

# Descendants of Benjamin and Phebe (Smith) Smith of Sandisfield, Massachusetts: Three Additional Generations from Thomas Rogers

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Benjamin Smith<sup>6</sup> (*Benjamin Smith*<sup>5</sup>, *Hannah Rogers*<sup>4</sup>, *John Rogers*<sup>3</sup>, *Joseph Rogers*<sup>2</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>1</sup>) and his wife Phebe Smith<sup>6</sup> (*Phineas Smith*<sup>5</sup>, *Hannah Rogers*<sup>4</sup>) were first cousins and fifth-generation descendants of Thomas Rogers.<sup>1</sup> Phebe also descends from Rogers through her maternal grandmother, Apphia Higgins.<sup>2</sup> Through his mother Ruth Snow, Benjamin descends from Stephen Hopkins.<sup>3</sup> The Benjamin and Phebe Smith family had not been treated fully until 2013 when a descendant became the first from this Rogers branch to join GSMD.<sup>4</sup> This article presents all lines of descent from Benjamin and Phebe for three generations.

Benjamin Smith's parents married in Eastham, Massachusetts, but are understood to have moved to Sandisfield, Massachusetts, by the birth of their first child, Dorcas, in 1746.<sup>5</sup> Benjamin's uncle Phineas remained in Eastham to start a family and moved to Sandisfield in 1769, when Phebe was 8 years old and Benjamin was 17.<sup>6</sup> Phineas died in 1786, leaving a will naming his wife and children, including Phebe.<sup>7</sup> In 1796, Benjamin served as administrator of his own father's estate in Sandisfield.<sup>8</sup>

Benjamin served during the Revolutionary War, but Phebe's rejected pension application introduced doubt.<sup>9</sup> She made an affidavit on 26 February 1850 identifying three periods of service for her

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<sup>1</sup> *MF5G*, 19, Rogers (2013), 189–192.

<sup>2</sup> *MF5G*, 19, Rogers (2013), 153–154.

<sup>3</sup> *MF5G*, 6, Hopkins (2001), 237–238.

<sup>4</sup> GSMD, no. 85771, John Andrew Nerud.

<sup>5</sup> *Vital Records of Sandisfield, Massachusetts to the Year 1850* (Tuttle Publishing Co., 1936), 54.

<sup>6</sup> Berkshire Co., Mass., Middle Dist., Deeds, 7:521, FSL #7464200.

<sup>7</sup> Berkshire Co., Mass., Probate Records, 6:17–19, FSL #7705490.

<sup>8</sup> Berkshire Co., Mass., Probate Records, 8:569, FSL #7705492.

<sup>9</sup> Revolutionary War pension application (rejected) of Phebe Smith on service of Benjamin Smith, R9825 (Fold3.com). The National Society Daughters of the Revolution accepted Benjamin as a supplemental ancestor for one member (#A104745), and *MF5G*, 6, Hopkins, does not question his service.

husband: Boston in 1775 in a company that included a Noah Allen; the summer of 1776, when he was stationed in New York; and for three years starting in the spring of 1781, under Captain Miller. The Massachusetts Secretary's Office corroborated the service details for Benjamin Smith from Sandisfield. However, the three-year enlistment described him as being 22 years of age, rather than the 30 years they expected (mistakenly adding a year to his age). The eight-year difference led to the conclusion that Phebe's husband was not the man in the muster rolls. However, recent research has not revealed a separate Benjamin Smith, born about 1759 in Sandisfield, who claimed service in the American Revolution. Maybe the age 22 was mistaken for "27" or "29," at some point, as information was copied and recopied?

Benjamin wrote a will on 7 April 1826, twelve days before his death.<sup>10</sup> Bequests primarily involved the division of land, the majority of which (including the family home) went to his widow, with remaining tracts given to each of his children: Benjamin Smith, "Oren" Smith, Lyman Smith, and Phebe Dorman. The younger Benjamin was given the responsibility of being Lyman's guardian. In addition to long-time neighbors Henry Cowles and George Cowles, witnesses included Rev. Levi White, pastor of the Congregational Church of Sandisfield, who contributed a chapter about Sandisfield to the 1829 history of Berkshire County.<sup>11</sup> On 27 February 1843, Phebe sold the land received from her husband's will to their son Benjamin for \$1,000, avoiding the need for estate proceedings at her death.<sup>12</sup>

## Genealogical Summary

1. **BENJAMIN SMITH**<sup>6</sup> (*Benjamin Smith*<sup>5</sup>, *Hannah*<sup>4</sup> *Rogers*, *John*<sup>3</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>2</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>1</sup>) was born at Sandisfield, Massachusetts, 8 December 1752.<sup>13</sup> He died at Sandisfield 19 April 1826.<sup>14</sup>

Benjamin married at Sandisfield 24 November 1786, his first cousin, **PHEBE SMITH**<sup>6</sup> (*Phineas Smith*<sup>5</sup>, *Hannah*<sup>4</sup> *Rogers*, *John*<sup>3</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>2</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>1</sup>).<sup>15</sup> She was born at Eastham, Massachusetts, 27 December 1760, daughter of Phineas and Ruth (Doane) Smith.<sup>16</sup> Phebe died at Sandisfield 19 March 1852, aged 91.<sup>17</sup>

<sup>10</sup> Berkshire Co., Mass., Probate Records, 29:312–314, FSL #7704888.

<sup>11</sup> Rev. Levi White, "A History of the Town of Sandisfield," in *A History of the County of Berkshire, Massachusetts...* (Samuel W. Bush, printer, 1829), 298–304.

<sup>12</sup> Berkshire Co., Mass., Southern Dist., Deeds, 88:459, FSL #7464326.

<sup>13</sup> MF5G, 19, Rogers (2013), 189–191; *Vital Records of Sandisfield*, 54.

<sup>14</sup> *Vital Records of Sandisfield*, 105.

<sup>15</sup> Smith Family Bible page, in Revolutionary War pension application (rejected) of Phebe Smith on service of Benjamin Smith, R9825 (Fold3.com); MF5G, 19, Rogers (2013), 192.

<sup>16</sup> George Ernest Bowman, "Eastham and Orleans, Mass. Vital Records," *Mayflower Descendant* 25 (1923): 42.

<sup>17</sup> Massachusetts Vital Records, 1852, Deaths, 66:44, FSL #4219405, image 58.

Children of Benjamin and Phebe (Smith) Smith:

- 2 i. ORREN SNOW SMITH, b. 10 Oct. 1787; m. SALLY \_\_\_\_\_.
- ii. LYMAN DONE SMITH, b. Sandisfield 10 June 1790;<sup>18</sup> d. Sandisfield 13 March 1862.<sup>19</sup> He served in the 1st U.S. Rifles during the War of 1812, enlisted at Cincinnati, Ohio, in March 1814, and discharged in June 1815, at the close of the war.<sup>20</sup> Details are unclear, but Lyman seems to have suffered a severe mental breakdown and was unable to care for himself. Later federal and state censuses describe him as “insane.”<sup>21</sup> At the direction of their father’s will, Lyman’s brother Benjamin became trustee over his inheritance.<sup>22</sup> Lyman remained in Sandisfield after his brother’s westward migration.<sup>23</sup>
- 3 iii. PHEBE SMITH, b. 19 June 1793; m. CLARK DORMAN.
- 4 iv. BENJAMIN SMITH, b. 20 Oct. 1798; m. RHODA WEBSTER.

2. **ORREN SNOW SMITH** was born at Sandisfield, Massachusetts, 10 October 1787,<sup>24</sup> and died in Southington, Connecticut, after writing his will on 29 September 1835 and before it was probated 19 November 1835.<sup>25</sup>

Orren married **SALLY** \_\_\_\_\_. She was living on 15 April 1837 when named guardian of her daughter Ellen Rosetta Smith.<sup>26</sup>

On 20 September 1816, Orren bought 30 acres off the west side of the Smith family’s farm in south Sandisfield from his father Benjamin, and then inherited more when his father died in 1826.<sup>27</sup> Orren moved to Southington by 1830, but did not purchase property there.<sup>28</sup> The executor of his will sold the Sandisfield property, totaling 80 acres, to neighboring landowner Harry Cowles on 8 February 1837.<sup>29</sup>

Orren wrote a will on 29 September 1835, just shy of his forty-eighth birthday.<sup>30</sup> To his wife, he left personal property and \$50 raised from the sale of his property in Sandisfield. Daughters Mary Celestia Smith and Harriet Eliza Smith received \$100 each, and youngest daughter Ellen Rosetta Smith received \$150. Orren asked that Ellen’s share be divided between her siblings if she died before the age of

<sup>18</sup> *Vital Records of Sandisfield*, 61.

<sup>19</sup> Massachusetts Vital Records, 1862, Deaths, 156:62, FSL #4220470, image 80.

<sup>20</sup> U.S. Army, Register of Enlistments, 23:34, no. 4680, FSL #4032451, image 40.

<sup>21</sup> 1850 Census, Sandisfield, Berkshire Co., Mass., Benjamin Smith household; 1855 Massachusetts Census, Sandisfield, Berkshire Co., Mass., Benjamin Smith household.

<sup>22</sup> Sandisfield, Mass., Probate Records, 29:314, FSL #7704888, and 32:143, FSL #7705062. Benjamin filed an inventory of Lyman’s minimal property in June 1828.

<sup>23</sup> 1860 Census, Sandisfield, Berkshire Co., Mass., Luman Boswell household.

<sup>24</sup> *Vital Records of Sandisfield*, 61.

<sup>25</sup> Southington, Conn., Probate Records, 1:538–539, FSL #7626828.

<sup>26</sup> Southington, Conn., Probate Records, 2:33, FSL #7626828.

<sup>27</sup> Berkshire Co., Mass., Southern Dist., Deeds, 54:204, FSL #7464307.

<sup>28</sup> 1830 Census, Southington, Hartford Co., Conn., Orin Smith household; Southington, Conn., Deeds, General Index, 1779–1863, FSL #7833755.

<sup>29</sup> Berkshire Co., Mass., Southern Dist., Deeds, 90:54, FSL #7464395.

<sup>30</sup> Southington, Conn., Probate Records, 1:538–539, FSL #7626828.

