

WEST

of

Tolland, CT and Lee, MA

--their westward migration

(Selected descendants of Francis West of Duxbury)

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PREFACE

***This report surveys later migrations of descendants of
Deacon Francis West of Tolland –
(Generations Four to Seven)***

And migrations westward from Lee, Massachusetts.

*(Please note: Many authors have researched the descendants of Francis West of Duxbury. Some of their findings are shown **briefly** in Generation One, Two and Three of this report)*

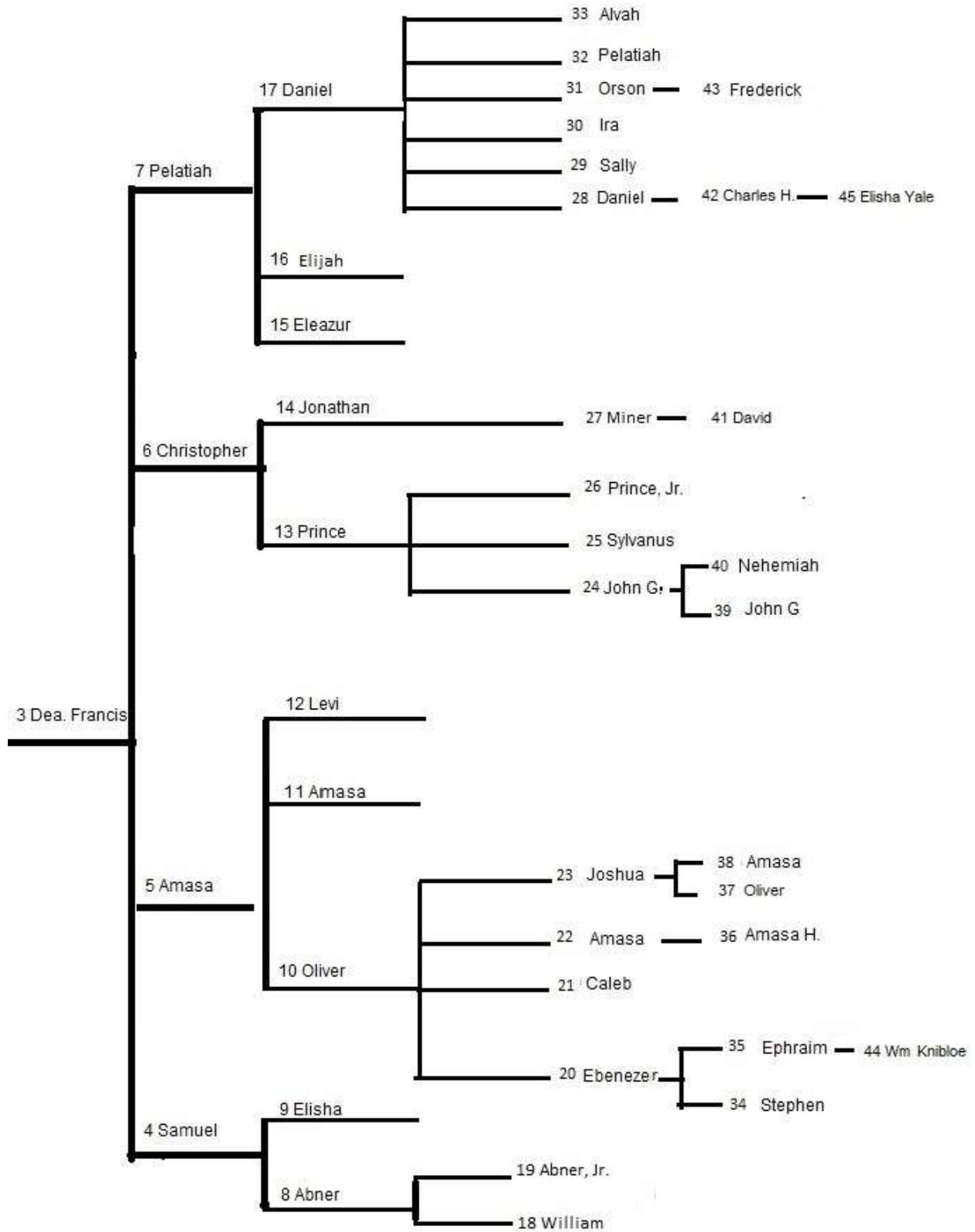
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PART I
GENEALOGY

Generation One: The Immigrant Francis West

1. Francis West of Plymouth Plantation and Duxbury.^{2h, 2j}
 - b. abt 1606 [Salisbury, England]
 - immigrated to Plymouth Colony about 1630
 - m. 27 Feb 1639, Duxbury, MA, Margery Reeves
 - d. 2 Jan 1692, Bridgewater, MA

Children:

2.
 - i. Samuel
 - ii. Dr Thomas b. 1646, d. 6 Sep 1706 (descendants to Martha's Vineyard after 1673)^{2h}
 - iii. Peter (m. Patience)^{3a} (stayed in Duxbury and inherited family estate)^{2h}
 - iv. Mary
 - v. Ruth
 - [vi] Pelatiah (went to Connecticut)¹
 - [vii] Richard

Brought to Marshfield by a Mr. Thomas.² Served as carpenter and house builder. Suspected of being a Quaker. Was required to build a new set of stocks in Duxbury and then he and wife were confined in them. Their offence was "speaking out on religious liberty" and/or "incontinence before marriage."^{2g} Lived at Duck Hill. Served on Grand Jury 1640; bought 40 acres on the south side of Mill Brook in 1642; one of 54 founding proprietors of Bridgewater, 1645; became a freeman in 1656; member of the Grand Inquest, 1658; Constable, 1661;^{2j} purchased uplands and meadowlands of Duxbury, 1661.^{2d, 2e, 2g, 2h, 2i, 2j}

Individuals who migrated west are shown in red.

¹ Pelatiah and Richard are listed in the genealogy by Wheeler^{3a} but disputed by Towle^{2h}

² See Part II sections A and C for discussion of Mr. Thomas and his possible relation to the Pilgrim congregation at Leiden and his relationship to Francis West

Generation Two:
Duxbury, MA, Plymouth Plantation

2. Samuel West (eldest son of Francis West of Duxbury¹⁾ ^{2d,3}
b. 1643, Duxbury
d. 8 May 1689, Duxbury MA
m. 26 Sept 1668 Tryphosa Partridge³ (b. __, d. 1701, Preston, CT)

Children: ^{2h,2j}

3. i Francis b. 13 Nov 1669 (migrated to Preston, Stonington and Tolland, CT) ^{2h,3a}
ii Juen b. 8 Sep 1671, ^{2h,3a} d. 29 Dec 1691 ^{3a}
iii Samuel b. 23 Dec 1672 (m. 30 Jun 1709 Martha Delano; went to Lebanon, CT) ^{2h}
iv Pelatiah b. 8 Mar 1674, d. 7 Dec 1756 (m. 12 Jul 1722 Elizabeth Chandler) ^{2h}
v Ebenezer b. 22 Jul 1676, d. 31 Oct 1758
(m. 14 Jan 1713 Susannah Wales; went to Lebanon, CT) ^{2h}
vi John b. 6 Mar 1679, d. 17 Nov 1741
(m. Deborah __; went to Lebanon, CT before 1714) ^{2h}
vii Abigail b. 26 Sep 1682 (m. 1714 Nathaniel Cole) ^{2h}
viii Bathsheba ^{2h}

Samuel West married Tryphosa Partridge in 1668. He was Constable of Duxbury in 1674^{2h} at a time of great fear and unrest in the colonies. Plymouth Colony itself was attacked in 1675 during the war with the Wampanoags known as “King Phillip’s War.” Samuel West owned his own land in Duxbury by 1684.^{2d} His father, Francis, was still alive and his son, Francis, was just nineteen, when in 1688, Samuel died at age 46.

³ By marrying Tryphosa Partridge Samuel West established the “Pilgrim” heritage of his descendants. Tryphosa was the granddaughter of Stephen Tracy who came to Plymouth Colony on the *Anne* with third voyage of the Leiden Pilgrims. The immigration of Tryphosa’s father, mother and grandparents is detailed in Part II, section B.

Generation Three:

Preston, Stonington and Tolland, CT

3. Deacon Francis West (Samuel², Francis¹)^{2h,3a,4a}
b. 14 Nov 1669, Duxbury, MA
d. 1731, Tolland, CT
m. 20 Dec 1696 Mercy/Marcy Miner (dau. of Capt. Joseph Minor and Mary Avery)^{3a}
Children born in Preston or Stonington CT:^{2h,3a,4a}
- i Mercy b. 30 Oct 1697, Preston (m. 14 Feb 1716-7 Nathaniel Wales of Windham CT)^{2h}
 - 4. ii Samuel b. 1699, Preston, CT⁴
 - iii Joseph bapt 30 Nov 1701, Preston/Stonington CT^{2h,3a}
(m. 19 May 1725 Joanna Delano)^{2h}
 - 5. iv Amasa bapt 27 Mar 1704, Stonington, CT
 - v Hon. Zebulon bapt 16 Mar. 1707, Stonington, CT⁵
 - 6. vi Christopher bapt 19 June 1709, Stonington, CT
 - 7. vii Pelatiah bapt 30 Sep 1711, Stonington, CT

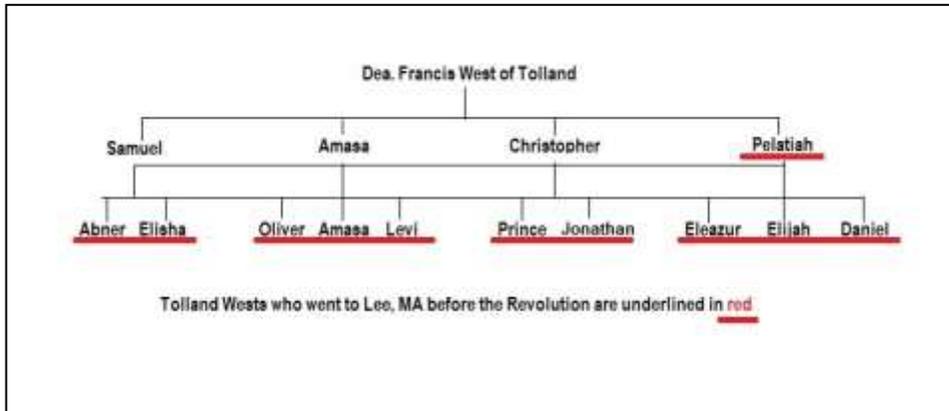
Deacon Francis West migrated west--initially to Preston CT where he married Mercy Miner in 1696.⁶ They then migrated to Stonington in 1702 where they bought "large tracts of land."^{3a} Finally in 1720 Francis became one of first settlers at Tolland, CT and first deacon of the Congregational Church of Tolland. He acquired substantial property at Coventry in Tolland.^{3a,4a} His sons Samuel, Joseph and Christopher, further established the "Pilgrim" heritage of their descendants by marrying Delano women, descendants of Phillip De La Noye/ Lannoy of Leiden.⁷ Several sons of Francis served in the French & Indian War. His son, Pelatiah, and many grandsons, migrated to Berkshire Co. MA before the Revolution. Many of his grandsons fought in the Revolution. The family of Deacon Francis West is documented in the work of Loren P. Waldo, President of the Tolland County Historical Society, 1861 (pp. 114-121).^{4a}

⁴ From Wheeler:^{3a} 1 Nov 1702 Francis and Mercy West dismissed from Preston Church to First Congregational Church, Stonington where baptisms of subsequent children recorded.

⁵ Zebulon wrote a West genealogy. He migrated to Stockbridge, Berkshire Co., MA and helped found Williams College. He had a son, Stephen.

⁶ From Wheeler:^{3a} They were married by Samuel Mason, "Assist" in Preston, CT.

⁷ See Part II, section A for details of Deacon Francis West in Tolland.



Grave stone of Deac. Francis West of Tolland, CT
as posted on Find-A-Grave at Ancestry.com
Memorial #7182814

Generation Four:

Tolland CT to Berkshire Co. MA-- migration after French and Indian Wars⁸

4. Samuel (Francis³, Samuel², Francis¹)^{2h,3a,4a,5b,5c}

b. 1699 (Preston, CT)^{3a}

d. 3 Feb 1779 Tolland CT

m1 4 Nov 1724 Sarah Delano (d. Nov 1752)

m2 26 Nov 1754 Abigail Lathrop

Children born to Sarah in Tolland, CT:^{4a}

i Prudence b. 5 Sep 1726 (m. 17 Jan 1744 Joseph Lathrop)^{2h}

ii Sarah b. 21 Mar 1729 (m. ___Redington)

iii Samuel b. 30 Mar 1732 (m. Sarah Lathrop 25 Mar 1756, served in Revo.)^{2h}

iv Abigail b. 22 Jul 1734, d. 12 Feb 1750

8. v. Abner b. 1737

vi Joanna b. 2 Dec 1739 (m. ___Smith)

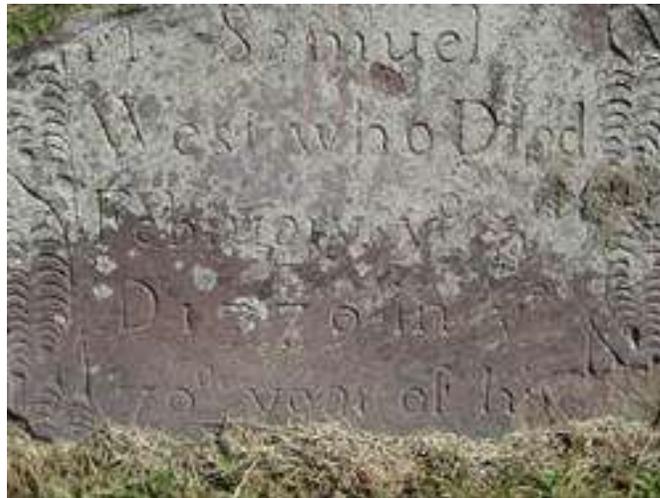
9. vii Elisha b. 1742 (migrated to Stockbridge and Lee, Berkshire Co., MA)

viii Anna b. 16 Sep 1745

Children born to Abigail in Tolland, CT:^{4a}

ix Anna b. 12 Sep 1756

x Ruth b. 21 Dec 1759



Grave stone of Samuel West of Tolland, CT
as posted at Find-A-Grave at Ancestry.com
Memorial #25354333

⁸ See Part II, section A for details of Pelatiah West and others in Berkshire Co. MA.

5. Amasa (Francis³, Samuel², Francis¹)
bapt 27 Mar 1704, Stonington^{2h,3a}
d. ?
m1. Amy Hatch (daughter of Joseph Hatch -1)^{2h,4a,9}
m2. 20 Sep 1757 Bathsheba Gibbs (of Sandwich, Barnstable Co., MA)^{2h}

Children born to Amy in Tolland CT:^{4a}

- i Francis b. 1 Nov 1731, d. 22 Jun 1769,
m. 13 Sep 1751 Abigail Strong (of Coventry, Tolland Co. CT)
Children born in Tolland:^{4a}
i Beulah (1752-1755), ii Abigail (1753-1755), iii Dorcas (1754-?)
iv Amasa (1757-1758), vi Sarah (1758-?), vii Joanna (1763-?)
viii Francis (1765-?), Irena (1767-1758 [sic])¹⁰
- 10. ii Oliver** b. 2 Oct 1733
- iii. Phebe b. 2 Sep 1735
- iv Lucia b. 9 Aug 1738
- v Rebeckah b. 26 Nov 1742, d. 9 Dec 1774
- vi Amy b. 8 Dec 1741, d. 8 Aug 1756
- vii Mercy b. 16 Sep 1744
- viii Mehitable b. 1 Feb 1747, d. 24 Mar 1755
- 11. ix Amasa** b. 1749
- x Susan b. 8 Mar 1754, d. 25 Mar 1755

Child born to Bathsheba in Tolland:

- 12. xi Levi** b. 1760 (migrated to Lee, MA)

⁹ A Joseph Hatch was the partner of Pelatiah West in patenting and selling land in Lee, MA^{5b (pp. 135, 140, 141)}

¹⁰ Complete birth dates are given in Waldo: *Tolland* (see Endnote Bibliography).^{4a}

6. Christopher (Francis³, Samuel³, Francis¹)^{2h,3a,4a}
bapt. 19 June 1709, Stonington, CT
d ?

m. 25 Oct 1732 Amy Delano (dau of Jonathan Delano)

Children born in Tolland or Coventry:

I Priscilla b. 26 Aug 1733^{4a} (died young ?)

13. ii **Prince**^{2h} b. 30 Oct 1735^{9a}

iii Francis b. 30 Oct 1735^{2h,4a} (twin of Prince? died young?)^{2h}

14. iv **Jonathan** b. 30 Dec 1737^{2h,4a}

v Jerusha b. 17 Apr 1740^{2h,4a}

vi Miner b. 9 Jan 1743^{2h,4a}

vii Lois^{2h,4a} b. 5 Apr 1745^{2h}

viii Lydia b. 1747^{2h}

ix Mary b. 1750^{2h,4a}

x Sarah^{2h}

7. Pelatiah (Francis³, Samuel², Francis¹)^{2h,4a}
bapt. 30 Sept 1711, Stonington, CT^{3a}
d. 11 Jul 1787, Lee, MA^{5a}
bur. Fairmount Cem., Lee, MA¹¹
m. 5 Dec 1734 Elizabeth Lathrop^{20a} (Elizabeth b. abt 1712, d. 17 Mar 1800, Lee MA)^{4a,5a}

Children born in Tolland:

- i Elizabeth b 17 Sep 1735^{2h,4a,20a}
- ii Susannah b. 28 Mar 1737,^{2h,4a,20a} (m. 9 Oct 1757 Oziah Strong), d. 1827^{2h,11}
- 15. iii Eleazur**
 - iv Zerviah b. 28 Mar 1741^{2h,4a,20a}
[iv Hannah (1841-1784 buried at Fairmount Cem)]¹¹
 - v Eunice b 30 Apr 1745,[m. Ingersoll, d. 1795]^{11, 2h,4a,20a}
- 16. vi Elijah** b 7 Mar 1747^{2h,4a,20a}
- 17. ix Daniel** b. 22 Jul 1749^{2h,4a,20a}
 - vii Prudence b 1 Jun 1751, m. Samuel Porter at Richmond, MA^{11, 2h,4a,20a12}
 - viii Mary b 30 Jun 1753^{2h,4a,20a}

Pelatiah migrated to Lee, Berkshire Co., MA by 1769 with his adult children. He and his partner, Joseph Hatch of Tolland, acquired a large part of what was known as the “Glassworks Grant.”^{5b, 13} Many of his nephews followed him into Berkshire County at Lee, Stockbridge, Lenox, Pittsfield and Richmond.¹⁴ Many sons and nephews served in the Revolution at Bennington, the Battle of Saratoga and others.^{5b,23a}

¹¹ Burial (no stone) on Find-A-Grave at Ancestry.com, Memorial #93496201

¹² A Prudence West (of Glas Worke”) married Samuel Porter at Richmond, Berkshire Co. according to Richmond marriage records.

¹³ Hyde^{5c (p. 135)} shows Pelatiah West and Joseph Hatch buying 15/24 of Glassworks Grant for £520 16s on 22 Jan 1769 (Pittsfield Reg. 8:118—Lee not yet incorporated). The identity of Joseph Hatch is not clear. There were men named Joseph Hatch in Tolland (identified by Loren Waldo as Joseph, Joseph 1, Joseph 2 and son of Joseph 2. The dates and places of birth of none these fit well within the life span of Joseph Hatch of Glassworks.

¹⁴ See Part II, section A for details of the settlement of Lee and Lenox, MA and service in the Revolution.

Generation Five:

Lee, Berkshire, MA during the Revolution

8. Abner (Samuel⁴, Francis³, Samuel², Francis¹)^{2h}
b. 1 May 1737 Tolland, CT^{2h,4a}
d. 7 Dec 1828, Richmond, MA^{5d}
bur. Center Cemetery, Richmond, MA
m. 3 Jul 1760, Mary Hatch (daughter of Joseph Hatch)^{2h}
(Mary b. 1742, d. 22 Feb 1829, Richmond, MA)¹⁵
Children born in Tolland, CT:^{2h}
- i Abigail b. 28 Jun 1761^{4a} (d. 25 Jan 1829, Richmond, MA)^{5d}
 - 18 ii William b. 12 Feb 1762
 - 19 iii Abner, Jr b. 8 Jan 1765
 - iv Mary, b. 6 Mar 1767^{4a} (m. Abraham Hand)^{2h}
 - v Submit, b.24 Jul 1769^{4a} (m. Samuel Southwick 12 Feb 1800)^{2h}
 - vi Susannah (m. Pardon Pierce)^{2h}
 - vii Eley (m. Curtis Stoddard)^{2h}
 - viii Sarah/Sally (m. Daniel Chamberlain, 22 Jan 1776)^{2h}
 - ix Pamela (m. Curtis Stoddard)^{2h}
 - x Betsey (m. Francis Chevevoy)^{2h}

Abner served in French & Indian War-- expedition for relief of Ft. William Henry 1757.^{2h} He migrated to Lee, MA and served in Revolution in Capt. Rowley's Co. of Col. John Brown's Reg. of militia, 27 days from 30 Jun 1777 at Saratoga. He also served at Fort Ann in August 1777 at the Ticonderoga alarm. He served 4 days from August 16 in Lt. Crocker's Co. of Col Brown's Reg. His company was called out by Maj. Hyde and ordered to march to Bennington. Furthermore, he served 12 days from October 1781 under Capt. Raymond in Col. Caleb Hyde's Reg. of Gen Rossiter's Brigade at the Stillwater alarm. (See Part II for description of Berkshire Co. Militia in these 'alarms.')

Abner and wife Mary are buried at Center Cemetery in Richmond. Mary's inscription reads: "Mary West died Feb. 22, 1829 in the 88 year." She was the daughter of Joseph Hatch (b. 1715, Tolland) and Mary Clark.



