

Notes and findings related to the possibility of Hannah Langley actually being Hannah Leathers (of currently unknown descent).



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### Abednego and Sarah (1779)

On 8 June 1799 in the town of Northwood, N.H., Sarah Langley married Abednego Leathers, the third generation of his family using this famous biblical given name. Several court orders, mortuary and death records show that at least eight children were probably born to this couple; six of them inexplicably changed their last name: one to the name "Orange," and five others taking their mother's maiden name "Langley." The 1834 court order that directed the change of name for several of the children also directed their mother, Sarah Leathers, to return to her Langley maiden name.

Abednego Leathers retained his last name as shown in the 1840 census in Somersworth, N.H., with a woman of Sarah's age living in his household, so possibly still together. He died before Sarah; she continued to use Sarah Langley, shown living with her daughter in the 1850 census age 70.

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## New Hampshire Name Changes 1834

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### LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*AN ACT to alter the names of certain persons therein mentioned BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in the General Court convened, That from and after the passge of this act, the several persons herein named shall be called and known by the names which by this act they are respectively allowed to assume, viz:*

Thomas Jefferson Leathers of Somersworth may take the name of Thomas Jefferson Orange

Nathaniel Franklin Leathers of Somersworth may take the name of Nathaniel Franklin Langley

Susan Garland Leathers of Somersworth may take the name of Susan Garland Langley

Sarah Leathers of Somersworth may take the name of Sarah Langley

Mariah Leathers of Somersworth may take the name of Mariah Langley

Alexander Whitehouse Daniels of Barnstead may take the name of John Alexander Whitehouse Daniels

Israel Weston of Campton may take the name of Dudley Straw

Israel Straw of Campton may take the name of Israel Weston

Daniel Annis of Warner may take the name of Matthew D. Annis

William M. Hunt of Hawke, may take the name of Wm. W. Merrill

Lorenzo Dow Huntress of Hillsborough may take the name of Lorenzo Dow

Frederick Johnson Clark of Walpole may take the name of Frederick Clark Johnson



# Rockingham County Registry of Deeds

CATHY ANN STACEY  
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Received and Recorded 20<sup>th</sup> August 1821. Seth Walker R.d.r.  
Abiel Foster Justice Peace.

Langley wife  
to  
Shelden.

Know all men by these presents, That I Moses Langley of  
Nottingham in the County of Rockingham Yeoman, and Polly  
Langley wife unto the said Moses, For & in consideration of the sum of  
Fifty Dollars, to us in hand before the delivery hereof, paid by Amos  
Shelden of Portsmouth, in said County Butcher, the receipt whereof we  
do hereby acknowledge have bargained, sold, released & quitclaimed, &  
by these presents do bargain, sell, release & quitclaim unto the said Amos  
Shelden & heirs & assigns all our right, title, interest, estate & demand  
of, in & unto all the real estate the said Polly Langley is intitled to  
by virtue of being an heir at law to the Estate of Abednegohea:  
their late of Nottingham Deceased. - To have and to hold said  
released & quitclaimed premises, with all the privileges & appurten-  
ances to the same belonging to him the said Amos & heirs & assigns  
to his & their proper use benefit & behoof forever: hereby engaging  
to

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to warrant & defend the said granted premises, against all claims or  
demands of any person or persons claiming by from or under us.  
In Witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands & seals the 28<sup>th</sup>  
day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & 21.  
Signed, sealed & delivered in presence of  
Israel Bartlett Jonathan Randall.  
Moses <sup>his</sup> Langley - L.S.  
Polly <sup>his</sup> Langley - L.S.  
Rockingham Co. August 28<sup>th</sup> 1821. Then personally appeared Moses Langley  
and Polly Langley & acknowledged the above instrument to be their  
free act and deed, before me, Israel Bartlett Justice of the Peace.  
Rec<sup>d</sup> & Recorded 3<sup>rd</sup> September 1821. 20 minutes past 6 O'Clock P.M. Seth Walker R.d.r.

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free act and deed before me, Israel Bartlett Justice of the Peace.  
 Rec'd & Recorded 3<sup>d</sup> September 1821. 20 minutes past 6 O'Clock P.M. Seth Walker Rdr.

