

Part 5
Bennett – Bush

DANIEL WEBSTER BENNETT 2

The son of Ezra (1) and Harriet (Hunt) who never lived in Whately, Daniel was born in Rindge, New Hampshire¹ 18 Dec. 1828, and died in Whately 7 Aug. 1856. The only record found for his death was that given by Crafts. There is, however, a gravestone in Ohio with the same death date.² He married Susan Olivia Ladd on 10 April 1855,³ his death coming about one year later. She was born in 1832, the daughter of John Ladd. Susan married (2) George Bennett, the brother of her deceased husband. The only child of Daniel and Susan was **Mary Addie** who was born 25 Feb. 1856 and married Herbert L. **BATES** of Whately. She died in Williamsburg of broncho- pneumonia, 26 March 1936.⁴

GEORGE WASHINGTON BENNETT 3

The son of Ezra (1) and Harriet (Hunt) Bennett, and the brother of Daniel, he was born in Rindge, New Hampshire about 1830 and died of alcoholism in Whately 16 June 1893.⁵ He registered for the Civil War draft in Whately but there is no evidence that he served.⁶ On 27 March 1858 he married Susan Olivia (Ladd) Bennett, the widow of his brother Daniel. Susan Bennett died on 7 May 1924 in Whately.⁷ Susan and George had three children:

Fanny, b. 1861, d. 29 June 1903, in Whately, of chronic nephritis.⁸

John, b. 1863 and d. 28 Jan. 1927 in Haydenville.⁹ He m. in 1884, Clara Lawrence of Williamsburg.

Ella, b. 1868, d. of an embolism on 10 July 1903.¹⁰ She m. Henry Waite of Williamsburg. Even though the parents were living together in Williamsburg, their daughter, **Elsie** Waite was living with her grandmother Susan in 1900 and 1810. Elsie died of typhoid fever on 10 Sept. 1911.¹¹

JAMES BIGELOW 1

There is scant evidence for this family and no records supporting the residence in Whately that Crafts wrote existed “for many years.”

CHARLES D. BIGELOW 2

Nor was evidence found that Charles, son of James (1) lived in Whately. He was found in 1850 and 1870 in Colchester, Connecticut. He married Salome Wilcox. Their son James was born about 1831 and died 15 Sept. 1833 from the kick of a horse. He is buried in Conway.¹² Their daughter Nancy married Walter **BARNARD (12)** of Whately on 9 Nov. 1852.¹³ The marriage record gives the residence of both parties as Whately. Nancy died of diphtheria, in Hatfield, on 12 Oct. 1864.¹⁴ There is an unresolved

¹ *Massachusetts Marriage Records 1840 – 1915*, Image 339 of 869

² Ridgelawn Cemetery, Elyria OH #54747290

³ *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 227 of 464

⁴ *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Williamsburg BMD*, Image 818 of 1155

⁵ *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 428 of 464

⁶ *U.S. Civil War Draft Registration Records, 1863 – 1865*, Image 185 of 719

⁷ Center Cemetery, Whately MA #127240166

⁸ *Massachusetts Death Records 1841 – 1915*, Image 4 of 10

⁹ High Street Cemetery, Haydenville MA # 70948478

¹⁰ *Massachusetts Death Records 1841 – 1915*, Image 238 of 244

¹¹ *Massachusetts Death Records 1841 – 1915*, Image 12 of 19

¹² Cricket Hill Cemetery, Conway MA #81488805

¹³ *Massachusetts Marriage Records 1840 – 1915*, Image 295 of 823

¹⁴ *Massachusetts Death Records 1841 – 1915*, Image 399 of 1110

question regarding Nancy because her death record gives her name as Nancy Jane Everett, m.n. Bigelow and no second marriage was found.

JOSEPH BILLINGS

The son of Charles and Charlotte (White) Billings, he was born in Hatfield on 12 Aug. 1842 in Hatfield and died of mitral regurgitation, on 14 Sept. 1912, in Whately.¹⁵ He married Gertrude, daughter of Hubbard **ALLIS (31)** of Whately. In 1880 he and Gertrude were in St. Louis where he was enumerated as a “coffee broker”. In 1900 they were still in St. Louis and with them was his sister, Harriett **BILLINGS**. The three of them were in Whately in 1910 along with two Hesser grandsons. Gertrude died on 13 Jan. 1915 and by 1920, with both Joseph and Gertrude dead, Harriet was living with Murray Crafts and his wife, Georgia, Harriet’s niece. Harriet died in 1922 and is buried back in Hatfield.¹⁶ Joseph and Gertrude had one daughter, **Edith**, born in 1873 in Hatfield and died 1925 in Ohio.¹⁷ She married Paul Harvey Hesser.

ENOCH BIRD

Enoch was born in Sharon, Massachusetts on 13 Sept. 1751, the son of Samuel and Anna (mnu) Bird. He built on Grass Hill, *one mile from the east line of the three-mile addition to the east line of his farm*. One gathers from this cryptic statement that his place on Grass Hill was close to Williamsburg. On 6 Jan. 1781 he married Celenia Pribble.¹⁸ Crafts named her Celena Lyon, and the name is also seen as Silence Lyon. Enoch was enumerated in Whately at the time of the 1790 Census and he appears in a list of church members in 1801.¹⁹ He died in 1818, according to Crafts but no death record was found. The family was heavily associated with Middlefield, Massachusetts as well as Whately. Ten children including two sets of twins!

Edmund, b. 7 July 1784 and d. 3 Oct. 1848, in Hatfield, of consumption.²⁰ His birth and death dates are known but he has a memorial number stating that burial details are not known.²¹ He m. Polly Coleman and resided in Hatfield. She d. of old age, 24 July 1873.²²

Lydia, b. 1782, d. 4 May 1852 in Nelson, New York.²³ She m. Nathan Graves of Middlefield.

Sarah, her twin, b. 1782, d. after 1860 when she was living with her family in Middlefield. She m. Amasa Graves. Amasa and Nathan were brothers.

Celena, b. 1786 and d. 19 July 1849, in Middlefield, from a “fit of apoplexy.” She m. (1) on 18 Sept. 1803, Ebenezer Hawes. She m. (2) on 7 Sept. 1813, Andrew Meachum of Middlefield

Levina, her twin, b. 1786 and d. at an unknown date before 1833 when, Barton Bisbee, her widower married Sally Graves. This Sally was Levina’s niece, b. in 1810, the daughter of her sister and Amasa Graves.

Waity, b. 1789, d. in Middlefield, 25 Dec. 1836.²⁴ She m. Stephen Graves, yet another brother of Nathan and Amasa, husbands to her sisters.

Enoch, b. 1791. The only record found was a marriage index in Hatfield in 1842.²⁵ There was no spouse name associated with the index entry.

¹⁵ *Massachusetts Death Records, 1841 – 1915*, Image 12 of 18

¹⁶ Main Street Cemetery, Hatfield #55942124

¹⁷ Bellefontaine Cemetery, St. Louis MO #151656577

¹⁸ *Massachusetts Compiled Marriages, 1633 – 1850*, text only

¹⁹ *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Whately Church Records*, Image 50 of 1150

²⁰ *Massachusetts Death Records 1841 – 1915*, Image 438 of 662

²¹ Unknown burial #189796560

²² *Massachusetts Death Records 1841 - 1915* Image 381 of 1196

²³ *Genealogy of the Graves Family* p. 174

²⁴ *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Middlefield VR Transcripts*, Image 118 of 135

²⁵ *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Statewide Indexes, 1841 – 1850*, Image 48 of 251

Samuel, b. 1793, d. 12 May 1865.²⁶ He m. Susannah Snow in 1851 but is buried with a wife named Mary Wilson.²⁷ He was an early member of the Church of Latter-Day Saints²⁸ and a member of the First Ten of the Second Fifty of the Third Hundred Company of handcart pioneers.²⁹

Polly, b. 1796, d. 1852.³⁰ She m. Nathan Chapin.

Roxa, b. 1799 and d. of consumption, in Middlefield, 7 Nov. 1844.³¹ She m. William Wheeler of Middlefield.



Handcart Pioneers

HENRY BONKER/BOWKER/BOUKER

The son of John and Sarah (Whitney) Bonker, he was born in Petersham on 8 Nov. 1818 and died of “senile decay”, 27 July 1904 in Greenfield. He married Sarah Davis of Princeton. They did not live in Whately long enough to appear in a census record and they never bought or sold land in Whately. In 1850 they were in Hubbardston and by 1860 in Greenfield where they lived for the rest of their lives. The Whately Historical Society collection includes two letters from Henry to his father in Petersham. Both of those letters are written from Whately in 1847.³² One of the birth records calls Henry a tailor but the census records record him as a painter (1850), carriage painter (1860), painter (1870) and ornamental painter (1880). Henry and Sarah had three children born in Whately.

Dwight Henry, b. 11 June 1846,³³ died of meningitis on 10 April 1864 in Greenfield.³⁴

Unnamed son, b. 23 May 1849³⁵ and d. soon of dysentery.

