

Part Four
Belden

The Belden surname is variously spelled Belden or Belding but all are descendants of Richard, the original immigrant who came to Wethersfield, Connecticut. Crafts wrote "*in giving the descendants I trust it will be allowed as all right if I adopt the modern method of spelling the name.*"

RICHARD BELDEN 1

Richard was born in England and died in Wethersfield, Connecticut. The name of his wife is not known. It was his son Samuel who came to Hatfield and it is from Samuel that Hatfield and Whately Beldens are descended.

SAMUEL BELDEN 2

The son of Richard, he was born in England about 1628 and died 3 Jan 1713. He m. (1) Mary (Hastings?) who was slain by Indians in the 1677 attack on Hatfield. He m (2) Mary Beardsley, the widow of Thomas **WELLS (2)**; (3) Mary Meekins; daughter of Thomas **MEEKINS** and widow of John **ALLIS (2)** and (4) Sarah Curtis, widow of John Wells. He was a cabinetmaker and with his partner John Allis was one of the makers of the famous Hadley Chest. His seven children were all with his first wife.

Mary, b. at Wethersfield, 10 July 1655 and d. at an unknown date. She m. Samuel Weld.

Samuel, b. at Wethersfield, 6 April 1657 and d. He m. Sarah Fellows, widow of Samuel Billings.

Stephen, b. 1658 and has his own entry (3)

Sarah, born at Hatfield 30 Sept. 1661 and is supposed to have d. 5 Feb. 1712.

Ann, b. 27 Jan. 1666 and d. at an unknown date.

Ebenezer, b. 16 Nov. 1667 and is supposed to have d. 21 Nov. 1739.

John, b. 1669 and has his own entry. (4)

STEPHEN BELDEN 3

The son of Samuel (2) and Mary (Hastings?) Belden, he was born at Wethersfield 28 Dec. 1658 and died 6 Oct. 1720 in Hatfield. He married Mary, daughter of Thomas **WELLS (2)**. She married (2) Joseph Field of Sunderland. Stephen and Mary had nine children all born at Hatfield.

Sarah, b. 14 March 1681 and d. in Jan. 1749. ¹ She m. Ebenezer **MORTON (5)**. The date on her grave record differs from that given by Crafts.

Elizabeth, b. 2 Feb. 1683 and d. 22 Jan. 1769. ² She m. Richard Scott of Sunderland.

Mary, b. 20 May 1685 and d. in 1776. She m. John **WAITE (3)** of Hatfield.

Stephen, b. 22 Feb. 1689 and d. 19 Feb. 1736³ He m. Mindwell Wright of Northfield.

Samuel, b. 23 Oct. 1692 and d. in 1732. He m Elizabeth, daughter of Hezekiah and granddaughter of Nathaniel **DICKINSON (1)** of Hatfield.

Jonathan, b. 1694 and d. 6 Jan 1778. ⁴ He m. Hepzibah, daughter of Nathaniel **DICKINSON (9)**.

Joshua, b. 1696 and has his own entry (5)

Esther, b. 1697 and d. in 1774. She m. Nathaniel Gunn of Sunderland.

Lydia, b. ca. 1699 and died unmarried in 1714.

¹ Hill Cemetery, Hatfield MA #15359755

² Riverside Cemetery, Sunderland MA #205655819

³ Transcribed family records

⁴ Center Cemetery, Northfield MA #127828618



Early Colonial Home

JOHN BELDEN 4

The son of Samuel (2) and Mary (Hastings?) Belden, he was born at Hatfield 13 Nov. 1669 and killed by Indians at the raising of a barn at Hatfield “Old Farms,” 18 Oct. 1725.⁵ He married Sarah, daughter of Benjamin **WAITE (2)**. She married (2) Ichabod **ALLIS (4)**. John and Sarah had nine children:

John, b. 22 Sept. 1694 and d. 21 March 1758.⁶ He m.)1) Deliverance Lawrence and (2) Dorothy, daughter of Ebenezer **MORTON (5)**.

Joseph, b.1686 and has his own entry (6)

Martha, b.6 Aug. 1698 and d. 3 April 1766.⁷ She m. Orlando Bridgeman.

Sarah, b. 10 Feb. 1701 and d. 12 Jan 1783.⁸ She. m. Thomas **BARDWELL (4 ½)** of Deerfield

Hannah, b. 14 May 1703 and d. She m. Nathaniel Hawks of Deerfield

Mary, b.27 July 1705 and d. 10 Feb. 1747.⁹She m. Obadiah, son of Nathaniel **DICKINSON (6)**

Ebenezer, b.7 June 1712 and d. soon.

Ebenezer, b. 29 July 1714 and d. in 1752 in Middletown, Connecticut.¹⁰ He m. Hannah Nash.

Rhoda, b. 30 July 1716 and is supposed to have died in 1740. She m. Aaron Sheldon of Deerfield.

JOSHUA BELDEN 5

The son of Stephen (3) and Mary (**WELLS**) Belden, he was born at Hatfield in 1696 and died 2 Feb. 1748.¹¹ He married Sarah, daughter of John **FIELD (4)** of Hatfield. Sarah was born 14 May 1702 and died 17 Aug. 1763.¹² They had six children:

Stephen, b. 26 Sept. 1726 and d.8 Nov. 1726 in East Hartford.¹³

Lucy, b. 7 March 1729. Unsupported information suggests that she m. Elisha Morton and d. in 1756 “in the 30th year of her age.”

Sarah, b. 1631 and d unmarried in 1809.

Joshua, b. 1733 and has his own entry (7)

⁵ Hill Cemetery, Hatfield #15357253

⁶ Hill Cemetery, Hatfield #15357080

⁷ North Vernon Cemetery, Vernon VT #32267609

⁸ Old Deerfield Burying Ground, Deerfield MA #21421034

⁹ Hill Cemetery, Hatfield #124092574

¹⁰ *Connecticut Town Death Records, Middletown VR, Pre – 1870*. Image 49 of 668

¹¹ Hill Cemetery, Hatfield #211305788

¹² Hill Cemetery, Hatfield #211305810

¹³ Center Cemetery, East Hartford CT #109682472

Elisha, b. 1736 and has his own entry (8)

Jabez, b. 10 April 1738 and d. 18 March 1817.¹⁴ He m. Martha whose maiden name is unknown. Jabez made his will on 2 Sept. 1816. He left one half of his personal estate to his wife and his real estate to his nephews, Reuben (15) and Aaron (17), the sons of his brother Joshua. Martha was b. in 1755 and d. 15 Aug. 1832.¹⁵ Although she was widowed for 15 years, there is no evidence that she remarried.

JOSEPH BELDEN 6

Son of John (4) and Sarah (**WAITE**) Belden, he is the first of the Beldens to live in what became Whately. He was born at Hatfield, 9 Aug. 1696, and died in Whately in Oct. 1778.¹⁶ He married (1) Esther or Hester, daughter of Robert and Mary (Gull) **BARDWELL** of Hatfield. She died in Nov. of 1724, with the birth of her fifth child.¹⁷ Joseph married (2), on 13 July 1727, Margaret, daughter of Robert Gillette of Hatfield. She was born in 1699 and died in March 1785.¹⁸ It was with Margaret that he moved to the part of Hatfield/Whately called “Bartlett’s Corner.” This is the present-day intersection of Christian Lane and Long Plain Roads.

Children of Joseph and Esther:

Paul, b. 1719, d. soon. No records found.

Esther, b. 20 Sept. 1720, d., supposedly on her birthday, 20 Sept. 1761.¹⁹ She m. David **SCOTT (12)** of Whately.

Abigail, b. 1721, no further records found.

Sarah or Mary, b. 1723 and d. in 1801.²⁰ The annotation has her b. in 1707 but the stone is clearly inscribed “in the 79th year of her age.” She married Thomas Hastings.

Paul, 1724, d. soon. No records found.

Children of Joseph and Margaret:

Margaret, b. 1732, and d. 21 Feb. 1814 in Whately²¹. She m. (1) Joseph **SCOTT (8)** of Whately and (2) in 1788, Eleazer **FRARY (5)** of Hatfield and Whately. Frary wrote his will in 1791 and stipulated *Altho antecedent to our marriage she [Margaret] signed a written obligation or instrument wherin she quitted or relinquished all the rights and title to my estate which the law gave her, yet as an acknowledgement of fidelity and kindness since our marriage I give and bequeath to her, six pounds to be paid to her by my son Nathaniel.*²² Eleazer died on 19 May 1801 in Whately.

Abigail, b. 13 Feb. 1734 and d. 2 June 1806.²³ She m. Benjamin **SCOTT (6)** of Whately. They had no children.

Joseph, b. 1735, has his own entry (9)

Paul, b. 1737, has his own entry (10)

JOSHUA BELDEN 7

Son of Joshua (5) and Sarah (**FIELD**) Belden, he was born at Hatfield 29 Oct. 1733 and died of consumption, 20 Sept. 1805 in Whately.²⁴ He was enumerated in Whately in 1790. He built near

¹⁴ Hill Cemetery, Hatfield #124098166

¹⁵ Hill Cemetery, Hatfield #124098162

¹⁶ *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records, 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 139 of 464

¹⁷ Find A Grave entry with “burial unknown” #43084806

¹⁸ Find a Grave entry with “burial unknown” #43084807

¹⁹ Find a Grave entry with “burial unknown” #40350899

²⁰ West Cemetery, Amherst MA #40159075

²¹ *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records, 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 137 of 464

²² *Massachusetts Wills and Probate Records, 1635 – 1991*, Vol. 21-22, 1899 - 1803

²³ *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records, 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 135 of 464

Belden's ferry in what was the Bradstreet Grant in Hatfield. He married Anna, daughter of Joseph Fitch of East Windsor, Connecticut. She was born in 1739 and died 8 Nov. 1819, in Whately, also of consumption.²⁵ Joshua made a will on 3 Aug. 1805 naming children and grandchildren.²⁶ Joshua and Anna had thirteen children:

Stephen, b. 19 April 1758, d. 29 Dec. 1758.²⁷

Anna, b. 15 Feb. 1760, d. 30 March 1761.²⁸

Anna, b. 1761, d. 5 March 1793.²⁹ She m Elihu Smith and moved to Sunderland.

Lucy, b. 17 Feb. 1763, d. 26 Jan 1845.³⁰ She married John Bell.

Irene, b. 18 Oct. 1764, d. 2 Nov. 1767.³¹

Joshua, b. 1766, has his own entry (11)

Irene, b. 5 Aug. 1769, d. 27 May 1839.³² She m. John, son of George **HIBBARD** of North Hadley.

Stephen, b. 1771, has his own entry (12)

Augustus, b. 1773, has his own entry (13)

Francis, b. 1775, has his own entry (14)

Reuben, b. 1778, has his own entry (15)

Seth, b. 1780, has his own entry (16)

Aaron, b. 1782, has his own entry (17)

DEACON ELISHA BELDEN 8

Son of Joshua (5) and Sarah (**FIELD**) Belden, he was born 28 March 1736 and died of pleurisy, in Whately, 2 Aug. 1808.³³ He was enumerated in Whately in 1790. He lived on Chestnut Plain Road, south of the Congregational Church. He was a participant in Shay's Rebellion. He married Ruth, daughter of Benoni Dickinson of Hatfield. She was born at an unknown date and died on 12 July 1825 in Whately. There is no town record but two church records.³⁴ He was enumerated in Whately in the 1790 census. Elisha and Ruth had seven children.

Elisha, b. 1765, has his own entry (18)

Mary, b. 1766, d. 22 Aug. 1832.³⁵ She m Asa **BARDWELL (18)** of Whately.

