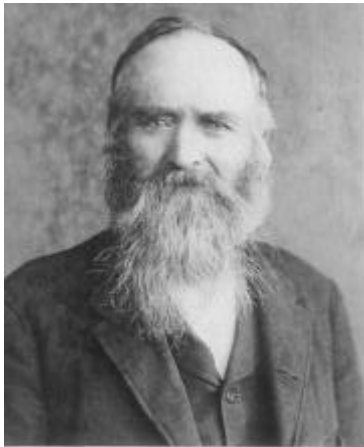
**Albert Eddy**  
**(1826 – 1899)**

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**Chloe (Rice) Eddy**  
**(1830 – 1907)**

Photo courtesy of the Ethel Eddy Collection



**William Henry Eddy**  
**(1829 – 1908)**

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**Sarah (Hartwell) Eddy**

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**Phineas Emery Eddy**  
(1830 – 1880)

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**Sidney Henry Eddy**, adopted son of David and Rosina Eddy, was born Sidney Henry Packard, a son of James Packard, about 1848. His name was changed to Eddy on September 3, 1850.

Sidney was enrolled in the militia in Stratton in 1867 and he married Lydia Luther Roberts on December 24, 1868, at Wardsboro, Vermont. Lydia, daughter of Ebenezer and Sarah A. Roberts, was born in Pine Grove, Pennsylvania, on October 8, 1851. The Eddys lived in Londonderry, Vermont, but they had been in Stratton in 1876, when their daughter, Idella, was born. The town records of 1883 report that Lewis Wilder and Edwin Grout were paid to care for Sidney at that time. Perhaps he died about that same time.



**Newton Warren Eddy**  
(1864 – 1902)

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**Lydia (Roberts) Eddy**

Photo courtesy of the Eddy Family

Although, little else is known of Sidney, it is known that Lydia remarried to Joseph Packard and then she married a third time to (?) Morse.

Children of Sidney and Lydia:

- 1) William Henry, born June 15, 1872, at Londonderry, Vermont.
- 2) Alveretha Minnie, born September 18, 1874, at Londonderry, Vermont; married 1) (?) Frederick 2) Herbert Ainsworth on September 17, 1899.
- 3) Idella Minnie, born December 15, 1876, at Stratton, Vermont; died in 1905 at Buchanan, Michigan; married William Vetter about 1892..
- 4) Lydia Louise, born October 11, 1879, at Londonderry, Vermont.
- 5) Flora Luthera, married Edgar Poe Walker on August 6, 1899, at Brattleboro, Vermont.

Additional Sources:

Descendants of Giles Roberts of  
Scarborough, Maine  
by Joann Nichols

**Albert Eddy**, son of Phineas and Lois Eddy, was born at Stratton, on December 9, 1826. Albert qualified as a Freeman of Stratton on September 5, 1848. He purchased land in 3L4R in Stratton in March, 1849, from Freeman Wyman. This lot was located beside the meetinghouse on the *Stratton-Arlington Rd.*. He probably settled there briefly, but sold it back to Mr. Wyman in October, 1849.

Albert married Chloe Ann Rice, daughter of Perez and Emily

Rice, on October 20, 1851, at Somerset, Vermont. Chloe Ann was born at Somerset on August 8, 1830.

Albert and his brother, William Henry, bought their father, Phineas' farm and sawmill, in Stratton, on February 3, 1852, for \$1000.00. The sale included an agreement that Albert and Henry would take care of Phineas and his wife, Amanda, for the rest of their lives. But, by 1855, Albert and Chloe removed to Athol, Massachusetts, for a time, then to Wardsboro, Vermont. Albert's parents were cared for by Albert's brother, David, in their latter years.

By 1862, Albert and Chloe were living in Stratton again. In March of that year Albert was elected a highway surveyor for the town. About 1867, the Eddys resettled in Manchester, Vermont. On April 8, 1870, Albert and Chloe were deeded 258 acres in Pike Hollow, in Stratton, by the heirs of Perez Rice, Chloe's father. And so, in 1870, they were back in Stratton and living with Chloe's mother, Emily Rice, on the farm there. They then deeded this land to their son, Elmer Albert, on May 4, 1876, and moved to West Brattleboro, Vermont, where they lived on *Meadow Brook Rd.*

Albert died on May 19, 1899, and Chloe followed on July 30, 1907. Chloe had been an invalid for many years before her death. The Eddys were buried in Meetinghouse Hill Cemetery in Brattleboro.



The children of Albert and Chloe:

- 1) Elmer Albert, born March 4, 1855, at Athol, Massachusetts; died July 2, 1936, at Brattleboro, Vermont; married Inez Theodosia (Pike) Baker on June 5, 1880, at Shushan, New York.
- 2) Alner Perez, born August 11, 1860, at Wardsboro, Vermont; died February 17, 1923, at West Brattleboro, Vermont; married Minnie Ellen Laughton on October 12, 1904, at Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts.
- 3) Lura Ann, born May 20, 1862, at Stratton, Vermont; died in 1930; married Charles Edwin Benson on June 4, 1913, at Brattleboro, Massachusetts (they were living at Belmont, Vermont, in 1919).
- 4) Burt Henry, born January 3, 1867, at Manchester, Vermont; died in January, 1967, at Endicott, New York; married Helen Magdalene Davis on February 27, 1907, at Laurel Springs, New Jersey.
- 5) Emery Justus, born February 8, 1871, at Stratton, Vermont; died in 1944 at Bradenton, Florida; married 1) Ella Lucy Adams on January 30, 1893 2) Bernice P. Howard.

**Elmer Albert Eddy**, son of Albert and Chloe Eddy, was born at Athol, Massachusetts, on March 4, 1855. He lived with his family in Manchester and Wardsboro, Vermont, as a boy. In 1869, following the death of his grandfather, Perez Rice, Elmer's

father moved the family to Stratton to live with their grandmother, Emily Rice. As a young man, Elmer went west to Minnesota probably to work in the lumber business with an uncle that had also traveled there. He was living in Hollywood, Carver County, Minnesota, when his parents deeded him 258 acres in Pike Hollow in Stratton, on May 4, 1876. Elmer returned to Vermont soon afterward and lived on the farm he had inherited.

Elmer married Inez Theodosia (Pike) Baker, the daughter of Moses and Dorcas Chase (Grout) Pike, on June 5, 1880, at Shushan, New York. Inez was born on September 12, 1855, at Somerset, Vermont, and had grown up in Pike Hollow, which was named for her family. She had become a member of the Church of Christ in Stratton on October 17, 1874. Inez first married George F. Baker, but by 1880 she was living back at home with her brother, Abel, and father, Moses, on the farm where she had grown up. Elmer took the Freeman's oath in Stratton in 1880.

Elmer and Inez lived at Stratton and probably first occupied the farm Elmer had inherited. Elmer bought the house and farm of Alexander Hamilton Pike on May 30, 1884, for \$850.00. This house, located on the brook in Pike Hollow was just above A. H. Pike's mill.

Elmer evidently rented out the old farm at the top of the hill to his Aunt and Uncle, Orrin and

Melissa Johnson. Later, Elmer made an agreement with A. H. Pike on January 29, 1891, to rent the Pike sawmill and 75 acres. This must have been a continuation of the agreement, since Elmer was listed as renting the 75 acres from Mr. Pike in the 1881 Gazetteer as well. Elmer agreed to work the mill, while A. H. Pike agreed to pay for any needed repairs. All profits were split in half between the two gentlemen. In 1894, Elmer bought the sawmill and continued its operation. Elmer and his uncle, Orrin Johnson were partners in a logging operation for several years. The remains of its dam can still be seen just to the right of the driveway that leads up to the farmhouse. This property is currently owned by the Steiner family.

At some point, Elmer and Orrin discontinued use of the watermill and started a steam driven mill, where the millpond of the old mill had been.

Inez taught school in Stratton and Wardsboro as early as 1877. She later served as assistant town clerk and treasurer of Stratton. She was a member of the West Wardsboro Baptist Church and was active in the restoration of the old Stratton Church. Inez was also the Stratton correspondent for the Brattleboro Reformer, a newspaper.



**Alner Perez Eddy and Phineas  
Orrin Eddy cousins**

Photo courtesy of the Ethel Eddy Collection



**Burt Henry Eddy  
(1867 – 1967)**

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Elmer was a Republican. He was Stratton's town clerk beginning in 1904, an office he held for many years. He also served as a Selectman of Stratton for various terms, and he was the town's Representative to the State Legislature in 1915/6. At that time, he was a member of the Committee of Temperance. The Eddys also kept the town's library within their home for a time.

In 1900, the Eddys took in Elmer's uncle William "Henry" Eddy. Henry moved away within a few years. Once, their daughter, Ethel had moved out sometime before 1920, the Eddys took in Joel Wheeler as a boarder. Joel was living there in 1920.

Inez died at home at 5:30 PM, Thursday, November 1, 1928. She had been in failing health for a long while, and had been confined to her bed for two weeks from the effects of a goiter. Elmer died at Brattleboro on July 2, 1936. The Eddys were buried in Pike Hollow Cemetery.

Children of Elmer and Inez were:

- 1) Hermon Elmer, born June 13, 1881, at Stratton, Vermont; died February 23, 1917, at Montpelier, Vermont; married Bernice Adell Waite on December 25, 1902, at West Wardsboro, Vermont.
- 2) Mabel Inez, born September 6, 1885, at Stratton, Vermont; died February 16, 1886, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 3) Ethel Ann, born January 16, 1887, at Stratton, Vermont; died May 13, 1969, at Brattleboro, Vermont.

**Hermon Elmer Eddy**, son of Elmer and Inez Eddy, was born at Stratton, on June 13, 1881. He was educated at Colgate Academy and the University of Vermont. During his school years, Hermon played football and belonged to Kappa Sigma. He took the Freeman's oath in Stratton on September 2, 1902.

While at the University in 1902, he was elected to Vermont's House of Representatives, representing the town of Stratton.

Hermon married Bernice Adell Waite, daughter of Henry Albert and Avis Euphershia Waite, on December 25, 1902, at West Wardsboro, Vermont. Bernice was born February 10, 1883, at West Wardsboro, Vermont. They apparently resided at the Eddy farm in Pike Hollow with Hermon's parents for about a year. In January, 1903, Hermon was appointed Stratton's Town Clerk, replacing OH Palmer who had resigned.

In 1904, Hermon moved to Brattleboro, Vermont, to study law. In December, 1904, he resigned his position as Stratton's Town Clerk. Hermon was admitted to the bar in October of 1907, and practiced law with Clarke C. Fitts, the State Attorney General. At first, the Eddys lived at 29 Western Avenue, in Brattleboro. In 1907, they purchased Judge Hoyt Wheeler's home at 45 Western Avenue (referred to as the Crosby House), where Hermon remained until his death. Bernice occupied this house until about 1950.

Hermon was very active in the community. He along with nine others started the Stratton Mountain Club at Stratton in 1912. He was instrumental in procuring a fire tower on Stratton Mountain in 1914. Also, he was the acting attorney for the New England Power Company, when an agreement was made between that company and Stratton's Selectmen concerning construction of the Somerset Reservoir dam. Other positions that Hermon held included junior warden of the Columbian Lodge of Masons, a member of the Wantastiquet Lodge of Odd Fellows, the Vermont Wheel Club, the Exchange Club, the Board of Trade, a director and vice president of the Connecticut River Power Company of New Hampshire, a director of the Vermont National Bank, a trustee of the Brattleboro Free Library, and Deputy Clerk of Windham County. He was a member of the Vermont Bar Association and one of its officers. Hermon and his family attended the Baptist Church of West Wardsboro.

In 1916, Hermon was elected to the Vermont State Senate, representing the Marlboro District of Windham County. When Clarke Fitts died in December, 1916, Hermon and his associate, H.E. Whitney became joint partners in charge of the Fitts law firm. However, Hermon had attended the first sessions of the Vermont Legislature in mid-February of 1917, he spent a weekend in Brattleboro, then

returned to the State Capital. Apparently during the commute to Montpelier, Hermon contracted scarlet fever and he became deathly ill upon his arrival. He died in a hotel room at Montpelier on February 23, 1917, after a ten-day illness. Hermon was buried in Pike Hollow Cemetery.

Following Hermon's death, his father provided an estate for Bernice and the children and they remained at 45 Western Avenue, in Brattleboro for many years. They were also given a small hunting cottage, located on the Eddy land in Pike Hollow. Hermon had built a hunting cottage on this site about 1914. Bernice made it her home during her latter years.

Bernice had married Carl E. Hollender about 1923. Carl was born in New York on May 25, 1883. Bernice and Carl were eventually divorced and rumor has it that the children never liked him and so he never moved into their home. Carl passed away at Rutland, Vermont, in October, 1968. During those years, Bernice was a nurse and ran a home for the elderly for a time. She also ran a bed and breakfast from her home in Brattleboro.

Bernice then married LeRoy H. Wagner, the son of Laban and Katey Wagner, on February 8, 1950, at Brattleboro. LeRoy was born in Nova Scotia, Canada, on January 25, 1883. He had first married Mamie Holman on August 10, 1906, at Riversdale, Nova Scotia, and they had a son, Harold. The Wagners had moved

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to Brattleboro, Vermont, where LeRoy operated a shoe store. Mamie passed away at Brattleboro on January 28, 1947. LeRoy and Bernice started seeing each other later that same year.

Bernice and LeRoy lived in Pike Hollow in the cottage that had been given to her by the Eddys (the Eddy/Young place). Ethel Eddy added a section of land with a spring, so that they had a gravity fed water supply. Bernice's son, Elmer Eddy, and son-in-law, Rich Holman, also added a dormer in 1948 or 1949, which allowed room for two bedrooms upstairs. A bathroom with a spring filled reservoir above it completed the project. The Wagners lived there for many years. They sometimes stayed in Massachusetts or traveled to Florida or Texas during the winter months.

LeRoy had a heart attack and died at his home in Stratton on April 22, 1964. He was buried in Morningside Cemetery at Brattleboro, beside his first wife, Mamie, and their son, Harold, who had passed away a few years earlier.

Following LeRoy's death, Bernice continued to live in Stratton for several years, and she spent the winters with a friend in Jamaica, Vermont. During this time, her granddaughter, Lissa Holman lived with her. Bernice spent a year in Texas with her son, then returned to Vermont and spent the last few months of her life in a Nursing Home at Brattleboro. Bernice passed away

there on June 12, 1973. She was buried in Pike Hollow Cemetery beside Hermon.

Children of Hermon and Bernice:

- 1) Doris Mayona, born July 23, 1902, at Stratton, Vermont; died July 20, 1966, at Brattleboro, Vermont; married Millard Oscar Johnson on October 30, 1923.
- 2) Marjorie Adell, born May 20, 1907, at Brattleboro, Vermont; died February 18, 1969, in Dryden, Maine; married Richard L. Holman on January 22, 1938, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 3) Elmer Hermon, born October 15, 1911, at Brattleboro, Vermont; died October 27, 1998, at Round Rock, Texas; married 1) Margaret Elizabeth Laughton on September 28, 1935, at Stratton, Vermont (divorced) 2) Isabel Hromada on January 9, 1948, at Port Jervis, New York 3) Dieliew Williams on October 10, 1968, at Pleasanton, Texas.



**The Albert and Chloe Eddy family**  
**[l-r] Alner, Chloe, Lura, Burt, Albert and Elmer**

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**Emery Justus Eddy**  
**(1871 - 1944)**

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**Ella (Adams) Eddy**  
**(born in 1872)**

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**Elmer Albert Eddy**  
(1855 - 1936)

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**Inez Theodocia (Pike) Eddy**  
(1855 - 1928)

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**Hermon Elmer Eddy**  
(1881 - 1917)

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**Bernice Adell (Waite) Eddy**  
(1883 - 1973)

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**Elmer Hermon Eddy  
(1911 - 1998)**

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**Margaret Elizabeth (Laughton)  
Eddy  
(1911 - 1998)**

Photo courtesy of Milton Denker



**Ethel Eddy  
(1886 - 1969)**

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**Elmer Hermon Eddy**, son of Hermon and Bernice Eddy, was born at Brattleboro, Vermont, on October 15, 1911. His father died while he was still very young, and Elmer, known to his childhood friends as Lank, continued to live with his mother. Elmer graduated from high school, then attended Northeastern University in Boston, majoring in civil engineering. Elmer, known in his adult years as Bud, worked as a surveyor for the New England Power Company. He also served as road commissioner for Stratton.

On September 28, 1935, Bud married Margaret Elizabeth Laughton, daughter of Arthur Wheeler and Maude Edith Laughton, at Stratton. Peg, as she was known, was born in



Dummerston, Vermont, on July 3, 1911. Bud and Peg were married at the old church in Stratton. A cousin of both Bud and Peg, Robert Eddy, was the best man. When the time came for Robert to hand over the ring, he jokingly produced a bull ring from his pocket, causing the bride and groom to laugh a bit.

Bud and Peg lived in Stratton in Pike Hollow, following their marriage, then bought a house located next to the Green Mountain House in West Wardsboro.

During WWII, Bud served in the U. S. Army Combat Engineers, Persian Gulf Command. He was involved in building runways in Persia for much of that time. While Bud was away, Peg ran the Post Office in West Wardsboro.

Bud and Peg divorced following Bud's return from Persia in March, 1946. Bud had custody of their son, Hermon, while Peg retained custody of their daughter, Bess. After the divorce, Bud and Herm lived for a time in West Wardsboro, then moved in with Rich and Marge Holman, Bud's sister and brother-in-law, in Pike Hollow.

Bud then married Isabel Hromada on January 9, 1948, at Port Jervis, New York. Isabel was born on April 9, 1909, at Westminster, Massachusetts. She was a sister of Bob Hromada. Bob and his wife, Mirth (Pike), lived on the old Moses Pike farm in Pike Hollow. Isabel was the

manager of a beauty salon chain out of New York.

Soon after the marriage, Bud and Isabel and Bud's son, Herm, moved to San Antonio, Texas, then to Pleasanton, Texas, where they bought and operated the Irby Courts, a motel, which they renamed "Eddy's Motel," located on Highway 281 south of Pleasanton. While in Pleasanton, Bud served on the City Council and once served as Mayor pro-tem to serve out an unfinished term.

In December, 1966, Isabel suffered an aneurysm. She died two weeks later on December 21, 1966. Following her death, Bud gave up the motel and attempted to retire. He briefly returned to New England and took a job with the International Paper Company but returned to Pleasanton.

On October 10, 1968, Bud married Dieliew "Dee" (Neill) Williams at Pleasanton. Dee was born at Leming, Texas, on September 1, 1917. Dee, previously a teacher, operated Williams Insurance Company, a business established by her first husband in Pleasanton, Texas. Together, Bud and Dee continued to run this business for many years, until they decided to retire in 1978.

Bud and Dee purchased a summer home in Alpine, Arizona, and continued to spend the winter months in Pleasanton. Bud developed emphysema which discouraged them from keeping the summer home in Alpine, since the elevation was too high. In 1987, Bud and Dee moved to

Abilene, Texas, where they lived with Dee's son, Jim. In 1994, Jim moved to Missouri. However, Bud and Dee decided to stay in Texas and moved to the town of Round Rock, which was close to another of Dee's children, John. Bud passed away at a nursing home in Round Rock, Texas, on October 27, 1998. He was buried in Brite Cemetery in Pleasanton.

Bud also had inherited much of the estate of his father and grandfather in Pike Hollow. He signed over most of the land to his son, Hermon. The rest of the land, with the exception of a few acres, had been sold off over the years or it had been transferred to relatives still living in the area. The farmhouse and a large portion of the farm belonged to Bud's Aunt, Ethel Eddy.

Following Bud and Peg's divorce, Peg lived in West Wardsboro, Vermont. She married Lawrence Albin Denker of Stratton on August 4, 1947 (*see the Denker family*). Lawrence was born on April 2, 1901, at Waterbury, Connecticut. He was the son of John and Anna Sophia (Anderson) Denker.

Peg and Lawrence lived in Breezy Knoll, Hinsdale, New Hampshire, just across the river from Brattleboro, Vermont. Lawrence worked for the paper mill there. Peg and Lawrence had a son, Milton., and Peg's daughter, Elizabeth, also lived with them for a few years.

Lawrence died on October 27, 1975, at the Memorial Hospital in Brattleboro, Vermont. Peg

eventually moved to Brattleboro and lived there for several years with her aunt, Elsie Saderman. In 1989, she moved to Orlando, Florida, to be with her son, Milt's family. She died there on March 9, 1998.

Children of Bud and Peg were:

- 1) Hermon Arthur, married Helen Fuller.
- 2) Elizabeth Ann, married Wayne Adrian Lund.

**Hermon Arthur Eddy**, son of Elmer and Margaret Eddy, lived in West Wardsboro and Stratton with his parents, then went to Texas with his father. Herm joined the U. S. Air Force and he was stationed at various places in the United States, Europe and Turkey.

While stationed in England, Herm married Helen Fuller, daughter of James and Edna Fuller, at Bedford, England. The Eddys eventually settled in Maryland.

Herm inherited much of the Eddy property in Pike Hollow in Stratton and currently maintains a tree farm on this property. He also acquired his grandfather's hunting camp located on *Pike Hollow Rd.* - this is currently the home of his daughter, Siobhan and her husband Kent.

Children of Herm and Helen are:

- 1) Shaun, married Patricia Joan Vill.
- 2) Siobhan, married David Kent Young.

**Ethel Ann Eddy**, daughter of Elmer and Inez Eddy, was born

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on January 16, 1887, at Stratton. She graduated from LeLand and Gray Seminary in 1904, then attended Oneonta Normal School, graduating in 1909. She returned home and was living with her parents in 1910.

Ethel became involved in the Stratton Mountain Club in 1912 and she was president of that club from 1915 to at least 1919 (possibly to 1922 when the club disbanded). Ethel moved to Brattleboro about 1919 where she taught school. Later, she was superintendent of Windham South District Schools in Brattleboro for many years. In October, 1946, she was elected president of the Vermont Education Association.

Ethel was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and she was Regent of the Brattleboro Chapter of the DAR from 1931 to 1933. She also served as President of the Old Stratton Church Assoc. from 1928 to 1966. The church bought an Estey organ in 1901 and it was kept in the Eddy home during the winter months for many years.

In her latter years, Ethel returned to Stratton and became active in Stratton's town affairs. She had inherited her parent's farm in Pike Hollow and lived there until she was too old to care for herself. Ethel called her home "Manicknung Farm" for the mountain. There, Ethel provided room and board for tourists and gave horseback tours of the area.

Ethel was instrumental in forming Stratton's Daniel Webster Association in the 1950's and she

served as Stratton's Representative from 1957 to 1963.

During the early 1960's, Ethel sold the farm to the Steiner family, since no family member remained in the area to take it over. She suffered from Rheumatism and she eventually became bedridden. Ethel died on May 13, 1969, at Brattleboro. She was buried in the Eddy family plot in Pike Hollow Cemetery in Stratton.

**Emery Justus Eddy**, son of Albert and Chloe Eddy, was born February 8, 1871, at Stratton. Emery first married Ella Lucy Adams, daughter of Augustus and Sarah (Thomas) Adams, on January 30, 1893. Ella was born on January 30, 1872, at Stamford, Vermont. Emery was an insurance salesman and sold Travelers Insurance.

Ella passed away and so Emery married Bernice P. Howard. Emery died in 1944 at Bradenton, Florida

**William "Henry" Eddy**, son of Phineas and Lois Eddy, was born on February 4, 1829, at Stratton. Henry qualified as a Freeman of Stratton on September 3, 1850. In December, 1852, he and his brother, Albert, were deeded their father's farm and sawmill, provided that they both would take care of Phineas and his wife, Amanda, in their old age. This task later fell to their brother, David.

Henry married Sarah Ann Hartwell on October 8, 1854, at

Wardsboro, Vermont. Sarah was the daughter of Halloway and Nancy Hartwell. She was also a member of the West Wardsboro Baptist Church.

Henry purchased his father-in-law's farm of 125<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> acres on the *Gore Rd.* (*Willis Cemetery Rd*) on May 5, 1855, with conditions attached to provide care for Halloway and Nancy Hartwell in their old age and also to care for Kezia Lincoln (Nancy's mother). On May 29, 1855, Henry also bought two parcels of property from his brother-in-law, George Hartwell - one contained 108 acres and the other contained 26 acres of the old Higley farm. This last purchase was sold to Josiah Davison on June 1, 1860. Henry also purchased Halloway Hartwell's farm in Somerset on June 15, 1858. This lot was located along Somerset's border with Stratton, west of *Pike Hollow Rd.* and west of Moses and Joseph Pike's land. The Stratton farm that Henry purchased was the old Pike homestead. Currently, the house is owned by the Harlow family. The sugarhouse that was located on this property is now owned by the Gagner family and it once was owned by actor, E.G. Marshall.

In 1860, Henry and his family were living on the farm with Sarah's parents and also with David and William Lincoln, Sarah's relatives. In 1870, Sarah's mother was still living there, aged 67.

Henry and Sarah may have been divorced at some point.

Sarah evidently passed away at the farm, but the date has not been determined. Henry was living there alone in 1880 and by 1900, Henry was residing with his nephew, Elmer Albert Eddy, who was living on *Pike Hollow Rd.* Henry later went to Townshend, Vermont, where he died on February 24, 1908. Henry was buried in the Eddy Cemetery in Stratton.

Children of Henry and Sarah:

- 1) Herbert Othello, born August 1, 1858, at Stratton, Vermont; married Mary Slawson.
- 2) Florence A., born January 11, 1860, at Stratton, Vermont; married Henry Neill.
- 3) William Joseph, born June 20, 1866, at Stratton, Vermont; married Retta Matilda Roll on June 11, 1899, at Victor, Montana.

**Erastus Alcetus Eddy**, son of Phineas and Lois Eddy, was born June 12, 1832, at Stratton. He evidently left Vermont just after 1860, he served in the army for three years during the Civil War, and then he went west to Minnesota where he married Henrietta Althoff, daughter of William Althoff, on March 23, 1866. Henrietta was born in Belleville, Illinois, on October 12, 1850.

Erastus died May 28, 1911, in Minnesota and Henrietta followed in 1935.

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*The following Eddy family was not closely related to the above Eddy family:*

**Jonathan Eddy** and his wife, Arvilla (Gale) Eddy, never lived in Stratton, however, several of their children eventually settled there.

Jonathan was born on December 19, 1819, at Newfane, Vermont. He married Arvilla Janet Gale, daughter of Ivory and Phoebe Gale on November 10, 1862, at Windham, Vermont. Arvilla was born at Londonderry, Vermont, on November 29, 1842. The Eddys settled at Newfane, where Jonathan died on February 21, 1907. Arvilla died there on June 25, 1914. They were buried in Woodlawn Cemetery in Newfane.

Children of Jonathan and Arvilla:

- 1) Ida Sophia, born March 31, 1869, at Newfane, Vermont; died January 12, 1939; married William H. Hescocok.
- 2) Flora Marcia, born September 22, 1871, at Newfane, Vermont; died April 21, 1960, at Townshend, Vermont; married Charles Hudson Grout on June 6, 1894, at Newfane, Vermont.
- 3) Herman Lewis, born May 3, 1876, at Newfane, Vermont; married Edith J. White on August 12, 1901, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 4) Lena May, born October 17, 1879, at Newfane, Vermont; married George Adrill Williams on October 10, 1899, at Stratton, Vermont.

- 5) Ethel Grace, born October 11, 1884, at Newfane, Vermont (she taught school in Stratton).

**Herman Lewis Eddy**, son of Jonathan and Arvilla (Gale) Eddy, was born on May 3, 1876, at Newfane, Vermont. He came to Stratton where he was a farmer and a lumberman.

Herman married Edith J. White, daughter of Frank and Nettie (Howe) White, on August 12, 1901, at Stratton. Edith was born on May 25, 1881, at Newfane.

The Eddys lived at Brookline and Newfane after the marriage. Edith died at Londonderry, Vermont, on September 2, 1913. Herman then married Rosa Emaline (Wilder) Kennon, widow of Charles Henry Kennon and daughter of Lewis and Phoebe Wilder. Rosa was born on February 7, 1867, at Jamaica, Vermont. She died on February 24, 1935, at Newfane.

Their children were:

- 1) Mildred Janette, born January 20, 1905, at Brookline, Vermont.
- 2) Margaret Jennie, born June 4, 1912, at Newfane, Vermont.

**Flora Celestia Eddy**, daughter of David and Lydia Eddy of Jamaica, Vermont, was born on January 4, 1848, and lived with the family of Henry and Rhoda Edwards in Stratton in 1870. She resettled in Jamaica and married James Oscar Lamphear there on June 1, 1875.

**George Eddy** married Mary Benson. They apparently resided in Townshend, Vermont.

A child of George and Mary was:

- 1) Edgar, born June, 1867, at East Townshend, Vermont; died February 3, 1879, at Stratton, Vermont.

Additional Sources for all the above Eddy families:

The Eddy Family in America  
1930, 1968 and 1980 editions

## **Edson**

**Emerson Edson** married Delia Catrell. The Edsons may have resided in Stratton in the late 1870s, but they were not in Stratton in 1880.

Their son was:

- 1) Alfred E., born December 20, 1873, at Jamaica, Vermont; died August 7, 1877, at Stratton, Vermont.

## **Edwards**

**Joseph Edwards** was born about 1781. In 1870, he was living in the home of Melvin and Marcelina Knowlton. Joseph either died or had moved away from Stratton before 1880. By that time, the Knowltons had moved to Illinois.

**Henry Willard Edwards**, son of Rodolphus and Chloe Edwards, was born on August 16, 1810, at Newfane, Vermont. Willard was a shoemaker. He married Rhoda May, daughter of Lyman and Patty May. Rhoda was born on May 23, 1831, at Edinburg, New York.

Willard evidently had a child from a previous marriage and Rhoda also came into this marriage with a child.

The Edwards had lived at Dover, Vermont, before they settled in Stratton during the late 1850s. In 1870, Flora Eddy, aged 23, was living with them and in 1880, their daughter and son-in-law, Emma and Franklin Mundell and their children resided in the Edwards' home.

Willard died on July 7, 1886, at Stratton and he was buried in Ball Cemetery. Rhoda remarried to Jonathan Babcock, at Stratton, on September 25, 1886. She died shortly after the marriage on November 30, 1886. She was buried in Ball Cemetery.

In 1901, Mrs. Clark Mundell of Wardsboro and L. H. May of Greenfield, Massachusetts, put a proper stone on Willard's grave.

A child of Willard was:

- 1) Henry, born about 1849.

A child of Rhoda was:

- 1) Lyman W. May, born in 1849; married Alida E. Perry on March 18, 1871, at Stratton, Vermont.

Children of Willard and Rhoda:

- 1) Ellen M., born about 1852; died November 10, 1919, at West Townshend, Vermont; married Daniel Clark Mundell in September, 1869.
  - 2) George W., born about 1854.
  - 3) Emma Lucy, born in 1857 at Dover, Vermont; married Franklin Squire Mundell on
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July 3, 1875, at Jamaica, Vermont.

- 4) Charles Aaron, born June 18, 1860, at Stratton, Vermont (took the Freeman's oath in Stratton on September 5, 1882).

## Efron

**Vera Efron** came to America from Russia and settled in Stratton in her latter years. Vera was a mathematician and she had several books on mathematics published. She lived on *Pike Hollow Rd.* in the log cabin currently owned by DR Holton.

Vera died in her home at Stratton in 1993 and a wake was held for her at the Stratton Meetinghouse.

## Elmer

**Edward E. Elmer** of Jamaica, Vermont, married Minnie Davidson, daughter of John and Nettie Davidson of Woodford, Vermont. The Elmers settled in Stratton about 1908, where Edward worked as a laborer, probably in one of the lumber camps in Stratton.

Minnie evidently passed away before 1920. That year, Edward was living with John and Nettie Davidson in Stratton and he was working on their farm.

A child of Edward and Minnie:

- 1) Ruth A., born July 20, 1908, at Stratton, Vermont.

## Emery

**Chester N. Emery**, son of Norman and Melissa (Akely)

Emery, was born about 1872 at Shrewsbury, Vermont. He moved to Stratton where he worked as a teamster.

On September 11, 1897, he married Mabel Williams, daughter of Charles and Rosa (Hadden) Williams, at Stratton. Mabel was born about 1877 at Jamaica, Vermont.

## Emmons

**Amzi Babbitt Emmons** was born at Chester, New York, on November 9, 1846. Amzi attended Amherst College in Massachusetts, graduating in 1869. In 1870, Amzi was living in Stratton with Lucinda Emmons, aged 31, and a boy, Myron Emmons, aged 9. This may have been his sister or sister-in-law and her son, since the boy was definitely too old to be Amzi's son. Soon after that time, Amzi attended Union Seminary in New York and graduated in 1873. He was ordained a Congregational Minister on October 28, 1873.

Amzi married Melva Sophia Topping, daughter of James and Mary (Skinner) Topping, on May 28, 1873, at Chester. Sophie, as she was called, was born on September 3, 1845, at Chester. Following the marriage, the Emmonses returned to live in Stratton. Amzi was Stratton's Congregational minister from May, 1873, to November, 1874. He also served as the minister for neighboring Jamaica and probably moved to that town in 1875. Amzi later became minister of the First Congregational Church in

Oxford, Massachusetts, in 1878. He passed away at Morristown, New Jersey, on January 18, 1882. Sophie remained in Oxford until 1901, then removed to Worcester, Massachusetts, where she died on March 25, 1925.

Their children were:

- 1) Mary Forrester, born June 16, 1874, at Stratton, Vermont; married Charles S. Putnam.
- 2) Esther C.
- 3) Moses S.

Additional Sources:

The Congregational Churches of Vermont  
and Their Ministers 1762 - 1914

## Estabrook

**Ezra Estabrook**, son of Samuel and Sarah (Robinson) Estabrook, was born on April 14, 1770. In 1778, Ezra went to live with a Mr. Lovell in Holden, Massachusetts, but he was of Worcester, Massachusetts, when he published an intent to marry Eunice Goodale on May 17, 1795. Eunice was a daughter of Deacon David Goodale and Dorothy, his wife, of Oakham, Massachusetts. She was born in March, 1774.

On October 19, 1797, Ezra and his brother-in-law, John Glazier, purchased 8L1R in Stratton from Clark Stone. The Estabrooks settled on the south half of this lot while the Glaziers settled on the north half (later called the Brown farm). Ezra brought his family to Stratton soon thereafter and built a farmhouse there. The farmhouse was located on what is now *Mountain Rd.*, across from the intersection with *Forrester*

*Rd./Half Mile Rd.* (it later became the Forrester farmhouse).

On April 8, 1819, the Glaziers and the Estabrooks officially divided the farm by deeding one another their share of the other's half.

In 1800, the Estabrooks had three children below the age of ten. In November, 1813, Ezra and Eunice, along with Ezra's brother, Joel, were admitted to the Church of Christ in Stratton. Five of their children were baptized that same day (with the exception of Melinda). Ezra was very active in Church affairs. He was elected Church Clerk in 1824 and served in that position until July 28, 1837, at which time his son Ezekiel was chosen Church Clerk and his brother Joel was turned out of the church. Ezra was also a captain in Stratton's company of militia.

Eunice died on April 4, 1831, and she was buried in North Cemetery. Ezra then married Sarah Gleason on June 19, 1832. Sarah was a widow from Jamaica, Vermont. She was born at New Salem, Massachusetts, on June 10, 1785.

Following the marriage, the Estabrooks lived with Ezra's son, Ezekiel. Sarah joined the church on December 11, 1836, at the same time as her stepson, Ezekiel. In 1847, the Estabrooks had Sarah Jane M. Allen living with them and attending school in district #4 in Stratton.

Ezra also paid taxes on 7L1R, the lot between his land and his brother, Joel's land. This was

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land belonging to Ezra's son-in-law, David Rice.

Ezra died on February 23, 1851, and he was buried in North Cemetery. Sarah died on December 5, 1863, and she was buried in Ball Cemetery.

Children of Ezra and Eunice:

- 1) Melinda, born June 7, 1795; died April 8, 1879; married David Rice on November 5, 1818, at Worcester, Massachusetts.
- 2) David, born October 16, 1796; died January 18, 1872; married Anna Brainard on October 26, 1815, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 3) Dorothy, born May 29, 1799, at Stratton, Vermont; died September 5, 1863; married Reuben Wellman (of Jamaica, Vermont) intent published on March 16, 1828.
- 4) Ezekiel, born September 8, 1804, at Stratton, Vermont; died August 19, 1852; married Betsey Bancroft Kidder (intent published on December 2, 1827, at Stratton, Vermont).
- 5) Azubah, born December 18, 1806, at Stratton, Vermont; died in 1884; married Warner Howard on April 12, 1827, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 6) Enoch, born February 15, 1811, at Stratton, Vermont; married Silvia Thayer (intent published on February 16, 1834).

**David Estabrook**, son of Ezra and Eunice Estabrook, was born on October 16, 1796, and he came to Stratton as a boy with his parents. David married Anna

Brainard, daughter of David and Lucy (Williams) Brainard, there on October 26, 1815. Anna was born on October 15, 1796. Following the death of her father, Anna's mother married Joel Estabrook, David's uncle.

On June 8, 1817, Anna removed her church relation from Winhall to the Church of Christ in Stratton, and David was admitted as a member on August 31, 1817. They remained members of this congregation for the next 17 years. On January 12, 1834, David and Anna were given a letter of dismissal from the church to be used to gain acceptance into another church. At that time, they resettled in Bennington, Vermont, then made another move about 1838 to Hoosick Falls, New York. David died on January 18, 1872, and Anna died on April 19, 1884.

Children of David and Anna:

- 1) Lucy Williams, born April 23, 1816, at Stratton, Vermont (received into the Church of Christ in Stratton on November 9, 1831); married John B. Davids and settled in Markesan, Wisconsin.
- 2) Franklin Glazier, born September 19, 1817, at Stratton, Vermont (baptized in Stratton on October 14, 1817); died in July, 1888; married Susan Taylor.
- 3) Eunice Goodale, born May 21, 1819, at Jamaica, Vermont (baptized in Stratton on February 27, 1820); married 1) Benjamin Lewis 2) George Draper.

- 4) Orrilla, born February 27, 1822, at Stratton, Vermont (baptized in Stratton on May 12, 1822); married John Godby on January 1, 1839.
- 5) Ezra Robinson, born September 6, 1824 (baptized in Stratton on March 6, 1825); married Lucy Taylor.
- 6) Sarah Susanna, born January 26, 1827 (baptized in Stratton on August 5, 1827); married Charles Edward Peters on October 11, 1848.
- 7) Jedadiah Brainard, born February 11, 1829 (baptized in Stratton on December 6, 1829); died August 20, 1831.
- 8) Alanson Corydon, born January 18, 1831; married Mary E. Crawford.
- 9) Alfred H., born March 27, 1834, at Bennington, Vermont; died August 31, 1870; married Lucy Rice.
- 10) Willie Austin, born January 18, 1837, at Bennington, Vermont; died December 13, 1838.
- 11) James Edwin, born December 17, 1839, at Hoosick Falls, New York; married Hariett Welsh.

**Ezekiel Estabrook**, son of Ezra and Eunice Estabrook, was born September 8, 1804, at Stratton. Ezekiel took the Freeman's oath in Stratton on December 4, 1826. He purchased his father's farm on September 20, 1827, and evidently remained there for the rest of his life.

Ezekiel married Betsey Bancroft Kidder, daughter of Abel

and Mary Kidder, (intent published on December 2, 1827, at Stratton). She was born there on August 18, 1807. The following year, Ezekiel and Betsey agreed to care for Betsey's sister, Emma, who was subject to having fits (probably epilepsy).

On September 13, 1833, Ezekiel purchased the west half of 7L1R from his brother-in-law, David Rice. He later sold part of this lot to Benjamin Hudson.

Ezekiel became a member of the Church of Christ in Stratton on December 11, 1836. On July 28, 1837, he was voted in as Church Clerk, replacing his father. About 1846, Ezekiel was made a Deacon. He held both of those positions until his death.

Ezekiel died at Stratton on August 19, 1852, and Betsey died there on August 5, 1867, of typhoid fever. Both were buried in Ball Cemetery.

Children of Ezekiel and Betsey:

- 1) Lyman William, born July 2, 1829, at Stratton, Vermont (baptized in Stratton on October 18, 1829); died September 8, 1831, at Stratton, Vermont.
  - 2) Abel Kidder, born August 3, 1831 (baptized in Stratton on November 13, 1831); died May 21, 1867, at Stratton, Vermont; married Adelia Salome Pike.
  - 3) Amelia Ann, born August 4, 1833 (baptized in Stratton on September 14, 1834, and admitted as a member of the church on June 6, 1858); married Benjamin Payne on
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- July 3, 1864, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 4) Henry William, born January 16, 1836, at Stratton, Vermont; died June 11, 1919, at Brimfield, Massachusetts; married 1) Rosetta Hannah Pike on February 7, 1859 2) Adelia Salome (Pike) Estabrook.
  - 5) Mariette M., born March 23, 1838; died August 31, 1867, at Stratton, Vermont; married James William Copeland.
  - 6) Angela M., born September 13, 1843; died June 1, 1846, at Stratton, Vermont.
  - 7) Adelbert E., born September 7, 1847; died May 13, 1848, at Stratton, Vermont.
  - 8) Ella A., born February 21, 1850; married James F. Smith on July 9, 1869.

**Abel Kidder Estabrook**, son of Ezekiel and Betsey Estabrook, was born on August 3, 1831, at Stratton. Abel took the Freeman's oath in Stratton in September, 1852.

Abel married Adelia Salome Pike, daughter of Joseph and Salome (Hale) Pike on November 20, 1856, at Somerset, Vermont. Adelia was born on September 25, 1833, at Somerset, Vermont.

Abel inherited the farm that his grandfather had started in Stratton. In 1860, Abel and Adelia were living with their two children, Abel's widowed mother and widowed grandmother, his sister, Ella, and another child, Samuel Gordon, aged 12.

Abel's life was short. He died on May 21, 1867, at Stratton, of typhoid fever.

After Abel's death, Adelia joined the Church of Christ in Stratton on June 21, 1868. In April 1871, the church gave Adelia a letter of dismission and recommendation to the Congregational Church in West Dover, Vermont. She married Abel's brother, Henry sometime after 1891. Adelia died on February 5, 1913, in Amherst, Massachusetts. Abel and Adelia were buried in Ball Cemetery.

Children of Abel and Adelia were:

- 1) Rosetta A. born January 25, 1858, at Stratton, Vermont; died in 1912 at East Amherst, Massachusetts.
- 2) William E., born February 6, 1860, at Stratton, Vermont; died July 17, 1862, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 3) Jotham Pike, born July 9, 1864, at Stratton, Vermont; died July 21, 1865, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 4) Adelbert A. (twin), born December 25, 1866, at Stratton, Vermont (became an ME Pastor in the northern part of Vermont).
- 5) Aella (twin), born December 25, 1866, at Stratton, Vermont.

**Henry William Estabrook**, son of Ezekiel and Betsey Estabrook, was born on January 16, 1836, at Stratton. He married Rosetta Hannah Pike, daughter of Joseph and Salome Pike, on February 7,

1859. Rosetta was born on July 15, 1837, in Somerset, Vermont.

Henry was accepted into the Church of Christ in Stratton on June 5, 1853, and he was baptized at that time. That same day, Henry was voted to be the Church Clerk, replacing his father. On February 12, 1859, Henry was made a Deacon of the church. He took the Freeman's oath in Stratton in September, 1857.

The Estabrooks settled on the farm of his father-in-law, Joseph Pike, located beyond what is now the end of *Pike Hollow Rd.* Henry purchased this farm on March 13, 1859, with an agreement that Henry and Rosetta would care for the Pikes for the rest of their lives. The deed mentions that the Pike's were living on that farm at that time. The remains of the farm are still visible. Currently an old abandoned trailer marks the site.

The Estabrooks moved away from Stratton before 1880, but they eventually returned and Rosetta died there on August 19, 1891.

Following Rosetta's death, Henry remarried to his brother, Abel's widow, Adelia, who consequently was also Rosetta's sister. Adelia passed away on February 5, 1913, and Henry died on June 11, 1919, at Brimfield, Massachusetts. Rosetta and Henry were buried in Pike Hollow Cemetery in Stratton. Adelia was buried in Ball Cemetery next to her first husband, Abel.

Children of Henry and Rosetta:

- 1) Joseph Henry, born November 18, 1859, at Stratton, Vermont (baptized in Stratton on September 9, 1860); died September 24, 1918, at Brimfield, Massachusetts.
- 2) Arthur A., born March 8, 1861, at Stratton, Vermont (baptized in Stratton on July 27, 1867); died June 14, 1915, at Amherst, Massachusetts.
- 3) William Alexander, born June 4, 1863, at Stratton, Vermont (baptized in Stratton on July 27, 1867).
- 4) Fidelia Marilla, born December 3, 1870, at Stratton, Vermont (baptized in Stratton on October 18, 1874).
- 5) Ralph Emmons (twin), born August 13, 1873, at Stratton, Vermont; died October 14, 1873, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 6) Rosco Topping (twin), born August 13, 1873, at Stratton, Vermont (baptized in Stratton on October 18, 1874); died April 12, 1910, at Dover, Vermont.

**William Alexander Estabrook**, son of Henry and Rosetta Estabrook, was born at Stratton on June 4, 1863. William studied to become a minister at Hartford Seminary in Connecticut, graduating in 1893. He was ordained a minister of the Congregational Church on August 1, 1893. William was pastor of the Congregational churches of Wilmington and Dover, Vermont. By 1903, William had settled in Amherst, Massachusetts. He was still living in 1914.

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**Joseph Henry Estabrook**  
(1859 - 1918)

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**Arthur A. Estabrook**  
(1861 - 1915)

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**Fidelia Marilla Estabrook**  
(born in 1870)

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**William Alexander Estabrook**  
(born in 1863)

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**Enoch Estabrook**, son of Ezra and Eunice Estabrook, was born on February 15, 1811, at Stratton. He married Silvia Thayer, daughter of Levi H. and Sally Thayer, of Jamaica, Vermont (intent published February 16, 1834).

Children of Enoch and Silvia:

- 1) Rodney L., born March 25, 1837; married Caroline Lyon on April 16, 1865.
- 2) Edwin J., born November 13, 1839, at Jamaica, Vermont; married 1) Lucy J. Holton on August 18, 1859 2) Lucia A. Irish on October 8, 1864.
- 3) Nelson F., born about 1845 in Jamaica, Vermont; married Sarah S. White on June 3, 1866, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 4) Ezra L., born June 25, 1849; died October 8, 1880, at Albion, Michigan; married Mary E. Rossignal on June 25, 1870.

**Rodney L. Estabrook**, son of Enoch and Sylvia Estabrook, was born on March 25, 1837. During the Civil War, Rodney took the Freeman's oath in Stratton in September, 1862, but then enlisted for Jamaica, Vermont, on September 3, 1862. He served in Company D of the Vermont 16th Regiment until he was mustered out of service on August 10, 1863. Rodney married Caroline Lyon on April 16, 1865.

**Nelson F. Estabrook**, son of Enoch and Sylvia Estabrook, was born in 1845 in Jamaica. During the Civil War, Nelson enlisted for

Jamaica, Vermont, on September 3, 1862. He served in Company D of the Vermont 16th Regiment and he mustered out of service on August 10, 1863.

After the war, Nelson married Sarah S. White, daughter of Erastus and Sarah White, on June 3, 1866, at Stratton. Sarah was born in Jamaica in 1848. The Estabrooks resettled at Dexter, Michigan.

**Joel Estabrook**, son of Samuel and Sarah (Robinson) Estabrook, was born on January 4, 1768. In his early years, Joel was a resident of Rutland, Massachusetts.

Joel married Amy Rice, daughter of Edward and Mary (Stone) Rice, at Boylston, Massachusetts, on October 17, 1792. Amy was born at Hubbardston, Massachusetts, on September 4, 1767. After the marriage, they lived in Leicester, Worcester and Oakham, Massachusetts, before settling in Ashburnham, Massachusetts. Joel lived there in 1802 when he purchased 6LR.

The Estabrooks had a child born in Stratton in 1805, but they were not listed on a census of Stratton until 1820. In 1808, Joel was called "of Stratton" when he repurchased his lands at a tax-sale. In November, 1813, Joel was admitted as a member of the Church of Christ in Stratton, along with his brother Ezra and Ezra's wife. It appears that Amy had passed away prior to that time.

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Joel then married Lucy (Williams) Brainard of Winhall, Vermont - a widow of David Brainard (intention of marriage published February 20, 1814, at Stratton). Lucy was born on December 15, 1768, at Haddam, Connecticut. In September, 1814, she removed her church relation from Jamaica to Stratton.

In 1820, Joel was head of a household with Lucy, one of Joel's sons (evidently Stephen), and Joel's daughter Susanna, living with them.

In 1837, the church became involved in a dispute between Joel and his son Stephen, who had been working on Joel's farm for many years. Joel had failed to pay his son for his work and had treated him in an "unchristian-like manner." Joel had also "*expressed unkindly feelings toward his brethren who are engaged in the temperance reformation and in other benevolent efforts.*" Joel was found guilty of the charges. His son, Stephen was also found guilty of unchristian-like conduct toward his father. On July 28, 1837, the church "*Voted to withdraw our fellowship from Brother Joel Estabrook until he appears of a different spirit and gives Christian satisfaction.*" On the other hand, Stephen made a confession to the church and the members voted to accept it.

On December 10, 1838, Joel sold his farm to his son-in-law, Warner Thayer of Jamaica, Vermont, with an agreement that the Thayers would care for Joel

and Amy for the rest of their natural lives. Joel discharged this agreement on March 27, 1840, and Warner sold the farm that same month. Joel and Amy probably moved to Jamaica to live with the Thayers following the sale. Joel died in Jamaica.

Children of Joel and Amy were:

- 1) Stephen, born July 20, 1793, at Leicester, Massachusetts; died March 29, 1855, at Jamaica, Vermont.
- 2) Lewis, born March 23, 1795, at Worcester, Massachusetts; died July 17, 1864, at Jamaica, Vermont.
- 3) Lyman, born November 21, 1797, at Oakham, Massachusetts; died in Ledgewick, Maine.
- 4) Susanna, born April 22, 1805, at Stratton, Vermont (baptized in Stratton in November, 1813); married Warner Thayer on April 24, 1838, at Stratton, Vermont.

**Stephen Estabrook**, son of Joel and Amy Estabrook, was born at Leicester, Massachusetts, on July 20, 1793, and came to Stratton with his parents. On February 2, 1812, he was admitted to the Church of Christ in Stratton and baptized that same day. Stephen apparently remained on his father's farm. He took the Freeman's oath in Stratton on September 6, 1814.

In 1837, Stephen was admonished by the church for his poor relationship with his father (*see Joel Estabrook above*) for which his confession was accepted

by the church. Stephen resettled in Jamaica, Vermont, where he died unmarried on March 29, 1855.

**Huldah Estabrook**, daughter of Samuel and Sarah (Robinson) Estabrook, was born on June 11, 1772. Huldah died at Stratton on March 8, 1810.

Additional Sources:

History of the Estabrook Family  
by William Booth Estabrook 1891

## Evans

**James H. Evans** was born at Arlington, Vermont. He came to Stratton and worked as a laborer probably at Grout's Mills. James married Abbie "May" Parsons, daughter of William H. and Sarah Parson. May was born in 1875 in Wardsboro, Vermont. The Evanses were living at Grout's Mills in 1895, at the time their son, Harold, was born.

Their children were:

- 1) Lena, born in 1893 at Wardsboro, Vermont.
- 2) Harold James, born August 12, 1895, at Stratton, Vermont; died January 1, 1954 (WWI veteran).

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### Fay

**Asa Fay** of Grafton, Massachusetts, may have been the same Asa Fay, son of Jeduthan and Sarah (Shattuck) Fay of Westborough, Massachusetts, who was born on June 22, 1753. Asa married Mary Robbins of

Westborough, Massachusetts, on April 13, 1780, at Shrewsbury, Massachusetts.

The Fays apparently settled in Wardsboro, Vermont, soon after the marriage. They were among the earliest members of the Wardsboro Baptist Church, attending services there by 1797.

Asa bought 110 acres of land in Wardsboro on January 9, 1801. This lot surrounded the original half-acre of the West Wardsboro Cemetery and later, some of this farm was sold to the town to enlarge the cemetery.

Their children probably were:

- 1) Asa, born July 10, 1784, at Wardsboro, Vermont; married Betsey (?).
- 2) Mary "Polly," born November 16, 1783, at Wardsboro, Vermont; died September 21, 1863, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 3) Elizabeth "Betsey," born May 20, 1793; died July 12, 1862; married Benjamin Moon.
- 4) Charles, born February 6, 1798; died October 4, 1875, at Stratton, Vermont; married Asenath Wood.
- 5) Eunice, probably married Eliab Stone.

**Asa Fay**, son of Asa and Mary Fay, was born at Wardsboro, Vermont, on July 10, 1784. Asa and his wife, Betsey, settled in Stratton about 1805 and they were duly warned out on June 28, 1806. The Fays left town before the census of 1810 was taken.

**Polly Fay**, daughter of Asa and Mary Fay, was born at Wardsboro,



Vermont, on November 16, 1783. In 1850, she was living with her brother Charles's, family in Stratton and in 1860, she lived with her sister and brother-in-law, Benjamin and Betsey Moon in Stratton. She died there on September 21, 1863.

**Charles Fay**, son of Asa and Mary Fay, was born on February 6, 1798. He married Asenath Wood who was born on March 23, 1799.

On September 15, 1823, Charles purchased part of 3L3R and 4L3R in Stratton (75 acres) from Asa Phillips. Charles was called a resident of Stratton at the time of this purchase, but they apparently had lived in Jamaica, Vermont, before that time. The Fays resided on this lot until 1838; although, for some reason, they were not in Stratton at the time of the census of 1830. In 1839, the Fays settled on the east half of 5L4R - the Batchellor farm - located on *Shepardson Rd.* (see C. Fay on McClellan's map of 1856 and E. Grout on Beer's Atlas of 1869). The Fays remained on this farm for the remainder of their lives.

In 1846, their daughter Caroline purchased part of 6L4R - an adjacent lot on the north. That same year, Charles made an agreement with the Selectmen of Stratton to lease 6L5R for 20 years, provided that Charles would clear  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an acre each year and seed it with grass for 20 years. This agreement was

apparently not carried out for the full 20-year period.

Asenath died at Stratton on September 3, 1854. In 1860, Charles was living with his sons, James and Paul on the Fay farm. In 1862, Charles was head of the household that included a girl, Rosannah Holton, who was attending school in district #2. By 1864, both of their sons were dead, and Edwin Grout, husband of Charles' daughter, Charlotte, was head of the household. Charles died at Stratton on October 4, 1875. The Fays were buried in Ball Cemetery.

Children of Charles and Asenath:

- 1) Aurilla G., born May 16, 1821, at Jamaica, Vermont; died December 11, 1897, at Stratton, Vermont; married Oliver P. Hescocock on September 3, 1851, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 2) Otis R., born May 21, 1823, at Stratton, Vermont; died January 30, 1848 (He took the Freeman's oath in Stratton on September 2, 1845).
- 3) Caroline Cynthia, born September 22, 1825, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 4) James T., born October 11, 1828, at Stratton, Vermont; died August 30, 1864, at Brattleboro, Vermont.
- 5) Charlotte A., born February 23, 1833; died January 16, 1895, at Stratton, Vermont; married Edwin L. Grout on July 1, 1851.
- 6) Paul H., born August 21, 1836, at Stratton, Vermont; died on

December 19, 1862, at Stratton, Vermont.

**James T. Fay**, son of Charles and Asenath Fay, was born on October 11, 1828. He took the Freeman's oath in Stratton on September 3, 1850, and apparently had to take it again in September, 1858. By 1860, he was living with his father and his brother, Paul. James served as a justice of the peace in Stratton for a short while.

During the Civil War, James enlisted on December 10, 1863, and mustered into Company D of the Vermont 8th Regiment on December 24, 1863. He died on August 30, 1864, at a hospital in Brattleboro, Vermont, of consumption (tuberculosis) while still serving in the military. He was buried in Ball Cemetery

## Felt

**George E. P. Felt** was a native of Rockingham, Vermont. He married Mary M. Rice, daughter of David and Melinda Rice, on March 24, 1839, at Stratton. The Felts settled in Stratton after the marriage, but they had moved from town evidently before 1845, settling in Wardsboro.

Children of George and Mary:

- 1) Sarah M., born February 6, 1840, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 2) Eunis M.<sup>1</sup> (twin?), born February 12, 1843, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 3) Thirza A.<sup>1</sup> (twin?)
- 4) David, born October 13, 1845.
- 5) William F. H., born April 15, 1848; died June 19, 1849.

- 6) Osmyn S., born December 28, 1850.
- 7) William D., born March 13, 1853; died on August 12, 1856.

### Notes:

Stratton records list Eunis M., born 2/1843; Rice History lists Thirza A., born 2/1843 (may be the same child or twins)

### Additional Sources:

Return to Yesterday by CS Streecher  
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## Fish

**Franklin Fish** was born in May, 1857, in New York. His wife, Albina N., was born in Vermont in November, 1850. Franklin and Albina had lived in Massachusetts before settling in Stratton about 1900. That year, they had two boarders in their home - Charles Parker, aged 16, and Alexander Clemons, aged 78. Both of these men were probably relatives. Alexander may have been Albina's father.

Franklin probably worked in one of Stratton's lumber camps. They were no longer in town in 1910.

A child of Franklin and Albina:

- 1) Frank, born in May, 1894, in Massachusetts.

## Fletcher

**Wendell Morton Fletcher**, son of Lee D. and Bertha H. (Marshall) Fletcher, was born on August 16, 1914, at Craftsbury, Vermont. Red, as he was called, married Wilma Isabel Hromada, daughter of Robert and Mirth Hromada, on August 25, 1940, at Stratton.

Wilma was born on February 2, 1922.

Red served as a private in the army during WWII from May 8, 1945, to October 19, 1945. After the war, he worked in the construction industry. Red and Wilma spent several years living with Wilma's parents in the converted schoolhouse at the end of *Pike Hollow Rd.*

Red died on June 24, 1974, while in a Veterans Hospital near Hartford, Vermont. Wilma survived for many years, living in the schoolhouse until her mother died. She spent her last years in a nursing home in Scituate, Massachusetts, and died there on July 14, 1994. Red and Wilma were buried in the new section of Pike Hollow Cemetery, beside their home.

## Follett

**Benjamin Follett**, son of Benjamin and Keturah (Haydon) Follett, was born at Wrentham, Massachusetts, on March 2, 1810. Benjamin married Calista Tower on October 2, 1844, at Wrentham. Calista was born on September 25, 1814.

The Folletts were living in Stratton in 1853 and their children attended school in district #3 that year. It appears that the Folletts returned to Wrentham in 1854.

Children of Benjamin and Calista:

1) Frank Fidel (twin), born May 22, 1848, at Wrentham, Massachusetts.

- 2) Keturah Emma (twin), born May 22, 1848, at Wrentham, Massachusetts.
- 3) Sarah Calista, born June 6, 1850, at Wrentham, Massachusetts.
- 4) Angie P., born November 8, 1852.
- 5) Lizzie Tower, born April 21, 1855.

## Foote

**Ezra Lewis S. Foote**, son of Solan and Mary Foote, was born in Fairfield, Vermont, in 1851. He married Catherine (Wylkie) Bradley, daughter of William and Catherine Wylkie, on July 15, 1869. Catherine was born in 1841 and she was previously married to (?) Bradley.

In 1869, the Footes were living beside North Cemetery on the west half of 10L2R. In 1870, Lewis and Catherine were living with Lewis's mother, Mary, who was born in 1828. Catherine's children from her previous marriage were also living with them. This family had moved away from Stratton by 1880.

Children of Catherine by her first marriage to (?) Bradley were:

- 1) Lewis Bradley, born about 1861.
- 2) Willie Bradley, born about 1863.
- 3) Merton Bradley, born about 1865.

## Ford

**Zerah Ford** and his wife were born in the 1760s. The Fords were living in Springfield, Vermont, when Zerah purchased

the east half of 6L6R in Stratton on August 11, 1827. They settled there soon after. This lot was located just east of the Abel Grout farm.

Zerah became a Freeman of Stratton on September 7, 1828. In 1830, the Fords also had a gentleman aged 50 to 60 living with them. By May 12, 1836, the Fords had resettled in Dover, Vermont, and on that day Zerah sold six acres in the northeast corner of 6L6R to Ira Baldwin of Dover. He later sold the remainder of his lot to Liberty Howe of Dover on September 8, 1841.

**Harden Ford** was born about 1807 and he was probably a son of Zerah Ford. He qualified as a Freeman in Stratton on November 11, 1828, not long after Zerah took the oath. This is the only mention of him in Stratton's town records. In 1831, Harden married Prusha Wheeler in New Hampshire.

A son of Harden and Prusha was:

- 1) James H., born about 1834 at Westmoreland, New Hampshire.

**Leno Ford** was probably a son of Zerah Ford. He qualified as a Freeman of Stratton on September 7, 1828. This is the only mention of him in Stratton's town records.

## Forrester

**Moses Forrester** was born on February 3, 1779, at Orange, Massachusetts. He married Patty Johnson, daughter of Stephen and

Hannah Johnson (intent published at Orange, Massachusetts, on August 2, 1808). Patty was born on February 23, 1784, at Mendon, Massachusetts. She was apparently also referred to as Eliza. The Forresters were living in Brookline, Massachusetts, in 1808, then settled in Athol, Massachusetts.

Moses purchased 1L4R and the southeast corner of 1L5R in Stratton on March 10, 1810. The Forresters may have had some relationship with the Olivers and Youngs that had settled in Stratton at an earlier time. In 1814, Moses purchased the west half of 1L3R and an additional 60 acres of 1L3R. It appears as though the Forresters finally settled in Stratton in 1815, since on September 3, 1816, Moses became a Freeman of Stratton.

The Forrester farm was located on what is now called *Old Forrester Rd.*. It was later owned by his son Roderick. The cellar hole can still be seen beyond the end of the current road there. The 1820 census shows that, besides their children, there was also a female about their age living with them. On March 6, 1825, Moses and Eliza, his wife, became members of the Church of Christ in Stratton.

Moses went on to purchase large amounts of land in Stratton, including about 500 acres in the western part of town. He practiced law in Stratton and acted as agent in several land transactions. Often he was

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referred to as Moses Forrester, Esquire.

In 1846 Horace Rider, son of Samuel and Ama Rider, was living with the Forresters and attended school in the Stratton-Somerset United School District. Previously, in 1843, Moses purchased Ama Rider's dowerage that consisted of thirteen acres of her late husband's farm in 2L3R. Therefore, the Forresters may have been related to the Riders.

On February 27, 1849, Moses signed over the farm to his son, Roderick, with the stipulation that Roderick *"shall take care of Moses and Patty for the remainder of their natural lives. He also must supply his sister, Harriet, with a home until she marries. Roderick shall keep five cows (summer and winter) on the farm allowing Moses the use of three of them. He shall keep three calves the first year, three yearlings and three calves the second year, and three two year olds, three yearlings and three calves the third year, maintaining the same amount of stock each year thereafter. Roderick also shall allow his brother, Stephen, the privilege of occupying the house and guarding where he now occupies, as long as he has a mind to, without rent and also that his sister shall have the household furniture and beds and bedding and their mother's wearing apparel. And that their father's wearing apparel is to be divided between Roderick and Stephen."*

Patty died on May 6, 1864, at Stratton, and Moses followed on October 25, 1868. Both were buried in Willis Cemetery.

Children of Moses and Patty were:

- 1) Stephen Jonson, born December 6, 1809, at Athol, Massachusetts; died June 14, 1863, at Stratton, Vermont; married Elizabeth P. Hescoc (intent published in October 1833, at Stratton).
- 2) Elisa F., born December 5, 1811, at Athol, Massachusetts; died November 9, 1850, at Stratton, Vermont; married 1) Isaac M. Lincoln on November 11, 1835, at Stratton, Vermont 2) Oliver P. Hescoc.
- 3) Austin, born February 24, 1817, at Stratton, Vermont; died March 28, 1844.
- 4) Roderick Bissell, born December 18, 1820, at Stratton, Vermont; died July 30, 1889, at Stratton, Vermont; married Caroline A. Adams.
- 5) Harriet M., born August 13, 1822, at Stratton, Vermont; died May 7, 1863; married Washington Wyman at Stratton, Vermont (lived in Cambridgeport, Vermont).
- 6) Catherine S., born November 5, 1826; died December 20, 1891; married 1) Calvin Torrey (intent published on February 20, 1848, at Stratton, Vermont) 2) Washington Wyman (her sister's widower).

**Stephen Jonson Forrester**, son of Moses and Patty Forrester, was born at Athol, Massachusetts, on

December 6, 1809, and came to Stratton as a young boy with his parents. In 1832, Stephen purchased 40 acres of 5L2R (Graves' Meadows). He married Elizabeth P. Hescock, daughter of David and Surlindy (Simpson) Hescock (intent published in October 1833, at Stratton). Elizabeth was born in March, 1809, and her father may have been the same David Hescock warned out of Dover on June 10, 1813.

After the marriage, Stephen purchased the west half of 4L3R - the Phillips' farm - the house was located on the northeast corner of the intersection of what is now the *West Jamaica Rd.* and *Ball Farm Rd.*. They apparently resided there through August, 1835. It appears that Stephen then built a second dwelling on his father's farm along *Old Forrester Rd.*, half way between the old farmhouse and the *Stratton-Arlington Rd.*. In 1840, they also had a gentleman aged 50 to 60 living with them. This was most likely Elizabeth's father, David Hescock. In 1849, Stephen's father, Moses, signed over the farm to his son, Roderick. The deed mentioned that Stephen had a right to occupy his dwelling located on the family farm.

Stephen died on June 14, 1863. Elizabeth then married Abner Perry on July 22, 1866. She died on September 28, 1894. Stephen and Elizabeth were buried in Willis Cemetery.

Their children were:

- 1) Henry Porter, born September 4, 1834, at Stratton, Vermont; died August 23, 1916, at Westmoreland, New Hampshire; married Lucy Angeline Sprague on June 23, 1858.
- 2) Stephen B. J., born November 15, 1838; died March 28, 1844.
- 3) Mariette Estel, born January 22, 1848, at Stratton, Vermont; died June 21, 1863, at Stratton, Vermont (of diphtheria).

**Henry Porter Forrester**, son of Stephen and Elizabeth Forrester, was born on September 4, 1834, at Stratton. He grew up in Stratton and took the Freeman's oath there on September 4, 1855. Henry married Lucy Angeline Sprague, daughter of James and Lucy Sprague, on June 23, 1858. She was also born on September 4, 1834, at Stratton.

After their marriage, the Forresters settled in Stratton. Later, Henry bought the Estabrook farm, following the death of Abel Estabrook (see J. Dunlap on Beer's Atlas of 1869). This farm was located opposite where *Mountain Rd.* and *Forrester Rd. / Half-Mile Rd.* intersect -- property which remained in the Forrester family until recently.

In 1900, the Forresters also had their divorced son, Douglas, and their grandson, Walter living with them. Lucy died at Stratton on November 12, 1905. In 1910, Henry was living with his son,

Douglas. Henry died on August 23, 1916, at Westmoreland, New Hampshire. Henry and Lucy were buried in Ball Cemetery.

Children of Henry and Lucy were:

- 1) Minnie E., born June 7, 1859, at Stratton, Vermont; died July 11, 1885; married Newton Warren Eddy (Minnie was a school teacher).
- 2) Douglas H., born July 16, 1861, at Stratton, Vermont; died November 7, 1945, at Worcester, Massachusetts; married Cora Ella Johnson.
- 3) Walter Edward, born September 28, 1865, at Stratton, Vermont; died on March 7, 1883, at Stratton, Vermont.

**Douglas H. Forrester**, son of Henry and Lucy Forrester, was born on July 16, 1861, at Stratton. He married Cora Ella Johnson, daughter of Moses and Adda Johnson of Jamaica, Vermont. Douglas took the Freeman's oath in Stratton on September 5, 1882.

During the marriage, the Forresters did not live in Stratton. They eventually divorced and Douglas and his son, Walter, returned to Stratton in 1899, and lived on Douglas' father's farm, located where *Mountain Rd.* and *Forrester Rd.* intersect.

Douglas was a lumberman. In 1908/9, he was elected Stratton's Representative to Montpelier. He also had served as a lister and school director from 1906 to 1908. Although the 1920 census shows Douglas living alone in Stratton, his family

actually was still living there at that time.

In 1934, Douglas loaned the town of Stratton \$2000.00 to cover a deficit in the treasury. He died while visiting family in Worcester, Massachusetts, on November 7, 1945. He was buried in Stratton in Ball Cemetery.

Children of Douglas and Cora:

- 1) Walter Edward, born April 14, 1885, at Stratton, Vermont; died December 13, 1936, at Ashuelot, New Hampshire; married Emily Price.
- 2) Gratia May, born August 2, 1886, at Stratton, Vermont; married Rowan Horton.
- 3) Reynold T., born in 1892, at Stratton, Vermont; died young.
- 4) Alene L., born in 1895, at Stratton, Vermont; died in 1896, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 5) Eula, married William Whitehead.
- 6) Perlis

**Walter Edward Forrester**, son of Douglas and Cora Forrester, was born on April 14, 1885, at Stratton. He lived with his father following his parent's divorce, then married Emily Price before 1910. Emily was born in 1885 (her gravestone was wrongly inscribed 1884).

Walter's occupation was a millworker. He died on December 13, 1936, at Ashuelot, New Hampshire. Emily lived until 1970. The Forresters were buried at Stratton in Ball Cemetery.



**The Forrester Family about 1890**  
**[l-r] Douglas, Henry, Walter and Lucy (Sprague) Forrester**  
**with Elizabeth (Hescock Forrester) Perry**

Photo courtesy of the Forrester Family



**The Forresters**  
**[l-r] Marion, Emily, Walter, Douglas, Florence, Henry and Lucy**

Photo courtesy of the Forrester Family

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**Douglas H. Forrester**  
(1861 - 1945)

Photo courtesy of the Forrester Family



**Walter Forrester**  
(1885 - 1936)

Photo courtesy of the Forrester Family

Children of Walter and Emily:

- 1) Marion, married (?) Palmer.
- 2) Florence E., married James Irving Barney.
- 3) Irene H., married Patrick Mogan.
- 4) Douglas H., married Elinor L. Whalen.
- 5) Walter, married Jennie Nesbit.

**Douglas H. Forrester**, son of Walter and Emily Forrester, married Elinor L. Whalen. The Forresters moved to Stratton about 1981. They live in Stratton off of *Pleasant Valley Rd.* on land that was once owned by Doug's great grandfather. Currently, Doug is a member of Stratton's Planning Commission.

**Walter Forrester**, son of Walter and Emily Forrester, was born in Boston, Massachusetts. He lived in Stratton as a boy, but his father moved away to find work during the depression years. Walter married Jennie Nesbit. They had lived in Abington, Massachusetts, remaining there until Walter's retirement. The Forresters moved to Stratton in 1986 and built on the site of the Leander Allen farm located on *Forrester Rd.* on the Jamaica town line.

Children of Walter and Jennie are:

- 1) Susan
- 2) Sharon.

**Roderick Bissell Forrester**, son of Moses and Patty Forrester was born on December 18, 1820, at Stratton. Roderick grew up in Stratton and took the Freeman's

oath there in September, 1843. Roderick married Caroline A. Adams, daughter of William and Betsey (Haskins) Adams of Wardsboro, Vermont. Caroline was born on January 31, 1830.

In 1849, Roderick was deeded the family farm, located at the far end of what is now called *Old Forrester Rd.* Part of this deed was an agreement that Roderick would care for his parents for the rest of their natural lives. And so, the 1850 census shows Roderick and Caroline living there with Roderick's parents.

By 1856, Roderick was head of the household and in 1860, his family, his parents and the family of his widowed sister, Catherine, were living under his roof - a total of nine people. Ten years later, just Roderick, Caroline and their son, Hiland occupied the farm.

Caroline became a member of the Church of Christ in Stratton on August 7, 1870. In 1871, she was listed among the members of that church and, in 1903, she was called the last surviving member of the church, although others who had left the church prior to 1871 were still living.

In 1880, the Forresters had taken in Robert Courier, aged eight. The child's parents remain a mystery.

Over the years, Roderick bought and sold large amounts of land in Stratton; but, he remained on the old family farm all his life. Roderick died at Stratton on July 30, 1889, of stomach cancer. Caroline died in Wardsboro on

July 22, 1907. The Forresters were buried in Willis Cemetery.

Their children were:

- 1) Laura Ann, born in May, 1851, at Stratton, Vermont (became a member of the Church of Christ in Stratton on May 26, 1867); died August 24, 1867, at Stratton, Vermont (of typhoid fever).
- 2) (infant son), died young.
- 3) Hiland H., born June 19, 1859, at Stratton, Vermont; died in 1927; married Ella J. Barr on January 1, 1884, at Athens, Vermont.

**Hiland H. Forrester**, son of Roderick and Caroline Forrester, was born at Stratton on June 19, 1859. He was probably named for Hiland Hall, a famous political figure in Vermont. Hiland took the Freeman's oath in Stratton in 1880.

Hiland married Ella J. Barr, daughter of Horace and Betsey J. (Wilder)<sup>1</sup> Barr of Jamaica, Vermont, on January 1, 1884, at Athens, Vermont. Ella was born in October, 1864.

Hiland and Ella lived on the Forrester farm located at the end of what is now *Old Forrester Rd.* In 1901, Hiland sold this farm to Lucien Read and moved to Wardsboro.

Hiland was still a member of the Stratton Mountain Club and participated in building the first hiking trail up Stratton in 1912. Hiland died in 1927 and Ella died in 1962. They were buried in Fairview Cemetery in Wardsboro.

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**Roderick Forrester  
(1820 - 1889)**

Photo courtesy of the Forrester Family



**Hiland H. and Ella (Barr)  
Forrester**

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**Leola (Forrester) Waite (1886 -  
1971)**

Photo courtesy of the Forrester Family



**Leon and Leola (Forrester)  
Waite**

Photo courtesy of the Forrester Family

A child of Hiland and Ella was:

- 1) Leola, born November 22, 1886, at Jamaica, Vermont; died September 1, 1971 (buried in Fairview Cemetery); married Leon Waite (divorced). (Leola worked as a nurse at Grace Cottage Hospital)

Notes:

- 1) Horace Barr was apparently African-American. Betsey J. (Wilder) Barr was a sister of David and Henry Wilder of Stratton and also Emeline (Wilder) Pike of Stratton.

Additional Source for all Forrester families:

Genealogical notes of Walter and Jennie Forrester and Douglas and Elinor Forrester.

## Fowler

**George Fowler** married Samantha Allen on May 25, 1845, at Stratton. Samantha may have been an unidentified sister of Chester Allen.

George and Chester Allen purchased the sawmill of NJ Shaw on March 8, 1845. This mill was located on Black Brook in 3L8R and 3L9R, public rights that were leased from the town. On January 29, 1846, George bought out Chester's share of the mill. On March 17, 1846, George sold the mill back to NJ Shaw and apparently left Stratton.

A child of George Fowler was:

- 1) George, born about 1841 (*In 1850, he was living in Stratton in the home of Pardon and Betsey Wellman. By 1860, he was no longer in Stratton.*)

**Henry Fowler** purchased the northeast corner of 2L4R and a small part in the adjacent 5<sup>th</sup> lot from Samuel Allen in 1853. This lot was on the southeast side of

the *Canedy Rd.* – *West Jamaica Rd.* intersection. Allen also gave Henry flow-rights on the brook should he wish to build a mill. The Fowlers settled on this lot. In 1854, they had two children enrolled in Stratton's district #4 school that year. By 1857, he had a third child in school. Henry left Stratton by 1860.

Henry's children were:

- 1) Francis H.
- 2) Josephine W.
- 3) S.

## Fox

**Charles Fox** and his wife were born in the 1790s. Charles may have been a son of John and Priscilla Fox of Woodstock, Connecticut. If so, then Charles and his wife probably settled on land owned by John Fox. Charles and his wife settled in Stratton between 1820 and 1830. In 1830, they had two sons and two daughters and a female aged 20 to 30 living with them. By 1840, the Foxes had moved away from Stratton.

**Nehemiah Fox**, son of John and Priscilla Fox, was born on May 25, 1789, at Woodstock, Connecticut. There, Nehemiah married Polly Morse, daughter of Jonathan and Azubah Morse on September 3, 1812, at Woodstock. Polly was born on July 21, 1792. Polly's sister, Sally Morse, married Nehemiah's brother, Perley Fox.

The Foxes purchased 3L1R in Stratton from Nehemiah's father on May 31, 1830, and settled

there in time to be included in the 1830 census. In 1830, four sons and three daughters were living with them, along with a female, aged 40 to 50.

The Foxes were among a large group of people from Woodstock that had settled in Stratton, including the Morse, Mascraft, and Holmes families. They settled on the lot previously occupied by Samuel Mascraft. This farm was first built by Sampson Bixby in the 1780s. The house was probably located on the north side of what is now *Canedy Rd.*, possibly the same spot now occupied by Ronald Bills.

In 1833, Polly gave birth to a daughter back in Woodstock, but in 1834, Nehemiah was paid \$20.00 by the town for caring for Jonathan Morse and his wife.

In April, 1836, Nehemiah sold this farm to Stillman Smith of Jamaica, Vermont. The Foxes moved away from Stratton at that time.

Children of Nehemiah and Polly:

- 1) John, born August 8, 1813, at Woodstock, Connecticut.
- 2) Marshal, born March 11, 1816, at Woodstock, Connecticut.
- 3) Finley, born March 22, 1818, at Woodstock, Connecticut.
- 4) Luther, born June 12, 1819, at Woodstock, Connecticut.
- 5) Mary Maria, born October 4, 1820, at Woodstock, Connecticut.
- 6) Dolly, born January 7, 1823, at Woodstock, Connecticut.
- 7) Abiel, born April 17, 1824, at Woodstock, Connecticut.
- 8) Nancy, born September 26, 1825, at Woodstock, Connecticut.
- 9) Eleanor, born December 16, 1833, at Woodstock, Connecticut.

## Franklin

**John Franklin**, a cordwainer of Townshend, Vermont, purchased the farm on the east half of 4L7R and 5 acres of 3L7R from William Boutell on November 16, 1805. John was very likely born in 1775, a son of Philip Franklin, Jr. and his wife, Bethania (Rounds) Franklin. Another of their children, Joel Franklin, married Fanny Grout of Stratton. If this was the same John (and I believe it was), then he married his second cousin, Abigail Franklin, daughter of Jabez and Sarah (Starr) Franklin. Sarah was born on February 2, 1783.

The Franklins settled in Stratton on their newly acquired farm that overlooked what is now called Grout Pond. John sold this property on January 11, 1808, to Jedidiah Baker. At that time, John also purchased a 20-acre lot in 4L4R from Jedidiah Baker and probably built a house and settled thereon. This lot was located where the recreational area stands today - the old foundation is currently surrounded by a wooden fence.

John moved away from Stratton before the 1810 census was taken. He was living in Vernon, Vermont, when he purchased the east half of 2L2R in Stratton on September 18, 1810.

He was still living in Vernon when he sold this lot in 1818.

## **French**

**Jacob French**, son of Jacob and Wealthy (Richmond) French, was born on August 22, 1764, at Berkeley, Massachusetts. Jacob and his wife, Sarah, were in Stratton before 1800. Sarah was born between 1755 and 1765. Jacob resided at Orange, Massachusetts, before settling at Stratton.

The History of North Orange, Massachusetts, mentioned that in 1770, Jacob French and sons, Joseph, Jacob, Jr. and others - all from Milford, Massachusetts - purchased land at Erving's Grant, Massachusetts, and called the settlement Goshen. Jacob was the above named - Jacob, Jr..

Jacob purchased 9L2R from Solomon Gale on June 21, 1799, and settled there. The Gales had built a sawmill on this land -- Jacob continued its operation. The sawmill's dam redirected Kidder brook away from the adjacent lot (9L3R) to power the mill. Jacob also purchased half an acre of 9L3R as part of a mill yard for this project.

Besides the mill, this lot also had a mining privilege accompanying it. No mention was made of the type of ore that was mined thereon; although it was probably an iron mine.

In 1800, Jacob and Sarah had four children living with them. In November, 1804, Sarah was taken into the Church of Christ in Stratton and became a full

member on April 16, 1805. The church meeting held that day was within the French's home, and their four youngest children were baptized at that time.

Jacob made a will on August 7, 1810. He died in the Fall of 1810, and Sarah sold their property to John Greenwood on February 18, 1814, then repurchased at a lower price with a mortgage on the remainder so she could pay off some debts. This evidently resulted in a conflict of ownership between John Greenwood and Sarah as reflected in the land records. Sarah apparently moved away after Jacob's death, settling in Lowville, New York, before June, 1816.

Jacob and Sarah's children were:

- 1) Samantha, born about 1782; died about 1857 at Huron, Michigan; married Calvin Batchellor on December 4, 1800.
- 2) Lucy, married Salmon Bixby (she was not mentioned in her father's will)
- 3) Sally, married Charles Sigourney on March 16, 1806, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 4) Hannah
- 5) Cyrus
- 6) Jacob (twin), born in 1802.
- 7) Joanna (twin), born in 1802; died in 1802 (buried in North Cemetery).

**Sabinus French**, son of Jacob and Wealthy (Richmond) French, was born on September 2, 1761, at Berkeley, Massachusetts. Sabinus was mentioned in the will of Jacob

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French - written August 7, 1810. At that time, Sabinus was living in Stratton, apparently in Jacob's home. No other mention of Sabinus has been found in Stratton's records.

**Jotham French** was a resident of Stratton in 1802. He was listed on a petition dated May 31, 1802, requesting a tax to pay the town's road expenses. Jacob French (above) was also listed on that petition. That same year, the town records mention that Jotham French was to build a fence on the road by his house and along the open side of the Rugg place (possibly the east half of 5L5R). He may have been the same Jotham French born May 21, 1768, at Milford, Massachusetts – a son of Samuel and Ruth French.

**Nelson W. French** was born in Aral, New Hampshire. He married Lydia E. Styles, daughter of Jeremiah and Melantha Styles. Lydia was born in Stratton on January 1, 1868. They resided in Stratton during the 1880s and 1890s.

Their children were:

- 1) Elmer E., born January 16, 1887, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 2) Hattie Bell, born April 11, 1891, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 3) Herbert L., born April 18, 1892, at Stratton, Vermont; married Irene Ramsdell.

**Herbert L. French**, son of Nelson and Lydia French, was born at Stratton on April 18, 1892. Before WWI, Herbert was

living in Perkinsville, Vermont. He joined the service at that time and was indoctrinated on October 2, 1917, at White River Junction, Vermont. He was placed into Battery "D" of the 307th Artillery, remaining with this unit until his discharge on July 5, 1919. Herbert was overseas from July 15, 1918 to June 25, 1919.

Herbert married Irene Ramsdell, daughter of Herbert and Celia (Cummings) Ramsdell. Irene was born on March 6, 1897.

At one time, the Frenches lived across from Brown's Store in West Wardsboro, then they purchased the old Dr. Parsons' place in Stratton on the north side of the *Stratton-Arlington Rd.*, just east of Stratton Church. The house still stands today (2000). Irene was Stratton's Town Clerk from 1945 to 1963. She was active in the Women's Relief Corp. Auxiliary to the GAR (Grand Army of the Republic). Eventually, the Frenches resettled in South Londonderry, Vermont. Irene died on March 10, 1974.

## Frost

**Joseph Frost** and his wife settled in Stratton apparently just before 1820. The census of 1820, shows that they were both between the ages of 16 and 26 with no children. They were not listed in any other town record, nor did they purchase any land in Stratton. Their stay in Stratton was probably very brief -- they had left town by 1830.

**Ransel Frost** and his wife, Joanna, of Rupert, Vermont, had settled in Stratton by 1885. Ransel may have been the same born on January 12, 1831, at Mt. Holly, Vermont - son of Jephtha Frost.

One of their children was:

- 1) Effie B., born November 2, 1864, at Rupert, Vermont; died December 31, 1885, at Stratton, Vermont.

## **Fuller**

**James Fuller** was born on November 19, 1786. He may have been a son of Thomas and Hannah Fuller who were warned out of Wilmington, Vermont, on October 15, 1787. James also may have been the same James M. Fuller who was a Methodist preacher, preaching for the Methodist's Newfane Circuit (Jamaica, Windham, Fayetteville, Wardsboro and Stratton) between 1825 and 1831. For much of that time, the Fullers resided in Wardsboro, and in 1831, James M. Fuller helped organize the Methodist Church there along with the Rev. Guy Beckley. That year the Newfane circuit was renamed the Wardsboro circuit.

It seems likely that the above named James M. Fuller is the same as James Fuller of Stratton; however, only the following information is known to apply to Stratton's Mr. Fuller.

James married Sarah "Sally" Heaton on August 25, 1811, at Providence, Rhode Island. Sally was born on December 31, 1785, at Franklin, Massachusetts, a

daughter of Samuel and Huldah (Thurston) Heaton. Huldah was a sister of both James Thurston of Stratton and Molly (Thurston) Mann, wife of Bille Mann of Stratton.

James had also lived at Dover, Vermont. The Fullers moved to Stratton and were duly warned out of town in December, 1812. That year they were evidently living on the southwest part of 4L5R, which was located west of the town common and along the south side of the old road that ran past the town common. James purchased a total of 50 acres in this lot in November, 1812, and in May, 1813, from Pratt and Greenleaf. He also purchased 10L5R at that same time. 10L5R covered most of what are now Stratton Mountain's main ski trails.

The Fullers moved from Stratton to Dover, Vermont, in 1816, after selling their home (James, however, paid taxes on this property in 1819). By 1827 and through 1829, the Fullers lived in Wardsboro, Vermont. They returned to Stratton about 1834. That year, their son, William had repurchased the family homestead, however, he sold it again in 1838 to Travis Smith who apparently settled there. In 1840, the Smiths were apparently still there at least through March; therefore, the Fullers may have lived elsewhere in Stratton. James was listed as head of the household, but he and Sally were evidently living with their son William Mann Fuller's

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family, since there was a couple aged 20 to 30 living with them with two daughters under the age of five. There was also a girl aged 15 to 20 living with them. This was probably their daughter, Sarah Maria Fuller.

Over the following years, James and Sarah purchased other lots in Stratton. In 1842, Sarah bought 6L6R and James bought 7L6R and 2L7R. In February, 1849, James had evidently fallen into some financial trouble and was forced to forfeit 13 acres of his farm. He was apparently in poor health by that time. He died at Stratton on December 18, 1849. Sally died there on June 18, 1867. They were buried in Ball Cemetery.

Children of James and Sarah:

- 1) Olive Heaton, born November 5, 1812, at Stratton, Vermont; died on October 20, 1885, at Stratton, Vermont; married Jonathan Babcock on September 7, 1835, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 2) William Mann, born June 25, 1814, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 3) Albert F., died July 20, 1838, at Onondaga, New York (His death was caused by an accidental blast of powder on the 4th of July).
- 4) Leander, born about 1820; married Mary (Clark?).
- 5) Sarah Maria (named as witness in a deed) died in 1856; married Davis Brown (later called the Hermit of Newfane) about 1852 (Sarah and Davis were evidently buried in Ball Cemetery,

probably in the unmarked graves beside the Fuller lots).

**William Mann Fuller**, son of James and Sarah Fuller, was born on June 25, 1814, at Stratton. In 1834, William purchased his parents' old homestead - 50 acres in 5L4R south of the old road. His parents evidently settled there at that time. By 1836, William had settled in Troy, New York, but returned to Stratton by 1838 and took another mortgage on his parent's homestead. William and his family apparently briefly moved to Bennington, Vermont, then returned to Stratton just before the census of 1840 was taken. The Fullers evidently settled back on the family homestead.

The 1840 census shows his father, James, as head of the household. This census also shows that William and his family were living there. William's wife was born between 1810 and 1820 and their two daughters were born between 1835 and 1840.

By 1846, William and his family had again moved to Bennington. William served as a soldier in the Mexican American War in 1848 and was detailed to go to California. After the war, William settled in Sonoma, District of Sonoma, Upper California, and remained there at least through the end of 1849.

**Leander Fuller**, possibly a son of James and Sally Fuller, was born about 1820. His wife, Mary, was born about 1831. It is possible

that Mary's maiden name was Clark, since in 1860, the Fullers also had Esther Clark, aged 60, John Clark, aged 44, and Augusta Clark, aged 4, living in their home. Esther was probably John and Mary's mother, while John was probably Augusta's father. Mrs. Clark was called head of the household in the school records of 1861, with Augusta attending school in district #4. Therefore, at that time, the Clarks may have occupied another home, separate from the Fullers.

A child of Leander and Mary was:

- 1) George W. (attended school in district #4 in Stratton in 1861)

Additional Sources for all Fuller families:

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### Gale

Nehemiah Gale, a son of Isaac and Judith Gale, was among Stratton's Proprietors from Worcester County, Massachusetts, that had purchased land there during the early 1780s. Nehemiah was born on February 12, 1736/7 at Millbury, Massachusetts. He married Ruth Marsh, daughter of Benjamin and Mehetable (King) Marsh, on January 24, 1760. Ruth was born on March 1, 1740.

During the American Revolution, Nehemiah had served in Captain Buckman's Company in 1775. Nehemiah and Ruth resided in Sutton, Massachusetts, where many of Stratton's

proprietors had lived. They never lived at Stratton, but some of their children eventually settled there.

Nehemiah passed away at Bennington, Vermont, in 1820. Nehemiah's sister, Judith Gale, born April 12, 1734, married Abel Chase. Several members of that family also settled in Stratton.

Children of Nehemiah and Ruth:

- 1) Benjamin, born April 18, 1761, at Sutton, Massachusetts; died in 1785, at Sutton, Massachusetts.
  - 2) Solomon, born September 12, 1763, at Sutton, Massachusetts; married 1) Rachel Woodward on December 2, 1787, at Sutton, Massachusetts 2) Phoebe Hays.
  - 3) Elizabeth, born December 9, 1764, at Sutton, Massachusetts; died in 1806.
  - 4) Jonas, born March 6, 1766, at Sutton, Massachusetts.
  - 5) Ruth, born October 12, 1767, at Sutton, Massachusetts; died April 5, 1856, at Dummerston, Vermont; married John Greenwood on December 17, 1788, at Sutton, Massachusetts.
  - 6) Anna, born July 3, 1769, at Sutton, Massachusetts; died in 1797.
  - 7) Tamer, born February 27, 1771; married 1) Henry Dwinnel, Jr. on June 17, 1790, at Sutton, Massachusetts 2) Levi Page.
  - 8) Rufus, born July 5, 1773, at Sutton, Massachusetts; married 1) Louisa Livermore (intent published on August 2, 1795 2) Mrs. Leah (?) Knox.
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- 9) Nehemiah, born January 4, 1775, at Sutton, Massachusetts; died young.
- 10) Isaac, born September 1, 1777, at Sutton, Massachusetts; married 1) Persis Stiles 2) Susannah (?) (see Susannah below).
- 11) Andrew, born April 8, 1780, at Sutton, Massachusetts; died in 1797.
- 12) Hitty, born September 9, 1782, at Sutton, Massachusetts; married David Chase on May 25, 1800.

**Solomon Gale**, son of Nehemiah and Ruth Gale, was born September 12, 1763, at Sutton, Massachusetts. Solomon purchased 9L2R from his father on August 6, 1785, and also evidently had obtained the east half of 10L2R from his father. Solomon married Rachel Woodward, daughter of Jonas and Rachel (Holmes) Woodward, on December 2, 1787, at Sutton. Rachel was born on March 19, 1766.

Following the marriage, the Gales moved to Stratton, probably coming with a group from Sutton that included Rachel's brother, Jonas Woodward. The Gales probably first settled on the east half of 10L2R in Stratton. They were distinguished as being parents of the first child of European descent born in Stratton. Solomon purchased 9L3R from Jared Blood on September 19, 1788. He apparently was also granted some of Stratton Gore (lot #4 later

called #17) that he sold to Timothy Morsman on July 9, 1788. The Gales' farm on the east half of 10L2R was located approximately where *Stone Chimney Rd.* and *Mountain Rd.* now intersect.

About 1795, Solomon evidently built a home on 9L2R, while his brother, Rufus, settled into the house on 10L2R. Solomon also built a sawmill in Stratton on the border of 9L3R and 9L2R, before March 7, 1796. The Gales remained in town for only a few years, selling their property to Jacob French on June 21, 1799. At the time of this sale, the Gales had already removed to Hoosick, New York.

Rachel died on December 27, 1799, and Solomon remarried to Phoebe Hays on July 6, 1800. Phoebe was born on February 13, 1779, (she may have been the daughter of Ansel Hayes). The Gales had settled in Bennington, Vermont, by 1801.

Solomon was a very devoted member of the Baptist Church and for several years he was a deacon of the church. He died at Bennington on August 13, 1845, and Phoebe followed on October 10, 1847.

Children of Solomon and Rachel:

- 1) (a daughter), born at Stratton, Vermont.
- 2) Nehemiah, born August 24, 1788; died June 9, 1844; married Lucy Parker on October 10, 1810.
- 3) Esther, born July 15, 1795; married Ira Wood on January 23, 1815.

- 4) Betsey, born December 29, 1798; died June 20, 1820.

Children of Solomon and Phoebe:

- 5) Isaac, born June 17, 1801, at Bennington, Vermont; married Lydia Gardner in January, 1824.
- 6) Solomon, born January 10, 1803, at Bennington, Vermont; died October 25, 1805, at Bennington, Vermont.
- 7) Sabrina, born January 2, 1806, at Bennington, Vermont; married Elijah Harrington on April 1, 1831.
- 8) Laura, born January 28, 1808, at Bennington, Vermont; married Elias Johnson on May 3, 1829.
- 9) Solomon, born October 10, 1810, at Bennington, Vermont; married Emily Stone on December 28, 1835.
- 10) Harriet D., born September 14, 1814, at Bennington, Vermont; married Austin Jones in September, 1848.
- 11) Ansel Hays, born February 16, 1817; married Amanda E. Spencer on January 8, 1850.
- 12) Marra, born May 10, 1819; married James Wagner on November 20, 1836.

Additional Sources:  
Genealogy of the Descendants of David Gale  
of Sutton, Massachusetts by Linn AE Gale

**Rufus Gale**, son of Nehemiah and Ruth Gale, was born July 5, 1773, at Sutton, Massachusetts. He purchased his brother, Solomon's lot - 10L2R from their father on March 2, 1795, and apparently settled in the home his brother

had built, located near what is now the intersection of *County Rd.* and *Mountain Rd.*

Rufus married Louisa Livermore (intent published on August 2, 1795, at Leicester, Massachusetts) and the intention calls him "of Stratton." He later married Mrs. Leah (?) Knox.

On June 22, 1799, Rufus sold his lot and dwelling house to John Gleason. Before this sale, the Gales had removed to Hoosick, New York; however, Rufus continued to buy and sell property in Stratton. By 1808, the Gales were in Augusta, New York, and in 1809, they were living in Middlesex, New York.

**Susannah Gale**, widow of Isaac Gale (son of Nehemiah and Ruth Gale), was born between 1765 and 1784. She had moved to Stratton before 1806. At that time, Susannah was evidently living with John Coes, Jr.. On June 28, 1806, John Coes and Susannah Gale were warned out of Stratton separately by the Selectmen, as was the customary greeting for newcomers at that time.

In January, 1808, John purchased the west half of 4L4R with the exception of the town common. In December, 1808, he sold this lot and purchased the west half of the school lot, 8L2R, but immediately sold it. It is unclear where they were living at that time – possibly on the east half of 10L2R, however, after selling these lots, John, Susannah and Anna must have settled away from Stratton.

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On April 17, 1810, Susannah purchased the west half of 5L4R, and all three settled upon this lot. The dwelling house may have been upon the same site that Oliver Morsman had built the first dwelling in Stratton in 1783. An old foundation several hundred yards west of the gate at the end of *Shepardson Rd.* apparently marks the site.

The census of 1810 shows John as head of the household with two females, one aged 16 to 26 (Anna) and the other aged 26 to 45 (Susannah).

On January 17, 1811, and within a year of their move back to Stratton as the law stated, John, Susannah and Anna all were warned out of town again. Although warnings out were more of a formality to protect the town, in this case Stratton's Selectmen may have been more serious about them leaving Stratton. This is speculation based on the fact that after many years of living together unmarried, John and Susannah filed an intent to marry on May 26, 1811, not too long after the warning. They were married on June 13, 1811, at Stratton.

Susannah was admitted into the Church of Christ in Stratton on December 13, 1812, and baptized at that same time. By 1820, the Coes had moved out of town evidently to Arlington, Vermont. John apparently passed away before 1823.

Following John's death, Susannah published an intent to marry Ira Scott in early 1824 and they were soon married. In a deed

dated September 14, 1827, Susannah was called Susannah Scott. Ira and Susannah were evidently divorce after a short marriage and Susannah returned to Arlington. By 1838, she was living with her daughter and son-in-law, Anna and Lyman Batchellor in Wallingford, Vermont.

Their daughter was:

- 1) Anna; born in 1791; died on May 27, 1868, at Wallingford, Vermont; married Lyman Batchellor on April 11, 1816, at Stratton, Vermont.

**Lucy M. Gale**, daughter of David and Mary Gale, was born in Jamaica, Vermont, about 1827. She first married (?) Hurlbert and her second marriage was to George F. Wilder, son of Ephraim and Lucindy (Rice) Wilder, on October 1, 1865, at Stratton, Vermont. George was born in 1820 at Jamaica.

**William Henry Gale** resided in Stratton in 1888 and resided on 12L2R, apparently in a house shared with Newton Howard.

## Garfield

(Gaffield)

**Eliakim Garfield**, son of Samuel and Mary (Bowman) Garfield, was born on October 3, 1732, at Westminster, Massachusetts. Eliakim married Hannah Chase, daughter of Daniel and Hannah (Tuttle) Chase, in Sutton, Massachusetts, on July 3, 1759. Hannah was born on January 11, 1736/7, at Sutton. Hannah

apparently passed away in 1767 or 1768. Eliakim then remarried to Sarah Sherman on February 6, 1769.

Eliakim was originally from Leicester, Massachusetts. He served Massachusetts during the American Revolution as a Private in Captain Joseph Warrin's Company from August 21, 1777, to August 26, 1777 (five days), under command of Lieutenant Colonel Wheelock. This Company marched to Bennington on the alarm.

Eliakim returned to Sutton following his service. By 1793, the Garfields had settled in Stratton and were living in the house previously occupied by Joseph Patch. This house had also been a tavern. Proprietor's meetings held in June of 1793, took place within the Garfield's home, most likely because the tavern had room enough for such a meeting and it had been the usual place for town meetings prior to that time. That same year, though, Joseph Patch sold this property to his father, Nathan Patch. The lease Joseph Patch made to the Garfields was mentioned in the deed as one extending to May 1, 1794. The Garfields apparently remained in this house until 1798.

In June, 1798, Eliakim's son, Joseph, purchased the east half of 4L3R, and the Garfields apparently resettled on that lot. The house was probably located just east of what is now Ball Cemetery.

In 1800, the Garfields were living in Stratton, with two males and a female aged 16 to 26 and a female aged 10 to 16 (probably their granddaughter, Sally Garfield who married Ambrose Batchellor). Two of the other three were probably their sons, Joseph and Eliakim, Jr..

By 1810, the Garfields were evidently living within the household of their son Joseph, who probably had taken over his father's household on the east half of 4L3R in Stratton, since the 1810 census shows that two older individuals were living in Joseph's household. Eliakim died in December, 1813.

Children of Eliakim and Hannah:

- 1) Nathaniel born on October 29, 1760; died February 9, 1839; married Eunice Woodward on January 6, 1788, at Greenwich, Massachusetts.
  - 2) Anne, baptized January 3, 1762, in Covenant of Leicester, Massachusetts; married Phineas Lamb before 1783.
  - 3) Mary, baptized in February, 1764, in Covenant of Leicester, Massachusetts.
  - 4) Moses, baptized May 10, 1767, at Sutton, Massachusetts; married Abigail Mason on September 12, 1790.
  - 5) Hannah, baptized in September, 1770.
  - 6) Joseph, born April 17, 1780, at Rutland, Massachusetts; died December 9, 1862, at Jamestown, New York; married Lydia Stearns on
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September 7, 1803, at Stratton, Vermont.

- 7) Eliakim, born between 1774 and 1784.

**Nathaniel Garfield**, a son of Eliakim and Hannah Garfield, was born on October 29, 1760. Nathaniel married Eunice Woodward of Sutton on January 6, 1788, at Greenwich, Massachusetts. Eunice may have been the daughter of John and Jane (Torrey) Woodward, born about 1765.

During the American Revolution, Nathaniel was apparently living in Rutland, Massachusetts. He served as a Private from that town, enlisting for six months and recorded as passing muster at Camp Totoway on October 25, 1780.

On January 6, 1795, Nathaniel purchased the southeast corner of 7L4R from Elkanah Miller. At the time of that sale, Nathaniel was living in Princetown, Massachusetts. He apparently settled in Stratton on this lot soon after the purchase. In Stratton's 1800 census, Nathaniel was listed as head of a household with his wife (aged 26 to 45) and three children - a boy and girl under ten and a girl aged 10 to 16. Nathaniel sold his lot in Stratton on January 9, 1801, and probably moved away at that time. Nathaniel passed away on February 9, 1839.

A child of Nathaniel and Eunice:

- 1) Sally, born May 15, 1788, at Greenwich, Massachusetts;

married Ambrose Batchellor on June 4, 1804.

**Moses Garfield**, son of Eliakim and Hannah Garfield, was baptized on May 10, 1767, at Sutton, Massachusetts. Moses married Abigail Mason on September 12, 1790, at Princeton, Massachusetts.

On February 26, 1791, Moses, who was living in Worcester, Massachusetts, purchased 50 acres of 7L4R in Stratton from his brother-in-law, Phineas Lamb. In September, 1793, Moses purchased another 100 acres from Phineas Lamb. At that time, Moses was a resident of Princetown, Massachusetts. In 1794, Moses sold the 50-acre lot (this deed was also signed by Abigail).

Moses and Abigail moved to Stratton in 1794 or 1795, apparently settling on 7L4R, where Phineas Lamb had previously lived. This lot was located well up the mountain about a mile west of what is now *Mountain Rd.* and a mile north of what is now *Shepardson Rd.*. On March 10, 1796, Moses sold part of his lot to Marshal Newton of Newfane, Vermont. The Garfields may have left Stratton at that time.

**Joseph Garfield**, was either a son or grandson of Eliakim Garfield. He was born at Rutland, Massachusetts, on April 17, 1780. He apparently came to Stratton with this family in 1793. At a vendue held in June, 1798, Joseph

purchased the east half of 4L3R. He gained full title in 1800 and settled thereon. The house was apparently located just east of what is now Ball Cemetery.

In Stratton's 1800 census, Joseph, was probably listed in the home of Eliakim Garfield. Joseph married Lydia Stearns, daughter of William and Joanna (Duncan) Stearns, at Stratton on September 7, 1803. The groom's last name was illegible on the record, but it appears that Joseph Garfield was likely that man.

Joseph took the Freeman's oath on September 6, 1808. Stratton's 1810 census shows Joseph as head of a household. At that time, he and his wife were aged 26 to 45, with four children under the age of ten and a couple over 45 (evidently Joseph's parents or grandparents).

In September, 1813, Joseph sold half of his land to his brother, Eliakim and in July, 1814, Joseph purchased a 10-acre lot in the northwest corner of 4L2R from Ambrose Batchellor. On January 26, 1816, Joseph sold his home in Stratton and resettled in western New York. By 1835, several family members were living in Carroll, New York. That year, Martin Grout, another native of Stratton (*see Grout family*) who was living in western New York, wrote home to his mother and mentioned that Mr. Samuel and Joseph Garfield were living in Carroll, New York, near Jamestown, where Martin had settled. Martin married Joseph's daughter, Lydia. Martin worked

for Mr. Garfield in 1835 and married Lydia Garfield in 1837. In another letter to his mother about that same time, Martin Grout wrote, "*Mr. Garfield has got to be sick. He lives in a great two-story house as fine as the finest in Wardsboro. Three of his children are married, Eliacum and two girls younger married merchants in Jamestown.*" This appears to have been written prior to Martin's marriage, therefore, his wife-to-be, Lydia, may very well have been a daughter of this Mr. Garfield.

Children of Joseph and Lydia:

- 1) Lydia Stearns, born February 7, 1815; died November 1, 1894, at Poland, New York; married Martin Chittenden Groutin in November, 1837.
- 2) Hannah, born in 1805; died in 1869.
- 3) Eliakim, born in 1806; died in 1888.
- 4) Harriet Anna, born in 1808.
- 5) Samuel, born in 1810.
- 6) Joseph, born in 1817.
- 7) Sally, born in 1819.

**Eliakim Garfield**, was probably a son of Eliakim or Nathaniel Garfield. He apparently lived in Stratton for several years before removing to western New York. In 1812, he purchased 10 acres of the northwest corner of 4L2R, and in 1813, he purchased half of the east half of 4L3R from Joseph Garfield. Eliakim sold the 10-acre lot to Ambrose Batchellor in February, 1814. At the time of this sale, Eliakim had already resettled in Edinburgh, New York.

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## Garvey

**Marshall Garvey** was born about 1862. He came to Stratton in the late 1870s and worked in the sawmill of E.W. Bowker. In 1880, he was boarding with Mr. Bowker and several other mill workers. Mr. Bowker sold the mill that year to Joel F. Grout. Marshall may have worked for the Grouts after that time, however, he was no longer living in Stratton by 1900.

## Gates

**Elias Gates**<sup>1</sup> was born in March, 1780, in Massachusetts and eventually settled at Shaftsbury, Vermont. He married Persis Newton on September 23, 1849, at Stratton. Persis, twice widowed, was previously married to John Wheeler. After John's death, Persis inherited the west half of 1L1R in Stratton.

Persis had a mentally disabled daughter, Mary Louisa Newton, whom she cared for all her life. Elias settled in Stratton in the 1840s upon the homestead Persis had been left by her late husband. The house was located on the south side of the *Stratton-Arlington Rd.*, about half way between *Pike Hollow Rd.* and *Willis Cemetery Rd.*

Elias slipped on the ice and died on May 29, 1865. The story of the deaths of Persis and Louisa is a rather remarkable tale, recorded upon their tombstone as follows:

*Mrs. Persis Gates and Louisa her daughter  
died Nov 16, 1868, ages 86 and 56.*

*Sustained by an unfailling trust in God which was never disputed, this mother endured pain and extreme poverty for several years without complaint for her daughter's sake. For the story of her life, though she did not know it, many all over the land have learned a lesson of faith of submission and of love to God and man. According to her frequent prayer, mother and daughter entered into life together.*

*Blessed is he who considereth the poor.*

Evidently, once Elias had passed away, Persis and Louisa were left impoverished, struggling to survive as wards of the town during the last years of their lives.

The story goes that on November 16, 1868, Louisa wandered off to a nearby farm. Persis had taught Louisa to always carry a pail partially filled with pebbles. The continuous rattling of the pebbles kept Persis alert to the whereabouts of her mentally disabled daughter. Therefore, when Persis could no longer hear the rattling of the pebbles in the pail, she became alarmed and ventured out on her own to find Louisa.

Persis evidently found Louisa lying in a field. Louisa had been attacked and killed by an angry buck sheep. Persis tried to get to her injured daughter, but the

angry buck attacked the old woman also.

Later that day, the farmer<sup>2</sup> noticed that one of his buck sheep was covered in blood. Anxious to discover what had happened, he headed out to the field where the buck had spent the day. There, he found the bodies of Louisa and Persis. The town's record of their deaths reports that they were both killed by a cross buck. As the inscription reads, Persis's prayer had been answered.

Notes:

- 1) Elias may have been the same who married Susanna Pulsipher (intent published June 27, 1802, at Putney, Vermont.
- 2) The farm was said to be that of Daniel Willis according to the story as told by Leola Forrester to Jennie Forrester. This farm was some distance from the Gates' home - about a mile. Therefore, more logical nearby locations may be the Henry Eddy farm located between the Gates' house and the Willis farm or the Babcock farm on the opposite side of the road from the Gates' home.

## **Gibbs**

**Hezekiah Gibbs** was probably a son of Hezekiah and Elizabeth (Pratt) Gibbs of Bolton, Massachusetts, born there on August 18, 1752. This Hezekiah married Meriam Powers at Bolton on May 4, 1775.

Hezekiah served during the American Revolution as a private from Bolton in Captain Benjamin Hastings' Company, Colonel John Whitcomb's Regiment, which marched to Cambridge on the alarm of April 19, 1775. He also served in Captain James Mirick's Company, Colonel Josiah Whitney's Regiment, from

October 1 to 18, 1777, and marched to reinforce General Gates at Saratoga.

The Hezekiah Gibbs described above was probably the same who was called a yeoman of Barling (Berlin), Massachusetts, in Stratton's records. Hezekiah, Jr. and Hezekiah, Sr. were both listed in the 1790 census of Berlin. Hezekiah may have been a brother of Elijah and Samuel Gibbs, both of Dummerston, Vermont, and therefore an uncle of Edmund Gibbs of Stratton.

On August 8, 1791, Hezekiah purchased the south half of 3L7R in Stratton and apparently settled on this property. This lot was on the western side of what is now called Grout Pond. Hezekiah then sold this lot to Jacob Allen on May 1, 1794, and left Stratton.

A son of Hezekiah and Meriam:

- 1) Jonathan, born December 18, 1775 at Bolton, Massachusetts.

**Edmund Gibbs**, son of Elijah and Abigail Gibbs, was born on September 28, 1761, at Westminster, Massachusetts. Edmund (or Edman) lived in Dummerston, Vermont, during the 1780s. He may have been the same Edmund Gibbs who served during the American Revolution in Captain William Thurlo's Company, Colonel Josiah Whitney's Regiment, from July 30 to September 13, 1778. This was a Worcester County, Massachusetts, regiment that served in Rhode Island.

Sometime after the war, Edmund married Phoebe Preston

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and they may have settled first in Westminster, Vermont, before removing to Stratton. Phoebe was probably the same born May 4, 1763, at Athol, Massachusetts – daughter of Benjamin and Abigail Preston.

Edmund purchased the west half of 1L4R on November 5, 1784, from Timothy Morsman. On January 15, 1789, he purchased the east half of lot #2 in Stratton Gore, while his father, Elijah Gibbs of Dummerston purchased the west half of that same lot. After several transactions, Edmund held all of lot #2 in Stratton Gore and had sold the west half of 1L4R to Hasey Sprague.

Sometime after January 27, 1796, Edmund and Phoebe settled in Stratton. The Gibbs' farm was evidently located west of Willis Cemetery and the Daniel Willis farm (see D. Willis on Beer's Atlas of 1869) and south of where the intersection of the *Winhall to Somerset Rd.* and the *Gore Rd.* Hasey Sprague later resided there, as did Samuel Willis.

In 1800, the census showed Edmund and Phoebe with a son and three daughters all under the age of ten that year.

The Gibbs were among the original members of the Church of Christ in Stratton, established in August, 1801, and their three daughters were baptized into this church on August 30, 1801.

The Gibbs did not stay long in Stratton and had moved to Wardsboro, Vermont, by March, 1809. That month, Edmund sold

some of his property to Levi Robbins. Previously, he had sold pieces of his land to Zerah Greenleaf and Sampson Wetherbee in 1801, and some to Joshua Newhall in 1802. The Gibbs apparently left Stratton in 1802.

Children of Edmund and Phoebe:

- 1) Betsey, born February 3, 1792; died August 14, 1884; married Jethro Coombs in 1811 at Jamaica, Vermont.
- 2) Polly
- 3) Susanna, born October 13, 1796; died December 17, 1880; married Otis Shepardson on March 23, 1817, at Windham, Vermont.
- 4) Sally

## Gillett

**Austin Gillett**, son of Benjamin and Mary H. (Packard) Gillett, was living with Joseph and Persis Packard in 1847 and attending school in district #2.

## Glazier

(Glasier)

**John Glazier** (sometimes seen as Jonathan), son of Jonathan and Azubah (Nye) Glazier, was born on July 21, 1774, in New Braintree, Massachusetts. John married Dorothy Goodale (an intent of marriage was published on October 8, 1797, at Oakham, Massachusetts). Dorothy was born September 10, 1774, in West Boylston, Massachusetts, a daughter of Deacon David Goodale and Dorothy (Newton), his wife, of Oakham.

On October 19, 1797, John and his brother-in-law, Ezra Estabrook, purchased 8L1R in Stratton from Clark Stone. The Glaziers settled on the north half of this lot while the Estabrooks settled on the south half (later called the Forrester farm). The Glazier farm was located just off of what is now referred to as *Mountain Rd.* (and the farm is sometimes referred to as the Brown farm). It was not until just after 1800 that the Glaziers settled in Stratton. On April 8, 1819, the Glaziers and Estabrooks officially divided the farm by deeding one another their share in the other's half. John also leased 8L2R (the school lot), from the town in 1829, agreeing to clear and farm it.

John was "*a man of iron constitution, well fitted for the hardships of pioneer life, had a vigorous mind which naturally constituted him a leader, and he was frequently honored by being called to fill positions of responsibility and trust*."<sup>1</sup> He was a deacon in the Baptist church in Stratton for many years.

On March 14, 1827, John purchased the old Batchellor farm on the east half of 5L4R, allowing his daughter and son-in-law, Lucy and Nelson B. Jones to live there. In 1830, John and Dorothy had a boy and girl, both aged 15 to 20 living with them. On February 23, 1830, John had sold his farm on 8L1R to his son, John N. Glazier. Over the next several years it appears that John N. and Moses Rand resided on this farm;

however, it is unclear whether John and Dorothy remained there with them.

On March 27, 1839, John sold the Batchellor farm to Tyler Waite and returned to his old farm, living under the care of his son, John's family. Dorothy passed away on October 26, 1849.

John then sold the last of his holdings in Stratton to his son, John N., on August 7, 1852. These holdings included the lease he held on the school lot, 8L2R, and 25 acres of the southwest half of 9L1R. A stipulation was attached to the sale that John N. would agree to care for his father for the remainder of his natural life.

John died on August 6, 1856. He and Dorothy were buried in Ball Cemetery.

Children of John and Dorothy:

- 1) Franklin, born April 7, 1799; died June 9, 1863.
- 2) Lyman, born March 8, 1801; died April 24, 1825; married (?) on March 7, 1820.
- 3) John Newton, born July 29, 1805, in Vermont; died October 21, 1888, at Stratton, Vermont; married 1) Phoebe Cass Bourn on March 7, 1827  
2) Mary Priscilla Boyle.
- 4) Lucy H., born December 14, 1808; died September 27, 1894, at West Wilton, New Hampshire; married Nelson Bishop Jones of Wardsboro, Vermont, on January 17, 1827, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 5) Hannah, born about 1811; married 1) Adams Maynard of Jamaica, Vermont, (intent

published on August 1, 1830, at Stratton, Vermont 2) Leonard Glazier on November 2, 1876, at Stratton, Vermont.

- 6) Ephraim Goodale, born June 21, 1814; died October 19, 1900; married (?) on July 12, 1836.

Additional Sources:

Records of John H. Comstock of Kansas City, Missouri

Notes:

- 1) From Lyman Knapp's history of Stratton in Hemenway's history of Windham County.

**Lyman Glazier**, son of John and Dorothy Glazier, was born on March 8, 1801. Lyman; married on March 7, 1820, but the name of his wife is not known. He entered the ministry and was ordained and settled over the Baptist Church in Ira, Vermont. He died at the early age of 24 on April 24, 1825.

**John Newton Glazier**, son of John and Dorothy Glazier, was born on July 29, 1805, in Vermont. He married Phoebe Cass Bourn, daughter of Abraham and Lydia (Cass) Bourn of Jamaica, Vermont, on March 7, 1827. Phoebe was born in New York on November 28, 1809.

John purchased his father's farm in Stratton, located on the north side of 8L1R on February 23, 1830. At that time, his parents went to live with their daughter Lucy.

John was listed as head of the household in the 1830 census. He remained in Stratton and became prominent in town affairs, serving

as Selectman and Constable for several years, as well as in other official positions. By 1840, John's parents had moved back into his home, where they remained until their deaths.

John and Phoebe were members of the Baptist Church in Stratton until it disbanded in 1847. Phoebe was then accepted as a member of the West Wardsboro Baptist Church in 1852. She died at Stratton on September 11, 1856.

In 1860, John was head of a household with some of his children and also Rosella Howe, aged 14. In 1861, Adeline Howe was also living there. Later, he remarried to Mary Priscilla Boyle.

On December 10, 1867, John purchased the West Wardsboro Hotel (the Green Mountain House) for \$1,000.00. The Glaziers apparently moved to West Wardsboro at that time. John kept the hotel until May 27, 1873, at which time he sold it to Henry Waite. John died on October 21, 1888. The Glaziers were both buried in Ball Cemetery.

Children of John and Phoebe:

- 1) John Franklin, born February 5, 1829, in Vermont; died on March 21, 1854.
- 2) Czarina Abigail, born August 16, 1830, at Stratton, Vermont; died April 20, 1923, at Ashland, Nebraska; married John Sumner Williams on December 7, 1848, at Stratton, Vermont.



**John N. Glazier**



**Phebe (Bourn) Glazier**

Photos courtesy of John H. Comstock

- 3) Phebe M., born in 1831; died August 12, 1835, in Vermont (buried in Pleasant Valley Cemetery).
- 4) Julia Amelia, born July 20, 1832, in Vermont; died February 23, 1856, at Stratton, Vermont; married Nathaniel Jarvis Shaw on February 23, 1850.
- 5) Anna Marion, born December 31, 1834, at Stratton, Vermont; died December 14, 1866, at Stratton, Vermont; married Alonzo K. Smith on May 14, 1856. (she was accepted as a member of the West Wardsboro Baptist Church in 1852).
- 6) Nelson Newton, born December 12, 1838, at Stratton, Vermont; died in 1922 at Ashland, Nebraska.
- 7) Frederick Francis, born September 17, 1842, in Vermont; died March 1, 1886, at West Wardsboro, Vermont; married Belle C. Holden (1846 - 1917) on December 20, 1864 (Frederick took the Freeman's oath in Stratton on September 6, 1864).

**John Franklin Glazier**, (sometimes seen as Frank John) son of John N. and Phoebe Glazier, was born in 1829. He became a Freeman of Stratton on September 3, 1850. Frank began his preparations for the ministry; but died at the age of 25 before finishing his courses at Madison University. His gravestone reads, "*Go preach the gospel*" "*A member of the sophomore class of*

*Madison University, N.Y. highly esteem'd for his uniformly consistent Christian character died while preparing for the work of the Gospel Ministry Mar 21, 1854 age 25y* "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he will send forth laborers into his harvest." Frank was buried in Ball Cemetery in Stratton.

**Nelson Newton Glazier**, son of John N. and Phoebe Glazier, was born on December 12, 1838, at Stratton. Newton, as he was called, spent his early years in Stratton, and was accepted as a member of the Baptist Church in West Wardsboro, Vermont, in 1852. He later went on to be educated at Leland Seminary and then Amherst College between 1858 and 1861.

During the Civil War, Newton enlisted as a private into Company G of the Vermont 11th Regiment on August 11, 1862. He was promoted to corporal on November 23, 1862, and for a time he was the acting ordnance sergeant at Fort Slocum. For several months he was on recruiting duty in Vermont. Newton transferred to Company A and was promoted to 2nd lieutenant on November 2, 1863. His last promotion to 1st lieutenant occurred on January 21, 1864. The Vermont 11th Regiment was originally an infantry division, stationed to defend Washington, DC. It then became a heavy artillery division; however, following the Battle of the Wilderness, the Vermont 11th

was called to supplement the army of the Potomac initially as an infantry division. On May 18, 1864, at Spotsylvania, Virginia -- the regiment's first engagement -- Newton was hit in the left arm with shrapnel. Later that same day, back at the hospital, the arm was amputated. He suffered for many months as the arm healed, then was discharged on September 3, 1864, for his wounds, and he returned home.

After the war, Newton attended Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island, from 1864 to 1866 and then attended Newton Theological Institution, Newton Center, Massachusetts, from 1866 to 1869. In 1865, while a senior at Brown University, Newton was elected Stratton's Representative to the General Assembly. He was elected a second time in 1867 and served on the committee of elections.

On September 9, 1866, the West Wardsboro Baptist Church clerk recorded, "*Church voted to Brother Newton Glazier a license to preach the Gospel as Providence may afford him an opportunity.*"

Newton was ordained a Baptist Minister at Central Falls, Rhode Island, and briefly served that community. He then became pastor of the Baptist Church in Montpelier, Vermont, and resettled in that town. From 1872 to 1875, he was superintendent of common schools in Montpelier. He also served as Chaplin of the Vermont State Senate from 1872

to 1878. He later served as pastor to South Arlington, New Whitman, Massachusetts, Westboro, Massachusetts, then Greenfield, Boston, Massachusetts.

Newton retired and lived with his blind sister, Czarina (Glazier) Williams in Beatrice, Nebraska, Muscotah, Kansas, and Ashland, Nebraska.

On February 3, 1904, Newton had joined the military order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, Commandery of the State of Massachusetts. In June, 1920, he became a member of the Rawlins Post No. 35, Department of Nebraska, G.A.R., Beatrice, Nebraska.

Newton died in the fall of 1922 at Ashland, Nebraska, and was buried in Willow Creek Cemetery north of Prague, Nebraska.

**Leonard Glazier**, son of Benjamin and Anna Glazier, was born in Massachusetts in 1811. He married Hannah (Glazier) Maynard, daughter of John and Dorothy Glazier of Stratton, on November 2, 1876, at Stratton. Hannah was born on May 3, 1811, and had first married Adams Maynard. The Glaziers evidently did not settle in Stratton after the marriage.

## **Gleason**

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Daniel Gleason, son of Thomas Gleason, married Martha Bartlett on April 26, 1753. The Gleasons lived in the east part of Oxford,

Massachusetts, where he was a shoemaker. Daniel purchased land in Stratton on May 9, 1783, but apparently never settled in Stratton. He died on December 8, 1794, and Martha died on December 7, 1809, aged 81. They may have been related to the following Gleasons.

**Samuel Gleason** was evidently a brother of John Gleason of Stratton. He also may have been the same who resided in Framingham, Massachusetts, and served during the American Revolution as a Private in Nathan Drury's 6th Company of Colonel Abner Perry's Regiment, enlisting July 23, 1780, and serving for seven days. At that time, this company marched to Rhode Island on an alarm.

Samuel Gleason had settled in Stratton, living alone at the time of the census in 1791, although he was married before that time. He married Anna Holman on April 1, 1790, at Sutton, Massachusetts. Anna, daughter of Thomas and Sarah Holman, was born on January 25, 1765.

In March 1796, the town of Stratton leased Samuel the school lot (8L2R) for interest on 100 pounds. He did not meet the requirements of the lease and the next year he was ordered to clear one acre of land there before returning the lot. He also was ordered to give up the house, but on March 4, 1799, the town leased Samuel the west half of the school lot and he apparently remained in

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the house there. By 1800, Samuel's wife had joined him in Stratton and they had six children as indicated by the census of that year. On February 21, 1803, Samuel sold his rights for the school lot to Nathan Patch and left Stratton soon thereafter. He may have been the same Samuel Gleason who was warned out of Wardsboro, Vermont, on February 12, 1818.

**John Gleason** was evidently a brother of Samuel Gleason (above). He also may be the same who resided in Framingham, Massachusetts, during the American Revolution as a Sergeant in Micajah Gleason's Company of Minutemen that marched to Concord on the alarm of April 19, 1775, serving nine days. Later this John Gleason served as a Lieutenant in Captain Simon Edgell's Framingham Company, Colonel Wyllys's Regiment. He was commissioned Captain on May 2, 1777, and took command of a company in Colonel Josiah Whitney's Regiment. This Company was made up of men from towns including Holliston, Hopkinton and Sudbury. On June 11, 1779, he was commissioned 2nd Major for Colonel Abner Perry's 5th Middlesex County Regiment, and on February 19, 1781, he was appointed Muster Master for Middlesex County, by the House of Representatives. Again, I am only suggesting that this John Gleason may have been the same to settle in Stratton.

John Gleason was said to be of Stratton on June 22, 1799. On that day, he purchased 10L2R with a dwelling house in Stratton from Rufus Gale. This was apparently located on the northwest corner of the intersection of what are now *Stone Chimney Rd.* and *Mountain Rd.*

In 1800, John and his wife were between the ages of 26 and 45 and had six children. John evidently built another house on the west side of this lot, located beside what later became North Cemetery. Evidence of its stonework still remains. John settled into this house and then he split 10L2R, selling the east half to William Holmes of Woodstock, Connecticut, on November 2, 1801. John mortgaged the west half on that same day through Rufus Gale. Finally, on November 1, 1803, John sold his Stratton land back to Gale and left town.

## Goddard

**Joseph Batchelder Goddard**, son of Joel and Anna Goddard, was born at Petersham, Massachusetts, on August 17, 1793. He graduated from Williams College in Massachusetts in 1816 and became a minister of the Congregational Church. His first ministry was at Sandgate, Vermont. While a resident of Sandgate, Joseph married Lucy Lincoln of Petersham, on September 19, 1827. He then came to Stratton and ministered to the Church of Christ in Stratton from 1834 to 1835. Reverend

Goddard was evidently Stratton's first full-time Congregational Minister. He had a ministry in Winhall, Vermont, apparently after leaving Stratton. Joseph passed away at Pitcairn, New York, on June 15, 1842.

## **Gonyer**

**Frank Gonyer**, son of Joseph and Etta (Buscha) Gonyer, was born in September 1862. He married Hattie Bell (Jones) Atwood, daughter of Jesse and Sarah Jones, on December 2, 1900. She was born in December 1867. Hattie had first married Orlin Atwood, (see the Atwood Family) but by 1900, Hattie was living alone with her children and had taken Frank in as a boarder. Frank worked in the lumber camps in Stratton. Hattie died in Hinsdale, New Hampshire, in 1933.

Children of Frank and Hattie:

- 5) Floyd Frank, born March 16, 1901, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 6) Bessie, married James Thurston
- 7) Alfred, married Louise Robbins.

**George Gonyer**, son of Joseph and Ida (Buscha) Gonyer, was born at Old Town, Maine, about 1868. He came to Stratton and worked as a lumberman. He married Clara M. Atwood, daughter of Orlin and Hattie (Jones) Atwood on March 16, 1902, at Stratton. Clara was born on September 1, 1884, at Stratton and was the daughter of George's brother's wife, Hattie.

Children of George and Clara:

- 1) Essie Clara, born May 1, 1902, at Stratton, Vermont.

Additional Sources for all Gonyer families:  
Genealogical notes of Ora Knapp



**George Gonyer**

Photo courtesy of Ora Mae (Atwood) Knapp

## **Goodell**

(Goodale, Goodail)

**Jacob Goodell** of Stratton was probably the same Jacob Goodell who was a private from Massachusetts during the Revolutionary War. He was a member of Captain John Joslin's Company of Colonel Job Cushing's Regiment. He served for one month and seven days, marching from Leominster, Massachusetts, to Bennington during the last of July, 1777. This regiment joined forces with Colonel Seth Warner's army.