Know all men by these presents, That I Abednego Leathers of  
 Berwick in the County of York & State of Maine, Husbandman, For & Leathers  
 on consideration of the sum of Fifty Dollars, to me in hand before the delivery to  
 hereof paid by Anos Sheldon of Portsmouth in the County of Rockingham & Sheldon.  
 State of New Hampshire, victualler, the receipt whereof I do hereby acknow-  
 ledge to have bargained, sold, released & quitclaimed, and by these presents do  
 bargain, sell, release & quitclaim unto the said Anos Sheldon his heirs &  
 assigns all my right, title, interest, estate & demand of, in & unto all the real  
 estate which belonged to my late father Abednego Leathers in the town  
 of Nottingham in said County, meaning hereby to convey all my right or  
 share in the homestead of said Abednego and all the out-lands in said  
 town which belonged to him during his life time. To have and to hold  
 said released & quitclaimed premises, with all the privileges & appurten-  
 ances to the same belonging to him the said Anos Sheldon, his heirs &  
 assigns to his & their proper use, benefit and behoof forever: hereby en-  
 gaging to warrant & defend the said granted premises, against all claims  
 or demands of any person or persons claiming by, from, or under me.  
 In Witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand & seal the 28<sup>th</sup> day  
 of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & twenty one.  
 Signed, sealed & delivered in presence of  
 Richard Ela, Charles N. Cogswell & Abednego Leathers (L.S.)

York Co. August 28<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1821. Then personally appeared the aforesaid  
 Abednego Leathers & acknowledged the above instrument to  
 be his free act and deed, before me,  
 Charles N. Cogswell Justice of the Peace.

Rec'd & Recorded 3<sup>d</sup> September 1821. 20 minutes past 6 O'Clock P.M. Seth Walker Rdr.

Know all men by these presents, That I...



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Know all men by these presents, That We Elijah French of Durham in the County of Strafford & State of New Hampshire, husbandman, and Martha his wife, in her right - For & in consideration of the sum of forty Dollars, to us in hand before the delivery hereof paid by Amos Sheldon of Portsmouth in the County of Rockingham & State of N.H., the receipt whereof we do hereby acknowledge have bargained, sold, released and quitclaimed, and by these presents do bargain, sell, release & quitclaim unto the said Amos Sheldon <sup>Frenching to</sup> ~~his~~ heirs & assigns all our right, title, interest, estate & demand of in & unto the estate which was of Abednego Leathers of Nottingham in said County of which S. Martha is one of the heirs, meaning hereby to convey all the share & part of said Martha in & unto the homestead of said Abednego and to all other lands of which the said Abednego was seized in said

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Randall & wife  
to  
Heldson.

Know all men by these presents, That I Shadrach  
Randall of Nottingham in the County of Nottingham & State  
of New Hampshire Yeoman and Mchitable Randall wife to the  
said Shadrach - For & in consideration of the sum of the sum of fifty  
dollars to us in hand before the delivery hereof paid by Amos  
Shelden of Portsmouth in the County of Nottingham Trustee  
the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge have bargained, sold,  
released & quitclaimed, and by these presents do bargain, sell,  
release & quitclaim unto the said Amos Shelden his heirs & assigns  
all our right title interest estate & demand of in & unto all the real  
estate we are in any manner intitled to by virtue of the said  
Mchitable's being our heir at law to the estate of Abednego  
Leathers late of Nottingham Deceased - To have and to hold  
said released & quitclaimed premises, with all the privileges & appur-  
tenances to the same belonging to him the said Amos his heirs &  
assigns, to his and their proper use benefit & behoof forever lawfully  
engaging to warrant & defend the said granted premises against  
all claims or demands of any person or persons claiming by, from  
or under me - In Witness whereof, we have hereunto set  
our hands & seals the 20<sup>th</sup> day of August in the year of our Lord one  
thousand eight hundred & twenty one.

Signed, sealed & delivered in presence of  
Shadrach Randall - (S)  
Mchitable Randall - (S)  
Israel Bartlett Justice of the Peace.  
Signed & sealed & delivered by Shadrach Randall in presence of  
Isidore Kuttie, Joseph Randall.  
Stratford 3<sup>rd</sup> August 21<sup>st</sup> Then Shadrach Randall personally appeared  
& acknowledged the above instrument to be his free act & deed  
before

Rec'd & Recorded 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1821. 20 minutes past 6 O'clock P.M.  
Leth. Walker Clk

Know all men by these presents, That we James Nutter of Newington in the County of Rockingham & State of New Hampshire, & Hannah his wife, in her right. In consideration of the sum of Fifty dollars,

Nutter & wife  
to  
Shelden.

the receipt whereof we do hereby acknowledge, do for ourselves & our heirs bargain sell remise, release, and forever quitclaim unto the said Amos Shelden his heirs and assigns all our right, title, interest, and claim in, upon, or unto all the real estate of which Abednego Leathen of Nottingham in said County was seized during his life time in said town of Nottingham, hereby meaning to convey all the right of said & Hannah to the homestead farm of said Abednego and all the out lands improved with and appertaining to the same in said Nottingham. in virtue of her being heir at law to said Abednego. To have and to hold the same, with all the privileges & appurtenances to the same in any wise appertaining, to the said Amos Shelden heirs & assigns forever and we for ourselves, heirs, exec<sup>rs</sup> & adm<sup>rs</sup> do hereby covenant with the said Amos Shelden heirs & assigns, That he & his heirs & assigns, shall have, hold, & enjoy the same against the lawful claims of all persons claiming the same from, by, or under us. In Witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands & seals this thirtieth day of August in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred & twenty one.