18, a stipulation not specified for the other children, suggesting there may have been questions about her health. Sons Riley and Rollin were to divide any remainder of the estate, whether in Connecticut or Massachusetts. Proceeds were distributed on 15 March 1837, according to the will.<sup>31</sup> One month later Sally Smith was appointed guardian of her daughter Ellen R. Smith—“about the age of eight years.”<sup>32</sup>

Children of Orren Snow and Sally (\_\_\_\_\_) Smith, first four b. Sandisfield:

- i. MARY CELESTIA SMITH, b. 11 March 1816;<sup>33</sup> d. New Britain, Conn., 1842 (likely shortly after her daughter’s birth in July);<sup>34</sup> m. Southington 6 Nov. 1836, LEONARD DIX BELDEN,<sup>35</sup> b. New Britain 29 Jan. 1807, son of Leonard and Roxana (Hart) Belden,<sup>36</sup> d. New Britain 25 April 1881,<sup>37</sup> he m. second, Berlin, Conn., 11 Aug. 1844, Emily Avery.<sup>38</sup> Mary’s daughters died young; her son never married and had no known children.

Children of Leonard and Mary Celestia (Smith) Belden:

1. *Harriet A. Belden*, b. 25 Nov. 1837; d. 29 April 1840.<sup>39</sup>
  2. *Leonard Smith Belden*, b. New Britain 24 April 1839; d. there 25 Feb. 1921.<sup>40</sup>
  3. *Mary C. Belden*, b. 10 July 1842; d. New Britain 24 Sept. 1859.<sup>41</sup>
- ii. HARRIET ELIZA SMITH, b. 15 Dec. 1817;<sup>42</sup> d. Branford, Conn., 26 April 1888;<sup>43</sup> m. (1) Berlin 15 Oct. 1837, ELI YALE,<sup>44</sup> b. Meriden, Conn., 17 July 1811, son of Isaac and Diana (Rice) Yale, d. Branford 15 June 1843;<sup>45</sup> m. (2) Branford 19 Oct. 1845, LEONARD SMITH,<sup>46</sup> b. say 1808, d. Branford, 18 Jan. 1879.<sup>47</sup>

<sup>31</sup> Southington, Conn., Probate Records, 2:29–31, FSL #7626828.

<sup>32</sup> Southington, Conn., Probate Records, 2:33, FSL #7626828.

<sup>33</sup> Sandisfield, Mass., Town Records, 2:264, FSL #4267208, image 744.

<sup>34</sup> Gravestone at Fairview Cemetery, online image at FindAGrave.com, posted by “C Greer” (memorial #44982006).

<sup>35</sup> Southington Vital Records (Barbour), 1:76.

<sup>36</sup> Elroy McKendree Avery and Catharine Hitchcock (Tilden) Avery, *The Groton Avery Clan* (1912), 1:844.

<sup>37</sup> New Britain, Conn., Record of Deaths, D3:140–141, FSL #7730485, image 436.

<sup>38</sup> Berlin Vital Records (Barbour), 1:97.

<sup>39</sup> Gravestone at Fairview Cemetery, online image at FindAGrave.com, posted by “C Greer” (memorial #44982000).

<sup>40</sup> New Britain, Conn., Death Certificate of Leonard Smith Belden, died 25 Feb. 1921.

<sup>41</sup> Gravestone at Fairview Cemetery, online image at FindAGrave.com, posted by “C Greer” (memorial #44982001); “In New Britain, Sept 29, Mary C. Belden, adopted daughter of Horatio S. Hough Æ 17.” *The Connecticut Courant* (Hartford), 8 Oct. 1859, p. 3.

<sup>42</sup> Sandisfield, Mass., Town Records, 2:264, FSL #4267208, image 744.

<sup>43</sup> Branford, Conn., Births, Marriages, Deaths, 2:237, FSL #7731268, image 371.

<sup>44</sup> Berlin Vital Records (Barbour), 1:69.

<sup>45</sup> H. Y. Andrews, *A Genealogy of the Descendants of Daniel Yale, of Meriden, Conn.* (Stafford Printing Office, 1872), 123–124, 171–172.

<sup>46</sup> Branford Vital Records (Barbour), TM3:158.

<sup>47</sup> Branford, Conn., Births, Marriages, Deaths, 2:223, FSL #7731268, image 357. Leonard’s paternity is unclear, but land was “set out to Hannah, Leonard, and Dan Smith in common and undivided” from the estate of Hiram Smith who died in 1843 (Hartford,

Harriet's father-in-law, Isaac Yale, died 16 Aug. 1864.<sup>48</sup> By his will, written 22 May 1862, he included a bequest to his granddaughter "Sarah F. Yale," and she received a distribution of \$150.03 as "Sarah Meigs" on 8 March 1865.<sup>49</sup> Harriet served as administrator of her husband Leonard's estate, from which she and her daughter Mary inherited numerous tracts of land.<sup>50</sup> When Harriet died, her son-in-law Richard Bradley served as administrator, and surviving daughters Sarah J. Meigs and Mary C. Bradley received cash distributions from the estate.<sup>51</sup>

Children of Eli and Harriet Eliza (Smith) Yale:

1. *Ann Eliza Yale*, b. Meriden 15 Aug. 1839;<sup>52</sup> d. there 7 April 1857;<sup>53</sup> m. there 15 May 1856, *Freeman R. Randall*,<sup>54</sup> b. Conn. 27 June 1832, son of Noah and Tamar (Randall) Small, d. Detroit, Mich., 2 April 1903.<sup>55</sup>
2. *Sarah Jane Yale*, b. Meriden 10 Jan. 1841;<sup>56</sup> d. West Haven, Conn., 6 Feb. 1931;<sup>57</sup> m. East Haven, Conn., 30 May 1862, *Nathan Judson Meigs*,<sup>58</sup> b. Lyme, Conn., 29 Oct. 1834, d. Durham, Conn., 5 Feb. 1909.<sup>59</sup>

Child of Leonard and Harriet Eliza (Smith) (Yale) Smith:

3. *Mary Celestia Smith*, b. Branford 31 Dec. 1847; d. there 15 April 1910;<sup>60</sup> m. there 30 April 1873, *Richard Bradley*,<sup>61</sup> b. there 30 June 1850, son of Gurdon and Anna Marta (Spinks) Bradley, d. there 10 Oct. 1936.<sup>62</sup>
- iii. RILEY ORLANDO SMITH, b. 9 June 1820;<sup>63</sup> d. Branford 22 Feb. 1895;<sup>64</sup> m. (1) Rocky Hill, Conn., 1 May 1845, JERUSHA W. ROBBINS,<sup>65</sup> b. Rocky

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Conn., Probate Packets, estate of Hiram Smith, 1843). Hiram was the only named son of Benjamin R. Smith (Hartford, Conn., Probate Packets, estate of Benjamin R. Smith, 1840).

- <sup>48</sup> Charles R. Hale Collection, Cemetery Inscriptions, 211–1, Broad Street Cemetery, 15.
- <sup>49</sup> Meriden, Conn., Probate Records, 5:229–230, 282, FSL #7627576, images 474–475, 501.
- <sup>50</sup> Branford, Conn., Probate Records, 7:289–291, FSL #7629637, images 738–739.
- <sup>51</sup> Branford, Conn., Probate Records, 8:565, FSL #7629638, image 335.
- <sup>52</sup> Andrews, *A Genealogy of the Descendants of Daniel Yale*, 7.
- <sup>53</sup> Gravestone at Broad Street Cemetery, online image at FindAGrave.com, posted by "Jan Franco" (memorial #6162172).
- <sup>54</sup> Meriden, Conn., Births, Marriages, Deaths, 1–2:174, FSL #7730801, image 629.
- <sup>55</sup> Michigan Death Certificate of Freeman Randall, 1903, no. 1470 (Ancestry.com).
- <sup>56</sup> Andrews, *A Genealogy of the Descendants of Daniel Yale*, 7.
- <sup>57</sup> "Mrs. Sarah J. Meigs," *Meriden Daily Journal*, 9 Feb. 1931, p. 2, col. 6.
- <sup>58</sup> "Marriages," *Columbian Weekly Register* (New Haven), 21 June 1862, p. 3, col. 7.
- <sup>59</sup> Durham, Conn., Death Certificate of Nathan Judson Meigs, 1909, no. 203.
- <sup>60</sup> Branford, Conn., Births, Marriages, Deaths, 1895–1910:440, FSL #7731269, image 166. Birth date calculated from a death record age of 62 years, 3 months, 15 days.
- <sup>61</sup> Branford, Conn., Births, Marriages, Deaths, 2:146, FSL #7731268, image 313.
- <sup>62</sup> "Branford Loses Old Resident," *Meriden Daily Journal*, 12 Oct. 1936, p. 7, col. 6.
- <sup>63</sup> Sandisfield, Mass., Town Records, 2:264, FSL #4267208, image 744.
- <sup>64</sup> Branford, Conn., Births, Marriages, Deaths, 2:257, FSL #7731268, image 390.
- <sup>65</sup> Rocky Hill, Conn., Births, Marriages, Deaths, 1:11, FSL #7730403, image 11.

Hill 17 Sept. 1820, d. Branford 9 Oct. 1882;<sup>66</sup> m. (2) Branford 10 Jan. 1884, MARY ANNE (ANDERSON) DURANT,<sup>67</sup> dau. of John and Margaret (Beaty) Anderson,<sup>68</sup> b. Conway, Horry Co., S.C., 22 May 1822,<sup>69</sup> d. Branford 22 July 1898.<sup>70</sup> She first m. Frank Durant and had two children with him in S.C.<sup>71</sup> Riley worked as a machinist in lock manufacturing.<sup>72</sup>

Children of Riley and Jerusha (Robbins) Smith:

1. *William Robbins Smith*, b. Forrestville, Bristol, Conn., 16 Feb. 1846; d. Branford 1 Dec. 1912;<sup>73</sup> m. Branford 1 June 1870, *Mary Foote*,<sup>74</sup> dau. of John and Fanny (Blackstone) Foote,<sup>75</sup> b. Branford 26 Feb. 1848, d. there 31 Dec. 1917.<sup>76</sup>
2. *Charles Henry Smith*, b. Winsted, Conn., 13 Feb. 1848; d. Hartford, Conn., 21 April 1910;<sup>77</sup> m. (1) *Martha B. Curtiss*, dau. of Jerry and Eunice Maria (Castle) Curtiss,<sup>78</sup> b. 31 Dec. 1842, d. 10 Jan. 1879;<sup>79</sup> m. (2) aft. 2 June 1880 census enumeration, *Louise Fischer*,<sup>80</sup> b. Canton, Conn., 8 Aug. 1858,<sup>81</sup> dau. of Conrad and Francesca (Yagerman) Fischer, d. Farmington, Conn., 16 Jan. 1939.<sup>82</sup>
3. *Mary Eliza Smith*, b. Bristol, Conn., 4 Feb. 1852; d. Fort Kearny, Narragansett, R.I., 25 March 1933;<sup>83</sup> m. (1) say 1876, *Henry Bartlett Fowler*, b. Conn. abt. 1838,<sup>84</sup> d. New Haven Hospital, New Haven,

<sup>66</sup> Branford, Conn., Births, Marriages, Deaths, 2:228, FSL #7731268, image 362. Birth date calculated from death record age of 62 years, 22 days.