John Davis, b. 16 Oct. 1852 in Hubbardston and d. 25 August 1918 in Greenfield.³⁶

JOHN BRUNKARD/BLUNKARD

The son of Christopher and Mary (mnu) Brunkard, he was born in Ireland in 1854 and died in Whately 2 June 1916.³⁷ His wife was Nora Prendergast. She was born in Ireland about 1847 and died 23 March

²⁶ *LDS Pioneer and Handcart Companies 1847 – 1856*. Text only

²⁷ Ogden City Cemetery, Ogden UT #41868177

²⁸ *Membership in the Church of Latter-Day Saints, 1830 – 1848*, text only

²⁹ *LDS Pioneers and Handcar Companies, 1847 – 1856*, text only

³⁰ Westcott Cemetery, Nelson NY (no stone) #127988008

³¹ *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Middlefield VR Transcripts*, Image 134 of 135

³² Whately Historical Society #1984.053.001 & 002

³³ *Massachusetts Birth Records, 1840 – 1915*, Image 193 of 1120

³⁴ *Massachusetts Death Records, 1940 – 1915*, Image 313 of 1110

³⁵ *Massachusetts Birth Records, 1840 – 1915*, Image 334 of 1020

³⁶ Green River cemetery, Greenfield MA #

³⁷ St. Mary Cemetery, Northampton MA #89874729

1940.³⁸ The name in some records is Blunkard but it is Brunkard on the gravestone. John and Nora had seven children:

Christopher, b. ca 1881, d. 5 Aug. 1895 of consumption.³⁹ Not named in Crafts.

Dennis, b. in 1883 and d. in 1962.⁴⁰ Not named in Crafts but living with his parents in 1910.

William, b. 9 June 1885 and d. of tuberculosis, 16 Sept. 1911.⁴¹ He was 25 years old and unmarried

John, b. 5 July 1886,⁴² died in 1965.⁴³ In 1909 he m. Alice Merrick of Hatfield. Not named in Crafts

Anthony, named by Crafts but no records found.

Infant son, b. and d. of “asphyxia” 23 Jan. 1888.⁴⁴

James, born 1889, died 30 Dec. 1930.⁴⁵

Infant son, b. and d. of “exhaustion” 26 Dec. 1890⁴⁶

ABIEL BRAGG

Son of Ebenezer and Zeruah (Brigham) Bragg of Shrewsbury, he was born 25 June 1730 and died at an unknown date. He married Abigail Wilson 29 Jan. 1753 and had an early daughter born on his birthday 25 June 1753. Abiel and Abigail had nine children born in Petersham between 1753 and 1769. When he bought land in Whately on 11 April 1775 he was called “of Whately.”⁴⁷ He kept a tavern on Christian Lane, west of present-day State Road, and in August of 1778 he was involved in a complaint against Philip **SMITH (6)** of Whately for drunkenness. Abiel does not appear in any Whately tax record or census and the connection to Whately is slender.

Lovisa, b. 25 June 1753 in Petersham and d. 26 Jan. 1836.⁴⁸ She m. Hollis Parker in Hubbardston in 1774.

Elizabeth, b. 27 Dec. 1755 in Petersham and d. in Whately before 1786 when her widower, Robert **ABERCROMBIE** m. her sister Thankful. No death record found.

Thankful, b. 3 Dec. 1757 in Petersham and d. 26 Dec. 1852 in Canada.⁴⁹ She m. Robert **ABERCROMBIE**, widower of her sister Elizabeth, on 26 Jan. 1786.

Joab, b. 29 April 1760 in Petersham and d. 9 April 1832 in Vassalborough, Maine.⁵⁰ His name is not included in Crafts’ list of their children, but he is clearly a son of Abiel. He was on the Revolutionary War Pension list in Maine.

Dolly, b. 1762, no further records found.

Hopestill, b. 1764, no further records found.

Molly, b. 1766, no further records found.

Abigail, b. 1768 and listed as a pauper “fully supported by the town” in 1830. The comment by her name says “idiotic.”

Meriam, b. 1769, no further records found.

³⁸ Saint Mary Cemetery, Northampton MA # 89874767

³⁹ *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 431 of 464

⁴⁰ St. Mary Cemetery, Northampton MA # 89874797

⁴¹ *Massachusetts Death Records, 1841 – 1915*, Image 13 of 19

⁴² *U.S. World War II Draft Registration Cards, 1942*, Image 4474 of 11886

⁴³ St. Mary Cemetery, Northampton MA # 89064629

⁴⁴ *Massachusetts Death Records 1841 – 1915*, Image 398 of 1504

⁴⁵ St. Mary Cemetery, Northampton MA # 89874840

⁴⁶ *Massachusetts Death Records 1841 – 1915*, Image 469 of 1677

⁴⁷ Franklin County Land Records, Abstract Book 3, page 329

⁴⁸ *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Shrewsbury VR Transcripts*, Image 268 of 281

⁴⁹ Maplewood Cemetery, Saint Felix de Kingsey, Quebec Canada #135983433

⁵⁰ Bragg Cemetery, Vassalborough ME # 142611535

JOHN BENNAN/BRENNAN

The son of Michael and Mary (Powers) Brennan, he was born Dec. 1843 in Ireland (1900 Census) and died of influenza, in Hatfield, 12 March 1910.⁵¹ He married Sarah Fleming. She was born in Ireland and died on 11 May 1922.⁵² Crafts wrote that the Brennan children were born in Whately but supporting records were not found. In 1880 they lived in Whately but in later years in Hatfield. John and Sarah had seven children:

Michael, 10 years old in 1880. He d. after 1930 when he was living in Hatfield with his wife Minnie. **Thomas**, b. 1871, d. 1918.⁵³

Mary R. b. 1873 and d. of phthisis, 2 Sept. 1890. She was 17 years old.

Francis, b. ca 1875, d. 1954.⁵⁴ He m. on 10 July 1907, in Deerfield, Annie Killeen.

Sarah Elizabeth, b. 1878 and d. in 1956.⁵⁵ As Sadie Elizabeth she m. George Vogel in Whately 28 Nov. 1907.⁵⁶ They lived in Northampton.

Catherine, b. about 1880 in Whately⁵⁷ and d. at an unknown time and place. She m. Roderick Laroche in Manchester, New Hampshire in 1901.

Lizzie, b. 26 June 1882 and d. of cholera infantum, 13 August 1882.⁵⁸

Crafts repeats an entry for **John Brennan** with slightly more and different information, but it is clearly the same family and I have merged the two.

PATRICK BRENNAN

The son of Patrick and Nancy (Murphy) Brennan, he was born in Ireland in 10 July 1838 and died of Bright's Disease,⁵⁹ 11 Sept. 1903 in Whately. He made his will on 19 Sept. 1896, signing with his mark. He left \$100 to his son Patrick and the same to each of his daughters, Elizabeth, Nellie and Mary. He left his real estate to his son Thomas.⁶⁰ He came to Whately with his wife Ellen Garvey. She was born in Ireland in 1844 and died in 1916. Ellen is buried with her husband in the Saint Mary Cemetery in Northampton.⁶¹

Patrick, b. 10 Oct. 1869 and d. 26 Oct. 1902, in Deerfield, of apoplexy.⁶² He m. Minnie Heffernan in 1899.

Thomas C., b. 27 June 1874, d. 8 March 1935.⁶³ He m. Lucy Cadigan of Deerfield, 30 April 1895. Their daughter **Margaret** was b. 26 May 1903 in Whately.

Elizabeth, b. 13 April 1876⁶⁴ and d. of nephritis, in Hatfield, 11 April 1900.⁶⁵ She was 24 years old and had been m. to Patrick Boyle for two years.

Ellen, b. 1 Nov. 1980, d. 19 May 1918.⁶⁶

⁵¹ *Massachusetts Death Records 1841 – 1915*, Image 6 of 26

⁵² St. Mary Cemetery, Northampton MA #100856254

⁵³ St. Mary Cemetery, Northampton MA # 100856327

⁵⁴ Calvary Cemetery, Greenfield MA # 157133180

⁵⁵ St. Mary Cemetery, Northampton MA # 100856392

⁵⁶ *Massachusetts Marriage Records 1840 – 1915*, Image 932 of 2284

⁵⁷ *New Hampshire Marriage and Divorce Records 1659 – 1947*, Image 1063 of 3378

⁵⁸ *Massachusetts Death Records 1841 – 1915*, Image 352 of 1268

⁵⁹ *Massachusetts Death Records 1841 – 1915*, Image 7 of 10

⁶⁰ *Massachusetts Wills and Probate Records, 1635 – 1991*, Case #13955

⁶¹ Saint Mary Cemetery, Northampton MA # 92205040

⁶² *Massachusetts Death Records 1841 – 1915*, Image 640 of 2369

⁶³ Saint Mary Cemetery, Northampton MA # 92205178

⁶⁴ Saint Mary Cemetery, Northampton MA # 92361268

⁶⁵ *Massachusetts Death Records 1841 – 1915*, Image 958 of 2704

⁶⁶ Saint Mary Cemetery, Northampton MA # 92205083

Mary, b. 1882. There is inaccurate information in the grave annotation and research is needed beyond the scope of this project. The family has been muddled with that of Patrick and Mary Brennan of Hatfield.

