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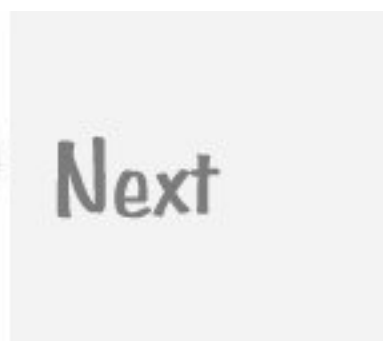
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Editor's note: This issue is free to our subscribers; that is, it will not count toward the four issues included in your subscription fee. This is an effort to repay you for your long, long wait between issues. We are presently seeking articles for the next regular issue, so please write if you'd like to contribute one.

The Newsletter has, since the Home Page went on-line, had over 150 queries posted. Only a few of the answers have appeared in the published issues. Some were statements which did not require an answer, but we try to acknowledge receipt and often the correspondents are able to supply us with new data to add to our expanding database. We encourage that, because the more complete our database is, the better able we are to answer the queries that come in, and to put folks in contact with working on the same lines. In this Query issue we are going to present some of the queries and our answers. There are a lot that we just couldn't answer because there just wasn't sufficient information given.

As a guide for submitting a query - Be as complete and as exact as possible!! Who, When, Where and What! Time and place are very important! All our records are filed according to the Male Merrill, so it is difficult to locate a female by who she married - brothers would be more useful if you don't know the father. Location is critical to find someone in the census or vital records. We have collected and compiled Merrill's from the census nationwide from 1790 through 1860 and are working on 1870. We have not read the 1880 and later census records, most of which are not indexed.

We have had to be selective in those queries we are presenting. We don't want to give the impression that we know all the answers, and we welcome others contributions toward answering the questions asked. We will answer, or try to answer, free of charge, queries posted by subscribers to the Newsletter.

- *Howard and Jean Merrill*

4/28/98

Q. Charles Aldlard was looking for info on the ancestry of **Horace Greeley Merrill**, b.

Brownfield ME 21 Apr 1817, m. 11 Jan 1849 to Sarah Whitman and d. 5 Apr at Hopkinton, IA. Also need info on wife Sarah Whitman, b. Turner ME 6 Mar 1821, d. NY. This couple's daughter, Elizabeth Greely (b. NY 18 Sept 1855, d. England 1933) m. Francis Davis Millet, american painter, who d. on the Titanic.

A Your Horatio Greeley is the son of Nathaniel(6) 1767-1828 and Phebe Merrill (7) 1775-1851. He was a Congregationalist Minister having graduated from Dartmouth 1840 and Andover Theo. Sem. 1843. He was in Bloomfield, CT in 1850 and in Salisbury, NH, 1860. We have his death date 1878 Sept 7 in Hopkinton, Iowa [from the History of Salisbury, NH].

Horatio's lineage is Nathaniel(6,5), John(4,3), Nathaniel(2,1). Phebe Merrill's lineage is Enoch(6), Thomas(5), John(4,3), Nathaniel(2,1).

The book, THE HISTORY OF THE DESCENDANTS OF JOHN WHITMAN OF WEYMOUTH, MA. by Farnam, 1889, listed the birth of Horatio and Sarah's children: Royal Whitman, 1849 Nov 18; Elizabeth Greeley, 1854 Sept 18; Katherine, 1857 Nov 27; William Bradford, 1861 Feb 27. We assume this reference also gave Sarah's lineage but we did not record it.

10/08/97

Q. Debbie Merrill Allen gave her gr gr grandfather as **Philemon Christopher Merrill**. She gave her home page as <http://www.futureone.com/~dallen> where her gedcom is located.

A. Impressive homepage! However, we thought we ought to make you aware of some relatively recent data which changes some of information you have on Nathaniel(1) and his family. This data is found in HERITAGE QUEST #24 Sep - Oct 1989 pg 38; #25 Nov - Dec 1989 pg 44, and TAG Vol 33 1957 pg 95-98. The baptism of Nathaniel's first four children has been found in Lawford, Essex Co, England: Nathaniel, 1634 May 25; John, 1635 Mar 13; Abraham, 1637 Apr 9; Susan, 1638 Dec 12. These studies also suggest that Susannah was NOT Susanna Wilterton but rather the daughter by a prior marriage of Susan the wife of Gregory

Wilterton, proprietor of Hartford. We do not know the name of Susan's first husband so we don't know Susannah's surname. When, after Nathaniel's death, John(2)[still a minor] went to Hartford, he went to live with his grandmother, and learned the tanning trade from his stepgrandfather, Gregory Wilterton. When childless Gregory died, John (2) inherited the bulk of Gregory's estate.

12/03/98

Q. Mary Bennett was trying to find info on gr grandmother, **Mary Aleinda Merrill**, b. 19 Apr. 1854 in Monroe Co OH, m.9 June 1870 William Smith, d. 30 July 1930 in Davenport IA. Her father's name was Isaac. Her daughter, Maude Mae, who m. William J Norpel was her grandmother.

A. We are not sure if we have information on your Mary A Merrill or not. We looked in the 1860 census in OH for a Mary A age 6 d/o Isaac and found NONE. So we checked our 1860 nationwide index for a Mary A age 6 b. OH. We found one in Champaign IL ,d/o Charles, 28, and Hannah, 26, with brothers, Isaac W, 4, and Joseph H, 1, all b. OH. Next door was Isaac R, 24, b. OH, wife Jane, 26, b. England, and Burton B, 4mo, b. IL. One would say that Mary A was in the wrong household since her father's name was Isaac. What makes this so interesting, however, is that on the original handwritten census document Isaac R's name was crossed out and Calvin Buik written over it. Likewise, Charles's name was crossed out and Isaac written over it. One would assume that Isaac and Calvin Buik may be brothers, living next door to each other.

We have not yet read the IL 1870 census, but we have read Iowa, and we found Isaac has already moved to Cedar Rapids IA, ward 4 where Isaac is listed as a laborer, 38; Hannah S, 35, Mary A, 16; Wilson, 14; Joseph H, 12; George W, 7; Leonard V, 5; Samuel, 3; Andrea, 8mo. They are all listed as b. OH, but we question that, since we know that they were already in IL by 1860. Of course, they could have moved back to OH before coming to IA, but it is unusual to see the westward trend reversed.