Jacob Goodell and his wife were both born before 1755, according to Stratton's 1800 census, and Jacob was mentioned as already owning property there in a deed between Nathaniel Moulton and William Pike on April 23, 1800. This deed was not recorded in Stratton's Town

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Records, probably because Stratton Gore was not part of Stratton until 1799. The original Goodell lot was located south of what is now *Willis Cemetery Rd.*, east of Willis Cemetery and south of the road. Jacob purchased additional land (or had to repurchase his land in Stratton from Nevinson Grant on June 7, 1801. This parcel was the east end of the first lot in Stratton Gore (100 acres), located east of Nathaniel Moulton's line.

The Goodells may have resettled on this 100 acres and their home may have been located on the north side of the intersection of what are now called *Pike Hollow Rd.* and *Penny Avenue* – it probably was located on what later was called the Higley farm.

Descendants of the Goodells, through their daughter Hannah, claimed to be descended from native Americans. Hannah's ancestry seems to be the most likely prospect for this distinction within the bloodline, therefore, Jacob or his wife may have had some native American ancestry.

Jacob was elected Stratton's Grand Jurorman in 1802 and a fenceviewer in 1804. He fell into debt in late 1804 and by 1809 he had lost all his property in Stratton and he had settled in Sudbury, Vermont. Jacob was warned out of Sudbury on January 9, 1807.

He is very likely the father of:

- 1) Eunice, married Rufus Little of Sudbury, Vermont, on February 14, 1797.

- 2) Jacob, Jr. (active in his father's affairs concerning land in Stratton).
- 3) Hannah, born July 13, 1781; died September 22, 1836, at Somerset, Vermont; married Jotham Pike on December 3, 1801, at Somerset, Vermont.
- 4) William B., born April 17, 1785; died May 10, 1857; married Tirzah (?).

**Jacob Goodell, Jr.**, son of Jacob Goodale, bought land in Stratton with his father, and he evidently spent some time as a resident of Stratton. On September 2, 1802, Jacob, Sr. sold him part of the family farm. Jacob, Jr. was living in Orwell, Vermont, at that time. In 1807, Jacob, Jr. was living in Sudbury, Vermont, and apparently received judgment against his father for debts owed him by his father. Evidently, Jacob, Sr. also went to Sudbury to live with his son.

**William B. Goodell**, probably a son of Jacob Goodell, was born on April 17, 1785. He came to Stratton with his father and he was probably the son living at home with his parents and sister, Hannah, in 1800. The Goodells had moved away by 1810. William married Tirzah (?) who was born on October 20, 1785. William passed away on May 10, 1857, and Tirzah followed on June 24, 1858.

Their children were:

- 1) Louisa J., born May 17, 1807; died April 5, 1830.

- 2) Joseph P., born February 18, 1809; died September 22, 1871.
- 3) Selina E., born February 27, 1812; died March 21, 1853.
- 4) William B., Jr., born in March, 1814; died August 25, 1834.
- 5) Abijah L., born March 28, 1816; evidently died young.
- 6) Abijah P., born August 13, 1817.
- 7) Sarah Miranda, born January 12, 1820; died July 19, 1883; married Samuel Pike on September 27, 1843.
- 8) Sybil S., born October 10, 1822.
- 9) Jacob T., born February 21, 1826; died January 11, 1872.
- 10) Nancy Ann, born September 28, 1828; died June 11, 1855.

Additional Sources:

The Goodell family Bible  
Notes of Ethel Eddy

**Harvey Goodell** had settled in Stratton by 1854. In 1855 he received 16 votes for Justice of the Peace. There is no mention of him living in Stratton after that time.

## Goodhue

**William Goodhue** was born about 1860. In 1920, he was a lumberman, working in Stratton and living in the boarding house at the Grout Job.

## Goodson

**Jim Goodson** was born in April, 1870, in Massachusetts. He settled in Stratton about 1900. That year, he was living with cousins, Adolphus and Alice

LaFontaine. Jim moved away from Stratton before 1910.

## Goss

**Jason E. Goss**, son of Henry and Betsey (Kendall) Goss of Dummerston, was born about 1837 in Boston, Massachusetts. In 1860, he was living with the Freeman Wyman family and he was probably employed at the Wyman's hotel.

During the Civil War, Jason enlisted on June 13, 1862, and mustered into Company K of the Vermont 9th Regiment on July 9, 1862. He was mentioned in a letter James Grout had written to his mother. The 9th was stationed at Camp Siegel, Winchester, Virginia, in August, 1862. In the letter, James tells that he and Jason were treated to a meal in one of the Virginia homes at that time. In September, 1862, the 9th was on picket duty at Harpers Ferry, Virginia. There, they surrendered to the Confederate Army, but were fortunate enough to be paroled and so they immediately marched to Annapolis, Maryland. The 9th was then sent to Camp Douglas in Chicago, Illinois, and remained there into the early months of 1863. In 1865, at the end of the war, the 9th was in Richmond, Virginia. Jason mustered out of the service on June 13, 1865. He evidently did not settle in Stratton following the war.

## Gould

**Josiah P. Gould** was born in Newfane, Vermont, about 1814.

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He settled in Stratton about 1846, where he and his family evidently rented the old Phillip's farm, located in 4L3R at the corner of the West Jamaica Rd. and what is now called *Ball Farm Rd.*

In 1847, the Gould's children attended school in Stratton's school district #2. At that time another child, Henry Rider, son of Samuel and Ama Rider, was also living with the Goulds. This lot was sold in March, 1848, and the Goulds evidently removed from Stratton at that time. Josiah died at Andover, Vermont, on May 4, 1868, of an abscess on the brain. He was buried in Middletown Cemetery.

Josiah's children were:

- 1) Limon N., born about 1839.
- 2) Ashbel K., born about 1841.

**Carlton O. Gould** was born at Randolph, Vermont. He married Hattie Richmond who was born at South Falls, Massachusetts. Carlton was a farmer and had settled in Stratton before 1886. He moved away from town before 1900.

Their child was:

- 1) Fannie Rosella, born December 17, 1886, at Stratton.

## Grant

Two brothers, Joshua and Nevinson Grant, had settled in Stratton before 1791. They were mistakenly referred to as Denison and Joshua Grout in the typed transcription of the 1791 census of Vermont. Nevinson has also been interpreted as Haverson

Grout/Grant in other town documents. The Grout/Grant mistake is understandable since the Grouts were a noted Stratton family in later years.

Joshua and Nevinson were sons of Robert and Anna Grant, originally of Medway, Massachusetts. By 1791, these two brothers had moved to Stratton and they had bought land in the southern part of the town, including a large amount of land in Stratton Gore. Timothy Morsman had petitioned for a grant of all of Stratton Gore in 1785, but this land was not annexed to Stratton until 1799.

The Grant's mother, Anna, had remarried in 1777 to Samuel Pike. Samuel and Anna had four children from that marriage. In November, 1795, Anna and two of the Grant's half-brothers, William Grant Pike and Jotham Pike, moved to Stratton and apparently built a cabin on land owned by Joshua Grant. The Pikes were joined by their father, Samuel, the next year. Joshua and Nevinson's sister, Betsey, and her husband, Nathaniel Moulton had also settled in Stratton Gore before 1795.

**Joshua Grant**, son of Robert and Anna (Grant) Grant, was born on April 2, 1763, at Medway, Massachusetts. During the American Revolution, Joshua served as a private in Captain Moses Adam's Company, Colonel Brook's Regiment of guards. He had joined this company on November 3, 1777, for one month

and 23 days at Cambridge, Massachusetts; however, he was reported as a deserter on December 26, 1777. Joshua apparently returned and served at Cambridge to April 3, 1778. He may have served in other units between that time and the end of the war.

Joshua married Eunice Hayward, daughter of Daniel and Ellen Hayward, on July 14, 1785, at Milford, Massachusetts. At that time, Joshua was from Partridgefield, Massachusetts. The Grants lived in Stratton in 1791 and were recorded on the census of that year. They apparently resided in Stratton Gore. Their home probably was located at the sharp bend of what is now *Willis Cemetery Rd.*. They returned to Massachusetts, probably before 1795.

Ellen passed away on July 17, 1808, at Montague, Massachusetts. Joshua then married Elizabeth "Betsey" Mitchell of Greenfield, Massachusetts on June 22, 1809. Betsey was born during the 1760s.

Joshua returned to Stratton in 1816 and was duly "warned out of town" by the Selectmen on November 4th of that year. That same day, he purchased 4L2R in Stratton from Seth Hammond of Wardsboro. This was about a 200-acre lot that surrounded what is now the intersection of *Canedy Rd.* and the *West Jamaica Rd.*. Over the next several years, Joshua sold off bits and pieces of this lot. The Grants apparently settled into a home opposite the

Canedy Rd. intersection with the West Jamaica Rd. (see S. Allen on McClellan's Map of 1856).

Joshua took the Freeman's oath in Stratton on September 2, 1817, and he remained in Stratton for the remainder of his years. In 1820, he was head of a household with Betsey and a young girl, aged 10 to 16 (This may have been Eleanor Grant, who was possibly Joshua's daughter). Joshua purchased some additional land in Stratton on June 30, 1824; however, he apparently died at Stratton before the end of that year.

Betsey remained in Stratton and lived alone in 1830. She resided under the care of others into the mid-1840s. On occasion, Stratton's records mention her as Widow Grant. Samuel Allen bid to care for her in 1837 and the Allens may have settled into her home.

Children of Joshua and Eunice:

- 1) Lorena (or Sirena), married Elisha Harrington on January 2, 1809, at Colrain, Massachusetts.
- 2) Daniel Hayward, born August 5, 1800, at Stratton, Vermont; died April 1, 1844, at North Egremont, Massachusetts; married Lucy Sprague at Stratton, Vermont.
- 3) Eleanor Davis (possibly), born November 12, 1807, at Wrentham, Massachusetts.

**Eleanor Grant** may have been the same Eleanor Davis Grant, born at Wrentham, Massachusetts, on November, 12, 1807 –

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daughter of Joshua Grant. She became a member of the Church of Christ in Stratton on March 6, 1825, and was baptized that same day.

**Daniel Hayward Grant**, son of Joshua and Eunice Grant, was born on August 5, 1800, at Stratton. There, he married Lucy Sprague, daughter of Hasey and Mary (Newhall) Sprague, on November 15, 1818, at Stratton. Lucy was born in Athol, Massachusetts, on November 5, 1795.

Daniel was a minister and he moved often, living in Stratton with his parents from 1816 to about 1820. He also lived in Somerset, Vermont, and later lived in Newfane, Vermont, and Stephentown, New York, before he settled in North Egremont, Massachusetts. Daniel was called "of Somerset" when he purchased the southwest quarter of 1L2R in Stratton on April 1, 1829. He settled there for a short time, but moved away in 1832. This lot was located somewhere between the end of what are now *Bills Rd.* and north of *Willis Cemetery Rd.*

In 1831, Daniel also had paid taxes on the west side of 3L4R, and this lot became property of Thomas Sprague who was probably Lucy's brother.

From 1832 to 1835, Daniel preached at the Pondville Baptist Church, formerly called Marlboro and Newfane. The church was located in Marlboro, Vermont.

Daniel passed away on April 1, 1844, at North Egremont,

Massachusetts. Lucy died on June 4, 1869, at Springfield, Massachusetts.

Children of Daniel and Lucy were:

- 1) Mary Selinda, married Warren Wood on August 21, 1836, at Shutesbury, Massachusetts.
- 2) Eunice Lorensa, married Sheford Williams.
- 3) Lorena Maria, married John Henry Lawton on April 26, 1846.
- 4) Lucy Sophia, married Joseph Ball.
- 5) Julia Ann, married Daniel Berry.
- 6) Betsey Ann Drucila, died in 1912; married Egbert Pixley on November 4, 1849.
- 7) Martha Ann Suvilla married 1) Timothy Lewis on November 25, 1852, at Newfane, Vermont 2) John Wright.
- 8) Willard Newhall, born December 22, 1834, at Newfane, Vermont; died August 16, 1914; married Abbie Jane Chapin.
- 9) Eliza Ellinor, born June 10, 1838, at Stratton, Vermont; died in May, 1860.
- 10) Daniel Seaver, born April 30, 1840, at Stephentown, New York; died March 10, 1914, at Baxter, Iowa; married Frances Sophia Adams on September 2, 1858.

**Nevinson Grant**, son of Robert and Anna (Grant) Grant, was born on January 1, 1765, at Medway, Massachusetts. He was christened on January 20, 1765, at Holliston, Massachusetts.

Nevinson served during the American Revolution as a Private from Massachusetts in Philip Ammidon's Company of Colonel Deane's Regiment. He enlisted March 4, 1781, and was discharged shortly afterward on March 18, spending that time on duty in Rhode Island. Following the war, Nevinson briefly settled in Boston, Massachusetts.

Nevinson married Sarah Moulton, daughter of Nathaniel and Anna (Kimball) Moulton, on July 20, 1786, at Hopkinton, Massachusetts. Sarah was born on February 17, 1769, at Ipswich, Massachusetts.

The Grants settled in Stratton about 1789. They lived in Stratton Gore. They may have lived on the site west of what is now Willis Cemetery. It also seems possible that Nevinson had settled on a farm located east of the intersection of what are now called *Pike Hollow Rd.* and *Penny Avenue*. If they lived on this lot, then their home was located on what later was called the Lyman farm and sawmill (currently owned by the Jepson family).

Sarah passed away sometime before 1794. Nevinson then married Experience (?)<sup>1</sup> and they moved to Shaftsbury, Vermont, by 1800. That year's census shows Nevinson as head of a household with three males under 10, one male 16 - 26, two females under 10, one female 16 - 26, and one female 26 - 45. In 1801, he sold the farm in Stratton Gore to Jacob Goodell.

Nevinson resettled in Arlington, Vermont, and he was warned out of that town on December 12, 1807. He remained in Arlington through 1810, then apparently returned to Stratton, where he and Experience were "warned out of town" on February 10, 1812. It appears that they settled on the northwest corner of 1L2R (near what is now the intersection of *Bills Rd.* and the *Stratton-Arlington Rd.* Nevinson and Experience remained in Stratton through at least 1817 as indicated by the land records. By March, 1820, the Grants had again settled in Arlington and at that time Nevinson sold off the last of his property in Stratton. Apparently, Nevinson passed away soon thereafter since Experience had been widowed and was living alone in Arlington by the time the 1820 census was taken.

Children of Nevinson and Sarah:

- 1) Anna Moulton<sup>2</sup>, died in 1795.
  - 2) Chloe, born November 30, 1786, at Hopkinton, Massachusetts; married Peter Newton.
  - 3) Sally, born October 1, 1788, at Holliston, Massachusetts (warned out of Shaftsbury, Vermont, on February 3, 1809).
  - 4) John F.
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Children of Nevinson and Experience were:

- 5) Benjamin, born January 22, 1794, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 6) Anne, born May 28, 1796

Notes:

- 1) Experience may have been a daughter of Isaac and Experience Lincoln of Somerset, neighbors of Nevinson Grant. This assumption makes a great deal of sense, noting the neighborhood in which Nevinson Grant lived and the fact that this assumption ties together the families that later occupied that part of Stratton Gore.
- 2) There exists a stone in Willis Cemetery marking the grave of Anna Moulton Grant who died in 1795. She was probably a daughter of Nevinson and Sarah, named for her grandmother, Anna Moulton.

**James Grant**, son of Joseph and Mary Grant, was born on July 23, 1772, at Wrentham, Massachusetts. James purchased 12L3R in Stratton on February 14, 1798, and had settled on this lot soon thereafter. His farm contained much of what is now called the Styles Brook Development. In 1800, James was living there alone.

James was elected Stratton's tythingman in 1800 and then constable and fenceviewer in 1803. On April 8, 1803, James sold his lot to Silas Herrick. He then purchased at a vendue in 1803, 89 acres of 9L4R, and two 40-acre lots. He probably settled on 9L4R and remained there until 1807.

On September 18, 1807, James was said to be "of Stratton" when he purchased a farm in Winhall (the first lot in the second range, located in Winhall's

northeast corner). James apparently abandoned his Stratton lands and moved to Winhall. He was warned out of that town on March 13, 1810. James's Stratton lots were later sold by the town for back-taxes.

James married Elizabeth Wyman of Peru, Vermont, a descendant of the Wyman family of Woburn, Massachusetts. James apparently mortgaged his farm in 1816. He supposedly lived for over 30 years on one farm in Winhall and brought up a fairly large family there.

Their youngest child was:

- 1) Lewis Addison, born January 17, 1829, at Winhall, Vermont; married S. August Hartwell on March 11, 1857 2) M. Helen Pierce on September 9, 1863 (*He became a Brigadier-General during the Civil War, and he was appointed Assistant Secretary of War - he later lived in Minneapolis, Minnesota*).

**Mary Grant** was probably the wife of Joseph Grant and mother of James Grant above. She was called a widow when she was taken into the Church of Christ in Stratton on August 14, 1814.

Additional Sources for the above families:

History of Rockingham, Vermont  
Winhall Land Records

## Graves

**Abner Graves**, son of Abraham and Thankful Graves, was born about 1734 and married Dorcas Belding before 1765. Abner was a farmer from Swansey, New Hampshire, when he purchased land in Stratton - the original

right of William Blount (2L5R) on April 18, 1787, from Elisha Whitcomb, Jr. of Swansey.

Abner came to Stratton about that time and took up the task of building the first gristmill (or sawmill) in Stratton. Abner built a homestead and a mill on 2L5R along Meadow Brook in what was called Graves Meadows, located east of Grout Pond. Abner and the mill were mentioned in a description in a deed dated December 1, 1788, when Timothy Morsman sold land in Stratton Gore to Zachariah Harvey.

In some accounts, Abner was named as the builder of Stratton's first gristmill. The gristmill was first mention as ready to be inspected by Stratton's Proprietors on May 29, 1788. If that was the case, then the mill on Graves' Meadow was a gristmill and it was completed prior to the corn mill on 5L4R.

Abner sold 50 acres of 2L5R to Peter Wheelock, also of Swansey, on September 16, 1789. He apparently left Stratton at that time, since he was not mentioned in the census of 1791.

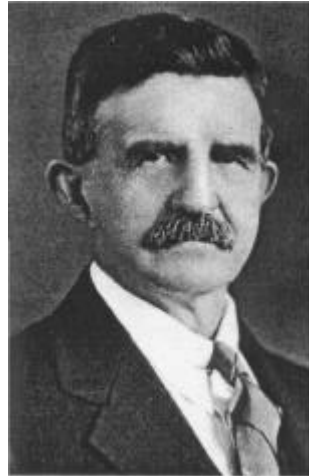
(The Blake and Torrey Genealogy by Gendrot claimed that this Abner died in Stratton on February 2, 1787. This date is obviously wrong and no record of his death exists in Stratton.)

## Green

**Lyman M. Green**, son of Seymour and Henrietta Green, was born on March 11, 1875, and came to Stratton in 1918. In 1920, he was listed as a "bark

peeler" and evidently worked out of one of Stratton's lumber camps. Hemlock bark was often peeled from the trees to be used in tanneries. He was also a farmer.

Lyman lived in the old parsonage across from the church. In 1920, Adda M. Leno was living in his home as his housekeeper. Lyman had a brother, Arthur, who evidently owned property in Stratton.



**Lyman Green (1875 - 1951)**

Photo from the Vermont Government  
Yearbook 1933/4

Lyman represented Stratton in the state legislature as a Republican in the 1933/4 session and he was a member of the committee on minor courts. Lyman was also a Baptist. He died in 1951 and was buried in Ball Cemetery.

## Greenleaf

**Zerah Greenleaf** married Priscilla Lewis of Barre, Massachusetts, on August 30,

1801, at Athol, Massachusetts. Zerah, along with Sampson Wetherbee, purchased 50 acres of lot #2 in Stratton Gore on May 12, 1801, from Edmund Gibbs. Zerah and Sampson were called "of Athol" at that time. Following the Greenleafs' marriage, they settled in Stratton, probably sharing a house with the Wetherbees in Stratton Gore. It is likely that their home was evidently located west of Willis Cemetery, beyond the Daniel Willis farm (see D. Willis on Beer's Atlas of 1869) and south of where the *Somerset Rd.* and the *Gore Rd.* crossed (later occupied by Hasey Sprague). They sold this property in 1803.

Zerah then purchased 35 acres of the northwest corner of 4L5R on November 11, 1804. He evidently had settled in Wardsboro, Vermont, and was warned out of that town on March 6, 1807, then apparently returned to Stratton afterward. Zerah had kept the above-mentioned 35 acres and mortgaged this lot in 1808. He took the Freeman's oath in Stratton on September 6, 1808. It appears that they lived with the Weatherbees again after their return to Stratton.

The Greenleafs left Stratton sometime before the census of 1810 was taken. Zerah sold the last of his holdings, 15 acres of 5L4R to James Fuller on May 4, 1813. At that time, Zerah was a resident of Salem, New York. In October 1813, Zerah sold the last of his property in Stratton – 10 acres of 4L5R. At that time, he

was a resident of Arlington, Vermont.

## Greenwood

**John Greenwood**, son of James and Lydia (King) Greenwood, was born at Sutton, Massachusetts, on September 1, 1762. He married Ruth Gale, daughter of Nehemiah and Ruth (Marsh) Gale, on December 17, 1788, at Sutton. Ruth was born there on October 12, 1767. The Greenwoods first settled in Milbury, Massachusetts.

John (sometimes seen as Jonathan) purchased the west half of 7L2R in Stratton on October 16, 1786. This lot later became the Greenwood farm and was located higher up the mountain and west of the path *Mountain Rd.* currently follows.

About 1788, the Greenwoods had settled in Stratton, and were listed in the census of 1791, living there alone. The 1800 census indicated that they had a daughter living with them at that time; however, the 1810 census and Stratton's vital records indicate that this child was probably a son. They also had a second son living at that time, not indicated on the census. In 1810, another male, too old to be their child, was living with them and in 1820, they had three children living with them.

John purchased the east half of 10L2R in 1809. He may have settled on this lot at that time, but he kept the farm on 7L2R until 1823.

John was one of Stratton's most prominent citizens, holding

many town offices including Selectman. He bought and sold large amounts of land in Stratton and he was one of the first two deacons of the Baptist Church organized at Stratton in 1817.

On February 18, 1814, John (called Lieutenant) purchased land from widow Sarah French - 9L2R - 200 acres with a sawmill. This lot was adjacent to land he had already owned. John sold their farm on October 29, 1823, and then moved to Dummerston, Vermont, along with their daughter and son-in-law, Moses K. and Laura Shepardson. He was called "of Dummerston" in a deed dated October 16, 1826.

John died there on January 29, 1843, and Ruth followed on April 5, 1856. They were buried in the West Dummerston Cemetery.

Children of John and Ruth were:

- 1) Ruth, born January 27, 1792, at Stratton, Vermont; died August 19, 1796, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 2) James, born February 28, 1793, at Stratton, Vermont; died September 18, 1872; married Lucinda Daniels on March 27, 1813.
- 3) Nancy, born September 13, 1796, at Stratton, Vermont; died May 21, 1797, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 4) Elijah Marble, born June 1, 1797, at Stratton, Vermont; married 1) (?) 2) Nancy Holden Glover.
- 5) Laura, born December 28, 1800, at Stratton, Vermont; died March 21, 1889; married

Moses Kinney Shepardson on March 29, 1819, at Stratton, Vermont.

- 6) Nancy Jean, born August 3, 1802, at Stratton, Vermont; died April 21, 1897.
- 7) Ruth, born June 23, 1805, at Stratton, Vermont; died July 10, 1847, at Dummerston, Vermont; married 1) Asa Belnap 2) Rufus Brown, Esq..
- 8) John, born November 25, 1807; died November 24, 1897, at Dummerston, Vermont; married Betsey B. Belnap (born August 18, 1805; died December 5, 1891).
- 9) Harvey, born about 1810; died April 1, 1870; married 1) Orrilla Rowel 2) Beulah French.

**James Greenwood**, son of John and Ruth Greenwood, was born on February 28, 1793, at Stratton. There, James married Lucinda Daniels of Stratton on March 27, 1813. Lucinda was apparently the daughter of Joshua and Hannah Daniels who had lived at Mendon, Vermont, and later settled in Jamaica, Vermont.

James took the Freeman's oath in Stratton on September 6, 1814. He purchased the west half of 10L2R in 1815 and resided on this lot. His occupation was a teamster. He was head of a household in Stratton in 1820 with a boy under ten and two girls 10 to 16. These children were probably his siblings, since he and Lucinda had only one child born in 1822.

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James sold their home in Stratton on September 20, 1823, and then removed his family to Northbridge, Massachusetts. Lucinda died on April 8, 1865, and James died on September 18, 1872.

A child of James and Lucinda:

- 1) Leander Willard, born February 4, 1822, at Stratton; died January 8, 1895; married Cimena Lackey on May 30, 1844.

Additional Sources for the above Greenwood families:

*The Greenwood Genealogy*

## Grimes

**James Grimes**, son of Andrew and Elizabeth (Hagar) Grimes, was born on February 12, 1779, at Shrewsbury, Massachusetts. He was of Newfane, Vermont, when he purchased the west half of 4L3R from Stephen Forrester on August 3, 1835. This was the old Phillips farm, located on the northeast corner of *Ball Farm Rd.* and the *West Jamaica Rd.*. James and his wife, Hannah, settled in Stratton on this farm. James was elected sexton in 1836 and 1837 for Center Cemetery (Ball Cemetery), which was located on the farm. Also during those two years, Town and Freemen's Meetings were held in the Grimes's home.

James evidently failed to pay a mortgage and was forced to give up the farm in April of 1837.

A child of James and Hannah:

- 1) James Alexander Hamilton, born March 23, 1819, at Newfane, Vermont (he

witnessed an agreement signed by James in 1836).

## Griswald

**George Griswald** married the widow, Addie J. (Durfey) (Martin) Leno – daughter of Timothy and Eliza (Fisher) Durfey (see Leno). They lived at the corner of the *Stratton-Arlington Rd.* and *Old Forrester Rd.*. Addie was called Addie Martin when she purchased this house on October 23, 1924 from Ray and Mary Lyman. The house burned about 1940. A new structure was rebuilt there and purchased by Joy Lewis in the 1960s.

## Grout

Joel Grout was never a resident of Stratton, however, after his death, his wife, Sarah, lived at Stratton with her son, Abel's family. She died there and was probably buried in the Old Town cemetery.

Joel was born at Lunenburg, Massachusetts, on March 6, 1734, a son of John and Joanna (Boynton) Grout. He originally settled at Petersham, Massachusetts, and reared a large family there. Joel later resided at Templeton, Massachusetts, and also in Gerry.

Joel married Sarah Hudson, daughter of William Hudson, on October 9, 1756. Sarah was born on May 15, 1739.

During the American Revolution, Joel served as a private in his brother-in-law, Captain Ephraim Stockwell's Company. He enlisted on July 28, 1777, and served during the Battle

of Bennington, Vermont. He was discharged on August 29, 1777. In 1779, he was a member of the convention that framed the constitution of Massachusetts. Joel had subsequently served as a member of the Massachusetts General Court.

The Grouts moved to Richmond, New Hampshire, where Joel died in 1797. Sarah moved to Stratton before 1820, where she lived at the home of her son, Abel. She was living there during the time that the census of 1820 was taken, but passed away before the end of that year.

Children of Joel and Sarah were:

- 1) Sarah, born February 12, 1757, at Petersham, Massachusetts; married Richard Sawtell.
- 2) Abel, born February 19, 1758, at Petersham, Massachusetts; died January 18, 1841, at Stratton, Vermont; married Dorcas Chase on February 15, 1779, at Petersham, Massachusetts.
- 3) Unity, born August 14, 1760, at Petersham, Massachusetts; died December 13, 1843, at Bellville, New York; married Samuel Mixer.
- 4) Annis, born October 25, 1763, at Petersham, Massachusetts; married Jesse Stockwell (of Athol, Massachusetts) on April 3, 1782.
- 5) Joel, born February 22, 1765, at Petersham, Massachusetts; married Asenath Wilder.
- 6) Elijah, born May 26, 1767, at Petersham, Massachusetts; married Betsey Loomis.
- 7) Nahum, born February 12, 1769, at Petersham, Massachusetts; died May 10, 1851, at Warwick, Massachusetts; married Sybil Barrus on July 7, 1805, at Richmond, New Hampshire (They witnessed a deed in Stratton in 1811).
- 8) Eli, born October 16, 1772, in Worcester County, Massachusetts; died June 6, 1804, at Richmond, New Hampshire.
- 9) Stephen, born April 15, 1774, in Worcester County, Massachusetts; died May 28, 1774.
- 10) Rhoda, born January 1, 1778, at Templeton, Massachusetts; married William Gould on January 15, 1797.
- 11) Sabra, born June 1, 1779, at Templeton, Massachusetts; died July 20, 1854; married Samuel Dwight in 1804.
- 12) Polly, born November 2, 1780, at Templeton, Massachusetts; died in New York; married Moses Gurnsey.

**Abel Grout**, son of Joel and Sarah (Hudson) Grout, was born in Petersham, Massachusetts, on February 19, 1758. He spent much of his early life in Petersham and then Templeton, Massachusetts.

During the American Revolution, Abel entered the Massachusetts Militia on August 15, 1775, at Templeton. He joined with Captain Fletcher's Company in Colonel Doolittle's Regiment, and served with them

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for four months. He again joined, and served in Colonel Davisson's Regiment for two months in New York State. On December 13, 1776, he enlisted a third time as a substitute for his father, Joel. He served for four months in New Jersey under Captain Morrisson and was discharged March 18, 1777. Once again, Abel enlisted, doing so in September of 1777 under Captain Owen. He was at the surrender of Britain's General Burgoyne at Saratoga, New York, on October 17, 1777, and was dismissed the following day. Abel's father again was drafted, so Abel went as a substitute, in July of 1778. Abel served with General Sullivan's army, which battled the British, then retreated to Providence, Rhode Island. He was discharged three months later. In the summer of 1780, Abel enlisted one last time for a period of three months. He was stationed at Westpoint, New York, and then was sent farther up the Hudson River, where he was discharged upon the completion of his enlistment.

Abel married Dorcas Chase, the daughter of Henry and Abigail Chase, on February 15, 1779, at Templeton, Massachusetts. They lived at Templeton until 1789, at which time, they moved to Brattleboro, Vermont. In 1802, the Grouts moved to Newfane, Vermont, and in 1806, they moved to Stratton. Abel purchased 55 acres of 6L7R, just north and east of the Hill farm, on March 18, 1807. Samuel Blodgett

previously had occupied this same farm.

The farm was located beneath the peak of Little Stratton Mountain, located more than half a mile north of what is now the *Stratton-Arlington Road*. It can be seen on McClellan's Map of Windham County (1856) as A. Grout (Abel Grout, Jr.) and it can be seen on Beer's Atlas of Windham County in 1869 as the farm of JB Grout (Jacob B. Grout, son of Abel, Jr.).

Abel Sr. sold the property to his sons Abel and Joel on March 27, 1809, and continued living with his sons. Eventually, Joel sold his share to his brother and moved to the eastern part of town. Abel, Jr. continued to run the family farm. He purchased large amounts of land in Stratton, eventually making the Grout farm the largest in town.

Dorcas passed away at Stratton on September 26, 1839. Her place of burial is unknown, although it is very likely that Abel was later buried beside her. In 1840, Abel was named on that year's census as a Revolutionary War pensioner. He died on January 18, 1841, and he was buried in Ball Cemetery.



**Abel Grout's grave**

Abel and Dorcas' children were:

- 1) George, born in 1781 at Templeton, Massachusetts; married Lavina Haskels on July 9, 1801, at New Salem, Massachusetts.
- 2) Stephen, born November 21, 1782, at Templeton, Massachusetts; died May 2, 1842; married Dorea (?).
- 3) Fanny, born about 1784; died June 30, 1868; married Joel Franklin on January 4, 1808, at Stratton, Vermont (Joel [8/6/1784 - 1/26/1829] was a son of Philip and Bethania (Round) Franklin and lived at Guilford, Vermont).
- 4) Abel, born October 10, 1786, at Templeton, Massachusetts; died November 4, 1875, at Stratton, Vermont; married Theodocia Batchellor on December 2, 1810, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 5) Joel, born in 1788 at Templeton, Massachusetts; died February 24, 1839, at Stratton, Vermont; married Lucy Batchellor on April 23, 1812, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 6) Sophia, born April 13, 1790, at Brattleboro, Vermont; died

July 8, 1872, at Stratton, Vermont; married Ira Scott on December 6, 1810, at Stratton, Vermont.

- 7) Harry, born February 10, 1792, at Brattleboro, Vermont; died December 24, 1878, at Warwick, Massachusetts; married 1) Lavina (Haskels) Grout (widow of his brother, George) 2) Elizabeth (Manning) Warden on July 13, 1844, at Brattleboro, Vermont 3) Bethia (?).
- 8) Dorcas, born in 1794 at Brattleboro, Vermont.
- 9) James, born in 1796 at Brattleboro, Vermont.
- 10) Hudson, born April 27, 1800, at Brattleboro, Vermont; died May 18, 1878; married Silence Babcock on June 11, 1823, at Stratton, Vermont.

**Abel Grout, Jr.**, son of Abel and Dorcas (Chase) Grout, was born at Templeton, Massachusetts, on October 10, 1786. Abel came to Stratton with his parents in 1806. He took the Freeman's oath on September 6, 1808, and purchased his father's farm along with his brother, Joel, on March 27, 1809. The Grout family's 55-acre farm was located at the foot of Little Stratton Mountain (*see Abel Grout above*). Abel then married Theodocia Batchellor, daughter of Jacob and Lois Batchellor, on December 2, 1810, at Stratton. Theodocia was born at Brookfield, Massachusetts, on February 14, 1791.

On July 10, 1820, Abel purchased Joel's share of the



farm, while Joel had settled in the eastern part of town several years before. Abel maintained the farm and took care of his parents. He eventually built up the farm to be the largest in Stratton. At one time, he owned 1200 acres in Stratton's West Gore alone.

The Grouts were accepted as full members of the Church of Christ in Stratton on November 9, 1817, and Theodocia was baptized that same day. Abel was made a Deacon of the church on May 4, 1818.

A ledger kept by Abel beginning in 1815 and continuing to about 1855 still exists and describes Abel's income from town business to shoe repair, coat making, grave digging, farm work, transportation and lumbering.

In 1826, Abel was named guardian of the Hill family - a neighboring family of four adults that were charges of the town, in an agreement that Abel would get their farm if he provided for them for the remainder of their years. Abel reneged on the deal the following year.

Over the years, Abel took an active role in town affairs. He was a Selectman for many years and served the town in other official positions.

By 1850, all of the Grout children had moved away except for their son Jacob, whom eventually bought the old homestead. An undated letter from Abel's niece, Dorothy Grout, to her mother, Lucy Grout, stated "*I have heard that Uncle Abel has*

*met with a great misfortune, that of having his property taken from him.*" He evidently lost some property, probably due to delinquent taxes; however, it appears that he managed to keep most of it, probably with the help of their youngest son, Jacob. There was an apparent problem possibly caused by Adams Allen Grout, Abel's son, who had mortgaged part of the farm and could not pay the mortgage. On March 13, 1847, Abel signed an indenture with Waitstill Ranney of Townshend, Vermont, who held this mortgage. The indenture allowed Abel to use and occupy "Ranney's farm" for 16 years. This was the Grout's family farm.

In 1860, Abel's son, Jacob, was head of the Grout household and Abel and Theodosia lived there with Jacob and his wife, Emeline. Jacob had evidently reacquired the farm for the family. Abel and Theodocia remained on the old farm for the remainder of their lives.

Theodocia died on February 28, 1868, at Stratton. Abel died there on November 4, 1875. Theodocia was buried in Pike Hollow Cemetery and Abel was most likely buried beside her. If they had proper stones, the stones have since disappeared; however, the marker of their daughter, Dorcas Chase Pike, reads "*Buried beside one of the best of Mothers, Theodocia, wife of Deacon Abel Grout.*" Dorcas's grave lies beside two unmarked graves, which most

likely, belong to Abel and Theodocia.

Abel and Theodocia's children:

- 1) Dorcas Chase, born January 20, 1812, at Stratton, Vermont (baptized in Stratton on July 3, 1814); died September 27, 1881, at Stratton, Vermont; married Moses Pike on November 23, 1831, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 2) Adams Allen, born May 29, 1814, at Stratton, Vermont (baptized in Stratton on July 3, 1814); died October 23, 1869, at Arlington, Vermont; married Martha A. C. Kelley on May 28, 1844, at Sunderland, Vermont.
- 3) Lyman Batchellor, born April 14, 1816, at Stratton, Vermont (baptized in Stratton on June 9, 1816); died January 7, 1817, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 4) Samuel Newell, born July 5, 1818, at Stratton, Vermont (baptized July 26, 1818); died April 20, 1904, at Franklin, Nebraska; married 1) M. E. P. Shedd on October 31, 1849, at Andover, Massachusetts 2) Martha A. Jones on July 22, 1852, at Louisville, Kentucky 3) Matilda Coburn on April 20, 1855, at Rock Island, Illinois 4) Susan S. McCandless on May 16, 1893, at Franklin, Nebraska.
- 5) Pliny Fisk, born July 5, 1820, at Stratton, Vermont (baptized in Stratton on September 10, 1820); died February 17, 1863, at Chicago, Illinois, while serving during the Civil War; married Susan Jane Crowningshield on February 7, 1843, at Somerset, Vermont.
- 6) Lestina Maria, born April 15, 1822, at Stratton, Vermont (baptized in Stratton on February 23, 1823, and became a member of the church on March 4, 1838); died November 6, 1897, at Clinton, Massachusetts; married Jesse E. Sage on March 4, 1841, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 7) William Goodell, born August 15, 1826, at Stratton, Vermont (baptized in Stratton in October, 1826); died in June, 1892, at Bloomington, Nebraska; married Hannah Carter on December 31, 1846, at Millbury, Massachusetts.
- 8) Jacob Batchellor, born May 26, 1828, at Stratton, Vermont (baptized in Stratton on August 24, 1828); died May 13, 1874, at Stratton, Vermont; married Diana L. Follett on October 10, 1854, at Cumberland, Rhode Island 2) Emeline Carter on April 20, 1858, at Bellows Falls, Vermont.
- 9) Caroline Amelia, born August 18, 1831, at Stratton, Vermont (baptized in Stratton on November 13, 1831); died July 22, 1833, at Stratton, Vermont.

**Adams Allen Grout**, son of Abel and Theodocia Grout, was born May 29, 1814, at Stratton. He married Martha A. C. Kelley on May 28, 1844, at Sunderland, Vermont. That same year on

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February 26, he purchased the family farm on 6L7R in Stratton from his brother, Samuel, and mortgaged it through Waitstill Ranney of Townshend, Vermont. He apparently lost the farm to Ranney, who then leased it back to Abel Grout, Jr. in 1847. In 1852, Adams deeded over the farm to Ranney. During that time, the Grouts lived in Sunderland.

On April 24, 1848, the Grouts purchased 45 acres from Jonas Allen in Somerset, the farmhouse was located half way between *Pike Hollow Rd.* and *Willis Cemetery Rd.* (see A. Grout on McClellan's Map of 1856). This farm was built by Samuel Willis and it extended down into Pike Hollow to the brook and at one time included Pike Hollow Cemetery and the area where the schoolhouse was later built, extending east to the old *Winhall-Somerset Rd.*, which ran along the east side of this farm.

The Grouts sold this lot to Joseph Pike on October 20, 1858, and resettled in Arlington, Vermont. Adams died at Arlington on October 23, 1869, and he was buried in St. James' Cemetery there.

Children of Adams and Martha were:

- 1) Fred A., born April 29, 1845, at Stratton, Vermont; died April 6, 1864, at Arlington, Vermont.
- 2) Charles H., born November 5, 1850, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 3) Hattie H., born May 28, 1856, at Stratton, Vermont; died

April 8, 1864, at Arlington, Vermont.

- 4) Willie H., born in August, 1857, at Stratton, Vermont; died March 30, 1859, at Arlington, Vermont.

**Samuel Newell Grout**, son of Abel and Theodocia Grout, was born July 5, 1818, at Stratton. On March 4, 1838, Samuel became a member of the Church of Christ in Stratton. At some point, Samuel gained ownership of his father's farm. On February 26, 1844, he sold the farm and another lot to his brother, Adams Allen Grout. On November 1, 1845, Samuel also purchased 3L7R in Stratton from Leander Carter who had moved to Ohio (all except for a five acre parcel on the north side of the pond, split off to Isaiah Harvey in 1784). Samuel apparently did not pay taxes on this lot and it was later sold for back-taxes by the town. Samuel fitted for college at Burr Seminary and graduated from Middlebury College in 1846, and at Andover Theological Seminary in 1849. He was ordained a minister of the Congregational Church.

Samuel married M. E. P. Shedd on October 31, 1849, at Andover, Massachusetts. The Grouts went to Missouri shortly after their marriage and Samuel commenced his life work under the direction of the Home Missionary Society.



**Abel Grout, Jr.**  
(1786 – 1875)

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**Theodocia (Batchellor) Grout**  
(1791 – 1868)

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**Jacob Batchellor Grout**  
(1829 – 1874)

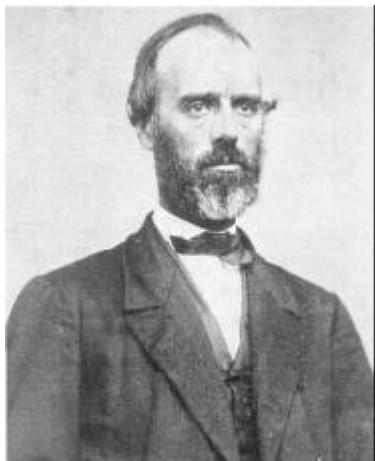
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**Emeline (Carter) Grout**

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**Samuel Newell Grout**  
(1818 – 1904)

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**Mrs. Samuel N. Grout**

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**William Goodell Grout**  
(1826 – 1892)

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**Hannah (Carter) Grout**

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Samuel married a second time to Martha A. Jones on July 22, 1852, at Louisville, Kentucky. His third marriage was to Matilda Coburn on April 20, 1855, at Rock Island, Illinois. The Church of Christ in Stratton voted to give Samuel a letter of dismissal from this church and recommendation to the Church of Christ in Iowa on October 4, 1857. He was apparently affiliated with Stratton's church until that time.

Samuel's last marriage was to Susan S. McCandless on May 16, 1893, at Franklin, Nebraska. Samuel died at Franklin on April 20, 1904.

**Pliny Fisk Grout**, son of Abel and Theodocia Grout, was born on July 5, 1820, at Stratton. He married Susan "Jane" Crowningshield on February 7, 1843, at Somerset, Vermont. She was born on March 1, 1824, at Wardsboro, Vermont. Fisk and Jane settled in Stratton after their marriage on a farm located south of where the Webster Memorial is located (a deed dated September 4, 1846, implies that they were living on 3L8R or 3L9R; however, they may have been living in the old Joel Hale homestead on 5L8R, where Jane later resided as a widow after the war). In 1844, Jane was still attending school in Stratton.

In 1851, Fisk and his cousin, Darius Grout, obtained 8L7R and mortgaged this property in 1853. They probably were logging this lot together.

During the Civil War, Fisk joined the service, enlisting on June 15, 1862, and he mustered into Company K of the Vermont 9th Regiment on July 9, 1862. He died in the service on February 11, 1863. Fisk was later buried in the National Cemetery in Chicago, Illinois.

After Fisk's death, Jane settled in a house near the intersection of the *Stratton-Arlington Rd.* and *The Grout Pond Access Rd.*, just south of where the Webster Memorial now stands. Her home was indicated as "Mrs. Grout" on the Beer's Atlas of 1869 and she was living there alone in 1870. Jane died of consumption on October 11, 1880, at Stratton.

Children of Fisk and Jane were:

- 1) Lestina Melvina, born November 18, 1843, at Somerset, Vermont; married George A. Williams on January 17, 1864, at Stratton, Vermont.
  - 2) William E., born April 25, 1845, at Somerset, Vermont; died October 29, 1845.
  - 3) Estela F., born February 1, 1847, at Somerset, Vermont; died February 15, 1847.
  - 4) Henri H., born October 11, 1848, at Somerset, Vermont; married Deema Campbell on March 18, 1871, at Springfield, Massachusetts.
  - 5) Clifford Eugene, born June 29, 1852, at Stratton, Vermont; died in 1911; married Ella F. Magoon.
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- 6) Ella A., born April 12, 1855, at Stratton, Vermont; died July 8, 1879.
- 7) (a child), born June 4, 1860, at Stratton, Vermont; died August 13, 1860.

**Henri H. Grout**, son of Fisk and Jane Grout, was born on October 11, 1848. He was listed in Stratton's school records, attending school in District #3 in 1862. Henri was a painter and married Deema Campbell on March 18, 1871, at Springfield, Massachusetts. They returned to Stratton, where one child was born to them. Apparently, they moved away soon after, but Henri returned and he was named among the town paupers in 1888, under the care of Dr. Bliss. The town also paid CB Williams for furnishings for Henri that year. There is no mention of Henri Grout in Stratton's records after that time.

A child of Henri and Deema was:

- 1) (a daughter), born November 16, 1872, at Stratton, Vermont; died same day.

**William Goodell Grout**, son of Abel and Theodocia Grout, was born on August 15, 1826, at Stratton. William married Hannah Carter on December 31, 1846, at Millbury, Massachusetts. William died in June, 1892, at Bloomington, Nebraska.

Children of William and Hannah:

- 1) Henry Francis, born June 16, 1849; died November 24, 1920; married Elizabeth Ann Grout.

- 2) Emma L., born May 30, 1853.
- 3) Clara A., born March 17, 1856.

**Jacob Batchellor Grout**, son of Abel and Theodocia Grout, was born on May 26, 1829, at Stratton. He first married Diana L. Follett on October 10, 1854, at Cumberland, Rhode Island. Diana apparently passed away within the next few years.

Jacob's second marriage was to Emeline Carter on April 20, 1858, at Bellows Falls, Vermont. Jacob returned to Stratton and took over his father's farm under Little Stratton Mountain and there he remained the rest of his life.

Jacob was superintendent of schools for Stratton in 1862. Emeline was admitted to the Church of Christ in Stratton by letter from the 1st Congregational Church in Worcester, Massachusetts, on June 21, 1868. Jacob was baptized and admitted into the church on June 23, 1872.

Jacob died of consumption on May 13, 1874, at Stratton. The old farm that his grandfather had owned, at one time Stratton's largest, was abandoned following his death.

**Joel Grout**, son of Abel and Dorcas Grout, was born in 1788 at Templeton, Massachusetts. He came to Stratton with his parents in 1806, and was deeded half of his father's farm on March 27, 1809.

Joel married Lucy Batchellor, daughter of Jacob and Lois Batchellor, at Stratton, on April

23, 1812. She was born at Stratton on February 21, 1793.

Joel bought 87 acres of 5L1R from his father-in-law, Jacob Batchellor, in 1812 and built a farm there. This lot was located at the corner of what is now the *West Jamaica Rd.* and *Mountain Rd.* Over the next several years, Joel added to the farm by purchasing various surrounding lots. In 1820, he sold his half of the family farm on 6L7R to his brother, Abel.

On November 9, 1817, Joel and Lucy were accepted as full members of the Church of Christ in Stratton. Lucy was baptized that same day and she remained a member of this church for about 50 years.

Joel died on February 24, 1839, and was buried in Ball Cemetery in Stratton. Lucy was left a widow at age 45, she never remarried and remained at the farm with her son, Darius and his family. She sometimes stayed with her daughters in Bennington or Manchester, Vermont, and she lived out her last years with her daughter, Lucy Kelley at Manchester. Lucy died there on April 5, 1878. She was buried in Ball Cemetery in Stratton.

Children of Joel and Lucy were:

- 1) Pamela, born November 25, 1812, at Stratton, Vermont (baptized in Stratton on August 3, 1818); died March 5, 1899; married Abner Griswald on April 25, 1845 (lived at Bennington, Vermont).
  - 2) Martin Chittenden, born February 3, 1815, at Stratton, Vermont (baptized in Stratton on August 3, 1818); married Lydia Garfield in September, 1837 (lived at Jamestown, New York).
  - 3) Mariah Louisa, born December 12, 1816, at Stratton, Vermont (baptized in Stratton on August 3, 1818); died on March 25, 1840, at Three Rivers, Massachusetts.
  - 4) Dorothy Estabrook, born October 19, 1818, at Stratton, Vermont (baptized in Stratton on July 25, 1819, and became a member on November 9, 1831); died March 21, 1907; married Daniel Bigelow in 1868 (lived at Warwick, Massachusetts).
  - 5) Mary Ann, born May 17, 1820, at Stratton, Vermont (baptized in Stratton on June 3, 1821); died March 22, 1891, at Manchester, New Hampshire; married Patrick Henry Kelley.
  - 6) Lucy, born August 10, 1823, at Stratton, Vermont (baptized in Stratton on August 29, 1824); died April 14, 1906; married John William Kelley (of Sunderland, Vt.) on December 25, 1841, at Stratton, Vermont (He was the proprietor of the Kelley Stand).
  - 7) Joel Franklin, born December 10, 1825, at Stratton, Vermont (baptized in Stratton on June 4, 1826) ; died May 9, 1905; married Amanda Melvina Wilder on December 31, 1850.
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- 8) Jacob B., born January 21, 1828, at Stratton, Vermont; died February 11, 1828, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 9) Darius A., born May 15, 1829, at Stratton, Vermont (baptized at Stratton on January 9, 1832); died August 27, 1908, at Jamaica, Vermont; married Louisa Wing on April 11, 1858.
- 10) James, born September 29, 1831, at Stratton, Vermont (baptized at Stratton on January 9, 1832); died in February or March, 1863; married Caroline Pike.
- 11) John, born September 29, 1831, at Stratton, Vermont (baptized at Stratton on January 9, 1832); died in August, 1833, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 12) John, born October 23, 1833, at Stratton, Vermont; died March 22, 1836, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 13) Lyman Batchellor, born October 29, 1837, at Stratton, Vermont (baptized in Stratton on June 24, 1838); died May 24, 1901; married Theresa Ellen Brown.

**Martin Chittenden Grout**, son of Joel and Lucy Grout, was born at Stratton, on February 3, 1815. By 1834, Martin had moved to the Jamestown, New York, area in the extreme southwest corner of that state. He was there along with several other individuals from Stratton and the surrounding area. Martin first worked as a bartender at a tavern stand there. In 1835,

he worked for Mr. Garfield as a farm laborer, and when the season was over, he made shingles for Mr. Holt - both were apparently from the Stratton area.

Martin married Lydia Garfield, daughter of Joseph and Lydia (Stearns) Garfield, in September, 1837. Lydia was born on February 7, 1815.

Martin did not buy a farm of his own until after his father's death. He thought perhaps that he would come back to Stratton and run the family farm, but he decided to stay near Jamestown, while his brother, Darius, took over the farm in Stratton.

Martin didn't think much of his hometown. He wrote to his mother, "*You cannot be in a worse place to get a living than in Stratton, if you go the whole country through.*" In another letter, he wrote, "*...it is a bad place where she is (his mother), especially in the winter season. The snow falls to such a depth that makes it bad for her and the boys getting alone to what it would be here..... Snow fell to a depth of four feet last winter, and it has not been known to be half so deep before.*" Martin's wife, Lydia wrote to her mother-in-law, "*Stratton appears to us like a cold unfruitful and lonesome place. It has no charms for me except the dear friends that inhabit it.*" In this letter, she also mentioned that she had never met some of Martin's family (1848).

In 1840, Martin bought a farm about 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> miles from Jamestown in the town of Carroll,

New York. They did well with this farm, raising spring wheat, corn and vegetables, keeping three milk cows and thirty sheep and a yoke of oxen.

Martin died at Poland Township, New York on October 16, 1870, and Lydia followed on November 1, 1894.

Children of Martin and Lydia:

- 1) Joseph B., born July 26, 1838, at Jamestown, New York; died in May, 1839.
- 2) William H. S., born September 16, 1842, at Carroll, New York; died August 10, 1913.
- 3) Jedediah, born July 21, 1844, at Carroll, New York; died August 25, 1844, at Carroll, New York.
- 4) James, born July 21, 1846, at Carroll, New York; died November 10, 1920; married Laura Seekin on January 29, 1868.
- 5) Martin Chittenden, Jr., born July 12, 1851, at Kiantone, New York; died February 23, 1934, at Frewsburg, New York; married Minnie Emery on December 15, 1885.
- 6) Lucy Ann, born October 13, 1853; died August 3, 1906; married Guy Barber.
- 7) Lydia M., born June 24, 1857; died November 21, 1914.

**Joel Franklin Grout**, son of Joel and Lucy Grout, was born at Stratton, on December 10, 1825. He lived with his parents on the family farm, located at what is now the corner of *Mountain Rd.* and the *West Jamaica Rd.* He took the Freeman's oath in

Stratton in September, 1847, and by 1850 he was working for his brother-in-law, JW Kelley, as a lumberman. That year, Joel was living in Sunderland within the Kelley Stand - JW Kelley's home. Joel built his own sawmill in Sunderland on Roaring branch, downstream of Ward's shingle mill. Joel had Dewey Phillips install a circular saw in this mill, but the cost of installation was more than the mill was worth, so Joel signed over the mill to Phillips.

On June 5, 1850, Joel and his brother, Darius, purchased the west half of 4L1R, which was adjacent to the family farm.

Joel married Amanda Melvina Wilder on December 31, 1850. Melvina, as she was called, was born about 1832. After the marriage, Joel and Amanda settled in western Sunderland, Vermont, along the Stratton Turnpike. There they had five children before Amanda's death on December 31, 1868.

Joel purchased a logging operation in 1880 from E.W. Bowker. This mill was built about 1870 by Osmer Fitch, upon the site of a mill erected in 1838 by Phineas White of Putney, Vermont. The Grout Job, as it was called, was officially known as *Joel F. Grout & Sons' saw and shingle-mill and chair-stock factory*. It was located in the western part of Stratton (on 5L8R) on the east branch of the Deerfield River. Joel operated this mill for five years before selling out to his sons. Joel then retired and lived

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with his son, Arthur, at Sunderland. Joel died there on May 9, 1905.

Children of Joel and Amanda:

- 1) Joel Franklin, born June 18, 1853, at Sunderland, Vermont; died January 26, 1914; married Ella Augusta Buck on February 28, 1882.
- 2) Lillian Isabel, born June 8, 1856, at Sunderland, Vermont; died August 19, 1882.
- 3) Edgar Irving, born September 8, 1860, at Sunderland, Vermont; died October 28, 1941; married Mary Maria Austin on September 16, 1884.
- 4) Nellie Maria, born August 9, 1862, at Sunderland, Vermont; died March 17, 1939; married Elwin Hart on February 5, 1887, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 5) Arthur Harmon, born September 8, 1865, at Sunderland, Vermont; died February 11, 1937; married Gratia "Grace" Dunlap on May 14, 1885.

**Joel Franklin Grout, Jr.**, son of Joel and Amanda Grout, was born in Sunderland, Vermont, on June 18, 1853. He apparently lived with Benjamin and Betsey Moon in 1859, attending school in district #2 in Stratton.

Joel married Ella Buck of Arlington, Vermont, on February 28, 1882. Joel, or Frank as he was called, was a lumberman. He and his brother, Edgar Irving Grout bought the Grout Job from their father, Joel Franklin Grout, in 1885. They lived near the mill in Stratton in the large complex that developed there at the site. In

1900, they had three boarders: Edward and Marion Sinclair and Maud Landman. These people probably worked for the Grouts.

Joel and Irving operated as *Grout Bros.* until 1902, when they sold out and moved to East Arlington and Sunderland. They had *Grout Bros. Lumber* in Sunderland until Joel died on January 26, 1914. The business name then changed to *Irving E. Grout*. Ella died on September 27, 1942.

Children of Joel and Ella were:

- 1) Lillian M., born November 17, 1882; married William M. Webb on June 28, 1906.
- 2) Edith Nellie, born July 13, 1888, at Stratton, Vermont; died in 1968.
- 3) Winifred Mary, born September 11, 1890, at Stratton, Vermont; married Douglas Clayton Montgomery on September 9, 1914.
- 4) Era Grace, born April 13, 1892, at Stratton, Vermont; married Edward Howard on September 9, 1918.

**Edgar "Irving" Grout**, son of Joel and Amanda Grout, was born at Sunderland, Vermont, on September 8, 1860. He married Mary Maria Austin, daughter of Riley and Hannah Austin, on September 16, 1884. Mary was born September 3, 1862, at Townshend, Vermont.

Irving and his brother, Joel Franklin Grout, Jr. bought the Grout Job from their father, Joel Franklin Grout, Sr., in 1885. They lived near the mill in Stratton in the large complex

there at the site. In 1900, the Grouts also had a boarder, Etta Chamberlain, who was born in June, 1884.

Edgar and Joel operated as *Grout Bros.* until 1902, when they sold out and moved to East Arlington and Sunderland. They had *Grout Bros. Lumber* in Sunderland until Joel died on January 26, 1914. The business name then changed to *Irving E. Grout.*

Mary died July 29 (or 30), 1935. Irving died on October 28, 1941.

Children of Irving and Mary:

- 1) Leo Irving, born October 2, 1885, at Stratton, Vermont; died March 14, 1926; married Helen Louise Russell on September 4, 1913.
- 2) Ina Mae, born August 2, 1888, at Stratton, Vermont; married James Gordon Button on September 16, 1914, in New York.
- 3) Roy Joel, born January 9, 1890, at Stratton, Vermont; died December 16, 1975; married Marilla Howard on July 14, 1927.
- 4) Max Arthur, born December 8, 1896, at Stratton, Vermont; died July 16, 1966; married 1) Carolyn P. Hard on November 24, 1920 2) Ruth Hawkins on November 17, 1928.
- 5) Amy Lillian, born January 3, 1902, at Stratton, Vermont; married Walter Keough on October 8, 1918.

**Leo Irving Grout**, son of Irving and Mary Grout, was born at

Stratton, on October 2, 1885. He graduated from Burr and Burton Seminary in 1906 and from UVM in 1910. Leo married Helen Louise Russell on September 4, 1913. Leo and Helen lived in Arlington, Vermont.

Leo was Arlington's representative to the state legislature for the 1922/3 session. He was a Civil Engineer and practiced that profession until his death. Leo died on March 14, 1946. Helen had died a few months earlier, on September 3, 1945.

Children of Leo and Helen:

- 1) Jeannette Simmons, married Eugene Victor Nuss.
- 2) Ina Mae

**Roy Joel Grout**, son of Irving and Mary Grout, was born at Stratton, on January 9, 1890. He graduated from Burr and Burton Seminary in 1910.

Roy served during WWI. He was in France for six months in Company C., of the 312 Ammunitions. He married Marilla Howard on July 14, 1927. Roy died December 16, 1975 and Marilla died on February 25, 1982.

Children of Roy and Marilla were:

- 1) Irving Howard, married Jean Retha Wallace.
- 2) Freeman Stratton, married 1) Ellen Hill 2) Jean Perrone Bacon.

**Max Arthur Grout**, son of Irving and Mary Grout, was born on December 8, 1896, at Stratton. He married Carolyn P. Hard, daughter of William and Sarah

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Hard, on November 24, 1920. Carolyn died on March 29, 1926, at East Arlington, Vermont. Max then married Ruth Hawkins on November 17, 1928. He passed away on July 16, 1966 and she died on August 29, 1968.

A child of Max and Carolyn was:

- 1) Mary Elizabeth, married Edward Joseph Saunders.

Children of Max and Ruth were:

- 2) Joyce Marion, married William Bennett.
- 3) Dorothy Ruth, married Donald Decker Dusha.
- 4) Alden Max, married Margaret Orchitt.

**Darius A. Grout**, son of Joel and Lucy Grout, was born on May 15, 1829, at Stratton. He grew up on the family farm, located at the corner of *Mountain Rd.* and the *West Jamaica Rd.*

In 1850, Darius and his brother, Joel, purchased part of 4L1R which was adjacent to the family farm. Darius took the Freeman's oath in Stratton on September 3, 1850. In 1851, Darius and his cousin, Pliney Fisk Grout, together purchased 8L7R and they apparently logged that lot.

Darius married Louisa Wing, daughter of Samuel and Lucinda Wing, on April 11, 1858, at Stratton. Louisa was born in 1832 at Livermore, New York.

Darius eventually took over the family farm. He and Louisa lived there with Darius's mother, Lucy, for many years. Lucy moved out in 1866 and went to

live in Sunderland. In 1870, Louisa's father had moved in with them and by 1880, the Grouts had moved away from Stratton, settling in Wardsboro, Vermont.

Louise died in 1902 and Darius died in 1908. They were buried in the West Wardsboro Cemetery.

Children of Darius and Louisa:

- 1) Reuben B., born November 8, 1858, at Stratton, Vermont; died January 24, 1939, in Jamaica, Vermont.
- 2) Lucy L., born November 22, 1859, at Stratton, Vermont; died in January, 1898; married Frank Chase.
- 3) Charles D., born November 4, 1860, at Stratton, Vermont; died October 22, 1863, at Stratton, Vermont (of diphtheria).
- 4) Mary Louise, born January 26, 1862, at Stratton, Vermont; died in 1933; married Fay Ellis in August, 1881.
- 5) Martha J., born March 25, 1863, at Stratton, Vermont; married William Sutton in April, 1883.
- 6) Emily A., born July 16, 1865, at Stratton, Vermont; died August 19, 1868, at Stratton, Vermont.

**James Grout**, son of Joel and Lucy Grout, was born September 29, 1831, at Stratton. James married Caroline Amelia Pike, daughter of Moses and Dorcas Pike, at Somerset, Vermont. She was born on July 24, 1833, at Somerset. James and Caroline were 'first cousins once removed.'



**Lucy (Batchellor) Grout**  
(1793 – 1878)

Photo courtesy of Joan Little



**James Grout**  
(1831 – 1863)

Photo courtesy of the Ethel Eddy Collection



**Joel Franklin Grout**  
(1825 – 1905)

Photo courtesy of Joan Little



**Amanda "Melvina" (Wilder)  
Grout** (1832 – 1868)

Photo courtesy of Joan Little

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In 1854, Thomas Converse was living with the Grouts in Stratton and attending school in district #4. In 1856, the Grouts were living in western Sunderland, Vermont, near James's brother Joel, along the Stratton Turnpike.

At the outbreak of the Civil War, James decided to enlist, doing so in October, 1861. Evidently, his family became upset with him for enlisting, and on that very night Caroline was badly burned when a lamp she was lighting exploded on her. She suffered quietly for thirteen days with James at her side. James's sister, Pamela, was there when the accident happened. She escaped with only minor burns, then rushed back to help Caroline. Pamela managed to put out the flames, but Caroline was badly burned and blistered from the waist up. She died on October 23, 1861.

After Caroline's death, James went off to war, leaving behind his three children. He served with Company K of the 9th Vermont Volunteers.

In August, 1862, the 9th was stationed at Camp Siegel in Winchester, Virginia, and in September, 1862, his company was on picket duty. They were among the Union defenders at Harpers Ferry, Virginia. The company wanted to make James first corporal, but his reply was that he was not born to command. Yet James "was second to none for bravery." During that time, *"the company wanted to send out*

*a scout. James volunteered to go. He advanced along the edge until he had learned the truth and was returning. It appeared that he had flanked a squad of 12 or 15 rebels. They allowed him to pass unmolested, but as he returned, they suddenly sprang up out of the grass and commanded him to halt, but he kept right on. Again and again, the order was repeated, but he heeded it not. Then they opened upon him and the bullets rattled all about him, before and behind, but he kept hurriedly on and to the surprise of our men, returned unscathed to his post. He was asked why he did not surrender. His reply, 'I might have perished, but surrender, I would not in sight of my comrades.'* As a soldier, he was brave almost to rashness. As a companion and friend, he was honest and trustworthy." This company was among the Union Army at Harpers Ferry that surrendered. Fortunately, this group was paroled and immediately marched to Annapolis, Maryland. The 9th was then sent to Camp Douglas in Chicago, Illinois, where James spent much of his time working as a carpenter. He became sick and apparently suffered from consumption (tuberculosis) He died there in the camp's hospital in February or March, 1863. His body was sent home to his father-in-law, Moses Pike, and James was buried next to Caroline in Pike Hollow Cemetery at Stratton, under a military headstone.

Following the death of Caroline, the children were evidently placed in the care of James' sister, Dorothy (or perhaps just the boy was placed in her care).

James and Caroline's children:

- 1) Ella, born December 28, 1853; died March 27, 1903; married George Brooks in 1880.
- 2) Leon Moses, died in July, 1900, and was buried in Arlington Cemetery in Washington, D. C. under the name of A. L. Carson, a name adopted by him in the army.
- 3) Helena, born in 1857; died in May 1929; married Tom Johnson in 1873.

Note:

The above was copied from a letter sent by Lt. Leavenworth upon James' death. I copied this from a letter sent to me by Frances Grout Brown.

**Lyman Batchellor Grout**, son of Joel and Lucy Grout, was born on October 29, 1837, at Stratton. He left home about 1853 while still quite young and was working in Mansville (possibly Mansfield, Massachusetts). By 1861, he had acquired a job at McLean Asylum in East Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Lyman married Theresa Ellen Brown in June, 1863, at East Cambridge. They were married the day that Lyman quit work at the asylum. They settled at Lynn, Massachusetts, where Lyman went to work for Ellen's brother, who was drafted soon thereafter.

Lyman was left without work for a time, and discussed with his mother, the option of returning

home to help his brother, Darius run the family farm. This he did not do, instead he enlisted on February 8, 1865, at Boston, Massachusetts, for a three-year term in the US Engineer Corps. At the time of enlistment he gave his occupation as a blacksmith.

Lyman was first stationed at Bedloe's Island, New York Harbor, where he was sick with the measles and missed a hard campaign that the Engineer Corps participated in. In February, 1865, Lyman was stationed at Fort Independence, at Boston Harbor, waiting to return to Bedloe's Island. In May, 1865, his unit was sent to Washington, DC and then Arlington Heights, near headquarters of the Army of the Potomac. By November, they were stationed in Willet's Point, New York, where Theresa was able to join him and they set up a home. They remained there to the end of Lyman's enlistment. Lyman was discharged on February 8, 1868. He passed away on May 24, 1901.

Children of Lyman and Theresa:

- 1) Edith M., born June 5, 1868; married Fred Stauffer in 1889.
  - 2) Cora Pauline, born August 18 187?; married D.S. Saunders on March 17, 1903.
  - 3) Irving Elmer, born January 27, 1875; died in 1972; married Adeline Mills in September, 1901.
  - 4) Leland Roy, born October 29, 1878; married Julia M. Olsen on November 6, 1901.
  - 5) Ellena Francina, born August 15, 1880; married 1) John
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Vulgamont 2) T.W. Heaslop in 1905.

**Hudson Grout**, son of Abel and Dorcas Grout, was born on April 27, 1800, at Brattleboro, Vermont. He married Silence Babcock, daughter of David and Sarah Babcock, on June 11, 1823, at Stratton, by Abel Grout, Justice of the Peace. Silence was born on May 6, 1799.

The Grouts moved around, settling in various places. On January 15, 1824, Hudson purchased 50 acres of the northeast corner of 5L6R in Stratton from Phineas White of Putney, Vermont. The Grouts probably lived there for a time. A map of 1921 indicates that an old foundation exists on this parcel.

Silence became a member of the Church of Christ in Stratton on March 6, 1825, and she was baptized the same day.

By 1829, it appears that the Grouts settled along the road to Sunderland on the east half of 5L7R (see E. Allen on McClellans Map of 1856). He had also purchased the east half of the west half of 5L6R.

In 1829, Hudson was granted a license to operate an Inn in Stratton. This probably was operated out of the house on the east half of 5L7R. The 1830 census shows that another couple resided in this same house. This may have been Ebenezer Allen and his wife. Allen received a license to operate an Inn in 1830. Town records indicate that this was still the Hudson Grout house

in 1832. That year, the road from there to Sunderland was discontinued by the town and replaced by the Stratton Turnpike, which followed approximately the same route.



**Hudson Grout**  
(1800 – 1878)

Photo courtesy of Frances Grout Brown

In 1835, Hudson sold his Stratton property. He and his family were living in Sunderland, Vermont, at that time.

About 1836, the Grouts settled on a farm in 3L7R in Stratton - land that Hudson's brother, Abel, had purchased on May 18, 1836. This was the farm which Ephraim and Leander Carter had cleared on the west side of the Pond which now bears the Grout name. Initially, the pond was known as Dr. Harvey's Pond and then Holman Pond and as late as 1856 it was called Carter Pond. By 1869, the pond was known as Grout Pond,

although by the 1880s it was known as Stratton Pond. It is called Grout Pond today most likely because of the popularity of Beer's Atlas which had the Pond listed as such. Hudson apparently never owned this lot; however, he did purchase several other parcels in Stratton over the years.

Silence died of consumption on March 14, 1859, and was buried in Ball Cemetery. Hudson remained on the farm by the pond through 1869. He lived out his last years in the home of his son, Edwin, on *Shepardson Rd.* Hudson died on May 18, 1878, of palsy and was buried in Ball Cemetery. A single large family stone marks their graves along with the family of their son, Edwin.

Children of Hudson and Silence:

- 1) Stephen, born October 31, 1823, at Stratton, Vermont (baptized in Stratton in October, 1826); died February 4, 1906, at Riverside, California; married 1) Melendy (?) 2) Henrietta A. Fuller.
- 2) Submit, born December 15, 1824, at Stratton, Vermont (admitted to Church of Christ in Stratton on June 24, 1840); married Roswell Whitney (of Westminster, Vermont -intent published May 4, 1845, at Stratton, Vermont).
- 3) Alphonse, died young
- 4) Edwin Leroy, born May 20, 1829, at Stratton, Vermont; died February 2, 1913, at Townshend, Vermont; married Charlotte Fay on July 1, 1851.
- 5) Sarah, died young.
- 6) Lucy J., born May 25, 1835, at Stratton, Vermont; died November 7, 1860, at Westminster, Vermont; married Nathan Tracy on September 3, 1854, at Shaftsbury, Vermont (She became a member of the West Wardsboro Baptist Church in 1852).
- 7) John A., born October 30, 1837, at Stratton, Vermont; died March 11, 1923, at Townshend, Vermont; married 1) Phoebe Smith in 1866 2) Adelaide Raynor on May 1, 1872, at Warwick, Massachusetts.
- 8) Joel, born May 17, 1842, at Stratton, Vermont; died in 1921 at Newfane, Vermont; married Martha Jane Pike on January 1, 1866, at Stratton, Vermont.

**Stephen Grout**, son of Hudson and Silence Grout, was born on October 31, 1823, at Stratton. He grew up on his father's farm, then attended a preparatory school. He became a member of the Church of Christ in Stratton on June 24, 1838, and he took the Freeman's oath in Stratton on September 5, 1848. Stephen took a job with the railroad and became Station Agent at East Dorset, Vermont. There, he remained for most of his life. He was the Postmaster, express agent and telegraph manager there for many years.

Stephen's first wife was Melendy (?). His second wife was

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Henrietta A. Fuller of East Arlington, Vermont.

Stephen was a minister of the Congregational Church, holding services when no minister was available. He was well-educated and enjoyed studying Greek and Latin. He was an avid botanist and maintained a large collection of plants and flowers.

In their later years, the Grouts moved to Riverside, California, where Stephen became president of the local Botany Club. While there, he also took up the study of Spanish. Stephen died at Riverside on February 4, 1906.

A child of Stephen and Melendy:

1) Mable

Children of Stephen and Henrietta:

2) Harry, married Veeda Billings in 1897.

3) Edith

**Edwin Leroy Grout**, son of Hudson and Silence Grout, was born on May 20, 1829. When Edwin was a child, his feet were malformed, making him handicapped. He first walked when he was three years old.

When Edwin was six, his father settled on the farm near Grout Pond. Edwin took the Freeman's oath in Stratton on September 3, 1850, and he married Charlotte Fay, daughter of Charles and Asenath Fay, on July 1, 1851. Charlotte was born at Stratton on February 23, 1833.

The Grouts lived in Stratton on a farm on *Shepardson Rd.*. This had been the Batchellor farm

for many years. Later, this farm was owned by Charlotte's father, Charles Fay. Their farm also marked the beginning of the Stratton Mountain Club's trail to the top of the mountain. Currently, the remains of the cellar hole and the large foundation of the old barn are all that mark the spot of this farm.

Edwin and Charlotte also reared Gertrude Tracy, daughter of a cousin. She attended Stratton's 2nd school district in 1865. Edwin's father, Hudson Grout and Charlotte's father, Charles Fay, both old and widowed, spent their last years in Edwin and Charlotte's home. In 1880, the Grouts also had a boarder, Lucy Cook, aged 40 living with them.

Edwin was a charter member of Stratton's Free-Will Baptist Church, and he became a deacon of that church. Edwin also served as Justice of the Peace.

Charlotte passed away at Stratton on January 16, 1895. Edwin remained on the farm and his son, Charles, had taken over its operation. When Charles's family moved to Townshend, Vermont, about 1902, Edwin went with them. Apparently, the old farm was abandoned at that time.

Edwin died on February 2, 1913, at Townshend. He and Charlotte were buried in Ball Cemetery.

Children of Edwin and Charlotte:

1) Celia A., born October 24, 1852, at Stratton, Vermont; died December 21, 1911;

married William J. Smith (of Athol, MA).

- 2) Silence Caroline (Carrie), born July 27, 1859, at Stratton, Vermont; died November 14, 1884, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 3) Charles Hudson, born May 26, 1869, at Stratton, Vermont; died February 12, 1934, at Townshend, Vermont; married Flora M. Eddy on June 6, 1894, at Stratton, Vermont.

**Charles Hudson Grout**, son of Edwin and Charlotte Grout, was born May 26, 1869, at Stratton.

Charles married Flora Marcia Eddy, daughter of Jonathan and Arvilla (Gale) Eddy of Newfane, on June 6, 1894, at Newfane, Vermont. Flora was born there on September 22, 1871.

Charles finished schooling at LeLand and Gray Seminary at Townshend, Vermont, then he was employed as a teacher for several years.

The Grouts lived at Stratton on the farm of Charles' father from the time of their marriage until about 1902. In 1900, Charles's father, Edwin Grout, was living with them. While in Stratton and probably for the remainder of his life, Charles was a member of the Free-Will Baptist Church. In 1894/5, he served as Stratton's Representative in the state legislature.

In 1902, Charles bought the Mercantile business of Barber Brothers at Townshend, which he conducted until his death. He served as jail commissioner in Townshend and he was

Townshend's Representative in the State legislature in 1910/1. He served again in 1929/30. Charles also was elected State Senator of Windham County, serving in 1931/2.



**Charles Hudson Grout**  
(1869 – 1934)

Photo from  
Vermont Government Yearbook 1931/2.

Charles died February 12, 1934, at Townshend, Vermont. Flora survived until April 21, 1960.

Children of Charles and Flora:

- 1) Paul Harold, born April 9, 1895, at Stratton, Vermont; died June 20, 1964, at Bay Pines, Florida; married Catherine Starr on August 15, 1925.
- 2) Gerald Edwin, born August 14, 1896, at Stratton, Vermont; died November 9, 1896, at Stratton, Vermont (of measles).

- 3) Ethelyn Charlotte, born in June, 1904, at West Townshend, Vermont; married Leslie Rhoades on July 1, 1922.
- 4) Earl Richard Eddy, born February 15, 1910; died March 10, 1910.

**John A. Grout**, son of Hudson and Silence Grout, was born on October 30, 1837, on his father's farm, near Grout Pond, in Stratton.

While still young and probably following his mother's death, John lived with his sister Lucy Tracy and remained with her until the beginning of the Civil War. John enlisted on September 6, 1861, aged 25, and mustered into Company F of the Vermont 4th Regiment on September 26, 1861. He reenlisted on December 15, 1863, he was transferred to Company A and he was promoted to corporal. John mustered out with his company and regiment on July 13, 1865. During his enlistment, he had participated in the battles of Bull Run, Antietam, Gettysburg, both battles of the Wilderness, and Cedar Creek.

Following the war, John married Phoebe Smith in 1866. His second marriage was to Adelaide Raynor, daughter of Jacob and Sabrina Raynor, on May 1, 1872, at Warwick, Massachusetts. Adelaide was born on June 27, 1842, at Athol, Massachusetts.

John was a farmer and he kept a farm in Northfield, Massachusetts, for nine years

following his marriage. The Grouts then lived first at Warwick and then Athol, Massachusetts. In 1908, they settled at Townshend, Vermont, and remained there for the remainder of their lives.

Adelaide died on December 23, 1921, and John followed on March 11, 1923, both at Townshend.

A child of John and Adelaide was:

- 1) Della Florence (adopted), married Moses Pike Grout on June 11, 1907 (divorced).

**Joel Grout**, son of Hudson and Silence Grout, was born on May 17, 1842, on his father's farm, near Grout Pond, in Stratton.

Joel served during the Civil War, mustering into service on July 9, 1862, into Company I of the 9th Vermont Regiment. He nearly died of the measles, early in his enlistment. He was shot through the ankle during the Battle of Seven Pines on October 27, 1864. As a result of this wound he had a slight limp for the remainder of his life.

Joel returned home and married Martha Jane Pike, daughter of Moses and Dorcas Pike, on January 1, 1866, at Stratton. Martha was born in Somerset, Vermont, on March 29, 1843.

After the marriage, Joel and Martha purchased the Lyman farm on Newfane Hill, in Newfane, Vermont. They added quite a bit of land to the original farm and remained thereon for the remainder of their lives. Joel was a deacon of the Newfane

Congregational Church. He farmed all his life and he also kept bees.

Martha died on August 14, 1911, at Newfane, and Joel died in 1921.

Children of Joel and Martha were:

- 1) Abel Joel, born March 24, 1867, at Newfane, Vermont; died March 27, 1947, at Bradenton, Florida; married Grace Preston on July 21, 1893.
- 2) Edward John, born February 17, 1870, at Newfane, Vermont; married 1) Mary A. (Bates) Hescocock 2) Eva (?).
- 3) Edwin J., stillborn February 17, 1870, at Newfane, Vermont.
- 4) Grace M., born July 18, 1872, at Newfane, Vermont; died November 16, 1873, at Newfane, Vermont.
- 5) Moses Pike, born August 26, 1874, at Newfane, Vermont; died October 11, 1961, at Cape Nadick, Maine; married 1) Della Florence Grout (his adopted cousin) on June 11, 1907 (divorced) 2) Maude Emmeline (Butler) Grout (widow of his brother, Leon).
- 6) Leon Everett, born September 14, 1877, at Newfane, Vermont; died in March, 1926, at Jamaica, Vermont; married Maude Emmeline Butler on April 29, 1903.
- 7) Arthur A., born January 24, 1880, at Newfane, Vermont; died July 31, 1882, at Newfane, Vermont.
- 8) Guy Elmer, born August 31, 1882, at Newfane, Vermont;

died May 26, 1964, at Newfane, Vermont; married Fannie Marilla Flynn on December 25, 1902, at West Townshend, Vermont.

- 9) John Stanley, born August 31, 1882, at Newfane, Vermont; died in infancy.
- 10) Raymond S., born February 28, 1886, at Newfane, Vermont; died July 3, 1911; married M. Eliza Temple on February 6, 1909 (Eliza was born on February 6, 1889; died May 14, 1981 - they were buried in Newfane).

**Abel Joel Grout**, son of Joel and Martha Grout, was born on March 24, 1867, at Newfane, Vermont. Although Abel was never a citizen of Stratton, he played an important role in the area and so he has been included here. Abel graduated from UVM, Burlington, Vermont, in 1890, then continued his education at Columbia University in New York, obtaining a Ph.D. in 1897. Abel married Grace Preston on July 21, 1893. Grace was born in 1864.

Abel taught in normal and high schools in Vermont and New Hampshire. In 1899, he became instructor of botany at Bays High School in New Brighton, Staten Island, New York, where he taught until retirement. He was a fellow of the American Association of the Advancement of Science and wrote several books on mosses.

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**Joel Grout**  
(1842 – 1921)

Photo courtesy of the Ethel Eddy Collection



**Martha Jane (Pike) Grout**  
(1843 – 1911)

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**Edwin LeRoy Grout**  
(1829 – 1913)

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**Charlotte (Fay) Grout**  
(1833 – 1895)

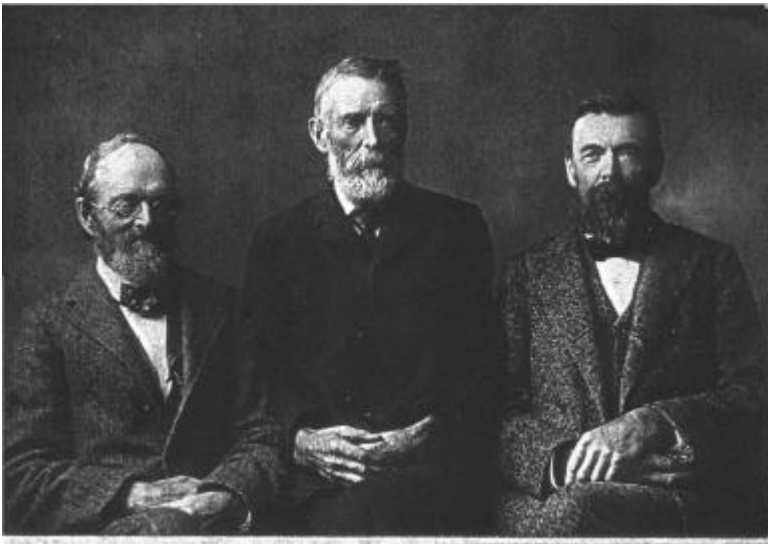
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**Family of Joel and Martha Grout  
[back l-r] sons, Edd, Leon, Guy, Raymond and Abel  
[center] Mrs. Edd Grout, Joel, Martha and Moses  
[front] two more of the Grout boys' wives and an unknown girl on the  
right.**

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**Edwin, John and Joel Grout  
sons of Hudson and Silence Grout**

Photo courtesy of Frances Grout Brown

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Abel built a log cabin he called Moss Rock Cabin on Newfane Hill that overlooked the pond and the farm where he was born. He spent his summers at the cabin and traveled around the country collecting botanical specimens. After retirement, he spent his winters in Florida.

At one point, Abel expressed his dissatisfaction with the hospitals of this area to his doctor, Dr. Otis. This led to a partnership, and Abel financed an independent clinic for Dr. Otis in Townshend, Vermont, naming it for Mrs. Grout. Since that time, Grace Cottage has provided medical services for this area. Several of Stratton's citizens were born there and some have died there. The books on mosses that Abel had written are still used in Universities across the country. The proceeds all go to Grace Cottage.

Abel died at Bradenton, Florida, on March 27, 1947, Grace also died that year at Brattleboro. They were buried in Woodlawn Cemetery in Newfane.

A child of Abel and Grace was:

- 1) Preston Joel, born May 24, 1898; died in January, 1903.

**Edward John Grout**, son of Joel and Martha Grout, was born in 1870 at Newfane, Vermont. He married Mary A. (Bates) Hescocock, daughter of E.W. and Estella (Colburn) Bates, on December 21, 1895, at Stratton. Mary was born in 1869 at Manchester, Vermont, and divorced her first husband. Edward or E. J. as he was called,

was a lumberman and had settled in Stratton prior to the marriage. Eventually, they were also divorced and Edward remarried to Eva (?). The Grouts resettled in Dover, Vermont.

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## Guild

**Lewis Guild**, son of Samuel and Ruth (Morse) Guild, was born on April 28, 1783, at Franklin, Massachusetts. Lewis purchased 126 acres in Stratton - the east part of 3L4R - on February 24, 1808, from Benjamin Ware, Jr. of Wrentham, Massachusetts.

Lewis settled upon his new farm and married Sally Waite, a daughter of John Waite, at Stratton on May 3, 1809. They were married by George Oliver, Justice of the Peace. Sally was born between 1780 and 1784. The Guilds' farm was located where the town hall, town offices and the Stratton church are today.

In 1810, the census had Lewis listed as "Lewis Gould." The census also stated that the Guilds had a boy under 10 living with them. This may have been a mistake, since it appears that the child was actually their daughter, Sally. The 1820 and 1830 censuses also show the name as Gould.

On February 2, 1812, the Guilds were taken into the Church of Christ in Stratton and they were both baptized at that time.

In the days that followed, their two children were also baptized.

In 1830, Lewis sold 17 acres on the northeast corner of his farm to Benjamin Moon. The Guilds remained in Stratton until 1834. On January 12, 1834, the Guilds, along with their daughters, Sally and Ruth, were given letters of dismissal from the Church. These letters were used for admission into another church. Their new church was probably in Franklin, Massachusetts, since they evidently had relocated there.

Lewis sold his farm to William G. Pike on November 17, 1835.

Children of Lewis and Sally were:

- 1) Sally, born March 13, 1810, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 2) Harvey Pond, born July 22, 1811, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 3) Ruth Morse, born May 16, 1813, at Stratton, Vermont (baptized in Stratton in June, 1814).
- 4) Daniel Bond, born February 22, 1817, at Stratton, Vermont (baptized in Stratton in July, 1817).
- 5) Betsey Thatcher, born October 31, 1819, at Stratton, Vermont (baptized in Stratton on June 11, 1820).
- 6) Philenia Case, born June 25, 1822, at Stratton, Vermont.

## **Guillow**

**Moses Guillow** was born before 1775. He and his wife, Eunice, settled in Stratton about 1818. It appears that Moses previously had been married to Dolly Webster,

born July 1, 1787, a daughter of Giles and Hulda Webster of Wilmington, Vermont. Moses Guillow and Dolly Webster were married at Gill, Massachusetts, on November 14, 1807.

In 1818, Moses purchased the east half of 4L3R, where they apparently settled into the old Garfield farm east of what is now Ball Cemetery. In 1820, there was another man over 45 living in their home as well as two boys under 16. Eunice was probably the female listed as aged 16 to 26.

Moses and Eunice were accepted into the Church of Christ in Stratton on March 6, 1825, and they were baptized at that time, along with their children.

The Guillows moved away from Stratton before 1830. Moses never sold the land, therefore, it became the property of Paul Wheeler of Wardsboro, Vermont, who held a mortgage on it.

The Guillows may have been related to Rufus and Sarah Guillow who were warned out of Wardsboro on March 6, 1807, and again on September 21, 1811. This Rufus Guillow was most likely born March 26, 1773, at Norton, Massachusetts, - a son of Francis and Molly (Derby) Guillow. Therefore, it is possible that Moses was also a son of Francis and Molly Guillow.

Children of Moses and Eunice:

- 1) Jonathan Smead
  - 2) Harrietta
  - 3) Lodica
  - 4) Lanson
  - 5) George Webster
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## Gurney

**Abner Gurney**, a son of Joseph Jr. and Olive (Torrey) Gurney, was born on January 16, 1812, at Abington, Massachusetts. Abner and his wife, Armelia, settled in Stratton just after 1850. On January 24, 1853, Abner and Armelia, along with Abner's brother and sister-in-law, Gridley and Esther Gurney all of Stratton, sold property that included the mill on 3L8R and 3L9R to Allen and Joseph Parkhurst. In 1855, A. Gurney had two children attending school in district #3. The Gurneys were no longer in Stratton in 1860.

**Gridley Gurney**, son of Joseph Jr. and Olive (Torrey) Gurney, was born on February 27, 1817, at Abington, Massachusetts. Gridley and his wife, Esther, settled in Stratton just after 1850. On January 24, 1853, Gridley and Esther, along with Gridley's brother and sister-in-law, Abner and Armelia Gurney, all of Stratton, sold property that included the mill on 3L8R and 3L9R to Allen and Joseph Parkhurst. The Gurneys were no longer in Stratton in 1860.

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### Hale

The Hale family of Stratton originated from Leominster, Massachusetts. The progenitor of this family was Samuel Hale who was born in 1719. His wife,

Eleanor, was born in 1722. Four of their children settled in Stratton. Eleanor passed away at Leominster on March 7, 1794, aged 67 years, and Samuel died there on July 5, 1805, aged 86 years.

Four of Samuel and Eleanor's children: Joel, Levi, Sarah and Elizabeth, later settled in Stratton in the southwest part of town near Grout Pond. Their son, Benjamin, also owned land in Stratton.

Children of Samuel and Eleanor:

- 1) Benjamin, born April 13, 1751, at Leominster, Massachusetts.
- 2) John, born June 28, 1753, at Leominster, Massachusetts.
- 3) David, born February 7, 1756, at Leominster, Massachusetts.
- 4) Israel, born February 16, 1758, at Leominster, Massachusetts.
- 5) Silas, born May 28, 1760, at Leominster, Massachusetts.
- 6) Joel, born July 8, 1762, at Leominster, Massachusetts; married Jana Ramor on April 26, 1785, at Westminster, Massachusetts.
- 7) Levi, born December 9, 1765, at Leominster, Massachusetts; died July 15, 1842, at Stratton; married Mercy (?).
- 8) Sarah, married John Ramor on February 17, 1789, at Westminster, Massachusetts.
- 9) Elizabeth, born April 11, 1770, at Leominster, Massachusetts; died about 1808; married Samuel Boutell on November 25, 1790.

**Joel Hale**, son of Samuel and Eleanor Hale, was born at Leominster, Massachusetts, on July 8, 1762. He was living in Fitchburg, Massachusetts, at the beginning of the American Revolution. Joel was a Private in Captain Benjamin Edgell's Company, Colonel John Jacobs's Regiment. He enlisted on July 1, 1778, and served until January 1, 1779. He was also recorded in a list of men from Leominster at Camp Totoway, who served for six months in the Continental Army from July 8, 1780, to January 12, 1781.

Joel purchased the east half of 5L8R in Stratton on September 17, 1784, from Paul Thurston for 30 pounds. He married Jana "Jenny" Ramor on April 26, 1785, at Westminster, Massachusetts, then moved to Stratton about 1788, settling on his property there. His lot was located near the present site of the Webster Memorial. His home may have existed south of the road where an old foundation can still be seen.

In 1791, Joel was head of a household that included a son over 16, a son under 16, his wife and two daughters. He purchased several additional land parcels in Stratton over the next few years and the Hales were living in Stratton as late as 1795. They had moved to Easton, New York, by June 14, 1798. In 1800, Joel leased his farm to Joseph Closson of Easton.

Children of Joel and Jenny were:

- 1) Joel, baptized February 11, 1787, at Leominster, Massachusetts.
- 2) Eleanor, baptized February 15, 1789, at Leominster, Massachusetts (she was of Stratton at that time).
- 3) Levi, baptized February 16, 1794, at Leominster, Massachusetts.
- 4) Polly, baptized February 16, 1794, at Leominster, Massachusetts.

**Levi Hale**, son of Samuel and Eleanor Hale, was born on December 9, 1765, at Leominster, Massachusetts. Levi's wife, Mercy, was born in 1774.

Levi purchased the east half of 4L8R in Stratton, from Jared Blood on May 28, 1788, and the Hales settled there about 1791. The Hale farm was located north and west of what is now called Grout Pond. The remains of the house can still be found along the Grout Pond Access Rd.. The 1869 Beer's Atlas shows that J C. Covey was living there.

Levi purchased extensive amounts of land in Stratton, including 35 of the original rights to Stratton's undivided lands in the western part of town at a tax-sale in 1798.

In 1800, Levi, his wife and two sons under ten were living in Stratton. Levi and Mercy joined the Church of Christ in Stratton on February 2, 1812, and their eight children were baptized within the next two days.

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In 1820, there were seven males and three females living under his roof. In 1830, Levi and Mercy had three sons living at home, all aged 20 to 30 - two were evidently married and accompanied by their spouses. Their son, Eliab, was evidently the unmarried member of that group. There were also two children under five living in their home at that time.

On July 16, 1830, Levi signed over his farm to his sons Eli and Elias for their promise to care for their father and mother. The agreement stated that each would get an undivided third of Levi's stock of cattle, horses, sheep and swine. Their daughter, Joanna, was to receive 100 dollars and all the household furniture and that Eli and Elias shall provide a home for her as long as she remains single.

In March, 1834, Eli and Elias sold the farm back to their father, who in turn sold it to his son-in-law, Joseph Pike. The Hales probably spent their last years living with the Pikes.

Levi died on July 15, 1842, at Stratton and was buried in Willis Cemetery. Mercy died on October 19, 1853, and she was buried beside Levi.

Children of Levi and Mercy were:

- 1) Israel, born September 22, 1797, at Stratton, Vermont (he took the Freeman's oath in Stratton on March 29, 1820).
- 2) Levi Jr., born December 12, 1799, at Stratton, Vermont; married Cynthia Scott on

August 28, 1824, at Stratton, Vermont.

- 3) Bezaleel (twin), born November 11, 1801, at Stratton, Vermont (he took the Freeman's oath in Stratton on September 6, 1825).
- 4) Joanna (twin), born November 11, 1801, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 5) Jonas, born March 23, 1803, at Stratton, Vermont; married Marena Kidder on April 12, 1827, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 6) Salome, born August 8, 1804, at Stratton, Vermont; died February 22, 1884, at Stratton, Vermont; married Joseph Pike on May 14, 1828, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 7) Eli (twin), born August 17, 1806, at Stratton, Vermont; married Clarissa (?).
- 8) Elias (twin), born August 17, 1806, at Stratton, Vermont; married 1) Nancy Morse on April 15, 1832, at Stratton, Vermont 2) Marietta (?).

**Levi Hale, Jr.**, son of Levi and Mercy Hale, was born on December 12, 1799, at Stratton. He married Cynthia Scott, daughter of Ira and Submit Scott, there on August 28, 1824.

Levi purchased a 60-acre lot in the northeast corner of Stratton Gore on March 7, 1825, from William G. Pike. This was a lot that originally belonged to Jacob Goodell. The house was evidently located on the opposite side of the junction of the roads now called *Pike Hollow Rd.* and *Penny Avenue* (the Luz Williams lot).

On September 26, 1827, Levi purchased one acre of Levi Knight's sawmill lot. It appears he did not purchase the mill itself, since William G. Pike purchased the mill on this same day from Knight. The mill was later known as the Lyman sawmill.

Levi was listed as head of a household in Stratton in 1830. On February 5, 1830, he sold the northeast corner of his land, with exception of the mill and mill yard, to William Howe of Stratton, but he bought it back in October of the same year.

On October 16, 1834, Levi was received as a full member of the Church of Christ in Stratton. On March 29, 1837, Levi sold his land in Stratton Gore to Warren Higley. The Hales then moved away from Stratton after the sale; however, Levi either returned or had not moved far away, since the church records indicate that he and his brothers Elias and Eli were accepted as members of the Church sometime between 1840 and 1846. Elias and Eli were living in Sunderland, Vermont, in 1850.

Children of Levi and Cynthia:

- 1) Israel, born on October 2, 1825, at Stratton, Vermont; died October 20, 1825.
- 2) Sarah M., born in 1826; died February 2, 1836.
- 3) Malvina M., born January 14, 1837, at Stratton, Vermont; married Jared Newton Scott on June 20, 1864.
- 4) Lucien, died October 21, 1831.

**Eli Hale**, son of Levi and Mercy Hale, was born on August 17, 1806, at Stratton, and grew up on the family farm located on the east half of 4L8R, northwest of what is now Grout Pond. In 1830, Eli and his twin brother, Elias, purchased the family farm from their father with an agreement that they would care for their parents for the remainder of their lives; however, they sold the farm back to their father in 1834, and moved away, apparently to Wardsboro, Vermont. In 1831, Eli purchased the east half of 5L8R. In 1834, Eli and Elias also sold the east half of 5L8R to Phineas White. Six years later, the great Whig Convention met on this lot and 15,000 people gathered there to hear Daniel Webster speak.

Stratton's church records indicate that Eli and his brothers, Elias and Levi, were accepted as members of the Church of Christ in Stratton, sometime between 1840 and 1846. Eli had married Clarissa (?) by 1845. Clarissa was born about 1820. The Hales had settled in Sunderland, Vermont, by 1850, and they were listed in Sunderland's census of that year.

Children of Eli and Clarrissa:

- 1) Emma, born about 1845.
- 2) George, born in 1850.

**Elias Hale**, son of Levi and Mercy Hale, was born on August 17, 1806, at Stratton. There, he married Nancy Morse, daughter of Jonathan and Azubah Morse, on April 5, 1832. Nancy was born on September 16, 1803. Nancy

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bought land from her father on March 22, 1829. The Hales may have lived on on 4L8R or 5L8R after the marriage. Elias also owned part interest in his father's farm.

Elias was appointed by the Church of Christ in Stratton to collect the church tax that was created to pay a full-time minister on May 24, 1831.

The Hales sold their lot to Harvey Lyon on February 4, 1834, and evidently left Stratton at that time. In 1839, they were living in Wardsboro, Vermont. In 1834, Elias and Eli also sold the east half of 5L8R to Phineas White. Six years later, the great Whig Convention met on this lot and 15,000 people gathered there to hear Daniel Webster speak.

Stratton's church records indicate that Elias and his brothers Eli and Levi were accepted as members of the Church of Christ in Stratton sometime between 1840 and 1846. By 1850, Elias had resettled in Sunderland, Vermont, and he was listed in that town's 1850 census with his second wife, Marietta, and their two children. Marietta was born about 1816.

Children of Elias included:

- 1) Sarah Morse, born August 24, 1833, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 2) Melvin, born about 1837.
- 3) Abbey J., born in 1849.

**Jonas Hale**, son of Levi and Mercy Hale, was born March 23, 1803, at Stratton. He took the Freeman's oath in Stratton on September 7, 1824.

Jonas married Marena Kidder, daughter of Abel and Mary Kidder, on April 12, 1827, at Stratton. Jonas purchased the east half of 6L8R from his father on October 29, 1828. They may have settled on this lot, located about half a mile north of where the Webster Monument stands today. Jonas sold this lot on January 18, 1834, and the Hales apparently left Stratton later that year.

A child of Jonas and Marena was:

- 1) Mercy Guild (baptized in Stratton on July 6, 1834).

**Joel Hale** was born about 1798. He was very likely a member of the above Hale family, but his relationship has not been determined.

Joel apparently was living in Wardsboro, Vermont, when he purchased 6L4R and part of 7L4R in 1830.

Joel married Chloe Willis, daughter of Samuel and Lydia Willis, on March 28, 1844, at Somerset, Vermont. Chloe was born on July 24, 1811, at Somerset. Before the marriage, Chloe had a son, Ezra, whose father's last name was Bramin. The Hales were living in Stratton in 1850, probably in Stratton Gore, near Chloe's parents. By 1860, Joel and Chloe were living alone and by 1870, Chloe was alone. She was called a pauper of the town in 1872.

A child of Joel and Chloe was:

- 1) Francena, born about 1849.

*The following families were apparently unrelated to the above Hale family:*

**Jacob Hale** of Winchedon, Massachusetts, purchased 40 acres in Stratton on the north part of 4L5R on March 28, 1800. This was the second 40-acre parcel to the west of the town common.

Jacob settled in Stratton in time to be counted on the 1800 census. At that time, he was over 26, his wife was under 26 and they had a daughter under 10. Jacob purchased an additional lot on January 9, 1801, described as beginning at the southwest corner of his original parcel, then running straight south to the brook and from the middle of the road ( "*the road that runs past Jacob Hale's house running south to the gore.*" On January 18, 1803, Jacob sold his farm to Isaac Balcom of Somerset, Vermont, and left Stratton.

**John Hale**, possibly a brother or son of Jacob above, was "of Stratton" when he purchased 25 acres of the northwest corner of 4L5R on January 27, 1803, from Joshua Robbins. This was just a few days after Jacob Hale sold his land in this same lot and left Stratton. John purchased an additional 20 acres in March.

## Hall

**Atherton Hall** apparently settled in Stratton after 1800. He owned 5L8R, but sold it to Benjamin Hawkes and Daniel Wetherbee on August 22, 1801. Atherton

remained in Stratton into 1802 and he signed a petition as a resident dated May 31 of that year. He was no longer in Stratton in 1810 and probably had moved away several years earlier.

**Hezekiah Hall**, a blacksmith, was born on June 12, 1766. His wife, Lucinda, was born on September 12, 1770. They evidently settled in the area of Somerset, Vermont, that was annexed to Stratton in 1858. Hezekiah died at Stratton on March 21, 1860, and Lucinda followed on October 31, 1861.

Children of Hezekiah and Lucinda:

- 1) Lucinda, born May 28, 1801.
- 2) Alanson (or Lanson), born October 5, 1804; married Jane A. (?).
- 3) Armenia, born July 4, 1807.
- 4) Milo, born February 13, 1811, at Somerset, Vermont; died September 13, 1861, at Stratton, Vermont; married Laura (?).

**Milo Hall**, son of Hezekiah and Lucinda Hall, was born in Somerset, Vermont, on February 8, 1811. His wife, Laura, was born about 1809. The Halls lived in the northeast corner of Somerset, Vermont, which was annexed to Stratton in 1858. The house was located east of the intersection of the Upper Handle Rd. and the old road to Wardsboro. The Halls were listed in the 1860 census of Stratton. That year, Milo's mother, Lucinda, was living with them.



Milo died at Stratton on September 18, 1861, and Laura died on June 4, 1870.

Children of Milo and Laura were:

- 1) Hannah, born November 10, 1833, at Somerset, Vermont; died November 27, 1835.
- 2) Mary Malvine, born July 16, 1836, at Somerset, Vermont.
- 3) Martin, born about 1838.
- 4) Lucinda (probably), born November 26, 1839; died May 10, 1915; married Martin Elbridge Akeley on November 26, 1860.
- 4) Semore, born about 1842.
- 5) George, born about 1845.
- 6) Asa, born about 1847.
- 7) Smith, born about 1851.
- 8) Franklin C., born in 1854; married Sarah Sophia Jones.

**Martin Hall**, son of Milo and Laura Hall, was born about 1838. His wife, Lydia, was born about 1843. In 1860, Martin and Lydia were already married and they lived with Martin's family in the Somerset Annex of Stratton. They had moved away before 1870.

A child of Martin and Lydia was:

- 1) Hattie Melvina, born May 11, 1860, at Stratton, Vermont; died May 28, 1860, at Stratton, Vermont.

**Franklin C. Hall**, son of Milo and Laura Hall, was born in 1854. He married Sarah Sophia Jones, daughter of Jesse and Sarah Jones. Sarah was born in March, 1860. The Halls settled in Stratton and were listed in Stratton's census of

1880. They had moved away before 1900.

A child of Franklin and Sophia:

- 1) Orrin Merrill, born June 28, 1881, at Stratton, Vermont.

**Alanson Hall**, son of Hezekiah and Lucinda Hall, was born on October 5, 1804. Alanson and his wife, Jane A., lived in Stratton between 1861 and 1863. They had a son, Everett, attending school in District #16 in Wilmington, Vermont.

A child of Alanson was:

- 1) Everett

## Hand

**Lawrence Hand** was born about 1885 in New York. In 1920, he was a lumberman working in Stratton and living in the boarding house at the Grout Job.

## Hanley

**William Hanley** was born about 1898 in Massachusetts. In 1920, he was a lumberman working in Stratton and living in the boarding house at the Grout Job.

## Harrington

**Elisha Harrington** married Lorena (or Sirena) Grant, daughter of Joshua and Eunice Grant, on January 2, 1809, at Colrain, Massachusetts.

Apparently, Elisha never resided in Stratton and passed away before March 6, 1825. On that date Lorena, a widow, joined the Church of Christ in Stratton and at that same time, her three children were baptized.

Children of Elisha and Lorena:

- 1) Eunice Mercia, married Charles Allen (they lived in Wardsboro, Vermont).
- 2) Sarah Elizabeth
- 3) Daniel Grant

**Bertie Harrington** was born in 1863. In 1880, he was living with Alexander Hamilton Pike, listed as a servant in the census. He probably worked in Pike's sawmill. Bertie moved away from Stratton before 1900.

## Harris

**Richard Harris** of Athol, Massachusetts, married Celia Sprague of Petersham, Massachusetts, on November 16, 1806, at Petersham. Richard may have been a son of Nathaniel and Abigail Harris, born September 27, 1781, at Petersham. Celia may have been a daughter of Joseph and Mary Sprague, born at Worcester, Massachusetts, on May 7, 1780.

Richard purchased a part of 1L4R on September 21, 1807, from Asaph Oliver of Athol, and he settled in Stratton soon after. The Harrises were among a group of apparent relatives and friends from Athol that included the Eddys, Forresters, Newhalls, Olivers, Spragues, Youngs and others that settled in Stratton.

The Selectmen of Stratton warned the Harrises out of town on January 4, 1808, and Stratton's constable served them notice on March 7, 1808. The Harrises remained in Stratton through 1810. That year, Richard and his

wife were between the ages of 26 and 45 and they had three children under the age of ten. In 1810, Richard sold a strip of land to David Cummings of Petersham, Massachusetts, but bought it back in October, 1811. Richard took the Freeman's oath in Stratton on September 3, 1811. On May 2, 1814, Daniel sold his Stratton holdings to Moses Forrester. The Harrises moved away from Stratton soon after the sale.

**Daniel Harris, Jr.**, son of Daniel Harris<sup>1</sup>, was born about 1798. Daniel's wife, Julia died at the age of 30 on July 13, 1844, and she was buried in Fairview Cemetery in Wardsboro. Their infant son, Newton was also buried there.

Daniel acquired a part of the east half of 1L1R in a lawsuit against Ephraim Wheeler. The lot was deeded to Daniel on August 29, 1848. At that time, Daniel was a resident of Wardsboro, Vermont. He was the proprietor of a store in West Wardsboro, near where the Green Mountain House barn later stood. Daniel sold the store to Osmer Fitts and moved to Stratton during the 1860s. He evidently built a house at the northwest corner of the intersection of the *Stratton-Arlington Rd.* and *Pike Hollow Rd.*. In 1870, he was living there with Laura Carey, age 38 (possibly a widowed daughter). By 1880, he was boarding at the home of Willard and Lorena Shepard.

Eventually, Eugene and Hattie Thomas lived in the first

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mentioned house. Hattie's maiden name was Harris and she may have been Daniel's granddaughter.

A child of Daniel and Julia was:

- 1) Newton, born March 22, 1843; died October 29, 1843.

Notes:

Daniel Harris, Sr. born about 1761 - served during the Revolutionary War and was a pensioner from Wardsboro, Vermont, who died in 1845. His wife, Abigail, was born about 1764 and died in 1844. Their children included: Daniel, Jr., b. 1798; Patty b. 1802; Noah (1804 - 1866); Mary E. (1810 - 1859). All except Patty were buried in Fairview Cemetery in Wardsboro.

**Edmond S. Harris** was born in November, 1874. In 1900, he was living with his brother and sister-in-law, Mason and Mattie Jones. He was no longer in Stratton in 1910.

**Frederick D. Harris** was born about 1872 in Massachusetts. In 1920, he was a lumberman living in the boarding house at the Grout Job in Stratton.

## Hart

**Nathaniel E. Hart**, son of Luther and Martha Hart, of Wallingford, Vermont, was born about 1837. Nathaniel married Harriet A. Kingsbury on August 27, 1861. They lived at Hubbardton, Vermont, following the marriage. Apparently Harriet passed away and Nathaniel married Melvina B. Robinson of Jamaica, Vermont. Melvina, the daughter of Reuben and Emeline Robinson, was born about 1841. She had previously

married Dana Putnam on June 30, 1858, at Stratton.

The Harts settled in Stratton about 1869 apparently on 5L2R, west of *Mountain Rd.* (see NE Hart on Beer's Atlas of 1869). In 1870, the Harts also had a gentleman living with them who was probably Nathaniel's brother, George Hart, aged 40. Also at that time there was another boy living there, William Hart, aged 19, who may have been George's son or perhaps another of Nathaniel's brothers. The Harts removed from Stratton in 1871.

Children of Nathaniel and Melvina were:

- 1) Carrie, born about 1857.
- 2) Alice, born about 1859.
- 3) Lila E., born April 11, 1870, at Stratton, Vermont.

**George Hart** was born about 1830. He was probably Nathaniel Hart's brother (see above). George came to Stratton about 1870 and was living with Nathaniel Hart. William Hart, a boy aged 19, was also living in this household and may have been George's son. He was no longer in Stratton by 1880.

**William Hart** was born about 1851. He came to Stratton about 1870 and was living in the home of Nathaniel Hart. George Hart was also living in this house and may have been William's father. He was no longer in Stratton by 1880.

**Charles N. Hart**, son of Charles and Mary L. (Harris) Hart, was a farmer who came to Stratton from

Wallingford, Vermont. Charles married Mary Ann McCormick at Pittsford, Vermont, on April 5, 1869. Mary was born at Castleton, Vermont.

The Harts settled in Stratton around 1890, but they had moved away from town before 1900.

A child of Charles and Mary was:

- 1) Lucy Ann, born October 4, 1892, at Stratton, Vermont.

**Orvis Luman Hart**, son of Willis I. and Avis (Johnson) Hart, was born on April 2, 1869, at Wallingford, Vermont. Orvis married Mary Stephens, daughter of Albert and Teresa Stephens, on February 3, 1893, at Stratton. Mary was born in Baltimore, Maryland, about 1875.

If the Harts had settled in Stratton after their marriage, they had moved away before 1900. Orvis was a brother of Fanny (Hart) Wilder, wife of David Wilder of Stratton.

**Frank Hart** was born in 1862. In 1870, he was living with the family of Herbert and Elsie Smith. He was no longer living in Stratton in 1880.

**Elwin Hart** married Nellie Maria Grout, daughter of Joel and Amanda Grout, on February 5, 1887, at Stratton. Nellie was born on August 9, 1862, at Sunderland, Vermont, and she died on March 17, 1939.

## Hartwell

(Hartnell)

**Halloway Hartwell**, was born on February 19, 1800, at Readsboro, Vermont. Halloway was probably a descendant of Joseph and Elizabeth (Pierce) Hartwell<sup>1</sup> of Readsboro and Wilmington, Vermont, whose family came to Readsboro from Littleton, Massachusetts, settling in the section of Readsboro, later known as Heartwellville.

Halloway married Nancy Lincoln, daughter of Isaac, Jr. and Kezia (Haynes) Lincoln. Nancy was born on September 20, 1803, at Sudbury, Massachusetts. They briefly lived in Stratton in 1830. At that time, there was also an older couple, both born in the 1760s, living with them. This couple was probably Nancy's parents.

Halloway and Nancy settled in Somerset along the Somerset - Stratton border, west of Moses and Joseph Pike's farms (west of *Pike Hollow Rd.*) and on the road that extended from what is now *Old Forrester Rd.* down into Somerset. They were living there when they bought the southwest corner of 1L2R on November 24, 1831, from Daniel H. Grant; however, Hartwell sold this lot to Rosanna Pike on June 13, 1832, holding a mortgage on it. That same year, he purchased 26 acres of the south end of lot #2 in Stratton Gore and it was deeded to him in 1834.

Halloway purchased the farm of Amos Knights within Stratton Gore in 1852, and they settled

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there. This lot included the site of the old Pike homestead, located at the bend in what is now *Willis Cemetery Rd.*. The house currently belongs to the Harlow family.

In 1853, Hartwell sold his Stratton lands to his son George. Halloway and Nancy lived with George, who had taken up residence in the house on *Willis Cemetery Rd.*. George apparently lived there through 1856, as head of that household, although he had sold this lot to his brother-in-law, William Henry Eddy, in 1855. The Eddys settled into this house soon after and Halloway and Nancy continued to live there with them. In 1858, Halloway also sold his Somerset farm to Henry Eddy.

Halloway died on November 25, 1866, at Stratton and he was buried in Willis Cemetery. His gravestone reads "Hartnell." Following Halloway's death, Nancy continued to live with the Eddys. She was still alive in 1870, but had either passed away or settled elsewhere by 1880.

Children of the Hartwells were:

- 1) George W.
- 2) Sarah Ann N., married William Henry Eddy on October 8, 1854, at Wardsboro, Vermont.
- 3) J. L.

Notes:

Joseph Hartwell Jr. and Elizabeth Pierce were married on March 19, 1767. They lived at Montague, Massachusetts, before settling in Readsboro.

**George Hartwell**, son of Halloway and Nancy Hartwell,

was brought up in Somerset, Vermont. In 1853, he was deeded his parents' farm in Stratton and settled there with his parents. This farm was located on the bend in what is now *Willis Cemetery Rd.*, currently owned by the Harlow family.

In September, 1853, George took the Freeman's oath in Stratton. George was listed as head of the household in 1854 with Jesse Jones living in his home and attending school in Stratton. In 1855, George sold some of this property to William Henry Eddy, his brother-in-law.

During the Civil War, George enlisted into the navy in October, 1864, and served aboard the USS *Monadnock*. He was discharged on June 30, 1866. After the war, he settled in Somerset, Vermont, where he and Clark Harris built a mill on the east branch of the Deerfield River. This mill had about 50 horsepower of waterpower and it eventually produced about 250,000 feet of lumber each year. It was later owned by S. T. Davenport of Wilmington, who leased it to the Tudors in 1881. It was then known as the Lower Tudor Mill.

## Harvey

**Zachariah Harvey**, son of Thomas and Sarah Harvey, was born at Norton, Massachusetts, on May 21, 1711. Zachariah married Anne Adams, daughter of John, Jr. and Esther (Cady) Adams, on August 27, 1735. Anne was born on August 24, 1714, at Pomfret, Connecticut.

Zachariah, a doctor who had lived previously in Princeton, Shrewsbury and Worcester, Massachusetts, resided in Chesterfield, New Hampshire, when he purchased 3L7R from Doctor John Campbell of Putney, Vermont, on June 19, 1786. Zachariah and Anne apparently settled in Stratton at that time. 3L7R surrounds and includes much of what is now called Grout Pond; therefore at that time, this pond was known as Dr. Harvey's Pond. Dr. Harvey also purchased lot #4 in Stratton Gore from Timothy Morsman in December, 1788. Part of this lot was described as "*beginning on Stratton line at a fir tree south of the brook that leads to Abner Graves' Mill and meadow.*" The Harveys may have lived on the main farm site of this lot, later occupied by Hudson Grout, but it seems more likely that they resided in the home of their son, Isaiah, who built a house north of the pond. In 1787, Dr. Harvey was a member of one of the Proprietary Committees that dealt with town roads.

By 1789, the Harveys had resettled in Putney. Zachariah died on February 15, 1801, at Chesterfield, New Hampshire. Anne died there on December 6, 1802.

Children of Zachariah and Anne:

- 1) John, born April 18, 1736, at Worcester, Massachusetts.
- 2) Sarah, born September 23, 1738, at Worcester, Massachusetts; married John Coborn in April, 1759.
- 3) Amy, born January 14, 1740/1, at Worcester, Massachusetts; married Warren Snow on October 25, 1759, at Lancaster, Massachusetts.
- 4) Zachariah, born March 7, 1743/4, at Worcester, Massachusetts; married Mary Norcross on November 15, 1764.
- 5) Solomon (a doctor), born January 9, 1745/6, at Worcester, Massachusetts; married Mary Woodward on February 5, 1768, at Westminster, Massachusetts (Mary was an Aunt of Jonas Woodward of Stratton).
- 6) Daniel, born October 4, 1747, at Worcester, Massachusetts; died January 13, 1748/9, at Shrewsbury, Massachusetts.
- 7) Rachel, born May 31, 1750, at Shrewsbury, Massachusetts; died September 28, 1811; married Samuel Norcross on May 2, 1766.
- 8) Daniel, born September 14, 1752, at Shrewsbury, Massachusetts.
- 9) Darius, born December 7, 1754, at Shrewsbury, Massachusetts; married Dolly Brooks on June 3, 1783.
- 10) Isaiah, born May 8, 1758, at Princeton, Massachusetts; married Mary Jenkins on January 23, 1776, at Chesterfield, New Hampshire.

**Isaiah Harvey**, son of Zachariah and Anne (Adams) Harvey, was born on May 8, 1758, at Princeton, Massachusetts. Before settling in Stratton, Isaiah lived at

Chesterfield, New Hampshire, where he married Mary Jenkins on January 23, 1776. Mary was born about 1760 at Fullum (Dummerston), New Hampshire (Vermont).

On June 5, 1784, Isaiah purchased 4L7R in Stratton along with a five-acre parcel of 3L7R, located between the first mentioned lot and the pond (later called *Groat Pond*).

In 1787, Isaiah sold the west half of 4L7R to Daniel Harvey of Winchester, New Hampshire. Isaiah and Mary settled in Stratton before 1788. Their home was located on the above named lot, on the north side of the pond, where remains of the old foundation can still be seen.

Isaiah was named a petit juror of the town during the town meeting of March 31, 1788. He was called a husbandman in his property deeds.

The Harveys moved away from Stratton and they were living in Westmoreland, New Hampshire, when Isaiah sold his farm on the pond to William Boutell on January 22, 1790.

Children of Isaiah and Mary were:

- 1) Isaiah, born October 23, 1776, at Westminster, Massachusetts; died in Potter, Quebec, Canada; married Polly (?).
- 2) Joel, born April 7, 1779, at Westminster, Massachusetts; died in Concord, Vermont; married 1) Susanna Farr at Chesterfield, New Hampshire in 1797 2) Betsey Bowen.
- 3) Solomon, born January 27, 1781, at Westminster, Massachusetts; died September 9, 1862, at West Brattleboro, Vermont; married Sally Mason in 1799.
- 4) Polly, born July 19, 1783, at Chesterfield, New Hampshire.
- 5) Lucy, born March 20, 1786, at Chesterfield, New Hampshire.
- 6) John, born January 1, 1788, at Chesterfield, New Hampshire; died at Island Pond, Vermont; married Susannah Spaulding.
- 7) Lydia, married Willard Witt in 1808 at Chesterfield, New Hampshire.

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**Lyman H. Harvey** was born about 1844. During the Civil War, he enlisted for Stratton on January 10, 1862, and he mustered into Company H of the Vermont 8th Regiment on February 12. Lyman mustered out of the service on June 22, 1864. Lyman was not mentioned in any other Stratton record; therefore, he may have been a resident of another town who only enlisted for Stratton, but never lived there.

## Haskins

**William Haskins** was born about 1793. He was probably a son of William Haskins of Dover, Vermont, an early settler of that town. In 1860, he was living in the home of Richard and Elisa Perry.

**Fayette Haskins**, son of Marshall and Caroline Haskins of Wardsboro, Vermont, came to Stratton about 1905 with his wife, Dora. Fayette probably worked at one of the lumber camps in Stratton. The Haskins evidently returned to Wardsboro before 1910. Fayette died there in 1949.

Children of Fayette and Dora:

- 1) May Ella, born August 15, 1902, at Wardsboro, Vermont; died February 21, 1907, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 2) Carrie

## Haven

**Jackton Green Haven** was born between 1784 and 1794. He settled in Stratton between 1800 and 1810. In 1810, he was evidently a widower with a daughter under ten years of age. An intent of marriage between him and Lucinda Davis, daughter of Samuel V. and Deborah (Chapin) Davis of Wardsboro, was published on July 8, 1810, at Stratton. They apparently were never married, since Lucinda later married Davis Read.

## Hawkes

**Benjamin Hawkes** of Leominster, Massachusetts, married Mary Boutell, daughter of Kendall Boutell, (intent published November 23, 1782). Mary was born at Leominster, on March 20, 1763.

Benjamin Hawkes and Daniel Wetherbee, both of Leominster, Massachusetts, purchased part of 5L8R from Atherton Hall on August 22, 1801. This lot was 12

rods from the road which leads from Samuel Boutell's over the mountain (the *Stratton-Arlington Rd.*), beginning 6 rods west of the bridge (across the east branch of the Deerfield River) running westerly on the road about 12 rods then north to the north line of this lot then east 12 rods then back south to the road. Hall sold them this lot on the condition that they build a sawmill on the land within one year and keep it in repair for two years. They apparently did just that and built the first sawmill on the site of the future Grout Job.

Benjamin may have brought his wife, Mary, to Stratton at that time. Benjamin returned to Leominster and sold his half of the rights to Daniel Newhall on September 17, 1802. Mary passed away at Leominster on April 9, 1820.

Children of Benjamin and Mary:

- 1) Polly, born April 30, 1787, at Leominster, Massachusetts.
  - 2) Mary, born August 18, 1789, at Leominster, Massachusetts.
  - 3) Lydia, born May 17, 1791, at Leominster, Massachusetts.
  - 4) Achsah, born February 20, 1794, at Leominster, Massachusetts.
  - 5) Seve, born June 4, 1795, at Leominster, Massachusetts; married Calvin Austin on June 21, 1815, at Leominster, Massachusetts.
  - 6) Dolly, born September 4, 1796, at Leominster, Massachusetts; died September 17, 1796, at Leominster, Massachusetts.
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- 7) Dolly, born January 16, 1798, at Leominster, Massachusetts.
- 8) Sally, born June 12, 1799, at Leominster, Massachusetts.; died October 22, 1799, at Leominster, Massachusetts.
- 9) Benjamin, born March 10, 1801, at Leominster, Massachusetts.
- 10) Sally, born August 1, 1802, at Leominster, Massachusetts.; died December 18, 1802, at Leominster, Massachusetts.

## Hawksley

**Raymond Gary Hawksley**, son of Lewis Raymind and Aileen (Burke) Hawksley, was born on November 15, 1956, at Perth, New Brunswick, Canada. He married Laura Ellis, daughter of Homer B., Jr. and Margaret (Donnelly) Ellis on July 13, 1992, at Stowe, Vermont. Laura was born on April 25, 1957, at Brattleboro, Vermont.

Ray and Laura both moved to Stratton in 1986 where Ray works as a General Contractor. He served as a Selectman of Stratton from 1993 to 1997. He is Stratton Health Officer and he also served on the Windham Regional Commission from 1996 to 1997. Laura served as Stratton's Treasurer to 1999.

The Hawksley's home is located on the northwest corner of the *Pikes Falls Rd. / North Rd.* intersection. This house was built by Harold A. Field in 1949 for Orpha J. Collie. Mr. Field and his wife, Natalie, owned the farm next door that had included this lot. They sold the lot to Ralph

and Orpha Collie. Orpha sold it to Frieda Cohen in 1956 who owned it until the Hawksleys purchased it.

A child of Ray and Laura is:

- 1) Sarah Ellen, born August 25, 1994.

## Haynes

**Russell Haynes**, son of Peter and Anne Haynes, was born on September 25, 1778, at Sudbury, Massachusetts. He married Philena Haynes, daughter of Jason and Lydia (Conant) Haynes, on January 26, 1803, at Sudbury. Philena was born in 1782 at Sudbury, Massachusetts. The Haynes resided in Sudbury prior to moving to Stratton. Russell purchased the east half of 2L7R on November 18, 1808, and the Haynes family moved to Stratton the following year. Their farm was probably located on the western side of the ridge along what is now Grout Pond's western edge.

In January, 1810, Russell and Philena were warned out of Stratton. That same year, they were listed in Stratton's census, with a son and three daughters all under the age of ten. Russell was probably a brother of Elizabeth (Haynes) Howe, wife of Peter Howe. The Howes had arrived in Stratton at the same time as Russell and Philena. Russell was included in a purchase of 3360 acres in the north half of the gore between Sunderland and Stratton, along with Peter Howe and two others.

Russell and Philena were admitted into the Church of Christ in Stratton on February 2, 1812, and their daughter was baptized the following day. They had already returned to Sudbury when Russell sold his farm on February 6, 1819. He died at Sudbury on October 21, 1832.

1) Anna

**Maranda Haynes** was united with the Church of Christ in Stratton on December 11, 1836. She may have been the daughter of Benjamin and Betsey (Burt) Haynes, born in June, 1811, at Wilmington, Vermont.

## **Herrick**

**George W. Herrick** was born in June, 1838, in Massachusetts, and he came to Stratton before 1900. That year, he had a servant, Ellen Strubell, and three boarders, Thomas Strubell, David Merchant, and Arthur Milligan, living with him. George was no longer living in Stratton by 1910.

## **Hescock**

**Oliver Plimpton Hescock**, son of David and Surlindy (Simpson) Hescock, was born on July 11, 1812, at Wardsboro, Vermont. The following year, on June 10, 1813, David Hescock was warned out of Dover, Vermont. This was very likely Oliver's father.

Oliver first married Elisa Forrester, daughter of Moses and Patty Forrester. Elisa was born on December 5, 1811, and she had married Isaac M. Lincoln on November 11, 1835. Isaac

probably died soon after the marriage and so Elisa then married Oliver. She died soon after this marriage, on November 9, 1850, and she was buried in Willis Cemetery.

After Elisa's death, Oliver married Aurilla G. Fay, daughter of Charles and Asenath Fay, on September 3, 1851, at Stratton. Aurilla was born at Jamaica, Vermont, on May 16, 1821. On March 31, 1848, Oliver purchased the east half of 4L3R in Stratton (the old Phillips farm). At that time, he was still living in Wardsboro. Oliver sold this lot in 1849. In March of 1851, Oliver was said to be of Newfane, Vermont, when he purchased additional land in Stratton (the west half of 2L5R).

Following his marriage to Aurilla, the Hescocks returned to Newfane to live. However, by 1860, Oliver had purchased the east half of 4L4R in Stratton and resided thereon. The farmhouse was located where the recreational area stands today (the old foundation is currently surrounded by a fence). Oliver evidently bought this place from Lucy Sprague, widow of James Sprague.

In 1864, Celia Grout was living with the Hescocks and attending school district #2 in Stratton. In 1880, the Hescocks had taken in two boarders, Charles Reid, aged 54, and Benjamin Reid, aged 72. Both of these gentlemen had passed away by 1884 at the Hescock home.

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Oliver died at Stratton on April 2, 1896, and he was buried in Ball Cemetery. Aurilla died there on December 11, 1897, and she was buried beside Oliver.

Children of Oliver and Aurilla:

- 1) Eliza C., born June 1, 1852, at Newfane, Vermont; died August 23, 1863, at Stratton, Vermont (of diphtheria).
- 2) David P., born August 21, 1855, at Newfane, Vermont; died August 14, 1878, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 3) Otis W., born June 8, 1856, at Newfane, Vermont; died September 11, 1863, at Stratton, Vermont (of diphtheria).
- 4) Frank E., born June 21, 1859, at Stratton, Vermont; died November 1, 1940, at Wardsboro, Vermont.
- 5) Charles Amos, born March 18, 1861, at Stratton, Vermont; married Lettie Chamberlain.
- 6) Norman J., born May 25, 1864, at Stratton, Vermont; died December 31, 1913, at Stratton, Vermont.

**Charles Amos HescocK**, son of Oliver and Aurilla HescocK, was born on March 18, 1861, at Stratton. He married Lettie Chamberlain, daughter of Rodney and Helen Chamberlain. She was born on May 16, 1866, at Jamaica, Vermont. Lettie died of consumption on August 27, 1894, at Stratton. After her death, Charles apparently moved away from Stratton.

