

**Documentation Files - Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants**

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**File #304:**

[Handwritten statement]

I, George A. Monroe of Attleboro Mass, being duly sworn depose and say.

That Benjamin Monroe was my Grandfather, born at Rehoboth Mass. on August 24th 1779, died at Rehoboth Mass. September 15th 1862, married at Dighton Mass. on May 1801 to Ruth Cummings, born at Tolland Conn. on April 17th 1782 died at Rehoboth Mass. on November 22nd 1857 - Their son was my father Charles Church Monroe, born in Rehoboth Mass.

December 28th 1815, died in Attleboro Mass. March 12th 1883. married to Delia Taber, my mother in Fairhaven Mass.

December 23rd 1842, born in Fairhaven Mass. July 4th 1817 and died in Fairhaven Mass. January 18th 1859--

[signed] George A. Monroe

Subscribed and sworn to, this 24th day of August, A.D. 1921 - Before me, Frank I. Babcock, Notary Public

**File #307:**

[Handwritten letter dated East Sumner, Me. - June 8, 1897]

Dear Miss Varney -

John Varney and Abigail Standish were married April 26, 1820 ["Vol. 1 p. 217" in G.E.B.'s hand in the margin]

John Varney was born Apr. 4-1798 - Abigail Standish was born April 13 - 1802 -

This is all there is in Sumner records regarding the facts you asked for-

My bill will be ten cents -

Sincerely,

L.B. Heald - Town Clerk, East Sumner, Maine

[Handwritten letter]

Mary S./Wife of/Ellis Standish/Died/Sept. 24, 1856/Age 79.

State of Maine, County of Somerset, September 26, 1912

Personally appeared Glenn P. [Viles?] Town Clerk of Flagstaff, and made oath that the death record ["book" interlined] of said town does not record deaths as far back as 1856, but that the above is a true copy of the inscription on a headstone in the cemetery at Flagstaff and that the older inhabitants of said town have told him that this woman's maiden name was Bradford and that she was living in the town with her son, Ellis Standish, at the time of her death, before me.

David A. Butler Justis of the Peace

File #310:

[Handwritten affidavit]

In the Probate Records for Dukes County, Vol. II, p 14 Thomas Daggett, in his will dated July 8, 1726, - proved Oct - 1726 names "my daughter Thankful."

In the Probate Records for Dukes County - Vol. II, p. 79. Elizabeth Daggett, in her will dated Dec. 25, 1731, - proved Jan. 21, 1733, names "my daughter Thankful Daggett"

In the Probate Records for Dukes County Vol. III, p. 98. John Butler in his will dated Nov. 10, 1733, - proved Oct. 3, 1738 says: "I give and bequeath to my son Zephaniah late deceased's children (viz.) to Shubael and Sarah Butler" -

Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Dukes County ss

I Beriah [T.?] Hillman, Register of the Probate Court for said County hereby certify the above-written statements to be true.

Beriah T. Hillman, Register of Probate Court

March 31, 1792. Date of birth of ~~Capt.~~ Samuel Osborn found on Census of Dukes County taken in 1850 by Richard L. Pease Assistant Marshal.

May 3, 1797. Date of birth of Mary Tuck (~~Cleveland~~) Osborn found on Census of Dukes County - taken in 1850 by Richard L. Pease, Assistant Marshal.

Sept. 1[7 written over 9], 1829. Date of birth of Caroline F. Osborn found on Census of Dukes County taken in 1850 by Richard L. Pease, Assistant Marshal.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts,

Dukes County ss. Edgartown, Dec. 18, 1897

I hereby certify that I have this day examined what purports to be a copy of the census of Edgartown Dukes County taken in 1850 by Richard L. Pease Assistant Marshal, made by him: that the copy appears to be genuine that the date of the births of Samuel Osborn, Mary T. Osborn, and Caroline F. Osborn are stated therein as stated above.

Beriah T. Hillman, Register of Probate Court

Old Church Record

Shubael Butler and Sarah Butler the children of Thankful Daggett by a former husband were baptized Dec. 9. 1722 Vol. I

Brotherton Daggett, son of Thankful Daggett the wife of Brotherton Daggett was baptized Feb. 7. 1725. Vol. I

[Extracts from New England Historical and Genealogical Register LI(April 1897) p. 196. "Tombstones in Old Cemetery at Edgartown Mass." - not transcribed]

Sept. 6, 1783. Date of the death of "the Widow Daggett - ae. 89." is recorded by the Rev. Joseph Thaxter in his Diary of Deaths.

Dec. 29, 1778. Date of death of "Mary, the wife of Brotherton Daggett, Esq., ae. 48 found on a Record of Deaths kept by the Rev. Samuel Kingsbury, pastor of the church in Edgartown, Mass.

May 13, 1783. Date of death of Brotherton Daggett, Esq., ae. 59, found on a Record of Deaths kept by the Rev. Joseph Thaxter, pastor of the church in Edgartown, Mass.

In August 1802 is recorded the death of Tristram Cleveland, ae. 30., who was lost at sea the February previous, by Rev. Joseph Thaxter in his Diary of Deaths.