The IGI gives a marriage of an Isac Merril to Hannah S Varner, 1853 Jan. 27 in Belmont Co OH which is probably your Isaac.

We went back to 1850 to look for Isaac in OH, hopefully with his parents, but we did not find him. The only Isaac we have in Belmont Co OH in 1850 is a 1 year old, Isaac Newton, s/o Daniel, 29, b. ME[1850] or OH[1860] and Elizabeth Murlat - Obviously not your Isaac. We don't who Daniel's parents are or if Daniel is in any way related to your Isaac.

04/10/98

Q. Roy Carpenter was searching for info on his GGGrandma, **Marie C Merrill** b. 1838 Dec. 30 in MO. Checking the 1920 census for Benton Co. Ark, her father was from Maryland and mother from Tennessee. She married Dr. James M. Tompson in St. Joseph, Buchanan Co. Mo. on 15 April 1866. They settled in Sulphur Springs AR. She d. 26 Jan. 1926.

A. In 1850 in Holt Co MO there is an Elijah Merrill, b MD ca1805, with a Mariah, age 11, b MO. In 1840 this family was in Livingston Co MO. Taking the clue of The MD birthplace for Marie C's father, Elijah seems to be the most likely candidate It seems like three brothers, Elijah, Levi, and James R came to Livingston Co from Worcester Co MD about 1837. Levi apparently died before

1840 leaving widow Charlotte in Livingston Co with 3 sons 1 daughter b 1820-30. Livingston Co spun off Grundy Co in 1841 and we found James R, 48, and James H, 26, both b. MD in Grundy Co in 1850. James H may be either James R or Levi' son. James R had two daughters [under 5] in 1840, but apparently only one survived to 1850, Polly E, b ca 1836 in MD. They had a son, James W in 1838.

Elijah moved to Holt Co before 1850 where he is there [stated age 46, b. MD] with wife Nancy age 50 b. VA and daughters Francis, 18 b. MD and Mariah 11 b. MO. Also with them is Tabitha Waddin, 3 b MO, which may indicate that Nancy is a second wife and Tabitha is her child by prior m. This would also explain the unusual situation, for a first marriage, with Nancy 4 years older than Elijah. Of course Elijah could be fudging on his age, since in 1840 he was [40-50]. In 1840 he had 1f[under 5]; 1m,1f[5-10]; 2m,1f[10-15]; 1m,1f[15-20]. We don't know the names of these other children but one was probably the Susan who m 1847 July 8, Alvin M Brown in Holt Co MO.

In 1860 we found Elijah in Washington twp, Doniphan Co KS [just across the MO river from St. Joe, MO]. Elijah, 55; Nancy, 60; MARIAH C, 20 [now she is fudging a bit]. This is really begining to look like we have the right one!! We also found reference in IGI to the marriage, 1837 Nov. 2, of Elijah to Nancy Samuel in Jackson Co MO. The 1850 and 60 census give Elijah's occupation as farmer, but a correspondant said he was the first preacher in what became Grundy Co MO, starting a church there in 1838.

The fact that Elijah came from Worcester Co MD (he was there in 1830 [20-30]; wife [20-30]; 2m[under 5]; 1m,1f[5-10]), means he is probably descended from William [ca 1645-1710] who came to Somerset Co MD in 1668 as an indentured servant, worked off his servitude, became a prominent citizen there and left thirteen children. Part of Somerset Co became Worcester Co in 1742. We dont have the links between William [1] and Elijah. Elijah may be the son of Thomas [b. 1770 Feb. 1] and Tabitha Bunting who was on the same page of the 1830 Worcester Co census as Elijah, Levi and James R. The IGI states that Thomas was the son of Scarborough and Sarah Cluff who m. 1753 June 17 in Somerset Co MD.

11/27/97

Q. Diann Danska was looking for the parents of **John Merrill**, b. June 1753, d. Nov. 11 1815 probably in Candia NH. He may have been from Hudson NH. He had children: Irene [b. Tyngsboro NH], Emma, Tyler and Stephen C. His wife, Sarah was b. 1756 and d. Jan 8, 1818, probably in Candia NH.

A. We are pretty sure we have identified your John Merrill (b. Hudson, NH, d. Candia, NH) with wife Sarah (Currier) and children, Irena, Sarah Emeline, Daniel Tyler and Stephen C. But we never would have found them from the dates you gave. We suspect the wide discrepancy in dates may have come from a misreading of moss covered gravestones. A 4 can easily be mistaken for a 1

or a 7 and a 3, 5 and 8 are easily confused.

John(6) was born 1783 May 17 in Nottingham West (now Hudson), son of Isaac(5) and Olive(5) (Merrill) Merrill and d. 1845 Nov. 11 in Candia, age 62-6, (NH vital records say Nov. 8.) He married 1809 Nov. 25, Sarah Currier of/in Warner, NH (ca1785-1849 Jan. 8, ae 68). Their children b. Nottingham West were:

Sarah Emeline, 1811 Nov. 25

Stephen C, 1814 May 2

Irena, 1818 Dec 7

Rachel G, 1821 Jan 31

Daniel Tyler, 1828 Mar 31.

These dates for John and his children are on file in the Bureau of Vital Statistics in Concord, NH.

Isaac(5) was born 1754 Aug 20 in Nottingham West, NH and died in Hudson 1835 Mar 17, age 81. He married, 1779 Feb 25, his first cousin Olive(5) Merrill daughter of Rev. Nathaniel(4) [Abel(3,2),Nathaniel(1)] and Elizabeth (Sargent) Merrill of Nottingham West.

Isaac(5) was the only son of Samuel(4) [b. 1695 Sept. 13 in Newbury MA, d. 1763 Mar. 14 in Nottingham West] and his second wife Susanna Hamblin/Hamblent/Hamlet (m. 1752 Mar. 5). Samuel and his first wife, Ruth Morss/Morse (m. 1717 May 17) had seven sons and three daughters.

