

Descendants of Rev. Ralph Wheelock

And

Rebecca Clarke

Of

Medfield, Massachusetts

1600 to 1900

(Preliminary Version)



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Marcus Warren Waite published a genealogy of the Wheelock Family of Calais, VT, in 1940². This book documents the genealogy of the Wheelock family in that town, starting with the Wheelocks from Charlton, Massachusetts who founded it.

Finally, Walter Tobey Wheelock, of Uxbridge, Massachusetts compiled a genealogy of the Wheelock Family in America, centering on his ancestors who settled in Uxbridge³.

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¹ Carlyle Capron Wheelock, Winifred (Thomson) Gonseth, "Wheelock Family", unpublished manuscript, 1955.

² Marcus Warren Waite, "The Wheelock Family of Calais, VT", published by Driftwind Press, North Montpelier, VT, 1940.

³ Walter Tobey Wheelock, "The Wheelock Family in America, 1637-1969", privately published by the author, 1969.

Though great effort has been made to be accurate, errors no doubt exist in this work, for which I offer my apologies in advance. Source information, wherever known, is referenced by superscript, and presented in the Sources and References section at the end of the book. Whenever a source is a primary record, the highest confidence can be had in its accuracy. Many sources used are secondary records, consisting of previously published material.

History of the Wheelock Surname

The Wheelock name is reported to derive from the Welsh word "chevel-og", meaning "winding river"⁴.

The Wheelock family origins can be traced back to the 12th century (during the reign of Henry II), in the County of Cheshire, England, where the village of Wheelock now stands. Sometime in the late 12th century

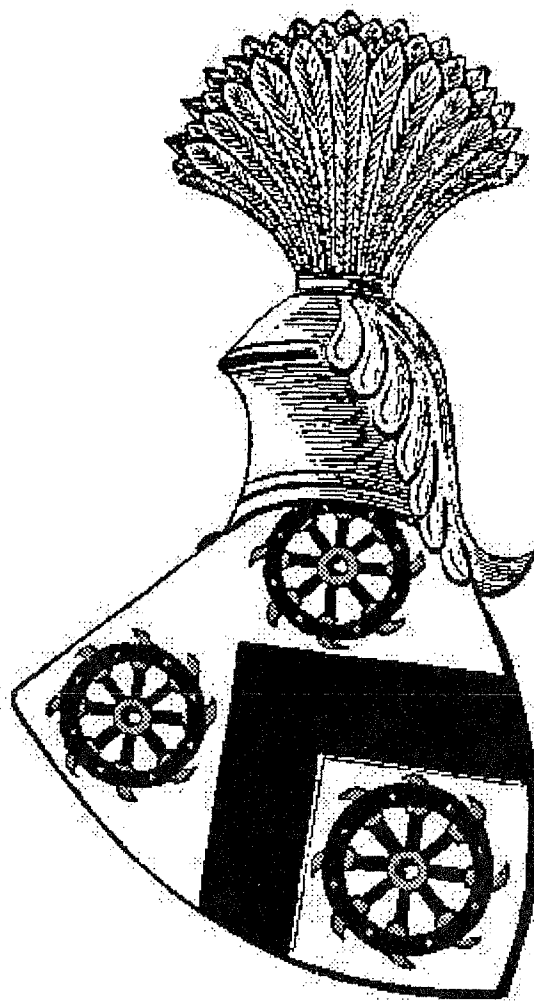
Roger Mainwaring released to Hugh de Whelok all his claim to the Manor of Whelok. Hugh de Whelok and his offspring later acquired more of the surrounding lands; and thus the village of Wheelock came into being.

In 1459 the Manor of Wheelock passed to the Leversage family (who had married into the Wheelock family)⁵.

The Wheelock coat of arms, shown here⁶, consists of a "chevron between three Catherine wheels of Sable"⁷. It is similar to the Leversage coat of arms: "a chevron between three plough-shares erect Sable". The crest, shown in the picture, appears not to be "officially granted", and is shown for adornment purposes only⁸.

In 1637, Rev. Ralph Wheelock, a highly educated graduate of Clare Hall in Cambridge, England, emigrated to Massachusetts, with his wife Rebecca, and several children⁹. He was a dissenting preacher, and the motivation to emigrate was no doubt a result of the religious persecution that ran high during this period of England's history.

Rev. Ralph Wheelock was a Puritan, and played an active role in establishing the townships of Dedham and Medfield, Massachusetts. He preached frequently, but never had his own ministry. His ambitions were oriented toward teaching. He was the first headmaster at the first public school in Dedham (which probably was the first public school in the colonies). He was chosen to "take up a collection for Harvard",



W H E L O C K
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⁴ Cyril Massey, "History of Sandbach and District", published 1982

⁵ Cyril Massey, "History of Sandbach and District", Published 1982

⁶ Coat of arms from "Ralph Wheelock, Puritan", by Rev. Lewis Hicks, scanned in by Harlan Wheelock Stockman Jr., further modified by Thomas Wheelock to show the sable (black) colors of the chevron and Catharine wheels.

⁷ J.P. Earwaker, "History of Sandbach, Holme Chaple and Goostrey"

⁸ Research of Thomas Wheelock, England, Jan 1999

⁹ The ship on which he sailed, and port of entry are not known.

and thus played a role in raising funds for the first college in America¹⁰.

It is likely that most people in the United States with the last name of Wheelock are descended from Rev. Ralph. He and his offspring had many children, over the course of many generations. His progeny are many.

But not all Wheelocks in the United States descend from Ralph. There is a line of Wheelocks in South and Central America, many of whom now live in this country¹¹. It has been shown that this line descends from somebody other than Rev. Ralph Wheelock. In addition, there is at least one family of Native Americans, Oneidas from upstate New York, now living in other parts of the country, that acquired the Wheelock surname sometime in their history. The exact circumstances of this are not yet known, but research is ongoing¹².

No doubt there have been numerous Wheelock immigrants after Rev. Ralph Wheelock. There are records of an Abraham Wheelock sailing from London to Virginia in late 1673 on the ship Martha. There is another record of an Abraham Wheelock sailing from London to Virginia in 1677 on the Good Hope¹³. However, Abraham appears to have been a shipmaster, and not an emigrant¹⁴.

The Wheelocks were at the leading edge of westward settlement in colonial America. Many towns were founded by Wheelocks, including Dedham, MA, Medfield, MA, Mendon, MA, Calais, VT, Wheelock, TX, Hanover, NH, Lubbock, TX, and probably others. Eleazer Wheelock, great grandson of Rev. Ralph Wheelock, founded Dartmouth College in New Hampshire, thus perpetuating the teaching tradition so close to the heart of Ralph. Another educator, Lucy Wheelock, founder of Wheelock College in Boston, Mass. was probably also a descendant of Rev. Ralph Wheelock.

¹⁰ William S. Tilden, "The History of Medfield, Massachusetts, 1650-1886", published in 1886.

¹¹ Correspondence with Norman Michael Wheelock, descendant of Tomas Wheelock of Peru.

¹² Correspondence with Anne Wheelock Gonzales, member of the Oneida Indian tribe.

¹³ Peter Wilson Coldham, "Complete Book of Emigrants, 1607 - 1776"

¹⁴ The Abraham Wheelock who emigrated in 1673 is probably the same Abraham Wheelock of Middlesex, England, that filed a will Aug 1673, "being now outwards bound on a voyage to the seas and with all considering the dangers hazards ..." Documents are found in the Public Records Office in London stating that Abraham was the shipmaster of the Martha and the Good Hope, which would suggest that he did not emigrate to the colonies, and did not establish a line of Wheelocks in the United States. (Will: Prob 11/372, Public Records Office, London; Documents: E190/59/1 and E190/72/1, Public Records Office, London; thanks to Thomas Wheelock, London, UK, for the research on Abraham Wheelock)

Descendants of Ralph Wheelock

Generation One

1. RALPH¹ WHEELOCK; b. 14 May 1600 at Dorrington, Shropshire, England; m. Rebecca **Clarke**, daughter of Thomas **Clarke** and Mary **Canne**, 17 May 1630 at Wramplingham, Norfolk, England;¹ d. 11 Jan 1683/84 at Medfield, Norfolk, MA, at age 83.²

Reverend Ralph Wheelock, Puritan, educator, and founder was born in Dorrington, Shropshire, England on 14 May 1600. His family origins can be traced back to the tenth century in Wheelock Village, near Sandbach, in the County of Cheshire. Ralph was educated at Cambridge University, Clare Hall. He matriculated in 1623, obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1626, and a Master of Arts in 1631.

At that time, Cambridge was the center of the dissenting religious movement that gave rise to Puritanism. His contemporaries at Cambridge University included John Milton and John Eliot, whose liberal views he seemed to share. The persecution of those with Puritan beliefs ran high during this period, which undoubtedly motivated Rev. Wheelock to participate in 'The Great Migration' which brought many new immigrants to the Massachusetts Bay Colony. By one account, 20,000 came to New England during the peak years of the migration between 1630 and 1640[1].

On 6 May 1630, in England, Rev. Wheelock was ordained priest by Francis White, Bishop of the Norfolk Diocese [12]. Shortly thereafter, on 17 May 1630, he married Rebecca Clarke. At least three children were born to the family in England (Mary Wheelock, baptised in Banham, County of Norfolk, 2 Sep 1631; Gershom Wheelock, baptised in the village of Eccles, County of Norfolk, 3 Jan 1632/33 [2]; and Rebecca Wheelock, baptised in the village of Eccles, County of Norfolk, 24 Aug 1634 [10]). There is strong evidence that Rev. Wheelock served clerical duties at the parish in Eccles, where Gershom and Rebecca were baptised. This is evidenced by his signature as 'local curate' on the register pages that record his childrens baptism[11].

Rev. Wheelock, his wife Rebecca, and at least three children sailed for the Massachusetts Bay Colony in 1637, just 7 years after Boston was first settled, and during the peak of the 'Great Migration' [3]. Some Wheelock historians have suggested that Rebecca gave birth to a daughter aboard ship, but no definitive proof is available[4].

Upon arrival, Rebecca and Ralph Wheelock settled in Watertown, Massachusetts. There Rev. Wheelock participated in a plan to create a new settlement further up the Charles River, to be called Contentment (later renamed Dedham). In 1638 Rev. Wheelock became one of the earliest settlers and a founder of Dedham. He lived there with his wife for more than a decade, and played a leading role in the affairs of the town. The records at Dedham show that children Benjamin, Samuel, Record, and Experience were born into the family of Ralph and Rebecca while at Dedham.

In July 1637, Rev. Ralph Wheelock signed the 'Dedham Covenant' which was in effect the founding constitution of the settlers of Dedham. In 1639 he and seven others were chosen for 'ye ordering of towne affayers according unto Courte Order in that behalf.' The powers that these eight men had were probably similar to the town selectment of modern times. He was also appointed to assist the surveyor ('measurer') in laying out the boundaries of the town.

On 13 Mar 1638/9, Rev. Wheelock was declared a freeman [5]. In those days, one had to be a 'freeman' in order to exercise the full right of suffrage, or to hold public office. To become a freeman, it was necessary to be a member in good standing of a local church, and to appear before the General Court to take an oath whose essential elements swore to good citizenship and good religious character.

In 1642, Ralph Wheelock was appointed the General Court clerk of writs. The General Court was the central court of the Bay Colony, with powers granted by the British Crown to decide legal matters, to dispense lands, and to establish laws. At this point in time (1643), the population of the Bay Colony was about 18,000[6].

In 1645 he was appointed one of the commissioners authorized to 'solemnize' marriages, which at the time was a civil rather than religious duty.

Although Rev. Wheelock was an ordained minister, his greater inclinations were toward teaching, which he did with great fervor and in various capacities throughout his life. Though the records are sketchy, it is likely that Rev. Wheelock was the first public school teacher in America. On 1 Feb 1644 a Dedham town meeting voted for the first free school in Massachusetts, to be supported by town taxes. Rev. Ralph Wheelock was the first teacher at this school. Three years later, in 1647, the General Court decreed that every town with 50 families or more must build a school supported by public taxes.[9].

By the late 1640's Dedham was becoming quite populous, and it was decided to establish a new township further up the Charles River, out of a tract of land that was then part of Dedham. Rev. Wheelock was appointed leader of this effort, and in 1649 he and six others were given the duties of erecting and governing a new village, to be called New Dedham, later renamed Medfield.

In May, 1651, the town of Medfield was granted the full powers of an independent town by the General Court of Massachusetts. In this year Rev. Ralph Wheelock and his family removed to Medfield, where he lived the remaining 32 years of his life. The records at Medfield show that Eleazar Wheelock was born to Ralph and Rebecca at Medfield. Eleazar's grandson would become the founder of Dartmouth College, in New Hampshire.

Though others participated in the establishment of the Town of Medfield, the Rev. Ralph Wheelock is considered to be it's primary founder. As leader of the previously mentioned committee of seven, it is almost certain [7] that Rev. Wheelock wrote the document called 'The Agreement' which, for a time, every new settler of Medfield had to sign. 'The Agreement' stated that the signatories were to abide by the town ordinances and laws, maintain orderly conduct, and resolve differences between themselves peaceably.

Rev. Ralph Wheelock was granted the first house lot in Medfield (12 acres), and served on the first Board of Selectmen (1651). He subsequently served on the Board of Selectmen in 1652-1654, and again in 1659. In 1653 he took up a collection for Harvard College, the first college in America. Fund raising for Harvard was probably a regular event, being a primary source of revenue for the fledgling institution.

In 1655, the town voted 15 pounds to be used to establish a 'schoule for the educataion of the children, to be raised by a rate according as men have taken up lands, and the rest of the maintenance to be raised upon the children that goe to schoule' [8]. Rev. Ralph Wheelock was the first schoolmaster. In his book 'Mr. Ralph Wheelock, Puritan', the Rev. Lewis Hicks speculates that Rev. Wheelock remained schoolmaster for a period of 8 years.

Every year, Medfield chose a representative to the General Court in Massachusetts. Rev. Wheelock held this position in the years 1653, 1663, 1664, 1666, and 1667.

Rebecca (Clarke) Wheelock died on 1 Jan 1680/1 in Medfield. Two years later, Rev. Wheelock died, in the 84th year of his life.

Rev. Wheelock played an active and important role in the settling of the Massachusetts Bay Colony. He was instrumental in establishing two new towns, and held virtually every office of importance in both of them. Furthermore, he was at the forefront of establishing the educational foundations of the country.

His descendents would also prove to play an important a role in settling New England and the rest of America. His son, Benjamin, was a founder of the Town of Mendon. Among his great-grandchildren were founders of several New England towns, as well as Eleazar Wheelock, the founder of Dartmouth. Succeeding generations would push farther west, settling the frontiers in New York, Michigan, Illinois, Nova Scotia, and Texas, establishing impressive credentials as teachers, writers, soldiers, founders of towns, and creators of business.

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Notes and Sources.

[1]'The History of the Town of Medfield, Massachusetts, 1650 - 1886', by William S. Tilden, published by the Medfield, Massachusetts Historical Society, pg. 23.

[2]Genealogists have variously reported that Rev. Wheelock married Rebecca Barber, Rebecca Wilkinson, and Rebecca Clark. An article by Christopher Gleason Clark, in the January 1998 issue of 'The New England Historical and Genealogical Register', vol 152, entitled 'The English Ancestry of Joseph Clark (1613-1683) of Dedham and Medfield, Massachusetts' provides compelling evidence that Rev. Wheelock indeed married Rebecca Clarke.

The key components of this evidence are as follows. First, the parish registers of Wrappingham, County of Norfolk, England, contain a recording of the marriage between Ralph Wheelock, cleric, and Rebecca Clarke, 17 May 1630. Second, the will of Rebecca's father, Thomas Clark, refers to his granddaughter Marye Wheelock. Third, the baptism of Marye Wheelock, daughter of Ralph Wheelock, cleric, is recorded in the Banham, County of Norfolk parish registers. (Banham is near Wrappingham). Fourth, the will of William Clark, uncle to Elizabeth Clarke, is witnessed by Ralph Wheelocke 'in his unmistakable hand.'

Ralph Wheelock's will refers to George Barber as his 'brother-in-law'. This led to the speculation that the maiden name of Rebecca must have been Barber. But it is shown in the article that George Barber married Rebecca Clarke's sister, Elizabeth Clarke, thereby explaining the reference in Ralph Wheelock's will.

[3]No record of Ralph Wheelock's passage to America could be found in 'The Complete Book of Emigrants, 1607-1776' by Peter Wilson Coldham.

[4]'The Wheelock Family in America (1637-1969)', by Walter T. Wheelock, privately published, pg. 93. It is suggested here that Rebecca gave birth to a daughter while at sea. (Mr. Wheelock's original source is not known at the time this footnote was written.) Other Wheelock genealogies have reported that Rebecca was born at sea, and that Mary was born at sea. The research of Christopher Gleason Clark disproves the assertions that Mary or Rebecca were born on ship, leaving Peregrina as the only candidate, since the birth place of the remaining children is well accounted for.

[5]'List of Freeman of Massachusetts 1630-1691', also Tilden, pg. 506.

[6]Tilden, pg. 33.

[7]Tilden, pg. 37.

[8]Tilden, pg. 62.

[9]'Material Suggested For Use In the Schools, In Observance of the Tercentenary of Massachusetts Bay Colony and of The General Court and One Hundred Fiftieth Anniversary of the Adoption of the Constitution of the Commonwealth', prepared by committee, Commonwealth of Mass, Dept. of Education, 1930, Number 1, Whole Number 212.

[10]'Mr. Wheelock's Cure', by Christopher Gleason Clark, published in the July 1998 issue of 'The New England Historical and Genealogical Register', July 1998, Volume 152, pg. 311.

[11]Ibid, pg. 312. As Christopher Gleason Clark writes: 'Curates were licensed by the bishop of a diocese to serve the cure, that is, to care for the souls of the parishioners and to perform the duties of an assistant to the incumbent.'

[12]Ibid, pg. 312.

REBECCA CLARKE. For reference, conflicting genealogies can be found as follows.

NAME - 'Rebecca Wilkerson': Richardson, Ruth Ellsworth, Samuel Richardson (1602-1658) and Josiah Ellsworth (1629-1689) Some Descendants, p. 562.

MARRIED - 'June 6, 1636': Richardson, Ruth Ellsworth, Samuel Richardson (1602-1658) and Josiah Ellsworth (1629-1689) Some Descendants, p. 562.

Considerable discrepancy in the surname, marriage, and death dates for Rebecca can be found in the genealogical literature. The information presented in this genealogy is taken directly from an article by Christopher Gleason Clark entitled 'The English Ancestry of Joseph Clark (1613-1683) of Dedham and Medfield Massachusetts', published in the 'New England Historical and Genealogical Register', Volume 152, January 1998.

This article presents evidence firmly establishing the marriage of Rebecca Clarke to Ralph Wheelock on 17 May 1630, in Wramplingham, County of Norfolk, England. In addition, the article includes the Will of Rebecca's father, Thomas Clarke, which references his granddaughter, Marye Wheelock (probably the first child of Ralph and Rebecca). The article also establishes the marriage between Elizabeth Clarke (Rebecca's sister) and George Barber. This, coupled with the fact that Ralph Wheelock refers to George Barber as his 'brother-in-law' in his will, provides strong evidence that Ralph indeed married Rebecca Clarke, not Rebecca Barber, or Rebecca Wilkerson as has been reported elsewhere.

FATHER - 'Ralph Wilkinson': Richardson, Ruth Ellsworth, Samuel Richardson (1602-1658) and Josiah Ellsworth (1629-1689) Some Descendants, p. 562.

'circa 1650': Richardson, Ruth Ellsworth, Samuel Richardson (1602-1658) and Josiah Ellsworth (1629-1689) Some Descendants, p. 562.

DEATH - 'circa 1654, Medfield, MA': Mackenzie, George Norbury, LL.B., Colonial Families of the United States of America', vol. 2, Baltimore, MD, Genealogical Publishing Co., 1966, p. 747.

She was born circa 1610. She was baptized on 26 Aug 1610.¹ She died on 1 Jan 1680/81 at Medfield, Norfolk, MA.³

Children of Ralph¹ **Wheelock** and Rebecca **Clarke**, were as follows:

- i. MARY² WHEELOCK; baptized 2 Sep 1631 at Banham, Norfolk, England;¹ m. Joseph Miles 28 Jan 1662/63 at Medfield, MA.²

The baptism record of Mary Wheelock in the church records at Banham, England notes that Mary was the 'daught of Ralph Wheelock Cleric.' Thomas Clarke references Mary in his will dated 11 July 1637, as 'my granddaughter'. (Source: 'The English Ancestry of Joseph Clark', by Christopher Gleason Clark, published in the New England Historical and Genealogical Register, Jan 1998.).

2. ii. GERSHOM WHEELOCK, b. 3 Jan 1632/33 at Eccles, Norfolk, England; m. Hannah Stodder.
3. iii. BENJAMIN WHEELOCK, b. 8 Jan 1639/40 at Dedham, Suffolk, MA; m. Elizabeth Bullen; m. Elizabeth French.
- iv. PEREGRINA WHEELOCK; m. John Warfield 26 Oct 1669 at Medfield, Norfolk, MA;² d. 1 Apr 1671 at Medfield, Norfolk, MA.²

The birth of Peregrina is not recorded in the Dedham or Medfield Vital Records.

4. v. REBECCA WHEELOCK, b. 24 Aug 1634 at Eccles, Norfolk, England; m. John Crafts.
5. vi. SAMUEL WHEELOCK, b. 22 Sep 1642 at Dedham, Suffolk, MA; m. Sarah Kendricke.
6. vii. RECORD WHEELOCK, b. 15 Dec 1644 at Dedham, Suffolk, MA; m. Increase Ward.
7. viii. EXPERIENCE WHEELOCK, b. circa 1648; m. Joseph Warren.
8. ix. ELEAZAR WHEELOCK, b. 3 May 1654 at Medfield, Norfolk, MA, USA; m. Elizabeth Fuller.

Generation Two

2. GERSHOM² **WHEELOCK** (*Ralph*¹); baptized 3 Jan 1632/33 at Eccles, Norfolk, England;¹ m. Hannah **Stodder** 18 May 1658 at Medfield, Norfolk, MA;² d. 28 Nov 1684 at Medfield, Norfolk, MA, at age 51.²

The baptism record for Gershom was found in the Register at the village of Eccles, near Banham, Norfolk, England. The record reads as follows.

'Gersham Wheelocke filius Radolphi Wheelocke baptisatus fuit 3 die Jan:1632/33.'

(Source: 'Mr. Wheelock's Cure', by Christopher Gleason Clark, published in the July 1998 issue of New England Historical and Genealogical Register, Vol 152.).

William S. Tilden, 'History of Medfield, Massachusetts, 1650-1886', 1886, writes the following about Gershom.

'Gershom was in the list for Mr. Wilson's rate in 1657 [1], and probably came of age about that time. He married Hannah Stodder, daughter of John of Hingham, in 1658. In 1663, he had liberty from the town to cut '200 cedar plank' in the common swamp. His house stood on the Harbor Island road, a short distance south-west of the present residence of Charles Hamant. He rung the bell and swept the meeting-house in 1674, for which the town paid him 2 pounds, 15 shillings. The next year, he assisted in thatching the meeting-house. His house was burned by the Indians in 1676, and it appears to have been rebuilt on the same spot [2]. He died in 1684, and in 1690 his heirs sold the homestead to Joseph Plimpton.'

Note [1]: Mr Wilson was the first minister in Medfield.

Note [2]: King Philips War.

HANNAH STODDER. Hannah was the daughter of John and Hannah Stodder.

She was born circa 1638 at England.

Children of Gershom² **Wheelock** and Hannah **Stodder** were as follows:

- i. HANNAH³ WHEELOCK; b. 25 Jun 1659 at Medfield, Norfolk, MA;² d. 10 Jul 1659 at Medfield, Norfolk, MA.²
- ii. SAMUEL WHEELOCK; b. 14 Jan 1660/61 at Medfield, MA, USA;² d. 22 Jan 1660/61 at Medfield, MA, USA.²
The Medfield Vital Records record the birthdate as Jan 14, 1660; not using the standard 'old' date notation.
- iii. HANNAH WHEELOCK; b. 26 Jan 1661/62 at Medfield, MA, USA.²
The Medfield Vital Records do not use the 'old' style date notation, giving the birth date as Jan 26, 1661.
9. iv. SAMUEL WHEELOCK, b. 21 Jan 1664/65 at Medfield, MA, USA; m. Lydia Rice.
- v. JOHN WHEELOCK; b. 18 Dec 1670 at Medfield, Norfolk, MA;² d. 15 Jun 1684 at Medfield, Norfolk, MA, at age 13.²
The Medfield Vital Records record the birth date as follows: John, s. Gershom and Hanna, Dec. 18, 1670[? 1669].
10. vi. JOSEPH WHEELOCK, b. 1672 at Medfield, MA.
- vii. TIMOTHY WHEELOCK; b. 1673;⁴ d. 2 Jan 1761 at Medway, Norfolk, MA.⁶
According to 'The Story of Colonial Lancaster', by Marion Fuller Safford, 1937, The Tuttle Publishing Company, Rutland, Vt. Timothy Wheelock (from Lancaster, MA) participated in an 'unsuccessful, even disastrous expedition against Canada', in or around 1688. Conducted by the Royal Governor of the Commonwealth, Governor Phips, this expedition resulted from the ongoing conflict between Britain and France. Timothy Wheelock, and the four other Lancaster soldiers who participated in this conflict were not properly paid until '50 years later' when land grants were made to their heirs.

William S. Tilden, in 'The History of Medfield' writes that Timothy seems to have been incapable of taking care of himself. In 1699, a special town meeting was called (in Medfield) to see what to do about Timothy Wheelock. Voted 'to pay out of the town treasury to John Arnold, prison keeper, to take the best and most prudent care of Wheelock'. In 1749, Joseph Wheelock of Lancaster deeds lands to Ephraim Wheelock of Medfield 'for taking care of my brother Timothy Wheelock.' He died in Medway.

3. BENJAMIN² WHELOCK (*Ralph*); b. 8 Jan 1639/40 at Dedham, Suffolk, MA;⁷ baptized 12 Feb 1639/40 at Dedham, Suffolk, MA;⁷ m. Elizabeth Bullen 21 May 1668 at Medfield, Norfolk, MA;² m. Elizabeth French 1692 at Mendon, Worcester, MA;⁸ d. circa 1720 at Mendon, Worcester, MA

Benjamin Wheelock, b. 8 Jan 1639/40 in Dedham, Massachusetts, was probably the first Wheelock born in the American colonies. The Dedham Vital Records record the birth date of Benjamin as follows: "Benjamin born 8 of the 1[0] Month of 1639". His baptism date is given as follows: "ye 12 of ye 11th month 1639".