<sup>67</sup> Branford, Conn., Births, Marriages, Deaths, 2:164, FSL #7731268, image 322.

<sup>68</sup> Edward Stanley Barnhill, *The Beatys of Kingston* (published by the author, 1958), 84.

<sup>69</sup> Charles R. Hale Collection, Cemetery Inscriptions, 204–1, Old Branford Center Cemetery, 58. Mary's birth location comes from her death record.

<sup>70</sup> Branford, Conn., Births, Marriages, Deaths, 1895–1910:384, FSL #7731269, image 138. Although Mary's marriage record states a conflicting birthplace of Georgetown, S.C., the Beaty family was from Conway. (See Barnhill, *The Beatys of Kingston*, 11–12.)

<sup>71</sup> Barnhill, *The Beatys of Kingston*, 84; 1860 Census, Prince George Parish, Georgetown Dist., S.C., Mary A. Durant household.

<sup>72</sup> 1880 Census, Branford, New Haven Co., Conn., Riley O. Smith household.

<sup>73</sup> Branford, Conn., Death Certificate of William R. Smith died 1 Dec. 1912.

<sup>74</sup> Branford, Conn., Births, Marriages, Deaths, 2:140, FSL #7731268, image 310.

<sup>75</sup> Abram W. Foote, *Foote Family Comprising the Genealogy and History of Nathaniel Foote of Wethersfield, Conn. and His Descendants* (Marble City Press, 1907), 281.

<sup>76</sup> Branford, Conn., Death Certificate of Mary Foot Smith, died 31 December 1917.

<sup>77</sup> Hartford, Conn., Death Certificate of Charles Henry Smith, died 21 April 1910.

<sup>78</sup> Harlow Dunham Curtis and Leon M. Walker, "Descendants of Richard Curtis of Dorchester, Massachusetts and Wallingford, Connecticut," unpublished typescript, filmed 1956, 99, FSL #8701709.

<sup>79</sup> Gravestone at Fair Haven Union Cemetery, online image at FindAGrave.com, posted by "Tigerr" (memorial #106115770).

<sup>80</sup> 1880 Census, Avon, Hartford Co., Conn., Conrad Fischer household.

<sup>81</sup> Gravestone at Fair Haven Union Cemetery, online image at FindAGrave.com, posted by "Tigerr" (memorial no. 106115926).

<sup>82</sup> "Mrs. Louise F. Smith," *Hartford Daily Courant*, 17 Jan. 1939, p. 4, col. 3.

<sup>83</sup> Rhode Island Death Certificate of Mary Eliza Pollock, died 25 March 1933, FSL #4248772, image 808.

<sup>84</sup> 1880 Census, Branford, New Haven Co., Conn., Henry B. Fowler household. No marriage record has been found for Mary and Henry in Branford records. For Henry's full name, see Harlow Dunham Curtis, *A Genealogy of the Curtiss-Curtis Family of Stratford*,

- Conn., 28 March 1883,<sup>85</sup> will dated 12 Dec. 1882;<sup>86</sup> m. (2) Branford 9 June 1885, *Elmer Ellsworth Pollock*,<sup>87</sup> b. South Kingston, R.I., 12 Feb. 1862, son of James W. and Emily W. (Wilson) Pollock, d. State Infirmary, Cranston, R.I., 5 Jan. 1945.<sup>88</sup>
4. *Arthur E. Smith*, b. Bristol, say Sept. 1855; d. Branford 1 Aug. 1862 of scarlet fever.<sup>89</sup>
  5. *Elbert Elmer Smith*, b. Branford 30 Dec. 1860; d. Bristol 10 March 1920;<sup>90</sup> m. Bristol 14 June 1899, *Helen Louise Russell*,<sup>91</sup> dau. of Uriah and Jane E. (Bartholomew) Russell,<sup>92</sup> b. Bristol 8 July 1872, d. 24 Sept. 1954, bur. West Cemetery, Bristol.<sup>93</sup>
- iv. ROLLIN CARLOS SMITH, b. 24 May 1824;<sup>94</sup> d. New Haven 8 Dec. 1911;<sup>95</sup> m. Berlin 9 May 1844, MARTHA H. RICH,<sup>96</sup> b. Westfield, Conn., 5 July 1823,<sup>97</sup> dau. of John and Charlotte (\_\_\_\_\_) Rich, d. New Haven 2 June 1899.<sup>98</sup>

Rollin had a long career as a tailor.<sup>99</sup> He purchased a home in Fair Haven, New Haven, Conn., in April 1863, where he lived the rest of his life.<sup>100</sup> In November 1892, he entered into a formal agreement to sell the home to his nephew Charles H. Smith in exchange for the care of himself and his wife Martha.<sup>101</sup>

Rollin wrote his will on 23 December 1904, and it was probated 9 December 1911.<sup>102</sup> He left \$200 each to his nieces “Fannie M. Smith” and Louise F. Smith (wife of his nephew Charles) for their care of him in

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*Connecticut: A Supplement to the 1903 Edition* (Curtiss-Curtis Society of Stratford, 1953), 54.

<sup>85</sup> “News of the State,” *Meriden Daily Republican*, 29 March 1883, p. 1, col. 5.

<sup>86</sup> Branford, Conn., Probate Records, 7:574–575, FSL #7629638.

<sup>87</sup> Branford, Conn., Births, Marriages, Deaths, 2:167, FSL #7731268, image 325.

<sup>88</sup> Rhode Island Death Certificate of Elmer Ellsworth Pollock, 1946, no. 21, FSL #7192195, image 881.

<sup>89</sup> Branford, Conn., Births, Marriages, Deaths, 1:15 (deaths), FSL 7731268, image 158. Arthur’s death record provides an age of six years, eleven months.

<sup>90</sup> Bristol, Conn., Death Certificate of Elbert E. Smith, died 10 March 1920.

<sup>91</sup> Bristol, Conn., Vital Statistics, B:189, FSL #7939021, image 300.

<sup>92</sup> *Lineage Book National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution* (1914), 39:134, Helen Russell Smith, national no. 338367.

<sup>93</sup> “Funeral Services,” *Hartford Courant*, 26 Sept. 1954, p. 4, col. 1.

<sup>94</sup> Sandisfield, Mass., Town Records, 2:264, FSL #4267208, image 744.

<sup>95</sup> New Haven, Conn., Death Certificate of Rollin C. Smith, 1911, no. 156. Everett Smith, grandnephew, served as informant and incorrectly identified Rollin’s mother as Mary Neale of Southington. Rollin’s birth record names her as Sally, wife of Orren, which is consistent with estate records from the 1830s.

<sup>96</sup> Berlin Vital Records (Barbour), 1:96.

<sup>97</sup> Gravestone at Fair Haven Union Cemetery, online image at FindAGrave.com, posted by “Tigerr” (memorial #106116469). Birth location provided by death record.

<sup>98</sup> New Haven, Conn., Deaths, 44:28, FSL #7731221, image 685.

<sup>99</sup> 1850 Census, Town of East Haven, New Haven Co., Conn., Rowland Smith household; 1880 Census, New Haven, New Haven Co., Conn., Rollin C. Smith household.

<sup>100</sup> New Haven Co., Conn., Deeds, 199:469, FSL #8422372.

<sup>101</sup> New Haven Co., Conn., Deeds, 448:371–373, FSL #8619083.

<sup>102</sup> New Haven, Conn., Probate Records, 419:344–346, FSL #7627639.

his old age.<sup>103</sup> The Ecclesiastical Society at Grand Avenue Congregational Church received \$100. The remainder of the estate was left to nephew Charles H. Smith “for providing me a home in my old age.”

Children of Rollin Carlos and Martha H. (Rich) Smith:

1. *Frank L. Smith*, b. East Haven 3 Feb. 1854;<sup>104</sup> d. New Haven 8 July 1867, aged 13, of “disease of brain.”<sup>105</sup>
2. *Melissa A. Smith*, b. New Britain 12 March 1856; d. 21 June 1870, aged 14, of “disease of liver,” bur. Fair Haven Cemetery, New Haven.<sup>106</sup>

v. ELLEN ROSETTA SMITH, b. say 1828/9; living 15 April 1837, aged 8.<sup>107</sup>

3. **PHEBE SMITH** was born at Sandisfield, Massachusetts, 19 June 1793<sup>108</sup> and died at Lee, Massachusetts, 12 January 1865.<sup>109</sup>

Phebe married at Sandisfield 2 June 1812, **CLARK DORMAN**,<sup>110</sup> who was born at East Windsor, Connecticut, 11 February 1788, son of Stephen Dorman and Roxanna Grover.<sup>111</sup> He died at Otis, Massachusetts, 23 July 1860.<sup>112</sup>

Clark had a long career as a clothier.<sup>113</sup> His early years were spent moving from one shop to another, before settling permanently in Otis. He first purchased the clothing shop of George Wright and Jonathan Clark in Wilbraham, Massachusetts, in 1811.<sup>114</sup> He sold that property in January 1814 and purchased a different clothing shop in Tolland, Connecticut, the next month.<sup>115</sup> Before moving there, however, he also bought a small property in Colebrook, Connecticut, where the family lived for less than two years.<sup>116</sup>

<sup>103</sup> The identity of niece Fannie M. Smith has not been determined. The name does not fit known family members, either biologically or by marriage.

<sup>104</sup> Gravestone at Fair Haven Union Cemetery, online image at FindAGrave.com, posted by “Son of Italy” (memorial #106116149); East Haven, Conn., Births, Marriages, Deaths, 1852–1932:4, male born 3 Feb. 1854 to Rollin S. and Martha Smith, FSL #7731266, image 8.

<sup>105</sup> New Haven, Conn., Deaths, 17:116, FSL #7731215, image 315.

<sup>106</sup> Gravestone at Fair Haven Union Cemetery, online image at FindAGrave.com, posted by “Son of Italy” (memorial #106116197); New Haven, Conn., Deaths, 20:67, FSL #7731216, image 244. Melissa was inexplicably listed as “Melissa E. Cook” in her death record, but her birth date and parents’ names correspond.

<sup>107</sup> Southington, Conn., Probate Records, 2:33, FSL #7626828.

<sup>108</sup> *Vital Records of Sandisfield*, 61.

<sup>109</sup> Massachusetts Vital Records, 1865, Deaths, 183:43, FSL #4220476, image 52.