Grave stone of Abner West at Find-A-Grave at Ancestry.com
Memorial #137094329

¹⁵ This may be the "Mrs. Mary West" shown in Richmond death records (The Massachusetts Vital Records Project 2004-1015 online at ma-vitalrecords.org/MA/Berkshire/images/Richmond. Mary's grave is shown at Find-A-Grave at Ancestry.com Memorial # 137094413.

9. Elisha (Samuel⁴, Francis³, Samuel², Francis¹)
b. 14 Sept 1742^{2h,4a}
d. ?
m. 23 May 1771, Olive Brewster (of Sharon, CT and a Mayflower Descendant)^{2h}
Children born in Lee, Berkshire Co., MA:
i. Mary^{2h} b. 4 Mar 1772 ? [torn image]^{5a}
ii. Prudence^{2h} b. 9 Dec 1773,
m. Samuel Porter at Richmond, Berkshire Co.^{5a,16,17}
iii. Ann^{2h} b. 31 Oct 1775^{5a}
iv. James/John Bruster^{5a}, b. 11 Dec 1777¹⁸

Elisha migrated to Stockbridge and Lee, MA. He was commissioned 4 May 1776 as 2d lieutenant to serve with Capt. Jesse Bradley's 20th Glassworks Co. of Col. Benjamin Simonds's 2d Berkshire Reg.^{23a (p. 892),5b (p. 150),19} Elisha is mentioned in Hyde's *History of Lee* (p. 150):^{5b} "In 1776 May 4, in the list of officers of the militia, in Berkshire County, we find Capt. Jesse Bradley and Lieutenants Levi Nye and Elisha West, with 20 men from Glassworks." His son, James Brewster/Bruster West appears to have migrated west with his cousin Henry/Harry West to Clyde, Wayne County, New York between 1815 and 1825. (Henry was the son of William West, Elisha's nephew. See Abner West #8.)

¹⁶ A Prudence West (of Glas Worke" married Samuel Porter at Richmond, Berkshire Co. according to Richmond marriage records.

¹⁷ Massachusetts Vital Records Project 2005-2015 online at ma-vitalrecords.org/MA/Berkshire/images/Richmond

¹⁸ Towle shows this as "John Brewster West. The Lee Congregational records for Elisha's family shows "James Bruster."

¹⁹ Revo. Muster Roll 42:177)

10. Oliver (Amasa⁴, Francis³, Samuel², Francis¹)
b. 2 Oct 1733, Tolland, CT^{2h,4a}
d. 23 Apr 1816^{5a}
bur. Fairmount Cemetery, Lee, MA (see next page)
m. 30 June 1757 Thankful Nye^{2h,4a} (b. abt Aug 1736, d. 12 Mar 1806, bur. Fairmount Cem.)^{5a}

Children born in Tolland, CT:

- 20 i Ebenezer b.23 Nov 1758
ii Anna b. 18 July 1759, d. 23 Jul 1765^{4a}
iii Amy b. 9 Sep 1761 (m. Seth Nye)^{2h}
21 iv Caleb b. 4 Jul 1764^{4a}
22 v Amasa b. 20 Oct 1765^{4a}

Children born Berkshire County, MA.^{5h,20,}

- vi Anna^{2h} (m. 29 Nov 1792, Heman Bradley)^{5a}
vii Sarah/Sally^{2h} b. abt 1773, d. 3 Jun 1818 (m. 11 Sep 1803, Jacob Winegar)^{5a,21}
Children surname Vinegar/Winegar b. in Lee, Berkshire Co. MA^{5a}
i. Oliver West b. 8 Aug 1804
ii. Sophronia b. 2 Jul 1805
iii. Thankful b. 15 Nov 1806, d. 19 Apr 1819
iv. infant b. ___Nov 1806, (prob. Twin of Thankful, who died at birth)
vi. Loisa b. 5 Jun 1809
vi. Elizabeth b. 9 Feb 1811
vii. Jacob, Jr. b. 30 Jul 1813
viii. Sally b. 31Nov 1815
23 viii Joshua^{2h} b. 1774^{15a}
ix Oliver b. after 1774^{2h, 22}

Deacon Oliver West lived in Tolland at least until 1765. The family migrated to Berkshire Co., MA living first (apparently) in Stockbridge and then in Lee where he was Deacon in the church for 36 years (approx. 1780-1816). The family is shown as members of the Stockbridge Congregational Church.^{5h} It has been suggested that the last four children are not the children of Oliver and Thankful—but their appearance as a family in the Lee Congregational Church suggests otherwise.

Oliver's daughter, Sally/Sarah married Jacob Winegar—probably son of John Winegar who came to Lee in 1770 and bought 50 acres on west side of Housatonic from Pelatiah West. Winegar built the first grist mill in Lee.^{5b (p. 140-142)}

²⁰ The births in this family are not found in the vital records of Lee after 1765. The complete family except Oliver is shown in the membership of Lee Congregational Church as of 25 May 1780 (Hyde, *Vital Records*, p. 50).^{5e} The *Commemorative Record of Huron and Lorain Co., OH*,^{15a} states that Joshua's father was from Cape Cod. The confusion may have come from the fact that Joshua's grandmother, Bathsheba Gibbs West, came from Sandwich, Barnstable Co. (Cape Cod), MA.^{5a} According to Hyde, many settlers came to Lee from Sandwich on Cape Cod during the Revolution.^{5b}

²¹ Lee Vital records show Sarah using nickname, "Sally". Marriage of "Sally West and Jacob Winegar" is in the records of Lee as Jacob's second wife. Vital records show 8 births to them; the first in 1804 was named "Oliver West" Winegar, probably after Sarah/Sally's father, Oliver West. Their last child, "Sally," was born in 1815. "Thankful Winegar," daughter of Jacob and "Sally," was born in 1806; but died in April 1816. Lee Vital records show that "Sarah Winegar, second wife of Jacob," died in June 1818 at age 45.

²² The Congregational records do not show a specific record for the birth of Oliver (ix), however he is listed with the other children of Oliver, Sr. and Thankful West in their family listing. This may be "Oliver Judson West" mentioned at Amasa H. West #34. An O.J. West married Maria wife of Amasa H. after his death in 1872.



Grave of Deacon Oliver West
as posted at Find-A-Grave at Ancestry.com
Memorial #105627322



Grave of Thankful Nye West
as posted at Find-A-Grave at Ancestry.com
Memorial #105627390

11. Amasa (Amasa⁴, Francis³, Samuel², Francis¹)
b. 1 May 1749, Tolland (may have migrated to Chautauqua Co. NY)
d. _____
m. _____

No known children.

A man listed as "Amasa," (aka "Anah") served in the Revolution from Berkshire County under Brig. Gen. Paterson, Camp Totoway, 25 Oct 1780. The service of "Amasa" however is extensive. He enlisted 9 Dec 1776 and is described as 25-years old, 5 ft. 6 in. tall, freckled with sandy hair; a laborer who lived in Lee. He served in Continental Army in Capt. Stoddard's Co. of Col. Vose's Reg. for three years—men mustered 20 Jan 1777-1 June 1778, Berkshire Co. He served in the same company Dec 1777 and ordered to Valley Forge. He is shown on payroll for Nov 1778 to Apr 1779, Providence [RI] and reported to Newtown Apr 1779. . He was on list of men raised at Lenox 20 Aug 1781. Also served in Capt. Yale's Co. in Col. Rossiter's Reg. A comment in the records reads: "Receipt dated Great Barrington, June 6 178___ signed by J. Hollister...stating that he had received from Mr. Eleazer West (# 15 below) said Anah West, a soldier raised to serve in the Continental Army for the term of 3 years." More service was recorded for Amasa in 1781, Dobbs Ferry, Camp Peekskill, West Point and redoubt in Feb 1782. It appears that Eleazer (Eleazur) is probably his cousin, the son of his uncle Amasa (1704-?). There is no record that Amasa died in the war.^{23a (p. 889)} It is remotely possible that Amasa studied at the new Williams Academy founded by Zebulon West and then went west to Chautauqua Co. NY about 1810 and became a preacher and teacher. He would have been 60 years old. It seems more likely that the "Amasa" who went to Chautauqua was Amasa, the son of Levi #12 of this report.

12. Levi (Amasa⁴, Francis³, Samuel², Francis¹)^{2h,4a}
b. 27 Apr 1760. Tolland, CT^{4a}
d. 23 Dec 1808 Lee, MA^{2h,5a}
m. 1783-4 Bathsheba Rider, Lee MA^{5a} (Bathsheba d. 20 Apr 1805)^{5a}

Children born in Lee, Berkshire Co. MA:^{5a}

- i Nabby, b. 16 Jun 1784
- ii Nathaniel, b. 13 Sep 1785
- iii Patty, b. 13 Aug 1787 d. Apr 1791, Lee, MA^{5a}
- iv Amasa, b. 1789^{5a} [m. 12 Dec 1812 Rebekah Cooper?]^{5a}
 - Possibly he is the "Amasa" who studied at Williams Academy (founded by his uncle Zebulon West) at Williamstown, Berkshire Co.
 - Many references to such Amasa are found circa 1814 as teacher and minister in Chautauqua Co. NY²³
- v Patty, b. 6 Nov 1791
- vi Mercy, b. 30 Nov 1793 (died young)
- vii Ann, b. 29 Feb 1796
- viii Mercy, b. 18 June 1798 (m. 20 Nov 1820 Chester Nye, Lee, MA)^{5a}

Levi West served in the Revolution from Lee, first as a fifer in Capt. Woodbridge's Co. of Col. Brown's Reg. from 8 Jul 1777 for 26 days. Then he served under Maj. Caleb Hyde in a march from Stockbridge for the evacuation of Ticonderoga. In 1781 he served for 17 days in Oct 1781 at the "Stillwater Alarm" in Capt. Yale's Co. of Col Rossiter's Reg.

²³ "Amasa West" is mentioned in the land records and histories of Ellery, Chautauqua Co., NY. One source states he was the first teacher at Jamestown and was trained at Williams College.^{11a} Another source claims he was a bachelor and a Congregational preacher in 1816.^{11b} However records for property in "Westfield" dated 1812-1822 show a grantee named Rev. Amasa and wife Sarah of Mayfield.^{5c} He is shown in the 1825 NY State Census at Chautauqua town. None of these sources show this Amasa married to a Rebekah. It is possible Rebecka died young, and Amasa remarried. The alternative is that the Amasa in Chautauqua is Amasa #10 (b. 1749).

13. Prince (Christopher⁴, Francis³, Samuel², Francis¹)^{2h,4a}
b. 30 Oct 1735, Tolland, CT^{9a}
d. 4 June 1828, Hartwick, Otsego Co. NY^{9a}
bur. Old Hartwick Cemetery, Otsego Co. NY (see next page)
m. Hannah Gibbs (b. abt. 1742, d. 31 Aug 1811, Hartwick, Otsego Co. NY, see next page)^{9a}
Children born in Lee, Berkshire Co. MA:^{5a}
- i. Bathsheba b 12 Aug 1763^{5a} (m. Caleb West, # 21 below)
 - ii Hannah b. 13 Jan 1766^{5a}
 - 24 iii John Gibbs b 15 Feb 1770^{5a}
 - 25 iv Sylvanus b. 23 Jul 1772^{5a}
 - v Christopher b. 14 Dec 1774,^{5a} d. 5 Jul 1822, Hartwick, NY,(m. Hannah____, b. 1773)
 - vi Heman b. 7 Jun 1777,^{5a} d at 58 in 1835 in Otsego Co., NY^{9e}
 - vii Amy b. 30 Oct 1779^{5a}
 - viii Philo b. 16 Feb 1782,^{5a} d. 1828,^{9g} (m. Jerusha____)^{9g}
 - ix Ezekiel b. 2 May 1784, d. after 1828 (mentioned in will of Prince^{9a})
 - 26 x Prince Jr. b. 1 Nov 1786^{5a}

Deacon Prince West migrated to Lee, MA in 1766, and served as Town Clerk in 1777.^{2h} He served as Deacon of the Congregational Church in Lee for many years.^{5h} He acquired land in the Hartwood Grant (previously called Washington). He sold 150ac in 1780.^{5c (p. 143)} He served in Revolution from Berkshire Co. MA as a Private in Capt. Whittelsey's Co. of Col. Brown's Reg for 20 days from 13 Sep 1777 and also in Capt. Porter's Co. of Col. Rossiter's Reg for 4 days from 21 Oct 1780 at the Berkshire alarm.^{23a,9a} After the war he migrated to Granville, Washington Co. NY where he registered an earmark in 1793.^{6b} He owned 63 acres in the Williams Patent which he sold in 1812.^{6d (Bk L, p. 107)} About that time he migrated to Hartwick, Otsego Co. NY with his family and his nephews, Amasa and Caleb West. His wife Hannah died in 1811 about the time they arrived in Hartwick. Prince died in 1828 the same year his son, Prince, Jr. died. Prince's obituary noted that he was a soldier of the French and Indian War and the Revolution. His death was reported as far away as Chautauqua Co. NY in the *Freedonia Censor*.^{9a} It also ran in the *Otsego Herald*.^{9a} His will filed in Otsego Co. was proved in 1829,^{9a} naming legatees: Sylvanus, Heman, Ezekiel, Prince, daughter in law, Hannah; and grandchildren Bathsheba and Hannah Dillingham.



Grave stone of Dea. Prince West
as poste at Find-A-Grave at Ancestry.com
Memorial #52401587



Grave stone of Hannah Gibbs West
as poste at Find-A-Grave at Ancestry.com
Memorial #52401595

14. Jonathon (Christopher⁴, Francis³, Samuel², Francis¹)
b. 30 Dec 1737, Tolland^{4a}
d. 17 Sep 1795 at 58 in Lee^{5a}
m. Elizabeth Hamilton^{26b} (b. Williamstown)
Children born in Lee, Berkshire Co., MA: ^{5a}
- 27 i. Miner b. 29 Feb 1774
ii David b. 18 June 1775, d. 17 Oct 1777^{5a}
iii Lydia b. 9 Oct 1776, d. 8 Oct 1777^{5a}
iv David b. 4 Jul 1778, d. 1832^{5a, 32a}
v Infant died 19 Jan 1779
vi Jared b. 11 Jun 1780, d. 5 Sep 1834^{5a, 32a}
vii Infant d. Jul 1781)^{5a}
viii Betsey b. 5 Aug 1782
ix Laura b. 11 Feb 1784
x Jonathon²⁴ b. 30 Mar 1786 (m. Mary Sheldon)^{26b}
xi Lydia b. 24 Dec 1788, d. 14 Dec 1790
xii Thomas b. 24 Aug 1789 (m. Thirza Skiff)^{26b}
xiii Lois b. 29 Feb 1791 twin
xiv Lydia b. 29 Feb 1791 twin (m. Harvey Hickox)^{26b}
xv Alvan b. 29 May 1793
xvi Susannah 15 Jan 1795 (m. Jesse Symonds)^{26b}

It appears that Jonathan served in the Berkshire Co. Militia at age 44. He served in the Revolution as Private under Lt. Jabez Colt's Co. in Col. Rossiter's Regiment, for eleven days from 17 July 1777 at Richmond. He was again on the payroll under Capt. Ruthban's Co. in Lt. Col. Rossiter's Militia which marched to join the Northern Army for 7 days from 15 Aug 1777. Then he joined Capt. Rowley's Co. under Col. John Brown's detachment from 5 Sep 1777 for 24 days north of Pawlet.^{23a} From the records of births and deaths in Lee, MA it seems like he and his wife lost five children in infancy. He died at age 58 in Lee.²⁵

²⁴ A Jonathon West of Ontario Co., NY in a Sheriff's Sale in Summit Co. OH where his cousins Erastus and Warham are also mentioned.^{16d}

²⁵ An estate for Jonathan West was processed in Granville, Washington Co. in 1804.^{26e}

15. Eleazur/Elleazer/Elleazar (Pelatiah⁴, Francis³, Samuel², Francis¹)
b. 9 Nov 1738, Tolland, CT [bpt 20 Nov 1738 ?]^{2h,4a,20a,26}
d. 16 May 1788, Clarksburg, Harrison Co., VA (now WV)
m. 6 Dec 1761 Olive Redington [in Stockbridge?]^{2h}
(Olive b. 23 Dec 1741, d. 16 May 1788, Clarksburg, Harrison Co., VA)

Children:

- i Charles [b. Tolland?]^{2h}
- ii Thankful [b. Tolland?]^{2h}
- iii Olive [b. Tolland?]^{2h}
- iv Elijah b. 30 Aug 1772, Stockbridge, MA (twin)⁵ⁱ
- v Eleazer b. 30 Aug 1772, Stockbridge, MA (twin)⁵ⁱ

Eleazur lived in Tolland CT and Berkshire Co., MA (Lee and Stockbridge). The order of events in his life needs further research and clarification. Three sources provide context: Laird Towle,^{2h} Congregational Church Records⁵ⁱ and a descendant's application to the Sons of the Revolution (SAR) for Eleazar's apparent service in the Continental Army.³⁴

Laird implies the eldest children were born in Tolland. The SAR application suggests the marriage took place in 1761 in Stockbridge. Not until 23 Oct 1768 did the church in Stockbridge receive a letter from the Tolland Church requesting transfer of membership for Eleazur. The birth of twins Elijah and Eleazer appear in the Stockbridge church records in 1772.

Hyde mentions that Eleazer West bought part of the Glassworks Grant in 1768.^{5b(p. 136), 27} This perhaps supports the idea that Eleazur came to Berkshire County from Tolland in 1768. The question remains is did he marry in Tolland and start to raise his family there? The Revolutionary War service record of Amasa West also mentions "Eleazer."²⁸

As written in the SAR application, Elezer "committed acts of treason in presiding as moderator at a town meeting where it was voted to raise seven men to serve in the Continental Army for three years or during the war." Dated 22 Dec 1780, Lee, MA. (This is a little confusing because what was treason against the King in 1776, was a test of patriotism in 1780.)

The deaths of both Eleazer and his wife Olive occurred on the same day in 1788. This certainly suggests some accident or tragedy. What may be more significant is the place of death: Clarksburg, Harrison County, Virginia (now West Virginia). North-south emigration did occur—but most of the Massachusetts Wests seemed to follow the more typical post-revolution route east to west.

A compelling story surely hides behind the simple death dates and place. The author would be happy to place that story here—if anyone knows the details.

²⁶ Sons of the Revolution #59152, Vol 296; PA State #3256, Fort Venango, application of Edwin Van Deusen Selden, 11 Sept 1941, Oil City, PA.

²⁷ Eleazer/Elleazur's Deed to Glassworks property, Pittsfield Reg. 6:202.

²⁸ Eleazer West is mentioned in the Revolutionary War record of Amasa West – #11. Amasa West above.

Generation Five:

**Lee, Berkshire Co., MA, to Tomkins and Erie Cos., NY and Northeastern,
OH**

16. Elijah (Pelatiah⁴, Francis³, Samuel², Francis¹)
b. 7 Mar 1747, Tolland CT^{2h}
d. 1838, Groton City, Tomkins Co., NY
bur. Peruville Cemetery, Tomkins, Co., NY²⁹
m1. Marah____(1747-1800)^{2h}
Children born in Lee, Berkshire Co. MA: ^{5a}
i. Jeduthan b. 5 Nov 1779
(m. 24 Apr 1800 Phebe Willcox)^{5a}
ii Orange b. 5 Aug 1781
iii Erastus b. 29 Aug 1783³⁰
iv Deborah b. 5 Sep 1785
v. Pamela b. 27 Aug 1787, d. 12 Mar 1789^{5a}
vi Ashbel b. 10 May 1789
vii Wareham b. 7 Apr 1791, d. 1821/2
(m 7 Jun 1821, Portage Co., OH Ann Hamlin
she remarried to Dr. Eliakim Crosby).^{16a}
Wareham was a doctor in Summit Co.,^{16b}
but left will in Portage Co.^{16c.}
He was buried in Summit Co.,
later reinterred at Glendale Cem., Akron OH
viii Sabara b. 28 Jun 1793
ix Alpheus b. 1 Nov 1795³¹
x Edna b. 5 Dec 1797



Wareham West, son of Elijah
Find-a-Grave at Ancestry.com
Memorial #92138720

Elijah served in the Revolution in the Berkshire Co. Militia as a Private in Capt. Amos Porter's Co. under Col. David Rossiter's Reg. for a total of seven days in October 1780 at the time of the Berkshire Alarms of October 14 and 18.^{23a (p. 802)} It is possible he also served as a Pvt. in Vandenburg's 2d Regiment of the Albany New York Militia.^{23b 32} Anything further about Elijah is speculation. Several of his siblings went west to Monroe County NY in the early 1800s.

²⁹ Find-A-Grave at Ancestry.com Memorial #93495391—no photo posted.

³⁰ An Erastus West found as grantor on a deed in Summit Co. Ohio where his brother Warham/Wareham was a doctor.^{16d} An An Erastus West was enumerated in the 1820 Census for Livonia, Ontario Co., NY.

³¹ Find-A-Grave shows an Alpheus West b. 10 May 1789, d. 10 Dec 1876, Sardinia, Erie Co., NY.

³² Toward the end of the Revolution New York tried to raise more volunteers by offering warrants for land. These were not signed until 1783 and required a commitment of 3 years service for 100 acres of land. It seems possible that Elijah and Daniel West signed up.