He lived for about ten years in Dedham, where his father, Rev. Ralph Wheelock, was an active leader in town affairs. He moved with his family to Medfield, MA in 1651, the year of its founding and first settlement. He married Elizabeth Bullen in 1668. The Medfield Town records indicates that he owned a house in that same year. [1]

In 1669 he received a small grant of land in Medfield "between his house and the brook, taking in some part of the brook". [2] In 1675 he is listed in the Medfield town records as a proprietor, along with his brother Gershom, and his father, Ralph. [3]

Sometime around 1688 he removed with his family to Mendon. [8] The first notice of him in the Mendon records is in 1688 when he acquired land from Mathias Puffer: "Mathias Puffers forty Acre Lott Now Benjemin whelocks with all the Rights and Priuelidges there unto belonging or any wayes Appertaining: As appears by A Deed of Sale baring Date Aprill 25: 1688". [4] A year later, he appears on a list of those paying taxes to "defray Mr. Rawson's [minister] Salary." Benjamin Wheelock's name appears as a proprietor on a historical plaque in the center of Mendon, though his name does not appear on the original list of proprietors in 1660. In 1693 Benjamin served the town as a "Tything Man", along with two others. According to the Annals of Mendon "tithing men were to present all the idle and disorderly persons, profane swearers or cursors, Sabbath-breakers and disorderly persons, that they may be duly punished and discouraged." In 1696 he served as a Constable, in 1700 as a selectman, and in 1701 on a special committee to "give the selectmen instructions".

In 1706, or thereabouts, Benjamin Wheelock acquired possession of the "ancient" Benjamin Alby corn mill, which he purchased from Mathias Puffer. In 1713 he deeded mill privileges to his sons Obadiah and Benjamin, Jr. Later, in 1719, all three deeded the mill to Josiah Wood. [6] Benjamin is reported to have lived on the "Old Rehoboth Road, near where Andrus Wheelock lived and died". [6,7] According to the proprietors records, "The House Lott being forty Acres Laid out upon the East side of the Road Leading to Rehoboth Nere the Round Medow : and bounded as followeth Weasterly on the Aboue sd Road Northerly upon the Land of Samuel Thayer Easterly Partly upon the Mill Riuer : and Partly on Medow and southerly upon Comon Land -- Laid out by Joseph White --" [4]

There is some uncertainty about the second wife of Benjamin. The Mendon Vital Records indicate that his first wife, Elizebeth, died in 1689, yet show two additional children born to "Benjemen and Elizebeth" in 1693 and 1695. There is no marriage record for Benjamin indicating a second marriage. Walter T. Wheelock, in "The Wheelock Family in America, 1637-1969" asserts that Elizabeth French, widow of Jonathan Thayer, was "probably" his second wife, but cites no sources.

Charles Pope, in his book "The Pioneers of Massachusetts" indicates that "John French [father of Elizabeth French] died 1692, age 80 years. Division of estate was made to Dependence, Thomas, Samuel, to Temperance, wife of John Bowditch, to Elizabeth Wheelock of Mendon, and the child of Mary Lamb, deceased." The Elizabeth referenced here was probably his daughter, Elizabeth French. By process of elimination, it seems likely that Elizabeth French must have married Benjamin Wheelock.

No record of death is found for Benjamin, nor has any record been found for the settlement of his estate.

(Written by Roderick B. Sullivan, Northborough, MA, Nov 1998)

Notes and References.

[1]'History of the Town of Medfield, Massachusetts, 1650-1886', William S. Tilden, 1887, Bos.

[2]ibid, pg 508.

[3]ibid, pg 84.

[4]'The Proprietors Records of the Town of Mendon, Mass., 1667-1816', Boston, Rockwell and C.

[5]'The Annals of the Town of Mendon, Mass.', John G. Metcalf, 1880, Providence, RI, E. L. F.

[6]'History of the Town of Milford, Worcester County, Mass, From Its First Settlement to 188.

[7]A map of Mendon, dated 1890, shows that 'A. Wheelock' lived on Providence Rd., easterly far from Mill River, fully consistent with the proprietors records of Benjamin's house lot.

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[8]Eliazer Wheelock, Benjamin's brother, removed to Mendon at an earlier date. The town reco.

[9]'The Pioneers of Massachusetts, A Descriptive List Drawn from Records of the Colonies, To.

ELIZABETH BULLEN. Elizabeth Bullen was the daughter of Samuel Bullen and Mary Morse. Her birth in the Dedham town records is recorded as follows: 'Elizabeth the Daughter of Samuel and Mary Bulling was borne the 3 of the 12 mo' (of 1646). Her baptism record reads as follows: 'Elizabeth of Samuel Bullin and Mary his wife was baptised 14d 12m 1646.'

She was born on 3 Feb 1646/47 at Dedham, Suffolk, MA.⁷ She was baptized on 14 Feb 1646/47 at Dedham, Suffolk, MA.⁷ She died on 22 Oct 1689 at Mendon, Worcester, MA, at age 42.⁹

Children of Benjamin² **Wheelock** and Elizabeth **Bullen** all b. at Medfield, Norfolk, MA, were as follows:

- i. ELIZABETH³ WHELOCK; b. 25 Jan 1671/72.²
11. ii. MARY WHELOCK, b. 11 Jun 1674; m. Nathaniel Ware; m. Cornelius Fisher; m. Thomas Bacon.
12. iii. ABIEL WHELOCK, b. 30 Sep 1676; m. Joseph Ward.
13. iv. BENJAMIN WHELOCK, b. 12 Dec 1678; m. Huldah Thayer; m. Rebecca Kinney.
14. v. OBADIAH WHELOCK, b. 21 Apr 1685; m. Elisabeth Darling.

ELIZABETH FRENCH. Elizabeth is the daughter of John French, and Grace ____ of Braintree.

She was born on 29 Sep 1655 at Braintree, Suffolk County, MA.¹⁰ She died on 3 Oct 1703 at Mendon, Worcester County, MA, at age 48.¹¹

Children of Benjamin² **Wheelock** and Elizabeth **French** both b. at Mendon, Worcester, MA, were as follows:

- i. ANN³ WHELOCK; b. 18 Jul 1693.⁹
15. ii. RUTH WHELOCK, b. 3 Nov 1695; m. William Rutter.

4. REBECCA² **WHELOCK** (*Ralph*¹); baptized 24 Aug 1634 at Eccles, Norfolk, England;⁴ m. John **Crafts** 7 Jun 1654 at Roxbury, Suffolk, MA;¹² d. Nov 1667 at Roxbury, Suffolk, MA, USA, at age 33.¹²

The record of Rebecca's baptism was found in the Eccles Register. The village of Eccles is just west of Banham, Norfolk, England, where the baptismal record of Rebecca's sister, Mary, was found.

The record reads as follows.

'Rebeckah Wheelocke filia Radolphus Wheelocke & Rebeckah Uxor is eius baptisatus Vicesimo quarto [24th] Aug: 1634.'

The Roxbury Vital Records indicate that Rebecca died in childbirth. However, no child is shown being born to John Crafts and Rebecca in 1667. The date of death is given as 28 Nov 1667; the date of burial 24 Nov 1667. Obviously, these records must be in error.

JOHN CRAFTS. John Crafts was the son of Griffin and Alice Crafts of Roxbury, MA. (Source: 'The Crafts Family: A Genealogical and Biographical History...', J. M Crafts and W. F. Crafts, 1893. It has been suggested that he is the earliest born child in the Roxbury town records. (Source: 'Genealogical Dictionary of the First Settlers of New England', John Savage, 1860).

He was born on 10 Jul 1630 at Roxbury, Suffolk, MA.¹² He married Mary **Hudson** on 30 Mar 1669 at Roxbury, Suffolk, MA.¹² He died on 3 Oct 1685 at Roxbury, Suffolk, MA, at age 55.¹²

Children of Rebecca² **Wheelock** and John **Crafts** all b. at Roxbury, Suffolk, MA, were as follows:

- i. THOMAS³ CRAFTS; b. circa 1656;¹³ d. 27 Feb 1692.¹³

The birth of Thomas Crafts to John and Rebecca does not appear in the Roxbury Vital Records. However, James and William Craft in their 'Crafts Family Genealogy' argue that Thomas Craft of Hadley, MA was the first child of John and Rebecca, born circa 1656.

- ii. JOHN CRAFTS; b. 6 Aug 1658;¹² baptized 17 May 1663 at Roxbury, Suffolk, MA;¹³ d. 5 May 1684 at Roxbury, Suffolk, MA, at age 25;¹² bur. 10 May 1684.¹³
According to the Roxbury Vital Records, John 'drowned off the oyster banks.'
- iii. REBECCA CRAFTS; b. 28 Aug 1660.¹²
- iv. MARY CRAFTS; b. 16 Oct 1662.¹²
- v. JOSEPH CRAFTS; b. 5 May 1666;¹² d. Jul 1666.

5. SAMUEL² WHELOCK (*Ralph*¹); b. 22 Sep 1642 at Dedham, Suffolk, MA;⁷ m. Sarah **Kendricke** 3 Apr 1678 at Medfield, Norfolk, MA;² d. 23 Oct 1698 at Medfield, Norfolk, MA, at age 56.²

William S. Tilden, 'The History of Medfield, Massachusetts, 1650-1886', published 1886, writes of Samuel as follows: 'Samuel married at Rehoboth in 1678 Sarah Kendrick. He inherited the original Wheelock estate on the corner of North Street. He died in 1698, and his widow married in 1703 Josiah Rockwood. The place passed into the possession of his brother Eleazar.'

Samuel's birth date is recorded in the Dedham Vital Records as follows: '22 of 7th Month 1642.'

SARAH **KENDRICKE** was born circa 1648.

Children of Samuel² **Wheelock** and Sarah **Kendricke** were as follows:

- i. SARAH³ WHELOCK; b. 27 Apr 1679 at Medfield, MA;² m. Henry Garnsey 7 Nov 1700 at Dedham, Suffolk, MA;⁷ d. 1716.

Sarah and her husband were early settlers of Medway, MA, once part of Medfield, MA. They lived in a house 'just easterly of Chicken Brook.' Their nearest neighbors were distant - Deacon Thomas Sanford in Mendon, and John Ellis, of Millis. (Source: The New Grant: A History of Medway).

The Rehoboth Vital Records show the marriage between Sarah and Henry as '13 July 1700.'

- ii. SAMUEL WHELOCK; b. 3 Feb 1680/81 at Medfield, MA;² d. 9 Feb 1680/81 at Medfield, MA.²
- iii. REBECCA WHELOCK; b. 26 Feb 1681/82 at Medfield, Norfolk, MA;² d. 14 Mar 1681/82 at Medfield, Norfolk, MA.²

Rebecca's death date is recorded in the Medfield VRs as follows: Rebeka, d. Samuell and Sarah, Mar. 14, [16]81-2.

- iv. DRODAT WHELOCK; b. 21 Mar 1683/84 at Medfield, Norfolk, MA;² d. 27 Mar 1683/84 at Medfield, Norfolk, MA.²
- v. MERCY WHELOCK; b. 27 Dec 1685 at Medfield, MA.²
Tilden, in the 'History of Medfield, 1650-1886' reports that Mercy 'died young.'

- vi. MEHETABEL WHELOCK; b. 10 Sep 1689 at Medfield, Norfolk, MA;² m. Benoni Partridge 14 Jul 1709 at Medfield, Norfolk, MA;² d. 20 Jan 1761 at age 71.
- vii. THOMAS WHELOCK; b. 24 Jan 1691 at Medfield, Norfolk, MA;² d. 31 Jan 1691 at Medfield, Norfolk, MA.²
The Medfield Vital Records record the birth date as: Thomas, s. Sam[ue]l and Sarah, [?] 24, 1691.

6. RECORD² **WHELOCK** (*Ralph*¹); b. 15 Dec 1644 at Dedham, Suffolk, MA;⁷ m. Increase **Ward** 3 Oct 1672 at Medfield, Norfolk, MA;² d. 26 Jul 1726 at age 81.¹⁴

Record Wheelock's birth is recorded in the Dedham Vital Records as follows: '15 of 10th Month 1644.'

Increase Ward and Record Wheelock resided in that section of Marlborough which became Westborough in 1717, and in that part of it which was later set off as Northborough. His farm was by the river. It included the twenty-four acres of Abraham Williams's house-lot, purchased from Williams by William Ward (WW1). He operated a sawmill near the spot where later there were cotton factories. Increase Ward was town clerk in 1689, and probably earlier. His tombstone is the oldest of the Ward stones preserved in Spring Hill Cemetery.

(Source: The William Ward Genealogy by Martyn, 1925. Page 72; by way of Walter T. Wheelock, 'The Wheelock Family in America, 1637-1969').

INCREASE **WARD**. The Marlborough Vital Records report that Increase died 'in his 46th yr'. He was the son of William Ward and Elizabeth ____.

He was buried at Spring Hill Cemetery.¹⁵ He was born on 22 Jan 1644 at Sudbury, Middlesex, MA.¹⁶ He died on 25 Aug 1690 at Marlborough, Middlesex, MA, at age 46.¹⁷

Children of Record² **Wheelock** and Increase **Ward** were as follows:

i. INCREASE³ **WARD**; b. 15 Oct 1673 at Medfield, Norfolk, MA.²

ii. TABITHA **WARD**; b. 16 May 1675 at Marlborough, Middlesex, MA.¹⁷

The Marlborough Vital Records record Tabitha's birth as follows: 'May [Apr MR] 16, 1675', where MR refers to the Middlesex County Registry.

iii. RECORD **WARD**; b. 28 Jun 1677 at Marlborough, Middlesex, MA;¹⁷ d. 4 Nov 1746 at Westboro, Worcester, MA, at age 69.

The Marlborough Vital Records report Record's birth as follows: 'Jan [June, MR] 28, 1677', where MR refers to the Middlesex County Registry.

iv. REBECCA **WARD**; b. 15 Mar 1678 at Marlborough, Middlesex, Massachusetts; d. 8 Jul 1698 at age 20.

v. ELEAZAR **WARD**; b. 12 Aug 1681 at Marlborough, Middlesex, MA;¹⁷ d. 8 Sep 1708 at age 27.

The Marlborough Vital Records record the birth of Eleazar as follows: 'Aug 12, 1680 [1681, MR]', where MR refers to the Middlesex County Registry.

vi. THOMAS **WARD**; b. 1684 at Marlborough, Middlesex, Massachusetts; d. Aug 1747.

vii. OLIVER **WARD**; b. 1686 at Marlborough, Middlesex, Massachusetts.

7. EXPERIENCE² **WHELOCK** (*Ralph*¹); b. circa 1648; baptized 3 Sep 1648 at Dedham, Suffolk, MA;¹⁸ m. Joseph **Warren** 21 May 1668 at Medfield, Norfolk, MA;² d. 27 Feb 1710 at Medfield, Norfolk, MA.²

Experience's birth date is recorded in the Dedham Vital Records, but is illegible. Her baptism date is give as '3rd day 7th month 1648.'

JOSEPH **WARREN** was born circa 1644 at Weymouth, Norfolk, MA. He was buried in Nov 1719. He died on 18 Nov 1719 at Medfield, Norfolk, MA.²

Children of Experience² **Wheelock** and Joseph **Warren** all b. at Medfield, Norfolk, MA, were as follows:

- i. RELIEF³ WARREN; b. 31 Oct 1670;² bur. Feb 1740; d. 20 Feb 1740 at age 69.
- ii. EXPERIENCE WARREN; b. 22 Nov 1672;² bur. Sep 1704; d. 6 Sep 1704 at age 31.
- iii. ABIGAIL WARREN; b. Nov 1674;² d. 24 Mar 1713 at age 38.
- iv. REBECCA WARREN; b. 21 Aug 1677;² d. 1740.
- v. JOSEPH WARREN; b. 1680;² bur. Apr 1699; d. 15 Apr 1699.²
- vi. MEHITABLE WARREN; b. 22 Apr 1684.²
- vii. MARY WARREN; b. 26 Dec 1689;² d. 1769; bur. 1769.

8. ELEAZAR² **WHEELOCK** (*Ralph*¹); bur. at Vine Lake Cemetery, Medfield, MA;¹⁵ b. 3 May 1654 at Medfield, Norfolk, MA, USA;² m. Elizabeth **Fuller** 17 Apr 1678 at Rehoboth, Bristol, MA;¹⁹ d. 24 Mar 1730/31 at Medfield, Norfolk, MA, USA, at age 76.³
William S. Tilden ('History of Medfield, Massachusetts, 1650-1886', 1887) writes as follows.

'The first notice of him in the town records is in 1676, when he killed four wolves. He removed to Mendon soon after his [first] marriage. He was a surveyor of land there in 1681. He distinguished himself as a hunter of wild beasts while living in Mendon. Afterward, returning to Medfield about 1701, he purchased of Grindal Rawson the Wilson homestead, where the town hall now stands. He also became owner of the original Wheelock estate on the west corner of North Street. Captain Wheelock was selectman in 1720, and was a prominent man in town affairs. He died in 1731.' (Pg. 508).

'In 1705, Isaac Chenery, Sen., of Dedham [father of Mary], deeded lands to his son-in-law, Eleazar Wheelock.' (Pg. 339).

Mr. Tilden writes of Rev. John Wilson's widow, shortly after his death.

'[Mrs. Wilson] was living in Mendon in 1702, probably with her youngest daughter, the estate here [Medfield] having been sold in 1701 to Eleazar Wheelock, who transformed it into an inn.'

Adin Ballou ('History of the Town of Milford, Worcester County, From Its First Settlement to 1881', 1882) writes as follows.

'Two of his [Rev. Ralph Wheelock's] sons settled in Mendon, perhaps before their father's death; for they paid parochial taxes there in 1685 or 1686. Their names were Benjamin and Eliazer, or Eleazer. Eliazer settled in the vicinity of 'Goat Hill' and 'Wolf Hill,' in the now northerly part of Uxbridge, on the 'Great River'. He was a very daring man, and became famous as a hunter and exterminator of ferocious wild beasts, then fearfully abundant.'

Eleazar apparently passed his enthusiasm for firearms on to his grandchildren. Moses Wheelock and Ephraim Wheelock were both high ranking officers (Colonels) in the Revolutionary War.

ELIZABETH **FULLER** was born between 1655 and 1658 at Rehoboth, MA. She died on 11 Jan 1688/89 at Mendon, Worcester, MA.⁹

Children of Eleazar² **Wheelock** and Elizabeth **Fuller** were as follows:

- i. ELIZABETH² **WHEELOCK**; b. 2 Jan 1678/79 at Medfield, Norfolk, MA;² m. Elisha Smith 15 Jan 1699/0 at Medfield, MA.²
16. ii. RALPH **WHEELOCK**, b. 12 Feb 1682/83 at Mendon, Worcester, MA; m. Ruth Huntington; m. Mercy Standish.
- iii. MARY **WHEELOCK**; b. 16 Aug 1686 at Mendon, Worcester Co., MA;⁹ m. David Clark 14 Oct 1703 at Medfield, MA;² d. 1713/14 at Wrentham, Norfolk Co., MA.

The will of Mary's father, Eleazar, refers to Mary Lawrence, Daniel Lawrence, and Esther Lawrence - children of Mary. (See 'The Wheelock Family of Calais, Vermont', M. W. Waite, pg. 13) Mary, therefore, must have married again.

BIRTH- 1686: History of Medfield, p. 508; August 16, 1686, Mendon, MA: A letter written by Jermy G. Wheelock (a copy in the possession of Edwin K. Wheelock); Aug. 16, 1686, Mendon, MA: Mendon Births;

1/11/1688/89, Mendon: Patten, Malcom Clark, Patten Genealogy, Powell and Taylor Publishing Company, 1990, p. 127 DEATH- 1714: History of Medfield, p. 508.

MARY CHENERY was buried at Vine Lake Cemetery, Medfield, MA.¹⁵ She was born on 21 Nov 1662 at Medfield, Norfolk, MA. She died on 23 Oct 1732 at Medfield, Norfolk, MA, at age 69.²

Children of Eleazar² Wheelock and Mary Chenery were as follows:

- i. ELEAZAR³ WHELOCK; b. 24 Nov 1690 at Mendon, Worcester, MA;⁹ d. 17 Apr 1705 at Medfield, Norfolk, MA, at age 14.²
- ii. REBECAH WHELOCK; b. 2 Nov 1692 at Mendon, Worcester, MA.⁹
17. iii. EPHRAIM WHELOCK, b. 2 Mar 1696/97 at Mendon, Worcester, MA; m. Miriam Bullen; m. Priscilla Plimpton; m. Mary Partridge; m. Elizabeth Colburn.
- iv. ABIGAIL WHELOCK; b. 26 Feb 1698/99 at Medfield, Norfolk, MA;² m. Peter Cooledge 12 Apr 1723 at Medfield, MA;² d. 28 Apr 1726 at Medfield, Norfolk, MA, at age 27.

BIRTH- 1699: History of Medfield, p. 508 2-26-1698, Medfield, MA: Letter of J. G. Wheelock (a copy in the possession of Edwin K. Wheelock); 2/26/1698/99, Medfield DEATH- 1726: History of Medfield, p. 508 4-28-1724, Medfield, MA: Letter of J. G. Wheelock (a copy in the possession of Edwin K. Wheelock).

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9. SAMUEL³ WHELOCK (*Gershom², Ralph¹*); b. 21 Jan 1664/65 at Medfield, MA, USA;² m. Lydia Rice circa 1692; d. 8 Apr 1756 at Shrewsbury, MA, USA, at age 91.²⁰

Deacon Samuel Wheelock came to Shrewsbury from Marlborough, before 1720. He was one of the founders and one of the first Deacons of the church in Shrewsbury. In 1729, he was living on house lot No. 26.

Samuel was a member of the first board of selectmen of Shrewsbury, in 1727, and again in the years 1730, and 1732.

(Source: 'History of the Town of Shrewsbury, Massachusetts, From Its Settlement in 1717 to 1829, With Other Matter Relating Thereto Not Before Published, Including An Extensive Family Register', by Andrew H. Ward, Published by Samuel G. Drake, 1847.).

There is no proof that Lydia is the daughter of Samuel Wheelock and Lydia Rice. For a more detailed discussion, see the notes for Lydia Wheelock.

LYDIA RICE. Lydia was the daughter of Henry Rice and Elizabeth _____. (Src: Sudbury VRs).

She was born on 4 Jun 1668 at Sudbury, Middlesex, MA.¹⁶

Children of Samuel³ Wheelock and Lydia Rice were as follows:

18. i. GERSHOM⁴ WHELOCK, b. 1693/94 at Marlborough, MA, USA; m. Abigail Flagg; m. Elizabeth Taylor.
19. ii. SAMUEL WHELOCK, b. 14 May 1696 at Marlborough, Middlesex Co, MA; m. Huldah Rice.
- iii. MARTHA WHELOCK; b. 13 Apr 1698 at Marlborough, Middlesex Co, MA;¹⁷ m. Ephraim Pratt 9 Jul 1724 at Shrewsbury, Worcester, Ma.²¹
- iv. ELIZABETH WHELOCK; b. 10 Apr 1700 at Marlborough, Middlesex Co, MA;¹⁷ m. Israel Allen 14 Feb 1727/28 at Shrewsbury, Worcester, Ma.²¹
- v. HANNAH WHELOCK; b. 23 Jan 1701 at Marlborough, Middlesex Co, MA.¹⁷
- vi. TAMAR WHELOCK; b. 2 Mar 1703/4 at Marlborough, Middlesex Co., MA;¹⁷ m. Ebenezer Keyes 13 Jul 1725 at Shrewsbury, Worcester, Ma.²¹

- vii. MARY WHEELOCK; b. 5 Jun 1705 at Marlborough, Middlesex Co, MA;¹⁷ m. Eli Keyes 28 Oct 1734 at Shrewsbury, Worcester, Ma.²¹
- viii. DANIEL WHEELOCK; b. 10 Aug 1708 at Marlborough, Middlesex Co, MA.¹⁷
- ix. LOIS WHEELOCK; b. 25 Dec 1710 at Marlborough, Middlesex Co, MA;¹⁷ m. Cyrus Wheeler 1 May 1746 at Shrewsbury, Worcester, Ma.²¹
- x. RACHEL WHEELOCK; b. 26 Nov 1714 at Marlborough, Middlesex Co, MA;¹⁷ m. Daniel Willard 2 Mar 1742/43 at Shrewsbury, Worcester, Ma.²¹

'The Descendants of John Whitney, Who Came from London, England, to Watertown, Massachusetts, in 1635'. by Frederick Clifton Pierce, Chicago, 1895, shows Daniel Willard, s. of Elizabeth Whitney and Jonathan Willard, married to Rachel Wheelock.

- xi. LYDIA WHEELOCK; m. Richard Ward 1 Jan 1718/19 at Sudbury, MA.¹⁶

Some published genealogies do not list Lydia as a daughter of Samuel Wheelock and Lydia Rice (for example, see 'The Wheelock Family in America, 1637-1969', by Walter T. Wheelock.).

Her birth is not listed in the Sudbury or Marlborough Vital Records, as is the rest of the children born to Samuel and Lydia. However, her marriage to Richard Ward is listed in the Sudbury Vital Records.

There are two clues that she is the daughter of Samuel Wheelock and Lydia Rice. The first is her name, Lydia. The second is the fact that she is married on the same day as her presumed brother, Gershom Wheelock, in the same town, Sudbury. Furthermore, the Sudbury Vital Records refer to both of them as being 'of or Near Joyning to worscester' (Shrewsbury), rendering it plausible that they were siblings.

The Ward Genealogy states that after the death of Richard Ward, Lydia Wheelock 'as supposed' married Aaron Hardy of Southborough, 4 May 1768.

(Source: 'Ward Family; Descendants of William Ward, Who Settled in Settled in Sudbury, Mass., In 1639', by Andrew Henshaw Ward, AM, published by Samuel G. Drake, Boston, 1851.).

10. JOSEPH³ WHEELOCK (*Gershom², Ralph¹*); b. 1672 at Medfield, MA;²² d. 19 Jul 1752 at Lancaster, Worcester, MA.²³

More information about Joseph can be found in 'Samuel Richardson (1602-1658) and Josiah Ellsworth (1629-1689) Some Descendants', by Ruth Ellsworth Richardson, p. 563, and in 'Genealogy and Descendants of John Christopher and William Osgood', by Ira Osgood.

'The Early Records of Lancaster, MA, 1643-1725', edited by Henry S. Nourse, Lancaster, 1884, makes numerous references to Joseph Wheelock.

During Queen Anne's War (1701-1713), Joseph Wheelock signed a petition along with 20 others, dated 1703, to His Excellency, Joseph Dudley, Esq., regarding, 'Inasmuch as the inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster were driven out by the Enemy and the place wholly deserted, their mainten- ance of the Minister is now null and void'. [pg 141].

A document, dated April 1704 lists all the garrisons of Lancaster. Joseph Wheelock is listed 'on ye West Side Penicook River Called ye Neck - Serg't Josiah White, a Garrison Himselfe Comander - Joseph Wheelock, John Glazier, George Glazier, Joseph Glazier'. [Pg. 143].