John, b. 1886. See Mary, above. I do not believe these two to be children of Patrick and Ellen.

SAMUEL BRIDGMAN

The son of James and Elizabeth (**ALLIS**) Bridgman, he was born in 26 Dec. 1718 in Sunderland and died in Whately on 7 May 1800: the cause of death looks like “strangling.”⁶⁷ In 1794 he sold his house and land in Sunderland to Jonathan **SMITH (10)** of Whately in return for an agreement that Jonathan would care for Samuel and his wife Elizabeth in their old age.⁶⁸ Jonathan died in 1809, at which time Elizabeth Bridgman was still

alive. Jonathan’s will stipulated that his Son Seth provide for “*me, my wife Hannah & Elizabeth Bridgman, Widow and relict of Samuel Bridgman, late of Whately deceased; everything necessary for our support and comfort in life so long as we or either of us shall continue in life...*”⁶⁹ It is also clear from Jonathan’s will that Samuel and his wife left their Sunderland property to live in Whately. Jonathan’s will specified that his son David was to have “*a small dwelling house that I built for the accommodation of Samuel Bridgman.*” Elizabeth Bridgman died of old age on 16 Jan. 1812.⁷⁰ Both she and her husband are buried in the West Whately Cemetery.

JOHN BROOKER

The son of John and Jerusha (Wilson) Brooker, he did not reside in Whately but is included here because four of his daughters married Whately spouses. He was born in 1799 in Farmington, Connecticut and died of “epistaxes,”⁷¹ 1 Dec. 1848, in Gill.⁷² He married Rachel Gains who was born in 1802 and died of a “fit”, 19 Nov. 1875.⁷³ John and Rachel had eleven children:

Mary Josephine, b. 23 Nov. 1823 and d. of pneumonia, in Gill, 8 Nov. 1899.⁷⁴ She m. George Thornton.

Isabel Jane, b. 8 Feb 1825 and d. of “morphine”, 5 Dec. 1880.⁷⁵ Usually seen as Jane, She did not marry.

Rachel Jerusha, b. 25 Nov. 1827 and d. in 1911.⁷⁶

Caroline, b. 1830 and d. in 1915.⁷⁷ She m. Elliot **WARNER** of Whately.

John, b. about 1832 and d. 23 June 1834.⁷⁸

Lucy, b. 4 March 1833 and d. 1 March 1812, in Whately, of endocarditis.⁷⁹ She m. Cotton

BARDWELL (65) of Whately.

Augusta, b. about 1837 and d. 17 May 1838.⁸⁰

Augusta Climena, b. 28 March 1840 and d. of broncho pneumonia, 5 Nov. 1913.⁸¹ She m. William Atherton of Gill.

⁶⁷ *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records, 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 134 of 464

⁶⁸ *Franklin County Land Records*, book 7, page 529 and book 7, page 530

⁶⁹ *Massachusetts Wills and Probate Records, 1635 – 1991, Vols 25-26, 1807 - 1810*

⁷⁰ *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records, 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 136 of 464

⁷¹ Medical term for a nosebleed

⁷² *Massachusetts Death Records, 1841 – 1915*, Image 378 of 662

⁷³ *Massachusetts Death Records, 1841 – 1915*, Image 330 of 1251

⁷⁴ *Massachusetts Death Records, 1841 – 1915*, Image 682 of 2415

⁷⁵ *Massachusetts Death Records, 1841 – 1915*, Image 347 of 1222

⁷⁶ Forestdale Cemetery, Holyoke MA # 136945210

⁷⁷ West Whately Cemetery, #29955327

⁷⁸ West Gill Cemetery, Gill MA #128556498

⁷⁹ *Massachusetts Death Records, 1841 – 1915*, Image 3 of 18

⁸⁰ West Gill Cemetery, Gill MA #12855694

Ellen Rowena, b. 12 July 1842 and d. 14 Jan. 1925. She was 33 years old when she m. (1) Asa **SANDERSON (37)** of Whately and about 70 when she m. (2) Lucien **MOODY** of Whately. She had no children from either marriage. In 1880 she and Asa were living with her eight-year-old niece, Lydia Loveland; daughter of Ellen's sister Martha.

Martha, b. 12 June 1846 and d. 14 Dec. 1872.⁸² No death record was found but her daughter Lydia was born in that year. She m. Frank. W. Loveland of Deerfield.

Rosabel Perthenia, b. 16 Feb. 1848 and "collapsed due to intestinal obstruction" on 19 May 1906.⁸³ Her death record is in the name of "Fannie P. Munson" and she died at the Dickinson Hospital in Northampton. She m. Lyman **MUNSON (25)** of Whately.

JOHN BROOKS

He is listed as a member of the Whately church in July 1776.⁸⁴

AARON WAIT BROUGHTON

Called Wait Broughton he married (1) Submit, daughter of John **WAITE (6)** in Whately on 21 Nov. 1771.⁸⁵ She died sometime between 1778, the birth of her daughter Cynthia, and April 1781 when Wait married (2) Esther Belden in Ashfield. Wait died on 20 April 1842.⁸⁶ Esther was born in 1760 and died 18 Aug. 1830 in Brandon, Vermont.⁸⁷ Aaron and Submit had four children in Ashfield and he had other children with his second wife in Vermont.

Charity, b. June 1772, d. 12 Dec. 1851 in Brandon, Vermont.⁸⁸ Charity is the only child named by Crafts. She m. John Conant.

Samuel, b. 15 Aug. 1774 in Ashfield⁸⁹ and d. 29 June 1851.⁹⁰ He m. Rachel Hobart.

Thaddeus, b. 25 Aug. 1776 in Ashfield⁹¹ and died 29 Nov. 1863.⁹² He is with children in 1850 but no wife is with them, and her name is not known.

Cynthia, b. 22 Nov. 1778 in Ashfield⁹³ and d. 1786 at an unknown place.

EDWARD BROWN (1)

He was born 1716 in Connecticut of unknown parents and died of "gravel & old age", in Whately 2 June 1803.⁹⁴ He purchased a great deal of land in West Whately and built on Poplar Hill Road (now Webber) across from the house built by William Austin Brown.⁹⁵ His house is no longer extant. Edward married Hannah Thomas in Connecticut⁹⁶ on 7 Feb. 1745 and came to Whately with his children. Hannah was born at an unknown date and died of old age, 10 October 1811.⁹⁷ He was

⁸¹ *Massachusetts Death Records, 1841 – 1915*, Image 12 of 16

⁸² Riverside Cemetery, Gill MA #127488435

⁸³ *Massachusetts Death Records, 1841 – 1915*, Image 3 of 16.

⁸⁴ *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Whately Church Records*, Image 41 of 130

⁸⁵ *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records, 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, image 142 of 464

⁸⁶ Congregational Church Cemetery, Brandon VY #126040166

⁸⁷ Congregational Church Cemetery, Brandon VT # 126039985

⁸⁸ Pine Hill Cemetery, Brandon VT #139356216

⁸⁹ *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Ashfield VR Transcripts*, Image 23 of 270

⁹⁰ Maplewood Cemetery, Malone NY # 156224365

⁹¹ *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Ashfield VR Transcripts*, Image 23 of 270

⁹² Old Hebron Cemetery, Washington NY #87338402

⁹³ *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Ashfield VR Transcripts*, Image 23 of 270

⁹⁴ *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 135 of 464

⁹⁵ Dufault #78

⁹⁶ *Connecticut Town Marriage Records – Barbour Collection*, Image 28 of 250

⁹⁷ *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 136 of 464

enumerated in Whately in 1790. Edward made his will on 21 Dec. 1802.⁹⁸ To his wife Hannah he left one bed “and the furniture of the same”. To his son John he left all his personal estate and household furniture and to each of his other children he left one dollar. Real estate was not mentioned, and it is possible that between what he had given or sold to his sons and a 1791 sale to Silas and David Billings,⁹⁹ he had no real estate when he died.

William, b. 23 Feb. 1745/6¹⁰⁰ and has his own entry (2)

Josiah, b. 1 Aug. 1747¹⁰¹ and has his own entry (3)

John, 10 Jan. 1748/9¹⁰² and has his own entry (4)

Hannah, b. 7 Dec. 1750¹⁰³ (not 1744 as in Crafts) and d. at an unknown date and place. She m. Gad **WAITE (22)** of Whately on 19 Dec. 1771.¹⁰⁴

Anne, b. 1751, no supporting records found.