David, b. 1769, has his own entry (19)

Sarah, b. 15 April 1772 and d. 18 Feb. 1778 of whooping cough.³⁶

Mercy, b. 15 Dec. 1774 and is supposed to have d. unmarried 11 April 1838.

Dickinson, b. 2 Sept. 1777, d. 1 March 1778, also of whooping cough.³⁷

Dickinson, b. 1778, has his own entry (20)

²⁴ *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records, 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 135 of 464

²⁵ *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records, 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 139 of 464

²⁶ *Massachusetts Wills and Probate Records, 1635 – 1991, Vol. 24, 1805 – 1807*. As Joshua Belding.

²⁷ *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records, 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 29 of 464

²⁸ *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records, 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 29 of 464

²⁹ *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records, 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 29 of 464

³⁰ Christian Hill Cemetery, Colrain MA #70655460

³¹ *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records, 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 29 of 464

³² North Hadley Cemetery, Hadley MA #43227992

³³ *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records, 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 136 of 464

³⁴ *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records, 1620 – 1988, Whately Church Records*, Image 37 of 130

³⁵ Center Cemetery, Whately MA #127239468

³⁶ *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records, 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 128 of 464

³⁷ *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records, 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 128 of 464

JOSEPH BELDEN 9

Son of Joseph (6) and Margaret (Gillette) Belden, he was born 31 Oct. 1735 and is supposed to have died in 1796. He was a Revolutionary War soldier. He was enumerated in Whately in the 1790 census. He married Lydia Silvey who was born in 1738 and is supposed to have died 21 Dec. 1796. They were said to live at Bartlett's Corner in Whately, but they are not buried in the nearby East Whately cemetery. Joseph and Lydia had nine children:

Esther, b. 1772, died 25 March 1852.³⁸ She m. Samuel Coleman.

Samuel, b. 1775, has his own entry (21)

Miriam, b. 1778 and d. at an unknown date. She m. Silas Tubbs on 31 Aug. 1797 in Whately but the record read "both of Hatfield."³⁹

Lydia, b. 1781, d. in Hillsdale, Michigan in April 1850 of consumption.⁴⁰ She m. Otis Brown.

Joseph, b. 1784, has his own entry (22)

Jeremiah, b. 1787, has his own entry (23)

Martha, b. 1791, d. at an unknown date. She m. Asahel Johnson.

Sarah, b. 1793 and d. 21 Aug. 1878 in Winnebago, Wisconsin.⁴¹ She m. Chauncey Kennedy.

Abigail, b. 1796, d. soon, no death record found. This is the same year that her mother was supposed to have died and although no record was found for either, they may be connected.

PAUL BELDEN 10

Son of Joshua (5) and Sarah (**FIELD**) Belden, he was born 13 Dec. 1737 and died at an unknown date. He was a Revolutionary War soldier. He is one of the men from Whately who participated in Shay's Rebellion and once the rebellion was over, signed the Oath of Allegiance. He married (1) Elizabeth, daughter of Ebenezer **BARDWELL (5)**. She died at an unknown date but before 22 July 1782 when Paul married (2) Hannah, daughter of Jonathan **EDSON (1)** of Whately.⁴² Crafts wrote that Paul moved to Vermont about 1795 but this is questionable. He was in Whately in 1787 at the time of Shay's Rebellion. He sold land in Whately on 25 Feb. and 1 March 1788, calling himself of Whately in those documents.⁴³ Muddying the water is his 1800 U.S. Census in Brookfield where he was in the age range 25 – 44; far too young if he was born in 1737. In the 1810 Census, however, he is shown as a man 45 or over. An internet file on Alden descendants includes Paul's second wife, Hannah Edson, daughter of Jonathan. Her birth date is correct but the information on Paul appears to be incorrect. The Vermont birth records for Amasa, Chester and Daniel, all born when Paul apparently lived in Whately, may be records made later when the Vermont children were born. Daniel in 1850 reported being born in Massachusetts. Chester's daughter Zerviola in the 1880 census, reported that her father was born in Massachusetts.

Children of Paul and Elizabeth:

David, b. 1771, d. young, no supporting records found

Violet, b. 1773, no supporting records found

Children of Paul and Hannah:

Amasa, b. 23 Jan. 1784 in Brookfield, Vermont.⁴⁴

Chester, b. 25 Aug. 1785, has his own entry (24)

³⁸ Somerset Cemetery, Somerset NY #103313023

³⁹ *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records, 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 103 of 464

⁴⁰ *U.S. Federal Census Mortality Schedules 1850 – 188*, Image 3 of 18

⁴¹ Omro Junction & Union Cemetery, Omro WI #77183800

⁴² *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records, 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 143 of 464

⁴³ *Mass Land Records, Franklin*, book 2, page 683 and book 8, page 576

⁴⁴ *Vermont Vital Records 1720 – 1908*, Image 2893 of 3530

Daniel, b. 28 Dec. 1787 at Brookfield ⁴⁵

Hannah, 26 March 1793 at Brookfield. ⁴⁶ She married Horace Bacon 1 Dec. 1814 in Brookfield.

Paul, b. 15 Nov. 1795.⁴⁷

Sarah, b. 22 March 1797.⁴⁸

Annis, b. 15 Oct. 1800.⁴⁹

Mehitabel, b. 19 July 1806.⁵⁰

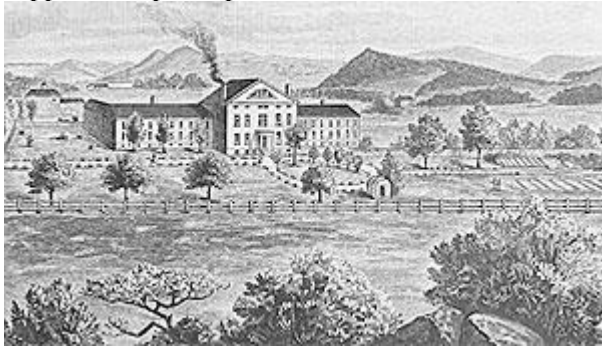
Through their mother, Hannah Edson, these children have a Mayflower descent from John Alden.

JOSHUA BELDEN 11

Son of Joshua (7) and Anna (Fitch) Belden, he was born 17 June 1766 and died of a fever, 29 Dec. 1849.⁵¹ He built a house on River Road in the southern part of Whately, ⁵² He married Anna, daughter of Elisha **MORTON** of Hatfield. She is supposed to have died in 1865 in Rensselaer County, New York. Joshua and Anna had ten children.

Elijah, bp. 1788 and has his own entry (25)

Submit, b. 20 June 1790 (not 1792 as in Crafts)⁵³ and d. unmarried 25 June 1847. No death record found. In 1845 she was taken to the Hospital for the Insane in Brattleboro, now the Brattleboro Retreat. She was included in a list of paupers made on 6 March 1849, noting that support was paid up until her death and burial. ⁵⁴



Hospital for the Insane, Brattleboro, Vermont

Anna, b. 24 Dec. 1791, (not 1794 as in Crafts).⁵⁵ She d. 9 Sept. 1862 in Michigan. ⁵⁶ She m. Jeremiah **BELDEN (23)**.

Naomi, b. 19 Dec. 1795, d. 22 Nov. 1801 of “bilious fever”, age 6 ⁵⁷

Content, her twin, b. 19 Dec. 1795. No further records found.

Sophia, b. 5 July 1798, d. 11 April 1860.⁵⁸ She m. Benjamin **DANE** of Whately.

⁴⁵ *Vermont Vital Records 1720 – 1908*, Image 2495 of 3530

⁴⁶ *Vermont Vital Records 1720 – 1908*, Image 3011 of 3530

⁴⁷ *Vermont Vital Records 1720 – 1908*, Image 3141 of 3530

⁴⁸ *Vermont Vital Records 1720 – 1908*, Image 3183 of 3530

⁴⁹ *Vermont Vital Records 1720 – 1908*. Image 2903 of 3530

⁵⁰ *Vermont Vital Records 1720 – 1908*, Image 3124 of 3530

⁵¹ *U.S. Federal Census Mortality Schedules, 1850 – 1855*, Image 14 of 21

⁵² Dufault #26

⁵³ *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records, 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 29 of 464

⁵⁴ Whately Pauper Records

⁵⁵ *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records, 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 29 of 464

⁵⁶ Somerset Cemetery, Hillsdale County MI #32254688

⁵⁷ *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records, 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 29 of 464

⁵⁸ Bradstreet Cemetery, Hatfield MA # 127317861

Matilda, b. 26 Aug. 1800 and d. of dysentery, in Whately, 23 Aug. 1877.⁵⁹ She m. Bryant Nutting. By 1850 she was widowed and lived in Granby with two children; by 1860 she was back in Whately living with her daughter Julia (Dane) and Rufus Graves. She is buried in East Whately.

Joshua, b. 1804, d. in Kingston, Luzerne County Pennsylvania, sometime after he made his will on 21 November 1878.⁶⁰ He m. Rosetta Cooley on 24 July 1825 in Guilford, Vermont.⁶¹ Crafts said she was from Whately and that they had no children, but she is not found among the Cooley families of Whately recorded in his book. He m. (2), in Pennsylvania, Mrs. Lucinda Best. He had children by both wives, but all apparently born in Pennsylvania.

Naomi, b. 5 Aug. 1806, d. at an unknown date and place. She m. Daniel Mayhew Winch in Upton, Massachusetts.

Caleb, b. 1811, d. 27 Oct. 1885.⁶² He did not marry.

STEPHEN BELDEN 12

Son of Joshua (7) and Anna (Fitch) Belden, he was born in Whately 6 March 1771 and died 29 Nov. 1833.⁶³ He married Abigail, daughter of George **HIBBARD** of Hadley and moved there. Abigail was born in 1775 in Connecticut and died 3 March 1835 in Hadley.⁶⁴ They had seven daughters:

Martha, b. 1797 and d. 28 Feb. 1857.⁶⁵ She m. Enoch M. Jones.

Abigail, b. 1800 and d. 1 April 1873, in Hadley, of old age.⁶⁶ She m. Chester Osborne.

Mary, b. 1802 and d. of heart disease, in Hadley, 18 June 1869.⁶⁷ She m. Horace, son of Elihu **SMITH (13)** of Whately.

Melinda, b. 1805 and d. of consumption, 10 March 1862 in Hadley.⁶⁸ She m. Zachariah Hawley of Hadley.

Lucinda, b. 1808 and d. of pneumonia, in Sunderland, 24 April 1884.⁶⁹ She m. Jonathan Allen.

Esther, b. 1810 and d. of consumption, 6 March 1859 in Hadley.⁷⁰ She did not marry.

Miranda, b. 1814 and d. 15 May 1832.⁷¹ She did not marry.

AUGUSTUS BELDEN 13

Son of Joshua (7) and Anna (Fitch) Belden, he was born in Whately 28 Feb. 1773 and died in of typhoid fever 3 July 1816.⁷² He built on west side of the former Straits Road in the Bradstreet Grant. He died intestate leaving minor children named in his probate record and given to the guardianship of their mother.⁷³ Augustus married Kata, daughter of Thomas Weeks of Goshen.