17. Daniel (Pelatiah⁴, Francis³, Samuel², Francis¹)^{5a,20a}
b. 22 Jul 1749, Tolland CT^{4a,20a}
d. 8 Oct 1834, Brighton, Monroe Co. NY^{20a}
m. 22 Sep 1774 Elizabeth Tracy^{2h,20a}
(Elizabeth b.20 Jan 1754, Sharon, CT,³³ d. 6 Jun 1817,^{10j,20a}
Bur. Brighton Cem., Monroe Co. NY)^{10b}
- Children born in Lee, Berkshire Co., MA:^{5a,20a}
- i Elizabeth b. 28 Feb 1776 (died 17 Jan 1785)^{5a,20a}
 - ii Zerviah b. 4 Apr 1777, d. 25 Aug 1844,^{20a} (m. Otis Walker, 3 Apr 1797, Lenox)
Migrated to Monroe Co. NY. Otis d. 25 June 1842 in an accident^{10g}
 - iii Thomas Tracy b. 21 Sep 1798^{5a,20a} d. March 1842^{20a}
 - 28 iv Daniel Jr., b. 1 Aug 1780
 - v Lucy b. 19 May 1782, d. 2 May 1864^{20a} (m. Israel Canfield)^{20a}
 - 29 vi Sally b. 25 Feb 1784
 - 30 vii Ira b. 24 May 1786
 - viii Elizabeth b. 18 Mar 1788, d. 25 Jan 1827^{20a}
 - 31 ix Orson b. 4 Jan 1791
 - 32 x Pelatiah b. 26 Feb 1793
 - 33 xi Alva b. 21 Jun 1795
- Child born in Lenox, Berkshire, Co. MA:
- xii Eunice b. 27 Jun 1797, Lenox,^{5c,20a} d. 10 Jul 1816^{20a}
(Bur. Brighton Cem., Monroe Co. NY)^{10b}

Daniel migrated to Lee, MA with father his father, Pelatiah, before the Revolution. Daniel married Elizabeth Tracy after the family arrived in Lee in 1774—but the marriage apparently did not take place in Lee.³⁴ All but one of their children were born in Lee—the last child, Eunice, was born in Lenox. Daniel served in the Revolution as a private in Capt. Job Woodbridge's Co. under Col. Brown's Regiment for 14 days in July 1777 during which time they marched under Maj. Gen. Hyde from Stockbridge for the evacuation of Ticonderoga. He then immediately served for 23 days from 22 July to 18 August in Capt. Francis' Co., Col. John Ashley's Militia in the "Northern Department." Three years later he again served, this time under Capt. Amos Porter's Co. of Col. David Rossiter's Regiment for seven days in October 1780 at the time of the two Berkshire "Alarms."^{23a} (p.890-891) It is possible that he served with other Wests (Elijah, Francis and John) in Vandeburgh's Regiment of Albany, NY Militia.^{23b} After the war, when treaties with the Indian Nations allowed speculators to purchase huge tracts of land in western New York, three of Daniel's sons followed Daniel's former commanding general, Caleb Hyde to the New York frontier. Hyde, had formed a group of investors from Lee and Lenox to

³³ The source of Elizabeth Tracy's birth is an undocumented family tree

³⁴ The place of marriage has not been found.

purchase land in what was then known as Northfield, Ontario Co., NY but is now part of greater Rochester. Daniel himself may have acquired a bounty land patent in Chenango County for military service with Vandeburgh, but evidence of this patent has not yet been researched.³⁵ He removed briefly to Sherburg, Shenango Co., NY and then followed his sons path to Ontario Co. (now Monroe Co.) His sons, Ira, Pelatiah and Orson had established themselves early in Brighton and Rochester: Pelatiah opened a saddlery; Ira opened the first store in what became downtown Rochester; and Orson settled at Brighton, where he courted the daughter of the first permanent settler of Brighton, Oringh Stone. When Daniel himself arrived, he helped set up the first Congregational Church in Oringh Stone's Tavern in 1815. Daniel became the first deacon of the church 15 Aug 1815.^{10e,10h (p. 278)} His daughter, Sally, married the recent widower, Oringh Stone, in 1814. Daniel's daughter Eunice died in 1816 followed by the death of Daniel's wife, Elizabeth in 1817. Sally (West) Stone died in 1819.^{20a} They are all buried in the Brighton Church's burial ground.^{10b,10h,10j}



Grave stone of Elizabeth Tracy West (wife of Daniel West)
Brighton Cemetery, Rochester, NY
(Photo by author, 1999)

Transcription: "Elizabeth West, wife of Deacon Daniel West, died June 6, 1817
at 63 years"

(provided by Dorie Lioy, Rochester Genealogical Soc., Rochester, NY)

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³⁵ Research pending regards identity of the men named Daniel, Elijah, Frances and John who served under Vandeburgh—and any military patents in Chenango County.

Generation Six:

Richmond, Berkshire Co., MA and Rensselaer, Albany Co., NY

18. William (Abner,⁵ Samuel,⁴ Francis,³ Samuel,² Francis^{1) 2h}
b. 23 Nov 1758, Tolland CT ^{4a}
d. 5 May 1838, Rensselaerville, Albany Co. NY
m. _____ Anna _____ b. 1765)
Children [tentative and unproven] ^{5a, 8a,b, 36:}
- i. Augustus (b. 8 Feb 1788, d. 23 Apr 1853, Fitchville, Huron Co., OH)³⁷
m. Sarah Sisson, 1811 New York, d.
 - ii Flavia (b. 1789, MA, d. 16 Dec 1862, Freeport, Barry Co., MI)³⁸,
m. Sanford Sisson
 - iii Mathilda (b. 1792, m. William Almey)
 - iv Day Hubbard (b. 1796 Richmond, MA, d. 1834 [Seneca, NY?])
 - v Henry/Harry (bpt 1797, Stockbridge, Berkshire Co., NY⁵ⁱ
(m. Nancy Warren)
(d. Clyde, Wayne Co., NY, 1837)
 - vi Abner (b. 1802, Rensselaerville, NY)
 - vii Lucius (b. 1804, Rensselaerville, NY, m. Ruth Townsend)
 - viii Sally (b. 1814, m. ___ Savoy)
 - ix Calista (m. Avery Cook, resided Middlebury, Schoharie Co. NY-)

William served in the Revolution from Berkshire County. Sometime before 1800 he removed to Albany County, New York. He died there in 1838. ^{2h, 23a (p. 903), 39, 40} Several of his children went west. Harry settled in Galen, Wayne Co., NY. ⁴¹ Augustus went to Huron Co., OH.

³⁶ Based on undocumented family group sheets for William West at Ancestry.com. ID's are numerous and identical and without proof.

³⁷ Find-a-grave Memorial #75996863

³⁸ Find-a-grave Memorial # 9025496

³⁹ Some claim this is the same William who died and left a will in Albany County, NY, 1838. The DAR lineage papers claim Abner's son, William died in Clyde, NY in 1834. (Letter to Wayne County Historian , Lyons, NY from Mrs. R.D. Olney of Manhattan, KS, 8 Nov 1973.)

⁴⁰ According to letter cited in Footnote 17, William's son Henry/Harry emigrated to Wayne Co., NY and *his son went* from there to Huron Co., OH.

⁴¹ He is mentioned as an early settler in the History of Wayne Co., NY (p. 83, 84). He settled perhaps with his cousin James Brewster West between 1815 and 1825. Some of his descendants are buried there.

19. Abner, Jr. (Abner,⁵ Samuel,⁴ Francis,³ Samuel,² Francis¹)
b. 8 Jan 1765^{4a,5a}
d. 14 May 1844⁴²
m. _____ Sabra
bur. Center Cemetery, Richmond, Berkshire Co., MA

Children born in Richmond, MA—.⁴³

- i Francis (b. 7 May 1805),
- ii William (26 Nov 1802
- iii Martha (b. 12 Jun 1807)
- iv Eliza (b. 1813, d. 13 Sep 1815)

Children born in Richmond, MA--dates unknown (recorded 20 Apr 1820):

- v Frederick
- vi John Leverett
- vii Julia (m. Slossen 1832)
- viii Charles
- viii Sidney (m. Mary Ann Avery 20 Mar 1842).^{5d}

Abner was a farmer and died of old age at 80 y. 3 m. and 6 days.

⁴² Find-A-Grave at Ancestry.com Memorial #104235637

⁴³ Massachusetts Vital Records Project 2005-2015 online at ma-vitalrecords.org/MA/Berkshire/images/Richmond

Generation Six:

Granville, Washington Co., NY to Hartwick, Otsego Co. NY

20. Ebenezer (Oliver⁵, Amasa⁴, Francis³, Samuel², Francis¹)^{2h}

b. 23 Nov 1758, Tolland CT ^{4a}

d. _____

m. 12 Oct 1779, Lee, MA Mehitable Nye ^{5a}

Children born in Lee, Berkshire Co., MA: ^{5a}

34 i Stephen b. 29 Aug 1781

35 ii Ephraim b. 28 Nov 1783

iii Phebe b. 6 Aug 1785 (m. 27 Nov 1806, Calvin Foot) ^{5a}

iv Chester b. 7 July 1787, d. 30 Nov 1787, Lee, MA ^{5a}

v Timothy b. 16 Aug 1789 (m. 29 Nov 1810, Lee, MA, Thankful Bassett) ^{5a}

vi Joel b. 21 Aug 1791

vii infant died 2 Feb 1793

viii infant died 9 Mar 1795

ix Ebenezer b. 13 Feb 1796, d. 18 Mar 1834, Lee, MA ^{5a}

x Mehitable b. 17 May 1798, d. 17 Mar 1810 ^{5a}

xi Benjamin b. 5 Jul 1800

Ebenezer served in the Revolution as Private in Capt. Bradley's Co. of Col. John Brown's Regiment for 27 days in July 1777 "Northward." ^{23a (p. 892)} After the children were born the family may have migrated to Granville, Washington Co., NY ^{6c (p. 74)} No further record has been found. ⁴⁴

⁴⁴ Some of the Wests that had removed from Lee to Granville in the 1790's then went on to settle in Otsego, Co. NY (Prince and Amasa).

21. Caleb (Oliver⁵, Amasa⁴, Francis³, Samuel², Francis¹)^{2h,4a}
b. 4 Jul 1764^{4a} Tolland, CT⁴⁵
d. 18 Feb 1842, Hamburg, Erie Co. NY^{22a}
m. 23 Jul 1789, Lee, MA⁴⁶ to Bathsheba West (dau. of Prince West, #12)^{22a}
Children (probably born in Granville, Washington Co. NY):^{6d,6e,6f,X}
i Caleb b. 1788
ii John b. 1791, d. 11 Nov 1823, bur. Hill Cem., So. Granville, m. Lucy____⁴⁷
Children of John and Lucy born in Granville:
ii Lucy b. and d. 18 June 1815;
iii Prince Charles b. 9 Feb 1814, d. 15 Oct 1814
iii Daniel, b. 1794
iv Prince Charles, b. 27 Nov 1802, d. 4 Oct 1805^{6f}

Caleb West migrated to Lee MA before the Revolution. He served as a Private in Capt. Josiah Yale's Co. of Col Rossiter's Regiment for 12 days in October 1781 when his company marched from Lee and Lenox to Stillwater at the time of the Alarm. He served another 9 days in Capt. John Bacon's Co in Col. Caleb Hyde's Regiment that same month.^{23a} According to his widow's Revolutionary War Pension File, Caleb fought at Bemis Heights at the Battle of Saratoga in 1777 and at West Point. After the war he married his cousin, Bathsheba, and went to Granville, Washington Co. NY with brother, Amasa, and father-in-law, Prince West.^{22a (p. 3751)} His children probably were born in Washington Co. NY. A Caleb West served as Inspector of Schools in 1813.^{6e (p. 208)} He is listed as a "Revolutionary Soldier" in the *History of Washington County*.^{6e (p. 209)} He also registered an earmark in the county.^{6b} Furthermore a "Caleb" is found in each U.S. Census for Granville from 1800 to 1830.^{21a 48} Later Caleb and his wife migrated to Guilford, Medina Co. OH where some other Wests had settled.⁴⁹ His pension file states he went to Medina to "support his family better." He helped organize the Congregational Church there in 1838.^{14a (p. 480)} He and Bathsheba later went to Hamburg, Erie Co. NY where he sold his farm and died in 1842.^{22a}

Caleb's son, John West, was a Lieutenant in the Washington County Militia and is mentioned in the *History of Washington County*.^{6c} John joined the company of Capt. Day in Col. Adam's Reg. organized in Whitehill, South Granville and ordered to the Battle of Plattsburg in 1812. John died at age 32 in 1823 and is buried with his children at Hill Cemetery.^{6f}

⁴⁵ Widow's Pension File claims Caleb was born May 1764. She also claims children were born in Lee—but no records were found in Lee.

⁴⁶ Widow's Pension File claims the marriage took place as stated but there is no record in Lee, MA.

⁴⁷ John and children are buried near Prince Charles West, son of Caleb and Bathsheba. His birth would have occurred between the date of their marriage and the birth of the son Prince Charles. Notice that John named a child "Prince Charles" after the name of Caleb's son.

⁴⁸ Caleb in the census 1810 and 1820 could be Caleb's son, Caleb.

⁴⁹ See William Knibloe West, #40.

22. Amasa (Oliver⁵, Amasa⁴, Francis³, Samuel², Francis¹)
b. 20 Oct 1765 [or 10 Jun 1770]^{4a,50}
d. 15 Jun 1846 Loraine Co. OH,^{15c}
bur West Herrick Cemetery, Wellington, Lorain County OH⁵¹
m. _____ Bathsheba Hatch (b.15 Jun 1768, d.1854. bur. West Herrick Cem.)^{15c}

Children born in Granville or Hartwick NY:^{26c}

- i Anna Weaver b. 1793 Granville, Washington Co., NY, d. 1866⁵²
 - ii unnamed female b. 1795-1799, Granville, Washington Co., NY
 - iii male b. 1795-1799 Granville, Washington Co., NY [Oliver, 1795-1828]
 - iv Hiram b. 1796, Granville, Washington Co., NY, d. 1858
 - v Horace b. 1802, Hartwick, Otsego Co., NY, d. 1883
 - vi Martin 1804 b. 1804, Hartwick, Otsego Co. NY
 - vii Polly b. 1807 Hartwick, Otsego Co. NY, d. 1848]
 - 36** **viii Amasa H.[Hatch]** b. 24 May 1810, d. 1872
 - ix unnamed male b. 1816-1820, Hartwick, Otsego Co., NY
 - x unnamed female b. 1816-1820, Hartwick, Otsego Co., NY
- * David West, b. 1796 – ward; son of Miner West # 27

Amasa West migrated to Washington, Co., NY along with his uncle Prince and brother, Caleb. Amasa West was Assessor of Highways in Granville.^{6a} About 1800-1810 Prince and Amasa moved again, this time to Hartwick, Otsego Co. NY.^{9b} During this time he married and began to raise a family. In 1814 Amasa was appointed by the Otsego Court to be the guardian of David West, age 17, son of Amasa's cousin, Miner West, of Cayuga Co. ^{9b} They remained in Hartwick until the mid-1830's when they migrated to Wellington, OH. It is not known how long David remained in Amasa's household or if he followed him to Ohio. Amasa and Bathsheba are buried in the East Herrick (Pioneer) Cemetery, in Wellington, as is Hiram.^{15c}



Amasa and Bathsheba Hatch West
Grave stone as posted at Find-A-Grave at Ancestry.com
Memorial #12532961—maintained by Judy West

⁵⁰ Alternate birth date, 10 Jun 1770, calculated from tombstone: d. 15 Jun 1846, age 80 y, 8 m, 24 ^{15c}

⁵¹ Find-A-Grave at Ancestry.com Memorial # 12532961 provided by Judy West

⁵² From 1800 census Granville, Washington Co. household contained 3 males and 2 females born between 1790 and 1800. From 1810 census, Hartwick, Otsego Co. census: 3 males b. 1795-199; 3 males b. 1800-1809; 2 females b. 1795-1799; one female b. 1800-1809 (this leaves 5 unnamed males, and 2 unnamed females possible) By the 1830 census, in addition to Amasa and wife there were still 2 males age20-20 (b. 1790-1799), one male and one female age 10-14 (b. 1816-1820).

23. Joshua⁵³ (Oliver⁴, Francis³, Samuel², Francis¹)^{2h}
b.1774, Berkshire County, MA^{5h,15a}
d. 16 November 1854, Portage Co. OH^{15e}
bur. South Pittsfield Cemetery, Lorain Co. OH
m. 5 Aug 1798, Lee, MA, Mary Newell of Lenox, MA (d. 1861)^{5a}
Child, birthplace unknown-(probably Berkshire County, Massachusetts)⁵⁴
i Washington, b.24 Nov 1801, d. 20 Feb 1869, Pittsfield Twp, Lorain Co. OH^{15a,15e}
(m. Polly____, b. 30 Jul 1807, d. 20 Sep 1898)^{15e}
Children born in Lee, Berkshire Co. MA:^{5a}
ii Carlos b 23 Aug 1803, d. 1880,Tabor, IA^{15a} (m. 7 Apr 1825, Lee MA, Betsey Fletcher)^{5a}
iii Josiah Newell b. 16 July 1805, d. 1877,Tabor, IA^{15a} (m. Louisa Hinckley 8 May 1828^{5a})
37 iv Oliver b.24 July 1807, Lee, MA, d. 1883
v Amasa b. 12 June 1809, d. 3 Sep 1813, Lee, MA^{5a}
vi Caleb b. 26 Sept 1811, d. 4 Aug 1817, Lee, MA^{5a}
vii infant son d. 1813-
viii Mary b. 1 Mar 1815, d. Pittsfield, Loraine Co. OH (m. Henry Wolcott)^{15a}
38 ix Amasa b. 9 Jun 1817, d. 1897^{5a,15a}
x Jesse b. 3 Oct 1819, d1861,Tabor, IA—“abolitionist”^{15a}
xi Jane b. ____1824, d. 1908 Pittsfield, Lorain Co., OH^{15a} (m Albert Rood)^{15a}

Joshua married Mary Newell and raised a family in Lee, Berkshire Co., MA where he was a ‘leading citizen and prosperous farmer.’^{15a} He served in the War of 1812 in McQueen’s New York Militia.^{31a} In 1832 they followed their sons Josiah, Amasa and Oliver to Wellington, Loraine Co. Oh. Josiah had gone ahead, followed by Oliver and Amasa who drove a sleigh to Buffalo in 1832. That autumn Joshua and Mary made the trip with their children Washington, Jesse, Mary, and Jane.^{15a} Carlos is not shown making this trip. It is possible that Carlos, the eldest son, had gone west earlier. There are records in Chautauqua County, NY for a Carlos buying land in 1828 and 1838 and living there in1830 according to the census. According to the local history of Loraine County, Mary and Joshua had eleven children—ten shown here. Joshua was a farmer, a Whig, and a Presbyterian converted to Congregationalist. Sons, Carlos and Jesse became abolitionists and went to the frontier in Iowa Territory. They both died in Tabor, Iowa. Joshua died from a fall while he was travelling near Cleveland in 1854.



Joshua West Grave Stone
Find-A-Grave at Ancestry.com
Memorial #26936519

⁵³ Laird Towle^{2h} gives this placement of Joshua as a son of Oliver. The *Comm. Bio of Huron and Lorain*^{15a} erroneously states that Joshua’s father was an Englishman from Cape Cod. See footnote for Oliver #10. In support of Joshua’s being the son of Oliver, is the migration of Oliver’s son, Amasa, to Wellington in 1834. Joshua would be Amasa’s brother. If they were not related why would they migrate to the same place at the same time?

⁵⁴ According to Loraine County biographies, Mary and Joshua made the trip from Massachusetts to Wellington, OH with children, Washington, Jesse, Mary, and Jane—suggesting all of these were born in Massachusetts.

Generation Six:

Granville, Washington Co. NY to Galesburg, Knox Co. IL

24. John Gibbs (Prince⁵, Christopher⁴, Francis³, Samuel², Francis¹)
b. 15 Feb 1770, Lee MA^{5a}
d. 10 Feb 1852, Knox Co. IL^{17a,17b,17c}
bur Hope Cemetery, Galesburg, Knox Co., IL⁵⁵
m.7 Nov 1793, Sallie Woodcock (b. 2 Sep 1772, Williamstown, Berkshire, Co. MA, d. 1871)
Children born in Granville, NY and Cato, NY:^{26c}
Hannah b. 31 Dec 1794, Granville, Washington Co., NY (m. Uziah Conger)^{17a 21a}
Esther b. 4 Sep 1796, d. 4 Apr 1882, m. Enoch Conger^{40,17a,21a}
Eliza b. 6 Jul 1798 (twin)^{17a,21a}
Pamelia b. 6 Jul 1798 (twin)^{17a,21a}
39 Nehemiah b. 26 Aug 1800^{17a,21a}
Frances Laura b. 23 Jun 1802, d. 1890, m. Clark⁴⁰
Charles P. b. 9 Aug 1805
Lois b. 19 Feb 1808
Minerva b. 18 Feb 1810, Cato, Cayuga Co. NY^{21a,17d}
40 John G. b.21 Jan 1812, Cato, Cayuga Co. NY^{21a,17d}
Sallie b. 17 Nov 1814, Cato, Cayuga Co., NY

John Gibbs West migrated to Washington Co. NY in 1790's (1794-1805).^{17a,17c} He was listed as Assessor of Highways in the Town Meeting Minutes, 1798,^{6a} and a John West is shown in the U.S. Census of 1800 for Granville. He went to Cayuga Co., NY (1805-1814)^{17a 17c} He is shown in the 1810 census for Cayuga Co. as living in Cato.^{17a} The *History of Cayuga County* states that a John West of Cato was a 'squatter' on land owned by a Dr. John Jackway. John was ejected from the property in 1812.^{7a} When the War of 1812 broke out, John joined Marston's 21st infantry and served as a private at the Battle of Fort Erie (Buffalo) in 1814. For this he received 100 acres of bounty land in Illinois.^{7a (p. 209),24a} He later removed to various locations in New York: Whitehill, Oneida Co., Genesee County and Madison Co. In 1836, his son Nehemiah organized and led an overland party to the upper Mississippi Valley to settle in Knox Co., IL.^{17d} John became a resident of Galesburg and joined the first anti-slavery society there in 1838.^{17b (p. 405)}

⁵⁵ Data from Find-A-Grave at Ancestry.com, Memorials #5579925 and #10501432 (children of Esther listed)

25. Sylvanus (Prince⁵, Christopher⁴, Francis³, Samuel², Francis¹)
b. 23 Jul 1772, Lee, Berkshire Co., MA^{5a}
d. 3 Mar 1837, Hartwick, Otsego Co. NY^{9d}
m. _____ Wealthy Tracy (b. 1778, d. 20 Apr 1832, Hartwick, Otsego Co., NY)^{9d}

Children:

Infant son b. _____, d. 5 May 1814

others not yet identified: probably a Sylvanus

Sylvanus went with his father, Prince West, Sr., to Granville, Washington Co., NY and then to Hartwick, Otsego Co. NY about 1807. In 1812 he became Deacon of the Congregational Church in Hartwick.^{9d} A younger Sylvanus who may be the son of this Sylvanus left at least two records. In one Sylvanus is the grantee in an 1855 deed in Otsego Co. The other is a news item for a Sylvanus West in the *Cayuga Republican* 29 May 1820: "Whereas my wife Phebe B. has [eloped?] from my bed and board without any just cause or provocation therefore do forbid all people harboring or trusting her on my account". (This cannot be Sylvanus, Sr. unless after his wife Wealthy's death in 1832, he remarried to a woman named "Phebe.")