<sup>110</sup> Kellogg-Stedman Bible, family record transcribed by John J. DeMott, Berkshire Athenaeum, Pittsfield, Mass. The original Bible was in the possession of Louise Stedman, Mechanicville, N.Y., in 1951.

<sup>111</sup> Franklin Abbott Dorman, *Thomas Dorman of Topsfield, Massachusetts (1600–1670): Twelve Generations of Descendants* (Heritage Books, 1994), 57, 91.

<sup>112</sup> Massachusetts Vital Records, 1860, Deaths, 138:39, FSL #4220466, image 46. Birth date calculated from death age of 72 years, 5 months, 12 days.

<sup>113</sup> 1860 Census, Lee, Berkshire Co., Mass., Clark Dorman household. Clark was enumerated on the census twelve days prior to his death.

<sup>114</sup> Hampden Co., Mass., Deeds, 51:664, FSL #7460674.

<sup>115</sup> Hampden Co., Mass., Deeds, 56:270, 476, FSL #7460691.

<sup>116</sup> Colebrook, Conn., Deeds, 5:237, 456, FSL #8199571.

Not long after moving to the Tolland property, fire destroyed Clark's store and workshop there on 2 December 1817.<sup>117</sup> The Pittsfield newspaper reported a loss of \$3,000 suffered by Clark, who had a wife and three young children to support, and his customers. In 1820, the Dormans moved again, this time to Hartland, Connecticut.<sup>118</sup> The family moved to a 60-acre farm on the boundary of Otis and Becket in 1823.<sup>119</sup> Clark and Phebe remained in Otis until his death.

By his will, dated 22 May 1860, Clark gave the paltry sum of \$2 to each of his children, three of whom were already deceased.<sup>120</sup> The remaining property went to Phebe as his widow. Her 1865 estate administration not only includes her children, but names the grandchildren by her deceased daughters Elvira Stedman, Maryetta Blood, and Fidelia Bradley.<sup>121</sup>

Children of Clark and Phebe (Smith) Dorman:

- i. ELVIRA DORMAN, b. Wilbraham 13 July 1813;<sup>122</sup> d. Lee 21 Jan. 1860;<sup>123</sup> m. Otis 29 Jan. 1833, ROBERT STEDMAN,<sup>124</sup> b. Lenox, Mass., 6 Feb. 1809, son of Oliver and Elizabeth (\_\_\_\_\_) Stedman,<sup>125</sup> d. White's Hill, northwest of Fairfax, Marin Co., Calif., 19 April 1875.<sup>126</sup>

In June 1845, Elvira purchased 2.5 acres of land in Lee for \$196 in her own right, though the deed did identify her as "the wife of Robert Stedman."<sup>127</sup> She and Robert sold that property (with other tracts he had purchased in 1847) on 19 December 1853.<sup>128</sup>

Robert and his brother Oliver Hazard Perry Stedman joined the California gold rush, arriving in San Francisco, Calif., in March 1849.<sup>129</sup> They were among the lucky prospectors with a profitable claim in El Dorado County. Robert returned to Massachusetts in 1850 and used his new wealth to build a hotel in Lenox. He still felt the pull of California, returning in January 1854 and leaving Elvira in charge of the hotel with

<sup>117</sup> "Summary," *Pittsfield Sun*, 17 Dec. 1817, p. 3, col. 4.

<sup>118</sup> Hartland, Conn., Deeds, 8:106, FSL #8570911.

<sup>119</sup> Berkshire County, Mass., Middle Dist., Deeds, 65:331-332, FSL #7464235.

<sup>120</sup> Berkshire Co., Mass., estate 9041, Clark Dorman.

<sup>121</sup> Berkshire Co., Mass., estate 9915, Phebe Dorman.

<sup>122</sup> Kellogg-Stedman Bible.

<sup>123</sup> Massachusetts Vital Records, 1860, Deaths, 138:39, FSL #4220466, image 46. Although Elvira's grave marker places her death year in 1861, a death notice in 1860 reinforces the official death record. Gravestone at Fairmount Cemetery, online image at FindAGrave.com, posted by "Carl Myers" (memorial #107333915); "Died," *The Pittsfield Sun*, 23 Feb. 1860, p. 3, col. 4.

<sup>124</sup> *Vital Records of Otis, Massachusetts to the Year 1850* (NEHGS, 1941), 84.

<sup>125</sup> John J. DeMott and Bertha S. Rothwell, "Stedman Genealogy," typescript (Aug. 1951), p. 1, Berkshire Athenaeum, Pittsfield, Mass.

<sup>126</sup> "Fatal Accident - Robert Stedman Killed," *Marin County Journal*, 22 April 1875, p. 3, col. 2.

<sup>127</sup> Berkshire Co., Mass., Middle Dist., Deeds, 114:13, FSL #7464288.

<sup>128</sup> Berkshire Co., Mass., Middle Dist., Deeds, 139:401, FSL #7464269.

<sup>129</sup> Bertha Stedman Rothwell, "Pioneering in Marin County," unpublished manuscript (June 1959), pp. 31-50, Marin History Museum, San Rafael, Calif. Details of Robert's life come from this manuscript, written by his granddaughter Bertha, daughter of Stephen S. Stedman.

their daughter Julia. Robert built a home in Marin County, California, and was there when word came of Elvira's death. He decided not to return to Massachusetts.

Children of Robert and Elvira (Dorman) Stedman:

1. *Lawrence Stedman*, b. Otis 8 or 9 Nov. 1833;<sup>130</sup> d. Holyoke, Mass., 25 Jan. 1894;<sup>131</sup> m. Lee 10 Jan. 1855, *Ann Sylvia Kinney*, dau. of Ashbel and Eveline (Phillips) Kinney,<sup>132</sup> b. Lee 29 May 1835, d. South Hadley, Mass., 29 Aug. 1918.<sup>133</sup>
2. *Julia Ann Stedman*, b. Lenox or Blandford, Mass., 16 March 1836;<sup>134</sup> d. Castleton, Rensselaer Co., N.Y., 11 Nov. 1899;<sup>135</sup> m. Lee 13 June 1854, *Leroy Seth Kellogg*,<sup>136</sup> son of Langdon and Wealthy (Boies) Kellogg,<sup>137</sup> b. Southwick, Mass., 8 April 1831, d. South Jacksonville, Fla., 5 March 1914.<sup>138</sup> He later m. Little Falls, Herkimer Co., N.Y., 20 Aug. 1903, Mary E. Collins.<sup>139</sup>
3. *Stephen Schuyler Stedman*, b. New Marlborough, Mass., 15 March 1838; d. Lagunitas Canyon, Marin Co., 15 Aug. 1901;<sup>140</sup> m. Lee 23 Sept. 1869, *Lucy Jane Hall*,<sup>141</sup> dau. of Luke Miner and Margaret (Thwing) Hall,<sup>142</sup> b. Monterey, Mass., 5 Jan. 1846, d. Daily City, San Mateo Co., Calif., 21 Aug. 1927.<sup>143</sup>
4. *Robert Stedman Jr.*, b. Mass. 6 Jan. 1841; d. Albany Hotel, San Diego, Calif., 9 Jan. 1920;<sup>144</sup> m. Ascot, Sherbrooke, Quebec, 22 May 1862, *Mary Ann Herbert Clark*,<sup>145</sup> dau. of William and Nancy (McIntyre) Clark,<sup>146</sup> b. Bradford, Vt., 1 May 1839, d. San Diego 16 Feb. 1908.<sup>147</sup>

<sup>130</sup> DeMott and Rothwell, "Stedman Genealogy," p. 1.

<sup>131</sup> Massachusetts Vital Records, 1894, Deaths, 445:690, FSL #4225007, image 604.

<sup>132</sup> Massachusetts Vital Records, 1855, Marriages, 87:38, FSL #4279778, image 360, 1910, Deaths, 33:196, FSL #4283174, image 2109 (death of Ann's brother James Munroe Kinne, with their mother's maiden name).

<sup>133</sup> Massachusetts Death Certificate of Ann S. Stedman, 1918, 108:513, FSL #5125579, image 514.

<sup>134</sup> DeMott and Rothwell, "Stedman Genealogy," p. 1.

<sup>135</sup> Castleton, N.Y. (now Castleton-on-Hudson), Births, Marriages, Deaths, 1883–1907:64.

<sup>136</sup> Massachusetts Vital Records, 1854, Marriages, 78:34, FSL #4279742, image 613.

<sup>137</sup> Timothy Hopkins, *The Kelloggs in the Old World and the New* (Sunset Press and Photo Engraving Co., 1903), 1:413, 2:1038.

<sup>138</sup> Florida Death Certificate of LeRoy Seth Kellog, 1914, no. 1658.

<sup>139</sup> Little Falls, N.Y., Marriages, 1:57.

<sup>140</sup> "Stephen Stedman's Death," *Marin Journal*, 22 Aug. 1901, p. 11, col. 2.

<sup>141</sup> Lee, Mass., Marriages, 1853–1892:65, FSL #7009233, image 65.

<sup>142</sup> Walter Eliot Thwing, *Thwing: A Genealogical, Biographical and Historical Account of the Family* (David Clapp & Son, 1883), 70.

<sup>143</sup> Gantner-Maison-Domergue Funeral Home (San Francisco, Calif.), Funeral Record, F:20, Lucy Jane Stedman, FSL #5596002, image 54.

<sup>144</sup> California Death Certificate of Robert Stedman, 1920, #2978.

<sup>145</sup> Universalist Society (Ascot, Quebec), marriages reported by Rev. C. P. Mallory, 1862, fifth leaf, FSL #101116071, image 1454.

<sup>146</sup> California Death Certificate of Mary A. Stedman, 1908, no. 4881.

<sup>147</sup> "San Diego Loses Beloved Pioneer," *San Diego Union*, 18 Feb. 1908, p. 5, col. 2.

5. *Byron Stedman*, b. Lee 13 Nov. 1851;<sup>148</sup> d. Mechanicville, Saratoga Co., N.Y., 14 Aug. 1924;<sup>149</sup> m. Stockbridge, Mass., 23 April 1879, *Sarah Hosford Whitney*,<sup>150</sup> dau. of George Fenn and Mary E. (Lynch) Whitney, b. Stockbridge 4 March 1854, d. Mechanicville 22 Nov. 1938.<sup>151</sup>
- ii. ORVAL SIDNEY DORMAN, b. Colebrook River, Conn., 29 March 1815;<sup>152</sup> d. Rome, N.Y., 17 Feb. 1916, aged 100;<sup>153</sup> m. Tyringham, Mass., 13 March 1839, ACHSAH CORDELIA RUEWEE,<sup>154</sup> b. Tyringham 5 March 1821, dau. of Ebenezer and Julia (\_\_\_\_\_) Reuwee,<sup>155</sup> d. Rome 13 April 1900.<sup>156</sup>

Orval's life twice received extensive treatment in the *Rome Daily Sentinel*. The first came on his eighty-ninth birthday and detailed his lifelong employment history, beginning in his father's clothing business and extending through a variety of jobs as store clerk, farmer, traveling agent, tannery operator, and real estate speculator.<sup>157</sup> The second came at his death six weeks shy of age 101, spanning one and a half columns and adding his photograph and more about his personal convictions.<sup>158</sup> Orval was a member of the Free Methodist Church, politically a prohibitionist, and supported women's suffrage. He received congratulatory letters from U.S. President Wilson and New York Governor Whitman for his 100th birthday.