Isaiah, b. 8 Dec. 1752¹⁰⁵ and has his own entry (5)

Mary/Molly, b. 9 April 1754¹⁰⁶ and d. at an unknown date and place. She m. Noah **FIELD** of Whately in 1773 and they built the house lived in by this researcher 1957-1965. Noah Field d. of consumption 8 July 1797¹⁰⁷ and Molly m. (2) Samuel Truesdel of Buckland.¹⁰⁸

Elizabeth Charity, b. 1 March 1757¹⁰⁹ as Elizabeth Charity Brown, d. unm. on 24 Nov. 1800.¹¹⁰ Cause of death could not be deciphered.

Abijah, b. 10 Sept. 1758¹¹¹ and is supposed to have d. 1785. He m. (1) Lydia Frasier but no supporting records were found. He m. (2) on 30 June 1782, Mary, daughter of Julius Allis of Conway.¹¹² Crafts lists the names of four children, but no supporting records were found.

WILLIAM BROWN 2

Son of Edward (1) and Hannah (Thomas) Brown, he was born 1746 and died at an unknown date in Whately. He was enumerated in Whately in the 1790 census with a household of four. The name of his wife is not known. He had a son **William**, born in Connecticut who married Mary, daughter of John **WAITE (6)** and moved to Thetford, Vermont. Two additional children are named by Crafts as baptized in Whately in 1785; **Thomas** who was “probably” 12 or 15 and **Sarah** “probably” 10 or 12 at the time. No other records found.

JOSIAH BROWN 3

Son of Edward (1) and Hannah (Thomas) Brown, he was born 6 Sept. 1747 in Colchester, Connecticut and probably the man who died in Strafford, Vermont on 23 Dec. 1822.¹¹³ On 8 Jan. 1767 in Colchester, Connecticut he married Lucy Skinner.¹¹⁴ She was born in 1749 and died in 1813.¹¹⁵ His ear

⁹⁸ *Massachusetts Wills and Probate Records, 1635 – 1991*, Vol. 23, 1803 - 1805

⁹⁹ *Franklin County Deeds*, Book 1, page 594

¹⁰⁰ *Connecticut Town Marriage Records – Barbour Collection*, Image 31 of 250

¹⁰¹ *Connecticut Town Marriage Records – Barbour Collection*, Image 28 of 250

¹⁰² *Connecticut Town Marriage Records – Barbour Collection*, Image 29 of 250

¹⁰³ *Connecticut Town Marriage Records – Barbour Collection*, Image 29 of 250

¹⁰⁴ *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 142 of 464

¹⁰⁵ *Connecticut Town Marriage Records – Barbour Collection*, Image 29 of 250

¹⁰⁶ *Connecticut Town Marriage Records – Barbour Collection*, Image 30 of 250

¹⁰⁷ *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records, 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 133 of 464

¹⁰⁸ *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records, 1620 – 1988, Buckland VR Transcripts*, Image 82 of 212

¹⁰⁹ *Connecticut Town Marriage Records – Barbour Collection*, Image 28 of 250

¹¹⁰ *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records, 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 134 of 464

¹¹¹ *Connecticut Town Marriage Records – Barbour Collection*, Image 27 of 250

¹¹² *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 143 of 464

¹¹³ *Vermont Vital Records, 1720 – 1908, Image 1980 of 3564*

¹¹⁴ *Barbour Collection, Colchester VR*, Image 29 of 250

mark was recorded in Whately; “a slit in the off ear and a halfpenny under the hide (side?) of the near ear. He was enumerated in Whately in 1790. Josiah and Lucy had six children:

Josiah, b. 20 Oct. 1767 in Colchester, Connecticut. ¹¹⁶ and has his own entry (8)

Lucy, b. 4 Nov. 1769 in Colchester. ¹¹⁷ In 1788 she m. Charles Graves of Conway. ¹¹⁸

Elizabeth, bp. 24 Nov. 1771 in Colchester. ¹¹⁹ She was not named by Crafts but married Ezekiel Wells of Conway on 10 April 1788 and in 1790 only they were enumerated in Whately. She died 25 June 1852. ¹²⁰

Hannah, b. 11 Sept. 1773 in Colchester. ¹²¹

William, named by Crafts but no reliable records found.

Joel, b. 1771 and has his own entry (10)

Dorothy, named by Crafts but no supporting records found.

LIEUT. JOHN BROWN 4

Son of Edward (1) and Hannah (Thomas) Brown, he was born in Connecticut 1747 and died 18 Dec. 1820. ¹²² He came to Whately with his father. John, as well as his brothers Abijah and Josiah was a participant in Shay’s Rebellion. He was enumerated in Whately in 1790. He built two houses at the top of Poplar Hill, both of which are extant. ¹²³ He married (1) Amy Blood of Groton. Amy died 16 June 1875 ¹²⁴ and he married (2) Dorothy Bigelow of Colchester, Connecticut. In 1850 she was widowed and living with her son Chester. She was 92 years old when she died of dropsy, 14 February 1854. ¹²⁵ On 19 Sept. 1816 John made a long and complicated will describing the disposition of his several farms and leaving to his wife one half portions rather than the customary third. ¹²⁶

Children of John and Amy:

Betsey, b. 1777, d. 28 Jan. 1817. ¹²⁷ She m. Jonathan **WAITE (19)**

Prescott, b. 1779, has his own entry (11)

John, b. 1781, has his own entry (12)

Spencer, b. 1783, has his own entry (13)

Consider, b. 1785, d. unm. 15 June 1807. ¹²⁸ No cause of death given.

Children of John and Dorothy:

Champion, b. 1789, d. of typhus, 8 Aug. 1809. ¹²⁹

Sally, b. 1790, d. of pneumonia 3 Jan. 1873. ¹³⁰ She m. Calvin **WAITE (32)**

Chester, b. 1791, has his own entry (14)

¹¹⁵ Heady Cemetery, Preston NY #26146227

¹¹⁶ *Barbour Collection, Colchester VR*, Image 29 of 250; Jonah in the Colchester record

¹¹⁷ *Barbour Collection, Colchester VR*, Image 30 of 250

¹¹⁸ *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Whately Town Meeting Minutes*, Image 2 of 287

¹¹⁹ *Connecticut Church Abstracts, 1630 – 1920*, Image 34 of 355.

¹²⁰ Woodlawn Cemetery, Norwalk OH #65568127

¹²¹ *Barbour Collection, Colchester VR*, Image 29 of 250

¹²² *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 140 of 464

¹²³ Dufault #'s 12 and 13

¹²⁴ West Whately Cemetery # 29735600

¹²⁵ *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 388 of 464

¹²⁶ *Massachusetts Wills and Probate Records, 1635 – 1991*, Case #5754

¹²⁷ West Whately Cemetery # 30126002

¹²⁸ *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records, 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 135 of 464

¹²⁹ *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records, 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 136 of 464

¹³⁰ *Massachusetts Death Records 1841 – 1915*, Image 362 of 1196

Dorothy, b. 1800, d. 27 Sept. 1866.¹³¹ She m. David Dickinson of North Hatfield. In 1855 and 1865 they were enumerated in the home of their son, Champion Dickinson, in Durham, New York.

ISAIAH BROWN 5

Son of Edward (1) and Hannah (Thomas) Brown, he was born 8 Dec. 1750 and died on 4 May 1844.¹³² He built on Poplar Hill Road, now Webber, on the north side of the road, just west of the West Whately Cemetery. The house was later owned by Daniel Brown and later by Hiram Bardwell. It is supposed to have burned. He was enumerated in Whately in 1790. He wrote his will on 30 April 1818, calling himself “advanced in years” but he did not die until 26 years later.¹³³ He married (1) Mary, daughter of Elisha Waite of Hatfield. She died on 28 Dec. 1781, aged 22 years.¹³⁴ This was a bit more than a month after she bore her first child. Isaiah married (2) Abigail Clapp. She died 14 Feb. 1844 of old age.¹³⁵

The only child of Isaiah and Mary was **Isaiah**, born 1781. He has his own entry (15)

Children of Isaiah and Abigail:

Daniel, b. 1784, has his own entry (16)

Mary, b. 1786, died at an unknown time and place. She m. Amos **PRATT** of Whately.

JOSIAH BROWN 8

Son of Edward (1) and Hannah (Thomas) Brown, he was born in Connecticut and died at an unknown date and place. He bought the Abraham Turner farm. The farm is long gone but Turner is supposed to have built the property at 19 Poplar Hill Road.¹³⁶ On 14 Nov. 1788 he married Sophia, daughter of Matthew **GRAVES (23)**. She was born in 1768 and died at an unknown date and place. They removed from town about 1790 but he was enumerated in the 1790 census. No helpful land records were found. Crafts cited three children but no supporting records were found.

Dorothy, b. 1786

Mary, b. 1787

Lucy, b. 1789

Lydia, b. 1790 and d. aged 2 months of “fits”.¹³⁷ Her father was not named and both William and Joel were having children in those years. She could be the child of either.