26. Prince, Jr. (Prince⁵, Christopher⁴, Francis³, Samuel², Francis¹)
b. 1 Nov 1786, Lee, Berkshire Co., MA^{5a}
d. 8 Aug 1828, Hartwick, Otsego Co. NY
m1. Rachel ____ (b. 22 Aug 1783, d. 30 May 1813, Hartwick, Otsego Co., NY)
m2. Lura ____ after 1813 (b. abt 1788, d. 28 Sep 1875, Lorain Co., OH)^{15d}

Child by Rachel:

Rachel b. 8 May 1813, d. 2 Jun 1813

Children by Lura born in Hartwick, Otsego Co., NY:

- i Henry C. (b. 27 May 1817)^{9c}
- ii Stephen G. (b. 1 Sep 1822)^{9c}
 - (m. Harriet Thomas b. 1830, VA. Children:
 - i. Ira Beacher
 - b. 1863 Kansas City, MO,
 - d. 23 May 1906, Cook County, Illinois⁵⁶
 - ii. Cora b. 1869)
 - iii Hiram b. 1823^{9c}, d. 8 Oct 1824 at Hartwick^{9c}
 - iv John P. (b. 2 Sep 1826^{9c}, d. 11 Jul 1835, at Hartwick (drowned at age 10)^{9c}

Prince West, Jr. went with his father, Prince West, Sr., to Granville, Washington Co., NY and then to Hartwick, Otsego Co. NY around 1800-1807. His first wife died in 1813 shortly after giving birth to a daughter, Rachel. The daughter died three days later. Prince remarried his second wife, Lura, and they had four more children. Prince died at age 42 in 1828 two months after his father died. The court appointed Lura West guardian of children. The youngest son, John, died at age 10 in 1835. The following year several of the Wests of Hartwick migrated west to Lorain County, OH. Lura went with them.

⁵⁶ Find-A-Grave at Ancestry.com Memorial #145184187

Generation Six:
Berkshire Co. MA to Cayuga Co. NY

27. Miner (Jonathon⁵, Christopher⁴, Francis³, Samuel², Francis¹)
b. 29 Feb 1774 in Lee, Berkshire Co., MA^{5a}
d. before 1814, Scipio/Aurelius, Cayuga Co. NY

Children:

- i. Unknown male b. between 1790 and 1800^{21d}
- ii. Unknown female b. between 1790 and 1800^{21d}
- 41 iii. **David S.** b. abt 1797 probably in Washington or Cayuga Co. NY.^{9b,57}

The migration and death of Miner West is not proven. All that has been found is his birth in Lee, MA, his appearance in the 1800 census of Aurelius, Cayuga Co. NY (under name “Minor West,” with a wife and three children. His death is derived from the guardianship record for his 17-year-old son, David in 1814. Miner was not found in the 1810 census. He may have died before 1810 and the formal guardianship of David delayed until 1814. Miner’s distant cousin, Amasa West of Hartwick, Otsego Co., NY was appointed guardian in 1814. It is not known how long David lived with Amasa—perhaps only a year since he would have turned 18 about 1815.⁵⁸

It is known that other West cousins had lived in Cayuga County including Heman West and John G. West who migrated to Cato, Cayuga County about 1804. A researcher (now deceased) has submitted a biography and ancestry for Miner and David to the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR). Unfortunately no provable sources are available through the State SAR (Kansas Chapter). That Miner West was the son of Jonathan West and also the father of a David can be supported by the sources cited herein. Beyond that—the marriage and death of David—and the identities of Miner’s wife and other two children are unknown.

⁵⁷ See David Seymour West of Cayuga County, NY patent to land in Adams Co. IL 1840 (DOC) 3S 5W. John Woods of Moravia, Cayuga Co. was the original speculator who opened Quincy for development. A David Seymour West b. 1845 in Auburn and died-1855 buried in DeWitt, Clinton Co., IA is probably not the son of David Seymour West—but is undoubtedly related in some way. ^{7c} That either of these is related to Miner’s son’ David is unknown.

⁵⁸ Refer to the relationship chart on p. vi of this report to see the relationship of David #41 to Amasa #22.

Generation Six:

Brighton/Rochester, Monroe Co. NY

28. Daniel, Jr. (Daniel⁵, Pelatiah⁴, Francis³, Samuel², Francis¹)
b. 11 Aug 1780, Lee, MA^{5a}
d. 26 May 1809. Lenox, MA^{20a}
m. 28 Aug 1804, Anna Gates^{5c} (she m. 2 Elihu Case; migrated to Medina Co. OH)^{10c}

Child b. Lenox:

42. Charles Henry^{10c 20a},

Daniel West, Jr. died shortly after his marriage in Lenox and birth of his son, Charles H. West. (It is said by some that his father, Daniel West, Sr. migrated to Sherburne in Chenango Co., NY in 1803 before going west to Brighton, Monroe County. The will of Daniel West, Jr. refers to him as Daniel West of Litchfield, NY, "late of Lenox, MA". It is possible he went to New York briefly with his father but died in Lenox.)

Some Monroe County accounts of the Wests, have confused Daniel West, Jr.^{10c} with Deacon Daniel West, Sr. who outlived him by decades. Nevertheless Daniel West, Jr. died young and his wife remarried to Elihu Case and went to Medina County, Ohio.

29. Sally (Daniel⁵, Pelatiah⁴, Francis³, Samuel², Francis¹)

b. 25 Feb 1784, Lee, Berkshire Co. MA^{5a}

d. 20 Feb 1819^{10b,20a}

m. 24 Jul 1814, Oringh Stone (his 2nd marr)^{10g,20a}

Children surname Stone b. in Brighton, Monroe Co., NY:^{20a}

i. Caroline Eunice b. 15 Sep 1816, d. 5 Apr 1847, Marshall, MI^{26c (p. 13)}

m. 21 Aug 1861^{26c (p. 13)} Frederick Kingsbury^{20a}

ii. Eliza b. 25 Mar 1818, d. 26 Apr 1897^{26c (p. 13)}

m. 21 Aug 1861 Samuel Knickerbocker, Calhoun Co., MI^{27b (p. 387)}

Sally married Oringh Stone, originally of Lenox, who was noted as the first permanent resident of Brighton, New York having set up a tavern for wayfarers at the frontier in 1791. Sally was Oringh's second wife. She bore two children and died five years after their marriage in 1819. She is buried at the Brighton cemetery next to the Presbyterian Church with her mother and sister, Eunice.



Sally West Stone
Grave Stone, Brighton Cemetery
Photo by author, 1999

30. Ira (Daniel⁵, Pelatiah⁴, Francis³, Samuel², Francis¹)^{10c}
b. 24 May 1786, Lee, Berkshire Co., MA^{5a}
d. 2 April 1832, Rochester, Monroe Co. NY^{10i (28:42), 10j (RO, RDD)}
m. Feb 1816 Eliza Stone (dau of Isaac Stone of Pittsford, Monroe Co., NY)^{10c, 10g (p. 302)}

Children probably born in Rochester, Monroe Co., NY:

- i William Augusta, b. abt 1817,^{10c, 10k, 10i, 10j (RDD)} d. 20 May 1845^{10j}
(m. Harriet West)^{10c}
- ii Mary E. b. 1819^{10c, 10i} (m. Joseph [Prenber?])
- ii Daniel Tracy b. 1821^{10c, 10i, 10k}, d. abt 16 Jun 1842^{10j (RDD)} d. 1873, unmar^{10c}
- iv Julia Marie b. 4 Mar 1822,^{10c, 10i, 10k} (m. Charles Bissell)
- v Seth d. in infancy
- vi Martha b. 5 Apr 1830 (m. ____ Gates)^{10c, 10i}
- vii Delea B. b. 4 Mar 1832^{10c, 10i}

Ira West came to Monroe County with his brothers at the inception of settlement on the River at the Falls of the Genesee River in what became Rochester, NY. He opened the first store in 1812 in what would become Rochester, NY. This first allotment of land was called the "Hundred-acre tract."^{10 h, (p. 258)} Ira is credited with building the original Presbyterian Church now known as the "Brick Church" in downtown Rochester. Ira married Elizabeth Stone, the daughter of Isaac Stone known variously as a hero or fool of the supposed 'invasion' of Rochester during the War of 1812.⁵⁹ At the first election in Rochester he was elected a trustee of the Corporation of Rochester.^{10h (p. 258*)} Ira lived his life in Rochester and raised four children. He had several baptized in the Presbyterian Church in 1828. The births and baptisms of the others have not been found. He died in 1832 in Rochester. The record of his children is found among the heirs of Ira in his estate file.^{10j (28:42)} Elisha West of Rochester was the administrator of his estate and guardian of his children. This implies that his wife, Elizabeth Stone West, had already died. The identity of Elisha West is under investigation.

⁵⁹ See McNab p. 302 and RDD 4-19-1845 2:2; 10-6-47, 2:6; 4-11-45 2:2. *Sketches of Rochester, and Northfield on Genesee.* 16-16

31. Orson (Daniel⁵, Pelatiah⁴, Francis³, Samuel², Francis¹)^{10a}
b. 4 Jan 1791, Lee, MA^{5a}
d. 25 Oct 1869, Des Moines, IA^{29b}
bur Woodland Cemetery, Des Moines
m. 19 Feb 1818 to Olive Stone^{20a} (b. 18 Jan 1797, Brighton, Ontario Co. NY)⁶⁰
d. 18 Mar 1887, Des Moines, IA^{20a} dau of Oringh Stone and Betsy Mabee)^{10b,10a}

Children:

- 43** i **Frederick A.** b. 9 1818, Brighton, Monroe Co. NY^{20a}
ii George Adelburt b. 17 May 1820^{20a}
iii Addison b. 14 Oct 1821, Brighton, Monroe Co. NY, d. 22 Nov 1849
iv Nelson b. 23 Dec 1824
v Enos b. 20 Sep 1830, d. 27 Jun 1832 (MI?)
vi Caroline E. b. 28 May 1834 [MI?], d. 14 Oct 1862.
(m. 1 Jun 1863, Henry J. Knickerbocker)

Orson and Olive West lived in Brighton until the early 1830's when land in Michigan opened for settlement. They migrated with several of Olive's sisters to Michigan. They settled in Albion, Calhoun County where their son Enos died in 1832 and their daughter Caroline was born in 1834. Orson patented 480 acres of land in Albion and farmed it.^{27a} His sons George and Addison joined a wagon party and went to the California gold rush in 1849. Addison died in California and George returned to Albion and married Mary Ann Stone. A year before his death, Orson sold his farm—some of it to son, George. Olive and Orson then followed their eldest son, Frederick, to Des Moines, Iowa. Orson died there in 1869 and is buried there. Olive died there at age 85 in 1884.^{10a,20a}



Orson West
Grave stone, Find-A-Grave at Ancestry.com
Memorial # 30608370



Olive West
Grave stone, Find-A-Grave at Ancestry.com
Memorial # 30608365

⁶⁰ Later Monroe Co. NY,

32. Pelatiah (Daniel⁵, Pelatiah⁴, Francis³, Samuel², Francis¹)

b. 26 Feb 1793, Lee, Berkshire Co., MA^{5a}

d. 6 Feb 1836, Palmyra, Wayne Co. NY^{10j (RDD)}

m. _____ Huldah Green

Children: not yet identified

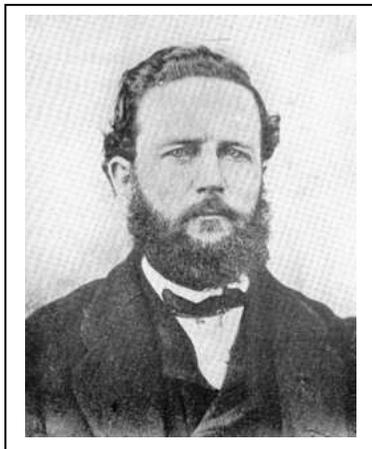
Pelatiah West came to Monroe County in the early 1800's with his brother, Ira. He opened a saddlery and harness shop in Rochester.^{10f,10h} He married Huldah Green at Geneva. They later removed to Palmyra, Wayne Co., NY where Pelatiah died 11 Feb 1836.^{10j (RDD)}

33. Alvah (Daniel⁵, Pelatiah⁴, Francis³, Samuel², Francis¹)
b. 21 Jun 1795, Lee, Berkshire Co., MA^{5a}
d. 17 Nov 1846, Winter Quarters, NE,^{30a, 30b} buried Mormon Pioneer Cemetery
m. 17 Feb 1817, Fabius, Onondaga Co., NY, Sally Benedict (b. 19 Oct 1800)^{26c}

Children: [from Ancestral File, LDS]

- i Eliza b. 7 Jan 1818, Sherburne, Chenango Co. NY^{26c}
- ii Chauncey Walker b 16 Feb 1826, Erie, PA,^{30a} d. 9 Jan 1870, San Francisco, CA^{26c}
- iii Lewis b. 28 Mar 1820, Ossian, Allegheny Co. NY^{26c, 61}
- iv Aaron Benedict b. 28 Mar 1820^{26c}
- v Israel b. 25 May 1827, Ossian, Allegheny Co., NY^{30a}
- vi Joseph b. 23 Jun 1822, Venango, PA^{30a}
- vii Adelia b. 3 Sep 1839, Enterprise, Warren Co., PA^{26c}
- viii Ira b. 30 Nov 1824, Venango, PA^{30a}

Alvah West migrated first with parents to Sherburne, Chenango Co. NY, then to Ossian, Allegheny Co. NY, and Venango Co. PA.⁶² Alva became a Mormon and went to Nauvoo, IL. He joined the first Mormon trek west and died while wintering over in Nebraska at Winter Quarters, Douglas Co. NE on the way to Utah. His son, Chauncey Walker West, became prominent in the Mormon Church. Chauncey died in San Francisco in 1870.



Portrait of Alvah West
posted by SMSMith at Find-A-Grave



Grave marker of Mormon emigrants at Pioneer Burial ground, Winter Quarters (Omaha) NE Find-A-Grave Memorial I#35004288. Includes Alvah and Sally West

⁶¹ A Lewis West is found in a deed in Summit Co., Ohio

⁶² Also probably a time in Homer, Cortland Co. and Madison Co. NY

Generation Seven:

Moving west in the mid-1800's

34. Stephen (Ebenezer⁶, Oliver⁵, Amasa⁴, Francis³, Samuel², Francis¹)

b. 29 Aug 1781, Lee, MA^{5a}

d. 26 Jun 1834, Lee, MA^{5a}

Children born in Lee:^{5a}

i Lois b. 26 Jul 1806

ii Phebe b. 5 Sep 1807

iii Moses Hood b. 2 Feb 1811

iv Mary Anne b. 3 Dec 1813

v Charles Lester b. 12 Mar 1816

vi Caleb Obadiah b. 16 Jun 1818

vii Sarah Susannah b. 17 Jun 1820

35. Ephraim (Ebenezer⁶, Oliver⁵, Amasa⁴, Francis³, Samuel², Francis¹)
b. 28 Nov 1783, Lee, MA^{5a}
d _____⁶³
m1. 19 Mar 1806, Lee, MA, Lois Ingersoll (b. 1787, d. 3 May 1806, Lee, MA)^{5a}
m2. 26 Feb 1807, Lee, MA, Polly Ingersoll^{5a}
Children born to Polly in Lee, Berkshire Co., MA^{5a}
i Betsey b. 20 Jul 1807
ii Mehitabel b. 28 Oct 1810
iii Chester birth recorded after 28 Oct 1810 in Duanesburg, NY,⁶⁴
iv Rowland Frederick recorded after 28 Oct 1810
44 v William Knibloe, birth recorded after 28 Oct 1810 (went to Medina Co OH)^{14a}

One or two men named Ephraim are shown in Plainfield, Otsego Co. NY. Ephraim R. West estate was proved 1838, administrators, John and Julia West. Ephraim H. West, deceased, was mentioned in a deed to John West and wife Susan dated 1840.⁶⁵ There is no proof that either of the Otsego "Ephraim Wests" was Ephraim West of Lee, MA. Neither is it known if Ephraim and John of Plainfield, Otsego Co., were related to the West families of Hartwick, Otsego Co. It is known, however, that Ephraim's son, William, migrated to Medina Co. OH.

⁶³ Note that "C.H. West" is also shown in the 1840 U.S. Census for Plainfield (81) as is John West.

⁶⁴ As recorded in Lee, MA: Duanesburg is near the Albany Co.-Schenectady Co. border.

⁶⁵ Ephraim R West Estate to John and J.H. West, Book 62:153, 1838; his estate probate is in Bk 43:2; Ephraim H. [sic] West, deceased to John West and wife Susn, 66:402, 1840.

36. Amasa H. (Amasa⁶, Oliver⁵, Amasa⁴, Francis³, Samuel², Francis¹)
b. 24 May 1810, Hartwick, Otsego Co., NY^{15b (p. 393)}
d. 24 Jun 1872, Lorain Co. OH^{15d (p.70)}
bur Greenwood Cemetery, Wellington, Lorain Co. OH⁶⁶
m. 24 Feb 1834, Hartwick, Otsego Co. NY, Maria ____ (b. 27 May 1809)^{15b (p. 393)}
(Maria m2. 11 Nov 1873, O.J. West at Wellington Village. She died 1898.⁶⁷)^{15b (p. 393)}
Children born to Amasa and Maria in Wellington, Lorain Co. OH:^{15b (p. 393)}
- i Adelaide b. 19 Oct 1836 (m. 11 Feb 1857, James Sheldon)^{15b (p. 393)}
 - ii Henry b. 24 Oct 1838, d. 2 May 1862, St Louis (in Civil War)^{15b (p. 393)}
 - iii Franklin b. 8 Sep 1846, d. 23 Mar 1878 (m. 12 Feb 1868 Viola Burlingame)^{15b (p. 393)}
 - iv Charles b. 5 Jun 1853 (m. Allie Dibble of Pittsfield)^{15b (p. 393)}

Amasa married Maria “_____” in Hartwick, Otsego Co. NY and two years later migrated to the ‘Western Reserve’ of northern Ohio. His parents made the trip also. It seems likely they were encouraged to migrate by their cousins who previously left Berkshire County, MA, to settle in Wellington and nearby Pittsfield, Lorain Co., OH. (See Joshua West #23).

⁶⁶ Find-A-Grave at Ancestry.com Memorial #125263052, no photo.

⁶⁷ If Maria remarried in 1873, it is conceivable that “O.J.” [Oliver Judson] West was the 9th child of Oliver West #10. It could not be Oliver #37 (son of Joshua West) because that Joshua who died in 1883 was still married at time of his death to his wife Phebe who did not die until 1896

37. **Oliver** [Joshua⁵, Oliver⁴, Francis³, Samuel², Francis¹]
b. 24 July 1807, Lee, Berkshire Co., MA^{5a}
d. 4 Sep 1883, Pittsfield Twp, Lorain Co. OH^{15a,15e}
bur. South Pittsfield Cemetery, Lorain Co., OH
m1. 16 Feb 1832, Lee, MA, Lois Gifford (1809-23 Jul 1841)^{5h}
m2. Phebe F. Messenger 13 Oct 1842, Portage Co. OH, (b. 1820, d. 10 Oct 1896, Pittsfield Twp)^{16a,68}

Children born to Lois Gifford:⁶⁹

- i Nancy Lois (1833-1897) (m. Whitney)
- ii Edward A/ 1835-1874)
- iii Harriet M. (1839-1840)

Children born to Phebe Messenger

- iv Carlos (1844-1880)
- v Phebe A. (1849-1910) m. Davies
- vi Anson Oliver (1856-1923)



Inscription for Oliver
and Phebe [Messenger] West
Memorial #26936706



Inscription for Lois [Gifford] West
Memorial #26936735

**Grave monument of Oliver West and family
as posted at Find-A-Grave at Ancestry.com
by Judy West**

⁶⁸ Did Phebe die before Oliver? If so then see above footnote.

⁶⁹ Find-A-Grave at Ancestry.com Memorial # 2693670 by Judy West

38. Amasa (Joshua⁵, Oliver⁴, Francis³, Samuel², Francis¹)
b. 9 Jun 1817, Lee, MA^{5a, 15a}
d. 1897, Pittsfield Twp, Lorain Co. OH^{15e, 70}
m1 14 Oct 1840, Windham, Portage Co. OH, Hannah Lyman^{16a} (d. Nov 1854)^{15a}
m2 28 May 1858 Nancy Dudley (b. 1831,^{15e} d. 20 Nov 1885^{15a})

Children by Hannah:^{15a}

- i Martha (d. at age 12)
- ii Mary L. (m. Ira D. Bryant of Spencer, Medina Co. OH)
- iii Hannah M.

