



## Genealogical Proof Report

Proof of the Lineage of Hannah  
Langley/Leathers (1792 - 1873)

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### Summary of Findings

While many online trees indicate that the parents of Hannah Langley who married James Nutter in 1819 was the daughter of Jonathan Langley and Abigail Leathers. The evidence strongly indicates that this can not be the case. Mrs. Hannah Nutter was reported to have been born in 1792 while the daughter of Jonathan Langley and Abigail Leathers was born in 1786 and married another man from Lee. Based on a deed dated 1821, Mrs Hannah Nutter was an heir-in-law to Abednego Leathers. On the death record of one of Hannah's children, her maiden name is reported as Leathers. Is it possible that Hannah was actually a Leathers and changed her name? There was a strong bias against the Leathers family in New Hampshire at the this time, and many of the Leathers family did change their name. However, no evidence has been found of a legal name change. I am concluding that Jonathan Langley and Abigail Leathers are not the parents of Hannah, but her true lineage remains unknown. More research is necessary.

### Itemized Research Findings

15 assertions from 8 sources were considered in evaluating this claim.

The *Rockingham County Deed - Abednego Leather's property*<sup>[1]</sup> asserts that Abenego Leathers of Berwick was an heir to the estate of Abednego Leathers late of Nottingham and he sold his interest to Amos Sheldon for \$50.

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** (meaning the evidence is implied or circumstantial).

Hannah Nutter, wife of James Nutter is noted on this same deed as an "heir-in-law" to the estate of Abednego Leathers late of Nottingham. This Abednego Leathers died in 1802; he and his wife Hannah had no issue. Hannah's last name is unknown. Is it possible that Hannah Langley was a child of Hannah Leathers from before their marriage? No Hannah Leathers or Hannah Langley has been found in any database for the relevant timeframe.

The *A Genealogy of Runnels and Reynolds Families in America - Jonathan Langley*<sup>[2]</sup> asserts that Jonathan Langley and Abigail Leathers of Nottingham had 9 children according to town records: Samuel (27 Aug 1775), Varoill (5 Sep 1777), Jonathan (15 Sep 1779), Mariam (19 Sep 1781), Lydia (6 Jun 1784), Hannah (3 Sep 1786), Titus (5 Nov 1788), Joseph (29 Jan 1791), Mark (10 Feb 1793).

The source reviewed was an **Authored work**, introducing the risk of errors in interpretation. The information is believed to be **Secondary** (meaning the person providing the information received that information second hand, from another person or body of work). The evidence supporting the claim is considered **Indirect**.

The date of this Hannah Langley's birth is too young. In other records, the Hannah Langley married to James Nutter reported her birth as 1792.

The *Rockingham County Deed - Abednego Leather's property*<sup>[1]</sup> asserts that Polly Langley was an heir to the estate of Abednego Leathers late of Nottingham and she and her husband Moses Langley sold their interest to Amos Sheldon for \$50.

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

Hannah Nutter, wife of James Nutter is noted on this same deed as an "heir-in-law" to the estate

of Abednego Leathers late of Nottingham. This Abednego Leathers died in 1802; he and his wife Hannah had no issue. Hannah's last name is unknown. Is it possible that Hannah Langley was a child of Hannah Leathers from before their marriage? No Hannah Leathers or Hannah Langley has been found in any database for the relevant timeframe.

The *History of the town of Durham, NewHampshire : Hannah Langley*<sup>[3]</sup> asserts that Hannah Langley b. 3 Sep 1785 in Nottingham to Jonathan Langley and Abigail Leathers married Joseph Stevens of Lee in 1808. There was another Hannah Langley b. 25 Mar 1788 in Lee to Levi Langley (brother of Jonathan) and Abigail Durrell. She married Daniel Smart in 1808.

The source reviewed was an **Authored work**, introducing the risk of errors in interpretation. The information is believed to be **Secondary**. The evidence supporting the claim is considered **Indirect**.

This record strongly suggests that the Hannah Langley who was born in 1785-1786 is not the Hannah Langley who married James Nutter. It is also not the one other Hannah Langley who was born in 1788.

The *Rockingham County Deed - Abednego Leather's property*<sup>[1]</sup> asserts that Hannah Nutter was an "heir at law" to the estate of Abednego Leathers late of Nottingham and she and her husband James Nutter sold their interest to Amos Sheldon for \$50.

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

It is unknown how Hannah was an heir to Abednego Leathers who died in 1802. It is relevant to note that all other parties in this deed are identified as an "heir" and Hannah is mentioned as an "heir in law." It is unclear how this is the case.

The *Rockingham County Deed - Abednego Leather's property*<sup>[1]</sup> asserts that Mehitable Randall was an heir to the estate of Abednego Leathers late of Nottingham and she and her husband Shadrack Randall sold their interest to Amos Sheldon for \$50.

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

Hannah Nutter, wife of James Nutter is noted on this same deed as an "heir-in-law" to the estate of Abednego Leathers late of Nottingham. This Abednego Leathers died in 1802; he and his wife Hannah had no issue. Hannah's last name is unknown. Is it possible that Hannah Langley was a child of Hannah Leathers from before their marriage? No Hannah Leathers or Hannah Langley has been found in any database for the relevant timeframe.