Children of Orval and Achsah Cordelia (Ruewee) Dorman:

1. *Martha C. Dorman*, b. Tyringham 16 Nov. 1841;<sup>159</sup> d. Northumberland Co., Pa., 22 Sept. 1921;<sup>160</sup> m. (1) *Charles Edwin Scruton*, b. Dover, N.H., 22 Oct. 1837, son of Joseph and Martha (Clark) Scruton, d. Worcester, Mass., 22 June 1887;<sup>161</sup> m. (2) Worcester 30 Dec. 1889, *Cadwallader W. Gearhart*,<sup>162</sup> b. Rush Twp., Northumberland Co., Pa., son of Daniel Montgomery and Sarah (Koons) Gearhart, d. 16 Jan. 1941, Danville, Montour Co., Pa.<sup>163</sup>

<sup>148</sup> Massachusetts Vital Records, 1851, Births, 51:40, FSL #4285085, image 375.

<sup>149</sup> "Byron Stedman Fatally Stricken at Home Today," *Saratogian*, 14 Aug. 1924, p. 7, col. 4.

<sup>150</sup> Massachusetts Vital Records, 1879, Marriages, 307:66, FSL #4279606, image 859. Sarah's middle name appears in the marriage record of her daughter Grace. Saratoga Co., N.Y., marriage record, 1:552, FSL #4489254, image 290.

<sup>151</sup> Mechanicville, N.Y., Death Certificate of Sarah H. Whitney Stedman, 1938, no. 73; "Obituary," *Saratogian*, 23 Nov. 1938, p. 9, col. 3.

<sup>152</sup> "Wilson Honors Centenarian," *Liberal News*, 2 April 1915, p. 1, col. 2.

<sup>153</sup> "O. S. Dorman Dead in His 101st Year," *Rome Daily Sentinel*, 17 Feb. 1916, p. 2, col. 1.

<sup>154</sup> Monterey, Mass., Transcribed Marriages of Tyringham, 1826-1844:6 [end of *Monterey Marriage Intentions, 1848-1875*], FSL #7579509, image 100. Achsah's middle name appears on her daughter Martha's death certificate.

<sup>155</sup> *Vital Records of Tyringham, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* (NEHGS, 1903), 51.

<sup>156</sup> "Hale and Hearty at 89 Years," *Rome Daily Sentinel*, 29 March 1904, p. 2, col. 1.

<sup>157</sup> "Hale and Hearty at 89 Years," *Rome Daily Sentinel*, 29 March 1904, p. 2, col. 1.

<sup>158</sup> "O. S. Dorman Dead in His 101st Year," *Rome Daily Sentinel*, 17 Feb. 1916, p. 2, col. 1.

<sup>159</sup> *Vital Records of Tyringham*, 25.

<sup>160</sup> Pennsylvania Death Certificate of Martha Gerhart, 1921, no. 87284 (Ancestry.com).

<sup>161</sup> Massachusetts Vital Records, 1887, Deaths, 384:560, FSL 4224887, image 598; gravestone at Hope Cemetery, online image at FindAGrave.com, posted by "Merry Morgan Hill" (memorial #139906230).

<sup>162</sup> Massachusetts Vital Records, 1889, Marriages, 399:502, FSL #4279727, image 517.

<sup>163</sup> Pennsylvania Death Certificate of Cadwallader Gearhart, 1941, no. 7446; "Cadwallader W. Gearhart Dies at Age Of 88 Years," *Sunbury Daily Item*, 17 Jan. 1941, p. 8, col. 6.

2. *Julia Ellis Dorman*, b. Monterey 23 Sept. 1848;<sup>164</sup> d. Vernon, Oneida Co., N.Y., 2 March 1937;<sup>165</sup> m. (1) Vernon 1 Sept. 1869, *David Cole Palmer*,<sup>166</sup> div. Buffalo, Erie Co., N.Y., Sept. 1880,<sup>167</sup> b. Verona, N.Y., abt. 1847, son of Luther and Eliza (\_\_\_\_\_) Palmer,<sup>168</sup> d. Buffalo 4 July 1904;<sup>169</sup> m. (2) Vernon 30 June 1881, *Joseph Taft Rice Merrell*,<sup>170</sup> b. Albany, N.Y., 4 Dec. 1850, son of Norton G. and Mary J. (\_\_\_\_\_) Merrell,<sup>171</sup> d. Vernon 30 July 1916.<sup>172</sup>
3. *Eva I. Dorman*, b. Verona 6 Sept. 1854; d. Sterling, Cayuga Co., N.Y., 3 April 1940;<sup>173</sup> m. (1) Verona 19 Nov. 1873, *Jacob H. Kobler*,<sup>174</sup> b. Utica, N.Y., 2 Feb. 1839, son of Jacob and Catharine (\_\_\_\_\_) Kobler, d. Camden, Oneida Co., N.Y., 26 Feb. 1898;<sup>175</sup> m. (2) Seneca Falls, Seneca Co., N.Y., 14 Nov. 1906, *Wallace G. Wolsey*,<sup>176</sup> son of James D. and Julia E. (Rowland) Woolsey, b. Syracuse, N.Y., 21 March 1836, d. Auburn, Cayuga Co., N.Y., 15 March 1924.<sup>177</sup> He prev. m. abt. 1862, Augusta E. Walden.<sup>178</sup>
4. *Orville A. Dorman* (twin), b. 17 March 1859; d. Verona 17 Aug. 1860.<sup>179</sup>
5. *Orvillie A. Dorman* (twin), b. 17 March 1859, d. Verona 17 Aug. 1860.<sup>180</sup>
6. *Dwight S. Dorman*, b. 18 July 1863; d. Rome 21 Aug. 1879, by drowning while swimming in the Erie Canal.<sup>181</sup>

<sup>164</sup> Monterey, Mass., Record of Births, 1847 [1844–1900]:2, FSL #7579509, image 110.

<sup>165</sup> “Mrs. Julia Merrell,” *Utica Observer-Dispatch*, 3 March 1937, p. 24, col. 1.

<sup>166</sup> “Married,” *Oneida Dispatch*, 3 Sept. 1869, p. 3, col. 2.

<sup>167</sup> “The Courts,” *Buffalo Daily Courier*, 18 September 1880, p. 2, col. 7.

<sup>168</sup> 1850 Census, Verona, Oneida Co., N.Y., Luther Palmer household.

<sup>169</sup> “Died,” *The Buffalo Evening News*, 5 July 1904, p. 13, col. 5; Buffalo, N.Y., Death Certificate of David C. Palmer, 1904, no. 396. David’s death certificate lists his and his parents’ birthplaces as “Barona N.Y.,” likely a mishearing of “Verona” where they appear in the 1850 census.

<sup>170</sup> “Mrs. Julia Merrell,” *Utica Observer-Dispatch*, 3 March 1937, p. 24, col. 1.

<sup>171</sup> Third Presbyterian Church (Albany, N.Y.), Births, Baptisms, Marriages, 1817–1907:22 (Ancestry.com).

<sup>172</sup> “Joseph Merrell,” *Utica Herald-Dispatch*, 1 Aug. 1916, p. 5, col. 7.

<sup>173</sup> “Eva I. Wolsey Dies Yesterday in Sterling Center,” *Camden Advance-Journal*, 4 April 1940, p. 1, col. 1.

<sup>174</sup> “Married,” *Oneida Dispatch*, 5 Dec. 1873, p. 3, col. 5.

<sup>175</sup> “Camden,” *Utica Daily Press*, 1 March 1898, p. 7, col. 2.

<sup>176</sup> “Wolsey-Kobler,” *Geneva Daily Times*, 16 November 1906, p. 3, p. 1.

<sup>177</sup> Auburn, N.Y., Death Certificate of Wallace G. Wolsey, died 15 March 1924; “Wallace G. Wolsey Dead,” *Auburn Citizen*, 17 March 1924, p. 5, col. 3; 1850 Census, Locke, Cayuga Co., N.Y., James Wolsey household. Wallace followed his family’s tradition of the Woolsey spelling earlier in his life but later transitioned to the Wolsey spelling.

<sup>178</sup> 1900 Census, Camden, Oneida Co., W. G. Wolsey household; gravestone at Indian Mound Cemetery, online image at FindAGrave.com, posted by “Tami” (memorial no. 115416187).

<sup>179</sup> Gravestone at Verona Cemetery, online image at FindAGrave.com, posted by “Darlene Sreca Nodecker” (memorial #12251230).

<sup>180</sup> Gravestone at Verona Cemetery, online image at FindAGrave.com, posted by “Darlene Sreca Nodecker” (memorial #12287656).

<sup>181</sup> Gravestone at Verona Cemetery, online image at FindAGrave.com, posted by “Darlene Sreca Nodecker” (memorial #12251184); “Hale and Hearty at 89 Years,” *Rome Daily Sentinel*, 29 March 1904, p. 2, col. 1.