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Signed, sealed & delivered in presence of } James Nutter - (L.S.)  
Joseph Jackson, John Davenport. } Hannah Nutter - (L.S.)

Rockingham Co. August 29<sup>th</sup> 1821. Then the aforementioned James & Hannah Nutter personally acknowledged the aforewritten instrument by them sealed, to be their deed, before me, John Davenport Justice of the Peace.

Rec<sup>d</sup> and Recorded 3<sup>d</sup> September 1821. 20 minutes past 6 o'clock P.M. with Walker Sec.

Know all men by these presents, That we Elijah Willey of Durham in the County of Strafford & State of New Hampshire, husbandman & Charity his wife, For & in consideration of the sum of Forty Dollars, to us in hand before the delivery hereof paid by Amos Shelden of Portsmouth in the County of Rockingham and State aforesaid. the receipt whereof we do hereby acknowledge have bargained, sold, released & quitclaimed, & by these presents do bargain, sell, release & quitclaim unto the said Amos Shelden heirs & assigns, all our right, title, interest, estate & demand of, in & unto all the real estate which were of Abednego Leathen of Nottingham in said County, of which the above named Charity is one of the heirs: meaning hereby to convey all the part & share to which she is or may be by law entitled in, & unto the homestead of said Abednego & to any and all other lands of which the said Abednego was seized in said Nottingham. To have and to hold said released & quitclaimed premises, with all the privileges and appurtenances to the same, belonging to him the said Amos Shelden & to his heirs & assigns, to his & their proper use benefit and behoof forever: hereby engaging to warrant & defend the & granted premises, against all claims or demands of every person or persons claiming

Willey & wife  
to  
Shelden.



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- Feb<sup>r</sup> 2. Thomas Tash.  
 " 21. James Stevens, Infant son of James.  
 March 7. Joseph Daniel, the son of John. He going out to War before  
 1725. the next Sabbath.  
 March 28. Joseph Daniel, son of Joseph D.  
 Ezekiel Leathers, **Abednego Leathers.**  
 John Mason, Infant of Joseph M.  
 April 11. Relief Bunker, Dau. of Mary Denmore, Quaker.  
 May 2. Jeremiah Burnum, Inf<sup>t</sup> of John & Lydia.  
 " 6. Elizabeth Tompson, Inf<sup>t</sup> of Jonathan.  
 " 16. Abigail Williams, Inf<sup>t</sup> dau. of Samuel.  
 " 30. Ebenezer Bickford, Inf<sup>t</sup> son of Eliezer.  
 July 15. Zebulon Doe, Inf<sup>t</sup> of Sampson Doe.  
 " " Margaret Greirs, Inf<sup>t</sup> of Geo. Greirs.  
 " " Josiah Doe, Infant of Daniel Doe.  
 " 18. Christian Kinkaid, wife of Naphtali.  
 " " Sarah Chesley, Inf<sup>t</sup> of Ichabod Chesley.  
 " 25. Solomon Sius, son of Anne Sius.  
 Aug<sup>t</sup> 29. Hannah Stevenson, Inf<sup>t</sup> of Joseph S.  
 " " Sarah Willey, Inf<sup>t</sup> of Samuel.  
 " " Robert Huckens, Inf<sup>t</sup> son of John H.  
 Sept. 5. Sarah Rendal, Inf<sup>t</sup> of William & Hannah.  
 " 26. Benjamin Bodge, son of Benjamin, about 12 yrs. old.  
 " 29. Benjamin Bickford, Inf<sup>t</sup> of Joseph.  
 Oct<sup>r</sup> 3. David Daniel, 12 yrs old.  
 " " Abigail Daniel, 3 yrs. old, children of our sister Jane Daniel.  
 " 24. Hannah Kenney, unmarried.  
 1726.  
 Mch. 27. Sarah Leathers, Infant of Edward.  
 April 10. Samuel Langley, Infant of Dea. James Langley.  
 " 24. Robert Mason, Inf<sup>t</sup> of Joseph Mason.  
 " " Jacob Buzzel, Inf<sup>t</sup> son of John, Jun<sup>r</sup>.  
 May 1. Elizabeth Wheeler, Inf<sup>t</sup> of Br<sup>r</sup> Joseph.  
 " " Hannah Huckens, Inf<sup>t</sup> of Hannah & James Huckens.  
 " " Jonathan Davis, son of Solomon Davis.  
 " 22. Hubbard Stevens, Inf<sup>t</sup> son of Hubbard