Children by Nancy:^{15a}

- iv Edward D.
- v Harriet A.
- vi infant, died
- vii infant, died
- viii infant, died

Amasa was a blacksmith at Wellington in Lorain Co. OH.^{15a (p. 1139)} He married Hannah Lyman, the daughter of Jeremiah Lyman, pioneer settler of Windham Twp. They remained there until 1843 and returned to Pittsfield in Lorain County where they stayed until 1853. They went back to Windham where Hannah died in 1854. Amasa sold their farm in 1855 and travelled for two years. He remarried in 1858. He was a merchant briefly and then returned to farming in Henrietta until 1879. Then he moved to Oberlin where he bought a farm in Russia Township. Amasa was a Whig and member of the ME church since 1843. Later he became a liberal Republican. Nancy died in 1885. Amasa was still alive at publication of the source quoted here.^{15a}

⁷⁰ Still alive at publication of source^{15a}

39. John G.(John,⁶ Prince,⁵ Christopher,⁴ Francis,³ Samuel,² Francis¹)
b.21 Jan 1812 Cato, Cayuga Co. NY^{(rootsweb),17f}
d. 9 Jun 1886, Galesburg, Knox C. IL
bur. Hope Cemetery, Galesburg
m. 29 Dec 1836, Amy Rooks
(Amy b. 4 Sep 1818, Sempronius, Cayuga Co. NY,^{17c (p. 793)}⁷¹ d. 9 Jun 1886)
Children:^{17c, 72}
- i Charles b. 10 Jan 1838, Knox Co., IL
 - ii Lyman (1840-1918)
 - iii Homer (1842-1904)
 - iv Ira b. 24 Apr 1845, Knox Co., IL
 - v Nehemiah b. 21 Sep 1847 Knox Co., IL
 - vi Willard b. 10 May 1855

John G. West⁷³, born in 1812, Cato, Cayuga Co. NY, stayed in Cayuga County until he was at least 24 years old. He married Amy Rooks in 1836. Shortly thereafter he joined the wagon party of his brother, Nehemiah, and journeyed west with his father, John. They settled in Galesburg, IL where John G. was Pastor of "First Church," which he helped found with his father, John. He was known as a strict Puritan and active supporter of the underground railroad. Galesburg was the "abolition town." It formed one end of a link of that railroad that ran between Galesburg and Quincy. At one time John visited Quincy.^{6b,(p. 612)} John later lived in Bureau Co. IL.

⁷¹ *Historical Encyclopedia of Illinois* ^{17c} says the location of the marriage was "East Java, New York".

⁷² Find-A-Grave at Ancestry.com Memorial #5579931, no photo.

⁷³ John G. may also be "John Gibbs" Jr. but will be referred to herein as "John G." to avoid confusion with his father "John Gibbs", Sr.

40. Nehemiah (John⁶, Prince⁵, Christopher⁴, Francis³, Samuel², Francis¹)
b. 26 Aug 1800, (Granville, Washington Co., NY)
d. 17 Feb 1847, Galesburg, Knox Co., IL (bur. Hope Cem., Galesburg)
bur Hope Cemetery, Galesburg⁷⁴
m. Catherine Neely (1799-1881)

Children:

- I Byron Standhope (1829-1910)
- ii Barton R. (1839-1850)
- iii Carleton Cook (1833-1920)
- iv. Mary Ellen b. 31 July 1837^{17g, 17h}

Nehemiah West, the son of John West (#22) and brother of John G. West (#38) led a wagon party of 21 persons from Cayuga Co. New York in 1836 to the upper Mississippi Valley.^{17d} They followed the [Genesee Road] through New York and boarded the wagons on a ship at Buffalo and unloaded at Detroit. Then they took the Chicago Road to Illinois. Finally they reached the land that Nehemiah had selected, bought and staked for a future city. That city would be Galesburg, IL. Nehemiah's settlers set up in buildings on existing farms as it was West's plan to establish a foothold to build a city on the neighboring prairie—"for it had been agreed no log cabins would be tolerated in Galesburg." Their town was unique among pioneer settlements in that respect. Nehemiah was the first to arrive at the frontier and so had to engage in felling trees and building cabins. Nehemiah and his wife Catherine settled first at "Log City." Nehemiah was among founders of Knox College.^{17e,17f} Nehemiah took a bold stand and voted for James Burney, on the Liberty Ticket including John G. West. Mary Ellen, daughter of Nehemiah, became a noted teacher and Superintendent of Schools. She wrote "Use of Wine in Cooking". Her picture is shown in the *History of Knox Co.*^{17b (facing p. 548)} West Galesburg was a depot on the "Underground Railroad" when it was built through from Chicago to Quincy in 1854-5. Refugees would board freight trains at Quincy and go "right through without local help."^{17b}



Gravestone of Nehemiah West
Find-A-Grave at Ancestry.com
Memorial # 5578186

⁷⁴ Find-A-Grave at Ancestry.com. Data on the children was obtained at Memorial #5578186

41. David (Miner,⁶ Jonathan⁵, Christopher,⁴ Francis,³ Samuel,² Francis¹)
b. abt 1797
d. _____
bur.
m.

Children: Unknown

The identity of David S. West can be surmised from two records.

A guardianship record.

Otsego County Guardianship Letters, 1803-1816: p. 21: Amasa West of Hartwick granted guardianship of David West, age 17, of Cayuga County, NY, son of Miner West, dated 14 Sep 1813.

Inspection of proven West family records show that David's great grandfather (Christopher West #6) and Amasa's grandfather (Amasa #5) were brothers. (See the relationship tree on page vi).

U.S. Census record, 1800, Cayuga Co., Aurelius NY.

A male (Minor [sic]) (age 26-45), two males (age < 10), a female (age 26 - 45) and a female (age < 10) .

42. Charles Henry (Daniel, Jr.,⁶ Daniel, Sr.,⁵ Pelatiah⁴, Francis,³ Samuel,² Francis¹)
b. 21 Apr 1806,^{10c} and christened 17 Sep 1809 Lenox, Berkshire Co. MA^{7520a},
d. 8 Apr 1884, Ridgeway, Orleans Co. NY^{8c}
m. Sarah Emily Barnes (b. 1807 Lenox, MA)

Child: 45. Elisha Yale (2)⁷⁶

Isaac B. b. 1833, d. 13 Apr 1869⁷⁷

Elisha Yale (1) b. 1835, d. 1840⁷⁸

(not researched for this report)

Charles Henry West was commonly known as “C.H. West” and is mentioned in the records of the Pioneer Association of Orleans Co., NY.^{8c} His birth is noted in the family Bible of Daniel West, Sr.⁷⁹ He is mentioned in the will of his father, Daniel West, Jr. as his only child.⁸⁰

⁷⁵ Daniel West, Jr.’s will states (footnote 80 below) he was of “Litchfield,” NY. Daniel was born in Lee, MA.

⁷⁶ FAG 110851176

⁷⁷ FAG 110851533

⁷⁸ FAG 119648975 burial of an Elisha Yale West in Fulton Co., NY 1840: a four-year old child born 1835. This child has not been researched for this report. If he is the child of Charles H. West, then Elisha Yale West (2), born in 1850, was named for the deceased brother.

⁷⁹ <http://www.westerly-journeys.com/genealogy/genebibles.html#WestCH>

⁸⁰ <https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-C9YY-YLWL>

43. Frederick A. (Orson⁶, Daniel⁵, Pelatiah⁴, Francis³, Samuel², Francis¹)
b. 9 Dec 1818, Brighton, Monroe Co., NY^{10a,20a}
d. 9 Aug 1891, Des Moines, Polk Co., IA^{20a,29c}
bur. Woodland Cemetery, DesMoines IA⁸¹
m1 Ruth McCrary 23 Jun 1842^{20a,27b (Bk 1, p. 6)}
m2 Lydia Corliss 30 Jun 1847, Bellevue, Eaton Co. MI^{20a,27c} (Lydia b. 1826, d. 1900)
bur Woodland Cemetery, DesMoines)

Children born in Michigan to Lydia:

- i Adelburt b.abt 1848 Albion, Calhoun, Co., MI, d. 5 May 1892^{29a,29c}
- ii Addison b. abt 1853, Albion, Calhoun, Co., MI^{26d}
- iii Frederick b. abt 1857, Albion, Calhoun, Co., MI^{26d}
- iv Charles Pulaski b. 27 Apr 1859, Adrian, MI^{26d} d. 9 Jan 1928, Des Moines,

IA^{29c}

Frederick was born in Brighton, NY and went with his parents to Michigan in the early 1830's. He married the first time to Ruth McCrary and apparently had no children by her. After Ruth died, Frederick remarried to Lydia Corliss. They had four children and then left Michigan to settle in Des Moines. His parents followed. Frederick and his father died in Des Moines and are buried there. Frederick's wife, Lydia died 1 May 1900 in Des Moines. It is presumed that Olive West, mother of Frederick also died there. Her death in 1884 is the last entry in the West Family Bible (18 Mar 1887 or 1884). It is presumed to have been written by her daughter-in-law Lydia Corliss West. Therefore the bible must have travelled to Des Moines, IA and would have passed to the descendant of Frederick and Lydia.



Frederick Alva West
as posted at Find-A-Grave at Ancestry.com
Memorial #27130983



Lydia Corliss West
as posted at Find-A-Grave at Ancestry.com
Memorial # 27130049

⁸¹ Find-A-Grave at Ancestry.com Memorials # 27130983, 27130049

44. William Knibloe (Ephraim⁷, Ebenezer⁶, Oliver⁵, Amasa⁴, Francis³, Samuel², Francis¹)
b. 4 Sep 1812, Lee, Berkshire Co., MA^{5a}
d.
m. 22 Mar 1826 Irena Van Deusan^{14a}

Children:^{14a}

- i George C. b. 25 Dec 1836 (m. 12 Jun 1859? Rowena Shaw)
- ii Mary A. b. 26 Aug 1838 (m. 20 Jun 1858, Erastus Johnson)
- iii Henry O. b. 15 Nov 1840 (m. 29 May 1870 Lucy Wilcox)
- iv Elmer A. b. 10 Nov 1844 (m. 18 Oct 1876 Addie Kelley)
- v Lucy L. b. 27 Nov 1848 (m. 11 Feb 1870, Ethan Conant)
- vi Fred A., b. 20 Oct?
- vii Stephen C. b. 4 Oct 1855 (m. 4 Mar 179, Luella Bigelow)
- viii Ella A. b. 38 Jan 1838, d. 6 May 1861

45. Elisha Yale (Charles H.⁷, Daniel, Jr.⁶, Daniel⁵, Pelatiah⁴, Francis,³ Samuel², Francis¹)
b. 2. June 1850, d. 26 Sept 1905 Orleans Co., NY^{5a}
d. 26 Sep 1905⁸²
bur. Bates Rd. Cem., Ridgeway, Orleans Co. NY⁸³

⁸² From a local history in Orleans Co. NY: Elisha Y. West of Orleans Co. NY, b. 2. June 1850, d. 26 Sept 1905. Death from Find-a-grave, Memorial # 110851176. Also see 1850, 1870 and 1880 U.S. Census, Ridgeway, Orleans Co., NY

⁸³ FAG Memorial **110851176**

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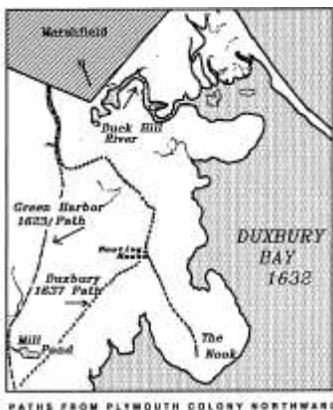
1. Plymouth Colony: Francis and Samuel West

Francis West immigrated to the Pilgrims' Plymouth Colony about 1630 when the plantation was only ten years old. Most published sources indicate he was indentured to a man named "Mr. Thomas" of Marshfield, Massachusetts to work as a carpenter. The possibility that Francis had religious ties to the Pilgrims is usually not discussed.

Published sources claim that Francis was born in Salisbury, Wiltshire, England in 1606. It may be useful to speculate about his life in England. Queen Elizabeth I had died in 1603 and James I took the throne. The condition of persecuted non-conformists like the Pilgrims did not improve under James. It was a time of turmoil over the separation of church and state. The Black Death was spreading again. The House of Commons made a "Great Protestation" against the policies of King James and declared liberty to be the birthright of every English subject. In response, James tore up the document and abolished parliament. But such royal arrogance was on a collision course with rising public sentiment. Civil War was imminent.

Conditions in New England were equally hazardous. In 1625 the natives in New England had turned hostile. A meager 240 militiamen had tried to fight off 1000 Narraganset natives. Towns had been burned and 600 colonists slaughtered.

Plymouth Colony was founded by English dissidents who had fled to Leiden, Holland in the early 1600's but became dissatisfied with life in a foreign country. They yearned to establish their own colony based on their own religion. They took advantage of the English practice of sending settlers to America to establish English claims to the land. Colonies were set up on principles of cooperative production—the emigrant "planters" provided labor to London financiers who reaped the proceeds.



Plymouth Colony established in 1620 was still struggling after twenty years, and was severely in debt to London. It was also threatened economically by the aggressive Massachusetts Bay Colony at Salem—which was always expanding, grabbing land and trade. The Congregationalist religion controlled all aspects of life throughout Massachusetts Bay Colony. It was an oligarchic culture imposing its religion tyrannically.

Plymouth Plantation, in contrast, was fundamentally peace-loving—some said lacking ambition and doomed to failure. The future of Plymouth Plantation seemed especially grim.

So when Francis received an invitation to come to Plymouth Colony as a house builder, he had a choice: to stay with family and friends in a land of turmoil, but where his people had lived forever—or to become an indebted tradesman beholden to a benefactor in a hazardous new land and a failing communal society.

Francis decided to sail to America. He left no record of the ship he sailed on or the year. Some sources speculate that he sailed with a famous ship's captain—also named "Francis West." For in 1627, Francis West, Admiral of His Majesty's New England Fleet, was appointed Governor General of New England.³⁰ Some sources even claim Francis was related to this prestigious sea captain. It is more likely this poor carpenter was given the Christian name, "Francis," as a tribute to a wealthy but distant cousin. The possibility that Francis was related to a Leiden Pilgrim is discussed in section "C" herein.

At about age 24 Francis arrived at Plymouth Colony—and found it to be a mere rustic village filled with 500 dissatisfied Pilgrims. Not all of the colonists were Pilgrims, and even among those who were, some were taking steps to remove themselves from the communal society of Plymouth Plantation. These were headed for the surrounding countryside such as to Duxbury. Hence the need of Mr. Thomas for a house-builder. By the 1630's colonists were building permanent houses in Duxbury and Francis West built the house for Mr. Thomas.



Francis was suspected of being a Quaker—a heresy in Plymouth. He was a man driven by passion and temper. At one time he was required to build a set of stocks and then set in them for his misbehavior. He met Margery Reeves in 1639 and then both were set in stocks for "incontinence before marriage." (Stratton, p. 193)²⁹ Then they married.

Because of certain laws in Plymouth Colony codified in 1838, Francis had the right to own property even before he became a *freeman*. In 1640 he was appointed a member of the Grand Jury and in 1642 he bought land at Millbrook west of Duck Hill River and built his own house.²¹

In the 1640's Civil War broke out in England. The Puritans took over Parliament and King Charles I was beheaded. The Commonwealth was established under the Protestant, Oliver Cromwell.

In the 1650's Francis saw his family and land holdings increase. He had raised three sons and two daughters and had acquired extensive farmland. His neighbors, the Partridges, raised six daughters and one son and acquired land in large amounts in all areas of Duxbury, particularly near Mill Pond. Partridge progeny would proliferate across the frontier of Massachusetts.

In the Massachusetts Bay Colony the Puritan Grand Jury of Salem enforced not only the Mosaic laws against murder, treason and blasphemy, but a new set of laws making witchcraft a capital crime. As a member of the Duxbury Grand Jury, Francis West was obliged to judge on the same capital crimes as did the jurists in Salem. Salem put nineteen 'witches' to death. Plymouth convicted none.^{1a} In 1656 Francis became a freeman.

Monarchy returned to England in 1659 and Charles II was crowned King. A period of prosperity throughout the Commonwealth of Massachusetts followed.

Francis West, who had long since learned to control his youthful temper and had become a local civic leader and land holder, was appointed Land Surveyor and member of the Grand Inquest in 1658 and Constable of Duxbury in 1661. He then moved his family westward to Bridgewater as one of the original proprietors of that town.

Francis like all New Englanders fretted over the safety of his family. Although Plymouth itself had tried to maintain peaceful relations with the natives the time was approaching when it too would be swept into the mounting hostilities.

In 1668 Samuel West, the eldest son of Francis West married Tryphosa (Trifasa) Partridge, daughter of George and Sarah Lee Partridge. She was named after her late grandmother, Tryphosa (Trifasa) Lee. A year later in 1669, she bore their first son at the height of fear and uncertainty in the colonies. They named the boy Francis after his grandfather.

Finally Plymouth Colony was attacked in 1675. New England was at war with the Wampanoags and the conflict was labeled "King Phillips War."

By 1676 one sixteenth of the New England population had perished and six towns had been razed. The colonists beat back the more southerly tribes, but an alliance was forming between the tribes to the north and the Canadian military.

Another decade passed in which distrust between natives and colonists grew. Although the rush of immigration to New England had ceased about 1640, the settlement of the Connecticut River towns had continued until about 1670. The Colony of Connecticut attracted many New England colonists because of its unusually democratic charter, granted to Thomas Hooker by King Charles II when the monarchy had been restored in England.



Francis' son Samuel died at age 46 in 1688. Francis himself was still alive and in his eighties. His grandson, Francis, was just sixteen years old.

In 1691 the powerful Massachusetts Colony annexed the little Plymouth Colony bringing its inhabitants including the Wests under its control and its religious oligarchy. A year later Francis of Salisbury died at age 86.

2. Preston and Tolland, Connecticut: Deacon Francis West

The opportunity for better farming and religious freedom in Connecticut drew Francis West II, grandson of Francis West of Salisbury to Preston Connecticut where he met and married Mercy Miner in 1696. Mercy's brother Joseph married Sarah Tracy. Mercy's father, Dr. Joseph Miner, a Captain in the Connecticut Militia lived in a whaling village called 'Stonington' on Long Island Sound near the southwestern tip of Rhode Island. Thomas Miner had come with his family to Massachusetts about the same time as had the West's in 1634, but had moved inland in 1646 and then south to the whaling port of New London, Connecticut and had come to Stonington after the Indian alarm of 1653. Thomas had found a remarkable piece of land and built a house for his father-in-law on it. It was not until it was built that he discovered to his chagrin the he had built it on land owned by Governor Haynes. The Miner men all served in King Phillip's War.^{3b}

The year 1697 should have been a good year in New England. The last epidemic of witch trials ended when the Massachusetts General Court announced its repentance and one prominent judge publicly apologized for his part in the trials at Salem. But then another war broke out—this one with the Iroquois and it was labeled "King William's War."

Francis West and his wife Mercy stayed in Preston until 1701 when his mother, Tryphosa, died. They removed south to Stonington in 1702 but no further—the dangers of the present war prevented further migration. The war was now called "Queen Ann's War. It continued into 1709 when the front moved to Nova Scotia. Francis and Mercy farmed in Stonington for eighteen years while they raised six sons and the wars went on.

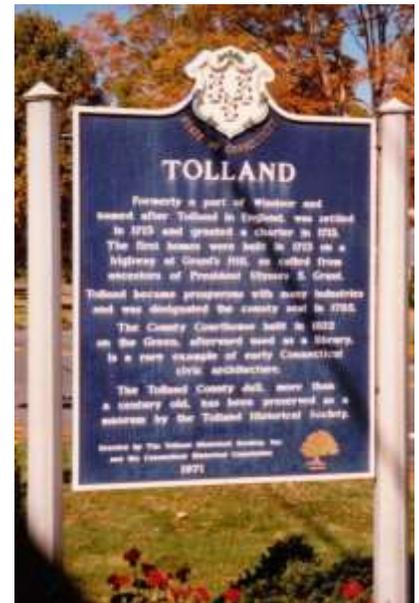
The Peace of Utrecht was signed in 1712. In 1713 the opportunity for travel turned favorable again. Fertile land in the Connecticut River Valley was opening up and Francis and Mercy were among those lured inland.

The people of Windsor, Connecticut had sought a grant from the Connecticut General Assembly for seven years to develop a new township.^{4a} The land had been purchased in 1636 from the natives but it was not until 1713 that the first settlers began laying out the town and roads. No sooner had they commenced, than a suit was filed against them. A group of legatees claimed to be named in the will of a Mohegan named Joshua who had claimed to own a portion of the township land. The land was in litigation for seventeen years. In 1718 after seven years the grant was awarded to the proprietors for a town to be called "Tolland" six miles east of Windsor in the wooded hillsides.

In 1720 Francis West and his sons, most of whom were now adults moved north along the Connecticut River to Hartford and then east to Tolland. The territory was wild and mostly uninhabited except for the few first settlers. His oldest son, Samuel purchased one of the original lots. The town was situated on rolling terrain that had been called Wangombog by the Mohegans, Podunks and Nipmucs. On the west side lay Lake Shenipset, on the east the

Skunkamaug Creek. The settlement grew even in spite of litigation. When the General Court in Hartford awarded the grant to the proprietors, it stipulated that they pay three shillings per acre to the legatees in return for a quit claim to the land. Francis now a deacon in the Tolland Church was chosen to negotiate a settlement with the legatees. Hope Lathrop, captain in the Connecticut Militia assisted him.