- iii. CALISTIA JANE DORMAN, b. Tolland, Conn., 8 March 1817; d. Springfield, Mass., 5 Feb. 1907;<sup>182</sup> m. Tyringham 9 April 1835, OLIVER NEWTON JUDD,<sup>183</sup> b. Otis 24 March 1812, son of Oliver and Cynthia (Langdon) Judd,<sup>184</sup> d. Chester, Mass., 15 Nov. 1867.<sup>185</sup>

On 16 September 1868, Calistia sold a one-sixth interest in a one-acre lot in Lee that she had inherited “from my Mother Phebe Dorman and was willed to her by my Father Clark Dorman.”<sup>186</sup> She lost her home in Chester to fire on 20 April 1892 and afterward moved to Springfield, where she lived with her daughter Emma for her remaining years.<sup>187</sup>

Children of Oliver Newton and Calistia Jane (Dorman) Judd:

1. *Burrell Dwight Judd*, b. Tyringham 30 Nov. 1836;<sup>188</sup> d. Chester 30 Aug. 1878;<sup>189</sup> m. Chester 25 Feb. 1860, *Helen M. Otis*,<sup>190</sup> b. Mass. 5 Nov. 1840, dau. of Samuel N. and Maria (Chaffey) Otis, d. Los Angeles, Calif., 31 Jan. 1916.<sup>191</sup>
2. *Emma S. Judd*, b. Otis 8 Jan. 1839;<sup>192</sup> d. 21 June 1933, Los Angeles.<sup>193</sup> She was engaged to Frank Jones Childs, but they did not marry.<sup>194</sup> He would go on to marry Emily Miraba Smith.<sup>195</sup>
3. *Jennette Phoebe Judd*, b. Otis 30 May 1846; d. Chester 26 Feb. 1887;<sup>196</sup> m. Otis 31 July 1867, *James Keefe*,<sup>197</sup> b. Chester 14 Nov. 1844, son of John and Catharine (\_\_\_\_\_) Keefe,<sup>198</sup> d. Poughkeepsie, N.Y., 7 Oct. 1891.<sup>199</sup>
4. *Edwin Nelson Judd*, b. Otis 1847/8; d. Chester 18 March 1883, aged 35;<sup>200</sup> m. Blandford, Mass., 10 Jan. 1868, *Mary E. Healey*,<sup>201</sup> b. Bland-

<sup>182</sup> Massachusetts Death Certificate of Jane Calistia Judd, 1907, Springfield, 92:349, FSL #4282858, image 829. Birth date calculated from age 89 years, 10 months, 28 days on death certificate.

<sup>183</sup> *Vital Records of Otis*, 84.

<sup>184</sup> Tyringham, Mass., Births and Deaths, 1:50, FSL #7579511, image 31. For Cynthia's maiden name, see Sylvester Judd, *Thomas Judd and His Descendants* (J. & L. Metcalf, printers, 1856), 75.

<sup>185</sup> Hampden Co., Mass., Probate Records, no. 6271 (1867), Newton Judd.

<sup>186</sup> Berkshire Co., Mass., Deeds, 196:361, FSL #7468444.

<sup>187</sup> “Women Narrowly Escaped,” *Fall River Daily Herald*, 21 April 1892, p. 2, col. 6; 1900 Census, Springfield, Hampden Co., Mass., Mrs. Jane C. Judd household.

<sup>188</sup> For birth date, see Otis, Mass., Births, Deaths, Intentions, 1782–1855:203, FSL #7009222, image 160. For birth location, see marriage record.

<sup>189</sup> Massachusetts Vital Records, 1878, Deaths, 301:318, FSL #4221429, image 335.

<sup>190</sup> *Massachusetts, U.S., Town and Vital Records, 1620–1988* (Ancestry.com), Chester, Mass., Register of Births, Marriages, and Deaths, 1844–1893:5–6 (marriage).

<sup>191</sup> Los Angeles, Calif., Death Certificate of Helen Maria Judd, 1916, local no. 658, FSL #5597649, image 688; “Mrs. Helen M. Judd,” *Springfield Union*, 1 Feb. 1916, p. 16, col. 7.

<sup>192</sup> Otis, Mass., Births, Deaths, Intentions, 1782–1855:203, FSL #7009222, image 160.

<sup>193</sup> California Death Certificate of Emma S. Judd, 1933, no. 7403, FSL #5599358, image 577.

<sup>194</sup> Chester, Mass., Births, Marriages, Intentions, Deaths, 1829–1864:57, FSL #7009565, image 34.

<sup>195</sup> New Britain, Conn., Death Certificate of Emily Miraba Childs, died 28 July 1930.

<sup>196</sup> Massachusetts Vital Records, 1887, Deaths, 382:371, FSL #4223258, image 393; “Hampden County,” *Springfield Daily Republican*, 1 March 1887, p. 6, col. 5.

<sup>197</sup> *Massachusetts, U.S., Town and Vital Records, 1620–1988* (Ancestry.com), Otis Marriages, 2:8.

<sup>198</sup> Massachusetts Vital Records, 1845, Births, 10:177, FSL #4215182, image 430.

<sup>199</sup> Massachusetts Vital Records, 1891, Deaths, 418:549, FSL #4224895, image 490.

<sup>200</sup> Massachusetts Vital Records, 1883, Deaths, 346:349, FSL #4223248, image 370.

<sup>201</sup> Massachusetts Vital Records, 1868, Marriages, 209:2, FSL #4279270, image 706.

- ford 10 Feb. 1849, dau. of Denison C. and Harmony (Herrick) Healey d. Otis 15 June 1905.<sup>202</sup> She m. (2) Blandford 17 Jan. 1886, Henry B. Buell.<sup>203</sup> She m. (3) Otis, likely Oct. 1894, Charles S. Snow.<sup>204</sup>
5. *Henry Bradley Judd*, b. Lee 14 March 1851;<sup>205</sup> living Chester, 1870;<sup>206</sup> fate uncertain, d. possibly after 1 June 1900 and bef. his mother's death in Feb. 1907, but he could have d. much earlier.<sup>207</sup>
  6. *Ida E. Judd*, b. Otis 17 Jan 1856; d. Los Angeles 14 Oct. 1939;<sup>208</sup> m. (1) Springfield 23 Sept. 1902, *William Sawyer Gamwell*, son of Morgan and Amanda (Spring) Gamwell,<sup>209</sup> b. Hinsdale, Mass., 8 Jan. 1847,<sup>210</sup> d. Chester 2 March 1906,<sup>211</sup> he previously m. Huntington, Mass., 25 Nov. 1868, Jennie Elizabeth Higgins;<sup>212</sup> m. (2) Los Angeles, Calif., likely May 1909, *Vincent B. Gibbs*,<sup>213</sup> son of Elijah D. and Serena (\_\_\_\_\_) Gibbs,<sup>214</sup> b. Otis 25 Dec. 1843, d. Los Angeles 13 Sept. 1918,<sup>215</sup> prev. m., Russell, Mass., 5 July 1876, Idella M. Bray.<sup>216</sup>
- iv. *MARYETTA DORMAN*, b. say 1818/1819; d. Mantua, Portage Co., Ohio, 22 March 1849;<sup>217</sup> m. Otis 4 July 1837, *ADORNO BLOOD*,<sup>218</sup> b. "St. Almonds, Lower Canada" (*likely Saint-Armand, Brome-Missisquoi, Quebec*), 3 Feb. 1809, d. Crawford, Dawes Co., Neb., 5 Nov. 1891.<sup>219</sup> He next m. Portage Co., Ohio, 10 May 1849, Eliza Thompson;<sup>220</sup> he last m. Portage Co., 6 June 1864, Mrs. Lovina F. White.<sup>221</sup>

<sup>202</sup> Massachusetts Death Certificate of Mary E. Snow, 1905, 75:137, FSL #4292434, image 769. Birth date calculated from death certificate age of 56 years, 4 months, 5 days.

<sup>203</sup> Massachusetts Vital Records, 1886, Marriages, 370:402, FSL #4332354, image 271.

<sup>204</sup> *Massachusetts, U.S., Town and Vital Records, 1620-1988* (Ancestry.com), Otis, Mass., Town Records, 1801-1905, unpaginated, Snow-Buell intention, 29 Sept. 1894.

<sup>205</sup> Massachusetts Vital Records, 1851, Births, 51:39, FSL #4285085, image 374.

<sup>206</sup> 1870 Census, Chester, Hampden Co., Mass., Calistia Judd household.

<sup>207</sup> 1900 Census, Springfield, Hampden Co., Mass., Mrs. Jane C. Judd household; "Funeral of Mrs. Jane C. Judd," *Springfield Daily Republican*, 14 Feb. 1907, p. 4, cols. 3-4. According to the census, Jane had six children and three were still living. By her death, only two children survived.

<sup>208</sup> Los Angeles, Cal., Death Certificate of Ida J. Gibbs, 1939, no. 14248.

<sup>209</sup> Massachusetts Vital Records, 1902, Marriages, 525:173, FSL #4332427, image 937.

<sup>210</sup> Massachusetts Vital Records, 1847, Births, 22:30, FSL #4150576, image 590.

<sup>211</sup> Massachusetts Vital Records, 1906, Deaths, 30:26.

<sup>212</sup> Massachusetts Vital Records, 1868, Marriages, 209:74, FSL #4279270, image 780.

<sup>213</sup> "Marriage of Mrs. Ida J. Gamwell and V. B. Gibbs," *Springfield Daily Republican*, 1 June 1909, p. 12, col. 3. No marriage record has been found in Los Angeles indexes to marriages.

<sup>214</sup> 1860 Census, Otis, Berkshire Co., Mass., Elijah D. Gibbs household; *Vital Records of Otis*, 84.

<sup>215</sup> Los Angeles, Calif., Death Certificate of Vincent B. Gibbs, 1918, no. 5205, FSL #5597656, image 1789.

<sup>216</sup> Massachusetts Vital Records, 1876, Marriages, 280:345, FSL #4279600, image 351.

<sup>217</sup> Gravestone at East Lawn Cemetery, online image at FindAGrave.com, posted by "D. CHERRY" (memorial #54027375). Her grave marker gives an age of 30 years.

<sup>218</sup> *Vital Records of Otis*, 73.

<sup>219</sup> "Obituary," *Alliance Boomerang*, undated clipping (Nov. 1891), in possession of Carolyn Mowry. Issues of the *Alliance Boomerang* newspaper from November and December 1891 no longer survive, but descendants have clippings of obituaries for Adorno Blood Sr. and Jr.

<sup>220</sup> Portage Co., Ohio, Marriages, 2:430, FSL #4258034.

<sup>221</sup> Portage Co., Ohio, Marriages, 6:194, FSL #4017002.

Maryetta's early death means few records survive to tell her story. Evidence of her relationship to her parents comes primarily from her mother's estate, which identified each of the Blood children.<sup>222</sup> In a new state far from family support, her widowed husband was quick to remarry.