Samuel(4) was the son of Abel(3) [1671 Dec. 28, b. Newbury, MA d. West Newbury 1759 Feb. 6] and Abigail Stevens (1673/4 Jan. 22 - 1757 May 24) daughter of Thomas and Martha (Bartlett) Stevens of Amesbury, MA.

Abel(3) was the son of Abel(2) [1643/4 Feb. 20 - 1689 Oct. 28, b. & d. Newbury MA] and Priscilla Chase (b. 1648/9 Mar. 14) daughter of Aquila and Ann (Wheeler) Chase of Newbury.

Abel(2) was the son of immigrant Nathaniel(1) [baptized, 1601 May 4 Wherstead, Suffolk Co, England, d. Newbury, MA 1654/5 Mar. 16] and Susanna [d. 1672/3 Jan 15]. (See answer to 2nd query above)

05/27/97

Q. Carrie Fagerstrom said 'On my Grandfather Woodman's side I can trace back to Nathaniel Merrill with great detail. However, on my grandmother Merrill's side I can only get back to her grandfather, **Hiram Merrill**. I know only that he was b. in Gilmanton NH, married Mary Emeline Foster in 1854. They had 4 children: Emma (1855), James Alva (1858), Carrie (d.y), and Arabelle. James Alva, my grgrandfather was something of a "black sheep". He ran away from home to work on the railroad, married an irish Catholic (gasp) girl named Margaret Mahoney and had 7 children. My grandmother, Arabella Marguerite Merrill Woodman, wrote all this down for me before she died. The

only stories she had heard about her grandfather Hiram's family is that he was a son of a doctor and had eleven brothers. She said she couldn't confirm any of this because his family's records were destroyed in a fire.'

A. Now we believe you can trace both your Merrill lines back to Nathaniel. **The History of Plymouth** by Stearns, 1906, states that Hiram Wesley Merrill (b. 1822 May 10 Gilmanton, NH) was the son of Samuel and Sally FOSS of Gilmanton. He married 1st Mary Emerson JOHNSON of Compton [1823 Feb. 7-1845 June 27]. They had Myron M. 1843 and Mary M. who d. age 3 mo. He m. 2nd 1854 Nov 30 Mary Emeline FOSTER [1835 Jan. 20 -1918 June 6] daughter of Samuel and Mary SAWYER Foster. They had the four children you described. Hiram came to Plymouth in 1855. He was a carpenter and bridge builder. He died 1898 Oct. 21, killed by moving RR cars at the Plymouth Station, age 76-5-11.

Of James Alvah, the **History of Plymouth** says,"b. Plymouth 1858 Apr. 5, married 1881 Margaret MAHONEY. He has been a RR conductor many years. Resides Somerville, MA. Daughter Florence E., graduated from Plymouth HS, 1901, State Normal School 1903" (Plymouth Teachers College when I worked there summers as a teen).

Samuel, who m. Sally FOSS 1800 April 1 in Belmont NH (4 miles from Gilmanton) is believed to be the Samuel b. 1775 Jan 10 in Stratham, NH to Enoch(4) and Sarah PRATT. Two of Samuel's older brothers Paul(5) and Wiggins(5) came to Gilmanton before 1787 when Paul m. Abigail MELCHER in Belmont. Paul is the only Merrill listed in the Gilmanton 1790 census and he has an extra male 16+ (a brother?) living with him. Wiggins(5) m. Jemima DOW in Belmont in 1790 but by 1800 was in Belfast, ME. Paul is also listed in Gilmanton in 1810, 1830, and 1840 census (the 1800 and 1820 census for Gilmanton are missing). Samuel is there in the 1810 and 1830 census and from these census records we deduce that Samuel and Sally had at least six sons and four daughters. If we are correct in our assumption that Samuel is a younger brother of Paul & Wiggins, then Hiram Wesley's lineage is Hiram Wesley(6), Samuel(5), Enoch(4), Joseph(3), Abel(2), Nathaniel(1). We cannot confirm that Samuel was a doctor and we feel it unlikely that he had twelve sons from census data, but twelve children seems quite likely (eleven brothers AND sisters for Hiram) - all it would take would be a couple who died young and were not counted by the census. We can only identify Hiram positively with a couple of others (John and Asa) as possible children of Samuel and Sally. Records in this area and time period are very slim.

Enoch(4) [1712 Jan. 17 Newbury, MA - 1787 Jan. 10 Stratham, NH] had three wives; 1st Mary WHITNEY [d. 1755 June 28], they had 9 children; 2nd Abigail_____ [d. 1757 July 6], 1 child; 3rd Sarah PRATT [1733?-1800?], they had 10 children. He was the son of Joseph (3) and Ann WIGGINS.

Joseph(3) [1681 July 12 Newbury MA - 1747 Sept. 20 Stratham NH] was the son of Abel(2) and Pricilla CHASE. He m. 1st 1707 Feb. 16 Anna WIGGINS

who d. 1741 Dec. 28 in Stratham NH(5 children). He m. 2nd Ann_____.

Abel(2) [1643/4 Feb. 20 Newbury MA - 1689 Oct. 28 Newbury] m. 1670/1 Feb. 10 Priscilla CHASE [b. 1648/9 Mar. 14] daughter of Aquilla and Ann (Wheeler) Chase of Newbury.

Abel(2) was the son of immigrant Nathaniel(1) [bapt 1601 May 4 Wherstead Suffolk Co., England - 1654/5 Mar. 16 Newbury MA] and Susanna _____ [d. 1672/3 Jan. 15] (see 2nd query answer above)

04/05/98

Q. Emily Field was looking for the ancestry and descendants of **Nicholas D Merrill**, b. 1831 Feb. 16 in KY, moved to MO, daughter Annie m. to William Joseph Field.

A. Your Nicholas D Merrill was the son of Nicholas [D?] and Anna/Ida (Cobb) Merrill who were m. 1813 July 29 in Estill Co KY. Ida was probably a 2nd wife since there was a m. of Nicholas to Sally Davenport, 1804 Nov. 26 in Clark Co KY. Nicholas Sr. was b. 1780-84 in either NJ or VA and d. before 1838 Feb. 18 in Estill Co KY [will].