**Norman J. HescocK**, son of Oliver and Aurilla HescocK, was born on May 25, 1864, at Stratton. Norman never married and remained in Stratton all his years. In 1900, he lived alone, but by 1910, he was head of a rather large household that included his brother, Frank, and the family of the widow, Addie Leno. Norman died at Stratton on December 31, 1913.

## Higley

**Warren Higley**, son of Judah and Relief (Stearns) Higley, was born on June 6, 1813, on the Higley farm on Higley Hill, in Marlboro, Vermont. Warren grew up on this farm and eventually inherited it. Before he came into this inheritance, Warren married Roxellana Yeaw about 1835. She was born about 1814. After the marriage, the Higleys first lived in Dover, Vermont.

On March 29, 1837, Warren purchased an 87-acre lot from Levi Hale, Jr., located in Stratton Gore, north of what is now called *Pike Hollow Rd.*, and opposite of *Penny Avenue*. To this day, this area is sometimes referred to as the Higley lot. The old barn on this lot has since been refurbished and is now the home of the Williams family.

Several years after the Higleys had moved away, the house was moved across the brook. It is now owned by the Jepson family.

Warren lived in Stratton through 1840. Their son, Otis was born and died there and he

was buried in Pike Hollow Cemetery. In 1842, Warren was elected a Selectman of Stratton.

Roxellana died on April 2, 1845. Apparently, Warren returned to Marlboro about that time. Warren sold his Stratton lands on March 25, 1850, to Rufus Lyman. Warren was living in Marlboro at the time of this sale.. He married Lydia Hakes on November 3, 1850, at Marlboro. Lydia was born on December 23, 1822. Warren resided on the family farm in Marlboro for the rest of his days and died of pneumonia there on May 22, 1892.

Children of Warren and Roxellana were:

- 1) Mary Ann, born December 29, 1836; died May 20, 1877; married Martin Van Buren Powers in 1858.
- 2) Olive Marilla, born November 3, 1839; died May 22, 1861.
- 3) Otis Warren born December 3, 1841; died February 5, 1843.

Children of Warren and Lydia:

- 4) Flora Ella, born October 8, 1853, at Marlboro, Vermont.
- 5) Eva Adell, born July 17, 1858, at Marlboro, Vermont; died May 12, 1876; married J. L. Boyard on December 20, 1875.
- 6) Lillian Deetta, born June 14, 1862, at Marlboro, Vermont.
- 7) Ida L., born April 15, 1864, at Marlboro, Vermont; died April 20, 1886.

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by M. Coffin Johnson 1892

## Hill

The Hill family of Stratton came from Palmer, Massachusetts. Two brothers, John and Thomas Hill, settled in Stratton before 1800. They were sons of Thomas and Mary Hill and they had a sister, Jean, born May 26, 1737, who married William Mann on April 15, 1780. Jean died on September 14, 1806, at Palmer. Apparently only the two boys, John and Thomas, came to Stratton. This family should not be confused with the Abner Hill family that settled in Sunderland.

**John Hill**, son of Thomas and Mary Hill, was born at Palmer, Massachusetts, on April 14, 1735. John married Martha Lamberton on May 31, 1764, at Palmer. On September 3, 1795, John purchased 12L1R in Stratton from Andrew Adams, Jr. - located in the northeast corner of town. The Hills soon settled on this lot.

In 1800, the Hills had two sons between the ages of 10 and 16 and a son and daughter between the ages of 16 and 26 living in their home.. In 1809, John sold the east half of the lot to his son, Daniel, and the west half to his son, Noah.

In 1810, John and Martha apparently were living with their two sons, both listed as head of the household. The Hills' deaths were not recorded in Stratton; however, they apparently were no longer living in Stratton in 1820. Children of John and Martha were:

- 1) Mary, born May 13, 1765, at Palmer, Massachusetts.
- 2) Reuben, born May 26, 1767, at Palmer, Massachusetts.
- 3) Hannah, born January 30, 1770, at Palmer, Massachusetts; married David Row on May 31, 1792, at Palmer, Massachusetts.
- 4) John, Jr., born April 24, 1773, at Palmer, Massachusetts; married Betsey Olds on March 6, 1794, at Palmer, Massachusetts.
- 5) Phineas, born July 25, 1775, at Palmer, Massachusetts.
- 6) Jane, born January 8, 1779, at Palmer, Massachusetts.
- 7) Noah, born July 26, 1781, at Palmer, Massachusetts; married Lucretia Dunbar.
- 8) Abner, born March 7, 1784, at Palmer, Massachusetts.
- 9) Daniel, born April 22, 1787, at Palmer, Massachusetts; married Sarah (?).

**Noah Hill**, son of John and Martha Hill, was born on July 26, 1781, at Palmer, Massachusetts. He came to Stratton with his parents about 1795 and settled on 12L1R.

On May 19, 1809, his father had sold the west half of this lot to Noah and the east half of this lot to his brother, Daniel. They all evidently remained within the same farmhouse, since that year, Noah was listed as sharing the responsibility of head of the household with Daniel.

Noah married Lucretia Dunbar, before 1810, and by 1820, Noah was head of his own

household. At that time, he lived there with his wife, two sons and three daughters - two children were under ten and three children were 10 to 16.

The Hills remained in Stratton through 1830. At that time, Noah was head of a household with three apparent couples and a single male aged 15 to 20. The couples were aged 60 to 70, 50 to 60 and 20 to 30 respectively. They all may not have been couples, but the age groupings make it seem so. It is likely that Noah and his wife were the couple aged 50 to 60, which corresponds to the 1820 census, although Noah was a year or so short of this age bracket.

Noah sold the east half of 12L1R to Daniel Attridge on June 5, 1821, and in 1822, he sold the west half to Thomas Bogne of Winhall, Vermont. However, in 1824, Noah leased the west half of 12L1R from Pardon Kimball for one year, and in 1829, Noah had repurchased the lot (apparently just the east half) at a vendue. Noah sold off the east half in November, 1830. He apparently maintained a lease with Kimball on the west half to 1837. That year, the west half of 12L1R was sold to Joseph Blodgett. Noah and Lucretia evidently moved away from Stratton at that time. Children of Noah and Lucretia possibly included:

- 1) Noah W.

**Noah W. Hill**, was probably a son of Noah and Lucretia Hill. He evidently lived in Stratton with

his parents as a boy. On July 25, 1835, Noah purchased 12L2R in Stratton. He may have settled briefly upon this lot; however, on November 18, 1835, he was living in Winhall, Vermont, when he sold his Stratton land to Amaziah Robinson.

**Abner Hill**, son of John and Martha Hill, was born March 7, 1784, at Palmer, Massachusetts. He came to Stratton with his parents about 1795 and settled on 12L1R with them. He was not named in any deed found in Stratton's records, however, at a town meeting in 1810, his state and local taxes for 1808 were abated. Perhaps these were taxes on his father's property. It is possible that he had lived in Stratton until 1810, possibly moving away about that time. Abner probably married and had a daughter while in Stratton, although no record of these events exist in the town records.

A daughter of Abner was possibly:

- 1) Hannah<sup>1</sup>, born March 5, 1805; died in 1886 at Downers Grove, Illinois; married Medad Parsons Gilbert of Manchester, Vermont (settled in Castile, New York).

1) Hannah may have been a descendant of Abner Hill of Sunderland, Vermont - apparently unrelated to the Hill family in Stratton.

**Daniel Hill**, son of John and Martha Hill, was born on April 22, 1787, at Palmer, Massachusetts. He came to Stratton with his parents about 1795 and settled on 12L1R. On

May 19, 1809, Daniel's father sold the east half of this lot to Daniel and he sold the west half of this lot to his brother, Noah. They all evidently remained within the same farmhouse, since that year, Daniel was listed as sharing responsibility of head of the household with Noah.

Daniel's wife, Sarah, or Sally as she was called, was born between 1775 and 1794, and they were married prior to 1810. By 1820, Daniel was head of his own household with two sons and a daughter, all under ten years of age.

Sally became a member of the Church of Christ in Stratton on March 6, 1825, and she was baptized at that same time. She was called wife of Captain Daniel Hill in the record. Therefore, Daniel was apparently a high-ranking member of Stratton's militia.

Daniel sold his Stratton lands to his brother, Noah in 1821 and Daniel and his family left Stratton before 1830.

Children of Daniel and Sarah:

- 1) Phineas L., born November 20, 1811, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 2) John W., born February 21, 1814, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 3) Bethany J., born March 28, 1818, at Stratton, Vermont.

**Thomas Hill**, son of Thomas and Mary Hill, was born on August 26, 1741, at Palmer, Massachusetts. He married Jane Lambertson on October 31, 1771, at Palmer. Thomas purchased 6L7R in Stratton on October 7,

1796, and he brought his family to Stratton soon after. The remains of their farm can still be seen along the Appalachian Trail, west of the trail's intersection with the *IP Road*.

In 1797 and again in 1803, Thomas was elected as one of Stratton's surveyors. The 1800 census shows that the Hills had two sons and a daughter aged 16 to 26 and one son aged 10 to 16. Thomas sold some of their homestead to his sons in 1802 -- Thomas, Jr. bought the east half of the lot, and Jonathan and Eber bought the west half of the lot. Thomas died at Stratton on March 17, 1807.

Following Thomas's death, Jane married the widower, Samuel Boutell on December 28, 1809. Samuel was a neighbor who lived on the farm located south of the Hills. Jane went to Samuel's home to live until Samuel sold his home in 1820. At that time, they went back to Jane's old home to live with her children, Jonathan and Eber Hill. Samuel died on January 18, 1822.

After Samuel's death, the town became responsible for the care of "the widow Jane Boutell and family." Towns were charged with taking care of their poor at that time and the records show that Stratton paid to re-shingle and re-sill the widow Jane Boutell's house in 1831. The Hills were charges of the town for the rest of their lives. The custom for supporting the town's poor was for the Selectmen to confiscate any property of the

poor, then to sell the person's property to the highest bidder. Many times, the agreement included that the highest bidder agreed to care for the poor person for the remainder of their natural lives. In such an agreement made in 1826 between the town and Abel Grout, Jr., Jane's children were said to be "noncompos mentus." Alcoholism may have been part of the problem. A later account of the Blake Tragedy of Stratton in 1821 mentions that the Grouts first ignored the yells for help, believing it to be a man who often got drunk and yelled. An analysis of the situation points to one of the Hill brothers, Eber or Jonathan, as that person. Mr. Grout soon declined to continue the agreement. Therefore, in 1828, Luther Torrey was granted the west half of 6L7R, where Jane and her family lived, and he agreed to the terms of the town. On August 19, 1830, Torrey backed out of the agreement.

The census of 1830, referred to this household as the "Jannie or Jennis Hill" home. It had therein two gentlemen aged 40 to 50, a woman that age, another woman aged 50 to 60 and an old woman aged 80 to 90. Jane was evidently the old woman, Eber, Jonathan and Margeret Hill were three more, while one remains unidentified.

The Hills remained under the care of the Selectmen and the Overseer of the Poor for the next few years. Then in 1834, a non-practicing physician, Luther Purrington, originally of Heath,

Massachusetts, came to Stratton via Winhall, Vermont. Mr. Purrington agreed to care for the Hills in exchange of their property. The agreement was signed on October 30, 1834. The Hill property was deeded to Mr. Purrington, then he mortgaged it back to the Selectmen for \$1000.00, with the above agreement written into the mortgage. Additionally, in April, 1835, the town agreed to pay Purrington \$25.00 to care for the Hills, collectable at the end of the year. The town then voted to give him \$2.00 in advance. The events that followed seem rather suspicious. Within two weeks of the meeting, Jane's son, Eber, died (on May 1, 1835). Jane was the next to die on December 20, 1835, followed closely by Margaret, who died on January 22, 1836. Finally, Jonathan died on April 22, 1836 and Purrington's own wife died about this same time. Within less than a year all four of the Hills had conveniently died and Mr. Purrington claimed the property as his own.

Children of Thomas and Jane:

- 1) Thomas, Jr.
- 2) Jonathan, died April 22, 1836, at Newfane, Vermont; possibly married Margaret<sup>1</sup>.
- 3) Eber, born about 1784; died May 1, 1835, at Stratton, Vermont; married Dysa Thomas (intent published September 17, 1802).

Notes:

- 1) Margaret may not have been Jonathan's wife, but his sister instead.

**Thomas Hill, Jr.**, son of Thomas and Jane Hill, was probably born at Palmer, Massachusetts, during the 1770s. He came to Stratton with his parents in 1796. In 1802, Thomas purchased, the family farm - the east half of 6L7R - from his father. In 1804, he also purchased 13 proprietor's rights to the undivided lands in Stratton (rights to 130 acres). Thomas did not remain in Stratton long and his lands were forfeited due to back-taxes. He was no longer in Stratton in 1810.

**Jonathan Hill**, son of Thomas and Jane Hill purchased part of 6L7R in Stratton from his father on October 1, 1802. In 1810, he and his wife (or sister), Margaret, were living there, each about 26 years of age that year, with Margaret being the older of the two.

The Hills remained in Stratton for many years and became paupers of the town. Abel Grout was legally involved in obtaining a letter of guardianship in 1821 and they were cared for by several town's people over the following years (*see Thomas Hill above*). Margaret died at Stratton on January 22, 1836, and Jonathan died at Newfane, Vermont, on April 22, 1836.

**Eber Hill**, son of Thomas and Jane Hill, was born about 1784 and came to Stratton with his parents about 1795. On October 1, 1802, Thomas sold the west half of the family homestead,



6L7R, to Eber and his brother, Jonathan.

Eber married Dysa Thomas of Sunderland, Vermont, (intent published September 17, 1802). Dysa was born on January 10, 1783. Eber had his Stratton taxes abated for 1809. He and Dysa were living in their own home in 1810.

Dysa died on December 3, 1814, and she was buried in the Old Town Cemetery in Stratton. Her stone is one of only two that still exist there.

Eber apparently did not fare well after Dysa's death and he may have been an alcoholic. He or his brother, Jonathan, was likely the drunken man mentioned in the story of the Blake tragedy of 1821. At that time, Eber lived with Jonathan and Margaret Hill (mentioned above). Abel Grout was legally involved in obtaining a letter of guardianship for these three individuals in 1821. Later, Jane Boutell, their mother, settled in with the Hills, after the death of her second husband, Samuel Boutell, in 1822.

Eber is mentioned as a pauper of the town in 1825, being under the care of Henry Grovier. The town voted to raise \$60.00 to pay Grovier for supporting Eber. He remained one of Stratton's poor for the remainder of his life (*see Thomas Hill above*). Eber died at Stratton on May 1, 1835.

Children of Eber and Dysa probably were:

1) Benjamin, born June 16, 1803, at Stratton, Vermont.

2) Eber H., born January 13, 1805, at Stratton, Vermont; married Rhoda Temple (*daughter of Palmer C. and Rhoda (King) Temple*) on March 17, 1830. (*Rhoda was born on 2/28/1806 and died on 5/25/1853*).

3) Patty Jane, born July 12, 1809, at Stratton, Vermont.

4) Jane Martha, born on July 12, 1809, at Stratton, Vermont; died December 29, 1893, at Pittsfield, Illinois; married Samuel Willard Temple on March 5, 1829, (Samuel was a son of Palmer C. and Rhoda (King) Temple. He was born April 27, 1808; died in 1890. They lived in Sunderland in 1850 and eventually settled in Pittsfield, Illinois).

**Betsey S. Hill** of Stratton married Aaron W. Cressey (intent published December 2, 1827, at Stratton) and they were married on December 20, 1827. Aaron was a son of Henry and Olive (Holton) Cressey.

## Hobbs

**Benjamin Hobbs** of Stratton may have been the same Benjamin Hobbs who had lived in Worcester County, Massachusetts, and served as a Private during the American Revolution in Abijah Lamb's Company, Colonel Cushing's Regiment of the Northern Army, from August 15, 1777, to October 21, 1777.

Benjamin was living in Stratton in 1791 as head of a household with his wife and two children. Benjamin was already living in Stratton when he sold

3L5R to Elkannah Miller on March 12, 1791. There is no record of how Benjamin obtained the lot, nor of him owning any other lot in Stratton; however, the following June, a vendue was held in Stratton at Benjamin's home. The Hobbs had moved away from Stratton by 1800.

## **Hodges**

**Joseph M. Hodges** was born about 1887 in Canada. In 1920, Joseph was a lumberman, working in Stratton and living in the boarding house at the Grout Job.

## **Holbrook**

**Luther Holbrook**, the tenth child of William and Elizabeth (Rich) Holbrook, was born on November 10, 1801, at Ashburnham, Massachusetts. His parent settled in Westmoreland, New Hampshire, about 1807.

Luther and his wife, Abigail, came to Stratton from Surrey, Cheshire County, New Hampshire. Luther purchased the east half of 3L4R – 108 acres known as the Guild farm on June 9, 1837, and settled there by June 15, 1838. This was the day he became Stratton's Postmaster. Luther's farm was located in the area where the town hall, town office and meetinghouse now stand. Luther operated an Inn from his home beginning in late 1838. The location of the Inn was where the town hall now stands. A Town Meeting was held at his home in September, 1838, then in January, 1839, a meeting was called to meet at the Inn of Luther

Holbrook. Therefore, he evidently began his business sometime between those dates.

Luther was very active in town affairs between 1838 and 1843. In 1840, he served as the town's Overseer of the Poor, a Highway Surveyor, a Trustee of Surplus Funds, and the Sealer of Weights and Measures. He was also the town's pound keeper and his barn served as the pound. In 1841 and 1842, he was appointed assistant Town Clerk and he continued to serve in some of the above named offices.

In March 1843, Luther took out several mortgages on his property, then on May 1, 1843, he sold the Inn to William Cummings. The Holbrooks evidently moved out of Stratton on, or just before, August 28, 1843. On that day, Stratton was officially without a postmaster. Soon after that time, Abigail gave birth to their ninth child, Mary J., somewhere in Vermont and perhaps in Stratton, but the birth was not recorded in Stratton's town records. They returned to Stratton on or before July 23, 1844, and on that day, Luther was officially Stratton's Postmaster once again.

While the Holbrooks were away from Stratton, the town's Post Office was on record as discontinued. After their return, Luther reassumed the Postmaster position through to October 4, 1850. The Holbrooks were not recorded in Stratton's 1850 census. Apparently, they had moved to Newton Township,

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Muskigum County, Ohio, where they were enumerated in that town's census on October 12, 1850. It appears that they had ventured to Ohio between 1845 and 1850 since they had a tenth child, Augusta, born in 1846 in Ohio. Their transition to Ohio seems a bit confusing. Perhaps one of their older children had settled there first and Luther and Abigail were visiting when Abigail had her last child or perhaps it was their son William Luther Holbrook that remained behind and assumed the duties of Postmaster.

The Holbrooks remained in Ohio only a few years at most, resettling in Lucas County, Iowa, before 1860 and they remained there through 1870. In 1880, they were living with their daughter, Augusta, and her family, in Hamilton County, Iowa.

Luther died on September 25, 1882, and Abigail followed on January 18, 1885.

Children of Luther and Abigail:

- 1) Elizabeth Abigail, born February 27, 1824, at Westmoreland, New Hampshire.
  - 2) William Luther, born September 10, 1825, at Westmoreland, New Hampshire.
  - 3) Harriet Marie, born September 10, 1825, at Westmoreland, New Hampshire.
  - 4) Calvin Britton, born August 27, 1829, at Westmoreland, New Hampshire; died May 9, 1924, in Gooding County, Idaho; married Mary Ann
- Gearhart on March 23, 1850, in Union County, Ohio.
  - 5) Joseph Rich, born November 30, 1831, at Westmoreland, New Hampshire.
  - 6) Sarah Dorinda, born July 6, 1834, at Westmoreland, New Hampshire.
  - 7) George Henry, born February 24, 1838, at Westmoreland, New Hampshire.
  - 8) James Edwin, born September 10, 1840, at Stratton, Vermont; married Louisa.
  - 9) Mary J., born about 1844 in Vermont; married John Cramer Mace on November 5, 1865, in Lucas County, Iowa.
  - 10) August A., born in 1846 in Ohio; married Alonzo W. Warrington on January 28, 1866, in Lucas County, Iowa.

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## Holden

**Lyman Holden**, son of Josiah and Mary (Forbes) Holden, was born on January 10, 1791, at Newfane, Vermont. He married Dulcina Jackson. Dulcina was born on July 24, 1797. Lyman served during the War of 1812.

During the 1850s, the Holdens came to Stratton with the family of their son, Chester. In 1856, Lyman was head of the household with two girls – evidently his granddaughters, Sophia and Caroline, who were attending school in Stratton.

The Holdens were no longer in Stratton by 1870. Evidently they had settled in Wardsboro, Vermont. Dulcina died on April 7, 1875, and Lyman died on May 17, 1875. They were buried in Fairview Cemetery in Wardsboro.

Children of Lyman and Dulcina were:

- 1) Luna, born in 1824; died November 1, 1843.
- 2) Chester O., born about 1826; married Phoebe Eufraша Vail on June 17, 1856.
- 3) Justus Culwell, born July 17, 1820; died September 19, 1864, married Philena Satira Rice.

**Chester O. Holden**, son of Lyman and Dulcina Holden, was born in Newfane, Vermont, about 1826. He married Phoebe Eufraша Vail, daughter of Hosea and Sarah (Benson) Vail of Winhall on June 17, 1856. Phoebe was born on November 26, 1835.

The Holdens settled in Stratton, during the 1850s, and in 1860, Chester's parents were living with them. The Holdens lived on *County Rd.*, at the sharp bend – the old Kidder homestead (see McClellan's Map of 1856). Beer's Atlas also shows C. Holden at the location of the Webster site on the *Stratton-Arlington Rd.*. This was a shanty apparently owned by Chester at that time. It had been occupied by S. Orrison Howard in 1856.

The Holdens moved away from Stratton by 1870. Phoebe died on January 4, 1912.

Children of Chester and Phoebe:

- 1) Sarah Sophia, born April 30, 1857, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 2) Adda Dulcina, born May 1, 1859, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 3) Erie A., born March 23, 1861, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 4) Cora Louisa, born March 17, 1863, at Stratton, Vermont; died December 7, 1864, at Stratton, Vermont (of diphtheria).
- 5) Lora M., born July 29, 1865, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 6) Lizzie E., born July 5, 1868, at Stratton, Vermont.

**Harris Holden** was born about 1847. He resided in Stratton after the Civil War, where he was enrolled in the militia in 1867. He was called a farmer on the enrollment form and he had already removed from town at the time the form was completed by the Selectmen.

## Holland

**Abigail Holland** was born in 1832. In 1880, she was living in Stratton, boarding in the home of William and Melissa White.

## Hollingsworth

**William Hollingsworth** was born in England in May, 1875. He came to Stratton about 1900 and evidently worked as a lumberman at the Grout Job. Apparently, he was also put in charge of the boarding house there at the site. William moved away from Stratton before 1910.

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## Holman

The Holmans of Sutton, Massachusetts, were among the early proprietors of Stratton. They were related to the Thurstons who had purchased large amounts of Stratton in the early 1780s.

**John Holman**, son of David and Lucy (Thurston) Holman, was born at Sutton, Massachusetts, on December 26, 1761. He married Sally Stone on May 9, 1786, at Worcester, Massachusetts. Sally, probably the daughter of John Stone, was born on August 24, 1766.

By 1791, John had brought his wife and two children to Stratton. It is unclear where they first settled, although they may have lived on the same land John later purchased.

On October 30, 1792, John purchased all of the north half of 3L7R except 5 acres. This lot included much of what is now called Grout Pond, but was then referred to as Dr. Harvey's Pond. By 1796, it was called Holman Pond. It seems that John may have settled into the home of Dr. Zachariah Harvey.

John sold 3L7R to Clark Stone on March 4, 1795, and on that same day purchased the east half of 5L3R from Clark. This lot had been the homestead of Isaac Chase and it was located around the intersection of what is now the *West Jamaica Rd.* and *Shepardson Rd.* A few months later, John's brother, Thurston, purchased the adjacent lot and

settled there. John sold this lot to Clark Stone on August 23, 1800. He was listed in Stratton in the census of that year, but probably left town before the year was out.

Children of John and Sally were:

- 1) Leonard, born in August, ???, in Sutton, Massachusetts.
- 2) Sally, born August 9, ???, in Stratton, Vermont.

**Thurston Holman**, son of David and Lucy (Thurston) Holman, was born on April 27, 1775, at Sutton, Massachusetts.

Thurston purchased the west half of 5L2R in Stratton on November 11, 1795. This was a lot adjacent to his brother, John. Although, Thurston was not listed in Stratton's census of 1800, he was called a resident of Stratton at the time that he sold this property to Ira Scott of Montague, Massachusetts, on January 14, 1801. Thurston evidently left town after the sale.

*The following Holman family, completely unrelated to the above Holmans, settled in Stratton in the 1930s.*

**Charles Ephraim Holman**, son of Joseph G. and Catherine (Weekley) Holman, was born on October 21, 1878, in West Manchester, Ohio. There, he married Jennie E. Welch, daughter of Nathaniel M. and Laurretta (Druillard) Welsh, on June 10, 1904. Jennie was born on December 19, 1880.

The Holmans settled in Stratton on February 14, 1933, in

the Pike's Falls area on *County Rd.*, where the road makes a sharp turn. It appears that the Holmans's son-in-law, Clinton Swift, purchased the house from George Hurd. Several years later, probably at the time that Clinton Swift and their daughter, Laurretta, were getting divorced, the Holmans move to a place on the *Stratton-Arlington Rd.*



**Charles E. Holman**  
**Stratton's Representative in**  
**1938/9**

Photo from Vermont's Government  
Yearbook - 1938/9.

Jennie's mother, Laurretta, also came to Stratton with the Holmans and died there on October 3, 1936. Laurretta was born at Lebanon, Ohio, on September 14, 1852. Her body was sent to West Alexandria, Ohio, for burial.

Charles was a farmer and carpenter. He was elected to represent Stratton in the State Legislature during the 1937/8 session as a Republican and

served on the *Committee of Corporations and Franchises* while in Montpelier. Charles was Stratton's treasurer in 1935 and he was also a Justice of the Peace.

Charles died on July 23, 1941, and Jennie followed on May 21, 1962. They were buried in Pike Hollow Cemetery.

Children of Charles and Jennie:

- 1) Kenneth B., born January 27, 1908, in Ohio; died March 22, 1996, in Florida; married Mildred Cannon on February 20, 1940.
- 2) Laurretta Catherine, born April 18, 1905, at Dayton, Ohio; died February 5, 1967; married 1) Clinton Swift (divorced) 2) Stanley Charles "Stub" Samson on January 19, 1940, at East Arlington, Vermont (divorced).
- 3) Richard LaRue, born August 1, 1912, in Ohio; died May 11, 1997, in Florida; married 1) Marjorie Adell Eddy on January 22, 1938, at Stratton, Vermont 2) Margaret Patterson.

**Kenneth B. Holman**, son of Charles and Jennie Holman, was born on January 27, 1908, in Ohio. Kenneth came to Stratton with his parents in 1833.

Kenneth married Mildred Cannon on February 20, 1940. They settled in Massachusetts and later lived in Florida. Kenneth died in Florida on March 22, 1996. He was buried in Pike Hollow Cemetery in Stratton.

**Richard LaRue Holman**, son of Charles and Jennie Holman, was born on August 1, 1912, in Dayton, Ohio. As a boy, he came to Stratton with his parents.

Rich married Marjorie Adell Eddy, daughter of Hermon and Bernice Eddy, on January 22, 1938, at Stratton. Marjorie was born on May 20, 1907, at Brattleboro, Vermont.

Rich worked for International Paper and Marge had graduated from Pratt Institute in New York. She had a career as a fashion designer and commercial artist for Macy's Department Store in New York City. Marge was living on Elton St. in Brooklyn, New York, at the time of the marriage.

The 1928 fire-spotter's cabin at the top of Stratton Mountain was refurbished and Rich and Marjorie were the first to spend a summer on the mountain as fire watches.

Rich served during WWII in the US Army Air Force. He enlisted on May 16, 1942. He served in Europe and was discharged on January 28, 1946.

Before the war, the Holmans bought the Alexander Hamilton Pike house, probably from Millard and Doris Johnson, Marge's sister and brother-in-law. The Holmans lived in this house until Rich's job took them to Maine.

Marge died at Dryden, Maine, on February 18, 1969, and she was buried in Pike Hollow Cemetery in Stratton. Rich then married Margaret Patterson.



**The Holmans**  
**Richard, Jennie, Marge,**  
**Kenneth, and Laurretta.**

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**Rich and Marge (Eddy) Holman**

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After Rich retired, the Holmans moved to Florida. Rich died there on May 11, 1997.

Following Marge's death, their daughter, Lissa, moved to Stratton to stay with her grandmother, Bernice Wagner, who was living in Pike Hollow. She later married and moved to Wardsboro.

The adopted child of Rich and Marge was:

- 1) Marjorie Elizabeth "Lissa," married James Hescocock.

## Holmes

**William Holmes** of Woodstock, Connecticut, was probably the same born on April 27, 1740 - a son of Thomas and Abigail Holmes.

William purchased the east half of 10L2R in Stratton on November 2, 1801, from John Gleason. He apparently settled upon this lot along with his son, William, Jr.. Their home was evidently the old Solomon Gale homestead, located at what is now the intersection of *Stone Chimney Rd.*, and *Mountain Rd.* William and his son witnessed two of Stratton's early deeds.

William sold his lot to Rufus Gale on March 12, 1808, and apparently left Stratton at that time, moving to Jamaica. He and his family were warned out of Jamaica on August 29, 1808. At that same time his son, William, Jr. and family were also warned out of Jamaica as was Celina Holmes and her family. Celina may have been William's daughter or daughter-in-law.

William was the first of a group that came to Stratton from Woodstock. Sanford and David Holmes below were apparently related to William.

A child of William was:

- 1) William, Jr.

**William Holmes, Jr.**, son of William Holmes, apparently came to Stratton from Woodstock, Connecticut, with his father about 1801. William was first recorded in the town records when he was voted Stratton's Constable and

Collector on March 12, 1804. On March 11, 1805, he was chosen as Stratton's Grand Jurorman and later he also performed at least one survey for the town. He and his family left Stratton in 1808, following the sale of his father's property. They settled in Jamaica, Vermont, where they were warned out on August 29, 1808.

**Sanford Holmes**, son of David and Temperance (Bishop) Holmes, was born on December 11, 1765, at Woodstock, Connecticut. An interesting note in the Woodstock Vital Records states that Solomon Westcot, an Indian, was killed instantly by the sudden discharge of Captain Sanford Holmes's gun on November 4, 1799.

Sanford married Rhoda Clark of Hopkinton, Rhode Island, on May 21, 1806, at Woodstock and they came to Stratton from Woodstock about 1816. Sanford and his nephew, David Holmes, purchased 2L1R on May 2, 1816, and Sanford evidently settled on this lot soon after. This lot was located west of what is now *Leon Stocker Drive* in Snow Mountain Farms West. The Holmes family came to Stratton from Woodstock with other families, including the Morse, Fox and Mascraft families.

Major Sanford Holmes was appointed to advertise for a land tax by the town on August 4, 1818. In 1820, Sanford and his wife were listed in Stratton's census and they were apparently living with one of their children



who was probably married with two children of their own.

On September 22, 1822, Sanford purchased the east half of 5L4R - the farm built by Jacob Batchellor, located on *Shepardson Rd.* The Holmes family settled there at that time. Over the years, Sanford bought and sold several additional parcels of land in Stratton, including 6L3R and 10L2R. Between March and May, 1824, Sanford and his wife removed to Dummerston, Vermont.

During Stratton's March, 1829, Town Meeting, Major Sanford Holmes donated an acre of ground to the town for a burying yard. Sanford died at Dummerston in 1830 and Moses K. Shepardson, formerly of Stratton, was named as executor of his will.

**David Holmes**, son of Hartwell and Lois (Pellett) Holmes, was born on March 1, 1798, at Woodstock, Connecticut. He apparently came to Stratton between 1816 and 1820. On several occasions within Stratton's land records, there was reference to General David Holmes of Woodstock, Connecticut. I believe that this was David's uncle, David<sup>1</sup>.

The 1820 census recorded that David was living alone in Stratton. He probably resided on 7L3R - the Woodward farm - until 1821.

David married Elizabeth Taft Millet, daughter of Thomas W. and Susanna Millett. An intent of

marriage was published at Stratton on October 22, 1820, and they were married soon after. Elizabeth was born on March 31, 1800, at Putney, Vermont.

On March 3, 1823, the town meeting held that day was adjourned from the meetinghouse and reconvened at David's home, implying that his home was fairly near the town common - possibly the Millet house located on the west side of the meetinghouse.

David apparently resettled in Wardsboro, Vermont, where he had purchased the Stephen Corbin farm. He passed away in 1829 and Elizabeth died in 1880.

A child of David and Elizabeth:

- 1) Lucinda Kitteredge, born in 1829; died in 1899; married David A. McElwain in 1852.

Notes:

- 1) David Holmes, son of David and Temperance (Bishop) Holmes, born on August 17, 1762; died on June 30, 1832; married Hannah Lyon on January 1, 1789.

Additional Sources for the above Holmes families:

DAR records  
The Descendants of George Holmes of  
Roxbury 1594 - 1908 by George Arthur  
Gray (1908)  
Woodstock, Connecticut VR

## Holton

**Reuben Holton**, son of Arad and Anna (Haven) Holton, was born on November 9, 1778, at Dummerston, Vermont. His father was among the original grantees of Jamaica, Vermont, being listed upon that town's charter of November 7, 1780.

Reuben later gained the title of Captain in the local militia. He married Patty Amsden on

November 15, 1800, at Dummerston.

Reuben purchased 150 acres of 9L3R in Stratton at a tax-sale and this land was deeded to him on April 12, 1834. Reuben brought his family to Stratton at that time. Their house may have been along the old road that went west and south of North Cemetery. It was probably located just prior to Upper Kidder Brook where a foundation can still be seen.

Patty died about the time that the Holtons removed to Stratton, and so Reuben remarried to Lorena Spaulding on March 29, 1835, at Dummerston. She was born between 1810 and 1820. Reuben sold 9L3R to his half-brother, Wranslow Holton of Dummerston, (except six acres called the mill site owned by Nahor Howard) on October 8, 1835. On August 27, 1835, Reuben purchased an undivided half of 80 acres of 2L3R and 20 acres of 3L3R from Samuel Rider, and he settled there. This house was located in the vicinity of the Old Forrester Rd. intersection with the Stratton-Arlington Rd.. On October 8, 1837, Reuben sold this lot to Calvin Taylor of Wardsboro, but remained in Stratton at least through November, 1837. Reuben died circa 1872, at the age of 94.

Children of Reuben and Lorena:

- 1) Cornelia, born December 15, 1835, at Stratton, Vermont (received a certificate for school in Stratton in 1852/3.).

- 2) Fanny L., born October 8, 1837, at Stratton, Vermont; (probably married George Franklin Wilder and died on June 15, 1862).

- 3) Lorra A., born November 16, 1839.

**Wranslow Holton**, son of Arad and Rebecca (Houghton) Holton was born on January 11, 1788, at Dummerston, Vermont. Wranslow married Polly Spaulding on December 31, 1810, at Dummerston. He was a half-brother of Reuben Holton above and purchased Reuben's lot - 9L3R - in Stratton on October 8, 1835. The house may have been along the old road that went west of North Cemetery and just prior to Upper Kidder Brook where a foundation can still be seen. Wranslow apparently lived on this lot until about 1839, then returned to Dummerston and settled on his father's farm. He was already back in Dummerston when he sold 9L3R to Bradford Moultrip. He evidently reacquired the lot and sold it a second time in 1847 to William S. Stiles.

Wranslow was considered Dummerston's oldest resident when he passed away on December 10, 1882.

Children of Wranslow and Polly:

- 1) Lavilla, born November 27, 1809, at Dummerston, Vermont.
  - 2) Wesson, born October 1, 1811, at Dummerston, Vermont.
  - 3) Mary, born May 16, 1825, at Dummerston, Vermont.
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- 4) Ophelia Henrietta, born July 26, 1827, at Dummerston, Vermont.
- 5) John Wranslow, born February 17, 1831, at Dummerston, Vermont.

Additional Sources for the above Holton families:

History of Dummerston, Vermont, by  
Mansfield

**William Holton** was living in Stratton in 1853. At that time, Silas Pike was living with him and attending school in district #5.

**Frederick L. Holton** and his wife, Hazel Russell, lived in Stratton in 1960. Fred was the caretaker of the boy scout camp at Grout Pond. The Holtons stayed at the camp during the summer and they also had a home on South Hill in Jamaica, Vermont.

Their children were:

- 1) Frederick
- 2) Phillis, married Louis Coli.
- 3) Lewis C., married Dorothy Wright.
- 4) Russell, married Marion Wetzel.

**Lewis C. Holton**, son of Frederick and Hazel Holton, lived in Stratton in 1960. He resided on *Pike Hollow Rd.* in the first house on the east side of the road.

**Dennis Rae Holton**, son of Russell and Marion Holton, spent time as a child around Grout Pond - his grandfather, Frederick Holton, was the caretaker of the Boy Scout camp there. DR now lives on *Pike Hollow Rd.* in the

log cabin previously owned by Vera Efron.

## Horrigan

**Brian Horrigan**, his wife, Penny and their sons, Michael, Patrick and Sean, lived at the top of *Johnson Hill Rd.* - a road that has since taken Penny's name - *Penny Avenue*. The Horrigan's removed from Stratton in the 1980s.

## Houghton

**George E. Houghton** and his wife, Bernice D., settled into the Babcock house on the *Stratton-Arlington Rd.* and resided there in the 1960s and early 1970s. Mr. Houghton served as President of the Old Stratton Meeting House Assoc. from 1966 to 1973. Bernice was that organization's secretary.

## Howard

(Haward, Hayward)

**Nahor Howard**, son of Seth and Nancy (Whitman) Howard, was born on January 10, 1771. Nahor married Eunice Dawson, who was born about 1775.

The Howards settled in Stratton about 1819, coming from Jamaica, Vermont. That year, Nahor purchased 9L2R from his brother, Jared Howard of Jamaica. This lot - called the Jacob French farm - had a sawmill on Upper Kidder Brook and also a mine. Their home was evidently located beside North Cemetery. In 1820, they were living in Stratton with three sons between the ages of 10 and 26, and five daughters - one

under 10 and the rest between 10 and 26.

In 1830, the Howards evidently had a teenage daughter and a younger couple with a young child living in their home. In 1837, Nahor sold his Stratton property to his son, Warner, and they apparently removed from Stratton at that time, probably resettling in Jamaica, Vermont. Nahor died at Jamaica on May 14, 1846, and he was buried in the Village Yard Cemetery.

Children of Nahor and his wife:

- 1) Nahor, married Anna Pike on October 3, 1836.
- 2) Warner, married Azubah Estabrook on April 12, 1827, at Stratton, Vermont.

**Nahor Howard, Jr.**, son of Nahor and Eunice Howard, was probably born in Jamaica, Vermont, on December 29, 1805. He took the Freeman's oath in Stratton on September 7, 1828 and in 1833, 1835 and 1836, he was elected a hayward for the town.

Nahor evidently resettled in Jamaica in mid-1836, since he was called a resident of that town when he married Anna Pike of Somerset on October 3, 1836.

Nahor died of diphtheria on January 23, 1863. He was buried in South Hill Cemetery in Jamaica.

**Warner Howard**, son of Nahor and Eunice Howard, carried the titled "Ensign" at the time of his marriage to Azubah Estabrook, daughter of Ezra and Eunice Estabrook. They were married at

Stratton on April 12, 1827. Azubah was born there on December 18, 1806. Warner came to Stratton with his parents in 1819.

On February 28, 1827, Warner purchased the east half of 10L2R from Moses K. Shepardson. His home evidently stood at the intersection of what are now *County Rd.* and *Mountain Rd.*

The 1830 census shows that the Howards also had a young boy, aged 10 to 15, living with them. In 1840, they had a son 5 to 10 and two daughters under 5. Warner was listed as a sexton (apparently for North Cemetery) for the town in 1836. In 1837, Warner bought his father's farm, located next to North Cemetery; however, they probably remained in their own home. On January 21, 1841, Warner sold the east half of 10L2R and all of 9L2R to Jared Howard of Jamaica. At that time, Warner and Azubah evidently went west and eventually settled in Alamahee County, Iowa, where Warner built the second house erected in that area. He was called a man of unusual energy and force of character and a successful farmer. Warner died at Postville, Iowa, in 1880. Azubah died in 1884.

Children of Warner and Azubah:

- 1) Clark, married Marion Oliver
- 2) Sarah, married Henry S. Davis
- 3) Marion.

**Aaron B. Howard**, son of Elisha and Azubah Howard, was born in 1798. His fourth marriage was to

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Minerva (Scott) Cummings, daughter of Ira and Sophie Scott. Minerva had been married twice before. Aaron and Minerva were married on May 6, 1863, at Stratton.

Minerva was born on December 12, 1813, at Stratton. She first married Luther Purrington on March 7, 1839, at Stratton. They were apparently divorced. She later married, Horace Cummings. Minerva passed away on March 14, 1894, at Stratton.

**Emmons Howard**, son of William and Mary Howard, was born on October 14, 1777, at Pomfret, Connecticut. As a boy, he went with his family to Reading, Vermont. Emmons married Betsey Goddard of Reading, Vermont, on November 7, 1802. Betsey was born about 1784.

The Howards remained in Reading to about 1811, then settled in Sharon, Vermont, living there about twelve years. In September, 1823, the family settled in Fair Haven, Vermont. Emmons and Betsey lived with their son, William, beginning in 1837 and in 1842, the family moved to Stratton.

In 1846, the Church of Christ in Stratton voted to receive Mrs. Emmons Howard into the congregation. By 1850, Emmons was living with James and Lucy Sprague's family in Stratton. Emmons died in August, 1851.

Children of Emmons and Betsey:

- 1) William Goddard, born December 10, 1804, at Reading, Vermont; died September 14, 1863, at Springfield, Vermont; married Rhoda A. Wyman in Rockingham, Vermont.
- 2) Mary (lived in Royalston, Vermont).
- 3) Rhoda, died in 1839 at Fair Haven, Vermont.
- 4) Betsey Maria (resided in Royalston, Vermont).
- 5) Laura, married Richard W. Sutliff.
- 6) Adeline H. (lived in Royalton, Vermont).
- 7) Hollis E., (lived in Royalton, Vermont).

**William Goddard Howard**, son of Emmons and Betsey Howard, was born on December 10, 1804, in Reading, Vermont. In 1823, his family settled in Fair Haven, Vermont. William married Rhoda A. Wyman, daughter of Uzziah and Lydia (Nutting) Wyman, in Rockingham, Vermont. Rhoda was born on March 31, 1811. She was a sister of Robert Wyman, who had several descendants residing in Stratton, including Freeman Wyman, Amasa Wyman, and the Shelley family.

In 1842, the Howards settled in Stratton. On March 28, 1846, William purchased the west half of 5L3R. Rhoda's brother, Amasa, had lived there previously (McClellan's Map of 1856 shows their home along what is now *Shepardson Rd.* Later, Isaac Shepardson owned this dwelling).

In 1850, William and Rhoda were living there with William's mother, Betsey. In 1860, Matthias Lincoln lived with the Howards.

William and Rhoda left Stratton soon after 1860 and settled in Springfield, Vermont. William died at Springfield on September 14, 1863, and he was buried in Cambridgeport, Vermont. Rhoda married secondly, Philemon Holden.

**Samuel "Orrison" Howard**, possibly a son of William G. Howard, was born on October 8, 1824. He probably lived in Stratton in the home of parents or relatives (*unidentified at this point*). He was very likely related to William G. Howard, above.

Orrison married Lucinda B. Cummings, daughter of William Cummings, on March 30, 1842, at Stratton. Lucinda was born about 1821.

Orrison took the Freeman's oath in September, 1847, and he and his family remained in Stratton at least through June 14, 1848, since Orrison was named on a petition to the town's Selectmen that day. The Howards apparently had moved away from Stratton just before the 1850 census was taken. They returned sometime between 1860 and 1870 and remained in Stratton until Lucinda's death on December 28, 1882. She was buried in Ball Cemetery. McClellan's Map of 1856 shows their home located slightly east of the Deerfield River on the *Stratton-Arlington Rd.*

Orrison evidently moved away from Stratton following her death. He died on July 12, 1907, and he was buried beside Lucinda. Four of their children died young and were also buried in Ball Cemetery.

Children of Orrison and Lucinda:

- 1) (an infant son), born on January 29, 1845; died on April 23, 1845.
- 2) (a son), died January 9, 1847.
- 3) (a daughter), died January 6, 1848.
- 4) (a daughter) died March 2, 1849.

**Isaiah Howard** was living in Stratton in 1844. At that time, Edward Van Buren was living with him and attending school in district #1 in Stratton.

**Newton Howard** resided on 12L2R in Stratton in 1888 and he apparently shared a house with William Henry Gale.

## Howe

(How)

**Francis How** briefly resided in Stratton, where he was elected a fenceviewer on March 12, 1804. Francis apparently moved away from Stratton soon after that time.

**Peter Howe**, son of Buckley and Elizabeth (Moore) Howe, was born on September 13, 1785, at Hubbardston, Massachusetts. On September 17, 1808, Peter and his brother-in-law, William Wheeler, both of Sudbury, Massachusetts, purchased 3L7R in Stratton from Josiah Lyon. This lot included the

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west half of what is now called Grout Pond and the house was probably located at the top of the hill where the road currently descends down to the parking area.

Peter married Elizabeth Haynes on January 2, 1809. She was probably a sister of Russell Haynes of Stratton, who had arrived in town about the same time as the Howes (They may have been children of Elbridge Haynes). The Howes were warned out of Stratton on January 25, 1810, as was the customary welcome to newcomers at the time. A household in Stratton was given as How and Wheeler in the 1810 census which apparently included two young couples between the ages of 16 and 26 and a girl under ten. One couple was evidently Peter and Elizabeth, since they were not listed separately in the census of that year. Peter was a brother of Persis How originally of Framingham, Massachusetts, wife of William Wheeler, who lived in Stratton. William Wheeler was listed separately in the census, therefore, the second couple of How and Wheeler may have been a brother of William Wheeler and his wife or perhaps William was listed twice.

In 1810, Peter Howe, William Wheeler, Russell Haynes and Thomas Millet purchased 3360 acres of the gore between Sunderland and Stratton, located north of the road that passed between Stratton and Sunderland. In April, 1811, Peter bought out

William Wheeler's half of the farm and the Wheelers moved out at that time.

Peter and Elizabeth were accepted into the Church of Christ in Stratton on February 2, 1812, and their oldest two children were baptized into the church the following day. On October 6, 1814, they removed their church relations to the Church of Christ in Rindge and on November 1, 1815, Peter sold the farm to Bezaliel Lawrence of Leominster, Massachusetts.

Elizabeth passed away on September 13, 1828. Peter then married Sarah Whitney, daughter of John and Priscilla Whitney, on September 3, 1829 or 1830. Sarah was born in 1782. She died on December 25, 1834. Evidently, just prior to that time, the Howes had settled in Concord, Massachusetts.

On September 17, 1835, Peter married Dorcas C. Death of Fitzwilliam, New Hampshire, and they settled in Westfield, Massachusetts. Peter died at Fitzwilliam on September 16, 1860.

Children of Peter and Elizabeth:

- 1) Emeline, born May 10, 1810; died in 1869; married Luman Colburn on April 26, 1836.
- 2) Emerson, born April 29, 1811.
- 3) Elbridge Haynes, born December 27, 1813.
- 4) Edward, born May 14, 1816, at Rindge, New Hampshire.
- 5) Elizabeth Ann, born May 30, 1819; married Henry J. Bush.

- 6) Eveline Maria, born October 24, 1822; married Liverus Hall on June 22, 1845.
- 7) Susan, born September 19, 1826; married Henry Atkins.  
Children of Peter and Dorcas were:
- 8) Sarah Helen, born April 28, 1837, at Concord, Massachusetts; married Alfred F. Dewey on April 2, 1861.
- 9) Albert Norton, born December 24, 1840; married Bessie A. Northrup on April 16, 1862.
- 10) Claribel, born November 30, 1843; died January 30, 1845.

**William Howe**<sup>1</sup>, son of Phineas and Eunice (Patch) Howe, was born on May 19, 1808, at Worcester, Massachusetts. William settled in Millbury, Massachusetts, and he was living there when he and his siblings inherited land from their grandfather, Henry Patch<sup>2</sup>, son of Nathan Patch - one of Stratton's early proprietors. In 1827, William bought out his siblings - Henry P. Howe (born January 31, 1803), Leonard Howe (born September 8, 1805) and his wife, Mary, of Worcester, and Louisa Howe (born September 8, 1805) of Worcester. About this same time, William settled in Stratton.

William married Rhoda Pike, daughter of William G. and Myranda Pike, on October 8, 1829. Rhoda was born on December 21, 1810. William also purchased 1L6R in Stratton from Levi Hale, Jr. on August 28, 1829, and on February 5, 1830, he purchased a farm in Stratton Gore

from Mr. Hale (the Higley lot). William sold this lot back to Hale in October, 1830. They may have lived there with the Hales.

On September 8, 1831, William purchases an additional 10 acres of 2L3R from Joseph Patch of Worcester, and on April 24, 1832, William sold off 70 acres of the west part of 2L3R and 53 acres of the north part of 3L5R that fell to the heirs of Phineas Howe (apparently part of the above inheritance). William also purchased the east half of 2L3R, and the west half of 2L2R in 1832. In 1834, he bought 50 acres of the east end of 1L1R, then sold this lot to Isaac N. Pike on February 7, 1835.

The Howes could have lived on any or all of these lots during the years that they resided in Stratton. 1835 was the last year William was listed in any of Stratton's records; therefore, the Howes apparently left Stratton at that time. The Howes eventually settled in Otisville, Franklin County, Iowa.

A child of William and Rhoda:

- 1) Eunice Adelia, born October 8, 1831, at Stratton, Vermont.

Notes:

1) Stratton's land records list a transaction in 1826 and another in 1829 between Levi Hale and William Howe, 2nd. This confuses the situation, since there apparently was not an older William in Stratton. It seems likely that the "2nd" title should have been attached to Levi Hale who was a "Jr.". The 1826 date may also be wrong, since this deed was copied in with deeds of 1829, and also William was called of Millbury, MA in 1827. If the contrary is true, then there may have been two William Howes in Stratton; one associated with the Patch family and the other who married Rhoda



Pike. Another clue that indicates that there was likely only one William is that William and Rhoda Pike's daughter was named Eunice - a common name used in the Patch family.

- 2) Henry Patch and his wife, Hannah (Moore) Patch had a daughter, Eunice who married Phineas Howe.

Additional Sources for the above Howe families:

The Howe Genealogies - John - by Daniel Wait Howe 1929

## Hromada

**Robert Hromada**, son of Anton and Elizabeth Hromada, was born in Massachusetts on November 10, 1896. Bob married Mirth Edith Pike, daughter of Edgar and Emogene Pike. Mirth was born on December 12, 1896, at Stratton.

The Hromadas lived in Massachusetts, until they had a chance to buy the farm of Mirth's uncle, Ernest Pike. They bought the farm, located at the end of *Pike Hollow Rd.* in Stratton and settled there about 1939.

The Hromadas traveled to Texas and spent time with Bob's sister Isabel and her husband, Elmer H. Eddy (*see Eddy family*), who had moved there from Stratton. In 1943, 1945 and 1947, Mirth represented Stratton in the state legislature and was also chairman of Stratton's school board in 1947.

The Hromadas sold the farm to the Quillinan family and moved into the schoolhouse across the road from the farm. Bob and Mirth lived out the remainder of their lives there. During some of that time, their daughter Wilma "Willie" and her husband

Wendell "Red" Fletcher lived there also.



**Bob and Mirth Hromada  
with Ethel Eddy**



**Wilma (Hromada) Fletcher  
(1922 - 1994)**

Photos courtesy of the Ethel Eddy collection

Bob died of cancer on December 9, 1977, and Mirth followed on April 10, 1983. Their ashes were buried in the new section of Pike Hollow Cemetery, located beside their house.

Children of Bob and Mirth were:

- 1) Irma May, born in 1917; died May 4, 1998, in Massachusetts; married 1)

Pasquale Lattanzi on June 26, 1945, at Stratton, Vermont 2) Earl Alexander.

- 2) Wilma, born February 2, 1922; died July 14, 1994; married Wendell M. Fletcher.

## **Hubbard**

**John F. Hubbard**, a lumberman from Spencer, Vermont, was born about 1841. His wife, Eunice, was born in Holden, Vermont, about 1844. The Hubbards settled in Stratton just after the Civil War. In 1870, they had a boarder, Albert Metcalf, aged 21, living with them.

Together, John and Albert operated the Hubbard and Metcalf sawmill on the East Branch of the Deerfield River along the *Stratton-Arlington Rd.* They sold the mill to EW Bowker in the late 1870s and it later became known as the Grout Job.

Children of John and Eunice:

- 1) Raymond, born about 1864.
- 2) William D, born January 17, 1867, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 3) (a daughter), born August 20, 1870, at Stratton, Vermont.

## **Hudson**

**Aaron Hudson**, Esq. was elected Moderator at Stratton's first town meeting held on March 31, 1788. He apparently owned no land in Stratton. It seems likely that he resided in Stratton, since he was an elected official in Town Meeting. It may also be possible that he was a non-resident brought in to moderate Stratton's first Town Meeting. He was not listed in any other record in

Stratton, and he was not among those listed in the first town census in 1791.

Aaron was named as a grantee of Jamaica, Vermont, on that town's charter dated November 7, 1780 (as Aaron Hutson). This charter also included a Charles Hutson - perhaps a close relative of Aaron. Later, Aaron may have resided in Wardsboro, Vermont.

**Benjamin Hudson** may have been the same Benjamin Hudson, son of Benjamin Hudson, who was born on April 13, 1785, at Springfield, Vermont. Benjamin married Sarah Powers on January 8, 1816, at Athens, Vermont. Sarah was born between 1790 and 1800.

In 1838, when the Hudsons first settled in Stratton, Benjamin was apparently sick and aware that he would not live long. In 1838, Sarah purchased the east half of 7L1R in her name only. The subsequent mortgage was, however, signed by Benjamin and witnessed by Benjamin, Jr.. The Hudsons then settled on this lot.

In the 1840 census, Benjamin was head of the household and they evidently had two sons aged 15 to 20, a son and daughter aged 10 to 15, a son aged 10 to 15 and a son and two daughters aged under 5.

Benjamin apparently died between 1840 and 1844. In 1844, Sarah was head of the household and called a widow. In 1846, she deeded the north half of the lot to her son, Nathaniel, and the south

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half to her son, James, with the provisions that Nathaniel would take care of his mother and his siblings, Martha and Lyman, while James would take care of John and Mary Ann. Nathaniel was not able to fulfill his half of the bargain and his share went back to his mother.

In 1848, Sarah and James mortgaged the entire lot together and, in 1849, Sarah sold the north half to James. That same year, as strange as it sounds, James then agreed to lease the lot back to Sarah for 6 yrs, except for the north half of the chamber room provided she would take good care of the buildings and not cut more wood than it would take to make 60,000 shingles.

James sold the north half of the lot to his brother, Benjamin, in 1850. Following the sale, Benjamin leased his share of the lot to his mother, providing that she agreed to keep the buildings in repair and that she would not cut more wood than what was required to make 60,000 shingles. Sarah relinquished all her claims to the said premises to Benjamin on April 18, 1853.

In 1850, Sarah was not listed in that year's census, nor was her son, Lyman. Her daughter, Martha was living with Arnold Cook's family. Therefore, Sarah was probably living with her son, Benjamin at that time in Templeton, Massachusetts. Sarah was back in Stratton and head of the household in 1854 and 1855 with her younger children, Martha

and Lyman, attending school in district #4 during those years.

Children of Benjamin and Sarah:

- 1) Benjamin (resided in Templeton, Massachusetts).
- 2) James B., born March 23, 1825; died February 4, 1855; married Mary Wing on October 1, 1848, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 3) Nathaniel P., born about 1827; married Catherine H. Robinson
- 4) John M.
- 5) Mary Ann., married Alford Moultrip on June 17, 1846, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 6) Martha Mandana, born in 1839.
- 7) Lyman Nye

**Benjamin Hudson, Jr.**, son of Benjamin and Sarah, may have settle in Stratton with his parents in 1838 and lived there through 1840.

Benjamin witnessed his mother's mortgage of the east half of 7L1R in 1838; however, he was not mentioned in the division of land that his mother made subsequent to that time. In 1849, Benjamin was called "of Stratton" when he purchased seven acres adjacent to his mother's lot. However, in 1850, at the time he purchased the north half of the family farm from his brother, James, he was living in Templeton, Massachusetts. Following this purchase, Benjamin leased his share of the lot to his mother, providing that she agreed to keep the buildings in repair and that she would not

cut more wood than what was required to make 60,000 shingles. Sarah relinquished all her claims to the said premises to Benjamin Hudson on April 18, 1853.

**James B. Hudson**, son of Benjamin and Sarah Hudson, was born on March 23, 1825. He took the Freeman's oath in Stratton in September, 1847, and married Mary Wing, daughter of Samuel and Lucinda Wing, there on October 1, 1848. Mary was born about 1824.

In 1850, James and Mary were living in the same household as Daniel and Catherine Hudson. James died on February 4, 1855, and he was buried in Ball Cemetery. By 1860, Mary had remarried to George Eager. George was born about 1834.

Children of James and Mary were:

- 1) Georgianna, born in 1849; married Nelson D. Bourn on June 3, 1865, at Dover, Vermont.
- 2) James Ralph, born June 2, 1853, at Stratton, Vermont; died February 5, 1863, at Stratton, Vermont. (of diphtheria).

**Nathaniel P. Hudson**, son of Benjamin and Sarah Hudson, was born about 1827. He married Catherine H. Robinson, daughter of Hiram and Priscilla Robinson. Catherine was born on July 8, 1827, at Jamaica, Vermont.

In 1850, Nathaniel and Catherine were living in the same household as James and Mary Hudson. Apparently, they went to

Maine between 1853 and 1861, but they returned to Stratton.

Catherine died on November 6, 1863, at Stratton of diphtheria and typhoid fever.

Their children were:

- 1) Martha M., born about 1847.
- 2) Frank, born March 2, 1853, at Stratton, Vermont; died January 8, 1863, at Stratton, Vermont (of diphtheria).
- 3) Priscilla (attended school in Stratton in 1861).
- 4) Etta L., born June 30, 1860, in Maine; died October 17, 1862, at Stratton, Vermont.

## Hulett

**Henry M. Hulett**, son of Philetus M. and Sarah D. (Mason) Hulett, was born at Pawlet, Vermont, about 1860. Henry had been married and divorced by the time he came to Stratton in the late 1890s.

Henry married Lizzy T. Sweeney, daughter of Peter and Ellen (Borden) Sweeney, on October 4, 1896, at Stratton. Lizzy was born about 1878 at Grafton, Massachusetts, and she had an illegitimate child born prematurely on December 27, 1895. The child died two days later.

Henry was probably employed in one of Stratton's lumber camps. By 1910, the Huletts had moved out of town.

A child of Henry by his first wife:

- 1) Frederick D., born in March, 1891.
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Children of Henry and Lizzy:

- 2) Edith L., born in May, 1898, in Vermont.
- 3) Mildred Eva, born June 28, 1899, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 4) Gerald Henry, born March 24, 1902, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 5) Phyletus M., born July 22, 1903, at Stratton, Vermont.

**Fred C. Hulett** was probably a brother of Henry Hulett. He and his wife, Emma D., were in Stratton in 1890, at which time Fred was elected as a highway surveyor for Stratton. The Huletts apparently resided on 11L1R until 1892.

## Hungerford

**William Hungerford** probably resided within the home of some resident of Stratton while he attended school in Stratton's district #5 in 1863. He apparently did not remain in Stratton he and was not mentioned again in any town record. William was probably related to David Hungerford of Jamaica, Vermont.

## Hurd

**George Merritt Hurd**, son of George and Lucinda (Grout) Hurd, was born on June 13, 1865, at North Hadley, Massachusetts. George married Lettie May Densmore, daughter of Charles M. and Clara E. Densmore, about 1895. Lettie was born in Vermont in 1876.



**George Hurd**  
(1865 - 1926)



**Lettie (Densmore) Hurd**

Photos courtesy of  
Elizabeth (Hurd) Greene

The Hurds settled in Stratton in 1905 and lived in the northeast part of town on the sharp bend of *County Rd.*, in the old Kidder homestead. In 1910, Lettie's mother, Clara, and another boy, Carroll E. Hurd - age 4 (said to be a step-son), were living with them. The Hurds removed to Dummerston, Vermont, by 1920.

George died at West Brattleboro, Vermont, on May 5, 1926, and was buried in Pikes Falls Cemetery in Jamaica. Lettie was buried beside him.

A child of George and Lettie was:

- 1) Floyd Charles, born April 14, 1898, in Jamaica, Vermont.

**Floyd Charles Hurd**, son of George and Lettie Hurd, was born in Jamaica, Vermont, on April 14, 1898, and he came to Stratton with his parents in 1905.

Floyd married Zoe A. Linscott, daughter of Sidney and Anna (Haynes) Linscott, on November 26, 1914. Zoe was born about 1900 in Brownsfield, Maine. Charles Linscott, who also had settled in Stratton, was her brother.

The Hurds settled in Stratton after the marriage. Evidently, they first lived with Floyd's parents. In 1928, the Hurds moved into the farm where the Stratton Golf School stands today. The farm belonged to John and Adah Clayton. After John's death in 1928, the Hurds moved into the house and Adah lived with them. She died in 1930.

The farm also extended across the road and included Blodgett Cemetery. At that time the lot around the cemetery was called the big pasture. There were a couple of large barns on the property at that time also. The farmhouse burned during the 1970s, however, Stratton Corporation built the current structure over the same foundation

and designed it to resemble the old house.

The Hurds were members of the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Jamaica. Floyd worked with Scott and Helen Nearing doing farm work and operating a 3000 tap sugaring business in Winhall. The local school closed in March so the children could help with the sugaring. Floyd was a trapper and liked to fish. It was hard work feeding such a large family as his. He also killed a 480 lb. bear one year.

Floyd was the youngest member of the State House of Representatives when he represented Stratton there during the 1921/2 session. He was also Stratton's road commissioner at that time. He also was elected a Selectman of Stratton in 1940.

Floyd buried two of the Hurd children that did not survive infancy, under an apple tree in Blodgett Cemetery, located on their farm. He also buried a granddaughter, Harriet Janet Hurd, daughter of Margaret Hurd in the cemetery (Harriet was born on October 19, 1938, at Jamaica, Vermont, and died November 6, 1939, at Stratton).

The Hurds moved to Essex, Vermont, in 1941, however, they were not able to sell the farm at that time and had to move back to Stratton for a short time. They finally sold the farm to the Day family and then moved to Heath, Massachusetts.

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**1936 Easter Party at Scott Nearings's  
[Front l-r] Mary Lightfoot, Marion Hurd, Howard  
Hurd, Elizabeth Hurd, Gladys (?) and Ralph Hurd  
[Back l-r] Margaret Hurd, Helen Knothe (later  
Nearing), Dorothy Hurd, Ruth Kuusela, Leonard  
Kuusela, Charles Hurd and Doris Hurd.**

Photo courtesy of Elizabeth (Hurd) Greene



**Floyd C. Hurd**

Photo courtesy of Elizabeth (Hurd) Greene



**Floyd and Zoe (Linscott) Hurd  
Wedding Portrait**

Photo courtesy of Elizabeth (Hurd) Greene

Floyd and Zoe were buried in the Pike's Falls Cemetery, where a recently placed stone marks their graves.

Children of Floyd and Zoe were:

- 1) Forrest E., born March 8, 1916, at Stratton, Vermont; died in 1989; married Lucille Maloney (lived in Burlington, Connecticut).
- 2) Carl E., born September 1, 1917, at Stratton, Vermont; married Anna Hooper.
- 3) Evelyn R., born December 4, 1919, at Stratton, Vermont; married 1) Julius A. Whitehurst 2) Laurel Haynes in 1994 (lives in Caribou, Maine).
- 4) Margaret Helen, born September 29, 1921, at Stratton, Vermont; married Charles Frederick Mallory, Jr. in 1942 (lives in Jacksonville, Vermont).
- 5) Doris Clara, born July 11, 1923; married 1) Frederick Leigh Richmond on August 14, 1937, at Jamaica, Vermont 2) Harvey Paquette.
- 6) Dorothy Marion, born April 26, 1925, at Stratton, Vermont; married Edwin Johnson in 1945 (lives in Lancaster, Massachusetts).
- 7) Elizabeth May, born January 18, 1927, at Stratton, Vermont; married Donald Greene on March 23, 1947 (lives in Shaftsbury, Vermont).
- 8) Marion Hazel, born October 16, 1928, at Stratton, Vermont; married David Beaver about 1949 (lives in Milton-Freewater, Oregon).
- 9) Ralph Sydney, born July 20, 1930, at Stratton, Vermont; married Shirley Harris about 1952 (lives in Benson, Vermont).
- 10) Howard Charles, born February 26, 1932, at Stratton, Vermont; married Violet Dix in July, 1955, in Heath, Massachusetts.
- 11) Charles Herbert, born May 28, 1934, at Stratton, Vermont; married Grace (?) (lives in West Paris, Maine).
- 12) (unnamed boy), lived only 4 hours.
- 13) Floyd Charles, born March 26, 1937, at Stratton, Vermont; married Mary Belle (?) (lives in South Paris, Maine).
- 14) (unnamed girl), stillborn March 21, 1939, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 15) Mary Ann, born June 24, 1940, at Stratton, Vermont; died February 19 1978; married Thomas Peterson about 1958.

Additional Sources:

Notes of Elizabeth (Hurd) Greene

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### Ingemanson

**Albert Ingemanson**, son of Nelson and Ida (Nelson) Ingemanson, was born on August 3, 1907, in Sweden. Albert worked in Stratton's lumber camps. He died of meningitis on May 13, 1935, at Bennington, Vermont. He was a resident of Stratton at the time of his death.

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## Ingram

**John H. Ingram** leased the Willis farm from Orville Allen beginning on April 26, 1894. He probably resided on this farm during that time. John had moved away from Stratton by 1900.

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### Jelley

**Joseph Jelley** resided in Stratton in the mid-1890s and apparently operated a sawmill along the *Stratton-Arlington Rd.*, west of the meetinghouse. The hill there is still referred to as Joe Jelly Hill. His children attended School #3 in Stratton until 1895. The Jelleys were no longer in Stratton in 1900.

Joe's children included:

- 1) Orvin L., born about 1881.
- 2) Fred, born about 1883.
- 3) George, born about 1884.
- 4) Bertha, born about 1887.

### Johnson

Orrin and Sophronia Johnson of Jamaica, Vermont, never lived at Stratton; however, several of their descendants eventually settled there. Orrin was born on January 18, 1799, and he married Sophronia Armes. Sophronia was born on January 30, 1802, and she died on May 1, 1865. Orrin died at Jamaica on October 1, 1889.

**James H. Johnson**, son of Orrin and Sophronia Johnson, was born on July 29, 1828, at Jamaica, Vermont. He married Almira R.

Smith, daughter of Jonas H. and Anne Smith, about 1851. Almira was born on May 16, 1829, at Holden, Massachusetts. On May 24, 1846, before the marriage, Almira was certified to teach in Stratton.

James and his brother-in-law, George W. Smith, purchased 3L6R in Stratton on October 9, 1852. Johnson may have settled on this lot.

In 1853, James purchased 10 acres of the southwest corner of 2L3R from Nathaniel Smith and he apparently resettled on that lot. 2L3R was centered around the *Old Forrester Rd.* intersection with the *Stratton-Arlington Rd.* Their home was probably located along the main road.

During the Civil War, James was drafted and entered the service on August 3, 1863, mustering into Company D of the Vermont 6th Regiment. He died at a hospital in Brattleboro, Vermont, on September 14, 1864, while still serving in the military. He was buried in the West Wardsboro Cemetery. Almira was named in Stratton's town records as caring for the widow Fuller in 1867. She was probably the same Mrs. Johnson seen on Beer's Atlas of 1869, living on the *Stratton-Arlington Rd.*, just east of the Meetinghouse. Almira died on April 4, 1886, and she was buried beside James.

James and Almira's children:

- 1) Eldorus R., born in February, 1852; died January 11, 1853.
- 2) Ellen, born in 1853 (possibly twin of Elwin).

- 3) Elwin, born June 27, 1853, at Stratton, Vermont; died young.
- 4) Effie F., born October 4, 1854, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 5) George C., born December 10, 1861, at Stratton, Vermont.

**Orrin A. Johnson**, son of Orrin and Sophronia Johnson, was born in Jamaica, Vermont, on August 23, 1840. As a young man, he assisted his father in carpentry. Orrin Sr. was a skilled carpenter who built many of the homes along Main St. in Jamaica, including the one known as the Telephone Exchange Building.

Orrin married Melissa Mariah Rice, the daughter of Perez and Emily Rice, on October 29, 1862. Melissa was born at Somerset, Vermont, on February 18, 1843.

During the Civil War, Orrin substituted for John P. Fitch of Dover, and entered the service on July 27, 1863, serving in the 6th Vermont Regiment, Company D. He received minor wounded during a skirmish at Charlestown, (West) Virginia, on August 21, 1864. Orrin returned to active duty and transferred to Company I of the same regiment where he remained for the rest of the war. Orrin was discharged on June 26, 1865, and returned home.

Orrin came to Stratton about 1880 and ran the Rice farm on the ridge overlooking Pike Hollow -- 258 acres of farmland with a sugar orchard of 500 trees. A few years after the death of Melissa's mother, the Johnsons lived in the Rice farmhouse, located at the top

of the road now called *Penny Avenue*. While they lived there, the road was called *Johnson Hill Rd.* The farm they lived on had been handed down to Melissa's nephew, Elmer A. Eddy, who lived there for several years. When Elmer moved into the old Pike farmhouse, located beside the A. H. Pike Mill, where he worked, Orrin and Melissa moved into the Rice farmhouse.

Orrin went into business as a lumberman with Elmer, after Elmer bought out A. H. Pike. Orrin and Elmer operated that mill, then later operated a steam-driven mill, located further up the brook from the old mill. About 1900, Orrin was operating another mill in the southwest corner of Stratton's Somerset annex. Today, there is a beaver pond located there, beyond Lee Bill's property.

In the census of 1900, Orrin was head of the household on the Rice farm, living with Melissa, his son Mason's family, and also four boarders who probably worked at the mill and on the farm. In 1896, Orrin was Stratton's representative to the state legislature. He also served as Stratton's road commissioner and grand jurorman. While residing in Stratton, the Johnsons attended services at Stratton's Free Will Baptist Church.

In their latter years, the Johnsons moved to Jamaica and lived to celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary in 1922.

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**Orrin A. Johnson**  
(1840 - 1926)

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**Melissa Mariah (Rice) Johnson**  
(1844 - 1925)

Photo courtesy of the Ethel Eddy collection



**Mason O. 'Nate' Johnson**  
(1869 - 1943)

Photo courtesy of the Ethel Eddy collection



**Nate Johnson and his pet bear**  
at Searsburg, Vermont

Photo courtesy of Wayne Rowell

Melissa passed away on May 15, 1925, age 81, and Orrin followed on September 8, 1926, age 86.

Children of Orrin and Melissa:

- 1) Addie M., born October 26, 1863, at Stratton, Vermont; died August 3, 1865, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 2) Adda A., born March 30, 1866, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 3) Mason O, born October 23, 1869, at Jamaica, Vermont; died April 14, 1943, at Wilmington, Vermont; married 1) Emma L. Tudor on July, 16, 1894, at Stratton, Vermont 2) Marjorie Temple.

**Mason O. “Nate” Johnson**, son of Orrin and Melissa Johnson, was born on October, 23, 1869, at Jamaica, Vermont. He married Emma L. Tudor, daughter of William and Parshia (Biddle) Tudor, on July 16, 1894, at Stratton. Emma was born on May 5, 1876, at Searsburg, Vermont. Nate and Emma lived with Nate’s parents until 1901/2, while Nate worked on the farm and in the sawmill there. The Johnsons then moved to Somerset, Vermont, where Nate helped with the Tudor lumber business. They lived in a house across the pasture from Emma’s parents and near the mill. After the Tudors sold out and moved away in 1905, Nate and Emma remained in Somerset. Emma was a teacher there, a position that she held until her death. Nate worked at various lumber operations during that time.

Emma became ill and went to her parents’ home in Hinsdale, New Hampshire. She died there on June 20, 1906. She was first buried in Brattleboro, then later moved to Park Lawn Cemetery in Bennington.

In 1909, Nate bought the homestead of his brother-in-law, Charles Tudor, in Searsburg, Vermont. He also married a second time to Marjorie Temple. Part of the purchase he had made was a sawmill. The Johnson Mill was a water-powered *up and down* mill, located in the Deerfield River in Searsburg. Later, Nate built a steam-driven circular sawmill set on a spur of the Deerfield Railroad, also in Searsburg. This location allowed him to ship out a great deal of lumber, and so his business grew. This railroad was a small, locally owned company with only 23 miles of track, two locomotives, two flatcars and 50 log cars. It was later used to build the Somerset dam in 1912.

Nate opened a general store in Searsburg, near the Searsburg Post Office that had the distinction of being the smallest post office in the entire country. One year, Nate found a bear cub in the woods and brought it home as a pet. They kept it for several years, but had to destroy the bear after it attacked Marjorie one day while she was feeding it. Marjorie was pregnant with their son, Leonard, at the time and they were afraid she would loose the baby, but she did not.

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About 1920, the Johnsons moved to Wilmington, where Nate died on April 14, 1943.

Children of Nate and Emma were:

- 1) Marguerite L., born November 29, 1897; died September 8, 1967; married Earl M. Rafus on February 19, 1917.
- 2) Berle Ethylyn, born July 30, 1900, at Stratton, Vermont; died the next day.

Children of Nate and Marjorie:

- 3) Alger, born in 1913.
- 4) Jeanette, born in 1914.
- 5) Karl, born in 1916.
- 6) Robert, born in 1918.
- 7) Leonard "Pete," married Mary Howe.
- 8) Virginia, married 1) Holland Snow 2) Paul Derry.
- 9) Donald
- 10) Arlene, married Robert Pike.

**Albert Oscar Johnson**, son of Oscar Ghent Johnson and his wife, Melissa (Twitchell) Johnson, was born on January 1, 1874, at Saxtons River, Vermont. Oscar Ghent Johnson was a son of Orrin and Sophronia Johnson of Jamaica, Vermont, and a brother of Orrin and James Johnson (see above).

Albert married Hattie May Whidden, daughter of Will and Mary (Whitman) Whidden on December 23, 1894, at Stratton. Hattie was born at Bennington, Vermont, on July 6, 1877.

Albert came to work for his uncle Orrin Johnson and Elmer Eddy at the lumber mill in Pike Hollow and he was living with Orrin in 1900. At that time,

Hattie worked as a servant in the neighboring household of Andrew Knight, where she lived with her son, Millard.

Albert died at the age of 33 in Wilmington, Vermont, on April 4, 1907. Hattie lived until November, 1952. She was living in Brattleboro, Vermont, at the time of her death.

Children of Albert and Hattie:

- 1) Millard Oscar, born February 23, 1897, at Dover, Vermont; died July 21, 1979, at Brattleboro, Vermont; married Doris Mayona Eddy on October 30, 1923, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 2) Rosalina Jane, born August 4, 1900, at Stratton, Vermont; married Sam Whidden.

**Millard Oscar Johnson**, son of Albert Oscar and Hattie Mae Johnson, was born February 23, 1897, at Dover, Vermont.

Millard worked for Orrin Johnson and Elmer Eddy at the sawmill when he was young. He married Doris Mayonna Eddy, daughter of Hermon and Bernice Eddy on October 30, 1923, and they settled in Stratton after the marriage. The Johnsons moved into the house built by Alexander Hamilton Pike, located across from Doris's grandfather Eddy's farm sometime soon after.



**Children of Millard and Doris Johnson  
[l-r] Stuart, Betty, Barb and Herm**

Photo courtesy of the Ethel Eddy collection



**Albert Oscar Johnson  
(1874 - 1907)**

Photo courtesy of Betty (Johnson) Theriault



**Millard Johnson  
(1897 - 1979)**

Photo courtesy of the Ethel Eddy collection

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Doris was Stratton's treasurer for a time, while Millard worked at the Eddy sawmill beginning in 1925. He was a Representative for the town of Stratton in 1929/30 and he was a member of the *Committee on Military Affairs* during that term. Eventually, the Johnsons moved to Brattleboro, where Millard worked for a lumber company. Doris died on July 20, 1966, and Millard died on July 21, 1979, both in Brattleboro. They were buried in Pike Hollow Cemetery in Stratton. Children of Millard and Doris:

- 1) (a son), born August 10, 1924, at Stratton, Vermont; died the same day.
- 2) Barbara Eddy, born September 3, 1925, at West Wardsboro, Vermont; died June 6, 1979, at Brattleboro, Vermont; married Robert Dennis.
- 3) Stuart Hermon, born January 19, 1928, at Stratton, Vermont; died July 13, 1986; married Beatrice Perkins.
- 4) Marjorie Elizabeth, born February 7, 1929, at Stratton, Vermont; died July 4, 1997, at Brattleboro, Vermont; married
  - 1) Daniel Sullivan in Mexico
  - 2) Guy Theriault in Maine.
- 5) Hermon Elmer, born September 28, 1930, at Jamaica, Vermont; died March 6, 1987; married Sally Ann Ross.

Additional Sources:

Notes of Betty (Johnson) Theriault

**George H. Johnson** was originally from Dover, Vermont. His wife, Martha, was originally

from Winhall, Vermont. They came to Stratton before 1860, but had moved away before 1870.

Their children were:

- 1) Mira Ella, born August 7, 1860, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 2) George H., born April 25, 1862, at Stratton, Vermont.

**Elisha Johnson**, son of Elisha and Matilda (Gale) Johnson, was born on December 4, 1810. He married Roxanna (?). Elisha died at Stratton on March 10, 1893.

A child of Elisha and Roxanna:

- 1) Rosanna M., born about 1833 at Jamaica, Vermont; died May 28, 1901, at Stratton, Vermont; married John Lackey.

**George Washington Johnson** of Londonderry, Vermont, was born about 1839. He may have been nephew of Elisha Johnson (above). George married Caroline E. Lackey. Caroline was born about 1842 in Hebron, New York and she was probably a daughter of John and Rosanna Lackey of Stratton – and a granddaughter of Elisha Johnson (above).

The Johnsons lived in Winhall, Vermont, before settling in Stratton. George purchased 3L1R in Stratton – the Parson farm - on September 17, 1875 and they settled there. The Johnsons had moved out of Stratton before 1900.

Their children were:

- 1) Elizabeth Belle, born November 13, 1862, at Winhall, Vermont; died

September 21, 1955, at West Brattleboro, Vermont.

- 2) John H., born about 1866.
- 3) Charlie H., born about 1873.
- 4) Hattie E., born about 1874.
- 5) Ora E., born July 12, 1877, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 6) Julius Alfred, born September 19, 1880, at Stratton, Vermont.

**George S. Johnson** was born at Boston, Massachusetts. He married Etta Cora Chamberlain, daughter of August Calvin and Ella Jane (Wilder) Chamberlain, on December 31, 1903. Etta was born on June 8, 1884, at Jamaica, Vermont.

In 1900, Etta was boarding with the Irving Grout family in Stratton. She was probably working for the Grouts at that time - preparing meals, etc. for the lumbermen that worked for the Grouts. George was apparently one of the lumberman who worked at the Grout Job. The Johnsons were no longer in Stratton in 1910.

A child of George and Etta was:

- 1) Beatrice L., born September 29, 1907, at Stratton, Vermont.

**Myrtle Johnson** was born at Winhall, Vermont. She had a daughter, Edna Betsey Johnson, born on September 21, 1892, at Stratton.

**Elisha Johnson**, son of Elisha and Priscilla (Jones) Johnson, was born about 1777. He married Olive Watson (intent published at

Putney, Vermont, on December 23, 1798). Olive was born about 1775.

The Johnsons lived at Putney, Vermont, into the 1830s, then resettled in Jamaica, Vermont. They may have settled in Stratton for a time. If so, they returned to Jamaica.

Olive died at Stratton on September 20, 1846, and she was buried in North Cemetery. Elisha married a second time to Lucinda (?). Elisha died at Jamaica on April 10, 1862.

Children of Elisha and Olive:

- 1) Enoch
- 2) Levi, born about 1800; died February 21, 1887; married Polly Johnson.
- 3) Rebecca, married (?) Bigelow.
- 4) Emma "Amy," born April 26, 1809; died July 22, 1896, at Stratton, Vermont; married James Moran.
- 5) Charles, born about 1811; died September 4, 1881, at Jamaica, Vermont.
- 6) Roxy
- 7) Sarah, born February 3, 1817, at Putney, Vermont; died August 13, 1885, at Stratton, Vermont; married John W. Day on April 17, 1841, at Jamaica, Vermont.

Additional sources:

Notes of Melvin and Sherrill Bourn of Jacksonville, Florida.

**Moses Johnson**, son of Hiram and Susan (Clayton) Johnson, was born on July 24, 1832, in Windham, Vermont. He took the Freeman's oath in Stratton in September, 1853, but apparently

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left town and was not present for the 1860 census. He returned to Stratton shortly thereafter.

Moses' wife, Mary E., was born on June 19, 1839. Mary died on November 1, 1863. Nine days later, their two-year-old daughter passed away, while their newborn lived another two years. Between 1863 and 1867, Moses had lost his wife and three young children.

Moses resettled in Jamaica, Vermont, and remarried to Adda Landers. He died there on October 20, 1914, and he was buried in West Jamaica.

Children of Moses and Mary:

- 1) Lizzie G., born January 6, 1859, died October 20, 1867.
- 2) Cora E., born in September, 1861; died November 10, 1863.
- 3) Willie, born March 1, 1863; died November 22, 1865.

A child of Moses and Adda was:

- 4) Cora Ella, married Douglas H. Forrester.

**Julia A. Johnson** was born about 1871. In 1880, at the age of 9, she was living in Stratton with Orrin and Mary Eddy and James and Emma Moran, who were all apparently Julia's relatives.

**Anna Johnson** was living in Stratton about 1930 and working at camp #4 a lumber operation on the *County Rd.* in Stratton, located west of North Cemetery. She apparently had a fiancée that died. Anna then became a recluse and took on "Man's work" at the lumber camp.

Additional Sources:

Notes of Elizabeth (Hurd) Greene

## Jones

Many of the Jones families of Stratton were descendants of John Jones -- Wardsboro, Vermont's second settler. John was born on March 23, 1744, a son of Elder Abraham Jones and his wife, Keziah Whitney, of Milford, Massachusetts. John married Abigail Cheney, daughter of William, Jr. and Joanna (Thayer) Cheney, on December 9, 1762. Their son, Asa, of whom several of Stratton's Joneses were descended, was born on November 20, 1763, and married Hannah Nelson on February 13, 1783. John and Abigail's other sons were: John, Jr., Abraham, David Cheney, Joseph and Benjamin.

Additional Sources:

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Wardsboro, Vermont  
by CS Streeter

**William Sullivan Jones** leased the west half of 8L2R in Stratton on August 23, 1830. He resided in Stratton before that sale, but he was not recorded in the town's 1830 census. No other record of William exists in Stratton.

**Nathaniel Jones**, son of Asa and Hannah (Nelson) Jones, was born on February 4, 1787, at Wardsboro, Vermont. He married Sarah S. Babcock, daughter of Robert and Sarah (Peters) Babcock. She was born at either Cambridge, Massachusetts, or Shushan, New York, on September 6, 1804.

The Jones family settled in Dover, Vermont, by 1834, and they were still called of Dover in 1844. Nathaniel evidently never lived in Stratton; however, he did purchase the west half of 4L3R in October, 1844, then mortgaged it, but sold it back in March, 1845. This was the old Phillips farm located at the corner of what is now the *West Jamaica Rd.* and *Ball Farm Rd.*. Sarah died at Stratton on March 5, 1896. Her funeral was held at the home of her daughter, Sylvia Eager, where she had died. Sarah was buried in Ball Cemetery.

Children of Nathaniel and Sarah:

- 1) Sylvia, married (?) Eager (lived at Stratton).
- 2) Silas L., born April 8, 1834; died November 15, 1863, at Stratton, Vermont; married Marena Moon.
- 3) Jesse C., born in 1836; died June 4, 1918, at East Jamaica, Vermont; married Sarah E. Crowningshield on February 25, 1857, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 4) Emery S., born in 1847 at Dover, Vermont; died in 1928 (buried in Cambridgeport, Vermont); married Hattie A. Moran on December 24, 1868, at Wardsboro, Vermont (Emery served during the Civil War in Co. I of the 8th VT Reg.).
- 5) Sidney H., married Mariah L. Chase.

**Silas L. Jones**, son of Nathaniel<sup>1</sup> and Sarah Jones, was born at Dover, Vermont, on April 8,

1834. In 1852, he was living with Benjamin Moon and attending school in Stratton in district #2.

Silas married Marena Moon, daughter of Benjamin and Betsey Moon on June 13, 1851, at Newfane, Vermont. Marena was born on March 10, 1830, at Stratton.

Marena had purchased her father's lands in Stratton, including the west half of 3L3R, 17 acres of 4L3R, and the west half of 7L4R in 1851. The Joneses evidently resided on the 17-acre lot, where Marena's parents had previously lived. Silas's grandfather, Robert Babcock, was living there with them in 1859, aged 104.

Silas took the Freeman's oath in Stratton in September, 1856. He died on November 15, 1863, of typhoid fever. Melvin Knowlton, executor of the will, sold Silas's land back to Benjamin Moon. Following Silas's death, Marena lived in the old Phillip's farmhouse. This house was located at the corner of what is now the *West Jamaica Rd.* and *Ball Farm Rd.*. Silas's father had owned this farm in 1844. The 1869 Beer's Atlas shows Marena (Mrs. Jones) living on this lot. On December 25, 1871, Marena married Edward A. Ball, and they continued to live on this same farm. Edward is the gentleman from whom the farm, road and cemetery took their names.

Silas and Marena's five children:

- 1) Walter Judson, born May 24, 1856, at Stratton, Vermont; died September 5, 1863, at

Stratton, Vermont (of diphtheria).

- 2) Lillia L., born February 25, 1863, at Stratton, Vermont; died December 23, 1883, at Stratton, Vermont; married Edward N. Magoon.
- 3) Christiana (attended Stratton's school #4 in 1867).
- 4) Frederick L. (attended Stratton school #2 in 1865 and took the Freeman's oath in Stratton in 1876).
- 5) Wills (attended Stratton school #2 in 1865).

Notes:

- 1) Silas's death record states that his parents were Emery and Sarah Jones, however, additional evidence indicates that Nathaniel and Sarah (Babcock) Jones were his actual parents – perhaps he was adopted by the other family.

**Jesse C. Jones**, son of Nathaniel and Sarah Jones, was born in 1836. In 1854, Jesse was living with George Hartwell on what is now *Willis Cemetery Rd.* and attending school in Stratton. Jesse married Sarah E. Crowningshield, daughter of William and Tirzah Crowningshield, on February 25, 1857, at Stratton. Sarah was born on April 5, 1830.

During the Civil War, Jesse enlisted on June 16, 1862, and he mustered into Company K of the Vermont 9th Regiment, on August 16, 1862. Jesse was reported as absent without leave for a long time, but he was found to be in a hospital. He returned to his company and he mustered out of the service on June 13, 1865.

The Joneses lived in Stratton along the *Stratton-Arlington Rd.*,

at first they apparently resided at the old Fuller place on 4L5R in 1869, not long after that time, they settled into a new house probably on 3L5R on the south side of the *Stratton-Arlington Rd.*

Sarah died at Stratton on November 15, 1892. Following her death, Jesse boarded with Abigail Sheldon and Hannah Sprague, two widowed sisters.

At some point probably after Sarah's death, Jesse lived with his daughter, Sarah Allen. At that time, he managed Wardsboro Station - the West River Rail Road station that was located in East Jamaica, Vermont.

Jesse died on June 4, 1918. Sarah and Jesse were buried in Ball Cemetery.

Children of Jessie and Sarah:

- 1) Everette M., born in October, 1857, at Wardsboro, Vermont; died November 13, 1875, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 2) Sarah Sophia, born in March, 1860; married 1) Franklin C. Hall 2) Norman Densmore Allen.
- 3) Willie C., born December 12, 1861, died May 21, 1862, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 4) Hattie Bell, born September 7, 1867, at Stratton, Vermont; died in 1933; married 1) Orlin Atwood on May 26, 1883, at Dover, Vermont 2) Frank Gonyer on December 2, 1900, at Stratton, Vermont.

**Sidney H. Jones**, son of Nathaniel and Sarah Jones, of Dover, Vermont, married Mariah L. Chase of Jamaica, Vermont.

The Joneses first lived at Windham, Vermont, then settled in Stratton sometime before 1876. They moved back to Windham by 1880.

Their children were:

- 1) Mason Henry, born in November, 1863; died February 10, 1931, at Jamaica, Vermont; married Mattie C. Harris about 1895.
- 2) Alanson, born in August, 1864, at Windham, Vermont; died December 14, 1885, at Stratton, Vermont (accidental shooting).
- 3) Dennis, married Ella Chase.
- 4) Sidney, Jr., married Addie Densmore.
- 5) Ellen
- 6) Welthy Ann, born in 1874, at Windham, Vermont; died in 1964; married Harry Clough.
- 7) Luthera Amanda, born July 31, 1876; died September 5, 1879, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 8) Mary Etta, born July 12, 1878, at Stratton, Vermont; died December 3, 1958; married George N. Eager.
- 9) Effee, born in 1884 at Windham, Vermont; died in 1957; married 1) Ernest Brazer 2) Merrick N. Underwood.

**Alanson Jones**, son of Sidney and Mariah Jones, was born in August, 1864, at Windham, Vermont. While out hunting in Stratton, Alanson accidentally shot and killed himself on December 14, 1885.

**Mason Henry Jones**, son of Sidney and Mariah (Chase) Jones, was born on November 6, 1863. "Mate" Jones lived in Jamaica, in the Pike's Falls area, where he operated a fern export business. Mate hired people to collect ferns. He then boxed these plants and shipped them to distributors in Boston and New York.

Mate married Mattie C. Harris about 1895. In 1900, Mattie's brother, Edmond S. Harris (born Nov., 1874) was boarding with the Jones family.

Mate died on February 10, 1931, at Jamaica, Vermont.

Children of Mate and Mattie:

- 1) Chester H., born March 25, 1896; married Florence (Chamberlain) Clough on December 27, 1920, at Jamaica, Vermont.
- 2) Irene M., born March 14, 1898; married Raymond Styles.
- 3) Lester M., born February 18, 1901.
- 4) Leonard E., born May 24, 1904; died February 10, 1934, at Jamaica, Vermont.
- 5) Ruth M., born August 3, 1912; married Charles Hamilton.
- 6) Esther C., born May 24, 1915; died in 1996; married Dwight Dodge.
- 7) Leo A., born September 5, 1917.

**Selina Jones** was born in 1836. She was living with the family of Melvin and Marcelina Knowlton in 1860.

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**Nelson Bishop Jones** of Wardsboro, Vermont, was very likely a son or grandson of Asa and Hannah (Nelson) Jones of Wardsboro. He married Lucy Glazier, daughter of John and Dorothy Glazier, on January 17, 1827, at Stratton. The Joneses settled in Stratton, living on John Glazier's farm, located on *Shepardson Rd.*. This farm was previously owned by Jacob Batchellor (see E. Grout on Beer's Atlas of 1869).

Nelson took the Freeman's oath in Stratton on September 7, 1828. In 1830, the Joneses had two sons under the age of five. At that time, a gentleman aged 70 to 80 was also living with them. This may have been Nelson's father.

The Joneses had moved away from Stratton before 1840. Lucy died at West Wilton, New Hampshire, on September 27, 1894.

**Thomas Jones**, son of Aaron and Sybil (Taylor) Jones was born in 1796 in Wardsboro. Thomas resided in Wardsboro as a child, then moved to New York State for three years, returning about 1816. Thomas's first wife was Huldah Dory, daughter of Ellis and Huldah Dory. Huldah died on June 2, 1826, aged 27 and was buried in Fairview Cemetery in Wardsboro. Thomas's second wife was Hannah C. Cushing, daughter of Warren and Abigail Cushing. They were married on August 16, 1831. Hannah died on December 19, 1834, age 38, and

she was buried in the *Newfane Rd. Cemetery* in Wardsboro.

Thomas apparently owned property in Stratton in 1836 – possibly the Guild farm on 3L4R, but it appears that he resided in Wardsboro until 1837, when he lost everything during the depression of that year.

Thomas married Abigail Carter, daughter of Ephraim and Polly Carter (intent published on May 15, 1836, at Stratton). Abigail was his third wife. Following the marriage, the Joneses settled in Stratton. Town meetings were held in their home in 1837.

Thomas was an ensign in the 1st artillery company of the third regiment in the state militia. He was titled "captain" when he married Abigail. In 1840, Abigail was admitted to the Church of Christ in Stratton. The Joneses then settled in Shaftsbury, Vermont, where Thomas died in 1878.

Children of Thomas and Huldah:

- 1) Margaret, married (?) Kimball.
- 2) Elizabeth, married (?) Dexter.

Children of Thomas and Hannah:

- 3) Edward Milton, born in 1832; died in 1905; married Adelia Cranston.
- 4) Thomas, killed in the sinking of his ship in the Civil War.

Children of Thomas and Abigail:

- 5) Horace, married Ruth Hastings.
- 6) Martha, married (?) Tinkham.
- 7) Leander, married Frances Hotchkiss.

8) Helen, married Charles Redfield.

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Return to Yesterday by CS Streeter.

**Jane Jones** married Silas Crosby of Wardsboro, Vermont, on September 3, 1830, at Stratton.

**George H. Jones**, son of William H. Jones, was born in 1816 at Wardsboro, Vermont. George died at Stratton on January 15, 1862, of diphtheria.

**Erastus H. Jones** was possibly a son of Nathaniel and Sarah Jones. He and his wife, Emeryene, lived briefly at Stratton around 1857, but they eventually settled in Wardsboro, Vermont.

During the Civil War, Erastus enlisted on June 16, 1862, and he was placed into Company K of the 8th Vermont Regiment. He died of disease on December 24, 1862, at Chicago, Illinois, and he was buried in the National Cemetery there.

A child of Erastus and Emeryene:

1) William H., born January 8, 1857, at Stratton, Vermont.

**J. Leslie Jones**, son of John and Sophia Jones of Dover, Vermont, was born about 1854. He married Carrie Ward, daughter of Amos and Philena Ward of Jamaica, Vermont, on March 6, 1875, at Stratton. Carrie died at Stratton on March 7, 1884.

**Henry Jones** was a teamster that worked at one of the lumber camps in this area. He lived in

Stratton around 1883 and he also lived in Sunderland, Vermont.

Henry Jones and Cassandra Allen, daughter of Chester and Miranda Allen, had a child:

1) Claude Clinton, born April 10, 1883, at Stratton, Vermont.

**Augustus F. Jones**, son of Frederick and Susan Jones, was born on November 3, 1855. He was a manufacturer of Middle Falls, New York.

Augustus married Mary A. Sprague, daughter of Lyman and Laura Sprague, on June 19, 1886, at Stratton. Mary was born on August 25, 1857.

Augustus died on September 3, 1921, and Mary followed in 1934. They were buried in Ball Cemetery.

## Joslin

**Alexander Joslin** apparently lived on 5L5R in Stratton in 1797. He may have been the same Alexander Joslin, born April 15, 1771, at Sudbury, Massachusetts, a son of Thomas and Mary (Drummond) Joslin, who married Sophia Hallett on August 19, 1792.

Alexander did not own this Stratton lot, but he was called out as a resident of the town in the minutes of the Town Meeting held in March, 1797. Alexander was not mentioned in any other town record, nor was he listed in the 1800 census of Stratton.

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## Joudry

**Hugh Carlyle Joudry** was born at Welland, Ontario, Canada and Jeanne Peck Joudry was born at Buffalo, New York.

The Joudrys came to Stratton in 1968 where they worked as the Fire Lookouts for the State of Vermont, stationed on the summit of Stratton Mountain during the summer months. They continued in this capacity through to 1979. During the winter months, the Joudrys lived in various places including New York, New York, and the Princeton, New Jersey areas. Hugh is a sculptor, a writer and a math teacher. Jeanne has worked as a book designer and she enjoys painting.

In 1996, the Joudrys returned to the summit of Stratton Mountain, where they have been employed by the Green Mountain Club and the U. S. Forest Service as the summit caretakers during the summer months. In 1997, they began spending their winters in Stratton also.

## Joy

**Royal Dire Joy**, son of Obadiah, Jr. and Content (Hovey) Joy, was born at Putney, Vermont, in 1818. He came to Stratton between 1830 and 1840. At the March meeting of 1840, Royal was voted in as a fenceviewer. The census of that year showed a male and female aged 20 to 30 also living with him. The other man was probably married to the woman and it seems likely that this other man was a Moultrip. Royal moved away from Stratton before 1850

and probably had left town much earlier.

Royal married Abigail B. Daby about 1845. Abigail was born at Fitchburg, Massachusetts, in 1827. After the marriage, the Joys settled in Ashburnham, New Hampshire, where Royal worked as a stonemason. In 1851, the Joys had settled in Montgomery, Vermont, and by August, 1853, they were living in Jay, Essex County, New York. Royal passed away at Jay in 1884.

Children of Royal and Abigail:

- 1) Charles Phillip, born July 18, 1846, at Ashburnham, New Hampshire; married 1) Mary Wilkins on April 25, 1869 2) Lydia Sheldrake on October 9, 1879.
- 2) Sarah C., born July 28, 1847; married 1) Luther Wilkins on April 27, 1866 2) Moses Bagshaw.
- 3) Jane M., born August 18, 1849; married C. H. Bromley.
- 4) Royal Waterman, born June 22, 1851, at Montgomery, Vermont; married Eda Murray on June 20, 1870.
- 5) Mary Angeline, born August 15, 1853, at Jay, New York; married William T. Smith on August 18, 1875.
- 6) Rosilla, born November 16, 1854, at Jay, New York; married Enos Saunders on March 4, 1874.
- 7) Willard Albert, born June 21, 1856, at Jay, New York; married Martha Jane Luddy on December 21, 1882.

- 8) Daniel N., born May 2, 1855, at Jay, New York; married Eliza Bushey.
- 9) William G., born December 12, 1859, at Jay, New York; married Mabel Bowen on July 5, 1893.
- 10) John H., born April 25, 1861; killed December 24, 1883, in Kansas.
- 11) Frank H., born June 20, 1863.
- 12) Henry Sherman (twin), born January 1, 1865, at Jay, New York.
- 13) Harriet Cecelia (twin), born January 1, 1865, at Jay, New York; married Fred P. Davis in 1889.
- 14) U. S. Grant, born August 15, 1871, at Jay, New York; married Fannie Smith on March 31, 1892.

Additional Sources:

The Joy Genealogy by Helen Bourne and John Lee (1968)

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### Kelley

According to Esther Swift, author of Vermont Place Names, a man named John Kelley was listed on fourteen of New York's Confirmatory Patents between 1769 and 1775. He was named on Stratton's New York Patent as a grantee under Colonel Edmund Fanning in 1775. Following the American Revolution, John petitioned the Vermont legislature for charters to cover nearly 70,000 acres. According to Swift, this same John had settled in Somerset, Vermont, by 1791 and

she speculated that the Kelley Stand was named for his descendants. This, however, was not the case. The Kelleys of Stratton – the same Kelleys who established the Kelley Stand – were descendants of Richard Kelley of Hopkinton, Massachusetts, through their son William and his wife, Lucy (Corruth) Kelley who had settled in Dummerston, Vermont. William Kelley and Lucy Corruth were married at Shrewsbury, Massachusetts, on October 14, 1772.

Their children included:

- 1) William, born September 15, 1779, at Dummerston, Vermont; died April 2, 1861, at Manchester, Vermont; married Hannah Hubbard on January 12, 1803, at Wardsboro, Vermont.

**William Kelley**, son of William and Lucy Kelley, was born on September 15, 1779, at Dummerston, Vermont. William married Hannah Hubbard on January 12, 1803. Hannah was likely the same Hannah, daughter of Simeon and Lydia (Blodgett) Hubbard, born June 11, 1782, at Brimfield, Massachusetts. This Hubbard family was related to the Blodgett family of Wardsboro and Stratton.

William had settled in Sunderland, Vermont, about 1840, where he was the Inn Keeper at the Kelley Stand – an Inn later kept by his son JW Kelley. William and Hannah lived next door to the Inn.

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Although the Kelleys may have not settle in Stratton, their children did settled there for a brief time. William died on April 2, 1861, at Manchester, Vermont.

William and Hannah's children:

- 1) John William "JW," born September 29, 1820; died May 21, 1890; married Lucy Grout on December 25, 1841, at Stratton.
- 2) Patrick "Henry," born November 18, 1824, at Wardsboro, Vermont; died May 18, 1887, at Manchester, New Hampshire; married Mary Ann Grout.

Their children possibly included:

- 3) Louise, born in 1823; married (?) Glazier.
- 4) Martha A. C., married Adams Allen Grout on May 28, 1844, at Sunderland, Vermont.

**John William Kelley**, son of William and Hannah Kelley, was born on September 29, 1820, in Massachusetts. John, called JW or William, married Lucy Grout, daughter of Joel and Lucy Grout on December 25, 1841, at Stratton. Lucy was born there on August 10, 1823. JW was living in Sunderland at the time of their marriage.

In 1847, the Kelleys lived in Stratton with JW's brother Henry, probably on the northeast quarter of 1L7R. This was located on the south-southwest side of Grout Pond. They also owned the west half of 1L6R. These brothers were lumbermen and probably tried to operate a mill there.

By 1850, the Kelleys had all moved to Sunderland, Vermont. JW's parents apparently had settled there beforehand. The area settled by the Kelleys was a mid-point on the Stratton Turnpike as it crossed Sunderland. There, JW started a lumbering operation and also continued operation of an Inn - the Kelley Stand Hotel. His father, William Kelley, was the Inn Keeper for many years until his death in 1861.

The 1850 census shows that JW, Lucy and their children shared their home with Henry and Mary Ann Kelley and their sister, Louise Kelly, as well as several workers, including Lucy and Mary Ann's brother, Joel Grout, and also Jeremiah Murphy and Thatcher Sprague.

In the late 1850s, the turnpike's toll was abolished, due to the effort of a group of citizens led by JW. JW stood to profit from abolishment of the toll, provided traffic along that route increased without the toll. It also saved him that extra expense for transporting his lumber out of the area. Once the turnpike was abolished, the road became know as the *Kelley Stand Rd.*

JW passed away on May 21, 1890, and Lucy followed on April 14, 1906.

Children of JW and Lucy were:

- 1) John Newton, born May 25, 1843; died November 28, 1916.
- 2) Maria, born January 29, 1846; married RN Bragg.
- 3) Cornellia Elizabeth "Nellie," born May 27, 1847; married

Milton Warner on June 10, 1866.

**Patrick “Henry” Kelley**, son of William and Hannah Kelley, was born on November 18, 1824, at Wardsboro, Vermont. Henry, as he was called, took the Freeman’s oath in Stratton on November 12, 1844, and he was living in Stratton in 1847, probably on the northeast quarter of 1L7R with his brother, John William Kelley. This lot was located south-southwest of Grout Pond.

Henry Kelley was seen as H. Kelley in some records. He married Mary Ann Grout, daughter of Joel and Lucy Grout about 1845. Mary Ann was born on May 17, 1820, at Stratton - a sister of Lucy (Grout) Kelley, wife of John William Kelley.

Henry and Mary Ann moved to Sunderland with the rest of the Kelley family before 1850. That year’s census shows them residing with JW Kelly’s family, and it calls Henry a stage driver. He evidently drove the stage across the Stratton Turnpike, probably carrying mail and passengers between West Wardsboro and Arlington (as did Henry Waite in later years).

The Kelleys eventually settled in Manchester, New Hampshire. Henry died there on May 18, 1887, and Mary Ann followed on March 22, 1891.

Their children were:

- 1) Ethelbert Herman, born in 1854
- 2) Edith Marion, born June 20, 1856 (*she wrote that she was born at the Kelly Stand in 1856 and her Uncle*

*William (J.W. Kelley) was running it at the time; and that her grandfather Kelley lived there before Uncle William took charge); died January 23, 1936, at Center Sandwich, New Hampshire; married John Titus Beach on May 29, 1876.*

Additional Sources:

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Notes of Joan Beach Little

**Samuel Kelley**, son of William and Mary (Russell) Kelley of Dummerston, Vermont, was born in March, 1760. He was likely related to the above Kelley family.

Samuel married Rebeccah Choate, daughter of Stephen and Bathsheba (Newton) Choate on May 17, 1785. Rebeccah was born on November 20, 1763, at Shrewsbury, Massachusetts, and she died on February 1, 1792, at Dummerston. Samuel then married her sister, Eunice, on September 25, 1792. Eunice was born at Winchedon, Massachusetts, on April 13, 1768.

The Kelleys never settled in Stratton, but several of their children eventually resided in town. Samuel moved his family to Wardsboro, Vermont soon after his second marriage. He died at Wardsboro in June, 1814.

Children of Samuel and Rebeccah:

- 1) Bela, born March 12, 1786, at Dummerston, Vermont; married Betsey Randall on March 7, 1810, at Stratton.
- 2) Richard, born November 5, 1787, at Dummerston, Vermont (he lived in Stratton in 1811).



**Hannah and William Kelley**

Photo courtesy of Joan Beach Little



**John William Kelley  
and wife, Lucy (Grout) Kelley**

Photo courtesy of Joan Beach Little



**Patrick Henry Kelley  
(1824 – 1887)**

Photo courtesy of Joan Beach Little



**Mary Ann (Grout) Kelley  
(1820 – 1891)**

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- 3) Eunice, born December 25, 1789, at Dummerston, Vermont; married Matthew Randall on August 18, 1811, at Stratton (They had a son, Richard Kelley Randall).
- 4) Francis "Fanny", born December 29, 1791 (of Newton, Massachusetts) married (?) Pixley of Somerset (*the Kelleys may have been related to Daniel Kelley of Newton. Note that John Kelley named his son, John "Newton" Kelley -- see below.*)

Children of Samuel and Eunice:

- 5) Harriet Ashley, born October 30, 1794, at Wardsboro, Vermont; died February 8, 1861; married George Soule on February 23, 1823, at Wardsboro, Vermont.
- 6) Austin, born July 28, 1796, at Wardsboro, Vermont.
- 7) Uriah, Born September 15, 1799, at Wardsboro, Vermont.
- 8) Benjamin Franklin, born April 1, 1806, at Wardsboro, Vermont; died January 30, 1896; married 1) Puah Chamberlain on June 25, 1827 2) Sarah S. Eager on June 25, 1845, at Wardsboro, Vermont.

## Kenny

**Walter Kenny** was born about 1886 in Rhode Island. In 1920, he was a lumberman, working in Stratton and living in the boarding house at the Grout Job.

## Kent

**William P. Kent**, son of James and Lucy Kent, was born at Pelham, New Hampshire, on June 5, 1816. William was a doctor

who settled in Stratton during the 1870s. In 1880, he was living alone. William died at Stratton on July 18, 1889.

One of William's children may have been:

- 1) Martha A., born in July, 1857; married George Baybrook on March 11, 1878, at Stratton.

**Joel Kent** was a resident of Stratton in the 1960s. The Kent family owned land in Stratton for many years in the northeast corner of town. Joel resettled in Jamaica, Vermont.

## Kidder

**Francis Kidder, Jr.**, son of Francis and Elizabeth Kidder, was born at Sutton, Massachusetts, on February 6, 1743. Francis married Mary Chase on April 21, 1763, at Sutton.

Francis served during the American Revolution as a Private in Captain Ebenezer Goodall's Company of minutemen in Colonel Woodbridge's Regiment, responding to the Lexington alarm of April 19, 1775.

Several years after the war, Francis and Mary settled in Stratton. On November 1, 1786, Francis and Jonathan Trask, both of Sutton, purchased 10L1R in Stratton and the following year, the lot was split between them; east to Kidder, west to Trask. On November 15, 1792, Francis sold this lot and part of 9L1R to his son Abel. At that point, Abel became head of the household while Francis and Mary remained in their home. It appears that

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Abel built a second dwelling on this lot for his own family. Francis and Mary may have resided with their son, Francis' family for a time in Winhall, Vermont, since in 1797, Francis, Sr., called Captain Francis Kidder, organized Winhall's first militia company. By the time the census of 1800 was taken, Francis and Mary again were living in Stratton, alone in their home.

On August 17, 1801, Francis was among the charter members of the Church of Christ in Stratton. He was appointed as one of the two first deacons of that Church. Mary was taken into the church on October 17, 1801. In 1810, they apparently were living with their son, Abel. Mary died there on September 18 (or 19), 1813, and Francis died on February 4, 1814.

Children of Francis and Mary:

- 1) Francis, born February 6, 1764, at Sutton, Massachusetts; died July 25, 1841, at Winhall, Vermont; married Sarah Holman on January 30, 1788, at Sutton, Massachusetts.
- 2) Abel, born April 29, 1766, at Sutton, Massachusetts; died on November 19, 1831, at Stratton, Vermont; married 1) Mary Chase on January 23, 1793, at Sutton, Massachusetts  
2) Sarah Sprague on May 24, 1819, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 3) Ashbel, baptized August 13, 1769, at Sutton, Massachusetts; died August 27, 1823, at Boston, Massachusetts; married

Miriam Taylor on September 10, 1797, at Southboro, Massachusetts.

- 4) Mary (Polly), born March 17, 1771, at Sutton, Massachusetts; married Elihu Ewers on February 11, 1798.
- 5) Elizabeth (Betsey), born February 17, 1773, at Sutton, Massachusetts; died May 8, 1855, at Greenfield, Massachusetts; married Levi Stone on January 14, 1796, at Sutton, Massachusetts.
- 6) Emma (or Amy), baptized June 25, 1775, at Sutton, Massachusetts; died October 6, 1860, at Winhall, Vermont; married Silas Wilder.
- 7) Enoch, baptized May 30, 1779, at Sutton, Massachusetts.
- 8) Thomas, born November 13, 1780, at Sutton, Massachusetts.
- 9) Nancy, baptized July 11, 1784, at Sutton, Massachusetts.

**Francis Kidder**, son of Francis and Mary Kidder, was born on February 6, 1764, at Sutton, Massachusetts. He married Sarah Holman, daughter of Elisha and Jerusha (Snow) Holman, on January 30, 1788, at Sutton. Sarah was born there on March 9, 1768.

Francis Kidder was a farmer who came to Vermont about the same time as his parents. The Kidders may have settled in Stratton briefly, but eventually located in Wardsboro, then Windham, Vermont, before 1800, and at some point resettled in Winhall, Vermont. They were

recommended to the church at Windham, Vermont, on June 12, 1797.

Francis died in Winhall on July 25, 1841. Sarah evidently moved to Stratton, following Francis's death, where she lived with relatives. She died there on February 29, 1844, and she was buried in North Cemetery.

Children of Francis and Sarah:

- 1) Sally, born January 14, 1789, at Wardsboro, Vermont; died September 22, 1841, at Winhall, Vermont.
- 2) Cynthia, born May 14, 1790, at Wardsboro, Vermont; died young.
- 3) Matilda, born September 14, 1792, at Wardsboro, Vermont.
- 4) Polly, born March 13, 1794, at Wardsboro, Vermont; married Francis Burbank on October 14, 1815, at Wardsboro, Vermont.
- 5) Fanny, born February 22, 1798, at Wardsboro, Vermont; died December 8, 1851, at Jamaica, Vermont; married Samuel Martin in February, 1827.
- 6) Varanus, born August 12, 1800; died January 31, 1847.
- 7) Child, born July 31, 1801.
- 8) Francis, born November 2, 1803.
- 9) Abel, born May 15, 1806.
- 10) Matilda, born July 22, 1808; died April 20, 1854; married Hiram L. Porter on February 4, 1838.
- 11) Elisha, born September 14, 1813; died April 28, 1815.

**Abel Kidder**, son of Francis and Mary Kidder, was born on April 29, 1766, at Sutton, Massachusetts. On November 15, 1792, Abel purchased his parents' farm on 10L1R and part of 9L1R. At that point, Abel became head of the household while his parents continued to live there. By 1800, Abel had built a home on this lot, separate from his parents' home. This house still exists at the sharp bend of *County Rd.* on the south side of the road.

Abel married his cousin, Mary Chase, daughter of Thomas and Deborah Chase, on January 23, 1793, at Sutton, and brought her back to his farm in Stratton. Mary was born on March 7, 1769, at Warwick, Massachusetts.

The Kidders were charter members of the Church of Christ in Stratton, which was formed on August 17, 1801. In October, their three children were baptized into the church. Church services and meetings were often held in their home.

Mary died at Stratton on July 29, 1818. Abel then married the widow Sarah Sprague on May 24, 1819. Sarah was the widow of Isaac Sprague and daughter of Rev. Eliphalet and Hannah (Marsh) Wright, and she was born on March 7, 1766, at Killingly, Connecticut. Sarah had been a member of the Church in Winhall, then removed her church relation from Winhall to the Church of Christ in Stratton and she was received by the Church on June 3, 1821. On June 3, 1822,

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Abel was made a Deacon of the Church.

Abel acquired pieces of other lots in Stratton over the years. In deeds made in 1826, Abel made the following arrangements with his sons: In the first deed: Abel signed over "to his beloved son Ashbel Kidder for the good cause of supporting and maintaining he and his wife," Abel's goods, chattels, plate jewels, leases and personal estate, whatsoever, except his library and half the household furniture. In the second deed: his son, Ira, who lived at Winhall signed an agreement with his father in exchange for 100 dollars, two milking cows one bed and bedding, Ira would support his sister Emma Kidder, who was evidently epileptic. Two years later, Ira reneged on his commitment and so Abel made arrangements with his son-in-law, Ezekiel Estabrook, to care for Emma. A third deed turned over all of the farm to Ashbel except for a two-acre lot located on the road to Tyler Waite's home (*County Rd.*). Abel's home was located on this two-acre parcel.

Abel was listed in Stratton's 1830 census as Abiel Kidder. He died at Stratton on November 19, 1831. After Abel's death, Sarah apparently lived with Abel's son, Ashbel Kidder. Sarah died on February 29, 1844, and she was buried in North Cemetery.

Children of Abel and Mary were:

- 1) Ira, born October 5, 1793, at Stratton, Vermont; died in

1838; married Philena Sprague.

- 2) Ashbel, born December 28, 1795, at Stratton, Vermont; married Mary Sprague (intent published on December 22, 1822, at Stratton, Vermont).
- 3) (a son), born March 10, 1798, at Stratton, Vermont; died August 23, 1798, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 4) Maria, born September 26, 1799, at Stratton, Vermont; married Jonathan Phillips on December 3, 1818.
- 5) Marena, born July 23, 1802, at Stratton, Vermont (baptized in Stratton on July 17, 1803); married Jonas Hale on April 12, 1827, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 6) Abel Chase, born February 12, 1805, at Stratton, Vermont (baptized in Stratton on July 20, 1805).
- 7) Betsey Bancroft, born August 18, 1807, at Stratton, Vermont (baptized in Stratton on October 23, 1807); died on August 5, 1867; married Ezekiel Estabrook (intent published on December 2, 1827, at Stratton, Vermont).
- 8) Emma Wilder, born March 12, 1810, at Stratton, Vermont (baptized in Stratton on March 30, 1810) (She apparently suffered from epilepsy and had to be cared for by various family members, including her brother Ira and later her sister, Betsey).
- 9) Calvin William, born July 21, 1818, at Stratton, Vermont

(baptized in Stratton on July 26, 1818).

**Ira Kidder**, son of Abel and Mary Kidder, was born on October 5, 1793, at Stratton. He married Philena Sprague, daughter of Isaac and Sarah Sprague. Philena was born August 15, 1799, probably in Winhall, Vermont.

Ira took the Freeman's oath in Stratton on September 2, 1817. He and his brother, Ashbel, purchased the east half of 9L1R in Stratton in 1819 and in 1822, Ira sold his half to Ashbel.

Ira and Philena were active members of the Church of Christ in Stratton. Ira was baptized into this church in October, 1801, and admitted to the church on August 26, 1821. He was elected as the Church Clerk in 1822, serving until 1824. While in Stratton, Ira cared for his sister, Emma, who probably suffered from epilepsy. The Kidders removed to Illinois about 1825, where Philena passed away. Ira died in 1838.

Children of Ira and Philena were:

- 1) Nahum Gould, baptized in Stratton on March 6, 1825.
- 2) Sidney, born in 1834; died in 1885; married Evelyn A. Robinson.

**Ashbel Kidder**, son of Abel and Mary Kidder, was born on December 28, 1795, at Stratton and grew up there. In 1819, he and his brother, Ira, purchased the east half of 9L1R in Stratton and in 1822, Ira sold his half to Ashbel.

Ashbel married Mary Sprague, daughter of Isaac and Sarah Sprague, on December 24, 1822, at Stratton. Mary was born on July 29, 1806, and she was accepted into the Church of Christ in Stratton, on March 6, 1825. The Kidders apparently live with Ashbel's parents on 10L1R.

In 1826, Ashbel made the following arrangement with his father, Abel. Abel signed over "to his beloved son Ashbel Kidder for the good cause of supporting and maintaining he and his wife," Abel's goods, chattels, plate jewels, leases and personal estate, whatsoever, except his library and half the household furniture.

In 1840, besides their immediate family, the Kidders had Mary's mother, Sarah Kidder, (who was also Ashbel's step-mother) living with them. Also, Ashbel's youngest brother, Calvin was living in their home. By 1850, Sarah had died and Calvin had moved away. On June 4, 1854, the Church agreed to give Mary a letter of dismissal and recommendation to the Church of Christ in Granville, Illinois, and the Kidders subsequently resettled there.

Ashbel died in Illinois and Mary returned to Stratton. She remarried to Tyler Waite on October 10, 1877, at Stratton. Following Tyler Waite's death in 1887, she returned to Illinois and died on February 8, 1888. Two of the Kidder children that had died at a young age were buried in North Cemetery.

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Children of Ashbel and Mary:

- 1) Perlina, born September 14, 1823, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 2) Vernela, born October 11, 1824, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 3) Ezra, born April 27, 1827, at Stratton, Vermont; died May 20, 1842.
- 4) Mary, born November 3, 1828, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 5) Wright, born October 6, 1831, at Stratton, Vermont; died October 13, 1833, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 6) Willard, born in 1833.
- 7) Wright, born in 1835
- 8) Baxter, born in 1837.
- 9) Philena, born in 1839.
- 10) Evalina, born in 1846.

**Calvin William Kidder**, son of Abel and Mary Kidder, was born on July 21, 1818, at Stratton. He was baptized into the Church of Christ in Stratton on July 26, 1818. Calvin was said to be of Stratton in April, 1845, when he gave a mortgage to James and Isaac Sprague.

**Frank Brooks Kidder**, son of Henry and Marietta Kidder of Wardsboro, Vermont, was born there on April 29, 1863. Frank married Edith A. Pike, daughter of Abel and Isabel Pike, on April 21, 1894, at Stratton. Edith was born there on December 3, 1870.

Edith had suffered an attack of La Grippe (influenza) during the winter of 1893/4, of which she never quite recovered. Despite the fact that she was very ill, Edith and Frank were married. She died on April 30, 1894, just three

weeks after the wedding. Frank was living at Stratton before the marriage and he was a foreman as listed on the wedding certificate. Frank later married Bertha E. Kidder on October 28, 1918, at Worcester, Massachusetts, and they lived in Wardsboro.

**H. E. Kidder Jr.**, son of Henry and Marietta Kidder of Wardsboro, was born in October, 1864. He married Mary E. Gould in 1884/5 and apparently settled in Stratton after the marriage. Mary was born in August, 1864. In 1900, the Kidders had two boarders in their home, Edward W. Starr (born in November, 1874) and R. N. Dean (born in August, 1875, in Massachusetts).

Children of H.E. and Mary were:

- 1) Alice M., born in December, 1885, at South Wardsboro; married Robert H. Dean on October 3, 1900, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 2) Edwin H., born in April, 1887.

## Kimball

**Asahel Kimball** resided within Stratton Gore in 1799. At that time, he signed a petition requesting the annexation of Stratton Gore by Stratton. In 1800, Asahel had apparently resettled in Newfane, Vermont. He continued to purchase land in Stratton after that time, but apparently never returned to live in Stratton.

## King

**Henry King** resided in Wilmington, Vermont, before

settling in Somerset, Vermont. Henry's wife, Sarah, purchased 75 acres and a house from Jotham Pike on November 21, 1853. The Kings settled on this lot at that time. This lot was located along the western end of *Pike Hollow Rd.*, in the Somerset Annex, which became part of Stratton in 1858. The house stood where D.R. Holton's home is today. The old house burned at some point in the 1930s or so, and a smaller cabin was built in its place.

In 1855, a child of Henry and Sarah (E. King) attended school in Stratton. The Kings sold their land in Stratton and left town before 1860.

**Andrew Willis King** was born on April 22, 1914. He settled in Stratton and bought a house on *Pike Hollow Rd.*, that was built by A. H. Pike. This house is currently owned by the Marcuccis.

Andy was Stratton's Town Clerk from 1973 to 1991. He also owned Two Tannery Rd., a restaurant and lodge in Dover, Vermont.

Andy passed away on March 1, 1992, and he was buried in Willis Cemetery.

## Kingsbury

**William Kingsbury**, a farmer and musician, married Etta Sturvesant who was born in Athol, Massachusetts. They settled in Stratton about 1890.

A child of William and Etta was:

- 1) George L., born October 4, 1892, at Stratton, Vermont;

died January 14, 1893, at Stratton, Vermont.

## Knapp

**Hiram J. Knapp**, the son of Cyrus and Thankful Knapp, was born on February 7, 1803, at Dover, Vermont. Hiram married Elvira Stearns, daughter of Jonas Stearns, on October 21, 1828, at Marlboro, Vermont. Elvira was born on September 10, 1804, at Marlboro.

The Knapps first lived at Newfane, Vermont, then in Somerset, Vermont, before they finally resettled in Stratton in 1846. On March 27, 1846, Hiram purchased the south half of 6L3R. The Knapp farm was located northeast of *Shepardson Rd.*<sup>1</sup>

On December 26, 1848, Hiram and Elvira were received by letter as members of the Church of Christ in Stratton from the Congregational Church in Marlboro. Evidently, Hiram and Elvira had a falling out and separated sometime around 1858. The Church Clerk recorded "*The church met according to agreement to see what church would do with Mr. Hiram Knapp and wife, they having separated and do not live together as man and wife.*" "*Mr. and Mrs. Knapp both asked for dismissal from the church.*" "*The Church voted to dismiss them from the church. Therefore the church will be no more accountable for their misconduct.*"

Hiram died shortly after this ordeal. His gravestone states that he died on September 18, 1858;

although, he probably died in 1859. Hiram was buried in Ball Cemetery.

On June 21, 1868, Elvira was accepted back into Stratton's Congregational Church. By 1869, Elvira had moved nearer to her daughter, Phidora, wife of Isaac Sprague. Elvira lived there alone. She died on March 14, 1880, and she was buried beside Hiram in Ball Cemetery.

Their children were:

- 1) Polly Phidora Graves, born in 1831 at Somerset, Vermont; married Isaac Sprague on July 8, 1848, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 2) Carlos Boardman Sanford, born in 1832 at Somerset, Vermont; died September 10, 1897, at Edmonds, Washington; married Jane Allen.
- 3) Cyrus Hiram Pitman, born December 24, 1833, at Somerset, Vermont; died October 22, 1863, at Stratton, Vermont; married 1) Mary Adela Needham on October 27, 1858, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 4) Squire Henry Elliott, born October 29, 1835, at Newfane, Vermont; died January 11, 1904, at Norton, Kansas; married 1) Eleanor Fox Hall on March 1, 1855, at Stratton, Vermont 2) Mary Sardison Pettis in 1892.
- 5) Enos Lyman Kimball, born on November 5, 1837, at Somerset, Vermont; died October 9, 1904, at Seattle, Washington; married Martha

A. Severance on January 23, 1865, at Washington, D.C..

- 6) Asapha Steven Preston, born September 4, 1839, at Somerset, Vermont; died March 2, 1908; married Emma Lee Perry on February 11, 1865, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 7) Joseph Daniel Velasco, born January 5, 1842, at Somerset, Vermont; died July 4, 1930, at Anacortes, Washington; married Caroline Medbury in Roscoe, Ohio, in 1871.
- 8) Indiana Elvira Violet (Jennie), born July 28, 1844, at Somerset, Vermont (became a member of the Church of Christ in Stratton on June 21, 1868).
- 9) Elcina M. Arenavilla, born June 25, 1846 (became a member of the Church of Christ in Stratton on June 21, 1868); died January 29, 1933, at Whitingham, Vermont; married Cheselton J. Allen.

Notes:

- 1) In 1856, McClellan's map shows a farm occupied by S. Knapp just off of *Shepardson Rd.*. On the 1869 Beers Atlas, this farm was occupied by N. W. Mason. H. Knapp owned a farm nearby on the *West Jamaica Rd.*. It is possible that both S. Knapp and H. Knapp were the same person, Squire "Henry" Elliott Knapp, Hiram and Elvira's son, or it may be that S. Knapp was A. Stephen Preston Knapp who later owned this house or perhaps his brother CBS Knapp, all sons of Hiram and Elvira Knapp.



**Hiram J. Knapp**  
(1803 - 1858)

Photo courtesy of William G. Knapp of  
Seattle, Washington



**Elvira (Stearns) Knapp**  
(1804 - 1880)

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Seattle, Washington



**Lyman Knapp**  
(1837 - 1904)

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Seattle, Washington



**Velasco Knapp**  
(1842 - 1930)

Photo courtesy of William G. Knapp of  
Seattle, Washington

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**Squire Henry Knapp  
(1835 - 1904)**

Photo courtesy of William G. Knapp of  
Seattle, Washington



**Asaph Steven Preston Knapp**

Photo courtesy of William G. Knapp of  
Seattle, Washington



**Carlos B. S. Knapp and Jane  
(Allen) Knapp with daughter,  
Clara**

Photo courtesy of William G. Knapp of  
Seattle, Washington



**Cyrus Hiram Pitman Knapp  
(1833 - 1863)**

Photo courtesy of William G. Knapp of  
Seattle, Washington

**Carlos Boardman Sanford Knapp**, son of Hiram and Elvira Knapp, was born in 1832 at Somerset, Vermont. He moved with his family to Stratton in 1846 and there married Jane Allen, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Hill) Allen. Jane was born on October 9, 1836. Carlos purchased 39 acres of 1L7R from his future father-in-law on August 5, 1852.