WILLIAM BROWN 9

Son of Edward (1) and Hannah (Thomas) Brown, he was born in Connecticut and married Waitstill Swift; Crafts wrote “probably a sister of Heman Swift.” He is probably the William Brown enumerated in Whately in 1790. They had three children:

Waitstill, b. 1788 and d. of “fits”, in June of that year aged three weeks.¹³⁸

Bradish, bp. in Whately, 19 July 1792.¹³⁹ There are other individuals with this same unusual name but none seem to be the right man.

Lemuel, b. 1794. No further records found.

¹³¹ St. Paul’s Lutheran Church Cemetery, Durham NY # 139721701

¹³² *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Whately Church Records*, Image 44 of 130

¹³³ *Massachusetts Wills and Probate Records, 1635 – 1991, Case #5749*

¹³⁴ West Whately Cemetery #29735580

¹³⁵ *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 207 of 464

¹³⁶ Dufault # 34

¹³⁷ *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records, 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 132 of 464

¹³⁸ *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 131 of 464

¹³⁹ *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Whately Church Records*, Image 56 of 66

JOEL BROWN 10

Son of Josiah (8) and Sophia (**GRAVES**) Brown, he was born about 1765, and died before 1794 when his wife remarried. He was enumerated in Whately in 1790. He married Jerusha, daughter of Jonathan **SMITH (10)**.¹⁴⁰ She was born 1771 in Whately and died 26 Jan. 1842.¹⁴¹ She married (2) Aaron **PRATT**. Joel and Jerusha had two children:

Joel, b. 1789, d. 13 Sept. 1860, in Springfield, from “disease of the heart.”¹⁴² On 13 Nov. 1813 he m. Dolly Lombard of Springfield.

Justin, b. 1791, d. 2 Aug. 1856.¹⁴³ He m. Sally, daughter of Consider **WAITE (18)**. They had no children. In 1855 he was living in Whately with a two-year-old girl named Mary Tower and Ellen Scantlin, an Irish woman. Ellen had an illegitimate daughter in 1853. Were Mary and Ella the same person? Birth records for 1853 were searched but nothing found. By 1860 Ellen’s daughter was called Ella. She was adopted by Dennis and Elvira **DICKINSON (43)** and buried as Ella S. Dickinson.¹⁴⁴

PRESCOTT BROWN 11

Son of Lieut. John (4) and Amy (Blood) Brown, he was baptized 13 June 1779 and died 13 March 1834.¹⁴⁵ He married Betsey Murphy in Conway in 1812. Prescott and Betsey had two children:

Martha, b. 1813, d. 23 Feb. 1853.¹⁴⁶ She m. Horace **TRAIN (10)**
Lucinda, named by Crafts but no supporting records found.

JOHN BROWN 12

Son of Lieut. John (4) and Amy (Blood) Brown, he was baptized 29 April 1781 and died at an unknown date. Crafts wrote that he married Lydia, daughter of Abraham Billings of Hatfield. They had seven children for whom supporting records are sparse.

Caroline, b. 1803

Lucy, d. young

Lydia, b. 1788, d. 21 Oct. 1790 of “fits.”¹⁴⁷ Crafts listed this Lydia as a daughter of the 1781 John but this can hardly be true as she would have been b. when he was 7 years old. She is more likely to have been the daughter of another Whately Brown but no parents were listed in the early death records.

Aurelia who m. James Woods of Enfield. No supporting records found.

Newcomb d. young

Consider d. young

John, b. 1820, has his own entry (17)

SPENCER BROWN 13

Son of Lieut. John (4) and Amy (Blood) Brown, he was baptized 20 April 1783 and died of typhoid fever, 26 June 1814.¹⁴⁸ He married Sally, daughter of Elihu **WAITE (17)**. She was born in 1787 and

¹⁴⁰ *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 145 of 464

¹⁴¹ Lake View Cemetery, Pultneyville NY # 90544143

¹⁴² *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Springfield BMD*, Image 3345 of 6014

¹⁴³ West Whately Cemetery # 29857478

¹⁴⁴ Center Cemetery, Whately MA #127225014

¹⁴⁵ *U.S. Newspaper Extractions from the Northeast, 1704 – 1930*, Columbia Centinel, Image 547 of 754

¹⁴⁶ Russellville Cemetery, Hadley MA # 36640413

¹⁴⁷ *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 131 of 464

¹⁴⁸ *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 137 of 464

died at an unknown date. Spencer and Sally had three children, for whom few supporting records were found.

Eldridge b. 1802 and d. at an unknown date. He m. Ann Root of Williamsburg, 11 Aug. 1833.

Electa 1806, mentioned by Crafts but no supporting records found.

Unnamed 1809, mentioned by Crafts but no supporting records found.



West Whately Cemetery

CHESTER BROWN 14

Son of Lieut. John (4) and Amy (Blood) Brown, he was born 17 Nov. 1791 and died on 18 April 1858.

¹⁴⁹ He made his will on 29 Sept. 1857, writing: *I, Chester Brown of Whately in the State of Massachusetts, now in Montreal in Canada, etc.* He gave his entire estate to his son Champion with the proviso that his wife Patty had a life tenancy and \$300 per year. In addition, he stipulated that Champion pay to each of Chester's six living children the sum of \$1000. ¹⁵⁰ Sadly no death record was found thus cause of death is not known. Chester married Patty, daughter of Asa SANDERSON (10). She was born in 1801 and died in Deerfield on 20 June 1879. ¹⁵¹ The death record says she died of asthma, but she is also included in the 1880 mortality index and that records the cause of death as old age. Chester and Patty had eleven children:

Diana, b. 26 May 1819 and d. 13 Oct. 1841.¹⁵² She d. in Clinton, Indiana, age 22, probably with the birth of her first child. That child, Myron, died 8 Aug 1853, aged 13. Both are buried in West Whately. Possibly a cenotaph? She m. Otis Conkey.

Ruth, b. 8 Sept 1820, d. of cirrhosis of the liver, 5 Aug. 1887.¹⁵³ She m. William FULLER of Whately and had no children.

Champion, b. 1822, has his own entry (18)

Chester Emery, b. 4 Aug. 1823, d. 3 Oct. 1846. The death record in Whately says he died of typhus,¹⁵⁴ the gravestone says he died in Quebec.¹⁵⁵ He was a "merchant" and may have been in Quebec with his father.

Almira, b. 24 May 1825 and d. of pneumonia, 29 Dec. 1906 in York, Ontario, Canada.¹⁵⁶ She m. William B. Hamilton

¹⁴⁹ West Whately Cemetery #2973440413

¹⁵⁰ *Massachusetts Wills and Probate Records, 1635 – 1991*, Case #591

¹⁵¹ *Massachusetts Death Records 1841 – 1915*, Image 310 of 1153

¹⁵² West Whately Cemetery # 29734877

¹⁵³ *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 421 of 464

¹⁵⁴ *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 211 of 464

¹⁵⁵ West Whately Cemetery # 29734994

¹⁵⁶ *Ontario Canada Deaths 1869 – 1938*, Image 156 of 614

Lucy, b. 1 July 1828, d. 17 Nov. 1909 in South Deerfield. ¹⁵⁷ Her death was due to “sarcoma of the parotid gland” that was of more than thirty years duration. She m. Edson Merritt who was born 1 Oct. 1815 in Calais, Vermont and died in May 1873 in Deerfield. While married they lived in Worcester but in her 36-year widowhood, Lucy lived in Deerfield. Both are buried in West Whately. ¹⁵⁸

Myron, b. 1830, has his own entry (19)

Eliza, b. 12 May 1833 and d. 18 Jan. 1914 in Canada. ¹⁵⁹ She m. Stephen, son of Samuel **SANDERSON** of Whately.

Infant, b. and d. 31 Dec. 1834

Mary, b. 21 Sept. 1838 and d. on 3 Aug. 1913. ¹⁶⁰ She was alive, widowed and living in Deerfield in 1910. She m. John Newton **WHITE (14)**.

Henry Waite, b. 22 March 1841, d. 22 Aug. 1844. ¹⁶¹ The gravestone inscription says he died aged 3 years five months. Strangely, with the family in 1850, there is a boy born in Indiana named Henry Brown, aged nine.



Sled loaded with logs.

ISAIAH BROWN 15

Son of Isaiah (5) and Mary (**WAITE**) Brown, he was born on 23 Nov. 1781 ¹⁶² and died 19 Jan. 1814, killed by the overturning of a sled loaded with wood. ¹⁶³ He married Demmis, daughter of Abraham Billings of Hatfield. She died of a fever, 16 March 1842. ¹⁶⁴ Demmis did not remarry. She wrote her will on 4 Oct. 1837 naming all three of her children. ¹⁶⁵

Unnamed infant daughter, b. and d. Nov. 1803. ¹⁶⁶

Unnamed infant son, b. and d. April 1805. ¹⁶⁷

Isaiah, b. 28 May, 1810 and d. of old age, 12 Nov. 1899, in Conway. ¹⁶⁸ He m. Anna Shuttleworth who was b. in England.