⁵⁹ *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records, 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD.*, Image 29 of 464

⁶⁰ *Luzerne County, Will Book*, Vol. F-H, 1871 - 1882

⁶¹ *Vermont Vital Records 1720 – 1908*, Image 3083 of 3530

⁶² East Whately Cemetery, #27105860

⁶³ North Hadley Cemetery, Hadley MA #41631671

⁶⁴ North Hadley Cemetery, Hadley MA #41631916

⁶⁵ North Hadley Cemetery, Hadley MA #128488254

⁶⁶ *Massachusetts Death Records 1841 – 1915*, Image 436 of 1196

⁶⁷ *Massachusetts Death Records 1841 – 1915*, Image 366 of 1017

⁶⁸ *Massachusetts Death Records 1841 – 1915*, Image 402 of 1056

⁶⁹ *Massachusetts Death Records 1841 – 1915*, Image 363 of 1287

⁷⁰ *Massachusetts Death Records 1841 – 1915*, Image 272 of 686

⁷¹ North Hadley Cemetery, Hadley MA #128496685

⁷² *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988*, Image 138 of 464

⁷³ *Massachusetts Wills and Probate Records, 1635 – 1991*, Case #389 As Augustus Belding

She was born in Goshen in 1781 and died 6 Sept. 1851 in Savoy.⁷⁴ They had six children. After his death and as his second wife, Kata married Liberty Bowker of Savoy.

Maria, b. 10 April 1803, d. 20 Sept. 1804.⁷⁵

George Weeks, b. 1805, d. 31 May 1864 in Greenbush, New York.⁷⁶ He m. Sarah Cureen.

Cordelia Maria, baptized 19 Oct. 1806.⁷⁷ She was not named in Crafts but was named in the probate record for her father.⁷⁸ She m. Levi Wilder Stearns.

Pamelia, b. 1808, d. from an injury due to a fall, 16 Feb. 1854 in Ashfield.⁷⁹ She m. (1) Kingsley **SWIFT (3)** of Whately who was killed by lightning in 1836. In 1842 in Savoy, she married (2) Samuel Howes of Ashfield. She is buried with Howes and his second wife, Maria James.⁸⁰

Eliza, b. 1811, d. 19 Dec. 1873, in Savoy, of consumption.⁸¹ She m. Calvin Bowker of Savoy on 6 April 1830. (Not Jacob Bowker as in Crafts). Calvin Bowker was her stepbrother, the son of her stepfather, Liberty Bowker.

Augustus, b. 1814, d. soon.

FRANCIS BELDEN 14

Son of Joshua (7) and Anna (Fitch) Belden, he was born 15 Sept. 1775 and died of old age, 30 Nov. 1858.⁸² He married Ruth, daughter of Nathaniel **COLEMAN** of Whately, who was born in 1778 and died of “lung fever”, in Whately, 8 June 1847.⁸³ Francis and Ruth had seven children.

Electa, b. 13 March 1798, d. 20 Aug. 1874 of “old age.”⁸⁴ As his second wife, she married Richard Tower **MORTON** who was born in Hatfield but lived in Whately. She made a will on 17 Nov. 1869 and left all her land, her bank stock and her household furniture “of whatever name or nature” to her son, Francis. To her daughter Harriet and her son Marcus she left \$50.00 and to her husband and to her husband’s son by his first marriage she left \$5.00.⁸⁵

Shaylor, b. 1800, has his own entry (26)

Asenath, b. 7 April 1802 and d. 7 Aug. 1874 in Chicago.⁸⁶ She married Moses H. **LEONARD**.

Aurelia, b. 20 March 1805, died 31 Aug. 1885 in Hammonton, New Jersey.⁸⁷ She married Carlos **SWIFT (4)** of Whately

Elvira, b. 9 June 1807, died 28 Aug. 1830.⁸⁸ She m. Solomon **MOSHER** of Whately.

Roxana, b. 15 May 1811, d. 26 Aug. 1896.⁸⁹ She m. Manley Rowe.

Alfred, b. 1813, has his own entry (27)

⁷⁴ Tomb Cemetery, Savoy MA # 74280841

⁷⁵ East Whately Cemetery #127404528

⁷⁶ *Genealogy of the Family of George Weekes of Dorchester* p. 172

⁷⁷ *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Whately Church Records*, Image 61 of 66

⁷⁸ *Massachusetts Wills and Probate Records, 1635 – 1991*, Case #389 As Augustus Belding

⁷⁹ *Massachusetts Death Records 1841 – 1915*, Image 190 of 676

⁸⁰ Plain Cemetery, Ashfield MA # 103004624

⁸¹ *Massachusetts Death Records 1841 – 1915*, Image 25 of 1196

⁸² *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records, 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 392 of 464

⁸³ *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records, 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 212 of 464

⁸⁴ *Massachusetts Death Records 1841 – 1915*, Image 325 of 1165

⁸⁵ *Massachusetts Wills and Probate Records 1635 – 1991*, Case #6417

⁸⁶ Rosehill Cemetery, Chicago IL, #218631182

⁸⁷ *New Jersey Deaths and Burials Index 1748 – 1971*, text only

⁸⁸ East Whately Cemetery, Whately MA #127281004

⁸⁹ *Philadelphia Pennsylvania Death Certificates Index 1803 – 1915*, text only

REUBEN BELDEN 15

Son of Joshua (7) and Anna (Fitch) Belden, he was born in Whately 3 Jan. 1778 and died in Hatfield 27 June 1854.⁹⁰ In 1802 he married (1) Sally, daughter of Joseph and Mary (Nims) Locke of Shutesbury who died in 1806, aged 32 years.⁹¹ There is no record of children. He married (2), in 1807 Hannah, daughter of George and Lydia (Allen) **HIBBARD**. Hannah died of consumption, 1 April 1845.⁹² In 1846 Reuben married (3) Anna, daughter of Reuben and Chloe (Fitch) Burnham. She died on 18 Sept. 1847, two days before her 69th birthday.⁹³ A year and a few months later in 1848 he married (4) Lura (**ALLIS**) Woodruff who survived him. His nine children were all with his Hannah, his second wife.

Infant son, b. 1808, d. soon.

Julia, b. 1809, d. 1873.⁹⁴ She m. Zebina Smith of Sunderland.

Sally Locke, b. 1812, d. 8 May 1847. Her death is from an undocumented source but her husband, Alvin S. Hall, m. again in 1848 to Sarah Lyons.

Lucy, b. 1814, d. in Hatfield of scarlatina 27 March 1875.⁹⁵ She m. Solomon **MOSHER** as his second wife, his first wife being her first cousin, Elvira **BELDEN**.

Hannah, b. 1816 and d. 28 June 1843.⁹⁶ She m. Calvin **MARSH (9)** of Whately.

Electa, b. 1818 and d. in Hatfield, 31 May 1901 of rheumatism.⁹⁷ She m. Austin S. Jones of North Hatfield.

Reuben H. b. 1802, has his own entry (28)

Diana, b. 1822 and d. of heart disease, in Hatfield, on 16 Feb. 1856.⁹⁸ She m. Joseph Knight of North Hatfield

Elihu, b. 1824, has his own entry (29)

SETH BELDEN 16

Son of Joshua (7) and Anna (Fitch) Belden, he was born 12 Feb. 1780 and died of “lung fever” 20 Jan. 1851.⁹⁹ He married Rachel, daughter of Noadiah and Irene (Clapp) Lewis of Farmington, Connecticut. She was born in 1783 and died of consumption on 16 Sept. 1843.¹⁰⁰ Seth and Rachel had nine children.

Henry, b. 1808, has his own entry (30)

Caroline, b. 3 March 1811 and d. 28 July 1816.¹⁰¹ Cause of death was recorded as “Typ”, probably typhus but possibly typhoid fever.

Lewis, b. 15 Jan. 1813, d. 7 Feb. 1813. The entry is illegible.¹⁰²

Vesta, b. 1814, d. 26 Jan. 1899 in Belfast Maine.¹⁰³ She married Calvin Monroe.

Lewis, b. 1816 and d. at an unknown date, probably in Wisconsin. Crafts simply wrote that Lewis went “west.” Records show that he enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1837 and served out his

⁹⁰ *Massachusetts Death Records 1841 – 1915*, Image 266 of 676

⁹¹ East Whately Cemetery # 127280938

⁹² *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records, 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 208 of 464

⁹³ East Whately Cemetery # 127280913

⁹⁴ Russellville Cemetery, Hadley MA #43389756

⁹⁵ *Massachusetts Death Records 1841 – 1915*, Image 427 of 1251

⁹⁶ Bradstreet Cemetery, Hatfield MA #127317789

⁹⁷ *Massachusetts Death Records 1841 – 1915*, Image 609 of 1811

⁹⁸ *Massachusetts Death Records 1841 – 1915*, Image 266 of 694

⁹⁹ *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records, 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 385 of 464

¹⁰⁰ *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records, 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 207 of 464

¹⁰¹ *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records, 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 138 of 464

¹⁰² *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records, 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 137 of 464

¹⁰³ *Maine Death Records 1617 – 1922*, Image 47 of 76

terms. He m. Judith Marshall and their first three children were born in Whately' Ellen in 1843, Kate in 1846 and Stephen in 1848. In 1850 they were in Fairfield, Illinois with four children. In 1850 he was enumerated as a broom maker. In 1860 he was in Dane County, Wisconsin, enumerated as a homeopathic physician. Sometime in the 1860's Judith must have died but no death or cemetery record was found. In 1870 he was still in Dane, now enumerated as a physician and he was not found in 1880.

Stephen, b. 1818, has his own entry (32)

Caroline, b. 1820, d. 8 June 1907, in Agawam, of acute indigestion and senility.¹⁰⁴ She m. (1) Lemuel Gay **HARRIS** of Whately. He d. in Northampton, 29 March 1891 with "cancer in neck."

¹⁰⁵ At the age of 62 years, in June of 1883, Caroline m. (2) Horace W. Field.

Seth, b. 14 July 1822, d. 18 Jan. 1826.

Infant son, b. and d. 30 May 1825.



Colonial broom of the type made in Whately

AARON BELDEN 17

Son of Joshua (7) and Anna (Fitch) Belden, he was born 22 Jan. 1782 and died of "bilious pneumonia", in Amherst, 24 Feb. 1859.¹⁰⁶ He married (1) Sarah, daughter of George **HIBBARD** of North Hadley. She died 10 Dec. 1842¹⁰⁷ and in 1848 he married (2) Achsah (Abbott) Field, daughter of Daniel Abbott and widow of Heman Field of Leverett. Achsah was born in 1793 and died 12 Sept. 1856.¹⁰⁸ Aaron is buried in Amherst with his first wife, Sarah¹⁰⁹ and Achsah is

¹⁰⁴ *Massachusetts Death Records 1841 – 1915*, Image 29 of 62

¹⁰⁵ *Massachusetts Death Records 1841 – 1915*, Image 432 of 1231

¹⁰⁶ *Massachusetts Death Records 1841 – 1915*, Image 261 of 686

¹⁰⁷ West Cemetery, Amherst MA # 115748869

¹⁰⁸ Long Plain Cemetery, Leverett MA #140770837

buried in Leverett with her first husband, Heman Field.¹¹⁰ Her stone is inscribed Achsah Field. Aaron and Sarah had two children.

Rufus, b. 28 July 1807, d. 31 Jan. 1809 of scarlet fever.¹¹¹

Rufus, b. 26 July 1809,¹¹² not 26 Jan. as in Crafts. Whately records show the 31 Jan. death of the first Rufus and the 26 Jan. birth of the second Rufus, but it seemed unlikely that they would name the second after the first while the first was still alive. In the Amherst marriage record of the second Rufus and Henrietta Howland, however, the birth date is given as 26 July.¹¹³ He d. 29 April 1870 of inflammation of the bowels.¹¹⁴ His death record calls him “Doctor Rufus Belding”

Pomeroy, b. 1811. He graduated from Amherst College and Andover Theological Seminary. He became a minister, married twice, lived in Amherst and his three children had no Whately connections. He d. in Amherst of lung fever, 2 March 1849.¹¹⁵

Fanny, b. 4 May 1813, 24 Nov. 1814

Fanny, b. 1813, d. 13 April 1891, in Newton, of rheumatism.¹¹⁶ She m. Darius Lathrop.