Carlos worked as a carpenter and joiner while he lived in Stratton. He took the Freeman's oath in September, 1853.

Carlos and Jane had their first child while they still lived in Stratton; however, in 1856, they packed their belongings and headed west. The Knapps first settled in Illinois and remained there until about 1877. That year, they moved to Kansas, making the trip in a covered wagon. The Knapps settled in Osborne, Kansas, where William Allen, Jane's brother, lived. There, they built a sod house. Carlos was a carpenter and helped to build the Congregational Church in Osborne, donating the bell tower as a gift.

In 1890, The Knapps moved to Edmonds, Washington, and built their home there. Carlos became the postmaster of Edmonds. He died there on September 10, 1897, and Jane died on January 21, 1901.

Children of Carlos and Jane were:

- 1) Clara, born February 7, 1856, at Stratton, Vermont; died January 28, 1923, at Shelton,

Washington; married John Hull.

- 2) Byron, born August 2, 1857, at Mt. Palatine, Illinois; died October 5, 1857.
- 3) Jessie, born September 8, 1858, at Granville, Illinois; married Joy (?).
- 4) Frank Lewis, born July 27, 1860, at Granville, Illinois; died March 18, 1863.
- 5) Charles Frederick, born March 9, 1862, at Granville, Illinois; died March 26, 1933; married Eva Teressa Babcock in 1885.
- 6) Mary Ella, born December 21, 1864, at Granville, Illinois; died June 20, 1950; married Clarence Coates in Kansas.
- 7) Walter Judson, born April 30, 1867, at Granville, Illinois; died June 24, 1952; married 1) Gertrude Craig on April 30, 1890 2) Catherine Mae Rochford.

**Squire Henry Elliott Knapp**, son of Hiram and Elvira Knapp, was born on October 29, 1835, at Newfane, Vermont. He went by the name of Henry.

Henry came to Stratton with his parents in 1846 and married Eleanor Fox Hall there on March 1, 1855. Eleanor was born on September 30, 1835, at Stratton, and she was the daughter of Elsa Cummings. In 1850, Eleanor had been living in the home of Isaac Shepardson and his mother, Mary Shepardson, along with Elsa Cummings. Henry and Elsa probably lived in the home of Henry's parents. McClellan's Map of 1856 shows S. Knapp as

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head of the household there. In 1857, Freeman Knapp was living with them and attending school in district #2 in Stratton.

During the Civil War, Henry enlisted on September 20, 1862. He mustered into Company I of the Vermont 16th Regiment on October 23, 1862, served all of a nine month enlistment and mustered out on August 10, 1863.

Upon his return to Stratton, Henry purchased a farm on the *West Jamaica Rd.*, located just east of *Shepardson Rd.* The Knapps lived there through the early 1870's. Henry also owned the west half of 5L4R and 30 acres of 5L5R, which he sold to Hiram H. Draper.

The Knapps then resettled in Norton, Kansas. Eleanor died there on October 7, 1890. After Eleanor's death, Henry married Mary Sardison Pettis in 1892. Henry died at Norton on January 11, 1904.

Children of Henry and Eleanor:

- 1) Evangeline Angelia, born July 21, 1856, at Stratton, Vermont died July 26, 1856, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 2) Elsie Rosella, born August 11, 1857, at Stratton, Vermont; died May 10, 1868, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 3) Elliott Isaac, born May 8, 1859, at Stratton, Vermont; died June 24, 1862, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 4) Elliot, born July 26, 1865, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 5) Willie Elmer, born May 12, 1867, at Stratton, Vermont; died October 24, 1951, at

Blackwell, Oklahoma; married Jessie Octavia Pettis on January 1, 1897.

- 6) Edelbert, born April 25, 1869, at Stratton, Vermont; died October 30, 1869, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 7) (a son), born August 17, 1870, at Stratton, Vermont.

**Cyrus Hiram Pitman Knapp**, son of Hiram and Elvira Knapp, was born on December 24, 1833, at Somerset, Vermont. He went by the name of Pitman Knapp.

Pitman took the Freeman's oath in Stratton on September 4, 1855. There, he married Mary Adela Needham, daughter of William and Elmina Needham, on October 27, 1858. Mary was born about 1836 at Dover, Vermont. After the marriage, the Knapps settled in Stratton.

Following the outbreak of the Civil War, Pitman enlisted on August 26, 1861, and mustered into Company I of the Vermont 4th Regiment on September 24. During the Union Army's siege of Yorktown, Virginia, Pitman's unit participated in a skirmish at Lee's Mills on April 16, 1862. During that fight, Pitman received a severe gunshot wound to the hip. He survived the battle but he was discharged as a result of the wound, against his wishes. Hopelessly disabled by the injury, Pitman returned to Stratton and died shortly thereafter on October 22, 1863. He was buried in Ball Cemetery.

Children of Pitman and Mary:

- 1) Luella, born August 17, 1859, at Stratton, Vermont; died August 7, 1862, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 2) Cora Bella, born January 31, 1861, at Stratton, Vermont.

**Enos Lyman Kimball Knapp**, son of Hiram and Elvira Knapp, was born in Somerset, Vermont, on November 5, 1837, and in 1846, the Knapps moved to Stratton.

Lyman lived at Stratton until he was eighteen years of age, working on his father's farm. He went by the name "Lyman" and so he later changed the order of his full name to Lyman Enos Knapp.

On June 5, 1853, Lyman was accepted as a member of the Congregational Church in Stratton. As a young man, Lyman prepared for a college education by attending Burr Seminary in Manchester, Vermont, for three years. He then attended Middlebury College in 1858 and graduated with honors in 1862. The Civil War had begun, and so, a week after his graduation, Lyman enlisted into the service.

Lyman enlisted on October 23, 1862, as a private for nine months in the Vermont 16th Regiment. On election by the company he was promoted to Captain of Company I on September 20, 1862, and spent most of this time on guard duty in Washington D.C.. Lyman mustered out of the service on August 10, 1863, but he was commissioned by the governor to

recruit a company for the Vermont 17th Regiment, with headquarters at Townshend.

Lyman was commissioned Captain of Company F, of the Vermont 17th Regiment on April 9, 1864. This regiment saw severe action and it was left several times without field officers. Lyman was called to command the regiment, and on November 1, 1864, he was commissioned a Major. On December 10, 1864, he was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel. He led his company in 13 battles, beginning with the Battle of the Wilderness and ending with Lee's surrender at Appomattox.

Lyman was slightly wounded on three separate occasions, once at Gettysburg in July, 1863, once at Spotsylvania on May 12, 1864, where he received a severe scalp wound and was carried from the field insensible, and once by a piece of shell at the taking of Petersburg on April 2, 1865. At Petersburg, he won a brevet commission from President Lincoln for gallant and meritorious conduct. Lyman was promoted to Major of the regiment on November 1, 1864, and to Lieutenant Colonel on December 10, 1864. Lyman mustered out of service on July 14, 1865.

Just prior to leaving the service, Lyman married Martha A. Severance, daughter of Ebenezer and Corcina (Jones) Severance on January 23, 1865, at Washington, D. C.. Martha was born at Middlebury, Vermont, on May 29, 1837. She was educated

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at Burr Seminary in Manchester, Vermont, and she worked as a schoolteacher in Middlebury, while painting and teaching art.

After the war, Lyman settled in Middlebury, Vermont. He was dismissed from the church in Stratton to the church in Middlebury on March 6, 1865. There, he became editor and publisher of the *Middlebury Register* on October 1, 1865, a position he held for thirteen years. During that time, Lyman studied law. He was admitted as a member of the Addison County Bar in 1876. In 1878, he resigned from the *Middlebury Register*, but he retained a financial interest in it until 1884.

Lyman represented Middlebury in the Vermont Legislature and he was First Assistant Clerk of the House of Representatives from 1872 to 1874. Lyman was chairman of the Republican County Committee for several years and he served as Trial Justice of the Peace in Middlebury and the county of Addison.

In the early 1880s, Mr. Knapp wrote a brief history of Stratton, for *The Vermont Historical Gazetteer, Vol. 5*, compiled by Hemenway. He was Register of Probate under Judge Samuel E. Cook for many years and he was appointed to succeed that gentleman as Judge of Probate in 1879. Lyman held that office for ten years and had been elected to another term in 1889, but he resigned when he was appointed Governor of Alaska by

President Benjamin Harrison. Lyman was sworn in as Alaska's Governor on April 20, 1889, and he served a full four-year term.

During their time in Alaska, the Knapps lived in Sitka, an old Tlingit Indian village, which had become the Russian Colonial Capital of Alaska. During this time period, Martha, an amateur painter, painted Alaskan landscapes and Indians. Some of her paintings are still kept in the Alaska Historical Library and the Juneau Museum.

In 1892, Lyman received the honorary degree of LL.D. from Whitman College, and in 1893, once his governorship was completed, Lyman and his family moved to Seattle, Washington, where Lyman practiced law. During their years in Seattle, the Knapps lived at 1114 *Ninth Avenue West*, and Lyman maintained a law office -- Lyman E. Knapp, Attorney and Counselor at Law, at 10 Haller Building, *Second Avenue and Columbia St.*, Seattle, Washington.

In his younger years, Lyman had been a member of the Congregational churches at Stratton and Middlebury and he was chairman of the prudential committee of the Middlebury Congregational Society. While in Seattle, the Knapps were members of the First Presbyterian Church where they had taken a great interest in the religious affairs of the community. Lyman was also state president of the Anti-Saloon League.

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In his later years, Lyman underwent two severe surgical operations needed to treat the old war wounds he had suffered. He died shortly following the last operation on October 9, 1904, and he was buried in Mount Pleasant Cemetery in Seattle. Martha died at Portland, Oregon, on November 30, 1928. She was buried beside Lyman.

**Asapha Steven Preston Knapp**, son of Hiram and Elvira Knapp, was born on September 4, 1839, at Somerset, Vermont. He went by the name, "Preston S. Knapp."

Preston married Emma Lee Perry, daughter of Richard and Eliza Perry, on February 11, 1865, at Stratton. Emma was born about 1848 at Rockingham, Vermont, and she was only fifteen years old at the time of the marriage.

During the Civil War and on January 1, 1864, Preston enlisted into Company F, of the Vermont 17th Regiment - a company which had been organized by his brother, Lyman. Preston was promoted to corporal on November 27, 1864, and served to the end of the war.

On September 2, 1866, Preston was admitted as a member of the Church of Christ in Stratton. On July 29, 1867, Preston repurchased his parents' old farm from David Eddy, located northeast of *Shepardson Rd.*. This was the Mason farm as noted on Beer's Atlas of 1869 of Stratton. In 1868, Preston sold this farm to NW Mason. He also owned a house on the north side

of the *Stratton-Arlington Rd.*, located just north of *Forrester Rd.*. The 1870 census shows Emma living there with their son, Ernest. Preston was not listed with them and the list of members of the Stratton Church shows him as a non-resident member.

Evidently, the Knapps resettled in Wardsboro. Preston died there on March 2, 1908, and Emma died on September 19, 1939. They were buried in Fairview Cemetery in Wardsboro. Children of Preston and Emma:

- 1) Ernest P., born May 27, 1864, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 2) Malcolm Velasco
- 3) Mary, married (?) Bradford and lived at Wardsboro, Vermont.

**Joseph Daniel Velasco Knapp**, son of Hiram and Elvira Knapp, was born in Somerset, Vermont, on January 5, 1842. He was referred to as Velasco Knapp. In 1846, the Knapp family moved to Stratton.

Velasco enlisted during the Civil War into Co. I of the 16th Vermont Infantry. His commanding officer was his brother, Lyman. Velasco was made a sergeant in 1863 and with this company, he participated in the battle of Gettysburg.

Following his discharge from the army on August 10, 1863, Velasco spent a few years in Baltimore, Maryland, then went to Kansas in 1869. Velasco stayed there for nineteen years and he worked as both a real estate agent and as an insurance agent. He

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moved to Colfax, Washington, in 1889, where he was agent and inspector for the Deming Investment Co.. In the following year, he took a position as assistant cashier for the First National Bank of Anacortes, Washington. He became postmaster of Anacortes, in 1898, and served in that position until 1915. In 1917, Mr. Knapp was appointed Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General of the Grand Army of the Republic, department of Washington and Alaska.

Velasco returned to the east in 1919 and accepted guard duty on the Capitol police force, Washington, D.C.. He continued in that service until a sunstroke forced him to resign in 1923.

Mr. Knapp was politically active as a Republican for most of his life. While in Anacortes, Washington, he served on the state central committee from the time that town had become a city to 1919.

Mr. Knapp used his influence to have the site of his boyhood home made into a National Park. He pointed out that while there were eighteen National Parks west of the Mississippi, there was only one in the east. As published within an Anacortes paper, Velasco said, "*The former site of Somerset has been flooded, while the population of Stratton has dwindled from 580<sup>1</sup> to 37. The surrounding country is in every way suitable for a National Park, which would be a great boon to*

*people living in Vermont and adjacent states. I have succeeded in interesting Representative Gibson in this matter to such an extent that he says he is going to see the project through.*"

Velasco did not live to see the creation of the Green Mountain National Forest in 1933. Although it is not the same as a National Park, the National Forest fulfills the idea of setting aside this area for nature's sake.

Velasco married Caroline Medbury in Roscoe, Ohio, in 1871 and they had three children. He died on July 4, 1930, at Anacortes, Washington.

Notes:

1) Stratton's population never exceeded much more than 360.

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Notes of Ora Knapp of Wardsboro, Vermont.

**Curtis Otis Knapp**, son of Curtis and Ruth Knapp, settled in Stratton. Curtis was a descendant of Cyrus and Thankful Knapp through their son Cyrus Knapp, Jr. Cyrus Jr. had married Emily Streeter on January 18, 1816. A son of Cyrus and Emily was Curtis Cyrus Knapp, who married Ruth Ann Johnson, daughter of Otis and Laura Ann Johnson. This Curtis Knapp lived in Wardsboro, Vermont, and purchased several lots in Stratton, but apparently never lived there. Curtis and Ruth had a son, Curtis Otis Knapp, born on June 27,

1862, in Rootville (within Winhall), Vermont.

Curtis Otis Knapp traveled west with his father, leaving Vermont around 1874. His parents were divorced soon afterward on July 17, 1875, and his mother died September 28, 1877, near Arlington, Vermont. The two Curtises, father and son, traveled to Missouri, Arkansas, Kansas, and New Mexico. The older Curtis died in Santa Fe, New Mexico, on July 10, 1883, and so the younger Curtis returned to Vermont, and first settled in Arlington.

By the time of his return to Stratton, Curtis had become fascinated with steam-driven engines. He spent much of the rest of his life working on steam-driven mills in this area.

Curtis married Fannie Mary McDermott, daughter of Andrew and Mary McDermott of Sunderland, Vermont, on November 28, 1890, in New York State. Fannie was born on January 7, 1876.

The Knapps settled in Stratton about 1904 and lived in the Ball farmhouse, located on the northeast corner of the junction of the *West Jamaica Rd.* and *Ball Farm Rd.* While in Stratton, Curtis worked at Grout's Mills. Later, the Knapps settled in South Wardsboro, Vermont. Fannie died on January 25, 1939, at Wardsboro.

Children of Curtis and Fannie:

- 1) Cyrus Curtis born December 8, 1891, at Sunderland, Vermont; died February 17, 1965 (buried

in Ball Cemetery); married 1) Esther Lund 2) Mildred Law.

- 2) Percival Robert, born August 28, 1893, in Sunderland, Vermont; married Emma Clark on October 5, 1914.



**Curtis Knapp with his son Ira Knapp, Ira's wife, Ora Mae (Atwood) and their three children (about 1947)**

Photo courtesy of Ora Mae (Atwood) Knapp

- 3) (a daughter), born June 12, 1895; died the same day.
- 4) Essie Mary, born February 15, 1897, at Arlington, Vermont; died November 17, 1985, at Bellows Falls, Vermont; married Bela C. Lund on June 20, 1914, at Wardsboro, Vermont.
- 5) Florence Hazel, born March 12, 1899, at Sunderland, Vermont; married 1) (?) Greens 2) (?) Harvey 3) (?) Singleton.

- 6) Nellie Grace, born February 25, 1901, at Searsburg, Vermont; died August 6, 1903, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 7) (a son), born June 17, 1904; at Stratton, Vermont; died soon after.
- 8) Fannie Ruth, born February 6, 1907, at Stratton, Vermont; died November 30, 1988, at Westminster, Vermont; married William Trevarrow on March 15, 1925.
- 9) Ira Andrew, born January 7, 1913, at South Wardsboro, Vermont; died on July 13, 1982; married Ora Mae Atwood.

**Percival Robert Knapp**, son of Curtis and Fannie Knapp, was born on August 28, 1893, at Sunderland, Vermont. Percival (Percy) married Emma M. Clark, daughter of William A. and Annie (Putnam) Clark, on October 5, 1914. Emma was born in South Wardsboro, Vermont, on September 1, 1898.

They lived on the *Stratton-Arlington Rd.*, about a half-mile west of the Stratton Church. Percy died on June 18, 1957. Emma still lived with her son, William, in Stratton in 1960.

Children of Percival and Emma:

- 1) Robert W.
- 2) William P. (lived in Stratton through 1960).

**Ira Andrew Knapp**, son of Curtis and Fannie Knapp, was born January 7, 1913, at South Wardsboro, Vermont. He married Ora Mae Atwood, daughter of Ora

and Elsie Atwood, on December 17, 1938. Ora was born on May 18, 1921, at Westmoreland, New Hampshire. Ira died July 13, 1982, in South Wardsboro and was buried in Ball Cemetery in Stratton.

**Freeman Knapp** resided with Henry and Eleanor Knapp in 1857 in Stratton. At that time, Freeman attended school in Stratton's district #2.

## **Knight**

(Knights)

**Levi Knight**, son of Ebenezer, Jr. and Esther (Sprague) Knight, was born at Phillipston, Massachusetts, on January 31, 1800.

Levi's older brother, Levi, purchased several lots in Stratton before 1810. Levi purchased the southeast corner of Stratton Gore from his future father-in-law, William G. Pike, in February, 1821, and he started a sawmill on the brook there (later called Pike Hollow Brook). This sawmill was located east of what is now *Penny Avenue* and it was later known as the Lyman Mill. Remains of a sawmill can still be seen there. This was the William Pike lot and the dwelling was located where the house currently stands (now owned by the Jepson family). He also owned part of 11L4R, located south and up the mountain from what is now the Ober Tal Development.

Levi married Fanny Elmeda Pike, daughter of William and Myranda Pike, on December 4,

1822, at Stratton. Fanny was born on September 25, 1804, and she became a member of the Church of Christ in Stratton on August 31, 1817; however, Fanny and her parents were excommunicated from this church in March, 1824, for not attending services.

On March 12, 1825, Levi sold the mill back to his father-in-law (possibly just a mortgage), and in 1827, he sold the last of his property in Stratton, then apparently settled in South Wardsboro, Vermont. Levi died there on July 9, 1880, and Fanny followed on July 31, 1887. They were buried in the South Wardsboro Cemetery.

Children of Levi and Fanny were:

- 1) Israel, born July 20, 1821; died August 1, 1839, at Wardsboro, Vermont.
- 2) Philomela E., born September 14, 1824, at Stratton, Vermont; died August 16, 1825, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 3) Myranda E., born in January, 1831; died August 8, 1852, at Wardsboro, Vermont.
- 4) Fannie (settled in Ohio).

**Amos Knights** was born about 1802. He married Lovina (?) on November 24, 1833, at Sunderland, Vermont. Lovina was born about 1805. Amos may have been a brother of Levi Knight (see above). The Knights were living in Sunderland, Vermont, in 1840 and in 1842, when Amos purchased 108 acres in Stratton Gore from William Pike on December 29, 1842. The Knights settled in Stratton after

buying this lot. Their home was located on the bend in what is now *Willis Cemetery Rd.* - it once had been the old Pike homestead. It was later called the Henry Eddy house (now owned by the Harlow family).

In 1846, the Knights also had Henry Rider, son of Samuel and Ama Rider, living with them. Henry was attending the Stratton Somerset United School District at that time.

Amos was a Selectman of Stratton for some years. In 1846, he purchased lot #17 in Stratton Gore (this was the old Gibbs lot) and in 1852, he added another 26 acres to the east side of his farm, then sold his property with the farmhouse to Halloway Hartwell that same year. The Knights left Stratton at that time.

Children of Amos and Lovina evidently included:

- 1) Jane P., born in 1833; died in 1910; married Charles H. Rider.
- 2) Luther, born about 1835.
- 3) Anselett, born about 1841.

**George W. Knight**, son of Abel and Elizabeth (Gould) Knight, was born on June 24, 1831, at Dummerston, Vermont. George evidently married Lucy P. Rider<sup>1</sup>, daughter of Samuel and Ama Rider. Lucy was born about 1838 at Stratton.

George was a lawyer and settled in Stratton during the 1850s. The Knights moved away from Stratton before 1870.

Their children were:

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- 1) Frank, born about 1857.
- 2) Lillian A., born July 10, 1859, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 3) Herman G., born March 30, 1862, at Stratton, Vermont; died May 4, 1863, at Stratton, Vermont (of diphtheria).

## Notes:

- 1) Lucy, wife of George Knight, was born about 1838 in Stratton. Lucy Rider was born about 1838 in Stratton and lived with the Phineas Eddy family. George and Lucy's son, Herman, was buried in the Eddy family Cemetery. Therefore, it appears that George Knight's wife was, in fact, Lucy Rider.

**William Knight** of Sterling, Massachusetts, married Rebecca Cummings, daughter of William and Hannah (Wyman) Cummings, of Chester, Vermont. Rebecca was a sister of William Cummings of Stratton who built the Hotel where the Town Hall now stands. The Knights briefly settled in Stratton on 5L4R, which William purchased on October 18, 1837. The house on this lot was located several hundred yards beyond the gate at the end of what is now *Shepardson Rd.* (see Draper on Beer's Atlas of 1869). The foundation can still be seen along the trail there.

William mortgaged part of this lot on September 28, 1839. At that time he was called "of Stratton." That same year, William agreed to care for the widow Betsey Grant for 98 cents per week.

The Knights removed from Stratton before the census of 1840 was taken and William sold his land in Stratton to John Cummings on September 12,

1840. At that time, the Knights were living in Plymouth, Vermont. Eventually, they settled in Wisconsin.

**Andrew Dexter Knight** was born about 1840 at Marlboro, Vermont. He married Emma Annette Howe who was born about 1849 at Dover, Vermont. Emma had passed away by 1900 and Andrew had hired Hattie Johnson, wife of Albert Johnson, as a domestic servant. Hattie and her son, Millard, lived with the Knights that year, while Albert boarded with a neighbor, Orrin Johnson. The Knights resided in the Somerset Annex of Stratton, near the Dover town line.

Children of Dexter and Annette:

- 1) Florence "Cottie," born November 18, 1869, at Stratton, Vermont; died in 1957; married (?) Carey.
- 2) Emogene, born January 17, 1872, at Stratton, Vermont; died in 1957 at Chesterfield, New Hampshire; married Edgar L. Pike on January 1, 1893, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 3) Lula Belle, born September 27, 1877, at Stratton, Vermont; married (?) Mann (she lived to be over 100 yrs old).

## Knowlton

**Justice Knowlton**, son of Miles and Tryphena (Sprague) Knowlton, was born in Templeton, Massachusetts, on July 3, 1791. He married Chloe Hammond, daughter of Hinsdale and Lucy Hammond, on December 11, 1815. Chloe was

born in February, 1796, at Wardsboro, Vermont.

Soon after the marriage, Justice bought a 60-acre farm in Wardsboro from Abner Lewis and 90 acres adjoining the farm on the south. He probably built the farm and barn there before selling the property to Hiram Haskins for \$1,200.00. This farm has since been known as the Edgar Pike place. The site of this farm is located on Rt. 100, south of the *Stratton-Arlington Rd.* intersection.

In 1834, Justice was a member of the prudential committee of the Wardsboro and Stratton Baptist Church Society, newly formed on February 27, 1834.

In 1851, Justice and Chloe's son, Melvin, purchased the Wellman farm on the east half of 2L2R and the west half of 2L1R in Stratton. At that same time, Melvin mortgaged this lot through his parents with an agreement that he would care for them for the remainder of their natural lives. This lot was east of what is now called *Knowlton Farm Rd.* (see M. Knowlton on Beer's Atlas of 1869).

Chloe died on March 24, 1866, at Stratton, and Justice followed on May 21, 1867.

Children of Justice and Chloe:

- 1) Permelia, born November 21, 1816; married Joel Holton in December, 1839.
- 2) Melvin A., born August 7, 1818; married 1) Orinda Sabin in December, 1841 2) Marcelina Hunt.

- 3) Miles J., born February 28, 1825, at Wardsboro, Vermont; died September 10, 1874, at Ning Po, China; married Julia St. John on July 10, 1853.
- 4) Jason S., born July 8, 1827; died in September, 1871; married Cornelia Thompson in 1850.

**Melvin A. Knowlton**, son of Justice and Chloe Knowlton, was born on August 7, 1818. He first married Orinda Sabin and they resided in Wardsboro. Orinda was born on August 22, 1818. She died on September 25, 1845, and she was buried in the West Wardsboro Cemetery. Melvin then married Marcelina Hunt, daughter of James and Judith Hunt of Wardsboro. Marcelina was born in November, 1819.

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Melvin was a deacon of the West Wardsboro Baptist Church; and in 1853, the church voted to have him ordained. The following year, Melvin became involved in a controversy that very nearly split the West Wardsboro congregation in half. He was one



of a few that accused the pastor, Rev. Crowley, of impropriety concerning Crowley's relations with the widow Julia Shaw of Stratton. A church hearing proved Mr. Knowlton correct. The Rev. Crowley was dismissed and the church did not split.

In 1853, Edwin Merryfield was living with the Knowltons and attending school in district #5. By 1860, Melvin was head of the household in Stratton. That year, Selina Jones, age 24, was living with them, and in 1870, Joseph Edwards, age 89, boarded at their farm.

Marcelina died at Stratton on February 18, 1877, of consumption, and she was buried in the West Wardsboro Cemetery.

By 1880, Melvin had moved west to Illinois.

A child of Melvin and Orinda:

- 1) Sidney I., born April 28, 1843; died December 23, 1843.

Children of Melvin and Marcelina:

- 2) Orinda, born July 26, 1850, at West Wardsboro, Vermont; died March 20, 1898, at Lincoln, Nebraska; married E. H. Cushman on November 4, 1873.
- 3) Everette M., born about 1852.
- 4) Livia, born about 1859.
- 5) Lizzie A., born April 14, 1860, at Stratton, Vermont.

## Knox

**James Knox**, son of Archibald and Margaret Knox, was born on June 20, 1755, at Ashford,

Connecticut, and later lived at Woburn, Massachusetts.

During the American Revolution, James served as a Private in Captain Abijah Child's Company, Colonel Thomas Gardner's Regiment. He enlisted on May 16, 1775. A descriptive stated that James was 5'8" tall. He was stationed at Camp Prospect Hill through December 20, 1775. Later, James served from January 1, 1777, to December 13, 1779, as a Sergeant in Lieutenant Colonel W. Washington's 3rd Regiment of light dragoons of the Continental Army. Lt. Col. Washington later deposed that Knox served three years with entire credit to himself and he was honorably discharged.

James was a resident of Woburn when he purchased the east half of 3L1R in Stratton on September 19, 1782. He was among the early proprietors who helped to organize and settle Stratton. He settled there at the end of 1784 and bought and sold several tracts of land in Stratton during the mid-1780s.

Where James settled once he arrived in Stratton is unclear, but it appears that he resided on 1L7R, south southwest of what is now Grout Pond. James was called "of Woburn, Massachusetts," on November 24, 1784, when he sold the east half of 3L1R to John Moffit. He came to Stratton soon thereafter and he was said to be "of Stratton" on January 31, 1785, when he sold 1L7R to Jonathan Hall. He also owned the west half of 4L5R, but

he was already living in Stratton at the time of that purchase. He may have resettled there for a brief time.

James was no longer in Stratton when the 1791 census was taken and he probably had left Stratton before his marriage. James had married Lydia Stratton in 1786. Lydia was born in 1764.

James and Lydia eventually settled in Windsor, New York. James passed away there in 1839. Lydia died in 1848.

A child of James and Lydia was:

- 1) Charles, born in 1786; died in 1861; married Mellora Badger.

## Kurimai

**Frank J. Kurimai** and his wife, Edna W., were veterans of WWII. Frank died on May 18, 1995 and he was buried in Ball Cemetery. Edna still resides in Stratton, beside Ball Cemetery.

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## Lackey

**John J. Lackey**, son of Philander and Mary Lackey, was born on March 8, 1816, at Hebron, New York. John married Phebe Andrews, daughter of Timothy and Elizabeth Andrews, in 1840. Phebe died in 1869.

John's second marriage was to Rosanna M. Johnson, daughter of Elisha and Roxana Johnson. Rosanna was born at Jamaica, Vermont, about 1833.

John was a carpenter who first lived in Winhall, Vermont, settling in Stratton about 1880.

John died at Stratton on March 31, 1898, and Rosanna followed on May 28, 1901. Both were buried in Willis Cemetery in Stratton. John had a total of 17 children. Ten were still living at the time of his death.

Some of John and Phebe's children were:

- 1) James H., born in September, 1840, in New York; married Laura Stone.
- 2) Franklin S., born in December, 1842, in New York; married Martha A. Day on October 6, 1868.

Some of the children of John and Rosanna were:

- 3) Fred H., born in September, 1871, at Winhall, Vermont; married Jennie E. Aldrich on November 4, 1895, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 4) Henry W., born about 1880 at Winhall, Vermont; married Emeline I. Pike on June 30, 1900, at Stratton, Vermont.

(Another child may have been Caroline E. who married George W. Johnson.)

**James H. Lackey**, son of John and Phebe Lackey, was born in September, 1840, in New York. He married Laura Stone about 1865. Laura was born in April, 1841. The Lackeys settled in Stratton before 1900, but were no longer there in 1910.

Children of James and Laura:

- 1) Edwin H., born in September, 1876 (elected a fenceviewer in 1905).
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2) Julia E., born in July, 1883; married William H. Stiles on July 29, 1901, at Stratton, Vermont.

**Franklin S. Lackey**, son of John and Phebe Lackey, was born in December, 1842, in New York. He married Martha A. Day, daughter of John W. and Sally (Johnson) Day. Martha was born on June 13, 1842 in Vermont. The Lackeys first settled in Jamaica, Vermont, and probably lived a while in New York State. In 1878, they were in Erving, Massachusetts, and then they moved to Stratton before 1880. The Lackeys purchased the Knowlton farm from Evander Willis in 1887 and apparently resided on this farm. They remained in Stratton through 1900, but had moved away by 1910.

Children of Franklin and Martha:

- 1) Sarah Elizabeth, born July 16, 1869, at Jamaica, Vermont; died September 26, 1893, at Stratton, Vermont; married Clarence A. Lowe on April 17, 1891, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 2) Frank G., born in September, 1871, in New York; married Myrtle M. Barr on January 1, 1895, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 3) Minnie A., born about 1873, in Vermont; married Willard Harrington.
- 4) Julius D., born in June, 1877, in Vermont (took the Freeman's oath in Stratton in September, 1900).
- 5) John E., born in December, 1878, in Erving,

Massachusetts; married Mary E. Parsons on December 30, 1898, at Stratton, Vermont.

**Frank G. Lackey**, son of Franklin and Martha Lackey, was born in September, 1871, in New York. He married Myrtle M. Barr, daughter of Horace and Betsey (Wilder) Barr, on January 1, 1895, at Stratton. Myrtle was born in Winhall, Vermont, in July, 1879, and she was just fifteen at the time of the marriage. The Lackeys resided in Stratton in 1900, but had moved away before 1910.

Children of Frank and Myrtle:

- 1) Alfred Franklin, born January 28, 1896, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 2) Mildred M., born August 28, 1898, at Stratton, Vermont.

**John E. Lackey**, son of Franklin and Martha Lackey, was born in December, 1878, at Erving, Massachusetts. He came to Stratton with his parents about 1880. There, John married Mary Elnora Parsons, daughter of Emery and Ellen Parsons, on December 30, 1898. Mary was born in May, 1883, at Wardsboro, Vermont.

The Lackeys were living in Stratton in 1900. That year, John took the Freeman's oath in Stratton. They had moved away before 1910.

A child of John and Mary was;

- 1) Myrtle, born May 24, 1903, at Stratton, Vermont; married Alfred Harrison Thomas.



**Alfred F. Lackey  
and daughter Bernice - 1917**

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**Henry W. Lackey**, son of John J. and Rosanna Lackey, was born at Winhall, Vermont, about 1880. He married Emeline Isabel Pike, daughter of Abel and Isabel Pike on June 30, 1900, at Stratton. Emeline was born on September 6, 1881.

The Lackeys were not listed in any of Stratton's censuses, however, they evidently settled in Stratton for a brief time following their marriage and they apparently never moved far away from Stratton. Henry took the Freeman's oath in Stratton on February 3, 1903.

Emeline died on August 12, 1912, and she was buried in Pike Hollow Cemetery in Stratton. Later, Henry lived in East Wallingford, Vermont, as late as June of 1946.

A child of Henry and Emeline:

- 1) Edith Agnes, born November 5, 1902, at Stratton, Vermont; married Joel Wheeler.
- 2) Irma, died at age 1 y, 7 m.

**Fred H. Lackey**, son of John and Rosanna Lackey, was born in September, 1871, in Vermont. He came to Stratton with his parents sometime after 1880. Fred married Jennie Aldrich, daughter of Albert and Lucy (Carpenter) Aldrich, on November 4, 1895, at Stratton. Jennie was born in August, 1877, at West Dover, Vermont.

Fred was a laborer and he probably worked on his brother, Frank's farm. The Lackeys were living in Stratton in 1900, but had moved away before 1910.

A child of Fred and Jennie was:

- 1) Elberta A., born in November, 1898.



**Henry W. Lackey**

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**Austin Lackey** lived in Stratton in 1902 and he was voted a petit juror for the town that year. He was probably a close relative of the above Lackey family.

## **LaFontaine**

**Adolph LaFontaine**, son of Balaal and Agaitre (Lalailas)

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LaFontaine, was born in Clifton, Canada, in February, 1858. Adolph came to Stratton from Massachusetts about 1899 and worked as a lumberman. His wife, Alice M. Baker, was born at Clifton, Canada, in February, 1862. She previously may have been married to Louis Sousies.

In 1900, they had two sons, their daughter and son-in-law, Exsilda and Charles Maison, and a cousin, Jim Goodson living with them. The LaFontaine family had moved away from Stratton by 1910.

Their children were:

- 1) Exsilda, born in May, 1884, at Clifton, Canada; died October 22, 1900, at Stratton, Vermont; married Charlie Maison on January 17, 1900, at Brattleboro, Vermont.
- 2) Henry J., born in January, 1894, in Massachusetts.
- 3) Joseph F., born in December, 1899, in Massachusetts.

## Lamb

**Phineas Lamb**, son of Jonathan and Elizabeth (Richardson) Lamb, was born on May 6, 1756, at Leicester, Massachusetts. At the beginning of the American Revolution, Phineas was living in Rutland, Massachusetts. He enlisted as a Private in Jonathan Carriel's Company, Colonel Josiah Whitney's Regiment and served from May 16, 1776, to November 1, 1776. On March 6, 1781, Phineas signed on for three years with the Continental Army and he was assigned to Captain Cunningham's Company, Colonel

Grout's Regiment. A descriptive from his enlistment stated that he was 5'9" tall, with a dark complexion, and he was a cordwainer by trade. The date of his discharge from service was not reported.

After the war, Phineas married Anna Garfield, daughter of Eliakim and Hannah (Chase) Garfield. They lived in Leicester immediately following the marriage, then settled in Westchester, New York, by 1783. In 1786, the Lambs were in Rutland, Massachusetts, and remained there into 1791.

Phineas purchased 150 acres of the east part of 7L4R on September 9, 1790, but he sold this lot to Moses Garfield, his brother-in-law, in February, 1791. At that time, the Lambs were still living in Rutland; however, they settled in Stratton on 7L4R before the census was taken that year. Phineas repurchased this lot from Eliab Stone in June, 1792.

In September, 1792, Phineas purchased the west half of 3L5R from Elkanah Miller, while selling Elkanah part of 7L4R. The Lambs may have resettled on 3L5R. Phineas then sold the remainder of 7L4R back to Moses Garfield in September, 1793, and they probably moved away from Stratton at that time. In January, 1798, Phineas sold the east half of 3L5R to Simon Davis. By that date, the Lambs had already resettled in Newfane, Vermont. Eventually, they settled in Wells, Vermont, where Phineas died in 1810.

Children of Phineas and Anna:

- 1) Dolly, born December 1, 1781, at Leicester, Massachusetts; died November 20, 1860, at Ontario, New York; married Nathan Palmer in 1803.
- 2) Betsey, born February 26, 1783; married Ambrose Lewis.
- 3) Susan, married John Wolcott.
- 4) George Washington, born in 1789; died July 13, 1869, at Granville, New York.
- 5) Nancy, born in November, 1791, at Stratton, Vermont; died May 25, 1865, at Ridgeway, Michigan.
- 6) William, born May 12, 1793, at Stratton, Vermont; died February 24, 1871, at Wells, Vermont.
- 7) Harriet, born June 20, 1797; died in 1848; married William Potter on February 5, 1818, at Wells, Vermont.
- 8) Lucy, born in 1798; died in 1866; married Cyrus Geer on October 14, 1818, at Wells, Vermont.
- 9) Samuel, died in 1831.
- 10) Clark, born in 1797, at Wells, Vermont; died May 2, 1865, at Poultney, Vermont.
- 11) Polly, died young.
- 12) Hannah

Additional Sources:

Genealogical Sketch of the Lamb Family  
by Fred W. Lamb (1903)

## Landman

**Maud Landman** was born in Vermont in July, 1881. At the age of 18, she was boarding with the Joel Grout family in Stratton at the Grout Job. There, she probably worked cleaning and

cooking for the lumbermen. She had moved away from Stratton before 1910.

## Lathrop

(Lothrop)

**Thomas Lathrop**, a son of Seth Lathrop, was born at Easton, Massachusetts, on October 4, 1766. Thomas married Deborah Pope on February 20, 1792. Deborah was born on February 10, 1767. The Lathrops settled in Northfield, Massachusetts, and remained there through 1796. Thomas purchased 4L4R in Stratton from Nathan Patch on October 13, 1796 and they evidently resettled there in early or mid-1797. Their home had previously been the home and tavern of Joseph Patch. Its remains can still be seen on the north side of Old Town Rd. as it progresses toward the old town common.

Thomas and Deborah joined the Church of Christ in Stratton on October 17, 1801. They and their children were baptized that same day. At that time, the town was interested in building a meetinghouse. A committee was appointed and it was determined that a four-acre parcel on the western end of Thomas's farm was an ideal location for that purpose. Thomas deeded this parcel to the town in December, 1801. It was to be used as the town common, where the meetinghouse would later be built and a cemetery (the Old Town Cemetery) would also be established. For many years, and

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up to the time he left Stratton, Thomas served as Town Clerk, holding town meetings at his home. He also served as Church Clerk from 1802 to 1808 and church services and meetings were also held in his home. Once the meetinghouse was built on 4L4R, Thomas then sold the west half of 4L4R to Nathan Patch.

The Lathrops sold the rest of 4L4R to Jedidiah Baker in August 1807, then moved away from Stratton in February, 1808, and resettled in Newfane, Vermont. There, Thomas was elected a lister. In 1810, he repurchased his Stratton farm, but did not return to live there. He sold it to Artemus Joslin of Ware, Massachusetts, in 1813.

Deborah passed away in Newfane on March 20, 1814, age 47 years and was buried in Newfane Hill Cemetery. Following Deborah's death, Thomas resettled in Leyden, Massachusetts, probably living with his daughter, Maria. He died there on June 4, 1820. His obituary read: "*The strict morality of his life, his zeal in rebuilding the waste places of Zion, the pleasure he seemed to take in the sanctuary, at the domestic altar, and, in short, wherever the God of Jacob was worshiped, the integrity and benevolence of his heart, the beneficence of his hand, and his undeviating affection as husband and father, altogether furnish his friends the consolation that their loss is his gain.*"

Children of Thomas and Deborah:

- 1) Elizabeth, born March 14, 1793, at Northbridge, Massachusetts; married 1) Reverend Caleb Burge on January 24, 1828 2) Ira Pond in October 1846.
- 2) Maria, born October 31, 1794, at Northbridge, Massachusetts; married Enoch Briggs on August 31, 1820.
- 3) Daniel Brown, born December 6, 1796, at Northbridge, Massachusetts; died in 1832 in Utica, New York.
- 4) Zebadiah, born September 27, 1798, at Stratton, Vermont (brought up by his Uncle Zebadiah Lathrop); married Elizabeth Terry on February 1, 1825, at Providence, Rhode Island.
- 5) Timothy, born January 23, 1801, at Stratton, Vermont; died in Rochester, New York, in May, 1839; married Catherine Gilbert.
- 6) Hannah Pope, born December 28, 1802, at Stratton, Vermont (baptized in Stratton on July 17, 1803); married Lyman Cook on October 24, 1844.
- 7) Mercy, born April 9, 1805, at Stratton, Vermont (baptized in Stratton in 1805 mistakenly recorded as Mary Lathrop); married Orrin Smith on May 10, 1827.
- 8) Jerusha Ellit, born April 28, 1807, at Stratton, Vermont (baptized in Stratton on September 20, 1807); died in 1809.

- 9) Thomas, born January 28, 1809, at Newfane, Vermont; died in August, 1814.
- 10) Nye Adams, born January 6, 1812, at Newfane, Vermont; died in 1845 in Utica, New York.

Additional Sources:

Lathrop Genealogy by Rev. EBA  
Huntington (1884)

## Lattanzi

**Pasquale Lattanzi**, son of Dominic and Emelia (Tempany) Lattanzi originally of Italy, was born at Bridgeport, Connecticut, in 1908. He married Irma May Hromada, daughter of Robert and Mirth (Pike) Hromada, on June 26, 1945, at Stratton. Irma was born in 1917. Pasquale was a butcher. He and Irma briefly resided in Stratton. They eventually divorced and Irma remarried to Earl Alexander. Irma died on May 4, 1998, in Massachusetts.

## Lauan

**Peter Lauan** was born about 1886 in Russia. In 1920, Peter was a lumberman, working in Stratton and living in the boarding house at the Grout Job.

## Laurens

**Karl A. Laurens** was born about 1874 in Finland. On April 23, 1919, Karl and Ida J. Kanen of Meminack, Massachusetts, purchased the CN Pike farm in 12L1R. In 1920, Karl and two of his children were living there on what is now called *North Rd.* in

the northeast corner of Stratton. At that time, Karl lived with Lillian Hendrickson. She was born in Finland in 1892. Some of the children that lived with them were surnamed Kuusela.

Karl's children were:

- 1) Ina M., born about 1905 in Finland
- 2) Leo J., born about 1907 in Finland.

Children of Karl and Lillian were (surnamed Kuusela):

- 3) Ruth Mildred
- 4) Leonard Albert (lived in Jamaica and served during WWII).
- 5) Helen Erika

## Lawrence

**Abram Lawrence** and his wife were born between 1780 and 1790. On March 19, 1840, Abram purchased the Joel Estabrook farm on 6L1R in Stratton from Warner Thayer. At that time, the Lawrences were living in Jamaica, Vermont. This farm was located on what is now *Forrester Rd. / Half-Mile Rd.*, on the Jamaica border. A newer home built on the site of the old farmhouse is currently owned and occupied by Walter and Jennie Forrester.

The Lawrences settled on this lot after the purchase, in time to be included in the 1840 census of Stratton. The census showed that they had two daughters aged 15 to 20 living with them.

On April 1, 1841, Abram agreed to lease this farm to Rollin M. Witt for three years, then he

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agreed to deed over this farm to Witt, provided Witt paid the full amount due before 1847. This apparently did not occur and Abram sold this lot to Tyler Waite on September 24, 1844. At that time, the Lawrences were living in Alstead, New Hampshire.

## Leach

**Walter P. Leach** was born about 1895 in Vermont. In 1920, he was a lumber camp laborer in Stratton, living in the boarding house at the Grout Job.

## Leason

**Ira Leason**, son of Ira Eames Leason, was born on July 4, 1823, at Marlboro, Vermont. Ira settled in Stratton early enough to take the Freeman's oath there on August 14, 1844. In 1846, Ira purchased the west half of 2L5R, located west-southwest of the intersection of the *Stratton-Arlington Rd.* and the *West Jamaica Rd.*. Ira apparently settled on this lot.

In January, 1847, Ira, a lawyer, was appointed to represent John Parker of Windsor, Massachusetts. Subsequently, Ira sold some land in Stratton that belonged to Mr. Parker.

Ira married Rachel Cram at Nashville, New Hampshire, on November 10, 1848, and they returned to Stratton after the marriage. Ira died at Stratton on August 14, 1886.

## Leno

**Addie J. (Durfey) Leno**, daughter of Timothy and Eliza (Fisher) Durfey and widow of Lewis Leno, was born on March 17, 1867. She and Lewis had lived in Middlebury, Vermont. Following Lewis's death, Addie brought the family to Stratton about 1910. She had apparently followed her son, Ernest there, who found work in one of the lumber camps in Stratton. The 1910 census stated that she was a widow, while the 1920 census stated that she was divorced. It's possible that she was widowed by Lewis, then remarried and subsequently divorced between 1910 and 1920.

In 1910, Addie and her children were living in the home of Norman Hescocock. Addie was apparently a servant for Mr. Hescocock, but he died in 1913, and so Addie took a job as a housekeeper for Lyman Green. In 1920, she was living with Mr. Green. By that time, all of her children had moved away. She remarried to George Griswald. She died on May 13, 1952, and she was buried in Ball Cemetery.

Children of Lewis and Addie:

- 1) Ernest A., born January 30, 1886, at Middlebury, Vermont; died January 30, 1934; married Addie M. (Wheeler) Munsil on March 2, 1909, at West Wardsboro, Vermont.
- 2) Harry H., born in July, 1894; died September 21, 1918, in France during WWI.

- 3) Gardner Thane, born September 15, 1897; died April 4, 1949.
- 4) Nellie M., born about 1899.

**Ernest A. Leno**, son of Lewis and Addie J. (Dumfrey) Leno, was born on January 30, 1886, at East Middlebury, Vermont. He settled in Stratton and worked as a laborer in one of the lumber camps. Ernest married Addie M. (Wheeler) Munsil of Northfield, New Hampshire, a daughter of Charles and Eva Wheeler, on March 2, 1909, at West Wardsboro, Vermont. Addie was born about 1883 in Massachusetts, and she was apparently widowed before her marriage to Ernest. She also had two children by the previous marriage, but they had either died young or they were living somewhere else.

The Lenos were no longer in Stratton in 1920. Ernest died on January 30, 1934, and he was buried in Ball Cemetery.

**Harry H. Leno**, son of Lewis and Addie J. (Dumfrey) Leno, was born in July, 1894. Harry lived in Jamaica, Vermont.

During WWI, Harry enlisted and served as a private in the 1st Company, 4th Motor Mechanic Regiment's Signal Corp. He died during the war in France on September 21, 1918. Harry was buried in Ball Cemetery in Stratton.

**Gardner Thane Leno**, son of Lewis and Addie J. (Dumfrey) Leno, was born on September 15,

1897, at East Middlebury, Vermont. He served during WWI as a private in the 212 Engineering Corps, 12 Division. Gardner married Della Edith Cobb, daughter of Ai and Carrie E. Cobb of Wardsboro, Vermont, on June 1, 1929, at Wilmington, Vermont. He died on April 4, 1949, and he was buried in Ball Cemetery in Stratton.

**Alton A. Leno** was born about 1870 in Vermont. He had married, but was divorced by the time he moved to Stratton. In 1920, Alton was living in Stratton in the home of Florence Upton. He was a laborer on the Upton's farm.

## Leonard

**Martin Leonard**, son of Rev. Daniel and Sally (Mann) Leonard, was born on October 28, 1818. He was a resident of Dover, Vermont, and in 1857 and 1858, he was a Selectman of that town. In 1858, records show that he owned pew #35 in the West Dover Meetinghouse.

Martin married Caroline J. Ballard, daughter of Stephen and Sarah Ballard, on September 19, 1848, at Townshend, Vermont. Caroline was born October 12, 1831.

The Leonards settled in Stratton in the Somerset Annex in the far south part of town along the *Upper Handle Rd.* south of what is now Vt. Rt. 100 as it enters Dover. His home is marked on Beer's Atlas of 1869.

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Martin and his brother, Eliot, ran the starch factory in Dover for about 10 years. This operation accommodated the need for starch in Dover and exported most of its production to other towns.

Martin's father, Daniel, replaced his grandfather, the Rev. James Mann, as pastor of the Dover-Somerset Baptist Church in 1832.

Martin and Caroline eventually settled in West Wardsboro on the farm now occupied by the Newell family, located on *Newell Hill Rd.* (which becomes *Canedy Rd.* as it enters Stratton). Martin died on October 30, 1893, and Caroline followed on May 8, 1902 in New York. They were buried in the West Wardsboro Cemetery.

Children of Martin and Caroline:

- 1) Ella, born in 1852; died March 11, 1880.
- 2) Addie M., born in 1854; died February 25, 1884.
- 3) Carrie A., born December 30, 1855; died March 1, 1863.
- 4) Nellie M., born September 3, 1858; died February 21, 1863.
- 5) Cora, married Edward Newell on September 4, 1892.

**Eliot Leonard**, son of Rev. Daniel and Sally (Mann) Leonard, was born on December 19, 1822, at Dover, Vermont (see Martin Leonard above). Eliot died at Stratton on February 3, 1906.

**Mary Ann Leonard**, probably a daughter of Rev. Daniel and Sally (Mann) Leonard of Dover, was

qualified to teach in Stratton in 1846.

Additional Sources for the above Leonard families:

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## Lesjczenko

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**Adam Lesjczenko** was born in 1891 in Poland. He came to America and settled in Stratton about 1925. He died at Stratton on November 30, 1940, and he was buried in Ball Cemetery.

## Lewis

**Andrew Lewis** was born on September 22, 1891. He was a veteran of WWI. Andrew was active in Stratton town affairs and spent many happy days working with George Houghton and others restoring and painting the Old Stratton Meetinghouse. He camped and fished in this area in the early 1930s. Little did he realize his youngest daughter, Joy, would settle in the town of Stratton 30 years later.

Andrew settled in Stratton later in his life, residing on the southwest corner of the intersection of the *Stratton-Arlington Rd.* and *Old Forrester Road.* He spent his last years in a veterans' home in Bennington, Vermont, and died there on May 9, 1997, aged 105 years.

## Liller

**Ray Liller**, his wife, Joann, and their children, Jack and Helen, fell in love with Stratton in 1957

when they were guests of Ann and George Banks in their home at the corner of *Pike Hollow Rd.* and Penny Avenue, now remodeled and owned by the Jepsons. Within a few years, they acquired property near the corner of *Pike Hollow Rd.* and the *Stratton – Arlington Rd.* from Mr. Banks and asked him to build a small vacation cottage on the site. Completed in 1961, it became their summer retreat from their home in Connecticut and it also was utilized most weekends during the winter months for skiing and fun in the snow.

By 1969, the family was outgrowing their Connecticut home and decided to move to Stratton permanently. The arrival of two more children during the 1960s – Joan and Christopher – called for an addition to the original cottage. Like Topsy, the family and the house had “just growned.”

Ray toured New England as sales promotion manager for AC-Delco Division of General Motors. In 1970, Joann was elected Stratton Town Treasurer. A year later, Ray joined the Stratton Board of Selectmen and became its Chairman.

The 1970s became a time of rapid growth for the town as the Stratton Ski Area developed and expanded. The Liller family’s interest in town affairs also has grown over the years. Joann has served as an auditor for many years and Christopher is a member of the Select Board.

Additional Source:

This biography was written by Joann Liller.

## Lincoln

**Isaac Lincoln, Jr.**, son of Isaac, Jr. and Experience (Willis) Lincoln, was born on November 4, 1776, at Sudbury, Massachusetts. Isaac married Kezia Haynes, daughter of Israel and Sarah Haynes. Kezia was born on October 4, 1769, at Sudbury.

The Lincolns settled in Somerset, Vermont, and they later lived with their daughter, Nancy’s family in Stratton about 1830. That year’s census shows an older couple (evidently the Lincolns) living in Stratton with the Hartwells. On May 5, 1855, a deed between Henry Eddy and his father-in-law, Halloway Hartwell, had a condition that Mr. Eddy would provide care for Halloway and Nancy Hartwell in their old age and also to care for Kezia Lincoln (Nancy’s mother).

Some of Isaac and Kezia’s children were:

- 1) Nancy, born September 20, 1803, at Sudbury, Massachusetts; married Halloway Hartwell.
- 2) Isaac M., married Elisa F. Forrester, on November 11, 1835, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 3) Obed, born about 1820; married Alantha Thayer.

**Isaac M. Lincoln**, son of Isaac and Kezia Lincoln, married Elisa F. Forrester, daughter of Moses and Patty Forrester, on November 11, 1835, at Stratton, Vermont. Elisa was born on December 5, 1811, at Athol, Massachusetts.

Isaac and Elisa apparently first settled in Wilmington, Vermont, living there through 1836. After that time, they probably lived with the Forresters in Stratton. Isaac purchased a lot located west of Joseph Pike's land in Somerset on November 22, 1836. He also purchased a second lot in that same area. The following year, he sold one of these lots to Halloway Hartwell. At the time of this sale, Isaac was called "of Stratton."

**Obed Lincoln** was born about 1820. He was possibly a son or grandson of Isaac, Jr. and Keziah Lincoln and a brother of Nancy (Lincoln) Hartwell. Obed married Alantha Thayer, daughter of Levi and Sally Thayer. She was born in Jamaica, Vermont, on July 3, 1811.

The Lincolns lived in Jamaica, Vermont, during most of their married lives. Evidently, Alantha was not well by 1860, and she was probably in a hospital by that time. Obed was living with Henry Eddy in 1860 on *Willis Cemetery Rd.* The census-taker evidently misinterpreted his name as David Lincoln. He was listed as head of a household in Stratton in 1861 with two of his children attending school district # 5.

Alantha died of "luny fever" on October 8, 1863, at Stratton. Before her death, the family had already been scattered about Stratton in various homes. Their son, William was with his father at the William Henry Eddy place

in 1860. Their son, Matthias, was with William and Rhoda Howard that year. Their daughter, Jane, was living with Stephen and Sarah Ballard in 1860, and their daughter, Laura, was living with Richard and Eliza Perry in 1870.

Children of Obed and Alantha:

- 1) Laura Jenette, born in 1837; died in 1915; married Lyman Wood Sprague on October 31, 1852.
- 2) Henry H., born in 1840 at Jamaica, Vermont; married Luanna Perry on October 28, 1866, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 3) William N., born in 1841.
- 4) Matthias J., born in 1843; died January 9, 1862, at Algiers, Louisiana.
- 5) Jane Sarah, born in July, 1846; died June 10, 1863, at Stratton, Vermont (of diphtheria).
- 6) Laura E., born in 1849.
- 7) Charles

**Henry H. Lincoln**, son of Obed and Alantha Lincoln, was born in 1840 in Jamaica, Vermont. In 1848, Henry was living with John Baldwin and attending school in Stratton.

During the Civil War, Henry enlisted on August 21, 1861. He mustered into Company I of the Vermont 4th Regiment on September 20, 1861, and he was discharged due to a disability on January 18, 1862.

Henry took the Freeman's oath in Stratton in September, 1862. There, he married Luanna Perry, daughter of Richard and Eliza Perry, on October 28, 1866.

Luanna was born at Stratton in 1851.

The Lincolns briefly settled in Stratton, where Henry was enrolled in the militia in 1867. Henry evidently passed away soon thereafter or he and Luanna divorced. Luanna returned to Stratton, where she was living with her parents in 1870. She remarried there to Truman T. Wallace on September 28, 1873.

**Matthias J. Lincoln**, son of Obed and Alantha Lincoln, was born in 1843. In 1860, he was living with William and Rhoda Howard.

During the Civil War, Matthias enlisted on January 9, 1862, and mustered into Company H of the Vermont 8th Regiment on February 12, 1862. He was discharged for a disability on July 11, 1863, but he reenlisted on December 19, 1863, and died on April 6, 1864, at Algiers, Louisiana, from an illness. His body was returned home and he was buried in Ball Cemetery.

**William N. Lincoln**, son of Obed and Alantha Lincoln, was born in 1841. He was living in the home of William Eddy in 1860, along with his father.

During the Civil War, William enlisted on July 23, 1862, and mustered into Company E of the Vermont 11th Regiment on September 1, 1862. He mustered out on June 24, 1865.

William briefly settled in Stratton and he was enrolled in the militia there in 1867. He

moved away from Stratton before 1870.



**William Lincoln**

Photo courtesy of the Ethel Eddy collection

**Emery Lincoln** lived in Stratton in the home of some resident of Stratton (unknown). He attended school in district #5 in 1863 and he was not mentioned again in Stratton's records.

## **Linscott**

**Charles Herbert Linscott**, son of Sidney and Anna Linscott, was born at Brownsfield, Maine, in 1892. He married Linda V. Clayton, a foster-daughter of Royal and Sarah Clayton of Stratton. Linda was born in February, 1897, in Vermont.

The Linscotts settled in Stratton about 1924 and remained there through 1928. Zoe (Linscott) Hurd, wife of Floyd Hurd was Charles' sister.

Children of Charles and Linda:

- 1) Beatrice Linda, born July 20, 1924, at Stratton, Vermont.
  - 2) Leona Evelyn, born January 24, 1926, at Stratton, Vermont.
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- 3) **Burton Henry**, born February 11, 1928, at Stratton, Vermont.

Additional Sources:

Notes of Elizabeth (Hurd) Greene



**Charles and Linda Linscott**

Photo courtesy of Elizabeth (Hurd) Greene

## Longe

**Oscar Longe** was born in April, 1848, in Vermont. His wife, **Lura**, was born in Canada in November, 1843. They were married about 1860. Oscar was probably a relative of Fred Longe of Stratton.

The Longes came to Stratton in 1898 and moved into the house beside Taft's Mill, located on the *West Jamaica Rd.*. They were living alone in 1900. Oscar probably worked at this mill for several years. The Longes were no longer in Stratton in 1910.

**Fred Longe** was born in March, 1860, in Vermont. His wife, **Lissie**, was born in Canada in November, 1843. They were married about 1881. Fred was probably a relative of Oscar Longe of Stratton.

Fred and Lissie came to Stratton about 1900. He probably worked in one of Stratton's lumber camps. The Longes were no longer in Stratton in 1910.

Children of Fred and Lissie were:

- 1) **Gertie M.**, born in October, 1885, in Vermont.
- 2) **Maude B.**, born in December, 1887, in Vermont.
- 3) **Leonard G.**, born in April, 1891, in Vermont.
- 4) **Josephine E.**, born in April, 1893, in Vermont.
- 5) **Clarence R.**, born in July, 1895, in Vermont.

**Minnie Longe** worked for OF Prentiss at the boarding house at Grout's Mill in 1898. She may have been the same Gertie M. Longe, daughter of Fred and Lissie Longe (above).

## Lord

**Ashley Lord** came to Stratton before 1900 and he worked at the Grout Job as a lumberman. In 1900, he was living in the boarding house located on the mill site. Ashley had left Stratton by 1910.

## Loveland

**Charles Loveland** married **Almira Smith** on July 20, 1840, at Stratton. Almira may have been a sister of **Jonas Smith** of Stratton.

Charles took the Freeman's oath in Stratton in September, 1843. In 1845, the Lovelands had a child attending school in district #3 in Stratton. The Lovelands evidently left town about this same time.

## Lowe

**William Lowe** and his wife, Mary Crosby, lived in Newfane and Somerset, Vermont. Mary was born at Newfane, on February 15, 1809.

William was not recorded in any of Stratton's censuses; however, Mary was living there with her son, Charles in 1880. Mary died at Stratton on April 23, 1891.

Children of William and Mary:

- 1) Aaron, born December 24, 1823, at Newfane, Vermont; died January 19, 1898, at Stratton, Vermont; married Elvina A. Willis.
- 2) Charles, born about 1833.
- 3) (a daughter), Born in 1842; died July 24, 1844, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 4) Roswell, born about 1844.
- 5) Josephine, born in September, 1850, at Somerset, Vermont; married 1) (?) Smith 2) Wesley Elmore Allen on June 1, 1897, at Stratton, Vermont.

**Aaron Lowe**, son of William and Mary Lowe, was born on December 24, 1823, at Newfane, Vermont. Aaron first purchased property in Stratton on April 6, 1853, when he bought the Rider farm - 100 acres of 2L3R - from Hiram Ames. Aaron was already

living in Stratton at the time of this purchase.

Aaron married Elvina A. Willis, daughter of Daniel and Abigail Willis, about 1860. Elvina was born on February 28, 1841, at Stratton. The Lowes lived on the *Stratton-Arlington Rd.*, across from the original location of Schoolhouse #5. This school was referred to as the Lowe school at one time. In 1870, Aaron's brother, Charles, was living with them, but he had moved out before 1880.

The Vermont Phoenix reported on July 4, 1879, that a large bear came into Aaron Lowe's calf pasture on the morning of June 17 and attacked a calf and drew it some distance into the woods, but was frightened away before eating it.

Aaron was stricken with paralysis in June, 1893. He died at Stratton on January 19, 1898, and he was buried in Willis Cemetery. Elvina followed on May 20, 1900, and she was buried beside him.

Children of Aaron and Elvina:

- 1) Maurice C., born February 19, 1861, at Stratton, Vermont; died April 15, 1922, at Stratton, Vermont; married Alice Stiles on September 3, 1884, at Stratton, Vermont.
  - 2) Clarence A., born February 12, 1866, at Stratton, Vermont; married 1) Sarah Elizabeth Lackey on April 17, 1891. 2) Nettie B. J. Pike on August 1, 1895, at Stratton, Vermont.
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- 3) (a son), stillborn on November 27, 1877, at Stratton, Vermont.

**Maurice C. Lowe**, son of Aaron and Elvina Lowe, was born on February 19, 1861, at Stratton. Maurice took the Freeman's oath there on September 5, 1882.

Maurice married Alice Stiles, daughter of Harvey and Caroline Stiles, at Wardsboro, Vermont, on September 3, 1884. Alice was born in 1867. She died on August 8, 1893, and she was buried in Ball Cemetery.

In 1900, Maurice was living in Stratton with two of his daughters. In 1910, Maurice was head of a household that included two of his uncles, Charles and Roswell Lowe, and his daughter and son-in-law, Abbie and Raymond Read. Maurice died on April 15, 1922, at Stratton and he was buried beside Alice.

Children of Maurice and Alice:

- 1) Abbie E., born September 7, 1885, at Dover, Vermont; died September 13, 1951; married Raymond Read on November 4, 1907, at Jamaica Vermont.
- 2) Winnie, born in March, 1892; married (?) Davis of Taft, Florida.

**Clarence A. Lowe**, son of Aaron and Elvina Lowe, was born on February 12, 1866, at Stratton. He married Sarah Elizabeth "Lizzy" Lackey, daughter of Franklin and Martha Lackey, on April 17, 1891, at Stratton. Lizzy was born on July 16, 1869, at Stratton.

Lizzy died at Stratton on September 26, 1893, of typhoid fever, and she was buried in Willis Cemetery. Clarence and his brother, Maurice, both lost their wives this same year.

Clarence then married Nettie Betsey J. Pike, daughter of Calvin and Emeline Pike, on August 1, 1895, at Stratton. Nettie was born at Stratton on July 21, 1875. The Lowes then moved to Northfield, Massachusetts.

**Charles Lowe**, son of William and Mary Lowe, was born about 1833. He came to Stratton during the 1860s and first lived in the home of his brother, Aaron. By 1880, Charles had settled in a home of his own, where he lived with his widowed mother, aged 72. In 1900, he was living in Stratton alone, and by 1910, he had moved in with the family of his nephew, Maurice Lowe.

**Roswell Lowe**, son of William and Mary Lowe, was born about 1844. He moved to Stratton between 1900 and 1910. In 1910, he was living with his nephew, Maurice Lowe and family.

## Lyman

**Rodolphus Lyman**, son of James and Abigail (Wright) Lyman, was born on April 23, 1790, at Northfield, Massachusetts. He married Bethiah Robbins, daughter of John Robbins, in Northfield, Massachusetts, on April 24, 1811. Bethiah was born on August 17, 1791.

Rodolphus was listed as a member of the Trinitarian Society of Northfield on February 28, 1829. The Lymans resettled at Dover, Vermont, in 1835, then moved again to Somerset, Vermont, and finally to Stratton, in 1837. In 1839, Bethiah removed her relation from the Unitarian Church in Northfield to the Church of Christ in Stratton by letter and she was admitted as a regular member by vote of the church.

The Lymans located upon the William G. Pike farm. Rodolphus and Bethiah were listed in Stratton's census of 1840, but they had moved away by 1850, never owning land in Stratton. Rodolphus died at Bennington, Vermont, on September 18, 1866. Children of Rodolphus and Bethiah were:

- 1) Elbridge, born November 1, 1811, at Northfield, Massachusetts; married Elvira Simonds (lived at Stratton, Vermont, and Rushville, New York).
  - 2) Maria, born February 10, 1813, at Northfield, Massachusetts; died February 19, 1821, at Northfield, Massachusetts.
  - 3) Rufus, born September 3, 1815, at Northfield, Massachusetts; died February 4, 1890, at Stratton, Vermont; married Tryphena Pike on October 15, 1839, at Stratton, Vermont.
  - 4) Fanny W., born May 19, 1817, at Northfield, Massachusetts; married Edward M. Pratt on November 5, 1839, at Stratton, Vermont (lived at Manchester, Vermont).
  - 5) Robert T., born May 6, 1819, at Northfield, Massachusetts; married Angeline Mear (lived at Waterloo, Indiana).
  - 6) Rodolphus, born April 23, 1821, at Northfield, Massachusetts; married Julia Galusha (lived at Sunderland, Vermont in 1850 and later in Clayton, Michigan).
  - 7) Lucia Ann (twin), born March 31, 1823, at Northfield, Massachusetts; married Oscar J. Northrup (lived at Bennington, Vermont).
  - 8) Lucius (twin), born March 31, 1823, at Northfield, Massachusetts; died July 25, 1893, at Stratton, Vermont; married Laura Fitts on October 15, 1855 (lived at West Wardsboro, Vermont).
  - 9) Bethiah, born May 14, 1825, at Northfield, Massachusetts; married Merritt Hawkins (lived at Sunderland, Vermont).
  - 10) Ann Maria, born April 16, 1827, at Northfield, Massachusetts; married Milton Stevens (lived at Shushan, New York).
  - 11) Elisha, born March 26, 1829, at Northfield, Massachusetts; married Henrietta Ingram.
  - 12) Eliza Jane, born March 26, 1833, at Northfield, Massachusetts; married William Ferguson (lived at Rutland, Vermont).
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**Rufus Lyman**, son of Rodolphus and Bethiah Lyman, was born on September 3, 1815, at Northfield, Massachusetts. He came to Stratton with his parents and married Tryphena Pike, youngest child of William G. and Myranda Pike, on October 15, 1839. Tryphena was born at Stratton on December 3, 1817.

Rufus bought the house and sawmill of his father-in-law, William Grant Pike, on November 4, 1844. On March 6, 1845, William Pike gave Rufus a mortgage on this property, which was accompanied by an agreement that Rufus would care for William and his wife, Myranda, for the remainder of their natural lives. In 1850, Rufus purchased the Higley farm located on the north side of *Pike Hollow Rd.*. Apparently after 1869, the house east of the brook was torn down or destroyed and the house on the west side of the brook and road was moved to sit on the foundation of the other, at its present location on the southeast corner of what is now the intersection of *Pike Hollow Rd.* and *Penny Avenue*. This house is currently owned by the Jepson family.

Rufus and his son, William, operated the mill for many years. It was known as *R. Lyman and Son* and they manufactured lumber and eaves spouts. Its remains can still be seen below the Jepson house on Pike Hollow Brook. The complex included a limekiln, a barn and out buildings on the southeast side of the road;

it also included the old house site and the barn and lot that had belonged to Warren Higley (the refurbished barn is currently the Williams's home). Rufus also purchased land in Somerset, eventually accumulating a total of 570 acres.

During the Civil War, Rufus recruited soldiers for Stratton after the draft was instated in 1865.

Rufus passed away at Stratton on February 5, 1890, of Bright's disease, and Tryphena died there on March 9, 1899. They were buried in the West Wardsboro Cemetery.

Children of Rufus and Tryphena:

- 1) Fidelia Lura, born October 20, 1840, at Somerset, Vermont; died December 8, 1869, at Stratton, Vermont (asthma - death certificate listed typhoid pneumonia).
- 2) William Rufus, born May 25, 1846, at Somerset, Vermont; died February 6, 1914, at Stratton, Vermont; married Emma Oella Whitman on October 22, 1874, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 3/4) (infant twins), date not know (buried beside the Lyman's house in Pike Hollow).

**William Rufus Lyman**, son of Rufus and Tryphena Lyman, was born on May 25, 1846. He married Emma Oella Whitman on October 22, 1874, at Stratton. Emma, a schoolteacher, was the daughter of Ona and Lucinda L. Whitman of Slatersville, Rhode Island. She was born on January 20, 1847.

As a young man, William worked with his father at the sawmill, then apparently went to work in Arlington, Vermont, for a year. After his marriage, William and his family moved into the Lyman home and he continued the family business with his father. William eventually inherited the house and lived there for the rest of his life.

His diaries and some letters depict a routine quiet life, describing each day's work or schooling and the day's weather. He mentioned when the snow finally had gone each year and when the frogs started to peep. He noted when Harvey [Stiles] tapped the sugar lot, and when he [William] started sugaring. William liked to fish and he wrote on many occasions that he had brought home thirty or forty brook trout in a day's catch.

During the Civil War, William wrote about his father's recruiting of soldiers. His entry for April 15, 1865, read, "President Lincoln was shot last night."

In 1912, he and his son, Ray were charter members of the Stratton Mountain Club, a local hiking and trail building club. Over the years, William served Stratton as Selectman, auditor, school director and chairman, town agent, ballot clerk, treasurer and moderator. He was also a deacon of the Baptist Church in West Wardsboro.

Emma served as Stratton's superintendent of schools and the Lymans boarded several teachers in their home over the years.

William died of cancer on February 6, 1914, at Stratton. The cancer had started in a cheekbone. William was buried in the West Wardsboro Cemetery. Emma continued to live with their son, Ray, who had become head of the household and sawmill after his father's death. About 1919, Emma moved in with her widowed daughter, May, who lived in Wardsboro. Emma died on January 4, 1925, and she was buried beside William.

Children of William and Emma:

- 1) Roy William, born July 22, 1875, at Stratton, Vermont; died June 23, 1957, at Townshend, Vermont; married Jesse Adele Scott on June 15, 1900, at Chester, Vermont.
- 2) Ona Rufus, born May 7, 1879, at Stratton, Vermont; died in 1938 at West Townshend, Vermont; married Lillie May Burbee on August 21, 1901, at South Windham, Vermont.
- 3) Ray Eugene, born March 31, 1887, at Stratton, Vermont; died February 17, 1966, at South Londonderry, Vermont; married Mary Ellen Griffith on June 25, 1913, at Castleton, Vermont.
- 4) May Miranda, born February 7, 1889, at Stratton, Vermont; died May 26, 1963, at West Wardsboro, Vermont; married
  - 1) James A. Dexter on November 15, 1910, at Stratton, Vermont
  - 2) John W. Allen on December 25, 1920.

**Roy William Lyman**, son of William and Emma Lyman, was

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born in Stratton on July 22, 1875. Roy took the Freeman's oath in Stratton on November 3, 1896, then he moved to Massachusetts.

Roy married Jesse Adele Scott, daughter of Ransom and Eunice Scott, on June 15, 1900, at Chester, Vermont. Jesse was born in Richford, Vermont, on April 18, 1871.

Following the marriage, Roy was employed in Ware and Greenfield, Massachusetts, as a Stationary Engineer. The Lymans later returned to this area and spent some time in Wardsboro and Stratton. Roy was a member of the Christian Endeavor Society of West Wardsboro and he held that organization's office of secretary and treasurer.

The Lymans moved to Townshend, Vermont, in 1954. Roy died there on June 23, 1957. Jessie died there on December 15, 1959.

Children of Roy and Jessie were:

- 1) Pauline Emma, born May 6, 1901, at Ware, Massachusetts; died May 16, 1928.
- 2) Burdette William Scott "Jack," born June 1, 1903, at Greenfield, Massachusetts; married Ruth Thompson on August 24, 1929, at Hartford, Connecticut.

**Ona Rufus Lyman**, son of William and Emma Lyman, was born on May 7, 1879, at Stratton. He took the Freeman's oath there in September, 1900.

Ona married Lillian M. Burbee, daughter of W.H.H. and Susie (Robinson) Burbee, on

August 21, 1901, at South Windham, Vermont, by William H. Thorne, pastor of the Baptist Church there. Lillian was born in Winhall, Vermont, about 1877. She graduated from Leland and Gray Seminary in Townshend, Vermont, and went on to teach school in Wardsboro and surrounding towns.

At first, the Lymans lived in Wardsboro, then they moved to Springfield, Massachusetts. They returned to Vermont in 1934 and farmed in Townshend. In 1938, Ona had been suffering from malaria and then died of uremic poisoning sometime after the hurricane of that year.

After Ona's death, Lillian went to live with her son, Kenneth in Brattleboro, Vermont. She died on December 2, 1952.

Children of Ona and Lillian were:

- 1) William Kenneth, born July 31, 1904, at Stratton, Vermont; died August 10, 1981; married Elizabeth Davidson Stowell Boyden on December 15, 1934, at Townshend, Vermont.
- 2) Donald B., born in 1911 at Springfield, Massachusetts; died in 1912 at Springfield, Massachusetts.

**Ray Eugene Lyman**, son of William and Emma Lyman, was born on March 31, 1887, at Stratton. There, he attended school. Later he took a short business course in Brattleboro. He also learned to survey through a correspondence course.

Ray stayed in Stratton with his parents and he assisted his father in the family business -- the sawmill and farm. He also taught school at schoolhouse #5 - the Lowe School. Ray took the Freeman's oath in Stratton in November, 1908.

In 1910, Stratton elected Ray to represent them in Montpelier. He was the youngest member of the legislature that year. He was also active in Stratton politics over the years, filling the positions of school director, Selectman (1909 - 1922) and moderator at various times. He also represented Stratton again in 1919 and the family went to live in Montpelier during that term. Ray also became a justice of the peace for Windham County in 1921.

Ray met Mary Ellen Griffith, daughter of Edmund W. and Mary Catherine (Roberts) Griffith, of Castleton, Vermont, while she was teaching school in West Wardsboro. She was born on January 26, 1887. Ray and Mary were married on June 25, 1913, in Castleton.

The Lymans lived in Stratton with Ray's parents, where Ray continued to work with his father in the mill. He eventually took over this business after his father's death. Ray employed Paul Stiles to assist at the mill.

Before the marriage, Mary had graduated from Castleton Normal School, then taught school in Benson, Ira, Jamaica and West Wardsboro. Two of Mary's sisters, Annie and Catherine, also taught at West

Wardsboro. Mary was quite young when she left home to teach in Jamaica. The school board had written here and told her she would be teaching at the village school. She traveled on the trains from Castleton to Brattleboro, then took the West River Railroad to Jamaica. Upon her arrival after dark, some of the school board members met her at the station, only to inform her that the job had been given to someone else, but she could take the position at the South Hill School. She was introduced to Archie Knight whom she would be boarding with. He took her up the road to the school, then on to his farm. Mary taught only one term there, then took a teaching position in West Wardsboro. After her marriage to Ray, Mary also served as town treasurer for Stratton.

In 1922, due to their concerns about the remoteness of the house and mill in Stratton and their desire to get their children closer to school and its activities, the Lymans decided to sell their home in Stratton and move into Wardsboro.

Ray was elected a Selectman of Wardsboro and served in that position from 1927 to 1931. In 1931, the Lymans moved to South Londonderry, Vermont, where Ray worked at the West River Creamery until it closed in 1937. Ray then worked as caretaker of the Tams Farm in Winhall, Vermont, where they lived for a year. After that, Ray worked for the Taylor Furniture Mill in South

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Londonderry and Woodward Lumber Company in Brattleboro, then Jones and Lamson Machine Shop in Springfield and the Old Londonderry Shop. He also performed surveys extensively during the summer months - 1939/40 was an active year, since he was hired to survey several square miles of Equinox Mountain for Dr. J.G. Davidson, a vice president of Union Carbide.

In 1941, the Lymans moved into a house just down from the library in South Londonderry. Their daughter, Ellen, continues to live in this house. Ray served as a moderator in Londonderry in 1942 and several years afterward. He was also elected a representative of Londonderry in 1947.

The Lymans were active members of the Baptist church in West Wardsboro and then South Londonderry. In his latter years, Ray suffered from Parkinson's disease. He died at South Londonderry on February 17, 1966. Mary died at Townshend, Vermont, on January 4, 1981. The Lymans were buried in the West Wardsboro Cemetery.

Children of Ray and Mary were:

- 1) Ellen Mary
- 2) William Ray, married Vera Rose Petersen.
- 3) David Roy, married Bette June Roberts.
- 4) Ona Rufus, Doris (?).

**Ellen Mary Lyman**, daughter of Ray and Mary Lyman, was born in Stratton and spent her early years there, living on her father's

farm and watching him work in the mill. In 1922, the Lymans moved to Wardsboro, where Ellen spent most of her school years. They moved to Londonderry in 1931 and also spent a year in Winhall.

Ellen worked for several years at the Green Mountain Club House in Sherburne, Vermont. She then worked for Treadway Inn Corporation as a bookkeeper at various places from 1942 to 1972. At that time, Ellen returned to South Londonderry to take care of her mother and Aunt Annie, while living in the home her parents had owned there.

Ellen is an active member of the Baptist Church in South Londonderry, and active in the library association. She was president of this association for several years.

Ellen has been a great help in producing this history of Stratton, by providing wonderful information and old photographs relative to the town.

**William Ray Lyman**, son of Ray and Mary Lyman, was born at Stratton. He was probably the last person born within the Lyman farmhouse. William lived in Stratton for only his first two years. He went to school in Wardsboro and South Londonderry, then attended Leland and Gray in Townshend, all in Vermont. Following high school, William attended the University of Vermont, then went to Graduate School at Columbia University, attaining a degree in

the field of Chemistry. He then went to work in 1944 on the Manhattan Project at Oakridge, Tennessee.

Before, taking the job in Tennessee, William married Vera Rose Petersen. Following the marriage, they immediately headed for Oakridge.

After the job at Oakridge was complete, William finished graduate school training at MIT. He took a job with the Rohm and Haas Company in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where William remained until retiring in 1985.

**May Miranda Lyman**, daughter of William and Emma Lyman, was born in Stratton on February 7, 1889. May graduated from Leland and Gray Seminary in Townshend, Vermont, and went on to teach school in Stratton.

May married James Dexter on November 15, 1910, and they lived in Wardsboro, Vermont. James was active in town affairs at Wardsboro, where he taught school. James was Wardsboro's town clerk for a time and went to represent Wardsboro in the state legislature in Montpelier in 1919. That same year, May's brother, Ray, was the Representative for Stratton. James died that year, on March 23, 1919, as a result of the flu epidemic that had swept the country at that time, leaving May and a daughter, Evelyn.

May and her daughter then moved from their home in Wardsboro Center to West Wardsboro. Her mother, Emma, also lived with them. May then

married Jack Allen, a local carpenter, on December 25, 1920, and they continued to live in the home May had settled in.

May served as Wardsboro's Town Clerk for many years. She died there on May 26, 1963. Jack died on May 9, 1972. They were both buried in the West Wardsboro Cemetery.

A child of May and her first husband, James Dexter was:

- 1) Evelyn Ruth, married Lloyd A. Brown.

Children of May and her second husband, Jack Allen, were:

- 1) Robert Lyman, married Joyce Mabel Streeter.
- 2) Ruth Emma, married Elmer Herbert Turner, Jr..

**Lucius Lyman**, son of Rodolphus and Bethiah Lyman, was born on March 31, 1823, at Northfield, Massachusetts. He married Luana Fitts on October 15, 1855, and they settled in West Wardsboro, Vermont.

Following the birth of their daughter, the Lymans moved to Ohio. Luana died on April 13, 1880, and their daughter died in 1887. They were buried in the West Wardsboro Cemetery.

Lucius returned to Stratton in an extremely depressed state of mind. He supposedly committed suicide by drowning himself in the Lyman millpond on July 25, 1893. Lucius also was buried in the West Wardsboro Cemetery.

A child of Lucius and Luana was:

- 1) May L., born about 1870; died on September 6, 1887.
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**Ray Lyman**  
(1887 – 1966)

Photo courtesy of Ellen Lyman



**Mary (Griffith) Lyman**  
(1887 – 1981)

Photo courtesy of Ellen Lyman



**The William Lyman family**  
[Back l-r] Roy Lyman, James Dexter, May and Ray Lyman  
[Middle l-r] William and Emma Lyman  
[Front l-r] Pauline and Burdette Lyman

Photo courtesy of Ellen Lyman



**The Lyman family  
Ona, Ray, May and Emma**

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Additional Sources for the Lyman families:  
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 Massachusetts, by Temple

## Lyon

**Josiah Lyon** may have been the son of William and Sarah Lyon of Woodstock, Connecticut, born December 9, 1769. Josiah's wife, Sarah, was born before 1765. Josiah was apparently closely related to Aaron Lyon below. Aaron may have been his half-brother.

Josiah and Sarah were residing in Leominster, Massachusetts, when they purchased 3L7R in Stratton on April 1, 1807, from Bezalial Lawrence. The Lyons settled on this lot - located on what is now called Grout Pond. The house was probably located at the top of

the hill up from what is now the parking area.

The Lyons were duly warned out of town by Stratton's constable in March, 1808. On September 17, 1808, Josiah sold this lot to Peter Howe and William Wheeler. Josiah did not purchase any other lot in Stratton, but apparently went to live near the town common on 4L5R - property owned by Aaron Lyon. A road description made in October, 1809, states that his house was located along the road that ran northeast from the meetinghouse to the Batchellor house (located at the end of what is now *Shepardson Rd.*

Josiah and his family were listed in the 1810 census of Stratton. They apparently removed from Stratton before 1820.

**Aaron Lyon** may have been the son of William and Deborah Lyon of Woodstock, Connecticut, born December 5, 1747. Aaron's wife, Betsey, was also born before 1765. Aaron was apparently closely related to Josiah Lyon (above) was apparently Aaron's half-brother.

Aaron purchased 40 acres of 4L5R in Stratton on May 10, 1806, from Sampson Wetherbee. At that time, the Lyons were already living in Stratton.

Aaron's lot was adjacent to the town common on the south. The Lyons were warned out of town by Stratton's Selectmen on June 28, 1806. On July 2, 1806, the same day that Stratton's constable, Levi Robbins, served

Aaron the warning to depart Stratton, Aaron was chosen as a committee member to supervise the building of Stratton's meetinghouse; no doubt because his home was near the building site. Although the town rescinded the vote to build a meetinghouse and turned the project over to some of the town's people, it was possible that Aaron still participated in the project. No records exist surrounding the construction of the meetinghouse, however, it was apparently completed in 1808.

In March 1807, Aaron purchased 2L6R, which contained the southern end of what is now Grout Pond. In a deed dated March 24, 1812 (see below), Aaron was called a millwright, therefore, it is likely that the Lyons settled on that lot and that Aaron operated a sawmill there (This was a much better location for a mill than the lot near the town common). Apparently Josiah Lyon settled into the house by the common.

It appears that taxes were not paid on 2L6R and it was soon sold off; however, Aaron sold 50 acres of this lot in 1809, then a month later bought back 4L5R - the lot near the common (possibly buying back a mortgage). In 1810, the Lyons had two females and a male living with them. One of the females was apparently their daughter, the other two may have been another of their children and a spouse. The Lyons were admitted as members of the Church of Christ in Stratton on

February 2, 1812, and both were baptized at that time. Within the next two days four of their children were also baptized.

On March 24, 1812, Aaron mortgaged the lot near the common through Joseph Patch, then sold it to Polly (Phillips) Sigourney. They apparently left Stratton at that time.

Children of Aaron and Betsey:

- 1) Charles
- 2) John Jarvis, born March 1, 1806, at Northboro, Massachusetts.
- 3) Christopher Gore
- 4) Oliver

**Baxter Lyon**, son of Benjamin, Jr. and Sarah Lyon, was born on December 1, 1771, at Woodstock, Connecticut. There, Baxter married Dolly Paine on April 3, 1798. Dolly died evidently from complications of childbirth on July 7, 1801.

Baxter remarried and he and his wife, Mary, settled in Stratton about 1829, along with Baxter's sister Azuba Morse, wife of Jonathan Morse. Baxter purchased the east half of 7L3R and the south half of 8L3R from John Fox on December 17, 1829. The Lyons settled in Stratton on this farm soon thereafter, and they were included in Stratton's census of 1830, which indicated that they had two sons under the age of five as well as a male boarder, aged 30 to 40, living with them.

The Lyons apparently settled on 7L3R (first built by Jonas Woodward). At that time, Jonathan Morse still resided on

this lot, probably in a separate dwelling.

On June 8, 1831, Baxter purchased 50 acres of 2L6R, located on the south side of what is now called Grout Pond<sup>1</sup>. Over the next few years, Baxter bought and sold other lots in Stratton. On February 21, 1835, Baxter sold the farm on 7L3R to Phineas White of Putney, Vermont, then removed his family back to Woodstock at that time. Baxter was living in Woodstock when he sold 2L6R in November, 1835.

A child of Baxter and Dolly was:

- 1) Baxter, born July 4, 1801, at Woodstock, Connecticut; died July 13, 1801, at Woodstock, Connecticut.

Children of Baxter and Mary:

- 2) (a son)
- 3) (a son)
- 4) Dolly Reed, born April 8, 1831, at Stratton, Vermont (baptized in Stratton on November 13, 1831).
- 5) Marcia Josephine, born May 11, 1833, at Stratton, Vermont.

Note:

- 1) Although this lot had previously belonged to Aaron Lyon, apparently there was no connection between these two families.

**John Lyon** was apparently related to Baxter Lyon. John married Cynthia Wood on February 27, 1831, at Stratton. Although he owned no property in Stratton, he settled there. During the March meeting of 1832, John made the lowest bid to care for Nancy Waite, a town pauper, at 50 cents

per week. The Lyons were no longer in Stratton in 1840.

## Lysall

**Victor Lysall** was born about 1883 in Sweden. In 1920, Victor was a lumberman in Stratton and lived in the boarding house at the Grout Job.

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### Machutt

**Royard Machutt** was born about 1873 in Maine. In 1920, he was a lumberman, working in Stratton and living in the boarding house at the Grout Job.

## Magoon

John Edward Magoon, son of Joseph Magoon and an Abnaki woman, was born on May 2, 1828. John moved from Canada to Schroon Lake, New York, with his father and sister, Electa. There, he married Hulda Bruce.

During the Civil War, John served in the 98th New York Infantry, Company I. John never settled in Stratton, although two of his children did so.

Two children of John and Hulda:

- 1) Edward Nelson, born; May 1, 1859; married 1) Lillia L. Jones 2) Cora J. Allen in 1885.
- 2) Betsy Anna, married 1) Emery Bills 2) (?) Torrey.

**Edward Nelson Magoon**, son of John and Hulda Magoon, was born on May 1, 1859, at Schroon Lake, New York. Edward's first

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wife, Lillia L. Jones, daughter of Silas and Marena Jones, was born on February 25, 1863, at Stratton. She died on December 23, 1883, and she was buried in Ball Cemetery.

Edward then married Cora J. Allen, daughter of Albert Marsh and Margaret Ella (Downes) Allen, in 1885. Cora was born on April 5, 1867, in Londonderry, Vermont.

The Magoons settled in Stratton about 1890, locating on the farm previously occupied by the Grout family. This farm was located at the junction of the *West Jamaica Rd.* and *Mountain Rd.* Edward was Stratton's road commissioner in 1904. The Magoons moved to South Londonderry, Vermont, about that same time.

A child of Edward and Lillia was:

- 1) Walter E., born July 3, 1883, at Jamaica, Vermont; died October 18, 1936, at Bondville, Vermont; married Inez Mina Wilder on March 4, 1908, at South Londonderry, Vermont (took the Freeman's oath in Stratton on September 6, 1904).

Children of Edward and Cora:

- 2) Clara Bell, born August 4, 1887; died May 30, 1919; married Albert Henry Baybrook on August 13, 1900, in New York.
- 3) Albert Edwin, born February 6, 1891, at Stratton, Vermont; died November 22, 1959; married Pearl Grace Knights on July 4, 1911, at South Londonderry, Vermont.



**The Magoon Family about 1915**

[Back l-r] Herbert, Fred, Mary, Pearl, Albert

[Middle l-r] Harry, Walter, Inez, Clara

[Front l-r] Grace, Cora and Edward Magoon

- 4) Herbert Clifton, born February 2, 1893, at Stratton, Vermont; died October 16, 1975, at the Veteran's Hospital in White River Junction, Vermont (WWI veteran); married Cora May Chamberlain on August 27, 1918, at South Londonderry, Vermont.
- 5) Harry Ellsworth, born February 8, 1895, at Stratton, Vermont; died October 1, 1962; married Madeline Elinore Bills on October 2, 1926
- 6) Mary Ella, born August 24, 1898, at Stratton, Vermont; died March 14, 1980; married Frederick Homer Smith on September 29, 1914.
- 7) Grace Margaret Huldah, born August 2, 1901, at Stratton, Vermont; died September 2, 1972; married Edward John Brusco on August 30, 1924.

**Herbert Clifton Magoon**, son of Edward and Cora Magoon, was born at Stratton on February 2, 1893. He grew up on his father's farm, located at the corner of the *West Jamaica Rd.* and *Mountain Rd.* in Stratton. At that time, this area had become a very isolated place and the wilderness had started to reclaim the farms.

Herbert married Cora May Chamberlain on August 27, 1918, at Londonderry, Vermont. The marriage took place just before Herbert entered the service during WWI. Herbert joined the army. He was indoctrinated in Brattleboro, Vermont, on September 4, 1918, and he was assigned to the 151st

Dep. Brigade. Shortly after entering the service, Herbert became very ill. He was left for dead in an army hospital, but he eventually recovered. Herbert was discharged from the service on December 4, 1918.

The Magoons lived out most of their lives in South Londonderry, Vermont. Herbert died on October 16, 1975, at the Veteran's Hospital in White River Junction, Vermont.

**Harry Ellsworth Magoon**, son of Edward and Cora Magoon, was born on February 8, 1895, at Stratton. He grew up on his father's farm, located at the corner of the *West Jamaica Rd.* and *Mountain Rd.* in Stratton. At that time, this area had become a very isolated place and the wilderness had started to reclaim the farms.

After the family had removed to South Londonderry, Vermont, Harry joined the army during WWI. He was indoctrinated in Brattleboro, Vermont, on April 1, 1918. He was assigned to the 151st Dep. Brigade until April 24, 1918. Harry was then assigned to Co. L, of the 3rd Training Regiment Engineers as a corporal at Humphreys, Virginia, where he remained until June, 1918. From June, 1918, to July 27, 1918, Harry was assigned to Co. C. of the 116 Engineers, and then to Co. A. of the 2nd Engineers. He remained with this company for the remainder of his service. Harry was sent to Europe on June 14, 1918, and he remained

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overseas until August 4, 1919. Harry returned to the states and he was discharged on August 14, 1919.

Harry married Madeline Elinore Bills, daughter of Leon and Sadie Bills, on October 2, 1926. Madeline was born on February 18, 1902. She died on March 16, 1931, and Harry died on October 1, 1962.

## Maison

**Charlie Maison**, son of Adolph and Alphosine (Terrienn) Maison, was born at Clifton, Canada, in August, 1875. Charlie married Exsilda LaFontaine, daughter of Adolph and Alice Lafontaine, on January 17, 1900, at a Catholic church in Brattleboro, Vermont. Exsilda was born in May, 1884, at Clifton, Canada.

Charlie came to Stratton, where he probably worked at one of the lumber camps. In 1900, he and Exsilda were living with Exsilda's parents.

Exsilda died at Stratton, on October 22, 1900, shortly after giving birth to a daughter. Charlie was no longer in Stratton in 1910.

A child of Charlie and Exsilda:

- 1) Alice, born; October 2, 1900, at Stratton, Vermont.

## Malacarne

**Silvanus Malacarne** and his wife, Rita, were born in Italy. They came to America and settled in Stratton by 1902. Silvanus was a laborer who probably worked in the lumber camps in Stratton.

The Malacarnes were no longer in Stratton in 1910.

A child of Silvanus and Rita was:

- 1) Alcy Paolina, born June 20, 1902, at Stratton, Vermont.

## Mann

**Bille Mann**, son of Elisha and Susanna (Webb) Mann, was born on October 17, 1756. He had lived at Wrentham, Massachusetts, and he was called "of Franklin, Massachusetts," when he first purchased land in Stratton. His parents and a sister, Susanna, all died in Franklin.

Bille served in a Massachusetts unit during the American Revolution, enlisting in Captain Fairbanks's militia, which marched on the alarm of April 19, 1775. Bille served until May 1, 1775. He then enlisted in Captain Boyd's Company, Colonel Greaton's Regiment. Bille was a private in Captain Fairbanks's Company, Colonel Metcalf's Regiment, from December 8, 1776, to December 31, 1776. This unit marched from Wrentham to Providence and Warwick, Rhode Island, on the alarm of December 8. Bille then served with Captain Fairbanks again in Haws' Regiment, from September 30, 1777, to October 31, 1777, in Rhode Island. Bille served again as a corporal in Ware's Company of Colonel Wade's Regiment, from June 20, 1778, to July 14, 1778, in a detachment from the 4th Suffolk, serving in Rhode Island.

Bille married Mary "Molly" Thurston, daughter of James and

Phebe (Perkins) Thurston, at Franklin on February 6, 1783. Molly was born on February 7, 1760, at Rehoboth, Massachusetts.

On October 8, 1787, Bille purchased the east half of 3L5R in Stratton and he and Mary settled there shortly afterward. This farm was located west of the intersection of the *West Jamaica Rd.* and the *Stratton-Arlington Rd.*, near the top of the ridge there (see R. Scott on McClellan's map of 1856). Later, a main road from the Town Common to Stratton Gore passed his home.

Bille became very active in Stratton's town affairs throughout his life. In his later years, he was called Bille Mann, Esquire, implying that he was a Justice of the Peace. In 1819, he was called General Mann – apparently his rank in the state militia. Over the many years that he lived in Stratton, Bille bought and sold large amounts of property.

In 1810, the Manns were probably sharing their home with their son and his wife as well as their own daughter. In 1820, they had a young woman, possibly a granddaughter living with them, and in 1830, the Manns were living alone.

Mary was accepted into the Church of Christ in Stratton on February 2, 1812. She died at Stratton on July 29, 1839, and so Bille lived out his last years with his daughter and son-in-law, Mary and Richard Scott. On the census of 1840, Bille was listed as a Revolutionary Pensioner, aged 83. He died on July 19, 1852.

Bille and Mary were buried in Ball Cemetery.

Children of Bille and Mary were:

- 1) (a son)
- 2) Mary, born on March 26, 178(4 or 9); died March 24, 1864, at Stratton, Vermont; married Richard Scott on August 18, 1811, at Stratton, Vermont.

**Hosea Mann**, son of James and Anna Mann, was born at Dummerston, Vermont, on October 18, 1801.

Hosea's father, the Rev. James Mann, moved to Dover, Vermont, from Dummerston, in 1812, and became the pastor of the little Dover-Somerset Baptist Church, a position he filled for 20 years. James was replaced in 1832 by his son-in-law, Daniel Leonard, husband of James' daughter, Sally. James also bought and operated the Gragg Mill on the north branch of the Deerfield River about 1812.

Hosea purchased several parcels of land in Somerset and Stratton over the years. In 1837, Hosea and William Mann purchased the Jotham Pike farm in Somerset (currently the home of M. Lee Bills). They probably didn't live there and sold this farm to Jotham's son, Moses, in 1839. Hosea apparently remained in Dover for many years, and in 1850, he was a Selectman of that town. In 1858, records show that he owned pew #8 in the West Dover Meetinghouse.

Eventually, Hosea settled in Stratton in the Somerset Annex in

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the far south part of town, south of is now Rt. 100 near the border where it enters Dover. His home is marked on Beer's Atlas of 1869.

## Manning

**Mercy (Bailey) Manning**, daughter of Jeremiah and Mercy (Burbank) Bailey, was the widow of John Manning, who died at Lancaster, Massachusetts, on October 16, 1793. Mercy was born on December 21, 1751. She united with the First Church in Lancaster in 1794.

Mercy came to Stratton in 1810 and lived in the home of her son-in-law, Joshua Robbins. Mercy was warned out of Stratton by the Selectmen on January 17, 1811, and she was served notice by the constable on February 1, 1811. Mercy probably left Stratton when the Robbins left town in 1815. She died in Lancaster on November 7, 1827.

A daughter of Mercy Manning:

- 1) Patty, born April 21, 1780, at Lancaster, Massachusetts; died on December 9, 1819, at Newfane, Vermont; married Joshua Robbins on February 1, 1801, at Athol, Massachusetts.

## Marble

The Marble family of Stratton were descendants of Freegrace Marble and his wife, Mary (original settlers of the town of Sutton, Massachusetts), through their son, Samuel, born April 27, 1723. Samuel married Patience Gale at Sutton (intention published on July 23, 1743).

A child of Samuel and Patience:

- 1) Samuel, born August 25, 1745, at Sutton, Massachusetts; died July 14, 1836, at Stratton, Vermont; married Lucretia Richardson on November 16, 1769, at Woburn, Massachusetts.

**Samuel Marble<sup>1</sup>**, son of Samuel and Patience (Gale) Marble, was born on August 25, 1745, at Sutton, Massachusetts. He married Lucretia Richardson, daughter of Charles and Mary Richardson, on November 16, 1769. Lucretia was born on April 29, 1752.

SAR (Sons of the American Revolution) records show that Samuel served during the American Revolution.

The Marbles were living in Ward, Massachusetts, when Samuel bought 200 acres of land in Stratton, 7L1R, from Paul Thurston on November 13, 1782. Stephen Marble and Richard Bartlett, 3rd, witnessed the sale. This was later the Leander Allen farm, and it was on this site that Walter Forrester recently built a home.

Samuel and his wife, Lucretia, may have settled in Stratton on 7L1R between 1782 and 1790, but they were living in Newfane before 1791. They settled in Stratton between June 14, 1791, and December 23, 1793, but returned to Newfane for a brief time after the census of 1800 was taken. In 1793, Samuel sold the east half of this lot to his son Samuel and in 1794, he sold the

west half to Sampson Bixby. The Marbles were living in Newfane in late 1803.

Samuel and Lucretia were apparently the couple warned out of Stratton on December 21, 1807 (served January 26, 1808). Although the last name is illegible, the given names fit and the time appears to be right. If so, then they returned to Stratton in 1807. The Marbles apparently settled into the home of their son Samuel, Jr. on 5L3R.

On February 2, 1812, Lucretia was accepted into the Church of Christ in Stratton by letter from the 2nd Church of Christ in Sutton, Massachusetts. On September 1, 1812, Samuel took the Freeman's oath in Stratton.

In 1820, Samuel and Lucretia and their daughter, Lucretia, shared a home. Apparently, the older Lucretia died between 1820 and 1830. In 1830, Samuel and his daughter, Lucretia, were living alone in Stratton.

Samuel had sold the farm in 1826 to Moses Stacy, then, after Isaac Shepardson had purchased it, Isaac mortgaged it back through Samuel Marble in 1828. At that time, the Marbles apparently shared that farm with Isaac Shepardson. In 1828, Samuel purchased a lot, located on the southwest side of the town common along with a half-share of the farm on the northwest side of the common. This lot had been previously occupied by Jonathan Phillips.

In May, 1831, Samuel mortgaged his lands through Asa Phillips, with an agreement that Asa would care for the Marbles for the rest of their natural lives (the deed makes it sound as if the Marbles were living with Shepardson at that time). A similar bargain was made with Benjamin Thatcher in 1834.

Samuel passed away at Stratton on July 14, 1836. In January, 1837, Benjamin Thatcher signed over his farm - the east half of 4L4R - to James Sprague with an agreement that Sprague would care for Lucretia Marble (the daughter). Lucretia died the next year.

Children of Samuel and Lucretia:

- 1) Molly, born September 23, 1770, at Sutton, Massachusetts.
- 2) Samuel, Jr., born January 7, 1772, at Sutton, Massachusetts; married 1) Hitty Putnam on September 12, 1799, at Sutton, Massachusetts 2) Bridget Reed on November 17, 1801, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 3) Lucretia, born in 1773; died March 6, 1837, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 4) Elijah, born October 20, 1774, at Sutton, Massachusetts.

**Samuel Marble, Jr.**, son of Samuel and Lucretia Marble, was born on January 7, 1772, at Sutton, Massachusetts. He came to Stratton with his parents in 1793. That year, Samuel purchased the east half of 7L1R

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from his father, but sold off this lot in 1797.

On June 29, 1796, Samuel purchased the west half of 5L3R from Sampson Bixby. This lot was located along the lower end of what is now called *Shepardson Rd.* and the dwelling was apparently located on the northeast side of the road beside the Forrest Tuttle house. The remains of its foundation were filled in in 1999. This is apparently where Samuel settled.

Samuel married Hitty Putnam at Sutton, Massachusetts, on September 12, 1799. She evidently soon died and so he married Bridget Reed at Stratton on November 17, 1801.

Samuel was active in Stratton's town affairs over the years, and he served as Selectman in 1801 and 1802. He also purchased other lots in town over the next few years, including one-fifth of the water rights to Batchellor's Mills in 1803.

The Marbles moved away from Stratton sometime shortly after 1812.

Children of Samuel and Bridget:

- 1) Holland, born March 17, 1804, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 2) Parker, born August 15, 1805, at Stratton, Vermont; died January 13, 1807, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 3) Ruth, born August 28, 1807, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 4) Louisa, born May 19, 1809, at Stratton, Vermont.

Note:

- 1) It appears that the data taken for the censuses of 1800 and 1810 concerning

the two Marble families in Stratton were wrong, since both households seem to mirror one another in 1800. Also, the 1810 census does not show Samuel Sr. in the correct age group.

## Marcucci

**Gregory James Marcucci**, son of Warren and Irene Marcucci, and his wife Rayleen Ann Rawson, daughter of Jerome and Purlys Rawson, came to Stratton from West Dover in September, 1992, after buying a house on *Pike Hollow Rd.* This house was previously the residence of Andrew King – which was first occupied by A. H. Pike.

Greg runs a plumbing business from their home. He has served on Stratton's Zoning Board since 1995, while Rayleen has been a member of the School Board since 1994. She is also an Auditor and a member of the Recreation Committee.

Children of Greg and Rayleen are:

- 1) Christopher James
- 2) Alyson Leah

## Marshall

**Roland Marshall** was born about 1901 in Connecticut. In 1920, he was a lumberman working in Stratton and living in the boarding house at the Grout Job.

## Martin

**A. J. Martin** was Justice of the Peace in 1883.

**John H. Martin** of Stratton owned a one and a quarter acre lot with a two-story house on *Pike Hollow Rd.* in Stratton. In 1893, he sold this lot to Hattie Styles,

wife of Alva Styles. This house was on the site where the Eddy/Young place stands today (2000).

**Ira D. Martin** was born in Brooklyn, New York. He married Emma Nichols, who was born at Salem, New York.

Ira was a laborer, who probably worked in one of the lumber camps in Stratton. In 1905, he was elected surveyor of wood and inspector of lumber and shingles. The Martins were no longer in Stratton in 1910.

A child of Ira and Emma was:

- 1) Henry William, born November 18, 1902, at Stratton, Vermont; died August 7, 1903, at Stratton, Vermont.

**Ernest Martin** was the head sawyer for Elmer Eddy's sawmill in Pike Hollow.

## Mascraft

**Isaac Mascraft** and his wife were born before 1775. They settled in Stratton between 1810 and 1820, but they had moved away before 1830.

Children of Isaac and his wife:

- 1) Nancy, married George W. Swan on May 6, 1823, at Stratton, Vermont (late of Bristol, Rhode Island).
- 2) Sarah, married Alden Axtell, of Windsor, Massachusetts (intent published on May 25, 1828, at Stratton, Vermont).

**Samuel Mascraft**, son of Jacob and Mary (Killingly) Mascraft, was born at Woodstock, Connecticut, on February 24, 1763. Samuel married Sarah Peakes, daughter of Joseph and Sarah (Allen) Peakes, there on February 11, 1790. Sarah was born at Woodstock on February 5, 1766.



**Ernest Martin at EA Eddy's Sawmill**

Photo Courtesy of the Ethel Eddy collection

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Samuel purchased 3L1R in Stratton from David Holmes of Woodstock, on September 15, 1818. He apparently settled in Stratton upon this farm soon thereafter. This farm was originally the Bixby farm, located on what is now called *Canedy Rd.*. The farmhouse may have stood on the site now owned by Ronald Bills.

Samuel sold this lot to Joseph Mascraft in 1820. Samuel may have been the same Samuel Mascraft, of New York, who witnessed a deed for Chester Wellman of Stephentown, New York, who sold 2L1R in 1835.

Children of Samuel Mascraft:

- 1) Samuel
- 2) Lucy, born May 22, 1802, at Woodstock, Connecticut; married Lyman Morse on June 5, 1817, at Woodstock, Connecticut.
- 3) Nancy, born September 8, 1805, at Woodstock, Connecticut.

**Samuel Mascraft, Jr.**, son of Samuel and Sarah Mascraft, evidently resided in Stratton and paid taxes on 3L1R in 1819.

**Joseph Mascraft**, may have been a son of Samuel and Sarah Mascraft. He was a resident of Woodstock, Connecticut, at the time that he purchased 3L1R in Stratton from Samuel Mascraft. Others apparently owned part of this farm either as undivided shares or as a mortgage, since it was sold at various times over the next few years.

In 1822, Joseph was still living in Woodstock; however, on September 14, 1829, when he sold the farm to John Fox of Woodstock, Joseph was said to be residing in Stratton. He evidently moved away after the sale. The deed for this sale stated that it included all the buildings, a pair of three-year-old steers, six yearlings and all the hay that is on the above described premises.

## Mason

**Royal M. Mason**, son of Noah and Dorothy (Bugbee) Mason, was born on February 14, 1767, at Woodstock, Connecticut. Royal married Abigail M. Bracket who was born in Connecticut in February 1780.

The Masons settled in Stratton between 1810 and 1820. They lived on 2L1R, on the Wardsboro Town line (where *Leon Stocker Dr.* is located today). This was a 95-acre lot with a dwelling house and log barn thereon. In 1820, the Masons were living there alone.

On October 8, 1823, Royal sold a half interest in the property to Zebina Pratt, which included an agreement that Zebina would care for Royal and Abigail for the remainder of their natural lives. In 1830, they had taken in a gentleman aged 70 to 80, probably a father of Royal or Abigail.

The Masons moved away from Stratton before 1840. However, in 1860, Abigail was living with James and Mariette Copeland, and she was cared for by Nelson Bourne in 1863. She

died on August 2, 1864, at Stratton.

**Nathaniel W. Mason** of Hudson, Massachusetts, purchased a 97-acre farm on 6L3R from Preston Knapp on May 9, 1868. The farm is shown along a road off of *Shepardson Rd*, and the old foundation can still be seen there. It was listed as N. Mason on Beer's Atlas of 1869.

Nathaniel and his wife, Mary A., settled there briefly, then moved to Bolton, Massachusetts. Nathaniel sold the farm to Alfred Howe of Jamaica, Vermont, on June 26, 1869.

## Matthews

**Samuel Matthews** had settled in Stratton by June 10, 1795. On that date, Samuel purchased the southeast quarter of 6L4R and probably built a farm there on the west side of the old road that progressed past this lot's southeast corner. He may be the same as Samuel Matthews, son of Paul and Lucy Matthews, born in Princeton, Massachusetts, on May 9, 1768. This Samuel married Susanna Cowdin of Rutland, Massachusetts, on November 30, 1790.

Samuel remained in Stratton at least through January 7, 1797. On that date, Samuel sold his land to Abel Kinsley of Orange, Massachusetts, and apparently left Stratton at that time. He may be the same who was killed by a falling tree in Somerset in 1842.

## Mattick

**Paul Mattick** and his wife, Ilse, came to Stratton in 1945. The Matticks both took the Freeman's oath in 1955 and in 1956, the town built a road to their home – now known as Dini Lane - off of North Rd., in the northeast corner of Stratton. After becoming a resident of Stratton, Paul served as Town Agent and he was involved in developing the plans for the Town Hall. He also was a strong advocate for upgrading wages for town officers.

Paul passed away on February 7, 1981, at Cambridge, Massachusetts. Ilse continues to reside in Stratton.

Their son is:

- 1) Paul, Jr., (He attended school in Jamaica, Vermont).

## Maurer

**Kenneth Edward Maurer**, son of Edward and Lucilla Maurer, and his wife Nancy Ellen Becker, daughter of John and Hellen Becker, settled in Stratton in 1984 and lived on *Shepardson Rd. in a house* built by Paul Girard.

Ken is a sales and marketing consultant. He was elected a Selectman of Stratton in March, 1994, for a four-year term. He was one of Stratton's Justices of the Peace, a position held from November, 1992, to 1998. He also had served on Stratton's Planning Commission from March, 1993, to March, 1994. The Maurers removed to Pennsylvania in 1998.

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Ken's son from a previous marriage:

- 1) Eric David

A son of Ken and Nancy:

- 2) Jason Richard

## May

**Lewis B. May** briefly settled in Stratton, taking the Freeman's oath there on September 6, 1864. He had moved away from Stratton before 1870.

**Lyman W. May**, son of Rhoda May (Edwards) of Edinburgh, New York, was born in 1849 at Edinburgh. He married Alida E. Perry, daughter of Oscar and Mary Perry, of Warrensburg, New York, on March 18, 1871, at Stratton. Alida was born in 1856 at Warrensburg.

A child of Lyman and Alida was:

- 1) Arthur J., born July 22, 1890, at Stratton, Vermont.

**George May** was born at Jamaica, Vermont. He married Sadie Prouty of Cambridgeport, Vermont.

George was a teamster and he probably worked in one of the lumber camps in Stratton around 1900, although he was not listed in the 1900 census of Stratton, or any other of Stratton's censuses, for that matter.

A child of George and Sadie was:

- 1) Richard Arthur, born March 6, 1900, at Stratton, Vermont.

## Maynard

**Stephen P. Maynard**, son of Henry and Alma Maynard, married Wendy Christie, daughter of Edwin and Margaret Christie.

The Maynards settled in Stratton on December 22, 1995, after purchasing a house on the south side of the *Stratton-Arlington Rd*, just east of the Town Hall. This house was built in the 1950s and an addition had been made in 1984.

Steve is a Recreational Director and Wendy works as a Hairstylist. Steve is a Selectman and also served on Stratton's Recreation Committee. Wendy is Stratton's Delinquent Tax Collector.

Children of Stephen and Wendy:

- 1) Troy M.
- 2) Sarah Margaret
- 3) Catherine

## McFarland

**William McFarland**, son of Andrew and Rebecca (Gray) McFarland was born on July 29, 1722, at Marblehead, Ireland, and he was christened at the 1<sup>st</sup> Congregational Church there. William came to America as a young man and settled in Worcester, Massachusetts. William married Elizabeth Browning, daughter of James and Elizabeth A. (Davis) Browning, on November 7, 1745, at Rutland, Massachusetts. She was born there on June 5, 1725.

William was among the 1780 proprietors of Stratton. Although the McFarlands never settled in Stratton at least one of their

children did so. William owned a considerable amount of Stratton at an early time. He died on January 27, 1805.

Their children were:

- 1) Andrew, born March 10, 1751/2, at Worcester, Massachusetts.
- 2) William, Jr., born January 5, 1758, at Worcester, Massachusetts; died October 9, 1839, at Worcester, Massachusetts; married Anna (?).
- 3) Mary, born April 16, 1760, at Worcester, Massachusetts.
- 4) Hannah, born June 9, 1762, at Worcester, Massachusetts.
- 5) Martha, born March 22, 1764, at Worcester, Massachusetts.
- 6) James, born July 18, 1766, at Worcester, Massachusetts; married Sarah Davis on April 4, 1839, at Worcester, Massachusetts.
- 7) Samuel, born November 23, 1770, at Worcester, Massachusetts.

**William McFarland, Jr.**, son of William and Elizabeth McFarland, was born on January 5, 1758, at Worcester, Massachusetts. William's wife was Anna and her maiden name may have been Davis.

William and his father were among the earliest proprietors of the town. William apparently did not settle in Stratton; although it is possible that he did so in the 1780s.

William retained large amounts of land in Stratton, which he later deeded to his son,

Andrew Davis McFarland in 1835. That same year A. D., as he was called, sold all his Stratton holdings to Phineas White of Putney. William died on October 9, 1839, at Worcester.

One of their children was:

- 1) Andrew Davis, born November 7, 1811; died June 23, 1836.

**James McFarland**, son of William and Elizabeth McFarland, was born on July 18, 1766, at Worcester, Massachusetts. He married Sarah Davis on April 4, 1839, at Worcester.

James's father, William, and his brother, William, were early Proprietors of Stratton and they owned a considerable amount of land in Stratton from 1780 to 1835. It appears though that James was the only member of the family to actually settle in Stratton. James, a farmer, was residing in Stratton when he purchased 2L2R from his father on May 20, 1789. The South Road was built through his land that same year. James did not sell this property and he was no longer in Stratton in 1791.

## McGray

**Mike McGray** was born about 1841 in Canada. In 1920, at the age of 79, he was working in the lumber camps and lived in the boarding house at the Grout Job in Stratton. Mike was listed as a widower.

## McMahon

**Michael McMahon** lived in Stratton in 1896. That year, he

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was elected Inspector of Leather. He had left town by 1900.

## Merchant

**David Merchant** was born in New York in October, 1864. He came to Stratton before 1900, and boarded in the home of George Herrick that year. David probably worked in one of Stratton's lumber camps. He was no longer in town by 1910.

## Merryfield

**Edwin Merryfield** was living with Melvin and Marcelina Knowlton in 1853, and attending school in district #5 in Stratton.

## Metcalf

**Albert Metcalf**, a lumberman, was born about 1849. He was boarding with John F. Hubbard in 1870. Together, John and Albert operated the Hubbard and Metcalf sawmill on the East Branch of the Deerfield River, along the *Stratton-Arlington Rd.* They sold the mill to EW Bowker in the late 1870s. It later became the Grout Job. Albert apparently left Stratton at that time.

**William J. Metcalf** was born about 1845. He resided in Stratton after the Civil War, working as a lumberman. He was enrolled in the militia in Stratton in 1867. William removed from Stratton before 1870.

## Millary

**Fran Millary** was born in Canada in March, 1865. He came to

Stratton before 1900 and worked for George Tudor at the Upper Tudor Mill in Stratton. In 1900, Fran was boarding in the home of George Tudor. Once the Tudors sold out in 1902, Fran evidently moved away from Stratton.

## Miller

**Elkanah Miller** of Franklin, Massachusetts, purchased half of 8L3R, on November 5, 1787. Elkanah may have been the Elkanah Millard born in 1766 at Rehoboth, Massachusetts – son of Joseph and Thankful (Gilmore) Millard. This Elkanah married Olive Fails at Attleboro, Massachusetts, on November 29, 1788.

Elkanah brought his family to Stratton soon thereafter and settled on their farm. He also purchased the west half of 3L5R in 1791 and sold it to Phineas Lamb in 1792.

On January 6, 1795, Elkanah sold the southeast corner of 7L4R. By that time, the Millers had returned to Attleboro. Elkanah was called a cordwainer in the deed of sale.

## Millet

**Thomas Wheeler Millet**, possibly a son of Ebenezer and Mary (Wheeler) Millet of Worcester, Massachusetts, was born in 1768. Thomas married Susanna Rice, daughter of Silas and Elizabeth Rice. Sukey, as she was called, was born on August 4, 1777, probably in Worcester, Massachusetts. Her father was among Stratton's early proprietors

in 1780 and he was instrumental in establishing the first settlement in town.

The Millets first lived in Worcester and they were probably married there in 1795. By 1799, they had settled in Putney, Vermont.

On November 1, 1803, Thomas purchased the west half of 10L2R in Stratton from Rufus and Leah Gale. They apparently settled on this lot, located beside what is now North Cemetery.

The Millets became members of the Church of Christ in Stratton on April 16, 1805, and their five children were baptized at that time. Thomas was elected Church Clerk in 1808 and served in that position until March 7, 1822.

Thomas bought 8L8R along with some smaller lots from his father-in-law, Silas Rice, in March, 1808. In 1810, Thomas was one of four gentlemen to purchase the north part of the West Gore that contained 3360 acres. That same year, Thomas was listed as head of a household in Stratton with two sons and five daughters. There was also a male over 45 living with them at that time. This may have been Susanna's father, Silas Rice. By 1820, the older gentleman was no longer living in their home.

In 1815, Thomas sold his farm to James Greenwood, then purchased a farm adjacent to the town common (26 acres of 4L4R and 5L4R). The Millets may have settled on this lot even earlier. In 1818, he sold an undivided half of this farm to John Brooks of

Winhall, Vermont, and in 1821, he sold the other half to Reuben Brooks.

Thomas served as Stratton's town clerk from 1808 to 1814, also in 1816, and again from 1818 to 1822.

The Millet's youngest daughter, Desdimona Rowena (DR Millet) was buried in the Old Town Cemetery in 1820. Her stone is one of the last two that remain therein.

By 1823, Thomas had resettled in Sunderland, Vermont. The Millets apparently made another move to Arlington, Vermont, within a few years, probably to live with their daughter, Susanna Hawley. Thomas died at Arlington on September 11, 1828. Susanna outlived him by almost 32 years. She died on May 8, 1860. Both were buried in St. James Cemetery in Arlington.

Children of Thomas and Susanna:

- 1) Sally Hinslow, born May 23, 1796, at Worcester, Massachusetts; married Barnard Holbrook on April 26, 1820.
  - 2) Abraham Rice, born April 30, 1798, at Worcester, Massachusetts.
  - 3) Elizabeth Taft, born March 31, 1800, at Putney, Vermont; died in 1880; married David Holmes (intent published on October 22, 1820, at Stratton).
  - 4) Nancy, born June 18, 1802, at Putney, Vermont (became a member of the Church of Christ in Stratton on November 9, 1817.
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- 5) Susanna, born February 15, 1804, at Stratton, Vermont; married Nelson Hawley of Arlington, Vermont, on January 5, 1824.
- 6) Mary, born September 5, 1806, at Stratton, Vermont (baptized in Stratton in September, 1806).
- 7) Thomas Wheeler, Jr., born September 16, 1809, at Stratton, Vermont (baptized in Stratton on November 15, 1809, and lived in Sunderland, Vermont, in 1840).
- 8) Samuel Austin, born September 7, 1811, at Stratton, Vermont (baptized in Stratton on September 11, 1811).
- 9) Emily Ann, born September 13, 1814, at Stratton, Vermont (baptized in Stratton on October 24, 1814).
- 10) Silas Ebenezer, born May 2, 1817, at Stratton, Vermont (baptized in Stratton on May 13, 1817).
- 11) Desdimona Rowena, born February 28, 1820, at Stratton, Vermont; died March 20, 1820 (buried in Old Town Cemetery).

## Milligan

**Arthur Milligan** was born in Canada in July, 1865. He came to Stratton before 1900 and took the Freeman's oath that year. That year he was boarding in the home of George Herrick. Arthur probably worked as a lumberman in one of Stratton's lumber camps. He was no longer in town in 1910.

## Millins

**Jonathan Millins** of Newfane, Vermont, married Jennie Hill of Stratton on May 19, 1802, at Stratton. Jonathan was probably a son of Joshua and Rebecca Millins, born September 6, 1773, at Westminster, Massachusetts.

The Millins probably lived in Townshend, Vermont, then returned to Stratton in 1806. They were warned out of town on June 28, 1806, and evidently moved away between 1807 and 1810.

Their children were:

- 1) Lyman, born August 18, 1802, at Townshend, Vermont.
- 2) Zachary, born December 10, 1803, at Townshend, Vermont.
- 3) Robin Hill, born April 20, 1805, at Townshend, Vermont.
- 4) Olivia, born April 27, 1807, at Stratton, Vermont.

## Miner

**Joseph Miner** was born in 1898 at Fair Haven, Vermont. He married Ruby Hoard who was born about 1903 at Winhall, Vermont. Joseph apparently was a laborer at one of the mills in Stratton in 1939 - probably Parsons Mill, located on the *West Jamaica Rd.*, across from the *Mountain Rd.* intersection. Supposedly, Joseph was also a Baptist minister. The Miners evidently resided in a cabin opposite the *West Jamaica Rd.* - *Mountain Rd.* intersection.

A child of Joseph and Ruby was:

- 1) Gladys Marie

## Minners

**Robert Minners**, son of Walter and Florence Minners, and his wife Maria Heinen, daughter of Wilhelm and Marta Heinen, settled in Stratton in 1968. Mr. Minners built a house on *West Ridge Rd.* in 1974. Robert was a Justice of the Peace during the 1980's. He was Town Agent from 1987 to 1998 and Grand Juror for several years beginning in 1987.

## Mitchell

**Howard Don Mitchell** was born in 1895 at Bradford, New Hampshire, and he married Gretta Palmer. Gretta was born at Sutton, New Hampshire, in 1911. Howard was a woodsman and he and Gretta were living in Stratton in 1935.

A child of Howard and Gretta:

- 1) Elvis G.

## Moffett

(Moffitt)

**John Moffett**, son of John and Mehitable (Miller) Moffett, was born on October 5, 1760, in Northfield, Massachusetts.

During the American Revolution, John served as a private in Captain Dix Company in the Massachusetts troops. After the war, John married Abigail Swift in 1782. She was born in 1764.

John and Abigail were residing in Northfield at the time that John purchased the east half of 3L1R, on November 24, 1784, from James Knox. The Moffetts settled in Stratton at that time and

John was one of Stratton's first listers -- elected in 1788.

John sold his Stratton property to William Bond on November 19, 1788, and left town at that time. He died in Oppenheim, New York, in 1810. Abigail died in 1840.

Children of John and Abigail:

- 1) Calvin, baptized October 26, 1783, at Northfield, Massachusetts.
- 2) Mehitable, baptized March 21, 1785, at Northfield, Massachusetts.
- 3) Lot, born in 1803; died in 1870; married Sarah McCreary.
- 4) Anna Maria, born in 1809.

**George A. Moffit**, son of Albert and Mary Ann (Waite) Moffitt of Rupert, Vermont, was born in Vermont on July 29, 1881. He probably had lived in or near South Londonderry, Vermont, before coming to Stratton.

George worked as a lumberman at the Grout Job. In 1900, he was living in the Grout boardinghouse located on the site. George had moved away from Stratton by 1910.

## Monico

**Dominic J. Monico** and his wife, Mercedes, purchased the old parsonage -- a vacation home -- in Stratton in 1953 from the estate of Lyman Green.

Dominic or "Birdie," as he was called, had worked at New Departure in Bristol, Connecticut, with Stub Samson. Their daughter, Lorraine currently owns

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this property and also uses it as a vacation home.



**Birdie Monico**

Photo courtesy of Mercedes Monico

One of their children:

- 1) Lorraine, married 1) Lawrence Weeks (1947 – 1997 – buried in Ball Cemetery) 2) Brent Newell.

## Moon

**Benjamin Moon** was born in 1797. Family tradition claims that he was half Abnaki Indian. He married Elizabeth E. Fay, daughter of Asa and Mary (Robins) Fay, on October 9, 1825, at Somerset, Vermont. Elizabeth was born on May 20, 1793.

The Moons may have settled in Stratton about 1826. On June 21, 1830, Benjamin purchased the northeast corner of 3L4R in Stratton, down to the north bank of the brook (17 acres).

In 1830, Elizabeth's sister, Polly, was apparently living with them. The Moons left Stratton and settled in Pownal, Vermont circa 1833. They returned to Stratton sometime after 1840 and Benjamin was called "of Stratton" when he purchased the west half of 7L4R on June 14, 1845.

On March 11, 1846, Benjamin purchased the west half of 3L3R from Philip Thomas, Jr.. The Moons apparently resettled back in their old home next to the brook.

Town records indicate that Ben Moon's earmark for his livestock was a slanting crop on the foreside of the right ear - recorded July 5, 1826.



**Benjamin Moon and his brother, Joe Moon**

Photo courtesy of Carl Ball

At some point, the Moons apparently went west to Ohio, moving their belongings with a team of oxen. Their sons (not listed below) stayed in Ohio, but Benjamin and Marena returned to Stratton within three years.

In 1859, Joel Grout was living with them and attending school in district #2 in Stratton. In 1860, Polly was still living with them as well as a nine-year-old boy, George Taylor, who was perhaps a grandson. George remained with them through 1862.

Elizabeth died on July 12, 1862, and she was buried in Ball Cemetery. In 1864, Benjamin purchased land from the estate of Silas Jones, his son-in-law. Benjamin had previously owned

this land and he had sold it to his daughter, Marena, in 1851, with an agreement that she would care for her parents for the rest of their natural lives. Benjamin apparently died before 1869. He was not buried in the cemetery; instead he was buried under a rock by the brook near his home. Some of Benjamin and Elizabeth's children were:

- 1) Mansfield, born August 24, 1826; died May 14, 1832, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 2) Marena R., born March 10, 1830, at Stratton, Vermont; married 1) Silas L. Jones on June 13, 1851, at Newfane, Vermont 2) Edward A. Ball on December 25, 1871, at Athens, Vermont.
- 3) Melvin L., born January 18, 1832; died March 26, 1832, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 4) Melantha E., born February 14, 1834, at Pownal, Vermont; married Jeremiah D. Styles.
- 5) Corinthia B. (possibly), born about 1835 (She was living with Jonas and Anna Smith in 1850).

Additional Sources:

Carl Ball, grandson of Marena (Moon) Ball



**Marena Moon**

Photo courtesy of Carl Ball

## Moore

**Peter Moore**, son of Abraham Moore, was born on March 10, 1804, at Wardsboro South District (Dover), Vermont. Peter married Sophronia Haskins on March 26, 1829, at Dover. Sophronia was born about 1809 and was probably a daughter of William Haskins, an early settler of Dover.

The Moores settled in Stratton between 1840 and 1850, but removed to Wardsboro before 1852. That year, the Moores suffered a devastating tragedy. On the night of September 8, 1852, the Moore's house burned, killing six of their children.