Children of Adorno and Maryetta (Dorman) Blood:

1. *Emily O. Blood*, b. Otis June 1837; d. Bristol, Conn., 24 Dec. 1917;<sup>223</sup> m. (1) Lee 1 Jan. 1855, *Albert Wilson Packard*,<sup>224</sup> b. Lee 26 Nov. 1833, son of Bradford and Deborah (Barden) Packard,<sup>225</sup> d. Lee 15 Aug. 1864;<sup>226</sup> m. (2) Lee 8 Sept. 1873, *Jacob Tymeson*, son of Jacob and Margaret (Hamm) Tymeson,<sup>227</sup> b. Livingston, Columbia Co., N.Y., 11 Sept. 1827, d. Bristol 10 Oct. 1907,<sup>228</sup> div. his previous wife, Polly M. Tymeson, Sept. 1872.<sup>229</sup>
2. *Clark D. Blood*, b. Otis, say 1841;<sup>230</sup> d. National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, Johnson, Washington Co., Tenn., 15 March 1920;<sup>231</sup> m. Corsicana, Navarro Co., Texas, 26 June 1873, *Adelia D. Jernigan* ("Mrs. A. D. Hough"),<sup>232</sup> b. Ga. abt. 1846, dau. of John F. and Caroline (\_\_\_\_\_) Jernigan,<sup>233</sup> d. Corsicana 22 Sept. 1874,<sup>234</sup> she prev. m. Polk Co., Texas, 15 Aug. 1861, *Albert Hough*,<sup>235</sup> div.<sup>236</sup>
3. *Adorno Blood Jr.*, b. Shalersville, Portage Co., Ohio, 17 May 1843; d. Crawford 27 Dec. 1891;<sup>237</sup> m. Geauga Co., Ohio, 20 Dec. 1866, *Hannah F. O'Dell*,<sup>238</sup> b. Arben, Ohio, 19 July 1844,<sup>239</sup> dau. of R. and Annie (Akins) O'Dell, d. Casper, Natrona Co., Wyo., 15 July 1919.<sup>240</sup>
4. *Infant daughter*, birth order implied by five-year gap in known children, mentioned in obituary of Adorno Blood.<sup>241</sup>

<sup>222</sup> Berkshire Co., Mass., estate of Phebe Dorman, no. 9915.

<sup>223</sup> Bristol, Conn., Death Certificate of Emily Tymeson, died 24 December 1917.

<sup>224</sup> Massachusetts Vital Records, 1855, Marriages, 87:38, FSL #4279778, image 360.

<sup>225</sup> *Vital Records of Lee, Massachusetts to the Year 1850* (NEHGS, 1903), 75.

<sup>226</sup> Massachusetts Vital Records, 1864, Deaths, 174:44, FSL #4220474, image 58.

<sup>227</sup> Massachusetts Vital Records, 1873, Marriages, 253:50, FSL #4279596, image 684, 1912, Deaths, 45:436 (death of Jacob's brother Martin with their mother's maiden name).

<sup>228</sup> Bristol, Conn., Death Certificate of Jacob Tymeson, died 10 Oct. 1907.

<sup>229</sup> "Western Massachusetts," *Springfield Daily Republican*, 14 Sept. 1872, p. 2, col. 5.

<sup>230</sup> U.S. Army, Register of Enlistments, 69:69, no. 342, FSL #5257048, image 75.

<sup>231</sup> *National Homes for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, 1866-1938* (Ancestry.com), Mountain Branch (Johnson City, Tenn.), Register of Members, #8815, Clark D. Blood.

<sup>232</sup> Navarro Co., Tex., Marriage Records, 2:92, FSL #7255691.

<sup>233</sup> 1850 Census, Ward 4, Township 19, Claiborne Par., La., John F. "Johnagan" household.

<sup>234</sup> Civil War Pension of Clark D. Blood, 8th Reg. Mass. Mil. Inf., app. 948037, cert. 701781.

<sup>235</sup> Polk Co., Tex., marriages, A:83, FSL #5706826; 1870 Census, Beat 5, Bell Co., Tex., Albert Huff household.

<sup>236</sup> Civil War Pension of Clark D. Blood, 8th Reg. Mass. Mil. Inf., app. 948037, cert. 701781.

<sup>237</sup> "Died," *Alliance Boomerang*, 30 Dec. 1891, p. 1, col. 4, clipping in possession of Carolyn Mowry.

<sup>238</sup> Geauga Co., Ohio, Marriages, F:264, FSL #4260309.

<sup>239</sup> "Was County Pioneer," *Scottsbluff Daily Star-Herald*, 22 July 1919, p. 1, col. 2.

<sup>240</sup> Wyoming Death Certificate of Hannah F. Blood, 1919, no. 1919.

<sup>241</sup> "Obituary," *Alliance Boomerang*, Nov. 1891, in possession of Carolyn Mowry.

5. *Elsipher L. Blood*, b. Shalersville 3 Oct. 1848;<sup>242</sup> d. Scotts Bluff Co., Neb., 5 April 1916;<sup>243</sup> m. likely Crawford Co., Pa., 1878, *Margaret Helen Stein*,<sup>244</sup> b. Crawford Co. 27 April 1851, dau. of Henry and Fiatta (Sammel) Stein,<sup>245</sup> d. Olean, Cattaraugus Co., N.Y., 24 Dec. 1900.<sup>246</sup>
- v. CORINTHIA AURELIA DORMAN, b. Hartland 20 April 1821; d. Pittsfield, Mass., 18 Oct. 1896;<sup>247</sup> m. Otis 17 Jan. 1838, JUDSON JUDD,<sup>248</sup> b. Otis 6 Jan. 1819, son of Oliver and Cynthia (Langdon) Judd,<sup>249</sup> d. Otis 14 April 1860, aged 43.<sup>250</sup>

Corinthia had artistic talent and won second prize for her “oriental painting” in the Berkshire Agricultural Society’s annual fair in 1858.<sup>251</sup> On 29 June 1866, the heirs of Oliver Judd, father of Judson Judd, quit-claimed their interest in a property that had been sold to Oliver seventeen years earlier.<sup>252</sup> Corinthia’s son Curtis signed in his own right, while Corinthia signed as guardian for daughters Georgiana and Florence.

Children of Judson and Corinthia Aurelia (Dorman) Judd:

1. *Curtis J. Judd*, b. Otis 15 May 1839;<sup>253</sup> d. Greenwich, Conn., 6 Jan. 1927;<sup>254</sup> m. Black Hawk Co., Iowa, 24 Nov. 1880, *Flora Estelle Dow*,<sup>255</sup> b. Hudson, Ohio, 20 July 1854,<sup>256</sup> d. Brookline, Mass., 1 Nov. 1937.<sup>257</sup>
2. *Nelson Judd*, b. 19 June 1846; d. 23 July 1847.<sup>258</sup>
3. *Georgiana J. C. Judd*, b. Lee 27 Aug. 1849,<sup>259</sup> d. Lee 13 Dec. 1867, aged 18.<sup>260</sup>

<sup>242</sup> “Obituary,” *Minutary Free Press*, 14 April 1916, p. 1, col. 6.

<sup>243</sup> Nebraska Death Certificate of Elciphher L. Blood, died Scotts Bluff Co., 6 April 1916.

<sup>244</sup> “Obituary,” *Minutary Free Press*, 14 April 1916, p. 1, col. 6; 1880 Census, Fairfield East, Crawford Co., Penn., Elsipher Blood household.

<sup>245</sup> Gravestone at Cochranon Cemetery, online image at FindAGrave.com, posted by “Randy Bell” (memorial #79548368); “Obituary—Henry Stein,” *The Evening Republican* (Meadville, Pa.), 30 Sept. 1899, p. 1, col. 2.

<sup>246</sup> “Death of Mrs. E. L. Blood,” *The Evening Republican* (Meadville, Pa.), 26 Dec. 1900, p. 3, col. 2.

<sup>247</sup> Massachusetts Vital Records, 1896, Deaths, 463:114, FSL #4225013, image 99.

<sup>248</sup> “Married,” *Pittsfield Sun*, 1 Feb. 1838, p. 3, col. 6; *Vital Records of Otis*, 25.

<sup>249</sup> Tyringham, Mass., Births, Marriages, Deaths, 1759–1848:50, FSL #7579511, image 31. For Cynthia’s maiden name, see Judd, *Thomas Judd and His Descendants*, 75.

<sup>250</sup> Massachusetts Vital Records, 1860, Deaths, 138:39, FSL #4220466, image 46.

<sup>251</sup> “Berkshire Agricultural Society,” *The Pittsfield Sun*, 14 Oct. 1858, p. 2, col. 1.

<sup>252</sup> Berkshire Co., Mass., Southern Dist., Deeds, 124:190, FSL #7464413.

<sup>253</sup> Curtis’s birth is not recorded in town records. Some sources speak to an 1840 birth year, such as *U.S. Passport Applications, 1795-1925* (Ancestry.com), no. 64607, Curtis J. Judd (Suffolk, Mass., 31 Dec. 1902). However, most sources point to an 1839 birth year, including his obituary. The closest contemporary evidence for an 1839 birth is the 1850 census, when Curtis was 11 years old. 1850 Census, Lee, Berkshire Co., Mass., Judson Judd household.

<sup>254</sup> “Major Judd of G.A.R. Dies,” *Port Chester Daily Item*, 7 Jan. 1927, p. 1.

<sup>255</sup> Black Hawk Co., Iowa, Marriage Record, G:263, FSL #4310145.

<sup>256</sup> *U.S. Passport Applications, 1795-1925* (Ancestry.com), no. 155655, Estelle Dow Judd (Dwight, Ill., 31 Dec. 1919).

<sup>257</sup> “Bequests to 3 in Brookline,” *Boston Globe*, 5 Nov. 1937, p. 36, col. 4.

<sup>258</sup> *Vital Records of Lee*, 210. He died at age 13 months, 4 days.

<sup>259</sup> Massachusetts Vital Records, 1849, Births, 34:62, FSL #4035629, image 350.

<sup>260</sup> Massachusetts Vital Records, 1867, Deaths, 202:37, FSL #4220480, image 47.

4. *Florence J. Judd*, b. Lee 9 March 1860,<sup>261</sup> d. Pittsfield 20 July 1878, aged 18.<sup>262</sup>
- vi. FIDELIA DORMAN, bap. Otis 12 Sept. 1824;<sup>263</sup> d. Chester 14 March 1856;<sup>264</sup> m. Otis 3 April 1844, HENRY M. BRADLEY,<sup>265</sup> b. Blandford 8 July 1815, son of John and Amanda (Steele) Bradley, d. Lee 13 Aug. 1892.<sup>266</sup> Henry m., second, Chester 14 March 1858, Wealthy A. (Thomas) Bosworth.<sup>267</sup>
- Children of Henry M. and Fidelia (Dorman) Bradley:
1. *Moses D. Bradley*, b. Becket, Mass., 24 March 1845; d. Lee 19 Jan. 1919;<sup>268</sup> m. Lee 22 Nov. 1870, *Amy Pauline Heath*, dau. of Russel B. and Sarah A. (\_\_\_\_\_) Heath,<sup>269</sup> b. Tyringham 8 May 1847, d. Lee 29 Oct. 1876.<sup>270</sup>
  2. *Henry Hollis Bradley*, b. Chester 7 Nov. 1847;<sup>271</sup> d. Hudson, Columbia Co., N.Y., 8 May 1908, aged 60.<sup>272</sup> He never married and had no children.
  3. *Maria Fidelia Bradley*, b. Mass. 14 Feb. 1854; d. Bergen Co., N.J., 10 April 1922;<sup>273</sup> m. Deerfield, Mass., 13 Jan. 1875, *Karl Hermann Apollo Waldherr*,<sup>274</sup> son of Christian Henrich Wilhelm and Louise (Weller) Waldherr, b. Berleberg, Westphalia, Prussia, 27 July 1835, bap. Berleberg 12 Aug. 1835,<sup>275</sup> d. Bergen Co. 1 Nov. 1922.<sup>276</sup> He previously m. Mary Reister.<sup>277</sup>
- vii. EMILY ORLINA DORMAN, b. 23 Oct. 1830,<sup>278</sup> bap. Otis 19 June 1831;<sup>279</sup> d. 4 Oct. 1832.<sup>280</sup>

<sup>261</sup> Massachusetts Vital Records, 1860, Births, 132:53, FSL #4212536, image 455.