Sarah Ann, b. 1817 and d. 17 April 1898.¹¹⁷ She m. Rev. Lucius R. Eastman.

Chloe Burnham, b. 1819 and d. 15 Dec. 1895 in Illinois. She made her will on 11 Nov. 1895 stating “*I desire that my body shall be buried beside that of my beloved husband in the cemetery at Easthampton.*”¹¹⁸ This request was honored.¹¹⁹ She married Rev. Rufus **WELLS (23)** of Whately.

Mary, b. 1822 and d. of pneumonia, 18 March 1894, in Framingham.¹²⁰ She m. Rev. Josiah **TEMPLE** of Framingham, later of Whately.

ELISHA BELDEN 18

Son of Deacon Elisha (8) and Ruth (**DICKINSON**) Belden, he was born 23 March 1765 and died in 1838.¹²¹ His house was on present day State Road.¹²² There is no death record but his will went to probate in August of that year. He made his will on 27 June 1833 leaving \$1.00 to his sons Edwin, Preston, William, Moses, Joseph, and David and to his only daughter Mary. He left the customary third to his wife Abigail and all the remainder to his son Allen. He married Abigail Sheldon, daughter of Moses and Mary (Sheldon) Kellogg of Hadley. They had eight children. Whately records show the list of children as those of Elisha and Mary Belding, not Abigail but other records clearly state Abigail.

Edwin, b. 1796, was in Nashua, New Hampshire in 1850, d. unmarried.

William, b. 17 Aug. 1798,¹²³ 15 March 1800.¹²⁴ Not included in Crafts.

¹⁰⁹ West Cemetery, Amherst MA #115748763

¹¹⁰ Long Plain Cemetery, Leverett MA 140770872

¹¹¹ *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records, 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 136 of 464

¹¹² *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records, 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 54 of 464

¹¹³ *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Amherst Genealogical Records*, Image 19 of 192

¹¹⁴ *Massachusetts Death Records 1841 – 1915*, Image 38 of 1048

¹¹⁵ *Massachusetts Death Records 1841 – 1915*, Image 243 of 701

¹¹⁶ *Massachusetts Death Records 1841 – 1915*, Image 857 of 1811

¹¹⁷ West Cemetery, Amherst MA # 40137719

¹¹⁸ *Illinois Wills and Probates 1772 – 1999*, Book 23, pages 74 - 76

¹¹⁹ Main Street Cemetery, Easthampton MA # 112429031

¹²⁰ *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records, 1620 – 1988, Framingham BMD*, Image 1581 of 1756

¹²¹ *Massachusetts Wills and Probate Records, 1635 – 1991*, Case #394 As Elisha Belding

¹²² Dufault #23

¹²³ *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records, 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 34 of 464

¹²⁴ *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records, 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 134 of 464

Preston, b. 25 Aug. 1800, d. of dysentery on 12 Aug. 1887.¹²⁵ . In 1850 and 1860 he was living in the household of his brother Allen. In 1870 he was not found. In 1880 he was boarding in Whately with Hoyt and Emmeline Chapin. He was included in the special census of 1880 Called "Defective, Dependent and Delinquent Classes" but it was noted that he was not able bodied, not habitually intemperate, not epileptic and never convicted of a crime.

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PAUPER AND INDIGENT INHABITANTS IN INSTITUTIONS, POOR-HOUSES OF

The object of this Supplemental Schedule is to furnish material not only for a complete enumeration of paupers, as fully as possible. Enumerators will, therefore, *after making the proper entries upon the Population Schedule additional questions* indicated in the headings of the several columns.

In case any person enumerated on this Special Schedule is blind, deaf and dumb, insane, or idiotic (see columns 8 and 9) case may be.

In addition to the enumeration of paupers required in this Schedule, enumerators will also ask the keeper of every poor-house, respecting the number of paupers during the year ending May 31, 1880, and record the answers.

Number taken from schedule No. 1.		NAME.	Residence when at home. (See Note A.)		How supported? (See Note B.)			
Number of page.	Number of line.		City or town.	County (if in same State), or State (if in some other State).	At cost of city or town? /	At cost of county? /	At cost of State? /	At cost of institution? /
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
✓ 5	50	Bardwell William 16	Whately	Franklin	1			
		Jewett William M	Whately	Franklin	1			
✓ 1	30	Belden Preston	Whately	Franklin	1			
✓ 3	29	— Joseph	Whately	Franklin	1			
✓ 3	28	— Dorus	Whately	Franklin	1			
✓ 1	45	— Grant E	Whately	Franklin	1			
✓ 3	30	— Ernest	Whately	Franklin	1			
✓ 3	31	— Mary	Whately	Franklin	1			
✓ 3	32	Smith Hedwood	Whately	Franklin	1			

Allen, b. 1802, has his own entry (33)

William, b. 1804, has his own entry (34)

¹²⁵ Massachusetts Death Records 1841 – 1915, Image 372 of 1411

Moses Kellogg, b. 1806 in Whately, d. 24 May 1867 in Camden, Illinois. ¹²⁶ He m. Mary Ann Phillips and his children were all b. in Illinois.

Joseph, b. 3 Dec. 1807, ¹²⁷ not 1808 as in Crafts. Like his brother Preston he did not marry and lived with a third brother, Allen. He was also listed in the special census of 1880 and in that year was boarded with the family of George Smith. He d. of pneumonia, on 9 Aug. 1887, just three days before the death of his brother, Preston. George Smith was also boarding Joseph's cousin, Dorus Belden, his nephew Ernest Belden and his niece, Mary Belden; that latter two being children of Rudolphus Allen **BELDEN (58)**

Mary, b. 1810, d. 11 March 1875 of consumption. ¹²⁸ She m. Austin Crafts.

David, b. 1813, has his own entry. (36)

DAVID BELDEN 19

Son of Deacon Elisha (8) and Ruth (**DICKINSON**) Belden, he was born 2 May 1769 and died in 1813 in Vermont. He married Content Farnum. Crafts did not have a complete list of their children but on Ancestry.com is a photograph of a paper original written by Content Farnum Belding. The list written by Content is as follows:

Denis, b. 31 Aug. 1794 in Whately. He moved to Northampton, resided there and his children had no associations with Whately.

Aretas, b. 12 Oct 1796, in Whately. When he was 16 years old, 15 June 1812, he enlisted in the U.S. Army. ¹²⁹ The record records his eyes as grey, his hair as light and his complexion as dark. He was on active service during the war of 1812. No further records found.

Elisha, b. 17 April 1797 in Tunbridge, Vermont. ¹³⁰

Heman, b. 9 April 1799 in Tunbridge. ¹³¹

Sally, b. 17 Dec. 1802 in Tunbridge. ¹³² The Vermont record has an incorrect date of 1862 but that is clearly a misreading of the record. It also says "Lunbridge" and Ancestry.com will not permit a correction. A comment has been added.

DICKINSON BELDEN 20

Son of Deacon Elisha (8) and Ruth (**DICKINSON**) Belden, he was born 15 June 1758 and died in 10 Oct. 1855. He married Marsena Thatcher. She was born in 1784 and died after 1860 when she was living in Whately with her son Dorus and her daughter Ruth. In 1855 Dickinson and Marsena were living in Whately with their daughter Ruth. Both were noted to be paupers and in the same household lived the whole Witherill family, also enumerated as paupers. In the 1860 Federal Census, by then widowed, it was noted that Marsena was a pauper. Dickinson and Marsena had seven children, all born in Whately.

Dorus, b. 1814, d. of heart disease, in Whately, 26 Sept. 1886. ¹³³ He is included on a list of paupers printed in the Whately Town Report for the years beginning 1875-76 until his death. No earlier town reports are available. He is also listed in the 1880 Special Census of Defective, Dependent and Delinquent Classes. In 1880 he was boarded with the family of George Smith. At

¹²⁶ Weightman Cemetery, Camden IL # 22836607

¹²⁷ *Massachusetts Death Records 1841 – 1915*, Image 372 of 1411

¹²⁸ *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records, 1620 – 1988, Belchertown BMD*, Image 1302 of 1340

¹²⁹ *U.S. Register of Enlistments 1798 – 191*, Image 261 of 543

¹³⁰ *Vermont Vital Records 1720 – 1908*, Image 2982 of 3530

¹³¹ *Vermont Vital Records 1720 – 1908*, Image 3026 of 3530

¹³² *Vermont Vital Records 1720 – 1908*, Image 3166 f 3520

¹³³ *Massachusetts Death Records 1841 – 1915*, Image 358 of 1321

an unknown date he broke his leg and Dr. Harwood of Whately was reimbursed for medical services rendered.¹³⁴

Dennis, b. 1816. When he was 24 he enlisted in the U.S. Army and a year later, 1840, he was discharged on account of disability.¹³⁵ The enlistment record describes him with blue eyes, light hair and fair complexion. Crafts wrote that Dennis died in the Florida Seminole War. He never married.

Asa P., b. 1818, has his own entry (37)

Willard M. b. 1820, has his own entry (38)

Heman F. b. 1822, has his own entry (39)

Sophia, b. 1824 and died 11 Feb. 1847.¹³⁶ She m. Heman S. **VINING**.

Ruth, b. March 1826, died of consumption, in Northampton, 15 May 1868.¹³⁷ She did not marry.

SAMUEL BELDEN 21

The son of Joseph (9) and Lydia (Silvey) Belden, he was born 5 Feb. 1775 and died at an unknown date and place. Crafts said that he lived in Whately and “late in life” removed to North Hatfield but no supporting records were found. He married Paulina, daughter of Gad **SMITH (11)** of Whately. She is included in lists of members of the Baptist Church in Whately but there is no death record. Samuel and Paulina had eight children.

Harriet, b. 1802 and d. at an unknown date. She m. William Bartlett. No supporting records found.

Horace, b. 1804, d. at an unknown date. He m.? Fish. No records found.

Dexter, b. 1806, but no supporting record, d. of consumption¹³⁸ in Chicago, 5 Oct. 1879.¹³⁹

Sanford, b. 1808 in Whately, d. in Hatfield, 24 Aug. 1875¹⁴⁰ of phthisis.¹⁴¹ He is buried in Hatfield.¹⁴² His son Oscar died of influenza, in Hatfield, in 1912.¹⁴³

Alonzo, b. 1810, d. 1 April 1898.¹⁴⁴ A broom maker, he resided in Ohio.

Abigail, d. young but no supporting records found.

Samuel, b. 29 Nov. 1815 and d. 29 Sept. 1885.¹⁴⁵

Sophia, b. at an unknown date, no supporting records found.

JOSEPH BELDEN 22

The son of Joseph (9) and Lydia (Silvey) Belden, he was born 12 Sept. 1784 and died intestate and insolvent before his estate was probated in Nov. 1823.¹⁴⁶ He married Abigail, daughter of Samuel **CARLEY** of Whately. At the time of his death she petitioned the court as follows: *that she is left in a feeble state of health with three children, the eldest nine years old and the youngest but seven months*. No guardianship for these children was mentioned. Joseph and Abigail had an unknown number of children, only two of whom were mentioned by Crafts but three are alluded to in the probate record. The two girls born in Hatfield are sourced only in an

¹³⁴ Whately Book of Paupers

¹³⁵ *U.S. Register of Enlistments 1798 – 1914*, Image 253 of 453

¹³⁶ Center Cemetery, Whately MA # 127222844

¹³⁷ *Massachusetts Death Records 1841 – 1915*, Image 367 of 1007

¹³⁸ *U.S. Federal Census Mortality Index 1850 – 1885*, Image 161 of 611

¹³⁹ *Cook County Illinois Death Index 1878 – 1955*, text only

¹⁴⁰ *Massachusetts Death Records 1841 – 1915*, Image 427 of 1251

¹⁴¹ Another name for pulmonary tuberculosis

¹⁴² Bradstreet Cemetery, Hatfield MA #127316862

¹⁴³ *Massachusetts Death Records, 1841 – 1915*, Image 33 of 36

¹⁴⁴ Woodland Cemetery & Arboretum, Dayton OH # 84982394

¹⁴⁵ Greenwood Cemetery, Hamilton OH #186968294

¹⁴⁶ *Massachusetts Wills and Probate Records, 1635 – 1991*, Case #396

IGI record and there is a long gap between Eliza's birth in 1811 and Dwight's in 1821. If Clarissa and Selia had died and Eliza was too old to be the child mentioned in the probate record, there must be at least one more than those listed below.