Nicholas' parents were Andrew [1757 May 8 NJ - 1835 May 25, Clark Co KY] and Ruth [possibly McPherson]. Andrew's pension application details his movements after the Rev. war from NJ thru Loudon Co VA and Hampshire Co [now WV] to Estill and Clark Co KY.

Andrew's ancestors were Nicholas [bapt 1728 Nov. 24] and Lidea -?-, Philip [bp 1679 Sep. 17 - 1740] and Elizabeth Baker, back to Richard [1642 - 1727] and Susanna Wells, immigrant to Staten Island NY in 1680 from Tysoe, Warwickshire, England.

Your Nicholas Decatur m. 1853 Dec. 19 Martha Ann Snowden in Estill co KY. We know that they had William W, 1854 Oct. 12, Annie Elizabeth, 1861 Dec. 23 and James N, 1866 May 26.

06/10/97

Q. Jan Hoeft found out that his gggg grandmother was **Sarah Merrill** b. 1817 in Fayette, PA and m. Daniel Stauffer. Sarah's father was William and her mother was Elizabeth.

A. We think we can push your lineage back a generation. We have your Sarah marrying (ca1834?) Daniel Stauffer son of Jacob & Nancy (Leighty) Stauffer. We have her birth as ca1808 - you have 1817- on what do you base this date? We got our date from another correspondent and the 1810 census shows William to have a daughter before 1810.

Sarah's parents were William Jackson Merrill (ca1780/84-1834 Sept) and Elizabeth (possibly Greer), who died 1830 in OH. William J married 2nd

Catherine Russell 1831 Nov 3. William is listed in the 1810 and '20 census in Franklin Twp, Fayette Co., PA and in Coshocton Co (Mill Creek Twp) OH in 1830.

We believe William J to be the son of Abijah Merrill who was listed in Franklin Twp in the 1800 and '10 census. Other correspondents have said that William J and Abijah were born in Snow Hill, Somerset Co., MD.

There was a William Merrill immigrant b. ca1645, d. 1710 Jan 23, who came to Somerset Co. MD in 1668 as an indentured servant, worked off his servitude, married and had 9 sons and 4 daughters - a good start at populating the eastern shore of MD and VA. Worcester Co was formed from part of Somerset Co in 1742. We suspect that Abijah is descended from this immigrant William but we do not know the connection.

10/27/97

Q. Greg Kinney was looking for the family of **Stephen and Elizabeth Merrill**. Their daughter, Hannah was b. 1837 in Fulton Co IL, d. 1923 Feb. 16. She m. 1859 May 8 in Fulton Co, Lester Husted [1835 Oct. 24 - 1916 Sept. 3].

A. The Stephen, 52, and Elizabeth, 42, in Fulton Co., IL in 1850 with your 13 year old Hannah B. is Stephen Sewall Merrill(7) and Elizabeth (MARSHALL). His lineage is Abel(6) (1756-1837) and Mehitable BURBANK; Gideon(5) (1728-1811) and Dorothy WILDES; Abel(4) (1703-1753+)s and Mary HARDING; John(3) (1674-1756) and Mary ALLEN; Daniel(2) (1642-1717) and Sarah CLOUGH; Nathaniel(1) (bapt 1601 May 4 Wherstead, Suffolk Co., England - 1654/5 Mar. 16 Newbury MA) and Susanna (surname unknown) [see second query]. Nathaniel and Susanna came to Newbury MA after there daughter Susannah was born (bapt. 1638 Dec 12, Lawford, Essex Co., England).

Q. Patricia Knight wants to prove the Parentage of **William R Merrell** b. Rowan Co NC in 1816. She thinks his parents were John and Mary "Polly" Chapman. William fought in the Mexican war and m. to Lucretia Gregory and had 4 children, John, Mary Jane, Chapman and James Polk. William d. Athens, Limestone Co AL in 1849.

A. While we do not have a document which unequivocally states that William R is their son, you have the correct parents in John and Mary A. "Polly" CHAPMAN. John(6) [Benjamin(5) Andrew(4) Capt. Benjamin(3) William(2,1)] and Polly were m. 1814 Sept 14 in Rowan Co. NC. In 1820 John (16-26) and wife (16-26) with 1 male and 1 female (under 10) are in Giles Co. TN. We do not find them in 1830 but in 1840 John and wife are in neighboring Limestone Co. AL and only four entries later are William R. (20-30), wife (20-30) with one male, one female under 5. William R's sister, Parthena, married Andrew Jackson GREGORY, brother of Lucretia GREGORY who

married William R. Looking at William R's children, the first is John b. ca1837 (named for his father) the second is Mary 1834 Dec. 6 (named for his mother) and the third is Chapman N 1843 Feb. (his mothers maiden name) suggest strong links to his parents. There are only two Chapman's in our database of over 40,000 MERRILL males and the other is Chapman N's son.

01/19/98

Q. Jeannie Longergan's grandmother was Emma Merrill. Her father's name was **Warren Merrill** [b. 1865 Oct. 29] of Atrim NH and her mother was Elisa Osgood. She was looking for Warren's parents.

A. Your Warren Wilkins(8) Merrill was born 1865 Oct. 29 in Deering NH to Thomas Abbott(7) Merrill and Lucinda Wilkins. Thomas (1817 Mar. 17 - 1899 June 15) was the son of Enos(6) and Annie Gregg. Enos (1786 Mar. 24 - 1836 Jan. 3) was the son of Thomas(5) and Lydia Abbott. Thomas (1751 Oct. 25 - 1830 Oct. 19) was the son of Eliphalet(4) and Mary Clough. Eliphalet (1722/3 Feb. 14 - 1803 Apr. 11) was the son of Thomas(3) and Judith Kent. Thomas (1678/9 Jan. 1 - 1756 Sep. 18) was the son of Abel(2) and Priscilla Chase. Abel (1643/4 Feb. 20 - 1689 Oct. 28) was the youngest son of immigrant Nathaniel(1) (1601 May 4 - 1654/5 Mar. 16) and wife Susannah (surname unknown - see query 2)

Q. Elaine Merrill Malecki was looking for info about her grgr grandfather, **Milo Merrill** b.ca 1812 NY. His wife was Ruey and they lived Syracuse NY in 1850. He might be the son of Levi and Amanda Steele?