Sophronia was home and in a downstairs bedroom with two of the children while the other four were in a bedroom above. Mrs. Moore escaped the fire unharmed and Peter arrived home about midnight, just as the roof fell in. He saw the beds with the children in them as they fell from the chamber to the cellar. A single stone was placed in the West Wardsboro Cemetery for the children. Sophronia died two years later on May 9, 1854, and Peter died on May 6, 1870. They were buried beside their children.

Children of Peter and Sophronia:

- 1) Titus H., born about 1829.
- 2) Loren B., born about 1831.
- 3) Lovina A., born about 1839.
- 4) Wallace W., born about 1841; died September 8, 1852, at Wardsboro, Vermont.
- 5) Hendrick H., born about 1843; died September 8, 1852, at Wardsboro, Vermont.

- 6) Holland N., born about 1844; died September 8, 1852, at Wardsboro, Vermont.
- 7) Lura A., born about 1846; died September 8, 1852, at Wardsboro, Vermont.
- 8) Melissa E., born about 1847; died September 8, 1852, at Wardsboro, Vermont
- 9) Lebius E., born about 1848; died September 8, 1852, at Wardsboro, Vermont.
- 10) Oscar Ledoit, born October 12, 1850, at Wardsboro, Vermont.

Additional Sources:

Return to Yesterday by CS Streefer

**George W. Moore** was born about 1847 in New Hampshire. He married Carrie Rosella Stiles,

daughter of Harvey and Caroline Stiles. Carrie was born on January 26, 1870 in Massachusetts.

The Moores were married about 1895 and they settled in Stratton about 1905 in the home of Carrie's grandfather, Jonathan Babcock. Evidently, Carrie was married previously to (?) White. She had a son, Pheron L. White, born about 1892 in New Hampshire. Pheron was living with George and Carrie in 1910. That year, George took the Freeman's oath in Stratton.

The Moores were no longer residents of Stratton in 1920. Carrie died about 1930.



**George W. and Carrie (Stiles) Moore  
in front of their home on the Stratton-Arlington Rd.  
(The Babcock house).**

Photo courtesy of Arleen Huesman

## Moran

**James Moran** was born on August 8, 1800, in Ireland. He came to America and eventually settled in Putney, Vermont. James married Emma (or Amy) Johnson, daughter of Elisha and Olive (Watson) Johnson, on May 3, 1830, at Putney. Emma was born on April 26, 1809.

In 1849, James was apparently renting and living on the old David Cook farm on the west side of 6L3R in Stratton. They apparently removed from Stratton at that time.

The Morans returned to Stratton in the late 1870s, and lived at the home of their daughter and son-in-law, Mary Jane and Orrin Eddy in Stratton. James died there on November 11, 1888, of Bright's disease, and Emma followed on July 22, 1896.

Children of James and Emma:

- 1) Mary Jane, born July 13, 1830, at Putney, Vermont; died March 10, 1911, at Stratton, Vermont; married Orrin Eddy on May 12, 1850, at Putney, Vermont.
- 2) Catherine E., married Thomas Lyman Williams on April 8, 1847.
- 3) Susan
- 4) William H. (lived with Thomas and Catherine Williams in 1854 and attended school in district #5 in Stratton).
- 5) Newton M.
- 6) Denis
- 7) Hattie A., born in 1845; married Emery S. Jones on

December 24, 1868, at Wardsboro, Vermont.

## Moraney

**Stanley Moraney**, a lumberman in Stratton, was born in Maine in 1905. He and Helen Phelps had a child while they lived in Stratton. Helen was born about 1924 at Goshen, New Hampshire.

Their child was:

- 1) Rose Marie Phelps

## Morissy

**Michael Morissy** was born about 1861. He came to Stratton during the late 1870s and worked for E.W. Bowker at his sawmill. In 1880, Michael was living with Mr. Bowker and several other workers at the mill site. Mr. Bowker sold the mill to Joel F. Grout that year. Michael may have stayed and worked for Mr. Grout, but he was no longer living in Stratton by 1900.

## Morse

**Jonathan Morse**, son of Jedidiah and Sarah (Child) Morse, was born in Woodstock, Connecticut, on April 30, 1750. Jonathan first settled at Woodstock, where he married Azubah Lyon, daughter of Benjamin, Jr. and Sarah Lyon, on November 30, 1780. Azubah was born on December 4, 1759.

Jonathan purchased the east half of 7L3R (100 acres) and the south half of 8L3R (about 75 acres) in Stratton on March 25, 1824. This was the old Jonas Woodward farm, located more than a half mile west of what is

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now *Mountain Rd.* The Morses settled in Stratton at that time. On July 27, 1824, Jonathan also purchased the rights to the west half of the school lot (8L2R). Jonathan took the Freeman's oath in Stratton on November 11, 1828.

On April 28, 1827, Jonathan deeded an undivided half of his farm to his son, Jedidiah, then the following year, he mortgaged the farm through Harvey Lyon of Woodstock. On March 22, 1829, Jonathan deeded his half of the farm to his daughters, Dolly and Nancy, with an agreement that Dolly would care for her parents for the remainder of their natural lives. Also in 1829, it appears that half of the farm was sold to John Fox, who then sold it to Baxter Lyon. The Lyons also settled on this farm and apparently lived in a separate house.

The 1830 census shows that Jonathan, Azubah, Dolly and Nancy were all living under the same roof. That same year, there seemed to be some controversy in the family. Jonathan's son, Jedidiah, sued Jonathan for about \$200.00. Jedidiah won the suit and he was awarded the rights to the west half of 8L2R, which he immediately sold.

Jonathan died on January 12, 1835, and Azubah followed on January 16, 1837. Following Jonathan's death, Dolly, Nancy and Nancy's husband, Elias Hale, sold the remainder of the farm to Harvey Lyon.

Children of Jonathan and Azubah:

- 1) Chester, born May 12, 1781; married Bridget Holwell in 1806.
- 2) Charles, born February 28, 1783, at Woodstock, Connecticut; married Sophia Gage on April 11, 1811.
- 3) Dolly, born November 12, 1784, at Woodstock, Connecticut.
- 4) Sally, born November 24, 1786, at Woodstock, Connecticut; married Perley Fox on March 22, 1808.
- 5) Jedediah, born June 18, 1788, at Woodstock, Connecticut; married Almira Kendall on March 21, 1811.
- 6) Lyman, born June 28, 1790, at Woodstock, Connecticut; married Lucy Mascraft on June 18, 1817.
- 7) Polly, born July 21, 1792, at Woodstock, Connecticut; married Nehemiah Fox on September 3, 1812.
- 8) Walter, born October 24, 1794, at Woodstock, Connecticut; died January 19, 1844, at Wardsboro, Vermont; married Laura Taylor on May 3, 1827.
- 9) Nancy, born February 20, 1797, at Woodstock, Connecticut; died July 7, 1802.
- 10) Abiel, born December 10, 1799, at Woodstock, Connecticut; died in 1826 in Alabama (became a General).
- 11) Nancy, born September 16, 1803, at Woodstock, Connecticut; married Elias Hale on April 5, 1832, at Stratton, Vermont.

- 12) Lucy, born April 6, 1808, at Woodstock, Connecticut; married Walter Perrin on April 17, 1831.
- 13) Henry Child, married Martha M. Child on November 18, 1842.

**Charles Morse**, son of Jonathan and Azubah Morse, was born on February 28, 1783, at Woodstock, Connecticut. Charles married Sophia Gage, daughter of Moses and Lucy Gage, on April 18, 1811. They were not, however, living in Stratton at the time of the 1830 census<sup>1</sup>. Charles was apparently a lawyer. If the Morses settled in Stratton, they didn't stay long.

Children of Charles and Sophia:

- 1) Joseph Jacobs, born April 27, 1812, at Woodstock, Connecticut.
- 2) David Holmes, born January 2, 1815, at Woodstock, Connecticut.
- 3) George, born February 2, 1817, at Woodstock, Connecticut.
- 4) Lucy Ann, born September 8, 1821, at Woodstock, Connecticut.

Note:

- 1) The Charles Morse listed in the 1830 census was apparently another gentleman who came to Stratton from Somerset, Vermont - see below.

**Jedidiah Morse**, son of Jonathan and Azubah Morse, was born on June 18, 1788, at Woodstock, Connecticut. There, he married Almira Kendall, daughter of Eli and Tryphena Kendall, on March

21, 1811. Almira was born on August 11, 1792, at Woodstock.

Jedidiah probably came to Stratton with his parents in 1824. He took the Freeman's oath in Stratton on September 6, 1825. On April 28, 1827, Jedidiah purchased an undivided half of his father's farm. He served as a Selectman of Stratton in 1829 and 1830.

In 1830, the Morse's had a boy aged 5 to 10 living with them. About that same time, Jedidiah sued his father over \$200.00 and he was awarded the west half of 8L2R (the school lot). Jedidiah sold this lot on August 23, 1830, and apparently left Stratton about that same time.

Children of Jedidiah and Almira:

- 1) Sarah C., born January 4, 1812, at Woodstock, Connecticut.
- 2) Eliza E., born August 29, 1814, at Woodstock, Connecticut.
- 3) William, born December 22, 1816, at Woodstock, Connecticut.

**Walter Morse**, son of Jonathan and Azubah Morse, was born on October 24, 1794, at Woodstock, Connecticut. He came to Stratton with his parents about 1824 and took the Freeman's oath on September 6, 1825.

Walter married Laura Taylor, daughter of Ebenezer J. and Amy Taylor of Wardsboro, Vermont, on May 2, 1827, at Stratton. Laura was born on July 7, 1801, at Wardsboro.

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The Morse's settled in Wardsboro, living in various places near Wardsboro village. They also spent three years in Jamaica, Vermont.

Walter died at his home in Wardsboro on January 19, 1844, and Laura died on June 26, 1848. They were buried in Fairview Cemetery in Wardsboro.

Children of Walter and Laura:

- 1) Findley S., born March 9, 1829; married Abigail Rice on May 11, 1855.
- 2) Abial T., born May 21, 1830; died January 23, 1885; married Juliette Ramsdell on November 1, 1856.
- 3) Edward S., born February 11, 1832; died May 28, 1904; married 1) Philinda Haskins 2) Cola Johnson on November 28, 1889, at Wardsboro, Vermont.
- 4) Adeline
- 5) Hosea
- 6) Sarah
- 7) Mary

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**Charles Morse** may have been a son of Elijah Morse (1758 - 1842) of Somerset, Vermont. He was apparently unrelated to Stratton's other Morse family.

Charles and his wife, Sally, were born during the 1790s. They came to Stratton from Somerset about 1829 and settled in Stratton Gore at the end of what is now *Willis Cemetery Rd.* Charles purchased a 100-acre farm in Stratton Gore from Joshua Sprague on March 14, 1829.

Their home evidently later became the Daniel Willis farm (see Beer's Atlas of 1869).

In 1830, the Morses had three sons and three daughters, all under ten, as well as a female boarder, aged 20 to 30, living in their home. On March 29, 1833, Charles sold this lot to the Crowningshields and moved out of Stratton. At this same time, the Crowningshields mortgaged this property through Eliot and Joseph Morse, who may have been Charles' sons or brothers.

Children of Charles and Sally:

- 1) Mari, born March 3, 1828, at Somerset, Vermont.
- 2) George, born February 17, 1830, at Stratton, Vermont.

## Morsman

(Morseman, Mossman, Mosman)

The Morsman name was a corruption of the name "Mossman" or "Mosman." The Morsmans of Stratton were children and grandchildren of Timothy Mosman of Sudbury, Massachusetts, who married Martha Whitney on February 26, 1734/5. Martha was probably called Marcy or Mercy since this was sometimes used on the birth records of her children.

Children of Timothy and Martha included:

- 1) Anna, born November 8, 1735, at Sudbury, Massachusetts.
- 2) Samuel, born February 27, 1740, at Sudbury, Massachusetts; married Anna Keyes on October 30, 1769, at Princeton, Massachusetts.

- 3) Martha, born May 19, 1742, at Sudbury, Massachusetts; married Reuben Parmenter on April 5, 1768, at Princeton, Massachusetts.
- 4) Timothy, born February 26, 1744/5, at Sudbury, Massachusetts; married Lucy Bond in 1765.
- 5) William, born March 20, 1746/7, at Sudbury, Massachusetts; married Sarah Nurse (intent published on March 30, 1768) (They lived at Princeton, Massachusetts).
- 6) Abel, born February 15, 1748/9, at Sudbury, Massachusetts.
- 7) Olive, born January 18, 1751/2, at Sudbury, Massachusetts.
- 8) Oliver, born January 19, 1760; married Dolly Trowbridge.

**Timothy Morsman, Jr.**, son of Timothy and Martha Mosman, was born on February 26, 1744, in Sudbury, Massachusetts. He married Lucy Bond on October 29, 1772, at Weston, Massachusetts.

Timothy "was a rough and ready, though kind hearted man." He lived at Bolton, Massachusetts, before the American Revolution. During the war, Timothy first served as a sergeant in Captain Hastings's Company, Colonel Whitcomb's Regiment, which marched on the alarm of April 19, 1775, to Cambridge, Massachusetts, serving eight days at that time, then immediately re-enlisting for three months. Timothy served until August.

Next, Timothy served as a lieutenant in Captain Guild's Company, Colonel Whitney's Regiment, stationed at Camp Hull from April 11 to November 1, 1776, and he was commissioned a 2nd lieutenant on September 7, 1776. He returned home briefly, then served again from January 1, 1777, to July 12, 1778, in Captain Redding's Company of Colonel Bradford's Regiment. Timothy was listed among the commissioned officers at White Plains, New York, just prior to his discharge. Throughout the war, he had served within the same units as had his brother, Oliver.

Following the war, Timothy made his home in Worcester, Massachusetts. On December 26, 1781, Timothy bought 1L4R in the uninhabited town of Stratton, from David Thayer, a land speculator. Timothy decided that he would settle in Stratton, and so, he went into the wilderness with his brother, Oliver, and John Blood in the summer of 1783. Timothy had the honor of being Stratton's first settler. He pitched a tent near the south line of the town, not far from Grout Pond (as it is know today) and began to clear his land. This location was apparently in 1L4R. On October 8, 1783, Timothy sold the east half of this lot to his brother, Oliver. In this deed he was called Timothy, Jr. and his parents, Timothy and Martha were witnesses.

On November 5, 1784, Timothy sold the west half of 1L4R to Edmund Gibbs.

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Although, it is not clear where he lived in Stratton after 1784, he did remain in Stratton and sold several lots in town over the next few years.

In September, 1784, the Proprietors of Stratton rewarded Timothy and his brother, Oliver, for being Stratton's first settlers by giving them the lots originally set aside for the Church of England. Timothy received 6L5R.

On June 19, 1785, Timothy, along with his brother Oliver, and Jonathan Phillips, petitioned the General Court of Vermont to grant them and the town of Stratton a parcel of land known as Stratton Gore, (a strip of land along Stratton's southern border). This request was evidently granted to the Morsmans and others in the town. It was annexed to Stratton in 1799. Timothy evidently was granted 800 acres of the western part of Stratton Gore that he later sold in 1798.

On October 8, 1787, Timothy bought an additional 150 acres in 3L6R from Nathan Patch. In this record, Grout Pond was referred to as "Dr. Harvey's Pond." In 1788, Timothy purchased the 4th lot in Stratton Gore and the following year, he sold the westerly half of this lot and the easterly half of lot 5 (later seen as #16) to Jacob Stevens of Newfane. This lot contained a log cabin and it was probably Timothy's home at that time. This may be an indication that Timothy was busy buying land, clearing it and

building dwellings on each parcel before selling them off for a profit. He may have lived this way in Stratton for those first few years.

Timothy was among the first Selectmen of Stratton - elected in 1788. He was called "of Stratton" when he sold his lands in Stratton Gore in 1798. He and Lucy left town by 1800.

Timothy, Lucy, and their family were warned out of Sunderland, Vermont, on March 20, 1805, and again on March 16, 1807.

The Morsman's returned to Stratton by 1809. Upon their return, the town's Selectmen warned them out and the warning was issued on March 3, 1809 (*see Stratton's Warnings to Depart*). They left Stratton once more and settled in Steuben County, New York. Timothy died there in July, 1826.

Children of Timothy and Lucy:

- 1) Mary "Polly," married Jonas Woodward on September 15, 1791, at Stratton, Vermont (the first marriage in Stratton).

The following may have been their children:

- 2) William
- 3) Timothy, married Polly (?).
- 4) John, married Anna Parmenter (intent published on April 2, 1798, at Princeton, Massachusetts).

**William Morsman** was voted a highway surveyor of Stratton in March, 1795. He was probably a son of Timothy and Lucy Morsman.

William purchased the east half of 4L5R on December 13, 1797, from Jared Blood, then sold this lot to Thomas Williams on May 19, 1798. He apparently left Stratton at that time. This lot was located west of what later became the Town Common.

**Timothy Morsman** and Polly, his wife, were admitted into the Church of Christ in Stratton on February 2, 1812. This Timothy may have been a son of Timothy and Lucy Morsman.

**John Morsman** was probably a son of Timothy and Lucy Morsman. He was listed in the Vital Records of Princeton, Massachusetts. An intention of marriage was recorded there between John Mosman (late of Stratton) and Anna Parmenter on April 2, 1798. Anna, a daughter of Reuben and Martha (Mosman) Parmenter, was born on September 16, 1779, at Princeton, and she was evidently John's cousin.

**Samuel Morsman**, son of Timothy and Martha Mosman, was born on February 27, 1740, at Sudbury, Massachusetts. Samuel married Anna Keyes on October 30, 1769, at Princeton, Massachusetts.

The Morsmans were living in Westminster, Massachusetts, when Samuel bought the east half of 5L5R from Oliver Morsman on October 25, 1784. Samuel probably never lived in Stratton.

Children of Samuel and Anna:

- 1) Abraham, born October 27, 1770, at Princeton, Massachusetts.
- 2) Samuel, born March 23, 1772, at Princeton, Massachusetts.
- 3) Asaph, born January 12, 1774, at Princeton, Massachusetts.
- 4) Lucy, born December 6, 1775, at Princeton, Massachusetts.

**Oliver Morsman**, son of Timothy and Martha Mosman, was born on January 19, 1760, probably at Sudbury, Massachusetts, and married Dolly Trowbridge, daughter of James and Mary (Kelley) Trowbridge in 1783. Oliver spent his early years in Princeton, Massachusetts.

During the American Revolution, Oliver was a private in Captain Sargent's Company of Militia, which marched on April 20, 1775, to Cambridge, Massachusetts, serving 7 days. He immediately enlisted on April 27, 1775, into Captain Hastings's Company, Colonel Whitcomb's Regiment and he served for 3 months and 13 days. Oliver later was in Captain Guild's Company of Colonel Whitney's Regiment, stationed at Camp Hull from June to November, 1776. Oliver then joined the Continental Army, Captain Redding's Company of Colonel Bradford's Regiment for three years, beginning on November 7, 1777. During most of his military services, Oliver belonged to the same company as did his older brother Timothy, who was among the officers.

After his discharge from the army, Oliver lived at Ward,

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Massachusetts, then bought 5L4R in Stratton, from Paul Thurston, a land speculator, on September 21, 1782. Oliver was among the first group of settlers brought into the town by John Blood in the summer of 1783.

Oliver cleared his land and built a home on the west half of his lot. This was located at the end of what is now *Shepardson Rd.* and it was along the first road cut into Stratton. Oliver sold this lot to Nathan Patch on October 2, 1787. Although, Oliver had settled in Stratton in 1783 and after that time he was said to be of Stratton, a deed dated February 16, 1784, calls him Oliver Morsman of Chesterfield, New Hampshire. It is possible that he wintered there after building in the summer of 1783, or perhaps his home in Stratton was not finished that first year. Oliver was probably largely responsible for recruiting the settlers that began to arrive in Stratton from that area. Over the next few years, Oliver bought and sold several parcels in Stratton.

The Propriety awarded Oliver and his brother, Timothy, the lots that had been set aside for the Church of England, for being Stratton's first settlers. This took place in September, 1784, and Oliver received 3L9R.

It appears that Oliver may have built a dwelling on the east half of 5L4R, before moving from Stratton. Oliver sold off the west half of this lot, which contained his first home, in October, 1787; however, he continued to reside in

Stratton after that sale. Later, in 1790, a road was built between his home and the northeast corner of town. This road apparently came out in the east half of 5L4R. Therefore, Oliver apparently had built a second dwelling there and he may have lived there, briefly. It is also possible that he remained in his old home after it was sold, since the buyer, Nathan Patch, did not settle in Stratton at that time. It seems more likely that Oliver built the dwelling on the east half of 5L4R with the intention to sell it and not to occupy it. The following year, Oliver sold this lot to Nathan Patch, then moved from town. This dwelling later was owned and occupied by the Batchellor family. It was located at the end of what is now *Shepardson Rd.*, beside the gate that now exists there.

The Proprietors' meeting of 1786 and the first Town Meeting held on May 31, 1788, took place in Oliver's home.

On May 8, 1789, Oliver sold the last of his property in Stratton - the east half of the first lot in Stratton Gore and half of 3L9R. At that time, he was living in Chesterfield, New Hampshire. Oliver died on April 30, 1835.

## Moulton

**Nathaniel Moulton**, son of Nathaniel and Anna (Kimball) Moulton of Hopkinton, Massachusetts, was born on October 10, 1765. Nathaniel published an intent of marriage to Betsey Grant, daughter of Robert and Anna Grant, on December 18,

1787, at Hopkinton and they were married soon afterward. Betsey was born on June 16, 1767, at Medway, Massachusetts. She was a sister of Nevinson and Joshua Grant and a half-sister of William G. Pike and Jotham Pike, all of Stratton. Nathaniel's sister, Sarah, had married Nevinson Grant.

The Moultons settled in Stratton Gore between 1791 and 1795. Their home was located on the west half of Lot #1 in Stratton Gore. Their home most likely was on the site west of the sharp curve in what is now *Willis Cemetery Rd.*. The land directly east of Willis Cemetery was called the Moulton farm.

In 1800 and 1810, the Moultons had four children living at home. Nathaniel was Stratton's constable from 1808 to 1811.

The Moultons moved away from Stratton by 1812. That year William G. Pike purchased their farm at a tax-sale.

Their children were probably:

- 1) Betsey, born December 21, 1797, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 2) Anna G., born March 14, 1802, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 3) Dana
- 4) Marshall (mentioned in land records in 1819)
- 5) Francis G., born May 19, 1809, at Stratton, Vermont; died August 27, 1881, at Wardsboro, Vermont; married Polly Gould on September 25, 1830, at Holliston, Massachusetts (His taxes were abated in Stratton on March 7, 1836).

**Dana Moulton** was probably a son of Nathaniel Moulton. Dana purchased a farm in Stratton Gore from Nathaniel Moulton on November 23, 1810. Dana settled in Worcester, New York, before October, 1813. At that time, he sold his land in Stratton to William G. Pike.

## Moultrip

**Alford Moultrip** and his first wife were born between 1810 and 1820. They were living in Stratton by 1840 and had a son born between 1835 and 1840. Evidently, Alford's first wife passed away and Alford then married Mary Ann Hudson, daughter of Benjamin and Sarah Hudson, on June 17, 1846, at Stratton. Alford owned no land in Stratton. The Moultrips had moved away before 1850.

**Bradford Moultrip, Jr.**, son of Bradford Moultrip, was born in 1814 at Westminster, Vermont. Bradford's father apparently had purchased 9L3R in Stratton back in 1839, but he never settled in Stratton.

Bradford, Jr. settled in Rockingham, Vermont, where he was a farmer. His second wife was Charlotte Gardens, whom he married on November 8, 1859, at Putney, Vermont. The Moultrips came to Stratton from Westminster, Vermont, by 1862, then removed to Putney by 1865. A child of Bradford by his first wife was:

- 1) Willard S., born about 1842; married Mary Ann Shelley on
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June 30, 1860, at Putney, Vermont.

Children of Bradford and Charlotte were:

- 2) Ellen (attended school #5 in Stratton in 1864).
- 3) William Bradford, born July 5, 1862, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 4) Asahel (twin), born March 30, 1865, at Westminster, Vermont; died July 8, 1865, at Westminster, Vermont.
- 5) Ansel (twin), born March 31, 1865, at Westminster, Vermont; died July 28, 1865, at Putney, Vermont.

**Stephen M. Moultrip**, son of Stephen Moultrip, was born about 1812 at Westminster, Vermont. He and NJ Shaw, together leased 3L8R and 3L9R on March 7, 1842. They were in the logging business. Stephen settled in Stratton, but sold his share of the logging operation to Shaw the next year. Stephen evidently removed from Stratton at that time.

Stephen married Mary M. Joy on November 16, 1858, at Putney, Vermont. The marriage record states that he was a carpenter.

## Mundell

**Joseph Mundell** was born about 1827 at Warren, Massachusetts. He married Laura Bourn, daughter of Winslow and Almema (Ingram) Bourn, on June 24, 1849, at Jamaica, Vermont. Laura was born on February 13, 1834, at Jamaica.

The Mundells settled in Stratton during the 1850s. In 1870, Addie Day, aged 20, was living with them. Addie was very likely their oldest daughter, who had been married but returned to live with her parents.

The Mundells had moved away from Stratton by 1880.

Children of Joseph and Laura:

- 1) Laura Addie, born in 1850; married (?) Day.
- 2) Joseph (Warren?), born in 1851.
- 3) Martha, born in 1856; married (?) Cooley.
- 4) John, born in 1859.
- 5) Dwight, born December 22, 1861, at Stratton, Vermont; died November 11, 1863, at Stratton, Vermont (of diphtheria).
- 6) Hattie, born in 1869, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 7) Stella Nora, born September 15, 1871, at Stratton, Vermont; married (?) Groves.

**Franklin Squire Mundell**, son of Daniel and Mary Mundell, was born about 1853 at Jamaica, Vermont. He married Emma Lucy Edwards, daughter of Henry W. and Rhoda Edwards, on July 3, 1875, at Jamaica, Vermont. Emma was born in 1857 at Dover, Vermont. In 1880, they were living in the home of Emma's parents. Franklin built a new home in Stratton about 1884 in the vicinity of the *Canedy Rd.* – West Jamaica Rd. intersection. The Mundells were no longer in Stratton by 1900.

They had a total of seven children. Those that are known were:

- 1) Rosa Emma, born June 28, 1876, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 2) Jennie A., born in 1879.
- 3) Franklin Allie, born October 25, 1880, at Stratton, Vermont; died November 14, 1969.
- 4) George Delbert, born August 1, 1883, at Stratton, Vermont; married Clara May Knapp on May 15, 1912, at Newfane, Vermont.

**William Mundell** of Townshend, Vermont, married Mary A. Blair, daughter of Benjamin and Olive Blair of Bennington, Vermont, on September 23, 1850, at Stratton. Mary was born on February 23, 1832, at Brookfield, Massachusetts. William passed away about 1860 and Mary died on May 29, 1910.

A child of William was:

- 1) James R., born March 8, 1857, at Putney, Vermont; died December 2, 1918; married Grace Thomas.

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### Neamenen

**Mauri Neamenen** and his wife, Annie, were residents of New York, New York, when they purchased a parcel of land in Stratton in 12L1R on the southwest corner of the *North Rd.* – *Pikes Falls Rd.* intersection

about 1917. This was the CN Pike farm. The Neamenens were probably Finnish immigrants. They settled in Stratton on this property, but remained only a short time. They sold this parcel to Karl Lauren in 1919 and left Stratton.

### Newhall

(Newale or Newell)

**Hiram Newhall**, Esq., son of Jonathan and Hannah (Converse) Newhall, was born on February 21, 1738, at Leicester, Massachusetts. He married Mary Seaver, following an intent that was published on October 21, 1761, at Leicester, Massachusetts, and they were married on January 21, 1762. Mary passed away on February 5, 1769, at Leicester, and Hiram then married Sarah Hasey on October 19, 1769, at Leicester.

About 1771, the Newhalls resettled in Athol, Massachusetts. Sarah died there on June 24, 1778. Hiram married a third time to Jerusha Hallay, following an intent published on November 1, 1779, at Athol. Jerusha was born about 1757.

Hiram purchased most of 1L4R in Stratton through three purchases in early 1802. He was probably living in Stratton Gore with his son, Joshua at that time, since Hiram was called “of Stratton” when he made those purchases. The Newhalls came to Stratton from Athol among a group of relatives and friends that included the Spragues, Robbins, Olivers, Youngs and possibly the

Grants. Hiram sold 1L4R to George Oliver in November, 1802. The Newells may have settled into a house on 4L5R after that time. Hiram and Jerusha probably returned to Athol in early 1806, along with their son, Joshua.

Jerusha died at Athol on September 16, 1807, at the age of 50. Hiram died there on September 21, 1816, aged 78 years.

Children of Hiram and Mary:

- 1) Hiram, born May 11, 1764, at Leicester, Massachusetts; evidently died young.
- 2) Mary, born June 28, 1768, at Leicester, Massachusetts; died June 5, 1832; married Hasey Floyd Sprague on May 8, 1788, at Athol, Massachusetts.

Children of Hiram and Sarah:

- 3) Joshua, born July 3, 1770, at Leicester, Massachusetts.
- 4) Jonathan, born September 12, 1772, at Athol, Massachusetts.
- 5) Sarah, born November 13, 1774, at Athol, Massachusetts.
- 6) Jerusha, born July 5, 1776, at Athol, Massachusetts.

Children of Hiram and Jerusha:

- 7) Hiram, born September 16, 1780, at Athol, Massachusetts; died June 4, 1795, at Athol, Massachusetts.
- 8) William, born June 10, 1783, at Athol, Massachusetts; married Clarissa Phillips on January 10, 1807, at Athol, Massachusetts.
- 9) Hannah, born August 29, 1785, at Athol, Massachusetts.

- 10) Lois, born September 28, 1787, at Athol, Massachusetts.
- 11) Olive, born November 18, 1789, at Athol, Massachusetts; died June 13, 1795, at Athol, Massachusetts.
- 12) Lucy, born March 3, 1792, at Athol, Massachusetts; died October 11, 1793.
- 13) Olive, born February 16, 1797, at Athol, Massachusetts.
- 14) Samuel, born November 26, 1800, at Athol, Massachusetts.

**Joshua Newhall**, son of Hiram and Sarah Newhall, was born on July 3, 1770, at Leicester, Massachusetts. He purchased 15 acres of the west half of 1L4R in Stratton in July, 1799, then in March, 1800, he and Joshua Robbins together purchased the east half of 1L4R.

Joshua was not listed in Stratton's 1800 census; however, by March, 1802, he and his wife, Polly, had settled in Stratton. At that time, Joshua purchased part of lot #2 in Stratton Gore, located west of Willis Cemetery and beyond what was later the Daniel Willis farm (see D. Willis on Beer's Atlas of 1869) and south of the convergence of the *Somerset Rd.* and the *Gore Rd.*. Joshua evidently settled there. Joshua sold part of this lot to George Oliver on July 12, 1803. Later, Hasey Sprague lived there.

In December 1805, Joshua sold the remainder of his farm in the Gore to Hasey Sprague, then purchased 30 acres from Sprague in 2L4R. Shortly after that exchange, Joshua moved back to

Athol. Joshua bought and sold other lots in Stratton over the next several years. He sold the last of his Stratton lands to James Ballard in 1813.

A child of Joshua and Polly was:

- 1) Chancey, born August 25, 1801, (Athol's VRs indicates Stratton, Vermont).

**William Newhall**, son of Hiram and Jerusha (Hasey) Newhall, was born at Athol, Massachusetts, on June 10, 1783. He was living in Athol in 1805, when he purchased the west half of 1L3R in Stratton.

William married Clarissa Phillips on January 18, 1807, at Athol. At that time, William was living in Vernon, Vermont. Clarissa was born about 1787.

The Newhalls were called "of Vernon" in a deed in June, 1809. By June 2, 1810, William had settled in Stratton and that day purchased 30 acres of 2L4R. The Newhalls apparently settled on this lot and their home was probably located southwest of what is now the intersection of the *West Jamaica Rd.* and the *Stratton-Arlington Rd.*. The 1810 census shows that they had a daughter under the age of ten living with them. On January 17, 1811, the Newhalls were warned out of town by Stratton's Selectmen.

William bought and sold several lots while in Stratton. He was also Stratton's Constable and Collector and, therefore, sold many lots at tax-sales for the town. He probably settled on one of the small lots in 4L5R that he

had purchased from Joshua Robbins in 1813.

On October 3, 1813, Clarissa was accepted as a member of the Church of Christ in Stratton. The Church Clerk recorded "*Clarissa wife to William Newhall removed her church relation from this place to Athol by letter October 12, 1817*". It appears that the Newhalls left Stratton at that time.

Their children were:

- 1) (a daughter)
- 2) Cyrus, born December 11, 1810, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 3) Mary, born September 3, 1812, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 4) Thomas (baptized in Stratton on September 11, 1814).

**Daniel Newhall** apparently settled in Stratton about 1802. He purchased half the rights to Hawkes and Wetherbee's sawmill on the Deerfield River on September 17, 1802. This mill later became the site of the Grout Job. Daniel also signed a petition requesting a tax to pay for roads in Stratton dated May 31, 1802. He was no longer in Stratton in 1810 and probably had moved away several years earlier.

## **Newman**

**David Newman** of Marlboro, Vermont, and his wife came to Stratton about 1818. On September 10, 1818, David purchased from Jacob Batchellor, five acres which included a sawmill and gristmill, located in 4L1R and 5L1R, along what is now called Ball Mountain Brook. They lived just above the mill, on

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the north side of the brook (The Warren house was built over the old foundation). David evidently operated the mills for the next few years.

In 1820, David was over 45 and his wife was between 26 and 45. They had four sons and three daughters. On October 5, 1821, David sold the mill back to Jacob Batchellor, then evidently moved away from Stratton soon thereafter.

## Newton

**William Newton** resided in Stratton Gore in 1799. At that time, he signed a petition requesting that Stratton Gore be annexed to Stratton. William lived in Newfane when he purchased and mortgaged this 100-acre lot, located on the west side of the East Branch of the Deerfield River. He apparently was not living there in 1800, since he was not listed in Stratton's census of that year. The mortgage was paid in 1807.

## Nichols

**Charles M. Nichols** was born in 1815. He probably came from Vernon, Vermont, settling in Stratton during the late 1870s. His first wife evidently passed away sometime before 1865. Charles then married Lestina M. (Grout) Williams, daughter of Pliny and Susan Grout. Lestina was born on November 18, 1843, at Somerset, Vermont. She had married George Williams on January 17, 1864. George either

passed away or they were divorced.

Lestina married Charles sometime between 1877 and 1880. When she married Charles, she already had eight children (*see George Williams*). The census of 1880 shows Lestina as Charles's wife and the children were called his children. Charles and Lestina were no longer in Stratton in 1900.

One of Charles's children by his first wife was:

- 1) Charles M., born about 1839; married Sarah A. Richmond.

**Charles M. Nichols, Jr.**, son of Charles Nichols, was born about 1839 at Vernon, Vermont. Charles married Sarah A. Richmond of Ashfield, Massachusetts, daughter of Electa Richmond. Sarah was born about 1845. Her mother, Electa, born about 1801, was living with Charles and Sarah in 1880.

The Nichols settled in Stratton during the 1870s, but they had moved away before 1900.

Children of Charles and Sarah:

- 1) Nellie A., born about 1865.
- 2) Freddie M., born about 1873.
- 3) Bertha Estelle, born August 13, 1877, at Stratton, Vermont.

## Nicholson

**Elsworth Nicholson** was born about 1908 at Winhall, Vermont. He married Marion Ardery Dreyden who was born about 1917 at Londonderry, Vermont. Elsworth was a lumberman living in Stratton in 1941.

A child of Elsworth and Marion:

- 1) Janice Marie, born June 17, 1941, at Brattleboro, Vermont.

## Nutt

(Nott)

**Asahel Washburn Nutt** was born on May 23, 1808, at Barnard, Vermont. He studied to become a minister of the Congregational Church under the Reverend J. Parsons, and he was ordained on June 14, 1837.

During his career, Asahel ministered to the Vermont towns of Winhall, Weston, Brownington, Stratton, and Arlington. Asahel was Stratton's Congregational Minister from 1846 to 1849. He evidently lived at Stratton only during that time. Asahel died at Rockingham, Vermont, on May 30, 1864.

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### Oliver

**George Oliver**, son of Aaron and Lucy (Smith) Oliver, was born at Athol, Massachusetts, on April 2, 1776. He married Rhoda Young, daughter of Samuel and Rhoda (Haven) Young, there on November 28, 1799. Rhoda was born on February 7, 1777. She was first named Lydia; however, when her mother, Rhoda, passed away on September 10, 1777, her father, Samuel, decided to

renamed the child Rhoda, after her deceased mother.

George purchased 110 acres of the western end of Stratton Gore in December, 1801. In 1802, he purchased the west half of 1L3R and all of 1L4R. The Olivers came to Stratton between November, 1802, and June, 1803. They apparently settled in 1L4R. If that was the case, then their home was located along the old road that progressed across this lot from the Town Common to Stratton Gore. Over the next several years, George bought and sold several parcels surrounding his farm.

George was referred to as Esquire in some instances – this probably meant that he was a Justice of the Peace. A Somerset, Vermont, deed indicated that he resided in Dorchester, Massachusetts, in 1805. If so, he remained there only briefly before returning to Stratton. In 1810, the census shows that the Olivers had three sons and a daughter.

The Olivers removed from Stratton between December 18, 1810, and February 1, 1811, returning to Athol. Rhoda died there on August 14, 1815, and George remarried there to Deborah White of Warrick, Massachusetts. They published an intent to marry on August 8, 1818. Deborah was born in 1779 and died at Athol in 1830. George sold the last of his Stratton holdings in 1820 to Hasey Sprague. George died at Athol in 1842.

Children of George and Rhoda:

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- 1) Hepsibah, born January 7, 1801, at Athol, Massachusetts.
- 2) Cornwell, born October 13, 1802, at Athol, Massachusetts; died December 26, 1804.
- 3) Samuel Cornwell, born June 6, 1806, at (Athol VRs indicate Stratton, Vermont).
- 4) George, born September 4, 1808, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 5) Nathaniel Young, born June 8, 1810, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 6) Charles, born November 29, 1812, at Athol, Massachusetts.

**Caleb Oliver**, son of Aaron and Lucy (Smith) Oliver, was born at Athol, Massachusetts, on April 21, 1780. Caleb purchased 80 acres of the south part of the west half of 1L3R from his brother, George, on September 1, 1802. Caleb apparently briefly settled on this lot before selling it back to George on May 12, 1804. Caleb probably moved away from Stratton at that same time.

**Calvin Humphery Oliver**, son of Moses and Lois (Wiswell) (Humphery) Oliver, was born on August 17, 1781. He was a cousin of George Oliver, above.

Calvin married Dolly Wood on March 26, 1805, at Athol, Massachusetts. They were living in Gardner, Massachusetts, after the marriage, when Calvin purchased 48 acres of the north end of 1L4R in Stratton on April 2, 1805. The Olivers settled there soon after and on June 28, 1806, they were warned out of town by Stratton's Selectmen.

The Olivers sold their farm on March 13, 1807, but remained in Stratton briefly. Calvin took the Freeman's oath on September 6, 1808. Before 1810, the Olivers evidently had returned to Athol. Calvin died there on January 29, 1824.

Children of Calvin and Dolly:

- 1) Moses Warren, born September 21, 1805, at Gardner, Massachusetts; married Betsey Fisher (intent published September 19, 1829, at Athol, Massachusetts).
- 2) Sally, born August 28, 1808, at Stratton, Vermont.

**John Oliver** was already a resident of Stratton on December 19, 1802, when he purchased the west half of 3L5R in Stratton. He remained in Stratton through November 5, 1804, then apparently removed from town.

## Ostigney

**Leon A. Ostigney** was born about 1892 in Canada. In 1920, he was a lumberman, working in Stratton and living in the boarding house at the Grout Job. He was married at the time, but his wife was not with him.

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### Packard

**Joseph Packard**, son of Robert and Elizabeth (Hudson) Packard, was born on March 25, 1790. Joseph married Persis Howe, daughter of Otis and Lucy

(Goodale) Howe, on December 9, 1815. Persis was born on May 4, 1793. At the time of this marriage, Joseph was from Stockbridge, Vermont. After the marriage, they lived at Westmoreland, New Hampshire.

On January 22, 1841, Joseph was called of Washington, New Hampshire, when he purchased half of the west half of 5L4R from John Cummings of Washington. The Packards settled on this lot soon after the purchase. Their home was located west of what is now the gate at the end of *Shepardson Rd.*, and may have been the same house first occupied by Oliver Morsman.

In 1842, Joseph sold this lot to his daughter, Mary, however, Joseph and Persis continued to live there. Over the next few years, this land was sold back and forth among the Packards' children, most of whom resided in Lowell, Massachusetts.

In 1847, Austin Gillett (their grandson) was living with them and attending school in district #2 in Stratton. In 1850, Joseph was head of a household in Stratton with Nathaniel and Julia Shaw and Carlos Knapp living with him.

Joseph was living in Jamaica, Vermont, by 1853, when he sold the last of his property in Stratton. Persis died on July 30, 1864, and Joseph died about 1871.

Children of Joseph and Persis:

- 1) Joseph, born December 18, 1816; married Asenath Howe.
- 2) Emeline, born September 25, 1818.

- 3) Mary H., born December 15, 1820; married Benjamin F. Gillett.
- 4) James A., born February 6, 1823.
- 5) Charles, born March 29, 1825.
- 6) Luther H., born June 22, 1827.
- 7) Lucy A., born September 25, 1829.
- 8) Charles Otis, born November 4, 1835.

**Joseph Packard**, son of Joseph and Persis Packard, was born on December 18, 1816. Joseph's wife, Asenath Howe, was born about 1814.

The Packards settled in Stratton about 1842, not long after Joseph's parents had settled in Stratton. On July 14, 1842, Joseph purchased 30 acres on the east side of 5L5R. This was adjacent to Joseph Packard, Sr.'s farm. The old foundation of their home is still visible along the trail that leads west from the end of *Shepardson Rd.* and west of the remains of Joseph's father's farm. In 1843, they kept their property in Stratton, but apparently moved out of town. At that time, they were living in Somerset, Vermont, and in 1844, they were in Hillsborough, New Hampshire.

By 1844, the Packards had returned to Stratton. In 1849, Joseph purchased the northwest part of 1L5R, selling their home on 5L5R to Ezra Willis. At that time, they moved into the old Phillips' farm, located on the west half of 4L3R on the northeast corner of what is now the

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intersection of the *West Jamaica Rd.* and *Ball Farm Rd.*

The Packards remained in Stratton until 1856, then resettled in Ashburnham, Massachusetts, where they remained at least until 1876.

Children of Joseph and Asenath:

- 1) Mary Jane, born May 10, 1843, at Somerset, Vermont.
- 2) Melinda Ophelia, born September 22, 1844, at Hillsborough, New Hampshire.
- 3) Andrew Jackson, born May 10, 1847, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 4) Albert, born January 20, 1850, at Stratton, Vermont.

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## Page

**John Page** and his wife were born between 1765 and 1784. John was said to be "of Stratton" when he purchased rights to farm the west half of the school lot - 8L2R - in Stratton on December 26, 1808. On April 26, 1809, John sold these rights to Jonas Woodward; however, the Pages remained in Stratton and were recorded in Stratton's 1810 census. At that time, they had three daughters all under the age of ten. By 1820, the Pages had moved away from Stratton.

## Palmer

**Orlando H. Palmer** was born in Stephentown, New York, on April 1, 1854. He married Harriet A. Saxby of Sand Lake, New York, in 1886. Hattie, as she was called, was born on January 25, 1851.



**Stratton's last resident minister  
Orlando and Harriet Palmer  
wedding portrait - 1886.**

The Palmers settled in Stratton in the summer of 1890. Orlando was the pastor of Stratton's Free-Will Baptist Church, the last person to fill that position. The Palmers home was on the *Stratton-Arlington Rd.*, in the house called the parsonage on 3L4R, located directly across the road from the West Jamaica Rd. intersection.

Orlando held many of the town's offices while he lived in Stratton. He was Stratton's town clerk from 1893 - 1903, treasurer and superintendent of schools for several years, and also Stratton's Postmaster from November 21, 1898, to January 5, 1903.

The Palmers left Stratton in 1903. The church no longer had a pastor once he left, and so local weddings abruptly stopped after 1903. The Palmers went to North River, New York, where Orlando was pastor of the local church.



**Chloe, Mary, Lucy and Rachel Palmer**

Photo courtesy of Frank Pelletier of Allentown, Pennsylvania.

Orlando died in July, 1904, and Hattie followed in January, 1907. They were buried in North River Cemetery there.

Children of Orlando and Hattie:

- 1) Mary E., born June 21, 1887, in Stephentown, New York; died March 10, 1982; married Claude Richardson.
- 2) Chloe R., born September 27, 1888, in Stephentown, New York; died December 8, 1967; married David Johnson.
- 3) Rachel M., born March 31, 1890, in Stephentown, New York; died February 2, 1984; married Marshall Zufelt on November 23, 1909, at Minerva, New York.
- 4) Robert Henry, born August 22, 1891, at Stratton, Vermont; died in 1926; married Dorothea (?).
- 5) Lucy Elmina, born April 30, 1893, at Stratton, Vermont;

died in 1930; married (?) Duffy.

- 6) Charles Glendon, born February 19, 1899, at Stratton, Vermont; died June 19, 1939 (He was adopted by the Finch family following his father's death).

Additional Sources:

Notes of Frank P. Pelletier

**Frank Morris Palmer**, son of Morris and Clyde (Sibley) Palmer, was born in Patten, Maine, in 1916. He settled in Stratton and worked as a lumberman.

Frank married Irene Minnie Thomas, daughter of Irving and Minnie Thomas, on July 11, 1940, at Brattleboro, Vermont. Irene was born on April 13, 1922, at Wilmington, Vermont. She died on March 13, 1996, at Townshend, Vermont.

Additional Sources:

Notes of Arleen (Thomas) Huesman

## Paine

**Joseph Paine** and his wife, Rebecca, apparently settled in Stratton just after 1820. It is also possible that Rebecca came to Stratton alone and lived with relatives there before 1820.

Rebecca was born about 1750. She died on May 1, 1825, and was buried in Ball Cemetery. Her stone is the oldest existing stone in the cemetery.

## Parker

**Charles L. Parker** was born in July, 1883, in Massachusetts. In 1900, he was living in Stratton in

the home of Franklin and Albina Fish, who were probably related to Charles in some way. Charles was no longer in Stratton in 1910.

## Parmentor

**Martha Parmentor**<sup>1</sup> was possibly a daughter of Samuel Parmentor, who had purchased half of 10L8R in 1794. Although, there was no record that Samuel actually settle in Stratton, Martha was called “of Stratton” when the town published an intention of marriage between her and Samuel Whitney of Jamaica, Vermont, on August 12, 1798, at Stratton. There were no Parmentors listed in Stratton’s censuses in either 1791 nor 1800, so they must have moved in and out of town during the 1790s, or it is possible that Martha was living in a household headed by someone with a different surname.

Notes:

- 1) There may be a connection between Martha and Anna Parmenter, who married John Morsman of Princeton, Massachusetts (late of Stratton) intent published April 2, 1798.

## Parsons

(Persons)

**Amos Parsons** was probably the same born on August 24, 1759, at Rowley, Massachusetts, a son of Amos and Joanna (Hammond) Parsons, who later lived at Sutton, Massachusetts.

Amos served Massachusetts during the American Revolution. He was probably the same Amos Parsons of Oxford, Massachusetts, who served in Captain Jonathan Carriel’s Company, Colonel Josiah Whitney’s Regiment -

recorded June 13, 1776, at Point Shirley. A second record from Oxford lists Amos as a private in Captain Jesse Stone’s Company, Colonel Job Cushing’s Regiment, who marched to Bennington on June 27, 1777, and he was discharged August 29, 1777, serving one month, nine days. A third record had Amos mustering with Thomas Newhall - Muster Master of Worcester County, on November 28, 1777, in Captain Brown’s Company, Colonel Bigelow’s Regiment. The fourth record lists Amos among men raised from Colonel Denny’s Regiment for service at Rhode Island, with Captain Starr’s Company, engaged for Ward, Massachusetts, on July 1 (probably 1778). The last record was of a Private Amos Parsons in a detachment from Captain Daniel Grout’s Company, commanded by Lieutenant Thomas Parker, in Colonel John Rand’s Regiment, enlisting July 24, 1780. He marched to Claverack and he was discharged on October 9, 1780, at West Point, New York.

Following his military services, Amos married Abigail Parker of Oxford on July 5, 1781, at Ward, Massachusetts. The Parsons evidently settled in Ward (now called Auburn), then resettled in Greenfield, Massachusetts.

In his latter years, Amos evidently came to Stratton, with his son, Amos, Jr. and family. Amos was listed as a Revolutionary War pensioner on Stratton’s census of 1840 at the

age of 81 and he was called Captain Parsons at the time of his death. Amos made a will on May 9, 1841, and died at Stratton on June 7, 1847. Amos was buried in Ball Cemetery.

Children of Amos and Abigail:

- 1) Bettie, born June 18, 1782, at Ward, Massachusetts.
- 2) Amos, born January 12, 1785, at Ward, Massachusetts; died April 13, 1868, at Stratton, Vermont; married Rhoda Graves.

**Amos Parsons**, son of Amos and Abigail Parsons, was born on January 12, 1785, in Ward, Massachusetts. He married Rhoda Graves, daughter of Job and Abigail Graves. Rhoda was born in Greenfield, Massachusetts, on April 30, 1785.

The Parsons first settled in Greenfield, and they were living there in September, 1838, when Amos purchased 3L1R in Stratton - the old Bixby farm. The Parsons settled in Stratton about that same time. Their home was located on the north side of what is now *Canedy Road*. It may be the same dwelling that remains there today (see A Parson on McClellan's Map of 1856). Amos took the Freeman's oath in Stratton on September 1, 1840.

Rhoda died at Stratton on August 12, 1865, and she was buried in Ball Cemetery. Amos followed on April 13, 1868.

Their children were:

- 1) Otis P., born February 28, 1809, at Greenfield,

Massachusetts; died July 25, 1887, at Stratton, Vermont.

- 2) Elisha, born February 14, 1812, at Greenfield, Massachusetts.
- 3) Orrin, born October 10, 1816, at Greenfield, Massachusetts; died on June 17, 1888, at Stratton, Vermont; married Rebecca (?).
- 4) Alfred, born September 4, 1818 at Greenfield, Massachusetts; died in 1896; married Mary Sprague on November 30, 1848.
- 5) Ralph, born November 21, 1823 at Greenfield, Massachusetts (lived at Deerfield, Massachusetts, and Winhall, Vermont).
- 6) Abigail, born March 29, 1825, at Greenfield, Massachusetts.
- 7) Sarah R., born on October 31, 1826, at Greenfield, Massachusetts; died on February 22, 1897, at Stratton, Vermont; married Cheselton Allen on September 3, 1851, at Stratton, Vermont.

**Otis P. Parsons**, son of Amos and Rhoda Parsons, was born February 28, 1809, in Greenfield, Massachusetts. He purchased the east half of 4L1R on November 7, 1839, and he settled in Stratton about that same time. This lot was adjacent to Bissell's Mills in Stratton. On July 25, 1846, Otis sold this lot to Bissell, but repurchased it two months later.

Otis took the Freeman's oath in Stratton on August 14, 1844. He apparently resided on his father's farm with his parents,

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then, after their deaths, he shared this home with his brother, Alfred's family (see Beer's Atlas of 1869 - home of O & A Parsons). Otis never married and he died at Stratton on July 25, 1887.

**Elisha Parsons**, son of Amos and Rhoda Parsons, was born on February 14, 1812, at Greenfield, Massachusetts. Elisha purchased 3L2R on January 27, 1842, and he took the Freeman's oath in Stratton on September 6, 1842.

On January 5, 1848, Elisha mortgaged his lot and on November 21, 1848, he sold it to Ralph Parsons of Deerfield, Massachusetts. Elisha apparently left Stratton at that time.

**Orrin Parsons**, son of Amos and Rhoda Parsons, was born in 1816 at Greenfield, Massachusetts. He apparently came to Stratton with his parents about 1838. Orrin moved away from home and married Rebecca (?), who was born on July 31, 1822, at Newbury, Vermont. They were living in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1845.

The Parsons returned to Stratton before 1860<sup>1</sup>. Henry Allen was living with them in 1862 and attending school in Stratton's district #2.

Rebecca died at Stratton on February 18, 1874. Orrin then married the widow Richards who apparently died before 1880. That year, he was living with his daughter Abby and stepdaughter, Emily L. Richards. Orrin died on

June 17, 1888. He and Rebecca were buried in Ball Cemetery.

Children of Orrin and Rebecca:

- 1) William H., born about 1845 in Cleveland, Ohio; died in 1935 in Brattleboro, Vermont; married 1) Sarah Wilder Vernaton in September, 1866 2) Frances Spaulding.
- 2) Abbie Ella, born April 25, 1860, at Stratton, Vermont; married 1) Frederick Wyman 2) Arthur F. Allen on October 22, 1881, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 3) Otis F., born November 14, 1863, at Stratton, Vermont; died July 3, 1868, at Stratton, Vermont.

A stepdaughter of Orrin was:

- 4) Emily L. Richards, born August 8, 1842; died April 18, 1894; married M.H. Cullinan.

**William H. Parsons**, son of Orrin and Rebecca Parsons, was born in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1845. William's parents had lived in Stratton before moving to Ohio, and they returned to Stratton before 1860.

In 1863, William was living in Wardsboro. During the Civil War, and at the age of 17, William enlisted for a three-year term. He was placed into Company H of the Vermont 8th Regiment on February 13, 1864. He was promoted to corporal on June 2, 1865, and he was discharged on June 28, 1865.

William returned to Wardsboro after the war and married Sarah Wilder Vernaton of

Sandgate, Vermont. Sarah was born on June 18, 1847. Her mother was Jerusha Moffet who later married Gilbert Thomas.

The Parsons settled in Stratton in 1878 and rented the farmhouse and sawmill of Alexander Hamilton Pike in Pike Hollow, for two years (currently the Steiner home). Once the lease was up, the Parsons moved back to Wardsboro.

William purchased the Stephen Corbin farm in Wardsboro on May 17, 1881. They remained on this farm for many years.

Sarah died on January 13, 1924, in Wardsboro. William then married Mrs. Frances Spaulding of Jamaica, Vermont. He died at the home of his daughter, May, in Brattleboro, Vermont, in 1935. William and Sarah were buried in the West Wardsboro Cemetery.

Children of William and Sarah:

- 1) Anna L., born about 1866; died in 1935; married Sefus Brackett.
- 2) Bert C., born in 1869; died in 1961; married Ninette B. Hughes on October 18, 1891.
- 3) Birdie, married Harry Knight.
- 4) Hallie, born in 1874; died in infancy.
- 5) Abbie "May", born in 1875; married 1) James Evans 2) James Truell
- 6) Harry L., born January 22, 1879, at Stratton, Vermont; died on October 13, 1952, in New York.

**Alfred Parsons**, son of Amos and Rhoda Parsons, was born on September 4, 1818 at Greenfield, Massachusetts. Alfred came to Stratton as a child and he took the Freeman's oath in Stratton on September 1, 1840.

Alfred married Mary Sprague, daughter of James and Lucy Sprague, on November 30, 1848. Lucy was born on March 25, 1827, at Winhall, Vermont.

The Parsons settled in Winhall, then moved to Stratton after Alfred had purchased 29 acres of 2L1R on March 27, 1850. They were not yet in Stratton during the taking of the 1850 census. Soon after that time, the Parsons settled on Alfred's father's farm and lived there with Alfred's brother, Otis.

Mary died of consumption at Stratton on November 4, 1878, and Alfred died in 1896. They were buried in Ball Cemetery.

Children of Alfred and Mary:

- 1) Emery James, born April 9, 1854, at Winhall, Vermont; married Ellen Thomas.
- 2) Ralph Alfred, born September 3, 1861, at Stratton, Vermont; died in 1891.
- 3) Aden O., born February 28, 1863, at Stratton, Vermont; died August 11, 1900, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 4) Silas E., born November 10, 1865, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 5) Mary Elnora, born April 25, 1869, at Stratton, Vermont.

**Emery James Parsons**, son of Alfred and Mary Parsons, was born on April 9, 1854, at Winhall,

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Vermont. Emery married Ellen E. Thomas, daughter of Gilbert and Jerusha Thomas, about 1876. Ellen was born in Manchester, Vermont, on March 3, 1857.

The Parsons had lived at Stratton, then they moved to Glastenbury, Vermont, about 1878 and later settled in Wardsboro, Vermont. They returned to Stratton before 1900. That year, Frank W. Thomas was living with them. Frank was born in February, 1869.

Ellen died on April 21, 1921, at Wilmington, Vermont, and Emery died on November 18, 1941, at Brattleboro, Vermont.

Their children were:

- 1) Leon E., born June 24, 1877, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 2) Herbert E., born in 1879 at Glastenbury, Vermont; married Lettie M. Robbins on February 18, 1898, at Winhall, Vermont.
- 3) Millie J., born in August, 1881; married (?) Jones.
- 4) Mary Elnora, born in May, 1883, at Wardsboro, Vermont; married John E. Lackey on December 30, 1898, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 5) Robert O., born in August, 1886.
- 6) Ralph M., born in June, 1888.
- 7) Herman Jessie, born May 7, 1896, at Stratton, Vermont; died November 4, 1969, at Wilmington, Vermont; married Ruby Griswold on April 26, 1915 (They were the parents of Bernard Parsons of Wardsboro).

**Herbert E. Parsons**, son of Emery and Ellen Parsons, was born at Glastenbury, Vermont, about 1879. When of age, Herbert worked as a laborer in Stratton.

Herbert married Lettie M. Robbins, daughter of James B. and Sarah E. (Clayton) Robbins, on February 18, 1898, at Winhall, Vermont. Lettie was born in Jamaica, Vermont. Herbert took the Freeman's oath in Stratton on September 2, 1902.

A child of Herbert and Lettie was:

- 1) Earl James, born September 20, 1902, at Stratton, Vermont; died February 16, 1942, at Wilmington, Vermont; married Leola Isora (or Elizabeth) Upton.

**Earl James Parsons**, son of Herbert and Lettie Parsons, was born at Stratton, on September 20, 1902. He settled in Wilmington, Vermont, where he worked for the town. Earl married Leola Isora Upton, daughter of Florence Upton. Leola was born at Hartford, Connecticut, on August 10, 1911.

Earl died of a heart attack while at work. Leola developed multiple sclerosis and died in a nursing home on December 25, 1967. Earl and Leola were buried in Riverview Cemetery in Wilmington.

Children of Earl and Leola were:

- 1) Earl James, born July 6, 1929; married Sally Foster.
- 2) Donald Ray, born November 17, 1930; married Arlene Aldridge.

**Ralph Alfred Parsons**, son of Alfred and Mary Parsons, was born on September 3, 1861, at Stratton. In 1875, Ralph sold the family farm on 3L1R to George W. Johnson. Ralph was living in Jamaica, Vermont, at that time. Ralph's parents and Uncle apparently continued to live on the farm after that time.

Ralph became a doctor. He later returned to Stratton and ran his practice from his home in Stratton. He resided on the *Stratton-Arlington Rd.*, in the house later owned by the Herbert French family. This house still stands today, located east of the Stratton Church. The sign that hung in front of his house is kept in the museum of the Historical Society of Windham County. Ralph died in 1891 and he was buried in Ball Cemetery.

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Return to Yesterday by CS Streeter

**Sally K. (Evans) Parsons**, daughter of (?) and Dorcas Evans, was born on August 12, 1822, at Fitchburg, Massachusetts. She died at Stratton on February 18, 1874.

**Minerva Parsons** married George Clough. She was born about 1839.

## Pary

**Gregory Pary** was born in Canada in 1822. He was a carpenter, who probably came to Stratton as an old man with relatives (see Dannie below). He died at Stratton on June 17, 1898.

**Dannie Pary**, son of Peter and Ries (Moran) Pary, was born about 1872 at Kinsie, ???. He came to Stratton and worked at one of the lumber camps. He married Minnie B. Longe, daughter of Fred A. and Lizzie (Little) Longe, on February 22, 1899, at Stratton. Minnie was born about 1883 at Mount Holly, Vermont.

## Patch

**Nathan Patch** was the son of John Patch of Ipswich, Massachusetts. As an adult, Nathan signed "the Tory Protest" in 1744 and so he was judged a public enemy at that time. Nathan, however, recanted his loyalties and he was restored to favor.

Nathan settled in Worcester, Massachusetts, and married Hannah Whipple there about 1756. Hannah apparently died in 1760, possibly while giving birth to their son Joseph. Following Hannah's death, Nathan married Eunice Adams, daughter of Nathaniel and Eunice Adams of Grafton, Massachusetts, on December 26, 1760. Eunice was born on October 7, 1739.

The Patches resided in Worcester for about 12 years and were among those that petitioned to be set off from Worcester as a part of the new town of Ward, Massachusetts, in 1773.

During the Revolution, Nathan became an active patriot, raising supplies for the army. Although, when Nathan was drafted into Captain Lovell's

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Company, Colonel Denny's Regiment to march to Horse-Neck, he failed to join the regiment. He was again drafted into Chadwick's Company and he marched to Bennington on the alarm. He served for five days and he was paid on September 23, 1777. Nathan was later tax collector and constable of Worcester, and was active in the town's business.

According to the Patch Genealogy by John Robert Camp and Emily Patch, "*He was a man of enterprising spirit, but was self-willed and reckless, and lacked the clear judgment possessed by his son, Nathaniel. In his dealings with others, even with those related to him by ties of blood, he was exacting, uncompromising and severe, evincing little consideration for their feelings and necessities. He appears to have been somewhat eccentric and unstable, especially in his latter days; was conscientious and involved continually in litigation, in which the results were not always favorable to his interests.*

Evidently, Nathan was fascinated with the land he traveled through during the march to Bennington. He first purchased 4L4R in Stratton on January 15, 1782, a year before the town was settled. Over the next 25 years, Nathan bought and sold a considerable amount of land in Stratton - some from tax-sales. He apparently briefly settled in the town after his son, Joseph, had moved away. The town records of

1806 read as though Nathan was a resident of the town - referring to Nathan Patch's house west of Jacob Batchellor on the west half of 5L4R. This was the house built by Oliver Morsman, located beyond the end of what is now *Shepardson Rd.*

Nathan was Stratton's most active Proprietor, becoming involved in all that shaped the new settlement in his lifetime. He retrieved the town's copy of the original charter by going to Exeter, New Hampshire, in 1793 (this copy still hangs in Stratton's Town Office). In 1797, he mentioned that he held a bond on a mill on Phillips' land (evidently in the west half of 3L3R - probably Stratton's first sawmill. On July 2, 1806, Nathan offered Stratton's Selectmen the nails and glass needed to construct Stratton's first meetinghouse.

Later, Nathan was listed as a citizen of Fairfield, New York, in Stratton's land records. Nathan's will was dated May 22, 1808. He died soon thereafter. Theophilus Wheeler, Henry Patch and Joseph Patch were listed as executors of his will which was filed in Stratton that year.

Children of Nathan and Hannah:

- 1) Henry, born December 11, 1757; married Hannah Moore on February 8, 1781, at Worcester, Massachusetts.
- 2) Joseph, born in 1760; died April 8, 1836, at Worcester, Massachusetts; married Hannah Flagg on November 7, 1782 at Worcester, Massachusetts.

Children of Nathan and Eunice:

- 3) Nathaniel
- 4) Lucy
- 5) Sarah, married Samuel Porter.
- 6) Hannah, married Tappan March on July 4, 1791, at Worcester, Massachusetts.
- 7) Joshua, married Rebecca Bemis on April 21, 1794, at Worcester, Massachusetts.

**Joseph Patch**, son of Nathan and Hannah Patch, was born in 1760 at Worcester, Massachusetts. Joseph married Hannah Flag.

Soon after the marriage, Joseph's father gave him 4L4R in Stratton for "*the same goodwill and affection which I have and do bear toward my son, Joseph Patch and for his settlement and advancement in the world,*" deeded on April 24, 1786, and so, the Patches settled on that land.

Joseph evidently built the first house on this lot, located on the north side of the road that later passed the town common. He was owner of the first tavern in Stratton and active in early town affairs. The tavern would have been within his home. Many of the town meetings from 1786 to 1793 were held in his home, probably because the tavern had room enough for the meetings. Joseph was Proprietor's Clerk from May 27, 1789, to June 24, 1793. Although he was living in Stratton in 1788, his son, Benjamin, was born in Worcester that year.

The Patch family left Stratton in 1793 and returned to Worcester. Their dwelling house

in Stratton was next occupied by the family of Eliakim Garfield, who rented from the Patches. Joseph bought and sold much land in Stratton even after his move back to Worcester and into the 1830s.

Joseph died at Worcester on April 8, 1836. His heirs were named in a deed dated November 23, 1843.

Children of Joseph and Hannah:

- 1) Anna, born July 17, 1785, at Worcester, Massachusetts; married Anson Braman.
- 2) Benjamin, born February 25, 1788, at Worcester, Massachusetts.
- 3) William Whipple, born January 1, 1794, at Worcester, Massachusetts.
- 4) Leonard, born March 25, 1799, at Worcester, Massachusetts.
- 5) Lydia, born February 2, 1800, at Worcester, Massachusetts.
- 6) Hannah, born March 4, 1802, at Worcester, Massachusetts.
- 7) Eunice, born December 30, 1803, at Worcester, Massachusetts.
- 8) Joseph, born November 24, 1805, at Worcester, Massachusetts.
- 9) Cynthia, born November 2, 1807, at Worcester, Massachusetts; married Loring Lyon.

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## Payne

**Benjamin Payne**, son of Zebulon and Anna (Bigelow) Payne, was born on January 31, 1833, at Conway, Massachusetts. Benjamin first married Melissa Ware, daughter of Leander and Huldah Ware, at Ashfield, Massachusetts. She was born in Ashfield, Massachusetts, on November 13, 1831. Melissa died of diphtheria in Stratton on August 22, 1863, and she was buried in Ball Cemetery. She died just 11 days after their daughter Marilla had died of diphtheria.

Benjamin then married Amelia A. Estabrook, daughter of Ezekiel and Betsy Estabrook, on July 3, 1864, at Stratton. She was born at Stratton in 1834 and she had been certified to teach school in Stratton. The Paynes apparently lived on the east half of 5L3R (see N. Willis on Beer's Atlas of 1869).

Benjamin died on April 19, 1871, and he was buried beside Melissa.

Children of Benjamin and Melissa:

- 1) Marilla, born May 9, 1859, at Ashfield, Massachusetts; died August 11, 1863, at Stratton, Vermont (of diphtheria).
- 2) Esther

A child of Benjamin and Amelia:

- 3) (an infant), died on September 19, 1867.

**Ormanzo Payne**, son of Henry and Harriet Payne, was born in Plainsfield, Massachusetts, in 1846. He married Lusina Sage,

daughter of Emery and Martha Sage, on July 4, 1866, at Stratton.

**Henry L. Payne** was born in May, 1852, in Massachusetts. His wife, Lucy S., was born in Vermont in August, 1852. The Paynes were married in 1874 and settled in Stratton before 1900, but they moved out of town before 1910. Although he no longer lived in Stratton, Henry was active in the Stratton Mountain Club during the 1910s.

A child of Henry and Lucy was:

- 1) Grace M., born December, 1872 (or 8).

## Peck

**Joseph H. Peck** was born about 1834 and may have settled in Stratton briefly before the Civil War. He enlisted on January 31, 1862, and mustered into Company H of the 8th Vermont Regiment on February 12, 1862. Joseph reenlisted on March 5, 1864, and he was promoted to corporal on July 1, 1864. On April 12, 1865, he was promoted to sergeant, before mustering out on June 28, 1865. Joseph evidently did not settle in Stratton following the war.

**W. W. Peck** was a resident of Somerset. In 1902, he purchased the Upper Tudor Mill, located near the north end of what is now Somerset Reservoir, and on an old site known as the Lucius Smith sawmill. He had also purchased the Chase Mills in Somerset, in an attempt to gain control of the east branch of the Deerfield River.

## **Penniman**

**Mary Penniman** was living in Stratton in 1863 and had two children, Fred and Charles A., attending school in district #5.

## **Perry**

**Jeremiah Perry** was born in 1775. His wife, Mary, was also born in 1775. They moved to Stratton during the 1840s, probably from Athens, Vermont. They were evidently friends or relatives of the Cummings and Wyman families who settled in Stratton. The Perrys moved away from Stratton or they had died before 1860.

**Richard S. Perry** was possibly the son of Jeremiah and Mary Perry. He was born about 1812. Richard was living in Chester, Vermont, when he married Elizabeth Cummings, who was probably a daughter of William and Betsey Cummings, on October 13, 1831. Elisa, as she was called, was born about 1815.

The Perrys were living in Rupert, Vermont, by 1836, then moved to Rockingham and finally settled in Stratton before 1847. William Haskins, was living with them in 1860, aged 67. In 1870, Laura Lincoln, daughter of Obed and Alantha Lincoln, was living with them. In 1866, the town records refer to the Perrys as town paupers. The Perrys had left Stratton by 1870.

Children of Richard and Elisa:

- 1) Oscar F., born in 1832, married Mary (?).

- 2) Milon F., born in 1835, at Rupert, Vermont; died in 1912; married Philura Willis about 1855.
- 3) Chauncey F., born in 1838.
- 4) Richard, born in March, 1839; died February 15, 1845.
- 5) Richard F., born in February, 1845; died December 7, 1848.
- 6) Eusina Emma, born May 31, 1847, at Rockingham, Vermont; died September 19, 1939; married Preston S. Knapp on February 11, 1865, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 7) Luanna, born in 1850; married
  - 1) Henry Lincoln on October 28, 1866, at Stratton, Vermont
  - 2) Truman T. Wallace on September 28, 1873, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 8) Ellen born in 1851.
- 9) Morton, born in 1853.
- 10) Frank O., born February 10, 1854, at Stratton, Vermont; died May 11, 1863, at Stratton, Vermont (of diphtheria).
- 11) Joseph
- 12) Julia

**Chauncey F. Perry**, son of Richard and Elisa Perry, was born about 1838. He served during the Civil War, but he was not living in Vermont at the time of his enlistment.

**Oscar F. Perry**, son of Richard and Elisa Perry, was born in 1832. In 1849, he was living with Stephen W. Cummings and attending school in district #2 in Stratton. In 1850, he was living with Isaac Shepardson.

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Oscar and his wife, Mary, lived at Sunderland, Vermont, and then Stratton for a short while around 1857. Oscar took the Freeman's oath in Stratton in September, 1857. Later, the Perrys moved to Warrensburg, New York.

During the Civil War, Oscar enlisted and served - probably in a New York regiment.

Their children were:

- 1) Alida, born in 1856; married Lyman W. May on March 18, 1871, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 2) Ella Mary, born August 24, 1857, at Stratton, Vermont.

**Milon F. Perry**, son of Richard and Elisa Perry, was born in 1835 at Rupert, Vermont. He lived with Richard Scott in 1847, attending school in district #2 in Stratton. In 1850, he was living with Freeman Wyman.

Milon married Philura A. Willis, daughter of Daniel and Abigail Willis, about 1855. Philura was born about 1837.

Milon took the Freeman's oath in Stratton in September, 1856. He enlisted on September 20, 1862, and mustered into Company I of the Vermont 16th Regiment on October 23, 1862. He very likely fought at Gettysburg with this company before he mustered out on August 10, 1863. Next, Milon reenlisted on December 15, 1863, into Company D of the Vermont 8th Regiment. His military service ended on June 28, 1865.

After the war, the Perrys lived on the *Stratton-Arlington Rd.*, in

the house once occupied by Chester Prescott. They were not listed as Stratton residents in 1880; however, they evidently returned and Milon became Postmaster of Stratton from January 26, 1892, to November 21, 1898.

By 1900, the Perrys were no longer living in Stratton and they apparently had settled in Wardsboro. Milon died in 1912 and Philura died in 1914. They were buried in Fairview Cemetery in Wardsboro.

Children of Milon and Philura:

- 1) Lura, born in 1856.
- 2) Leon Albert, born February 27, 1870, at Stratton, Vermont; married Minnie Cowdry on October 14, 1894, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 3) Archie Gerald, born July 8, 1871, at Stratton, Vermont.

**Leon Albert Perry**, son of Milon and Philura Perry, was born at Stratton, on February 27, 1870. He went by the name Burt L. Perry. Burt married Minnie E. Cowdry, daughter of Frank and Sarah (Nichols) Cowdrey of Jamaica, on October 14, 1894, at Stratton. Minnie was born in August, 1877, at Brimfield, Massachusetts.

Following the marriage, the Perrys settled in Stratton. Burt was Stratton's last Postmaster from January 5, 1903, until the post office closed down on July 15, 1910. Bert was involved in a shoot out in Stratton with Albert Baybrook, whom he was trying to arrest. Baybrook fired at such

close range that Bert's coat sleeve caught fire, but he was not hit (see Albert Baybrook).

The Perrys moved away from Stratton before the 1910 census was taken. Their move may have been the reason that the Stratton post office closed down when it did. They resettled in Jamaica, Vermont, where Burt operated a tennis racket factory on Ball Mountain Stream.

Children of Burt and Minnie:

- 1) Leon Merton, born June 28, 1895; married Mildred C. Marden on March 22, 1924 (he lived in Jamaica, Vermont, and he was a WWI veteran).
- 2) Ruby G., born January 19, 1898; married Martin H. Gleason on December 16, 1919.

**Abner Perry**, son of Calvin and Dolly Perry, was born in 1805 in Boston, Massachusetts. He may be the same as, or a relative of, the Abner Perry who lived at Plymouth, Massachusetts, and purchased 2000 acres in the western gore in Stratton in June, 1828.

Abner's third marriage was to Elizabeth P. (Hescock) Forrester on July 22, 1866, at Stratton. Elizabeth was the widow of Stephen Jonson Forrester and a daughter of David and Surlindy (Simpson) Hescock. Elizabeth was born on April 4, 1809, at Wardsboro, Vermont. Stephen died on June 14, 1863, and so Elizabeth married Abner on July 22, 1866. She died at Stratton on September 28, 1894, and was

buried in Willis Cemetery, beside Stephen.

## Pettee

(Petty)

**Silas Pettee, Jr.**, son of Silas and Anna Pettee, was born on July 17, 1803, at Wilmington, Vermont. Silas married Arethuse Scott, daughter of Shepard and Eunice Scott. Arethuse was born at Windham, Vermont, on September 17, 1805. The Pettees were living in Stratton as early as 1844. In that year and in 1845, Silas was voted a highway surveyor. In 1846, he was clerk for school district #1 in Stratton, where he had four children attending school. The Pettees moved away from Stratton before 1850 and eventually settled in West Dummerston, Vermont.

Children of Silas were:

- 1) Hollis
- 2) Aurelius
- 3) Julia
- 4) Corintha, born March 6, 1842; died February 6, 1868, at West Dummerston, Vermont.

## Phelps

**Edgar L. Phelps** was born about 1863 in Vermont. His wife, Melvina E. Plimpton, daughter of Henry and Susan (Allen) Plimpton, was also born about 1863. They lived in New Hampshire at the time of their son's birth, and in 1907, they were living in Chester, Vermont.

Edgar came to Stratton between 1910 and 1920 and worked as a laborer, probably in one of Stratton's lumber camps.

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In 1920, they were living with their son, George.

A child of Edgar and Melvina:

- 1) George L., born about 1881 in New Hampshire.

**George L. Phelps**, son of Edgar and Melvina E. Phelps, was born in New Hampshire about 1881. He came to Stratton with his parents between 1910 and 1920 and worked as a laborer, probably in one of Stratton's lumber camps. The 1920 census shows that he was married; however, his wife was not living with him at that time.

## Phillips

**Jonathan Phillips**, son of Joseph and Ruth (Towne) Phillips, was born at Oxford, Massachusetts, on August 12, 1732. Jonathan apparently first married Rachel Humphrey about 1755. She apparently died in the last years of the 1750s. Jonathan married secondly Sarah Parker (intent published on March 6, 1760) at Worcester, Massachusetts. The Oxford vital records call her Sarah Gleason, but a note was included stating that Parker was her correct name.

Jonathan and Sarah's children were born in Oxford. They were among those families set off to the new town of Ward, Massachusetts, in 1773. Jonathan, as well as several others from this town, was very active in the organization and settlement of Stratton.

During the American Revolution, Jonathan may have

been the same Jonathan Phillips who served in Captain David Chadwick's Company for five days during the alarm at Bennington.

Jonathan moved his family to Stratton in the summer of 1784, after purchasing 1000 acres and several proprietary rights for 300 pounds on July 1, 1784. In September, 1784, he purchased an additional 300 acres. Jonathan was elected Proprietor's Clerk on September 16, 1784. He continued in this position until October 5, 1787.

Jonathan also was assigned to build the first sawmill in 1784, and may have completed that project in 1786 with his sons. This mill was located in the west half of 3L3R on land he sold to his son, Asa. He also was the owner of the west half of 4L3R. This may have been Jonathan's home when he first settled in Stratton. Jonathan sold this lot to Asa on May 1, 1786.

Jonathan was not among the residents of Stratton in 1791, but he was still an active proprietor through to 1796. In 1793, he was called a resident of Northampton, Massachusetts. He died on June 6, 1798.

A child of Jonathan and Rachel:

- 1) Ebenezer Humphrey, born July 17, 1756, at Sturbridge, Massachusetts; died December 1, 1838.

Jonathan and Sarah's children:

- 2) Asa, born April 3, 1761, at Ward, Massachusetts; died on January 4, 1802, at Stratton,

- Vermont; married Mary “Polly” White on April 5, 1784, at Ward, Massachusetts.
- 3) Reuben, born July 5, 1763, at Oxford, Massachusetts; married Dilla Pitts on May 5, 1796, at Oxford, Massachusetts.
  - 4) Joseph, born about 1764.
  - 5) Sarah, born March 27, 1765, at Oxford, Massachusetts; died in 1766.
  - 6) Jonathan, born in 1768; died in 1768.
  - 7) Sarah, born in 1769; died in 1771.

**Reuben Phillips**, son of Jonathan and Sarah Phillips, was born on July 5, 1763, at Oxford, Massachusetts. During the American Revolution, Reuben apparently was the same who served under Lieutenant Thomas Parker, as a Private in Captain Daniel Grout’s Company, Colonel John Rand’s Regiment. He enlisted on July 24, 1780, and marched to Claverack. He was discharged at West Point, New York, on October 9, 1780.

Reuben was living in Newfane, Vermont, in 1786 and bought the east half of 1L1R and the east half of 3L3R in Stratton from his father that same year. Reuben settled in Stratton, built his home on the east half of 3L3R and sold 1L1R to Timothy Robbins. Reuben may have helped establish Stratton’s first sawmill on his brother’s lot. In October, 1787, Reuben sold his house lot to Nathan Patch and evidently left town. He returned

to Oxford and married Dilla Pitts there on May 5, 1796.

**Asa Phillips**, son of Jonathan and Sarah Phillips, was born on April 3, 1761, at Oxford, Massachusetts. Asa married Mary “Polly” White on April 5, 1784, at Ward, Massachusetts. Polly was the daughter of Stephen and Mary (Calef) White, born about 1765.

The Phillipses were among the earliest settlers of Stratton, settling on the west half of 4L3R, which Asa purchased from his father on May 1, 1786. He also purchased the west half of 3L3R and he apparently built Stratton’s first sawmill with the help of his father. The house on 4L3R was probably the dwelling house of his parents, and Asa and Polly most likely lived there with Asa’s parents initially. The Phillipses’ son, Asa, Jr., was listed as the first male child of European ancestry to be born in Stratton. Asa, Jr. was born in this house on April 13, 1785. This occurred a year before Asa purchased the property from his father.

The remains of the Phillips house exist at the northeast corner of the intersection of *Ball Farm Rd.* and the *West Jamaica Rd.*

Asa was Proprietor’s Clerk from June 24, 1791, to September 7, 1795. He died at Stratton on January 4, 1802.

The division of his estate listed in Stratton’s land records on December 28, 1808, set to his widow, Polly Sigourney, all property lying north of the road that runs through 4L3R, except 15

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acres on the east line of said lot, also half of the east half of 2L2R and a ninth of the house. To Asa Phillips, Jr. - 61 acres which lies on the south side of the road through 4L3R and part of 3L3R to a line running across said lot with bounds and 15 acres on the north side of the road next to Mr. Garfield's line - also half the barn and a third of the house. To Betsey Phillips - half of the east half of 2L2R and a ninth of the house. To Jonathan Phillips - the remainder of 3L3R south of Asa Phillips, except seven acres of the northeast corner set to the girls.

After Asa's death, Polly married Anthony Sigourney on September 17, 1803. Anthony and Polly moved to Bennington, Vermont, then settled in Watervliet, New York, where Anthony died on July 10, 1825.

It is unclear what happened between the Phillipses and the Sigourneys. At one point, Asa Phillips, Jr. sued Anthony Sigourney over land in Stratton in December, 1809 - "*The sheriff of Windham County is ordered to confiscate property of Anthony Sigourney and to arrest Anthony Sigourney and deliver him to the jail keeper in Newfane until a debt of \$113.27 is paid to Asa Phillips of Stratton.*"

For some reason, Polly returned to Stratton where "the widow Polly Phillips" was taken into the Church of Christ in Stratton on February 2, 1812, and on the following day or so, her children, Jonathan and Daniel were baptized. On March 24,

1812, using the name "Polly Sigourney," she purchased part of 4L4R and 4L5R, bounding the western side of the town common and the road to Bille Mann's (50 acres) with an additional seven acres on the opposite side of the road to Bille Mann's and also one acre on north side of *Meetinghouse Road*. Polly died about 1815 at Watervliet, New York.

Children of Asa and Polly were:

- 1) Asa, Jr., born April 13, 1785, at Stratton, Vermont; died June 23, 1873, at Bust, New York; married Submit Scott.
- 2) Polly, born July 31, 1788, at Stratton, Vermont; married Jedidiah Baker on February 11, 1808, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 3) Betsey, born April 14, 1790, at Stratton, Vermont; died February 1, 1873, at Sacramento, California; married Josiah Stamford on October 23, 1813.
- 4) Jonathan, born September 24, 1795, at Stratton, Vermont; married Esther Maria Kidder on December 3, 1818, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 5) Andrew, born July 31, 1799, at Stratton, Vermont; died September 26, 1801, at Stratton, Vermont.

A child of Anthony Sigourney and Polly was:

- 1) Daniel Phillips, born June 9, 1804; married E. Jane Cary on October 8, 1825, at Schenectady, New York. (*It is unclear whether Daniel's surname was Sigourney or Phillips - some*

*documents seem to indicate that he used the surname Phillips)*

**Asa Phillips, Jr.**, son of Asa and Polly Phillips, was born on April 13, 1785, -- the first male born in Stratton. He initially filed an intention of marriage to Fannie Grout, but they were not married; instead, he married Submit Scott, daughter of Ira and Submit Scott on September 12, 1813, at Stratton, and the marriage was performed by the Rev. James Tufts. Submit was born on October 19, 1792.

After his father's death in 1803, Asa continued to live at his parents' home (at the intersection of the *West Jamaica Rd.* and *Ball Farm Rd.*). It is unclear who were living within his home in 1810. This was prior to his marriage and after his father's death and his mother's second marriage, therefore, it was probably Asa's sister and brother-in-law, Polly and Jedidiah Baker who lived with him at that time. Asa was also considered to be over 26 years old in 1810, but that was not true.

In the 1820 census, Asa and Submit were shown between the ages of 26 and 45 with three small children.

Asa owned large amounts of land in Stratton, much of which he acquired from tax-sales. He purchased pew #3 on the lower floor of the meetinghouse in 1810 from his brother-in-law, Jedidiah Baker, then sold it back to Baker on May 7, 1811.

Asa moved to Watervliet, Albany County, New York, before

1818, but returned to his home in Stratton, as he was listed in the censuses of 1820 and 1830.

In 1820, he may have been living in the house beside the common, which he had sold to his brother in 1818. However, Asa apparently reoccupied the old family dwelling on 4L3R. In 1830, there were eleven people living in his household.

In 1831, Asa agreed to care for Samuel Marble and his daughter, Lucretia, for the remainder of their natural lives in exchange for their farm on 4L4R and 5L4R beside the common and part of 5L3R, occupied by the Shepardsons.

Asa was Stratton's Town Clerk from 1825 - 1832. In 1833, town meetings were voted to be held at his home, but the following year the meeting was held in the meetinghouse.

Asa donated part of his farm for use as a cemetery (currently referred to as Ball Cemetery). He sold the farm in March, 1834, to Stephen Forrester and he also waived his claim of the Marble farm. The Phillips left Stratton at that time.

Children of Asa and Submit were:

- 1) Emaline, born March 18, 1814, at Stratton, Vermont; died May 2, 1896, at Concord, Pennsylvania; married Lucius Leroy Baldwin (of Jamaica) on April 15, 1833, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 2) Clarissa B., born October 21, 1816, died April 9, 1841; married Allen Barber at Stockton, New York.

- 3) Andrew, born August 28, 1819, at Watervliet, New York; died February 3, 1903, at Bust, New York; married Emily Temple in 1848.
- 4) Helen B., born January 2, 1821; married Francis Farr in 1844 at Stockton, New York.
- 5) Elvira Stanford, born March 31, 1823; died July 7, 1897, at Minneapolis, Minnesota; married Lyman Harris in 1844 at Sugargrove, Pennsylvania.
- 6) Lucy, born August 12, 1825; died January 20, 1826.
- 7) Jonathan Josiah, born April 8, 1833; married Almada Bush on June 10, 1857.
- 8) Asa Kimball, born April 20, 1836; died October 19, 1900; married Lucretia Steadman in 1859.

**Jonathan Phillips**, son of Asa and Polly Phillips, was born on September 24, 1795, at Stratton. He married Esther "Maria" Kidder, daughter of Abel and Mary Kidder, on December 3, 1818. Maria was born at Stratton on September 26, 1799.

Jonathan was never listed as head of a household in any of Stratton's censuses, although he and his family lived on the southwest side of the town common. They resided in the house his mother had purchased in 1812 from Aaron Lyon. Jonathan purchased this lot from his brother, Asa, in 1818. Jonathan and his family were probably living there with Jonathan's brother, Asa, during the time of the 1820 census. On

several occasions in the mid-1820s, meetings were adjourned to his home.

Jonathan also ran an Inn and held a license to do so in 1825, 1826 and 1827. It seems likely that instead of turning his home into an Inn, Jonathan may have kept the old Inn down the hill – the old Patch Tavern – that his brother, Asa purchased from Luther Torrey in 1826.

On November 24, 1824, Jonathan and Maria were accepted into the Church of Christ in Stratton and on September 6, 1825, Jonathan took the Freeman's oath in Stratton. In 1828, Jonathan settled in Jamaica, Vermont, and sold the lot beside the common. On May 13, 1831, Jonathan and Maria were given a letter of recommendation by the church in Stratton for acceptance into another church - apparently the church in Jamaica, Vermont.

Jonathan evidently died sometime within the next three years, since Maria married secondly, Captain Caleb Howe at Jamaica on June 22, 1834. She died on August 31, 1865.

Children of Jonathan and Maria:

- 1) Maryann, born July 8, 1821, at Stratton, Vermont (baptized in Stratton on March 6, 1825).
- 2) Reuben, born October 5, 1823, at Stratton, Vermont (baptized in Stratton on March 6, 1825).
- 3) Henry Colph, born October 8, 1827, at Stratton, Vermont (baptized in Stratton on August 24, 1828)

**Simon Phillips**, son of Israel and Huldah (Towne) Phillips, was born on January 6, 1766, at Oxford, Massachusetts. He was a cousin of Asa Phillips, Sr. above.

Simon was a resident of Stratton Gore in 1799. That year, he signed a petition requesting the annexation of the gore by Stratton. He apparently settled elsewhere soon after that time, since he was not listed in Stratton's census of 1800. Simon owned land west of the East Branch of the Deerfield River and west of William Newton. Phillips lived at Newfane, Vermont, when he sold his lot to George Oliver in 1801.

## Pickering

**Earl Bartlett Pickering, Jr.**, son of Earl and Josephine Pickering, married Avis Dickinson, daughter of Dr. Porter Stephens Dickinson and his wife, Lillian.

During WWII, Earl enlisted in the U.S. Navy at the age of 17 and served aboard the USS Wasp, an aircraft carrier. Earl was then assigned to Admiral Nimitz's staff. Following the war, Earl worked for the U.S. Postal Service in Lunenburg, Massachusetts, and continues working as a Freelance Writer. Avis worked in Retail Sales.

The Pickerings purchased a parcel of land that had once been part of the Orrin Johnson Farm. This farm was originally the homestead of Perez and Emily Rice, located in the Somerset Annex of Stratton at the top of what is now called *Penny Avenue*.

In 1972, the Pickerings built a log cabin approximately over the site where the old farmhouse once stood. In 1989, they made an addition to the cabin and became fulltime residents of Stratton that year. Since that time, the Pickerings have been very active in town affairs. Earl has served as Selectman in 1993 - 1995 and he was again elected in 1997. Earl served on the Planning Commission in 1994 and Avis has been a member of the Planning Commission since 1992.

Earl and Avis' children are:

- 1) James Marsh.
- 2) Edward Bartlett (twin).
- 3) Amy Kyle (twin).

## Pike

**Samuel Pike**<sup>1</sup> married Abigail Morse, daughter of Aaron Morse, and they settled in Hopkinton, Massachusetts. Samuel sold his Hopkinton property in 1752 and then moved to Holliston, Massachusetts, where he and his family lived until about 1768. About that same time, Abigail died. Supposedly, the Indians killed her and a baby, but this seems unlikely at that time.

Samuel then moved to Milford, Massachusetts, and there married Sarah Gould. Sarah died sometime in late 1775 or early 1776. He next moved to Medway, Massachusetts, and married a third time to the widow, Anna (Grant) King, daughter of William and Elizabeth Grant and widow of Robert Grant and (?) King, on February 9, 1777 (*also see Grant family*). Anna was born

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at Holliston, Massachusetts, on March 7, 1741.

During the American Revolution, Samuel served the colonies in a Massachusetts Company. In 1796, Samuel joined two of his children and his wife in Stratton, settling on land owned by Anna's son, Joshua Grant. A town record announcing the intention of marriage between the Pike's daughter, Rhoda and Levi Robbins made in early 1799 states that she lived in "the Gore," meaning Stratton Gore - a strip of land located directly south of the old border - annexed to Stratton in 1799. The old Pike homestead was located within Stratton Gore.

In 1800, that year's census indicated that Samuel apparently was not living with Anna. At that time, Anna was living with her son, William. William's twin sister, Anna, evidently resided there also. Samuel apparently was not living in Stratton at the time of the census.

In August, 1801, Anna purchased 25 acres of lot #1 in Stratton Gore from her son, Jotham. She then signed an agreement with her son-in-law, Levi Robbins that Levi would live there with her.

Samuel may have settled in Stratton about 1808, since on December 12, 1808, he took the Freeman's oath in Stratton.

By 1810, the Pikes had all settled in Somerset, in what is now called Pike Hollow. Samuel died on November 15, 1815. Anna evidently was living with her son, William, in 1820, and

she died on February 20, 1825. The Pikes were buried in Willis Cemetery in Stratton.

Children of Anna Grant and her first husband Robert Grant were:

- 1) Joshua, born April 2, 1763, at Medway, Massachusetts; died in 1824 at Stratton, Vermont; married 1) Eunice Hayward on July 14, 1785, at Milford, Massachusetts 2) Elizabeth Mitchell.
- 2) Nevinson, born January 1, 1765, at Medway, Massachusetts; married 1) Sarah Moulton 2) Experience (?).
- 3) Betsey, born June 16, 1767, at Medway, Massachusetts; married Nathaniel Moulton on December 18, 1787, at Hopkinton, Massachusetts.

Children of Samuel and Abigail:

- 1) Elijah, born May 25, 1751, at Hopkinton, Massachusetts; married Mary Brown.
- 2) Abigail, born May 24, 1752, at Holliston, Massachusetts.
- 3) Mary, born June 24, 1755, at Holliston, Massachusetts; married Boyce Kimball in 1782.
- 4) Rachael, born October 7, 1757, at Holliston, Massachusetts.
- 5) Samuel, born October 27, 1759, at Holliston, Massachusetts.
- 6) Reuben, born February 9, 1762, at Holliston, Massachusetts; died December 22, 1781.
- 7) Aaron, born May 20, 1764, at Holliston, Massachusetts; married Anna Goodell.

8) Moses, born December 28, 1767, at Holliston, Massachusetts; married Sarah (?).

Children of Samuel and Sarah:

- 9) Ruth, born at Milford, Massachusetts
- 10) Oliver, born at Milford, Massachusetts
- 11) Sarah, born at Milford, Massachusetts, married Levi Edson.
- 12) Nathaniel, born at Milford, Massachusetts; married Nancy Cutler.
- 13) Elihu, born September 9, 1775, at Milford, Massachusetts; married Mercy Keeler.

Children of Samuel and Anna:

- 14) William Grant (twin), born November 27, 1777, at Medway, Massachusetts; died September 9, 1865, at Somerset, Vermont; married Miranda Scott on May 4, 1802, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 15) Anna Grant (twin), born November 27, 1777, at Medway, Massachusetts; married Joel Clark (of Worcester, New York) on February 20, 1814, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 16) Jotham, born March 21, 1780, at Medway, Massachusetts; died May 30, 1858, at Somerset, Vermont; married 1) Hannah Goodell, on December 3, 1801, at Somerset, Vermont 2) Anna H. (Smith) Riand on March 13, 1837, at Somerset, Vermont.

17) Rhoda, born September 13, 1782, at Medway, Massachusetts; married Levi Robbins on April 21, 1799, at Stratton, Vermont.

Notes:

An account of Samuel's son, William Grant Pike, states that Samuel was the son of Reuben Pike, but the official Pike genealogy and Pike Family Assoc. stated this to be wrong and pointed out town records and additional accounts by Samuel's descendants. The account of W.G. Pike also said his mother, Anna Grant was a daughter of William Grant, but in the same sentence says she married William Grant and had children from this marriage: Joshua, Nevinson, and Betsy. Her first husband was Robert Grant according to town records.

I believe the entire story was greatly confused and that the Pike genealogy given here is correct.

Another account stated that Samuel had 21 children. If Anna's children by her previous marriage are taken into account as well as the baby killed at the time of his first wife's death, then the sum of all their children would be 21.

**William Grant Pike**, son of Samuel and Anna Pike, was born November 27, 1777, at Medway, Massachusetts. William came to Stratton with his mother, Anna, and brother, Jotham, in November 1795. They settled into a log cabin above Pike Hollow just within the old southern boundary of Stratton known as Stratton Gore (the site of their cabin, located on what is now *Willis Cemetery Rd.*, was later called the Henry Eddy Place and it is now owned by the Harlow family). At that time, this property was apparently owned by their half-brother, Joshua Grant.

In 1796, the Pike brothers were joined by their father,

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Samuel. By 1800, William had settled into a house of his own. Apparently, his mother and his twin sister lived with him at that time. William's father evidently was not in Stratton at that time.

William married Myranda Scott, daughter of Ira and Submit Scott, on May 4, 1802, at Stratton. Myranda was born on October 1, 1781, at Montague, Massachusetts. On June 22, 1803, William purchased 150 acres of the northeast corner of Somerset, Vermont, from Luke Knowlton and had built a sawmill on the brook there about 1805. By 1807, William had settled on this lot. His house may have been on the site later occupied by AH Pike – see Beer's Atlas of 1869 (currently, owned by the Marcuccis).

William continued to buy and sell large amounts of land in Stratton during the years that followed. William was called "of Stratton" in 1813, when he purchased additional acreage, called the Goodell lot. At that same time he also purchased more of the old Moulton farm and some land from Nevinson Grant, his half-brother. William probably lived on the east lot. His house was located opposite what is now the intersection of *Pike Hollow Rd.* and *Penny Ave.*

In 1817, the town paid William for putting water bars in the road between his home and his brother, Jotham's home in Somerset (located opposite Pike Hollow Cemetery near the end of *Pike Hollow Rd.*).

William and his family were listed in Stratton's census of 1820. In 1821, William sold a lot in the southeast corner of Stratton Gore to his son-in-law, Levi Knight. Levi built a sawmill there, located just across the road from William's dwelling. William reacquired this site and he apparently resettled there about 1825. William built another sawmill on the location of Knight's mill in 1835 (remains can still be seen below the Jepson house near *Penny Avenue*). At that time, William evidently resettled back across the line in Somerset, but exactly where his home was located has not been determined. He may have built and settled on the adjacent lot, later owned and occupied by his nephew AH Pike (currently the home of the Marcuccis). If that was the case, he removed from that farm by 1838. In 1844, William sold at least some of his property, including the mill, the house, barn and a lime house all located above the mill, to Rufus Lyman, another of his son-in-laws.

Myranda became a member of the Church of Christ in Stratton on August 14, 1814, and on August 31, 1817, William was baptized and taken into the church. Church records indicate that they were active in church affairs; however, on September 3, 1823, William, Myranda, and their daughter Fanny were accused of not attending services regularly. This resulted in their

excommunication from the church the following year.

In 1889, his daughter, Myranda Underwood, reminisced about William standing with the family around the dinner table each night, with hands joined in prayer. She remembered that he always held his youngest daughter, Mary's hand, once she was old enough to participate. Mary died just before her fourth birthday. Myranda remembered that one evening after Mary's death, William had to leave the table, as he could not touch her hand.

William was a prominent citizen of Stratton and Somerset. He bought and sold numerous parcels within Stratton during his lifetime and he was a stockholder in the Stratton Turnpike Company. William and Myranda lived out their latter years with the Lyman family. Myranda passed away there on October 22, 1852. William died there on September 9, 1865, of typhoid fever. The Pikes were buried in Willis Cemetery.

Their children were:

- 1) Isaac Newton, born February 14, 1803; died May 5, 1884; married 1) Jane Holt Stiles on April 12, 1830 2) Charlotte Bewsey on April 2, 1874.
- 2) Fanny Elmeda, born September 25, 1804 (baptized in Stratton on August 31, 1817); died July 31, 1887; married Levi Knight on December 4, 1822, at Stratton, Vermont.

- 3) Elizabeth Arms, born July 22, 1807; married (Norman?) Taylor (moved to Iowa).
- 4) Rhoda, born December 21, 1810; married William Howe on October 8, 1829, at Stratton, Vermont (moved to Iowa).
- 5) Myranda, born November 10, 1813, at Stratton, Vermont; died in August 1889, at Chrome, Colorado; married Phineas Underwood (of Oswego, New York) on April 12, 1830, at Stratton, Vermont (settled in Minnesota).
- 6) Priscilla Elvira, born August 4, 1816; died September 16, 1816.
- 7) Tryphena, born December 3, 1817, at Stratton, Vermont (baptized in Stratton on August 2, 1818); died March 9, 1899, at Stratton, Vermont; married Rufus Lyman on October 15, 1839, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 8) Mary (or Mercy) Fairbank, born October 11, 1821, at Stratton, Vermont (baptized in Stratton on June 2, 1822); died October 4, 1825, at Stratton, Vermont.

**Isaac Newton Pike**, son of William and Myranda Pike, was born on February 14, 1803. He remained with his parents during his early life and he took the Freeman's oath in Stratton on September 7, 1828. Isaac married Jane Holt Stiles of Charlestown, New Hampshire, on April 12, 1830. Apparently, she was a daughter of Moses and Mary

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(Holt) Stiles, and sister of William Holt Stiles of Stratton.

The Pikes settled in Pike Hollow on the Somerset side of the town line, then in 1835, Isaac purchased 50 acres of the east half of 1L1R in Stratton, along the Wardsboro line (apparently this was the farm later owned by Ralph Pike and now owned by Charles Whitney). The Pikes settled thereon for several years. In 1841, Isaac sold this land to Calvin Taylor. At that same time, Isaac purchased the Randall farm - 75 acres of the northwest corner of 2L3R (previously owned and occupied by Pardon Wellman). This farm was located on the old road that ran from Somerset to Winhall (*the County Rd.*). They lived there until June, 1847, when Isaac sold this farm and moved to Jamaica, Vermont, in the Pike's Falls area, which was named for him. There, Isaac built a farm and a sawmill. He operated this mill for nearly thirty years.

Isaac practiced law - a fact often reflected by Stratton's land records. He also was an apprentice-trained physician, following the "Thompsonian doctrine" In a letter written by Isaac's sister, Myranda Underwood to another sister, Tryphena Lyman in 1860, Myranda refers to the fact that Isaac is a Millerite - a religious affiliation from which the Seventh Day Adventists began.

In 1847, two of the Pikes' children, Rhoda and Henry, were living with William S. Stiles in

Stratton and attending school there.

Jane died on April 7, 1872. Isaac then married Charlotte Bewsey on April 2, 1874. He died on May 5, 1884, and he was buried in the Pike's Falls Cemetery, located on the Pike farm in Jamaica.

Children of Isaac and Jane were:

- 1) Olive Stiles, born March 29, 1831, at Somerset, Vermont; died August 6, 1874; married 1) William Henry Moulton 2) Oscar Knight.
- 2) Norman Taylor, born September 13, 1832, at Somerset, Vermont; died in Andersonville Prison, Andersonville, Georgia (a Confederate prisoner of war camp) on November 30, 1864.
- 3) Rhoda Stiles, born September 1, 1834, at Somerset, Vermont; died September 26, 1913; married 1) William Howe 2) Elihu Bingham on August 22, 1900.
- 4) Henry Kimball, born June 20, 1836, at Somerset, Vermont; died December 7, 1894, at Stratton, Vermont; married Sarah C. Bourn.
- 5) Calvin Newton, born February 6, 1838, at Somerset, Vermont; died June 21, 1923; married 1) Emeline R. Wilder on January 2, 1862 2) Sarah C. (Bourn) Pike (widow of his brother, Henry) on September 20, 1900 3) Lora G. Maranville on June 19, 1910.
- 6) Daniel Webster, born July 13, 1840, at Somerset, Vermont;

died October 9, 1840, at Stratton, Vermont.

- 7) Silas, born August 30, 1841, at Somerset, Vermont; died May 31, 1923, at Williamsville, Vermont; married Lestina F. Bailey on January 1, 1865.
- 8) Betsy Amanda, born May 26, 1844, at Somerset, Vermont; died October 30, 1923; married Milton E. Allen on July 13, 1867.
- 9) Oscar, born December 11, 1848, at Somerset, Vermont; drowned June 30, 1850.

**Norman Taylor Pike**, son of Isaac and Jane Pike, was born on September 13, 1832, at Stratton.



**Norman Taylor Pike**

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During the Civil War, Norman enlisted on September 2, 1861, and he was placed into the Vermont 4th Regiment, Company I. Norman was taken prisoner on June 23, 1864, during an engagement at Weldon Railroad, Virginia. He was taken to the Confederate Prison of Andersonville, Georgia, where he

died on November 30, 1864. Norman was reinterred in the National Cemetery there.

**Henry Kimball Pike**, son of Isaac and Jane Pike, was born on June 20, 1836, at Somerset, Vermont. In 1847, he was living with William S. Stiles.

Henry married Sarah C. Bourn, daughter of Abraham and Catherine (Sage) Bourn of Jamaica, Vermont. Sarah was born in April, 1836, at Jamaica. The Pikes lived in Jamaica until 1892. That year, Henry purchased 11L1R and settled on this lot. They evidently lived in the house along Pikes Falls Rd. on the Jamaica border. Henry died on December 7, 1894, at Stratton.

In 1900, Sarah was head of a household that included her daughter and son-in-law, Sarah and Royal Clayton, her granddaughter, Linda, aged three, her nephew, George F. Bourn, aged 31, and Harry White, aged seven.

Within a few months of the census, Sarah married her widowed brother-in-law, Calvin N. Pike, on September 20, 1900, at Stratton. She sold 11L1R to her son-in-law, Royal Clayton. Sarah died there on October 2, 1904.

Children of Henry and Sarah:

- 1) Sarah M., born in March, 1874, at Jamaica, Vermont; died on April 20, 1957, at Brattleboro, Vermont; married Royal M. Clayton in 1892.

**Calvin Newton Pike**, son of Isaac and Jane Pike, was born on February 6, 1838, at Somerset, Vermont. Calvin took the Freeman's oath in Stratton in September, 1859, and he lived for a time with A. H. Pike in Pike Hollow. By 1869, Calvin had settled in the Pike's Falls area, in the far northeast corner of Stratton.

Calvin was a farmer and a surveyor. He was an active member of the Seventh Day Adventist church in Jamaica, Vermont. It was said that his initials CNP meant Careful - Nice and Particular.

Calvin first married Emeline Rosina Wilder, daughter of James and Rosina Wilder, on January 2, 1862. Emeline was born about 1838. In 1880, the Pikes also had a boy, Leon M. Sawyer, aged 14, living with them and listed as a servant. Evidently, they had adopted him or they were considered to be his foster-parents.

Emeline died on February 20, 1900. She was buried in the Pike's Falls Cemetery in Jamaica. That year, at the time of the census, Calvin was living with his sister, Rhoda. Within a few months, though, Calvin married a second time to Sarah C. (Bourn) Pike, widow of his brother, Henry, and the daughter of Abraham and Catherine (Sage) Bourn. They were married on September 20, 1900. Sarah was born in April, 1836.

Sarah died on October 4, 1904, and she was buried in Pike's Falls Cemetery.

Calvin's third wife was Lora G. Maranville, whom he married on June 19, 1910. Calvin died on June 21, 1923, at the home of his daughter, Viola Mehuron in South Londonderry, Vermont. Calvin was buried in Pike's Falls Cemetery.

Children of Calvin and Emaline:

- 1) Eugene N., born January 25, 1863; died July 25, 1864.
- 2) Leon M. Sawyer (adopted), born August 5, 1865.
- 3) Nellie Emma, born February 13, 1865, at Jamaica, Vermont; died September 13, 1867, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 4) Gracie Maybelle, born October 12, 1870, at Stratton, Vermont; died on February 14, 1935, at Rutland, Vermont (buried in Pike's Falls Cemetery); married George W. Harris on August 25, 1890.
- 5) Nettie Betsy J., born July 21, 1875, at Stratton, Vermont; married Clarence A. Lowe on August 1, 1895, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 6) Viola Gertrude, born October 6, 1880; died in 1923 (buried in Pike's Falls Cemetery); married Ben H. Mehuron on December 11, 1898.

**Silas Pike**, son of Isaac and Jane Pike, was born on August 30, 1841, at Somerset, Vermont. In his early life, Silas was a cooper, and then worked as a carpenter. He married Lestina F. Bailey of Winhall on January 1, 1865.

They lived in Windham, Vermont, and attended the Seventh Day Advent Church in Townshend.

Lestina died in June, 1907, and Silas followed on May 31, 1923, at Williamsville, Vermont, at the home of his son, Royal. He had received an electrical shock at the home of his daughter, Jessie, in South Newfane, just before his death. Silas was buried in Pike's Fall Cemetery.

Children of Silas and Lestina:

- 1) Alta
- 2) Albert E.
- 3) Royal I, born July 9, 1876, at Windham, Vermont; died June 10, 1932, at South Newfane, Vermont; married Bertha Field on November 25, 1920 (she died August 16, 1893).
- 4) Jessie, born September 25, 1887, at Windham, Vermont; died September 3, 1976, at Vernon, Vermont; married Frank C. Smead.

**Jotham Pike**, son of Samuel and Anna Pike, was born at Medway, Massachusetts, on March 21, 1780. He came to Stratton with his mother and brother, William, in November, 1795. They settled into a log cabin in Pike Hollow just within the old southern boundary of Stratton known as Stratton Gore (the site of their cabin, located on what is now *Willis Cemetery Road*, was later called the Henry Eddy Place and it is now owned by the Harlow family). This lot apparently was owned by Joshua Grant, their

half-brother, at the time the Pikes settled in Stratton.

In 1796, the Pike brothers were joined by their father, Samuel. By 1800, Jotham had built a place of his own within Stratton and he was living there alone that year. On June 29, 1801, he purchased this lot, 25 acres in lot #1 in Stratton Gore, from his half-brother, Nevinson Grant. In August, 1801, he sold this lot to his mother who settled there.

Jotham married Hannah Goodell, a daughter of Jacob Goodell, on December 3, 1801. Hannah was born on July 13, 1781.

Jotham apparently settled within Pike Hollow on the Somerset side of the border in 1802. On January 14, 1805, Jotham purchased 97 acres from Zebulon Goss in Somerset, described as south of Willis's land in Somerset. It is unclear if a farm existed on this site when Goss owned it; but, Jotham probably built there. This farm was his home for the next 30+ years. It was located at the end of what is now *Pike Hollow Rd* (see M. Pike on McClellan's Map of 1856 and Beer's Atlas of 1869) and it is currently owned by the Bills family. In 1807, Jotham added to his farm by purchasing 50 acres from his brother and 57 acres from John Holbrook. Jotham's farm surrounded the south and east side of the Willis farm (apparently two lots with a common point in the brook at Willis's southeast corner).

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Stratton's Town Records describe a road between this place and the home of William Pike to the northeast in 1817. This was *Pike Hollow Rd.*

Jotham was elected to several positions within the Somerset town government, including Treasurer of Somerset from 1817 - 1821, and Town Clerk in 1823.

On February 3, 1834, Jotham purchased 42 square rods - the southwest corner of Samuel Willis's farm - to use as a cemetery, since some of his grandchildren were already buried there. On December 17, 1834, Jotham sold an undivided half of the east end of his farm to his son, Alexander H. Pike, who settled on this lot.

Hannah passed away on September 22, 1836, at Pike Hollow and she was buried in Pike Hollow Cemetery. Jotham then married Anna H. (Smith) Riand (*possibly Rand*) on March 13, 1837, at Somerset. She was said to be of Stratton at the time of the marriage.

In 1837, Jotham sold his remaining interest in the east end of the farm to his son, Alexander H. Pike, except that he reserved half the orchard for his own use. That same year, Jotham sold the remainder of the farm, including his dwelling house, to Hosea and William Mann of Dover. It appears though that his son, Moses remained on this farm. Moses purchased it back in 1839.

After selling his farm, Jotham apparently left Stratton at that time and briefly settled in

Manchester, Vermont. He and Anna were living in Grafton, Vermont, between 1846 and 1850. On January 1, 1850, Jotham purchased back the east end of his old farm from his son AH Pike. This was a 75-acre section subdivided from AH Pike's farm, located east of the *Somerset to Winhall Rd.*, and north of what is now *Pike Hollow Rd.* Jotham settled into the house there (probably built by AH Pike). The house was located on the site where D. R. Holton currently lives. Jotham remained there until 1853. That year, he sold the house and lot to Sarah King, wife of Henry King, and he probably settled in with one of his sons. Jotham passed away on May 30, 1858. He was buried in Pike Hollow Cemetery.

Children of Jotham and Hannah:

- 1) Joseph, born September 27, 1802, at Somerset, Vermont; died September 11, 1877, at Somerset, Vermont; married Salome Hale on May 4, 1828, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 2) Emily, born December 12, 1803, at Somerset, Vermont; died January 24, 1886, at Stratton, Vermont; married Perez Rice on June 2, 1822, at Somerset, Vermont.
- 3) Eunice, born July 23, 1806, at Somerset, Vermont; married Shadrach B. Rice on October 24, 1830, at Somerset, Vermont (lived in New York).
- 4) Moses, born May 18, 1808, at Somerset, Vermont; died December 7, 1882, at Stratton, Vermont; married Dorcas

- Chase Grout on November 23, 1831, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 5) Alexander Hamilton, born February 12, 1810, at Somerset, Vermont; died July 9, 1902, at Stratton, Vermont; married 1) Elvira Rice on December 12, 1834, at Somerset, Vermont 2) Elizabeth Mary Ballard on July 4, 1844, at Somerset, Vermont 3) Arathusa Miranda (Hagar) Allen in 1888.
  - 6) Louisa, born April 11, 1812, at Somerset, Vermont; died on November 29, 1866, at Somerset, Vermont; married Hollis Town on October 27, 1830, at Somerset.
  - 7) Anna, born July 27, 1814, at Somerset, Vermont; married Nahor Howard Jr. (of Jamaica, Vt.) on October 3, 1836, at Stratton, Vermont.
  - 8) Samuel, born June 22, 1816, at Somerset, Vermont; died November 21, 1897; married Sarah Maranda Goodell on September 27, 1843.
  - 9) Jotham, born April 30, 1821, at Somerset, Vermont; married Mariah Ballard (intent published on December 6, 1847, at Stratton, Vermont - they lived at Worcester, Massachusetts).
  - 10) Hannah Maria, born March 3, 1823, at Somerset, Vermont; married Franklin J. Prentiss.

**Joseph Pike**, son of Jotham and Hannah Pike, was born on September 27, 1802, at Somerset, Vermont. There, he married Salome Hale, daughter of Levi

and Mercy Hale, on May 4, 1828, at Stratton. Salome was born there on August 8, 1804.

Joseph purchased several tracts of land, located west and north of what is now *Pike Hollow Rd.*. In 1824, Joseph purchased the west 50 acres of the Willis farm, which his father had purchased from Samuel Willis. The dividing line between Willis's remaining farm and Joseph's new farm began on *Pike Hollow Rd.* at the west line of what was later Pike Hollow Cemetery and continued north to Somerset's north border. Joseph owned the west side of this line and it was the lot that Joseph settled upon. This site was later called the Estabrook farm (see HW Estabrook on Beer's Atlas of 1869), located north, beyond the farm of his brother, Moses Pike, in the Somerset Annex (Pike Hollow).

Until 1858, the Pikes were considered citizens of Somerset. On March 7, 1834, Joseph purchased the farm of his father-in-law, Levi Hale - the east half of 4L8R, located along what is now the *Grout Pond Access Rd.*. He sold this lot to Othniel Temple in 1851 (see O. Temple on McClellan's map of 1856. Joseph also purchased land adjacent to this lot - the west half of 4L7R.

Joseph was listed in the 1860 and 1870 censuses of Stratton, living near his brother, Moses, but the McClellan map of 1856 does not show his farm and Beer's Atlas of 1869 shows it as the Estabrook farm.

Salome was an active member of the Church of Christ in Stratton. She had retained a copy of the Church covenant that was later copied for record on August 15, 1868. Salome was a member of this church until it was dissolved about 1874.

Joseph died on September 11, 1877, at Somerset and Salome died on February 22, 1884. They were buried in Pike Hollow Cemetery.

Children of Joseph and Salome:

- 1) (infant) twin, died April 22, 1828, at Somerset, Vermont.
- 2) (infant) twin, died January 8, 1830, at Somerset, Vermont.
- 3) Joseph Alexander, born October 12, 1831, at Somerset, Vermont.
- 4) Adelia Salome, born September 25, 1833, at Somerset, Vermont; died on February 5, 1913, in Amherst, Massachusetts; married 1) Abel K. Estabrook on November 20, 1856 2) Henry William Estabrook.
- 5) Joanna R., born December 27, 1835, at Somerset, Vermont; died April 29, 1837, at Somerset, Vermont.
- 6) Hannah Rosetta, born July 15, 1837, in Somerset, Vermont (became a member of the Church of Christ in Stratton on June 6, 1858); died August 19, 1891, at Stratton, Vermont; married Henry W. Estabrook on February 7, 1859.
- 7) Joanna Marena, born February 25, 1839, at Somerset, Vermont (baptized in Stratton

on September 9, 1860); died August 4, 1921; married Leicester Cushman.

- 8) Morilla M., born May 9, 1841, at Somerset, Vermont (baptized in Stratton by immersion on August 6, 1859); died November 22, 1861, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 9) Emily A., born July 23, 1846, at Somerset, Vermont; died April 7, 1852, at Somerset, Vermont.

**Moses Pike**, son of Jotham and Hannah Pike, was born in Somerset, Vermont, on May 18, 1808, evidently within the farmhouse where he lived out most of his life. In 1829, Moses and his brother-in-law, Hollis Town, purchased some of Jotham Pike's land. Hollis sold his share of the lot to Moses and so Moses may have settled there briefly.

Moses married Dorcas Chase Grout, daughter of Abel and Theodocia Grout, on November 23, 1831, at Stratton. The ceremony was performed by Richard Scott, Stratton's Justice of the Peace. Dorcas was born on January 20, 1812 at Stratton.

Moses and Dorcas may have first settled on Moses' lot or perhaps they lived with Moses' parents after the marriage. After, Moses' mother's death, his father, Jotham, sold the farm to Hosea and William Mann of Dover. Moses also sold his lot to the Manns at that same time. It appears, though, that Moses remained on his father's farm. He purchased it from the Manns in

1839 and remained there afterward (see M. Pike on McClellan's Map of 1856 and Beer's Atlas of 1869). This farmhouse currently belongs to the Bills family.

Moses was elected Constable of Somerset in 1830, 1831, 1838, and 1839. He was Town Clerk of Somerset from 1834 to 1836. Dorcas became a member of the Church of Christ in Stratton on November 4, 1838.

In 1860, Moses and Dorcas were listed in Stratton's census with five of their children and their son, Lyman's wife Delia, living with them. In 1870, three of their children and their son Abel's wife, Isabel, were living there. By 1880, Moses had turned the farm over to his son Abel. That year, Moses was listed as still living with Abel on the farm, but Dorcas was not accounted for there. Evidently, Moses and Dorcas had separated during their latter years, but they did not divorce, instead, they occupied separate parts of the house for a time. Dorcas apparently moved out of the house and into the home of AH Pike, Moses' brother.

Dorcas died at Stratton, on September 27, 1881, and Moses followed on December 7, 1882. Both were buried in Pike Hollow Cemetery.

Children of Moses and Dorcas:

- 1) (a son), born August 18, 1832, at Somerset, Vermont; died the same day.
- 2) Caroline Amelia, born July 24, 1833, at Somerset, Vermont; died October 23, 1861, at

Somerset, Vermont; married James Grout at Somerset, Vermont.

- 3) Samuel Ludovic, born January 21, 1835, at Somerset, Vermont; died October 25, 1908, at Warwick, Massachusetts; married Mary Fry on March 17, 1871, at Newfane, Vermont.
  - 4) Lyman Batchellor, born January 15, 1837, at Somerset, Vermont; killed at the battle of Monocacy Junction, Maryland, on July 9, 1864; married Delia Howe on August 15, 1860, at Wardsboro, Vermont.
  - 5) Melvin Fitts Allen, born March 18, 1839, at Somerset, Vermont; died December 23, 1882, at Wardsboro, Vermont; married Sarah Allen on August 15, 1860, at Wardsboro, Vermont.
  - 6) Melvina Mandana, born April 11, 1841, at Somerset, Vermont; died December 25, 1920, at Newfane, Vermont; married Lewis Bills on December 28, 1861, at Stratton, Vermont.
  - 7) Martha Jane, born March 29, 1843, at Somerset, Vermont; died August 14, 1911, at Newfane, Vermont; married Joel Grout on January 1, 1866, at Stratton, Vermont.
  - 8) Moses Wesley, born May 17, 1844, at Somerset, Vermont; died March 19, 1852, at Somerset, Vermont.
  - 9) Abel Jotham, born August 5, 1846, at Somerset, Vermont; died October 28, 1917; married Isabel R. Allen on
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January 1, 1868, at Newfane, Vermont.

- 10) Joseph Grant, born December 23, 1850, at Somerset, Vermont; died May 27, 1853, at Somerset, Vermont.
- 11) Inez Theodosia, born September 12, 1855, at Somerset, Vermont; died November 1, 1928, at Brattleboro, Vermont; married 1) George F. Baker 2) Elmer Albert Eddy on June 5, 1880, at Shushan, New York.

**Samuel Ludovic Pike**, son of Moses and Dorcas Pike, was born on January 21, 1835, at Somerset, Vermont. Ludovic, as he was called, became a member of the Church of Christ in Stratton on August 7, 1859.

Ludovic married Mary Fry, daughter of Calvin Fry, on March 17, 1871, at Stratton. Mary was born at Orange, Massachusetts, on August 11, 1835. Samuel died October 25, 1908, at Warwick, Massachusetts, and Mary followed on January 3, 1923.

**Lyman Batchellor Pike**, son of Moses and Dorcas Pike, was born on January 15, 1837, at Somerset, Vermont. He married Delia Howe of Jamaica, Vermont, on August 15, 1860, at Wardsboro, Vermont. Delia was born about 1840.

After the marriage, the Pikes first lived with Lyman's parents and they were listed there on the 1860 census of Stratton. Eventually, they settled in Manchester, Vermont, where

Delia did housework for various people until about 1863.

During the Civil War, Lyman enlisted at Manchester, Vermont, on June 5, 1862, and mustered into Company E of the Vermont 10th Regiment on September 1, 1862. In 1863, he wrote home expressing his concerns about all the deaths in Stratton that resulted from the diphtheria epidemic of that year. He believed it to be "God's wrath." Lyman attained the rank of sergeant before he was killed at the battle of Monocacy Junction, Maryland, on July 9, 1864.

After Lyman had enlisted, Delia continued to perform housework in various homes, then she worked at a textile mill in Grafton, Vermont, while she lived in a boarding house nearby.

A child of Lyman and Delia was:

- 1) B. Wesley, born January 6, 1861, at Stratton, Vermont.

**Melvin Fitts Allen Pike**, son of Moses and Dorcas Pike, was born on March 18, 1839, at Somerset, Vermont. Melvin married Sarah Allen, daughter of Charles and Eunice (Harrington) Allen, on August 15, 1860, at Wardsboro, Vermont. Melvin died on December 23, 1882, at Wardsboro.



**Moses Pike  
(1808 – 1882)**

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**Dorcas Chase (Grout) Pike  
(1812 – 1881)**

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**Samuel Pike  
(1816 – 1897)**

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**Sarah Miranda (Goodell) Pike  
(1820 – 1883)**

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**Louisa (Pike) Towne**  
(1812 – 1866)

Photo courtesy of the Ethel Eddy Collection



**Hollis Towne**

Photo courtesy of the Ethel Eddy Collection



**Samuel Ludovic Pike**  
(1835 – 1908)

Photo courtesy of the Ethel Eddy Collection



**Lyman B. and Delia (Howe)**  
**Pike**

Photo courtesy of the Ethel Eddy Collection



**Abel Jotham Pike**  
(1846 – 1917)

Photo courtesy of the Ethel Eddy Collection



**Isabel (Allen) Pike**  
(1847 – 1933)

Photo courtesy of the Ethel Eddy Collection



**Edgar and Emogene (Knight)**  
**Pike**

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**Ernest Pike**  
(1876 – 1935)

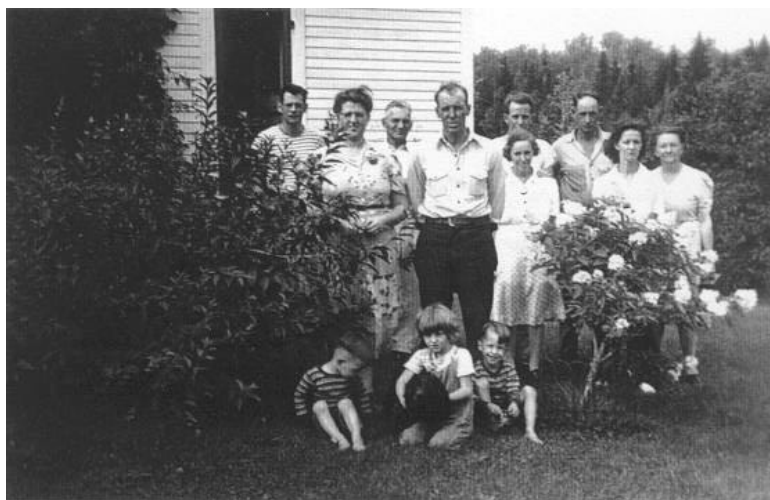
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**Abel J. Pike with his granddaughters**

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**Ralph and Rose Pike Family in 1943**

**[Front l-r]: Howard Whitney, Marcia Robinson, Charles Whitney, Jr.  
[Middle l-r]: Olive and Ivan Robinson, Pearl Lavoie, Arlene Whitney, Rose Pike  
[Back l-r]: Charles Whitney, Paul Lavoie, John Thomas, Ralph Pike**

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**Abel Jotham Pike**, son of Moses and Dorcas Pike, was born on August 5, 1846, at Somerset, Vermont, and he married Isabel R. Allen on January 1, 1868, at Newfane, Vermont. Isabel, the daughter of Charles and Eunice (Harrington) Allen, was born at Wardsboro on August 30, 1847.

Abel and "Bell" lived on the family farm (see Moses Pike House) at the end of *Pike Hollow Rd.*, which he bought on March 10, 1871. He was listed as head of that household in 1880, with his family, his father and his sister, Inez, all living there. Isabel became a member of the Church of Christ in Stratton on October 18, 1874.

Abel died on October 28, 1917, at Somerset, Vermont, and Belle continued to live at the house with their son, Ernest. Bell died on October 7, 1933, at Stratton. Both were buried in Pike Hollow Cemetery.

Children of Abel and Belle were:

- 1) Edith Ann, born December 3, 1870, at Stratton, Vermont; died April 30, 1894, at Stratton, Vermont; married Frank B. Kidder on April 21, 1894, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 2) Edgar Leslie, born March 23, 1873, at Stratton, Vermont; died in 1921; married Emogene Knight on January 1, 1893, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 3) Ernest Charles, born June 24, 1876, at Stratton, Vermont; died November 30, 1935, at Brattleboro, Vermont; married  
1) Alice M. Waite on June 3,

1899, at Stratton, Vermont (divorced) 2) Wilma (?).

- 4) Emeline Isabel, born September 6, 1881, at Stratton, Vermont; died August 12, 1912; married Henry W. Lackey on June 30, 1900, at Stratton, Vermont.

**Edgar Leslie Pike**, son of Abel and Isabel Pike, was born on March 23, 1873, at Stratton. He married Emogene Knight, daughter of Andrew Dexter and E. Annette Knight, on January 1, 1893, there. Emogene was born January 17, 1872, at Stratton. She was disabled for most of her adult life.

Edgar lived on a farm in West Wardsboro, close to the Stratton line, located along what is now Vt. Rt. 100 as it leaves West Wardsboro Village and heads toward the Stratton border. He was a farmer and a teamster at the time of his marriage. Edgar died in 1921.

Emogene spent some time living with her son, Ralph, in Stratton. She died in 1957 at Chesterfield, New Hampshire. They were both buried in the West Wardsboro Cemetery.

Children of Edgar and Emogene:

- 1) Ralph Edgar, born July 9, 1895, at Stratton, Vermont; died March 27, 1975; married Rosa Mae (Smith) Robinson on September 1, 1915, at Brattleboro, Vermont.
  - 2) Mirth Edith, born December 12, 1896, at Stratton, Vermont; died April 10, 1983; married Robert Hromada.
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- 3) Corene, born December 26, 1903; died July 21, 1994; married Raymond Underwood (lived at Chesterfield, New Hampshire).
- 4) Marjorie E., born May 13, 1908; died March 2, 1992 (lived in Stockbridge, Massachusetts).