Clarissa, b. 1 May 1809 in Hatfield, no further records but she was born too early to be the nine-year-old mentioned in the probate record.

Selia/Savila/Sela b. about 1810, d. 2 Sept. 1813. No birth record but there is a gravestone in Whately that names her parents.¹⁴⁷ There is a death record that gives cause of death as dysentery but does not name her parents.

Eliza, b. 24 June 1811 in Hatfield, no further records but she also is older than the nine-year-old mentioned in the probate record.

Dwight, bp. 27 June 1821 and died 1 July 1821.¹⁴⁸

Joseph, bp. 1823, and must be the seven-month-old child mentioned in the probate record.

JEREMIAH BELDEN 23

The son of Joseph (9) and Lydia (Silvey) Belden, he was born 8 July 1787 and died 18 Aug. 1878 in Michigan.¹⁴⁹ He married Anna, daughter of Joshua **BELDEN (11)**. She was born in 1794 in Whately and died 9 Sept. 1862 in Michigan.¹⁵⁰ Jeremiah purchased land in the "Michigan Toledo Strip" on 18 March 1837.¹⁵¹ Crafts wrote that they had eight children but lists only four and records on those four are scanty.

Mary Ann, b. 1820 and d. at an unknown place and time. She is named on the death certificate of her son, George Barclay Farmer who d. 9 Jan. 1929 in Michigan.¹⁵² She married John Farmer. The birth places of both Mary Ann and John Farmer are recorded as unknown on that certificate.

Levi, b. 1828 in Whately, d. 22 June 1901 in Somerset, Michigan.¹⁵³ He was in Michigan when he was listed in Civil War Draft records.¹⁵⁴

Emily, b. 1829, no further records found. Not with her parents in census records.

Miron, b. 1832, d. at an unknown date. He was with his parents through 1880.

CHESTER BELDEN 24

Son of Paul (10) and Hannah (**EDSON**) Belden, he was born 25 Aug. 1785, probably in Whately, and died 7 June 1830 per Crafts but no death or cemetery record was found for Chester or his wife. He married Polly, daughter of Russell **ALLIS (17)**. Chester and Polly had three children.

Champion, b. 28 July 1809, has his own entry (44)

Emeline, b. 1815, d. 27 Dec. 1854, in Amherst, of "stricture of rectum."¹⁵⁵ She m. Simon Woodbridge Whitney of Amherst.

Zerviola, b. 1819 and d. of heart disease, in Springfield, 2 Jan. 1895.¹⁵⁶ She m. Samuel Frost Whitney. Simon and Samuel were siblings.

¹⁴⁷ Center Cemetery, Whately MA # 127229535

¹⁴⁸ Center Cemetery, Whately MA # 127229864

¹⁴⁹ Somerset Cemetery, Hillsdale County MI # 32254693

¹⁵⁰ Somerset Cemetery, Hillsdale County MI # 32254688

¹⁵¹ *General Land Office Records 1796 – 1907*, Image 577 of 2934

¹⁵² *Michigan Death Records 1867 – 1920*, Image 802 of 2145

¹⁵³ Somerset Cemetery, Hillsdale Co. MI #32254677

¹⁵⁴ *U.S. Civil War Draft Registration Records 1863 – 1865*, image 30 of 261

¹⁵⁵ *Massachusetts Death Records 1841 – 1915*, Image 254 of 676

¹⁵⁶ *Massachusetts Death Records 1841 – 1915*, Image 243 of 694 As "Zevila"

ELIJAH BELDEN 25

The son of Joshua (11) and Anna (**MORTON**) Belden, he was baptized 27 June 1788 (not 1790 as in Crafts), ¹⁵⁷ and died at an unknown time and place. He married Lydia Crocker Dane, daughter of Benjamin of Shutesbury, not the Benjamin Dane who lived in Whately. Although their nine children were supposed to be born in Hatfield, no birth records were found.

Elijah, b. 1815 and He died on 24 ¹⁵⁸ July 1882 in Wisconsin. He m. Mary James

Martha, b. 1817 and d. at an unknown time and place. She m. Bernard Stacey. By 1850 they were in Wisconsin.

Ann, b. 1818 and d. at an unknown date and place. She m. H. Burroughs.

Lydia, b. 27 April 1821 and d. 3 Nov. 1908 in Gardena, California. ¹⁵⁹ She m. (1) Silas Haskins and (2) Elias Parker.

Lucy, b. 27 April 1821 and d. 1822

Albert, b. 1824 and supposed to have drowned about 1856.

Walter, b. 13 June 1827 and d. 20 Feb. 1903 in Portland, Oregon. ¹⁶⁰ He m. Sarah Perry Smith of Maine.

Luman, b. 24 Aug. 1829 and d. 3 Jan 1908. ¹⁶¹ He m. Elizabeth Maxson of New York.

Unnamed daughter, b. and d. 1820

SHAYLOR FITCH BELDEN 26

Son of Francis (14) and Ruth (**COLEMAN**) Belden, he was born 7 Feb. 1800 and died in Whately of "inflammation of the bowels, 9 May 1875. ¹⁶² He built a house on River Road about 1840 ¹⁶³ Shaylor married Susan, daughter of John **ASHCRAFT (2)**. She was born in 1809 and died of paralysis, 17 Nov. 1891 in Whately. ¹⁶⁴ Shaylor and Susan had five children.

Emma, b. 8 Sept. 1831. ¹⁶⁵ She was not included in Crafts and was not with the family in 1850.

Alfred S. b. 1839, has his own entry (45)

Lizzie S. b. 1848, d. 12 April 1882 in Springfield of "pulmonary congestion."¹⁶⁶ She m. Calvin Seldon Whitcomb ¹⁶⁷ of Springfield.

Frank, b. Dec. 1849. Perhaps the man of the right name and age enumerated in Red Rock, Montana in 1920.

Imogene, b. 1851 but no birth record found. In 1855 she was enumerated as a four-year-old with her parents and was with her parents until 1880 when she was living with her uncle Elihu

BELDEN (29). In 1894 her estate was recorded as a six-acre meadow and she was exempt from taxation. ¹⁶⁸ She died at an unknown time and place.

¹⁵⁷ *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Whately Church Records*, Image 55 of 66

¹⁵⁸ Spring Grove Cemetery, Delavan WI #67002867

¹⁵⁹ Pacific Crest Cemetery, Redondo Beach CA #179324424

¹⁶⁰ River View Cemetery, Portland OR #132468535

¹⁶¹ Lakeside Cemetery, Osakis MN #205096745

¹⁶² *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records, 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 409 of 464

¹⁶³ Dufault # 77

¹⁶⁴ *Massachusetts Death Records 1841 – 1915*, Image 493 of 1811

¹⁶⁵ *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 277 of 464

¹⁶⁶ *Massachusetts Death Records 1841 – 1915*, Image 397 of 1261

¹⁶⁷ Oak Grove Cemetery, Springfield MA # 30465215

¹⁶⁸ Town of Whately Valuation and Tax List, May 1 1894.

ALFRED BELDEN 27

Son of Francis (14) and Ruth (**COLEMAN**) Belden, he was born 17 Aug. 1813, died in Whately, of old age, 30 July 1899.¹⁶⁹ He left a will with no date.¹⁷⁰ It was made after his wife's death in 1892, however, because she is not mentioned. He left his estate to Lucy Belden. He married Marianne Phelps, the daughter of Charles Porter Phelps. The Phelps Huntington Museum in Hadley has maintained the old Phelps home and can be visited during summer months. An article in the newspaper described a dance held at Belden's home. The occasion was the dedication of a new tobacco barn... *parties intent on having a good time came in all manner of vehicles. The most recherché team was one composed of four oxen hitched to a large hay wagon. This team conveyed eighteen couples from the center of town. The team was driven by a sturdy German who accomplished the entire 3 ¾ miles in less than 2:40—we mean two hours and forty minutes. The collation served by Mr. Belden was just what you can always expect from his well known liberality...*¹⁷¹ Marianne Phelps was born in 1810 in Boston and died 2 Feb. 1892, in Northampton, of "general giving out of vital forces." She was 82 years old.¹⁷² Both Alfred and Marianne are buried in East Whately. They had only one child, **Charles**, born in 1850 and died of "consumption of the lungs", 9 June 1851.¹⁷³



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REUBEN HIBBARD BELDEN 28

Son of Reuben (15) and Hannah (**HIBBARD**) Belden, he was born 25 Jan. 1820 and died of apoplexy, in Hatfield, 27 Jan 1897.¹⁷⁴ He married Sarah, daughter of Jonathan **LOOMIS** who was born in 1820 and died of cystitis, in Hatfield, 6 December 1901.¹⁷⁵ They lived in Hatfield and are buried in the Bradstreet Cemetery. Reuben and Sarah had seven children.

Hannah Almira, b. 1843, d. 28 Jan 1909 in Hatfield of abdominal cancer.¹⁷⁶ She m. Daniel Wells of Hatfield.

Reuben, b. 1845, d. in Whately in 1919.¹⁷⁷ He m. Ellen Stearns of Conway.

Sarah Elizabeth, b. 11 Sept. 1847 and d. 16 Nov. 1865 of "diseased lungs." She was 18 years old at the time of her death.

¹⁶⁹ *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records, 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD, Image 436 of 464*

¹⁷⁰ *Massachusetts Wills and Probate Records, 1635 – 1991, Case #12649*

¹⁷¹ *Greenfield Gazette and Courier, Monday, Dec. 2, 1872,*

¹⁷² *Massachusetts Death Records 1841 – 1915, Image 672 of 1949*

¹⁷³ *Massachusetts Death Records 1841 – 1915, Image 204 of 616*

¹⁷⁴ *Massachusetts Death Records 1841 – 1915, Image 816 of 2241*

¹⁷⁵ *Massachusetts Death Records 1841 – 1915, Image 860 of 2728*

¹⁷⁶ *Massachusetts Death Records 1841 – 1915, Image 2 of 29*

¹⁷⁷ Bradstreet Cemetery, Hatfield MA # 127187693

George Colton was b. 1850 at North Hatfield and d. in South Deerfield, 20 April 1910 of heart disease.¹⁷⁸ He m. Amanda Clapp of South Deerfield.

William Howard, b. 1852 at North Hatfield and d. 1928.¹⁷⁹ He m. Emma Eaton of Nashua, New Hampshire.

Herbert Hibbard, b. 1855 at North Hatfield, d. 2 Aug. 1909.¹⁸⁰ He m. Laura Eaton of Amherst NH.

Clarence Eugene, b. 1859 at North Hatfield, d. 1940.¹⁸¹ He m. Nellie Maud Snow of Providence, Rhode Island.