Feb. 23, 1821. Date of death of Widow Susannah Cleveland, ae. 54, found on a Record of Deaths kept by the Rev. Joseph Thaxter - pastor of the church in Edgartown, Mass.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Dukes County, ss. Edgartown Dec. 18, 1897. This is to certify that I Beriah T. Hillman Register of the Probate Court in and for said County of Dukes County have this day examined what is claimed to be a private memorandum or record kept by Rev. Samuel Kingsbury and Rev. Joseph Thaxter pastor of the church in Edgartown: that it appears to be genuine: that the dates of the deaths of the persons herein named are therein stated, as stated herein.

Beriah T. Hillman, Register of Probate Court

**File #312:**

[Handwritten affidavits]

Boston Mass.

This will certify that I am the son of Leonard Plimpton and his wife Sarah Turner Lane, and that the said Sarah Turner Lane was the daughter of Benjamin Turner Lane and his wife Lucy Stetson.

[signed] James L. Plimpton

[G.E.B note.: Brewster, 2. Jonathan, 3. Mary, 4. Benjamin Turner, 5. Benjamin Turner]

**File #315:**

[Handwritten affidavit; Seal of Town of Canterbury, Conn. affixed]

Sibbel Daughter of Elijah and Elizebeth Dyer was born in Norwich December the 29th Day 1761.

Luther son of David and Lydia Paine was born April 16th 1760.

Luther Paine and Sibbel Dyer were married Jan. 9th 1783.

Thomas Luther son of Luther and Sibbel Paine was Born June 15, 1793.

I certify the above is a true copy as per record appears.

[signed] Frank Hoxsie, Town Clerk

[G.E.B. margin notes: Bradford, 2. William, 3. Alice (Bradford) Adams, 4. Abigail Fitch, 5. Elijah Dyer]

**File #321:**

[Handwritten affidavits, words in brackets added in handwriting of Benjamin G. Adams]

Record of Grandfather Adams family

[Grandfather] Ebenezer Adams was born, June 20th 1753

[Grandmother] Lydia Adams was born, February 12th 1758

[Uncle] John H. Adams was born, November 20th 1779

[Aunt] Joanna Adams was born, December 3d 1781

[Uncle] Ebenezer Adams Jr. was born, June 5th 1784

[Aunt] Nancy Adams was born, May 11th 1786

[Aunt] Betsey Adams was born, March 9th 1790

[Aunt] Salley Adams was born, June 18th 1792

[Uncle] Hanson H. Adams was born, November 7th 1794

[My Father] James Adams was born, July 19th 1798

The above is a true copy of the births of your Grandfather Ebenezer Adams and his children taken from the original family Bible which I have now in my possession.

[signed] Benj. G. Adams

State of New Hampshire, County of Rockingham S.S.

Seabrook December 31st, 1896

I John M. Weare Justice of the Peace for the State and Notary Public Aged 82 years Depose and Say I have known Mrs. Mrs. [sic] Hariet N. Janverin Huntington of Amesbury Mass. I was well acquainted with William Janverin of Seabrook N.H. and Mrs. Mary Walton Janverin the Father and mother of Mrs. J. R. Huntington. I also vary well remember Mr. William Janverin the Father of William and grandfather of Mrs. Huntington he Died Feb. 3d 1839, Aged 79 years. The Javerin Burying Lot in this Town Represents on the Head Stone Abigail Adams wife of William Janverin Died in Seabrook Oct. 17th 1806 Aged 42 years.

[signed] John M. Weare

[G.E.B. margin note: Alden, 2. Ruth, 3. Hannah Bass]

Newington N.H. Dec. 31, 1896

I hereby certify that the following is a true copy of a part of the Congregational Church Records at Newington N. H.:

"Joseph Adams was married to Mrs. Eliza<sup>th</sup> Janvrin, viz: Oct. 13, 1720."

"Joseph, son to Joseph & Elizabeth Adams was born Jan. 17, 1723."

"August, 19, 1764. Abigail, daughter to Mr. Joseph Adams and Johanna his wife, was baptised"

The record further stated that "Mr Adams was ordained Nov 16, 1715. He continued his ministerial labours until Jan 7, 1783 and died May 26, 1783, being almost 95 years old"

[signed] Jackson M. Hoyt Clerk of Church

Rockingham ss, State of New Hampshire, December 31, 1896

Personally appeared the above named Jackson M. Hoyt and made oath that the above statement by him signed is true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Before me, Frederick Pickering Justice of the Peace.

From record of legal marriages in the town of Barnstead N.H. in the year 1808  
Ebenezer Adams Jr. and Miss Sally Colbath both of Barnstead.