Maria, his twin, b. 28 May 1810 and d. of fever, in Conway, 12 July 1856. ¹⁶⁹ She m. Alvin Dinsmore.

¹⁵⁷ *Massachusetts Death Records 1841 – 1915*, Image 38 of 47

¹⁵⁸ West Whately Cemetery #29849844

¹⁵⁹ Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Toronto, Canada #145424269

¹⁶⁰ Center Cemetery, Whately # 127229918

¹⁶¹ West Whately Cemetery # 29735046

¹⁶² *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 52 of 464

¹⁶³ *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Conway VR Transcripts*, Image 216 of 272

¹⁶⁴ *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Conway VR Transcripts*, Image 216 of 272

¹⁶⁵ *Massachusetts Wills and Probate Records, 1635 – 1991*, Case #5734

¹⁶⁶ West Whately Cemetery #29590881

¹⁶⁷ West Whately Cemetery #29590892

¹⁶⁸ *Massachusetts Death Records 1841 – 1915*, Image 678 of 2415

Lydia, b. 17 Aug. 1813 and d. of “rheumatics of the heart”, 8 Sept. 1893 in Conway. She m. George Washington Fairfield. Their daughter **Myra** Fairfield was born in Conway in 1847 and m. George **DICKINSON (54)** of Whately. Their son **Moses M.** was born in 1860 and died of a bilious fever when he was 15 years old.¹⁷⁰

DANIEL BROWN 16

Son of Isaiah (5) and Abigail (Clapp) Brown,, he was born 31 Aug. 1784 and died 4 Jan. 1856 of “scrofula.”¹⁷¹ ¹⁷² Daniel married (1) Lovisa Pratt, “probably the sister of Capt. Amos Pratt”, according to Crafts and no clarification or confirmation has been found. She died of dropsy on 29 May 1842¹⁷³ and in early Jan. of 1843 Daniel married (2) Dorothy B. Nelson of Conway. She was born Dorothy Boyden and was the widow of Socrates Nelson. She was born 20 Oct. 1793 and died in Stillwater, Minnesota on 23 June 1863.¹⁷⁴ When widowed the second time she had gone to Minnesota to live with the son of her first marriage. Daniel made his will on 7 Aug. 1853. It began with an unusual reference to a prenuptial contract. *Item, I give, devise and bequeath to my beloved wife Dorothy B. Brown \$200 which same was agreed upon by a marriage contract entered into previous to our marriage. Also all the goods, money and household furniture and clothing which of right belonged to her at the time of our marriage and all her clothing purchase since, together with the carpets which she has made since our marriage.*¹⁷⁵ This contract was not found.

Daniel and Lovisa had nine children:

Emeline R., b. 1809, d. 1 March 1896 of heart failure.¹⁷⁶ She m., as his second wife, Levi Warner. They resided in Easthampton, but he was b. in Sunderland and both Levi and Emeline are buried there.¹⁷⁷

Minerva, b. 1811, d. 31 Dec. 1889 of “general debility” in Springfield.¹⁷⁸ She m. John M. Foster of Springfield

Sophia, b. 1812, d. 11 Dec. 1844, in Ashfield, of consumption.¹⁷⁹ She m. Rufus Eldridge of Ashfield.

Lovisa Pratt, b. 23 Feb. 1814, d. 13 Sept. 1815.¹⁸⁰

Daniel, b. 26 May 1817, d. in three days.¹⁸¹

Nancy, b. 1818, d. 21 Jan. 1897.¹⁸² She m. John Parshley of Springfield

William Austin, b. 1821, has his own entry (20)

Henry Augustus, b. 28 March 1823, d. of typhoid fever 30 July 1858.¹⁸³ For some reason not precisely known, Daniel Brown’s will left nothing outright to Henry. Rather he left *all the rest of my real estate which is not otherwise disposed of to my son-in-law, Levi Warner, who I hereby appoint trustee for my son Henry A. Brown to be for the special benefit...during his natural life.*¹⁸⁴

¹⁶⁹ *Massachusetts Death Records 1841 – 1915*, Image 199 of 694

¹⁷⁰ West Whately Cemetery #29766040

¹⁷¹ *Massachusetts Death Records 1841 – 1915*, Image 4556 of 2114

¹⁷² Scrofula is a disease or glandular swelling, probably a form of tuberculosis

¹⁷³ *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Whately Church Records*, Image 78 of 125

¹⁷⁴ Fairview Cemetery, Stillwater MN #161827301

¹⁷⁵ *Massachusetts Wills and Probate Records, 1635 – 1991*, Case #5733

¹⁷⁶ *Massachusetts Death Records, 1841 – 1915*, Image 780 of 2206

¹⁷⁷ Riverside Cemetery, Sunderland MA; Emeline ## 114444354, Levi #26763443

¹⁷⁸ *Massachusetts Death Records 1841 – 1915*, Image 475 of 1528

¹⁷⁹ *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Ashfield VR Transcripts*, Image 235 of 270

¹⁸⁰ *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD* Image 77 of 464

¹⁸¹ West Whately Cemetery #29735417

¹⁸² Live Oak Cemetery, Live Oak FL # 84065299

¹⁸³ *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 392 of 464

¹⁸⁴ *Massachusetts Wills and Probate Records, 1635 – 1991*, Case #5733

Cerinthia, b. 1825, d. 24 Dec. 1891 of pneumonia.¹⁸⁵ She m. Royal Ward of South Deerfield.

JOHN BROWN 17

The son of John (12) and Lydia (**BILLINGS**) Brown, he was born 1820 in Whately. Crafts wrote that John died at Andersonville, Georgia on 1 Oct. 1864, but no confirming record was found.¹⁸⁶ He married Margaret Duggan and had four children. Margaret was born in 1830 in Ireland. She married (2) Hammond Taylor who was born in England. Neither was found after 1870.

Newcomb, b. 1855, d. of croup at seven months.¹⁸⁷

Mary, b. 1856, and d. of consumption, in Hampden, 22 April 1881.¹⁸⁸ She m. John Casey, 20 Sept. 1879 in Holyoke.

John, b. 1859, d. 28 March 1879, cause of death recorded as “insanity.”¹⁸⁹

Margaret, b. 1863. Crafts wrote that she m. but gave no name and no record was found. She was with her mother and stepfather in 1870.

CHAMPION BROWN 18

Son of Chester (14) and Patty (**SANDERSON**) Brown, he was born 18 Feb. 1820, died at Saginaw, Michigan in 1892.¹⁹⁰ He married Lucy Simpson of Ashfield. They had nine children, but none were born or resided in Whately.

MYRON BROWN 19

Son of Chester (14) and Patty (**SANDERSON**) Brown, he was born 2 Aug. 1830 and died 14 Oct. 1916.¹⁹¹ He married Eliza, daughter of Samuel **SANDERSON (26)**. She was born in 1831 (not 1835 as in Crafts) and died 11 Jan 1921.¹⁹² Myron and Eliza had six children in Whately before moving to Sunderland.

Diana, b. 1853, d. of heart disease, in Sunderland, 12 July 1919. She never married.¹⁹³

Lizzie Maria, b. 1858 in Toronto, Canada, d. in Sunderland after 1930. She m. Charles Marvin of Burlington, Vermont¹⁹⁴ (not Merriam as in Crafts).

Ella Annie, b. 1859 in Canada and d. 13 Oct. 1950 in Los Angeles.¹⁹⁵ She m. Frederick H. Osgood of Burlington, Vermont.

Emery Chester, b. 1863, and d. after 1920 when he was living in Worthington. There is a gravestone in Sunderland with no death date.¹⁹⁶ He m. Katherine Vail and they had one child. That child, **Dorothy**, was b. in 1894 and d. unm. in 1978.¹⁹⁷

Myron Champion, b. 1866, m. Fannie Myrick of St. Paul, Minnesota and resided there. He d. 23 Oct. 1956.¹⁹⁸ They had no children.

¹⁸⁵ *Massachusetts Death Records 1841 – 1915*, Image 466 of 1811

¹⁸⁶ *NY Register of Officers and Enlisted Men Mustered into Federal Service 1861 - 1865*

¹⁸⁷ *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 389 of 464

¹⁸⁸ *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Hampden BMD*, Image 159 of 577

¹⁸⁹ *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Holyoke BMD*, Image 2181 of 2785

¹⁹⁰ *Michigan Death Records, 1867 to 1950*, Image 43 of 655

¹⁹¹ Riverside Cemetery, Sunderland MA # 126649926

¹⁹² Riverside Cemetery, Sunderland MA # 126649927

¹⁹³ *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Sunderland BMD*, Image 465 of 540

¹⁹⁴ *Massachusetts Marriage Records 1840 – 1915*, Image 175 of 540

¹⁹⁵ *California Death Index 1940 – 1997*, text only

¹⁹⁶ Riverside Cemetery, Sunderland MA # 61721459

¹⁹⁷ Riverside Cemetery, Sunderland MA # 53293673

¹⁹⁸ Roselawn Cemetery, Roseville MN #78744240

Harry Dibble, b. 1868, d. on 17 March 1889. Crafts wrote that he d. in St. Paul but there is a gravestone or cenotaph in Sunderland.¹⁹⁹

WILLIAM AUSTIN BROWN 20

Son of Daniel (16) and Lovisa (**PRATT**) Brown, he was born 4 May 1821 and died of “morbus brightis”, in Whately, 16 Sept. 1890.²⁰⁰ He built his house on then Poplar Hill, now Webber Road, in the hamlet of West Whately.²⁰¹ William, called Austin, married Lucinda, daughter of Asa **SANDERSON (22)**. Lucinda was born 7 April 1822 and died 19 Oct. three days after the birth of her first child, although the death record has the cause as heart disease.²⁰² That child, also named **Lucinda**, was born in 1859 and died 23 Oct. 1938.²⁰³ She married Elisha **GROVER** of Leyden. They had four children and lived in the house in West Whately built by her father. For details on the Grover family see Chapter 20.