A. Your Milo(7) Merrill(ca1812-1873) m. Ruey Fish in 1832 and was a blacksmith on the Erie Canal (shoemaker in 1850 census). We also have Milo as the son of Levi(6) and Elmira Steele. According to "A Merrill Memorial" by Samuel Merrill 1927, that would make his lineage Milo(7), Levi(6) [1779-1842], Jared(5) [1754-1832], Israel(4) [1716-1784], Daniel(3) [1673-1750], John(2) [1635-1712], Nathaniel(1) [1601-1654].

12/27/97

Q. Jeffrey Marsh said he knew his lineage from Nathaniel in his maternal line. He could not, however, find reference to **Rhoda Merrill**, b. Bradford VT ca. 1795 -1800. She m. David Heath and was the mother of Josiah Heath b. 1834 Mar. 6 in Stanstead, Quebec, Canada. Josiah is Jeffrey's grgr grandfather on his father's side.

A. Virginia Merrill in her "MERRILL IN AMERICA" vol. 2, generations 5 & 6, pg 560 gives Rhoda's b. and d. dates as 1799 May 30 - 1881 June 10, buried Apple Grove cemetery, Stanstead, Quebec. We copied a listing of Rhoda in this cemetery when we visited Stanstead. The cemetery listing said her husband was David Heath. Rhoda's parents were David(5) and Molly/Polly (Harriman)

Merrill.

David was a Lt. in the Rev. war. He lived his early life in Derryfield (now Manchester) and Fisherfield (now Newbury) NH. According to THE HISTORY OF STANSTEAD by Hubbard, 1874, "David, in March 1800, with his wife and twelve children left Fisherfield and started for Canada, his wife on horseback and the children in an ox wagon. It took 30 days to get to Newport VT, where they boarded a scow and were taken down Lake Memphremagog making their home on the eastern shore, 3 mi below Georgeville Quebec. In 1803 they removed to Stanstead, Quebec. Their children all grew up and had large families in that section".

David's lineage is David(5) [1752-1831]; Abraham(4) [b. 1707]; Jonathan(3) [b.1676]; Abraham(2) [1637-1722]; Nathaniel(1) [1601-1654].

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Q. Paul Maynard wrote: I am researching descendants of Magliore Maynard [1839-1880], whose granddaughter Gertrude L Maynard m. a **Paul V Merrill** of Dover-Foxcroft ME on 1927 Jan. 1. Any info on family appreciated.

A. We believe we have information on your Paul V Merrill, but we don't have any information on their descendants. The ME vital records on file in Augusta give the birth of Paul Vivian Merrill, 1902 Sept 4 in Dover ME, to Charles A and Marion A Annis. He is the right age and in the right place to have married Gertrude L Maynard, 1927 Jan 1. Paul's lineage is Paul V(10), Charles A(9), Charles Lowe(8), True(7), Samuel(6,5,4), Moses(3), Daniel(2), Nathaniel(1).

06/09/97

Q. Beverly McNally was looking for parents of **Darius Merrill** who m. Asenath Holt, 1841 June 20 in Woburn MA.

A. Your Darius (8) was born in June of 1819 in Salem NH to John C. (7) and Elizabeth (Wheeler) Merrill. Asenath was born in Reading MA and died 1871 Apr. 14 age 53-1 of pneumonia in Lynn MA. Darius m. 2nd, 1888 Feb. 23 Sophia A. (Potter) Smith in Lynn. Darius d. 1898 June 14 in Lynn of general paralysis.

Now for Darius lineage. He was the son of John C(7) [b.1788 Apr. 24 Salem, NH] and Sarah WHEELER [d.1892 Oct. 31 Salem NH age 95-0-21] daughter of James and Hannah A (Reed) Wheeler. He was a farmer and we found him in the Salem census of 1820, '30, '40 and '60. He was in Manchester in 1850. According to a correspondent they had 10 children of which we can identify 7.

John C(7) was the son of Joseph(6) [1750 Oct. 1-1825 Dec. 29 b & d Salem, NH] and Anna OBER [1750-1841 Apr. 13] m 1774 Apr. 12 in Salem. They lived Salem and had 10 children, 6 boys and 4 girls.

Joseph(6) was the son of Nathaniel(5) [1727 Jan. or June 25 Newbury, MA-1791 Dec. 21 Salem, NH] and Sarah PEASLEY [no dates] m 1749 Nov. 16. They lived in that part of Methuen,

MA which became Salem NH when the present state boundaries were set in 1741. They had seven children, 4 boys, 3 girls. Nathaniel is in the DAR Patriots Index. Nathaniel m 2nd Judith_____.

Nathaniel(5) was the son of Peter(4) [1695/6 Mar. 10 Newbury-d. between 1744 and 1756 Methuen MA] and Sarah HAZELTINE [1697/8 Jan. 15] daughter of Nathaniel and Ruth(PLUMMER) Hazeltine, m 1717 Sept. 25. They had 9 children, 6 boys 3 girls.

Peter(4) was the son of Peter(3) [1667 Aug. 20, Newbury-1696/7 Mar. 20, Newbury] and Mary BROWN [no dates] daughter of Isaac and Rebecca (?) Brown. They lived in Newbury and Haverhill, MA. They had 3 children. After Peter's death Mary m 2nd 1700 Dec. 26 John Sawyer.

Peter(3) was the son of Nathaniel(2) [bapt 1634 May 25 Lawford, Essex Co., England -1682/3 Jan 1 Newbury] and Joanna NINIAN [d 1717/8 Feb 8 age ca90] m 1661 Oct. 15. They lived in Newbury and had 7 children, 3 boys and 4 girls.