<sup>262</sup> Massachusetts Vital Records, 1878, Deaths, 301:57, FSL #4221429, image 62.

<sup>263</sup> *Vital Records of Otis*, 25.

<sup>264</sup> Lee, Mass., Town Records, Deaths, 2:10, FSL #7009233, image 571.

<sup>265</sup> *Vital Records of Otis*, 84.

<sup>266</sup> Lee, Mass., Town Records, Deaths, 2:122, FSL #7009233, image 684. Birth date calculated from death record age of 77 years, 1 months, 5 days; Massachusetts Vital Records, 1876, Deaths, 283:328 (death of Henry's mother with maiden name).

<sup>267</sup> Massachusetts Vital Records, 1858, Marriages, 118:4, FSL #4279215, image 532.

<sup>268</sup> Massachusetts Death Certificate of Moses D. Bradley, 1919, no. 488, FSL #5203348, image 489.

<sup>269</sup> Massachusetts Vital Records, 1870, Marriages, 226:48, FSL #4332358, image 403. The state marriage record identifies her as "Ann" Pauline Heath, but all other sources speak to "Amy."

<sup>270</sup> Massachusetts Vital Records, 1876, Deaths, 283:45, FSL #4221424, image 54. Birth date calculated from death record age of 29 years, 5 months, 21 days.

<sup>271</sup> *Vital Records of Chester, Massachusetts to the Year 1850* (NEHGS, 1911), 22.

<sup>272</sup> "Hollis D. Bradley Dead," *The Berkshire Eagle*, 11 May 1908, p. 10, col. 3.

<sup>273</sup> New Jersey Death Certificate of Marie F. Waldherr, died 10 April 1922, Bergen Co.

<sup>274</sup> Massachusetts Vital Records, 1875, Marriages, 271:294, FSL #4279599, image 304.

<sup>275</sup> Berleberg Evangelische Kirche (Westfalen, Prussia), Taufen (Baptisms), 1835, no. 41, Karl Hermann Apollo Waldherr, FSL #102390595, image 448.

<sup>276</sup> New Jersey Death Certificate of Apollo Waldherr, died 1 Nov. 1922, Bergen Co.

<sup>277</sup> "Mrs. Pauline Lustig of So. Deerfield Dies," *The Daily Recorder-Gazette* (Greenfield, Mass.), 18 Feb. 1933, p. 1, col. 3.

<sup>278</sup> Birth date calculated from a grave marker age of eleven months and twelve days.

<sup>279</sup> *Vital Records of Otis*, 25.

<sup>280</sup> Gravestone at Otis Center Cemetery, online image at FindAGrave.com, posted by "Sue" (memorial #71463091); *Vital Records of Otis*, 136.

4. **BENJAMIN SMITH**, was born at Sandisfield, Massachusetts, on 20 October 1798<sup>281</sup> and died at Northfield, Rice County, Minnesota, on 17 March 1889.<sup>282</sup>

Benjamin married at Sandisfield 14 May 1833,<sup>283</sup> **RHODA WEBSTER**, who was born in Massachusetts 17 September 1795, daughter of Jonathan and Huldah (Orvis) Webster.<sup>284</sup> She died at Northfield 21 March 1877.<sup>285</sup>

Benjamin and Rhoda sold “the [200-acre] farm on which we now live” in Sandisfield for \$2,000 on 5 March 1859, preparing for a move to Minnesota.<sup>286</sup> The family likely traveled by railroad, which extended to La Crosse, Wisconsin, about 120 miles southwest of their destination of Rice County, Minnesota.<sup>287</sup> On 30 May, Benjamin purchased 160 acres of land in Bridgewater Township, Rice County, for \$1,000 with co-owner Franklin H. Sanford.<sup>288</sup> Franklin and his wife Harriet quit-claimed their interest in the property to Benjamin two weeks later for \$400.<sup>289</sup> Benjamin and Rhoda sold the property for \$2,000 on 4 October 1865.<sup>290</sup>

Rhoda and her daughter Emily joined the First Congregational Church of Northfield on 3 May 1862 by letter from the Congregational Church of Sandisfield.<sup>291</sup> Benjamin later joined the church by experience on 4 March 1870.<sup>292</sup> He purchased a home site in the village of Northfield on 26 April 1866 and sold the property to his son Harvey on 18 February 1886.<sup>293</sup> Benjamin left no estate at his death, and he and Rhoda have no living descendants.

Children of Benjamin and Rhoda (Webster) Smith:

- i. **HARVEY SACKETT SMITH**, b. Sandisfield, Mass., 5 Aug. 1834;<sup>294</sup> d. Rice, Benton Co., Minn., 8 March 1914;<sup>295</sup> m. (1) New York 17 Aug. 1854,

<sup>281</sup> *Vital Records of Sandisfield*, 61.

<sup>282</sup> Rice Co., Minn., Death Records, A:117, FSL #4881612, image 1714.

<sup>283</sup> *Vital Records of Sandisfield*, 87.

<sup>284</sup> *Vital Records of Sandisfield*, 75; William H. Webster, *History and Genealogy of the Gov. John Webster Family of Connecticut, with Numerous Portraits and Illustrations* (E. R. Andrews Print. Co., 1915), 691–692. Benjamin Smith’s family is enumerated in 1850 in Sandisfield where Rhoda is called “Saphronia,” a name she is not given in any other record.

<sup>285</sup> Rice Co., Minn., Death Records, A:30, FSL #4881612, image 1540.

<sup>286</sup> Berkshire Co., Mass., Southern Dist., Deeds, 114:585, FSL #7464408.

<sup>287</sup> J. H. Colton, *Map of the La Crosse and Milwaukee Railroad and its Connections* (1855).

<sup>288</sup> Rice Co., Minn., Deeds, F:492, FSL #8594189.

<sup>289</sup> Rice Co., Minn., Deeds, G:493, FSL #8594189.

<sup>290</sup> Rice Co., Minn., Deeds, M:520, FSL #8594192.

<sup>291</sup> First Congregational Church, Northfield, Minn., Record Book, 1856–1870:40 (Northfield Rice-County Digital History Collection).

<sup>292</sup> First Congregational Church, Northfield, Minn., Record Book, 1856–1870:122–123 (Northfield Rice-County Digital History Collection).

<sup>293</sup> Rice Co., Minn., Deeds, N:320–321 (FSL #8594192), 59:396.

<sup>294</sup> Sandisfield, Mass., Town Records, 2:296, FSL #4267208, image 784.

<sup>295</sup> “Harvey S. Smith,” *Northfield News*, 13 March 1914, p. 3, col. 4.

CAROLINE L. BROWN,<sup>296</sup> d. Northfield, Rice Co., Minn., 6 June 1873;<sup>297</sup> m. (2) 10 March 1880, JANE ELIZABETH “JENNIE” BABCOCK,<sup>298</sup> b. Memphis, Mich., 24 May 1849, dau. of Ira and Luthana (Chilson) Babcock, d. 21 Feb. 1945,<sup>299</sup> she previously m. David E. Berden but they divorced 8 Jan. 1880.<sup>300</sup> After pursuing farming from 1859 through the close of the Civil War, Harvey took up butchering.<sup>301</sup>

Child of Harvey and Caroline (Brown) Smith:

1. *Edgar Henry Smith*, b. Sandisfield 27 Aug. 1856;<sup>302</sup> d. Northfield 13 April 1882;<sup>303</sup> m. Waterford, Rice Co., Minn., 26 Aug. 1880, *Julia A. Mattison*,<sup>304</sup> had no known children.
- ii. EMILY CLARISSA SMITH, b. Sandisfield 9 May 1836;<sup>305</sup> d. Northfield 13 July 1878, aged 42.<sup>306</sup>

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<sup>296</sup> Charles R. Hale Collection, Connecticut Newspaper Notices, 39:1103, citing *The Hartford Times*, 26 Aug. 1854. Caroline's middle initial comes from her son's death record.

<sup>297</sup> Webster, *History and Genealogy of the Gov. John Webster Family of Connecticut*, 692. Caroline does not appear in Rice Co. death records (FSL #4881612).

<sup>298</sup> Rice Co., Minn., Marriage Records, E:336, FSL #5192641.

<sup>299</sup> “Mrs. Jane E. Smith Northfield Resident For 65 Years, Dies at 95,” *Northfield News*, 1 March 1945, p. 4, cols. 5–6.

<sup>300</sup> Rice Co., Minn., District Court, divorce decree, Jane E. Berdan v. Edwin [*sic*] E. Berdan, 8 Jan. 1880, in Civil War Pension of Addie F. Berdan, wid. of David E. Berdan, 6<sup>th</sup> Reg. Minn. Inf., app. 1736382 (rejected). An attorney's letter (4 April 1934) in the pension file clarified that “Edwin” on the divorce decree was in error and stated Jane E. Berdan sent information confirming David as her prior husband.

<sup>301</sup> “Harvey S. Smith,” *Northfield News*, 13 March 1914, p. 3, col. 4.

<sup>302</sup> Sandisfield, Mass., Register of Births, Marriages, and Deaths, 3:17, FSL #7009801, image 558.

<sup>303</sup> Rice Co., Minn., Death Records, A:65, FSL #4881612, image 1610. His death record names him “Edward H. Smith,” but age, birthplace, and parents corroborate his identity. Further supported by Webster, *History and Genealogy of the Gov. John Webster Family of Connecticut*, 692.

<sup>304</sup> Rice Co., Minn., Marriage Records, E:369, FSL #5192641. Julia's identity is unclear.

<sup>305</sup> Sandisfield, Mass., Town Records, 2:296, FSL #4267208, image 784.

<sup>306</sup> Rice Co., Minn., Death Records, A:35, FSL #4881612, image 1550.