ASA BROWN

This is a different Brown family, unconnected to the descendants of Edward Brown. Asa, the son of Joseph and Lois (Blood) Brown, was born in Dunstable or Pepperell on 19 Dec 1781. He died in Charlemont on 3 May 1861.²⁰⁴ Crafts wrote that Asa and his brother Joseph came to Whately with their widowed mother, Lois. Lois married as her second husband, Benjamin **SCOTT (9)**. Lois was born in Groton and died in Whately, 13 July 1838.²⁰⁵ Asa married (1) Lydia, daughter of Ebenezer **SCOTT (16)** of Hatfield and (2) her sister, Susan Scott.

JOSEPH BROWN

Joseph was born of unknown parents about 1778 (aged 64 at time of death) and died of a fever, 15 April 1842 in South Deerfield.²⁰⁶ He married Hannah, daughter of Eliphas Arms of South Deerfield. She is possibly the woman who died of dysentery in South Deerfield, 23 Sept. 1852.²⁰⁷ In 1810 13 ½ rods²⁰⁸ of Joseph’s land were taken from Deerfield and annexed to Whately. Joseph and Hannah had ten children:

Orrin, b. ca 1805 and has his own entry.

Almira, b. 1806 and d. in Whately, 25 Nov. 1890 of apoplexy.²⁰⁹ She m. George **BROWN (1)** of Whately. He was not a relation.

Lois, b. 1809 and d. 1 Sept. 1882 of paralysis.²¹⁰ She m. Richard **HAWKS** of Deerfield and Whately. Crafts named her as Louisa with an incorrect birth date.

Mary, b. about 1811 and d. of typhoid fever on 10 Sept. 1873.²¹¹ In 1870 she was living with her sister Sophia Steadman and Sophia’s husband Samuel. She did not marry.

Sophia, b. 1815, d. 9 Aug. 1899 of heart disease.²¹² She m. Samuel **STEADMAN/STEDMAN**. In 1870 Sophia and Samuel were sharing a house on North Street with her sister Lois and Lois’ husband, Richard Hawks. Both Sophia and her husband are buried in East Whately.

¹⁹⁹ Riverside Cemetery, Sunderland MA # 126649929

²⁰⁰ *Massachusetts Death Records 1841 – 1915*, Image 469 of 1677

²⁰¹ Dufault #78

²⁰² *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 393 of 464

²⁰³ West Whately Cemetery #29849064

²⁰⁴ Leavitt Cemetery, Charlemont MA # 136698836

²⁰⁵ East Whately Cemetery #27108470

²⁰⁶ *Massachusetts Death Records 1841 – 1915*, Image 173 of 284.

²⁰⁷ *Massachusetts Death Records 1841 – 1915*, Image 182 of 611

²⁰⁸ A rod is 16.5 feet

²⁰⁹ *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 424 of 464

²¹⁰ Brookside Cemetery, Deerfield MA # 9673272

²¹¹ *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 407 of 464

Harriet, b. about 1817 and d. 28 Aug. 1847.²¹³ She m. Francis, son of Ebenezer **BARNARD (6) Charles**. Crafts had no dates and named only a marriage to Sylvia Remington. No further records of Charles were found but Sylvia d. of “ulceration of the bladder”, in Deerfield in 1854.²¹⁴ They were together with two children in 1850 in Deerfield.

Miriam, b. 12 Oct. 1820, d. 25 July 1856.²¹⁵ She m. Stephen **BELDEN (32)**.

Julia, b. about 1824, d. 17 Oct. 1884 of consumption.²¹⁶ She m. Charles **NASH** of Whately.

Infant, b. 15 May 1827 and d. soon, no supporting records found.

ORRIN BROWN

The son of Joseph and Hannah (Arms) Brown, he was born about 1805 and died in Deerfield, 17 Sept. 1863 of dysentery.²¹⁷ He married Mary Boyden of Deerfield who was born on 14 Feb. 1806 and died of dropsy, in Deerfield, 7 Jan 1893.²¹⁸ In 1850 Orrin and Mary were living seven households apart; Mary with her daughter Jane, and Orrin with three sons; Eli, Carlton and Harrison. By 1860, however, they were living together with Eli and Carleton; Jane having married, and Harrison having died. Orrin and Mary had four children,

Jane, b. 15 Sept. 1836 in Deerfield and d. of meningitis on 29 July 1902, also in Deerfield.²¹⁹ She m. Henry Gilbert **CLARK** of Whately. When her father died in 1863 she was called “wife of Henry Clark of Whately”

Eli, b. 12 July 1839 in Deerfield and d., also in Deerfield, of “paraly throat due to general weakness”, 22 Dec. 1904.²²⁰ He m. Adeline Holden of Northfield. Their daughter, **Bessie May**, m. Orson E.

MORTON (no#), of Whately.

Carlton, b. in 1841 and d. after 1910 when he was living in Malden, Massachusetts. He m. Villa Fox.

Harrison, b. 2 April 1849 and d. of dysentery, in Deerfield, 3 Oct. 1856.²²¹

GEORGE BROWN (1)

This is a third distinct Brown Family, not known to be related to Edward or Joseph. The son of Amos and Mary (mnu) Brown, George was born 3 April 1803 in Thompson, Connecticut and died of old age in Whately 6 Feb. 1890.²²² The house he built on present day North Street is no longer extant, but a house history has been written.²²³ George married Almira, daughter of Joseph **BROWN** of Whately. She was born in 1806 in Whately and died 25 Nov. 1890 of apoplexy.²²⁴ She was not related to her husband. George and Almira had twelve children:

Martha Cummings, b. 1828 and d. of pneumonia, 14 Feb. 1864 in Northampton.²²⁵ She m. Henry Brown of Charlemont.

Mary Sophia, b. 1830, d. 7 Jan. 1910, in Whately, of apoplexy.²²⁶ She did not marry. Elizabeth Hassell Johnson in 1843 wrote the story of her family and said that “Aunt Mary” lived alone in the

²¹² *Massachusetts Death Records 1841 – 1915*, Image 713 of 2415

²¹³ Sugarloaf Street Cemetery, South Deerfield MA # 93524699

²¹⁴ *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Deerfield BMD*, Image 231 of 481

²¹⁵ East Whately Cemetery # 127170380

²¹⁶ *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 418 of 464

²¹⁷ *Massachusetts Death Records 1841 – 1915*, Image 398 of 481

²¹⁸ *Massachusetts Death Records 1841 – 1915*, Image 336 of 1309

²¹⁹ *Massachusetts Death Records 1841 – 1915*, Image 640 of 2369

²²⁰ *Massachusetts Death Records 1841 – 1915*, Image 44 of 45

²²¹ *Massachusetts Death Records 1841 – 1915*, Image 200 of 694

²²² *Massachusetts Death Records 1841 – 1915*, Image 469 of 1677

²²³ After Dufault #74

²²⁴ *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 124 of 464

²²⁵ *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Northampton BMD*, Image 1223 of 2680

family homestead for a long time. In her last years her brother Theophilus paid her board in Whately Center during the winter months.

Fred Richard, b. 1832, d. of chronic diarrhea, 17 Jan. 1864 at Culpepper, Virginia.²²⁷ He was a Civil War soldier who served in Company G, 12th Massachusetts Infantry.²²⁸ He m. Kate Cunningham of Hartford, Connecticut.

Theophilus Packard, b. 1835, and d. 12 July 1915 in Toledo, Ohio.²²⁹ Crafts wrote that he had no living children, but the grave annotation cites a daughter Mabel who m. John Frazier in Toledo, 1919. There is an extensive bio in the grave annotation as well as a picture of his obituary. He and his wife, Frances Hampton of Toledo resided in that city, but his niece remembers that he spent part of every summer in Whately. He was a prolific purchaser of property in Whately and it is he who sold land to the Town for the Center School.