The Lancaster Vital Records record the date on which Joseph and his wife Elizabeth became members of the Church of Christ in Lancaster, under John Prentice, Pastor, 2 Feb 1728/29.

ELIZABETH _____ was born circa 1673 at Medfield, MA. She died on 9 Feb 1751 at Lancaster, Worcester, MA.²⁴

Children of Joseph³ **Wheelock** and Elizabeth _____ were as follows:

20. i. MARY⁴ WHEELOCK, b. 11 May 1695 at Lancaster, Worcester, MA; m. Hooker Osgood.
21. ii. ABIGAIL WHEELOCK, b. circa 1697; m. Jethro Eames.
- iii. ELIZABETH WHEELOCK; b. circa 1699; m. Jonathan Sawyer 1715; d. 14 Nov 1791.
Mormon Archives submitted by, Elsie Lucille Burnham Phillips: History of Medfield, W.S. Tilden, & Gen. of Desc. of John Christopher and William Osgood, Ira Osgood.

22. iv. RUTH WHEELOCK, b. 1701; m. Benjamin Houghton.
- v. MARTHA WHEELOCK; b. 31 Jul 1703;²² m. Israel Houghton 31 Jul 1723 at Lancaster, Worcester, MA;²³ d. 1 Jan 1768 at age 64.
- vi. JOHN WHEELOCK; b. circa 1707; m. Martha Woods 11 Sep 1729; d. 7 Feb 1778 at Lancaster, Worcester, MA.²³

The death date of John, taken from the Lancaster VRs, is presumed to be the same John that was son of Joseph and Elizabeth, as evidenced by the fact that he bequeathed to his nieces and nephews (children of Joseph). See the notes for Joseph Wheelock, nephew of John, son of his brother Joseph.

John Wheelock appears in a list of men mustered between August and October 1725, in Lancaster, MA. (Joseph Blanchard's Muster Role, Pg 242).

(Source: 'The Early Records of Lancaster, MA', by Henry S. Nourse, 1884.).

23. vii. JOSEPH WHEELOCK, b. circa 1707.
24. viii. JONATHAN WHEELOCK, b. circa 1710; m. Elizabeth Russell.

11. MARY³ **WHEELOCK** (*Benjamin², Ralph¹*); b. 11 Jun 1674 at Medfield, Norfolk, MA;² m. Nathaniel **Ware** 12 Oct 1696 at Wrentham, Norfolk, MA;²⁵ m. Cornelius **Fisher** 13 Feb 1726/27 at Wrentham, Norfolk, MA;²⁵ m. Thomas **Bacon** 16 Jul 1746 at Wrentham, Norfolk, MA;²⁶ d. 25 Mar 1750 at Wrentham, Norfolk, MA, at age 75.²⁷

The Medfield Vital Records record the name as 'Marie Wheelocke.'

Mary's marriage to Nathaniel Ware is clearly indicated in the Wrentham Vital Records, but the subsequent marriages to Cornelius Fisher and Thomas Bacon (shown in the LDS Ancestral File) are not so directly evident.

Nathaniel Ware, Sr. died in 1724. In 1726/27 'Mary Ware' married Cornelius Fisher, according to the Wrentham VRs. This marriage is also (presumably) documented in 'The Fisher Genealogy: Record of the Descendants of Joshua, Anthony, and Cornelius Fisher, of Dedham, Mass., 1636-1640,' by Philip A. Fisher. The Wrentham VRs report no children born to Mary and Cornelius.

Cornelius Fisher died in 1743 in his 84th year. In 1746, 'Mary Fisher' married Thomas Bacon. The Wrentham Vital Records report no children born to Thomas and Mary. In 1750, Mary Bacon, w. Thomas, died in her 76th year.

NATHANIEL **WARE**. Nathaniel Ware is the son of Robert Ware and Margaret Hunting.

He was born on 7 Oct 1648 at Dedham, Suffolk, MA. He died on 10 Jul 1724 at Wrentham, Norfolk, MA, at age 75.²⁵

Children of Mary³ **Wheelock** and Nathaniel **Ware** all b. at Wrentham, Norfolk, MA, were as follows:

- i. NATHANIEL⁴ WARE; b. 6 Aug 1697;²⁵ d. 4 Mar 1781 at age 83.
- ii. BETTY WARE; b. 11 Feb 1699/0;²⁵ d. 13 Sep 1726 at age 26.
- iii. ABIGAIL WARE; b. 1 Dec 1702;²⁵ d. 1793.
- iv. BERAH WARE; b. 7 Nov 1704;²⁵ d. 17 Feb 1756 at age 51.
- v. JOSIAH WARE; b. 21 Mar 1707/8;²⁵ d. 3 Jul 1798 at age 90.
- vi. KEZIAH WARE; b. 13 Mar 1710/11;²⁵ d. 20 Feb 1802 at age 90.

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- vii. PELATIAH WARE; b. 20 Oct 1713;²⁵ d. 10 Jun 1726 at age 12.
 - viii. SAMUEL WARE; b. 8 Feb 1716/17;²⁵ d. 5 Jan 1806 at age 88.

CORNELIUS **FISHER**. Cornelius Fisher was the son of Cornelius Fisher and Leah Heaton.

He was born on 8 Feb 1660 at Dedham, Suffolk, MA.²⁸ He died on 6 Jan 1743 at Wrentham, Norfolk, MA, at age 82.²⁵
There were no children of Mary³ **Wheelock** and Cornelius **Fisher**.

THOMAS **BACON** was born circa 1674. He died on 10 Apr 1749 at Wrentham, Norfolk, MA.²⁵
There were no children of Mary³ **Wheelock** and Thomas **Bacon**.

12. ABIEL³ **WHELOCK** (*Benjamin², Ralph¹*); b. 30 Sep 1676 at Medfield, Norfolk, MA;² m. Joseph **Ward** 5 Jun 1700 at Marlborough, Middlesex, MA.¹⁷

The Medfield Vital Records record the name as 'Abiell Wheelocke.'

Some have speculated that Abiel Wheelock married Benjamin Albee of Mendon, MA. If this is the case, then a different Abiel Wheelock must have married Joseph Ward, one whose birth is not accounted for in the Vital Records of Massachusetts.

The case for the Abiel Wheelock/Benjamin Albee marriage is built on the following indirect evidence.

- (1) The dates are consistent. Many children are born to Benjamin Albee and Abiel ____ in Mendo.
- (2) It is known from deeds and the proprietors records of Mendon that Benjamin Albee lived ne.
- (3) Benjamin Albee and his wife Abiel had a child named Obadiah, a name that does not appear.
- (4) A great-grandchild of Benjamin and Abiel is named Obadiah Wheelock Albee.

However, it also seems plausible that Abiel, daughter of Benjamin Wheelock and Elizabeth Bullen, married Joseph Ward of Marlborough. There are a number of Wheelocks who went to Marlborough, and married into the Ward family. First and foremost was Abiel's aunt, Record Wheelock, who married Increase Ward. Abiel's cousin, Samuel Wheelock, lived in Marlborough for a time, before moving to Shrewsbury; and it is likely that the Lydia Wheelock who married Richard Ward in Sudbury was his daughter.

JOSEPH **WARD**. (Source: 'Ward Family; Descendants of William Ward, Who Settled in Settled in Sudbury, Mass., In 1639', by Andrew Henshaw Ward, AM, published by Samuel G. Drake, Boston, 1851.).

Joseph was the son of Samuel Ward (son of William) and Sarah How.

He was born say 1670.²⁹ He died on 30 Jun 1717 at Marlborough, Middlesex, MA.²⁹

Children of Abiel³ **Wheelock** and Joseph **Ward** all b. at Marlborough, Middlesex, MA, were as follows:

- i. DANIEL⁴ **WARD**; b. 14 Apr 1701.¹⁷
- ii. ELIZABETH **WARD**; b. 22 Jan 1702/3.¹⁷
- iii. PHINEAS **WARD**; b. 5 Aug 1705.¹⁷
- iv. THANKFUL **WARD**; b. 4 Apr 1708.¹⁷
- v. ELIZABETH **WARD**; b. 19 Dec 1710.¹⁷
- vi. JOSEPH **WARD**; b. 5 Sep 1713.¹⁷
- vii. ABIGAIL **WARD**; b. 23 Oct 1716.¹⁷

13. BENJAMIN³ **WHELOCK** (*Benjamin², Ralph¹*); b. 12 Dec 1678 at Medfield, Norfolk, MA;² m. Huldah **Thayer** 9 Dec 1700 at Mendon, Worcester, MA;⁹ m. Rebecca **Kinney** 21 Aug 1740 at Sutton, Worcester, MA;³⁰ d. 13 Sep 1746 at Mendon, Worcester, MA, at age 67.⁹

Benjamin **Wheelock** was a Miller, Farmer. Benjamin Wheelock, third generation Wheelock in the Massachusetts Bay Colony, was born in Medfield, Massachusetts, 12 Dec 1678; the first male child of Benjamin Wheelock, Sr. and Elizabeth (Bullen) Wheelock. His grandparents, Rev. Ralph Wheelock, Rebecca (Clarke) Wheelock, Samuel Bullen, and Mary (Morse) Bullen were all early settlers of both Dedham and Medfield.[1].

Benjamin, Sr. was a proprietor of the town of Mendon, and moved there with his family circa 1685, thus becoming one of the founding settlers of the town. Benjamin, Jr. was but six or seven years old at the time. Benjamin, Sr. was a large landholder in Mendon, and was the third owner of the Albee Cornmill. In 1713, when Benjamin, Jr. was 25 years of age, his father deeded mill privileges to he and his brother, Obadiah. [2] Thus Benjamin became established as a miller and a farmer in Mendon, where he lived out the rest of his life.

Benjamin married twice; first to Hulda Thayer, whose grandfather, Ferdinando Thayer was the principle founder of Mendon [3], and second to Rebecca Kinney. Having married Rebecca fairly late in life, all of Benjamin's children were born to his first wife, Hulda.

In 1721, Benjamin acquired a parcel of land in Oxford, Mass, which he passed to his son's Jonathan, David, and Paul circa 1735. This land later was annexed to Charlton (in 1757), where the three brothers played principle roles as early settlers and leaders of town affairs.[4].

On 13 Sep 1746 Benjamin died in Mendon, leaving his wife, Rebecca, and eight children. His will is on file with the Worcester Probate Office, case number 63618. In it, he leaves bequests to his wife Rebecca (to sustain her for the rest of her life, or until she remarries); land to his sons Benjamin, Daniel, Silas, and Peter; money to his sons Jonathan, David, and Paul; money and miscellaneous domestic items to his grandchildren Peter Thayer, Mary Thayer, and Abigail Thayer (the children of his deceased daughter Mary Wheelock); money to his daughter Hulda (Wheelock) (Sanford) Rice; money and other items to his grandchildren Seth and Mary Sanford (children of Hulda).

Written by Roderick B. Sullivan, Northboro, MA, May 1998.

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[1]'History of the Town of Medfield, Massachusetts, 1650 to 1886', William S. Tilden, published 1887 by George H. Ellis, Boston.

[2]'The Wheelock Family in America', Walter T. Wheelock, privately published.

[3]A historical plaque in the center of Mendon lists the founders of Mendon. Ferdinando Thayer appears first on this list. Benjamin Wheelock, Sr. also appears, but much farther down.

[4]March 1997 phone interview with Charles Hultgren, member of the Charlton Historical Society, specializing in the history of the Charlton Northside (where Jonathan, David, and Paul lived).

Addendum.

M. W. Waite, in his book 'The Wheelock Family of Calais', indicates that Hulda Thayer was the daughter of Jonathan Thayer, and Elizabeth (French) Thayer, and that Jonathan Thayer was the son of Ferdinando Thayer, the principle founder of Mendon. Is it possible that Elizabeth (French) Thayer is the same Elizabeth French as that who married Benjamin, Senior?

HULDAH THAYER. Huldah Thayer is the daughter of Jonathan Thayer and Elizabeth French of Mendon. She is the granddaughter of Ferdinando Thayer, one of the founders of Mendon.

She was born on 11 May 1682 at Mendon, Worcester, MA. She died on 7 Jul 1739 at age 57.³¹

Children of Benjamin³ **Wheelock** and Huldah **Thayer** all b. at Mendon, Worcester, MA, were as follows:

25. i. MARY⁴ WHEELOCK, b. 21 Jan 1701/2; m. Ebenezer Thayer.
26. ii. BENJAMIN WHEELOCK, b. 10 Apr 1704; m. Deborah Taft; m. Joanna Taft.
27. iii. DANIEL WHEELOCK, b. 20 Dec 1707; m. Deborah Darling.
28. iv. HULDAH WHEELOCK, b. 17 Aug 1710; m. John Sanford; m. Thomas Rice.
29. v. JONATHAN WHEELOCK, b. 21 Jul 1713; m. Martha Wight.
30. vi. PAUL WHEELOCK, b. 13 Jan 1715/16.
31. vii. SILAS WHEELOCK, b. 11 Mar 1717/18; m. Hannah Albee.
32. viii. DAVID WHEELOCK, b. 18 Jan 1720/21; m. Rachel Chapin.
33. ix. PETER WHEELOCK, b. 23 Jul 1724; m. Sarah Taft.

REBECCA **KINNEY** was born circa 1678.

There were no children of Benjamin³ **Wheelock** and Rebecca **Kinney**.

14. OBADIAH³ **WHEELOCK** (*Benjamin², Ralph¹*); b. 21 Apr 1685 at Medfield, Norfolk, MA;² m. Elisabeth **Darling** 8 Jan 1708 at Mendon, Worcester, MA;⁹ d. 1760.

DEATH - 1760, Mass will probated 11/4/1760.

ELISABETH **DARLING**. Mormon Archives: submitted by Regina Christensen; Mass M 31 pt. 2.

She was born on 2 Jul 1685 at Mendon, Massachusetts, USA.

Children of Obadiah³ **Wheelock** and Elisabeth **Darling** were as follows:

- i. ELIZEBETH⁴ WHEELOCK; b. 11 Jan 1709 at Mendon, Massachusetts, USA;⁹ m. Ephraim Daniels 3 Jul 1733 at Mendon, Worcester, MA.⁹
34. ii. OBADIAH WHEELOCK, b. 21 Sep 1712 at Mendon, Worcester, MA; m. Martha Sumner.
35. iii. SAMUEL WHEELOCK, b. 6 Sep 1714 at Mendon, Worcester, MA; m. Hannah Ammidon.
- iv. HANNAH WHEELOCK; b. 18 Aug 1716 at Mendon, Worcester, MA;⁹ m. Joshua Underwood 16 Feb 1737/38 at Mendon, Worcester, MA.⁹
36. v. EBENEZER WHEELOCK, b. 30 Aug 1718 at Mendon, Worcester, MA; m. Mary Sleeman.
- vi. REBECCA WHEELOCK; b. 30 Aug 1720 at Mendon, Worcester, MA;⁹ m. Benjamin Fisk 16 Nov 1747 at Mendon, Worcester, MA.⁹

The Milford Vital Records record a marriage date of 26 Nov 1747 for Rebecca Wheelock and Benjamin Fisk.

- vii. MARGARET WHEELOCK; b. 18 Feb 1723 at Medfield, Worcester, MA;⁹ m. James Albee 16 Jul 1739 at Mendon, Worcester, MA.⁹
37. viii. JOSIAH WHEELOCK, b. 30 Mar 1725 at Mendon, Worcester Co., MA; m. Experiance Clark.

15. RUTH³ **WHEELOCK** (*Benjamin², Ralph¹*); b. 3 Nov 1695 at Mendon, Worcester, MA;⁹ m. William **Rutter** 23 Jan 1720/21 at Mendon, Worcester, MA;⁹ d. before 1734.³²

WILLIAM **RUTTER**. William Rutter and Tamar Leysure had 9 children recorded in the Mendon birth records.

He was born circa 1695. He married Tamar **Leysure** on 8 Aug 1734 at Mendon, Worcester, MA.⁹

Children of Ruth³ **Wheelock** and William **Rutter** both b. at Mendon, Worcester, MA, were as follows:

- i. WILLIAM⁴ RUTTER; b. 29 Dec 1721.⁹
- ii. RUTH RUTTER; b. 7 Jul 1727.⁹

16. RALPH³ **WHELOCK** (*Eleazar², Ralph¹*); bur. at Old Cemetery, Hebron, CT;³³ b. 12 Feb 1682/83 at Mendon, Worcester, MA;⁹ m. Ruth **Huntington** 8 Jan 1707/8 at Windham, CT;³⁴ m. Mercy **Standish**, daughter of Josiah **STANDISH** and Sarah **ALLEN**, 30 Sep 1726 at Windham, CT;³⁴ d. 15 Oct 1748 at Windham, CT, at age 65.³⁵

The Mendon VRs report Ralph's birth as follows: Ralph, s. of Eleazer and Elizebeth, Feb. 12, 1682.

Ralph Wheelocks will was probated (PR #4103) 21 FEB 1748/49 in Windham, CT mentions wife Mercy, son Eleazer, daughters Elizabeth Henry, Abigail Pomeroy, Sarah Bingham, and Mary Bingham.

RUTH **HUNTINGTON**. The Windham Centre Cemetery in Windham, CT. contains a headstone with the following inscription: 'Mrs. Ruth, late wife of Mr. Ralph Wheelock who died August ye 31st 1725 & in ye 43 year of her age.' (Source: Windham, CT Rootsweb WWW Genealogy Page, 1998).

Ruth was the daughter of Christopher Huntington, Jr. and Sarah (Adgate) Huntington.

She was buried at Windham Centre Cemetery, Windham, CT.³⁶ (Source: Windham Vital Records.).

She was born circa 1682. She died on 31 Aug 1725.³⁶

Children of Ralph³ **Wheelock** and Ruth **Huntington** all b. at Windham, CT, were as follows:

- i. ELIZABETH⁴ **WHELOCK**; b. 25 May 1709;³⁴ m. Joshua Hendee 24 Dec 1728 at Windham, CT.³⁷
38. ii. ELEAZAR **WHELOCK**, b. 22 Apr 1711; m. Sarah Davenport; m. Mary Brinsmead.
- iii. RUTH **WHELOCK**; b. 25 May 1713;³⁸ d. 6 Apr 1757 at age 43.
39. iv. ABIGAIL **WHELOCK**, b. 3 Mar 1717.
- v. JOHN **WHELOCK**; b. 20 Jan 1719/20;³⁸ d. 29 Jan 1719/20.³⁸
- vi. SARAH **WHELOCK**; b. 7 Jul 1725;³⁸ m. Josiah Bingham 21 Dec 1742 at Windham, CT.³⁸

MERCY **STANDISH**. 'This Monument Sacred to the memory of Mrs. Mercy, wife of Deacon Ralph Wheelock ob. Nov. 4th A.D. 1746 Aetat 6[illegible].'

She was buried at Windham Centre Cemetery, Windham, CT.³⁶ Mercy Standish, granddaughter of Miles Standish, was probably born in Duxbury, MA.

(Source: 'Mayflower Increaseings', by Susan E. Roser).

The Winham Centre Cemetery, in Windham CT contains a stone with the following inscription.

Therefore, in contradiction to the tombstone inscription, she died after 1748.

(Source: The Windham Ct. Rootsweb genealogy WWW page, 1998).

Mercy Standish was mentioned in her husband's will, dated 10 Oct 1748: I leave to 'my well beloved wife mercy the whole [] and improvement of my House and Homehold upon both sides of the Highway...and all my Personal Affects.'

She died after 1748.³⁹

Children of Ralph³ **Wheelock** and Mercy **Standish** were:

- i. MARY⁴ **WHELOCK**; b. 26 Nov 1728 at Windham, CT;³⁴ baptized 12 Jan 1729 at First Congregational Church, Windham, CT;³⁴ m. Jabez Bingham 29 Dec 1746 at Windham, CT.³⁴

17. EPHRAIM³ **WHELOCK** (*Eleazar², Ralph¹*); b. 2 Mar 1696/97 at Mendon, Worcester, MA;⁹ m. Miriam **Bullen** 1 Feb 1720/21 at Medfield, Norfolk, MA;² m. Priscilla **Plimpton** circa 1728/29; m. Mary **Partridge** 21 Nov 1755 at Medfield, Norfolk, MA;³ m. Elizabeth **Colburn** 27 Feb 1766 at Dedham, Suffolk, MA;⁷ d. 30 May 1785 at Medfield, MA, USA, at age 88.²

William S. Tilden, in 'History of Medfield', writes as follows.

'[Ephraim] owned the ancestral corner as well as the Wilson place. He was chosen deacon of the church in 1738, and was a prominent man in town affairs.'

'The old field that was Mr. Wilson's, lying between South and Pleasant Streets, had the first piece taken out of it in 1739, when Deacon Wheelock sold five rods on the corner of Main and South Streets to Richard Mann to build a sadler's shop upon.'

MIRIAM BULLEN. Miriam was 24 years old at the time of her death. (Source: Headstone record, taken by Roderick B. Sullivan, Jr.).

She was buried at Vine Lake Cemetery, Medfield, MA.¹⁵ She was born circa 1703. She died on 24 Apr 1727 at Medfield, Norfolk, MA.²

Children of Ephraim³ **Wheelock** and Miriam **Bullen** both b. at Medfield, Norfolk, MA, were as follows:

- i. **ELEAZAR⁴ WHEELOCK**; bur. at Vine Lake Cemetery, Medfield, MA;¹⁵ b. 1 May 1724;² m. Sarah Plimpton 17 Mar 1790 at Medfield, Norfolk Co., MA;² d. 19 Jan 1812 at age 87.¹⁵
Eleazar Wheelock fought in the Revolutionary War under Captain Sabin Mann of Medfield.

40. ii. **RALPH WHEELOCK**, b. 16 Jul 1726; m. Experience Dennison; m. Experience Crary.

PRISCILLA PLIMPTON. It seems plausible that Priscilla died because of complications with the birth of Ichabod Wheelock. Priscilla died the same day Ichabod was born, and Ichabod died a few days later.

She died on 2 Feb 1740 at Medfield, Norfolk, MA.³

Children of Ephraim³ **Wheelock** and Priscilla **Plimpton** were as follows:

- i. **ABIGAIL⁴ WHEELOCK**; b. 24 Feb 1729/30 at Medfield, Norfolk, MA;³ m. Lemuel Collock 16 Nov 1752 at Medfield, Norfolk, MA.²
41. ii. **JOSEPH WHEELOCK**, b. 15 Mar 1731/32 at Medfield, Norfolk, MA; m. Sarah Clark.
42. iii. **EPHRAIM WHEELOCK**, b. 23 Nov 1733 at Medfield, Norfolk, MA, USA; m. Mary Clapp.
- iv. **MOSES WHEELOCK**; b. 4 Mar 1735/36 at Medfield, Norfolk, MA;³ d. 11 Jun 1737 at Medfield, Norfolk, MA, at age 1.³
43. v. **MOSES WHEELOCK**, b. 11 Jan 1737/38 at Medfield, MA, USA; m. Abiel Haws; m. Lydia Bond.
- vi. **ICHABOD WHEELOCK**; b. 2 Feb 1739/40 at Medfield, Norfolk, MA;³ d. 4 Feb 1740 at Medfield, Norfolk, MA.²

EXPERIENCE BULLARD died on 20 Jun 1755 at Medfield, Norfolk, MA.³

Children of Ephraim³ **Wheelock** and Experience **Bullard** were:

- i. **PRISCILLA⁴ WHEELOCK**; b. 25 Jun 1743 at Medfield, Norfolk, MA;³ m. Silas Mason 27 Jun 1762 at Medfield, Norfolk, MA;² d. 1834.⁵

MARY PARTRIDGE. Mary was the widow of Samuel Ellis, of Medfield, Mass. (Source: 'History of Medfield', William S. Tilden, pg. 376).

She died on 20 Mar 1762 at Medfield, Norfolk, MA.³

There were no children of Ephraim³ **Wheelock** and Mary **Partridge**.

ELIZABETH COLBURN. Elizabeth was from Dedham.

She died on 25 May 1775 at Medfield, Norfolk, MA.²

There were no children of Ephraim³ **Wheelock** and Elizabeth **Colburn**.

Generation Four

18. GERSHOM¹ WHEELOCK (*Samuel³, Gershom², Ralph¹*); b. 1693/94 at Marlborough, MA, USA;²⁰ m. Abigail **Flagg** 1 Jan 1718/19 at Sudbury, MA;¹⁶ m. Elizabeth **Taylor** 19 May 1764 at Shrewsbury, Worcester, Ma;²⁰ d. 16 Mar 1770 at Shrewsbury, MA, USA.²⁰

The following is excerpted from 'Old Times in Shrewsbury Massachusetts, Gleanings from History and Tradition', by Elizabeth Ward, 1892. This book is available in the Shrewsbury Public Library.

One of the first names that appears to us on the records is that of Gershom Wheelock, who for his enterprise and cheerful disposition, deserves especial mention. He is said to have been the first man to build a house in the new settlement and spent one winter in its erection. This house was situated on what is now the old road to Worcester in the valley near 'Middlebrook.' He labored alone that winter, keeping up his spirits through the cold, dreary days by his merry whistling, sleeping in the loft and pulling the ladder up after him at night, always whistling his morning song before putting it down again. His courage never failed until the spring birds sang to him while he whistled, and the house was done; then he married Abigail Flagg of Marlboro, and housekeeping began in Shrewsbury. In 1720 his father Samuel Wheelock, who owned the land, gave him a deed of eighty acres and the house, 'In consideration of Love, Good will and affection which I have and do have towards my dutiful Son Gershom Wheelock!' The first house built in town was the first to be burned; nothing was saved from the fire but a few pieces of furniture. Being dissatisfied with his ventures in that part of the town, he next built a house on the Boylston road, the one which is now occupied by his great-grandson Erastus Wheelock.

Gershom appears to have been quite an important man in the new town, holding at different times several town offices. He was ensign in the first military company here and afterwards commissioned Captain. The Wheelock house as shown in the engraving is a low, ancient house, shingled on the outside, with narrow windows and quaint, low rooms. It has not been added to, but remains much the same as when built more than a century and a half ago.[Note by Rick Sullivan: This was written in 1892. One hundred years later the same still holds true.]

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The following is excerpted from 'History of the Town of Shrewsbury, Massachusetts, From Its Settlement in 1717 to 1829, With Other Matter Relating Thereto Not Before Published, Including An Extensive Family Register', by Andrew H. Ward, Member of the New England Historic and Genealogical Society, Boston, Published by Samuel G. Drake; J. Howe, Printer, 1847.

In reference to Captain Gershom Wheelock.

He is said to have been the first of the family, who settled here [Shrewsbury], if not the first settler in this town. He erected a house between where the houses now are of Joseph Nurse and the late Daniel Maynard, and on the same side of the road. There he made improvements and spent one winter alone. He is said to have been of a cheerful disposition, and, that while here solitary and alone, he slept aloft in his log house, drawing the ladder up after him at night, and whistling a tune in the morning before leaving his bed.