ELIHU BELDEN 29

Son of Reuben (15) and Hannah (**HIBBARD**) Belden, he was born 4 Feb. 1824 and died of heart disease, 13 Nov. 1882.¹⁸² He married Roxana, daughter of Moses **LEONARD**. She was born 13 July 1828 and died 4 Sept. 1870, the cause recorded as “not known”, but since it was the day after she had a baby, one might attribute the cause to that event. She was 42 years old. In 1850 they were in Whately with one child and four unrelated persons, probably live in workers.¹⁸³ In 1871 they were included on a list of residents who owned a dog. Elihu and Roxana had eight children.

Henrietta Asenath, b. 7 Jan. 1847 and d. 8 Sept. 1847.¹⁸⁴

Franklin Day, b. 1848, has his own entry (51)

Elihu Leonard, b. 1851 and d. 12 March 1908. He was an epileptic and never married but d. of “pulmonary apoplexy.”¹⁸⁵

Channing Snow, b. 1854, d. 21 Feb. 1903.¹⁸⁶ He m. Mary Thompson of New York City and resided in Hartford but was buried back in Whately.

William Clifford, b. 1858, d. 10 Aug. 1932.¹⁸⁷ He m. Nellie Frances Dearborn of New Hampshire and settled in Springfield, but like his brother Channing, was buried in East Whately.

Rufus Howland, b. 1860, d. 1892 of Bright’s Disease.¹⁸⁸ He m. Helen Haff of Peru, New York and lived in Springfield until his health failed and he returned to Whately. His daughter, **Anna Edith**, married Howard Eaton Belden of Amherst.

Albert Matson, b. 1867 and has his own entry (55).

Infant son, b. 3 Sept. 1870 and d. two days later.

HENRY BELDEN 30

Son of Seth (16) and Rachel (Lewis) Belden, he was born in Whately 30 Aug. 1808 and died in Wisconsin 20 Jan. 1856. While Henry died intestate, there is a probate record in Darien, Walworth County, Wisconsin.¹⁸⁹ The record is dated 6 May 1856 and lists six children and their ages. Henry married Hannah Loveland of Hinsdale, New Hampshire. She was 41 in 1850 when the family was living in Adams, thus born about 1809 and she died of cancer, in Cummington, 15 October 1877.¹⁹⁰ Henry and Hannah had eight children, the first two died young. Crafts wrote that

¹⁷⁸ *Massachusetts Death Records 1841 – 1915*, Image 21 of 44

¹⁷⁹ Bradstreet Cemetery, Hatfield MA # 127187660

¹⁸⁰ *New Hampshire Deaths and Burials Records Index 1654 – 1949*, Image 1741 of 3332

¹⁸¹ Bradstreet Cemetery, Hatfield MA # 127187743

¹⁸² *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records, 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 416 of 464

¹⁸³ *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records, 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 404 of 464

¹⁸⁴ East Whately Cemetery #127466647; The Find a Grave annotation has an incorrect year of birth.

¹⁸⁵ *Massachusetts Death Records 1841 – 1915*, Image 5 of 15

¹⁸⁶ East Whately Cemetery, Whately MA # 127280922

¹⁸⁷ East Whately Cemetery, Whately MA # 127280918

¹⁸⁸ *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records, 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 426 of 464

¹⁸⁹ *Wisconsin Wills and Probate Records, 1800 – 1987*, Case # 1388

¹⁹⁰ *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records, 1620 – 1988, Cummington BMD*, Image 367 of 730

only the first two were born in Whately, but the birth records say Pittsfield. The others were born in Northampton.

Hannah Maria, b. 19 July 1832 in Pittsfield, d. 16 May 1838. She is buried in East Whately.

Polly Amelia, b. 13 March 1834 in Pittsfield, d. 13 April 1841.

Henry, b. 25 June 1836 in Northampton and d. of “congestion of the brain” on 24 Jan. 1900, also in Northampton.¹⁹¹ He m. Ellen Brooks. He was the eldest of the six children in the probate record and the age given was consistent with that given by Crafts.

Caroline, b. 1838 and d. 15 Jan. 1915 in Los Angeles.¹⁹² She is buried in Ohio.¹⁹³ She m. Henry A. **BROWN** of Whately.

Seth, “16 next March” in the probate record, May 1856. He was a soldier in Co. G, 37th Massachusetts Infantry, and was killed at the battle of Winchester, Virginia, 19 Sept. 1864.

Charles Anson, [will be] “14 next May” in the probate record, May 1856. He returned to Whately because Stephen Belden, his uncle, was named guardian on 4 August 1857.¹⁹⁴

James, b. 1845, “12 next November.” He d. of lung fever, 24 April 1874¹⁹⁵ and is buried with his mother in Cummington. He m. Almira Canedy.

Thomas, b. 1846 “9 next June.” He has his own entry (65)

STEPHEN BELDEN 32

Son of Seth (16) and Rachel (Lewis) Belden, he was born 30 Dec. 1818 and died of old age, in Northampton, on 9 Nov. 1905.¹⁹⁶ He married (1) Miriam, daughter of Joseph **BROWN** of Whately. She was born on 12 Oct. 1820 and died of fever in 1856.¹⁹⁷ This was a month after her daughter Miriam Sophia was born. In 1857 Stephen married (2) Martha Healy. Martha was born in Chesterfield in 1828 and died in Northampton of “pulmonary tuberculosis”, 18 Aug. 1893.¹⁹⁸ Stephen is buried with both his wives in East Whately.¹⁹⁹ In 2022 pictures of Stephen and Martha were found in a garage in California. The St. Helena Historical Society contacted Whately and the pictures were returned.

Children of Stephen and Miriam:

Edward W. b. 7 Nov. 1843 and d. 29 March 1880 in LaGrange, Indiana.²⁰⁰ His wife was Maria Mosher of LaGrange and he resided there.

Mary Ellen, b. 1848 and d. 30 August 1928.²⁰¹ She m. Orlando Searle (not Soule) of Southampton.

Martha, b. 7 Nov. 1851 and d. 19 April 1915.²⁰² She m. George D. Clark of Northampton. Along with many Whately men he was a soldier in the 52nd Massachusetts Infantry. He survived the War.

Miriam Sophia, b. 1856, d. 12 May 1911 of diabetes.²⁰³ Her mother died a month after her birth and she was subsequently adopted by her aunt and uncle, Charles W. and Julia (**BROWN**) **NASH**

¹⁹¹ Massachusetts Death Records 1841 – 1915, Image 964 of 2704

¹⁹² *California Death Index, 1905 – 1939*, text only

¹⁹³ Greenlawn Cemetery, Delta OH # 7973213

¹⁹⁴ *Massachusetts Wills and Probate Records, 1635 – 1991*, Case #386

¹⁹⁵ *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records, 1620 – 1988, Cummington BMD*, Image 365 of 730

¹⁹⁶ *Massachusetts Death Records 1841 – 1915*, Image 305 of 355

¹⁹⁷ *Massachusetts Death Records 1841 – 1915*, Image 221 of 694

¹⁹⁸ *Massachusetts Death Records 1841 – 1915*, Image 733 of 2114

¹⁹⁹ East Whately Cemetery, Stephen #127170357, #Miriam #127170380, Martha #127170401

²⁰⁰ Osborn Cemetery, LaGrange IN #66471943

²⁰¹ Center Cemetery, Southampton MA # 75921375

²⁰² Bridge Street Cemetery, Northampton MA #81601857

²⁰³ *Massachusetts Death Records 1841 – 1915*, Image 8 of 19

of Whately. This led to confusion because Crafts had Miriam Sophia Belden and Miriam Sophia Nash born on the same day and both marrying Walter F. Cooley. There are marriage records in both names. The death record is in the name of Miriam S. Belden Cooley but the gravestone is in the name of Miriam Sophia Nash Cooley.²⁰⁴

Child of Stephen and Martha:

Ada Louise, b. 1869. She did not marry and d. 4 Nov. 1949.²⁰⁵

ALLEN BELDEN 33

Son of Elisha (18) and Abigail (Kellogg) Belden, he was born in Whately 27 Aug. 1802 and died of Bright's Disease, 12 Feb. 1872.²⁰⁶ Allen made his will on 26 March 1871. He named his living children and the children of his deceased son Frederick.²⁰⁷ Allen married Aurelia, daughter of Thomas **CRAFTS (19)**. She was born about 1810 and died of pleurisy, in Whately, April 1857.²⁰⁸ Allen and Aurelia had four children:

Edwin Martin, b. 1831, has his own entry (57)

Rudolphus Allen, b. 1833, has his own entry (58)

Frederick M. b. 1835 and has his own entry (59)

Elizabeth Muzzy, an adopted daughter b. in 1832. She d. of apoplexy on 1 April 1903.²⁰⁹ Her death certificate names her parents as Benjamin Muzzy and Hannah Barrett and her birthplace as Nashua, New Hampshire. Her marriage record, 21 Nov. 1850, in Whately, named her father as Benjamin Muzzy.²¹⁰ She m. (1) Oliver **VINING** of Hatfield. She m. (2) in 1877, Almeron **CRAFTS (67)** of Whately.²¹¹ They were together in 1880 but by 1900 they were divorced, and she was living with Ella Abbott, her daughter by her first marriage. Her death record and her gravestone are in the name of Elizabeth M. Vining.

WILLIAM BELDEN 34

Son of Elisha (18) and Abigail (Kellogg) Belden, he was born in Whately 20 June 1804 and died of pneumonia, 18 Dec. 1883.²¹² His property was located in the present-day area of Claverack Road and LaSalle Drive. He married Salome Cummings. She was born 15 Aug. 1810 in Troy, New York and died of paralysis, 14 Dec. 1891.²¹³ There is a probate record for Salome, with a tiny inventory that includes 20 hens, a bed, a brass kettle and a few other items with a total value of \$26.50. Her house, barn and two acres of land were valued at \$225.²¹⁴ Both she and her husband are buried in the Center Cemetery.²¹⁵ William and Salome had eight children, seven of whom were listed in her probate record.

Dudley Smith, b. Troy, New York in 1831 and d. in Whately of heart disease, 2 Feb. 1914.²¹⁶ He never married.

²⁰⁴ East Whately Cemetery #127404085

²⁰⁵ East Whately Cemetery #127170430

²⁰⁶ Center Cemetery, Whately MA #127239757

²⁰⁷ *Massachusetts Wills and Probate Records, 1635 – 1991, Case #388*

²⁰⁸ *Massachusetts Death Records 1841 – 1915, Image 216 of 679*

²⁰⁹ *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records, 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD, Image 443 of 464*

²¹⁰ *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records, 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD, Image 217 of 464*

²¹¹ *Massachusetts Marriage Records, 1840 – 1915, Image 317 of 977*

²¹² *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records, 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD, Image 417 of 464*

²¹³ *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records, 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD, Image 425 of 464*

²¹⁴ *Massachusetts Wills and Probate Records, 1635 – 1991, Case #10570*

²¹⁵ Center Cemetery, Whately MA; William # 73083424, Salome # 127218112.

²¹⁶ *Massachusetts Death Records 1841 – 1915, Image 2 of 14*

Minerva b. Whately 1834, d. in Hatfield of Bright's Disease, 21 May 1903.²¹⁷ She m. Eben Anderson of Hatfield. Eben was a soldier in the Civil War and d. 2 July 1863 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.²¹⁸

Laura, b. 1836, d. 16 Oct. 1920.²¹⁹ She m. George M. **CRAFTS (56)** of Whately.