Deacon Francis West owned over 700 acres of Tolland farm land in the southeastern corner of Tolland by 1721 in what was called "Coventry." Joseph and Samuel, his oldest sons, brought cattle with them and farmed their own land. Francis brother, John, also came to Tolland with his family. The Wests became charter members of the settlement and became a prominent family in Tolland. They held many public offices over the years. The land patents were finally granted in 1728 and the Governor signed the document granting the land to Francis West and all the proprietors of the town on behalf of King George of England. Deacon Francis West died in Tolland in 1731 three years after the patent was granted.



The first meeting house in Tolland had preceded the patent by nearly ten years. Tolland was strictly Congregationalist. The practice of religion was the first issue dealt with by the town. Francis' son, Zebulon, was instrumental in settling the matter of meeting house location and went on to be one of the most active community figures in Tolland. He was above average in size, charismatic, aloof, imposing and commanded great respect. He served seventeen years as selectman, 34 years as clerk, 26 years as justice of the peace, representative to the General Assembly for 43 sessions, Speaker of the House and probate judge.

In 1734 three years after Deacon Francis West's death, his son Pelatiah married Elizabeth Lathrop, the daughter of Captain Hope Lathrop. Pelatiah had been only nine years old when he came to Tolland; he was 23 when he married.

Tolland was a quiet community. It was never attacked by natives and never involved in the French and Indian conflicts with the British. The town did undergo internal conflict over its first meeting house. In 1751 its 100 inhabitants voted to build a new meeting house. They had two sites to choose between—one in the north and one in the south. The Wests lived in the south; the town voted for that site. The north insisted that Zebulon West had exerted undue influence on the vote. The church was built, but without a steeple. The town leaders proposed to tax the people two pence-one farthing per pound of taxable assets for the purchase of a steeple. A bell was to be purchased through voluntary contributions. The north—against the steeple—was furious. The south was in favor. The measure passed and the steeple was built and the tax was levied. So the northerners circulated a petition and went to Hartford to plead for yet another new meeting house location. The Town sent an opposing delegation. In the middle of this strife,

Elizabeth Lathrop's father, Hope Lathrop, commenced a campaign to raise funds for the controversial bell. He went door to door to get the contributions. Emotions in the north ran high as did Hope's. He threatened those that refused to donate, telling them they would not be allowed to hear the bell if they did not contribute. Ironically the bell was rung for the first time to honor Captain Hope Lathrop's death.

The following years were filled with battle everywhere but in Tolland. Tolland sent volunteers from time to time to join the Connecticut Militia to support the English conflict with the French. In 1762 the King requisitioned troops from the colonies to fight in Cuba. Of 27 who went from Tolland, 23 were killed at the siege of Havana. Of the men from Tolland who served in the militia at least two were the grandsons of Deacon Francis West: Abner, son of Samuel, Prince, son of Christopher.

3. Lee, Massachusetts: Pelatiah West

The development of Lee, Massachusetts was complex.

Many would-be investors in Tolland, Connecticut, held discussions about land opening for settlement in the Berkshire Mountains of western Massachusetts. In 1725 the Massachusetts General Court had authorized investors from New Milford to purchase land in the southwest corner of Berkshire County from the Sachem, Konkapot of the Stockbridge Indians. This eight-mile wide swath of land straddling the Housatonic River extended from the Connecticut border to Stockbridge and lay on both sides of the great road from Boston to Albany. It was hunting ground of the Stockbridge Indians a branch of the Mohegan people. The Mohegans had been weakened by a long war with the Six Nations. They were scorned by the Dutch traders who plied them with liquor. They were defenseless when the English began pushing into their land. They sold their lands for £460, three barrels of cider and 30 quarts of rum.

In 1736 the northern half became Stockbridge, the lower, Sheffield. Like most outposts, it was initially inhabited by traders and explorers and was described as lawless and disreputable. In 1750 a young merchant and trader named Jonathan Hinsdale led several families intending to settle.^{5e} A thousand acres of the Berkshire land were granted to a business enterprise that intended to build a glass-making industry on the river. German craftsmen were imported. It was called Germantown and was granted a twenty-year monopoly in 1754. The scheme failed when the project was overwhelmed by obstacles. The Germans packed up and left. The owners, left with unwanted land, petitioned to hold a lottery to dispose of it. The Connecticut Legislature confirmed the lottery in 1755. The Indian Title was purchase in 1757 from John Pop-hue-hou-awah and Robert Nung-hau-wol. About this time Pelatiah West of Tolland heard about the lottery and prepared to make a bid.



Berkshire County formed in the sixties. In the region to the northeast of Stockbridge and south of Yokuntown was a place the settlers called the *Hoplands* where the hops grew wild on the river banks. Northeasterly lay a particularly appealing meadow beyond which stood a vast tract of wild woodlands and a jewel-like lake the settlers named *Laurel*. Towering hardwoods ringed the meadow with a blaze of color in autumn, ranging from

the brilliant yellows of the birch, the glowing crimson and ambers of the maple to the deep rich purples of the dogwood, ash and sassafras. A man named Oliver Partridge came to buy the land for a prestigious group known as the “River Gods”. He bargained with the native owners and gave them 4,000 acres of wild woodland in exchange for the little 480-acre meadow. It became known as the *Minister’s Grant*.

At about the same time a Stockbridge swindler named Samuel Brown Jr. was given authority to delineate—with a ‘possession fence’—neighboring land named the *Hartwoods* also situated on the lake. Samuel had sold this land to a group of absentee investors from Tolland and Hartford.

The transfer of native lands to white settlers in what became Lee, Massachusetts was accomplished as a simple business transaction. The Provincial government assumed it owned a substantial tract of land and proceeded to auction ten townships in 1762. The Stockbridge Indians were quick to react and filed a legal petition to stop the sale.

The Province voted to reimburse the Indians to the sum of £1700 and to restore to them their own lands at Indiantown and further south. This allowed the Governor to proceed with the auction of land. Unfortunately they were duped at their own game by the indomitable Samuel Brown Jr. who had also made his own assumption about the land—to wit, that he owned it and had sold it to a group of investors from Connecticut. This enterprising and fast-dealing profiteer said he had obtained the lands from Chiefs Yokun and Ephraim of the River tribe. Samuel appears to have won, but with the stipulation that his settlers had to actually live on and improve their individual lots.

The stipulation is as follows:

“...within the space of five years from this time there be fifty settlers residing within the said limits of Said Yokun Town and Mr. Ephraim, who shall each have a dwelling house of the following dimensions, viz: twenty-four feet in length and eighteen feet Wide and seven feet stud, and have even acres of Land well cleared and fenced, and brought to English Grass and ploughing, and that the settlers aforesaid shall have settled among themselves a learned Protestant Minister of the Gospel.”

Yokuntown became *Lenox*, *Mount Ephraim* became *Richmond*.

Pelatah West following the West tradition of moving to the frontier came to Berkshire County about that time with his sons, Elijah and Daniel, and many nephews: Abner and Elisha (sons of Samuel); Oliver, Amasa, Caleb and Levi (sons of Amasa); Prince and Jonathan (sons of Christopher).

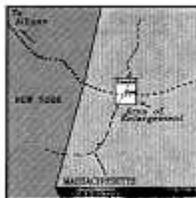
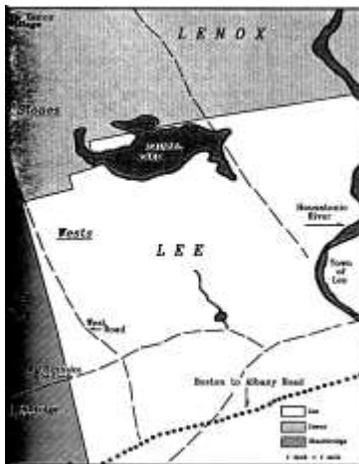


Rattlesnake Hill--vicinity of West settlement

Pelatah and an associate from Tolland, Joseph Hatch, bought up most of the *Glassworks* lottery land that became *Lee* (Hyde, p. 135, 141).^{5b,5f} In 1769 Pelatah bought 15/24 of a 1,564-acre tract for £520 and bought 1/6 more in 1771. The property lay on rolling terrain called Rattlesnake Hill above the river. Many other contiguous but separate tracts of land had been granted and title had been purchased from the Mohawks in the mid-1700's so that by the 1770's the new owners were thinking of consolidating and incorporating into a single town. The tracts of Hartwood, Minister's Grant, the Hoplands and the Glassworks got together and petitioned for incorporation under the name of *Lee*.

Prince West bought Lot 2 in Hartwood, 150 ac sold in 1780 to John Crosby (Hyde, p. 1430).^{5b}

Some of the most noted patriots of the Revolution rose up in the Berkshire Mountains. The name Ethan Allan comes to mind. Many in Lee and Lenox served with the *Green Mountain Boys*—whose fame predated the Revolution. As King George III took a hard line against the revolutionaries in Boston in 1774 the *Sons of Liberty* began to campaign in the Berkshires. They pushed for the formation of *Committees of Correspondence* to adapt a policy to refuse to purchase British goods. Citizens were asked to take an oath of 'non-importation.' The crown closed Boston Harbor.



Lee Location Map

Lenox became the first town to adopt an *unconditional act of non-intercourse with England*. It became known as the "First Declaration of Independence."^{5g}

Lee did not incorporate until Oct 21 1777. Therefore it did not vote for a Committee of Correspondence until its first town meeting. But the men of Glassworks, Hoplands and Hartwood were ready to join the

militias. Many were veterans of the French & Indian Wars (Hyde, p. 149).^{5b}

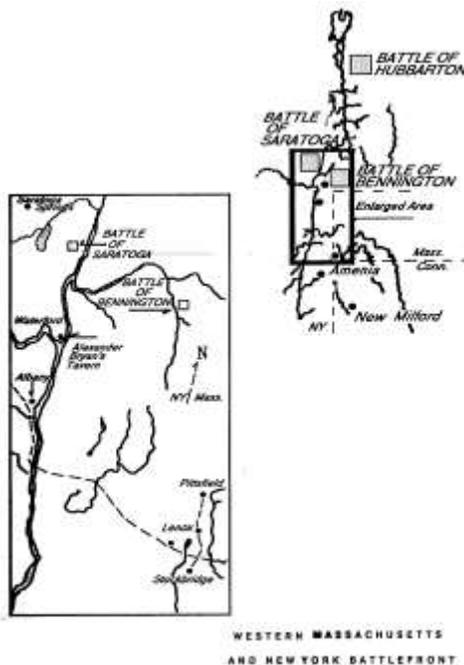
By mid-1774 relations between Britain and the colonies had reached the breaking point. Massachusetts counties held congresses to “consider the alarming state of affairs and preserve their chartered Rights against the aggression of the Acts of Parliament.” The Berkshire Congress was held at Stockbridge on July 6, 1774 at the Red Lion. The county congresses demonstrated that both city and frontier colonists recognized their need for concerted action.

The Berkshire people were becoming particularly militant. Anticipating the arrival of the Crown’s judges to sit on the Court of Common Pleas in Stockbridge, they sent word to Governor Gage in Boston demanding that such courts cease until their grievances with respect to the King’s new repressive trade policies were corrected. The Governor simply ignored the demand.

One thousand men, plus another fifty from Litchfield County in Connecticut were at the courthouse steps at Stockbridge early the morning of August 16, 1774. They blockaded the building prohibiting entry of the judges who had arrived in full elegant judicial dress. Seeing the menacing crowd the judges’ escorts hurried them back to where they had come from. General Gage promptly wrote to George III in England:

“A flame sprung up at the extremity of the Province. The popular rage is very high in Berkshire and makes its way rapidly to the East.”^{5g}

King George sent troops. The patriots formed the First Continental Congress in Philadelphia.



Local communities were authorized to enforce non-consumption acts. Towns throughout the Berkshires mobilized. Lenox voted on October 16, 1774 to form a committee and organized a local branch of minute men under the command of Colonel John Patterson.^{5e}

By March 1775 the colonies were in clear revolt. The Battle of Lexington was followed by the destruction of the arsenal at Concord. The Boston press published stories of British cruelty and the word reached the Berkshires two days later at noon. The Berkshires mobilized two regiments of Minute Men. Many of the Lee men mustered in 1775 in Colonel Patterson’s Regiment under Captain Goodrich and Ensign Davis. Patterson took his regiment east to the battle of Charleston Heights.⁸⁴

⁸⁴ Patterson's regiment became the 15th Foot of Continental Infantry.

By 1776 Pelatiah West was 63 years old and too old to join up but his sons and nephews were of fighting age. His son Daniel and his nephew, Elisha West joined Sergeant Patterson's Berkshire Militia on May 4. Along with the Declaration of Independence on July 4 1776, came an epidemic of small pox in Lenox and Lee. The Town of Lenox hired a doctor to inoculate its citizens against the disease against the protests of many who feared the doctor would spread the disease.

When the British captured Fort Ticonderoga in 1777 Berkshire militia went to evacuate the fort. The militia then successfully fought off the British at the Battle of Bennington with Colonel John Brown under the Green Mountain Boys.

The Berkshire men marched from Stockbridge to Saratoga under Col. John Brown for the campaign against General Burgoyne. They fought at the Battles of Bemis Heights and witnessed Burgoyne's surrender October 17, 1777 (Hyde, p. 150-151).^{5b}

The only instance of reluctance to render ready service at the call of the authorities was when under Col. Simonds, of Williamstown, a detachment of Berkshire Militia were ordered to reinforce the Northern Army 1 May 1777. There were eight privates from Glassworks who refused to march.⁸⁵ None of these were named "West."

On April 1, 1779 a committee of the Legislature appointed Lt. Ezekiel Crocker to enroll nine men from Lee in the Continental Army.

In 1780 and 1781, facing big deficits in enlistment, bounties were offered to entice men to enlist for three-year terms. In 1780 the town of Lee met to raise nine men and three commissioned officers. The townspeople were assessed funds to support the same. The town was also required to provide beef and grain for the army.

Five men from Lee enlisted in 1781 for the Continental Army. Six men accepted the bounties and joined Col. Rossiter's Regiment of militia. Alarms and false alarms continued such that the militia was always required to be on alert. Alarms were reported in 1780 and 1781 at Stillwater, New York, and Lenox, Massachusetts.

The famed Shays Rebellion occurred in 1786. Daniel Shays, a dishonorably discharged from the Continental Army, led angry and impoverished farmers in protests over post-revolutionary hardships. They refused to pay taxes and debts. Eight hundred of these insurgents rallied at Great Barrington, "broke up the courthouse and opened the jail."^{5b} The militia responded in force at various places in Berkshire County. Two Hundred Fifty insurgents gathered in Lee. John Patterson, now General Patterson, came from Stockbridge to put down the uprising. Heavily armed with cannon, the insurgents dispersed with assurance from the General that they would receive fair treatment. Some were jailed for treason.

⁸⁵ Revolutionary Military Service Roll 42:202

One anecdote relates indirectly to Sally West, daughter of Oliver West of Lee. She had married Jacob Winegar thought to be the son of John Winegar. *The History of Lee* (Hyde, p. 158)^{5b} relates this story about certain men who were in prison:

Their wives were allowed to visit them occasionally, and carry to them articles of food. On one occasion, these women carried to their husbands a loaf of bread in which was concealed the saw used in amputating the frozen feet of John Winegar.

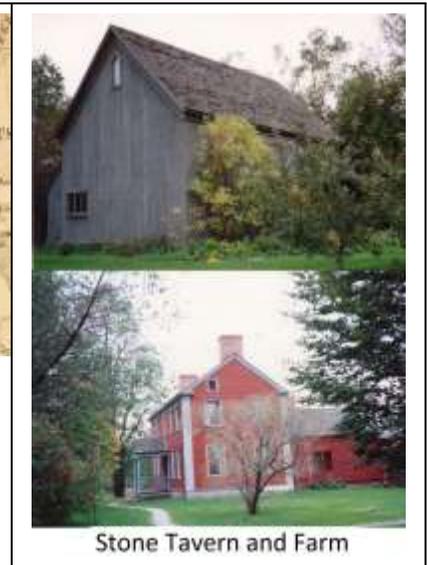
This suggests that perhaps those Wests associated with the Winegars might have sympathized with the Shays Rebellion.

4. Brighton, New York: Daniel West

After the Revolutionary War the new United States government negotiated many peace-for-land treaties with the Six Nations. Little by little the former Indian lands in western New York were divided up and sold. In 1784 the team of Oliver Phelps and Nicholas Gorham successfully negotiated with Farmers Brother for 2,000,000 acres of hunting



ground at the mouth of the Genesee River on Lake Ontario. In order to secure this massive tract of Genesee country, it was necessary also to settle a jurisdictional dispute between Massachusetts and New York. That resolved, the team surveyed the land, divided it into ranges, townships and sections and opened a land office at Canandaigua in 1789. The survey system became the model for all future western land division (O'Reilly, pp. 105-138).^{10h}



General Caleb Hyde of Lenox, Berkshire County, Massachusetts, purchased 1500 acres of the Phelps and Gorham tract on Lake Ontario. Hyde's purchase lay between Irondequoit Bay and the Genesee River. Capt./Judge Enos Stone joined a group of Lenox investors who purchased Township 13, Range 7 of Hyde's tract, and had it surveyed into farm lots (McIntosh, p. 422).^{10f} They sent their first settler to occupy the land in 1789. In the spring of 1790 Judge Enos Stone went to the Genesee wilderness. His party drove oxen, cows, hogs and a few sheep past Utica to Lake Cayuga and then loaded their stock in two Durham boats and continued by water for another treacherous four days. Satisfied at having stocked his land, Judge Stone returned to Berkshire County and persuaded his eldest son, Oringh, to follow his route west, take up the land and farm it.^{10f}

Oringh Stone settled the land the following spring and built himself a cabin on an Indian trail next to an imposing rock—a rock he later learned was a *council rock* of the Seneca people. His cabin served as an tavern for travelers in the early years. At first the land was called *Northfield*.

In a few years as more settlers arrived Oringh married and began to raise a family. His daughter, Olive, married Orson West—the son of Daniel West (and grandson of Pelatiah West) of Lee, Massachusetts.

Oringh Stone of Lenox and Daniel West of Lee had been neighbors even though located in different towns. Daniel and his family would eventually follow Oringh to western New York.



In the early 1800's the city of Rochester began to grow at the Falls of the Genesee. All of the tract was still in Ontario County. (Monroe County taken from Ontario in 1818.)



Daniel West bought a lot in the first tract of what would become the town of Rochester. He settled in 1812. By then his sons, Ira and Pelatiah had already settled in Rochester. In 1813 Oringh Stone's wife died. He then married Daniel West's daughter, Sally. She bore two daughters, Sally and Eliza. Sally West Stone died in 1819.

Northfield changed its name to *Brighton* and in 1814 and split off from Rochester.



Daniel West was instrumental in forming the Brighton Presbyterian (formerly Congregational) Church at Oringh Stone's Tavern in 1817. That same year Daniel's wife, Elizabeth died. Daniel's son, Orson West, married Oringh's daughter, Olive Stone in 1818 in Brighton. Orson had purchased property in Brighton and donated a portion of it to the Congregational Church. Daniel West donated property for the Presbyterian Church cemetery in Brighton. Daniel's wife is buried there. Daniel West became the first deacon of the First Presbyterian Church of Brighton and is on the pioneer roll of Rochester.

Daniel's son Ira opened the first mercantile in Rochester and built many buildings including the historic Brick Church in downtown Rochester. In 1816 Ira married, Eliza, Stone, the daughter of a famous—or infamous—

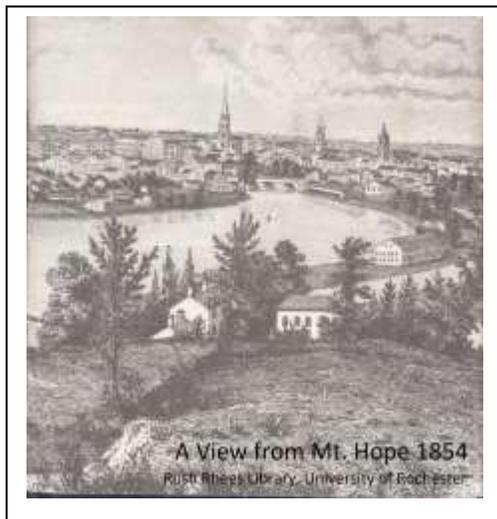
hero of the War of 1812, Isaac Stone.

During the conflict of 1812 the British Fleet on Lake Ontario harassed Rochester. Lt. Col. Isaac Stone led volunteers to defend the property of inhabitants. Isaac was a hero by defeating the British at Fort Erie. He was later disgraced in 1814 when a village was burned to the ground under his watch. Isaac Stone was a distant cousin of Oringh Stone.

Ira West died young in 1832 at age 46 leaving his wife and minor children.

Deacon Daniel West, himself, died in 1834.

Daniel's son Pelatiah opened a saddlery and harness shop in Rochester. He later moved to Palmyra, Wayne Co. NY where he died in 1836 at age 43. (Joseph Smith founded Mormonism at Palmyra, in nearby Wayne County. It is not known if Pelatiah became a Mormon.



Daniel's son Alva did join the Mormon movement. He migrated with the Mormons to Nauvoo, IL and left with the emigrant party headed for Utah in 1846. Alva and his wife, Sally, died on the way that year at the Mormon's "Winter Quarters" in what is now Omaha, Nebraska. He was 51 years old.