His father with his family moved there, from Marlboro, the next spring, and being owner of the land, he was accounted the first settler. Having been burnt out there, they removed to house lot No. 26, of which he received soon after a deed of gift from his father, bearing date in 1720.

He was one of the four first appointed sergeants in the military company when he first organized in this town. He was afterward Ensign, Lieutenant, and in 1742, commissioned a Captain in the Regiment commanded by Col Nahum Ward.

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Also, from Ward, 'History of Shrewsbury, 1717 to 1829', it is stated that Gershom was on the board of selectmen in the years 1731 and 1736. His father, Samuel Wheelock, was on the board of selectmen in the years 1727, 1730, and 1732.

ABIGAIL FLAGG. According to the Shrewsbury Vital Records, Abigail, wife of 'Captain Gershom', died in her 69th year.

She died on 17 Oct 1762 at Shrewsbury, Worcester, Ma.²¹

Children of Gershom¹ **Wheelock** and Abigail **Flagg** were as follows:

- i. ABIGAIL⁵ WHEELOCK; b. 23 Jan 1720/21 at Shrewsbury, MA, USA;²¹ m. Daniel Potter 14 Oct 1745 at Shrewsbury, Worcester, Ma;²¹ d. 1805.²⁰
- ii. PATIENCE WHEELOCK; b. 13 Feb 1722/23 at Shrewsbury, Worcester, Ma.²¹
44. iii. DAVID WHEELOCK, b. 14 Sep 1724 at Shrewsbury, MA, USA.
45. iv. GERSHOM WHEELOCK, b. 8 Mar 1724/25 at Shrewsbury, Worcester, Ma; m. Susanna Knowlton.
46. v. JONATHAN WHEELOCK, b. 18 Sep 1727 at Shrewsbury, Worcester, Ma; m. Anna Drury.
- vi. GIDEON WHEELOCK; b. 5 Mar 1728/29 at Shrewsbury, Worcester, Ma.²¹
Gideon is reported to have died young, by Ward, 'History of Shrewsbury', 1717 to 1829.

- vii. GRACE WHEELOCK; b. 7 Jul 1730 at Shrewsbury, Worcester, Ma.²¹

Grace is reported to have died young, by Ward, 'History of Shrewsbury', 1717 - 1829.

ELIZABETH TAYLOR. Elizabeth was the widow of Daniel Rice.

She married Daniel **Rice** on 12 Feb 1712/13 at Marlborough, Middlesex, MA.¹⁷

There were no children of Gershom¹ **Wheelock** and Elizabeth **Taylor**.

19. SAMUEL⁴ **WHEELOCK** (*Samuel³, Gershom², Ralph¹*); b. 14 May 1696 at Marlborough, Middlesex Co, MA;¹⁷ m. Huldah **Rice** 15 Feb 1720 at Marlborough, Middlesex, MA.²¹

HULDAH **RICE**. According to the Shrewsbury Vital Records, Huldah Rice was from Westboro. Since Westboro, Northboro, and Marlborough were all the same town in the 1600's, the birthplace of Marlborough is probably not incorrect.

She was born on 5 Dec 1701 at Marlborough, MA.

Children of Samuel⁴ **Wheelock** and Huldah **Rice** all b. at Shrewsbury, Worcester, Ma, were as follows:

47. i. NAHOR⁵ WHEELOCK, b. 6 Nov 1721; m. Abigail Williams.
48. ii. TIMOTHY WHEELOCK, b. 24 Jun 1724; m. Sarah Rand; m. Abigail Muzzy.
49. iii. PAUL WHEELOCK, b. 26 Jun 1727.
- iv. SAMUEL WHEELOCK; b. 23 Apr 1729;²¹ m. Dorcas Perry 16 Apr 1754 at Worcester, Worcester, MA.²¹
- v. PERSIS WHEELOCK; b. 19 Sep 1732;²¹ m. Ezekiel Newton 24 Nov 1755 at Shrewsbury, Worcester, Ma.²¹
- vi. HULDAH WHEELOCK; b. 20 Jul 1741;²¹ m. Timothy Newton 10 Feb 1763.²⁰

20. MARY⁴ **WHEELOCK** (*Joseph³, Gershom², Ralph¹*); b. 11 May 1695 at Lancaster, Worcester, MA;²³ baptized 12 Jun 1715 at Lancaster, Worcester, MA;²³ m. Hooker **Osgood** 23 Jan 1716/17 at Lancaster, Worcester, MA;²³ d. 8 May 1774 at Lancaster, Worcester, MA, at age 78.²³

Mary's death record refers to her as 'the Widow Mary Osgood.'

HOOKEO **OSGOOD**. (Source: Lancaster Vital Records. Other sources show Dorothy Woodman.).

Hooker Osgood was voted Deacon of the church in Lancaster on 1 Oct 1742. He resigned on 9 Sep 1761, 'paralytic.'

Hooker was the son of Hooker Osgood and Dorothy ____.

(Source: Lancaster Vital Records).

He was born on 26 Mar 1693 at Lancaster, Worcester, MA.²³ He died on 5 Jan 1765 at Lancaster, Worcester, MA, at age 71.²³

Children of Mary⁴ **Wheelock** and Hooker **Osgood** were as follows:

- i. MARY⁵ OSGOOD; b. 7 Apr 1718 at Lancaster, Worcester, MA.²³
- ii. JOSEPH OSGOOD; b. 25 Jan 1720/21 at Lancaster, Worcester, MA;²³ baptized 30 Jan 1720/21 at Lancaster, Worcester, MA.²³
- iii. JOHN OSGOOD; b. 12 Jan 1723/24 at Lancaster, Worcester, MA;²³ d. 26 Aug 1724 at Lancaster, Worcester, MA.²³
- iv. JOHN OSGOOD; b. 5 Jun 1725 at Lancaster, Worcester, MA;²³ baptized 6 Jun 1725 at Lancaster, Worcester, MA.²³
- v. KEZIA OSGOOD; b. 7 Mar 1727/28 at Lancaster, Worcester, MA;²³ baptized 17 Mar 1727/28 at Lancaster, Worcester, MA.²³
- vi. PRUDENCE OSGOOD; b. say 1731; baptized 19 Dec 1731 at Lancaster, Worcester, MA.²³
- vii. DINAH OSGOOD; b. say 1733/34; baptized 20 Jan 1733/34 at Lancaster, Worcester, MA.²³
- viii. HOOKER OSGOOD; b. say 1735; baptized 30 Nov 1735 at Lancaster, Worcester, MA.²³

21. ABIGAIL⁴ **WHELOCK** (*Joseph³, Gershom², Ralph¹*); b. circa 1697; baptized 12 Jun 1715 at Lancaster, Worcester, MA;²³ m. Jethro **Eames** 10 Sep 1718 at Lancaster, Worcester, MA.²³

Children of Abigail⁴ **Wheelock** and Jethro **Eames** all b. at Lancaster, Worcester, MA, were as follows:

- i. DOROTHY⁵ EAMES; baptized 5 Apr 1719.²³
- ii. CHARLES EAMES; baptized 27 May 1722.²³
- iii. PRUDENCE EAMES; baptized 27 May 1722.²³
- iv. SIMON EAMES; baptized 13 Oct 1723.²³
- v. JAMES EAMES; baptized 14 May 1730.²³

The Lancaster Vital Records refer to James as the 'daughter of Jethro Eames and his wife Abigail.'

22. RUTH⁴ **WHELOCK** (*Joseph³, Gershom², Ralph¹*); b. 1701; m. Benjamin **Houghton** 20 Jul 1720 at Lancaster, Worcester, MA;²³ d. 2 Mar 1762.

Mormon Archives submitted by, Elsie Lucille Burnham Phillips: History of Medfield, W.S. Tilden, & Gen. of Desc. of John Christopher and William Osgood, Ira Osgood.

BENJAMIN **HOUGHTON**. Benjamin was the son of Jacob Houghton. His brother, Israel, married Martha Wheelock.

Children of Ruth⁴ **Wheelock** and Benjamin **Houghton** all b. at Lancaster, Worcester, MA, were as follows:

- i. EZRA⁵ HOUGHTON; b. 2 Jul 1722.²³
- ii. ABIJAH HOUGHTON; b. 23 Sep 1723.²³
- iii. RELIEF HOUGHTON; b. 23 Oct 1726.²³
- iv. ELIJAH HOUGHTON; b. 16 Jun 1728.²³
- v. PARNEE HOUGHTON; b. 14 Apr 1730.²³
- vi. PHILEMON HOUGHTON; b. 3 Jun 1731.²³
- vii. NAHAM HOUGHTON; b. 1 Oct 1732.²³
- viii. RUTH HOUGHTON; b. 3 Apr 1734.²³
- ix. LEMUEL HOUGHTON; b. 25 Sep 1735.²³
- x. BENJAMIN HOUGHTON; b. 10 May 1740.²³

23. JOSEPH⁴ **WHELOCK** (*Joseph³, Gershom², Ralph¹*); b. circa 1707; d. 30 Apr 1774 at Lancaster, Worcester, MA.²³

'Joseph removed from Lancaster to Leominster about 1725, or the town boundaries of Leominster included his farm at that time, for Leominster was formerly part of Lancaster.' (Source: 'New England Families, Genealogical and Memorial', Cutter, NY, Lewis Historical Publishing Company, 1914. Copy available in Aldrich Public Library, Barre, Vt.).

Joseph Wheelock was a 'chainman' in several surveys of land conducted in Ashburnham, MA, prior to its incorporation. He was one of the sixty original proprietors of this town, but never settled there permanently. He was apparently granted the land as payment for the service of his uncle, Timothy Wheelock.

The 'History of Ashburnham' shows him in the list of original proprietors as follows.

'Joseph Wheelock of Lancaster in the Right of his Uncle Timothy Wheelock who served under Captain Anderson.'

(Source: 'History of Ashburnham, MA from The Grant of Dorchester Canada to the Present Time, 1734-1886', by Ezra S. Stearns, published by the Town of Ashburnham, MA, 1887.).

ABIGAIL _____. Mormon Archives submitted by, Elsie Lucille Burnham Phillips: History of Medfield, W.S. Tilden, & Gen. of Desc. of John Christopher and William Osgood, Ira Osgood.

Children of Joseph⁴ **Wheelock** and Abigail _____ were as follows:

- i. OLIVE⁵ WHEELOCK; b. 7 Jan 1725/26 at Lancaster, Worcester, MA;²³ baptized 29 Jan 1725/26 at Lancaster, Worcester, MA;²³ m. Jonathan Broadstreet 2 Jul 1741 at Lunenburg, MA.⁴⁰

The Leominster Vital Records do not use the 'Old Style' date notation. The birth date is given as 'Jan 10, 1726, at Lanchester.'

The Lancaster Vital Records record the birth date as 7 Jan 1725/26.

The Leominster Vital Records record the marriage of Olive Wheelock and Jonathan Broadstreet (of Lunenburg, MA) in Lunenburg, July 2, 1741. Though Olive would have been only 15 years old, it is possible this is the same Olive. Supporting this theory is the fact that Olive's nephew, Jonathan Bradstreet Wheelock (son of Phineas) may have been named after Olive's supposed husband, Jonathan Broadstreet.

- ii. OLIVER WHEELOCK; b. 7 Dec 1727 at Lancaster, Worcester, MA.⁴⁰
Oliver's baptism is recorded in the Lancaster Vital Records as 24 Nov 1727.

50. iii. JOSEPH WHEELOCK, b. 14 Feb 1729/30 at Lancaster, Worcester, MA; m. Alice Page.
51. iv. PHINEAS WHEELOCK, b. 9 Nov 1731 at Leominster, Worcester, MA.
52. v. JOHN WHEELOCK, b. 9 Sep 1733 at Leominster, Worcester, MA; m. Mary Holman.
53. vi. ABNER WHEELOCK, b. 16 Nov 1735 at Leominster, Worcester, MA; m. Mary Brown.
- vii. PRUDENCE WHEELOCK; b. 23 Nov 1737 at Leominster, Worcester, MA;⁴⁰ m. John Warner 7 Nov 1757 at Leominster, Worcester, MA.⁴⁰
54. viii. ABEL WHEELOCK, b. 29 Jun 1739 at Leominster, Mass; m. Sarah Foster.
55. ix. ELIJAH WHEELOCK, b. 26 May 1741 at Leominster, Mass; m. Anna Wilds.
- x. ELISHA WHEELOCK; b. 26 Mar 1743 at Leominster, Mass.⁴⁰
- xi. ABIGAIL WHEELOCK; baptized 24 Jun 1744.⁴⁰

'Daughters of the American Revolution', Vol 151, pg 229, DAR ID 150715, refers to Abigail Wheelock (1744-1815) m. Abijah Smith (1740-1786) who was born in Lunenburg, MA, and commanded a company in the New Hampshire militia during the Revolution. This is probably the same Abigail Wheelock.

24. JONATHAN⁴ WHELOCK (*Joseph³, Gershom², Ralph¹*); b. circa 1710; m. Elizabeth Russell 11 Sep 1735 at Lancaster, Worcester, MA;²³ d. 1754 at Leominster, Worcester, MA.⁴¹

The administration of Jonathan's estate, Worcester County Probate Office, Case 63714, mentions his wife, Elizabeth Wheelock, Mary Wheelock (youngest daughter), Joanna (second daughter), Jonathan Wheelock, (eldest son), Elizabeth (eldest daughter of the deceased, wife of Joseph Whitcomb), James Wheelock (second/fourth?? son), Luke Wheelock (a third son of the deceased).

The tabulation of inventory for Jonathan's estate was commenced 3 May 1754. Presumably, this was shortly after he died.

The final division of estate was made April 4, 1759. It mentions the heirs shown above. One of the signatories is John Wheelock, guardian. This is probably the brother of Jonathan Wheelock. Guardianships for James, Joanna, Mary, and Luke were drawn up in 1759; they were presumably placed in care of their Uncle, John Wheelock.

ELIZABETH RUSSELL. Munsell, American Ancestry, vol. 11, Baltimore, MD, Genealogical Publishing Co., 1968, p. 56.

Children of Jonathan⁴ Wheelock and Elizabeth Russell were as follows:

56. i. JONATHAN⁵ WHELOCK, b. 1 Dec 1737 at Lancaster, Worcester, MA; m. Thankful Haskell.
ii. ELIZABETH WHELOCK; b. 1 Apr 1738 at Lancaster, Worcester, MA;⁴⁰ baptized 8 Apr 1739 at Lancaster, Worcester, MA;²³ m. Joseph Whitcomb 18 Dec 1754 at Leominster, Worcester, MA.⁴⁰
There is record of marriage between Elizabeth Wheelock and Joseph Whetcomb in Lancaster, 28 Sep 1754. This may have been the intention.

- iii. JOANNA WHELOCK; b. 16 Nov 1740 at Lancaster, Worcester, MA;⁴⁰ baptized 23 Nov 1740 at Lancaster, Worcester, MA;²³ m. Ephraim Carter 2 Apr 1770 at Leominster, Worcester, MA.⁴⁰
'Wheelock Genealogy', by Carlyle Wheelock and Winifred Gonseth, 1955, shows two Joanna Wheelocks born to Jonathan and Elizabeth, the second, born later, marries Deacon Ephraim Carter. The evidence for this is not cited.

But record 103508 in 'Daughters of the American Revolution', (Volume 104, pg 154) by Mrs. Genevieve Carter Reybold, proves that she descends from Deacon Ephraim Carter, who fought in the Revolutionary War, and cites the birth and death dates of his wife, Joanna Wheelock, as 1749 - 1803. Since a birth date of 1749 is later than the birth date recorded in the Vital Records, it is possible that the first Joanna Wheelock, born 1740, died, and a second Joanna Wheelock, born 1749, lived and married Ephraim Carter. Of course, it is also possible that the 1749 date is an incorrect transcription of 1740.

- iv. ABIAH WHELOCK; b. 1 Nov 1742 at Leominster, Worcester, MA;⁴⁰ baptized 7 Nov 1742 at Lancaster, Worcester, MA.²³
v. LUKE WHELOCK; baptized 16 Sep 1744 at Leominster, Worcester, MA.⁴⁰
57. vi. JAMES WHELOCK, b. circa 1747 at Leominster, Ma; m. Lois Starkey.
vii. LUKE WHELOCK; baptized 17 Mar 1751 at Leominster, Ma;⁴⁰ d. Jul 1822 at age 71.³⁷
Luke lived in Rindge, NH, and Hartford, VT.
viii. MARY WHELOCK; baptized 2 Sep 1753 at Leominster, Worcester, MA;⁴⁰ m. Oliver Hale 25 Dec 1771 at Leominster, Worcester, MA.⁴⁰

25. MARY⁴ WHELOCK (*Benjamin³, Benjamin², Ralph¹*); b. 21 Jan 1701/2 at Mendon, Worcester, MA;⁹ m. Ebenezer Thayer 9 Aug 1721 at Mendon, Worcester, MA;⁹ d. before 1746.⁴²

Peter, Mary, and Abigail are mentioned in their grandfather Benjamin Wheelock's will. Benjamin Wheelock's will, dated 1745, refers to his daughter Mary Thayer as 'deceased'. Walter T. Wheelock, in 'The Wheelock Family in America, 1637 to 1969' lists Elizabeth Thayer as a daughter of Mary Wheelock and Ebenezer Thayer, but no mention is found in the Vital Records of Mendon or surrounding towns.

EBENEZER THAYER. Ebenezer Thayer resided in Bellingham at the time of his marriage to Mary Wheelock. The Mendon Vital Records records his birth as follows: Ebenezer, T.C., s. of Isaac and Marcy, Sep. 6, 1696 (Sep 6, 1697 dup). So his birth may have been in 1696 or 1697. (Source: Mendon, MA Vital Records).

He was born on 6 Sep 1697 at Mendon, Worcester Co, MA.⁹

Children of Mary⁴ Wheelock and Ebenezer Thayer were as follows:

- i. HULDAH⁵ THAYER; b. 22 Mar 1724 at Bellingham, Ma.⁴³
- ii. MARY THAYER.
- iii. ABIGAIL THAYER; b. 11 Apr 1729 at Bellingham, Ma.⁴³
- iv. PETER THAYER; b. 11 Nov 1731 at Bellingham, Ma.⁴³

26. BENJAMIN⁴ WHELOCK (*Benjamin³, Benjamin², Ralph¹*); b. 10 Apr 1704 at Mendon, Worcester, MA;⁹ m. Deborah Taft 24 Jun 1726 at Mendon, Worcester, MA;⁹ m. Joanna Taft 1 Dec 1763 at Mendon, Worcester, MA.⁹

Benjamin is referred to as 'Lieutenant' in his marriage record to Joanna Taft.

The LDS Ancestral Files shows a marriage between Mary Thayer and Benjamin Wheelock, 23 May 1720. Mary, it states, was born 22 Dec 1704, the daughter of Isaac and Marcy Thayer.

The Mendon Vital Records shows no such marriage; but does record a marriage between Mary Thayer and Benjamin White, 23 May 1720. It is not likely that this marriage record is in error, since Mary Thayer and Benjamin White have children Benjamin, Joseph, and Mercy between 1722/23 and 1728. Benjamin White's birth record is also recorded in Mendon, 28 May 1701, son of Joseph and Lidea. The fact that Benjamin White named his son after his father lends further evidence that Benjamin White is not Benjamin Wheelock.

'Wheelock Genealogy', by Carlyle Wheelock and Winifred Gonseth, 1955, says the following about Benjamin Wheelock's will.

'The will of Benjamin Wheelock, Gentlemen, is dated Mendon, MA, Mar. 23, in the 16th year of the reign of King George III, 1776, and leaves son Jesse the homestead; mentions dau. Huldah Penniman; Children of Benjamin, deceased: Benjamin, Joseph, Amariah, Marvel, Sarah Kent, Hannah, Louise, Luleta, Unice; Children of son Jonathan: Eleazar, Lyman, Alpheus, Willard, Dolle, Deborah.'

DEBORAH TAFT was born on 14 Nov 1702 at Mendon, Worcester, MA.⁹

Children of Benjamin⁴ Wheelock and Deborah Taft were as follows:

58. i. BENJAMIN⁵ WHELOCK, b. 17 Aug 1729 at Mendon, Worcester, MA; m. Hannah Chapin.
59. ii. JESSE WHELOCK, b. 8 Sep 1731 at Mendon, Worcester, MA; m. Mary Taft; m. Phoebe White.
- iii. ELEAZAR WHELOCK; b. 31 Mar 1734 at Mendon, Worcester, MA;⁹ d. 31 Aug 1747 at Mendon, Worcester, MA, at age 13.⁹
- iv. DEBORAH WHELOCK; b. 22 Feb 1737/38 at Mendon, Worcester, MA.⁹
60. v. JONATHAN WHELOCK, m. Ruth Daniels.
- vi. HANNAH WHELOCK; The Mendon Vital Records show the marriage of Huldah Wheelock and Peter Penniman, 21 Nov 1754. This may be Hannah Wheelock.

JOANNA TAFT. Joanna's memorial stone bears the inscription: In memory of Mrs. Joanna, wife of Mr. Benjamin Wheelock, died 25 Apr 1776, age 61 yrs. Joanna's death record in the Mendon VRs refers to her husband as 'Lieut. Benjamin.'

She was buried at Old Cemetery, Mendon, MA.⁴⁵ She was born circa 1715. She died on 25 Apr 1776 at Mendon, Worcester, MA.⁹ There were no children of Benjamin⁴ **Wheelock** and Joanna **Taft**.

27. DANIEL⁴ **WHEELOCK** (*Benjamin³, Benjamin², Ralph¹*); b. 20 Dec 1707 at Mendon, Worcester, MA;⁹ m. Deborah **Darling**, daughter of Benjamin **DARLING** and Mehitable **WHITE**, 30 Mar 1732 at Mendon, Worcester, MA;⁴⁴ d. 1793 at Glocester, Providence, RI.⁴⁵

The will of Daniel Wheelock, Sr., on file at the Glocester, RI, town clerks office, is summarized by Carlyle Capron Wheelock, coauthor of 'Wheelock Genealogy', with Winifred (Thomson) Gonseth, as follows.

'The will of Daniel Wheelock of Glocester, RI, dated July 13, 1789, and probated Sep. 2, 1793, states that he is an old man; leaves wife Deborah all profits of homestead farm except half the profits of orchard; son Paul of Uxbridge lands and half the profits of orchard; if he leaves a yoke of oxen they are for son Paul and his grandson Phyletus; grandson Phineas Keith his greatcoat; mentions grandson Esek; leaves grandsons Seth, Calvin, and Luther, the homestead farm; mentions daughters Mary and Deborah.'

DEBORAH **DARLING** was born on 22 Apr 1711 at Mendon, Worcester, Mass. She died after 1793.⁴⁶

Children of Daniel⁴ **Wheelock** and Deborah **Darling** were as follows:

- i. MARY⁵ **WHEELOCK**; b. 14 Jan 1733/34 at Uxbridge, Worcester, MA.⁴⁴
61. ii. PAUL **WHEELOCK**, b. 9 Feb 1738/39 at Uxbridge, Worcester, MA; m. Deborah Morse.
- iii. HANNAH **WHEELOCK**; b. 13 Dec 1741 at Uxbridge, Worcester, MA;⁴⁴ m. Henry Keith circa 1760.⁴⁷
According to the Uxbridge Vital Records, Hannah was from Glocester, RI at the time of her marriage.

62. iv. DANIEL **WHEELOCK**, b. 13 Aug 1744 at Uxbridge, Worcester, MA.
- v. MARY **WHEELOCK**; b. 20 Sep 1746 at Uxbridge, Worcester, MA.⁴⁴

There is record of marriage between Mary Wheelock and Joseph Albee, Jr. 20 June 1771, in Glocester, RI. This may be the same Mary.

(Source: 'Vital Record of Rhode Island, 1636-1850', Vol 3, by James N. Arnold, Narragansett Historical Publishing Company, 1892).

- vi. RHODA **WHEELOCK**; baptized 15 Apr 1750 at Uxbridge, Worcester, MA.⁴⁸
- vii. DEBORAH **WHEELOCK**; b. 26 Apr 1753;⁴⁹ baptized 17 Jun 1753 at Uxbridge, Worcester, MA;⁴⁴ m. Enoch Aldrich circa 1774;⁵⁰ d. 22 Feb 1841 at age 87.⁴⁹

According to 'The Wheelock Family in America' by Walter Wheelock, 1969. On p 18. Deborah Wheelock b. at Uxbridge June 17, 1753 m. Enoch Aldrich 'int.' Oct. 21, 1774 at Uxbridge. She was the 7th of 8 children of Daniel⁴ (Benjamin, Benjamin, Ralph) Wheelock and Deborah Darling. They lived in the Part of Mendon Mass that became part of Glocester RI when the county/state border was relocated. (NOTE: The birth date given above, is actually the baptism date, according to the VRs.).

Deborah and Enoch had multiple issue.

- viii. RHODA **WHEELOCK**; b. 28 Dec 1758 at Uxbridge, Worcester, MA.⁴⁴

28. HULDAH⁴ WHELOCK (*Benjamin³, Benjamin², Ralph¹*); b. 17 Aug 1710 at Mendon, Worcester, MA;⁹ m. John Sanford 12 Nov 1730 at Mendon, Worcester, MA;⁹ m. Thomas Rice 18 Aug 1742.

JOHN SANFORD was born circa 1710.

Children of Huldah⁴ Wheelock and John Sanford were as follows:

- i. SETH⁵ SANFORD.
- ii. MARY SANFORD.

THOMAS RICE was born circa 1710.

There were no children of Huldah⁴ Wheelock and Thomas Rice.

29. JONATHAN⁴ WHELOCK (*Benjamin³, Benjamin², Ralph¹*); b. 21 Jul 1713 at Mendon, Worcester, MA;⁹ m. Martha Wight 22 May 1735 at Bellingham, Ma;⁴³ d. 26 Jul 1783 at Charlton, Worcester, MA, at age 70.⁵¹

In 1735, Jonathan Wheelock bought 150 acres of land in the 'Country Gore', a 10,000 acre tract of land adjoining Oxford, but not part of Oxford. Jonathan Wheelock and Jonathan Tucker appear to have been the first settlers in the Gore. In 1750 Jonathan and his brother David Wheelock signed a petition (with many others) to become part of Charlton. Finally, in 1757, the Gore was annexed to Charlton.

In 1758, the first meeting after the Gore was annexed was held to elect district officers. Jonathan Wheelock was chosen Treasurer.

In the years 1759 and 1762, Jonathan Wheelock was on the Board of Selectman.

Jonathan Wheelock ran a tavern in the Country Gore (now Charlton) for many years. He acquired it from John Thompson in 1751. (Source: History of Oxford).

He apparently owned a tannery in the Northside, which he sold to Ebenezer Davis (brother of Jacob Davis) in 1770.