**Mirth (Pike) Hromada**  
(1896 - 1983)

**Ralph Edgar Pike**, son of Edgar and Emogene Pike, was born on July 9, 1895, at Stratton. He married Rosa Mae (Smith) Robinson on September 1, 1915, at Brattleboro, Vermont, and they moved to Stratton soon after their marriage. Rose was born on April 6, 1892, in Woodville, New Hampshire, daughter of Nathan and Esther (Williams) Smith. She was widowed by Perle Robinson of Wardsboro, whom she had married on July 3, 1909 (*see Robinson Family*).

The Pikes' home was located on the north side of the *Stratton-*

*Arlington Rd.* on the Wardsboro town line. The barn and well were on the opposite side of the road. It had previously been the home of Caroline Stiles. This house still exists and it is currently owned by Charles C. Whitney, Jr., a grandson of Ralph and Rose.

Following the death of Ralph's father, his mother, Emogene, lived with Ralph and Rose. Ralph also took over his father's farm in Wardsboro, which he maintained for the next several years.

Ralph was Stratton's Representative to the Vermont State Legislature for 4 years. He also served as a justice of the peace, town moderator, school director, constable, and road commissioner for many years. Ralph served as a Selectman of Stratton from several years. He also was instrumental in moving schoolhouse #5 from its original location to its current location, beside the meetinghouse.

Rose was very active in town and church activities. She also loved to grow flowers and provided flowers for many local events.

Rose died on February 21, 1974, and Ralph followed on March 27, 1975. They were buried in the West Wardsboro Cemetery.

Children of Perle and Rose Robinson were:

- 1) Melvin H. Robinson, born May 22, 1910; died in December, 1934.



**Ralph Pike**  
(1895 – 1975)

Photo courtesy of Charles Whitney, Jr.

- 2) Emmons W. Robinson, born August 8 1912, at Stratton, Vermont; died November 16, 1974; married Ruby Winchester on December 22, 1931.
- 3) Ivan P. Robinson, born on August 9, 1914; died May 5, 1991; married Olive Knapp.

Children of Ralph and Rose Pike:

- 1) Mirth Arlene, born January 29, 1916; died July 13, 1995; married Charles C. Whitney.
- 2) Marie Esther, born March 15, 1920, at Stratton, Vermont; married 1) John Henry Thomas on March 10, 1942 2) Albert Hall on June 11, 1986 (lives in Guilford, Vermont).



**Raymond and Corene  
Underwood  
and children**

Photo courtesy of Charles Whitney, Jr.

**Ernest Charles Pike**, son of Abel and Isabel Pike, was born on June 24, 1876, at Stratton. Ernest married Alice M. Waite, daughter of M.V.B. (Martin Van Buren), and Emeret J. (Edwell) Waite on June 3, 1899, at Stratton.

Ernest settled on his father's farm at the end of *Pike Hollow Rd.*. There, he farmed for most all of his life. Ernest was also very active in Stratton town affairs. He was elected Stratton's Representative - a Republican - for the 1906/7 term. He was a justice of the peace from 1904 to 1906, school director from 1903 to 1906, a lister from 1904 to 1906 and also a petit juror in 1905.

Ernest died at Stratton on November 30, 1935, and he was buried in Pike Hollow Cemetery.

Children of Ernest and Alice:

- 1) Wilma Hazel, born December 13, 1902, at Stratton, Vermont.



- 2) Herbert E., born June 28, 1908, at Stratton, Vermont; died March 2, 1913, at Stratton, Vermont (drank oil of cloves and died).



**Herbert Pike**

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**Alexander Hamilton Pike**, son of Jotham and Hannah Pike, was born on February 12, 1810, at Somerset, Vermont. He went by the name, "Hamilton."

In 1834, Hamilton purchased an undivided half of 135 acres of the east half of his father's farm in Somerset, located east and south of the old Willis farm. At that time, Hamilton built a dwelling on the northeast corner of the intersection of *Pike Hollow Rd.* and the *Somerset to Winhall Rd.* (as it was called in Stratton) (see H. King on McClellan's Map of 1856 and E. Allen on Beer's Atlas of 1869). This house was on the site where DR Holton's cabin is currently located. In

1837, Hamilton's father deeded him the other half-interest in this lot.

Hamilton married Elvira Rice, daughter of Ephraim and Virtue (Johnson) Rice, on December 12, 1834, at Somerset. Elvira was born on May 18, 1816, at Brattleboro, Vermont. She bore four children before her death, which occurred on January 16, 1844.

Hamilton next married Elizabeth "Mary" Ballard, daughter of Stephen and Sarah Ballard, on July 4, 1844, at Somerset. She was born on August 28, 1826, at Stratton.

In 1844, Hamilton built a sawmill on his property. The sawmill dam can still be seen along Pike Hollow Brook, just upstream of what is now the Steiner's driveway. The mill site can be seen on the south side of the brook and on the east side of the driveway. About that same time, Hamilton built a home on the south side of the mill and brook (see A Pike on McClellan's Map of 1856. It is the farm now owned by the Steiner family.

On January 1, 1850, Hamilton sold his old dwelling and the surrounding 75 acres to his father, Jotham, who had been living in Grafton, Vermont. This deed mentions that the old road (Somerset to Winhall Rd.) ran past the house Hamilton was living in, as well as the house he was selling to his father.

Hamilton and his family lived by the mill into the 1860's. Between 1856 and 1869,

Hamilton evidently purchased the Crowningshield lot. Since no dwelling was indicated on McClellan's map in 1856, it appears that Hamilton built his new home upon the same site where the Crowningshield home had existed - perhaps the old house had burned or it was torn down (see AH Pike located north of the road on Beer's Atlas of 1869). This farm is currently the home of the Marcuccis. Hamilton remained on this farm for the remainder of his years.

Beer's Atlas also indicated that AH Pike still owned the house by the mill. In 1870, Hamilton's daughter and son-in-law, Viola and Russell H. Willard were living in the old house. In 1878, Hamilton rented the farm and sawmill to William H. Parsons for two years. Then, in 1881, Hamilton rented this property and 75 acres to Elmer Albert Eddy, who agreed to run the sawmill. Hamilton agreed to pay for repairs and all profits from the milling operation were split in half between Pike and Eddy. Eventually, Hamilton sold the property to Mr. Eddy.

In 1860, following the annexation of the northeast corner of Somerset to Stratton, Hamilton's family was listed in the Stratton census. That year, he had taken in his cousin, Calvin Pike, aged 22, who probably worked for Hamilton at the sawmill. By 1870, Calvin had moved away and Frederick Willis, aged 23, had moved in, probably to help with the sawmill.

Hamilton and Mary lost all five of their children to disease. They lost a two-year-old boy in 1854; two children died during the diphtheria epidemic of 1863; in 1865 their daughter Sarah died of typhoid fever; and in 1872 their son Edward died of bilious fever. Mary died on August 8, 1877, aged 50 years, 11 months and 11 days.

After Mary's death, Hamilton's daughter, Viola Willard, who had lost her husband, moved into the Pike house with her two children. They were living there in 1880 as was Bertie Harrington, aged 17. Bertie was called a servant in the census, but he probably worked in the sawmill.

Hamilton married a third time to Arathusa Miranda (Hagar) Allen, daughter of Aaron and Sarah (Holt) Hagar, and widow of Chester Allen. She was born in New Salem, Massachusetts, on September 1, 1820, and she had married Chester Allen in 1841. Chester died in 1877, and she married Hamilton Pike in 1888.

Hamilton died at Stratton on July 9, 1902. He and his first two wives were buried in Pike Hollow Cemetery. Following AH Pike's death, his heirs deeded his property to Miranda. Miranda died on October 26, 1907, and she was buried in Stratton next to her first husband.

Children of Hamilton and Elvira:

- 1) Philetus Freeman, born October 29, 1835; died April 29, 1839.
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- 2) Lomira Goodale, born February 6, 1837, at Somerset, Vermont; married 1) John W. Reid 2) Otis Ward.
- 3) Viola Augusta, born March 30, 1840, at Somerset, Vermont; married Russell H. Willard.
- 4) Brenda Elvira, born May 27, 1842, at Somerset, Vermont; married Calvin Welds.

Children of Hamilton and Mary:

- 5) Sarah Mariah, born August 1, 1847, at Somerset, Vermont; died November 1, 1865, at Stratton, Vermont (of typhoid fever).
- 6) Mary Rosetta, born January 24, 1849, at Somerset, Vermont; died February 11, 1863, at Stratton, Vermont (of diphtheria).
- 7) Philetus Hamilton, born July 18, 1852, at Somerset, Vermont; died November 22, 1854.
- 8) Edward Freeman, born June 4, 1856, at Somerset, Vermont; died August 27, 1872, at Stratton, Vermont (of bilious fever).
- 9) Eugene P., born June 26, 1858, at Somerset, Vermont; died February 13, 1863, at Stratton, Vermont (of diphtheria).

(Alice Leonard, wife of Harry Leonard was named as a surviving heir of AH Pike. She was either his daughter or a granddaughter.)



**Elizabeth Mary (Ballard) Pike**  
(1826 – 1877)

Photo courtesy of the Ethel Eddy Collection

**Samuel Pike**, son of Jotham and Hannah Pike, was born on June 22, 1816, at Somerset, Vermont. He married Sarah Maranda Goodell, daughter of William B. and Tirzah Goodell, on September 27, 1843. Sarah was born on January 12, 1820.

The Pikes evidently lived in Manchester, Vermont. Sarah died on July 19, 1883, and Samuel followed on November 21, 1897.

Their children were:

- 1) Louisa Isabel, born November 30, 1844, at Manchester, Vermont; died March 24, 1863.
- 2) Selina Alma, born July 18, 1846, at Manchester, Vermont; died May 3, 1879.
- 3) Samuel Edgar, born August 8, 1848, at Manchester, Vermont; married Mary A. (?).
- 4) Adelbert, born May 9, 1851, at Manchester, Vermont; died

September 20, 1851, at  
Manchester, Vermont.

**Oliver Pike** may have been a resident of Somerset, Vermont, whose wife was named Melinthy. They were apparently married about 1837.

Before that time, Oliver paid taxes on the northeast quarter of 7L4R in 1831, and he was deeded this lot on February 4, 1834, from a tax-sale. Meanwhile, he had resided in Stratton and probably lived with Elijah and Roxanna Pike. After receiving the deed for the above named lot, Oliver and Elijah sold it to the Shepardsons that same year. The Pikes left Stratton about that same time.

**Roxanna Pike** was apparently related in some way to Oliver Pike above. Roxanna was living in Brookline, Vermont, when she purchased the southwest quarter of 1L2R in Stratton on May 29, 1832, and she apparently settled there soon after. The next year, she sold this lot to Elijah Pike. She probably left Stratton along with Oliver and Elijah in 1834.

**Elijah Pike**<sup>1</sup> was apparently related in some way to Oliver Pike and Roxanna Pike above. He was called "of Stratton" in November, 1833, when he purchased the southwest quarter of 1L2R in Stratton from Roxanna Pike. He also owned the northeast corner of 7L4R with Oliver Pike. They sold this lot on March 17, 1834, and apparently left Stratton at that time.

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## Plimpton

**Henry Clay Plimpton**, son of Erasmus and Charlotte (Chamberlain) Plimpton was born on May 27, 1827, at Wardsboro, Vermont. Henry married Susan B. Allen, daughter of Ebenezer and Lucy Allen, on October 7, 1857, at Stratton. Susan was born there on October 17, 1835.

The Plimptons settle in Chester, Vermont, where Henry worked as a carpenter. By 1907, the year of their 50th anniversary, they were still living in Chester.

Some of Henry and Susan's eleven children were:

- 1) Nora Ione, born June 23, 1858; married Eugene L. Phelps.
- 2) Charles (lived at Langdon, New Hampshire).
- 3) Allen E.
- 4) John H. (lived at Bellows Falls, Vermont).
- 5) Melvina E., born about 1863; married Edgar L. Phelps.
- 6) (a daughter), married A. A. French (lived at Saxtons River, Vermont).
- 7) (a daughter), married A. L. Hamilton (lived at Albany, New York).
- 8) (a daughter), married Eugene Sherman (lived at Acworth, New Hampshire).

## Pond

**George Pond** was probably born just before 1810 and his wife,

Lorinda Baldwin, was born just after 1810. They settled in Stratton about 1839.

On December 3, 1839, George purchased 6L7R, the Hill farm, which had been previously occupied by Luther Purrington. The remains of their farm can still be seen along the Appalachian Trail, west of the trail's intersection with the IP Road.

In 1840, their family consisted of a son, aged 10 to 15, a daughter, aged 5 to 10 and two daughters under 5. The Ponds evidently removed to Wardsboro, Vermont, about 1841. They were buried in the West Wardsboro Cemetery.

One of their five children was:

- 1) Amanda M., born March 21, 1848, at West Dummerston, Vermont; died September 17, 1909; married 1) Albert Buonaparte Fitts on December 13, 1868 2) Martin Bogle.

## Porter

**Abel Porter** was born during the 1780s and his wife was born in the 1790s. They settled in Stratton during the 1830s, but they had moved out of town before 1850.

## Potter

**James Potter**, son of Henry and Jane Potter, was born at Holden, Massachusetts, on May 28, 1758. During the American Revolution, James served at various times from 1777 to the end of the war. He served in the Continental Army from January 1, 1780, through 1783 in Captain Holden's

Company, Colonel Nixon's Regiment and also in Captain Claves' Company of the 6th Massachusetts Regiment. A descriptive taken at West Point, New York, stated that James was 5'6" tall and he was light complexioned with blue eyes.

James married Lucy Stearns at Holden on January 15, 1786. The Potters came to Stratton in 1811. On June 19, 1811, James purchased 50 acres of 5L4R and 5L5R. This lot was located north of the old town common. They were warned out of town by the Selectmen on February 10, 1812, and served notice by Stratton's constable on February 27. James took the Freeman's oath in Stratton on December 7, 1812.

The Potters settled in Arlington, Vermont, before July 25, 1814. At that time, James sold their Stratton farm to Joseph Austin.

Children of James and Lucy included:

- 1) James, married Mary (?).
- 2) Samuel, born December 1, 1797, at Holden, Massachusetts.
- 3) Henry, born about 1801; died February 7, 1825, at Holden, Massachusetts.

**James Potter, Jr.**, son of James and Lucy Potter, came to Stratton with his wife, Mary, about 1811, probably along with his parents. The Potters were warned out of town by Stratton's Selectmen on February 10, 1812, and served notice by the constable on February 27. They did not own

property in Stratton and, therefore, evidently lived with James's parents, north of the town common. They probably moved to Arlington, Vermont in 1814, along with James's parents.

**Sarah Ann Potter** married Cyrus F. Bugby at Stratton on October 6, 1839.

**John Potter**, son of John and Mary (Brown) Potter, was born at Sewell, Massachusetts, about 1864. He married Carrie Norton, daughter of Sidney and Betsey (Johnson) Norton on April 5, 1894, at Stratton. Carrie was born in Queensbury, New York, about 1859, and she had lived at Glens Falls, New York, prior to the marriage. John was a laborer and probably worked in one of the lumber camps at Stratton.

## Powers

**John M. Powers**, son of James and Anna (Donnelly) Powers, was born in March 1867, at Smiths Basin, New York. He came to Stratton in the 1890s and worked as a laborer probably in the lumber camps. He married Anna E. Thomas, daughter of Henry W. and Elizabeth (Sage) Thomas, on July 24, 1898, at Stratton. Anna was born at Wilmington, Vermont, in March, 1875.

The Powers settled in Stratton after the marriage. In 1901, the local section of the Brattleboro Reformer reported that John had just built a house opposite that of Fred Willis in Stratton. This appears to have been a four-acre

lot on 3L1R on the north side of *Canedy Rd.* -- the lot east of the old Parsons farm. The Powers family removed from Stratton before 1920.

Children of John and Anna were:

- 1) Goldy Anna Elizabeth, born June 24, 1900, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 2) (a son), stillborn June 2, 1909, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 3) Truman John, born August 3, 1910, at Stratton, Vermont.

**Lucina Powers** was qualified to teach in Stratton on June 9, 1846.

## Pratt

**Stephen Pratt** and his wife were born prior to 1755. They had moved to Stratton between 1791 and 1800. At that time, they probably had one of their children and this child's spouse living with them along with three grandchildren, as evident from the age groupings given in the census.

Stephen did not own land in Stratton, but leased the east half of the school lot, 8L2R, from the town, beginning in October, 1798. The Pratts evidently moved to Wardsboro South District about 1803. On March 26, 1804, Stephen Pratt and family were warned out of that town.

**Asa Pratt**, probably a son of Stephen Pratt, was in Stratton in 1800, living on his own. He married Betsey Bobbin (probably Robbins) of Somerset (intent of marriage was published at Stratton on October 11, 1801).

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Pratt settled in Stratton before November 1802. In January 1803, Asa purchased 50 acres of the southwest corner of 4L5R, located west of the town common. He apparently had settled on this lot before he purchased it. The Pratts had moved from Stratton to Hayne, Washington County, New York, by April 23, 1810. They may have left Stratton as early as 1805, when Asa sold this lot to Samuel Moses, Jr. of Dorset, Vermont. He repurchased this lot in 1810 and resold it to James Fuller in November, 1812.

**Archibald Pratt**, possibly a son of Stephen Pratt, was born in 1781. He was a resident of Stratton at the time he published an intent of marriage to Wealthy Cook of Stratton on April 5, 1801. This is the first record of them being in Stratton. Wealthy was born about 1784 and she was very likely a daughter of David Cook of Stratton.

Archibald, a carpenter, along with Arnold Cook, who was apparently Archibald's brother-in-law, purchased the east half of 6L4R, on August 18, 1803. Archibald also purchased the southeast corner of 7L4R and he probably settled into the farm there.

Archibald and Wealthy were taken into the Church of Christ in Stratton on November 28, 1804, and they became full members on April 16, 1805. That same day, their children, Melinda and Elia (probably Eli) were baptized.

On May 5, 1808, Archibald sold his property - the southeast corner of 6L4R was sold to Arnold Cook and the southeast corner of 7L4R and northeast corner of 6L4R was sold to Isaac Shepardson.

The Pratts evidently moved out of Stratton in 1808, as they were not listed in Stratton's 1810 census. They apparently settled in Wardsboro, Vermont. Archibald was called of Wardsboro when he purchased 2L5R in Stratton in 1848.

Wealthy died on September 20, 1864, and Archibald followed on September 10, 1868. They were buried in Fairview Cemetery in Wardsboro.

Their children were:

- 1) Melinda
- 2) Elia (probably Eli who was born about 1804; died December 31, 1848, and buried in Fairview Cemetery); married Betsey.
- 3) Louisa (baptized in Stratton on July 18, 1808).

**Jabez Pratt** and his wife, Becka, settled in Stratton about 1813. They were warned out of town on March 7, 1814, and served notice on March 11, 1814. Jabez did not own land in Stratton and they removed from town before 1820.

**Zebina Pratt** was born about 1799. His wife, Lucy Goodenough, was born in Guilford, Vermont, in 1803. They were married at Leyden, Massachusetts, on June 12, 1820. Zebina was already living in

Stratton when he purchased the east side of 2L1R in Stratton - 95 acres with a dwelling house and log barn - from Royal Mason, on October 8, 1823. An agreement also was made between these two gentlemen that Zebina would care for Royal and his wife, Abigail, for the remainder of their natural lives. Zebina mortgaged this lot the following month, after which no other mention of Zebina can be found in the town's records. He apparently moved away from Stratton by 1830. Lucy died at Shutesbury, Massachusetts, on September 15, 1879.

**Herbert Pratt** was born in Vermont in August, 1875. About 1899, he married Sadie (?). They were not married in Stratton, but settled there within the year. Sadie was born in Vermont in April, 1876.

In 1900, they were residents of Stratton. Herbert probably worked in one of the logging camps in town. By 1910 they had removed from town.

## Prentiss

**Franklin J. Prentiss** was born at Bangor, New York, on December 2, 1821. He married Hannah Maria Pike, daughter of Jotham and Hannah Pike. Hannah was born on March 3, 1823, at Somerset, Vermont.

Franklin was a carpenter and he lived on a farm just off of *Pike Hollow Rd.*, up the old *Somerset Winhall Rd.*, which was located beside the house currently owned by DR Holton (1999). This house

- originally the Samuel Willis farm - had previously been occupied by Adams Grout as indicated on McClellan's map of 1856. The Prentisses probably moved there before 1860, renting it from Hannah's brother, Joseph, who owned it at that time.



**Hannah (Pike) Prentiss**  
(1823 - 1903)

Photo courtesy of the Ethel Eddy Collection

The Prentisses were listed in Stratton's census of that year and Beer's Atlas shows them still living there in 1869. The foundations are all that remain of the house and the barn. Sometime after 1870, the Prentisses resettled down the hill on *Pike Hollow Rd.* in the house that once stood where DR Holton's cabin stands today. In the picture below, Hannah is standing beside this house.

The Prentisses remained in Stratton for many years. In 1880, their son, Orlean, had married, and his wife, Nellie was living with them.



Just before, 1900, the Prentisses apparently had removed from Stratton, but they were listed among the town poor in the 1902 Town Report. Hannah died on November 22, 1903.

Children of Franklin and Hannah:

- 1) Carrie A., born February 4, 1858, at Somerset, Vermont; died July 7, 1858, at Somerset, Vermont.
- 2) Orlando F., born July 13, 1859, at Stratton, Vermont; died March 9, 1860, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 3) Orlando F. (adopted), born on August 3, 1859, in Cambridge, Massachusetts, - changed name from Eddy Morse on October 11, 1861; married Nellie H. Sprague on January 29, 1880, at Stratton, Vermont.

**Orlando F. Prentiss**, adopted son of Franklin and Hannah Prentiss, was born in Cambridge, Massachusetts, on August 3, 1859, his birth name was Eddy Morse.

Orlando grew up in Somerset and Stratton and he married Nellie Hannah Sprague, daughter of Lyman and Laura Sprague, on January 29, 1880. Nellie was born on November 21, 1861, at Stratton. Orlean took the Freeman's oath in Stratton in 1880.

In 1898, Orlando was running the boarding house at Grout's Mills in Stratton.

Children of Orlando and Nellie:

- 1) Abbey A., born May 6, 1881, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 2) Harold Orlean, born December 28, 1889; died July 14, 1967; married Mary Rose Chappron.

**Harold Orlean Prentiss**, son of Orlando and Nellie Prentiss, was born at Stratton on May 6, 1881. He married Mary Rose Chappron. She was born on May 31, 1894. Harold served during WWI. He died on July 14, 1967, and Mary died on July 25, 1977. They were both buried in Stratton in Ball Cemetery.



**Orlando Prentiss**  
(born 1859)

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## Prescott

**Chester M. Prescott**, son of Jeremiah and Betsey (Pomeroy) Prescott, was born on June 9, 1821, at Vershire, Vermont. Chester married Lucy Baldwin in March, 1848. Lucy was born on July 25, 1821.

Chester was a graduate of Vermont University. He and Lucy

came to Stratton possibly from Corinth, Vermont, in 1857, where Chester was the first minister of Stratton's Free-Will Baptist Church - a church he had helped organize on July 13, 1857.

The Prescotts lived on the *Stratton-Arlington Rd.*, west of the meetinghouse, in a house Chester either built or had built about the time of their arrival in Stratton - apparently on 4L6R. Chester was elected Town Superintendent in 1860, but this position was vacated in October, 1860; therefore, it appears that the Prescotts left Stratton at that time. They eventually resettled in Poestenkill, New York.

Children of Chester and Lucy were:

- 1) Ellen Pamela, born February 23, 1849, at Corinth, Vermont (attended school in Stratton in 1857).
- 2) Calvin Porter, born June 26, 1858, at Stratton, Vermont; married Myrtle L. Cobb on November 20, 1880, at Lakeview, Pennsylvania.

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## **Purrington**

**Luther Purrington**, son of Joshua Purrington, was born on February 11, 1798, at Heath, Massachusetts. Luther was a physician while in Heath. There, he married Eunice Barber, daughter of John and Eunice (Pike) Barber, on March 6, 1822. Eunice was born on July 31, 1802.

Luther was associated with the Glass Box Shop in Winhall, Vermont, and he was called a resident of Winhall on October 30, 1834. On that day, Luther signed an agreement with Stratton's Selectmen. He agreed to care for the Hill family in exchange for their farm. Jane (Hill) Boutell and her children, Eber, Jonathan and Margaret Hill were living on 6L7R and had become charges of the town. The remains of their farm can still be seen along the Appalachian Trail, west of the trail's intersection with the IP Road.

Luther agreed to care for the Hills for the remainder of their natural lives in exchange for 6L7R (except for 55 acres on the east side). The Selectmen deeded over this farm to Luther, then he mortgaged it back to the Selectmen for \$1000.00 with the above agreement written into the mortgage.

Strangely, Luther was never referred to as a physician in any town record. On April 6, 1835, at a town meeting, a vote was passed that Mr. Purrington would have \$25.00 at the end of the year, provided he support the Hill family and keep the town harmless of any expenses. They then voted to pay Mr. Purrington two dollars. Soon after the meeting, Eber Hill died on May 1, 1835. Jane was the next to die on December 20, 1835, followed closely by Margaret, who died on January 22, 1836. Finally, Jonathan died on April 22, 1836. Within less than a year all four

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had died and Dr. Purrington was able to claim the property as his own. It is unclear whether Luther occupied the farm during the time the Hills were living there.



**Luther Purrington**  
(1798 - 1859)

Photo courtesy of the  
Pur(r)in(g)ton Family Assoc. of the USA

On June 29, 1836, Luther's wife, Eunice also died, supposedly back in Heath, Massachusetts, but Abel Grout's ledger states that he charged Purrington a dollar for digging Mrs. Purrington's grave – implying that she was buried in Stratton.

By August 11, 1836, Luther had settled on his newly acquired Stratton farm and taken a mortgage with Peter Taft of Jamaica. He then mortgaged it through Leonard Barber of Winhall (probably a relative of his late wife). On February 15, 1837, Luther took another mortgage with Tyler Waite of Stratton. At a

town meeting on May 12, 1837, the town voted that the Selectmen conduct the affairs of the Purrington claim in favor of the town. About that same time Luther mortgaged the farm again through the Newells of Wardsboro.

Luther remained in Stratton and held the position of town hayward in 1838 and 1839. He married Minerva A. Scott, daughter of Ira and Sophia Scott, on March 7, 1839. In December of 1839, the Newells sold the farm to George Pond. Luther evidently left Stratton at that time and he and Minerva were apparently divorced soon after. Luther died of consumption on September 15, 1859, at Colrain, Massachusetts.

After the divorce, Minerva married Horace Cummings who evidently passed away before 1860. Following Horace's death, Minerva remained at the home of her parents. She was living there in 1860. Minerva then married Aaron B. Howard on May 6, 1863, at Stratton. Minerva passed away at Stratton on March 14, 1894.

Children of Luther and Eunice:

- 1) Cynthia, born October 13, 1828, at Heath, Massachusetts.
- 2) Eunice, born September 19, 1826, at Heath, Massachusetts.
- 3) Joshua, born November 18, 1824, at Heath, Massachusetts.
- 4) Luther, born June 29, 1823, at Heath, Massachusetts.
- 5) John Barber, born September 9, 1833; married Orinda.

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## Putnam

**Prentis B. Putnam**, son of Levi and Hannah (Allen) Putnam, was born at Whitingham, Vermont, on April 26, 1807. His wife, Jemima C., was born about 1810 and they were married about 1830. In 1842, the Putnams lived in Dover, Vermont, and by 1846, they had settled in Stratton – apparently on the Waite farm in 10L1R, located on the north side of what is now called *County Rd.*, just east of its intersection with *Mountain Rd.* (see McClellan's Map of 1856). In 1851, Prentis purchased the west half of 10L1R from Tyler Waite and an undivided fourth of 10L4R from AD Thayer.

While in Stratton, Prentis and Jemima's children attended school in district #1 in Stratton.

In September, 1854, the Putnams bought the Sheldon place in West Wardsboro, Vermont. They were living in Stratton in 1860, however, before 1869, they had moved to Wardsboro. They sold this place to their sons, George and Eliza, probably living with their son George until about 1881, when they bought the Gates Estabrook place in Bucketville (Wardsboro Center).

Jemima died on June 11, 1888, and Prentis died on June 18, 1888. They were buried in the West Wardsboro Cemetery.

Their children were:

- 1) George E., born about 1834; married Eliza (?) (He took the Freeman's oath in Stratton on September 4, 1855).
- 2) Sarah Maria, born October 20, 1835, at Somerset, Vermont; died February 16, 1836, at Somerset, Vermont.
- 3) Merick G., born November 11, 1831; died August 30, 1872; married Abbie D. (?)
- 4) Newell, born April 5, 1837, at Somerset, Vermont; died June 1, 1837, at Somerset, Vermont.
- 5) Dana Prentis, born November 25, 1838, at Somerset, Vermont; married Melvina A. Robinson.
- 6) Henry Harrison, born August 20, 1840, at Somerset, Vermont; died on December 18, 1911, at Boulder, Colorado.
- 7) Sidney C., born about 1842.
- 8) Abner, born about 1844.
- 9) Luanna M., born April 1, 1846, at Stratton, Vermont; died March 29, 1923; married Alvin H. White on December 12, 1866.
- 10) Henrietta Martha, born on April 16, 1848, at Stratton, Vermont; married Henry C. Smead on July 4, 1870.
- 11) Irving B., born September 3, 1851, at Stratton, Vermont; died June 15, 1906, at Wardsboro, Vermont; married Hattie E. Batchellor in 1881.

**Merick G. Putnam**, son of Prentis B. and Jemima Putnam, was born on November 11, 1831. As a young man, Merrick probably had moved to

Whitingham, Vermont, but he returned and lived in the southeast corner of Wardsboro. He married Abbie D. (?), who was born at Newfane, Vermont, on January 28, 1832. Merick died on August 30, 1872, and he was buried in East Hill Cemetery in Wardsboro. Abbie died on January 15, 1908, and was buried beside Merick

Their children were:

- 1) Chester L., born July 29, 1868, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 2) Margaret
- 3) Ella J.
- 4) Etta T.
- 5) Mary
- 6) Warren
- 7) Bert, died in Jacksonville, Vermont, in 1947; married Ida Powers.

**Dana Prentis Putnam**, son of Prentis B. and Jemima Putnam, was born on November 25, 1838, at Somerset, Vermont. Dana married Melvina A. Robinson, daughter of Reuben and Emeline Robinson of Jamaica, Vermont, on June 30, 1858, at Stratton. Melvina was born in 1841.

During the Civil War, Dana enlisted on January 10, 1862, as a resident of Stratton, and mustered into Company H of the Vermont 8th Regiment on February 12, 1862. He was discharged on October 31, 1862.

Following the war, Dana and Melvina evidently divorced and Dana went west. Melvina then married David Hart.

**Henry Harrison Putnam**, son of Prentis B. and Jemima Putnam,

was born August 20, 1840, at Somerset, Vermont.

During the Civil War, Henry enlisted on February 3, 1862, as a resident of Stratton, and mustered into Company H of the Vermont 8th Regiment on February 12, 1862. He suffered from a serious illness and he was discharged on October 18, 1862. He took the Freeman's oath in Stratton on September 6, 1864.

Following the war, Henry went west to Illinois, where he married. Henry died at Boulder, Colorado, on December 18, 1911.

**Sidney C. Putnam**, son of Prentis B. and Jemima Putnam, was born about 1842.

During the Civil War, Sidney enlisted on December 12, 1861, as a resident of Stratton, and mustered into Company H of the Vermont 8th Regiment on February 12, 1862. He was discharged on April 7, 1864.

Following his service, Sidney took the Freeman's oath in Stratton on September 6, 1864. Later, he moved out west.

**Irving B. Putnam**, son of Prentis B. and Jemima Putnam, was born on September 3, 1851, at Stratton. He grew up in Stratton and Wardsboro, then married Hattie E. Batchellor of Elmore, Vermont, in 1881. Hattie was born on July 9, 1860.

Hattie was Postmaster in Wardsboro Center for 25 years. Irving died in Wardsboro on June 15, 1906, and Hattie died on June

13, 1937. They were buried in the West Wardsboro Cemetery.

Children of Irving and Hattie:

- 1) Essie, married Irving Frost.
- 2) Hugh, married Nora Kendall
- 3) Lee
- 4) Lou

**Merle E. Putnam**, son of Erwin and Abbey (Torrey) Putnam, was born on June 4, 1877. Merle married Beatrice B. Black, "Birdie," on August 25, 1902. Birdie came to this area from Missouri to teach school. Her mother was Addie Brown, a native of Wardsboro.

Merle and Birdie lived on *Pike Hollow Rd.*, in a house that they shared with Perle and Rose Robinson sometime between 1910 and 1914. The Putnams lived downstairs while the Robinsons lived in the 2nd story of the house. This house must have burned sometime before 1914. It once stood on the same spot where Kent and Siobhan Young currently reside.



**The Merle Putnam family**

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Birdie taught school in this area for many years. They apparently settled in West Wardsboro between 1912 and 1914 and remained there into their latter years. Merle died in 1971 and Birdie died in 1976. They were buried in the West Wardsboro Cemetery.

Children of Merle and Birdie:

- 1) Marion, married Nathan Dauchy.
- 2) Karma B., born June 11, 1905; died July 20, 1994; married Helen (?).
- 3) William Arthur, born August 11, 1907; died May 12, 1987.
- 4) Verne
- 5) Leo, born September 23, 1909; drowned May 15, 1911, at Stratton, Vermont.

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### Quillinan

Ralph L. and Claton F. Quillinan bought the farm at the end of *Pike Hollow Rd.* from Robert and Mirth Hromada in the 1940s and settled there in 1948. They then sold this property to Melbourne Bills (recently the home of M. Lee Bills).

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### Ramor

**John Ramor** was born on September 2, 1764, at Princeton, Massachusetts. During the American Revolution, John served as a private from Princeton,

Massachusetts, in Thomas Fish's Company, Colonel Nathan Tyler's Regiment from July 1, 1779, to December 17, 1779. He also served for six months, beginning on July 15, 1780, and he mustered at Camp Totoway on October 25, 1780. John again enlisted to serve in the Continental Army, in Captain Hastings's Company, Colonel Whitney's Regiment, for three years, beginning on March 3, 1781, but he would have served for only a fraction of this term. In a descriptive taken at that time, he was 17 years old, 5'8" tall, light complexioned and called a farmer.

After the war, John married Sarah Hale, a daughter of Samuel and Eleanor Hale, on February 17, 1789. She was born about 1767.

The Ramors first resided in Westminster, Massachusetts. On February 13, 1790, John was called "of Stratton" when he purchased the northeast quarter of 1L7R, located south of what is now called Grout Pond. The Ramors apparently returned to Massachusetts and lived at Princeton until about 1796. At which time, they returned to Stratton. Their home was apparently located south-southwest of the pond, around the west side of the hill there. It was located near the old road that ran from West Jamaica to Somerset.

John was listed in the 1800 census of Stratton as Jonathan Raymore; however, on the 1810 census, as well as in most town records, he is called John Ramor.

The Ramors became members of the Church of Christ in Stratton

on August 7, 1803, and their six children were baptized at that time. John sold part of his land on January 11, 1814, and the Ramors apparently moved away from Stratton at that time.

Children of John and Sarah:

- 1) Betsey, born May 13, 1791, at Princeton, Massachusetts.
- 2) Sally, born February 27, 1793, at Princeton, Massachusetts.
- 3) Polly, born March 16, 1795, at Princeton, Massachusetts.
- 4) Phoebe, born March 14, 1797, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 5) Edward, born October 7, 1799, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 6) John, born October 26, 1802, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 7) Cynthy, born October 7, 1804, at Stratton, Vermont (baptized in Stratton in 1805).
- 8) Rhoda, born August 27, 1806, at Stratton, Vermont (baptized at Stratton on September 28, 1806).

## Rand

**Thomas Davis Rand**, a son of Richard and Relief (Sawyer) Rand, was born on January 25, 1772, at Lancaster, Massachusetts. Thomas was a resident of Wardsboro when he purchased the east half of 2L1R in Stratton on July 11, 1803. Thomas apparently settled there and was called "of Stratton" when he sold this lot to his brother, Richard Rand on March 11, 1805. Thomas evidently moved away at that time.

He was probably the same Thomas Rand warned out of Jamaica, Vermont, on December

30, 1813. Thomas died on May 6, 1842.

**Richard Rand, Jr.**, son of Richard and Relief (Sawyer) Rand, was born on April 20, 1778, at Royalston, Massachusetts. He was living in Wardsboro, Vermont, when he purchased the east half of 2L1R from his brother, Thomas Rand on March 11, 1805. Richard and his wife, Sarah, settled on this lot.

The Rands became members of the Church of Christ in Stratton in September, 1805, and two of their children were baptized that same day. Richard sold this lot on January 7, 1806, and they apparently moved out of Stratton at that time.

On April 14, 1807, Richard and his family were warned out of Jamaica, Vermont. In 1817, Sarah, a widow, moved her relations to the Church in Wardsboro.

Children of Richard and Sarah:

- 1) Richard
- 2) Abner Sawyer

**John Rand** apparently settled in Stratton in 1831. That year, John paid taxes on a parcel of land in 4L4R and 5L4R in Stratton, which was owned by John Glazier at that time. This was the old Jacob Batchellor farm, located at the end of what is now called *Shepardson Rd.* John evidently settled on this lot with his brother, Moses Rand.

John married Betsey (Thatcher) Gleason on December 23, 1834, at Stratton. Betsey was

the daughter of Asa Thatcher, and twice widowed, first by Calvin Waite of Stratton and second by Silas Gleason of Winhall. The Rands evidently moved away from Stratton before 1839. That year, John Glazier sold this lot to Tyler Waite.

**Moses Rand** was probably a brother of John Rand and they may have resided in the same house in Stratton for a few years. Moses married Almira Lincoln of Wilmington, Vermont, (intent published February 15, 1835, at Stratton). Moses and Almira evidently lived with John and Betsey Rand in the old Jacob Batchellor house on 5L4R.

Moses was elected Sexton of "*the cemetery by the J. Rand place*" in 1836. This cemetery was located on that same farm and it is currently considered one of Stratton's lost cemeteries.

## **Randall**

**James Randall**, son of Robert and Ann (Pratt) Randall, was born on March 26, 1755, at Easton, Massachusetts. James married Rebecca Howard on June 24, 1779. Rebecca was born on December 18, 1759, at Bridgewater, Massachusetts. They apparently settled for a time at Cambridge, Massachusetts, and then Easton, Massachusetts. The Randalls were living in Orange, Massachusetts, prior to their move to Stratton.

On February 9, 1797, James purchased 60 acres of land in the east half of 3L3R from Nathan

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Patch. He also bought Patch's mill rights to Phillips Mill on the west half of 3L3R – Stratton's first sawmill. The Randalls, however, remained in Orange and on November 7, 1797, James purchased all (or the remainder) of the east half of 3L3R from Clark Stone.

The Randalls settled in Stratton after this purchase and James evidently operated the sawmill there. The following year, James apparently mortgaged the east half of 3L3R.

In 1800, the Randalls had five sons and two daughters living at home. In December, 1804, James had paid back the mortgage on his lot and took another through Asahel Kimball at that time.

Evidently, Rebecca died before 1810, since he was living there with four sons and a daughter. He evidently remarried to Martha (?). James died before 1830. Martha may have gone to live with James's son, Matthew. Once Matthew had moved away, Martha was head of the household as seen in the 1830 census.

Their children were:

- 1) Matthew, born January 6, 1780, at Easton, Massachusetts; died in March, 1851; married Eunice Kelley on August 11, 1811, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 2) Betsey, born about 1782; died in July, 1852; married Bela Kelley (of Wardsborough, Vermont) on March 7, 1810, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 3) Dulcena, born about 1783 at Easton, Massachusetts.
- 4) Valentine, born January 16, 1784, at Easton, Massachusetts; died April 18, 1860; married Rhoda Haven on March 3, 1808, at Athol, Massachusetts.
- 5) Alonzo, born about 1786.
- 6) Sally, born in October 1796; married Silas Downes (of Shaftsbury, Vermont) on February 1, 1816, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 7) James, Jr., born about 1798.
- 8) Eliab, married Lucy Cobbs (intent published March 15, 1807 at Stratton).
- 9) Tilson, born about 1802.

**Matthew Randall**, son of James and Rebecca (Howard) Randall, was born on January 6, 1780, at Easton, Massachusetts. He came to Stratton with his parents and purchased the east half of 2L3R in 1798 (he had to repurchase part of this lot in 1802 and all of it again in 1806 - apparently to clear his title).

Matthew was a lumberman, like his father, and he went into this business with his brothers, Valentine and Eliab. They probably worked at the mill on 3L3R. In 1806, the Randall brothers purchased the east half of 4L8R and in 1807, they purchased the west half of 2L2R. In 1811, they sold their land in the western part of town (called 5L8R in the deed) to Benjamin Rider.

Matthew established a farm on 2L2R and 2L3R. The Randall home was located along the old

*Somerset to Winhall Rd.*, which ran further north of the current *Stratton-Arlington Rd.*

Matthew married Eunice Kelley, the daughter of Samuel and Rebeccah Kelley, on August 18, 1811, at Stratton and they settled on Matthew's farm after the marriage. Eunice was born on December 25, 1789, at Dummerston, Vermont.

In 1820, the Randalls had two sons and a daughter living with them as well as a boy aged between 10 and 16. On March 6, 1825, Matthew and Eunice were accepted as members of the Church of Christ in Stratton and they were baptized at that same time, as were their four children.

By 1830, the Randalls had four children living at home. The Randalls moved away from Stratton in March, 1832, and Matthew died in March, 1851.

Children of Matthew and Eunice:

- 1) Samuel Elcit, born March 12, 1812, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 2) Richard Kelley, born March 4, 1814, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 3) Cornelia Eunice, born July 7, 1817, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 4) James Matthew, born June 30, 1822, at Stratton, Vermont.

**Valentine Randall**, son of James and Rebecca Randall, was born on January 16, 1784, at Easton, Massachusetts. Valentine married Rhoda Haven, daughter of John Drury Haven and his wife Martha (Death) Haven, on March 3, 1808, at Athol, Massachusetts (intent published in October, 1807, at

Stratton). Rhoda was born on September 24, 1790, at Easton.

Valentine had lived in Stratton before the marriage and he purchased several lots along with his brothers, Matthew and Eliab. Valentine took the Freeman's oath in Stratton on December 12, 1808.

Following the marriage, Valentine and Rhoda settle in Cambridge, New York. Rhoda passed away on September 23, 1833, and Valentine died on April 18, 1860.

Children of Valentine and Rhoda:

- 1) Merrill A., born March 21, 1809; died April 21, 1856.
- 2) Elvira, born September 10, 1811, at Cambridge, New York.
- 3) Chauncey V., born December 7, 1813, at Cambridge, New York; died December 11, 1838.
- 4) Job S., born March 14, 1816, at Cambridge, New York; died August 14, 1891.
- 5) Leroy Delos, born September 25, 1818, at Cambridge, New York; died June 17, 1891.
- 6) Fidelity, born August 24, 1820, at Cambridge, New York; died December 8, 1888.
- 7) Rhoda, born June 22, 1824, at Cambridge, New York; died September 3, 1859.

**Eliab Randall**, a son of James and Rebecca Randall, was born about 1800. Eliab purchased land with his brothers, Valentine and Matthew. He married Lucy Cobbs (intent published March 15, 1807, at Stratton).

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Following the marriage, Eliab and Lucy settled in Wardsboro, Vermont.

**Ebenezer Randall** was probably a son of one of the three brothers named above. He was mentioned in Stratton's records only once. He took the Freeman's oath on September 6, 1825, but he apparently moved away from town soon afterward.

## Rawson

**Andrew B. Rawson**, son of Ellis and Irene Rawson, was born on January 6, 1848, at Dover, Vermont. He became Stratton's hotelkeeper in May, 1879; unfortunately, he passed away within a few short months on September 11, 1879.

**Leroy Rawson**, a farmer in both Stratton and Jamaica, Vermont, and Jenny M. Shepardson, daughter of Calvin and Helen Shepardson, were the parents of a child born in Stratton in 1896. Jenny was born on November 2, 1877, at Stratton. She later married Edward Wheeler on January 9, 1898, at Stratton.

A child of Leroy and Jenny was:

- 1) Shepardson Rawson, born May 3, 1896, at Stratton, Vermont.

**Fred W. Rawson** was born in June, 1860, in Vermont. On July 29, 1898, Fred purchased the east part of 12L2R and settled there. In 1900, he was living there with his divorced mother, Esther C. Rawson. Esther was born in Vermont in November, 1840.

Fred sold this lot to William P. Styles in 1903 and moved away from Stratton at that time.

## Ray

**Nelson F. Ray** and his wife, Frances E., resided in Stratton in 1888, apparently on 11L1R. He was listed in the town records on a petition of August 1, 1888, and again as having a sugarhouse near which the Selectmen decided to mount a guidepost in 1889 (on *Pikes Falls Rd.*).

## Read

(Reed or Reid)

**David Read** qualified as a Freeman of Stratton on September 12, 1846. He apparently moved away from Stratton shortly after that time.

**Lucien E. Read**, son of Hosea and Louisa Cady Read, was born on September 1, 1857, at West Windsor, Vermont. He married Myra Buck on June 20, 1881. Myra was born in Illinois in 1859/60.

Lucien was a wheelwright and a musician. In his younger years he was in a band at Lake George for two seasons and traveled for two years with the Whitmore and Clark Minstrel Company.

The Reads moved from South Wardsboro, Vermont, to Stratton on June 28, 1901. That year, Lucien had purchased the Forrester farm and settled about halfway down Old Forrester Rd. on the east side of the road in 2L3R. They moved to Stratton

from the Elliot White place in South Wardsboro. Lucien set up a steam-mill on his new farm and operated it for several years. He was listed in Stratton's census of 1910.

While in Wardsboro and Stratton, Lucien played in the Wardsboro Coronet Band, as did his sons, Clifford and Daniel.

The Read's last years were spent living with their children. Lucien received a severe electrical shock at the home of his son, Clifford, in Framingham, Massachusetts. He died five days later, on May 23, 1916. He was buried in the West Wardsboro Cemetery.

Their children were:

- 1) Harry W., born in 1883 at Wardsboro, Vermont (took the Freeman's oath in Stratton in 1906).
- 2) Clifford lived in Framingham, Massachusetts (took the Freeman's oath in Stratton in 1906).
- 3) Alice, born in 1885 at Dover, Vermont.
- 4) Raymond, born November 4, 1889, at Wardsboro, Vermont; married Abbie E. Lowe on November 4, 1907, at Jamaica Vermont.
- 5) Daniel C., born in 1893, at Wardsboro, Vermont.

**Raymond Read**, son of Lucien and Myra Read, was born on November 4, 1889, at Wardsboro, Vermont. He married Abbie E. Lowe, daughter of Maurice and Alice Lowe, on November 4, 1907, at Jamaica Vermont. Abbie

was born at Dover, Vermont, on September 7, 1885.

Raymond and Abbie lived with Abbie's father in Stratton through 1910. Raymond took the Freeman's oath in Stratton in 1912.

The Reads moved to Wardsboro and Raymond set up a sawmill that he operated for a number of years. At that time, Raymond built a new house on the site where William and Calphernia Waite's home had burned. Over the years, Raymond built several houses in the area.

Abbie died on September 13, 1951, and Raymond died on December 14, 1975. They were buried in the West Wardsboro Cemetery.

A child of Raymond and Abbie:

- 1) Wales, born February 20, 1918; married Beatrice Cobb.

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Remember Yesterday by CS Streeter

## Reel

**William Reel** was born about 1885 in Ireland. In 1920, he was a lumberman, working in Stratton and living in the boarding house at the Grout Job.

## Reid

(Read or Reid)

**Benjamin Reid** had settled in Stratton before September, 1803, since that month, the town records reflect that a road passed his house to David Cook's house in the southwest corner of 7L3R. Benjamin then settled in Somerset, Vermont, and he was

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warned out of that town on January 19, 1808, with his wife, Fanny, and their children, Betsey and Fanny. His wife, Fanny, was born in Bennington, Vermont, in May, 1784, and she died at Stratton, "a pauper of the town," on October 30, 1867.

Their children were:

- 1) Betsey
- 2) Fanny
- 3) Benjamin, born in September, 1808, at Somerset, Vermont; died March 7, 1883, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 4) Cyrus, born November 28, 1816, at Somerset, Vermont.
- 5) Charles, born in October, 1825, at Somerset, Vermont; died December 25, 1880, at Stratton, Vermont (he was disabled from birth).
- 6) Franklin, born in 1841 at Somerset, Vermont; died April 17, 1861, at Stratton, Vermont.

**Benjamin Reid**, son of Benjamin and Fanny Reid, was born in September, 1808, at Somerset, Vermont. He apparently never married.

In 1880, Benjamin and his disabled brother, Charles, were boarding in the home of Oliver Hescocock, which was located where the recreational area stands today. Benjamin died at Stratton on March 7, 1883.

**Charles Reid**, son of Benjamin and Fanny Reid, was born in October, 1825, at Somerset, Vermont. He was disabled in some way at birth. He never

married and he lived with family members all his life.

In 1880, Charles and his brother, Benjamin, were boarding in the home of Oliver Hescocock, which was located where the recreational area stands today. Charles died at Stratton on December 25, 1880.

**Franklin Reid**, son of Benjamin and Fanny Reid, was born in 1841 at Somerset, Vermont. He died at Stratton, a widower and apparently a pauper on April 17, 1861. The town paid for his burial.

**John W. Reid** of Hebron, Vermont, married Lomira Goodale Pike, daughter of Alexander H. and Elvira Pike. Mira, as she was called, was born in Somerset, Vermont, on February 6, 1837.

Mira was called a widow when she was accepted into the Church of Christ in Stratton on May 26, 1867. She later married Otis Ward. Mira was still living after the death of her father in 1902 and named on the deed of her father's property.

A child of John and Lomira was:

- 1) Minnie J., born in April, 1861; died on January 19, 1863 (buried in Pike Hollow Cemetery).
- 2) Mary J., born November 29, 1864, at Stratton, Vermont.

## Rice

**Silas Rice**, son of Abraham and Susannah (Wilder) Rice, was born in August 1749, at Bolton,

Massachusetts. Silas married Elizabeth Taft, who was born about 1750.

Silas, a goldsmith by trade, was among the group of Stratton's Proprietors from Worcester County, Massachusetts. He first purchased 8L8R and several 40-acre lots in Stratton on November 14, 1782. He was Proprietor's Clerk for Stratton before the first official proprietor's meeting was held, and he remained a property holder in Stratton until 1809. That year, he sold all of his holdings in Stratton to his son-in-law, Thomas W. Millet.

Elizabeth passed away on September 4, 1797. It is possible that Silas was living in Stratton in 1810 in the home of his son-in-law, Thomas Millet. Silas died on May 31, 1835, at Worcester.

A child of Silas and Elizabeth:

- 1) Susanna, born August 4, 1777; died May 8, 1860, at Arlington, Vermont; married Thomas Wheeler Millet about 1795.

**David Rice**, son of Ezra and Rebecca Rice of Holden, Massachusetts, was born on April 3, 1792, at Holden. David married Melinda Estabrook, daughter of Ezra and Eunice Estabrook, on November 5, 1818, at Worcester, Massachusetts. Melinda was born about 1795.

The Rice family resettled in Stratton, soon after the marriage and before 1820. David took the Freeman's oath in Stratton on March 29, 1820, and he purchased the west half of 7L1R

in 1824, remaining on this lot for many years. David became a member of the Church of Christ in Stratton on June 6, 1825.

David was a Selectman of Stratton in 1832, 1839 and 1840. He was a Representative for Stratton in Vermont's General Assembly from 1836 to 1838 and in 1840 and 1843.

The Rice family moved to Wardsboro, probably just after David sold the west half of 7L1R on May 5, 1843. He reacquired this lot and sold it again in 1845 to John S. Williams.

Melinda was still a member of the church in Stratton in October, 1871. David died on May 16, 1867, and Melinda died on April 8, 1879. They were buried in the West Wardsboro Cemetery.

Children of David and Melinda:

- 1) Mary Malinda, born December 27, 1819, at Stratton, Vermont (baptized in Stratton on February 27, 1820); married George E. P. Felt on March 24, 1839, at Stratton, Vermont.
  - 2) Ezra Leonard, born November 21, 1822, at Stratton, Vermont (baptized in Stratton on June 15, 1823); married Sarah Evaline Witt on November 19, 1847.
  - 3) Osmyn Gardner, born June 13, 1824, at Stratton, Vermont (baptized June 29, 1824); died February 25, 1849, at Shrewsbury, Massachusetts; married Catherine A. Knowlton on January 27, 1848.
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- 4) Abigail Azubah, born December 3, 1825, at Stratton, Vermont (baptized in Stratton in January, 1826, and admitted as a Congregational Church member in 1840); died April 27, 1902; married Finley S. Morse.
- 5) Caroline Elizabeth, born June 20, 1827, at Stratton, Vermont (baptized in Stratton on August 5, 1827, and admitted as a Congregational Church member in 1840); died April 17, 1905; married Francis C. Sprague on November 22, 1850.
- 6) George Henry, born May 31, 1830, at Stratton, Vermont (baptized in Stratton that same year); married Julia L. Burrige on October 6, 1852.
- 7) Harriet Viola, born November 6, 1835, at Stratton, Vermont; died January 25, 1876; married James B. Fitts 2) Henry Albert Waite on September 10, 1867.
- 8) Abner Harrison, born April 20, 1838, at Stratton, Vermont (killed during the Civil War).

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Ephraim Rice was not a resident of Stratton; however, to properly tell the story of his descendants who later settled in Stratton, his story first must be told.

Ephraim, son of Perez and Lydia Rice, was a soldier in the French and Indian War, in 1756. On February 28, 1761, he sold 100 acres of land in Hardwick to

Andrew Haskell – land he had bought from Aaron Thomas.

Ephraim was among the original 62 proprietors of Somerset, Vermont; however, he never came to claim his land. Instead, he had traveled south, taking a heard of horses to South Carolina, and he was never heard of again. It was assumed that he was murdered during that trip.

Ephraim's sons, Daniel, Simeon and Perez went to Somerset, Vermont, to claim Ephraim's lands there. His son, John's family, also moved there.

Children of Ephraim were:

- 1) Simeon, born about 1753, at Hardwick, Massachusetts.
- 2) Daniel, born August 5, 1755, at Hardwick, Massachusetts; died August 28, 1831, at Somerset, Vermont; married Sally Ball on June 19, 1782, at Wilmington, Vermont.
- 3) Perez, born in 1757 at Hardwick, Massachusetts; died September 9, 1807, at Somerset, Vermont; married Chloe Lincoln on April 8, 1779, at Hardwick, Massachusetts.
- 4) John, born at Hardwick, Massachusetts; died June 24, 1803; married Sally Cooper on April 7, 1796, at Granby, Connecticut.
- 5) Susannah, married Stephen Wadkins on March 6, 1789, at Hardwick, Massachusetts.

**John Rice**, son of Ephraim Rice, was probably born at Hardwick, Massachusetts. He married Sally Cooper on April 7, 1796, at West

Springfield, Massachusetts. John and Sally lived at Hardwick, where John may have been a teacher.

John died on June 24, 1803. His family was living at Somerset, Vermont, following his death; however, it is not known whether they had moved there prior to or after John's passing. It is possible that his wife and children moved to Somerset after his death to be cared for by John's brother, Perez, and his wife Chloe.

Sally did not remarry, but she had another child - Shadrach. Unfortunately, Shadrach's father's name is unknown.

At this point, it is necessary to discuss John's brothers, since they were responsible for John's children, following his death. John's brother, Daniel, settled in Somerset in 1776 -- Somerset's first settler. He staked out land in the Great Meadows section northwest of Mt. Pisgah. (Mt. Pisgah was later called Somerset Mountain and it is now called Mt. Snow. The "Great Meadows" area is covered almost entirely by Somerset Reservoir at the present time.)

For several years, Daniel wintered in Hardwick, Massachusetts, returning to Somerset in the spring to tend his new lands, while living in a shanty. He did this until 1781.

While picking up provisions in Wilmington one August day in 1777, Daniel learned that the British were advancing on Bennington. He returned home, retrieved his rifle, and headed for

Bennington. Daniel arrived in time to participate in the battle of Bennington, on August 16, 1777. He spent three months with the army before returning to Hardwick.

Daniel married Sally Ball on June 19, 1782, at Wilmington, Vermont, and they settled in a log cabin in the Great Meadows. After 1800, Daniel resettled in the eastern part of town along "The Handle Road," currently in the town of West Dover. Daniel was the town's first Representative, holding that office from 1799 - 1802. He was Somerset's Town Clerk in 1800, 1802 - 1804, and 1813, and Treasurer in 1800 and 1802. Daniel died on August 28, 1831.

In 1778, Daniel's brother, Perez (Percy) came with Daniel to Somerset. Percy had married Chloe Lincoln on April 8, 1779, at Hardwick, Massachusetts. Percy bought a large tract of land. Some of this was in the eastern part of Somerset, along the Wardsboro line, while the rest was on the Wardsboro side of that line (the current Wardsboro/Dover/Stratton area known as Dover Mountain).

Percy built a home on the Wardsboro side of his property. He probably owned much of the area southeast of what is now *Pike Hollow Rd.*

Percy was Constable of Somerset in 1792 and the town's treasurer in 1793, 1794 and 1796.

Percy and Chloe were childless, and so when John Rice died in 1803, it was natural for

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them to take in John's family, including a nephew, who also was named Perez. Percy mentioned his nephew, Perez, in his will, leaving him \$200.00, provided the younger Perez would stay with Chloe until he reached the age of 21.

Percy died on September 9, 1807, when the well he was digging for his home caved in upon him.

The younger Perez stayed with his Aunt Chloe until he was 24 (two years after his marriage). At that point, young Perez settled on land in the northeast corner of Somerset, probably bought from his late uncle's estate.

Children of John and Sally were:

- 1) Perez, born March 17, 1798, at Hardwick, Massachusetts; died December 29, 1863, at Stratton, Vermont; married Emily Pike on June 2, 1822, at Somerset, Vermont.
- 2) Susannah, baptized on October 29, 1799, at Hardwick, Massachusetts.
- 3) Willard, born April 30, 1802, at Hardwick, Massachusetts; died April 2, 1881, at West Dover, Vermont; married Bathsheba Kelley on November 8, 1825, at Somerset, Vermont.

Sally's last child was:

- 4) Shadrach B., born August 19, 1805, at West Dover, Vermont; married Eunice Pike.

**Perez Rice**, son of John and Sally Rice, was born at Hardwick,

Massachusetts, on March 17, 1798, and he was baptized on October 29, 1799. Perez moved to West Dover, Vermont, in his youth, where he was mentioned in the will of his uncle, Perez Rice, who had promised to leave young Perez \$200.00, providing he would live with his Aunt Chloe until he was 21 years of age. Apparently Perez fulfilled this request and lived there until 1824, two years after his marriage.

Perez had married Emily Pike, daughter of Jotham and Hannah Pike, on June 2, 1822. Emily was born on December 12, 1803.

For the first two years of their marriage, Perez and Emily lived in the house where Perez had grown up. They then settled on land that apparently had been a part of Uncle Perez Rice's farm in Somerset, Vermont, on the southeastern ridge of Pike Hollow. Additional lands were added at a later date so that their farm consisted of 258 acres with a sugar orchard of 500 trees. Perez also purchased the southwest quarter of 1L2R in Stratton in 1825, then sold this lot to Daniel Grant in 1829.

The area that included Perez's farm was annexed by the town of Stratton in 1858. Perez died there on December 29, 1863. Emily continued to live on the farm until about 1880. In 1870 her daughter, Chloe and son-in-law, Albert Eddy and their family were living in the house with her; however in 1880, her son-in-law, Elmer A. Eddy was living there

alone. Emily died on January 24, 1886. Perez and Emily were both buried in Pike Hollow Cemetery in Pike Hollow.

Children of Perez and Emily:

- 1) Susannah Sophia, born April 1, 1823, at Somerset, Vermont; married Elisha Davidson.
- 2) Eunice Ebsina, born January 14, 1826, at Somerset, Vermont.
- 3) Rosina Lovina, born January 18, 1828, at Somerset, Vermont; died May 11, 1894; married 1) David Goddard Eddy on November 19, 1845  
2) Thomas Mackie on October 24, 1880.
- 4) Chloe Ann, born August 8, 1830, at Somerset, Vermont; died July 30, 1907, at West Brattleboro, Vermont; married Albert Eddy on October 20, 1851, at Somerset, Vermont.
- 5) Jotham Pike, born October 11, 1832, at Somerset, Vermont; died March 3, 1841, at Somerset, Vermont.
- 6) Sydney, born April 15, 1835, at Somerset, Vermont; died October 5, 1836, at Somerset, Vermont.
- 7) Cevinda Hannah, born June 20, 1837, at Somerset, Vermont; died April 4, 1839, at Somerset, Vermont.
- 8) Romano, born about 1839 at Somerset, Vermont.
- 9) Rienzi Perez, born September 26, 1839, at Somerset, Vermont; died February 17, 1844, at Somerset, Vermont.
- 10) Melissa Mariaah, born February 26, 1844, at Somerset,

Vermont; died May 15, 1925, at Jamaica, Vermont; married Orrin Johnson on October 29, 1862.

- 11) John, born about 1849 at Somerset, Vermont.

**Shadrach B. Rice**, son of Sally (Cooper) Rice, was born on August 19, 1805, at West Dover, Vermont. He married Eunice Pike, daughter of Jotham and Hannah Pike, on October 24, 1830, at Somerset, Vermont. Eunice was born on July 23, 1806, at Somerset.

Shadrach and Eunice lived in Somerset through 1830. They were of Dover, Vermont, in 1831, then settled in Stratton between 1831 and 1835. They returned to Somerset for a while then were living in Stratton in 1840. At that time, the Rices had a daughter and two sons aged 5 to 10, and a son under 5. Shadrach moved away from Stratton before 1850.

Children of Shadrach and Eunice:

- 1) Sarah, born October 27, 1831, at Dover, Vermont.
- 2) Ellis, born March 7, 1833, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 3) Zeb, born November 17, 1835, at Somerset, Vermont.
- 4) Eri, born September 25, 1837, at Somerset, Vermont.

**Myron Rice** was born in November, 1855, in Vermont. He apparently was not closely related to the Rice families listed above.

About 1900, Myron was living in the boarding house at the Grout Job, where he probably worked as a lumberman. At that

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time, he had been married for nineteen years, but his wife was not living with him in Stratton. He was no longer in Stratton by 1910.

## Richards

**Elijah Richards** settled in Stratton between 1810 and 1820. He was probably the same born August 14, 1791, at Dedham, Massachusetts - a son of Timothy and Sarah (Edson) Richards. At one time he lived in Wardsboro, Vermont.

In 1820, a woman in his household was over 45. This may have been his mother, but that does not seem likely. Elijah left Stratton before 1830.

## Richardson

**Timothy Richardson**, son of Timothy and Betty (Ellis) Richardson, was born on April 16, 1777, at Wrentham, Massachusetts. Timothy married Nancy Mann on January 1, 1798, at Franklin, Massachusetts. Nancy was probably closely related to Bille Mann of Stratton. She was born during the 1780s.

The Richardsons first settled in Franklin, Massachusetts. Timothy purchased 50 acres of the east half of 5L6R in Stratton on September 19, 1821, and they settled there at that time. They were mentioned in the story of the Blake tragedy of December, 1821.

On March 6, 1825, Nancy became a member of the Church of Christ in Stratton and she was baptized at that time.

It appears that their son, Jonson, and his wife lived with them. The 1830 census shows the four of them living together in this house. A deed dated May 23, 1827, between Austin Bissell and Freeman Holbrook, stated that Bissell sold Holbrook the west half of 100 acres of 5L6R which was deeded to him by Jonson Richardson, "*except for half the house now occupied by Timothy Richardson and Jonson E. Richardson and a certain piece of land beginning at the center of the house then north to a stump then east to the front road then south on the east line of said lot to the road that leads past the meetinghouse, then west on said road to the center of the house*".

Within a few months, this parcel was sold to Timothy's son, George. The Richardsons evidently left Stratton about 1835 and they may have gone west to Ohio with the Carter family.

Children of Timothy and Nancy:

- 1) Elona, born September 5, 1800, at Franklin, Massachusetts; died September 21, 1800, at Franklin, Massachusetts.
- 2) Jonson Ellis, born August 23, 1802, at Franklin, Massachusetts; married Mary Daniels (intent published September 14, 1823, at Stratton).
- 3) Eliza Ann, born February 27, 1804, at Franklin, Massachusetts; married Israel Pierce of Franklin, Massachusetts, on October 22, 1822, at Stratton, Vermont.

- 4) George Lowell, born November 20, 1806, at Franklin, Massachusetts (baptized in Stratton on March 6, 1825).
- 5) Nancy Mann, born December 15, 1808, at Franklin, Massachusetts (became a member of the Church of Christ in Stratton and was baptized on March 6, 1825); married Leander Carter.

**Jonson Ellis Richardson**, son of Timothy and Nancy Richardson, was born at Franklin, Massachusetts, on August 23, 1802. He came to Stratton with his parents in 1821 and took the Freeman's oath there on September 2, 1823.

Jonson married Mary Daniels of Jamaica, Vermont (intent published on September 14, 1823, at Stratton). They lived with Jonson's parents on the east half of 5L6R and in January, 1824, Jonson purchased the west half of the east half of this lot. Jonson was one of the gentlemen that found Harrison Blake nearly frozen after crossing the road from Arlington in December, 1821. The Richardsons left Stratton about 1835 and they may have gone west to Ohio with the Carter family.

A child of Jonson and Mary was:

- 1) Alexander Metcalf Fisher, born August 11, 1824, at Stratton, Vermont.

**George Lowell Richardson**, son of Timothy and Nancy Richardson, was born on

November 20, 1806, at Franklin, Massachusetts. George took the Freeman's oath in Stratton on September 7, 1828. He purchased half of his father's lot (5L6R) and he lived with this parents and his brother, Jonson. George apparently left Stratton with the rest of the family about 1835. He may have gone west to Ohio with the Carter family.

**George A. Richardson**, son of Flint and Betsey Richardson of Londonderry, was born in 1839. He married Sarah A. Bayly, daughter of Ira and Filinday Bayly of Winhall, Vermont, on November 18, 1865, at Stratton. Sarah was also born in 1839. George was a mechanic. If the Richardsons lived in Stratton after the marriage, they had moved away from town before 1870.

**Hugh Richardson** was born in January, 1841. His wife, Jennie M., was born in August, 1845. They were married about 1888 and settled in Stratton before 1900. The Richardsons left town before 1910.

## **Richmond**

**Frederick Leigh Richmond** was born in 1916 in Far Rockaway, Long Island, New York. He was a farm product salesman and he had worked in a bank in New York before coming to Vermont.

Frederick came to Stratton and married Doris C. Hurd, daughter of Floyd and Zoe Hurd, on August 14, 1937, at Jamaica,

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Vermont. Doris was born on July 11, 1923.

Following the marriage, the Richmonds lived in the northeast corner of Stratton near *Pike's Falls Rd.* in a log cabin that was built by Scott Nearing. In 1939, they bought a farm in Strafford, Vermont. The hurricane of 1938 had toppled most of the trees on this farm. Frederick and Doris were able to harvest all the downed trees and paid off the farm with the profit. Over the years, the Richmonds purchased several farms, built them up, then sold them for a profit. Doris currently lives in Middlebury, Vermont, on a 250-acre farm.

A child of Frederick and Doris:

- 1) Marion, born January 21, 1938, at Stratton, Vermont; died at Strafford, Vermont, in 1940.

## Rider

(Ryder)

**Benjamin Rider**, son of Benjamin and Achseh (Crosby) Rider, was born on December 3, 1761, at Provincetown, Massachusetts. Benjamin married Sarah Pratt, daughter of Rufus and Hannah (Ball) Pratt, on April 10, 1788, at Worcester, Massachusetts.

Benjamin was called Deacon Rider and he was of Greenwich, Massachusetts, when he bought land in Stratton as early as 1811; although, it was not until about 1815 that Benjamin and Sarah settled in Stratton.

The Riders were warned out of town by Stratton's Selectmen

on November 6, 1816, and served notice on November 11. Although Benjamin apparently purchased several parcels in Stratton, it appears that he settled on the east half of 5L8R (the Joel Hale farm).

The Riders left Stratton before the census of 1820 was taken. Benjamin sold this lot on August 3, 1820. At that time, he was living in Chardon, Ohio. He died at Painsville, Ohio, on March 20, 1854, and he was buried in Rider Cemetery in Chardon. Sarah died there on September 23, 1860, and she was buried beside Benjamin.

Children of Benjamin and Sarah:

- 1) Crosby, born March 19, 1789, at Greenwich, Massachusetts; died September 20, 1845, at Wellington, Ohio.
- 2) Benjamin, Jr., born March 28, 1791, in Massachusetts; died June 1, 1878, at Chardon, Ohio; married 1) Chloe Stebbins Warner 2) Chloe Robinson on September 15, 1827, at Hardwick, Massachusetts.
- 3) Polly, born May 31, 1793, in Massachusetts; died about 1870.
- 4) Rufus, born March 15, 1795, in Massachusetts; died in August, 1870.
- 5) Nancy, born July 1, 1797, in Massachusetts; died June 26, 1818, in Ohio.
- 6) Isaiah, born September 19, 1799, in Massachusetts; died February 18, 1886, at Plainsville, Ohio.

- 7) Samuel, born November 5, 1801, in Massachusetts; died October 1, 1877.
- 8) Hannah, born March 31, 1804, in Massachusetts; died February 25, 1879, at Chardon, Ohio.
- 9) Lucy, born April 19, 1809, at Greenwich, Massachusetts; died October 15, 1892, at Chardon, Ohio.

**Rufus Rider**, son of Benjamin and Sarah Rider, was born on March 15, 1795, in Massachusetts. He evidently settled in Stratton about 1815. In 1820, he was living alone in Stratton. He probably moved away that same year.

**Samuel Rider** was born between 1780 and 1790. His wife, Ama (or possibly Anna or Amy), was born during the 1790s. They settled in Stratton in 1830 on a 50-acre lot in 1L1R. Samuel built a log cabin on the Wardsboro border, approximately where the Ralph Pike house (as it is often referred to) stands now. They had already settled there when Samuel purchased this land on November 29, 1830.

The Riders arrived too late to be included in Stratton's 1830 census. On September 20, 1834, Samuel sold their home to William Howe and purchased the east half of 2L3R. On February 20, 1835, Samuel purchased an undivided half of 84 acres of the west half of 2L3R and an undivided half of 20 acres of 3L3R. At that time, the Riders

moved onto this lot – known as the Randall farm.

In 1835, Samuel sold a piece of land to Reuben Holton, located along the old *Somerset to Winhall Rd.*, which existed further north of the current *Stratton-Arlington Rd.*

On March 8, 1837, Samuel sold the farm to Samuel Rider, Jr., a resident of Worcester, Massachusetts, at that time. In 1840, the Riders had a son aged 15 to 20, a son and daughter 10 to 15, two sons aged 5 to 10 and a son and daughter under 5. That same year, Samuel lost some of the farm in a judgment of debt against him to John Warner of Wardsboro.

Samuel passed away in 1842 or 1843. Solomon Newell was the administrator of Samuel's estate. Samuel's personal property could not cover his debts; therefore, Newell requested that the district court at Newfane allow him to sell all of Rider's property. The court granted this request, with exception of the widow's dower, on July 21, 1843.

After Samuel's death, Ama remained head of the household into 1844; however, on August 17, 1843, she had to sell her dower (13 acres of the farm) to William G. Pike. On May 3, 1844, Mr. Newell, the administrator of the estate, sold the farm and house to Joseph Smith of Wardsboro, Vermont (who sold it to Hiram Ames in 1848 who sold it to Aaron Lowe in 1853 - see the Aaron Lowe

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home on McClellan's Map of 1856)..

After the farm was sold, several of the Riders' children went to live in neighbors' homes. In 1846, Horace Rider was living with Moses Forrester and Henry Rider was living with Amos Knights. Lucy was living with Phineas W. and Amanda Eddy during that year, and did so for several years. The Riders' children who remained with their mother through 1846 were Mary S. and Frederick M. Ama moved away from Stratton before 1850.

Children of Samuel and Ama:

- 1) Samuel, Jr. (possibly the same who married Sarah Robbins. He lived at Worcester, Massachusetts).
- 2) James M. (took the Freeman's oath in Stratton on September 5, 1848).
- 3) Horace P.
- 4) Mary S.
- 5) Henry R
- 6) Lucy P., born in 1838; married George Knight.
- 7) Frederick
- 8) Charles H. (possibly), born on November 2, 1830; died March 19, 1901; married Jane P. Knights.

**Charles H. Ryder** was born on November 2, 1830. He was probably a son of Samuel and Ama Rider. Charles' wife, Jane P. Knights, was born on March 23, 1833. She was probably a daughter of Amos Knights.

The Riders settled in Stratton, where Charles took the Freeman's oath in September, 1852. They

resided on a 75-acre lot in Pike Hollow on the site where DR Holton now lives. The Ryders moved away from Stratton before 1860.

In 1863, they returned to Stratton and Alanso Knights was living with them and attending school in Stratton's school district #6. Alanso was probably Jane's brother.

Charles and Jane evidently settled in Wardsboro, Vermont. Charles died on September 19, 1901, and Jane died on March 30, 1910. They were buried in the West Wardsboro Cemetery.

- 1) Myra J., married George Waite (son of Martin Van Buren Waite and Emeret J. Elwell Waite).

**Henry L. Ryder** (possibly the same as Henry R. above) married Filinda (?) of Jamaica, Vermont. Henry was called a yeoman in Stratton's land records.

A child of Henry and Filinda was:

- 1) Hattie A., born August 5, 1862, at Stratton, Vermont; married (?) Twitchell.

**Charles Rider** married Eunice Hoyt on November 25, 1821, at Wardsboro, Vermont. The Riders were living in Stratton in 1844 and their children were enrolled into the Stratton-Somerset United School district. That same year, Mariah Russell was living with them and attending school along with the other children.

Charles and Eunice's children:

- 1) Robert B.
- 2) Sarah M.

3) Selina A.

## Rising

**William Rising** was born about 1857. In 1880, he was living in Stratton in the home of Herbert F. Willis and he was called a servant.

The Willises moved away from Stratton in 1888; therefore, William probably did not remain in Stratton after that time and he probably had left prior to the Willises departure. William apparently was not listed in any other town record in Stratton.

## Robbins

(Robins)

**Levi Robbins**, son of Luke and Mary (Hasey) Robbins, was born on August 26, 1775, at Athol, Massachusetts. He was living in Athol in 1798, when he purchased the east half of 1L4R. Levi was a first cousin of Hasey Floyd Sprague of Stratton.

Levi settled in Stratton about that same time and married Rhoda Pike, daughter of Samuel and Anna Pike, on April 21, 1799, at Stratton. Rhoda was born on September 13, 1782, at Medway, Massachusetts.

Levi sold his land in 1L4R in March, 1800, and probably lived with his in-laws. On March 26, 1802, he purchased 25 acres of lot #1 in Stratton Gore from his brother-in-law, Jotham Pike. This lot was located south of the *Gore Rd.* (*Willis Cemetery Rd.*) and east of the Moulton farm. At that same time Levi agreed to live

there with his mother-in-law, Anna Pike.

Over the next few years, Levi bought and sold several parcels in Stratton Gore. He also acquired some of the land confiscated from Jacob Goodell. Levi was Stratton's Constable and Collector from 1806 to 1808. About 1808, Levi acquired the east half of Lot #2 in Stratton Gore and he settled into the house there (see D. Willis on Beer's Atlas of 1869).

In December, 1809, the Sheriff of Windham County was ordered to confiscate the property of Levi Robbins of Stratton for judgment awarded to James Fitch, Jr. of Townshend, Vermont, and to place Robbins in the jail in Newfane until his debt was paid. On August 5, 1811, Timothy Burton, Deputy Sheriff of Windham County, confiscated Levi Robbins's land within Stratton Gore. The Robbins family had left Stratton in 1809.

Children of Levi and Rhoda were:

- 1) (a son)
- 2) Joseph Marble, born May 5, 1801, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 3) Polly, born July 3, 1802, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 4) Chloe, born July 24, 1805, at Stratton, Vermont.

**Joshua Robbins**, son of Luke and Mary (Hasey) Robbins, was born on October 10, 1777, at Athol, Massachusetts. Joshua married Patty Manning on February 1, 1801, at Athol. Patty, the daughter of John and Mercy Manning, was born on April 21,



1780, at Lancaster, Massachusetts.

Joshua purchased 50 acres of the west half of 1L4R and all of the east half of this lot on April 1, 1802, from Joshua Newhall. Joshua's brother, Levi, had previously owned this lot. Joshua and Patty apparently settled here first.

Beginning in January, 1803, Joshua purchased lots near the town common in 4L5R and 4L4R. He was called a carpenter in one of these deeds and so he probably built several houses near the town common and he probably helped to build the meetinghouse. One of Robbins's lots consisted of 60 acres west of the Weatherbee lot. This is where the Robbins resided in 1812. Another, east of the Weatherbee lot and beside the town common, consisted of 26 acres with a house and barn. The remains of this house can still be seen, located just west of the old town common.

Joshua took the Freeman's oath in Stratton on September 6, 1808. The 1810 census shows that they had two daughters and a son at that time and an older female, probably Polly's mother, Mercy Manning<sup>1</sup>, living with them. In 1811, Joshua was directed to keep Stratton's burial cloth at his home.

Joshua sold the 26-acre lot to Thomas W. Millet on December 9, 1815, and he removed to Newfane, Vermont. He may have been the same Joshua Robbins who briefly owned the old Gragg Mill in Dover, Vermont.

Patty died at Newfane on December 9, 1819, and Joshua died on March 14, 1853. They were buried in Parrish Cemetery in Newfane.

Children of Joshua and Patty:

- 1) Lucy, born June 11, 1801, at Stratton, Vermont; died August 29, 1879, at New Salem, Massachusetts; married Josiah Baldwin.
- 2) Patty Manning, born October 3, 1804; died February 27, 1843, at Dover, Vermont; married Thomas Sparks.
- 3) Joshua, died in September, 1844, in Boston, Massachusetts; married Margaret Ingraham.
- 4) Luke, born in 1811; died on August 30, 1832, at Newfane, Vermont.
- 5) John Manning, born September 7, 1813, at Stratton, Vermont; died January 5, 1897; married 1) Tamar Dix on June 11, 1837 2) Ellen Elizabeth Atwood on June 11, 1856 3) Julia Bartlett Worsley in September, 1883.
- 6) Sarah, born in Newfane, Vermont; died in 1849 in Newfane, Vermont; married Samuel Rider (Jr.).
- 7) Sylvester, born in 1819 in Newfane, Vermont.

Note:

- 1) Mercy Manning was warned out of Stratton in January, 1811, and had probably been in Stratton for nearly a year at that time. Since it is most likely that she was recorded in the 1810 census and since an older female who was likely Patty (Manning) Robbins' mother was living in the Robbins' home that year, then that suggests that Mercy Manning was indeed Patty's mother.

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## **Robie**

**James Robie** was born about 1874 in Massachusetts. In 1920, he was a lumber camp laborer in Stratton, living in the boarding house at the Grout Job.

## **Robinson**

**Nahum Hial Robinson**, son of Hiram and Sally Robinson, was born at Jamaica, Vermont, on April 3, 1834. He was five when his father passed away. After his father's death, Hial supposedly went to live with his uncle. Then, once his mother had remarried, he went to North Bennington, Vermont, with her. Hial spent 15 years there, then went to Wenona, Illinois, with several other family members.

Hial returned to Vermont, where he married Catherine Lois Vaile on February 7, 1858, at South Londonderry, Vermont. Hial listed Palatine, Illinois, as his place of residence on the marriage license. Catherine, the daughter of Hosea and Sarah Vaile, was born on June 1, 1838, at Winhall, Vermont. She had been Hial's friend since childhood.

In April, 1858, Hial returned to Illinois, along with his wife, for a two-year period, then returned to Vermont. Once back in Vermont, they lived at Winhall with Catherine's parents for a while, then they settled into a log cabin in an area called Orcutt Meadows (now part of the

Stratton golf course). Their son, Frederick was born in Stratton in 1861.

The Robinsons left Winhall about 1871, when the brook flooded. They escaped with the possessions they could carry. Their oldest son, Fred, carried the younger girls across the brook on his back. They never returned to live in the flooded out cabin, instead, they moved to West Wardsboro, Vermont.

For the next two years, Hial was the proprietor of the Green Mountain House, a hotel owned by John Glazier. The hotel was sold in 1873 to Henry Waite. Henry later married one of Hial's daughters, and one of Hial's sons married Henry's daughter by his first marriage.

The Robinsons lived on a small farm in the northeast part of Wardsboro. They called it "the little place." They then moved to a larger farm nearby in 1873, that they would occupy for 34 years. This farm consisted of 300 acres. Apparently, Hial and another farmer, Mr. Gurney, traded farms for a while, each living on the other's farm. The story goes that Hial had a small house and Gurney had a large house – Gurney did not need all the room in his farm while the Robinsons family was becoming large and in need of more room, so Gurney and Robinson worked out a deal and they traded. In the end, they each ended up on their original farm.

The Robinsons occasionally went to Illinois to visit Hial's

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mother and the family. The last trip that they made was between May and August, 1903.

In 1907, the Robinsons sold the farm and bought a home in the village that their son, Albert, had just vacated. They lived there until it was destroyed by fire on March 16, 1919.

Their daughter, Avis, was staying with them and she was the first to notice the fire. It occurred about 3 AM. Avis woke her brother and they then woke Hial and Catherine. A telephone alarm was given, but help arrived too late.

All of the Robinson's possessions were destroyed by the fire, including the memorabilia of 62 years of marriage; such as an old violin, pictures, their family Bible, and old guns. Hial later remarked, "Well, I don't care a thing about the house. We can always find a house to live in. It was all those possessions that were so precious!"

They then moved into Luanna (Putnam) White's house (widow of Alvin White) to stay until further plans could be made. In May, 1919, they moved into their new home, formerly known as the Pierce place.

Hial was in good shape physically, in his latter years. In 1913, at the age of 79, he hiked up Stratton Mountain, then climbed a tree at the top to enjoy the view. Catherine was a skilled midwife and helped deliver over seventy babies in her lifetime.

Catherine passed away on December 31, 1920, at her home

with all eight of her living children there at the last. Hial followed on October 4, 1921. Both were buried in the West Wardsboro Cemetery. Catherine's stone mistakenly has her death-date as December 31, 1919.

Children of Hial and Catherine:

- 1) Hila Lois, born May 7, 1859, at Wenona, Illinois; died March 12, 1935, at Wilmington, Vermont; married Frances Elmer Ray on April 30, 1883, at Wilmington, Vermont.
- 2) Frederick Elsworth, born March 5, 1861, at Stratton, Vermont; died August 30, 1925, at Wilmington, Vermont; married Anna Lucy Waite on March 28, 1880, at Wardsboro, Vermont (divorced).
- 3) Avis Euphershia, born March 17, 1863, at Winhall, Vermont; died February 22, 1950, at Brattleboro, Vermont; married Henry Albert Waite on November 12, 1879, at Wardsboro, Vermont.
- 4) Almon Riley, born May 19, 1865, at Winhall, Vermont; died January 2, 1948, at West Wardsboro, Vermont; married
  - 1) Janie Delila Howe on February 12, 1890, at Wardsboro, Vermont
  - 2) Eva Evelyn Smith on December 27, 1910, at Brattleboro, Vermont.
- 5) Clara Anna, born May 25, 1868, at Wardsboro, Vermont; died September 13, 1927, at West Wardsboro, Vermont; married William Ransom Nash

on April 8, 1891, at Bellows Falls, Vermont.

- 6) Elden Oscar, born July 21, 1871, at West Wardsboro, Vermont; died December 24, 1956; married Katherine S. Adams on February 10, 1892.
- 7) Nora Evelin, born November 7, 1873, at West Wardsboro, Vermont; died in July, 1949; married 1) Lucius Bartlett Kendall on January 5, 1892, at Wardsboro, Vermont 2) Hugh F. Putnam on September 1, 1918.
- 8) Albert Curtis, born October 14, 1876, at West Wardsboro, Vermont; died March 17, 1958, at Newfane, Vermont; married Margaret Therenia Curran on December 31, 1899, at Poughkeepsie, New York.
- 9) Perle Eustace, born April 29, 1882, at West Wardsboro, Vermont; died February 13, 1914, at West Wardsboro, Vermont; married Rosa May Smith on July 3, 1909, at Wardsboro, Vermont.

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The Story of the Robinson Family,  
(kept at Brooks Memorial Library in  
Brattleboro, Vermont).

**Perle Eustace Robinson**, son of Hial and Catherine Robinson, was born on April 29, 1882, at West Wardsboro, Vermont. He remained in West Wardsboro until after his marriage to Rosa May Smith on July 3, 1909. Rosa was born in Springfield, Vermont.



**Emmons Robinson,  
Corene and Maria Pike,  
Ivan and Melvin Robinson**

Photo courtesy of Charles Whitney, Jr.

About 1911, the Robinsons moved to Stratton and settled on *Pike Hollow Rd.*, across from Elmer Eddy's steam-driven sawmill. They shared the house with Merle and Birdie Putnam, who lived on the first floor of the house while the Robinsons lived upstairs. Their son, Emmons was born there. This house evidently burned and in 1915, Hermon Eddy built a hunting camp on the site (currently the home of Kent and Siobhan Young).

Perle died on February 13, 1914, and he was buried in the West Wardsboro Cemetery. Rose, as she was called, married Ralph Pike (*see Pike Family*).

Children of Perle and Rose:

- 1) Melvin H. Robinson, born May 22, 1910; died in December, 1934.
- 2) Emmons W. Robinson, born August 8 1912, at Stratton, Vermont; died November 16, 1974; married Ruby Winchester on December 22, 1931.
- 3) Ivan Perle Robinson, born on August 9, 1914, at West Wardsboro, Vermont; died

May 5, 1991; married Olive Augusta Knapp on June 20, 1936, at Townshend, Vermont.

*Another Robinson family also lived in Stratton for a time. There is no certain link between the two families, although, some given names are common between these two families. The Hiram Robinson that follows was not the father of Nahum Hial Robinson above.*

**Amaziah Robinson**, son of Elijah and Rachel Robinson, was born on January 1, 1785, at Athens, Vermont. He was living in Athens on November 18, 1835, when he purchased 12L2R in Stratton. This 170-acre lot was located around *North Rd.*, in the northeast corner of Stratton. Previously, the Hill family owned this farm. Hiram Robinson settled on this lot in 1847. Hiram purchased this same lot from James Robinson and John Robinson of Jamaica, Vermont, and Rachel Tourtelot of Townshend, Vermont, on February 18, 1852. This may imply that Amaziah had passed away before that time. He may have never lived in Stratton.

**Hiram Robinson**, son of Elijah and Rachel Robinson, was born on August 6, 1789, at Athens, Vermont.

Hiram settled in Stratton in about 1847 on 12L2R, owned by his brother, Amaziah Robinson. This was the old Hill family farm and it encompassed the area

surrounding what is now *North Rd.* Hiram was living on this lot with some of his children in 1850. His wife apparently had passed away by that time.

Hiram purchased this same lot from James Robinson and John Robinson of Jamaica, Vermont, and Rachel Tourtelot of Townshend, Vermont, on February 18, 1852. These individuals may have been children of Amaziah.

In 1855, Angeline Baldwin was living in the Robinson home, attending school in Stratton. She may have been their granddaughter.

Hiram either passed away or he had moved away from Stratton before 1860.

Children of Hiram Robinson:

- 1) Amasah W., born about 1826 (took the Freeman's oath in Stratton in 1848).
- 2) Catherine H., born July 8, 1827, at Jamaica, Vermont; died November 6, 1863, at Stratton, Vermont; married Nathaniel P. Hudson.
- 3) Hannah, born about 1828.
- 4) Alonzo, born about 1832.
- 5) Joel, born about 1835.

**Amasah W. Robinson**, son of Hiram Robinson, was born about 1826. He took the Freeman's oath in Stratton in 1848. He was living in his father's home in Stratton in 1850, and he apparently had moved away from Stratton by 1860.

**Alonzo Robinson**, son of Hiram Robinson, was born about 1832.

He was living in Stratton in his father's home in 1850 and he qualified as a Freeman in Stratton in September, 1853.

Alonzo apparently moved away from Stratton, then returned and again took the Freeman's oath in September, 1856. McClellan's map of 1856 shows him living west of where the gate at the end of *Shepardson Rd.* is currently located. He was no longer in Stratton in 1860.

**Joel Robinson**, son of Hiram Robinson, was born about 1835. He was living in his father's home in Stratton in 1850, and he qualified as a Freeman in Stratton in September, 1857. He was no longer in Stratton in 1860.

**Dorian Robinson** was born about 1901 in Wardsboro, Vermont. He was a laborer probably in a lumbering camp in Pike Hollow. He married Blanche E. Moore who was born about 1909. They had a daughter born in Pike Hollow.

A child of Dorian and Blanche:

- 1) Blanche Eloise.

**William Henry Robinson**, son of David N. and Bridget (Blake) Robinson, was born in Brattleboro, Vermont, on November 21, 1904. William worked in Stratton as a lumberman and died there on July 3, 1938.

**Edward Robinson** was born in May, 1879, in Canada. His wife, Bertha A., was born in January,

1880, in Vermont. The Robinsons had settled in Stratton before 1900, but they had moved away by 1910.

## Rosario

**Abraham Rosario**, son of Ismael and Teresa Rosario, and his wife Sandra, a daughter of Jean Stone, settled in Stratton in June, 1995. Later Sandra's mother came to live with them.

The Rosarios, along with Jean Stone, had purchased the Deane homestead, located on the *West Jamaica Rd.*. This house was built about 1874 and it was refurbished in 1985.

Abraham served in the U. S. Army for 13 years, stationed at Ft. Bragg, North Carolina, and he is fluent in three languages. Sandra works in the food service business and as a housekeeping supervisor. Currently, Abraham works for Stratton Corporation.

## Ross

**William Elmer Ross** was born at Ft. Edward, New York, in November, 1874. His wife, Myrtle, of Sunderland, Vermont, was born in February, 1876. The Rosses settled in Stratton about 1900, but they moved away before 1910.

William was a laborer, probably for one of Stratton's lumber camps.

Children of William and Myrtle:

- 1) Hazel Maude, born in October, 1897, in Vermont.
  - 2) Milton I., born in January, 1899, in Vermont.
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- 3) Mildred, born June 30, 1900,  
at Stratton, Vermont.

## Rugg

**Abraham Rugg, Jr.**, son of Abraham Rugg, was born about 1762. He evidently lived in Greenfield, Massachusetts, before the American Revolution.

During the war, Abraham served as a Private in the Continental Army for nine months, enlisting on August 11, 1779. He was sick in Bedford in October, 1779. Abraham served in several companies, including Captain Arms's Company, Colonel Well's Regiment, Major Joseph Thomson's Company, Colonel Thomas Nixon's Regiment and Major Peter Harwood's Company, Colonel Nixon's 6th Regiment. Abraham was discharged on May 11, 1780. A descriptive given during the war stated that he was 5'6" tall with a dark complexion and brown hair.

Abraham was living in Whitingham, Vermont, when he purchased 5L5R - 200 acres - on June 3, 1785, from Elijah Thompson (witnessed by Abraham, Sr. and John Rugg). Abraham built a farm there, apparently on the east 100 acres, then he and his wife, Hannah, settled thereon. They remained in Stratton until 1788. Abraham sold the lot to Nathan Patch on May 31, 1788, and returned to Whitingham with his family. He then sold the west half to Clark and Eliab Stone on May 29, 1794.

He was warned out of Shaftsbury, Vermont, on December 22, 1802.

Their children were:

- 1) Polly, born August 9, 1787, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 2) Patty, born April 21, 1789, at Stratton, Vermont.

## Russell

**Nathaniel Russell, Jr.** was a son of Nathaniel Russell of Jamaica, Vermont. He married Betsey Boutell, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth Boutell, on November 12, 1820, at Stratton. Betsey was born about 1801, at Stratton.

Nathaniel and Betsey apparently lived in Stratton after the marriage, evidently settling in with relatives. On September 20, 1823, Nathaniel purchased 40 acres of the northwest quarter of 10L2R. This lot was in the area of what is now the Sun Bowl in the ski area. Nathaniel mortgaged this lot through Ira Russell in the following month. The Russells probably lived in the house beside North Cemetery. Nathaniel sold this lot to Sanford Holmes in March, 1824.

Nathaniel and Betsey apparently moved away from Stratton at that time. Betsey died on March 15, 1879.

**Ira Russell** was probably a son of Nathaniel Russell and a brother of Nathaniel, Jr. (above). He was already living in Stratton when he purchased 40 acres of the northwest quarter of 10L2R from Nathaniel Russell, Jr. on October 2, 1823. This was probably a mortgage, since Nathaniel sold

this lot the next year. Ira purchased it again on May 10, 1824. The Russells probably lived in the house beside North Cemetery. Ira sold it to John Underwood on March 5, 1828, and apparently moved away from Stratton at that time.

**Martha Russell** was living in Stratton in 1814 with Abraham and Zeresh Wheeler. She may have been Zeresh's sister. Martha was warned out of town along with the Wheelers on March 7, 1814, and served notice on March 11. She was probably related to Nathaniel and Ira Russell above, who apparently had close ties with the Wheelers.

Martha may have stayed with Zeresh Wheeler in Stratton through 1840.

**Julia M. Russell** married Joseph Smith of Rockingham, Vermont, on May 5, 1844, at Stratton.

**Mariah Russell** was living with Charles and Eunice Rider in 1844 and she was attending school in Stratton. (*she may have been the same person as Julia M. Russell above, since J. Smith settled on the Rider farm at that time*).

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### Sage

**Jesse E. Sage** was born about 1819. He may have been a son of Jared and Betsy Sage. Jesse married Lestina Maria Grout, daughter of Abel and Theodocia

Grout, on March 4, 1841, at Stratton. Lestina was born there on April 15, 1822. She apparently was a deeply religious person. From a letter to her Aunt Lucy Grout in 1840 written prior to her marriage, Lestina writes as if she might have been a Millerite, living in Manchester, Vermont. After the marriage, the Sages settled in Stratton.

Jesse operated a sawmill between Black Brook and the east branch of the Deerfield River. The Sages were living there in 1860. In 1862, Jesse and Lestina had three children attending school in district #3. The Sages had moved away by 1869 and they had sold the house and mill to C. Birch.

The Sages returned to Stratton before 1880. They apparently settled in either the Chester Prescott home on 4L6R or the Chester Allen home, located along the *Stratton-Arlington Rd.* (see Beer's Atlas of 1869).

In 1880, the Sages had two servants living in their home, Henry S. and Maranda Wilder<sup>2</sup>. Soon after that time, the Sages probably went to live with one of their children in Clinton, Massachusetts. A map of Stratton circa 1900 still shows their home. Lestina died at Clinton on November 6, 1897.

Children of Jesse and Lestina:

- 1) Lyman B., born February 18, 1842.
- 2) Sarah J., born December 22, 1844.
- 3) Franklin, born December 22, 1847.



4) Ellen, born July 4, 1852.

Notes:

- 1) Henry and Maranda Wilder had a daughter, Eveline who married Charles F. Sage on January 2, 1877. Charles may have been another child of Jesse and Lestina.

*An unidentified Sage family briefly resided in Stratton. In 1862, Mrs. Sage was head of a household in Stratton with her two children, Emma and Ruth, attending school in district #2.*

## St. Mary

**Frank St. Mary**, son of Edmund and Adeline St. Mary, was born in August, 1874, in Canada. Frank married Minnie E. Moffit, daughter of Albert and Mary Ann (Wait) Moffit, on April 17, 1895. Minnie was born on March 29, 1877, at West Rupert, Vermont.

Frank was a lumberman who worked at the Grout Job in the late 1890s. The St. Marys settled in West Wardsboro, Vermont, before 1900, buying the Stephen Bills farm, located about a mile south of the village. They later resettled in Wardsboro Center.

Frank died in 1947 at Wardsboro. Minnie stayed in Wardsboro for many years, until her health required her to move into the Stratton House at Grace Cottage Hospital, Townshend, Vermont. She died of a heart attack while attending church services in the summer of 1956. The St. Marys were buried in Fairview Cemetery in Wardsboro.

Children of Frank and Minnie:

- 1) Ernest Francis, born January 3, 1898, at Stratton, Vermont;

died October 27, 1967, at Springfield, Vermont; married Frances Ruth Morse on June 21, 1920.

- 2) Florence  
3) Clarence

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## St. Peters

The St. Peters family apparently resided in Stratton in 1892. That year, the town paid for a doctor for Mrs. St. Peters and it also paid Joe Jelly for caring for the St. Peters family.

## Samson

**Charles E. Samson** and Sadie M. (Wells) Samson settled in Stratton sometime about 1930. Their home was located on the corner of the *West Jamaica Rd.* and *Shepardson Rd.* Sadie was still living in June of 1946 and she briefly stayed with her son, Stanley, in Stratton.

Children of Charles and Sadie:

- 1) Wells Frank, born on June 4, 1900, at Brattleboro, Vermont; married Marion Davis on June 2, 1928, at Windsor, Vermont.  
2) Stanley Charles, born February 16, 1905; died April 17, 1991; married 1) Lauretta Catherine Holman on January 19, 1940, at East Arlington, Vermont 2) Ruth Caroline McElroy on June 21, 1945, at Paterson, New Jersey.

**Wells Frank Samson**, son of Charles E. and Sadie M. (Wells) Samson, was born on June 4, 1900, at Brattleboro, Vermont.

During WWI, Wells joined the army while living in Springfield, Vermont. He was indoctrinated at White River Junction, Vermont, on October 23, 1918. Wells was sent to SATC, at the University of Vermont, in Burlington and he remained there until his discharge on December 11, 1918.

Wells married Marion Davis, daughter of Bertha (Ashley) Davis, on June 2, 1928, at St. Paul's Church in Windsor, Vermont. Marion was born at Windsor in December, 1897. Wells evidently owned property in Stratton and lived there for a time.

**Stanley Charles "Stub" Samson**, son of Charles E. and Sadie M. (Wells) Samson, was born on February 16, 1905, at Springfield, Vermont. Stub came to Stratton with his parents and lived in their home on the corner of the *West Jamaica Rd.* and *Shepardson Rd.*

Stub first married Laurretta Catherine Holman, daughter of Charles E. and Jennie (Welch) Holman, on January 19, 1940, at East Arlington, Vermont. Laurretta was born at Dayton, Ohio, on April 18, 1905, and she lived in Stratton with her parents. Later, she worked at Grace Cottage Hospital as a hospital technician. Stub and Laurretta were later divorced.

Stub then married Ruth Caroline McElroy, daughter of Albert and Caroline (Stucky) Lawson. Ruth was born on August 24, 1910, at Brooklyn, New York. On January 17, 1928,

she married Wallace Horne. Wallace died in 1943. Ruth and Stub were married on June 21, 1945, at Paterson, New Jersey.

The Samsons lived in Stratton on the corner of the *West Jamaica Rd.* and *Shepardson Rd.* Their house no longer exists. The Samsons remained in Stratton for many years and they were very active in town affairs. They owned property near Ball Cemetery and eventually donated some land to the town to enlarge it.

At one time, Stub worked at New Departure in Bristol, Connecticut. Ruth worked as a seamstress at Mary Meyers Manufacturing in Townshend, Vermont.

While in Stratton, the Samsons attended the Baptist Church in Brattleboro.

Stub died on April 17, 1991, and he was buried in Ball Cemetery. Ruth passed away on November 8, 1997, at Brattleboro, Vermont, and she was buried beside Stub.

Ruth's children by her first marriage were:

- 1) Ruth, married (?) Couchy
- 2) Wallace
- 3) Charles

A child of Stub and Ruth was:

- 1) Kathryn, married (?) Weston

## **Scott**

**Ira Scott**, son of Lieutenant Reuben Scott and his wife, Anna (Cooley) Scott, was born at Montague, Massachusetts, on April 3, 1757. Ira married Submit

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Arms, daughter of William and Elizabeth Arms. Submit was born on December 9, 1760.

Ira served during the American Revolution as a private in Robert Oliver's Company of Minutemen, under Colonel Samuel Williams's Regiment, which marched on April 22, 1775, in response to the alarm of April 19. Ira served 11 days at that time. He may have served at other times during the war. After the war, the Scotts lived at Montague, Massachusetts.

The Scotts apparently lived in Wendell, Massachusetts, where Clark Stone, a former resident of Stratton had settled. On September 18, 1800, Ira purchased the east half of 5L3R in Stratton from Clark Stone, and on January 14, 1801, he purchased the west half of 5L2R from Thurston Holman of Stratton. After this last purchase, the Scotts settled in Stratton on this land. Their home was located in the vicinity of the intersection of what is now the *West Jamaica Rd.* and *Shepardson Rd.*, probably in the house first built by Isaac Chase on the northeast side of this intersection (see N. Willis on Beer's Atlas of 1869). Over the years, Ira bought and sold numerous parcels within Stratton.

In 1802, the Scotts were taken into the Church of Christ in Stratton by letter of recommendation, evidently from the church in Montague. Church records of Stratton indicate that some services were held in their home as early as 1803.

In 1810, the Stratton census indicated that they were both over 45 years of age and they had seven children living in their home. In 1820, they had two daughters and four sons still living at home. The oldest son, Bela, was over 26 at that time. Bela evidently never married.

Submit died on March 6, 1823. Ira then published an intent to marry Susannah Coes in early 1824, and they were soon married. Susannah, twice a widow, was living in Arlington, Vermont, at that time. Her first husband was Isaac Gale and her second husband was John Coes, who had lived at Stratton. Ira and Susannah were evidently divorce after a brief marriage. Susannah was called Susannah Scott of Arlington on a deed of September 14, 1827. By 1838, she was living with her daughter and son-in-law, Anna and Lyman Batchellor in Wallingford, Vermont.

Ira then married Jemima (?). Ira remained in Stratton for the remainder of his life. His farm on 5L3R was apparently sold by his son Ira, Jr. in 1829. In 1830, Ira had three women living in his home, one in her 50s, one in her 60s, and one in her 70s. Ira repurchased his farm at a tax-sale in 1832. It was deeded to him in 1833, and his wife, Jemima, then sold 40 acres with all the buildings to Ira, Jr. in October, 1833.

On December 4, 1833, Ira sold all his property and belongings to his son Ira, Jr., including all the stock except two

cows. Ira died on December 29, 1833. Details of Jemima's life remain a mystery.

Children of Ira and Submit were:

- 1) Myranda, born October 1, 1781, at Montague, Massachusetts; married William Grant Pike on May 4, 1802, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 2) Richard, born April 3, 1783; died on April 9, 1855, at Stratton, Vermont; married Mary Mann on August 18, 1811, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 3) Bela, born February 27, 1785.
- 4) Ira, born December 9, 1787, at Wendell, Massachusetts; died April 4, 1863, at Stratton, Vermont; married Sophronia Grout on December 6, 1810, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 5) Cooley, born December 25, 1789; married Helen Bilsen (of Watervliet, New York) on June 6, 1821, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 6) Submit, born October 19, 1792; married Asa Phillips, Jr..
- 7) Asenath, born August 9, 1795; married Luther Waite on March 3, 1823, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 8) Cynthia, born December 20, 1799; married Levi Hale Jr. on August 28, 1824, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 9) Eliab, born January 16, 1804, at Stratton, Vermont (baptized in Stratton in May, 1804); married Hardassa Plimpton (intent published on April 19, 1825, at Stratton, Vermont).
- 10) Nelson, born September 21, 1806 (baptized in Stratton on January 4, 1807).

**Richard Scott**, son of Ira and Submit Scott, was born on April 3, 1783. On February 24, 1808, Richard purchased 60 acres of 3L4R and he settled there. He took the Freeman's oath in Stratton on September 6, 1808.

Richard's first home was apparently located just off what is now the *Stratton-Arlington Rd.*, west of where that road intersects with the *West Jamaica Rd.* (see LF Sheldon on McClellan's Map of 1856).

Richard married his neighbor, Mary "Polly" Mann, daughter of Bille and Mary Mann, on August 18, 1811, at Stratton. Mary was born on March 26, 1784 (or 9).

The Scotts remained in Stratton all of their lives. Richard bought and sold several parcels in Stratton over his lifetime, including a two-acre parcel, located on the east side of the Town Common, in 1809. Richard evidently was a member of the militia and he was often referred to as Captain Scott. It is very likely that Richard settled on the two-acre parcel beside the common. He was probably living on this lot while he served as Stratton's Town Clerk.

Richard sold the lot beside the common in 1837 and the 60-acre lot in 3L4R in 1841. The Scotts apparently settled on the farm of Polly's father, Bille Mann after that time. The Mann farm was located west-southwest of the intersection of the *West Jamaica Rd.* and the *Stratton-Arlington Rd.*, near the top of the ridge there

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(see R. Scott on McClellan's map of 1856). This was evidently along the road that ran by the Town Common heading south to Somerset.

Richard was elected Stratton's Constable in 1812. He was Stratton's Town Clerk from 1823 to 1825 and 1835 to 1849. He was a Selectman from 1824 to 1830 and in 1833, 1835 and 1836. He was Justice of the Peace in 1831 and he served as Stratton's Representative from 1824 to 1826 and 1828 to 1829.

In 1847, Milon Perry was living with Richard and Mary and attending school in district #2 in Stratton.

Richard died on April 9, 1855, and Mary died on March 24, 1864, both at Stratton. They were buried in Ball Cemetery. Evidently, their home was abandoned after their deaths.

A child of Richard and Mary was:

- 1) William Mann, born December 20, 1814, at Stratton, Vermont.

**William Mann Scott**, son of Richard and Mary Scott, was born at Stratton on December 20, 1814. William owned 30 acres of his father's 60-acre farm on the west side of 3L4R (see I Sprague or L. Sheldon on Beer's Atlas of 1869). William married Samantha Dun of Winhall, Vermont (intent published on March 29, 1835, at Stratton) and he took the Freeman's oath in Stratton on September 6, 1836.

William became Stratton's Pstmaster on January 20, 1836,

and he held that position until June 15, 1838. On June 7, 1838, William sold his 30-acre lot back to his father. He and his family apparently left Stratton at that time.

Their children were:

- 1) Martha Ann, born October 19, 1837, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 2) Julia, born February 16, 1838, at Stratton, Vermont.

**Ira Scott, Jr.**, son of Ira and Submit Scott, was born on December 9, 1787. He married Sophronia "Sophie" Grout, daughter of Abel and Dorcas Grout, on December 6, 1810, at Stratton. Sophie was born on April 13, 1790, at Brattleboro, Vermont.

After the marriage, the Scotts settled in Stratton, evidently on the west half of 5L2R - Ira's father's farm. They remained there all their lives. Sophie was baptized into the Church of Christ in Stratton in February, 1812.

In 1815, Ira purchased the north part of the east half of 5L2R. This deed references Ira's home as being on the west half of 5L2R. In 1819, Ira paid taxes on the west half of 5L2R and his father deeded him this land in 1822. The Scotts home was located along the *West Jamaica Rd.*, just northeast of the *Shepardson Rd.* intersection, on the left heading toward Jamaica. By 1869, this dwelling was occupied by N. Willis.

In 1850, their daughter, Minerva, and her husband, Horace Cummings, lived with

them. By 1860, Horace Cummings had died and their daughter Lucy had returned to live with them.

Ira died on April 4, 1863, at Stratton and he was buried in Ball Cemetery. Sophie died there on July 8, 1872, and she was buried beside him.

Children of Ira and Sophie were:

- 1) Minerva A., born January 11, 1813, at Stratton, Vermont; died March 14, 1894, at Stratton, Vermont; married 1) Luther Purrington on March 7, 1839, at Stratton, Vermont (divorced) 2) Horace Cummings 3) Aaron B. Howard on May 6, 1863, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 2) Clymena G., born May 7, 1815, at Stratton, Vermont; married William D. Allen (intent published on May 1, 1842, at Stratton, Vermont (lived in Kansas).
- 3) Luthera Ann, born January 5, 1818, at Stratton, Vermont (baptized in Stratton on August 2, 1818) (lived in Uxbridge, Massachusetts in 1843).
- 4) Lucy (or Eliza) Simons, born October 2, 1820, at Stratton, Vermont (baptized in Stratton on June 3, 1821) (lived in Uxbridge, Massachusetts in 1843). She may be the same as Eliza S. who married Seth Taft on July 6, 1848, at Uxbridge, Massachusetts.
- 5) Delia Sophia, born February 9, 1824, at Stratton, Vermont (baptized in Stratton on August 30, 1824).

6) Nelson Ormando, born April 29, 1830, at Stratton, Vermont; died August 7, 1849, at Stratton, Vermont.

7) Fanny Jane Sophie, born September 29, 1833, at Stratton, Vermont; married Allen Wilder.

**Eliab Scott**, son of Ira and Submit Scott, was born on January 16, 1804, at Stratton. In 1825, Eliab purchased the east half of 5L3R and the west half of 5L2R, except for the 50 acres where his father lived.

Eliab married Hadassah Plimpton, daughter of William and Electa (Choate) Plimpton, of Wardsboro (intent published on April 19, 1825, at Stratton). Hadassah was born on December 9, 1803, at Wardsboro. Eliab took the Freeman's oath in Stratton on September 6, 1825.

Eliab sold back the east half of 5L3R to his father on March 14, 1826, and the Scotts settled in South Wardsboro, where Eliab was a farmer. He also became a deacon of the church there.

Hadassah died on March 13, 1847. Eliab married a second time to Martha W. (?). She was born about 1806. Eliab passed away on July 26, 1863, and Martha died on April 3, 1893. Eliab, Hadassah, and Martha were all buried in the South Wardsboro Cemetery.

Children of Eliab and Hadassah:

- 1) Lucy Plimpton, born February 1, 1826, at Stratton, Vermont; died July 31, 1849, at Wardsboro, Vermont.
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- 2) Catherine Sophia, married Alvin L. Morse.
- 3) Jared Newton, born in November, 1836; married Malvina M. Hale on June 20, 1864 (He was a Civil War Veteran).
- 4) Fanny Angela, born December 30, 1840; married Joseph H. White on November 20, 1864.
- 5) Bradford H., born January 12, 1844; died January 9, 1878; married Ella Hunt.

## Scranton

**Amos Scranton** purchased the west half of 5L3R from Benjamin Thatcher on April 14, 1835 (the Marble lot), located in the vicinity of what is now *Shepardson Rd.*. At that time, he was living in Stratton. On November 1, 1836, Amos sold this lot to Cyrel Scranton of Stratton.

On November 15, 1838, Stephen Ballard recovered judgment from Amos Scranton and John N. Glazier. Stratton's constable was ordered to confiscate Scranton's property and to deliver Scranton to the jail in Newfane until said debt was paid. Ballard was awarded 67 acres of Scranton's land. Another judgment against Scranton was made in favor of Jackson and Solomon Newell the following July.

Amos evidently left Stratton before June 26, 1836, since town records report that his house was unoccupied at that time.

**Cyrel L. Scranton** was closely related to Amos Scranton. On

November 1, 1836, Cyrel purchased the west half of 5L3R from Amos. At that time, Cyrel was living in Stratton. This land was later confiscated from Amos Scranton in 1838. Cyrel evidently left Stratton at that time. He married Sarah Hunter on September 15, 1837, at Prescott, Massachusetts, and they may have settled there.

## Scully

**Stephen Scully**, son of Vincent and Susannah (Keith) Scully, married Rosanna Warren, daughter of Robert Penn and Eleanor (Clark) Warren.

The Scullys spend summers in Stratton in the home Rosanna's parents had built in 1963.

Steve's son:

- 1) Benjamin

Children of Steve and Rosanna:

- 2) Katherine
- 3) Chiara

## Selfors

**Emil A. Selfors** was born in 1875 in Sweden. He was probably a son of Eric Augustus and Ingrid Christina Selfors, who had settled in Wardsboro.

Emil came to Stratton between 1900 and 1910, where he probably worked in one of Stratton's lumber camps. In 1910, he boarded in the home of Phineas Eddy.

## Seley

**Tal Seley** came to Stratton before 1900 and he worked as a

lumberman at the Grout Job. That year, he was living in the boardinghouse located on the mill site. He was no longer in Stratton in 1910.

## Shaw

**Nathaniel Jarvis Shaw** was born about 1823. N.J., as he was called, took the Freeman's oath in Stratton on September 6, 1842. He married Julia Amelia Glazier, daughter of John N. and Phoebe Glazier, on February 23, 1850. Julia was born on July 20, 1832, in Vermont.

N. J. was a lumberman. He operated a mill on the East Branch of the Deerfield River in Stratton in 3L8R and 3L9R (land owned by the town and leased through the Selectmen). A road to this mill, called the *Shaw Rd.* still exists and is located on the south side of the *Stratton Arlington Rd.*, just a quarter-mile or so west of the Deerfield River. N. J. first leased these lots on March 7, 1842, along with Steven W. Moultrip. Shaw bought out Moultrip the following year. N. J. leased his mill to the Allens in 1844 and then in 1845, he sold the mill to Allen and Fowler, but he held the mortgage. At that time, N. J. moved to Westminster, Vermont. In 1846, N. J. repurchased the mill and in September, he leased it to Orrin P. Torrey. This agreement allowed N. J. to occupy the dwelling there which at that time was occupied by Pliny Fisk Grout. N. J. evidently returned to Stratton from Westminster and settled

there soon after this lease was signed. On September 5, 1848, the Selectmen agreed to lease 3L8R and 3L9R to N. J. Shaw and Freeman Wyman for 30 years. They mortgaged this lot at that time and the following month, Wyman sold his rights to N. J..

N. J. and Julia were living with Joseph Packard and Carlos Knapp in Stratton in 1850. That year, N.J. was Stratton's Constable and Collector. On October 4, 1850, a public auction of lands being sold by the town for back-taxes, was held at the Shaw's home. N. J. served as a Selectman of Stratton in 1849.

He died on November 6, 1850. His epitaph reads, "*While in a carriage on my way from Fayetteville to my home, the monster took my life away and placed me in a tomb.*"

After his death, the Gurneys acquired Shaw's Mill. In 1856, Jesse Sage owned the mill and in 1869, C. Birch operated the mill there (see McClellan's Map of 1856 and Beer's Atlas of 1869).

In 1852/3, Julia became a member of the West Wardsboro Baptist Church. She became involved in a dispute in this church, when the Rev. Crowley was accused of misconduct with her. The Reverend was found guilty and dismissed from the church.

Julia died on February 23, 1856, at the home of her parents in Stratton. The Shaws were buried in Ball Cemetery.

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## Shay

**Frank Shay** was born about 1871 in New York. In 1920, he was a lumber camp laborer living in the boarding house at the Grout Job in Stratton. At that time, he was married, but his wife was not living in Stratton.

## Shea

**Henry Shea** was born in September, 1876, in New York. He came to Stratton before 1900 and worked for George Tudor at the Upper Tudor Mill in Stratton. In 1900, Henry was living with the Tudors. After the Tudors sold out in 1902, Henry evidently moved away from Stratton.

## Sheldon

**Israel G. Sheldon** was apparently a son of Israel and Ruth Sheldon. Israel married Martha D. Wheeler of Grafton, Vermont (intent published on October 6, 1844, at Stratton). In 1845, there were two children living with the Sheldons and attending school in district #2. They may have been Martha's children from a previous marriage or perhaps her siblings. They were Mary Jane Wheeler and Daniel Wheeler.

**LaFayette Sheldon**, son of Israel and Ruth Sheldon, was born about June 24, 1817, in Connecticut. He married Abigail Butterfield Sprague, daughter of James and Lucy Sprague, on October 17, 1839, at Stratton. Abigail was born on August 18, 1821, at Winhall, Vermont.

The Sheldons evidently lived briefly in Winhall before settling in Stratton. They lived along the *Stratton-Arlington Rd.* several hundred yards west of that road's intersection with the *West Jamaica Rd.* on 60 acres of the west half of 3L4R. LaFayette Sheldon of Stratton and Ruth P. Sheldon of Dorset, Vermont, purchased this lot from James Sprague on March 6, 1844. Ruth was either LaFayette's sister or his mother. She remained in Dorset and in 1850 she sold her share of this lot to LaFayette, but she held a mortgage on it. This last deed was witnessed by Franklin W. Sheldon, who may have been another brother of LaFayette.

LaFayette was the town's blacksmith for several years. He also ran the post office in Stratton from October 4, 1850, to June 8, 1886. He served as a Selectman in 1872 and he was Stratton's Town Clerk in 1854, 1855, and from 1857 to his death in 1891. LaFayette was apparently disabled in someway.

In 1847, Elisha M. Torrey was living with the Sheldons and attending school in Stratton's district #2. In 1860, Abigail's mother and her two younger sisters were living with the Sheldons. By 1870, the Spragues had moved out and they were living next door. In 1880, following Lucy Sprague's death, Abigail's sister, Hannah had moved back in with the Sheldons.

LaFayette died at Stratton on December 25, 1891. Abigail was appointed Town Clerk to serve out

his term. In 1900, Abigail was living with her sister Hannah Sprague and Jesse C. Jones, a widower, who had been the Sheldon's neighbor for many years. Hannah died on October 14, 1901, at Stratton and Abigail died there on April 13, 1903. The Sheldons were buried in Ball Cemetery in Stratton.

Their children were:

- 1) Benjamin L., born August 6, 1840, at Winhall, Vermont; died November 23, 1843, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 2) Isaac Sprague, born September 16, 1842, at Stratton, Vermont; died April 18, 1847, at Stratton, Vermont.

## Shelley

**Oren Shelley**, son of Jonathan and Molly (Cole) Shelley, was born on April 26, 1797, at Raynham, Massachusetts. He first settled in Westmoreland, New Hampshire, and he was a relative of Nathan Shelley who also had settled in Stratton from Westmoreland (see below).

Oren married Rowena Ranstead, daughter of Rufus and Annie (Aldrich) Ranstead about 1820 at Westmoreland. Rowena was born in March, 1796, at Springfield, Vermont. She later lived in Weathersfield and other Vermont towns until the age of fifteen, then moved to Westmoreland to live with her grandparents.

The Shelleys remained in Westmoreland until 1826, then moved to Surry, New Hampshire. They apparently settled in Stratton

in 1834 according to an account of Rowena in the Vermont Phoenix. On February 26, 1838, Oren purchased the west half of 4L3R in Stratton. This was the old Phillips family farm, located at the corner of what is now the *West Jamaica Rd.* and *Ball Farm Rd.* The Shelleys settled on this lot after the purchase.

In 1840, a man aged 60 to 70 (possibly Nathan Shelley), two females aged 20 to 30, and two males aged 10 to 20 were living in the Shelley's home. Oren was the male aged 40 to 50 and Rowena was evidently mistakenly marked as aged 50 to 60. That same year, Oren qualified as a Freeman of Stratton.

On October 20, 1842, Oren declared bankruptcy. At that time, his property was sold to Phineas White of Putney, Vermont. A deed dated 1845, mentioned that Nathan and Sewell Shelley were still living on this lot. Oren moved his family to Keene, New Hampshire, in 1846. In March, 1848, this lot was still referred to as the Shelley lot, when Oliver P. Hescock purchased part of it. The Shelleys settled into a brick home in Keene and remained there for the remainder of their lives. Oren was over 90 when he passed away on May 21, 1889. Rowena died at the age of 102 years, and nine months, on December 14, 1898, at Keene. She had remained in excellent health until the last few months of her life.

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Children of Oren and Rowena:

- 1) Mary E., born March 7, 1821, at Westmoreland, New Hampshire; married Noyes E. Starkey.
- 2) William O., born October 24, 1822, at Westmoreland, New Hampshire; died June 21, 1872.
- 3) Emily Jane, born June 6, 1825, at Westmoreland, New Hampshire; married Loren Wyman on February 17, 1850 (later lived in Minnesota).
- 4) George Ranstead, born February 20, 1828; died March 18, 1887; married Mary Ann Russell on November 2, 1852.

Additional Sources:

History and Genealogy of  
Westmoreland, New Hampshire  
Vermont Phoenix - December, 16, 1898

**Nathan Shelley**, son of Abner and Mary (Hartwell) Shelley, was born during the 1770s. He married Mary Britton, daughter of David and Lydia (Finney) Britton, and they evidently resided in Westmoreland, New Hampshire.

In 1840, Nathan apparently was living in Stratton in the home of a relative, Oren Shelley, on the old Phillips family farm (4L3R). Mary was no longer with him at that time. Nathan was elected a sexton for the cemetery there on March 6, 1843. He was still living on this farm as indicated in a deed of 1845. He apparently moved away from Stratton to Keene, New Hampshire, with Oren's family in 1846.

Children of Nathan and Mary:

- 1) Sophronia, born in 1806; married Asa Wyman on December 31, 1832.
- 2) Sewell, born in 1813 at Westmoreland, New Hampshire; died January 3, 1907; married Harriet E. Powers.
- 3) Hollis, married 1) Belinda Wyman on November 26, 1839, at Westmoreland, New Hampshire 2) Fanny Wyman.

**Hollis Shelley**, son of Nathan and Mary (Britton) Shelley, mortgaged the east half of 4L4R for James Sprague on February 16, 1841, then sold this mortgage to Freeman Wyman of Rockingham, Vermont, on August 14, 1841. During that time, Hollis moved from Westmoreland, New Hampshire, to Stratton; but he did not stay in Stratton.

Hollis married Belinda Ann Wyman, daughter of Robert and Lydia Wyman. Belinda passed away and Hollis then married Fanny Wyman, Belinda's sister. Fanny was born on August 30, 1827, at Rockingham, Vermont. She had been married twice before, first to William L. Aiken<sup>1</sup> and second to Nathan Wyman.

Hollis returned to Stratton with his family about 1855, as did Hollis's brother Sewell and their sister, Sophronia Wyman, wife of Asa Wyman. At that time, their home was located across from Wyman's Hotel near the junction of the *Stratton-Arlington Rd.* and the *West Jamaica Rd.* on 3L4R - land apparently owned by Freeman Wyman.

The Shelleys had two children attending school in Stratton's school district #5 in 1856. The Shelleys resettled in Grafton, Vermont, before 1860.

Children of Hollis and Belinda:

- 1) Mary Ann, married Willard S. Moultrip on June 30, 1860, at Putney, Vermont.
- 2) Demaris, married John Davidson.

- 1) William L. Aiken and Fanny Wyman were grandparents of George David Aiken, Governor of Vermont and a subsequent U. S. Senator of Vermont elected in 1940.

**Sewell Shelley**, son of Nathan and Mary (Britton) Shelley, was born in 1813 at Westmoreland, New Hampshire. He married Harriet E. Powers. Harriet had been widowed twice. Her first husband was Azilman Lincoln and her second husband was Ezra Streeter.

Sewell apparently lived in Stratton briefly during the early 1840s, but he had moved away about 1846. The Shelleys returned to Stratton about 1855 as did Sewell's brother, Hollis, and their sister, Sophronia Wyman, wife of Asa Wyman. The Shelleys were living in Stratton in school district #5 in 1855 and 1856.

The Shelleys apparently resettled in Cambridgeport, Vermont before 1860. They were closely related to the Wymans of Stratton and Cambridgeport. Harriet passed away and Sewell married a second time to (?). Sewell died January 3, 1907, and he was buried in the Cambridgeport Cemetery.

Children of Sewell and Harriet:

- 1) Sewell F. (in school in Stratton in district #5 in 1855).
- 2) Vesta E., married Milan Knight.
- 3) John Henry
- 4) Abba D. (in school in Stratton in district #5 in 1855).

## **Shepard**

**Reuben Shepard** was born in 1772. He married Betsey Fisher, who was born in 1784.

Reuben was warned out of Jamaica, Vermont, on January 23, 1810. He and Betsey apparently settled in Stratton for a brief time, but they were not there during a census year, nor were they mentioned in any record in Stratton. Reuben died in 1843 and Betsey followed in 1850.

Children of Reuben and Betsey:

- 1) Joseph, born in 1807.
- 2) Eliza
- 3) Willard, born in 1820; married
  - 1) Ann M. Fisher in 1839
  - 2) (?)
  - 3) Lorena (Cummings) Wyman on February 2, 1875, at Stratton, Vermont.

**Willard Shepard**, son of Reuben and Betsey (Fisher) Shepard of Jamaica, Vermont, was born in 1820. Willard was married three times. He first married Ann M. Fisher in 1839. His third marriage was to Lorena Cummings, daughter of William and Betsey Cummings, and widow of Freeman Wyman. They were married on February 2, 1875, at Stratton. Lorena was born at Chester, Vermont, on October 10, 1818.

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Willard was Justice of the Peace in Stratton and he was Stratton's Representative, elected in 1882 and 1884.

Following the marriage, Willard and Lorena continued running Wyman's Inn at the corner of the *Stratton-Arlington Rd.* and the *West Jamaica Rd.* They apparently had hired Andrew Rawson to be the hotelkeeper in May of 1879; however, Andrew died the following September.

In 1880, the Shepards had Daniel Harris, aged 82, boarding with them.

Lorena died on October 12, 1887. She was buried beside her first husband, Freeman Wyman.

Willard was a Democrat. When Grover Cleveland became president in 1889, Willard was subsequently appointed Postmaster of Jamaica, Vermont, since at that time Postmaster was often a politically appointed position. Willard accepted the appointment and moved to Jamaica.

A child of Willard was:

- 1) Carrie, married (?) Ray.

## Shepardson

**John Shepardson** and **Miriam Shepardson** apparently were brother and sister – children of Jonathan and Miriam (Follett) Shepardson of Attleboro, Massachusetts. John (or Jonathan) was born on April 23, 1758, and Miriam was born on September 1, 1761.

On October 10, 1812, John purchased the southwest corner of

7L3R and north part of 6L3R - the old David Cook farm. John and Miriam evidently removed from Royalston, Massachusetts, to Stratton in 1813 or 1814 and resided with or near John's brother, Isaac. The Selectmen of Stratton subsequently warned them out of town on January 13, 1814. They remained in Stratton and John took the Freeman's oath on September 6, 1814.

John purchased several other lots in this area. On November 4, 1816, John sold half of his farm to William Cobb of Warwick, Massachusetts. John moved to Warwick about this same time. Although John never resettled in Stratton, he repurchase a lot in 1820, which he had sold to his nephew, Isaac Shepardson, Jr. several years earlier. He also sold another lot in Stratton in 1830.

John was an uncle of Moses Kinney (son of Moses Kinney and probably Miriam Shepardson above). John adopted him and Moses took Shepardson as his surname.

An adopted son of John was:

- 1) Moses Kinney, born October 23, 1797, at Richmond, New Hampshire; died July 9, 1885, at North Oxford, Massachusetts; married Laura Greenwood on March 22, 1819, at Stratton, Vermont.

**Moses Kinney Shepardson**, son of Moses Kinney, was born on October 23, 1797, at Richmond, New Hampshire. He was adopted by his uncle, John Shepardson of Royalston, Massachusetts, and he

took the Shepardson name for his own surname. Moses was probably a son of Miriam Shepardson, who was apparently John's sister. Miriam lived with John Shepardson.