Henry Chapman, b. 1839 and d. 20 Dec. 1929.²²⁰ He was a soldier in Company D. Mass 52nd Infantry.²²¹ He m. Lora Pierce of Hadley in 1866 and was with her in Whately in 1870 and 1880. In 1900 they were in Hadley. Lora suffered from chronic spinal paralysis and died from that cause 28 Sept. 1908.²²² The death record records her burial in Whately, but no record was found. Henry and Lora had one child born in Whately. She was **Gertrude May** Belden and she died 4 June 1871, aged 3 months of "fitts." She is buried in the Center Cemetery in Whately. In 1910 Henry m. (2) Catherine Scott, the widow of Christopher Noble. She was born in Ireland in 1852 and died in 1938.²²³ Henry is probably the man who died in Northampton in 1929.²²⁴

Edgar, b. 1841 and d. after 1910 when he was a boarder, age 67, in the home of Horace and Carrie Bardwell. He appeared on the list of town poor beginning in 1876 and was supported by the state.

Albert Elisha, b. 1845 and d. in 1935.²²⁵ He m. Ada Jennie Lawrence of Hadley and did not reside in Whately.

George W. b. 28 Oct. 1848 in Whately and d. in Ashfield, 7 March 1854 of "inflammation of head."²²⁶

Charles Kellogg, b. 1853, d. after 1910 when he was a boarder in a large rooming house in Chicopee. In 1900 he was a "brass finisher" and lived in Williamsburg. In 1910 he was a laborer in an automobile plant.

DAVID BELDEN 36

Son of Elisha (18) and Abigail (Kellogg) Belden, he was born 7 March 1813 and died of dysentery on 10 Sept. 1854.²²⁷ He married (1) Triphena, daughter of Thomas and Mehitable **CRAFTS (19)**. Triphena was born on 22 Aug. 1819 and died on 21 Dec. 1842,²²⁸ the cause recorded as "abortion" which in that context meant miscarriage. Since they married in Nov. 1842,²²⁹ one of the records must be mistaken or she was perilously close to becoming an unwed mother. David married (2) Maria Sybil (Hastings) Stanley of Wilmington, Vermont. She was born in 1817 and died of "general debility, in Ashfield, on 14 July 1897.²³⁰ She died intestate but a probate record named two daughters and a granddaughter.²³¹ In the 1850 census David and Maria were in Ashfield with Harriet and Rufus, the two children from her first marriage. Although they were the children of Rufus Stanley they were enumerated as surname Belding. David and Maria had two children:

²¹⁷ *Massachusetts Death Records 1841 – 1915*, Image 3 of 4

²¹⁸ *U.S. Register of Deaths of Volunteers 1861 - 1865*

²¹⁹ North Hadley Cemetery, Hadley MA # 59883297

²²⁰ *U.S. Civil War Soldier Records and profiles, 1861 – 1865*, text only

²²¹ *U.S. Civil War Soldier Records and profiles, 1861 – 1865*, text only

²²² *Massachusetts Death Records 1841 – 1915*, Image 306 of 391

²²³ High Street Cemetery, Haydenville #7094451

²²⁴ *Massachusetts Death Index, 1901 – 1980*, 219 of 580

²²⁵ North Hadley Cemetery, Hadley MA #35388110

²²⁶ *Massachusetts Death Records 1841 – 1915*, Image 190 of 676

²²⁷ *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records, 1620 – 1988*, Whately BMD, Image 388 of 464

²²⁸ *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records, 1620 – 1988*, Whately BMD, Image 206 of 464

²²⁹ *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records, 1620 – 1988*, Whately BMD, Image 125 of 464

²³⁰ *Massachusetts Death Records 1841 – 1915*, Image 616 of 2241

²³¹ *Massachusetts Wills and Probate Records, 1635 – 1991*, Case # 12098

Abby Triphena was b. and d. 7 May 1850 in Ashfield.²³²
Elnora, b. 3 Dec. 1852 and d. 1939²³³ She m. Archibald Dick Flower of Ashfield.



Early Ferry Boat

ASA P. BELDEN 37

The son of Dickinson (20) and Marsena (Thatcher) Belden, he was born in 1818. He was a “ferryman” and drowned in the Connecticut River in Hatfield, 14 April 1847.²³⁴ He married Eliza, daughter of Isaac Gould. She was a sister of Edwin **GOULD** of Whately but was born 1827 in Newfane, Vermont. In 1850 and in 1855 Eliza and her children were in Gardner, Massachusetts and in 1859 she married (2) Charles W. Clapp. She died of “carcinoma of the face and scalp”, in Haverhill, 17 June 1904.²³⁵ Asa and Eliza had two children:

Henry Dennis, b. 25 Aug. 1844²³⁶ in Whately and d. 21 May 1903 in St. Albans, Vermont.²³⁷
Sophia, b. about 1845 and not found after 1855 when she was with her mother in Gardner.

WILLARD M. BELDEN 38

The son of Dickinson (20) and Marsena (Thatcher) Belden, he was born 18 Sept. 1820 and died of “fatty degeneration of the heart”, 3 Feb. 1898, in Belchertown.²³⁸ He made his will on 20 March 1897 and left everything to his only living son, Willard, with the proviso that Willard care for his mother, Risphia.²³⁹ The senior Willard married (1) Lucinda, daughter of Jesse **JEWETT** of Whately on 21 May 1846 in Vernon, Vermont. She died of consumption on 6 April 1863.²⁴⁰ Willard married (2) on 2 Feb. 1865, Risphia Miller, widow of George W. **BARDWELL (57)**.

Children of Willard and Lucinda:

Clarence, d. of consumption, 10 May 1849 at 6 months, 10 days.²⁴¹

Willard and Lucinda also had two sons, both named Frank Willard Belden. Multiple records provide inconsistent information about these two boys.

The Massachusetts statewide index of deaths lists two individuals, one who died in 1853 and the other in 1855.²⁴²

²³² *Massachusetts Death Records 1841 – 1915*, Image 175 of 587

²³³ Green River Cemetery, Greenfield MA # 107730922

²³⁴ *Massachusetts Death Records 1841 – 1915*, Image 400 of 505

²³⁵ *Massachusetts Death Records 1841 – 1915*, Image 283 of 584

²³⁶ Greenwood Cemetery, St. Albans VT #14671978

²³⁷ *Vermont Vital Records, 1720 – 1908*, Image 244 of 2385

²³⁸ *Massachusetts Death Records 1841 – 1915*, Image 786 of 2306

²³⁹ *Massachusetts Wills and Probate Records, 1635 – 1991*, Volume 91 – 94, 1897 - 1898

²⁴⁰ *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records, 1620 – 1988*, Whately BMD, Image 347 of 464

²⁴¹ *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records, 1620 – 1988*, Whately BMD, Image 178 of 464

There is a death record in Whately for a child who died on 8 August 1853, aged 8 months and 11 days. This calculates to a birthdate of 28 Nov. 1852.²⁴³

There is a death record in Whately for a child who died of cholera infantum on 11 Sept. 1855 aged 4 years, 27 days. This calculates to a birthdate of 15 Aug. 1851.²⁴⁴

There is a birth record in Shutesbury for a child born 11 April 1855.²⁴⁵

There is a gravestone for a child who died 11 Sept. 1855.²⁴⁶

In the 1855 State Census, taken on 13 Sept. of that year, Willard and Lucinda have son Frank who is 2/12 old, extrapolating to a birth in July.

Since neither lived to adulthood, these inconsistencies are of no great import but...

Child of Willard and Risphia:

Willard, b. 1866 and d. 1949.²⁴⁷ He did not marry.

In addition, Willard and Risphia adopted or fostered two **POWLING** children, William and Eliza. In 1880 William was 12 and Eliza 10. William was recorded as “crippled, maimed or bedridden” but he was at school, so probably not bedridden. They were the probably the children of Kaster **POWLING** (1) who had sailed from Ireland on *The City of New York* and arrived in New York City on 14 Nov. 1871. Risphia’s older daughter Harriet Bardwell married Kaster **POWLING** in 1873 and may have been unable to keep the children, or, since we know that she was dead by 1880, the children may have been left twice motherless.

HEMAN F. BELDEN 39

The son of Dickinson (20) and Marsena (Thatcher) Belden, he was born in Whately 7 Feb. 1822 and died in Pelham, 9 Oct. 1904 of acute nephritis and cystitis.²⁴⁸ He married (1) in 1853, Julia Hart, widow of Elijah **GRAVES** (66) of Whately. She died of pneumonia 14 April 1881.²⁴⁹ He married (2), as her third husband, on 9 April 1882, Laura Barnes Bishop. Heman and Julia had two children:

Adaline, b. 13 April 1857, d. in Deerfield 4 Aug. 1888, aged 32, with the cause of death left blank.²⁵⁰ There is also a Deerfield record with a death date of 11 Aug. 1888.²⁵¹ She m. Horatio **POWLING**, a native of England. They lived in Deerfield but were much aligned with the **SCOTT** family of Whately and are buried in town.

Emeline, b. 1862, d. of a cerebral hemorrhage on 5 June 1931 in Vermont.²⁵² The death record is in the name “Emma” Bradley. She m. Franklin S. Bradley and lived in Brattleboro. The death probably took place there although the town was left blank on the death certificate.

CHAMPION BELDEN 44

Son of Chester (24) and Polly (**ALLIS**) Belden, he was born 26 July 1809 and died in Pennsylvania. He married Almira Pratt on 13 November 1830 in Brattleboro, Vermont.²⁵³ One

²⁴² *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Statewide Index*, Image 39 of 251

²⁴³ *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records, 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 387 of 464

²⁴⁴ *Massachusetts Death Records 1841 – 1915*, Image 221 of 674

²⁴⁵ *Massachusetts Birth Records 1840 – 1915*, Image 318 of 1031

²⁴⁶ Center Cemetery, Whately MA #127239938

²⁴⁷ Rural Cemetery, Belchertown MA # 100519861

²⁴⁸ *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records, 1620 – 1988, Pelham BMD*, Image 167 of 393

²⁴⁹ *Massachusetts Death Records 1841 – 1915*, Image 351 of 1231

²⁵⁰ *Massachusetts Death Records 1841 – 1915*, Image 372 of 1504

²⁵¹ *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records, 1620 – 1988, Deerfield BMD*, Image 461 of 481

²⁵² *Vermont Death Records 1909 – 2008*, Image 2711 of 23984

²⁵³ *Vermont Vital Records 1720 – 1908*. Image 2924 of 3530

“child of Champion Belding” died in Whately in 1830.²⁵⁴ Crafts could not get much hold on the dates and fates of their children nor could this researcher. There is a very sketchy internet file that includes at least one supposed child who is not.

ALFRED S. BELDEN 45

Son of Shaylor (26) and Susan (**ASHCRAFT**) Belden, he was born 31 Jan. 1839, Crafts says in Whately, but the birth certificate is in Pittsfield.²⁵⁵ He registered for the Civil War draft in Whately²⁵⁶ but enlisted in the 49th Massachusetts Infantry, a regiment that was entirely composed of men from Berkshire County. He died 11 March 1914 of “probable” carcinoma of the bowel, in Springfield²⁵⁷ where both he and Lucy had gone to live with their son Allen. He married Lucy, daughter of John **SANDERSON (28)**. Lucy was alive when Alfred died and no death record for her was found.

They had three children, all born in Whately:

Edmond Allis, b. 1862, d. after 1920, probably in Connecticut where he was living at the date.

He m. Angie Blodgett of Amherst and resided in Springfield before moving to Connecticut.

Allen, b. 1866, died after 1940. He m. Eliza Rosalie Higgins of Northampton.

Randolph, b. 1873, d. 1942 in Springfield²⁵⁸ He m. Agnes Alexander.