Some genealogies make reference to a 'great sickness' that struck many residents of Charlton during 1759. The family of Jonathan Wheelock appears to have been particularly hard struck by this. Rhoda, Joseph, Mercy, Amos, and Jonathan all died within a few days of each other in July, 1759. The 'great sickness' was probably a combination of measles and dysentery.

According to Charles Hultgren, a member of the Charlton Historical Society (1997), and an expert on the region of Charlton known as the Northside (where most of the Charlton Wheelock's lived), Jonathan Wheelock's original house still stands. It is located on the Northside Turnpike, two houses to the east of the Ryder House, on the northern side of the road. (The Ryder House is clearly marked as a historical landmark, and was partially built by Jonathan's son, Eli.).

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O 'The History of Worcester County, Massachusetts', Compiled by D. Hamilton Hurd, published by J. W. Lewis and Co., 1889.

MARTHA WIGHT was born circa 1717 at Bellingham, Norfolk, MA. She died on 13 Aug 1764.⁵¹

Children of Jonathan⁴ Wheelock and Martha Wight were as follows:

- i. RHODA⁵ WHELOCK; b. 14 Nov 1736 at Charlton, Worcester, MA;⁵² m. Abiathar Vinton 14 Apr 1757 at Leicester, Worcester, MA;⁵³ d. 20 Jul 1759 at age 22.

- ii. JONATHAN WHEELOCK; b. 9 Apr 1739 at Charlton, Worcester, MA;⁵² d. 8 Jul 1756 at Charlton, Worcester, MA, at age 17.⁵²
- 63. iii. ASA WHEELOCK, b. 2 Oct 1741 at Charlton, Worcester, MA; m. Rachel Drury.
- iv. JOSEPH WHEELOCK; b. 12 Oct 1743 at Charlton, Worcester, MA;⁵² d. 28 Jul 1759 at Charlton, Worcester, MA, at age 15.⁵²
- 64. v. AZUBAH WHEELOCK, b. 15 Jan 1745/46 at Charlton, Worcester, MA; m. David Daggett.
- 65. vi. HULDAH WHEELOCK, b. 9 Feb 1747/48 at Charlton, Worcester, MA, USA; m. Ebenezer Towne.
- 66. vii. PETER WHEELOCK, b. 16 Feb 1749/50 at Charlton, Worcester, MA; m. Olive Wheelock; m. Lydia Green; m. Sarah West.
- viii. MARCY WHEELOCK; b. 24 Apr 1752 at Charlton, Worcester, MA;⁵² d. 26 Jul 1759 at Charlton, Worcester, MA, at age 7.⁵²
- ix. AMOS WHEELOCK; b. 28 Jun 1754 at Charlton, Worcester, MA;⁵⁴ d. 15 Jul 1759 at Charlton, Worcester, MA, at age 5.⁵²
- x. JONATHAN WHEELOCK; b. 24 Sep 1756 at Charlton, Worcester, MA;⁵² d. 7 Jul 1759 at Charlton, Worcester, MA, at age 2.⁵²
- 67. xi. ELI WHEELOCK, b. 7 Jul 1760 at Charlton, Worcester, MA, USA; m. Hannah Streeter.

30. PAUL⁴ WHEELOCK (*Benjamin³, Benjamin², Ralph¹*); b. 13 Jan 1715/16 at Mendon, Worcester, MA;⁹ d. circa 1776 at Charlton, Worcester, MA.⁵⁵

Paul Wheelock, farmer, businessman, and one of the principle early settlers of Charlton, Massachusetts, was born in Mendon, Massachusetts, 13 Jan 1715/16 to Benjamin Wheelock and Elizabeth Bullen.

When Paul and his brothers Jonathan and David came of age, circa 1735, their father passed a tract of land to them in Oxford, Mass. in what was then known as the Gore Lands. Paul and his brothers moved from Mendon to Oxford at that time, and established farms on these lands.

At about this time, Paul married Abigail Chapin. The record of this marriage does not survive in the Vital Records, but it probably occurred after Paul settled the land he aquired from his father. Abigail was half cousin to President John Adams, the second president of the United States. Their child, Adams, was no doubt named for this side of the family. Paul remained married to Abigail for the rest of his life, fathering at least 10 children.

On 12 June 1750, Jonathan, David, and others signed a petition to separate from Oxford and form Charlton. In 1757, the Gore Lands became part of what is now known as the Northside of Charlton.

Paul was a leader in the affairs of Charlton. He served on the Board of Selectment in the years 1760, 1766, and 1772 [1]; and was a Captain in the local Militia[2].

He built a house in Charlton on Cemetery Rd., opposite Whee Laddie Pond, and established one of the largest apple farms in New England at that time [3]. By one account, he was one of the wealthiest men in Charlton[6].

As of 1998 his house was still standing. Though several additions have been made to the structure, the original framing remains intact[4].

On 17 May 1776, being 'sick and weak of body', Paul recorded his last will and testament. The exact date and cause of death is not known, but the will was probated on 4 Mar 1777 [5]. His wife, Abigail, and ten children were accounted for in the will (Ruth, Silas, Sarah, Mary, Abigail, Seth, Edward, Paul, John, and Adams).

His wife, Abigail, outlived him by 23 or 24 years. She died in 1800. Headstones have never been located for either of them.

(Written by Roderick B. Sullivan, Northboro, MA, Apr 1998).

Sources and Notes.

[1]Charlton town records.

[2]'The Wheelock Family in America', Walter T. Wheelock. Many of the land deeds on file in the Worcester County registry of deeds refer to him as 'Captain Paul Wheelock.'

[3]This is a boast of a recent owner of the farm, and has not been verified.

[4]Charles Hultgren, member of the Charlton Historical Society, and an expert on the Northside History.

[5]Will on file at the Worcester County Probate Office, case 63782.

[6]In 1773, a list of taxpayers was made, in order of the amount of land tax paid. This list was used to determine selection of pews in the meeting house, the highest tax payer to receive first choice of pew. There were 28 people on the list, the first four being Jacob Davis, Ebenezer Hammond, Jonas Hammond, and Paul Wheelock. From 'History of Worcester County, Massachusetts', by D. Hamilton Hurd, published by J. W. Lewis and Co, 1889.

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Marcus Waite (and other published genealogies) report that the birth place of all of Paul's Children is uncertain, but was probably Charlton.

Based on Paul's will, it seems likely that Paul Wheelock, Jr. was born well before Silas Wheelock. Paul, Jr. was of age at his father's death, whereas Silas Wheelock was not.

ABIGAIL CHAPIN. Abigail Chapin is half sister to Rachel Chapin the wife of Paul's brother, David Wheelock. She was also half cousin to the second president of the United States, John Adams. She and John had the same grandfather, Joseph Adams, Jr. Abigail lived long enough to see her cousin reach the presidency in 1797.

She was born on 27 May 1721 at Mendon, Worcester, MA.⁹ She died on 11 May 1800 at Charlton, Worcester, MA, at age 78.⁵²

Children of Paul⁴ **Wheelock** and Abigail **Chapin** were as follows:

68. i. RUTH³ WHEELOCK, b. say 1739 at Charlton, Worcester, MA; m. Robert Kalley.
- ii. SARAH WHEELOCK; b. say 1744 at Charlton, Worcester, MA; m. Joseph Thompson 13 Oct 1768 at Charlton, Worcester, MA.⁵²
69. iii. MARY WHEELOCK, b. say 1746 at Charlton, Worcester, MA; m. Zedekiah Drury; m. Daniel Converse.
- iv. ABIGAIL WHEELOCK; b. say 1747 at Charlton, Worcester, MA; m. Asa Dresser 10 Jan 1771 at Charlton, Worcester, MA.⁵²
70. v. SETH WHEELOCK, b. circa 1752 at Charlton, Worcester, MA; m. Elizabeth Weld; m. Lucy Johnson.
71. vi. EDWARD WHEELOCK, b. say 1754 at Charlton, Worcester, MA; m. Martha Daggett.
72. vii. PAUL WHEELOCK, b. circa 1755; m. Bulah Johnson.
- viii. SILAS WHEELOCK; b. after 1756 at Charlton, Worcester, MA.⁵⁶

Silas is mentioned in his fathers will (1776), at which time he was a minor, but he is not mentioned in his mothers will (1800).

73. ix. JOHN WHEELOCK, b. circa 1761 at Charlton, Worcester, MA; m. Lydia Davis.
74. x. ADAMS WHEELOCK, b. circa 1763; m. Lucy Lamb; m. Chloe Green; m. Ruth Morey.

31. SILAS⁴ **WHEELOCK** (*Benjamin³, Benjamin², Ralph¹*); b. 11 Mar 1717/18 at Mendon, Worcester, MA;⁹ m. Hannah **Albee** 20 May 1740 at Mendon, Worcester, MA;⁹ d. 1793.⁵⁷

Silas attained the rank of Captain in the local militia.

Later, he attained the rank of Colonel, and command the 7th Worcester County Regiment, which marched to Cambridge and Roxbury in response to the Lexington Alarm of 19 April 1775.

Colonel Silas Wheelock was one of the highest ranking members of the Wheelock family to serve in the Revolutionary War.

Many of his children also served, including Simeon, Caleb, Calvin, and Luther.

Silas and Hannah singed the Articles of Faith of the Baptist Church in Bellingham in 1750. (Source: 'The Wheelock Family in America, 1637-1969', by Walter T. Wheelock.).

HANNAH ALBEE was born on 11 Oct 1718 at Mendon, Worcester, Massachusetts.

Children of Silas⁴ Wheelock and Hannah Albee were as follows:

75. i. SIMEON³ WHEELOCK, b. 18 Mar 1741 at Mendon, Massachusetts, USA; m. Deborah Thayer.
76. ii. SETH WHEELOCK, b. 21 Mar 1743 at Mendon, Worcester, MA; m. Margery Aldrich; m. Phoebe Legg; m. Trial Harrington.
77. iii. CALEB WHEELOCK, b. 7 May 1745 at Mendon, Worcester, MA; m. Rachel Green.
78. iv. ELEAZAR WHEELOCK, b. 27 Jun 1747 at Mendon, Worcester, MA; m. Betty Woodward.
- v. HANNAH WHEELOCK; b. 28 Nov 1749 at Mendon, Worcester, MA;⁹ m. Ephraim Taft 16 Nov 1769 at Mendon, Worcester, MA.⁹
- vi. PERLE WHEELOCK; b. 6 Aug 1752 at Mendon, Worcester, MA;⁹ m. Amasa Thayer circa 1772.^{ss}
79. vii. CALVIN WHEELOCK, b. 5 May 1754 at Mendon, Worcester, MA; m. Mercy White.
80. viii. LUTHER WHEELOCK, b. 9 Mar 1756 at Mendon, Worcester, MA; m. Mary Sumner.
- ix. EUNICE WHEELOCK; b. 8 May 1758 at Mendon, Worcester, MA.⁹
- x. RHODA WHEELOCK; b. 20 Apr 1761 at Mendon, Worcester, MA;⁹ m. Nehemiah Nelson 11 Feb 1781 at Mendon, Worcester, MA.⁹

32. DAVID⁴ WHEELOCK (*Benjamin³, Benjamin², Ralph¹*); b. 18 Jan 1720/21 at Mendon, Worcester, MA;⁹ m. Rachel Chapin, daughter of Seth Chapin and Elizabeth French, 5 Nov 1760 at Mendon, Worcester, MA;⁹ d. 8 Jan 1789 at Charlton, Worcester, MA, at age 67.^{ss}

David Wheelock, born in Mendon, lived in a portion of Oxford, MA, called the Country Gore. His brothers Jonathan and Paul also lived in the Gore. Unsatisfied with their representation in Oxford town affairs, residents of the Country Gore signed a petition to separate from Oxford, and become part of Charlton. David and his brother Jonathan both signed this petition on 12 June 1750. Finally, in 1757 the Gore was annexed to Charlton; becoming the northern section of the town.

David was active in the affairs of Charlton, holding office as a selectman in the years 1761, 1771, 1775, and 1777. (The first Board of Selectmen was formed in 1755.).

In 1779, a committee consisting of David Wheelock, Isaiah Blood, and Stephen Fay was chosen to provide for the families of Revolutionary War Soldiers of Charlton. In September of that year, the town voted to raise 900 pounds for this purpose.

In 1781 Jacob Davis, an active participant in Charlton town affairs, and a Colonel in the Revolutionary War, organized several residents of Charlton to purchase a tract of land in Vermont, later to become the town of Calais. David was one of the 60 original proprietors of Calais, as were his nephews Peter and Eli Wheelock.

David passed his interest in Calais to his son, Abijah, who became the first permanent settler of Calais in 1789. Abijah purchased lot 51 of the first division from Col. Davis for 20 pounds lawful English money.

David's first wife, Lydia White, died in the 'great sickness' of 1759. His children Jemima and Hendrick also died in 1759, at an early age, probably suffering the same fate.

He married 2nd Rachel Chapin, half sister to Abigail Chapin, Paul Wheelock's wife.

David Wheelock left no will, but the settlement of his estate is found in the Worcester County Probate Office, file 63644.

(Written by Roderick B. Sullivan, Jr., July 1999).

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LYDIA WHITE. There are two Lydia Whites recorded in the Mendon VRs.

Lydia White, d. Thomas and Deborah, b. 16 Jan 1715/16 Lidah White, d. William and Elizabeth, b. 1 Mar 1726.

Lidia died in the 'Great Sickness' that struck Charlton in 1759. Some historians believe that this sickness was a combination of measles and dysentery.

She was born say 1720 at Mendon, Worcester, MA. She died on 1 Aug 1759 at Charlton, Worcester, MA.⁵²

Children of David⁴ **Wheelock** and Lydia **White** were as follows:

81. i. BETTY⁵ WHEELOCK, b. 17 Jul 1743 at Mendon, Worcester, MA; m. Abijah Lamb.
82. ii. BENJAMIN WHEELOCK, b. 11 Apr 1745 at Charlton, Worcester, MA, USA; m. Elizabeth Thompson.
83. iii. ABNER WHEELOCK, b. 19 Jun 1747 at Charlton, Worcester, MA; m. Elizabeth Blanchard.
84. iv. OLIVE WHEELOCK, b. 18 Dec 1749 at Charlton, Worcester, MA; m. Peter Wheelock.
- v. JEMIMA WHEELOCK; b. 23 Jul 1752 at Charlton, MA, USA;⁵² d. 30 Jul 1759 at Charlton, MA, USA, at age 7.⁵²
- vi. HENDRICK WHEELOCK; b. 28 Oct 1755 at Charlton, MA, USA;⁵² d. 21 Jul 1759 at Charlton, MA, USA, at age 3.⁵²
- vii. AARON WHEELOCK; b. 26 Aug 1758 at Charlton, Worcester, MA;⁵⁴ d. 7 Oct 1758 at Charlton, Worcester, MA.⁵⁴
Aaron was the twin of Moses, according to the Charlton Vital Records.
- viii. MOSES WHEELOCK; b. 26 Aug 1758 at Charlton, Worcester, MA;⁵² d. 6 Oct 1758 at Charlton, Worcester, MA.⁵²
Moses was the twin of Aaron, according to the Charlton Vital Records.

- ix. _____ WHEELOCK; b. 16 Jul 1759 at Charlton, Worcester, MA;⁵² d. 16 Jul 1759 at Charlton, Worcester, MA.⁵²

RACHEL CHAPIN. Rachel married (1) Nathaniel Jones in Mendon, and (2) David Wheelock. Nathaniel died 17 Mar 1758. Rachel and David were married by Rev. A. Frost. (Source: 'History of the Town of Milford, Worcester County, Massachusetts, From It's first settlement', by Adin Ballou, published by the Town of Milford in 1882).

She was born on 22 Jan 1729/30 at Mendon, Worcester, MA.⁹ She died on 3 Jun 1805 at Charlton, Worcester, MA, at age 75.⁵²

Children of David⁴ **Wheelock** and Rachel **Chapin** were as follows:

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- i. DAVID¹ WHELOCK; b. 8 May 1762 at Charlton, Worcester, MA;⁵⁴ d. 29 Jan 1782 at Charlton, Worcester, MA, at age 19.⁵²
Private David Wheelock fought in the Revolutionary War under Colonel Jonathan Holman. He is listed as '5 ft. 6 in.; complexion, light.'

85. ii. ABIJAH WHELOCK, b. 7 Jun 1764 at Charlton, Worcester, MA; m. Lois Nichols.
86. iii. AARON WHELOCK, b. 7 Apr 1766 at Charlton, Massachusetts, USA; m. Ruth Towne.
iv. LIDEA WHELOCK; b. 24 Jan 1769 at Charlton, Worcester, MA;⁵² d. 12 Feb 1772 at Charlton, Worcester, MA, at age 3.⁵²
87. v. GIDEON WHELOCK, b. 5 Jul 1771 at Charlton, Worcester, MA; m. Sally Davis.

33. PETER⁴ WHELOCK (*Benjamin³, Benjamin², Ralph¹*); b. 23 Jul 1724 at Mendon, Worcester, MA;⁹ m. Sarah Taft 25 Nov 1744 at Mendon, Worcester, MA;⁹ d. 18 Feb 1802 at Mendon, Worcester, MA, at age 77.⁹

According to records of the 'Daughters of the American Revolution', Volume 24, Page 152 (Miss Helen Wheelock Taft, DAR ID Number: 2343) 'Peter Wheelock, (1724-1802), served at the Lexington Alarm. He was born in Mendon, Mass., where he died'. Peter does not appear in 'Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolutionary War.'

SARAH TAFT. Letter of J.G. Wheelock, copy in the possession of Edwin K. Wheelock BIRTH- November 2, 1727, Mendon, MA: Mormon Archives submitted by, Theresa Snow Hill: Mendon Vital Records.

She was born circa 1724 at Mendon, MA, USA.

Children of Peter⁴ Wheelock and Sarah Taft all b. at Mendon, Worcester, MA, were as follows:

- i. OLIVE⁵ WHELOCK; b. 2 Nov 1745.⁹
ii. PHENIHAS WHELOCK; b. 2 Feb 1747/48;⁹ d. 13 Nov 1750 at Mendon, Worcester, MA, at age 2.⁹
iii. OLIVE WHELOCK; b. 12 Apr 1750;⁹ m. Laban Bates 28 Dec 1768 at Mendon, Worcester, MA.⁹
iv. LEAH WHELOCK; b. 2 Jul 1752.⁹
v. LEAH WHELOCK; b. 15 Jul 1753;⁹ m. Increase Thayer 20 Nov 1771 at Mendon, Worcester, MA;⁹ d. 3 Jan 1834 at age 80.
vi. ELI WHELOCK; b. 9 Jun 1755.⁹
vii. RACHIL WHELOCK; b. 10 Jul 1757.⁹
88. viii. NAHUM WHELOCK, b. 12 May 1761; m. Betsey Steele.
89. ix. SYLVIA WHELOCK, b. 23 Oct 1764; m. Daniel Day.

34. OBADIAH⁴ WHELOCK (*Obadiah³, Benjamin², Ralph¹*); b. 21 Sep 1712 at Mendon, Worcester, MA;⁹ m. Martha Sumner 26 Oct 1733 at Mendon, Worcester, MA.⁹

At the close of the French and Indian war, the British government embarked on a program to replace the French speaking, Roman Catholic influence in Nova Scotia (and the other Canadian territories) with Protestant and English speaking influence. To encourage this, the British governors of Nova Scotia offered grants of free land to settlers. In the 1760's, a wave of New Englanders (called 'Planters') migrated to Nova Scotia.

Among these were three members of this family, Obediah Jr., Joseph, and Elias. Two of these (Obediah and Elias) married into the Rice family of Marlborough, Massachusetts (many of whom also removed to Nova Scotia).

(Source: George King, Rice Family Genealogist).

MARTHA SUMNER. Martha Sumner was the daughter of Joseph and Sarah (Lovett) Sumner. (Source: 'History of the County of Annapolis', by W. A. Calnek and A. W. Savary, 1897).

She was born on 27 Aug 1710 at Mendon, Worcester, MA.

Children of Obadiah⁴ **Wheelock** and Martha **Sumner** all b. at Mendon, Worcester, MA, were as follows:

- i. ZIPPORAH⁵ WHEELOCK; b. 12 May 1734;⁹ m. Josiah Wood 3 Feb 1757 at Shrewsbury, Worcester, Ma.²⁷
Marriage intention between Zipporah and Josiah Wood was filed in Upton.
- ii. MARTHA WHEELOCK; b. 17 Mar 1736;⁹ m. Josiah Dodge 3 Dec 1789.⁶⁰
90. iii. OBADIAH WHEELOCK, b. 7 Jul 1738; m. Rachel Rice.
91. iv. JOSEPH WHEELOCK, b. 17 Jul 1740; m. Deborah Farnsworth; m. Sybil Tarbell.
92. v. ELIAS WHEELOCK, b. 17 Apr 1743; m. Sarah Rice.
- vi. ABIGAIL WHEELOCK; b. 24 Apr 1746.⁹
93. vii. JESSE WHEELOCK, b. 2 Oct 1748.
- viii. AMMARIAH WHEELOCK; b. 18 Sep 1752;⁹ baptized 12 Nov 1752 at Grafton, Worcester, Ma.⁶¹

35. SAMUEL⁴ **WHEELOCK** (*Obadiah³, Benjamin², Ralph¹*); b. 6 Sep 1714 at Mendon, Worcester, MA;⁹ m. Hannah **Ammidon** 16 Feb 1737/38 at Mendon, Worcester, MA;⁹ d. 1792 at Tyringham, MA.

The Mendon VRs record the following births to 'Samuel and Mary.'

Esabel Wheelock, b. 9 May 1757.

Amariah Wheelock, b. 15 Mar 1759.

Obadiah Wheelock, b. 20 Apr 1762.

The Milford VRs record the following baptisms to 'Ensign Samuel and Hannah', church records.

Isabel Wheelock, bapt. 22 May 1757.

Amariah Wheelock, bapt. 6 May 1759.

These are probably the same children.

Most genealogies (including the genealogy of Samuel Wheelock, by Adin Ballou in 'The History of Milford', report Isabel, Amariah, and Obadiah to be children of Samuel and Hannah, not Samuel and Mary.

Perhaps Hannah went by the name of Mary.

(Rick Sullivan, 1998).

In 1776 in the town of Tyringham, Samuel Wheelock signed a document (with 37 others) declaring the War of Independence 'on the Part of the Said Colonies, just and necessary.'

(Source: 'Tyringham, A Hinterland Settlement', by Eloise Myers, published 1963 by the Tyringham Historical Commission. Researched by Dave Lawrence, July 2000.).

HANNAH **AMMIDON** was born in Aug 1717 at Mendon, Worcester, MA.

Children of Samuel⁴ **Wheelock** and Hannah **Ammidon** were as follows:

94. i. MARY⁵ WHEELOCK, b. 31 Dec 1738 at Mendon, Worcester, MA; m. Caleb Cheney.
- ii. SAMUEL WHEELOCK; baptized 11 Sep 1743 at Milford, Worcester, MA.⁶²
95. iii. SAMUEL WHEELOCK, b. 22 Sep 1745 at Milford, Worcester, MA; m. Dinah Leyland.
- iv. HANNAH WHEELOCK; b. 31 Aug 1748 at Mendon, MA.⁹

Hannah is twin to Elizabeth. There is record of marriage of Hannah Wheelock (in Tyringham) to Ebenezer Jackson, 1 Jan 1772. This may be the same Hannah.

- v. ELISABETH WHEELOCK; b. 31 Aug 1748 at Mendon, Worcester, MA.⁹
Elizabeth is twin to Hannah.
- vi. RACHEL WHEELOCK; b. 11 Feb 1750/51 at Mendon, Worcester, MA;⁹ baptized 24 Mar 1751 at Milford, Worcester, MA.⁶²
- vii. ITHAMAR WHEELOCK; baptized 15 Apr 1753 at Milford, Worcester, MA;⁶² d. 8 Jul 1832 at Tyringham, MA, at age 79.⁶³
Ithamar was a private in the Revolutionary War.
- 96. viii. LEVI WHEELOCK, b. 3 Aug 1755 at Milford, Worcester, MA; m. Waitstill ____.
- ix. ESEBEL WHEELOCK; b. 9 May 1757 at Mendon, Worcester, MA;⁹ baptized 22 May 1757 at Milford, Worcester, MA;⁶² m. Ebenezer Carpenter 18 Nov 1779 at Tyringham, Berkshire, MA.⁶³
The birth of Esabel is recorded in the Mendon VRs as daughter of 'Samuel and Mary.'
- 97. x. AMARIAH WHEELOCK, b. 15 Mar 1759 at Mendon, Worcester, MA; m. Hannah Warren.
- 98. xi. OBADIAH WHEELOCK, b. 20 Apr 1762 at Mendon, Worcester, MA.

36. EBENEZER⁴ WHEELOCK (*Obadiah³, Benjamin², Ralph¹*); b. 30 Aug 1718 at Mendon, Worcester, MA;⁹ m. Mary Sleeman 16 Feb 1737/38 at Mendon, Worcester, MA;⁹ d. 6 May 1801 at Bellingham, Ma, at age 82.⁴³

Ebenezer's death record in the Bellingham VRs reads as follows: 'Ebenesar of Milford, May 6 [1801]'. Adin Ballou, 'The History of Milford', 1881, writes as follows: 'This family dwelt in So. Milford, and at one time on what is now Warfield St. The hus. and fr. d. May 6, 1801. His wid. d. Jan. 30, 1807.'

Children of Ebenezer⁴ Wheelock and Mary Sleeman all b. at Mendon, Worcester, MA, were as follows:

- i. MARY⁵ WHEELOCK; b. 19 Jul 1738;⁹ d. Sep 1738 at Mendon, Worcester, MA.⁹
- ii. EUNICE WHEELOCK; b. 31 Aug 1739;⁹ d. Nov 1818 at Bellingham, Ma, at age 79.⁴³
Adin Ballou, in 'The History of Milford', 1881, writes that Eunice died of consumption.
- iii. JOHN WHEELOCK; b. 30 Jul 1742.⁹
- 99. iv. TIMOTHY WHEELOCK, b. 8 Nov 1744; m. Joanna Holbrook.
- v. LOIS WHEELOCK; bur. at North Cemetery, Bellingham, MA;⁶⁴ b. 25 Nov 1746;⁹ m. Joseph Thomson 29 Jul 1773 at Bellingham, Norfolk, MA;⁴³ d. 5 May 1838 at Bellingham, Worcester, MA, at age 91.⁶⁴
There is record of marriage intention in Mendon between Lois Wheelock and Joseph Thompson, of Bellingham. The intention was filed 18 June 1773.

The Ohio Historical Library contains a collection of correspondence between Joseph Thomson, son of Joseph Thomson and Lois Wheelock, and his brothers Eli, Seth, Dan, and Ziba. Some of these are published online here.