Henry Augustus, b. 1837, has his own entry (4)

Francis Carlton, b. 1839, d. 25 Feb. 1907.²³⁰ He was a Civil War soldier who served in the 74th Illinois Infantry.²³¹ He was discharged for disability less than a year after he mustered in. He m. Emma Wells. She is supposed to have died in childbirth. He married again to a woman whose name is not known, was divorced and married (3) Anna Catherine Ullrich.

James Edward, b. 1841 and possibly the man who died 26 May 1921 in Milwaukee.²³² According to Crafts, he was a soldier in an Ohio Regiment, was captured and held at Andersonville but escaped and survived. A record from the U.S. National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers in Milwaukee does not contain those details, but records a man of the correct name, born in Massachusetts in 1840, served in the 3rd Ohio Infantry and mustered out in Nashville, Tennessee for reasons of general debility.²³³ He is supposed to have m. Jennie Legg and resided in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. His niece Elizabeth wrote that he did not return to Whately in later life.

Hannah Arms, b. 3 Sept. 1843, d. 25 May 1845 of scarlet fever.²³⁴

Hannah Arms, b. 6 Sept. 1845, d. 1918 in Conway.²³⁵ She m. Gordon Johnson of Conway. He was a soldier in the 31st Massachusetts Regiment and survived the war.

Amos, b. 8 March 1848, d. 28 March 1848.²³⁶

Elizabeth Almira, b. 20 March 1850, “killed by the cars” at Deerfield, 15 June 1865. Death record says “run over by engine.”²³⁷ Elizabeth Johnson Hassell wrote that her aunts Elizabeth and Sybell had a race from [Deerfield] Academy to the train and in some way Elizabeth was caught by the moving train and killed. Her body was loaded into the baggage car and taken back to Whately to be met by their unprepared mother.

Sybil, b. 29 Jan. 1852. In 1903 she went to India to work as a missionary. In 1930 she was a single woman living in Glendale, California.

HENRY AUGUSTUS BROWN 4

The son of George (1) and Almira (**BROWN**) Brown, he was born 9 March 1837 and died in Los Angeles 5 May 1913.²³⁸ He served in Company C, Massachusetts 10th Infantry.²³⁹ He attained the

²²⁶ *Massachusetts Death Records 1841 – 1915*, Image 1 of 15

²²⁷ *U.S. Registers of Deaths of Volunteers, 1861 – 1865*, Image 50 of 177

²²⁸ *U.S. Civil War Soldier Records and profiles, 1861 – 1865*, text only

²²⁹ Forest Cemetery, Toledo OH # 132324052

²³⁰ Letter from funeral director in Chicago to Jane Waller of Westport CT

²³¹ *Illinois Database of Illinois Veterans Index, 1775 – 1995*. text only

²³² Wood national Cemetery, Milwaukee WI, text only

²³³ *U.S. National Homes for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, 1775 – 2006*, image 522 of 2895.

²³⁴ *Story of the Little Red House*, p. 10

²³⁵ Pine Grove Cemetery, Conway MA # 86629590

²³⁶ *Story of the Little Red House*, p. 10

²³⁷ *Massachusetts Death Records 1841 – 1915*. Image 328 of 1020

²³⁸ *California Death Index 1905- 1939*, Image 320 of 790

highest military rank of any Whately soldier, at the end of the War rewarded for meritorious service by being appointed Brevet Captain. He married Caroline, daughter of Henry **BELDEN (30)**. On 7 March 1863 he requested a leave of absence to go to Whately, having received a telegram stating that his wife was very ill. This leave was granted. In 1900 Henry and Caroline were living in Whately with a second Caroline, enumerated as a daughter-in-law, born 1871 in France. She was a “Concert singer.” Nothing more could be learned about her. Of the four children born to Henry and Caroline, only two boys survived to adulthood, and neither was recorded as marrying a woman named Caroline. Caroline Belden was born in 1838 and died in Jan. 1915 in California. Both Henry and Caroline are buried in Ohio.²⁴⁰ They had four children:

George Henry, b. 1860, d. 6 March 1944.²⁴¹ He m. Cora Van Bundy.

Jessie, b. 17 Oct. 1861, d. 14 Jan. 1863

Seth Louis, b. 16 May 1865, d. 22 April 1866

William Herbert, b. 1866 in Whately, d. 3 Feb. 1924 in Los Angeles.²⁴²

SOPHRONIA BULLARD

Sophronia was born in 1802 probably in Buckland, the daughter of John and Mary (Clark) Bullard who married in Charlemont, 13 Jan 1800.²⁴³ She died 14 Aug. 1863 in Whately.²⁴⁴ In 1850 she was enumerated living with Harvey Moore and his family. In 1855 she was enumerated living with Rufus Wait and his son Rufus D. Waite. In 1860 she was enumerated living in Conway with John Allis. She did not marry. She was an itinerant spinster and as spinning became a rarity, she worked as a domestic servant.

STEPHEN BURROUGHS

There are few records supporting his residence his Whately. There is a death record for “a child of Mr. Burroughs” who died in six days of fits.²⁴⁵ His daughter **Polly**, born 10 April 1802 at a place unknown and died 21 Jan. 1852 in Hinckley, Ohio.²⁴⁶ His son **Lyman** was baptized in Whately in 1803.²⁴⁷ Polly married Erastus Waite. According to Crafts Waite was from Whately and his grave record in Ohio says he was born in Whately, but no birth record was found nor any Whately record of his parents, Benjamin and Mary (Mott) Waite.

LEVI BUSH

Levi Bush, son of Levi and Martha (Ball) Bush, was born in Boylston, Massachusetts and died of old age in Westfield 13 Aug. 1877.²⁴⁸ *he bought the Dr. M. Harwood place where William Loomis lived. When Loomis removed to Haydenville, Mr. Bush bought the place. It has been occupied by C.R. Chaffee since the death of Dr. Harwood.* This is the house that burned in Dec. of 1910 when it was occupied by Chester Chaffee’s daughter, Gertrude. Levi married (1) Ann Ayres who was born in 1797 and died 28 Oct. 1837.²⁴⁹ She is buried in Whately.²⁵⁰ He married (2) Elvira, daughter of John **WHITE (7)** of Whately. She died in 1870 (not 1770 as in Crafts but

²³⁹ *U.S. Civil War Soldier Records and profiles, 1861 – 1865*, text only

²⁴⁰ Greenlawn Cemetery, Delta OH # 7973211

²⁴¹ Greenlawn Cemetery, Delta OH # 152716289

²⁴² California Death Index 1905- 1939. Image 328 of 790

²⁴³ Compiled BMD, 1700 – 1850, Charlemont, Image 96 of 166

²⁴⁴ West Whately Cemetery #29765479

²⁴⁵ *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records, 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 134 of 464

²⁴⁶ Maple Hill Cemetery, Hinckley OH #10803732

²⁴⁷ *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Whately Church Records*, Image 60 of 66

²⁴⁸ *Massachusetts Death Records, 1841 – 1915*, Image 425 of 1048

²⁴⁹ *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Whately Church Records*, Image 61 of 130

²⁵⁰ Center Cemetery, Whately MA # 127195455

an obvious misprint), in Brighton, of a liver complaint.²⁵¹ While various records state that their many daughters were born in Whately, there are no supporting birth records. The family is much associated with Westfield.

Children of Levi and Ann:

Martha Ann, b. 1 Aug. 1826, d. 7 Oct. 1861 when she and her husband, Benjamin Franklin Parsons, were in Marengo, Alabama.

Hannah C. b. 1828, d. at an unknown date and place. She m. Rev. Edward P. Smith of Westfield.

Susan Huntington, b. 1830, d. 17 March 1898.²⁵² She m. Seth Smith Mellen 24 Aug. 1858 in Westfield,²⁵³ (not Miller as in Crafts).

Charity, b. 20 Jan. 1833, d. 6 May 1833.²⁵⁴

Charity, b. 1836, d. of consumption, 19 Jan. 1867 in Holyoke.²⁵⁵

Children of Levi and Elvira:

Elizabeth White, b. 1842 in Whately and d. in 1914.²⁵⁶ She m. Lyman Smith of Holyoke. Her marriage record gives her birthplace as Whately.²⁵⁷

Harriet Morton, b. 1844 in Whately, d. 18 June 1904, in Newton, “probably” of tuberculosis.²⁵⁸ Her death record gives her birthplace as Whately. She m. Hiram Fowler of Westfield

²⁵¹ *Massachusetts Death Records, 1841 – 1915*, Image 425 of 1048

²⁵² Livingston Cemetery, Sumpter County AI # 39733046

²⁵³ *Massachusetts Marriage Records, 1841 – 1915*, Image 290 of 782

²⁵⁴ Center Cemetery Whately MA #127240253

²⁵⁵ *Massachusetts Death Records, 1841 – 1915*, Image 292 of 923

²⁵⁶ Pine Hill Cemetery, Westfield MA # 101994829

²⁵⁷ *Massachusetts Marriage Records, 1841 – 1915*, Image 381 of 928

²⁵⁸ *Massachusetts Death Records, 1841 – 1915*, Image 209 of 428