Moses was a farmer in Stratton, apparently on his stepfather's farm. He married Laura Greenwood, daughter of John and Ruth Greenwood, on March 29, 1819, at Stratton. Laura was born there on December 28, 1800.



**Laura (Greenwood) Shepardson  
(1800 – 1889)**

Photo from The Greenwood Genealogy by Frederick Greenwood (1914).

The Shepardsons removed to Dummerston, Vermont, sometime between 1822 and 1826, along with Laura's parents and the Sanford Holmes family. In 1830, Moses was the administrator of Sanford Holmes will.

Later, Moses and Laura settled in North Grafton, Massachusetts. In 1843, they moved to Oxford, Massachusetts, and Moses purchased a farm there in 1849, calling it the Greenwood farm, in honor of his wife. Moses

became a deacon of the North Oxford Baptist Church.

Moses died on July 9, 1885, and Laura followed on March 21, 1889.

Their children were:

- 1) Amanda, born December 17, 1819, at Stratton, Vermont; died May 5, 1902; married Otis Nelson Pond on September 24, 1840.
- 2) Laurinda, born April 12, 1822, at Stratton, Vermont; died October 3, 1906; married George Washington Hastings on April 25, 1841.
- 3) Philena, born July 11, 1827, at Dummerston, Vermont; died November 25, 1874; married Jonathan Harris Foster on November 1, 1852.
- 4) Henry, born April 6, 1830, at Dummerston, Vermont; died August 7, 1849.
- 5) Horace, born September 9, 1832, at Dummerston, Vermont; married Elizabeth Alice Young on May 21, 1857.
- 6) Francis Ellen, born April 25, 1836, at Grafton, Massachusetts; died November 18, 1891; married Edward Everett Balcom on July 14, 1858.
- 7) Marion E., born in 1837; died July 21, 1839.
- 8) Asa Belnap, born March 22, 1841, at Grafton, Massachusetts; married 1) Amy Elizabeth Stockwell on January 1, 1867 2) Viola Mary Hobbs on March 10, 1881.
- 9) Ruth Angelia, born May 3, 1845; married John Dayton Hudson on July 3, 1866.

## Additional Sources:

The Greenwood Genealogy by Frederick  
Greenwood (1914)

**Daniel Shepardson**, possibly a brother of John Shepardson, married Prudence Cook, daughter of David and Elizabeth Cook, on September 9, 1801, at Stratton. Prudence was born about 1779.

The Shepardsons resettled in Royalston, Massachusetts, after their marriage.

Children of Daniel and Prudence:

- 1) Jonathan, born November 23, 1802, at Royalston, Massachusetts; married Nancy Joseph (intent published March 29, 1825, at Royalston, Massachusetts).
- 2) Pruda, born August 12, 1804, at Royalston, Massachusetts; married William Moore (intent published February 6, 1826, at Royalston, Massachusetts).
- 3) Lity, born April 19, 1806, at Royalston, Massachusetts; died June 5, 1820, at Royalston, Massachusetts.
- 4) Eliza, born April 4, 1808, at Royalston, Massachusetts; married Charles Moore (intent published March 9, 1829, at Royalston, Massachusetts).
- 5) David Cook, born May 31, 1810, at Royalston, Massachusetts; died September 7, 1813, at Royalston, Massachusetts.
- 6) Milla, born March 25, 1812, at Royalston, Massachusetts.
- 7) Daniel, born July 27, 1813, at Royalston, Massachusetts; married Harriet S. Wilcox (intent published February 13, 1841).
- 8) David Cook, born October 2, 1815, at Royalston, Massachusetts; married Emily Grout (intent published October 26, 1835, at Royalston, Massachusetts) (he took the Freeman's oath in Stratton on September 2, 1884).
- 9) John, born April 12, 1820, at Royalston, Massachusetts; married Maria Chamberlin on June 7, 1843, at Royalston, Massachusetts.
- 10) Eri, born September 10, 1821, at Royalston, Massachusetts; married Elvira S. Bemis on January 5, 1843, at Royalston, Massachusetts.

**Isaac Shepardson**, son of Jonathan and Miriam (Follett) Shepardson, was born on May 31, 1771, at Royalston, Massachusetts. He married Mary Paine following an intent that was published on April 28, 1793, at Royalston. Mary was born on August 1, 1772.

Isaac purchased the southeast corner of 7L4R and the northeast corner of 6L4R in Stratton on May 5, 1808, from Archibald Pratt. They settled on 6L4R along the road and opposite the Cook farm. Isaac took the Freeman's oath in Stratton on December 12, 1808.

The Shepardsons were warned out of Stratton by the Selectmen on March 13, 1809. Isaac was not listed in the census of 1810; therefore, the Shepardsons may have left town or they may have lived in another

household at that time. In October, 1812, Isaac was called "of Stratton" when he sold two parcels - 52 acres of the north half of 6L3R and 54 acres of the southeast corner of 6L4R to his brother, John.

In 1828, Isaac purchased the Marble farm on the west half of 5L3R and his son, Isaac, evidently settle on this lot for a brief time along with the Marbles (at least into 1831). This farm was located approximately where Forrest Tuttle's home stands today on *Shepardson Rd.*. The Marbles reacquired this farm and it was sold to the Scrantons in 1835.

In 1840, The Shepardsons' two children, Isaac and Elsa, were living with them. Apparently, Elsa had a daughter there at that time -- Eleanor Fox Hall. Eleanor was probably a daughter from an earlier marriage (Eleanor later married Henry Knapp).. Also at that time, there was a boy living there, aged 15 to 20. This may have been Isaac Shepardson, Jr..

Elsa married again in 1843 and she probably moved away with her daughter.

Isaac died there on July 31, 1845. In 1850, Isaac, Jr. was head of the household. His mother, Mary, was living there and so again was his sister, Elsa, who had been widowed by Stephen Cummings. Elsa and Eleanor moved back in, this time with a son, John.

Mary died on March 1, 1852, and she was buried in Ball Cemetery.

Children of Isaac and Mary were:

- 1) Isaac, born October 25, 1796, at Royalston, Massachusetts; died January 24, 1879.
- 2) Elsa, born January 22, 1811, at Stratton, Vermont; died on March 23, 1881, at Stratton, Vermont; married 1) (?) Hall 2) Stephen W. Cummings on June 6, 1843, at Stratton, Vermont.

**Isaac Shepardson, Jr.**, son of Isaac and Mary Shepardson, was born on October 25, 1796. He came to Stratton with his parents. Isaac apparently never married, or he was widowed at a young age.

Isaac's uncle, John Shepardson, deeded Isaac, Jr. some land in Stratton in 1817 and his father, Isaac, Sr. also deeded him part of 7L4R in 1818. In 1828, Isaac, Sr. purchased the west half of 5L3R from Samuel Marble and it appears that Isaac, Jr. lived on that farm in 1831; although he was living with his parents in 1830. In 1834, Isaac Jr. and his father purchased the northeast quarter of 7L4R and Isaac, Jr. may have lived there for a time. In 1849, a deed mentioned that Isaac Shepardson (Jr.) again lived on the west half of 5L3R - the old Marble farm - but he evidently resided there only briefly and probably moved back in with his parents.

In 1850, Isaac's sister, Elsa, twice a widow, and her two children, moved in with Isaac and his mother. McClellan's Map of 1856 does not show that the Shepardsons resided in Stratton.

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Perhaps they had settled elsewhere for a few years; however, in 1860, Isaac, Elsa and her son, John, were living in Stratton in the same house. In 1862, Freeman Knapp and Elsa's son, John Cummings, were living with them and attending school. In 1865, two different children, Etta and Elizabeth, were living with the Shepardsons and attending school.

By 1869, Isaac had purchased the west half of 3L5R and he was living there on the old Marble farm, on what it now called *Shepardson Rd.* (evidently named for him). In 1856, William G. Howard had owned this farm. In 1870, Simon Shepardson, possibly Isaac's son, moved in with Isaac and Elsa. Simon was apparently a widower and he had three children with him.

Isaac died on January 24, 1879, and he was buried in Ball Cemetery. His stone shows that he was 75 years 2 months; however, he was actually 82 when he died.

**Simon P. Shepardson**, probably a grandson of Isaac and Mary Shepardson, was born about 1818. Simon married and had children, but he was apparently widowed by the time he came to Stratton. By 1870, he had moved in with Isaac Shepardson, Jr. and Elsa Cummings. He was no longer in Stratton in 1880 and he may have been the same Simon P. Shepardson who married Ellen M. Rassman on January 27, 1876, at Ingham, Michigan.

Children of Simon were:

- 1) Henry, born about 1856.
- 2) Katie, born about 1857.
- 3) Annie, born about 1861.

**Calvin D. Shepardson**<sup>1</sup>, son of Jonathan and Hannah (Delvee) Shepardson, was born in Warwick, Massachusetts, on March 28, 1823.

Calvin's third marriage was to Hellen Darling on August 12, 1876, at Stratton. She was the daughter of William and Elvira Darling, and the widow of Rodney Chamberlain. Hellen was born in Dorset, Vermont, on April 4, 1842.

The Shepardsons settled in Stratton following the marriage and they resided there for the remainder of their lives. They may have lived on *Shepardson Rd.*, in the house previously occupied by Isaac Shepardson.

Calvin died on June 18, 1895, at Stratton and Helen died there on January 16, 1902. The Shepardsons were buried in Ball Cemetery.

Children of Calvin by a previous marriage were:

- 1) Charles C., born in 1854.
- 2) Dan D., born in 1863 (cared for as a town pauper by George Brown in 1885).

Children of Helen by her first husband, Rodney Chamberlain, were:

- 1) Charlie, born in June, 1863.
- 2) Lettie, born on May 16, 1866, at Jamaica, Vermont; died August 27, 1894, at Stratton,

Vermont; married Charles Amos Hescok.

A child of Calvin and Helen was:

- 1) Jenny M., born November 2, 1877, at Stratton, Vermont; married Edward Wheeler on January 9, 1898, at Stratton, Vermont.

Note:

- 1) Calvin may have been from a Shepardson family that moved to Warwick from Stratton. Dorothy Grout, in a letter home to her mother, Lucy Grout, mentions that Emily Shepardson had a son in late February or early March, 1839. She also mentioned Loren and Semantha ??, who were apparently familiar to the folks back in Stratton.)

**Jenny M. Shepardson**, daughter of Calvin and Helen Shepardson, was born on November 2, 1877, at Stratton. She had a son, Shepardson Rawson, by LeRoy Rawson. Shepardson Rawson was born on May 3, 1896. Jenny then married Edward Wheeler on January 9, 1898, at Stratton. Afterward, her son, Shepardson, was known as Earl S. Wheeler.

## Sigourney

**Anthony Sigourney**, son of Anthony and Elizabeth Sigourney, was born on May 12, 1751. Anthony married Ruth Chase, daughter of Abel and Sarah Chase of Sutton, Massachusetts, on June 23, 1774.

During the American Revolution, Anthony served in Captain John Town's Company, which marched to Roxbury on the alarm of April 19, 1775. Anthony served for ten days at that time. He also enlisted along with his

brother, Andrew, and a cousin, Jonathan Holman, in 1776, and they were nearly taken prisoner during the retreat from New York in 1776. They were also at the battle of White Plains, New York. Anthony was later a Private in Captain Jeremiah Kingsbury's Company, Colonel Jonathan Holman's Regiment, serving 15 days when this company marched on September 27, 1777, to reinforce the army of General Gates.

On January 2, 1796, Anthony purchased 12L4R in Stratton from Nathan Patch. The following year, the Sigourneys moved to Stratton. Ruth died at Stratton on January 17, 1802.

Anthony then married Mary "Polly" (White) Phillips, widow of Asa Phillips, on September 17, 1803. They were residing on the Phillipses' farm (4L3R) in 1807, but they removed to Bennington, Vermont, before April, 1808. At that time, Anthony sold his farm to Samuel Lacey of Bennington.

The Sigourneys next settled in Watervliet, New York, before 1810. In December, 1809, the sheriff of Windham County was ordered to confiscate the property of Anthony Sigourney and to arrest him and deliver him to the jail keeper in Newfane until a debt of \$113.27 was paid to Asa Phillips of Stratton. Sigourney's land on Winhall's border was then appraised in December, 1809 (evidently disregarding the above sale) and Asa Phillips was awarded 31.5 acres of this lot.

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Meanwhile, Anthony and Polly evidently separated or divorced and Polly returned to Stratton in 1812. About 1813, she probably returned to Watervliet, where she died about 1816. Her son-in-law, Jedidiah Baker, was the executor of her will.

Anthony died at Watervliet on July 10, 1825.

Children of Anthony and Ruth:

- 1) Anthony, born October 29, 1775; died April 21, 1847, at Watertown, New York; married Betsey Boyd on February 19, 1809, at Lowville, New York.
- 2) Ruth, born December 7, 1777; died on March 27, 1832, at Rochester, New York.
- 3) Andrew, born December 16, 1779; died January 25, 1819, at Watertown, New York; married Hannah Stevens on February 3, 1810.
- 4) Elizabeth, born December 22, 1781; died March 15, 1827, at Alexandria, New York.
- 5) Charles, born February 29, 1784; died May 9, 1852, at Hammond, New York; married Sally French on March 16, 1806, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 6) Peter, born May 14, 1786; died May 9, 1832, at Fowler, New York; married Wealthy Bates on August 19, 1812.
- 7) Sarah, born June 14, 1789; died March 5, 1834, at Watertown, New York.
- 8) John, born May 9, 1792, married Clarissa Caldwell on September 29, 1819.

A child of Anthony and Polly was:  
 9) Daniel Phillips, born June 9, 1804; married E. Jane Cary on October 8, 1825, at Schenectady, New York.

**Charles Sigourney**, son of Anthony and Ruth Sigourney, was born on February 29, 1784. He married Sally French, daughter of Jacob and Sarah French of Stratton, on March 16, 1806.

The Sigourneys moved away from Stratton, probably when Charles' parents moved before 1810. Charles died on May 9, 1852, at Hammond, New York.

Additional Sources for the above Sigourney families:

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 by Henry H. W. Sigourney (1857)

## Sinclair

**Edward Sinclair** was born in Canada in August, 1863. His wife, Marion, was born in Vermont in January, 1867. They were married about 1886 and they came to Stratton about 1900. That year, they were boarding with the Joel Grout family at the Grout Job. Edward was probably a laborer in the lumber mill, while Marion helped cook for the lumbermen. They were no longer in Stratton in 1910.

## Skinner

**B. J. Skinner** resided in Stratton in 1857. Two of his children, attending school in district #3 in Stratton at that time, were Wesley and Susan. (*Verne Skinner Sprague may have been another daughter*).

## Smith

**Joseph Smith, Jr.**, was probably a son of Joseph and Patty Smith of Wardsboro, Vermont. Joseph was living in Wardsboro, Vermont, when he purchased Samuel Rider's farm - 100 acres of 2L3R - from Samuel Newell, administrator of Rider's estate, on May 3, 1844.

Joseph apparently settled on this lot at that time and he remained there until 1848. He took the Freeman's oath in Stratton on November 12, 1844.

On February 8, 1848, Joseph sold this farm to Hiram Ames and he apparently returned to Wardsboro at that time.

**James Smith** and his wife, Betsey, settled in Stratton about 1805. They were warned out of town on June 28, 1806, by Stratton's Selectmen, and served notice by the constable on July 2, 1806.

James did not purchase any land in Stratton and he evidently moved away from Stratton before 1810.

**Travis Smith** was born between 1790 and 1800. His wife was born between 1800 and 1810.

Travis and Steven I. Smith purchased 50 acres of the southwest corner of 4L5R from William Fuller on March 31, 1838. At the time of this purchase, the Smiths were living in Rockingham, Vermont. Travis and his wife settled on this lot at that time. Apparently, this was the Fuller farm, located along the

*Stratton-Arlington Rd.*, about a half-mile west of what is now *Plimpton Rd.* (The remains of the foundation are still visible).

Travis sold this lot back to William Mann Fuller on March 20, 1840, but he apparently remained in Stratton long enough to be included in that year's census. Steven Smith, mentioned above, may have been their son, aged 15 to 20 noted in this census. It also indicated that they had two sons under the age of 5, a son and two daughters aged 5 to 10, two sons aged 10 to 15, and a son and daughter aged 15 to 20.

**Leroy Smith** married Cornelia (?). Leroy was a farmer. The Smiths were living in Stratton in 1856.

Their child was:

- 1) Emily, born February 27, 1856, at Stratton, Vermont.

**Charles F. Smith**, son of William J. and Etta Amelia (Brown) Smith, was born on October 5, 1872, at Higate, Vermont.

Charles married M. Alice Taylor, daughter of Jacob B. and Emma (Watson) Taylor, on February 3, 1894, at Jamaica, Vermont. Alice was born about 1875 at Barre, Vermont.

Charles was a machinist. He and Alice evidently resided in Stratton in 1895; however, they had left town before 1900.

Their child was:

- 1) Herbert Ronald, born January 18, 1895, at Stratton, Vermont.
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**Nathaniel Smith**, son of John<sup>1</sup> and Abigail Smith, was born about 1787. Nathaniel apparently came to Wardsboro, Vermont, with his parents.

Nathaniel's first wife died in Wardsboro on December 19, 1817, aged 31. He then married Betsey Rugg, who was born about 1795. They resided in Wardsboro for many years.

Beginning in 1825, Nathaniel purchased several parcels within Stratton, including part of 2L3R and part of 3L3R. On February 10, 1849, Nathaniel purchased the old Phillips farm, located on the west half of 4L3R. The Smiths apparently settled there at that time. William Stiles was living there at the time he purchased this farm. Nathaniel gave him until April 1, 1850, to move out.

The 1850 census shows the Stiles and the Smiths as neighbors. It also shows Caroline Babcock living with them and attending school.

In 1851, it appears that Nathaniel had sold this lot and returned to Wardsboro, remaining there until 1853. Meanwhile, Joseph Packard, Jr., then John Thayer, lived on this farm. Nathaniel repurchased the farm from Thayer in October, 1852, and he allowed the Thayers to remain in the house until December and they could use the barn until the following June. Therefore, the Smiths apparently resettled in Stratton at the beginning of 1853.

McClellan's map of 1856 shows the Smiths living on this

same farm, located on the corner of what are now *Ball Farm Rd.* and the *West Jamaica Rd.*

The Smiths were no longer in Stratton in 1860. They evidently had resettled in Wardsboro. Nathaniel died on November 28, 1860. His will was written on November 7, 1860, and it was probated on January 31, 1861, with Holland Plimpton as the executor. Betsey died on August 21, 1874. They were buried in Fairview Cemetery in Wardsboro.

A child of Nathaniel and Betsey:

- 1) Moses, born in March, 1826; married Esther French.

Notes:

- 1) John Smith settled in Wardsboro, Vermont, from Leverett, Massachusetts. He died in 1807 aged 62. Abigail his wife died in 1801. Both were buried in Fairview Cemetery in Wardsboro.

**Jonas Hubbard Smith**, son of Levi and Lucy (Hubbard) Smith, was born on May 13, 1805, at Holden, Massachusetts. Jonas married Anne Edmunds Rogers, daughter of George and Betsey (Howe) Rogers, on May 2, 1827, at Holden, Massachusetts. Anne was born at Holden on September 30, 1807.

The Smiths settled in Stratton during the 1840s, apparently on the northwest quarter of 1L2R. McClellan's map of 1856 shows them residing on the north side of the *Stratton-Arlington Rd.*, about midway between *Willis Cemetery Rd.* and *Old Forrester Rd.* In 1853, their son George purchased this lot.

On March 16, 1846, Jonas was elected Church Clerk of the

Baptist Church in West Wardsboro. By 1853, Jonas had become a deacon of this church.

In the 1850 census, Corinthia B. Moon was listed as a boarder in their home. By 1860, Jonas and Anna were living alone.

Jonas died at Stratton on September 9, 1868, of typhoid fever, and Anna died on March 7, 1896, at Stratton.

Their children were:

- 1) Almira R., born May 16, 1829 at Holden, Massachusetts; died April 4, 1886; married James H. Johnson about 1851.
- 2) George W., born December 27, 1831, at Holden, Massachusetts.
- 3) Alonzo K., born October 4, 1833, at Holden, Massachusetts; died September 28, 1893; married Ann Marion "Phoebe" Glazier at Stratton.
- 4) Elesia Ann, born October 27, 1835; died October 29, 1854.
- 5) Mary M., born about 1838.
- 6) Ellen Matilda, born about 1839; married Jerome B. Temple on December 12, 1857, at Stratton, Vermont.

**George W. Smith**, son of Jonas and Anna Smith, was born on December 27, 1831, at Holden, Massachusetts.

On July 12, 1852, George leased the south half of 1L7R (the Ramor lot) from William G. Pike. In October, 1852, George, along with his brother-in-law, James Johnson, purchased 3L6R on the east side of what is now Grout Pond and on August 4, 1853, George bought out Johnson's

share. On September 10, 1853, George purchased 48 acres of 1L2R and in that same month he took the Freeman's oath.

George may not have stayed long in Stratton. McClellan's 1856 map does not indicate that George was in Stratton, and all of his lots were abandoned farms at that time. His purchases indicate that he may have operated a sawmill for a short time in the Grout Pond area.

**Alonzo K. Smith**, son of Jonas and Anna Smith, was born on October 4, 1833, at Holden, Massachusetts. Alonzo came to Stratton with his parents during the 1840s. He married Anna Marian Glazier, daughter of John N. and Phoebe Glazier, at Stratton. Anna was born on December 31, 1834, at Stratton, and apparently she was called Phoebe.

The Smiths evidently settled in Stratton after the marriage, living close to Alonzo's parents. Alonzo took the Freeman's oath in Stratton on September 4, 1855, and the Smiths remained in Stratton through 1860.

Phoebe died on December 14, 1866, at Stratton from effects of a tumor in her throat. Alonzo resettled in Wardsboro, Vermont, before 1870 and died on September 28, 1893. The Smiths were buried in the West Wardsboro Cemetery.

A child of Alonzo and Phoebe:

- 1) Nellie L., born June 9, 1863, at Stratton, Vermont; died July 3, 1881.
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**Stillman Smith** was a resident of Jamaica, Vermont, when he purchased 3L1R on April 5, 1836. Stillman settled on this lot, which had been the old Bixby farm, located along what is now *Canedy Rd.*. The dwelling may have been located where Ronald Bills home now stands.

On October 29, 1836, Stillman sold this lot to Levi Fitts and apparently moved away from Stratton at that time.

Stillman was probably the same Stillman Smith, born in 1809, who settled in Wardsboro, Vermont. Stillman's first wife, Hannah, was born in September, 1814, and died at Wardsboro on May 26, 1840. Stillman's second wife was Mary, born in October 1813, and died on June 30, 1865. He was probably the same Stillman Smith who was living in Wardsboro when he enlisted during the Civil War on December 19, 1861. He was discharged on February 24, 1863, and he took a higher rank in the 2nd Louisiana Union Volunteers. He died on September 18, 1863, and was buried in East Hill Cemetery in Wardsboro.

**Lucius Smith** was a resident of Conway, Massachusetts, when he purchased 1200 acres in the southwest corner of Stratton from William Underwood of Conway on May 15, 1867. Lucius established and operated a chair shop and sawmill on 1L9R on the Deerfield River - as indicated on Beer's Atlas of 1869. The Atlas advertised his business as,

*"Manufacturer & Dealer in all kinds of Building Lumber both Plain and Dressed also Lath, Shingle & Chair Stock."* The map shows a large group of buildings within this operation.

An article to aid in the building of a road to Mr. Smith's sawmill was passed over at the March Meeting of 1868; although, laying out this road was agreed upon at a special town meeting held in September, 1868, after which, the road was built. This road was discontinued by the Selectmen in 1889. The Lucius Smith Sawmill later became the site of the Upper Tudor Mill owned by George Tudor. This site was later covered by Somerset Reservoir.

**Herbert A. Smith** was born about 1847. He was probably a son of Moses and Sarah Emily (Corbin) Smith of Wardsboro.

Herbert resided in Jamaica, Vermont, before moving to Stratton. Herbert's wife, Elsie A. was born about 1849 and she came from Greenfield, Massachusetts.

The Smiths settled in Stratton just before 1869 and remained there into 1873. Their home was located opposite what is now the *Canedy Rd.* intersection with the *West Jamaica Rd.*. Herbert served as highway surveyor and petit juror in Stratton for several years.

In 1870, the Smiths had an eight-year-old boy, Frank Hart, living with them. Frank may have been a relative, and this may

mean that Elsie's maiden name was Hart.

The Smiths resettled in Iowa. The Brattleboro newspaper reported that they revisited Stratton in August, 1912, for the first time in over 35 years.

Their children were:

- 1) Alice Maria, born August 20, 1869, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 2) Charlie, born October 5, 1872, at Stratton, Vermont.

**Samuel Smith** apparently lived in a house on the *Canedy Rd. – West Jamaica Rd.* intersection in Stratton in the early 1880s. He may have been related to Herbert Smith (above) since Samuel apparently resided in the same dwelling previously occupied by Herbert.

**William Smith** may have not lived in Stratton, but, during the Civil War, he re-enlisted for the town of Stratton and the town was held responsible for his pay. This was recognized in the minutes of the March 4, 1865, Town Meeting.

**Irving Smith** may have resided in Stratton. He was named in Stratton's Town Records, assisting Henri Grout with his rent in 1887.

**George M. Smith** had settled in Stratton by 1888. That year, George was elected Constable and Collector for the town. In 1890, he was elected a Selectman, Town Agent and the Town's Grand Juror. That same year, George

was elected the Town's Representative. George served as a Selectman through 1892.

**Malvina Smith** was named among the town's poor in 1895, when Thatcher Sprague was paid by the town for keeping her that year. Malvina was probably the mother of Louisa Mariah Smith, wife of Thatcher Sprague. Louisa was born at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, on November 14, 1830.

**William J. Smith** came to Stratton from Athol, Massachusetts and married Celia A. Grout, daughter of Edwin and Charlotte Grout. Celia was born on October 24, 1852.

The Smiths resided in Stratton in 1893, when William was elected a fenceviewer. In 1897 and again in 1899, William was elected inspector of leather. The Smiths had moved away from Stratton prior to the census of 1900. Celia died on December 21, 1911.

**Julius Smith** may have resided in Stratton. In 1890, his taxes for 1886 were abated.

**Charles Smith** was born in New Hampshire. He married Ellen Howe of White Hall, New York, and they settled in Stratton about 1908.

Charles was a lumberman at one of the lumber camps in Stratton. The Smiths were no longer in Stratton in 1910.

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A child of Charles and Ellen was:

- 1) (a son), born May 2, 1908, at Stratton, Vermont; died the same day.

**Martin Smith**, a native of Sweden, was born about 1873. He came to Stratton and worked as a lumberman there around 1920. At that time, he boarded at the boarding house located on the Grout Job and he was not married at that time.

**Frank Smith**, a native of Russia, was born about 1894. He came to Stratton and worked as a lumberman there around 1920. At that time, he boarded at the boarding house located on the Grout Job and he was not married.

## Spencer

**Ralph P. Spencer** was born in Jamaica, Vermont. He married Nellie L. Clark, who was born in Winchester, New Hampshire. Ralph was a laborer in Stratton, probably in one of the lumber camps. They were no longer in Stratton in 1900.

A child of Ralph and Nellie was:

- 1) Viola Irene, born July 27, 1898, at Stratton, Vermont.

## Sprague

**Hasey Floyd Sprague**, son of Israel and Phoebe (Hasey) Sprague, was born on November 1, 1765. He was "of Gerry, Massachusetts," when he married Mary "Polly" Newhall, daughter of Hiram and Mary Newhall, on May 8, 1788, at Athol, Massachusetts. Polly was born on

June 28, 1768, at Leicester, Massachusetts.

The Spragues seem to be the first of a group from Athol that settled in Stratton. Mary's family, the Newhalls, and also the Olivers, Youngs, Forresters and others followed the Spragues to Stratton and they settled in an area south and west of what is now *Old Forrester Rd.* Hasey was a cousin of Joshua and Levi Robbins also.

Hasey purchased the west half of 1L4R in Stratton from Edmund Gibbs on January 27, 1796, and so the Spragues settled in Stratton at that time upon this lot. In 1802, Hasey purchased 2L4R, except for 30 acres on the north end and 30 acres on the south end. He must have resettled on this lot, since he sold the west half of 1L4R to Hiram Newhall that same year.

In 1805, Hasey purchased part of lot #2 in Stratton Gore from Joshua Newhall and settled there. This apparently had been the homestead of Edmund Gibbs, located about a half-mile west of Willis Cemetery and beyond the Daniel Willis farm (see D. Willis on Beer's Atlas of 1869) and south of where the *Somerset Rd.*<sup>1</sup> and the *Gore Rd.* crossed.

Floyd deeded a six-square-rod lot to the 4<sup>th</sup> school district in Stratton on April 4, 1806. This was a piece of his farm, located ten rods north of his house by the side of the road near the corner where *Somerset Rd.*<sup>1</sup> and the *Gore Rd.* met. This lot was subdivided out for the purpose of building a schoolhouse thereon. The school

was apparently not built on this spot, since on August 25, 1810, the 4th school district deeded this lot back to Sprague and Sprague deeded another six rod square of ground "where the new schoolhouse now stands, situated as best to accommodate said schoolhouse."

In 1800, the Spragues had four children under the age of ten, and in 1810, they had six children. Hasey was active in Stratton's town affairs over the years and he was appointed to a committee to see how the town's cemeteries fared in 1811.

In 1825, Hasey sold his homestead to his son, Israel. And in 1830, Israel sold a half-interest in this lot to his brother, Hiram. At that time, Israel and Hiram agreed to care for Hasey and Polly for the remainder of their natural lives.

In 1830, Hasey was head of the household with two males 20 to 30, a female 30 to 40 and a male under five. This was probably his sons, Hiram and Israel, and Israel's wife, Mary, and their son, Edwin. Polly was not listed in this household in the 1830 census and may have resided with their son Joshua in Somerset.

Polly died at Somerset, Vermont, on June 5, 1838. She was probably buried in Willis Cemetery and her grave marked with a fieldstone. A stone inscribed MS WHS died 1838 (*Mary Sprague Wife of Hasey Sprague*) is near Hasey's grave. This is apparently her stone.

In 1834, Hasey and Israel sold their farm to Samuel Willis and purchased Willis's farm in Somerset. This farm was located between *Willis Cemetery Rd.* and *Pike Hollow Rd.*, just south of the Stratton town line (see A. Grout on McClellan's Map of 1856 and F. J. Prentiss on Beer's Atlas of 1869). Hasey settled there with Israel's family. He died in 1844 and he was buried in Willis Cemetery with a rough-cut stone to mark his grave (*H. F. S.*).

Children of Hasey and Polly were:

- 1) Joshua, married Betsey Cummings.
- 2) Lucy born November 5, 1795, at Athol, Massachusetts; died on June 4, 1869, at Springfield, Massachusetts; married 1) Daniel Hayward Grant on November 15, 1818, at Stratton.
- 3) Jerusha, born December 5, 1798, at Stratton, Vermont; died November 24, 1851; married Nahum Pike (of Westboro, Massachusetts) on August 25, 1814.
- 4) Israel, born November 12, 1801, at Stratton, Vermont; married Mary Baldwin.
- 5) Abram, born September 17, 1806, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 6) Hiram Newhall

Notes:

- 1) The *Somerset Rd.* should not be confused with the *Somerset-Winhall Rd.* located east of Willis Cemetery. The *Somerset Rd.* was west of the cemetery and beyond the Willis farm.

**Joshua Sprague**, son of Hasey and Mary Sprague, was born between 1790 and 1794. Joshua

married Betsey Cummings, daughter of David and Meriam Cummings. An intent of marriage was published at Wardsboro, Vermont, on December 11, 1814, and they were married soon after.

The Spragues apparently first resided in Stratton with Joshua's parents. Joshua took the Freeman's oath on September 3, 1816. In 1817, Joshua purchased a lot adjacent to Willis Cemetery and he and his family settled there. Later, the house on this lot was owned by the Willis family (see D. Willis on Beer's Atlas of 1869).

In 1820, it appears that they had three children. Also, perhaps one of Joshua's brothers, Hiram or Abram, was also living with them. In 1821, Joshua was appointed sexton for South Cemetery (Willis Cemetery) and served the town in various official positions. On November 21, 1824, Betsey was accepted as a member of the Church of Christ in Stratton, and in 1827 six of their children were baptized.

The Spragues moved out of Stratton sometime between March and June, 1829, and they probably settled in Somerset, Vermont. At that time, Joshua sold his farm to Charles Morse of Somerset. On June 17, 1832, the Stratton church voted to give Betsey a letter of dismissal to the church in Wardsboro.

The Spragues' children were:

1) Lucy Almeda, born April 7, 1816, at Stratton, Vermont.

- 2) Maria Louisa, born November 21, 1817, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 3) George Washington, born March 11, 1820, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 4) Almira Jerusha, born February 19, 1822, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 5) Seaver Amendsen, born October 27, 1823, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 6) Augustine Newhall, born August 22, 1826, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 7) Elvira Betsey, born April 23, 1828, at Stratton, Vermont.

**Thomas Sprague**, possibly a son or grandson of Hasey and Polly Sprague, settled in Stratton before 1834, on the east half of 3L4R (the Guild farm). In 1831, Daniel H. Grant, husband of Lucy Sprague (a daughter of Hasey and Polly Sprague) paid taxes on this lot. No deed for Thomas's purchase was recorded in Stratton's land records. Based on this information, I assume that he may have been Lucy's brother (or possibly the son of Joshua and Betsey Sprague born in 1810).

Thomas became Stratton's first Postmaster on February 11, 1834. On June 15, 1835, Thomas sold this lot to Horace Dean. Dean then sold the lot to Adin Thayer and Thomas also sold his interest to Adin Thayer on December 23, 1835 – these were evidently mortgages. Thomas remained Postmaster for another month, then quit on January 20, 1836. At the March Meeting of

1836, the town voted to hold their meetings at his home. Thomas apparently removed from Stratton at that time and meetings were not held there.

**Israel Sprague**, son of Hasey and Mary Sprague, was born on November 12, 1801, at Stratton. Israel took the Freeman's oath in Stratton on September 7, 1824. He married Mary Baldwin of Medway, Massachusetts (intent published on May 22, 1825, at Stratton).

That same year, Israel purchased his father's homestead in Stratton Gore, located west of Willis Cemetery and west of the Daniel Willis farm (see D. Willis on Beer's Atlas of 1869) and south of where the *Somerset Rd.*<sup>1</sup> and the *Gore Rd.* intersected. Israel and Mary evidently settled there, living with Israel's father, Hasey, and brother, Hiram.

On May 11, 1830, Israel sold an undivided half of his lot to his brother, Hiram, and together, they agreed to care for their parents. Israel and Mary apparently remained in the Sprague house through 1830, as evident of that year's census, then in 1834, Israel and Hasey sold the farm to Samuel Willis and purchased Willis's farm in Somerset on February 4, 1834. Their new home was located between what is now *Willis Cemetery Rd.* and *Pike Hollow Rd.*, just south of Stratton's town line (see A. Grout on McClellan's Map of 1856 and F. J. Prentiss on Beer's Atlas of 1869).

Mary died there on June 11, 1842. She was buried in Willis Cemetery and her grave was marked with a rough-cut field stone inscribed, "*MS WIS died 1842.*"

In 1844, the same year Hasey Sprague died, Israel was said to be insane. Levi Knight who was called Israel Sprague's guardian, had to sell the Sprague's farm to pay Israel's debts. Israel was apparently sent to the Vermont Asylum in Brattleboro, Vermont (later called the Retreat). That same year, 1844, Israel's son, Edwin, was living with Stephen and Sarah Ballard and attending school in Stratton. From 1848 and through 1850, their son, Israel Baldwin Barnard Sprague, was living with the Ballards and attending school. Israel spent nearly twenty years at the Vermont Asylum. He died there on March 20, 1863, and he was probably buried there.

Their children were:

- 1) Edwin A., born November 6, 1827, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 2) Israel Baldwin Barnard, born November 1, 1836, at Somerset, Vermont.
- 3) Mary Ann Nancy, born June 30, 1838, at Somerset, Vermont.

Note:

- 1) The Somerset Rd. should not be confused with the Somerset Winhall Rd. located east of Willis Cemetery. The Somerset Rd. was west of the cemetery and beyond the Willis farm.

**Hiram Newhall Sprague**, son of Hasey and Polly Sprague, lived in Stratton on his parents' farm. On

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May 11, 1830, Hiram purchased half of this farm from his brother, Israel and together, they agreed to care for their parents.

Hiram was probably listed in the 1830 census as one of the males living in the household of Hasey Sprague, aged 20 to 30. He apparently left Stratton before 1834, when the family farm was sold.

Another Sprague family to settle in Stratton was descended from Isaac Sprague, son of John Sprague, who was born at Killingly, Connecticut, in 1767. Isaac resettled in Winhall, Vermont, along with his father and brothers, Jonathan and Wyman about 1780.

Isaac married Sarah Wright, daughter of Rev. Eliphalet and Hannah (Marsh) Wright. Sarah was born on March 7, 1766, at Killingly. Isaac was a farmer and he was the first constable of Winhall in 1796. He died at Winhall in 1813.

Although the Spragues never settled in Stratton, at least three of their children settled there.

Children of Isaac and Sarah were:

- 1) David, born November 18, 1791; died September 7, 1794.
- 2) Hannah, born June 30, ???; died December 8, 1895; married Benjamin Thatcher.
- 3) James, born December 8, 1796; died September 19, 1855; married Lucy E. Wood on November 30, 1820.
- 4) Lilly, born October 15, 1797; died March 31, 1840; married Amos Dewey.
- 5) Philena, born August 15, 1799; died in Illinois; married Ira Kidder.
- 6) Isaac, born June 12, 1801; died in 1847 in Illinois; married Nancy Jaquith.
- 7) John, born December 14, 1803; died June 14, 1804.
- 8) Mary, born July 29, 1806; died February 8, 1888; married 1) Ashbel Kidder on December 24, 1822, at Stratton, Vermont 2) Tyler Waite on October 10, 1877, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 9) Ezra, born August 24, 1809; died about 1881 at Bath, New York.

Additional Sources:

The Sprague Genealogy compiled by Frank J. Sprague (1915)

**James Sprague**, son of Isaac and Sarah (Wright) Sprague, was born on December 8, 1796. James married Lucy E. Wood on November 13, 1820. Lucy was born on November 13, 1798. The Spragues settled at Winhall, Vermont, after their marriage, then, on January 16, 1837, James purchased a farm on the east half of 4L4R in Stratton from his brother-in-law, Benjamin Thatcher. This sale included an agreement that James would care for Lucretia Marble for the remainder of her life. Lucretia passed away on March 16, 1837.

The Spragues' house was located where Stratton's recreational area stands today and the remains are surrounded by a picket fence. In April 1841, James also purchased 60 acres of the west half of 3L4R from

Richard Scott. Three years later, James sold this lot to his son-in-law, LaFayette Sheldon. Several houses were built in this area over the years and the Sheldons and others of James's family eventually settled there (see Beer's Atlas of 1869).

James and his family remained on 4L4R for many years, while their son, Isaac, became part owner of this lot. In 1850, Emmons Howard, age 72, was living with the Spragues.

In 1853, the Spragues went west to Illinois. James died there on September 19, 1855, and the house was later sold to Oliver P. Hescok. (McClellan's Map of 1856 labeled this as Sprague's farm). Lucy returned to Stratton, and in 1860, she and her two youngest girls lived with LaFayette and Abigail Sheldon. Abigail was James and Lucy's oldest daughter. In 1870, Lucy and her daughter, Hannah, were living in a house neighboring the Sheldons.

Lucy died at Stratton on December 17, 1878, of consumption, and she was buried in Ball Cemetery.

Their children were:

- 1) Abigail Butterfield, born August 18, 1821, at Winhall, Vermont; died April 13, 1903, at Stratton, Vermont; married LaFayette Sheldon on October 17, 1839, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 2) Isaac, born April 14, 1822, at Winhall, Vermont; died April 30, 1902, at Northfield, Massachusetts; married Polly

Phidora G. Knapp on July 8, 1848, at Stratton, Vermont.

- 3) Benjamin Thatcher, born February 13, 1826, at Winhall, Vermont; died April 24, 1826, at Winhall, Vermont.
- 4) Mary, born March 25, 1827, at Winhall, Vermont; died November 4, 1878, at Stratton, Vermont; married Alfred Parsons on November 30, 1848.
- 5) James Thatcher, born August 13, 1829, at Winhall, Vermont; died June 3, 1895, at Stratton, Vermont; married Louisa Mariah Smith on September 9, 1855.
- 6) Lyman Wood, born March 26, 1832, at Winhall, Vermont; died October 2, 1882, at Stratton, Vermont; married Laura Jeannette Lincoln on October 31, 1852.
- 7) Lucy Angeline, born September 4, 1834, at Winhall, Vermont; died November 12, 1905, at Stratton, Vermont; married Henry Porter Forrester on June 23, 1858.
- 8) Nelson, born June 4, 1837, at Stratton, Vermont; died September 13, 1837, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 9) Hannah, born October 6, 1838, at Stratton, Vermont; died October 14, 1901, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 10) Sarah, born August 5, 1841, at Stratton, Vermont; died September 15, 1869, at Stratton, Vermont.

**Isaac Sprague**, son of James and Lucy Sprague, was born on April

14, 1822, at Winhall, Vermont. He came to Stratton with his parents about 1837 and he acquired a part interest in his father's farm from 1844 to 1854. Isaac took the Freeman's oath in Stratton on September 2, 1845.

Isaac married Polly Phidora Graves Knapp, daughter of Hiram and Elvira Knapp, on July 8, 1848, at Stratton. Phidora was born at Somerset, Vermont, in 1831. They went west to Florida, Illinois, after their marriage, but they soon returned to Stratton. Isaac and Polly lived with Isaac's parents at first, then settled on the *Stratton-Arlington Rd.*, west of the *West Jamaica Rd.* intersection and across from Lafayette Sheldon's blacksmith shop (see 1869 Beer's Atlas). In 1857, Henry Lincoln was living with them and attending school in Stratton. It appears that by 1869, the Spragues were living on the old Fuller farm on 4L5R.

Children of Isaac and Polly were:

- 1) Evaline Phidora, born August 26, 1849; died June 19, 1919, at Addison, Vermont; married Wallace J. Davidson on February 14, 1871, at Townshend, Vermont.
- 2) Alfred Isaac, born August 4, 1853, at Stratton, Vermont; married Elizabeth B. Johnson on June 30, 1878, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 3) Lafayette, born June 3, 1855, at Florida, Illinois; died September 13, 1863, at Stratton, Vermont (of diphtheria).
- 4) James, born August 21, 1857, at Stratton, Vermont; died August 23, 1863, at Stratton, Vermont (of diphtheria).
- 5) Eliza Elvira, born December 6, 1861, at Stratton, Vermont; married William Henry Symonds on October 17, 1889, at Hinsdale, New Hampshire.
- 6) Elmer Lyman, born May 10, 1864, at Stratton, Vermont; died November 23, 1865, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 7) Bertha Sarah, born April 27, 1867, at Stratton, Vermont; married Lawrence H. Lazelle on September 4, 1888, at Hinsdale, New Hampshire.
- 8) James Thatcher, born October 24, 1871, at Stratton, Vermont; married Anna Maria Liscom on March 26, 1896, at Hinsdale, New Hampshire.

**Alfred Sprague**, son of Isaac and Phidora Sprague, was born in 1853 at Stratton. He married Elizabeth Johnson, daughter of George W. and Caroline E. Johnson, on June 30, 1878, at Stratton. Elizabeth was born in 1862 at Winhall, Vermont.

The Spragues lived in Stratton after the marriage and they were there through 1880, but they had removed from town by 1900.

**James S. "Thatcher" Sprague**, son of James and Lucy Sprague, was born on August 13, 1829, at Winhall, Vermont. In early 1850, Thatcher worked as a lumberman for JW Kelley and he lived with the Kelleys at the Kelley Stand.

He returned to Stratton and took the Freeman's oath on September 3 of that year.

Thatcher married Louisa Mariah Smith on September 9, 1855. Louisa was born at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, on November 14, 1830, and she died at Stratton on January 6, 1889. James died at Stratton on June 3, 1895. Both were buried in Ball Cemetery.

Their children were:

- 1) (stillborn), born in 1858.
- 2) Benjamin Thatcher, born August 13, 1861, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 3) Nora L., born October 16, 1863; died October 16, 1925; married Hubert H. Howe.
- 4) Isaac, born in 1872.
- 5) Henry F., born October 1, 1874, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 6) Archie L., born December 14, 1877, at Stratton, Vermont; died September 16, 1887 (of typhoid fever).

**Lyman Wood Sprague**, son of James and Lucy Sprague, was born on March 26, 1832, at Winhall, Vermont. He married Laura Jennette Lincoln, daughter of Obed and Alantha Lincoln, on October 31, 1852, at Stratton. Laura was born in 1837 at Jamaica, Vermont.

The Spragues remained in Stratton briefly after their marriage and Lyman took the Freeman's oath in September, 1853. They briefly settled in Illinois, but returned to Stratton by 1856. In 1862, Laura's brother or sister, M. Lincoln (possibly

Matthias), was evidently living with them and attending school.

During the Civil War, Lyman enlisted on December 10, 1863, aged 31, and he mustered into Company D, of the Vermont 8th Regiment on December 24, 1864. He was promoted to corporal on May 25, 1865, and he mustered out on June 28, 1865.

Lyman died at Stratton on October 2, 1882, of bilious fever. Laura evidently resettled in South Berwick, Maine, and she died there on May 30, 1915. They were both buried in Ball Cemetery.

Children of Lyman and Laura:

- 1) Lucy A., born in 1853.
  - 2) Lyman Huntley, born in 1855 in Illinois; died in 1927; married Lillian E. Allen on September 2, 1882, at Stratton, Vermont.
  - 3) Mary A., born August 25, 1857, at Stratton, Vermont; died in 1934; married Augustus F. Jones on June 19, 1886, at Stratton, Vermont.
  - 4) Walter E., born May 28, 1859, at Stratton, Vermont; died August 28, 1859, at Stratton, Vermont.
  - 5) Nellie Hannah, born November 21, 1861, at Stratton, Vermont, married Orlean Prentiss on January 29, 1880, at Stratton, Vermont.
  - 6) Luke W., born September 26, 1864, at Stratton, Vermont; died December 27, 1867, at Stratton, Vermont.
  - 7) LaFayette P., born January 21, 1868, at Stratton, Vermont;
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married Molly (?) (resided in North Adams, Massachusetts).

- 8) Guy Arthur, born September 14, 1876, at Stratton, Vermont.

**Lyman Huntley Sprague**, son of Lyman and Laura Sprague, was born in 1855 in Illinois. He came to Stratton with his parents upon their return to town in 1857. Huntley, as he was called, took the Freeman's oath in Stratton in 1876.

Huntley married Lillian E. Allen, daughter of Ormando A. and Mary Allen, on September 2, 1882, at Stratton. Lillian was born in 1862.

Huntley was Superintendent of schools in Stratton in 1881, but he removed from town that same year.

Huntley became a Free-Will Baptist minister. In 1903, he was pastor of the Free-Will Baptist Church at Columbus Quarter, New York. He apparently settled in Wardsboro, Vermont, before his death.

Huntley died in 1927 and he was buried in Fairview Cemetery in Wardsboro. Lillian died in 1954 and she was buried beside Huntley.

## Stacey

(Stacy)

**Moses Stacy** married Joanna Kimball on March 7, 1824, at Ludlow, Massachusetts. Joanna may have been a daughter of Peletiah and Naomi Kimball of Lunenburg, Massachusetts.

The Staceys came to Stratton soon after their marriage. Moses took the Freeman's oath in Stratton on September 6, 1825.

Moses purchased the west half of 5L3R on March 16, 1826, from Samuel Marble. He also paid taxes on 3L7R, 10L7R and the south half of 6L3R in 1827. Moses sold 5L3R to Isaac Shepardson on March 8, 1828, and he apparently left Stratton at that time. They may have been related to the Phillips family of Stratton and also Clarissa Stacy, wife of Austin Bissell.

A child of the Stacys was:

- 1) Moses Kimball (baptized in Stratton on August 5, 1827).

**Thomas Stacey** and his wife were born during the 1790s. They were living in Surrey, Cheshire County, New Hampshire, when Thomas purchased the south half of 8L3R and 71 acres of 7L2R in Stratton on March 13, 1837.

The Staceys settled in Stratton soon after this purchase. Their lot was located up the mountain from what is now *Mountain Rd.* on the old Jonas Woodward farm.

In 1840, the Staceys had a son and two daughters under age 5, a daughter aged 5 to 10, another aged 10 to 15, and another aged 15 to 20. Thomas owned the largest flock of sheep in Stratton that year, numbering 45. He sold this lot back to Phineas White on March 4, 1841, and they apparently left Stratton at that time.

**Carroll A. Stacey**, son of Charles and Lucy Stacey, was born at Halifax, Vermont. He married Mary Alice Wheeler, adopted daughter of Emery Wheeler and the natural daughter of his wife, Fidelia (Stiles) Wheeler, on September 20, 1902, at Brattleboro, Vermont. May, as she was called, was born on August 3, 1885, at Stratton. The Staceys first lived at Hinsdale, New Hampshire, then resided in Stratton for a short time. Carroll was a laborer and he probably worked in the lumber camps in Stratton.

By 1904, the Staceys had settled in Dummerston, Vermont. They lived in several towns in Massachusetts, then returned to Hinsdale by 1912. Mary died on February 9, 1964, at Brattleboro, Vermont. Carroll died in 1967 at the Retreat in Brattleboro. May was buried in North Cemetery, Vernon, Vermont, while Carroll was buried in Dummerston Center, Vermont.



**Carrie (Stiles) Moore (back)  
May Stacey (right) and one of  
her daughters (left)**

Photo courtesy of Arleen Huesman

Children of Harold and May were:

- 1) Clarence Alfred, born October 30, 1903, at Hinsdale, New Hampshire; died February 17, 1993, at Hinsdale, New Hampshire; married Marjorie Fairbanks.
- 2) Margaret A., born September 26, 1904, at Stratton, Vermont; died in 1910 at Springfield, Massachusetts.
- 3) Ethel Iona, born June 26, 1905, at Dummerston, Vermont; died in December, 1967, at Concord, New Hampshire; married 1) Pearl Ashton Libby 2) Landon Longe (divorced).
- 4) Pearla May, born July 13, 1908; married Bernard Kasupski.
- 5) Alice Martha, born December 30, 1909, at Springfield, Massachusetts; married Andrew Kandrak.
- 6) Gladys, Pauline, born March 9, 1912, at Hinsdale, New Hampshire; killed by a car on Easter Sunday, 1949, in California; married James Shippee.
- 7) Charlotte, born January 20, 1914, at Hinsdale, New Hampshire; married 1) James Kohler 2) James Paston.
- 8) Helen Woodburn (twin), born April 12, 1916, at Easthampton, Massachusetts; died January 29, 1986; married William Giersbach.
- 9) (a twin of the above), died at birth.
- 10) Harvey W., born December 7, 1919, at Brattleboro, Vermont;

married 1) Marge 2) Gladys Casper.

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Genealogical notes of Harvey Stacey.

## Stearns

(Stearnes)

**William Stearns**, son of Ebenezer and Mary (Spring) Stearns, was born on August 5, 1754, at Northfield, Massachusetts. William married Joanna Duncan on September 16, 1775. Joanna was born on February 8, 1757. The Stearns resided in Orange, Massachusetts, prior to their move to Stratton.

On May 2, 1801, William purchased land in Stratton - 11L3R from Nathan Patch. The Stearns came to Stratton after William had purchased 7L3R from Patch on February 4, 1804. It appears that the Stearns settled upon 11L3R. William was referred to as a Gentleman in these transactions and he was called Captain Stearns when he was moderator of the 1815 March Meeting.

Joanna was taken into the Church of Christ in Stratton in November, 1804, becoming a full member on April 16, 1805. Six of the Stearn's children were baptized that same day.

In 1810, the Stearns provided a home in Stratton for two males between 26 and 45, two male between 16 and 26, one male 10 to 16 and one male under 10. There were also two females 10 to 16 and one 16 to 26. They all may have been their children, but it is more likely that they were

living with one of their children who was married and who had children of their own.

The Stearns resettled in Winhall, Vermont, prior to May 10, 1816. On that day, William and Joanna mortgaged 11L3R "with buildings thereon" through Joseph Patch of Worcester, Massachusetts. Their son, Simeon, purchased this lot the following year.

The Stearns eventually settled in the Jamestown, New York area along with other families from the Stratton vicinity. William died at Jamestown on February 14, 1834, and Joanna followed on August 13, 1834.

Children of William and Joanna:

- 1) Simeon, born June 28, 1788; married Irene Newcomb.
- 2) Ebenezer
- 3) Dolly
- 4) Allinor
- 5) Mary Sprague
- 6) Joseph Haskins
- 7) Lydia, born December 14, 1785, at Orange, Massachusetts; died September 15, 1851, at Jamestown, New York; married Joseph Garfield on September 7, 1803, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 8) Amery, born April 6, 1797; died February 15, 1875, at Jamestown, New York.

**Simeon Stearns**, son of William and Joanna Stearns, was born on June 28, 1788. Simeon married Irene Newcomb of Winhall (intent published July 22, 1810, at Stratton).

The Stearns lived in Stratton for a brief time following the marriage. In 1817, Simeon purchased 11L3R, a lot that his father previously had sold to Joseph Patch. Simeon was called "of Winhall" at that time. Simeon sold this lot to Calvin Waite shortly afterward. In 1819, Simeon bought back the mortgage from the heirs of Nathan Patch, leaving the property free of any liens. The deed to Waite was still valid.

One of their children was:

- 1) Orrilla, born December 1, 1812, at Stratton, Vermont.

## Steiner

**Richard E. Steiner**, son of Ernest and Frieda Steiner, married Carol Bronson, daughter of Herbert and Catherine. Richard is a builder and developer in Connecticut.

In November, 1965, the Steiners purchased the farm of Ethel Eddy on *Pike Hollow Rd.* as a vacation home. Their house, #171, sits on the south side of Pike Hollow Brook, on the south side of the road. Previously, it was the home of Elmer A. and Inez Eddy, Ethel Eddy's parents, and it was built by AH Pike about 1860. The Steiners built an addition and remodeled the old structure in 1990.

Carol's brother, Philip Bronson, owns property and a camp along *Pike Hollow Rd.*

Richard and Carol's children are:

- 1) Gregory
- 2) Heidi
- 3) Elizabeth

**Gregory L. Steiner**, son of Richard and Carol Steiner, married Christine M. Mangiafico, daughter of Rosario and Victoria Mangiafico. Greg is a builder and developer, while Christine is a sales director.

Greg and Christine recently purchased 2 *Old Forrester Rd.*, located on the corner of the *Stratton-Arlington Rd. - Old Forrester Rd.* intersection - a vacation home. Joy Lewis previously owned this house.

Children of Greg and Christine:

- 1) Olivia
- 2) Samuel

## Stevens

**Israel Stevens**, a son of Jacob and Martha (Sherman) Stevens was born on August 26, 1760, at Grafton, Massachusetts. Israel's father, Jacob Stevens, resettled at Ward, Massachusetts. Jacob was an early Proprietor of Stratton, who later settled in Newfane, Vermont.

Israel was living in Ward when he purchased 4L2R on May 15, 1784. He apparently did not settle there, but he did have a barn built on his lot. Israel lived in Newfane as early as 1791 and he bought and sold property in Stratton through 1805.

Israel became a member of Stratton's Propriety in 1784, and later he surveyed Stratton's undivided lands, including Stratton Gore in 1787. In 1789, he was elected to a committee by the town of Stratton, thus implying that he resided within the town. He apparently resided

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in a log house on 1L5R before 1790, but he was not a resident of Stratton when the census was taken in 1791. Israel was elected Proprietor's Collector for Stratton's Propriety in 1793. He was also a Collector for the town of Newfane at that time. Israel surveyed Stratton's 40-acre lots and the remainder of the undivided lands on June 11, 1793.

**Phineas Stevens**, son of Jacob and Martha (Sherman) Stevens, was born on August 12, 1752, at Grafton, Massachusetts. Phineas's wife, Lois, was also mentioned in one of his land transactions in Stratton. Therefore, he may be the same Phineas Stevens who married Lois Goodnow on June 12, 1777, at Marlboro, Massachusetts.

Phineas was one of Stratton's Proprietors in the early 1780s. He resided in Ward, Massachusetts, until about 1786, then removed to Sutton, Massachusetts. He was called "of Oxford, Massachusetts" in 1787.

## Stiles

(Styles)

**William Holt Stiles**, son of Moses and Mary (Holt) Stiles, was born on December 18, 1790, at Lyndeborough, New Hampshire. He married Lydia Story before 1819 and they came to Stratton soon after the marriage. Lydia was born about 1790.

William's sister, Jane Holt Stiles, married Isaac N. Pike. She was living in Charlestown, New

Hampshire, at the time of her marriage.

In 1820, William was head of a household in Stratton with a boy and two girls under the age of ten. The Stiles moved away from Stratton before 1830, apparently to Winhall, Vermont, then settled in Jamaica, Vermont. William purchased the east half of 3L3R on May 19, 1845. This lot was located northeast of the current route of the *Stratton-Arlington Rd.*, along the *old Somerset to Winhall Rd.* William's sister Jane, wife of Isaac Pike was one of the Stiles' neighbors.

In 1847, William still lived in Jamaica; however, by 1849, William was apparently residing in Stratton at the old Phillips farm on the west half of 4L3R. Apparently, William's son, Orrin, occupied the house on 3L3R, following William's purchase. Nathaniel Smith purchased the west half of 4L3R in 1849 where William was living. Smith allowed William to reside there until April 1, 1850. William apparently settled in on his farm on 3L3R at that time, since he was listed as a neighbor of Nathaniel Smith in the census of 1850.

By 1860, William was living alone in Stratton, although Lydia did not die until 1865. William died in 1870.

Children of William and Lydia:

- 1) Orrin Parker, born October 24, 1819; married Elizabeth Holland (Temple) Fish on November 10, 1852, at Gardner, Massachusetts.

- 2) William S., born about 1822; married Mary Underwood.
- 3) Jeremiah, born about 1831; married Melantha E. Moon.

**Orrin Parker Stiles**, son of William and Lydia Stiles, was born on October 24, 1819. Parker, as he was called, was living in Wardsboro, in 1843, when he purchased 50 acres of the southeast quarter of 6L4R in Stratton. Parker settled in Stratton on the west half of 3L3R - a lot his father had purchased in 1845.

In 1846, Orrin agreed to built part of a wall between his father's lot and Benjamin Moon's land, located on the west side of the Stiles' lot. Henry Waite, son of Tyler Waite, was living with him and attending school in Stratton in district #1 in 1848.

Parker married Elizabeth Holland (Temple) Fish on November 10, 1852, at Gardner, Massachusetts. The Stiles eventually settled in Montana.

**William S. Stiles**, son of William and Lydia Stiles, was born about 1822. He married Mary Underwood, daughter of John and Persis Underwood about 1844. Mary, was born on January 25, 1828.

The Stiles settled in Stratton after the marriage, apparently on land owned by Mary's parents. The Stiles probably settled into the house beside North Cemetery. Mary remained in school through 1844.

On August 14, 1844, William took the Freeman's oath in Stratton. In 1847, William purchase 9L3R.

That same year, Rhoda and Henry Pike, children of Isaac and Jane Holt (Stiles) Pike, were living with the Stiles and attending school, as was William's brother, Jeremiah.

Mary died on April 3, 1852, and she was buried in North Cemetery. William probably left Stratton after Mary's death, while the children stayed with their grandparents, the Underwoods, in Stratton. The Stiles' oldest daughter, Mary, died on July 1, 1858, and she was also buried in North Cemetery. McClellan's Map of 1856 indicates that no one lived in their house at that time. Certainly, by 1860, William had left Stratton and he had placed their youngest daughter, Jerusha, in the care of John and Persis Underwood.

Children of William and Mary:

- 1) Mary Selucia, born December 28, 1845; died July 1, 1858.
- 2) Jerusha A., born about 1848.

**Jeremiah D. Styles**, son of William and Lydia Stiles, was born in 1831. In 1847, he was living with his brother, William, in Stratton and in September, 1852, he took the Freeman's oath.

Jeremiah married Melantha E. Moon, daughter of Benjamin and Betsey Moon. Melantha was born in 1834 at Stratton. During the following years, the Styles resided in Stratton, Jamaica and Sunderland, Vermont.

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During the Civil War, Jeremiah enlisted on December 21, 1863, in Jamaica, and mustered into Company D of the Vermont 8th Regiment. He was wounded on October 19, 1864, and he mustered out on June 28, 1865. After the war, Jeremiah worked in Stratton as a teamster.

A map of Stratton drawn circa 1900 shows the Styles living in a house east of the old town house on the west half of 3L4R.

Their children were:

- 1) Melvin P., born June 9, 1852, at Stratton, Vermont; died September 23, 1863, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 2) Mary Lovina, born December 5, 1855, at Stratton, Vermont; died September 14, 1863, at Stratton, Vermont (of diphtheria).
- 3) Elliott E., born in 1858 at Stratton, Vermont; married Hattie A. Brooks.
- 4) Alva R., born January 31, 1861, at Sunderland, Vermont; died August 5, 1920; married Hattie M. Winslow.
- 5) Vernon L., born June 4, 1865, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 6) Lydia E., born January 1, 1868, at Stratton, Vermont; married Nelson French.
- 7) William P., born May 20, 1870, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 8) Jerusha V., born March 3, 1874, at Stratton, Vermont; married Charles C. Allen.

**Elliott E. Styles**, son of Jeremiah and Melantha Styles, was born in Stratton in 1858. He married

Hattie A. Brooks of Winhall, Vermont.

A child of Elliott and Hattie was:

- 1) Nina May, born June 6, 1892, at Stratton, Vermont.

**Alva R. Styles**, son of Jeremiah and Melantha Styles, was born on January 31, 1861, in Sunderland, Vermont. He married Hattie M. Winslow, who was born on August 8, 1862, at Bennington, Vermont.

Alva was a laborer and he probably worked at one of the lumber camps in Stratton. He took the Freeman's oath in Stratton on September 2, 1884. Alva owned a property beside his parents on the *Stratton-Arlington Rd.* in 3L4R. In 1898, this property was purchased by the town and it became the location of the Town House.

In 1893, John H. Martin of Stratton sold a one and a quarter acre lot in Pike Hollow to Hattie, which included a two-story house. The Styles eventually moved into this house. Their new home was located on *Pike Hollow Rd.*, on the site where the Eddy/Young place stands today.

In 1900, Lila Mae Burbee (born in August, 1876) was a boarder in their home in Stratton. The Styles resettled in Jamaica, Vermont, about 1906. On April 7, 1906, the Styles sold their lot to Elmer A. Eddy, who owned the sawmill across the road.

Alva died on August 5, 1920, and Hattie followed on February 10, 1935. They were buried in Pike Hollow Cemetery.

Children of Alva and Hattie were:

- 1) Harry A., born in March, 1887.
- 2) John Clinton, born August 18, 1898, at Stratton, Vermont; died May 2, 1899, at Stratton, Vermont.

**William P. Styles**, son of Jeremiah and Melantha Styles, was born on May 20, 1870, at Stratton. William's wife, Annie L. Chatfield, was born in Michigan, Vermont, on August 24, 1878. They were married about 1897 and first settled in Winhall.

William and Annie purchased the CN Pike farm located on 12L1R on the southwest corner of the *North Rd. – Pikes Falls Rd.* intersection in 1909 and they settled there at that time. They also purchased the east part of 12L2R. It appears that Styles Brook was named for them.

The Styles remained in Stratton until about 1917. William died in 1948 and Annie died on June 12, 1973, at Brattleboro, Vermont. They were both buried in Ball Cemetery.

A child of William and Annie:

- 1) Reva, born August 18, 1917; died November 29, 1966; married (?) McCulloch.

*The following Stiles family appears to be unrelated to those above:*

**Harvey Dwight Stiles**, son of Garner and Malinda (Moore) Stiles, was born in West Torrey, Massachusetts, on March 1, 1836.

Harvey left home at the age of 19 and came to the Stratton area. Harvey married Caroline Sophia Babcock, daughter of Jonathan and Olive Babcock, at Townshend, Vermont, on March 26, 1856. Caroline was born on May 12, 1835, in Salem, New York.

The Stiles lived in Stratton, on the *Stratton-Arlington Rd.* at the Wardsboro border. Their house was later owned by Ralph Pike and it is currently owned by Charles Whitney.

Harvey worked at various lumber operations in the area. In his last years, he and Caroline did not get along and so he went to live in Hawley, Massachusetts, where his family was living. He died there on September 15, 1878, and he was buried in Hawley.

Caroline remained in Stratton with their children. Following Harvey's death, Caroline and her girls braided straw hats for a Townshend company, to earn extra money. In 1900, she was living with her sons, William and Charlie.

William planted potatoes across the road and also kept the field behind the house hayed. Evidently, the brook that currently flows behind the house, was not there then. Also, the road has since been changed and is currently between the house and the barn and old well, when at that time it was not.

In 1910, Caroline was living with her daughter Dora who had not married. Dora died on May 23, 1915, and Caroline survived

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the summer, while her granddaughter, Alice Stiles, spent some time with her. Delia Bryan was taking care of Caroline when she died. Caroline died there of dysentery on September 29, 1915. Caroline and Dora were buried in Ball Cemetery.



**Caroline (Babcock) Stiles  
(1835 - 1915)**

Photo courtesy of Arleen Huesman

Children of Harvey and Caroline:

- 1) Mary A., born August 30, 1857, at Stratton, Vermont; died in December, 1930, at Wardsboro, Vermont; married Milton Harrington at Amherst, Massachusetts.
- 2) William H., born December 28, 1858, at Stratton, Vermont; died December 25, 1917, at West Wardsboro, Vermont; married Julia E. Lackey on July 29, 1901, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 3) Fidelia Harriet, born July 20, 1860, at Stratton, Vermont; died August 13, 1913; married Emery Wheeler on June 12, 1886.
- 4) George James, born September 7, 1862, at Stratton, Vermont; died September 22, 1862, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 5) Cornelia "Nellie" Melinda, born September 1, 1864, at Stratton, Vermont; died March 30, 1865, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 6) Adelaide Cornelia, born July 12, 1865, at Stratton, Vermont; died in 1924; married Evander Smith.
- 7) Alice Myra, born December 9, 1866, at Stratton, Vermont; died August 8, 1893, at Stratton, Vermont; married Maurice Lowe on September 3, 1884, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 8) Frank Arthur, born December 31, 1868, at Stratton, Vermont; died February 22, 1869, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 9) Caroline (Carrie) Rosella, born January 26, 1870, at Stratton, Vermont; died about 1930; probably married 1) (?) White 2) George W. Moore about 1895.
- 10) Dora Flora, born June 9, 1872, at Stratton, Vermont; died May 23, 1915, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 11) Charlie Rowland, born March 22, 1875, at Stratton, Vermont; died November 21, 1921, at Williamsville, Vermont; married 1) Daisy Guilder on July 29, 1901, at Stratton, Vermont 2) Anna S. Stillson on October 29, 1904, at Weston, Vermont.

**William H. Stiles**, son of Harvey and Caroline Stiles, was born on November 28, 1858, at Stratton, and he remained there until his marriage. He was called Willie.

Willie took the Freeman's oath in Stratton in 1880. He married Julia E. Lackey, daughter of James and Laura Lackey, there on July 29, 1901. Julia was born in July, 1883.

Following the marriage, Willie purchased the Josiah Davidson farm in Wardsboro. William held public offices both in Stratton before his marriage and in Wardsboro following the marriage. He died suddenly on Christmas day, 1917.

A child of William and Julia was:

- 1) Paul, born in 1903; died in 1927 (buried in West Wardsboro).

**Charlie Rowland Stiles**, son of Harvey and Caroline Stiles, was born on March 22, 1875, at Stratton. He took the Freeman's oath in Stratton on November 3, 1896.

Charlie first married Daisy Guildler on July 29, 1901, at Stratton, and secondly, Annie S. Stillson, on October 29, 1904. Annie was born in Rupert, Vermont, about 1888.

The Stiles were living in Stratton through 1910, but they had moved away before 1920.

Children of Charlie and Annie:

- 1) Alice E., born in 1907.
- 2) Ethel D., born in 1908.
- 3) Claudia Gladys, born May 28, 1910, at Stratton, Vermont;

died September 15, 1910, at Stratton, Vermont.

Additional Sources for the above Styles families:

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**Raymond Styles** was a son of Viron L. and Minnie A. (Brooks) Styles. Raymond married Irene M. Jones, daughter of Mason and Mattie Jones. Irene was born on March 14, 1898. They lived on 11L1R, in the house later occupied by Paul Brazer.

Children of Raymond and Irene:

- 1) Gerald Raymond, married Goldie May Carruth.
- 2) Ellwood Floyd (lives in Jamaica, Vermont).

**Gerald Raymond Styles**, son of Raymond and Irene Styles, married Goldie May Carruth. They resided in Stratton for a time.

Children of Gerald and Goldie:

- 1) Irene Mary
- 2) Helen Genie

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## Stimson

**Thomas Lawrence Stimson**, son of Stephen and Meriah (Lawrence) Stimpson, was born on January 1, 1779, at Shirley, Massachusetts. Thomas's wife, Sally, was born during the 1780s. The Stimsons settled in Stratton between 1810 and 1820; however, Thomas did not purchase any land in Stratton.

On March 6, 1825, the Stimsons were accepted into the Church of Christ in Stratton and

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baptized at that same time. On January 16, 1827, Thomas was voted Church Clerk Protemp. Evidently, the Stimsons had a daughter born about 1810. They moved away from Stratton before 1840.

## Stoddard

**David L. Stoddard**, son of David and Sarah (French) Stoddard, was born on June 23, 1777, at Chesterfield, New Hampshire. David was of Winchedon, Massachusetts, when he settled in Stratton. He purchased 40 acres of 4L5R in Stratton on March 28, 1800. He settled there at that time and he was listed in Stratton's 1800 census, living there alone. His house may have been the same that once stood just 100 yards west of the town common.

David married Susanna Davis, daughter of Jonathan and Rebecca (Peacock) Davis. Susanna was born on February 20, 1781.

On January 29, 1801, David purchased an additional 12 acres in 4L5R. A description of the property placed it adjacent to Bille Mann's property and along the road to Stratton Gore.

David also purchased a two-acre parcel adjacent to the east side of the town common in August, 1802, and possibly settled there, since he sold his other two parcels at this same time to Nathan Patch.

The Stoddards daughter, Suzy, was baptized in Stratton in 1802. David was elected Stratton's constable and collector

on May 5, 1801, and he continued in that position until January, 1803. On January 10, 1803, David sold the lot beside the town common. At that time, the Stoddards moved away from Stratton and a special town meeting was called to fill the vacant position of constable.

Children of David and Susanna:

- 1) Susanna, born on October 26, 1801, at Wardsboro, Vermont.
- 2) Jonathan
- 3) Gratia, born September 13, 1806.
- 4) Norman, born May 14, 1808.
- 5) Sarah, born April 30, 1810.

Children of David and Joanna:

- 6) Lucius
- 7) Elvira

## Stone

**Clark Stone**, son of Levi and Mary (Lawrence) Stone, was born at Sutton, Massachusetts, on May 31, 1757. He lived at Sutton through the American Revolution.

During the war, Clark served in Captain Blanchard's Company, Colonel Wesson's Regiment, enlisting on May 21, 1777, for eight months. He also served from July 30 to August 11, 1780, in Captain Burbank's Company, Colonel Davis' Regiment, which marched to Rhode Island on an alarm.

Clark married Hannah Hazeltine on December 7, 1780. Clark sold his lands in Sutton to Ezra Putnam on May 2, 1785, and he and his brother, Eliab purchased 6L7R in Stratton from Paul Thurston on November 11,

1786. Soon afterward, Clark and Hannah moved to Stratton, apparently with Eliab and other family members, since in 1791, Clark was head of a household in Stratton with two men over 16, one male under 16 and a female. Clark and Hannah also had children who apparently died young.

The Stones' lot was located north and east of where the Daniel Webster Monument is located. This lot later apparently became the homes of the Grout family on the east side and the Hill family on the west side. The remains of the Hill farm can still be seen along the Appalachian Trail, west of the trail's intersection with the IP Road. The Grout farm was situated just south of Little Stratton Mountain.

Hannah must have passed away just after the census of 1791 was taken, since Clark remarried to Chloe Kelley that year. Clark purchased thousands of acres of Stratton, mostly through tax-sales of land his brother, Eliab, had confiscated as Stratton's Constable and Collector.

Once Eliab passed away, Chloe was appointed administrator of Eliab's will and appointed by the State to handle the sales and subsequent deeds associated with these lands. It is not apparent whether the Stones remained on 6L7R or if they had settled on another lot before removing from Stratton.

On March 14, 1796, Clark sold the east half of 6L7R to Andrew Adams and the next

month, he sold the west half to John Adams. Clark sold several parcels to John Adams over the next few years. Perhaps they were related in some way.

The Stones resettled in Wendell, Massachusetts, in early 1797. Clark remained a major land speculator in Stratton for many years. On September 21, 1805, Clark was deeded a total of 5172 acres in Stratton. This was over and above what land he already had owned in Stratton.

Clark represented Wendell in the General Assembly in 1811. He passed away on July 6, 1825.

Children of Clark and Chloe:

- 1) Eliab, born January 27, 1792, at Stratton, Vermont; married Eunice Fay (settled in Somerset, then Amherst, Massachusetts).
  - 2) Clark, born about 1795; died March 3, 1804, at Wendell, Massachusetts.
  - 3) Elvira, born May 18, 1798.
  - 4) Clarissa, born May 7, 1805, at Wendell, Massachusetts; married James Abbott on November 4, 1827, at Wendell, Massachusetts.
  - 5) Lucinda, born September 9, 1808, at Wendell, Massachusetts.
  - 6) Climena, born December 28, 1810, at Wendell, Massachusetts.
  - 7) Clark Lysander, born June 27, 1817, at Wendell, Massachusetts; died October 12, 1859, at Athol, Massachusetts; married Amy E. Stone in 1836
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- 8) Cordelia, born September 14, 1819; married Lucian P. Stacy on February 20, 1841, at Greenfield, Massachusetts.

**Eliab Stone**, son of Levi and Mary Stone, was born on May 27, 1762, at Sutton, Massachusetts. He settled in Stratton with his brother, Clark, and they apparently resided within the same home.

Eliab was elected Constable of Stratton in March, 1792, and he filled that position until his death.

Eliab confiscated large amounts of Stratton due to delinquent taxes. Eliab died in 1794 and Clark Stone and his wife, Chloe, were administrators of Eliab's will. Eliab's death occurred before the expiration of the time allowed by law for the redemption of land sold for payment of the tax. Therefore, no legal title could be obtained by the buyers. Clark and Chloe Stone petitioned the General Court of Vermont to allow a transfer of title in this instance and it was filed on October 15, 1794. The petition was accepted and approved by the Council and passed into law on October 21, 1794. Chloe went on to deed these lands over to the new owners.

**Jonathan Stone** was called a yeoman of Stratton when he purchased several 40-acre lots from Clark Stone on December 11, 1795. He may have been a brother, son or nephew of Clark

Stone. He was never mentioned again in Stratton's records.

**George W. Stone**, son of Lyman H. and Elnora D. Stone, was born at Winhall, Vermont, about 1868. George was a lumberman who had settled in Stratton prior to his marriage. He married Mertie Underwood, daughter of Salon E. and May E. Underwood of South Londonderry, on June 27, 1891, at South Londonderry. Mertie was born there in 1873.

**Delmar L. Stone** was born at Winhall, Vermont. He married Phoebe Lackey, who was also born at Winhall. Delmar was a lumberman who had settled in Stratton about 1902. The Stones eventually settled in Jamaica, Vermont.

Children of Delmar and Phoebe:

- 1) Delmar, born about 1902.
- 2) Lyman Harvey, born November 20, 1904, at Stratton, Vermont; married Margaret Grazier on June 11, 1927.
- 3) William Henry

**Delmar L. Stone, Jr.**, son of Delmar and Phoebe Stone, was born about 1902. As a child, he came to Stratton with his parents. As a young man, he worked as a laborer, probably in one of the lumber camps in Stratton. He evidently married Stella A. Dwinnell. Stella was born at Mansfield, Vermont, about 1905. They lived at Stratton in 1929, but resettled in Jamaica, Vermont,

sometime after the birth of their daughter.

A child of Delmar and Stella was:

- 1) Thelma Aurilia, born at Stratton, Vermont.

## Streeter

**Elihu Streeter** of Somerset, Vermont, purchased the southwest corner of 4L5R from James Fuller on May 24, 1822. Elihu evidently settled on this lot, located along what is now the *Stratton-Arlington Rd.* This was the Fuller lot and it was bounded on the north by the road that ran past the town common. Elihu sold this back to James Fuller on September 28, 1827, and he apparently left Stratton at that time. His taxes for 1827 were abated by the town.

**Densil Streeter**, was born in Dummerston, Vermont, in 1828. He first married Rebecca Jane (?), who was born at Vernon, Vermont. Densil was a mechanic.

Rebecca passed away and he then married Lucy J. Copeland, daughter of Daniel and Mary M. Copeland, on April 15, 1866, at Stratton. Lucy was born in 1840.

A child of Densil and Rebecca:

- 1) Esa Jane Marie, born August 23, 1857, at Stratton, Vermont.

## Strubell

**Thomas Strubell** was born in May, 1848, in New York. His wife, Ellen, was born about 1866. The Strubells were married in 1899.

Ellen had previously been married and she had six children, none of whom were living with them. In 1900, Thomas and Ellen were living in Stratton in the home of George Herrick. Ellen worked as Mr. Herrick's servant. Thomas was probably a lumberman working in one of Stratton's lumber camps.

The Strubells were no longer in Stratton in 1910.

## Stugger

**Walter Stugger**, son of Herman and Maria Stugger, married Diana Sprague, daughter of Robert C. and Dorothy W. Sprague.

Walter owned and operated the Carinthia Ski Area in West Dover, Vermont, for 28 years, selling it to Mt. Snow Ski Resort in 1968. Walter retired at that time. Diana is technically a Real Estate Broker and ideally an Actress and Stage Director.

The Stuggers moved to Stratton in June, 1987, and live on *North Brookwood Rd.* The house was designed by Bud Lench and built by "Wooden Indian" in 1980. The original house had burned down.

Diana was a Selectman of Stratton to 1998 and she has been a member of Stratton's Zoning Board of Adjustment since 1989. Children of Walter Stugger from a previous marriage:

- 1) Michelle
- 2) Susan

## Swan

**George Washington Swan** came to Stratton from Bristol, Rhode

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Island. He married Nancy Mascraft, daughter of Isaac Mascraft, on May 6, 1823, at Stratton.

The Swans settled in Stratton after the marriage. George took the Freeman's oath in Stratton on September 2, 1823. They moved out of town before 1830. George's taxes were abated in full on March 5, 1827.

Children of George and Nancy:

- 1) William Bradford, born January 18, 1824, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 2) Sarah Elizabeth, born January 4, 1825, at Stratton, Vermont.

## Swift

**Clinton Swift** married Laurretta Catherine Holman, daughter of Charles E. and Jennie (Welsh) Holman. Laurretta was born on April 18, 1905, at Dayton, Ohio.

In 1933, the Swifts bought a home on *County Rd.* in the northeast corner of Stratton and they settled there with Laurretta's family and Clinton's brother, Rodney Swift. Before the move Laurretta had been in an automobile accident and she was badly hurt.

Eventually, Laurretta and Clinton were divorced and Clinton moved from town. Laurretta then married Stanley Charles "Stub" Samson on January 19, 1940, at East Arlington, Vermont.

Laurretta died on February 5, 1967, and she was buried in Pike Hollow Cemetery in Stratton..

## Symmister

**Frank Augustus Symmister** was born in February, 1835. He was living in Wardsboro, Vermont, when he enlisted during the Civil War on December 7, 1863. He was placed into Company G of the Vermont 11th Regiment and he served with that company until June 24, 1865. Frank briefly transferred to Company C, then mustered out of service on August 25, 1865.

After the war, Frank apparently settled in Wardsboro. He came to Stratton after 1910, where he evidently lived with Lyman and Nancy Davidson. Nancy was his daughter.

Frank died at Stratton on December 5, 1915, and he was probably buried in an unmarked grave in the northeast corner of Ball Cemetery. His gravesite is marked by a flag each Memorial Day.

Children of Frank Symmister included:

- 1) Nancy, married Lyman L. Davidson.
- 2) Frank, (resided in Orange, Massachusetts, in 1915).
- 3) Lucie Elvira, died February 26, 1914; married John Scranton on September 16, 1883.

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### Taft

**Seth Taft**, son of Otis and Phila (Wilson) Taft was born at Uxbridge, Massachusetts, on July 20, 1817. Seth married Eliza S.

Scott, daughter of Ira and Sophronia Scott on July 6, 1848, at Uxbridge. Eliza was born about 1818. The Tafts apparently resided in Stratton about 1849.

A daughter of Seth and Eliza was:

- 1) Lucy Scott, born July 8, 1849, at Stratton, Vermont (according to Massachusetts VRs).

## Taylor

**Jacob B. Taylor**, was born in England. He came to America and settled in Barre, Vermont, where he married Emma Watson. Emma was born in Barre on February 13, 1854.

The Taylors moved to Stratton before 1893, where Jacob farmed. On December 21, 1893, the Taylors had twins. One was strangled either during the birth or shortly thereafter. Emma died of pneumonia two days later, on December 23, and the other twin died the next day.

Their children were:

- 1) M. Alice, born about 1875 at Barre, Vermont; married Charles F. Smith on February 3, 1894, at Jamaica, Vermont.
- 2) Daisy Ray (twin), born December 21, 1893, at Stratton, Vermont; strangled at birth.
- 3) Ruth Hazel (twin), born December 21, 1893, at Stratton, Vermont; died December 24, 1893.

**Selonius W. Taylor**, son of Henry and Lorena Taylor, was born in Haverhill, Massachusetts, in 1847. Selonius was a carpenter. He married Lucy M. Allen, daughter

of Chester and Miranda Allen, on May 4, 1869, at Stratton. Lucy was born in 1850.

The Taylors apparently did not settle in Stratton following the marriage.

## Temple

**Othniel T. Temple**, son of Palmer Columbus and Rhoda (King) Temple, was born on March 30, 1804, at Sunderland, Vermont. He married Martha Lyons on July 22, 1832. Martha was born about 1806.

Shortly after the marriage, the Temples evidently settled in White Creek, New York, along with Othniel's parents. They returned to Sunderland before 1850 and they were listed in Sunderland's census of that year. At that time, Othniel was called a lumberman.

On May 3, 1851, Othniel bought the east half of 4L8R (the Hale farm) in Stratton from Joseph Pike and settled his family there. McClellan's Map of 1856 shows that the Temples resided along the *Grout Pond Access Rd*, not far off of the *Stratton-Arlington Rd.*

On April 4, 1860, Othniel sold the farm to Jesse Sage (Othniel's sons, Albert and Robert, witnessed the deed) and, by 1869, JB Covey was living on this lot (see Beer's Atlas of 1869).

Before Othniel had sold this lot, the Temples had removed to Manchester, Vermont. Othniel passed away on September 17, 1889.

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Children of Othniel and Martha:

- 1) Jerome B., born on January 10, 1835, in North White Creek, New York; died February 1, 1907, at Wardsboro, Vermont; married Ellen Matilda Smith on December 12, 1857.
- 2) Ruby, born about 1837.
- 3) Albert, born about 1840 (attended school in Stratton in 1856 and took the Freeman's oath on November 6, 1860).
- 4) Robert, born about 1842 (attended school in Stratton in 1856).
- 5) Warren, born about 1846.
- 6) Martha, born about 1848
- 7) Jane
- 8) Ellen

**Jerome B. Temple**, son of Othniel and Martha Temple, was born in North White Creek, New York, on January 10, 1835. He married Ellen "Matilda" Smith, daughter of Jonas H. Smith, on December 12, 1857. Matilda was born on October 25, 1839.

Jerome was a resident of Sunderland, Vermont, at the time of the marriage, however, in 1867, he purchased a house located at the end of *Knowlton Farm Rd.* from Melvin Knowlton (see Beer's Atlas of 1869). Rumor has it that this house had been used as a stop on the underground railroad before and during the Civil War. It is currently occupied by the Montemagnis.

At the time of the marriage, Jerome's occupation was a lumberman, but later records referred to him as a peddler.

The Temples resided in Stratton through 1900. That year, they had a granddaughter, Irene M. Allen, aged 14, living with them. Jerome died on February 1, 1907, and Matilda died on March 4, 1914. They were buried in the West Wardsboro Cemetery.



**Ellen Matilda (Smith) Temple  
(1839 - 1914)**

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Children of Jerome and Matilda:

- 1) Atalade E., born May 16, 1859, at Stratton, Vermont; died August 8, 1861, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 2) Walter E., born December 12, 1860, at Stratton, Vermont; married Lura Flagg.
- 3) Etta E., born April 14, 1864, at Stratton, Vermont; married Norman D. Allen on May 6, 1882.

**Walter E. Temple**, son of Jerome and Matilda Temple, was born at Stratton, on December 12, 1860. He married Lura Flagg, daughter of Hosea and Cordelia Flagg. Lura was born on September 17, 1862.

The Temples apparently settled in Stratton; where Lura died of consumption on July 24, 1884. Walter took the Freeman's oath in Stratton on September 2, 1884.

Additional Sources:

The Rise of the Temples  
by Albert Temple and Danny Smith  
Temple pedigree charts by Levi Temple

## Tennant

**Dennis Tennant** was already residing in Stratton when he purchased the east half of 5L6R and 26 acres of 4L6R, north of the turnpike on December 1, 1851, from Freeman and Lorena Wyman. This was the old Richardson farm, located on what is now the *Stratton-Arlington Rd.*, just west of the intersection of the *IP Rd.*

Dennis apparently left Stratton before 1856. McClellan's map of 1856 shows Chester Allen residing on this lot.

## Thatcher

**Benjamin Thatcher** was apparently a son of Asa Thatcher, Jr. of Winhall, Vermont. Benjamin and Asa Thatcher, Jr. purchased the west half of 10L1R in Stratton on May 22, 1822. On March 3, 1826, Benjamin, along with Martha Thatcher and Nathaniel Mellen, Jr., all of Winhall, were administrators of the estate of Asa Thatcher, Jr. deceased.

Benjamin married Hannah Sprague, daughter of Isaac and Sarah Sprague of Winhall and they eventually settled in

Arlington, Vermont. Benjamin was called "of Arlington" when he purchased the east half of 4L4R from Elias Bassett in March, 1833. The Thatchers settled in Stratton at that time.

Their home was probably located where the recreational area is today - the old foundation is currently surrounded by a picket fence; although, they may have resided in the older house located slightly west along and on the north side of the road to the town common.

Benjamin served as Stratton's Town Clerk - which seemed to be a customary position for the occupant of this house to hold.

On April 3, 1834, Benjamin signed an agreement to care for Samuel and Lucretia Marble for the remainder of their natural lives, in exchange for 5L3R. He apparently already held a mortgage on this lot. In July, 1836, Benjamin agreed to build part of a fence between his property and the property of James Grimes, who lived on the old Phillips farm.

Benjamin carried out his agreement with the Marbles and on April 14, 1835, he sold the west half of 5L3R to Amos Scranton. On January 16, 1837, Benjamin sold his home on the east half of 4L4R to his brother-in-law, James Sprague of Winhall. Part of this sale was an agreement that James would care for Lucretia Marble for the remainder of her life. The Thatchers removed from Stratton at that time.

## Thayer

**Stephen Thayer, III**, son of Stephen and Rachel Thayer, was born on December 29, 1765, at Mendon, Massachusetts.

Stephen served during the American Revolution, in the Continental Army, as a soldier from Hopkinton, Massachusetts, recruited on December 31, 1779, by Captain Farley, at West Point. Stephen first served under Lieutenant J. Grace. He had apparently lied about his age, enlisting at the age of 14, while claiming to be 16. A descriptive at that time stated that Stephen was 5' tall, and light complexioned. He next served as a Private in Colonel James Wesson's 9th Regiment, from January 1, 1780, to December 31, 1780. He also served in Captain Samuel Carr's Company, Colonel Michael Jackson's 8th Regiment. Another descriptive stated that Stephen was 5'2" tall, light complexioned and light haired.

In 1803, Stephen was listed as entitled to gratuities for actually serving three years in the Continental Army. At that time he was reported as belonging to Vermont.

After the war, Stephen was called "of Milford, Massachusetts," when he purchased 50 acres of the northeast corner of 2L1R in Stratton on September 13, 1788.

Stephen married Anna Twitchell on March 12, 1789, and they settled in Stratton after the marriage. Their home was located north of what is now *Leon*

*Stocker Dr.*, in Snow Mountain Farms West, along the Wardsboro line. In 1791, Stephen purchased the remainder of the lot, but sold it the following year. He also owned 9L8R for a short while.

Stephen served as a Selectman in 1790, 1791 and 1795 and also surveyed many of the town roads built at that time. Stephen was elected Town Clerk in 1793 and served for one year. The Thayers moved to Sunderland, Vermont, in 1794, then settled in Fairfield, Vermont, before 1798, according to the Thayer Genealogy. However, Stratton's records call him "of Stratton" from 1795 through 1798 (another deed of 1805 was for a transaction made in 1795). Perhaps Stephen traveled back and forth over the years, while establishing a new farm in each of those areas.

In 1797, Stephen was referred to as Captain Thayer in the town records, implying that he was a member (possibly the senior officer) of Stratton's militia.

The Thayers removed to Rome, Oneida County, New York, in 1810, where Stephen had a job on the canal. He died on March 3, 1819. Anna died on March 3, 1851.

Their children were:

- 1) Limon Elanson, born June 7, 1790, at Stratton, Vermont; married Fanny Butler on December 8, 1810, at Fairfield, Vermont.
- 2) Lucinda, born October 25, 1791, at Stratton, Vermont.

- 3) Anna, born July 30, 1793, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 4) Stephen, born October 30, 1794, at Sunderland, Vermont.
- 5) Aaron, born June 25, 1798, at Fairfield, Vermont.
- 6) Elerey, born April 1, 1797, at Fairfield, Vermont.
- 7) Olive, born November 25, 1800, at Fairfield, Vermont.
- 8) Nancy, born May 11, 1802, at Fairfield, Vermont; died young.
- 9) Nathan, born May 23, 1804, at Fairfield, Vermont.
- 10) Almira, born June 3, 1806, at Fairfield, Vermont.
- 11) Sophrona, born March 30, 1808, at Fairfield, Vermont.
- 12) Charlotte, born in 1810.
- 13) Fanny, born January 20, 1812, at Rome, New York.

Additional Sources:

Thayer Genealogy by Bezaleel Thayer, 1874

**John R. Thayer** of Jamaica, Vermont, purchased the west half of 4L3R on December 24, 1851. This was the old Phillips farm, located on the northeast corner of what is now the *West Jamaica Rd.* and *Ball Farm Rd.* John and his wife, Rebecca, mortgaged this lot through Nathaniel Smith on that same day. At that time, Joseph Packard, Jr. was living in the dwelling there.

The Thayers settled on this farm soon after the purchase, but stayed there only briefly. They sold this farm to Nathaniel Smith on October 29, 1852. The sale included an agreement that the Thayers could stay in the house until December 1, 1852, and that

they could store their hay in the barn through to June 1, 1853.

The Thayers apparently removed from Stratton on or before December 1, 1852.

**Joshua P. Thayer**, son of Azahel and Esther Thayer of Heath, Massachusetts, married Rachel Daniels of Stratton (intent published on January 7, 1810, at Stratton). Rachael, a daughter of Joshua and Hannah Daniels, was born on January 20, 1782, at Mendon, Vermont.

The Thayers settled in Mendon, Massachusetts, after the marriage. Joshua died on November 27, 1817, and Rachel died on September 29, 1852.

Children of Joshua and Rachel:

- 1) Daniels, born December 24, 1810.
- 2) Diana, born May 12, 1812.
- 3) Clara, born April 5, 1817.

## Thomas

**Philip Thomas, Jr.**, son of Philip Thomas, was born between 1800 and 1810. His wife was about the same age. The Thomases were living in Surrey, New Hampshire, when they purchased the northwest part of 3L3R and part of 4L3R from Charles Fay in 1838 - 75 acres. The Thomases settled in Stratton at that time. They may have been close relatives of the Oren Shelley family, who also came to Stratton from Surrey.

In March, 1839, Philip was elected a Hayward at Town Meeting. Philip sold his lot to Benjamin Moon on March 11, 1846, and the Thomases

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apparently removed from Stratton at that time.

**Gilbert Thomas** apparently never lived in Stratton; however, during the Civil War, his wife and children resided in town and, later, some of his children settled there.

Gilbert, son of Amos Thomas, was born about 1826. He married Jerusha Wilder Moffet, daughter of Alvin and Sarah (Wright) Moffet, on June 4, 1848, in Pawlet, Vermont. Jerusha was born about 1825 and she had at least one child before this marriage. The child's surname was Vernaton.

The Thomases were residents of Sandgate, Vermont, at the time of their marriage. By September, 1849, they were living in Manchester, Vermont, and in 1850, they were living with Gilbert's parents in Sunderland, Vermont. By 1863, the Thomases had settled in Dorset, Vermont.

During the Civil War, Gilbert enlisted into the 11th Vermont Volunteers, Company G, on December 2, 1863. He died while in the service from an illness on December 22, 1864.

After Gilbert's death and before 1865, Jerusha had settled in Stratton. At that time, she had six children attending Stratton's School district #2.

Jerusha died on March 31, 1896, and she was buried in the West Wardsboro Cemetery, near her daughter, Sarah Parsons.

A child of Jerusha and (?) Vernaton was:

- 1) Sarah Wilder, born June 18, 1847; died January 13, 1824; married William H. Parsons in September, 1866.

Children of Gilbert and Jerusha:

- 1) Mary Ann, born September 16, 1849, at Manchester, Vermont; died June 12, 1943; married Jared J. Sage (son of Levi and Polly [Wilder] Sage).
- 2) William Clarence, (arrested for stealing horses and held in the Manchester jail, but escaped through the outhouse)
- 3) Henry Wilson, born March 24, 1854, in Dorset, Vermont; married Elizabeth Boyd Sage on September 21, 1874, at Whitingham, Vermont (he was called Dewey).
- 4) Helen E. (twin), born March 3, 1857, at Manchester, Vermont; died May 14, 1943; married Charles Herbert Boyd on April 19, 1881, at Searsburg, Vermont.
- 5) Ellen E. (twin), born March 3, 1857, at Manchester, Vermont; died April 21, 1921, at Wilmington, Vermont; married 1) Emery James Parsons 2) Frank W. Thomas (she was called Nellie).
- 6) Milton Eugene, born April 20, 1859, at Manchester, Vermont; died March 13, 1942, at Keene, New Hampshire; married Hattie M. Harris in 1891 at Hoosic, New York.
- 7) Fred, born July 4, ????

**Henry Wilson Thomas**, son of Gilbert and Jerusha Thomas, was born in Vermont in March, 1854. He married Elizabeth Boyd Sage on September 21, 1874, at Whitingham, Vermont. Betsey was born in July, 1842, and she was eleven years his senior. Betsey was probably the daughter of Levi and Polly (Wilder) Sage of West Jamaica, Vermont.

The Thomases first settled in Wilmington, Vermont, then moved to Stratton by 1900. That year, their son, Arthur W., aged 28, was living with them and in 1910, they were still living with Arthur. They owned a four-acre lot in 3L1R. Henry's son-in-law, John Powers had built on this lot - located on the north side of the road - about 1901. The Thomases were no longer in Stratton in 1920.

Children of Henry and Betsey:

- 1) Frank W., born in February, 1869.
- 2) Arthur W., born in April, 1872, in Vermont.
- 3) Anna E., born in March, 1875, at Wilmington, Vermont; married John M. Powers on July 24, 1898, at Stratton, Vermont.

**Frank W. Thomas**, son of Henry and Betsey Thomas, was born in February, 1869. He was living with his aunt and uncle, Emery and Ellen Parsons in 1900. Frank was no longer in Stratton in 1910.

**Milton Eugene Thomas**, son of Gilbert and Jerusha Thomas, was born on April 20, 1859, at

Manchester, Vermont. Gene, as he was called, married Hattie M. Harris, daughter of William and Adelaide (Morgan) Harris in 1891 in Hoosic, New York. She was born at Woodford, Vermont, in March, 1874. They were married about 1890.

Hattie was probably a granddaughter of Daniel Harris who had lived at the corner of the *Stratton-Arlington Rd.* and *Pike Hollow Rd.* in 1869. The Thomases came to Stratton about 1900 and settled in this same house, where they lived for many years. Gene was a teamster and probably worked at one of Stratton's lumber mills.



**Eugene Thomas**  
(1859 – 1942)

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The Thomases remained in Stratton through 1920. Curiously though, the census of 1920, shows Hattie listed as "Hattie M. Minsor" a servant, therefore, they must have divorced. Hattie died on December 28, 1933, at Franklin County Hospital in Greenfield, Massachusetts. She

was buried in Riverview Cemetery in Wilmington, Vermont. Gene died at Keene, New Hampshire, on March 13, 1942. He was buried in the West Wardsboro Cemetery.

Children of Gene and Hattie were:

- 1) Alfred Harrison, born in April, 1890, in Vermont (possibly from a previous marriage); married Myrtle Lackey.
- 2) Irving Charles, born August 10, 1893, at Stratton, Vermont; died December 17, 1981, at Bennington, Vermont; married 1) Minnie Fidelity Wheeler on August 11, 1912 2) Cora Mallory.
- 3) Elmer Eugene, born in March, 1895, in Vermont; married Essie Roberts (He was a WWI veteran).
- 4) Clarence Dewey, born April 26, 1897, in Vermont; married Gladys Woods.
- 5) Truman Wilson "Skip," born March 1, 1901, at Stratton, Vermont (the 1910 census shows him as Morris Thomas); died April 23, 1977, at Brattleboro, Vermont; married Mary Jane Bourbeau on April 19, 1956, at Brattleboro, Vermont.
- 6) (a stillborn daughter), born August 8, 1908, at Stratton, Vermont.

**Irving Charles Thomas**, son of Eugene and Hattie Thomas, was born August 10, 1893, at Stratton. He married Minnie Fidelity Wheeler, daughter of Emery and Fidelity (Stiles) Wheeler, on August 11, 1912. Minnie was

born on July 10, 1895, at South Wardsboro, Vermont.

Irving was a sawyer in southern Vermont, first settling in Stratton, then in Wilmington about 1919. The Thomases then settled in Grafton. Minnie passed away on February 14, 1949, in Jamaica, Vermont, and he then married Cora (Harris) Mallory on November 18, 1955. They settled in Bennington, Vermont. He died there on December 17, 1981. The Thomases were buried in the West Wardsboro Cemetery.

Children of Irving and Minnie:

- 1) Mildred Verla, born February 24, 1914, at Stratton, Vermont; died November 10, 1997, at Jamaica, Vermont; married 1) Andre Giroux (divorced) 2) Phillip Elmer Smith.
- 2) Herbert Henry, born July 16, 1916, at Stratton, Vermont; married Rosa Ann Harris.
- 3) Richard Melvin, born March 25, 1918, at Stratton, Vermont; died February 19, 1988, at Vernon, Vermont; married June Angeline Smith.
- 4) Hilda Harriet, born January 9, 1920, at Wilmington, Vermont; died January 14, 1978, at Townshend, Vermont; married Moses Lanpher Tift.
- 5) Irene Minnie, born April 13, 1922, at Wilmington, Vermont; died March 13, 1996, at Townshend, Vermont; married Frank Morris Palmer.
- 6) Kenneth Victor, born September 18, 1925, at Grafton, Vermont; died June

17, 1996, in Vernon, Vermont; married Patricia Mary Palmer.

**Wilkes Thomas** was living in Stratton in 1905. That year, he was elected a fenceviewer. He may have been the same as Henry Wilson Thomas above. If he was not Henry Thomas, then he was no longer in Stratton in 1910.

Additional Sources for the above Thomas families:

Notes on Thomas Genealogy by Arleen  
(Thomas) Huesman

## Thrall

**John E. Thrall** was born about 1894 in Connecticut. He was a lumber camp laborer in 1920 in Stratton and he lived at the boarding house at the Grout Job. John was probably a brother of Lewis Thrall who was also in Stratton in 1920.

**Lewis V. Thrall** was born about 1896 in Connecticut. He was a lumberman in Stratton in 1920 and he lived in the boarding house at the Grout Job. He was probably a brother of John Thrall who also lived and worked there.

## Thurston

**Paul Thurston**, son of Reverend David and Susannah Waters (Fairbanks) Thurston, was born, on August 25, 1761, at Medway, Massachusetts.

Paul was a resident of Oxford, Massachusetts, at the beginning of the American Revolution. He served as a Private in Captain Ebenezer Craft's Troop, Colonel Larned's

Regiment, which marched on April 20, 1775, in response to the alarm of the previous day. At that time he served for six days. Paul then served in Captain William Campbell's Company, Colonel Ebenezer Learned's Regiment, after enlisting on April 26, 1775, and he remained with that unit through October 7, 1775.

Paul lived at Ward, Massachusetts, and there he married Hannah Rawson, on July 14, 1781. Hannah, daughter of Reverend Grindal and Desire (Thatcher) Rawson, was born on May 25, 1761.

Paul was an early proprietor of Stratton, buying several shares of land from Giles Alexander in 1780 and 1781. Paul was apparently present at the original purchase of Stratton made by Giles Alexander from Isaac Searl in October, 1780. Isaac Searl witnessed Paul's purchase of seven and a quarter original rights of Stratton from Giles Alexander on October 9, 1780. In 1782, Paul was among the organizers of the first settlement in town and he was assigned the task of clearing the first road into Stratton.

In September, 1784, Paul was among the proprietors present at the first town meeting within the town itself. Once Stratton's settlement was underway, he chose not to settle there. His wife, Hannah, was named on a quitclaim deed (*pg 120 of the Proprietors book of Stratton*).

The Thurstons resettled at Harvard, Massachusetts. Paul died before November 21, 1797, at

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Milton, Massachusetts, and he was brought back to Harvard for burial. Hannah died on March 31, 1816, aged 55, and she was buried at Ward.

Children of Paul and Hannah:

- 1) Jonathan Grindall, baptized July 8, 1782, at Ward, Massachusetts; died in infancy.
- 2) Elihu Cleverly, born February 12, 1784, at Ward, Massachusetts; died in 1809.
- 3) Dianthe Thatcher, born December 23, 1790, at Ward, Massachusetts; died March 15, 1857; married Benjamin Putnam on August 25, 1812.

Additional Sources:

Thurston Genealogies 1635 - 1892

James may have been the same James Thurston warned out of Dover, Vermont, on October 15, 1810.

Children of James and Mary were:

- 1) Sally, born August 17, 1789, at Putney, Vermont.
- 2) Huldah, born January 14, 1796, at Putney, Vermont.
- 3) Lydia, born September 12, 1800, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 4) Mary, born August 31, 1802, at Somerset, Vermont.
- 5) Ebenezer, born December 31, 1805, at Somerset, Vermont.
- 6) John, born January 1, 1809, at Somerset, Vermont.

(This family was unidentified in the Thurston Genealogies)

**James Thurston**, son of James and Phebe (Perkins) Thurston, was born at Rehoboth, Massachusetts, on October 23, 1757. His wife, Mary, was born there on July 2, 1768.

The Thurstons settled in Putney, Vermont, by 1789. On February 3, 1797, James purchased the west half of 2L4R from his brother-in-law, Bille Mann. James was living in Putney at that time and he apparently settled in Stratton shortly after this purchase.

The 1800 Census of Stratton shows that the Thurstons had four daughter and a son living at home. In 1800, James sold a thirty-acre parcel off of each end of this lot, then in January, 1802, he sold the remainder of the lot to Hasey Sprague. The Thurstons removed to Somerset, Vermont, at that time.

## Tinney

**James Tinney** may have served during the American Revolution. Although his place of origin was not recorded in Stratton's records, he may have been the same James Tinney of Palmer, Massachusetts, a neighbor of several families of Palmer that also settled in Stratton.

This James Tinney published an intent of marriage to Sarah Moor at Palmer on June 4, 1789.

James Tinney was called a cordwainer of Stratton when he purchased 40-acre lot #33 on the western side of Stratton on May 6, 1797. He apparently settled on this lot at that time. On April 2, 1799, James sold his land to Samuel Boutell. At that time, James was living in Cambridge, New York.

## Torrey

**Luther Torrey**, son of Ezra and Zilpha (Jennings) Torrey<sup>1</sup>, was born on July 21, 1786, probably at Brookfield, Massachusetts. Luther married Miss Eunice "Emma" Hyde on February 5, 1810, at Leominster, Massachusetts. Emma was born on July 5, 1790, a daughter of Deacon Elisha Hyde and his wife, Hannah (Abell) Hyde. The Torrey's resided in Ware, Massachusetts, after the marriage.

On November 2, 1819, Luther Torrey and Jeremiah Hyde bought the east half of 4L4R from Abijah Hyde (Jeremiah and Abijah were evidently Emma's brothers or cousins.). The house upon this lot was located on the north side of the road that passed the town common - it was once owned by Joseph Patch, who ran a tavern from this house.

Luther brought his family to Stratton from Ware, Massachusetts, in March, 1820. The Torrey's evidently first lived in the above-mentioned house and there, Luther may have operated a tavern as the house had once been used as a tavern by Joseph Patch. This may be the case since during the infamous Blake Tragedy in 1821, Mrs. Blake was supposedly brought to Torrey's Tavern<sup>2</sup>.

In 1820, Luther was head of a household in Stratton with three sons under 10, one 10 to 16, and a daughter under 10. In 1830, they had five sons and two daughters. In 1840, they had three sons and a daughter living at home. Finally,

in 1850, they were living with their son Orrin.

Although their son, Calvin, was baptized in the Church of Christ in Stratton in 1820, it was not until March 24, 1822, that they officially had removed their church relations from Ware, Massachusetts, to Stratton, by letter and they were admitted as regular members by vote of the church.

On September 20, 1823, Luther filed a complaint with the church against William G. Pike, his wife, and daughter, for not attending services regularly. The complaint resulted in all three of the Pikes being expelled from the church. In January, 1824, Luther was appointed Church Clerk Protemp. He also served on two church committees.

Between 1823 and 1826, Luther established a farm upon the *Stratton-Arlington Rd.*, just north and east of the *Grout Pond Access Rd.* On May 1, 1826, Luther sold the east half of 4L4R to Asa Phillips and about that time, it appears that Torrey settled on the west half of 5L7R. This lot was owned by Paul Wheeler of Wardsboro, Vermont, and it was the old Samuel Boutell farm.

On July 4, 1826, the town voted to pay for a road running from the Torrey's land to Stratton's west line, and so, in June, 1827, a road was built from the Torrey's west line, running westward to Sunderland - a road about 2.3 miles long. In 1827, Luther was granted his first

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license to keep an Inn in Stratton - it was called Torrey's Tavern.

On September 28, 1828, Luther agreed to care for Jane (Hill) Boutell, Eber Hill, Jonathan M. Hill and Margaret Hill in exchange for the west side of 6L7R - the Hill farm; however, this agreement fell through and Luther reneged on the deal.

Knapp's History of Stratton in Hemenway's History of Windham County states that Luther *"was a man of positive opinions and strong prejudices and was somewhat aristocratic in his notions. He was a Congregationalist and Whig and was at one time a tavern-keeper and a farmer; but when the use and sale of intoxicating liquors began to be preached against as sinful, he laid aside his glass, took down his bar and sign and became, thenceforth, a farmer and lumberman"*.

*"His house was near the grounds whereon the great Whig convention of 1840 was held; and when the East and the West, the North and the South, to the number of 15,000 men met together. Whereon was a well finished log cabin 50 feet wide and 100 feet in length, where were exposed to view roasted pigs with knives and forks stuck in their backs -- giving the poor man an ocular indication of his bill of fare, when Harrison and Tyler should be in the chair. The orator of the day was "The God-like" Daniel Webster."*

On October 11, 1841, Luther along with his son, Orrin, finally

purchased the west half of 5L7R (the location of the tavern) from Paul Wheeler and took a mortgage with Mr. Wheeler.

It appears that Luther and his son, Orrin went into the lumbering business about 1845 and so it was probably at this point that Luther gave up his tavern business. At that time, Luther rented out his farm to his son, Calvin.

The Torrey's son, Orrin, made an arrangement with N. J. Shaw, in September, 1846, to operate Shaw's Mill on 3L8R and 3L9R for two years. Orrin and Luther were involved in buying and selling several of the western lots in town.

When Paul Wheeler passed away about 1847, the Torrey farm fell into foreclosure. It is unclear whether the Torreys lost the farm at that point; however, Stephen Ballard held the farm in 1848 and mortgaged it through Asa Wheelock. The Torrey's may have been living with their son, Orrin at that time.

Luther died on January 10, 1851. Eunice evidently remarried following his death. Church records note -- "Agreed to give Mrs. Eunice Stearns, who was widow of Luther Torrey, a letter of dismissal and recommendation to the Church of Christ in Wilmington. Stratton June 28, [1854]." The Torreys moved out of Stratton in 1854, apparently leaving the house and farm unoccupied as evident by McClellan's Map that year.

Emma died on March 14, 1870. Luther and Emma were buried in Ball Cemetery. The family Bible, bearing this family's birth and death records, exists and it is kept in the museum of the Historical Society of Windham County. A note attached reads, "*Torrey Family Bible, pub. 1812, from Torrey's Tavern, Stratton, Vermont. Webster stayed here after his famous speech. Given by LP Torrey of Brattleboro, Vermont.*"

Children of Luther and Emma:

- 1) Hiram, born February 21, 1811; died September 15, 1835, at East Douglas, Massachusetts.
- 2) Permelia, born November 14, 1812 (became a member of the Church of Christ in Stratton on March 6, 1825); married Micah Twitchell of Wardsboro, Vermont.
- 3) Dexter, born June 7, 1815; married Thankful Evans.
- 4) Orrin Pearl, born on July 22, 1817, at Ware, Massachusetts; died April 30, 1894; married Lucy Maria Twitchell.
- 5) Calvin Ezra, born February 8, 1820 (baptized in Stratton on September 10, 1820); died October 1, 1851; married Catherine S. Forrester (intent published on February 20, 1848, at Stratton, Vermont).
- 6) Philena Sprague, born August 17, 1822 (baptized in Stratton on September 15, 1822, and admitted as a member of the Church of Christ in Stratton on June 24, 1840); married

Amos Ward of Jamaica, Vermont.

- 7) Sirena, born December 5, 1824 (baptized in Stratton on March 6, 1825); died April 15, 1825.
- 8) Elijah Marble, born January 12, 1828, at Stratton, Vermont; married Cornelia A. Buffum.
- 9) Elisha Hyde, born July 4, 1831, at Stratton, Vermont (baptized in Stratton on November 13, 1831).

Notes:

- 1) Parents of Luther Torrey: Ezra Torrey, son of James Torrey, was born July 27, 1750, at Tolland, Connecticut; died March 9, 1822; Zilpha (Jennings) Torrey, daughter of Ebenezer and Hannah Jennings, was born July 29, 1749, at Brookfield, Massachusetts; died May 8, 1820. (Dates as stated in the Family Bible) They were married at Brookfield, Massachusetts, on January 9, 1777.
- 2) Luther Torrey did not live on the site later called Torrey's Tavern and located at the east side of the nine-mile wood, until 1823 - at least two years after the Blake Tragedy. Therefore, the Blakes were either carried to the Boutell house (referring to the place that later was called Torrey's Tavern, or they were carried to the Torrey home (and tavern) east of the town common. (The Joseph Patch house) The story states that she was carried more than two miles, therefore the second choice is probably correct.

**Orrin Pearl Torrey**, son of Luther and Emma Torrey, was born on July 22, 1817.

Orrin took the Freeman's oath in Stratton on September 4, 1838, and he and his father, Luther, went into the lumbering business about 1845. On September 4, 1846, NJ Shaw rented the Shaw sawmill in 3L8R and 3L9R to Orrin for two years.

This may have been operated by his brother Calvin in 1847.

Orrin married Lucy Maria Twitchell, daughter of Hollis and Charlotte (Rugg) Twitchell, on June 6, 1853, and they resided in Plainfield, New Hampshire.

Before 1860, Orrin lived at Shaftsbury, Vermont, and when the Civil War broke out, he enlisted on September 9, 1862. Orrin mustered into Company K of the Vermont 14th Regiment on October 21, 1862, and he was discharged on July 7, 1863.

The Torreys' last child was born in 1864. Sometime soon after, Orrin and Lucy were apparently divorced. Orrin settled in Stratton about this same time. And in 1870 he was living with his son, Herbert. In 1872, Herbert died and so Orrin lived alone as indicated in the census of 1880. Lucy remarried to G.W. Beers on February 6, 1881.

Orrin died on April 30, 1894, and he was buried in Ball Cemetery.

Children of Orrin and Lucy were:

- 1) Herbert Hollis, born July 31, 1853, at Stratton, Vermont; died September 11, 1873, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 2) Charles Twitchell, born July 15, 1855, at Plainfield, New Hampshire.
- 3) Luther Hammond, born July 15, 1855, at Plainfield, New Hampshire.
- 4) Charlotte Franklin "Lottie," born May 9, 1858, at Plainfield, New Hampshire (attended school district #3 in 1865).

5) Elvira, born about 1859.

6) Frank Luther, born October 8, 1864.

**Calvin Ezra Torrey**, son of Luther and Emma Torrey, was born on February 8, 1820. Calvin became a member of the Church of Christ in Stratton on March 4, 1838.

On December 24, 1842, Calvin purchased several 40-acre lots from his father. At that time, Calvin was called "of Royalston, Massachusetts." Calvin returned to Stratton and he signed an agreement with his father and his brother, Orrin, on March 13, 1843, to farm-let the west half of 5L7R, which included "*the use of a double wagon, grindstones and farm tools and one yoke of brindle oxen which have been kept thereon.*"

On June 19, 1845, Calvin purchased an undivided third of 5L8R and the east half of 5L9R (100 acres total). He also purchased 20 acres near the Deerfield River, on the south side of the 40-acre lots, from Phineas White on March 17, 1847. This may have included White's Mill (later the location of the Grout Job). And so, Calvin was operating a sawmill in Stratton by 1847.

Calvin married Catherine S. Forrester, daughter of Moses and Patty Forrester, (intent published on February 20, 1848, at Stratton). Catherine was born about 1827.

Calvin mortgaged his lands through his brother-in-law,

Stephen Forrester, but he was able to pay off his mortgages in March, 1851. He died a few months later on October 1, 1851.

In 1860, Catherine and the children were living at her parents' homestead, where her brother, Roderick, had become head of the household. Catherine apparently remarried to Washington Wyman and they resided in Cambridgeport, Vermont.

Children of Calvin and Catherine:

- 1) Clark L., born about 1849.
- 2) Augustus, born about 1851.

**Elijah Marble Torrey**, son of Luther and Emma Torrey, was born in Stratton on January 12, 1828, and he spent much of his boyhood there.

Elijah prepared for college at Burr & Leland Seminaries. He entered Middlebury College in 1850 and he graduated in 1854.

Soon afterward graduation, Elijah became principal of the high school at Windsor. He resigned this position and he accepted the position of "Master of Order" in the large boarding school for boys of all ages, of Charles Bartlett, College Hill, in Poughkeepsie, New York. In 1858, Elijah was principal teacher of Latin and mathematics in the boarding school for both sexes of Rev. E. Seymour, in Bloomfield, New Jersey.

In 1859, Elijah settled in Jamaica, Vermont, and he became a farmer. He was that town's Representative in 1862, 1863, and 1864, and he was chosen to

prepare a Soldiers' Record for the town, under an act of the Legislature of 1864.

In 1860, Elijah married Miss Cornelia A. Buffum, and they had two sons and four daughters.

**Elisha Hyde Torrey**, son of Luther and Emma Torrey, was born in Stratton on July 4, 1831. Elisha entered Middlebury College in 1852. In the fall term of his senior year, he became sick and he was compelled to leave college, never to return. Having regained his health, he engaged in teaching, which he has made the business of his life. He was one year a teacher in the drawing school of Warring & Bisbee, successors to Charles Bartlett, College Hill, in Poughkeepsie, New York, and subsequently for five years principal teacher of Latin and Greek, and vice-principal in the military boarding school of Charles Warring, in Poughkeepsie. Elisha married and had a son.

## **Towne**

**George S. Towne** was called "of Stratton" when he sold 1700 acres of the southwest corner of Stratton to John Tudor on July 25, 1892. He may have been a son of Hollis and Louise (Pike) Towne. George had purchased the site of the Lucius Smith sawmill on this land and apparently settled thereon (see Beer's Atlas of 1869). George probably moved away from Stratton after the sale.

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## Tracy

**Nathan J. Tracy** was born at Benson, Vermont, on January 26, 1834. He married Lucy J. Grout, daughter of Hudson and Silence Grout, on September 3, 1854, at Shaftsbury, Vermont. Lucy was born on May 25, 1835, at Stratton.

The Tracys settled in Stratton for a short time, then resettled in Westminster, Vermont. Lucy died there on November 7, 1860.

During the Civil War, Nathan enlisted on May 11, 1861, at Sunderland, Vermont. He was placed into Company A of the Vermont 2nd Regiment, and he was promoted to sergeant on September 14, 1861. Nathan was discharged for a disability on December 15, 1862.

Nathan died at Glens Falls, New York, on June 4, 1911.

Their children were:

- 1) Emma Evangeline, born August 10, 1855; died January 11, 1911; married 1) Brainard O. Smith 2) Willis Butler in 1894.
- 2) Sarah Gertrude, born March 31, 1857, at Stratton, Vermont; died in December, 1915; married Austin Tracy in 1875.
- 3) Alzona Edith, born July 20, 1858, at Westminster, Vermont; died December 13, 1943, at Glens Falls, New York; married Samuel Jacob Stiles on August 21, 1876, in Fort Miller, New York..
- 4) Mary Adeline, born July 20, 1860; died in 1886; married Hibert Hunt.

## Tripp

**Joseph Tripp**, was born on February 25, 1822, at Chestertown, New York. He married Sarah A. Taylor at Chestertown in 1846. Sarah was born in England on March 23, 1829.

Joseph was called a farmer of Warrensburg, New York, when he settled in Stratton just after the Civil War. Joseph was Stratton's Free-Will Baptist minister for a short while in 1866, but they soon moved away from Stratton. Sarah died on May 26, 1898 at Ruthven, Iowa. Joseph died there on January 28, 1912.

Their children were:

- 1) Emily Josephine, born December 24, 1846, at Warrensburg, New York; married Loren Richmond Woodcock on March 5, 1873, at Chestertown, New York.
- 2) Cyrus Joseph, born May 7, 1848, at Warrensburg, New York; married Mary A. Greensley.
- 3) Mary Elizabeth, born October 23, 1850, at Warrensburg, New York; married Henry Hennesy Hough.
- 4) Charles Melrose, born October 29, 1852, at Chestertown, New York; died June 12, 1913, at Ruthven, Iowa; married Anna E. Floyd about 1880 at Milbrook, New York.
- 5) Foster Byron, born August 7, 1858 at Warrensburg, New York; married Cynthia Givings.
- 6) Flora Belle, born September 30, 1866, at Stratton,

Vermont; died October 7, 1920; married Edgar Marling.

## Tudor

**William Tudor**, son of Edward and Sarah (Gaynor) Tudor, was born on November 4, 1836, in Cowhill, Thornbury, England. William married Parsha Ellen Biddle on August 31, 1862. Parsha was born on February 27, 1839. William worked in a brickyard during his early years.

Parsha had relatives who lived in Vermont. Perhaps these relatives persuaded the Tudors to come to America. William and Parsha crossed the Atlantic in September and October, 1869, leaving from Cardiff, Wales, onboard the SS Brooklyn out of Liverpool. They arrived in New York on October 5, 1869. Upon their arrival in America, William was poor and probably illiterate. The Tudors made their way to Searsburg, Vermont, and they first lived with one of Parsha's relatives.

While in Searsburg, William found employment at the bedstead factory, at the border of Searsburg and Somerset. The Tudors leased a house from George Wheeler in Searsburg. In 1874, they purchased lot #24 from Mr. Wheeler. The Tudors had 138 acres of Searsburg leaseland, which they paid \$2.63 yearly.

In 1881, the Tudors moved to Somerset, Vermont, and leased a sawmill from S.T. Davenport of Wilmington. The mill was originally built by George Hartwell and Clark Harris. It was

a 50 horsepower, water-powered mill, and it produced about 250,000 feet of lumber each year. In 1889, William was able to buy the mill from Mr. Davenport for \$1225.00. This mill was known as the lower Tudor Mill.

The Tudors prospered, hence, during the next 23 years they purchased thousands of acres in Somerset, Stratton, and Searsburg. In 1889, the Tudors began operations in Stratton around the site of the old Lucius Smith sawmill, located about three miles south of the Grout Job on the *Stratton-Arlington Rd.* The Tudors erected a mill there and eventually expanded it.



**William Tudor**  
(1836 – 1911)

Photo from the Vermont Government  
Yearbook

William continued to live in Somerset, but he made daily trips to the Stratton mill, known as the Upper Tudor Mill. His son John purchased the mill in 1892. A younger son, George, was already living in Stratton, while John



lived at Stamford, Vermont. William kept the lower mill, since it was more profitable, and more reliable. It was operated by waterpower nearly 100% of the time, while the upper mill needed a steam-driven backup.

About 1895, William built a large new home near the lower mill and they were able to enjoy it for several years.

In 1905, the Tudors sold their lands to the Deerfield River Company. William then moved with their sons, Mark, Fred, and Herbert, to the Thomas farm, near Hinsdale, New Hampshire. They lived there only two years, then moved to Bennington, Vermont, where they had purchased the John Robinson farm on the *Bennington-Pownal Rd.*

William was not ready to quit the lumber business and so he bought the Frank Adams sawmill in Wardsboro on April 9, 1910. The purchase included a gristmill, a sawmill, a shop and all the machinery.

William passed away on January 17, 1911, in front of his home in Bennington. Parsha died on May 22, 1917, of Bright's disease, at her home in Bennington.

Children of William and Parsha:

- 1) John, born September 1, 1858, at Thornbury, Gloucestershire, England; died February 23, 1909 (of accidental poisoning); married Sarah Tomlinson on June 5, 1890, at Bennington, Vermont.
- 2) Mark, born April 1, 1863, at Thornbury, Gloucestershire, England; died January 22, 1937.
- 3) George A., born January 3, 1865, at Thornbury, Gloucestershire, England; died August 23, 1934; married Lillie E. (Mundell) Clough on July 1, 1898, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 4) Frederick William, born January 31, 1867, at Thornbury, Gloucestershire, England; died August 19, 1948, at Bennington, Vermont; married Minnie Hescocock on July 2, 1889, at Marlboro, Vermont.
- 5) Ernest, born December 25, 1868, at Cardiff, Wales; died November 29, 1934, at Bennington, Vermont; married Blanche Faulkner on May 7, 1898, at Readsboro, Vermont.
- 6) Herbert, born March 17, 1871, at Searsburg, Vermont; died June 13, 1946, at Sandgate, Vermont; married Cynthia Mae Morey on October 24, 1903, at Hoosick Falls, New York.
- 7) Charles, born April 26, 1872, at Searsburg, Vermont; died February 11, 1943, at Bennington, Vermont; married Emma Bratton on December 20, 1897, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 8) (a son), born February 20, 1875, at Searsburg, Vermont; died March 1, 1875, at Searsburg, Vermont.
- 9) Emma, born May 5, 1876, at Searsburg, Vermont; died June 20, 1906, at Hinsdale, New Hampshire; married Mason

Johnson on July 16, 1894, at Stratton, Vermont.

- 10) Milo, born October 26, 1879, at Searsburg, Vermont; died January 24, 1908, at Troy, New York (of cancer); married Anna M. Young on July 30, 1904, at New York, New York.

Additional Sources:

The Tudors of Somerset, Vt.  
by William Charles Tudor.

**George A. Tudor**, son of William and Parsha (Biddle) Tudor, was born at Thornbury, Gloucestershire, England, on January 3, 1865. George came to America with his parents in 1869, and he was naturalized on March 16, 1886.

George was a lumberman, working at the mills his family owned in Somerset. Besides working in the lumber business, George had worked seven summers, probably while still quite young, for Barnum and Bailey Circus.

George married Lillie E. (Mundell) Clough, daughter of Clark D. and Ellen W. (Edwards) Mundell, on July 1, 1898, at Stratton. Lillie was born in Jamaica, Vermont, on December 3, 1870. George probably adopted Lillie's son, Ernest, at that time.

George's brother, John, bought the Lucius Smith millsite in Stratton in 1892 – an area of about 1700 acres from George S. Towne. Their father had been operating a millsite there since 1889 and George had moved his family into the area about that same time. The mill they erected

on this site was known as the Upper Tudor Mill. In 1900, George was living in Stratton, near the mill site with his family and three boarders. In 1902, George and John sold the mill to W. W. Peck. After the sale, the Tudors moved back to Somerset, and by 1905 they were living in Wardsboro.

Lillie died on February 28, 1912. George then married Martha D. Edwards on December 19, 1915, at Wardsboro. Martha was born on October 3, 1876.

George and his brother, Mark, operated a steam-driven mill in West Wardsboro for a time, but the business failed after a large amount of lumber was stolen before it could be delivered to a customer in Wilmington. They sold out in 1924.

On June 21, 1925, George and his daughter, Emma, were baptized in the brook at West Wardsboro. George died on August 23, 1934, and he was buried in the West Wardsboro Cemetery. Martha died on August 11, 1955.

A child of Lillie by her first husband (adopted by George) was:

- 1) Ernest H., born July 24, 1887; died August 22, 1965; married Eva Ellis on November 24, 1907.

A child of George and Martha:

- 1) Emma L., born February 24, 1916; married Clarence H. Brown on April 18, 1936.
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## Tuthill

**Ernest J. Tuthill**, son of William Jarvis and Sarah A. (Emerson) Tuthill, was born on March 15, 1868, at Newfane, Vermont. Ernest married Edith Whitney, daughter of Roswell and Submit (Grout) Whitney, on February 10, 1890. She was born on November 23, 1869. She died May 10, 1899.

Ernest bought the Lyman home on *Pike Hollow Rd.* about 1922 and moved to Stratton at that time. While living there, Ernest also boarded Elmer and Margaret Eddy for a time.



**Edith Tuthill**

Photo courtesy of the Ethel Eddy collection

The Eddys were living there in 1938, during the flood that washed out the bridge across the brook (now *Penny Avenue Bridge*). Ernest and Margaret left the house during the storm and they were at the barn across the road when the bridge washed out. The barn is now home of the William's family.