[Http://www.iserv.net/~dsbryant/j_thomson_papers.htm](http://www.iserv.net/~dsbryant/j_thomson_papers.htm) (Sep 2000).

Lois Wheelock and her husband Joseph Thomson are buried at the Hartford Street Cemetery, North Bellingham, MA.

100. vi. THOMAS WHEELOCK, b. 7 Apr 1749; m. Hannah Hayward.
vii. MARY WHEELOCK; b. 24 May 1751.⁹

There is record of marriage between Mary Wheelock and Joseph Albee, Jr. 20 June 1771, in Glocester, RI. This may be the same Mary.

(Source: 'Vital Record of Rhode Island, 1636-1850', Vol 3, by James N. Arnold, Narragansett Historical Publishing Company, 1892).

- viii. ELISABETH WHEELOCK; b. 2 May 1754;⁹ m. Nathan Albee 20 Mar 1776 at Milford, Worcester, MA.⁶⁵
ix. ABIGAIL WHEELOCK; b. 31 Jul 1756.⁹
x. LYDIA WHEELOCK; b. 10 Jul 1759;⁹ m. Abijah Warfield 11 Dec 1783 at Milford, Worcester, MA.⁶⁵
101. xi. CYRUS WHEELOCK, b. 28 Dec 1763; m. Phoebe Albee.

37. JOSIAH⁴ WHEELOCK (*Obadiah³, Benjamin², Ralph¹*); bur. at Town Cemetery, Hopedale, MA;¹⁵ b. 30 Mar 1725 at Mendon, Worcester Co., MA;⁹ m. Experience Clark 6 Jan 1747/48 at Mendon, Worcester, MA;⁹ d. 28 Dec 1794 at Milford, Worcester Co., MA, at age 69.¹⁵

According to the tombstone, Josiah died of 'dropsey'. The Mendon Vital Records record the marriage date of Josiah and Experience as '6 Jan 1748', not using the old style notation. The Milford Vital Records record the marriage date as 6 Jan 1747/48.

Josiah served in the Revolutionary War as a private in Captain William Jennison's Company of Minute-men which marched on the Lexington Alarm, of 19 April 1775. He later served in Ichabod Thayer's Company.

At least two of Josiah's children, Eleazar and Alexander, removed to Warwick, MA, circa 1775.

EXPERIENCE CLARK was buried at Town Cemetery, Hopedale, MA.¹⁵ She died on 27 Apr 1807.¹⁵

Children of Josiah⁴ Wheelock and Experience Clark all b. at Mendon, Worcester, MA, were as follows:

- i. EXPERIENCE⁵ WHEELOCK; b. 15 May 1748;⁹ m. Henry Penniman 13 Apr 1769 at Mendon, Worcester, MA.⁹
102. ii. ELEAZAR WHEELOCK, b. 2 Feb 1749/50; m. Huldah Woodward.
iii. THANKFUL WHEELOCK; b. 7 May 1752;⁹ d. 3 Nov 1803 at Milford, Worcester, MA, at age 51.⁶⁵
103. iv. ALEXANDER WHEELOCK, b. 2 Sep 1754.
104. v. BATHSHEBA WHEELOCK, b. 14 Dec 1760; m. Jotham Thayer.
vi. JOSIAH WHEELOCK; b. 12 Aug 1763.⁹

According to Walter T. Wheelock, 'The Wheelock Family in America, 1637-1969', Josiah died young. 'Wheelock Genealogy', by Carlyle Wheelock and Winifred Gonseth, 1955, does not identify children born to this family, nor does it identify a death date for Josiah.

- vii. JOSEPH WHEELOCK; b. 15 Jun 1766.⁹
viii. OLIVE WHEELOCK; b. 3 Apr 1769;⁹ m. Abner Allen 8 Aug 1790 at Milford, Worcester, MA.⁶⁵
105. ix. OBADIAH WHEELOCK, b. 6 Apr 1771; m. Lydia Thurber.

38. ELEAZAR⁴ WHEELOCK (*Ralph³, Eleazar², Ralph¹*); bur. at Hanover, NH; b. 22 Apr 1711 at Windham, CT;³⁴ m. Sarah Davenport 29 Apr 1735 at Lebanon, CT;⁶⁶ m. Mary Brinsmead 24 Nov 1747 at Lebanon, CT;³⁸ d. 24 Apr 1779 at Hanover, NH, at age 68.

The information about the grandchildren of Eleazar comes from an email sent by Barb Krieger, of Dartmouth College. Rev. Eleazar Wheelock was the founder of Dartmouth College, in Hanover, New Hampshire.

The Rev. Eleazar Wheelock, Congregational minister, orator, educator, and founder of Dartmouth Eleazar entered Yale College. His college education was funded with the proceeds of a legacy Benjamin Pomeroy, the first award of the Dean Berkeley Donation for the distinction in class.

For a year following his graduation he continued his theological studies at Yale. In May 1734 served as minister for 35 years. Two months later (29 Apr 1735) he married Sarah Davenport, w.

At the time of Rev. Eleazar Wheelock's graduation, a religious revival known as the Great Awakening popular preacher, George Whitefield, toured the seaboard of the Connecticut River Valley, pre entitled 'Sinners in the hands of an Angry God.' [2] Although the Great Awakening drew increase.

Rev. Eleazar Wheelock participated fully and enthusiastically in the Great Awakening. He was 'hundred more sermons than there are days in the year' to promote the revival. [1,3] He was 'cr State of Religion in New England, 1743' criticized Rev. Wheelock (among others) for his over.

As a supporter of the Saybrook Platform [5], Rev. Wheelock was not a proponent of Separatism. In 1743, the Connecticut Assembly, in an attempt to regulate revivalist activity, passed 'An could not collect a salary. As a result of this, Rev. Wheelock lost his salary. [6] Though he owned a great deal of farm. Toward this end, he began to take students into his home, and in 1743, he took in Samson Ocom ministry. Ocom went on to become a popular Presbyterian minister, preaching both to Native A.

Rev. Wheelock's success with Samson Ocom encouraged him to pursue a school for Native American missionaries. The girls were to be taught 'housewifery' and writing. The school was to be supported.

Toward this end, in 1754, Rev. Wheelock accepted two Delaware Natives from New Jersey. The from New England tribes, and from the Six Nations were gathered, and by the year 1762, Wheelock had.

Rev. Eleazar Wheelock spent considerable time raising funds to support the school, in which in 1761 and 1767. In 1765, he sent Samson Ocom and Nathaniel Whitaker (a Presbyterian Minister) English board of trustees, headed by William Legge, Earl of Dartmouth. Things had not progressed so well on the missionary and recruiting front. Many of the Native work. Sir William Johnson [8], an agent of Native American affairs, and trusted advocate, per Charity School, and his Native Americans with it. After this, Rev. Wheelock could no longer do.

In addition to this, he was having some trouble with his parishioners in Lebanon, stemming in.

These events, coupled with his desire to enlarge his school to include a college (for the education of Trustees headed by Lord Dartmouth were against adding a college to the school, but Rev. Wheelock dated 13 December 1769, named Eleazar Wheelock founder and first president of the college, an after whom the college was named was against its establishment.

Several offers of land were obtained for the location of the college. Dresden, NH (later renamed the region, and its proximity to Canada, where Wheelock hoped to recruit Indian students for Rev. Wheelock obtained a dismissal from his church in Lebanon (where he served 35 years), and house the college. The living conditions were severe, and considerable fortitude was required.

In 1771, four students were graduated in the first commencement of Dartmouth. Among these four became the second president of Dartmouth.

The funds collected in England ran out in 1774, and the institution of Dartmouth was blighted by the English, leaving few recruits for the school. Of notable exception was the Oneida Nation.

The war left Dartmouth in considerable debt. Many decades would pass before the college again substantial support for the college came from this grant of land.

Rev. Wheelock suffered ill health during his later years. He was afflicted with asthma, and he excelled in his many administrative duties, which included supervising farming operations Charity School (without salary), and of Dartmouth College.

Rev. Eleazar Wheelock died during the Revolutionary War, on 24 April 1779. He is buried in Ha with continuations.

Rev. Wheelock's descendents include John Wheelock, Lieutenant Colonel in the Continental Army Wheelock Ripley, a General in the War of 1812, and namesake of the town of Ripley, Louisiana.

(Written by Roderick Beebe Sullivan, Jr., Oct 1998).

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[6]'Encyclopedia of World Biography', edited by Suzanne Michele Bourgoin and Paula Kay Byers.

[7]The 'Moor's Charity School' was located in Lebanon, CT. At the site of the original schoo changed from the original.

[8]Johnson, Sir William (1715 -- 1774) was an Indian agent; born in Smithtown, Ireland. He g French at Lake George in 1755 (for which he was knighted). He retained his influence with Ind.

[9]He named his son, John Wheelock, as his successor. John was one of the four students to g.

[10]Levi Frisbie was another one of the first graduates. Like John Wheelock, Levi attended Y Mass.', by Joseph B. Felt, 1834).

[11]'Dictionary of American Biography', edited by Dumas Malone, published by Charles Scribne.

SARAH DAVENPORT. At the time of her marriage to Dr. Wheelock, Sarah Davenport was the widow of Captain William Maltby, of New Haven, CT.

Sarah's tombstone inscription reads.

She was buried at Lebanon, CT.³⁸ (Source: 'Gravestone Chronicles, II: More Eighteenth Century New England Carvers and an Exploration of Gravestone Heraldica', Theodore Chase, and Laurel K. Gabel, Boston, NEHGS, 1997.).

'Sacred to the Memory of Miss Sarah Wheelock, Who died Nov. 13 A.D., 1746, and in the 44th Year of her Age; and of a Character too Great and Good to have any thing said worthy to be inscribed here.'

She was born in Jul 1702 at New Haven, CT.³⁸ She died on 13 Nov 1746 at Lebanon, CT, at age 44.³⁸

Children of Eleazar⁴ **Wheelock** and Sarah **Davenport** all b. at Lebanon, CT, were as follows:

106. i. THEODORA⁵ WHEELLOCK, b. 23 May 1736; m. Alexander Phelps; m. John Young.
- ii. MERCY WHEELLOCK; bur. at Old Cemetery, Hebron, CT;³³ b. say 1737;³⁸ d. 28 Feb 1738.³³
- iii. ELEAZAR WHEELLOCK; b. 14 Aug 1737;⁶⁶ d. 23 Nov 1737 at Lebanon, CT.⁶⁶

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107. iv. RUTH WHEELOCK, b. 12 Jan 1739/40; m. William Patten.
 v. RALPH RODOLPHUS WHEELOCK; b. 18 Aug 1742;⁶⁶ d. 17 Feb 1817 at Hanover, NH, at age 74.³⁸
 He earned an A.B. from Yale in 1765, then served for almost two years as preceptor in the Indian Charity Schools. His temper grew uncontrolled over time, as epilepsy began to take hold. In later years he was put under guardianship, and was subject to restraint.

His father's will provided him with lifetime support.

(Source: 'The Hatch and Brood of Time, Five Phelps Families in the Atlantic World', by Peter Haring Judd, 1999, Newbury Press, Boston.).

MARY **BRINSMEAD**. Her tombstone inscription reads.

'Consecrated to the memory of MARY of the family of Brinsmaid in Milford, Connecticut and consort of Eleazer Wheelock S.T.D., President of Dartmouth College. She lived in the fear of God, and in the lively exercise of the Christian virtue till her departure in 1783, Anno aetatis 69. In testimony of the filial reverence this monument was erected and incised by John Wheelock.'

She was buried at Hanover, NH.³⁸ Mary Brinsmead is the daughter of John Brinsmead (1681-1753) and Abigail Wheeler (1680-1764, born in Milford, Connecticut). John Brinsmead is the son of Paul Brinsmead (d. 1696) and Elizabeth Hawkins (b. 1659, probably in Farmington, Connecticut). Paul Brinsmead is the son of John Brinsmead (b. 1617 in England, d. 1673) and Mary Carter.

(Source: Leslie Lienert, descendent of Mary Brinsmead and Eleazar Wheelock.).

(Source: Marcus Warren Waite, 'Eleazer Wheelock and Some of His Descendants', Dartmouth College Archives, no date.).

She was born in 1714.⁶⁷ She died in 1783.³⁸

Children of Eleazar⁴ **Wheelock** and Mary **Brinsmead** all b. at Lebanon, CT, were as follows:

108. i. MARY⁵ WHEELOCK, b. 28 Aug 1748; m. Bezeleel Woodward.
109. ii. ABIGAIL WHEELOCK, b. 21 Dec 1751.
110. iii. JOHN WHEELOCK, b. 28 Jan 1754; m. Maria Suhm.
111. iv. ELEAZAR WHEELOCK, b. 17 Aug 1756; m. Tryphena Young.
112. v. JAMES WHEELOCK, b. 6 May 1759; m. Lucy Tiffany.

39. ABIGAIL⁴ **WHEELOCK** (*Ralph³, Eleazar², Ralph¹*); b. 3 Mar 1717 at Windham, CT;³⁸ d. 5 Jan 1803 at South Windsor, CT, at age 85.³⁸

REV. BENJAMIN **POMEROY**.

Rev. Benjamin **Pomeroy** was a Minister. 'Here lies the body of Rev. Benj. Pomeroy, D.D. minister of the First Church of Hebron, and a trustee of Dartmouth College. Native of Suffield. Ob. Dec. 21st. 1784; aged 81. For 50 years a zealous preacher of the gospel, and eminently successful [...]. A Patron of learning, a firm and active Pastor and a friend to the distressed.'

(Source: 'History and Genealogy of the Pomeroy Family', by Albert A. Pomeroy, 1912).

Benjamin Pomeroy was a contemporary of the Rev. Eliazer Wheelock, founder of Dartmouth. He obtained a A.B. from Yale in 1733; a D.D. from Dartmouth, 1774. Rev. Pomeroy was a minister in Hebron, Conn. from 1734 to 1784; a chaplain in the army during the French and Indian wars; and a chaplain in the 3rd regiment Connecticut Line, from Jan. 1777 to July 1778. His tombstone in Hebron bears the following inscription.

'Along the gentle slope of life's decline, He bent his gradual way; Till full of years, he drops Life's mellow fruit into the grave.'

He was born on 19 Nov 1704 at Suffield, Hartford, CT.⁶⁵ He was buried on 21 Dec 1784 at Hebron, Tolland, CT.⁶⁸ He died on 21 Dec 1784 at Hebron, Tolland, CT, at age 80.⁶⁸

Children of Abigail⁴ Wheelock and Rev. Benjamin Pomeroy all b. at Hebron, Tolland, Connecticut, were as follows:

- i. BENJAMIN⁵ POMEROY; b. 9 Jan 1736;⁶⁸ d. 8 Dec 1757 at Skaneateles, Onondaga, New York, at age 21.⁶⁸

Benjamin Pomeroy was a Surgeon.

- ii. RALPH POMEROY; b. 8 Dec 1737.⁶⁸

Ralph Pomeroy was a Lawyer.

- iii. ELEAZAR WHELOCK POMEROY; b. 1 Sep 1739;⁶⁸ d. circa 1784 at Hartford, Connecticut.⁶⁸

Eleazar Wheelock Pomeroy was a Merchant.

- iv. JOSIAH POMEROY; b. 4 Sep 1741;⁶⁸ d. 11 Sep 1742 at Hebron, Tolland, Connecticut, at age 1.⁶⁸
- v. ABIGAIL POMEROY; b. 31 May 1744;⁶⁸ d. 24 Jan 1835 at Hebron, Tolland, Connecticut, at age 90.⁶⁸

Abigail Pomeroy was a Teacher. After her husband, John Gillett, Jr., lost his fortune she established a school for young ladies in East Windsor, Conn. The school acquired a wide and favorable reputation in New England, attracting many students from the Hartford area. Mrs. Gillett is described as a gentlewoman of great beauty, dignity, and stateliness of manner.

An obituary of the day, referring to her said: 'The hoary head is a crown of glory if it be found in the way of righteousness'. She was nearly 92 years of age at the time of her death.

(Source: 'History and Genealogy of the Pomeroy Family', by Albert A. Pomeroy, 1912).

- vi. JOSIAH POMEROY; b. 18 Jun 1745;⁶⁹ d. Jul 1812 at age 67.⁶⁹
- vii. HANNAH POMEROY; b. 28 Jan 1749;⁶⁹ d. 29 Mar 1749 at Hebron, Tolland, Connecticut.⁶⁹
- viii. HEZEKIAH POMEROY; b. 17 Jul 1750;⁶⁹ d. 3 Jan 1755 at Hebron, Tolland, Connecticut, at age 4.⁶⁹
- ix. JOHN POMEROY; b. 5 Mar 1754;⁶⁹ d. between 27 Apr 1754 and 1755 at Hebron, Tolland, Connecticut.⁶⁹
- x. ELIHU POMEROY; b. 19 Aug 1755;⁶⁹ d. 17 Apr 1834 at Enfield, Massachusetts, at age 78.⁶⁹
- xi. AUGUSTUS WHELOCK POMEROY; b. 14 Feb 1758;⁶⁹ d. 24 Jan 1759 at Hebron, Tolland, Connecticut.⁶⁹

40. RALPH⁴ WHELOCK (*Ephraim*³, *Eleazar*², *Ralph*¹); bur. at Oak Ridge Cemetery, Southbridge, MA;¹⁵ b. 16 Jul 1726 at Medfield, Norfolk, MA;³ m. Experience Dennison 24 Jan 1750/51 at Sturbridge, Worcester, MA;⁷⁰ m. Experience Crary 12 Sep 1766 at Sturbridge, Worcester, MA;⁷⁰ d. 28 Dec 1822 at Southbridge, Worcester, MA, at age 96.⁷¹

Henry J. Clarke, in 'Captain Ralph Wheelock, His Ancestors and Some of His Descendants', 1903 writes.

'In 1718, the selectmen of Medfield petitioned the general court to grant them some county lands; this was the first movement on record toward the settlement of Sturbridge, or 'New Medfield,' as it was then called.'

Mr. Clarke writes that Ralph Wheelock fought in the Revolutionary War. This may be true, as several of Ralph's brothers fought in the War; but the only record in 'Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolutionary War' is for Private Ralph Wheelock of Sturbridge. This was Ralph Wheelock's son, Ralph, Jr., of Pompey, NY, who later applied for and received a pension for having fought in 'the Massachusetts line' (see 'New York Pensioners', 1835). By the time the war started, Ralph, Sr. had already attained the rank of Captain, as indicated by the Sturbridge record of his marriage intention to Experience Crary; so it would not be likely that he would serve in the war with the rank of private.

Mr. Clarke writes further about Ralph.

'Captain Ralph Wheelock was treasurer of the town of Sturbridge for nearly twenty-five years from 1760, and was also selectman, assessor and constable; he was chosen a committee to purchase two and a half barrels of gun powder in 1774. He lived on the farm, formerly belonging to his father-in-law, James Dennison, and now owned by Willard Morse of Southbridge. In 1803 he sold 20

acres to his son Calvin, on the top of the hill; he sold 100 acres to his son James, which extended as far south as Abel Mason's land. In 1809, he conveyed a portion of his farm to his son Ephraim, now owned by George W. Wells, opposite the residence of Franklin Jacobs, in Southbridge. In 1804, he conveyed a portion of his farm to his son Moses, formerly owned by Vernon Chamberlain, in Southbridge; also, the same year, he conveyed a portion to his son Eleazer, formerly the James Morse farm. Dennison, had what is known as the Truman Chamberlain farm. Thus he gave his son shomes and saw them settled around him before he died.'

'He [Capt. Ralph Wheelock] with fifty others, sold a tract of land to the Baptist church for 10 pounds. He and his sons were petitioners for setting off the town of Southbridge from Sturbridge, which latter town then contained 20,032 acres, and extended from Oxford to Brimfield, and from the state line to Brookfield. Captain Ralph, and his three sons, Ensign Dennison, Eleazer, and Ephraim, were among the proprietors of the Congregational Church in Sturbridge, whose church building was 'raised' July 4th, 1797, and completed in 1800. In 1798, Capt. Ralph was the fifth largest real estate owner in Sturbridge, having 250 acres, valued at \$3124.00; Dennison had 130 acres valued at \$1565; Eleazer had 56 acres valued at \$867.00; and Ephraim 3 acres valued at \$49.00.'

There is a painting on display in the National Art Gallery in Washington, DC, entitled 'Ralph Wheelock's Farm', painted circa 1822 by Francis Alexander, who lived not far from Sturbridge, MA (in Connecticut). The painting was donated by Edgar William and Bernice Chrysler Garbisch.

When the painting was aquired by Colonel Garbisch, it bore the title 'Dennison Hall, Sturbridge, MA', and the author was unknown. Upon further research, it was discovered that there was no 'Dennison Hall' in Sturbridge, but there was a Dennison Hill in Southbridge, which was once part of Sturbridge. When photographed in the mid 1900's, the topography of Dennison Hill proved nearly identical to that represented in the painting. The painting was then renamed 'Dennison Hill, Southbridge'. Further research indicated that the white house in the middle of the painting was built by Captain Ralph Wheelock in 1765. The painting was then renamed 'Ralph Wheelock's Farm.'

The Jacob Edwards Library in Southbridge displays a painting of Globe Village, not far from Ralph Wheelock's farm, which is known to have been painted by Alexander, circa 1822. This painting bears an unmistakable resemblance in style, treatment of figures, and application of paint to that of 'Ralph Wheelock's Farm.'

(Source: 'American Native Painting', published by The National Gallery of Art, 1992; researched by Arthur Kingston Wheelock of Uxbridge, MA, June 2000).

An image of this painting is available online at www.nga.gov (May 2000).

EXPERIENCE DENNISON. Experience was the daughter of James Dennison. According to the Sturbridge VRs, she died in her 33rd year.

James Dennison and his wife are buried in the Town Hall Cemetery, Sturbridge, MA.

She died on 21 Oct 1765 at Sturbridge, Worcester, MA.⁷⁰

Children of Ralph⁴ Wheelock and Experience Dennison all b. at Sturbridge, Worcester, MA, were as follows:

- i. MIRIAM⁵ WHELOCK; b. 21 Oct 1751;⁷⁰ m. Joseph Dresser 19 Nov 1773 at Sturbridge, Worcester, MA;⁷⁰ d. 26 May 1816 at age 64.⁷²
113. ii. DENNISON WHELOCK, b. 6 Mar 1753; m. Jemima Davis.
- iii. REBECAH WHELOCK; bur. at Oak Ridge Cemetery, Southbridge, MA;⁷⁵ b. 6 Jun 1756;⁷⁰ d. 17 Aug 1833 at Southbridge, Worcester, MA, at age 77.⁷¹
114. iv. RALPH WHELOCK, b. 6 Sep 1758; m. Abigail Blashfield.
- v. EXPERIENCE WHELOCK; bur. at Oak Ridge Cemetery, Southbridge, MA;⁷⁵ b. 21 Oct 1760;⁷⁰ d. 16 Aug 1838 at Southbridge, Worcester, MA, at age 77.⁷¹

Henry J. Clarke, in 'Captain Ralph Wheelock of Sturbridge, His Ancestry and Some of His Descendants, 1903, reports that Experience died 16 Aug 1838, age 78 years, in agreement with her headstone, but in contradiction to the Southbridge Vital Records, which reports 1837, ae. 77.

- vi. PRISCILLA WHEELOCK; b. 4 Jun 1764;⁷⁰ d. 29 Jun 1764 at Sturbridge, Worcester, MA.⁷⁰

EXPERIENCE CRARY. The Sturbridge Vital Records list Experience from Woodstock, CT.

She was buried at Oak Ridge Cemetery, Southbridge, MA.¹⁵ She was born on 27 Dec 1740.⁷² She died on 8 Mar 1833 at age 92.¹⁵

Children of Ralph⁴ Wheelock and Experience Crary all b. at Sturbridge, Worcester, MA, were as follows:

115. i. ELEAZER⁵ WHEELOCK, m. Polly Benson; b. 7 Oct 1767.
ii. EPHRAIM WHEELOCK; b. 19 Mar 1770;⁷⁰ d. 20 Mar 1770 at Sturbridge, Worcester, MA.⁷⁰
116. iii. EPHRAIM WHEELOCK, b. 1 May 1771; m. Matilda Upham.
iv. JAMES WHEELOCK; b. 9 Jan 1773;⁷⁰ d. 1820.⁷²

Henry J. Clarke, in 'Capt. Ralph Wheelock of Sturbridge, His Ancestry and Some of His Descendants', Quinabang Historical Society Leaflets, Vol 1, No. 15, 29 June 1903, says the following about James.

'James, (b. 1773) met with an accident on June 10, 1794; while shooting a hawk his gun burst, and tore off part of his hand; he erected a stone on the spot where he stood and this memorial stands on land owned by George W. Wells; James died in South America.'

- v. PRISCILLA WHEELOCK; b. 9 Oct 1774;⁷⁰ d. 25 Dec 1797 at Sturbridge, Worcester, MA, at age 23.⁷⁰
117. vi. MOSES WHEELOCK, b. 9 May 1776; m. Polly Hooker.
118. vii. CALVIN WHEELOCK, b. 16 Jun 1778; m. Abigail Hooker.
viii. ESTHER WHEELOCK; bur. at Oak Ridge Cemetery, Southbridge, MA;¹⁵ b. 11 Mar 1780;⁷⁰ d. 20 Jan 1862 at age 81.⁷²
ix. LUTHER WHEELOCK; b. 16 Sep 1782;⁷⁰ d. Apr 1846 at age 63.⁷²

41. JOSEPH⁴ WHEELOCK (*Ephraim*³, *Eleazar*², *Ralph*¹); b. 15 Mar 1731/32 at Medfield, Norfolk, MA;³ m. Sarah Clark 1770; d. 31 Dec 1787 at age 55.²

William S. Tilden, in 'The History of Medfield', writes of Joseph as follows.

'Joseph kept school in 1763; married in 1770 Sarah Clark. He owned a part of the sawmill at Noon Hill as well as various lands in that vicinity, which he sold in 1769 to Joseph Plimpton; was a selectman in 1767 and 1770. He removed to Sherborn, where he lived several years; died in 1787, and his widow married Samuel Sanger of Sherborn in 1789.'

SARAH CLARK. According to 'The History of Medfield', by William S. Tilden, Sarah was the great great granddaughter of Joseph Clark, one of the first thirteen settlers of Medfield, brother of Rebecca Clark, wife of Rev. Ralph Wheelock. The Medfield Vital Records record the marriage of Mrs. Sarah Wheelock to Capt. Samuel Sanger, 22 Sep 1789. This may be the same Sarah.

She was born in 1747 at Medfield, Norfolk, MA. She died in 1828 at Medfield, Norfolk, MA.