Daniel's son, Orson West migrated west with his wife Olive and several of her sisters. Legislation passed in 1824 had opened public land for sale and created a land rush. Orson settled in Albion, Calhoun County Michigan with his wife and children. He farmed for over thirty years.^{10a}

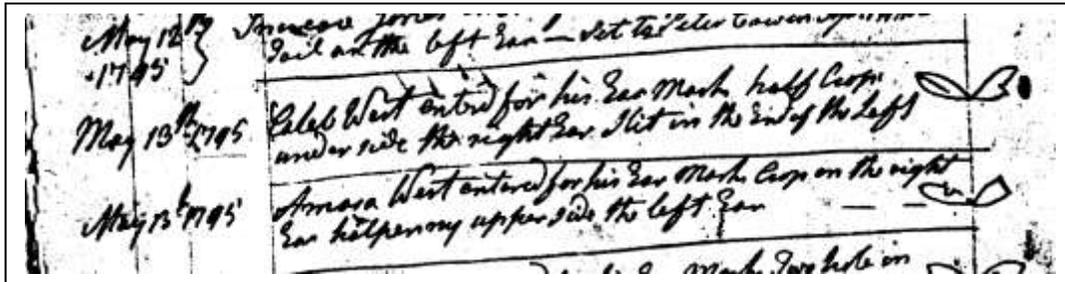
Orson's sons, George and Addison, went to the California gold rush where Addison died. His son Frederick left Michigan for Des Moines, Iowa. In 1868 Orson sold the Michigan farm and, with Olive, went west to Iowa to be with his eldest son, Frederick. Orson died in 1869 and is buried in Des Moines.

5. Migrations West after the Revolution

Revolutionary Soldiers of Granville, Washington County, New York

The Revolutionary Pension Files of Prince West (son of Christopher) and Caleb and Amasa West (sons of Oliver) help to establish the movements and relationships of some of the descendants

of Deacon Francis West of Tolland. Prince, Caleb and Amasa all lived in Lee, Massachusetts during the Revolution—but served in Capt. Vandeburgh’s New York militia when bounty land in New York was offered as an incentive to enlist.^{23c} After the War Amasa and Prince went to Granville, Washington Co. NY where civic records show they served in various capacities such as highway inspectors and registered *earmarks* on livestock.



Otsego County, New York and Northeast Ohio: Prince, Amasa and Caleb West

Deeds to property in Otsego County, New York after 1810 refer to *Prince and Amasa West of Granville*. Prince and Amasa migrated to Hartwick, Otsego Co. in the early 1800's and left many records. Prince died there and left a probate file listing his legatees. His sons also left property and probate records in Otsego County.

Amasa West was named guardian of his cousin Miner's son David in 1813. It appears that David may have lived with Amasa even before 1813. Amasa left Otsego Co. after 1830 and went to Lorain County, Ohio.

Another cousin, John, son of Ephraim West, also migrated to Otsego County and lived in Plainfield.

Caleb West appears to have settled in northeastern Ohio in what was known as the Connecticut Western Reserve. The land was claimed by Connecticut by virtue of a 17th century charter from Charles I of England. When it was deemed to fall within the state of Ohio, Connecticut reserved the right to sell parcels within it to the public at fifty center per acre. Caleb settled in Guilford, Medina County, Ohio in that Reserve. Later in life he migrated to Erie County, New York.^{23d,86}

Other Wests who traced their ancestry to Berkshire County, Massachusetts are also found in the Connecticut Western Reserve according to later histories of Lorain, Portage, Summit and Medina Counties, Ohio.

Cayuga County, New York: John, Heman and Miner West

Military records show John West (son of Prince) left Granville, Washington County, New York in the late 1790's. He may have been accompanied by his brother Heman. (Storke, p. 275)^{7a,87} and cousin Miner West (son of Jonathon). A John West was listed on the rolls of the "Insolvents" in Washington Co. about that time. His Military Service Record, BLW7976 100-IS shows that he served as a seargent in Vandeburgh's 7th Co., 2nd Regiment, New York Militia. He was awarded a patent in Moravia, Cayuga County, New York for 600 acres , Lot 62, Township 13 in the Military Tract dated July 8, 1790.^{7c} The land was in Moravia, Cayuga County. He later sold the property to William Depeyster for James Aspell.^{24b} The *History of Cayuga County* remarks that one "John West, squatter" was accused by a Dr. Jackway of illegally residing on his land in Cato, Township 3 of the Military Tract in northern Cayuga County.^{7a} John forfeited the land. He left Moravia and went to Cato where his son John G. West was born in 1812.^{17a,17b}

Miner West is shown in the 1800 census for Aurelius, Cayuga County with two males and one female under age 10. No further mention of Miner has been found in New York. From a

⁸⁶ There may be a connection to Anna Gates West Case, widow of Daniel West, Jr., son of Deacon Daniel West. The widow remarried to Elihu Case and went to Medina County, Ohio.

⁸⁷ *The History of Cayuga Co.*, p. 275 states Heman was a descendant of "Ira West" [sic] and came to Cazenovia from Washington and Saratoga Counties in 1806.

guardianship record in Otsego County dated 1813, it is known that Miner's cousin, Amasa West, was granted guardianship of David West "age 17, son of Miner West of Cayuga County." It is probable that Miner had died—possibly in the War of 1812, though no military record has been found, A "David Seymour West" is mentioned in the *History of Auburn*.^{7b} He became a prosperous businessman. It is possible he is Miner's son but no proof has been found.⁸⁸ A David

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Seymour West of Cayuga County patented land in Quincy, Illinois.^{18a}

⁸⁸ John Wood of Moravia in Cayuga County founded Quincy, Adams County, Illinois. David Seymour West bought land there in 1835. A ten-year-old boy of the same name—David Seymour West--was born in 1845. He died and was buried in De Witt, Clinton County, Iowa in 1855.

Underground Railroad: John West

For his service at the Battle of Fort Erie in 1812 John West acquired a patent to land in Knox County, Illinois.^{24a}

It appears that John left Cato and settled in Madison County, New York for awhile and then migrated to Galesburg, Knox County, Illinois.^{13a}

The initial migration to Galesburg was led by John's son, Nehemiah.^{17d} Nehemiah and his wife, Catherine, came to Log City (later Galesburg) in 1836.^{17b}

John and his son, John G. West, settled at Galesburg. They were rigid puritans and noted advocates for abolition and the underground railroad between Galesburg and Quincy, Illinois. (Another West in Knox County was Charles West a Universalist minister and organizer. His connection, if any, to these other Wests is unknown.) John West helped found the First Church of Christ in Galesburg (Chapman, p. 612).^{17b}

The Wests founded the first anti-slavery society in 1838. Galesburg became the "abolition town". Knox Co. voted for James Burney, Liberty Ticket which included John G. West, pastor of "First Church" in Galesburg.

B Partridge, Lee and Tracy of Duxbury

1. The Partridges, Kent England

Two men named Partridge came to Duxbury about 1636. One, George, was the grandfather of Deacon Francis West of Tolland. The other, Ralph, was the first minister of the first church at Duxbury. Some sources say they were related but no proof has been offered.

Ralph Partridge came from Kent south of London (Savage, p. 365-366).^{1f} A case can be made that both men came from Kent. Both came to Plymouth Colony while the colony continued to attract persecuted separatists and non-conformists from England. Ralph was a Church of England cleric who came to New England to escape the oppression of the Anglican Church. It seems logical that any minister choosing to come to Plymouth Colony would support independent congregations.

It is well known that the Brownist movement had grown strong in Kent. On Sunday September 27, 1626, James Martin, in service to the King of England, discovered Brownists at Maidstone in the southeast Kent countryside. The suspects were known to have associated with the seditious publisher, Thomas Brewer, who was a wealthy widower who financed the "Pilgrim Press" of William Brewster in Leiden. Brewer was living in Leiden in 1619 when he was arrested, imprisoned, and forced to return to his Kent estates in England.(Dexter, p. 604)^{1e} He was accused of being disloyal to the Anglican church and arrested for sedition.

In his 1619 will, Brewer devised considerable portions of his estate to William Brewster and the Leiden Pilgrims. He became one of the Adventurers who financed Plymouth Plantation.^{2f,2g} Dexter cites "Martin's Detection of Brownists in Kent" which states: "The said Brewer...being a man of good estate, is the general patron of the Kentish Brownists; who by his means, daily and dangerously increase."⁸⁹

This does not prove that Brewer knew Ralph or George Partridge. However there are some curious connections. In 1622 Thomas Brewer owned and resided in a house in Leiden in the Pilgrim district called *Zevenhusen on Clocksteeg Street*. (Bangs, p. 209).^{2g} In addition to his daughter, Mercie, he provided lodging for **Stephen Tracy** and wife Tryphosa Lee, as well as Daniel Fairfield and wife Rebecca Willets.⁹⁰ Consider that **George Partridge married Stephen Tracy's** daughter, Sarah. Did the Tracy-Partridge connection begin through Brewer?

⁸⁹ Dexter (p. 604)^{1e} cites *Story*, 246).

⁹⁰ Poll Tax of Leiden, 1622 for Zevenhuysen: Kloksteeg: Tthomas Brewer house purchased from Johan la Laing 17 Jun 1617. Other residents in house, Fairfield, Tracy and Willets.

If Brewer was the "patron of the Kentish Brownists," was Ralph Partridge a sympathizer? Cotton Mather, writing a tribute to Ralph Partridge, implies he was at least a dissenter:⁹¹

"Among the many worthy persons who were persecuted into an *American Wilderness* for their Fidelity to the Ecclesiastical Kingdom of our true *David*, there was one that bore the *Name*, as well as the *State* of an *hunted Partridge*....This was *Mr. Ralph Partridge*, who for no Fault, but the *Delicacy* of his good Spirit, being distress'd by the Ecclesiastical *Setters*, had no defence, neither of *Beak*, nor *Claw*, but a *Flight* over the Ocean. The place where he took covert, was the Colony of *Plymouth* and the Town of *Duxbury* in that Colony"

Ralph was invited by the first settlers of Duxbury to come to the village as its first minister (Winsor, p. 171).^{2j}



**Historic Marker:
(Author photo 1987)**

*Site of First Church
1632
First Minister
1637-1658
Ralph Partridge*

George Partridge came to New England about 1636 and sought to acquire one of the new "Court Grants" at Duxbury. He obtained a grant at "Powder Point" and shortly another grant of twenty acres at "Green Harbor. He also had a grant of thirty acres, on the east side of Island Creek at the mouth of the Jones River on Kingston Bay. He built his home near Little Island Creek Pond.⁹² His neighbors were the ferryman, Stephen Tracy, and his wife Trifasa with their five children. Within three months George had courted and married the Tracy's eldest daughter, Sarah.

George died about 1694.⁹³

George and Sarah's daughter, Trifasa, married Samuel West the eldest son of Francis West of Duxbury. They had a son, Francis West, later known as Deacon Francis West of Tolland, Connecticut. Francis married Marcy/Mercy Miner of Stonington, Connecticut. The Miners had come to Higham, Massachusetts in the early days of the Colony and had ten children, the last to be born in Massachusetts was Joseph after which the family settled in New London in 1746. Joseph became a doctor and married Mary Avery. Their daughter, Marcy married Francis West.

⁹¹ Winsor, (page 173)^{2j} cites Cotton Mather's tribute to Ralph Partridge in *Magnalia* Chap 11, Book 3

⁹² Savage, p. 365,^{2f} Duxbury Records, p. 13,^{2d} Winsor, p. 67,^{2j} Wentworth, p. 43, 45²ⁱ

⁹³ Plymouth County Probate, Inventory 10 Oct 1695 cited in Winsor, p. 67.^{2j}

2. Stephen Tracy, Leiden Pilgrim

Stephen Tracy was a member of the Pilgrim church at Leiden, Holland. He came to Plymouth Colony aboard the ship, *Anne*, in 1623. Descendants of Francis West of Duxbury trace their direct Pilgrim ancestry through this, a distaff line. Francis' son, Samuel married Stephen Tracy's granddaughter, Trifasa Partridge.

The ancestors of Stephen Tracy prior to his grandparents is unknown. He was a devoted non-conformist—one of the Leiden Pilgrims. Could he have inherited the instinct for non-conformism from a famous Tracy of Gloucestershire—William Tracy of Toddington? In the reign of Henry VIII he refused the sacraments over his body as a matter of protest against the Church. Church officials ordered his body exhumed and his bones burned. William's survivors straddled the line between religious reform and political opportunism. They owned estates in Toddington and later acquired lands in Norwich.^{2k} Perhaps over the centuries some of these Tracy's came with the Brownist movement to Norwich prior to 1570.^{1d}

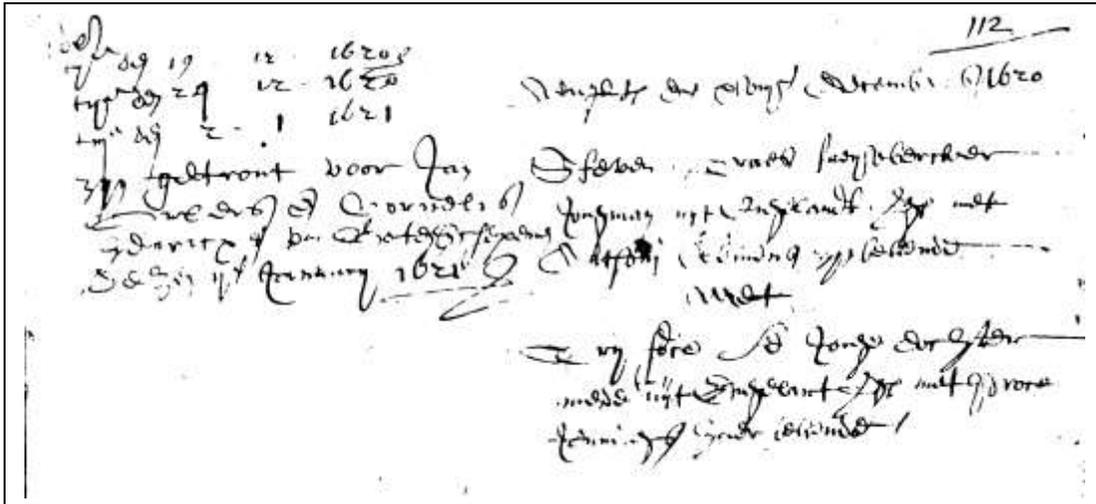
Christopher and Margaret Tracy baptized their son Stephen at East Ruston, Norfolk in 1559. Stephen Tracy Sr. removed to Great Yarmouth and became a mariner by trade. He married Agnes Erdley in Great Yarmouth, Norfolk 23 Feb 1586/7. They baptized their first son, Stephen Jr. on December 28, 1596 in Great Yarmouth. They had eight children.

So Stephen Tracy, Jr. was an infant at the time the Pilgrim movement was forming at Scrooby. He was eight years old when in 1604 John Robinson was suspended from St. Andrew's Church in Norwich, presumably for his radical teachings.

In 1606 Stephen Tracy Sr became a freeman. It is not known if he was a non-conformist, separatist, Brownist or had any religious leaning. All that is known is that son Stephen Jr. joined the Pilgrim movement by age 25 and went to Leiden where the Scrooby Pilgrims had fled for safety in response to the Queen's policy. Many of his friends in Leiden had come from Norfolk: John Jenney a brewer of Norwich who came to Duxbury; the Lee's of Norfolk—Jane Lee a friend to John Jenney; Bridget Lee married Samuel Fuller of Redenhall, Norfolk; Samuel Lee, her brother, was a friend of John Greenwood; William Greenwood of Norwich; Anna Jepson of Great Yarmouth whose marriage was witnessed by Jane Lee. Last but not least was Trifasa/Tryphosa Lee believed to have come from Norfolk.^{2b}

Stephen Tracy Jr married Trifasa Lee 1 Jan 1620/1 in Leiden. Their marriage papers list Trifasa as spinster from England and Stephen as 'say-maker' (cloth or serge maker) from England. Anthony Clemons witnessed the ceremony for Stephen and Pruce [Rose] Jennings witnessed for Trifasa.^{1e} Their daughter Sarah was born in 1623 just before Stephen sailed for Plymouth Colony on the *Anne* about April 1623. (See betrothal and marriage papers on next page.)

Image and transcript of marriage banns of Stephen Tracy and Tryphosa/Trifasa Lee
 (From the Leiden Archives, Leiden, Holland)



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	Aenget. den XVIIen Decembris 1620	(Banns)	Entered XVIIIth of December 1620
sol. 't 19 den 19. 12. 1620	STEVEN TRAES saeywercker	sol. the 1st: Dec. 19th, 1620	STEPHEN TRACEY ¹⁾ , say-
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	NINGS haer bekende.		panied by ROSE ²⁾ JENNINGS,
			her acquaintance.

1) Came over with the *Ann and Little James*.
 2) The record has *PROCE*, *ex error*.

Much has been written about the fact that Trifasa stayed behind in Leiden when Stephen sailed on the Anne.^{1c} She apparently went back to England for awhile and then obtained a license to return to Leiden so that she could board a ship in 1626. She did not go to Leiden but is believed to have been secreted aboard a supply ship going to Plymouth in the company of Edward

Winslow of the colony. Stephen had taken a woman and baby girl with him on the Anne but her identity has never been determined. The child's name was supposedly "Jane."^{1c}

The Tracy's were allotted a heifer and two goats in the division of cattle in 1627 at Plymouth. They were among the colonists that migrated north after 1627 into what became Duxbury Stephen is listed as a freeman of Duxbury in 1633. They acquired land on the Jones River and he began to operate a ferry between Plymouth and Duxbury. He was appointed constable in 1639 and grand juryman from 1640-1642. They had four more children in Plymouth Colony, three daughters between 1627 and 1632 and a son, John, born in 1633. The name "Tracy" was carried to the next generation by John who married Mary Prence, daughter of Governor Thomas Prence.

Sometime before 1652 Trifasa died and Stephen returned to England where he died at Great Yarmouth in 1656 leaving a power of attorney as shown on the next page.

1656 Bradford Govr.

A writing appointed to be recorded—

Bee it knowne unto all men whom it may Concern that I Stephen Tracye att present of great yarmouth in old England have given and doe heerby give power unto my loving friend Mr. John Winslow of Plymouth in New England to Dispose of all of my estate I have in land and cattle in Duxburrow in New England according as followeth That is to my sonne John Tracye what lands and houses I have there in Duxburrow also one yoake of oxen and one horse; And to my Daughter Ruth Tracye one cow and one two year old mare and what Cattle I have more (Maryes to cows being cast in amongst them) to be equally Devided among my five children living in New England or if god soe Despose that if any Die before this bee Donn then their pte shall goe to their Children And if any of the unmarried Die before this been Donn then their pte shall Remain att my Desposing till further order; but if all Survive the performance of what is above written then what is written is my will and my Deed in witness whereof I hereunto sett me hand:

P me Stephen Tracye

Date att London this 20th of March 1654-5 (Tracy)⁹⁴

Stephen Tracy Power of Attorney, 1656

⁹⁴ Original on file at Plymouth MA Deeds, Vol. II, p. 179.

3. Tryphosa Lee, Leiden Pilgrim

Tryphosa/Trifasa Lee joined the Pilgrim Congregation in Leiden, Holland. Her family may reach further back in time to the roots of non-conformity in England. She may have family ties to the infamous **Ancient Exiled Church**—early English non-conformists who accused of Seditious in England, fled to Amsterdam in the 1590s. One of the principal martyrs of this controversial movement was **Nicholas Lea/Lee**.^{1e} It is conceivable that Nicholas was related to Tryphosa.

The history of the Brownists and the Ancient Church in relation to the Pilgrims is explained in my *Pilgrim* web pages (www.westerly-journeys.com/pilgrims/pilg_main.html)

C West – Pilgrim Connections

1. Pilgrim ancestry through Delano/De la Noye marriages:

Jonathon Delano, town clerk, Tolland CT for 12 years, descended from Philip De la Noye, a French Huguenot, who joined the English Pilgrims at Leiden and came to Plymouth Plantation on the Fortune in 1621. (Waldo, p. 115)^{4a} His daughters married sons of Deacon Francis West of Tolland.

Amy Delano married Christopher West

Sarah Delano married Samuel West

Joanna Delano married Joseph West

The De la Noye name was associated with the *Lannoys* in Amsterdam who were Walloons.⁹⁵

2. Pilgrim West at Leiden: Martin West

Only one Pilgrim named *West* has been found in the records of the Leiden Pilgrims. He was Martin West, candlemaker, widower of Joanna_____.⁹⁶ In 1625 Martin betrothed his second wife, **Mary Lisle**, the sister of **Rose Lisle Jennings** (wife of John Jennings). These were daughters of **William Lisle** of **Great Yarmouth**, England. Rose Lisle Jennings was the witness to Tryphosa Lee's marriage to **Stephen Tracy** (Dexter. 637).^{1e} Stephen Tracy was also from Great Yarmouth. There may have been a close relationship between the Tracy's, Lisle's and Wests. It appears Martin did not come with the first three voyages of the Pilgrims to Plymouth.

3. Leiden Pilgrims from Salisbury, Wiltshire: Roger Symonds

A Pilgrim named **Roger Symonds/Symondson/Simmons** was with the Pilgrims at Leiden. No one has yet suggested he was related to Francis West of Duxbury. However he was indirectly connected to Francis. He is the only Pilgrim listed in documents as coming from Sarum (ancient part of Salisbury, England.) On 14 July 1618 he **married Sarah Willets Minter** (widow of William Minter). She was the daughter of Thomas and Alice Willets of Norwich, England. Daniel Fairfield was his witness. Roger Symonds appeared on the same day as witness with Mary Allerton to the marriage of **Rebecca Willets and Daniel Fairfield** (Dexter, pp. 625, 633).^{1f} See marriage records next page. In 1622 Rebecca and Daniel lived in Zevenhuysen long with Stephen and

⁹⁵ For discussion of Philip Delano in Leiden, see "Notes from Leiden," *New England Historical and Genealogical Register*, Vol. 154, July 2000.

⁹⁶ Dexter (p. 323-324) states that a *Jane Lee* was sometimes recorded as *Joanna Lyons*. If this Joanna was actually *Jane Lee*, then it would suggest a West-Lee relationship in Leiden.