Charles Hodgdon Jun. Town Clerk

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the record of the legal marriage of the above named parties as found on page 36 in book of records from 1806 to 1836"

[signed] John D. Nutter, Town Clerk

Belknap S.S. Barnstead Dec 10th 1897

Personally appeared the above named John D. Nutter, Town Clerk of Barnstead and made oath that the above certificate signed by him is true

[signed] John George, Notary Public

**File #323:**

[Affidavit on letterhead of Office of Town Clerk, The Town of Middleborough, Mass., Dec. 2, 1897]

This is to certify that the following is a true extract of the record of marriages in the Town of Middleborough Page 88 -

Matthew Cushing, age 27 - son of Matthew H. and Polly S. who was born in Middleborough and Edith I. Bartlett, age 25, daughter of Bradford D. W. and Sarah E. born in Boonton, N.J. was married in Middleborough Oct. 21. 18[8?]6 by W<sup>m</sup> M. Bowen clergyman.

Attest, A. M. Bearse, Town Clerk

[Affidavit on letterhead of Town Clerk and Treasurer, Easton, Mass., Feb. 25, 1899]

Sarah, daughter of Thomas Willis and Deborah, his wife, born August 31, 1792

A true copy from Record of Births in the Town of Easton, Mass.

Attest, Geo. G. Withington, Town Clerk

[G.E.B. note: Cooke, 2. Jane, 3. Jacob Mitchell, 4. Thomas, 5. Timothy, 6. Abiel, 7. Deborah, 8. Sarah Willis] {ed. note: This line is no longer accepted by the Society}

[Undated certificate attested to by William R. Tabor, Town Clerk]

State of Massachusetts, County of Plymouth, Town of Wareham

Bradford D. Bartlett was born in Wareham on July the thirty first in the year eighteen hundred and thirty three"

**File #325:**

[Handwritten affidavit]

I, Maria Elisabeth Donnell of Houlton, Maine, hereby certify that the following is a true copy from "Family Record" in my Family Bible. - Births,

Hannah Phillips Hammatt, (daughter of William Hammatt and his wife Esther Phillips Parsons) was born in Plymouth Mass. Mar. 7, 1809. Hazen Mitchell was born in Bath, N. H. Oct 21, 1802. - Marriages -

Hazen Mitchell & Hannah Phillips Hammatt were married June 2, 1829 in Howland, Me. - Births -

Maria Elisabeth Mitchell (daughter of above) was born in Bangor, Me. April 16, 1830. Jotham Donnell was born in Alna, Me. Nov. 18, 1814 - Marriages -

Maria Elisabeth Mitchell & Jotham Donnell were married in Bangor, Me. Aug. 21, 1848. Their son William Cushing Donnell was born in Houlton, Me. Oct 18, 1849.

[signed] Maria Elisabeth Donnell

State of Maine, County of Aroostook, ss. Houlton Maine Dec 27th 1897

Personally appeared Maria Elizabeth Donnell signer of above statement and made solemn oath that said statement is true.

Before me William F. Braden, Notary Public

**File #328:**

[Handwritten statement]

"Married Dec. 24, 1789 by Sam<sup>1</sup> Nickels Esq. Jonathan Hatch of Bristol and Nancy Barstow of NewCastle

Sam<sup>1</sup> Nickels, Town Clerk"

I hereby certify the above is a true copy of the records of the town of NewCastle, Me.

Alex Farnham, Town Clerk, of NewCastle Me.

New Castle Me. Dec 8, 1897 -

State of Maine, Lincoln County, ss. Dec. 8, 1897

Personally appeared before me a Notary Public within and for Said County Alexander Farnham Town Clerk of the Town of NewCastle Lincoln County Maine, and as such Custodian of the records of Said Town, personally known to me and acknowledged that the above abstract from said Town records to be true and correct.

[signed] Joel P. Huston, Notary Public

[Handwritten affidavit]

The following quotation is made from a letter dated Milbridge, Maine, Aug. 17, 1897, from Joseph Clark's oldest sister, Mrs Hannah (Clark) Mitchell, born March 16, 1820.

"My mother's name was Asenath Hatch, town of Nobleboro; her father was Jonathan Hatch, her mother was Nancy Bastow of Newcastle. My mother's grandfather Elisha Hatch lived in town of Bristol."

In another letter, dated Oct. 24, 1897, the same Mrs. Mitchell says, "my great grandfather Elisha Hatch lived in Bristol; his children all born there; he died there - I can remember him."

The above Elisha Hatch died Sept. 15, 1843, aged 100 yrs., 5 months, 9 days, as stated on his gravestone at Bristol, erected by his son.

[signed] Emily Loring Clark"

State of Massachusetts, County of Middlesex, ss.

Newton, Dec. 30, 1897.

Personally appeared Emily Loring Clark signer of the foregoing statement, and made oath that the statements therein contained are true to the best of her knowledge and belief.

Before me, C. C. Partridge, Justice of the Peace

[The following, in G.E.B.'s handwriting, is entitled "Elder Phinehas Pillsbury's Journal - Nobleboro, Maine - 1808-1836."]

"Copied from the original by Miss Maude E. Phillips. April, 1902."

Original was in possession of T. G. Pillsbury, Nobleboro, Maine, in 1902.

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"Tuesd. 19 (Dec. 1815) rode to Br. Jona. Hatch's to mar. his daug. Aseneth to Mr. Alexander Clark of Jef."

[File completed]

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