Ernest died on December 4, 1945, at Brattleboro, Vermont,

and he was buried in the West Wardsboro Cemetery.

A child of Ernest and Edith was:

- 1) Robert, born January 23, 1892; died September, 1909.

**Edgar H. Tuthill**, son of William Jarvis and Sarah A. (Emerson) Tuthill, was born at Newfane, Vermont, on November 12, 1869. He married Minnie L. Brown, daughter of Andrew and Roalie C. (Binnie) Brown, on March 6, 1900, at Stratton. Minnie was born about 1870 at Grand Rapids, Michigan.

The Tuthills were farmers in Stratton between 1900 and 1910. Edgar died at Springfield, Massachusetts, on January 2, 1935.

## Tuttle

**Elmer E. Tuttle**, son of James Howard and Alma Alberta (Rolfe) Tuttle, was born March 6, 1907. Elmer married Vivian Gilman Able, daughter of John and Nora Able. Vivian was born on October 27, 1913, at Stanton, New Mexico.

The Tuttle's purchased the Lowe farm in 1950 and settled in Stratton in 1952. Their home was located along the *Stratton-Arlington Rd.* in 2L3R, just north and west of what is now the *Bills Rd.* intersection. This house burned and so they built down on the road across from the original location of Schoolhouse #5. Vivian was active in town affairs and she was Town Clerk from 1963 to 1973. She also served as

Stratton's Representative from 1963 to 1967.

Elmer passed away in 1973. Vivian died on June 14, 1978, in a nursing home in Brattleboro, Vermont. They were buried in Ball Cemetery. Their son, Kenneth built his home on the site of the old farmhouse that had burned.

A son of Elmer by a previous marriage:

- 1) Bruce

A son of Elmer and Vivian was:

- 2) Kenneth, married Elke (He currently lives in Stratton).



**Vivian (Able) Tuttle**

Photo from the Town of Stratton collection

**Forrest Leroy Tuttle**, son of James Howard and Alma Alberta (Rolse) Tuttle, was born on May 24, 1910, at Haverhill, Massachusetts. He worked as a

shipyard toolmaker, then settled in Stratton on *Shepardson Rd.* in the 1940s, and remained there for most of the remainder of his life.

Forrest stayed in Hartford, Connecticut, for a short while before his death. He returned to Stratton, where he died on January 6, 1998. He was buried in Ball Cemetery in Stratton.

## Twing

**Walter C. Twing**, son of Samuel and Julia S. Twing, married Elizabeth Rice. He lived in Stratton near the Pikes Falls schoolhouse, just past Brazer's house and on the left. Elizabeth worked as a visiting nurse. They removed to Jamaica, Vermont. A photograph of the Twing family can be found in Hometown Jamaica, A Pictorial History of a Vermont Village by Mark Worthen.

The Twing's children were:

- 1) Joseph Henry
- 2) William Samuel
- 3) James Arthur

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### Underwood

**John Underwood**, a son of (?) and Mary Underwood, was born about 1799. John married Persis Wheeler, daughter of Abraham and Zeresh Wheeler. Persis was born on January 24, 1807, at Bolton, Massachusetts.

John was a resident of Jamaica, Vermont, when he purchased 40 acres of the north

half of the west half of 10L2R in Stratton on March 5, 1828, from Ira Russell. The Underwoods settled in Stratton at that time. Their lot was located approximately where the Sun Bowl is currently located. On April 20, 1829, John purchased the southwest quarter of 10L2R. This included the area of North Cemetery. They settled into the house beside North Cemetery - the remains of the house can still be seen there.

John bought several of the surrounding lots over the years, including an undivided half of 155 acres of 11L3R in 1838 (he purchased the remainder of this lot in 1840), the east half of 10L2R and all of 9L2R in 1844, 110 acres of 11L1R in 1847 and all of 10L3R in 1849. After purchasing the remainder of 10L2R, they apparently settled into the house on the east side of the lot, located at the northwest corner of the *Stone Chimney Rd. – Mountain Rd.* intersection. Their daughter and son-in-law, Mary and William S. Stiles evidently lived on some of John's land from 1844 to about 1852. They apparently had settled into the house beside the cemetery.

In 1847, Alonzo Cummings was residing in the Underwoods' home and attending school. In 1850, John and Persis had two boarders in their home, Phoebe Wheeler, aged 57, who was Persis's sister, and Mary Underwood, aged 80 (born in 1770). Mary was most likely John's mother.

In 1860, the two older boarders had been replaced by their granddaughter, Jerusha A. Stiles, and James Whittle, aged 26. Lorenzo Underwood was living with them and attending school in 1863, and Elias Underwood was living with them and attending school in 1867. These boys were probably John and Persis's grandchildren. The Underwoods were no longer in Stratton in 1869.

A child of John and Persis was:

- 1) Mary, born January 25, 1828, at Stratton, Vermont; died April 3, 1852, at Stratton, Vermont; married William S. Stiles about 1844.

**Ludowick Underwood** was probably a son or nephew of John Underwood above. He was living in Stratton at the outbreak of the Civil War and he enlisted on August 14, 1861.

Ludowick mustered into the Vermont 4th Regiment, Company I. He was wounded at the battle of Salem Heights, Virginia, on May 4, 1863, and he apparently received an additional wound on the following day. Ludowick reenlisted on December 15, 1863. He was wounded again at the battle of Cedar Creek, Virginia, on October 19, 1864. He transferred to Company F on February 25, 1865, and he was promoted to corporal on January 19, 1865. Ludowick was wounded again at the Battle of Petersburg, Virginia, on April 2, 1865, and he was discharged "for

wounds received” on April 4, 1865.

**Lorenzo D. Underwood** was born about 1845. He was probably a son or nephew of John Underwood above.

During the Civil War, Lorenzo enlisted on June 1, 1863, and mustered into Company L, of the Vermont 11th Regiment on June 10, 1863. He died in service on March 16, 1864, as a result of an illness.

**John Underwood** was born about 1850. He was probably a son or nephew of John Underwood above.

John married Flora Shepard, daughter of Joseph and Julia (Maynard) Shepard. Flora was born in November, 1855. The Underwoods were married about 1881.

In 1900, the Underwoods were living at the home of Jonathan Babcock, third husband of Flora’s mother, Julia<sup>1</sup>. Julia was a daughter of Oliver and Anna (Allen) Maynard. John Underwood was listed as head of that household in the 1900 census. Children of John and Flora were:

- 1) Ora John, born June 15, 1879.
- 2) Sarah Ella, born November 20, 1882, at Jamaica, Vermont; died March 19, 1968; married Leon Bruce Bills on February 17, 1901.
- 3) Frank H., born June 5, 1888.
- 4) Raymond, born in February, 1893; married Corene Pike.

Notes:

- 1) Julia was born in July, 1813, at Jamaica, and first married Joseph Shepard in 1830 and secondly to William Underwood in 1860. She then married Jonathan Babcock. In 1900, Jonathan and Julia Babcock were living with John and Flora Underwood. John was no relation to William Underwood; however, Flora was Julia’s daughter.

**Stewart John Underwood** and his wife, Carolyn Brazer, daughter of Paul and Madeline Brazer, settled in Stratton in January, 1967. That year, they built a home, with the help of Carolyn’s father, on a piece of the Brazer property, located on what is now called *Acer Rd.*, off of *Brazer’s Way*. Stewart was a veteran of the Vietnam War. Currently, he is a builder and Carolyn works at the Stratton Mountain Ski Area as a Ticket Systems Administrator. Stewart is a member of the Planning Commission.

A child of Stewart and Carolyn:

- 1) Mathew John, (he has worked for the US Army Corps of Engineers and is now a Park Ranger. He is a member of the Planning Commission and Stratton’s second Constable).

## Upham

**Jonathan Upham, Jr.**, son of Jonathan and Martha (Corbin) Upham, was born on February 7, 1759, apparently at Brimfield, Massachusetts. Jonathan settled at Sturbridge, Massachusetts, evidently while he was still a young boy.

Jonathan served during the American Revolution, first in Colonel Jonathan Holman’s Regiment, Captain Abijah Lamb’s Company, for 21 days, beginning

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on December 10, 1776. This company marched to Providence, Rhode Island. Jonathan was probably the same who enlisted again on August 16, 1777, serving for three months in the Northern Army in Job Cushing's Regiment, Abel Mason's Company. He next enlisting on May 13, 1778, and served in Colonel Waid's Regiment, Captain Lamb's Company. He served in other companies and he was among reinforcements for the Continental Army until December 3, 1780. During some of that time, Jonathan was stationed at Camp Totoway. A descriptive states that he was 5'8" tall and light complexioned.

Jonathan married Sarah Upham, at Sturbridge on August 23, 1782. Sarah, the daughter of Ezekiel and Rebecca (Morse) Upham, was born on September 6, 1761, at Cambridge, Massachusetts.

The Uphams were living in Sturbridge when Jonathan purchased the west half of 4L5R in Stratton, from James Knox on January 13, 1785. Jonathan was also a brother-in-law of Jared Blood of Stratton.

Jonathan apparently settled on this lot, although no documentation states that he indeed lived there. In June, 1786, he was chosen a Tax Assessor for Stratton. He did not sell his land, as it was later sold at a vendue in 1791.

Jonathan was not listed in Stratton's census taken in 1791. He probably had remained in

Stratton only a year or two. He eventually settled in Worcester, Massachusetts, and was named on the pension roll there in 1831.

Jonathan died on April 3, 1840, at Westminster, Massachusetts. Sarah died in 1850.

A child of Jonathan and Sarah:

- 1) Sally, born in 1794; died in 1886; married Loring Webber in 1813.

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## Upton

**Florence E. Upton** was born in Vermont about 1887. She was married, but she lived in Stratton on a farm without her husband in 1920. That year, she had a boarder, Alton A. Leno, aged 50, living with her and apparently working the farm.

Florence's children were:

- 1) Leola, born August 10, 1911, at Hartford, Connecticut; died December 25, 1967; married Earl James Parsons.
- 2) Earl Royal, born about 1919 in Vermont; married Frances Peters.

**Earl Royal Upton** was born in Vermont in 1919. He came to Stratton with his mother before the 1920 census was taken in Stratton. He grew up in Stratton and worked as a laborer when he was of age. Earl married Frances Peters. They were living in Stratton in 1937.

A child of Earl and Frances was:

- 1) Leola Elizabeth, born May 3, 1937, at Stratton, Vermont.

## V

### Van Buren

**Edward Van Buren** was living in Stratton in 1844 with Isaiah Howard. Edward attended school in district #1 in Stratton at that time.

### Vose

**Forrest L. Vose** was born about 1875 in Vermont. He married Lorra E. Allen, daughter of Chessie and Villa Allen. Lorra was born about 1877 in Illinois. The Voses came to Stratton between 1910 and 1920, where Forrest put his hand to farming. They first settled at the corner of *Old Forrester Rd.* and the *Stratton-Arlington Rd.*. They later moved into the home of Lorra's parents on *Pike Hollow Rd.*, known as the AH Pike house and currently owned by the Marcucci family. In June, 1928, they sold this property and apparently left Stratton at that time.

Children of Forrest and Lora:

- 1) Ivan V., born about 1904 in Vermont.
- 2) Hazel M., born about 1908 in New York.

## W

### Wagner

**LeRoy H. Wagner**, son of Laban and Katey Wagner, was born in Nova Scotia, Canada, on January 25, 1883. He married Mamie Holman on August 10, 1906, at Riversdale, Nova Scotia.

The Wagners had moved to Brattleboro, Vermont, where LeRoy operated a shoe store. Mamie passed away there on January 28, 1947.

LeRoy married Bernice Adell (Waite) Eddy on February 8, 1950, at Brattleboro. Bernice, daughter of Henry and Avis Waite, was born on February 10, 1883, at Wardsboro, Vermont.

Bernice and LeRoy lived in Pike Hollow in the cottage that had been given to Bernice by the Eddys (the Eddy/Young place). Ethel Eddy added a section of land with a spring, so that they had a gravity fed water supply. Bernice's son, Elmer Eddy, and son-in-law, Rich Holman, also added a dormer in 1948 or 1949, which allowed room for two bedrooms upstairs. A bathroom with a reservoir for spring water above it completed the project.

The Wagners lived there for many years. Sometimes, they stayed in Massachusetts or traveled to Florida or Texas during the winter months.

LeRoy had a heart attack and died at his home in Stratton on April 22, 1964. He was buried in Morningside Cemetery at Brattleboro, beside his first wife,

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Mamie, and their son, Harold, who had passed away a few years earlier.



**LeRoy Wagner and his second wife, Bernice**

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Following LeRoy's death, Bernice continued living in Stratton for several years; however, she spent the winters with a friend in Jamaica, Vermont. During that time, her granddaughter, Lissa Holman lived with her. Bernice spent a year in Texas with her son, then returned to Vermont and spent the last few months of her life in a Nursing Home at Brattleboro. Bernice passed away there on June 12, 1973. She was buried in Pike Hollow Cemetery near her first husband, Hermon Eddy.

A child of LeRoy and Mamie was:  
1) Harold

## Waite

(Wait)

**John Waite** was born before 1755 and his wife, Mary, was born after 1755. John was also a veteran of the American Revolution. The Waites were living in Sutton, Massachusetts, when John purchased the west half of 10L1R

from Jonathan Trask of Sutton on April 26, 1790. They settled there soon after. John's homestead apparently was located on the north side of what is now called *County Rd.*, just east of its intersection with *Mountain Rd.*. Before 1996, this section of *County Rd.* was called *Stone Chimney Rd.*, named for the old stone chimney of this house that had remained standing there until about 1995. After 1996, the name was given to the road west of *Mountain Rd.*.

The census of 1791 indicates that John, his wife, three sons under 16 and two daughters were living in their home. Therefore, names of two sons are unknown. One of the two unidentified boys evidently left Stratton or passed away before 1800, while the other remained in the Wait household through 1810, as did John's son, Calvin. His daughter, Nancy also had left home before 1800.

John was voted in as Stratton's Grand Jurorman at the town meeting of March 3, 1794. He was also voted a Selectman of Stratton on March 7, 1796. Mary was admitted to the Church of Christ in Stratton in 1804 and four of the Waite's younger children were baptized on July 20, 1805.

On April 11, 1806, John sold his land to his son, Calvin. At that time, an agreement was made that Calvin would "*take care of John Waite and his wife in comfort for the rest of their lives and John's minor boys shall work for Calvin until they are 18 and*

*Calvin shall school them and fit them out for trades. Calvin shall also give Sally and Nancy 30 dollars each to be paid in stock when he can raise it as soon as they shall need it. If anything is left when Mr. Waite and wife shall die it is to go to Calvin."*

John was head of the household in 1810; however, in 1820, he was living in the household of his son, Calvin, possibly on 11L3R at that time. John passed away at Stratton on September 19, 1822. After his death, Mary evidently lived with their son, Tyler, in Stratton. Mary died there on October 14, 1833.

John's children were:

- 1) Nancy, born in 1783; died September 15, 1856, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 2) Calvin, died July 16, 1823, at Stratton, Vermont; married Betsey Thatcher.
- 3) (a son)
- 4) (a son)
- 5) Sally, born between (1780 and 1784), married Lewis Guild (sometimes seen as Gould) on April 12, 1810, at Stratton, Vermont.

John and Mary's children were:

- 6) Luther, born December 15, 1792, at Stratton, Vermont; died in June, 1855, at Jamaica, Vermont; married Asenath Scott on April 14, 1822, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 7) Daniel, born December 22, 1794, at Stratton, Vermont; married Cynthia Reade on May 28, 1815, at Chester, Vermont.

- 8) Tyler, born June 4, 1796, at Stratton, Vermont; died April 26, 1887, at Wardsboro, Vermont; married Lucia Taylor on June 2, 1822, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 9) Alpheus, born August 21, 1798, at Stratton, Vermont.

**Calvin Waite**, son of John Waite, evidently came to Stratton with his father in 1790. In 1806, he made an agreement with his father to care for the family, in exchange for the family farm on the west half of 10L1R. He apparently was living with his parents through 1810.

Calvin married Betsey Thatcher of Manchester, Vermont (intent published on November 10, 1816). Betsey was the daughter of Asa Thatcher and the sister of Benjamin Thatcher of Winhall (later of Stratton).

Betsey removed her relationship from the Church of Christ in Winhall to the Church of Christ in Stratton on August 31, 1817.

In 1817, Calvin purchased 11L3R. He may have settled there briefly, but he apparently became head of his father's household. The 1820 census shows that Calvin was head of the household in Stratton with two males 16 to 26 (Tyler and Alpheus), Calvin and Luther were 26 to 45, and his father, John, evidently was the gentleman over 45. There were also two females 26 to 45 (Nancy), one 16 to 26 (Betsey) and one over 45 (Mary).

In May, 1822, Calvin sold the old homestead on 10L1R to Benjamin and Asa Thatcher, Jr. (apparently an undivided half). That same year, he also sold his farm on 11L3R to his brothers, Luther and Tyler.

The Waites lived in Stratton until Calvin's death there on July 16, 1823. Calvin was buried in North Cemetery. His gravestone was recorded as existing therein, but has since disappeared within the last few decades.

Following Calvin's death, Betsey remarried to Silas Gleason. Her third husband was John Rand. An adopted son of Calvin and Betsey was:

- 1) Alonzo Capin (baptized in Stratton on February 23, 1823).

**Nancy Waite**, daughter of John Waite, was born in 1783. She apparently settled in Stratton with her father and stepmother, in 1790, but she had left home by 1800. She returned to Stratton and on October 23, 1807, she was baptized and taken into the Church of Christ in Stratton by the Reverend Mr. Tufts of Wardsboro. Nancy apparently resided with her father and then with her brother, Calvin.

By 1830, Nancy was considered among the town's poor and she was bid off at town meetings to the person who offered to care for her for the least amount of money. Asa Phillips cared for her in 1830. John Shepardson agreed to care for her in 1831, but handed her over to

the Overseers of the Poor before the year was out. John Lyon agreed to care for her in 1833, Ebenezer Allen took the job in 1834 and Jonathan Bissell provided care for her in 1835. Isaac Shepardson took care of her in 1836 and 1837, then Samuel Allen, Jr. in 1839 and James Fuller in 1840. The town no longer provided her care after 1840.

Nancy was living with Charles and Asenath Fay in her latter years (her brother, Tyler Waite sold the Fays the farm on 5L4R, where they lived). She died in Stratton on September 15, 1856.

**Luther Waite**, son of John and Mary Waite, was born on December 15, 1792, at Stratton. He lived with his parents on the west half of 10L1R. Luther took the Freeman's oath in Stratton on September 3, 1816. He apparently moved out of town briefly, but he returned and took the Freeman's oath again on September 2, 1817.

Luther married Asenath Scott, daughter of Ira and Submit Scott, on April 14, 1822, at Stratton. Asenath was born on August 9, 1795.

Luther and his brother, Tyler, purchased 11L3R from Calvin in May, 1822. Luther apparently settled there. Over the years, Luther and Tyler bought and sold several lots within Stratton. In 1827, Luther paid taxes on his part of 11L3R and on 12L3R and 12L4R.

The 1830 census of Stratton indicated that the Waites had three children under ten.

On November 16, 1834, Luther and Asenath were received as members of the Congregational Church of Christ in Stratton and on November 14, 1836, Luther was voted a Deacon of the Church. On March 8, 1839, Luther sold his farm on 11L3R and his share of the west half of 10L1R to his brother, Tyler. At that time, Luther and his family settled in Jamaica. Luther died there in June, 1855.

After his death, the family moved to Wardsboro, Vermont. Asenath died in 1887 at the age of 92.

Some of the six children of Luther and Asenath were:

- 1) Calphernia, born March 25, 1823, at Stratton, Vermont; died October 13, 1915, at Wardsboro, Vermont.
- 2) William
- 3) Lucina, born December 23, 1824, at Stratton, Vermont; died in 1902.
- 4) Henrietta M., born in 1831; married Oscar B. Blodgett on January 1, 1874, at Putney, Vermont.

**Tyler Waite**, son of John and Mary Waite, was born at Stratton, on June 4, 1796, and he grew up on his father's farm there.

Tyler and his brother, Luther, purchased 11L3R from their half-brother, Calvin, in May, 1822. On June 2, 1822, Tyler married Lucia Taylor, the daughter of Ebenezer J. and Amy Taylor, at

Wardsboro, Vermont. Lucia was born on July 7, 1801, at Wardsboro.

The Waites settled in Stratton following the marriage, apparently in the house previously occupied by Tyler's parents, located on the north side of what is now called *County Rd.*, just east of its intersection with *Mountain Rd.* This lot is referred to as Tyler Waite's home in 1826 and 1827.

On March 6, 1825, the Waites joined the Church of Christ in Stratton and Lucia was baptized at that time.

In 1830, Tyler's mother was apparently living with them and she probably remained there until her death in 1833. In 1838, Tyler sold his undivided half of 11L3R to John Underwood. In March, 1839, Tyler bought his brother's farm on 11L3R and also Luther's share of the west half of 10L1R. A few days later, Tyler purchased the east part of 5L4R (the old Batchellor farm). Tyler later mortgaged this property and may have settled there briefly. Tyler purchased several other properties in Stratton over the years.

Besides their children, another female boarder, aged 30 to 40 lived with them in 1840. This was probably Tyler's sister, Nancy. Tyler and Lucia lived at Stratton until 1846, then bought a farm in Wardsboro, Vermont, where they lived until late in life.

In 1847, the Church in Stratton voted to give them a letter of dismissal and recommendation to the

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Congregational Church in North Wardsboro. It was not until 1851, that Tyler sold the old Waite homestead on 10L1R to Prentis B. Putnam who settled there.

The Waites later moved into Wardsboro village. Lucia passed away on October 8, 1871. Tyler married a second time at the age of 81 to Mary (Sprague) Kidder on October 10, 1877, at Stratton. Mary was the widow of Ashbel Kidder of Stratton and the daughter of Isaac and Sarah Sprague. Tyler passed away on April 26, 1887, at the age of 90 years, 10 months, 22 days. Lucia and Tyler were buried in Fairview Cemetery in Wardsboro.

The children of Tyler and Lucia:

- 1) Laura Ann, born January 12, 1824, at Stratton, Vermont; died in 1849; married Rollin Mallory Witt on February 4, 1843, at Wilmington, Vermont.
- 2) George E., born December 22, 1827, at Stratton, Vermont; married Hattie N. Well in 1859; died at Geneseo, Illinois.
- 3) Lucia N., born March 18, 1829, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 4) Henry Albert, born February 23, 1833, at Stratton, Vermont; died September 13, 1914, at Stratton, Vermont; married 1) Lucy Ann Blodgett on September 1, 1858, at Stratton, Vermont 2) Viola (Rice) Fitts on September 10, 1867 3) Avis Euphershia Robinson on November 12, 1879, at Wardsboro, Vermont.
- 5) Chastina, born April 24, 1836, at Stratton, Vermont; died April 11, 1881, at Wardsboro, Vermont.
- 6) Dexter, born February 7, 1838, at Stratton, Vermont; died January 16, 1923, at Wardsboro, Vermont; married Orthalia M. Barrett on January 12, 1861, at Wardsboro, Vermont (lived in Jamaica and served during the Civil War in the Vermont 16th Regiment, Company D..
- 7) Ruth, born March 20, 1841, at Stratton, Vermont.

**George E. Waite**, son of Tyler and Lucia Waite, was born on December 22, 1827, at Stratton, and there spent most of his boyhood. He was a student in Burr Seminary in 1847. He prepared for college at Newbury, entered Wesleyan University in 1850 and he graduated in 1854.

George settled in Geneseo, Illinois, in 1855, he studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1857. He married Hattie N. Well in 1859 and they had three daughters.

George was elected County Judge of Henry county in 1861, and held that office for six years. He was commissioned a colonel by Governor Yates at the commencement of the Civil War. George was mayor of Geneseo in 1866 and 1867. He was elected in 1869 and served as a member of Illinois's Constitutional Convention for the 46th Representative District, which included Henry County. That convention was composed of the very best men of the state, and it

was in session for five months. George was an active and influential member. He was chairman of the committee on retrenchments and reform; and, as such, exposed the enormous frauds perpetrated on the people by special legislation. He was the first to recommend to the convention a provision in the constitution prohibiting special legislation - a provision that was adopted.

Judge George Waite was a member of the Republican State Central Committee for the 21st Congressional District, and he enjoyed a good reputation as a lawyer and an enterprising businessman. George E. Wait died at Geneseo, Illinois.

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**George E. Waite**  
(born in 1827)

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the Geneseo, Illinois Public Library.

**Henry Albert Waite** was born at Stratton, on February 23, 1833, and he grew up there. Henry moved to Wardsboro with his family when he was 13. However, in 1848, he was living with Orrin Parker Stiles and attending school in Stratton in district #1.

At the age of 25, Henry married Lucy Ann Blodgett, daughter of Jonas and Lucina Blodgett, on September 1, 1858, at Stratton. Lucy Ann was born on March 21, 1838. Following the birth of two children, Lucy Ann passed away. She died on April 12, 1864, at Wardsboro.

Henry next married Viola (Rice) Fitts, widow of James B. Fitts, and daughter of David and Melinda Rice, on September 10, 1867. They had no children; however, Viola had a son from her previous marriage to James Fitts. This child was Fred Fitts, born about 1857. James had died in 1865 at Northboro, Massachusetts. Viola had been a member of the Baptist Church in West Wardsboro since 1852. She died on January 25, 1876, at age 40, and she was buried in the West Wardsboro Cemetery.

On May 27, 1873, Henry bought the Green Mountain House, at West Wardsboro, from John N. Glazier. Henry entirely remodeled and newly furnished this hotel. He operated this hotel until 1912.

Henry also had the contract to carry the mail over Stratton Mountain to Arlington, Vermont. Henry owned a stage that carried passengers and the mail along the

Kelley Stand Road, from Wardsboro to Arlington. Once the West River Railroad was completed on October 20, 1880, there was no need for the mail route to Arlington. He then carried the mail to the train station at East Jamaica, Vermont (known as Wardsboro Station at the time).

Following Viola's death, Henry married Avis Euphershia Robinson, daughter of Nahum Hial and Catherine Lois Robinson, on November 12, 1879. Avis was born at Winhall, Vermont, on March 17, 1863, and she was only 16 at the time of her marriage. Henry was 46 and he had a daughter older than Avis.

Henry sold the Green Mountain House, in 1912, to his daughter, Hattie. He passed away at Grout Pond in Stratton on September 13, 1914, during a family outing there. He was sitting under a tree and commented about all the beautiful flowers, then suddenly died.

Avis outlived Henry by more than 35 years. She managed the Green Mountain House, following Henry's death, then went to the Home for the Aged in Brattleboro where she was employed as a nurse. She apparently lived very near her daughter, Bernice, who resided at 45 Western Ave. Avis later became a resident of the Home for the Aged, then afterwards lived at the Hillcrest Rest Home at Brattleboro until her death.

On May 23, 1949, Avis fell and broke her hip. She never

recovered from the fall and died on February 22, 1950. Henry and Avis were buried in the West Wardsboro Cemetery.

Their daughter, Hattie, who had been living at Brattleboro, returned to Wardsboro in 1922 to run the Green Mountain House. She then sold it to J. H. Struthers in May, 1930. She returned to Brattleboro and resided at the Home for the Aged.

The children of Henry and his first wife, Lucy Ann were:

- 1) Albert E., born June 16, 1859, at Wardsboro, Vermont; died October 12, 1861, at Wardsboro, Vermont.
- 2) Hattie Lucia, born September 14, 1860, at Wardsboro, Vermont; died June 10, 1957, at Brattleboro, Vermont.
- 3) Anna Lucy, born April 1, 1864, at Wardsboro, Vermont; died June 12, 1942, at Yonkers, New York; married Frederick Elsworth Robinson on March 28, 1880, at Wardsboro, Vermont (divorced)
- 2) Willis Fayette French on October 14, 1911, at Brattleboro, Vermont.

Children of Henry and Avis were:

- 4) Leon Henry, born May 2, 1880, at Wardsboro, Vermont; died in 1939 at West Wardsboro, Vermont; married Leola Forrester in December of 1914 (divorced).



**Henry Albert Waite**  
(1833 - 1914)

Photo courtesy of the Eddy Family  
Collection



**Avis (Robinson) Waite**  
(1863 - 1950)

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Collection.



**The Waite Family**  
[l-r] Leon, Avis, Bernice, Henry, Sherman

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- 5) Bernice Adell, born February 10, 1883, at Wardsboro, Vermont; died June 12, 1973, at Brattleboro, Vermont; married 1) Hermon Elmer Eddy on December 25, 1902, at West Wardsboro, Vermont 2) Carl E. Hollender 3) LeRoy H. Wagner on February 8, 1950, at Brattleboro, Vermont.
- 6) Sherman Lincoln, born March 30, 1885, at Wardsboro, Vermont; died in 1958; married Ida Frost at Wardsboro, Vermont.
- 7) Robert T., born April 30, 1893, at Wardsboro, Vermont; died December 5, 1893, at Wardsboro, Vermont.

## Wallace

**Truman T. Wallace**, son of William and Polly Ann Wallace, was born at Hartford, New York, in 1846. Truman married Luana A. Perry, daughter of Richard and Eliza Perry and widow of Henry Lincoln, on September 28, 1873, at Stratton. She was born in 1851. The Wallaces apparently did not settle in Stratton following their marriage.

## Ward

**Artemas Ward**, son of Luther and Anna (Tenney) Ward, was born on April 3, 1793, at Leicester, Massachusetts. Artemas married Betsey Smith on August 4, 1811, at Leicester. Betsey was born about 1792.

On June 24, 1843, Artemas was declared bankrupt at the courthouse in Windsor. Following this misfortune, the

Wards apparently settled in Stratton in the late 1840s, but they moved away before 1850.

Two of their children were buried in Ball Cemetery in Stratton, within the Torrey family lot. This was because their son, Amos had married Philena Torrey, daughter of Luther and Eunice Torrey.

In 1850, the Wards were living in Sunderland, Vermont, beside the Kelley Stand. The 1850 census of Sunderland lists Artemas as a lumberman. This census also shows that the adjacent dwelling was occupied by their sons, Amos, Bradley, and Otis, and Amos's wife, Philena.

Their children were:

- 1) Amos S., born November 8, 1818, at Arlington, Vermont; married Philena Torrey.
- 2) Artemas, born March 1, 1824; died January 26, 1848.
- 3) Lucy S., born May 2, 1827; died July 7, 1849.
- 4) Bradley, born about 1832.
- 5) Otis, born about 1834; married Lomira Goodale Ward (served during the Civil War in the Vermont 16th Regiment Company D. for Wardsboro – lived at Brattleboro, Vermont).

**Amos S. Ward**, son of Artemas and Betsey Ward, was born on November 8, 1818, at Arlington, Vermont. He married Philena Sprague Torrey, daughter of Luther and Eunice Torrey. Philena was born at Stratton on August 17, 1822.

Apparently, the Wards lived in Stratton for a short time in the

1840s. By 1850, they had resettled in Sunderland, living near the Kelley Stand. Eventually, they settled in Jamaica, Vermont.

Amos apparently passed away before 1874, since Philena was called a resident member of the Church of Christ in Stratton in 1874.

A daughter of Amos and Philena:

- 1) Carrie, died March 7, 1884, at Stratton, Vermont; married J. Leslie Jones on March 6, 1875, at Stratton, Vermont.

**Harry Ward** was voted a fenceviewer for Stratton in 1896.

## Warren

**Robert Penn Warren** was born in Guthrie, Kentucky on April 24, 1905. He married Eleanor Clark, who was born in Los Angeles, California, on July 6, 1913.

Mr. Warren wrote several well-known books, including, All the King's Men. In 1976, President Carter appointed Mr. Warren as America's first Poet Laureate, a position he held through 1977.

The Warrens purchased land in Stratton, located at the corner of the *West Jamaica Rd.* and *Mountain Rd.*, and they built a summer-home over an old cellar hole. The Warrens spent summers in Stratton, while maintaining their permanent residence in Connecticut.

Robert passed away at Stratton on September 15, 1989. He was buried in Stratton in Willis Cemetery. Eleanor died in

Boston, Massachusetts, on February 16, 1996. She was buried next to her husband.

## Watson

**William Watson** was born about 1890 in Ireland. In 1920, he was a lumberman, working in Stratton and living in the boarding house at the Grout Job. He was evidently in charge of the boarding house at that time.

## Weber

**Nancy Costello Weber**, daughter of Paul and Adele Costello of Winhall, Vermont, moved to Stratton in 1978. She resides on the Stratton town line on *Pikes Falls Rd.*, where that road becomes *Taylor Hill Rd.* as it enters Winhall. She built a home on property that her parents had purchased from Scott and Helen Nearing. During the 1980's she served on Stratton's Planning Commission. She removed from town in 1999.

Her son:

- 1) R. Nicholas.

## Welch

**Andy Welch** was born in New York in October, 1866. He came to Stratton before 1900 and he worked as a lumberman at the Grout Job. In 1900, he was living at the boarding house on the mill site. Andy was no longer living in Stratton in 1910.

## Welds

**Calvin Welds** married Brenda Elvira Pike, daughter of

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Alexander H. and Elvira (Rice) Pike. Elvira, as she was called, was born on May 27, 1842, at Somerset, Vermont.

A child of Calvin and Elvira was:

- 1) (a son) born April 17, 1867; died April 22, 1867, at Stratton, Vermont.



**Calvin and Elvira (Pike) Welds**

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## Wellman

**Ebenezer Wellman**, son of Ebenezer and Priscilla (Day) Wellman, was born on May 4, 1772, at Mansfield, Massachusetts. Ebenezer married Eunice Howard, daughter of John and Eunice (Stone) Howard, on December 12, ????. Eunice was born on February 25, 1772, at Easton, Massachusetts.

The Wellmans first settled in Mansfield, Massachusetts. Ebenezer may have been the same Ebenezer Wellman warned out of Dover (Wardsboro South District) on January 20, 1809. The Wellmans then came to Stratton about 1813. They were warned out of Stratton on January 13, 1814, and served notice by Stratton's constable on January

19. The Wellmans remained in Stratton for the rest of their lives.

On December 13, 1817, Ebenezer purchased 40 acres of the east half of 2L2R from Josiah Stanford. He purchased an additional 40 acres of this lot from John Franklin on August 27, 1818, and on June 19, 1820, he sold the entire 80 acres to his son, Hartford. The original dwelling may have been north of *Knowlton Farm Rd.*

In 1820, Hartford (age 16 - 26), a female, probably their daughter, Abigail (age 16 - 26), along with their son, Pardon (under 10), a girl (under 10) and a boy (10 to 16) were living with them.

In 1830, a male and a female (both aged 30 to 40) were living with them, along with five boys and three girls. The Wellman's son, Pardon, was one of the boys there. The 30 to 40 year old couple was probably their daughter Abigail and her husband George Cannon, who had three boys and two girls. They were married and living in Stratton as early as 1824. That leaves a boy and girl unaccounted for. By 1840, the Cannons had moved out of the Wellman home, as had Pardon, leaving the Wellmans and their son, Hartford alone in the household.

Ebenezer died on September 12, 1840, and Eunice died on December 4, 1863. They were buried in Ball Cemetery.

Children of Ebenezer and Eunice:

- 1) Hartford, born June 18, 1794, at Mansfield, Massachusetts;

- died December 12, 1846, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 2) Charlotte, born September 20, 1796, at Mansfield, Massachusetts.
  - 3) Abigail, born October 22, 1798, at Mansfield, Massachusetts; died November 29, 1875, at Wardsboro, Vermont; married George Cannon.
  - 4) Eunice, born July 18, 1801, at Mansfield, Massachusetts.
  - 5) Pardon, born about 1812; died on May 10, 1892, at Wardsboro, Vermont; married
    - 1) Betsey K. Jones on May 20, 1838, at Stratton, Vermont
    - 2) Elizabeth Wells on July 21, 1868
    - 3) Lucy Barnes.
  - 6) Chester (possibly) (he lived at Stephentown, New York, in 1835 and owned part of 2L1R in Stratton along with Ebenezer and Hartford).

**Hartford Wellman**, son of Ebenezer and Eunice Wellman, was born on June 18, 1794, at Mansfield, Massachusetts. He came to Stratton with his parents about 1813 and he took the Freeman's oath on September 5, 1815.

Hartford apparently still lived with his parents in 1820. That year, Hartford's father signed over their 80-acre farm on 2L2R to him. Hartford may have built the dwelling located east of *Knowlton Farm Rd.* (see M. Knowlton on Beer's Atlas of 1869).

In 1819, Hartford paid taxes on 12L3R and the west half of 2L1R. It appears that Hartford

owned the latter lot, although no deed was found in Stratton's land records.

Hartford may not have been in Stratton in 1830. Instead, he may have resided in Stephentown, New York, at that time. If he did leave town, he returned to Stratton about 1835.

On September 3, 1835, Chester Wellman of Stephentown signed over his part of 2L1R to Hartford. On July 16, 1836, Hartford purchased a part of 2L3R (the Randall farm). Hartford's brother, Pardon, also purchased part of this lot.

Hartford evidently never married and settled back in with his parents. Hartford's nephew, Joseph Cannon, son of George and Abigail Cannon, was living with Hartford in 1844 and attending school in the Stratton Somerset United School District.

On July 7, 1845, Hartford signed over all of his property in Stratton to his brother, Pardon, with the provision that Pardon care for Hartford for the remainder of his natural life. Hartford died on December 12, 1846, at Stratton, and he was buried in Ball Cemetery.

**Pardon Wellman**, son of Ebenezer and Eunice Wellman, was born about 1812, at a time when his parents were in a transition from Mansfield, Massachusetts, to Stratton. He lived in Stratton with his parents until his marriage to Betsey K. Jones on May 20, 1838, at Stratton. Betsey was born in

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August, 1795, - making her 17 years Pardon's senior.

On November 24, 1838, Pardon purchased 75 acres of 2L3R in Stratton (the Randall farm). This farm was located on the old road that ran from Somerset to Winhall (beyond the end of *Knowlton Farm Rd.*). The Wellmans settled there until 1841, then apparently returned to live with Pardon's brother, Hartford, back on 2L2R. This farm was located east of *Knowlton Farm Rd.* (see M. Knowlton on Beer's Atlas of 1869).

In July, 1845, Pardon acquired all of the Wellman lands in Stratton from his brother, Hartford, with a provision that Pardon care for Hartford and also their mother, Eunice, for the rest of their natural lives. In 1849, Bradley Lord, was also living with the Wellmans, and, in 1850, George Fowler aged 9, son of George Fowler, Sr., was living with the Wellmans and had lived there for several years.

Pardon and Betsey sold the farm to Melvin Knowlton in 1851. At that time, the Wellmans apparently resettled in Wardsboro, Vermont. Betsey died at Wardsboro on April 10, 1868, and she was buried in the West Wardsboro Cemetery.

Pardon then married Elizabeth Wells on July 21, 1868. She apparently soon passed away, and so, Pardon married a third time to Lucy Barnes. Lucy was born on January 23, 1820. She died on April 10, 1885, and she was buried in the West Wardsboro

Cemetery. Pardon died on May 10, 1892, and he was buried beside his wives.

**Oliver Wellman** was probably a son of Ebenezer and Priscilla (Day) Wellman, born October 18, 1761 – a brother of Ebenezer Wellman (above). He was of Wardsboro, Vermont, when he purchased 53 acres on the south side of the *Gore Rd.* in Stratton Gore, from Aaron Draper on April 23, 1811. This farm apparently was the same that stood opposite the *Pike Hollow Rd. – Penny Ave.* intersection – later called the Higley farm.

Oliver and his wife, Rhoda, apparently settled in Stratton before the end of 1811. Oliver took the Freeman's oath on September 1, 1812.

The Wellmans were warned out of town by Stratton's Selectmen on December 17, 1812, and served notice by the constable on December 22. The Wellmans evidently did not stay long in Stratton, leaving soon after they were warned out of town. Perley Fairbanks bid off their farm during a tax-sale held in 1812.

**Vinton Wellman** was living with Isaac and Mary Shepardson in 1847 and attending school in district #2. He was no longer in Stratton in 1850.

## Wetherbee

**Daniel Wetherbee**, son of Paul and Hannah (Pierce) Wetherbee, was christened on February 2, 1766. Daniel was of Fitchburg,

Massachusetts, when he married Betsey Swan (intent published at Leominster, Massachusetts, on June 2, 1786).

Daniel Wetherbee and Benjamin Hawkes were both called of Leominster, Massachusetts, when they purchased part of 5L8R from Atherton Hall on August 22, 1801. This lot was “*12 rods from the road which leads from Samuel Boutell’s over the mountain (the Stratton-Arlington Rd.), beginning six rods west of the bridge (across the east branch of the Deerfield River) running westerly on the road about 12 rods, then north to the north line of this lot then east 12 rods then back south to the road.*” Hall sold them this lot on the condition that they build a sawmill on the land, within one year and keep it in repair for two years. They apparently did just that and built the first sawmill on the site of the future Grout Job.

Daniel sold his half of the rights to his land in Stratton to Bezaliel Lawrence of Leominster, on May 22, 1802, and resettled in Fitchburg, Massachusetts.

A son of Daniel and Betsey was:

- 1) Daniel, born December 20, 1786, at Fitchburg, Massachusetts.

**Sampson Wetherbee** may have been the youngest son of Ephraim and Joanna (Bellows) Wetherbee, born about 1746. Sampson was a resident of Athol, Massachusetts, when he and Zerah Greenleaf, together, purchased 50 acres of Lot #2 in Stratton Gore on May

12, 1801, from Edmund Gibbs. Sampson and Zerah settled on this lot. It is likely that their home was located west of the Daniel Willis farm (see D. Willis on Beer’s Atlas of 1869) and south of where the *Somerset Rd.* and the *Gore Rd.* crossed (later occupied by Hasey Sprague). They sold this property in 1803.

Sampson married Phillis Knight (also seen as Phillery) at Stratton on November 28, 1802. On January 25, 1803, Sampson sold his share of his property in Stratton Gore and apparently settled in with the Greenleafs on 4L5R. The following June, Sampson purchased 40 acres of 4L5R on the east side of Joshua Robbins – the second lot west of the town common on the north side of the road. The Wetherbees apparently settled there.

On May 10, 1806, Sampson sold this lot to Aaron Lyons. It is unclear just what the Wetherbees did at that point. They may have left Stratton at that time, returning before 1812 or perhaps they lived with the Greenleafs. Lyon had purchased an adjacent lot in 1809 and Wetherbee bought back the 40-acre lot and was living there in 1812.

The Wetherbees were admitted to the Church of Christ in Stratton on February 2, 1812, and they were living on their lot near the town common through and into 1816. In 1820, they were no longer in Stratton, or perhaps they were living within someone else’s home.

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Sampson died about 1821 and on July 11, 1822, Ira Scott, administrator of Sampson's will, sold Wetherbee's 40 acres to Paul Wheeler of Wardsboro. Phillis and her daughter did not remain in Stratton after Sampson's death. A child of Sampson was:

- 1) Adeline (admitted to the Church in Stratton on February 2, 1812).

## Wheeler

**John Wheeler**, son of Peter and Olive (Davis) Wheeler, was born in the late 1760s. He came to Stratton from Chesterfield, New Hampshire, in 1807, with his wife, Salome (Killicut) Wheeler. John had purchased the west half of 1L1R in Stratton from Hezekiah Fay on November 9, 1806, probably living in the house built there by Elias Woodcock.

The Wheelers were warned out of town on January 4, 1808, as was the customary greeting to newcomers at that time. The Wheelers remained in town through 1810. The census of that year shows that John and Salome were between the ages of 26 and 45 and they had a girl living with them aged 10 to 16.

In 1811, the west half of his land (90 acres) was confiscated to pay John's debts to his brother, Jonathan, and John was ordered to be jailed until the debt was settled. He left town at that time.

By 1814, John was back in Chesterfield, New Hampshire. That year, he repurchased 90 acres of the west half of 1L1R in Stratton from his brother,

Jonathan. However, in 1813, the entire lot had been sold for back-taxes. Therefore, John had to purchase all of 1L1R from Phineas White on September 7, 1820, then he mortgaged it through Mr. White. John then sold the east half of the lot to his sister, Lydia's son-in-law, Moses Day, and leased out the west half to Moses for three years.

Salome passed away and John married the widow Persis Newton of Newfane. Persis was born about 1780. Persis had a daughter, Louisa Newton, who was born in 1812. The Wheelers evidently returned to Stratton during the 1830s. In 1840, besides John, there were three adults and a young boy living in his home, which included a female aged 50 to 60, another aged 20 to 30 and a male aged 60 to 70. The older man was probably John's brother, Ephraim.

Over the next several years, John subdivided the lot, selling to various people. On November 15, 1839, John sold the southwest corner of 1L1R to his wife, Persis. Together, they mortgaged this land on April 13, 1846. John died sometime within the next three years.

Persis then married Elias Gates on September 23, 1849, at Stratton, and together, they lived on this lot along with Persis's daughter, Louisa. Elias died on May 29, 1865. Three years later, Persis and her daughter, Louisa, were killed by a buck sheep on November 16, 1868. They were buried in Willis Cemetery.

**Ephraim Wheeler**, son of Peter and Olive (Davis) Wheeler, came to Vermont from Chesterfield, New Hampshire, and settled in Wardsboro. There, Ephraim married Esther Converse, daughter of Elisha and Mary (Bishop) Converse, on August 15, 1808. Esther was born on May 22, 1788.

Ephraim was a merchant in West Townshend, Vermont, and elsewhere. He came to Stratton in his latter years, probably living in the home of his brother, John, in 1840. He apparently inherited some of his brother's lot - part of the east half of 1L1R in Stratton.

On August 29, 1848, Ephraim had to forfeit his property in Stratton to Daniel Harris of Wardsboro, Vermont, for some debt he owed Harris. Ephraim died at Stratton on August 2, 1849, and he was buried in the West Wardsboro Cemetery.

**William Wheeler**, son of Elisha and Mary (Adams) Wheeler, was born at Sudbury, Massachusetts, on October 25, 1786. William and Peter How, both of Sudbury, purchased 3L7R in Stratton on September 17, 1808, from Josiah Lyon. This lot was located around the western part of what is now called Grout Pond. The house they lived in was probably located at the top of the hill, on the west side of the road that currently leads down to the pond. William came to Stratton soon after the purchase.

On February 22, 1810, in Sudbury, William married Persis How, daughter of Buckley and Elizabeth Howe of Framingham, Massachusetts, and sister of Peter How. Persis was born on July 4, 1787. Following the marriage, the Wheelers returned to Stratton. They may have been listed twice in the 1810 census. Once as part of "How and Wheeler" and again under "William Wheeler." On January 25, 1810, before his marriage, William was warned out of town by Stratton's constable. Once William had returned to Stratton from Sudbury with his bride, the town duly warned her out the following January 17th.

William was among the men who were granted the west gore in Stratton, 3360 acres total, on July 2, 1810. William sold his share of 3L7R to Peter How on April 27, 1811. The Wheelers moved away from Stratton before 1820. William died on March 15, 1872, and Persis died on September 9, 1875.

Children of William and Persis:

- 1) William, born May 2, 1811.
- 2) Emily, born May 27, 1813; married Samuel F. Cook on January 14, 1836.
- 3) Susan, born March 1, 1816; died October 6, 1840; married Seymour A. Baker on January 14, 1836.

**Abraham Wheeler**, son of Obadiah and Hannah (Baker) Wheeler, was born on November 8, 1750. Abraham's wife, Naomi, was born on August 25, 1748.

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She died on March 5, 1791. Abraham then married Zeresh Moore of Bolton, Massachusetts. Zeresh (sometimes seen as Zearish) was born on November 22, 1768. The Wheelers may have been Quakers, since their son, Obadiah, was specifically identified as a Quaker in the Wheeler Genealogy.

Abraham was a blacksmith. He owned and operated a trip-hammer shop in Berlin, Massachusetts, where he made scythes. Abraham purchased land in Stratton on February 24, 1807, buying 9L5R, 11L1R and half of 1L6R. At a tax-sale in 1809, Abraham also purchased 9L1R and he had to repurchase 11L1R at that same time.

Abraham brought his family to Stratton in 1813 and settled on 11L1R, located around the intersection of what is now *County Rd.* and *Pike's Falls Rd.* in the northeast corner of Stratton.

Abraham and Zeresh were warned out of town along with Martha Russell on March 7, 1814, and served notice on March 11. Martha may have been Zeresh's sister. Abraham took the Freeman's oath on September 6, 1814. In 1820, the Wheelers were both over 45 with a son and daughter aged 16 to 26, and three daughters aged 10 to 16.

On March 30, 1824, Abraham deeded the farm to his children, James and Lydia, with an agreement that they would take care of Abraham and Zeresh for the remainder of their lives.

Abraham died at Stratton on July 5, 1824. Zeresh evidently remained in Stratton and continued to live on the Wheeler farm, where her son, James, was head of the household through the time the 1830 census was taken. Later that year, James sold his interest in the farm to his sister Lydia and apparently settled elsewhere. By 1840, Zeresh and Lydia still resided on the family farm.

By 1845, Lydia had married David Hill and they sold the farm to Zeresh's son-in-law, Jared Howard. In 1847, Jared sold the farm to another of Zeresh's son-in-laws, John Underwood, with the understanding that Zeresh held a lien on the property for the remainder of her years. Zeresh was no longer in Stratton in 1850.

Children of Abraham and Naomi:

- 1) Hannah, born February 9, 1779, at Bolton, Massachusetts; died May 31, 1846.
- 2) Abraham, born June 24, 1781, at Bolton, Massachusetts; died September 8, 1829; married Iza Warner on February 21, 1802, at Lancaster, Massachusetts.
- 3) Lydia, born September 6, 1783, at Bolton, Massachusetts; died November 18, 1785.
- 4) David, born August 18, 1786, at Bolton, Massachusetts; married Anna Baker on November 3, 1808, at Bolton, Massachusetts.

Children of Abraham and Zeresh:

- 5) Phoebe, born September 25, 1792, at Bolton, Massachusetts.
- 6) Obadiah, born November 23, 1794, at Bolton, Massachusetts; died June 20, 1868; married Olive Woodward in 1817.
- 7) Triphena, born May 6, 1797, at Bolton, Massachusetts; married Jared Howard in September, 1815 (intent published at Stratton on August 6, 1815) (lived in Jamaica, Vermont).
- 8) Lydia, born October 5, 1799, at Bolton, Massachusetts; married David Hill (lived at Danby, Vermont).
- 9) James, born February 26, 1802, at Bolton, Massachusetts married Liddy Daniels of Jamaica, Vermont, (intent published on May 4, 1828, at Stratton, Vermont).
- 10) Amy, born July 20, 1804, at Bolton, Massachusetts.
- 11) Persis, born January 24, 1807, at Bolton, Massachusetts; married John Underwood.

**Obadiah Wheeler**, son of Abraham and Zeresh Wheeler, was born at Bolton, Massachusetts, on November 23, 1794. Obadiah was a Quaker who married "out of meeting." His wife, Olive Woodward, was the daughter of Jonas and Polly (Morsman) Woodward of Stratton. Olive was born at Stratton on March 17, 1796.

Obadiah took the Freeman's oath in Stratton on September 3,

1816. The Wheelers settled in Stratton for a time, then removed to Urbana Township, Steuben County, New York, about 1825, where Obadiah was a Justice of the Peace. Obadiah died on June 20, 1868. Olive died on May 30, 1881.

Children of Obadiah and Olive:

- 1) Hiram, born February 13, 1819; died June 26, 1829.
- 2) Abraham, born April 2, 1821; died in September, 1904; married Sarah Schofield.
- 3) Mary, born October 16, 1823; died April 20, 1905; married James R. Gleason on January 17, 1849.
- 4) Jonas, born February 22, 1826, at Urbana, New York; married Mary Ann Wood on December 13, 1854, at North Urbana, New York.
- 5) Lucy, born September 14, 1828; died July 2, 1830.
- 6) Malinda, born February 25, 1831; married Benjamin Bennitt on February 8, 1854.
- 7) Oliver, born October 18, 1833.
- 8) Obadiah, born November 9, 1836.
- 9) Jacob, born April 16, 1839.
- 10) George, born April 29, 1844.

**James Wheeler**, son of Abraham and Zeresh Wheeler, was born on February 26, 1802. He took the Freeman's oath on September 2, 1823. On March 30, 1824, James and his sister, Lydia, agreed to care for their parents for the remainder of their natural lives in exchange for the family farm. James's father passed away within

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a few months and James then became head of the household.

James married Liddy Daniels of Jamaica, Vermont, (intent published on May 4, 1828, at Stratton). They remained in Stratton on the family farm after the marriage and into 1830. That year, the census showed that his household apparently contained three couple, one aged 60 to 70, one aged 30 to 40, and one aged 20 to 30. James and Liddy were the younger couple and parents of a son born between 1825 and 1830 (as indicated in the census). James sold his interest in the family farm to his sister, Lydia, in August, 1830, and apparently, James and Liddy moved away from Stratton.

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**Melinda Wheeler** currently unidentified but probably a member of Abraham Wheeler's family, married Joseph G. Pierce (intent of marriage published April 23, 1820, at Stratton).

**Emery Wheeler**, son of Horace and Martha "Patty" (Wyman) Wheeler, was born on January 9, 1834, at Dorset, Vermont.

He may have been the same Emery Wheeler of Sandgate, Vermont, who enlisted during the Civil War on August 30, 1864, and served with the Vermont 10th Regiment, Company E through to the end of the war. Emery was discharged on June 22, 1865.

Following the Civil War, Emery evidently married Annetta Hoges and they had at least one child. Emery next married Amelia Wyman who was born in December, 1841. Amelia died on May 28, 1883.

Emery then married Fidelia H. Stiles, daughter of Harvey and Caroline Stiles on June 12, 1886. Fidelia was born on July 20, 1860.

Following the marriage, the Wheelers lived on the Jonathan Babcock farm, located on the *Stratton-Arlington Rd.* Later, they bought the farm of Asa Wheeler in South Wardsboro. Emery filed saws, made baskets and chair seats and raised hens for a living.

Between 1901 and 1904, the Wheelers settled in Stratton, living with their son Fred Wheeler. Emery died at Stratton on August 18, 1904, and Fidelia continued to live with her stepson, Fred, evidently until her death on August 13, 1913. Emery and both his wives were buried in the South Wardsboro Cemetery.

A child of Emery and Annetta:

- 1) Fred H., born in 1869; married Mary J. Jefts.

A child of Fidelia Stiles was:

- 1) Mary Alice, born August 3, 1885, at Stratton, Vermont; died February 9, 1964, at Brattleboro, Vermont; married Carroll Stacey on September 20, 1902, at Brattleboro, Vermont.



**The Joel Wheeler Family**  
**[Front l-r] Joel and Edith (Lackey) Wheeler and Ruth (Wheeler) Thomas**  
**[Back l-r] Willie and Clarence Wheeler**

Photo courtesy of Arlene Huesman

Children of Emery and Fidelia:

- 1) Lena Mabel, born February 18, 1887, at South Wardsboro, Vermont; married Floyd Prouty on July 17, 1907, at Brattleboro, Vermont; died April 26, 1939, at Brattleboro, Vermont.
  - 2) Clarence W. (twin), born July 26, 1889, at South Wardsboro, Vermont; died February 28, 1921, in Wardsboro, Vermont (He was a WWI veteran).
  - 3) Clara E. (twin), born July 26, 1889, at South Wardsboro, Vermont; died April 19, 1956, at Brattleboro, Vermont; married Edgar W. Boyd in 1910 in West Wardsboro, Vermont.
  - 4) Gertrude L., born July 22, 1890, at South Wardsboro, Vermont; died in 1952; married William W. Lounder on August 10, 1907, at Jaffery, New Hampshire.
  - 5) Harvey Dewite, born in 1894; died October 10, 1918, at Camp Devens, Massachusetts (of influenza while serving during WWI - Supply Co. 74th Infantry); married Ida Irene Bevis on June 18, 1918.
  - 6) Emery Harold, born August 15, 1896, at Wardsboro, Vermont; died in 1964, in Bennington, Vermont; married Ruth Stockwell on August 28, 1920, at Bennington, Vermont.
  - 7) Minnie Fidelia, born July 10, 1895, at South Wardsboro, Vermont; died on February 13, 1949, at Jamaica, Vermont; married Irving Charles Thomas on August 11, 1912.
  - 8) Fidelia Harriet, born December 9, 1898, at South Wardsboro, Vermont; died February 21, 1958, at Westfield,
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- Massachusetts; married 1) Harold Burpee 2) Leon Bryan.
- 9) Joel, born August 27, 1901, at South Wardsboro, Vermont; died January 31, 1974; married 1) Edith Agnes Lackey on October 6, 1924, at Stratton, Vermont 2) Edith Rist in October, 1954, at Wilmington, Vermont (divorced).

**Fred Harvey Wheeler**, son of Emery and Annetta (Hoges) Wheeler, was born July 27, 1869, at Dorset, Vermont. Fred purchased a farm previously owned by Orville Allen, located at the corner of the *Stratton-Arlington Rd.* and *Willis Cemetery Rd.* This was the house originally built by Phineas Ward Eddy on 1L2R.

In 1910, Fred was head of a household that included his stepmother, Fidelia H., and several of his half-brothers and half-sisters. Fred married Mary J. Jefts, daughter of Willard Jefts, sometime between 1910 and 1920, and they were living alone there in 1920. Mary was born in September, 1868.

Fred evidently was active in Stratton's fern business. Ferns, used for flower arrangements, were collected in Stratton and neighboring towns and shipped to New York and Boston. Lyman's sawmill made shipping crates for Fred's ferns in the 1910s.

Mary died on April 7, 1926, at Stratton and Fred followed on December 26, 1948 at Brattleboro, Vermont. They were buried in the West Wardsboro Cemetery.

**Joel Wheeler**, son of Emery and Fidelia Wheeler, was born about 1901. He was living in the home of his half-brother, Fred Wheeler, in 1910, and in 1920, he was a border in the home of Elmer and Inez Eddy. Joel married Edith Agnes Lackey, daughter of Henry and Emeline Lackey. Edith was born on November 5, 1902, at Stratton.

Joel went by the nickname, "Joker." He was mentioned as a pallbearer at the funeral of Isabel Pike, Edith's grandmother. Edith died on September 1, 1952, at Hinsdale, New Hampshire. Joel remarried to Edith Rist, but they were divorced. Joel passed away on January 31, 1974.

Children of Joel and Edith were:

- 1) Ruth Emmaline, married Everett Edward Thomas.
- 2) Clarence (He was a WWII veteran).

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Thomas/Wheeler Genealogy by Arleen (Thomas) Huesman

**Alonzo Lovell Wheeler**, son of Chauncy C. and Philadelphia Wheeler, was born on July 3, 1846, at Winhall, Vermont. His wife, Fannie L. Leonard, was born on November 13, 1859. They first settled at Winhall, Vermont, and they were living in Stratton by 1880.

The Wheelers evidently moved out of Stratton about 1884, and they apparently settled in Wardsboro, Vermont. Fannie died on August 10, 1894, and Alonzo died on December 14,

1916. They were buried in Fairview Cemetery in Wardsboro.

Children of Alonzo and Fannie:

- 1) Agnes, born about 1879.
- 2) John Alonzo, born November 30, 1882, at Stratton, Vermont.

**Edward M. Wheeler**, son of Moses and Mary Jane Wheeler was born in May, 1859, at Pawlet, Vermont. He apparently married and divorced before he settled in Stratton.

Edward married Jenny M. Shepardson, daughter of Calvin D. and Helen (Darling) Shepardson, at Stratton, on January 9, 1898. Jenny was born at Stratton on November 2, 1877. Before her marriage, she had a child, Shepardson Rawson, born May 3, 1896, at Stratton - a son of Leroy Rawson. Shepardson Rawson was called Earl.

In 1900, the Wheelers were living in the home of Jennie's mother. They were no longer in Stratton in 1910.



**Delia Wheeler**

Photo courtesy of Arlene Huesman

## Wheelock

**Winslow Wheelock** may have been the son of Caleb and Rachel (Green) Wheelock, born November 3, 1776, at Mendon, Massachusetts. Winslow apparently resided in Stratton. He resettled in Townshend, Vermont, where he grew ill and became a charge of that town in 1833. Townshend tried to recoup charges from Stratton, and so the town voted to send \$50.00 to Townshend for that purpose. A lawyer was sent to Townshend to investigate this incident. Apparently no additional funds were sent.

## Whetmore

**Lemuel Whetmore**, son of Beriah, Jr. and Abigail (Doud) Whetmore, was born on February 24, 1778, at Greenfield, Massachusetts. Lemuel married Eunice Mitchell there on July 11, 1800.

Following the marriage, the Whetmores settled in Pittsford, Vermont. Evidently, they settled in Stratton in the mid-1840s. In September, 1844, the town agreed to pay Mr. Whetmore to care for the widow Betsey Grant. The Whetmores cared for Mrs. Grant for several years. The treasurer's ledger - a town record - indicates that Lemuel Whetmore, Ina Whetmore and Moses M. Whetmore were paid jointly for Mrs. Grant's care in June, 1847. Ina may have been a nickname of Eunice or perhaps Lemuel's second wife. The Whetmores

were no longer in Stratton in 1850.

A child of Lemuel and Eunice:

- 1) Moses M., born May 17, 1807, at Pittsford, Vermont.

## White

**Alvin White**, son of Henry and Nancy White, was born on December 12, 1802, at Wardsboro, Vermont. He had resettled in Jamaica, Vermont, when he purchased the south part of the east half of 4L5R and part of the southwest corner of 4L4R in Stratton, along with an undivided half of the Millet farm, located beside the town common, from Jonathan Phillips on April 30, 1828. In June, 1828, Alvin also purchased 2000 acres of the Gore between Stratton and Sunderland.

Sometime between this last purchase and February, 1829, Alvin settled in Stratton. Alvin sold off some of his rights to the gore lands in 1829 and he removed from Stratton before the 1830 census was taken. He evidently forfeited his land in 4L5R.

**Alvin Henry White**, son of Henry, Jr. and Roxanna M. (Leach) White, was born on October 31, 1840, at Dover, Vermont. He later lived in Wardsboro, Vermont.

During the Civil War, Alvin enlisted for Wardsboro on December 17, 1861, and he was placed into Company H of the Vermont 8th Regiment. He

mustered out of service on June 22, 1864.

After the war, Alvin married Luanna M. Putnam, daughter of Prentis and Jemima Putnam, on December 12, 1866. Luanna was born on April 1, 1846, at Stratton. They lived in Wardsboro and Newfane. Alvin died on June 10, 1905, and Luanna died on March 29, 1923. They were buried in the West Wardsboro Cemetery.

Their children included:

- 1) Lilla, born February 13, 1870, at Wardsboro, Vermont; married Frank Adams.
- 2) Henry P., born in December 1871; died July 28, 1881.
- 3) Arthur, born about 1872, at Wardsboro, Vermont.
- 4) John, born about 1874 at Wardsboro, Vermont.
- 5) George E., born in September, 1879; died on August 16, 1888.
- 6) Elwin M., born in January, 1881; died September 18, 1882.

Additional Sources:

Return to Yesterday by CS Streecher

**William White**, son of Isaac and Hannah White, was born on January 13, 1811, at Windsor, Vermont. William married Melissa Leach who was born on April 9, 1824. The Whites first lived in Fairfield, Vermont, before settling in Stratton during the 1860s. They settled on the old Kidder farm, located at the bend in *County Rd.*, on 10L1R (see *W. White on Beer's Atlas of 1869*).

By 1880, the Whites had a servant, Charles Wood, aged 15,

and a boarder, Abigail Holland, aged 48, living with them.

William died on July 22, 1890, and Melissa followed on September 14, 1900. They were buried in the Pike's Falls Cemetery in Jamaica, Vermont.

Children of William and Melissa:

- 1) Casius, born about 1844; married Louisa E. Twitchell on December 25, 1872, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 2) Lester B., born about 1845; married Maryette Royce on December 30, 1868, at Highgate, Vermont.
- 3) Lester, born about 1848; married Sarah Holmes on December 24, 1868, at Fairfield, Vermont.
- 4) Philinda (twin), born in 1856.
- 5) Flavius (twin), born in 1856.

**Casius A. White**, son of William and Melissa White, was born about 1844 in Fairfield, Vermont. He came to Stratton with his parents and worked as a carpenter.

Casius married Louisa E. Twitchell, daughter of David and Louisa (Wood) Twitchell, on December 25, 1872, at Stratton. Louisa was born on May 22, 1848, in Jamaica, Vermont.

The Whites apparently did not settle in Stratton after the marriage, but instead settled in Jamaica where Casius built a mill that produced butter-tubs and shingles. Cassius invented a mop-wringer and built a factory to produce them in. The business prospered and was eventually moved to a better location in

Fultonville, New York, by Casius's sons. It later removed to Canajoharie and is now a component of Electrolux.

Additional Sources:

Hometown Jamaica by Mark Worthen

**Lester B. White**, son of William and Melissa White, was born about 1845. LB married Maryette Royce on December 30, 1868, at Highgate, Vermont. Soon after the marriage, the Whites settled in Stratton into the John Underwood house on the east half of 10L2R, located on the northwest corner of the *Mountain Rd. – Stone Chimney Rd.* intersection (see Beer's Atlas of 1869). LB was not listed in any of Stratton's censuses. Therefore, he apparently settled in Stratton during the 1860s and he moved away from Stratton before the 1870 census was taken.

*(Oddly, the Vermont State Archives list both Lester B. and Lester (see below) as children of William and Melissa White and their marriages to different women – said to be their first in both instances - occurred fairly close in time, but they do seem to be different individuals.)*

**Lester White**, son of William and Melissa White, was born about 1848. Lester married Sarah Holmes on December 24, 1868, at Fairfield, Vermont. The Whites settled in Stratton by 1875.

Their child was:

- 1) Ina May, born June 28, 1875, at Stratton, Vermont; married Jesse H. Botsford.



**Francis A. White** of Phillipston, Massachusetts, was born on April 6, 1820. His wife, Lydia P., of Wardsboro, Vermont, was born on September 11, 1828. The Whites settled in Stratton about 1858. Beer's Atlas of 1869 showed the Whites living on the west side of *Pike's Falls Rd.*, adjacent to the Winhall border in 12L2R.

Francis took the Freeman's oath in Stratton on September 6, 1864. He also received three tons of good hay from HW Edwards in August, 1865, for paying Edwards's taxes.

The Whites moved out of Stratton before the census of 1870 was taken and they settled in Wardsboro, Vermont. Lydia died on May 22, 1884, and Francis died on May 20, 1907. They were buried in the West Wardsboro Cemetery.

Their children were:

- 1) Henry F., born about 1845; died on March 2, 1862.
- 2) Azuba, born about 1849.
- 3) Armina, born about 1851.
- 4) Charles, born about 1853.
- 5) Berry (Augustine), born about 1856.
- 6) Lydia Emma (or Ermina), born in April 1857; died April 5, 1881.
- 7) Louis Stephen, born April 16, 1859, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 8) Frank, born April 2, 1862, at Stratton, Vermont.

**Henry F. White**, son of Francis A. and Lydia White, was born about 1845. At the outbreak of the Civil War, Henry enlisted and he was placed into Company I of

the Vermont 4th Regiment. He died of an illness on March 2, 1862.

**Harry White** was born in February, 1893. He was living in the home of Sarah Pike in 1900, at the age of nine, and he was called a servant. Royal and Sarah Clayton were also living there and may have been related in some way.

**Pheron L. White** was born about 1892. In 1910, he was living in Stratton with his mother, Carrie R. (Stiles) Moore and his stepfather, George W. Moore. He was no longer a resident of Stratton in 1920.

**John White** was living in Stratton in 1902. He took the Freeman's oath in Stratton on September 2, of that year.

## Whitehurst

**Julius A. Whitehurst** came to Stratton in the early 1940s and married Evelyn R. Hurd, daughter of Floyd and Zoe Hurd.

In 1943 they were staying with the Holmans in Stratton. This was the same house that Evelyn's grandparents had occupied previously, located on *County Rd.* in Stratton. The Whitehursts did not stay long in Stratton.

A child of Julius and Evelyn was:

- 1) Joyce Amelia, born at Stratton.

## Whitney

**Charles Candee Whitney**, son of Charles E. and Mabel (Candee) Whitney, married Mirth Arlene Pike, daughter of Ralph and Rose (Smith). "Arlene" was born on January 29, 1916, in West Wardsboro, Vermont.

For a short time in the early 1940's, the Whitneys lived in a house located on the southwest corner of the Pike farm in Stratton (currently the first house on the east side of *Pike Hollow Rd.*). The Whitneys also lived in Brookline, Newfane, and Townshend, Vermont, in the 1940s.

Charles served in the Navy during WWII – discharged in 1945. In 1947, the Whitneys moved to Springfield, Vermont, where they resided until 1973. At that time, they bought a home in Ascutney, Vermont. He retired in 1982 from the Fellows Gear Shaper in Springfield, Vermont, after over 40 years of service.

Following his retirement, the Whitneys bought a home in Zephyrhills, Florida, where they spent their winters. Charles currently resides in Zephyrhills.

Arlene grew up in West Wardsboro and Stratton, Vermont. She graduated from Leland and Gray Seminary and then from Castleton Normal School in 1938. She taught school in Dover for a short time, until the birth of her children. For a time during the 1960s, while residing in Springfield, she worked outside the home. In 1975, she and her siblings

inherited the Pike farm from their parents and in 1977 they sold this farmhouse to Arlene's son, Charles.

Arlene died on July 13, 1995, following a short illness with acute myelocyclic leukemia. She is buried in the West Wardsboro Cemetery.

Children of Charles and Arlene:

- 1) Charles Candee, Jr., married
  - 1) Donna Ellen Chisholm
  - 2) Alberta Rose (Cicatelli) Scott.
- 2) Howard Ralph, married
  - 1) Cheryl Seeley
  - 2) Bobbie Cooper
  - 3) Mary Curry.

**Charles Candee Whitney, Jr.**, son of Charles C. and Mirth Arlene (Pike) Whitney, married Donna Ellen Chisholm, daughter of Harry and Margaret (Spooner) Chisholm.

Chuck grew up in Springfield, Vermont, and attended Northeastern University in Boston, Massachusetts. He then went to Middlebury College and the University of California at Davis, where he received Masters and Doctorate degrees in chemistry. He retired from the DuPont Merck Pharmaceutical Company in 1994, following 26 years of combined service with DuPont and DuPont Merck in Wilmington, Delaware. He also retired as a Colonel from the Army Reserve in 1993 following 31 years of combined active and reserve duty. Chuck is currently President of Laboratory Management Systems, Inc., which he owns with John M. Read in Wilmington, Delaware.

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In 1977, Chuck bought the Pike Farm on the *Stratton-Arlington Rd.* from the children of Ralph and Rose Pike. He and his first wife divorced and he married Alberta Rose (Cicatelli) Scott, the daughter of Romeo and Carolina (Voly) Cicatelli.

Chuck and "Ali" vacation frequently at the old Pike farm, where they enjoy skiing, tennis, golf and the outdoors.

Ali attended schools in Wilmington and graduated from Wilmington High School in 1958. She retired from the DuPont Company in 1991 following 17 years service. Ali currently manages real estate investment properties. She has two children by a previous marriage: Stephanie Nicole (Scott) Antenucci and Suzanne (Scott) Painter.

Children of Charles and Donna:

- 1) Charles Candee, III, married Mary Beth Conover.
- 2) Susan Lee, married Matthew Dutt.

Additional Sources for the above Whitney families:

Notes of Charles C. Whitney, Jr.

## Whittle

**James Whittle** was born about 1834. He resided in the home of John and Persis Underwood in Stratton in 1860. He probably remained there only a short time. He was no longer in Stratton in 1870.

## Wilbur

**Jesse Wilbur**, son of Joseph and Sarah (West) Wilbur, was born on August 9, 1802, possibly in

Westmoreland, New Hampshire. He was called a resident of Sandgate, Vermont, when he purchased the west half of 5L4R on February 4, 1834. Jesse evidently settled in Stratton on this lot at that time. His home was located west of the gate at the end of what is now *Shepardson Rd.*. The remains of the house can still be seen along the path there.

In October, 1837, Jesse sold his lot to William Cummings. He then purchased the east half of 4L3R and 30 acres of 4L2R at that same time, and evidently settled there briefly. Jesse remained in Stratton through March, 1838. At that time, he sold this lot and removed from Stratton.

## Wilder

**Allen Wilder** married Fanny Jane "Sophie" Scott, daughter of Ira and Sophie Scott. Sophie was born on September 29, 1833, at Stratton. Allen was a farmer. They apparently briefly resided in Stratton circa 1856 and they had moved from town before 1860.

Their child was:

- 1) Frank Ira, born July 27, 1856, at Stratton, Vermont.

**Nathaniel P. Wilder**, son of Jonathan and Priscilla "Polly" (Johnson) Wilder, was born on February 23, 1823, probably at Jamaica, Vermont. Nathaniel married Mary Jane Hale, daughter of Ithamer and Malinda (Benson) Hale of Winhall, Vermont, about 1844. Mary Jane was born in 1827 at Brookline, Vermont.

The Wilders lived at Winhall, then may have briefly resided in Stratton around 1857, returning to Winhall by 1859. They resettled in Wardsboro, Vermont about 1878. Nathaniel passed away there on October 3, 1895, and Mary Jane followed on November 1, 1896.

Their children were:

- 1) (unnamed infant), born September 8, 1846, at Winhall, Vermont; died same day.
- 2) Ellery Vernon, born November 25, 184?, at Winhall, Vermont; died September 13, 1913, at Winhall, Vermont; married Lucy Amanda Wetherell on December 16, 1867, at South Londonderry, Vermont.
- 3) Ellis Chester, born June 10, 1850, at Winhall, Vermont; died September 10, 1921, at Wardsboro, Vermont; married Emily A. (Marshall) Leach on March 20, 1869, at Wallingford, Vermont.
- 4) Ella J., born June 5, 1853, at Winhall, Vermont; died November 1, 1896, at Wardsboro, Vermont; married August Calvin Chamberlain on October 8, 1868, at Townshend, Vermont (parents of Etta Cora Chamberlain).
- 5) Mary V. (twin), born May 7, 1857, at Stratton, Vermont; died in 1890; married James G. Brewsey on April 18, 1880, at Wardsboro, Vermont.
- 6) Martha Viola (twin), born May 7, 1857, at Stratton, Vermont; died November 15, 1864, at Winhall, Vermont.

- 7) Eveline Effie L., born December 16, 1859, at Winhall, Vermont; married Leroy J. Foster on January 1, 1881, at Wardsboro, Vermont.

**George Franklin Wilder**, son of Ephraim and Lucindy (Rice) Wilder, was born in 1820 in Jamaica, Vermont. He resided in West Jamaica where he produced barrels with the Clough family. The Wilder home was located beside the West Jamaica Cemetery.

George's first wife, Fanny, was born on October 8, 1837. She was probably a daughter of Reuben and Lorena Holton. Fanny died on June 15, 1862, aged 24 years, 8 months, 7 days. She was buried in West Jamaica. George and Fanny had three children, but their names are not known.

George then married Lucy M. (Gale) Hurlbert, daughter of David and Mary Gale, on October 1, 1865, at Stratton. Lucy was born in 1827 also in Jamaica and she had been a widow before the marriage with three children. George passed away on January 13, 1902, and he was buried in West Jamaica.

Children of George and Lucy:

- 1) Bernice Franklin, born July 21, 1866, at West Jamaica, Vermont; died November 14, 1939, at Jamaica, Vermont; married Ellen E. Clark on December 15, 1893, at Jamaica, Vermont.
- 2) Bert George, Born August 8, 1868, at West Jamaica,

Vermont; died July 30, 1927, at Jamaica, Vermont; married Dora May Chamberlain on November 17, 1879, at Winhall, Vermont (Dora was a daughter of Augustus and Ella (Wilder) Chamberlain).

- 3) Elmer C., born October 4, 1873, at West Jamaica, Vermont; died March 13, 1907, at West Jamaica, Vermont; married Ada Chamberlain in 1895 (Ada was a daughter of Augustus and Ella (Wilder) Chamberlain).

**Henry S. Wilder**, son of Ephraim and Lucindy (Rice) Wilder, was born about 1824. Henry married Maranda Johnson on June 11, 1843, at Jamaica, Vermont. They apparently lived in Jamaica for many years. Maranda was born about 1825.

The Wilders were listed as servants, living in Stratton in the home of Jessie and Lestina Sage in 1880, but they were no longer in Stratton by 1900.

Children of Henry and Maranda:

- 1) Charles H., died April 22, 1862, at Jamaica, Vermont.
- 2) Eveline, married Charles F. Sage on January 2, 1877.

**Lewis James Wilder**, son of James and Rosina (Sage) Wilder, was born at Jamaica, Vermont, on February 24, 1841. Lewis married Phoebe A. Bourn, daughter of Winslow and Almema (Ingram) Bourn, on January 15, 1865, at Townshend, Vermont.

Phoebe was born on October 23, 1844.

The Wilders were living in Stratton by 1880 and at that time they had two daughters and their niece, Katie R. Brown, aged five, living with them. Lewis was also paid by the town for keeping Sidney Eddy in 1883.

Lewis died of typhoid pneumonia at Stratton on January 23, 1888. Phoebe then married Lewis Atwood at Bridgewater, Vermont, on September 23, 1893. She died on April 9, 1909. James and Phoebe were buried in the West Wardsboro Cemetery.

Their children were:

- 1) Rosa Emaline, born February 7, 1867, at Jamaica, Vermont; died February 24, 1935, at Newfane, Vermont; married 1) Charles Henry Kennon at Hoosick Falls, New York 2) Herman Lewis Eddy.
- 2) Harriett Ella, born August 20, 1868, at Jamaica, Vermont; died October 3, 1884, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 3) (a female unnamed), born at Jamaica, Vermont; died April 7, 1870.

**David Franklin Wilder**, son of James and Rosina (Sage) Wilder, was born on July 15, 1847, at Jamaica, Vermont. David married Fanny A. Hart, daughter of Willis I. and Avis (Johnson) Hart of Wallingford, Vermont, on September 16, 1866, at Winhall, Vermont. Fanny was born about 1852 at Wallingford.

David purchased the east half of 5L3R in Stratton about 1881

and settled thereon (see N. Willis on Beer's Atlas of 1869). In 1890, David leased part of the land to WH Taft who began a milling operation there.

The Wilders evidently moved away from Stratton about that same time and resettled in Weston, Vermont. Fanny died there on October 11, 1906. Following her death, David remarried to Mary Vilette (White) Graves on January 1, 1908, at Weston. He died there on January 28, 1920.

David and Fanny's children were:

- 1) Mary N., born in 1868 in Jamaica, Vermont; married John A. Willis on January 6, 1883.
- 2) (an infant girl), born July 6, 1869; died November 26, 1869, at Jamaica, Vermont.
- 3) Fanny, born September 20, 1870, at Jamaica, Vermont.
- 4) Mattie May, born about 1871 in Jamaica, Vermont; married William Merrills Colt on September 11, 1887, at Brattleboro, Vermont.
- 5) Carolyn "Carrie," born about 1875; married 1) Alonzo Fuller 2) Eddie E. Hodge.
- 6) Cora M., born July 20, 1882, at Stratton, Vermont; died January 23, 1887, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 7) Hattie Maude, born December 9, 1887, at Stratton, Vermont; died May 18, 1945; married Ervin Joseph DeCell on April 21, 1906, at Weston, Vermont.

**Lewis M. Wilder** may have been a son of Lewis and Phoebe Wilder

above. He purchased the Knapp farm in Stratton in 1892 and may have resided there for a time.

**Emery L. (or S.) Wilder** of Jamaica, Vermont, was born about 1843. During the Civil War, Emery enlisted into the 9th Vermont Regiment, Company K, on June 28, 1862. He was taken prisoner on September 4, 1862, and paroled on September 15, 1862. He continued to serve throughout the war and he was discharged on June 13, 1865.

Emery married Ida Howard of Stratton about 1868. Ida was born about 1853. They settled in Stratton after the marriage, but they had moved from town before 1880.

Children of Emery and Ida were:

- 1) Adelbert, born about 1869.
- 2) Charlie, born November 24, 1871, at Stratton, Vermont.

**Jesse Wilder** lived in Stratton in 1896 and he was elected the town's pound keeper that year. Jesse was no longer in Stratton in 1900.

Additional Sources for the above Wilder families:

The Book of the Wilders (Revised) by  
Edwin M. Wilder

## Wilkes

**John Wilkes** lived in Stratton in 1876 and at that time, he was a charge of the town. The town paid bills accrued while John was sick and being cared for by OA Allen and Dr. Bliss.

## Wilkinson

**George Wilkinson** was born about 1819. His wife, Jane, was born about 1817. They settled in Stratton during the 1860s. In 1870, they had a boarder, Jennie Knapp, daughter of Hiram and Elvira Knapp, living with them. The Wilkinsons had moved away from Stratton by 1880.

Their children were:

- 1) Sarah
- 2) Eliza

## Willard

**Russell H. Willard** was born about 1839. He married Viola Pike, daughter of Alexander H. and Elvira (Rice) Pike. Viola was born in Somerset, Vermont, in 1840.

Russell and Viola settled in Stratton before 1870 and lived in the house that Viola's father had previously occupied. This house was later owned by the Eddy family and it is currently owned by the Steiner family.

Russell evidently died or he had left his family before 1880, since that year, Viola and the children were living with A.H. Pike, Viola's father, across the road in the farmhouse now owned by the Marcucci family.

Children of Russell and Viola:

- 1) Nellie E., born about 1863 (attended school in district #6 in 1870/1.
- 2) Eugene W., born July 17, 1865, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 3) Lula M., born October 31, 1871, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 4) Ethel Viola, born June 28, 1882, at Stratton, Vermont.

## Williams

**Thomas Williams** of Easton, Massachusetts, purchased the east half of 4L5R on May 19, 1798. Thomas settled on this lot, located west of what later became the town common. He sold this lot on September 22, 1798, and he apparently moved away from Stratton at that time.

**Priscilla Williams**, a widow, settled in Stratton about 1806. Her husband may have lived in Stratton just before he died, however, the first record of this person in Stratton was a warning to depart the town, issued by the Selectmen on June 28, 1806, and served by the Constable on July 2. Mrs. Williams was no longer in Stratton in 1810.

**Daniel Williams** was born on August 22, 1795, at Hadley, Massachusetts. There, he married Hannah Manning on June 1, 1820. Hannah, the daughter of Phineas and Abigail (Alden) Manning, was born on February 4, 1794, at Goshen, Massachusetts.

Daniel settled in Stratton prior to the time the census was taken in 1840. The census indicated that the Williams family included two boys aged 10 to 15 and a girl aged under five.

On April 3, 1840, Daniel sold five Marino sheep and a yearling calf to Liberty Wilder of Wardsboro for \$18.00.

Daniel was killed in Stratton when a tree fell on him on July 10, 1849. He was buried in Ball

Cemetery. Hannah died at Marion Iowa on April 21, 1875.

Children of Daniel and Hannah:

- 1) Charlotte Deborah, born March 13, 1821, at Goshen, Massachusetts; died July 28, 1847, at Jacksonville, Illinois.
- 2) John Sumner, born May 30, 1823, at Goshen, Massachusetts; died September 13, 1898, at Rescue, Nebraska; married Czarina Abigail Glazier on December 7, 1848.
- 3) Abigail T., born November 27, 1824, at Goshen, Massachusetts; married Edward Knowlton on February 18, 1845.
- 4) Thomas Lyman, born March 17, 1827; died August 2, 1878, at Monticello, Iowa; married Catherine E. Moran on April 8, 1847.
- 5) George Washington, born July 4, 1829, at Arlington, Vermont; died November 11, 1861, at St. Louis, Missouri (took the Freeman's oath in Stratton on September 3, 1850).
- 6) Lydia Jeanette, born March 22, 1836, at Cambridge, New York; died November 19, 1880, at Marion, Iowa; married George Busby on December 21, 1851.

Additional Sources:

Notes of John H. Comstock of Kansas City,  
Missouri

**Charlotte Deborah Williams**, daughter of Daniel and Hannah Williams, was born on March 13, 1821, at Goshen, Massachusetts. She was said to be "of Stratton" on October 5, 1845. That day,

Phineas White of Putney, Vermont, deeded her 40-acre lot #38. The deed stated that Phineas was rewarding Charlotte, who had lived and labored in his family for more than four years, wishing to make some compensation for her faithfulness in addition to her stipulated wages.

Charlotte died in Jacksonville, Illinois on July 28, 1847.

**John Sumner Williams**, son of Daniel and Hannah Williams, was born on May 30, 1823, at Goshen, Massachusetts. John came to Stratton with his parents before 1840. He took the Freeman's oath in Stratton on August 14, 1844.

John purchased the west half of 7L1R from David Rice in March, 1845. The mortgage on this land was foreclosed in 1847, and so John apparently lost it. His brother, Thomas repurchased the property.

John married Czarina Abigail Glazier, daughter of John N. and Phebe Glazier, on December 7, 1848, supposedly in Stratton.

The Williams family began their migration west before 1850. John died at Rescue, Nebraska, on September 13, 1898.

Czarina was blind in her latter years and lived with her brother N. Newton Glazier in Beatrice, Nebraska, Muscotah, Kansas, and Ashland, Nebraska. She died at Ashland, Nebraska, on April 20, 1923.

Children of John and Czarina:

- 1) Jarvis Sumner, born January 15, 1851, in Vermont; died



December 21, 1926, at Muskotah, Kansas; married Mary Ann Burbank on January 21, 1878, at Wahoo, Nebraska (Mary Ann was born on October 23, 1862, at Geneseo, Illinois).

- 2) Arabelle C., (attended Stratton school district #4 in 1857).
- 3) Adele Phebe
- 4) Vietta Julia

**Thomas L. Williams**, son of Daniel and Hannah Williams, was born about 1827. His wife, Catherine, was born about 1830. She may have been the daughter of James and Amy Moran.

Thomas was a resident of Putney, Vermont, on November 13, 1848, when he purchased the west half of 7L1R. Thomas apparently settled on this lot at that time and was listed in Stratton's 1850 census. In 1854, William Moran, son of James and Amy Moran, was living with them and attending school in district #5. This boy may have been Catherine's brother. The Williamses were no longer in Stratton by 1856.

A child of Thomas and Catherine:

- 1) John N., born in 1850.

**Hiram Williams** and his wife, Ellen, were born about 1840. They settled in Stratton before 1870, but they had moved away before 1880.

**George A. Williams**, son of Lewis and Patty Williams, was born about 1840 and he lived at Winhall, Vermont. He came to

Stratton and married Lestina Melvina Grout, daughter of Pliny and Susan Grout, on January 17, 1864, just after enlisting into the army. Lestina was born on November 18, 1843, at Somerset, Vermont.

George enlisted on January 5, 1864, and mustered into Company H of the Vermont 8th Regiment on January 12, 1864. George was wounded on October 19, 1864, at the battle of Cedar Creek, Virginia. He mustered out on May 13, 1865.

After the war, the Williamses lived at Stratton for several years. George either died or had divorced Lestina between 1877 and 1880. In 1880, Lestina and the children were living with Charles Nichols in Stratton. The census of 1880 indicates that Lestina was Charles Nichols's wife, and the children were incorrectly shown as Charles Nichols's children. Charles and Lestina were no longer in Stratton in 1900.

Children of George and Lestina:

- 1) Pamela Georgia, born October 31, 1864, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 2) Ernest, born about 1866.
- 3) Elton, born about 1868.
- 4) Mabel L., born about 1870.
- 5) Blanche Diantha, born June 7, 1872, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 6) Henry E., born May 5, 1874, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 7) George Merrill, born March 9, 1876, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 8) Isabell E., born October 24, 1877, at Stratton, Vermont.

**John Williams** was born in 1833. He came to Stratton during the late 1870s and worked for E.W. Bowker at his sawmill. In 1880, John was living with Mr. Bowker and several other workers at the mill site. Mr. Bowker sold the mill to Joel F. Grout that year. John may have stayed and worked for Mr. Grout, but he was no longer living in Stratton in 1900.

**Eli L. Williams** was born in New York State in April, 1849. Eli was probably a son of John Williams (above). His wife, Lizzie O., was born in August, 1852.

The Williams settled in Stratton before 1900, but they had moved away before 1910.

Children of Eli and Lizzie were:

- 1) Annie B., born in December, 1889.
- 2) Mabel E., born in August, 1892.

**Adrill Plummer Williams** was born in Vermont in March, 1854. Adrill was probably a son of John Williams (above). He married Stella Lydia Bowker about 1875. Stella was born in Vermont in March, 1857.

The Williams settled in Stratton around 1900 and they were listed in Stratton's census of that year. They moved away before 1910.

Children of Adrill and Stella were:

- 1) George Adrill, born in July, 1876, at Londonderry, Vermont; married Lena M. Eddy on October 10, 1899, at Stratton, Vermont.

- 2) Fred, born in June, 1880.
- 3) Lillian M., born in April, 1884.
- 4) Herbert N., born in May, 1886.
- 5) Ruth L., born in August, 1894.

**George Adrill Williams**, son of Adrill and Stella L. Williams, was born at Londonderry, Vermont, in July, 1876. He came to Stratton and took the Freeman's oath in September, 1900.

George worked as a mechanic, probably for the lumber camps. He married Lena M. Eddy, daughter of Jonathan and Arvilla J. (Gale) Eddy, on October 10, 1899, at Stratton. Lena was born at Newfane, Vermont, on October 17, 1879.

Their children were:

- 1) Rupert George, born December 22, 1903, at West Townshend, Vermont; married Mabel Louise Davis on October 12, 1924, at Londonderry, Vermont.
- 2) Maurice Keith, born December 31, 1913, at Londonderry, Vermont.

**Fred J. Williams** was living in Stratton in 1902. That year, he took the Freeman's oath in Stratton on September 2. He was no longer in Stratton in 1910.

## Willis

**Samuel Willis** was born about 1782. Samuel was probably a son of Daniel Willis of Sudbury, Massachusetts, and a nephew of Experience (Willis) Lincoln who also lived in Somerset, Vermont.

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Samuel married Lydia Gilson, daughter of Rufus and Ruth Gilson of Somerset, Vermont. Lydia was born about 1786. The Willises filed an intent to marry on December 20, 1801.

The Willises were living in Mendon, Massachusetts, when Samuel purchased 100 acres in Somerset, Vermont, on April 11, 1801, from Seth Davenport of Mendon. The Willises settled on this lot in 1806.

Their home was located half way between what is now *Willis Cemetery Rd.* and *Pike Hollow Rd.* (see A. Grout on McClellan's map of 1856 and F. J. Prentiss on Beer's Atlas of 1869). The farm's eastern boundary followed the *Somerset to Winhall Rd.*, heading south from the Somerset - Stratton border, down along the western side of what is now the Eddy/Young place, then crossed over *Pike Hollow Rd.* to the brook. The south line continued from a point near the brook, west to Pike Hollow Cemetery and beyond.

Samuel sold half of this lot to Jotham Pike, who sold it to his son, Joseph in 1824. The dividing line between these two lots began on *Pike Hollow Rd.* at the west line of what was later Pike Hollow Cemetery and continued north to Somerset's north border. The Willises occupied this farm for almost 30 years.

On February 14, 1834, Samuel purchased 85 acres in the northwest corner of lot #2 in Stratton Gore (#17 on the grid map) from the Spragues and at the same time, sold his Somerset farm

to the Spragues. This was all the land he owned in Somerset. Samuel settled in Stratton on his newly acquired farm, located south and west of Willis Cemetery, beyond what was later the Daniel Willis farm (see D. Willis on Beer's Atlas of 1869). Samuel's new farm was located south of where the *Gore Rd.* and *Somerset Rd.* crossed (the *Somerset Rd.* apparently extended from the end of *Old Forrester Rd.* and connected with *Pike Hollow Rd.* and the *Gore Rd.*). In 1838, Samuel sold this lot to his son, Daniel, but continued to live there.

In 1840, Samuel and Lydia's household included a daughter aged 30 to 40 (probably Sylvia), another aged 20 to 30 (probably Chloe) and a boy aged 10 to 15. The boy was most likely Chloe's son, Ezra. Sometime shortly after 1840, Samuel's daughter, Ruth, and son-in-law, John Baldwin, settled in with the Willises. In 1844, Ezra was living with Samuel and attending school in the Stratton Somerset United School district.

In April, 1844, Samuel mortgaged this farm with another son-in-law, James T. Perry of Wardsboro. The description was as follows, "*all that part of the farm where he and John Baldwin now live which lies east of the old road leading south to the dwelling house of Hallaway Hartwell in Somerset and by the buildings and said farm to land occupied by Moses and Roderick Forrester... and also the land in and enclosed*

*with the orchard west of said road, reserving and excepting an undivided half of the house and barn on the premises with the land on which they stand, reserving also the sole use and occupancy of the trees in the orchard west of the road before described."*

In 1845, Samuel purchased his son, Daniel's farm, located beside the cemetery, from Stephen Ballard. The Willises probably moved in with Daniel's family at that time, leaving the old farm to the Baldwins. Daniel had lived on this new farm since 1838 and he had sold it to his father-in-law, Stephen Ballard, in 1840, but continued to live there after that time. On July 14, 1849, Samuel sold the farm beside the cemetery back to Daniel. Samuel and Lydia may have settled in Jamaica that year, along with John and Ruth Baldwin, since they were no longer in Stratton in 1850. They apparently spent their last years with their daughter, Roxanna Lamson in South Newfane, Vermont. Samuel and Lydia were apparently buried in South Newfane, but no stone exists in the South Newfane Cemetery for them.

Samuel and Lydia's children:

- 1) Sylvia, born November 12, 1802, at Mendon, Massachusetts; died July 27, 1887, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 2) Amy, born March 15, 1805; died in February, 1873; married James Tufts Perry (lived at Wardsboro, Vermont).
- 3) Ruth, born January 6, 1807, at Mendon, Massachusetts; died October 27, 1889, at Stratton, Vermont; married John Baldwin on March 18, 1841.
- 4) Roxanna, born February 17, 1808; died in 1874; married 1) David B. Lamson on November 16, 1827.
- 5) Chloe, born July 24, 1811, at Somerset, Vermont; died May 22, 1876, at Stratton, Vermont; married Joel T. Hale on March 28, 1844.
- 6) Daniel, born on September 7, 1814, at Stratton, Vermont; died December 24, 1897, at Stratton, Vermont; married Abigail Ballard (intent published on September 18, 1836, at Stratton).

**Sylvia Willis**, daughter of Samuel and Lydia Willis, was born in Mendon, Massachusetts, on November 12, 1802. She apparently never married and returned to Stratton in 1880 and lived with her sister, Ruth Baldwin, and her nephew, Ezra Willis. She died on July 27, 1887, at Stratton.

**Chloe Willis**, daughter of Samuel and Lydia Willis, was born at Somerset, Vermont, in April, 1810. She had a son, Ezra, in 1830. Ezra's father's last name was Bramin.

In 1840, Chloe and Ezra were evidently living with Chloe's parents in Stratton. By 1849, she had married Joel T. Hale, and they had a daughter, Francena (*see the Hale family*).

**Ezra Willis**, the son of (possibly Lewis) Bramin and Chloe Willis, was born in Somerset, Vermont, about 1830. Ezra went by the last name of Bramin for several years, then switched over to his mother's surname.

Ezra purchased 50 acres of the northeast corner of 1L1R on February 9, 1850, from Calvin Taylor, and settled thereon. On February 15, 1851, Ezra lost a court case with DA Hammond of Wardsboro, Vermont. Court was held at H. Rice's Inn at Wardsboro and Hammond was awarded \$50.00. Stratton's Town Clerk was required to attach a copy of all real estate land and buildings owned by the defendant in Stratton and all the hay in his barn.

Ezra married Martha Whipple, daughter of William and Nancy Whipple, on September 16, 1851, at Stratton. Martha was born on August 22, 1828.

On April 28, 1853, the Willises were called "of Dover, Vermont" when they sold their land in Stratton to Isaac Pike.

Martha died during childbirth on March 16, 1863. In 1880, Ezra and his sons, Augustus and John, were living with two of their aunts, Sylvia Willis and Ruth Baldwin. Ezra died on June 5, 1881, at Stratton. He and Martha were buried in Ball Cemetery.

Children of Ezra and Martha:

- 1) James Augustus (original surname was Bramin), born April 26, 1853, at Dover, Vermont; died June 27, 1891, at Stratton, Vermont (of

Bright's disease) (voted to be discharged from his guardian at town meeting of 1875).

- 2) John A., born March 4, 1860, at Stratton, Vermont; married Mary N. Wilder on January 6, 1883 (his birth was listed in Stratton's vital records as John Bramin).

**John A. Willis**, son of Ezra and Martha Willis, was born in 1861 at Stratton. Stratton's vital records show his surname as Bramin. John took the Freeman's oath in Stratton on September 5, 1882.

John married Mary N. Wilder, daughter of David and Fanny Wilder, on January 6, 1883. Mary was born in 1868 in Jamaica, Vermont. She was just 15 when they were married. John and Mary were no longer in Stratton in 1900.

Children of John and Mary were:

- 1) Minnie May, born February 18, 1884, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 2) Frank, born September 26, 1885, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 3) (a son), born December 4, 1887, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 4) Hattie, born March 5, 1892, at Stratton, Vermont.

**Daniel Willis**, son of Samuel and Lydia Willis, was born on September 7, 1814, at Stratton. He took the Freeman's oath on September 6, 1838, and he married Abigail Ballard, daughter of Stephen and Sarah Ballard (intent published on September 18, 1836, at Stratton). Abigail

was born on September 26, 1814, at Orange, Massachusetts.

Daniel resided on his father's farm, located west and south of what later was called Willis Cemetery, until 1838. That year, Daniel purchased his father's farm and he also purchased the neighboring William Crowningshield farm. Daniel and Abigail settled on the Crowningshield farm. The remains can still be seen west of Willis Cemetery on the north side of the road.

The following year, Daniel sold his father's farm to his brother-in-law, James T. Perry. In 1840, Daniel sold his farm beside the cemetery to his father-in-law, Stephen Ballard; however, Daniel and Abigail remained on that farm.

On April 1, 1846, Daniel's father, Samuel, purchased the farm from Abigail's father. At that time, Samuel Willis moved in with them. Samuel sold the farm back to Daniel in July, 1849, and apparently moved away. Daniel and Abigail apparently remained on this farm all their lives.

By 1870 and through 1880, the Willises were living with their son, Emery, who had remained on the farm. Daniel died at Stratton on December 24, 1897, of pneumonia. Abigail died on April 18, 1900. They were both buried in Willis Cemetery.

Children of Daniel and Abigail:

- 1) Philura A., born in 1837; died in 1914; married Milon Perry in 1855.
- 2) Mather, born about 1838.

- 3) Elvina, born February 28, 1841; at Stratton, Vermont; died May 20, 1900, at Stratton, Vermont; married Aaron Lowe.
- 4) Nelson E., born July 30, 1843; died April 24, 1900; married Betsey M. Akely on April 7, 1868.
- 5) Evander Hilon, born about 1844; married Lucy A. Sprague on December 7, 1872, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 6) Emmons Frederick, born in May, 1847, at Stratton, Vermont; died August 29, 1902, at Stratton, Vermont; married Mary E. Bost on June 27, 1892, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 7) Franklin S., born February 19, 1851, at Stratton, Vermont; died May 24, 1863, at Stratton, Vermont (of diphtheria).
- 8) Herbert F., born in 1852; married Flora L. Allen on March 28, 1872, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 9) Emery A., born in 1853; married Anna Conner on February 24, 1881, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 10) G. Clifford, born January 7, 1856, at Stratton, Vermont; killed July 15, 1859, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 11) Edmund Alton, born May 18, 1857, at Stratton, Vermont; died March 2, 1863, at Stratton, Vermont (of diphtheria).

**Herbert F. Willis**, son of Daniel and Abigail Willis, was born in 1852. He married Flora L. Allen,

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daughter of Cheselton and Sarah Allen, on March 28, 1872, at Stratton. Flora was born in 1853 at Stratton.

The Willises resided on road 11 and reared three children. In 1880, they also had a servant living with them, William Rising, age 23.

Herbert was a Selectman in 1886, and Superintendent of Stratton's schools in 1888. The Willises moved away from Stratton that same year.

Children of Herbert and Flora:

- 1) Almon Amos, born December 10, 1872, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 2) Ella S., born August 15, 1874, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 3) Morel H., born December 18, 1881, at Stratton, Vermont.

**Emery A. Willis**, son of Daniel and Abigail Willis, was born in 1853. By 1870 and through 1878, Emery was the only son remaining on his father's farm, next to Willis Cemetery. His parents continued to live there with him over those years.

Emery took the Freeman's oath in Stratton in 1876. He was Superintendent of Stratton's schools in 1878, however, in November, 1878, Emery evidently left Stratton temporarily, and had to give up that position. He returned to again live at the Willis farm by 1880.

Emery married Anna Conner, daughter of Eugene and Ellen Connor of Townshend, Vermont, on February 24, 1881, at Stratton.

Anna was born in February, 1858, in Charlestown, Massachusetts. She died on September 10, 1881, at Stratton, of typhoid fever.

Emery may have stayed on the farm as long as his parents were still living. He was no longer in Stratton, however, by the time the census was taken in 1900.

**Evander Hilon Willis**, son of Daniel and Abigail Willis, was born in 1844. During the Civil War, Evander enlisted on December 5, 1863, and mustered into Company D, of the Vermont 8th Regiment on December 24, 1863. He served to the end of the war and mustered out on June 28, 1865.

Following the war, Evander married Lucy A. Sprague, daughter of Lyman and Jeanette Sprague, on December 7, 1872, at Stratton. They lived in Stratton on *Old Forrester Rd.* (Road 16). They later purchased the Knowlton Farm and may have resided there from 1880 to 1887. In 1887, they sold this farm to Franklin Lackey.

Evander was a Selectman of Stratton in 1874 and 1876. He also served as Stratton's Representative in 1872 and 1876. Evander was Stratton's Postmaster from January 8, 1886, to January 26, 1892. The Willises probably removed from town at that time. They were no longer in Stratton in 1900.

Children of Evander and Lucy:

- 1) Hugh E., born February 27, 1875, at Stratton, Vermont.

- 2) Carl L., born August 11, 1877, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 3) Maude Nettie, born July 29, 1878, at Stratton, Vermont; died October 14, 1886, at Stratton, Vermont.

**Emmons Frederick Willis**, son of Daniel and Abigail Willis, was born in May, 1847, at Stratton. During the time of Stratton's 1870 census, Frederick, as he was known, was boarding in the home of Alexander H. Pike.

Frederick married Mary E. (Bost) Boyds, daughter of Benjamin and Fannie (or Hattie) Bost of Wilmington, Vermont, on July 2, 1892, at Wilmington. Mary or Tildy, as she was called, was born in 1856 in New York State and she had previously been married to Steven Hardin Plimpton. After Stephen's death in 1880, Mary worked as a housemaid, then married Henry Lake. Her third husband was Elon Boyd and finally her fourth husband was Frederick Willis.

Fred apparently lived in 3L1R on the south side of *Canedy Rd.*, near the Wardsboro Boarder. He died at Stratton on August 29, 1902, and then Mary lived in West Wardsboro. She also spent a few months in the home of Eugene Thomas. Mary died on Sept. 16, 1909, (aged 90 according to the grave stone), at Stratton, and she was buried in Wardsboro Road Cemetery in Newfane.

**Nelson E. Willis**, son of Daniel and Abigail Willis, was born on

July 30, 1843. He married Betsey M. Akeley, daughter of Newell and Betsey Akeley, on April 7, 1868. Betsey was born on January 21, 1842. In 1869, the Willises lived on the Ira Scott farm located on 5L3R, northeast of the *West Jamaica Rd. – Shepardson Rd.* intersection. Nelson and Betsey passed away on the same day, April 24, 1900. They were buried in the West Wardsboro Cemetery.

## Wing

**Samuel S. Wing** was born in October, 1801. He married Lucinda George on June 9, 1822, at Androscoggin, Maine. Lucinda was born in Lurtz, Maine, on April 23, 1794.

The Wings lived in Livermore, Maine, and eventually settled at Stratton, where Samuel took the Freeman's oath on September 5, 1848. On November 26, 1847, Samuel purchased an undivided half of 40 acres of the east half of 5L2R from his son-in-law, Leander Allen and they apparently settled in with the Allen's. The following year, Samuel purchased the north part of the east half of 5L2R from Leander. Their home was located on the west side of *Mountain Rd.* (see N. E. Hart on Beer's Atlas of 1869). Samuel also purchased the north half of 5L1R from J. Baldwin in 1849. The Wings probably remained with the Leander Allen family.

Lucinda died on December 25, 1858, at Stratton. In 1870, Samuel was living with his daughter and son-in-law, Louisa

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and Darius Grout. He died there on January 11, 1872. The Wings were buried in Ball Cemetery.

Their children were:

- 1) Mary, born about 1824; married 1) James B. Hudson on October 1, 1848, at Stratton, Vermont 2) George Eager.
- 2) Lucy M., born February 24, 1825; died December 24, 1879, at Westfield, Massachusetts; married William E. Searle on November 27, 1845, at Southampton, Massachusetts.
- 3) Lovisa, born April 3, 1828, at West Livermore, Maine; died July 24, 1901, at Stratton, Vermont; married Leander L. Allen.
- 4) Louisa, born in 1833; married Darius A. Grout on April 11, 1858, at Stratton, Vermont.

## Witt

**Jonathan Witt**, the son of Jonathan and Catherine Witt, was born on August 7, 1791, at Wilmington, Vermont. There, Jonathan married Sarah M. Haskell on February 14, 1820.

Jonathan may have come to Stratton with his son, Rollin, as early as 1841. He was head of a household in Stratton in 1844 with his children attending school in district #4.

The Witts apparently returned to Wilmington before the census of 1850. There, Sally died on August 14, 1854. Jonathan then married Betsey Dexter on May 15, 1866, at Wilmington.

Jonathan and Sally's children:

- 1) Rollin Mallory, born December 4, 1820, at Wilmington, Vermont; married Laura A. Waite on February 4, 1843, at Wilmington, Vermont.
- 2) Maria Angeline, born April 30, 1822, at Wilmington, Vermont
- 3) Sarah Evaline, born February 20, 1824, at Wilmington, Vermont; married Ezra Leonard Rice on November 19, 1847, at Doren, Vermont
- 4) Catherine Augusta, born May 19, 1826, at Wilmington, Vermont; married Hobart A. Colburn on August 26, 1847, at Marlboro, Vermont.
- 5) Mary A., born in 1828; died in 1829.
- 6) Mary Ann, born August 19, 1835, at Wilmington, Vermont; married GN Burns on May 23, 1858, at Halifax, Vermont.

**Rollin Mallory Witt**, son of Jonathan and Sally Witt, was born at Wilmington, Vermont, on December 4, 1820. Rollin came to Stratton about 1841. On April 1 of that year, he agreed to farm-let 6L1R from Abram Lawrence for three years. Lawrence also agreed to deed this lot to Witt, if the full amount was paid by 1847. Rollin and probably his parents and siblings evidently settled on this property (see J. Copeland on McClellan's Map of 1856 and N. E. Hart on Beer's Atlas of 1869).

Rollin took the Freeman's oath in Stratton on September 6, 1842. He married Laura A. Waite, daughter of Tyler and

Lucia Waite, on February 4, 1843. Laura was born at Stratton on January 12, 1824.

On October 3, 1844, Rollin purchased 7L7R, 9L7R and 11L7R as well as some of the smaller western lots at a tax-sale in Stratton. Over the following years, he sold these lots to various individuals.

On April 1, 1848, Rollin farm-let his farm on 6L1R to James Copeland of Wardsboro, Vermont. This included the dwelling house and other buildings thereon. The Witts left Stratton at that time and settled in Wilmington, Vermont. On November 17, 1848, Rollin sold this same lot to Dennis Parmelee.

Laura died in 1849 and was buried in River View Cemetery in Wilmington. Rollin and his second wife, Sophia M., were living in Wilmington, Vermont, when Rollin sold some additional property in Stratton on April 11, 1853. Rollin and another wife, Maria A., were living in Stevenson County, Illinois, when they sold another parcel in Stratton on November 27, 1872.

A child of the Witts was:

1) Ellen V.

## Wood

(Woods)

**Arad T. Wood**, son of John and Lucy (Allen) Wood of Jamaica, Vermont, was born on March 9, 1828. Arad briefly lived in Stratton. In March, 1859, he was elected a highway surveyor of district #3; but he had moved out of Stratton by May, 1859. He

apparently resettled in Jamaica, Vermont, where he enlisted during the Civil War.

**Cynthia Wood** of Stratton married John Lyon on February 27, 1831, at Stratton.

**Caroline A. Wood**, daughter of David and Caroline (Goodrich) Wood?, was born on February 25, 1841, at Jackson, New York. She married (?) and was divorced. She died November 14, 1893, at Stratton.

**Charles Wood** was born about 1865. He was a servant, living with William and Melissa White in 1880. He was no longer in Stratton by 1900.

**Frank H. Wood**, son of Cassandra Allen, was born on June 29, 1878, at Stratton. In 1880, he and his mother were living with his grandmother, Miranda Arathusa Allen. Neither he nor his mother were living in Stratton by 1900.

**Frank E. Woods** was born in July, 1874, in Vermont. His wife, Susie E., was born in July 1873, in Massachusetts. They were evidently married in late 1899 and lived in Stratton after their marriage, but had moved away before 1910. Frank was probably a lumberman, working in one of Stratton's lumber camps.

**Gilbert W. Wood** was born about 1898 in Vermont. In 1910, he was listed as a foster-child of John

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and Adah Clayton of Stratton. Gilbert was no longer living in Stratton in 1920.

## Woodcock

**Elias Woodcock**, son of Elkanah and Susannah Woodcock, was born in 1773, probably in New Hampshire. Elias and his family first lived at Wardsboro, Vermont, then Elias purchased the west half of 1L1R in Stratton on May 2, 1795, and settled on that lot soon after.

Sometime before 1798, Elias married Malinda Hathaway, who was born about 1772. They were not married in Stratton and, therefore, may have been married prior to settling there. The Woodcocks remained in Stratton through 1800. At that time, they had an only daughter, Clarissa. She was apparently the female under the age of ten living in their home at that time.

Elias sold his lot in Stratton to Hezekiah Fay of Wardsboro, on March 29, 1804. Before that time, the Woodcocks had removed to Sudbury, Vermont, then later settled at Salisbury, Vermont. Elias died on December 27, 1845, at Salisbury. Malinda died on June 25, 186(1 or 2), and she was buried in Prospect Hill Cemetery in East Middlebury, Vermont.

Children of Elias and Malinda:

- 1) Clarissa, born about 1798; died March 1, 1864, at Salisbury, Vermont; married William Harrington on January 14, 1816.
- 2) Malinda, born about 1803; died February 1, 1890, at

Pittsford, Vermont; married John Dimick on February 24, 1825, at Sudbury, Vermont.

- 3) Elkanah
- 4) Elias, married Angelina Dimick on March 25, 1835, at Sudbury, Vermont.
- 5) Permelia, born May 6, 1807; died February 15/6, 1887; married 1) Gideon Dimick 2) Liberty Pratt.
- 6) Almon, born in 1814, at Sudbury, Vermont; died May 25, 1865, at Salisbury, Vermont; married Susan Arnold.
- 7) Sophia (*probably*), married John F. Thompson on January 10, 1842, at Salisbury, Vermont.

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**James W. Woodcock** was born about 1819. James married Mary T. Wade who was born in June, 1823.

James was a farmer who settled in Stratton during the 1870s. In 1880, James and Mary were living alone in Stratton. Mary died there on March 14, 1882, and James followed on October 19, 1892. They were buried in Ball Cemetery.

Following James' death, the town assigned an agent to sell their farm.

## Woodward

(Woodard)

**Jonas Woodward**, son of Jonas and Rachel (Holmes) Woodward,

was born on May 31, 1764, at Sutton, Massachusetts. During the American Revolution, Jonas served 17 days as a private in Captain Burbank's Company of Colonel Holman's Regiment, upon the alarm of December 10, 1776, and marched from Sutton to Providence, Rhode Island.

Jonas purchased the east half of 7L3R on October 16, 1786, from Jared Blood. He settled in Stratton, along with his brother-in-law and sister, Solomon and Rachel (Woodward) Gale about that same time.

Jonas bought and sold several large lots in the north part of Stratton, including some of the Governor's lot. On June 13, 1791, he had to repurchased the east half of 7L3R at a vendue of lands confiscated for delinquent taxes. At that time, he also bought the south half of 8L3R.

Jonas married Mary "Polly" Morsman, daughter of Timothy and Lucy Morsman, on September 15, 1791. This was the first marriage recorded in Stratton. After the marriage, the Woodward's remained on Jonas's farm on the east half of 7L3R, and in 1795, he finally obtained a deed for the south half of 8L3R. Jonas bought and sold several parcels in this same area over the years and he leased part of the school lot (8L2R) for a time. Jonas also was involved in a dispute over property lines with David Cook.

On February 23, 1809, Jonas agreed to lease the Batchellor farm on the east half of 5L4R, including the farming tools, for

two years (with exception of half the house and one acre of land and he was not allowed to cut fire wood there) - from Jacob, Jr. and Oliver Batchellor at 45 dollars per year, provided Woodward pay the rent by building stone walls at 75 cents per rod. The walls were to be four and a half feet tall with the thickness proportional. He also agreed to put down a thrashing floor in the barn.

Jonas seemed to farm a number of the lots in this area; however, he always kept the farm on 7L3R for himself. The Woodward's remained in Stratton for over twenty years, resettling in Campbell, New York, about 1816. On September 4, 1816, Jonas sold the east half of 7L3R and the south half of 8L3R to General David Holmes of Woodstock, Connecticut.

The Woodward's then settle in the Campbell, New York, area, where Sampson Bixby of Stratton had settled several years before. The Woodward's were living in Campbell in 1832. Jonas died in 1840.

Children of Jonas and Polly were:

- 1) (?Daniel?), born April 29, 1792, at Stratton, Vermont.
  - 2) Jacob, born January 2, 1794, at Stratton, Vermont; married Betsey Wilder (intent published on September 1, 1816, at Stratton).
  - 3) Olive, born March 17, 1796, at Stratton, Vermont; died on May 30, 1881; married Obadiah Wheeler (a Quaker) in 1817.
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- 4) Cyrus, born December 15, 1797, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 5) Lucy, born April 9, 1800, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 6) Mary, born February 4, 1803, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 7) Frank Jonas, born February 22, 1805, at Stratton, Vermont; married Eliza S. Davis in 1830.
- 8) Hyrum, born March 24, 1807, at Stratton, Vermont; died in 1884; married Luanna Abel.
- 9) Franklin, born March 22, 1809, at Stratton, Vermont.
- 10) Seline, born March 21, 1811, at Stratton, Vermont.

**Jacob Woodward**, son of Jonas and Polly Woodward, was born at Stratton, on January 2, 1794. He took the Freeman's oath in Stratton on September 5, 1815, and he married Betsey Wilder of Wardsboro, Vermont (intent published on September 1, 1816, at Stratton).

The Woodwards probably left Stratton for Campbell, New York, that same year.

**Jonas H. Woodard**, son of Amos and Mary Woodard, was born at Townshend, Vermont, on February 11, 1808. Jonas married Rachel Robinson, daughter of James and Abigail Robinson. Rachel was born at Jamaica, Vermont, on July 2, 1818.

Jonas died at Stratton on June 2, 1875, of typhoid pneumonia. Following Jonas's death, Rachel became a pauper of the town for several years and she was mentioned in the town records as

such. She died at Stratton on June 3, 1889.

## Woodwell

**Ernest S. Woodwell** was born about 1890 in Massachusetts. In 1920, Ernest was a lumberman, working in Stratton and living in the boarding house at the Grout Job.

## Worthington

**Ansel Worthington**, son of Thomas and Olive Worthington, was named with his parents when they were warned out of Somerset, Vermont, on January 23, 1810.

Ansel settled in Stratton, where he took the Freeman's oath on September 5, 1826. He was elected a hayward at the March Meeting of 1828, but he apparently moved away from Stratton not long after that time, since he was not listed in Stratton's 1830 census. His mother, Olive Worthington, married Jonathan Marsh Bissell on May 12, 1830, at Stratton.

## Wyman

The Wyman family was the keystone family of several families to settle in Stratton. Amasa, Washington and Freeman Wyman, as well as Belinda (Wyman) and Fanny (Wyman) Shelley, sequential wives of Hollis Shelley - all of whom settled in Stratton - were children of Robert and Lydia Wyman. Robert's sister, Rhoda, wife of William G. Howard, was also a resident of Stratton. Sophronia Shelley, wife

of Amasa Wyman (mentioned above), was a sister of Hollis Shelley (above).

This group came to Stratton from the area of Rockingham, Vermont, and Surry, New Hampshire during the 1840s. They were also closely related to the Cummings family of Holden, Massachusetts, and Chester, Vermont, that also settled in Stratton.

**Amasa Wyman**, son of Robert and Lydia Wyman, was born on May 24, 1813. He married Sophronia Shelley, daughter of Nathan and Mary (Britton) Shelley, on December 31, 1832. Sophronia was born in 1806. They evidently lived awhile in Westmoreland, New Hampshire, and settled in Stratton about 1842, probably residing with the Shelleys.

That year, Amasa was elected a highway surveyor for Stratton. On April 1, 1844, Asa purchased 67 acres of 5L3R (the Scranton lot) from his brother, Freeman. Amasa and Sophronia apparently settled there. This lot was located in the vicinity of what is now the intersection of the *West Jamaica Rd.* and *Shepardson Rd.* (see W. G. Howard on McClellan's Map of 1856 and I. Shepardson on Beer's Atlas of 1869). In 1846, Amasa sold this lot to Freeman who then sold it to their uncle, William G. Howard.

Amasa and Sophronia removed to Cambridgeport, Vermont. Amasa died on August 20, 1863, at Grafton, Vermont.

Their children were:

- 1) Elsa, married Richard Richardson.
- 2) Hollis F., married Lucy Moultrip (Hollis lost an arm during the Civil War).
- 3) Rose, married Eugene Clark (lived at Westmoreland, New Hampshire).

**Freeman Wyman**, son of Robert and Lydia Wyman, was born on April 20, 1815, at Rockingham, Vermont. He probably spent his early life in Cambridgeport, Vermont, where his parents settled, died and were buried.

In August, 1841, Freeman purchased James Sprague's mortgage on the east half of 4L4R in Stratton from Hollis Shelley. At that time, Freeman was living in Rockingham, Vermont.

Freeman married Lorena Cummings, daughter of William and Betsey Cummings (intent published at Holden, Massachusetts, on June 25, 1842). Lorena was born on October 10, 1818, at Chester, Vermont. Following the marriage, the Wymans probably lived on 3L5R (the old Marble farm) with Lorena's parents.

In 1843, Freeman acquired Cummings' Inn owned by his father-in-law, William Cummings, and he became its proprietor in 1844. The Inn was located on the east half of 3L4R west of what later became the intersection of the *West Jamaica Rd.* and the *Stratton-Arlington Rd.* Freeman purchased this

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property on February 15, 1848, from William G. Pike.

It appears that beginning in 1852, Freeman turned over the Inn to Cheselton Allen and it was referred to as the Cheselton Allen Inn in town records. Cheselton operated the Inn until July, 1858, when it burned. Evidently, before that time, Freeman built a home beside the Inn on the site where the town hall now stands (another house on the northwest side of the Inn may have been the old farmhouse located on that lot). This house, located on the southwest side of the *Stratton-Arlington Rd.*, later became the Parsonage for Stratton's Free-Will Baptist Church. Following the fire, the Inn was rebuilt on the site where the town hall now stands, probably upon the same site of the old building. Cheselton apparently gave up on the hotel business after the fire, and so the new Inn was operated by Freeman and Lorena. For many years, the Inn was the location of Stratton's Town Meetings and Freeman's Meetings.

In 1847, the Wymans allowed the Stratton Meetinghouse to be built on their property. That same year, Freeman helped finance N. J. Shaw's mill, located on Black Brook on 3L8R and 3L9R. Over the years, the Wymans bought and sold many properties and mortgages in Stratton. Wyman served Stratton in several official positions including Town Clerk.

In 1860, the Wymans had a young girl, Amanda Cook, aged 8, living with them as well as Jason

Goss, aged 23. Jason probably worked for the Wymans.

Freeman died on November 14, 1870, evidently from a rupture of the intestine. He was buried in the Cambridgeport Cemetery in Cambridgeport, Vermont. Isaac Wyman of Rockingham, Vermont, was the executor of Freeman's will. Many properties were sold following Freeman's death. One such transaction was an indenture made October 22, 1872, between Lorena Wyman and Isaac Wyman, Freeman's executor, on the first part and the Selectmen of the Town of Stratton on the second part, which leased the area around the Stratton Meetinghouse to the town for as long as a meetinghouse was maintained on the premises.

Following Freeman's death, Lorena married Willard Shepard on February 2, 1875, at Stratton. Lorena then purchased the Wyman homestead including the Inn from Freeman's estate on October 30, 1875. Lorena and Willard operated the Inn until Lorena's death on October 12, 1887. She was buried beside Freeman in Cambridgeport.

Their son was:

- 1) Frederick F., born November 24, 1857, at Stratton, Vermont; died January 9, 1879, at Stratton, Vermont; married Abbie E. Parsons on September 19, 1878, at Stratton, Vermont.

**Frederick F. Wyman**, son of Freeman and Lorena Wyman, was born at Stratton, on November 24,

1857. He married Abbie E. Parsons, daughter of Orrin and Rebecca Parsons, on September 19, 1878, at Stratton. Abbie was born in Stratton on April 25, 1860. Frederick died on January 9, 1879, at Stratton and he was buried in the family plot in the Cambridgeport Cemetery, Cambridgeport, Vermont. Abbie then married Arthur Allen, son of Orlando and Mary Allen, on October 22, 1880.

**Washington Wyman**, son of Robert and Lydia Wyman, married Harriet Forrester at Stratton. He evidently briefly resided in Stratton - probably in the home of one of his brothers. The Wymans later resided in Cambridgeport, Vermont. Following Harriet's death, Washington married Catherine Forrester. This Catherine was evidently a daughter of Moses and Patty Forrester and a widow of Calvin Torrey (1820 - 1851). Catherine was born about 1827.

Their children were:

- 1) Moses (died young).
- 2) Edmund, married Kate Stevens.
- 3) Henry

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### Young

**Reuben Young**, son of David and Hannah (Lumbard) Young, was born on September 24, 1786, at Athol, Massachusetts. He married Mehitable Marsh there on April 12, 1807. Mehitable may have

been the daughter of Benjamin and Tamar (King) Marsh, born May 5, 1789, at Sutton, Massachusetts.

Reuben took the Freeman's oath in Stratton on September 6, 1808, and he purchased the west half of 1L3R from his father, David Young of Athol, on October 14, 1808. David had purchased this lot from Joshua Newhall in 1806. The house may have been located on the same site that the Forresters later settled upon (see R. S. Forrester on Beer's Atlas of 1869).

Reuben was a cousin of both Levi Young of Stratton and Rhoda (Young) Oliver, wife of George Oliver, of Stratton. Reuben removed from Stratton back to Athol before the census of 1810 was taken. He sold his Stratton land back to his father on March 31, 1813, who sold it to Moses Forrester the following year. The Youngs evidently settled for a time in McDonough, New York. Reuben died at Belchertown, Massachusetts, on November 5, 1822.

Their children were:

- 1) Emeline
- 2) Isabelle, born in 1809.
- 3) Louisa
- 4) Hiram Reuben, born April 15, 1813; married Catharine Morse.
- 5) Caroline
- 6) Rosella
- 7) Albert, born in 1819 at McDonough, New York.
- 8) Angeline, born in 1821 at McDonough, New York.

Additional Sources:

Notes of Shiela Young Heap

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**Levi Young**, son of Samuel and Lois (Cotting) Young, was born at Athol, Massachusetts, on December 27, 1783. Levi was a half-brother of Rhoda (Young) Oliver, wife of George Oliver of Stratton, and he was also a cousin of Reuben Young of Stratton.

Levi married Susanna Haven on August 22, 1804. Levi had purchased 26 acres in Stratton Gore from George Oliver on April 17, 1804, and so the Youngs apparently settled there after their marriage. Levi's house was located on this lot (possibly the northwest corner of lot #16 in the Gore. A deed dated 1810 mentions the road leading from George Oliver's house to Levi Young's house, which passed along the southwest corner of 1L4R and also bordered Richard Harris's south line (Harris owned the northwest corner of 1L4R). This road was probably the same that ran from the Town Common to Stratton Gore.

Levi was called "of Athol" when he purchased an additional 100 acres in Stratton Gore (Timothy Morsman's old lot) in 1808. Levi may have only briefly left town, returning to take the Freeman's oath on September 6, 1808. He was called of Stratton when he purchased another 110 acres of the Gore in April, 1809. Levi sold this last lot and his homestead on November 7, 1809. The Youngs left Stratton at that time and they were living in Athol by April, 1810, when Levi sold the last of his Stratton property.

**David Kent Young**, son of Jerry and Peggy Young, grew up in Indiana, then moved to Tennessee in 1976. He graduated from High School there and then attended the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. In 1980, Kent moved to Alabama, where his parents previously had resettled. There, he joined the Navy in 1981.

Kent spent two years in service schools, then served aboard the USS Henry L. Stimson, a nuclear powered ballistic missile submarine stationed out of Charleston, South Carolina, and Kings Bay, Georgia, from 1983 to 1990. Kent was a member of the Reactor Controls Division, qualified as a Reactor Operator and an Engineering Supervisor.

During that time, Kent married Siobhan Eddy, daughter of Hermon and Helen Eddy. She was born in Texas, she also had lived in Maryland and overseas in England.

Following the Navy, Kent worked for General Physics Corporation as a technical writer and instructor at the Savannah River Site in Aiken, South Carolina, a nuclear facility. In 1992, he transferred with General Physics to work on the Fusion experiment at the Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory at Princeton, New Jersey, as a technician and technical writer, specializing in tritium handling.

Meanwhile, Siobhan acquired her Masters degree in Health Sciences and a degree in Physical Therapy at the Medical University

of South Carolina. She worked as a Physical Therapist at Princeton Medical Center, then transferred to Springfield Hospital, Springfield, Vermont, in 1995. In May, 1998, Siobhan began work at Grace Cottage Hospital in Townshend, Vermont.

Kent and Siobhan refurbished a house on *Pike Hollow Rd.* that

had been in the Eddy family for many years. They settled there in May, 1996. Currently, Kent is Stratton's Town Clerk and he has served as a Lister, a Planning Commissioner and a Justice of the Peace for Stratton. Kent is the author of this book.

Kent and Siobhan's daughter is:  
1) Wren



**A birthday party in Stratton**

**This photo was taken in the 1890s in the fields of the Johnson farm on the west side of what is now Penny Avenue.**

**My sincere appreciation goes out to the many people who contributed information and photographs for this project. Their names can be found after each family they contributed towards. Thank you again!**

**Kent**

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