The *Rockingham County Deed - Abednego Leather's property*<sup>[1]</sup> asserts that Martha French was an heir to the estate of Abednego Leathers late of Nottingham and she and her husband Elijah French sold their interest to Amos Sheldon for \$40.

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

Hannah Nutter, wife of James Nutter is noted on this same deed as an "heir-in-law" to the estate of Abednego Leathers late of Nottingham. This Abednego Leathers died in 1802; he and his wife Hannah had no issue. Hannah's last name is unknown. Is it possible that Hannah Langley was a child of Hannah Leathers from before their marriage? No Hannah Leathers or Hannah Langley has been found in any database for the relevant timeframe.

The *NewHampshire, Death and Disinterment Records, 1754-1947 - Sarah B. Nutter*<sup>[4]</sup> asserts that Sarah B. Adams who died in Newington on 11 Jan 1892 was the daughter of James Nutter and Hannah LANGLEY.

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

Whoever reported Sarah's death believed that her mother's maiden name was Langley.

The *NewHampshire, Death and Disinterment Records, 1754-1947 - Ariadna Nutter*<sup>[5]</sup> asserts that Ariadna N. Trefethen who died on 16 Nov 1897 at the age of 72 was the daughter of

Hannah LEATHERS and James Nutter.

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

Whoever reported Ariadna's death believed that her mother's maiden name was Leathers. This is the only one of Hannah's children that this is true for. All other death records specify "Hannah Langley" or just "Hannah" as the name.

The *Massachusetts, Town and Vital Records, 1620-1988 - Cite*<sup>[6]</sup> asserts that The parents of Martha G. Witherell who died in 1896 at the age of 86 were Joseph Stevens of Lee, NH and Hannah Langley of Nottingham, NH.

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

This provides additional evidence that Hannah Langley born in 1786 to Jonathan Langley is not the same Hannah Langley who married James Nutter..

The *NewHampshire, Death and Disinterment Records, 1754-1947 - William H Nutter*<sup>[7]</sup> asserts that William H Nutter who died 20 Dec 1898 in Newington was the son of James Nutter and Hannah Langley of Newington.

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

Whoever reported William's death believed that his mother's maiden name was Langley.

The *Londonderry News - The Leathers Family*<sup>[8]</sup> asserts that There was a blacksheep arm of the Leathers family that lived in Barrington, NH. They had an awful reputation in NH in the 1800s and many changed their names in shame in the mid 1800s.

The source reviewed was an **Authored work**, introducing the risk of errors in interpretation. It is **indeterminable** whether the information being considered is Primary or Secondary information. The evidence supporting the claim is considered **Indirect**.

This provides evidence of a possible name change. Is it possible that Hannah Langley was actually born Hannah Leathers?

The *NewHampshire, Birth Records, 1659-1900 - Hannah Langley*<sup>[9]</sup> asserts that Hannah Langley was born on 3 Sep 1786 in Nottingham, NH to Jonathan Langley and Abigail Leathers.

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

The Hannah Langley married to James Nutter repeatedly reported her year of birth as 1792, making it highly unlikely that these are the same Hannah Langleys.

The *NewHampshire, Death and Disinterment Records, 1754-1947 - Elizabeth Berry*<sup>[10]</sup> asserts that Elizabeth A Berry who died 19 Jan 1912 in Belmont NH at the age of 90 was the child of James Nutter and Hannah LANGLEY.

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

Whoever reported Elizabeth's death believed that her mother's maiden name was Langley.

The *NewHampshire Name Changes, 1768-1923 - Langley-Leathers*<sup>[11]</sup> asserts that Nothing. Searched for change of name from Hannah Leathers to Hannah Langley and found nothing. .

The source reviewed was a **Derived Record**, introducing the risk of copy errors. The information is believed to be **Secondary**. The evidence supporting the claim is considered **Negative** (meaning the LACK of information provides circumstantial evidence).

There is no evidence in this book of a name change for a Hannah Leathers to Hannah Langley.

***Recommendations for Continuing***

- Abednego Leather's second wife was Hannah \_\_\_\_\_. They had no issue. But is it possible that Hannah had a child from another marriage and this is our Hannah?

Also, the more I research it appears that there may be a James Nutter and Hannah living in Newington and a James Nutter and Anna living in Barnstead. However, this seems very unlikely. Given the connection between the two towns, these may be the same couple. James Nutter (father or son is unknown) was among the grantees of property when Barnstead was founded.

## End Notes

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4. Rockingham County, New Hampshire, < [Specific Volume]><: [Page],> "Sarah B. Adams," 11 Jan 1892; Database of Images, < [Website Creator/Owner],>< [Website Title]>< ([URL (Digital Location)]> : accessed 13 Feb 2019).
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6. Gloucester, Massachusetts, "Martha G. Witherell," 4 Jan 1896; Images of Originals, Ancestry.com, : accessed 13 Feb 2019).
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10. Belmont, New Hampshire, < [Specific Volume]><: [Page],> "Elizabeth A Berry," 19 Jan 1912; Database of Images, < [Website Creator/Owner],>< [Website Title]>< ([URL (Digital Location)]> : accessed 13 Feb 2019).
11. Richard P. Roberts, *NewHampshire Name Changes, 1768-1923: (Westminster, Maryland: Heritage Books, Inc., 2008)*,