Nathaniel(2) was son of Nathaniel(1) [bapt 1601 May 4 Wherstead, Suffolk Co., England -1654/5 Mar 16 Newbury, MA] and Susanna [d 1672/3 Jan 15] Nathaniel and Susanna's first four children were baptized in Lawford, Essex Co. (adjacent to Suffolk Co.) and they came to America after daughter, Susan, was bapt there 1638 Dec 12. Nathaniel's brother John had come earlier and had already procured a house lot for Nathaniel in Newbury, MA 1638 July 23. Nathaniel's widow Susanna m 2nd Stephen Jordan.

02/01/98

Q. Bob Merrill wrote: I am descended from **Benjamin Merrill and Dorcas** (___?___). Benjamin was b. 1795 Feb. 22 and is believed to have migrated to GA and was in Hopkins Co TX as of the mid to late 1840's. He was the son of Benjamin and Penelope Merrill. Known children were Eli R, Amanda and Lucinda, all supposedly b. GA.

A. In 1820 your Benjamin was in Gwinnet Co. GA age[16-26]; wife[26-45]; with 1 female [under 10]. In 1830 he was in Carroll Co. GA age[30-40]; wife[40-50]; 2f [under 5]; 2m,1f[5-10]; 1f[10-15]. We did not find him in GA in 1840 so he may have already moved to TX which did not take a federal census until 1850. In 1850 he was in Hopkins Co. TX: Benjamin,55, b. NC; Dorcas, 56, b. NC; Amanda, 23, b. GA; Lucinda, 17, b.GA. From these census data Benjamin and Dorcas had at least five daughters

and two sons. Benjamin died late in 1852 in Hopkins Co TX. Quit claim deeds filed 1853-55 list Dorcas, Eli R, Mary, Amanda, Lucinda, and Emeline as Benjamin's surviving heirs. This means one son and one daughter must have died young. Daughter Mary m. 1849 June 24 James W Fields. Amanda m. 1851 Nov 27 James G Morris. Lucinda m. 1853 Jan 20 William D Clifton. Emeline m 1st Frank Smith and 2nd Thomas Frank Garrett. In 1860 Dorcas, 60, b.SC?, was living in Greenville, Hunt Co TX with daughter Emeline, 32, and Thomas Garrett. According to CAPTAIN BENJAMIN MERRILL by William Ernest Merrill, Benjamin went to Lamar District TX(which includes Hopkins Co) where he was Dist. Surveyor. The 1850 census lists him as a farmer.

03/19/98

Q. Kenneth E Merrill wrote from Newmarket, Ontario, Canada seeking info on his grandfather **Eli Harry Merrill** who was b. in New Hartford CT about 1885.

A. Your grandfather Eli Harry(9) according to LDS family group sheets copied in SLC, was born 1884 Feb. 14 in Turtle Lake, Barron Co., WI, son of Riley(8) and Filinda Jane Wadsworth. Riley(8) was indeed born in New Hartford, CT, 1853 Aug. 3 to Ira(7) and Emeline Merrill. Ira(7)'s lineage is Eli(6), Ichabod(5), Noah(4), Isaac(3), John(2), Nathaniel(1).

10/13/97

Q. Richard Lyman Merrill was looking for a connection to **William Merrill** who m. Elizabeth Emery about 1845. Children were Louisa m. Albert Gould; Herbert m. Etta Lake; Frederick Twombly m. Dora Belle Sawyer; Lillian; Faustina m. George Stetson and ? MacPherson; Ellen m. Frank Morrill; Edith m. Clarence Dudley. It seems most of these were from the Pownal ME area.

A. William Henry(8) MERRILL [b. 1834 Mar. 28 in New Gloucester, ME (NG); died 1908 Jan. 10 Pownal, ME] married 1857 Mar. 24 Elizabeth S. EMERY daughter of John and Betsey (Johnson) Emery.

William H(8) was the son of Hiram(7) [1806 Dec. 8 NG - 1856 Aug. 11 Grass Valley, CA] and Rachael Campbell of Poland ME [1805 Mar. 1-1856 Oct. 24] m. 1829 Dec. 10.

Hiram(7) was the son of Amos(6) [1768 Oct. ? NG-1842 Aug. 17 in NG ae 73] and Mary TWOMBLY [d. 1850 Mar. 20 in NG

ae83] m.int. 1801 Dec. 12 NG.

Amos(6) was the son of Nathan(5) [1742 July 8 Newbury MA-1818 Oct 6 NG] and Deborah WEBBER of Falmouth [no dates but she died before 1775] m. 1768 Jan. 14 in Falmouth. Nathan m. 2 nd (int. 1775 Jan. 21 NG) Rachel Campbell.

Nathan(5) was the son of James(4) [1707/8 Jan. 5 Newbury - 1790 June 8 in NG] and Hannah BAILEY of Newbury [b. 1717 June 5 Newbury] m. 1733 Oct. 1 in Newbury, MA

James(4) was the son of Nathan(3) [1676 Apr. 3 Newbury MA-1742 Newbury MA] and Hannah KENT [b. 1679 Sept. 10] daughter of John and Sarah (Woodman) Kent, m. 1699 Sept. 6 in Newbury, MA. Nathan m. 2nd 1831 Aug. 18 Elizabeth (Jackman) Willet.

Nathan(3) was the son of Abel(2) [1643/4 Feb. 20 Newbury - 1689 Oct. 28 Newbury] and Priscilla CHASE [b.1648/9 Mar. 14] daughter of Aquilla and Ann (Wheeler) Chase of Newbury, m. 1670/1 Feb. 10 in Newbury, MA.

Abel(2) was the son of immigrant Nathaniel(1) [bapt 1601 May 4 Wherstead, Suffolk, England - 1654/5 Mar. 16 Newbury, MA] and Susanna [d. 1672/3 Jan. 15] .

09/03/97

Q. Warren Howard Merrill wrote seeking info on his Grandfather, **Bernard Leroy Merrill**, b. 1869 Mar. 3 in Dorchester [no record]; d. 1925 July 4 [no record]; son of John S Merrill and Emma Sophia Streeter.