WILLIAM HOWARD BELDEN 48

The son of Reuben (28) and Sarah (**LOOMIS**) Belden, he was born 28 Dec. 1852 and died in 1928.²⁵⁹ He married Emma Estella Eaton of Nashua, New Hampshire. She was born in Nashua in 1856 and died in Hatfield in 1921.²⁶⁰ William and Emma had four children:

Howard Eaton, b. 1878 and d. after 1930 when he was living in Hatfield with his wife and her mother. At one year of age, he was living with his grandfather (although the census calls him a nephew) Reuben Hibbard **BELDEN (28)** and at age 21 he was living with his own uncle, Reuben **BELDEN (46)**. He m. Anna Edith, daughter of Rufus Howland **BELDEN (54)** of Whately.

Robert Loomis, b. 1882 and d. 28 Jan. 1940.²⁶¹ He m. Minnie Graves of Hatfield.

William Lucius, b. 1884 and d. 8 Jan. 1950.²⁶² He m. Laura Billings.

Harrison Reuben, b. 1890 and d. in 1945.²⁶³ He m. Gladys, daughter of Arthur **JENNEY** of Whately. She was b. on 17 July 1892 in Whately and d. in 1986.²⁶⁴

FRANKLIN DAY BELDEN 51

Son of Elihu (29) and Roxana (**LEONARD**) Belden, he was born 11 July 1848 and died 8 July 1908 of cirrhosis of the liver and myocarditis.²⁶⁵ He married (1) Mary, daughter of Samuel **WHITE (12)**. Mary died of consumption, 29 March 1873.²⁶⁶ Eighteen years later Franklin married (2) Helen Haff, the widow of his brother Rufus Howland **BELDEN (54)**. She was born

²⁵⁴ *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Whately Church Records*, Image 73 of 125

²⁵⁵ *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records, 1620 – 1988, Pittsfield BMD*, Image 2608 of 5553

²⁵⁶ *U.S. Civil War Draft Registration Records, 1863 – 1865*, Image 185 of 719

²⁵⁷ *Massachusetts Death Records 1841 – 1915*, Image 365 of 1794

²⁵⁸ Oak Grove Cemetery, Springfield MA #52833879

²⁵⁹ Bradstreet Cemetery, Hatfield MA #127187660

²⁶⁰ Bradstreet Cemetery, Hatfield # 12787676

²⁶¹ Main Street Cemetery, Hatfield # 127179342

²⁶² Bradstreet Cemetery, Hatfield # 112106960

²⁶³ Main Street Cemetery, Hatfield # 127386846

²⁶⁴ Main Street Cemetery, Hatfield #127386829

²⁶⁵ *Massachusetts Death Records 1841 – 1915*, Image 10 of 15

²⁶⁶ *Massachusetts Death Records 1841 – 1915*, Image 368 of 1196.

in 1856 in Peru, New York and died in Whately in 1935. She is buried with Franklin Belden in East Whately.²⁶⁷

Franklin and Mary had one child, also named **Mary**. She was born 23 Feb. 1873. Her mother died just over one month later and her father, perhaps because his own mother was dead and he had only brothers remaining, he placed her in the home of George Smith in Whately. Smith had five children in his household called “boarders”; four of them named Belden. All were attending school and Smith lived close to the school building, then located at the corner of present-day Straits and Long Plain Roads. Franklin himself lived in Whately with his widowed father and three younger brothers.

RUFUS HOWLAND BELDEN 54

The son of Elihu (29) and Roxana (**LEONARD**) Belden, he was born at Whately 29 Aug. 1860 and died of Bright’s Disease, on 12 June 1892.²⁶⁸ He was 31 years old. He married Helen Haff, who was born in Peru, New York in 1856 and who married as her second husband, Rufus’ brother, Franklin Day **BELDEN 51** of Whately. Rufus and Helen had one daughter, **Anna Edith**, born in 1882. In 1900 she was living with her mother and stepfather and by 1910 she had married yet another Belden, her second Cousin Howard Eaton **BELDEN**, son of William Howard **BELDEN (48)**. Anna died in 1973.²⁶⁹

ALBERT MATSON BELDEN 55

The son of Elihu (29) Roxana (**LEONARD**) Belden, he was born on 22 June 1867 and died. 5 Aug. 1912 of pernicious anemia.²⁷⁰ He was a physician and married (1) Mabel Bicknell with whom he had two daughters. **Roxanna** d. at the age of seven and **Marion** d. just six days after her first birthday. Heartbreaking. He married (2) in 1900, Carrie Josephine, daughter of Hiram **BARDWELL (70)**. Albert and Carrie lived in Northampton and had three children born there, none with Whately marriages.

EDWIN MARTIN BELDEN 57

Son of Allen (33) and Aurelia (**CRAFTS**) Belden. he was born 14 April 1831, died of pneumonia, 20 Feb. 1898.²⁷¹ He married Mary, daughter of Martin **CRAFTS (42)**. She was born in Portland, Maine in 1835 and died of dropsy, 12 July 1865, aged 30.²⁷² He was a Civil War soldier who registered from Whately²⁷³ and enlisted in the 52 Massachusetts Infantry. He was wounded but survived. In 1870 he relocated to Iowa where he was enumerated with his adopted sister Lizzie and his children. By 1880 he was back in Whately, living alone. At the time of his death, he was resident in the Soldier’s Home in Chelsea, Massachusetts. Edwin and Mary had five children.

Allen, b. 5 May 1857, d. 15 Sept. 1857 of cholera infantum.²⁷⁴

Frederick Allen, b. 1858, d. 1928.²⁷⁵ He m. Ellen Brainard and had no children.

²⁶⁷ East Whately Cemetery, #127280925 (Helen) and #127280920 (Franklin)

²⁶⁸ *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records, 1620 – 1988*, Whately BMD, Image 426 of 464

²⁶⁹ *Massachusetts Death Index, 1970 – 2003*, text only

²⁷⁰ *Massachusetts Mason Membership Cards, 1733 – 1990*, Image 2546 of 9891

²⁷¹ *Massachusetts Death Records 1841 – 1915*, Image 1992 of 2306

²⁷² *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records, 1620 – 1988*, Whately BMD, Image 299 of 464

²⁷³ *U.S. Civil War Draft Registration Records, 1863 – 1865*, Image 36 of 435

²⁷⁴ *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records, 1620 – 1988*, Whately BMD, Image 391 of 464

²⁷⁵ *Massachusetts Death index, 1901 – 1980*, 209 of 580

Aurelia, b. 1859 and dd. at an unknown date. She m. John Wertsell of Chicopee Indexed as Netsel, the couple lived in Chicopee in 1910.

Edwin David, b. 1861, dd. 29 Jan. 1944.²⁷⁶ At the age of 19, 1880, he was living in Blue Earth City, Minnesota. Nothing further found until 31 Dec. 1910 when, as a divorced man, he m. Mary E. Crafts, daughter of Sumner Crafts of Chicopee.

George Preston, b. 17 Nov. 1862, d. of dysentery, in Whately, 2 Sept. 1864.²⁷⁷

RUDOLPHUS ALLEN BELDEN 58

Son of Allen (33) and Aurelia (**CRAFTS**) Belden he was born 21 June 1833 and died of consumption, in Chicopee, 20 May 1876.²⁷⁸ Crafts gave a death date of 29 March. He registered for the Civil War draft in Hatfield but there is no evidence that he served.²⁷⁹ Almost certainly because of his illness, the family was listed among the town “paupers” for many years. Rudolphus married his cousin, Harriet Tryphena, daughter of Martin **CRAFTS (42)**. Harriet and Mary Crafts who married Edwin Belden were sisters. Harriet was born in 1843 and died after 1920 when she was living in Springfield. Crafts said they resided in Whately but in 1870 the family was intact in Northfield. Rudolphus and Harriet had five children:

Hattie Amaretta, b. 15 July 1862 in Whately and d. in 1918 when she was living in Hancock Shaker Village, Hancock, Massachusetts.²⁸⁰ The Shakers, for whom celibacy was a part of the religion, relied on converts, and accepted orphans and semi-orphans into their order.

Grant Everett, b. 29 Oct. 1864, d. unmarried in 1934.²⁸¹ In 1880 he was included in the census schedule for defective, dependent and delinquent classes. He was categorized as a “homeless child.” By 1910 he was living with his mother in Enfield, Connecticut and in 1920, again with his mother in Springfield. In 1930 he was a roomer in Springfield, working as a stock clerk at the U.S. Armory.

Ernest Lincoln, b. 21 July 1866, drowned 25 Sept. 1891.²⁸² Like his brother Grant, Ernest was included in the special census schedule mentioned above. He is buried in the Center Cemetery In Whately.

Alice May, b. 8 Aug. 1868 and d. of consumption, in Chicopee, 6 May 1876.²⁸³

Mary Elizabeth, b. 4 Feb. 1871 and d. of “broncho pneumonia”, 16 Sept. 1944.²⁸⁴ She was living at Hancock Shaker Village in Hancock where, along with her sister, Hattie, she had been since before 1900. Place of death in the record was “House of Mercy.” She was enumerated as Mary in 1900 but Elizabeth in 1930.

²⁷⁶ West Street Cemetery, Granby MA # 102048933

²⁷⁷ *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records, 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 398 of 464

²⁷⁸ *Massachusetts Death records 1841 – 1915*, Image 340 of 1178

²⁷⁹ *U.S. Civil War Draft Registration Records, 1863 – 1865*, Image 88 of 719

²⁸⁰ *Massachusetts Death Index, 1901 – 1980*, Image 242 of 560

²⁸¹ Center Cemetery, Whately MA # 127239914

²⁸² *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records, 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 425 of 464

²⁸³ *Massachusetts Death Records 1841 – 1915*, Image 2020 of 2216

²⁸⁴ *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records, 1620 – 1988, Hancock BMD*, Image 242 of 496



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FREDERICK MORTIMER BELDEN 59

Son of Allen (33) and Aurelia (**CRAFTS**) Belden, he was born 15 Jan. 1835 in Whately and died of consumption in 1870, also in Whately.²⁸⁵ He married Elizabeth Polluck of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania where he was living at the time and where his two children, Anna and Edwin Mortimer were born. Elizabeth m. (2) Sumner Wesley, son of Austin **CRAFTS (62)** of Whately.

Anna, b. in Philadelphia 24 Nov. 1867 and d. in 1922.²⁸⁶ She m. Elmer Manser and resided in Springfield.

Edwin Mortimer, b. 5 Feb. 1868 and d. 30 May 1930.²⁸⁷ He m. Edith Haner of New York.

THOMAS BELDEN 65

The son of Henry (30) and Hannah (Loveland) Belden, he was born in Whately 5 June 1846 and died 25 April 1931 in Ohio.²⁸⁸ He married (1) Lucy, daughter of Samuel **LAMB** of Whately. She died in 1884, according to Crafts but no supporting record was found. Thomas married (2) Jennie Allis of Toledo. Henry and Lucy had four children.

Children of Henry and Lucy:

Charles, b. in 1870 and died in 1951.²⁸⁹ He m. Myrtle Demerest.

Jessie Maria, b. 1874 and d. after 1940 when she and her husband were living in Springfield. She m. Edgar Moody **BARDWELL (82)** of Whately.

George Samuel, born 1877 and died in 1955.²⁹⁰ He m. Edith Grace Stone

Louis Allen, b. 23 May 1883. There is a birth record with that date in Northfield for an unnamed child of Thomas Belding.²⁹¹

²⁸⁵ *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records, 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD, Image 404 of 464*

²⁸⁶ Oak Grove Cemetery, Springfield MA #139282731

²⁸⁷ West Street Cemetery, Granby MA #102049092

²⁸⁸ Collingwood Cemetery, Toledo OH # 517907559

²⁸⁹ Collingwood Cemetery, Toledo OH # 29180683

²⁹⁰ Ottawa Hills Memorial Park, Ottawa Hills OH # 83889287

²⁹¹ *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records, 1620 – 1988, Northfield BMD, Image 309 of 1541*

