



Genealogical Proof Report

Proof of the Birth Date & Place of James
Perkins

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Summary of Findings

I am unable to find conclusive evidence of James Perkins parentage. All other James Perkins in the area were reviewed and each eliminated from consideration for various reasons (died too young, married to other people, etc.). There is a gravestone in the Rochester cemetery for a James Perkins who died in 1877. This is presumed to be our James Perkins, but it is possible it is not. His wife Alice Shorey died in 1892. Her gravestone lists her as the "wife of Lorenzo D. Hartford" which is the name of her first husband who died in 1850. Her gravestone does indicate a marriage to James Perkins. Her gravestone is also in a different cemetery than James. Additionally, there are two James Perkins in the 1860 census. The first, living in Rochester, had a wife named Susan and two children. His occupation was listed as farmer. The second, living in Dover, was living with a wife Susan and 8 children. His occupation is listed as laborer. Both couples are approximately the same age and illiterate. The two children from the Rochester census were close but not the same ages of the corresponding children in the Dover census. Are these two listings the same person? Online trees have James married to Susan Downs, with 8 children. But this would be the James and Susan enumerated in Dover, not Rochester where we know James Perkins later lived when he married Alice. If James Perkins married to Alice Shorey was the widow of Susan Downs, there is little evidence that the eight children in question had any association with him other than the fact that James Perkins (son of James Perkins and Susan Downs) and his wife and child were living in Lebanon in 1870, next door to James and Alice.

Itemized Research Findings

11 assertions from 4 sources were considered in evaluating this claim.

The *Ancestry.com - Cite*^[1] asserts that A James C. Perkins was born 29 Mar 1802 in Brookfield NH to Moses Perkins and Sarah Hodsdon. He married Betsy Giles in 1832 and was still living with her in 1860.

The source reviewed was a **Derived Record**, introducing the risk of copy errors. It is **indeterminable** whether the information being considered is Primary or Secondary information. The evidence supporting the claim is considered **Indirect** (meaning the evidence is implied or circumstantial).

This can not be our James Perkins because he was still married when our James Perkins was married to Alice Shorey.

The *Ancestry.com - Cite*^[1] asserts that A James Perkins born in 1802 was living in Middleton, NH in 1850 and 1860 with his wife Polly and 2 children. .

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This can not be our James Perkins because he was still married when our James Perkins was married to Alice Shorey.

The *Ancestry.com - Cite*^[1] asserts that A James Perkins born in 1800 married a Lucinda Whitehouse in Somersworth, NH 13 Feb 1858.

The source reviewed was a **Derived Record**, introducing the risk of copy errors. It is **indeterminable** whether the information being considered is Primary or Secondary information. The evidence supporting the claim is considered **Indirect**.

This can not be our James Perkins because he got married when our James Perkins was married to Alice Shorey.

The *Ancestry.com - Cite*^[1] asserts that A James Perkins with born in 1804 in Hampton, NH to Moses Perkins and Mary Palmer. He did 20 Mar 1894.

The source reviewed was a **Derived Record**, introducing the risk of copy errors. It is **indeterminable** whether the information being considered is Primary or Secondary information. The evidence supporting the claim is considered **Indirect**.

This can not be our James Perkins because he was married to a woman named Sarah and did not die until 1894 and our James Perkins died in 1877. James and Sarah had a son James Jr. born in Hampton, 1825 and died Apr 1883. This is not our James Perkins.

The *Ancestry.com - Cite*^[1] asserts that A James Perkins was born 12 Jan 1799 in Wolfeboro, NH. He died 31 May 1855 in Alton, NH. .

The source reviewed was a **Derived Record**, introducing the risk of copy errors. It is **indeterminable** whether the information being considered is Primary or Secondary information. The evidence supporting the claim is considered **Indirect**.

This can not be our James Perkins because he died too young.

The *Ancestry.com - Cite*^[1] asserts that A James Bachelder Perkins was born 24 Jun 1801 in Bridgeton, ME to a Dudley and Susanna Perkins. He died there in 1879.

The source reviewed was a **Derived Record**, introducing the risk of copy errors. It is **indeterminable** whether the information being considered is Primary or Secondary information. The evidence supporting the claim is considered **Indirect**.

This can not be our James Perkins because he remained in Maine and died there; he was never in Lebanon or Rochester.

The *Ancestry.com - Cite*^[1] asserts that A James Perkins was born in Rye, NH on 2 Aug 1801 to James Perkins. He died 26 Sep 1806.

The source reviewed was a **Derived Record**, introducing the risk of copy errors. It is **indeterminable** whether the information being considered is Primary or Secondary information. The evidence supporting the claim is considered **Indirect**.

This can not be our James Perkins because he died too young.

The *1850 - U.S. Federal Census - James Perkins Rochester*^[2] asserts that James Perkins was born in NH in approximately 1801.

The source reviewed was an **Original Record**. The information is believed to be **Primary** (meaning the person providing the information was a knowledgeable eyewitness or participant in the event). The evidence supporting the claim is considered **Indirect**.

Calculated from the Census date, this date of birth is consistent within a couple of years of other records.

The *1860 - U.S. Federal Census - James Perkins*^[3] asserts that James Perkins was born in approximately 1804 in New Hampshire.

The source reviewed was an **Original Record**. The information is believed to be **Primary**. The evidence supporting the claim is considered **Indirect**.

Calculated from the Census date, this date of birth is consistent within a couple of years of other records.

The *1850 - U.S. Federal Census - James Perkins Dover*^[4] asserts that James Perkins was born in NH and was born in approximately 1801.

The source reviewed was an **Original Record**. The information is believed to be **Primary**. The evidence supporting the claim is considered **Indirect**.

Calculated from the Census date, this date of birth is consistent within a couple of years of other records.

The *1870 - U.S. Federal Census - James Perkins*^[5] asserts that James Perkins was born in approximately 1800 in Maine.

The source reviewed was an **Original Record**. The information is believed to be **Primary**. The evidence supporting the claim is considered **Indirect**.

Calculated from the Census date, this date of birth is consistent within a couple of years of other records.

End Notes

1. "Search of records on Ancestry.com," (: accessed 10 Feb 2019), digital images of originals,.
2. 1850 U.S. Census, Strafford, New Hampshire, Rochester,< [Schedule Type],> Roll: M432_440; Page: 346B; Image: 317, dwelling 2060, family 2204, Household of James Perkins; image, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 20 Feb 2019); citing Ancestry.com Operations, Inc..
3. 1860 U.S. Census, York, Maine, Lebanon,< [Schedule Type],> Roll: M653_450; Page: 90; Image: 91, dwelling 355, family 357, James Perkins; image, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 9 Feb 2019); citing Family History Library Film: 803450. Enumerated on 30 Jun 1860
4. 1850 U.S. Census, Strafford, New Hampshire, Dover,< [Schedule Type],> Roll: M432_439; Page: 51B; Image: 112, dwelling 533, family 801, Household of James Perkins; image, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 10 Feb 2019); citing Ancestry.com Operations, Inc..
5. 1870 U.S. Census, York, Maine, Lebanon,< [Schedule Type],> Roll: M593_564; Page: 419A, dwelling 412, family 407, James Perkins household; image, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 9 Feb 2019); citing Family History Library Film: 552063.