A. We have a copy of part of a manuscript by your cousin Vina Merrill Henry written in 1972. The part we have extends the information in Musgroves "History of Bristol, NH " giving the descendents of John and Rhoda (Cilly) Merrill. You and your children are included but without vital statistics. Bernard Leroy(9) lineage is as follows: John Samuel(8), John(7,6), Jonathan(5), John(4,3), Nathaniel(2,1).

02/26/28

Q. Marcia Miller-Caddell was looking for info about her grgr grandfather, **Silas R Merrill**. He was b. NY, moved to Winnebago Co WI in 1854, and m. Ann Cleaveland in 1855.

A. According to "The Genealogy of Cleaveland Families", by Cleaveland, 1899, your Silas R (b. 1828 Feb. 16 in Cuba, NY),

married three times; first, 1855 Feb. 15 to Ann Amanda Cleaveland; second, 1864 Oct. 19 to Adah Angeline Cleaveland [Amy's sister?]; and third [no data given]. There were four boys to the first marriage and no issue to the second.

The "Merrill Genealogy" by Mary Thrasher, 1907, describes the descendants of Barzilla Merrill [1764 Nov. 17-1850 April 14] and his wife Electa (Wilmot). Their fifth child Silas [1797 Nov. 27 b. Fabius, NY d. Cuba, NY 1827 Dec. 28] m. 1818 Oct. 26, Lucinda Morey [1800 Oct. 26 - 1879 Mar. 6], daughter of Samuel and Mary (Freeman) Morey. Their son Silas is your Silas R.

The lineage of Barzilla(i)(6) is given in A MERRILL MEMORIAL by Samuel Merrill, 1927, as David(5) [1738 Mar. 30 - 1821 Dec. 1] and Esther Howe; Nathaniel(4) [1702 July 15 - 1772 Oct. 28] and Esther Warner; John(3) [1669 Apr. 7 - 1748 May] and Sarah Marsh; John(2) [1635 Mar. 13 - 1712 July 18] and Sarah Watson; Nathaniel(1) [1601 May 4 - 1654/5 Mar. 16] and Susanna ____?____.

03/08/98

Q. Marvella Merrell Muzik wrote: My father was Richard Hammond Merrell, b. 1918 June 23 in Springfield MA. His father was Raymond b. ca 1900, his grandfather was **Wilson**, b 1865. The family has been in Tioga Co PA since the early 1800's. We are trying to connect to the Merrill families in MA.

A. We do not have your Richard Hammond, Raymond or Wilson Merrell in our files of over 40,000 Merrill/Merrell males either "lineage known" or "lineage unknown".

You mention that the family has been in Tioga Co., PA since the early 1800's. That would seem to suggest that your Merrells are descended from James who first appears there in the 1830 census in Liberty Twp. There are two adult males in that census (one 20-30 the other 50-60) and we do not know who is the head of household. We know from later census that the younger one's name is James but the older one may also be James. The younger one's wife is 30-40 and they have four sons (2 [under 5] and 2 [5-10]).

In 1840 James is still in Liberty Twp [30-40] with wife[40-50]; 1 m, 2 f [under 5]; 1 m, 1 f [5-10]; 1 m [10-15]; 2 m [15-20].

1850 is the first census in which all members of the household are listed by name, age and birthplace. In 1850 in Liberty Twp., James, a merchant, is listed as age 48, b. NJ, wife, Hannah, 50, and

all the children are b. PA. Listed children are Isaac, 22, a lawyer; Elliott, 21, a blacksmith; Harriett, 18; Ellis, 16, a laborer; Mary J, 13; Charlotte, 11; Emily, 9; John N., 6. Also in Liberty Twp is what is probably another son, William 26, a farmer, b. PA; his wife, Elizabeth, 25, b. NY; Amanda, 6; Harriett, 4; Walter, 6 mo, all b. PA. In Morris Twp., Tioga Co. there is possibly another son, Christopher C., a laborer age 25, Elizabeth, 19; Mary A, 2; Harriet, 6 months, all b. PA.

In 1860 in Liberty Twp James is 57; Hannnah, 59; Mary Jane, 23; Charlotte, 21; Emily, 18; John Murry, 16; and Anna, 9. Mary Jane, Charlotte and Emily are teachers in the common school. Also in Liberty are Ellis, 25, farmer; Margaret, 21; Ada, 3 months; Also Isaac, 32, farmer; Mary 26; Isabel, 6; Phoebe, 5; Lory, 4; James, 2; Also William, 39, a farmer; Eliza, 37; Mandy, 16; Harriet, 14; Woltin B., 10; and Mary, 4. In Morris Twp is Elliott, 30, a lumberman; Catharine, 24; May, 7; James, 5; and Hannah, 4.

We do not know which one of James's son's is the father of your Wilson, b. ca. 1865. We have not read the 1870 PA census yet [Note: Wilson was later found to be the son of Isaac]

The fact that James was b. NJ probably means that you will not connect with the Merrills of MA, but rather are descended from Richard or William, brothers who immigrated from Tysoe, Warwickshire, England to Staten Island NY in 1680. William moved to Hopewell, NJ in 1704, but descendents of both brothers lived in NJ. Documentation in NJ is very difficult, for example, no federal census are available until 1830 and by then James was already in PA.

03/15/98

Q. Jill Olmack was looking for the parents of her husband's grgr grandfather, **Silas Merrill**, b. NY 1829 July 11. He was m. to Nancy (___?___). His children were Ada Zelpha; Elam Z; Ida Isalinda; Cora Edna; Elmer Bela; and Nettie. He d. in Sanilac Co MI in 1917.

A. We cannot provide you with a complete lineage of your Silas Merrill, but we think we can push it back a couple of generations. In the 1850 census Silas is in Bolton, Warren Co., NY, age 21, with wife, Nancy A, age 18, married within the year. Also in Bolton in 1850 are four other Merrill families, headed by brothers, Wait, Jesse, John and Caleb, sons of Jesse and Nancy Cheny. Another brother, Daniel, is in nearby Horicon, Warren Co., NY.