	Aengeteyckent den XIIIen July 1618		Entered July XIIIth 1618
't 1 ^e den 21. 7. 1618	ROGIER SYMONSZ metselaer	the 1st: July 21st, 1618	ROGER SYMONSON ¹⁾ , mason,
't 2 ^e den 28. 7. 1618	jongman van Sarum in	the 2nd: July 28th, 1618	bachelor, from Sarum ²⁾ in
't 3 ^e den 4. 8. 1618	Engelant wonende tot Am- sterdam vergeselschap met	the 3d: Aug. 4th, 1618	England, dwelling at Am- sterdam, accompanied by
zyn getrouwt voor HENRICK EGBERTSZ VAN DER HALL	DANIEL FERFELT zyn toeco- mende zwager ende JAN	are married before HENRICK EGBERTSZ VAN DER HALL	DANIEL FAIRFIELD, his future
ende FRANS PIETERSZ VAN DE WERFF schepenen dezen	KERVER zyn bekende met	and FRANS PIETERSZ VAN DE WERFF, bailiffs, this	brother-in-law and JOHN CARVER, his acquaintance,
XVIII Augusti 1618.		XVIIIth of August 1618.	with
	SARA MINTHER van Noor- wits in Engelant wedue van WILLEM MINTHER wo- nende tot Leyden, vergesel- schapt met TOMAS WILLET haer vader ende AELS WILLET haer moeder.		SARAH MINTHER, from Nor- wich in England, widow of WILLIAM MINTHER, dwelling at Leyden, accompanied by THOMAS WILLET, her father and ALICE WILLET, her mother.
't 1 ^e den 21. 7. 1618	DANIEL FERFELT saeywer- cker jongman van Colcester	the 1st: July 21st, 1618	DANIEL FAIRFIELD, saywer-
't 2 ^e den 28. 7. 1618	in Engelant wonende alhier	the 2d: July 28th, 1618	ker, bachelor from Colches-
't 3 ^e den 4. 8. 1618	tot Leyden vergeselschap met ROGIER SYMONSZ zyn toecomende zwager	the 3d: Aug. 4th, 1618	ter in England dwelling here at Leyden, accompanied
zyn getrouwt voor HENRICK EGBERTSZ VAN DER HALL	met	are married before HENRICK EGBERTSZ VAN DER HALL	by ROGER SYMONSON ³⁾ , his
ende FRANS PIETERSZ VAN DE WERFF schepenen desen		ende FRANS PIETERSZ VAN DE WERFF schepenen dezen	future brother in law
XIII Augusti 1618.	REBECCA WILLET jongedoch- ter van Noorwits in Enge- landt vergeselschap met MARY ALLERTON haer bekende.	XIIIth of August 1618.	with
			REBECCA WILLET ⁴⁾ , spinster, from Norwich in England, accompanied by MARY ALLER- TON, her acquaintance.

1) Probably SIMMONS.

2) Salisbury.

3) SIMMONS.

4) Two WILLET sisters married the same day, one of them a widow.

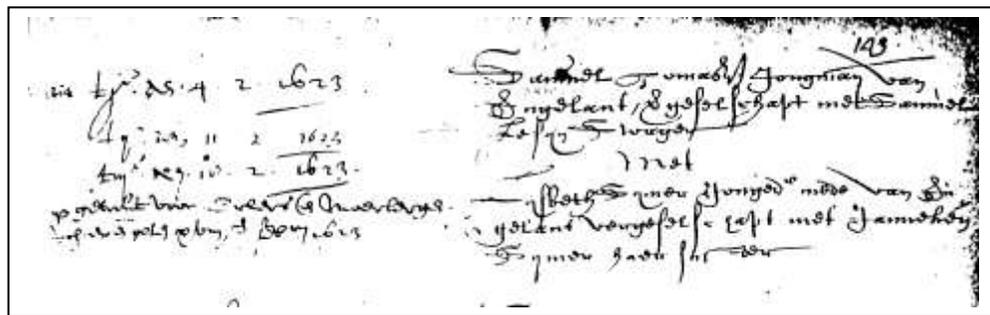
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***Transcript of marriages of Roger Simmons/Symonds and Sarah Minter
and Daniel Fairfield and Rebecca Willets***

(From the Leiden Archives, Leiden, Holland)

4. Pilgrim Thomas's at Leiden: Samuel Thomas

Among the Leiden Pilgrims was a **Samuel Thomas** who married Elizabeth Seymour in 1623. (Dexter, p. 636) ^{1e} **Samuel Lee** appeared as witness. (It is not yet proven than Samuel Lee was related to Tryphosa Lee, wife of Stephen Tracy.) **Samuel Thomas** had a sister in Leiden named Sarah who married first, William Talbot and then married **Samuel Lee** in 1621. Samuel remained in Leiden. Therefore **Sarah Thomas Lee** probably remained in Leiden. (Dexter, 623). There is no evidence of a direct connection between this Samuel Thomas and Mr. Thomas of Marshfield. ^{971e}



GEMEENTEARCHIEF LEIDEN Raadhuisrechtboek B. fol. 143 recto.		ARCHIVES LEYDEN Betrothalboek B. fol. 143 recto.	
143		143	
<i>solvit</i>	(Aenget. den lesten January 1623)	<i>solvit</i>	(Entered January xxxist 1623)
't 1 ^e den 4. 2. 1623	SAMUEL TOMASZ jongman van	the 1st: Febr. 4th 1623	SAMUEL THOMASSON, ¹⁾ bachelor, from England, accompanied by SAMUEL LEE, his brother-in-law,
't 2 ^e den 11. 2. 1623	Engelant vergeselschap	the 2d: Febr. 11th 1623	with
't 3 ^e den 18. 2. 1623	met SAMUEL LE syn zwager	the 3d: Febr. 18th 1623	ELISABETH SEYMOUR, spinster, also from England, accompanied by JANE SEYMOUR, her sister.
zyn getrouet voor ORLERS	met	and MOERBERGEN bailiffs,	
ende MOERBERGEN schepe-	LYSBETH SYMER, jongedoch-	on the xviiiith of Febr.	
nen opten xviii ^e Februy	tejr mede van Engelant	1623.	
1623.	vergeselschap met JANNEKEN		
	SYMER haer suster		
't 1 ^e den 4. 2. 1623	CLAES JANSZ laeckenwercker		
't 2 ^e den 11. 2. 1623	jongman van Tilburch in		
't 3 ^e den 18. 2. 1623	Brabant vergeselschap met		

Image and transcript of marriage banns of Samuel Thomas and Elizabeth Seymour

(From the Leiden Archives, Leiden, Holland)

⁹⁷ A Nathaniel Thomas has signed later Marshfield documents. (Winsor, p.p. 15, 17)^{2j}

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8. Ontario/Wayne/Orleans Cos. NY

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9. Hartwick, Otsego Co. NY

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Obituary: Prince West in *Otsego, [NY] Herald*, 16 Jun 1828: "French & Indian War and Revolutionary War soldier;" *Freedonia [NY] Censor*, Vol. 8, #12, 18 Jun 1828: "Deacon Prince West of Hartwick died June 4, 1828 in his 93rd year."

Cemeteries of Hartwick: Dea. Prince West d. 4 Jun 1828 at 93 years. Hannah, wife of Prince, d. 31 Aug 1811 at age 69

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b. Amasa West:

Otsego County Guardianship Letters, 1803-1816: p. 21: Amasa West of Hartwick granted guardianship of David West, age 17, of Cayuga County, NY, son of Miner West, dated 14 Sep 1813.

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c. Prince West, Jr.

Cemeteries of Hartwick: Prince West, Jr. d. 8 Aug 1828 at 42 years. Otsego County Rachel West, first wife of Prince West, Jr., d. 30 May 1813 at age 29 y 7 m , 8 d Rachel West, dau of Prince West, Jr. and Rachel. D. 2 Jun 1813 at 21 d John P. West, son of Prince West, Jr. and Lura, d. 11 Jul 1835 at age 10, drowned Hiram West, son of Prince West, Jr. and Lura d. 3 Oct 1824 at 14 m

Guardianship Letters, 1816: p.221: Granted to Lura West, wife of Prince West, Jr. of Hartwick, mother of Stephen G. West (son of Prince West, Jr. age 7yrs (Sep 1 last) to protect Stephen's estate until he is 14. Dated 9 July 1829; ditto for Henry C. West, age 12, 27 May; ditto John P. West, age 3, Sept 2 last.

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Cemeteries of Hartwick: Sylvanus West d. 3 Mar 1837 at 64 years. Wealthy, wife of Sylvanus died 20 Apr 1832 at age 54; infant son of Sylvanus died 5 May 1814

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f. Christopher West

Cemeteries of Hartwick: Christopher West d. 5 Jul 1822 at 48 years.
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g. Philo West

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3:361, 1823, + more Orson West and wife Olive

8-594 Daniel West et al of Town of Brighton, 12 Feb 1821, for lot 20, in# 13, T7R, 2d div [**for Presbyterian Church**]

19:437 State of Connecticut to Orson West

28:42 and 49:281 Ira West Estate and Guardianship: Adm. Elisha West of Rochester, 1832. Guardianship of minor children, Legatees: Mary E., Daniel T., William A. Julia, Martha, Delea B.

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59:206 Elijah West of Henrietta, 27 Dec 1842 land in Brighton

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West Family bio RDD 19 Apr 1845, 2:2. Box 21-- A retrospective drawn from newspaper files of 1817-1818.

Marriage—Pelatiah to Huldah Green at Geneva. Notes [1845] that Mrs West now lives in Palmyra where he husband died about 8 years ago.

Obit-- Elizabeth, wife of Deacon Daniel West died in Brighton, 16 Oct 1817 at age 62
Deacon Daniel West, RO 12 Mar 1830, Vol IV #11 41:1 ordained deacon 1st Presb. Church 18__

Ira West Obit, RDA 7 Apr 1832, 2:5; pioneer RDA 6 Oct 1847, 2:6

Ira West Obit—RO, 11 Apr 1833, Vol VI # 15 3:5 died after lingering consumption at age 46; oldest settler of Rochester opening store in 1812

Daniel West-- RO 12 Mar 183—on roll of pioneers

Pelatiah West Obit—RDD, Box 5-- 11 Feb 1836: 2:5 Died in Palmyra on 6th very suddenly.

Pelatah obit RDD 11 Feb 1836. See also *History of Wayne Co., NY* p. 142-3. Possibly mentions Pelatah, a son living in 1877.

William West Obit—RDD Box 21-- son of late Ira West died 20 May 1845 aged 27

Henry W. West Obit—RDD, Box 22--29 Jul 1845,died in Clarkson at age 26 (b. 1819)

Daniel Tracy West (son of Ira West) Obit --RDD 16 Jun 1842, 3:1

Elizabeth West --marr 18 Feb 1846, 2:6

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11. Chautauqua Co., NY

- a. Rev. Amasa West and wife Sarah of Mayville,

Chautauqua County Recorder: Deed to Deming for Westfield property 17-4-20 Bk 5 p. 275;
Amasa property in Westfield 1812-1822

- b. Joshua West

Joshua West of Pomphret m. Fatima Barnes of Portland 7 Feb 1827. *Fredonia Censor* Vol 6 #45. Obit : d. at 85. Old res of Portland. Fatima d. 13 Jun 1872 b. 1787

- c. Carlos West

Carlos West buys from Willick & Co., lot 73 T6 R11, Deed Bk. 6:374, 1828, and lot 30, T 6 R11, Sheridan, Bk 23:507, 1838. (Also shown in Hanover in 1830 census). Carlos and Fatima

12. Herkimer Co. NY

- a. Daniel West and Elijah Gates both of Lenox, MA, 1805, Bk 1:518 "\$300 + \$200 given to daughter Anna, wife of Daniel. Her share of estate of Elijah. Tract on ss Mohawk, Byard's Pat. #3B

13. Madison Co., NY

- a. Madison Co., NY Historical Society Cards on Revolutionary Soldiers (Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Family History Library (LDS) film 1276127#2-1276128)

14. Medina Co. OH

- a. *History of Medina County, OH* (Philadelphia: Baskin & Battey Historical Publishers, 1881)

15. Lorain Co. OH

- a. *Commemorative Biographical Record of the Counties of Huron and Lorain Ohio* (Chicago: J.H. Beers & Co., 1894)

Amasa West, blacksmith b. 9 Jun 1817, Berkshire Co. MA, son of Joshua West and Mary Newell

- b. *History of Lorain County, Ohio with Illustrations and Biographical Sketches*

- c. *Cemetery Inscriptions. of Lorain Co. OH*, p. 455: West Herrick Cemetery, Wellington.

Amasa West d. 15 Jun 1846 at 80 y 8 m 24 d; Bathsheba

- d. Lorain Co., OH Probate Court Records of Death, Vol. 1 1867-1878

- e. Lorain Co. Cemeteries posted at Rootsweb:

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ohlorain/cems/pittsfield.html>

South Pittsfield or Whitney Cemetery, Pittsfield Township

Amasa West 1817-1897

Nancy D. wife of Amasa West, 1831-1885

Joshua West d. Nov 16 1854

Mary, wife [dates illegible]

Washington West Nov 24, 1801 – Feb 20, 1869

Polly, wife, Jul 30, 1807 – Sep 20, 1898

16. Summit Co. and Portage Co. OH

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Warham West to Ann Hamlin, 7 Jun 1821.

Oliver West to Phebe Messenger 13 Oct 1842

William P. West to Sally Ann Webb, 29 Mar 1838

Amasa West to Hannah Lyman 14 Oct 1840

b. ____ Doyle, *History of Summit Co. OH, 1885.* p. 253

Warham West, early doctor, b. 1791, Lee, MA

c. Portage County Estate: Portage Co. Hist. Soc. File 19: Warham West, 19 Oct 1822

d. Summit County Deeds:

Erastus West sold T1 R10 Tract2, Springfield to John Boorsinger in 1819 (Rec Bk EP157

Jonathan West of Ontario Co. NY 1817: 147 ac, Tract/Lot 2, Springfield; sold by the Sheriff for taxes to John Hamilton.(Related to Jonathon West born in Lee, MA whose mother was Elizabeth Hamilton. (Rec Bk C:242)

Samuel West, 1 May 1832: bought 80 ac.--east pt Tract #9, lot 13, in Coventry Township (then Portage Co.) Wits: Lydia Macy, M. Macy (See also Erastus West, Livonia, Ontario Census)

Abel West of Richmond, Berkshire Co. MA, 1815: sold land in Northampton Township to Isaac Parsons (Rec.in Bk C:44); also bought T2 R16, 310 ac and T3 R11 lot 13, Stow,A reference to J from Alfred Perry (Rec Bk E:429) (See also estate of Abel West of Cato, Cayuga Co. NY

Lewis West 1821 grant to Andrew WoodsE399 Northampton. See Lewis in Otsego Co.

Census 1830 Samuel, aurora portage

Warham West, 1821

17. Galesburg, Knox Co. IL

a. *Portrait and Biographical Album of Knox County, IL* (Chicago: Biographical Pub. Co, **1886**), pp 766-768

b. Charles C. Chapman, *History of Knox Co., IL* (Chicago: Blakeley, Brown and Marsh Printers, **1878**) p. 406, 628, 713

c. W. Seldon Gates, George Candel Gates, *Historical Encyclopedia of Illinois* (Chicago & New York: Munsell Publishing Co., **1899**) p. 770 see also pp 209-210 (underground railroad)

- d. Ernest Elmo Calkins, *They Broke the Prairie: being some account of the settlement of the Upper Mississippi Valley by religious and educational pioneers told in terms of one city, Galesburg and of one college, Knox* (New York: Scribners, ____).
- e. 1850 U.S. Census, Knox Co. IL and 1880 U.S. Census, Knox Co. IL for John G. West
- f. Knox County Database online. .
- g. Albert: Perry, *History of Knox County, Illinois*, Vol. 1 (Chicago: The S.J. Clarke Publishing Co., 1912)
- h. Galesburg Public Schools, History and Work 1861-1911 (Galesburg Board of Education, 1811)

18. Quincy, Adams Co. IL

- a. U.S. Patent to David Seymour West of Cayuga Co., NY for land in Adams County, IL, at Sec. 10, 11, Twp. 3S, Rge. 5W, 4th Mer., 10 Dec 1835, Patent 3940_.497

19. De Witt, Clinton Co., IA

- a. *History of Clinton Co. Iowa*(_____)p. 544, 749

20. Family Bibles

- a. West Family Bible, descendants of Pelatiah West through Daniel West and Orson West. (Photocopies at Landmark Soc. of Western New York. Original entries probably made by Caroline E. West Knickerbocker of Albion, Calhoun Co., MI. Current ownership of original bible unknown.)
- b. Mabee Family Bible (Photocopies at Landmark Soc. of Western New York.)

21. Census Records

- a. U.S. Census, Granville, Washington Co., NY, 1800—surname “West”: Prince, John, Amos, Christopher, Heman, Caleb. 1810: Caleb; 1820: Caleb, Ebenezer
- b. 1825 State Census Granville, Washington Co.: Caleb, Daniel, Martin, Truman, Jonathan, widow Ruth, Elisha, Samuel, Ezra, Aaron, Abraham
- c. U.S. Census, Monroe Co. NY 1820, 1830: 1820 Thomas West 2 males b. 1810-1819; 1 male b.1795-1804; 1 female b. 1810-1819 and Thomas and wife b. aft 1770. 1830 Thomas 1 male b. 1815-1819; 1 male b. 1800-1829, Thoas b. 1770-1870 Samuel b. 1780-1789 with 1 male b 1825-1829. Henry male b. 1780-1789

- d. U.S. Census Cayuga Co., NY: **1800-Aurelius**: Miner West --children, 2 males and 1 female b. 1790-1799, and adult male and female b. 1756-1774; **1810-Cato**: John West--children—1 male and 2 females b. 1800-1809, 3 males and 4 females b. 1795-1800

22. Abstracts of Revolutionary War Pension Files

- a. Caleb West, MA line; widow Bathsheba application W22561. Giving birth, parent, wife, residence at Lee, MA, Hamburg, Erie Co.NY, Guilford, Medina Co. OH.

23. Revolutionary War Service Records

- a. Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors in the War of the Revolution, Vol 16 (Boston: Wright & Potter, 1907)
- b. Index to Service Records of the Revolutionary War, p. 2941
- c. Military Service Record, John West for service under Capt Vandeburgh's 7th Co., Second Reg. New York Militia, Albany, BLW7076, dated July 8, 1790.

24. Bounty Land Patents

- a. War of 1812 Land Patents, Knox Co. IL: John West: Warrant 13371, Service as private in Marston's Regiment of Infantry at Battle of Fort Erie. (Accession # IL 5150_.269, for nw ¼ Sec 1, T 11N R3E, Knox Co. IL, 100 acres ,dated 18 Feb 1818 based on Scrip Warrant Act of 6 May 1812.
- b. Officers and Non-Commissioned Officers Entitled to Bounty Lands: John West for land in Military Tract, Onondaga Co., New York (filed by Lt. John Connolly 5 May 1785.)

25. Cemeteries:

26. Unproven or questionable lineage files:

a. SAR

Alonzo Miner West, father of David West, unproven SAR file, 1962, Sleeper

b. DAR

Jonathon West: wife, Elizabeth Hamilton, children Susanna (m. Jesse Symonds), Lydia (m. Harvey Hickox), Thomas (m. Thirza Skiff), Jonathon (m. Maria Sheldon); unproven DAR Patriot. Index, Vol III. [Birth in Williamstown, MA of wife?] Find the source.

c. Ancestry of Belle Cameron Coleman

Compiled by Jackson W. Alward, NY, typescript, nd (Copy available at Landmark Society of Western New York, Rochester, NY.)

d. Ancestral chart of Ruth West Warren, San Jose, CA

e. Rootsweb

Amasa West and Bathsheba Hatch

Sally Benedict and Alvah West

John West and Sallie Woodcock, World Connect at Rootsweb, posted by Bob Miller
ID16676

f. Ancestry.com

Joshua West and Thankful Nye

27. Calhoun County, MI

- a. Albion Michigan land patents 40 ac Sec 23, 400 ac Sec 27, 80 ac Sec 26 T3S R4W in Patents dated 1835-1839. Bureau of Land Management, General Land Office.
- b. Marriage Index and Marriages of Calhoun Co. MI, Bk 1:6
- c. Eaton County MI Marriage Certificate, Liber 1:9

28. California Wagon Parties

- a. *Frontier Guardian*, Kaneshville, IA, 16 May 1849, p. 2. Steamer Daahcota wrecked while crossing Missouri River. The Albion Company stranded a week, 2 May 1849.
- b. Louis Rasmussen, California Wagon Train Lists, Vol. 1 (Colma, CA: San Francisco Historical Records, Nd) p. 58 lists George and A. West in the Albion Company.
- c. "Letters Remaining at the Salt Lake City Post Office," *The Deseret*, 30 June 1850 in Lois A. Dove, *Wagon Trains of 1849-1865* (Sacramento: np, June 1989), p. 116, George and Addison West.
- d. 1852 California State Census, El Dorado County, Kelsey: George West, 32-year-old miner from Michigan (b. NY)

29 DesMoines, Polk Co., IA

- a. Polk County Deaths, p. 951.

- b. Des Moines, Ia: Woodland Cem. : Orson West lot 10 bl 32, City of Des Moines IA Cemetery Inventory , Burial Data Printout , Research Comm. IGS NET P O Box 7735 Des Moines IA
- c. Redington, Rachel, "Woodlawn Cemetery," in *Iowa Gravestone Records*, Polk County, Vol. 5 (Des Moines: 1955)

30. Latter Day Saints (Mormon) Records

- a. Patriarchal Blessing Index, Vol. 5, p. 195, blessing 9 Sep 1845, Nauvoo, IL
- b. Mormon Pioneer Cemetery, Winter Quarters, Omaha, NE, grave #5, Alvy West, 51; Sally West 46, Julia Ann West, 17 months.
- c. Pioneers of 1847, Part 6

31. War of 1812 Pension Files

- a. Joshua West, Mary A. Widow's Pension file WC-29302, service under Capt. McQueen's Co. of NY Militia

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