Children of Joseph⁴ Wheelock and Sarah Clark were as follows:

- i. JOSEPH⁵ WHEELOCK; b. 5 Dec 1770 at Medfield, Norfolk, MA;² d. 15 Dec 1770 at Medfield, Norfolk, MA.²
119. ii. SETH WHEELOCK, b. 20 Nov 1772 at Medfield, MA; m. Susanna Jerould.
iii. CLARK WHEELOCK; b. 5 Jan 1776 at Sherborn, MA;⁷³ d. 1800.⁷³

The Sherborn Vital Records report that Clark was 'lost at sea sometime in the months of Oct. or Nov., 1800.'

- iv. SALLY WHEELOCK; bur. at Plain Cemetery, Sherborn, MA;⁷³ b. 18 Oct 1778 at Sherborn, MA;⁷³ d. 19 Nov 1802 at Sherborn, MA, at age 24.⁷³

Mormon Archives submitted by, Theresa Snow Hill: Medfield VR, Sherborn VR NAME- Sally: History of Medfield, p. 509.

120. v. EBENEZER WHELOCK, b. 2 Feb 1781 at Sherborn, MA; m. Cynthia Sawyer.
vi. THANKFUL WHELOCK; bur. at Plain Cemetery, Sherborn, MA;⁷³ b. 23 Aug 1782 at Sherborn, MA;⁷³ d. 5 Oct 1814 at Sherborn, MA, at age 32.⁷³

42. EPHRAIM⁴ WHELOCK (*Ephraim³, Eleazar², Ralph¹*); bur. at Vine Lake Cemetery, Medfield, MA;¹⁵ b. 23 Nov 1733 at Medfield, Norfolk, MA, USA;² m. Mary Clapp 3 Dec 1767 at Walpole, MA;⁷⁴ d. 6 Feb 1826 at Medfield, Norfolk, MA, USA, at age 92.²

Ephraim served in the French and Indian war for four years, was captain at the siege of Louisburg, and Colonel in the Revolutionary War. He commanded the 4th Suffolk County Regiment. He marched on the Lexington Alarm, and was at Ticonderoga and Crown Point. Ephraim is buried next to his son, Oliver, in the Old Cemetery in Medfield, MA.

MARY CLAPP. NAME- Mary Clapp: Munsell, American Ancestry, vol. 6, Baltimore, MD, Genealogical Publishing Company, 1968, p. 134 DEATH- 1808: Munsell, American Ancestry, vol. 6, Baltimore, MD, Genealogical Publishing Company, 1968, p. 134 FATHER- Stephen Clapp: Munsell, American Ancestry, vol. 6, Baltimore, MD, Genealogical Publishing Company, 1968, p. 134.

She died in 1808.

Children of Ephraim⁴ Wheelock and Mary Clapp were as follows:

- i. PRISCILLA⁵ WHELOCK; b. 16 Sep 1768 at Medfield, Norfolk, MA;² m. Joel Gay 5 Oct 1789 at Medfield, Norfolk, MA.²
- ii. OLIVER WHELOCK; bur. at Vine Lake Cemetery, Medfield, MA;¹⁵ b. 4 Oct 1770 at Medfield, Norfolk Co., MA;² m. Elizabeth Newell 22 Mar 1798 at Medfield, Norfolk Co., MA;² d. 10 Jun 1831 at Medfield, Norfolk Co., MA, at age 60.²
According to the Medfield Vital Records, Oliver died of a 'liver complaint.'
- iii. OLIVE WHELOCK; b. 16 Oct 1773 at Medfield, Norfolk, MA;² m. Eliakim Morse 11 Dec 1796 at Medfield, Norfolk, MA;² d. 1859.
- iv. MARY WHELOCK; b. 13 Aug 1776 at Medfield, Norfolk, MA;² d. 27 Sep 1776 at Medfield, Norfolk, MA.²
Mary's birth is given as: Mary, d. Col. Ephraim Jr. and Mary, Aug. 177[6].

121. v. GERSHOM WHELOCK, b. 12 Nov 1779 at Medfield, MA; m. Abigail Adams; m. Priscilla Mason; m. Sally Fisk.
122. vi. SAMUEL WHELOCK, b. 18 Oct 1781 at Medfield, MA, USA; m. Betsey Wight.

43. MOSES⁴ WHELOCK (*Ephraim³, Eleazar², Ralph¹*); bur. at Memorial Cemetery, Westborough, MA;¹⁵ b. 11 Jan 1737/38 at Medfield, MA, USA;² m. Abiel Haws 13 Jan 1763 at Wrentham, Norfolk, MA;²⁵ m. Lydia Bond 24 Jul 1766 at Westborough, Worcester, MA;⁷⁵ d. 15 Apr 1801 at Westborough, Worcester, MA, at age 63.⁷⁵

Moses Wheelock turned out at the Lexington Alarm, and was commissioned Captian in 1775. He was a major under Colonel Jonathan Smith in 1776. On 16 June 1777 he was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel of the Worcester County Regiment that reinforced Gen. Gates.

He was active in the affairs of his hometown, Westborough, serving as a selectmen in 1771, and as town clerk in 1771, 1772, 1778-1782, and 1786-1795.

(Source: DAR files, and 'History of Westborough', by H. DeForest, 1891).

ABIEL HAWS. Abiel died at the very young age of 25. Her headstone, in the Memorial Cemetery, center of Westborough, MA, is barely readable (as of 1998), and lies next to Moses Wheelock and Lydia Bond. Abiel came from a very prominent family in

Wrentham. It is very likely that Abiel Haws was the brother of Dr. James Haws, the first doctor in Westboro, also from Wrentham. The Wrentham Vital records confirm that Abiel had a brother named James.

She was buried at Memorial Cemetery, Westborough, MA.¹⁵ She was born on 7 Dec 1740 at Wrentham, Norfolk, MA.²⁵ She died on 25 Oct 1765 at Westborough, Worcester, MA, at age 24.⁷⁵

Children of Moses⁴ **Wheelock** and Abiel **Haws** both b. at Westborough, Worcester, MA, were as follows:

- i. EPHRAIM⁵ WHEELOCK; b. 25 Mar 1764.⁷⁵

Ephraim fought for the Town of Westborough in the Revolutionary War.

123. ii. ABIGAIL WHEELOCK, b. 10 Aug 1765; m. Benjamin Bowman.

LYDIA **BOND**. Mackenzie, George Norbury, LL.B., Colonial Families of the United States of America, vol. 2, Genealogical Publishing Company, 1966, pp. 572 & 747.

She was buried at Old Cemetery, Westborough, Worcester, MA.¹⁵ She was born on 12 Jan 1747. She died on 9 Mar 1825 at age 78.

Children of Moses⁴ **Wheelock** and Lydia **Bond** all b. at Westborough, Worcester, MA, were as follows:

124. i. MOSES BOND⁵ WHEELOCK, b. 27 Jan 1768; m. Catherine Gleason; m. Eunice Fisk.

125. ii. JOHN WHEELOCK, b. 1 May 1769; m. Elizabeth Forbes; m. Nelopee Combe.

126. iii. LYDIA WHEELOCK, b. 16 Aug 1771; m. Asa Haskell.

- iv. POLLY WHEELOCK; b. 25 Jan 1774;⁷⁵ d. 17 Oct 1775 at Westborough, Worcester, MA, at age 1.⁷⁵

Reverend Ebenezer Parkman, of Westborough, MA, writes about the death of Polly Wheelock in his diary as follows.

Oct 17, 1775.

'I went up to see Mrs. Clark, one of ye strangers who had lately lain in, her child ill, and to Mrs Wheelocks, her young child of about 20 months being extremely bad, of worms & ...'

Oct 18, 1775.

'Hear yt Mrs Wheelocks child dyd about 10 o'clock last night.'

From 'Diary of Rev. Ebenezer Parkman, 1774-1775', From Manuscript held by The American Antiquarian Society, copied by S. Ingersoll Briant, July 1906.

- v. SILAS WHEELOCK; b. 23 Sep 1776.⁷⁵

127. vi. SALLY WHEELOCK, b. 21 Feb 1779; m. John Fayerweather.

- vii. POLLEY WHEELOCK; b. 5 Sep 1783;⁷⁵ m. Holland Forbes 7 Nov 1803 at Westborough, Worcester, MA.⁷⁵

128. viii. ELIJAH WHEELOCK, b. 14 Apr 1785; m. Nancy Harding.

129. ix. JOSEPH WHEELOCK, b. 25 Jun 1788; m. Amelia Ames.

Generation Five

44. DAVID⁵ **WHEELOCK** (*Gershom⁴, Samuel³, Gershom², Ralph¹*); b. 14 Sep 1724 at Shrewsbury, MA, USA;²¹ d. 1804 at Hardwick, Mass.²⁰

David removed to Hardwick, Mass., where he died. Source: 'History of the Town of Shrewsbury, 1717 to 1829', by Ward. More about this family can be found in the Hardwick Vital Records.

PHOEBE _____. Mormon Archives submitted by, Huntington, Enid G.: Mass. S21 & S21A.

Children of David⁵ **Wheelock** and Phoebe _____ were as follows:

- i. SUBMIT⁶ WHEELOCK; b. 2 Jan 1750/51 at Shrewsbury, Worcester, Ma.²¹

According to the 'History of the Town of Shrewsbury, 1717 to 1829', by Ward, Submit died young.

- ii. GIDEON WHEELOCK; b. 29 May 1752 at Shrewsbury, Worcester, Ma;²¹ m. Sarah Forbush 14 Jan 1771 at Hardwick, MA;⁷⁶ d. 1795 at Hardwick, Worcester, MA.⁷⁷

Gideon may have fought in the Revolutionary War, entering service in 1778 in Captain Daniel Gilbert's Company, Josiah Whitney's Regiment.

Gideon appears in the 1790 Census living in Hardwick, MA, with himself, 2 females, and 1 male under 16.

Gideon's administration of estate was filed 23 Feb 1795, and is signed by his wife, Sarah Wheelock, and a Gideon Wheelock, probably his son. (Worcester County Probate case 63691).

- iii. AARON WHEELOCK; b. 30 Jan 1756 at Shrewsbury, Worcester, Ma;²¹ d. 29 Oct 1758 at Shrewsbury, Worcester, Ma, at age 2.²¹

- iv. JACOB WHEELOCK; b. 21 Nov 1757 at Shrewsbury, Worcester, Ma.²¹

According to 'History of the Town of Shrewsbury, 1717 to 1829', by Ward, Jacob died young.

- v. LYDIA WHEELOCK; b. 22 Sep 1760 at Hardwick, MA.⁷⁶

45. GERSHOM⁵ **WHEELOCK** (*Gershom⁴, Samuel³, Gershom², Ralph¹*); bur. at Mountain View Cemetery, Shrewsbury, MA;¹⁵ b. 8 Mar 1724/25 at Shrewsbury, Worcester, Ma;²¹ m. Susanna **Knowlton** circa 1757;⁷⁸ d. 1 Jan 1806 at age 80.

SUSANNA **KNOWLTON**. Mormon Archives submitted by, Huntington, Enid G.: Mass. S21 & S21A; Mormon Archives submitted by, Henrietta Williams Janson: Stocking, History and Genealogy of the Knowlton Family, pp. 41 & 57, Shrewsbury Vital Records.

She was buried at Mountain View Cemetery, Shrewsbury, MA.¹⁵ She was born on 19 Apr 1733 at Shrewsbury, MA, USA. She died on 14 Jan 1814 at age 80.

Children of Gershom⁵ **Wheelock** and Susanna **Knowlton** were as follows:

130. i. ASA⁶ WHEELOCK, b. 10 Jun 1758 at Shrewsbury, Worcester, Ma; m. Lucy Maynard.

131. ii. GERSHOM WHEELOCK, b. 7 Feb 1761 at Shrewsbury, Worcester, Ma; m. Mariam Eager.

- iii. SUSANNA WHEELOCK; bur. at Mountain View Cemetery, Shrewsbury, MA;¹⁵ b. 17 Nov 1762 at Shrewsbury, Worcester, Ma;²¹ m. Barlow Carpenter 6 Feb 1803 at Shrewsbury Vital Records.²¹

- iv. ABIGAIL WHEELOCK; bur. at Fairview Cemetery, Wardsboro, VT;⁷⁹ b. 30 Sep 1765 at Shrewsbury, Worcester, Ma;²¹ m. Daniel Harris 24 Feb 1788 at Shrewsbury, Worcester, Ma;²¹ d. 26 May 1844 at age 78.⁷⁹

- v. ELIZABETH WHEELOCK; b. 6 Feb 1769 at Shrewsbury, Worcester, Ma;²¹ m. John Rice 16 Nov 1790 at Shrewsbury, Worcester, Ma.²¹

- vi. MARTHA WHEELOCK; bur. at Mountain View Cemetery, Shrewsbury, MA;¹⁵ b. 25 Apr 1772 at Shrewsbury, MA; d. 29 Aug 1840 at age 68.¹⁵

Martha died unmarried. Source: 'History of the Town of Shrewsbury, 1717 to 1829', by Ward.

- vii. ALICE WHEELOCK; b. 9 Jun 1777 at Shrewsbury, Worcester, Ma;²¹ d. 15 Apr 1778 at Shrewsbury, Worcester, Ma.²¹

46. JONATHAN⁵ WHELOCK (*Gershom⁴, Samuel³, Gershom², Ralph¹*); bur. at Revolutionary War Cemetery; b. 18 Sep 1727 at Shrewsbury, Worcester, Ma;²¹ m. Anna Drury 20 Jun 1753 at Shrewsbury, Worcester, Ma;²¹ d. 21 Oct 1793 at Cavendish, VT, at age 66.

Jonathan, with his seven children, removed to Peterboro, NH, in 1775; and then to Cavendish, VT (Source: 'History of the Town of Shrewsbury, 1717 to 1829', by Ward.).

ANNA DRURY died on 4 Oct 1802.

Children of Jonathan⁵ Wheelock and Anna Drury were as follows:

- 132. i. JONATHAN⁶ WHELOCK, b. 25 Feb 1754 at Shrewsbury, Worcester, Ma; m. Eunice Blood.
- ii. ANNA WHELOCK; m. Robert Upton WFT EST 1770 18; b. 23 Mar 1756 at Shrewsbury, Worcester, Ma.²¹
- iii. ZERUIAH WHELOCK; b. 12 Feb 1758 at Shrewsbury, Worcester, Ma;²¹ m. Johnathon Connich 3 Apr 1781 at Townsend, Worcester, MA.
- iv. EBENEZER WHELOCK; b. 4 Jun 1760 at Shrewsbury, Worcester, Ma;²¹ m. Rebecca Allen 14 Jan 1827 at Whiting, Vt; d. Dec 1837 at Cornwall, Litchfield, Conn, at age 77.
- v. JOTHAM WHELOCK; b. 26 Aug 1763 at Shrewsbury, Worcester, Ma.²¹
Jothan served in the Revolutionary War. He entered service in 1781, at the age of 18, as a private.

133. vi. JOSEPH DRURY WHELOCK, b. 3 Nov 1770 at Shrewsbury, Worcester Co., MA.

134. vii. JOHN GLEASON WHELOCK, b. 10 Feb 1774 at Shrewsbury, Worcester, Ma.

47. NAHOR⁵ WHELOCK (*Samuel⁴, Samuel³, Gershom², Ralph¹*); b. 6 Nov 1721 at Shrewsbury, Worcester, Ma;²¹ m. Abigail Williams 16 Dec 1747 at Shrewsbury, Worcester, Ma.²¹

According to Ward, 'History of Shrewsbury, 1717 - 1829', Nahor lived in 'quite the southern part of town.'

ABIGAIL WILLIAMS. Mormon Archive submitted by, Florence E.P. Critcher: Ward's History of Shrewsbury (1717-1829), p. 465
Mormon Archives submitted by, Theresa Snow Hill: Shrewsbury Vital Records.

She was born circa 1723 at Shrewsbury, MA.

Children of Nahor⁵ Wheelock and Abigail Williams all b. at Shrewsbury, Worcester, Ma, were as follows:

- i. HULDAH⁶ WHELOCK; b. 9 Nov 1748.²¹
- 135. ii. STEPHEN WHELOCK, b. 22 Feb 1750/51; m. Lucretia Newton.
- 136. iii. ELIAB WHELOCK, b. 26 Aug 1753; m. Mary Gassett.
- iv. LYDIA WHELOCK; b. 17 Jun 1756.²¹
- 137. v. SILAS WHELOCK, b. 10 May 1759; m. Anna Whitney.
- 138. vi. EZRA WHELOCK, b. 27 Feb 1762.
- 139. vii. JOSHUA WHELOCK, b. 1 Apr 1765; m. Sarah Warren.
- viii. ABIGAIL WHELOCK; b. 26 Feb 1770.²¹

48. TIMOTHY⁵ WHELOCK (*Samuel⁴, Samuel³, Gershom², Ralph¹*); b. 24 Jun 1724 at Shrewsbury, Worcester, Ma;²¹ m. Sarah Rand 22 Oct 1747 at Shrewsbury, Worcester, Ma;²¹ m. Abigail Muzzy 30 Jul 1782 at Shrewsbury, Worcester, Ma; d. 14 Apr 1812 at Shrewsbury, Worcester, Ma, at age 87.²⁰

Timothy removed to New Ipswich, NH, in 1768, with his wife Sarah, and eight children, all of whom were born in Shrewsbury. After the death of his wife, he moved back to Shrewsbury, MA, and married Abigail (Muzzy) Sherman, widow of Joseph Sherman, Jr.

(Source: 'History of Shrewsbury', Ward; 'History of New Ipswich, NH, 1735-1914', by Charles Henry Chandler and Sarah Fiske Lee, Sentinel Printing Company, Fitchburg, MA, 1914).

According to the DAR records (DAR ID 15190, Mrs. Cornelia Wheelock Brown) Timothy served in the Revolutionary War as a minute man at the Lexington Alarm from New Ipswich, NH. He also served at Ticonderoga.

Both Joel, and Ithamar appear in the New Hampshire Rolls, from Ipswich, NH. Timothy also appears on the Rolls. It is possible that this Timothy is the brother of Joel and Ithamar, and not the father; and that the DAR record may refer to the wrong Timothy.

(Source: 'The State of New Hampshire, Part I, Rolls and Documents Relating To Soldiers in the War Rolls, Vol XIV of Series, Compiled and Edited by Isaac W. Hammond, Concord, NH, 1885).

SARAH **RAND** was born at Shrewsbury, Worcester, Ma. According to Ward, 'History of Shrewsbury', Sarah died in New Ipswich, N.H. She was the daughter of Daniel Rand and Mary Keyes.

Children of Timothy^s **Wheelock** and Sarah **Rand** were as follows:

- i. SARAH⁶ WHEELOCK; b. 21 Aug 1748 at Shrewsbury, Worcester, Ma;²¹ m. John Brooks 23 Nov 1769.⁸⁰
- ii. JONAS WHEELOCK; b. 19 Oct 1750 at Shrewsbury, Worcester, Ma;²¹ d. 11 Apr 1764 at Shrewsbury, Worcester, Ma, at age 13.²¹
- iii. PHEBE WHEELOCK; b. 18 Jan 1753 at Shrewsbury, Worcester, Ma;²¹ d. Mar 1758 at Shrewsbury, Worcester, Ma, at age 5.²¹
140. iv. TIMOTHY WHEELOCK, b. 12 Jun 1756 at Shrewsbury, Worcester, Ma; m. Matilda Cummings.
- v. JOEL WHEELOCK; b. 8 Jul 1758 at Shrewsbury, Worcester, Ma.²¹

Joel Wheelock served in the Revolutionary War. He marched from New Ipswich, NH, before daylight on April 20, 1775, in response to the Lexington Alarm. In the list of men marching with him was Timothy Wheelock, probably his brother.

(Source: 'The State of New Hampshire, Part I, Rolls and Documents Relating To Soldiers in the War Rolls, Vol XIV of Series, Compiled and Edited by Isaac W. Hammond, Concord, NH, 1885).

There was a Joel Wheelock, b. Mar 1785 in New Ipswich, NH, d. 26 Sep 1871, Sweden, Monroe, NY, m. ca. 1806 Chloe Eddy, Smithfield, Madison, NY. He is probably the son of this Joel.

(Source: Records of Persis ____ of Tacoma, Washington, June 2000).

'The History of New Ipswich, NH, 1735-1914', by Charles Henry Chandler, assisted by Sarah Fiske Lee, Sentinel Printing Company, Fitchburg, MA, 1914, has the following to say about Joel.

He married 'Elizabeth ____'. His farm was to the east from Kidder Mountain, just separated from it by the old country road, and later owned by Earl Boynton. He is said to have removed to Vermont about 1800. He had one child who died before his removal, but its name is not recorded.'

- vi. ITHAMAR WHEELOCK; bur. at Old Center Cemetery, Jaffrey, NH;⁸¹ b. 28 Feb 1761 at Shrewsbury, Worcester, Ma;²¹ m. Sukey Tucker 14 Jan 1790;⁸⁰ d. 11 Feb 1850 at age 88.⁸⁰

Ithamar Wheelock served in the Revolutionary War. He appears in the New Hampshire rolls, in a list of 21 men enrolled from the town of New Ipswich, NH, in 1777, age 16.

(Source: 'The State of New Hampshire, Part I, Rolls and Documents Relating To Soldiers in the Revolutionary War', Vol I of War Rolls, Vol XIV of Series, Compiled and Edited by Isaac W. Hammond, Concord, NH, 1885).

'The History of New Ipswich, NH, 1735-1914', by Charles Henry Chandler, assisted by Sarah Fiske Lee, Sentinel Printing Company, Fitchburg, MA, 1914, has the following to say about Ithamar.

'He lived upon the farm at the foot of Kidder Mountain next west from that of his brother Joel, previously the home of Silas Richardson. He served in the Revolution, but became poor with advancing age, and as those days offered to veterans no such home as a grateful country now provides, his closing years were necessarily passed upon the town farm.'

- vii. LEWIS WHEELOCK; b. 19 Aug 1763 at Shrewsbury, Worcester, Ma.²¹
- viii. PHEBE WHEELOCK; b. 9 Jan 1766 at Shrewsbury, Worcester, Ma.²¹
- ix. PEZINAH WHEELOCK; b. 15 Aug 1770.⁸⁰

Pezinah was probably born in New Ipswich, NH. She does not appear in the Shrewsbury VRs, and was born after parents Timothy and Sarah moved to New Ipswich.

ABIGAIL MUZZY. Abigail (Muzzy) Sherman was the Widow of Joseph Sherman, Jr.

Children of Timothy⁵ **Wheelock** and Abigail **Muzzy** were as follows:

- 141. i. JOSEPH⁶ WHEELOCK, b. 29 Jun 1783 at Shrewsbury, Worcester County, MA; m. Judith Foster.
- ii. SARAH WHEELOCK; b. 29 Jun 1783 at Shrewsbury, Worcester, Ma.²¹

The Shrewsbury Vital Records state that Sarah was twin to Joseph, but the VR disagrees on their birth dates. Joseph is 29 Jan 1783, and Sarah is 29 June 1783. The headston of Joseph Wheelock, in Mannsville, NY, confirms that the 29 June 1783 birth date is the correct one. (Source: Joseph Wheelock headstone record take by Nancy Docherty, 1998).

- 49. PAUL⁵ **WHEELOCK** (*Samuel⁴, Samuel³, Gershom², Ralph¹*); b. 26 Jun 1727 at Shrewsbury, Worcester, Ma;²¹ d. 1824 at Sutton. According to Ward, 'History of Shrewsbury', Paul removed to Sutton (the part that is now Millbury), and died there.

THANKFUL **RAND**. Mormon Archive submitted by, Florence E.P. Critcher: Ward's History of Shrewsbury (1717-1829), p. 465.

She was born on 16 Dec 1727 at Shrewsbury, MA.

Children of Paul⁵ **Wheelock** and Thankful **Rand** were as follows:

- 142. i. PAUL⁶ WHEELOCK, b. 6 Oct 1750 at Shrewsbury, Worcester, Ma; m. Martha Sibley.
- ii. RHODA WHEELOCK; b. 12 Aug 1752 at Shrewsbury, Worcester, Ma.²¹
- 143. iii. SAMUEL WHEELOCK, b. 6 May 1755 at Shrewsbury, Worcester, Ma; m. Susannah Hoppins.
- iv. MARY WHEELOCK; b. 8 Jan 1758 at Shrewsbury, Worcester, Ma.²¹
- v. ALVAN WHEELOCK; b. 22 Apr 1761 at Grafton, Worcester, Ma;⁶¹ m. Olive Warren 22 Jan 1786 at Brookfield, Worcester, MA.⁸²

There is a record of marriage between Alvan Wheelock and Olive Warran, 22 Jan 1786, in the Brookfield Vital Records. 'Wheelock Genealogy' by Carlyle Capron Wheelock and Winifred Gonseth indicates that this is the same Alvan.

Alvan Wheelock removed to Litchfield, NY, in 1791.

A comprehensive report on his ancestry and descendants was compiled by Danford Edward Wheelock (and others), 'The Litchfield Wheelocks', Frankfort, NY, 1980.

- vi. LUTHER WHEELOCK; b. 5 Feb 1764 at Grafton, Worcester, Ma;⁶¹ d. 17 Jul 1773 at Grafton, Worcester, Ma, at age 9.⁶¹

50. JOSEPH⁵ WHEELOCK (*Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Gershom², Ralph¹*); b. 14 Feb 1729/30 at Lancaster, Worcester, MA;²³ baptized 12 Apr 1730 at Lancaster, Worcester, MA;²³ m. Alice **Page** 4 Nov 1751 at Leominster, Worcester, MA; d. 16 Mar 1776 at Lancaster, Worcester, MA, at age 46.²³

The Leominster Vital Records do not use the 'Old Style' notation when giving his birth date - 'Feb. 14, 1729.'

(Source: Leominster Vital Records).

Four years after the death of Joseph, his widow, 'Mrs. Allis Wheelock, of Lancaster' married Jesse Willis in Sudbury. This is presumed to be the same 'Mrs. Allis Wheelock', but is not proven.

(Source: Sudbury Vital Records).

Joseph (3) was born in Leominster, February 14, 1729, and died before 1778, when his uncle John bequeathed to his children. This uncle John deeded land to Joseph Wheelock in 1751, to Ethan Phillips in 1755, and to his brother Jonathan in 1741. Jonathan died in 1759, leaving sons Jonathan and Luke and daughters. Joseph married (???). Children: Oliver; John Jr., mentioned below; Joseph, Archibald, Abel, Elijah, Alice and Martha. A deed in Worcester county proves the relationship (Book 192, p. 103). John Wheelock, of Leverett, Hampshire County, deeded to Abel Wheelock, of Boston, his brother, his rights in the estate of his uncle, John Wheelock, whose will is mentioned above, and mentions his brother Oliver, also a legatee of John Wheelock; dated December 15, 1800. In 1790 this John Wheelock and his son, John Jr., were living in Heath, Massachusetts, near Leverett and Conway. John had in his family himself and wife; John Jr. had one son under sixteen and eight females. It is not known that John, Sr. had other children than John, Jr.