We cannot prove that your Silas is the son of Wait, but that is

consistent with both the 1830 and 1840 census. In 1830 Wait (20-30) is in Sunderland, Bennington Co., VT with wife (20-30); 2 males (under 5); 1 male (50-60)[his father-in-law?] and 1 female (10-15) [his sister-in-law?]. In 1840 Wait is in Bolton, NY, age (30-40), wife(30-40), 1 male (under 5); a male (5-10), 2 males (10-15) and 1 male (50-60) [his father-in-law?]. In 1850 Wait is in Bolton, age 47, b. NH; wife, Minerva, 43, b. VT; Justin, 23; John, 17; Myron, 13; Fanny, 6 all b. NY and Samuel Whitton, 70, b. NH [Minerva's father?]. Silas fits as Wait's other son who should be 20-25 in 1850. None of the other Merrill families in Bolton had sons in 1840 consistent with Silas' age.

Wait's father, Jesse, is in Dunstable, Hillsboro Co., NH in 1810 age (26-45), wife (26-45) with 4 males, 1 female (under 10). In 1820 they are in Arlington, Bennington Co., VT; Jesse, 45+, wife (26-45), 3 males (under 10), 1 male (10-16). In 1830 Jesse is in Bolton, (50-60); wife (50-60); 1 male (10-15). We did not find Jesse in 1840, but in 1850 his widow Nancy, 72, is living with son Jesse Jr, 37, and family in Bolton. The NH vital records give what we believe is Jesse's marriage "Jesse of Dunbarton m. 1798 Nov. 8, Nancy Cheny in Dunbarton". From the census, Jesse was born 1770-1775.

We do not know who Jesse's parents were. We have no known Jesses born 1770-75. We do have a very tenuous idea who his parents might be. There is an unidentified John in Dunbarton, NH from at least 1776 to 1810. In 1790 he had with him one other male over 16 and 2 males under 16 and two females. By 1800 he and his wife were both over 45 and all of the children had left. We think Jesse of Dunbarton might be this John's son but we do not have proof.

Another speculation is that the John of Dunbarton may be John(5) b. 1738/9 Feb. 9 in Plaistow, son of Abraham(4) and Mehitable Stevens, who in A MERRILL MEMORIAL is said to have been taxed in Derryfield (now Manchester) in 1760 and enlisted from Derryfield and served at Ft. William Henry. While Abraham(4) and three of his other sons are in Derryfield in 1790, John(5) is not. Dunbarton is only about 15 miles from Manchester. John(5)'s lineage is Abraham(4), Jonathan(3) and Mary Brown, Abraham(2) and Abigail Webster; immigrant Nathaniel(1) and wife Susanna.

[NOTE: The speculations in the last two paragraphs have since been proven CORRECT]

02/23/98

Q. Greg St. cyr was looking for info on the parents of his grgr

grandfather, **Charles F Merrill**, b. Jan. 1855 in Shapleigh, York, ME.

A. In the 1860 census for Shapleigh, ME we find a Charles F. age 5, who we think is probably your gggf. He is in the family of John C and Josephine (Allen) Merrill. If this is the right Charles F., and he's the only one in Shapleigh, his lineage is John C(7) [1825-1907] and Josephine Allen; Seth(6) [1799-1879] and Betsey Grant; Levi(5) [1748-1818] and Hannah Bean; James(4) [1719-1798] and Mary Osgood; Thomas(3) [1678/9-1756] and Judith Kent; Abel(2) [1643-1689] and Priscilla Chase; immigrant Nathaniel(1) [1601-1654/5] and wife Susannah ___?__.

The NH vital records give a marriage for Charles F. 1876 Apr. 1 to Nina Pierce of Lebanon, ME in Somersworth, NH. The ME vital records indicate a second marriage 1922 Jan. 26 to Emma (Bean) Peterson in Lebanon, ME. We do not have any information on the children of Charles F.

01/02/98

Q. Chuck Wilmot wrote: My great grandfather Frederick Hibbard, was the son of Aaron Hibbard and Sarah Merrill. Sarah was b. 1772 and d. Feb. 1842, daughter of **Nathaniel and Sarah Hazen**, but who are Nathaniel's parents?

A. Nathaniel(5) Merrill was born 1747/8 Mar. 2 in Haverhill MA and d. 1825 May 3 in Piermont NH. His Lineage is Joseph(4), Nathaniel(3,2,1). He m. 1771 Oct 10 Sarah Hazen(d/o John and Anna [Swett] Hazen of Haverhill NH). She was b 1753 June 12 and d. 1819 Feb. 7. They had twelve(yes 12) daughters. Their only son Nathaniel d unmarried age 22. Your Sarah was the eldest, b 1772 May 5, d. 1842 Feb. 24, m. 1789 Oct. 14 Aaron Hibbard (1761 Jan. 17 -1835 Feb. 12).

01/24/98

Q. Merrill Wright wrote saying he was a descendant of **Davis Merrill** [1780-1859] and Asenith Prince. His grgr grandfather was Thomas Merrill, their only son. He wanted info on Thomas' sisters, Elizabeth, Mary, Hannah, and Dorcus.

A. We assume that you know that the lineage of Davis(6) Merrill is Daniel(5), Edmond(4), Daniel(3,2), Nathaniel(1). You asked about the daughters of Davis and Asenath Prince. MARY b 1803,d unmarried 1826 Apr. 26 in Falmouth ME. HANNAH b. 1805 Sept. 16 Hampden, ME, d. 1878 July 12 Hampden, m. 1848 June

6, Capt. Benjamin Bussy of Newbury, ME. LOUISA b. 1808 Nov. 16 Hampden, d. 1896 Dec. 2 Hemlock, MI, m. Alvin Folsom (lived Newbury, ME). DORCUS b. 1812 Jan. 6 Hampden, d. 1903 Jan. 24 Somerville, MA, m. 1836 July 4, William Wiswell (lived Portland ME). ELIZABETH b. 1817 Apr. 30 Carmel ME, m. John E Patten of Hampden (lived Bangor). These data come from Samuel Merrill's handwritten supplement to A MERRILL MEMORIAL which is on file at the NEHGS library in Boston.

Our continued thanks go to Howard and Jean for their invaluable help in answering the queries for The Merrill Newsletter. *Lillian Follett-Hall*

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