(Source: Transcribed by Su Wetzel, a descendant of Phineas Wheelock and Prudence Dodge, May 1999, from 'New England Families, Genealogical and Memorial', Cutter, Lewis Historical Publishing Compan.

The Lancaster Vital Records report the death of a Joseph Wheelock, 16 Mar 1776. This may be the same Joseph; being consistent with the transcription reproduced above.

ALICE PAGE. Alice was the daughter of Jonathan Page and Mary ____.

(Source: 'The Wheelock Family in America, 1637-1969', by Walter T. Wheelock, published 1969.).

She was born on 28 Dec 1730 at Lunenburg, MA.²² She married Jesse **Willis** on 8 Mar 1780 at Sudbury, Middlesex, MA.¹⁶

Children of Joseph⁴ **Wheelock** and Alice **Page** all b. at Lancaster, Worcester, MA, were as follows:

- i. MARTHA⁶ WHEELOCK; b. 11 Jul 1752;²³ baptized 16 Aug 1752 at Lancaster, Worcester, MA.²³
Martha must have died young, before her sister Martha was born in 1763.

- ii. JOHN WHEELOCK; b. 22 Sep 1754;²³ baptized 6 Oct 1754 at Lancaster, Worcester, MA.²³
iii. JOHN WHEELOCK; b. 28 Jan 1757;²³ baptized 6 Feb 1757 at Lancaster, Worcester, MA;²³ m. Sarah Willis 16 Sep 1779 at Sudbury, Middlesex, MA.¹⁶

Walter T. Wheelock, in 'The Wheelock Family in America, 1637-1969', 1969, suggests that John Wheelock m. Sarah Willis. The record of this marriage is found in the Sudbury VRs. It is interesting to note that 'Mrs. Allis Wheelock of Lancaster' married Jesse Willis just a year later, also in Sudbury. This, presumably, is John's mother.

According to 'New England Families, Genealogical and Memorial', Cutter, Lewis Historical Publishing Company, 1914, Pg 1277, John Wheelock lived in Leverett, Hampshire Co, MA, and deeded lands to his brother, Abel Wheelock, of Boston, rights in the estate of his uncle, John Wheelock, and in the deed mentioned his brother Oliver, who was also a legatee of John Wheelock. The deed is dated 15 Dec 1800, and is found in Book 192, pg 103 of the Worcester County Registry of Deeds.[See Note 1].

The 1790 Census shows John Wheelock living in Leverett, MA, with 1 male over 16 (himself), 2 males under 16, and 3 females. The next census entry for Leverett is that of Samuel Willis, suggesting that they lived close together.

There are several men from Lancaster with the name John Wheelock who fought in the Revolutionary War. This may be one of them. Several of John's brothers also served: Archippus, Oliver, and probably Joseph.

Note 1: Given the relationships, this deed could also be that of John Wheelock, son of Joseph Wheelock (1707-1774) and Abigail _____, of Lancaster. However, this John lived in Heath, MA; appears in the 1790 Heath Census, and died in 1792.

- iv. JOSEPH WHEELOCK; b. 23 Mar 1759;²³ d. 10 Mar 1778 at age 18.⁸³

There is record of death in the Lancaster Vital Records (pg 327) of 'Abel Fairbanks, Joseph Wheelock in ye army', in 1778. This may be the same Joseph. Many of his brothers served in the Revolutionary War. 'Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolutionary War', 1907, reports the death of Joseph Wheelock (of Lancaster) on 10 Mar 1778.

The Lancaster Vital Records record two birth dates for Joseph: 2 Mar 1759 (pg 108) and 23 Mar 1759 (pg 82).

- v. OLIVER WHEELOCK; b. 6 May 1761;²³ m. Lucretia Smith 24 Oct 1782 at Lancaster, Worcester, MA;²³ d. 6 Apr 1785 at Lancaster, Worcester, MA, at age 23.²³

The death record in the Lancaster Vital Records indicates that Oliver was 25 years old at the age of death. Oliver fought in the Revolutionary War. He enlisted in 1778, a private in Colonel Abijah Stearns' Regiment. He later served under Captain Thomas Pritchard.

- vi. MARTHA WHEELOCK; b. 7 Sep 1763;²³ baptized 11 Sep 1763 at Lancaster, Worcester, MA.²³

The Lancaster Vital Records records the marriage of Martha Wheelock and Paul Sawyer, 23 May 1782. This may be the same Martha.

144. vii. ARCHIPPUS WHEELOCK, b. 22 Jan 1766; m. Molly Sanborn; m. Julia Goodwin.

- viii. ABEL WHEELOCK; b. 14 Apr 1768.²³

The 'Boston Marriages from 1700 to 1809', compiled by Edward W. McGlenen, Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, 1977, show a marriage between Abel Wheelock and Catharine Baxter, 12 Oct 1788. Since other sources show that Abel was living in Boston (see notes for Joseph Wheelock), it is likely that this is the same Abel.

The Greenfield, MA, Vital Records report the death of Abel Wheelock, '17 May 1831, a. 63'. This may be the same Abel.

- ix. ALICE WHEELOCK; b. 1 May 1770.²³

Walter T. Wheelock in 'The Wheelock Family in America, 1637-1969', 1969, suggests that Alice married Jonas Moore of Sudbury, MA, 15 June 1786 at Lancaster.

145. x. ELIJAH WHEELOCK, b. 13 Apr 1773; m. Anna Low.

51. PHINEHAS⁵ WHEELOCK (*Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Gershom², Ralph¹*); bur. at Surry Village Cemetery, Surry, NH;¹⁵ b. 9 Nov 1731 at Leominster, Worcester, MA;⁴⁰ baptized 20 Feb 1731/32 at Lancaster, Worcester, MA;²³ d. 26 Jun 1807 at age 75.¹⁵

Much of the information about the descendants of Phineas Wheelock, and his wife, Prudence Dodge, comes from the research of Su Wetzel, who is a descendant of Phinehas. Email Su at swetzel@erols.com (May 1999). Phinehas' birth record also appears in the Lancaster Vital Records.

Phineas fought in the Revolutionary War. He is listed in 'Abstract of Graves of Revolutionary Patriots', by Patricia Law Hatcher, Vol. 4, Dallas: Pioneer Heritage Press, 1987.

He went to Winchendon, MA, around 1769, and bought land there in 1771 (per 'History of Winchendon, MA', by Rev. A. P. Marvin, published 1868 by the author).

Phineas is buried in Surry. His headstone has the following inscription.

'In Memory of Mr. Phinehas Wheelock, who died June 26th, 1807, in the 76th year of his age.'

'Dear friends don't mourn for me nor weep, I am not dead but here do keep, and here forever must I remain, until Christ shall raise me up again. Depart my friend dry up your tears,'

PRUDENCE DODGE was buried at Evergreen Cemetery, Winchester, NH.⁸⁴ She was born on 12 Oct 1736 at Lunenburg, MA. She died on 23 Dec 1816 at Winchester, NH, at age 80.

Children of Phinehas⁵ Wheelock and Prudence Dodge were as follows:

- i. TABITHA⁶ WHEELOCK; b. before 23 Sep 1759 at Lunenburg, MA.
- ii. JONATHAN BRADSTREET WHEELOCK; b. 4 Jan 1761 at Lunenburg, MA.
146. iii. THOMAS L. WHEELOCK; b. 25 Oct 1762 at Lunenburg, MA.
- iv. PRUDENCE WHEELOCK; b. before 31 Mar 1765 at Lunenburg, MA.
- v. ABIGAIL WHEELOCK; b. before 17 Mar 1767 at Lunenburg, MA.
- vi. BETSEY WHEELOCK; b. 1769; d. 18 Sep 1856 at Winchester, NH.
- vii. WILLIAM DODGE WHEELOCK; bur. at Surry Village Cemetery, Surry, NH;¹⁵ b. circa 1772;¹⁵ d. 8 Aug 1791.¹⁵
William is buried next to his father in the Surry Village Cemetery, Surry, NH. His headstone refers to him as the 'son of Phineas and Prudence', and indicates that he died in his 19th year.

147. viii. PHINEAS WHEELOCK, b. 1781 at Winchester, NH.

52. JOHN⁵ WHEELOCK (*Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Gershom², Ralph¹*); b. 9 Sep 1733 at Leominster, Worcester, MA;⁴⁰ baptized 21 Jul 1734 at Lancaster, Worcester, MA;²³ m. Mary Holman circa 1755;⁸⁵ d. 6 Sep 1792 at Heath, Franklin, MA, at age 58.⁸⁶

John's death is recorded in the Heath Vital Records (MA) as follows: John, h. Mary, father of John (h. Dorothy), Sept. 6, 1792. There are several men from Lancaster with the name John Wheelock who fought in the Revolutionary War. This may be one of them.

MARY HOLMAN. Mary Holman was the daughter of Jeremiah Holman and Anne _____. Mary's death is recorded in the Heath Vital Records (MA), as follows: Mary, w. John (father of John, h. Dorothy), Feb. 25, 1818.

She was born on 17 Apr 1722 at Stow, MA.⁸⁷ She died on 25 Feb 1818 at Heath, Franklin, MA, at age 95.⁸⁶

Children of John⁵ **Wheelock** and Mary **Holman** were:

148. i. JOHN⁶ WHEELOCK, b. 23 Dec 1756 at Leominster, Worcester, MA; m. Dorothy Wilder.

53. ABNER⁵ **WHEELOCK** (*Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Gershom², Ralph¹*); b. 16 Nov 1735 at Leominster, Worcester, MA;⁴⁰ m. Mary **Brown** 12 Apr 1758 at Lunenburg, MA;⁴⁰ d. 31 May 1790 at Leominster, Worcester, MA, at age 54.⁴⁰

Abner died of Billous Fever according to the Leominster Vital Records. According to the the same records, his daughters Amy and Betsey also died of the same cause. Amy died 25 Apr 1790, and Betsey died 30 May 1790, age 14.

Abner may have fought in the Revolutionary War. Abner Wheelock, served in Colonel Abijah Stearns' regiment on a march to Williamstown, Aug 1777, roll dated Leominster.

Children of Abner⁵ **Wheelock** and Mary **Brown** all b. at Leominster, Worcester, MA, were as follows:

- i. JONATHAN⁶ WHEELOCK; b. 3 Mar 1759.⁴⁰
ii. MARTHA WHEELOCK; b. 2 Oct 1760.⁴⁰
iii. MARY WHEELOCK; b. 7 Sep 1762.⁴⁰

There is record of marriage of Polly Wheelock and John Hill, Aug 30, 1790, in Leominster, MA. This may be Mary Wheelock.

- iv. ABNER WHEELOCK; b. 6 Jan 1765.⁴⁰
v. UNITY WHEELOCK; b. 19 Apr 1767.⁴⁰

54. ABEL⁵ **WHEELOCK** (*Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Gershom², Ralph¹*); b. 29 Jun 1739 at Leominster, Mass;⁴⁰ m. Sarah **Foster** 26 Apr 1764 at Annapolis Co., Nova Scotia, Canada.⁸⁸

Abel removed to Granville, Nova Scotia. (Source: 'New Englanders in Nova Scotia', Fred E. Crowell, Boston, 1979, New England Historical and Genealogical Society.).

SARAH FOSTER. Sarah was the 5th child, third daughter, of Benjamin and Sarah (Woodward) Foster. The Benjamin Foster's were famous for their apple orchards in Annapolis Valley of Nova Scotia. (Source: John Manning Wheelock, by way of Beverly Wheelock Musick and Georgia Wheelock, all descendants of Abel Wheelock and Sarah Foster.).

She was born in 1736.⁸⁹

Children of Abel⁵ **Wheelock** and Sarah **Foster** were as follows:

149. i. BENJAMIN⁶ WHEELOCK, b. 26 Jan 1765; m. Elizabeth Jacques.
ii. JOSEPH WHEELOCK; b. 7 Jul 1767.⁹⁰

Joseph died young. (Source: 'History of the County of Annapolis', by Calnek and Savary.).

150. iii. JOHN WHEELOCK, b. 6 Apr 1769; m. Mary Gilliatt.
iv. SARAH WHEELOCK; b. 24 Feb 1771 at Granville Township, Nova Scotia;⁹¹ m. Thomas Wheeler Banks 15 Feb 1792 at Upper Granville, Nova Scotia;⁹¹ d. 22 May 1849 at age 78.⁹¹
151. v. SAMUEL WHEELOCK, b. 6 Jan 1773 at Granville Township, Nova Scotia; m. Mary Wilkins.
vi. ELIZABETH WHEELOCK; b. 1775.⁹⁰
vii. OLIVER WHEELOCK; Oliver died young. (Source: 'History of Annapolis County', by Calnek and Savory, 1897.).

152. viii. ABEL WHEELOCK, b. 23 Apr 1777 at Annapolis Co, Nova Scotia; m. Parney Parker.
ix. ABIGAIL WHEELOCK; b. 1779.⁹⁰

55. ELIJAH⁵ WHEELOCK (*Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Gershom², Ralph¹*); bur. at Old Burial Field, Lancaster, MA;⁹² b. 26 May 1741 at Leominster, Mass;⁴⁰ m. Anna Wilds 14 Jul 1774 at Shirley, MA;⁹³ d. 25 Jul 1775 at age 34.⁹²

According to the Lancaster Vital Records, Elijah's tombstone bears the following inscription: 'For though his soul know soars with wings on high, yet here his body must forgotten lie; and youer commanded, while he here dose sleep, the silent watches of each hour to keep.'

The Lancaster Vital Records report the death of Elijah Wheelock, 23 July 1775. He was 'mortally wounded by a fall from a loaded cart.' This is probably the same Elijah.

Children of Elijah⁵ Wheelock and Anna Wilds were:

- i. OLIVE WILDS⁶ WHEELOCK; b. 2 Jul 1775 at Lancaster, Worcester, MA.²³

56. JONATHAN⁵ WHEELOCK (*Jonathan⁴, Joseph³, Gershom², Ralph¹*); b. 1 Dec 1737 at Lancaster, Worcester, MA;⁴⁰ baptized 4 Dec 1737 at Lancaster, Worcester, MA;²³ m. Thankful Haskell 27 Dec 1757 at Lancaster, Worcester, MA;⁴⁰ d. 16 Jul 1790 at Lancaster, Worcester, MA, at age 52.²³

Jonathan served in the Revolutionary War.

THANKFUL HASKELL. Samuel Richardson (1602-1658) & Josiah Ellsworth (1629-1689) Some Descendants, p. 563 BIRTH-September 2, 1741, Lancaster, MA: Mormon Archives submitted by, Theresa S. Hill: Lancaster VR, pp 84 & 308, Leominster VR, p. 46, DAR vol. 136, p. 50.

She was born on 2 Sep 1741 at Lancaster, Worcester, MA.

Children of Jonathan⁵ Wheelock and Thankful Haskell all b. at Lancaster, Worcester, MA, were as follows:

- i. THANKFUL⁶ WHEELOCK; b. circa 1758; baptized 17 Nov 1771 at Lancaster, Worcester, MA;²³ m. Luther Fairbanks 5 Mar 1777 at Lancaster, Worcester, MA.²²
153. ii. JONATHON WHEELOCK, b. 1758; m. Lucy Beaman.
154. iii. BENJAMIN WHEELOCK, b. circa 1762; m. Prudence Divol.
155. iv. ABIJAH WHEELOCK, b. circa 1764; m. Bathsheba Bennet.
156. v. PETER WHEELOCK, b. 19 May 1766; m. Sarah Graves.
- vi. BETSEY WHEELOCK; b. circa 1768; baptized 17 Nov 1771 at Lancaster, Worcester, MA.²³
- vii. SAMUEL WHEELOCK; b. circa 1770.

Samuel Richardson (1602-1658) & Josiah Ellsworth (1629-1689) Some Descendants, p. 564 BIRTH- abt 1770, Lancaster, MA: Mormon Archives submitted by, Theresa S. Hill: Lancaster VR, pp 84 & 308, Leominster VR, p. 46, DAR vol. 136, p. 50.

- viii. REBECCA WHEELOCK; b. 14 May 1775.²³
- ix. LUTHER WHEELOCK; b. 4 May 1777;²³ d. 9 Sep 1777 at Lancaster, Worcester, MA.²³
- x. LUTHER WHEELOCK; baptized 15 Jan 1781;²³ d. Mar 1781 at Lancaster, Worcester, MA.²³

The Lancaster Vital Records indicates the baptism of 'Luther, son of Jonathan and wife, at home, being dangerously sick.'

- xi. JOSIAH WHEELOCK; baptized 17 Feb 1782.²³

This may be the same Josiah that married Lucy Waters, and lived in Grafton.

57. JAMES⁵ **WHELOCK** (*Jonathan⁴, Joseph³, Gershom², Ralph¹*); d. at Swanze, NH; b. circa 1747 at Leominster, Ma; baptized Mar 1747 at Leominster, Ma;⁴⁰ m. Lois **Starkey** 28 Jun 1774.²²

James fought in the Revolutionary war. He appears on both the Massachusetts and New Hampshire Rolls.

James Wheelock b. 1747, bought land in that part of Swanze, N.H., which was formerly a part of Richmond, N.H., October 26, 1774. He sold this land in February 1782. The Register of Deeds in Cheshire County was mistaken in writing that the first appearance of James Wheelock, in their records was in 1789. (The deeds above mentioned were recorded in 1789 instead of being dated that year.).

Roger F. Kelley, Dean Family Historian, says the following about James Wheelock.

James Wheelock married Lois Starkey. She was born in 1755 and died in 1810. Their children were.

1. child died 1/24/1786
2. another child died 12/20/1786
3. James Wheelock, Jr. born in Swanze.

LOIS STARKEY was born in 1755.²² She died in 1810.²²

Children of James⁵ **Wheelock** and Lois **Starkey** were as follows:

157. i. JAMES⁶ WHELOCK, b. 17 May 1776 at Swanze, NH; m. Lucy Barker.
- ii. LOIS WHELOCK.
- iii. MIRANDA WHELOCK; b. at Pittsfield, VT.²²

58. BENJAMIN⁵ **WHELOCK** (*Benjamin⁴, Benjamin³, Benjamin², Ralph¹*); b. 17 Aug 1729 at Mendon, Worcester, MA;⁹ m. Hannah **Chapin** 4 Jun 1752 at Grafton, Worcester, Ma;⁹ d. 16 Apr 1776 at Mendon, Worcester, MA, at age 46.⁹

Seargent Benjamin Wheelock marched on the Lexington Alarm, April 19, 1775 in Captain John Albee's Company.

HANNAH CHAPIN was born on 4 Mar 1733 at Mendon, Worcester, MA. She died on 27 Dec 1803 at Mendon, Worcester, MA, at age 70.⁹

Children of Benjamin⁵ **Wheelock** and Hannah **Chapin** all b. at Mendon, Worcester, MA, were as follows:

- i. SARAH⁶ WHELOCK; b. 5 Jan 1753;⁹ m. Isaac Kent 17 May 1770 at Mendon, Worcester, MA.⁹
- ii. DEBORAH WHELOCK; b. 12 Jul 1754;⁹ d. 14 Oct 1761 at Mendon, Worcester, MA, at age 7.⁹
- iii. ANNA WHELOCK; b. 2 Aug 1756;⁹ d. 30 Sep 1761 at Mendon, Worcester, MA, at age 5.⁹
- iv. JACOB WHELOCK; b. 12 May 1758;⁹ d. 11 Oct 1761 at Mendon, Worcester, MA, at age 3.⁹
- v. ISRAEL WHELOCK; b. 3 Feb 1760;⁹ d. 24 Sep 1761 at Mendon, Worcester, MA, at age 1.⁹
- vi. BENJAMIN WHELOCK; b. 14 Nov 1762.⁹

Benjamin was the twin of Hannah, according to the Mendon Vital Records.

- vii. HANNAH WHELOCK; b. 14 Nov 1762.⁹

Hannah was a twin to Benjamin.

158. viii. JOSEPH WHELOCK, b. 20 Jan 1765; m. Sally Slater.
- ix. LOIS WHELOCK; b. 22 Jan 1767.⁹
- x. JULIETTA WHELOCK; b. 15 Feb 1769;⁹ m. Alfred Abell 22 Nov 1791; d. 22 Aug 1847 at age 78.
159. xi. AMARIAH WHELOCK, b. 7 Jul 1770; m. Elizabeth Olds.
- xii. EUNICE WHELOCK; b. 24 Mar 1772.⁹
- xiii. MARVEL WHELOCK; b. 2 Sep 1775;⁹ baptized 1 Sep 1776 at Mendon, Worcester, MA.⁹⁴

59. **JESSE^s WHEELOCK** (*Benjamin⁴, Benjamin³, Benjamin², Ralph¹*); b. 8 Sep 1731 at Mendon, Worcester, MA;⁹ m. Mary **Taft** 20 Mar 1752 at Mendon, Worcester, MA;⁹ m. Phoebe **White** 4 Dec 1753 at Mendon, Worcester, MA.⁹

Jesse probably fought in the Revolutionary War, marching on the Lexington Alarm, 19 April 1775. He werved in Captain John Albee's Company.

MARY **TAFT** died on 6 Jan 1753 at Mendon, Worcester, MA.⁹

There were no children of Jesse^s **Wheelock** and Mary **Taft**.

PHOEBE **WHITE** was born circa 1750 at Mendon, Worcester, MA.

Children of Jesse^s **Wheelock** and Phoebe **White** all b. at Mendon, Worcester, MA, were as follows:

- i. PHINEHAS⁶ WHEELOCK; b. 28 Apr 1754;⁹ d. 21 Jun 1759 at Mendon, Worcester, MA, at age 5.⁹
- ii. MARY WHELOCK; b. 25 May 1756;⁹ m. Daniel Bullard circa 1781;⁹⁵ d. 5 Nov 1807 at age 51.
- iii. NATHAN WHEELOCK; b. 20 Apr 1758.⁹
- iv. ESEK WHEELOCK; b. 14 Oct 1765;⁹ m. Sally Davis circa 1790.⁹⁶
- v. NANCE WHEELOCK; b. 14 Nov 1767;⁹ m. Laban Fairbanks circa 1785;⁹⁷ d. 9 Oct 1843 at age 75.
- vi. ABIGAIL WHEELOCK; b. 16 Jan 1772.⁹
160. vii. BARUCH WHEELOCK; b. 4 Jan 1774.
- viii. SUBMIT WHEELOCK; b. 18 Jan 1782;⁹ m. James Mellen 12 Feb 1801 at Mendon, Worcester, MA.⁹

60. **JONATHAN^s WHEELOCK** (*Benjamin⁴, Benjamin³, Benjamin², Ralph¹*); m. Ruth **Daniels** 29 Jan 1756 at Mendon, Worcester, MA;⁹ d. 1774.³¹

RUTH **DANIELS**. Ruth was the daughter of David Daniels (Eleazar, Joseph, Robert) and Huldah Taft.

She was born on 13 Jul 1738.³¹

Children of Jonathan^s **Wheelock** and Ruth **Daniels** all b. at Mendon, Worcester, MA, were as follows:

161. i. ELEAZER⁶ WHEELOCK; b. 15 Jul 1756.
- ii. DOLLY WHEELOCK; b. 29 May 1758.⁹
The Mendon birth record refers to her as 'Dole.'
- iii. SUSANNAH WHEELOCK; b. 23 Feb 1760;⁹ d. 2 May 1776 at Mendon, Worcester, MA, at age 16.⁹
The Mendon Vital Records record her death as follows: Susanna, d. of Jonathan dec., May 2, 1776 in her 17th year. Her father, Jonathan, must have died prior to 1776.
162. iv. LYMAN WHEELOCK; b. 30 Nov 1761; m. Mercy Williams.
- v. ALPHEUS WHEELOCK; b. 17 Dec 1763.⁹
This was probably the Alpheus that fought in the Revolutionary War. He enlisted in 1780, serving in Colonel John Rand's Regiment.
- vi. DEBORAH WHEELOCK; b. 17 Dec 1765.⁹
- vii. WILLARD WHEELOCK; b. 19 Jun 1768;⁹ d. 29 Mar 1823 at Mendon, Worcester, MA, at age 54.⁹

61. **PAUL^s WHEELOCK** (*Daniel⁴Wheelock, Benjamin³, Benjamin², Ralph¹*); b. 9 Feb 1738/39 at Uxbridge, Worcester, MA;⁴⁴ m. Deborah **Morse** 30 Aug 1784 at Uxbridge, Worcester, MA;⁴⁴ d. circa 1807.⁹⁸

The Uxbridge Vital Records states that Paul was born Feb. 9, 'preceding the year 1739.'

Paul may have served in the Revolutionary War. He was a corporal in Colonel Joseph Reed's Regiment.

'Wheelock Genealogy', by Carlyle Wheelock and Winifred Gonseth, 1955, says the following about Paul's will.

'The will of Paul Wheelock is dated Uxbridge, MA, 6 May 1802, and was filed Nov. 1807 and mentions sons: Alpheus and Phyletus, and daughter Rowena, wife of Nicholas Salisbury, and daughter Olive.

LYDIA SAYLES. Last name Sayles from 'The Wheelock Family in America, 1637-1969', Walter T. Wheelock, 1969.

Children of Paul⁵ **WHEELOCK** and Lydia Sayles all b. at Uxbridge, Worcester, MA, were as follows:

- i. ALPHEUS⁶ WHEELOCK; b. 18 Sep 1764;⁴⁴ m. Rachel Armstron circa 1785.⁹⁹
- ii. ROWENA WHEELOCK; b. 28 Dec 1766;⁴⁴ m. Nicholas Salsbury 15 Mar 1787 at Glocester, RI.¹⁰⁰
163. iii. PHYLETUS WHEELOCK, b. 14 Jun 1769; m. Avis Handy.

Children of Paul⁵ **WHEELOCK** and Deborah Morse were:

- i. OLIVE⁶ WHEELOCK; bur. at Old Buffum Cemetery, Uxbridge, MA;¹⁰¹ b. 21 Apr 1790 at Uxbridge, Worcester, MA;⁴⁴ m. Benjamin Buffum circa 1810;¹⁰² d. 14 Aug 1848 at age 58.¹⁰¹

62. DANIEL⁵ **WHEELOCK** (*Daniel⁴Wheelock, Benjamin³, Benjamin², Ralph¹*); b. 13 Aug 1744 at Uxbridge, Worcester, MA;⁴⁴ d. 1781 at Glocester, Providence, RI.¹⁰³

The will of Daniel Wheelock, Jr., found in the Glocester, RI, town clerks office, was written 15 Mar 1781 and probated 15 Sep 1781. He leaves the house to 'Keziah, my dearly beloved wife'; land in Franconia, NH, to 'my four Sons Namely - Esek, Seth, Calven, and Leuther'; and half of his livestock to his daughter Hannah Wheelock. The will is witnessed by Keziah Hunt, who is the executor, and is later referred to as Keziah Wheelock.

The Rhode Island Vital Records list the death of Daniel, Jr., of Glocester, RI, on or around 28 July 1817, in his 37th year. This would place his birth somewhere around 1781. It is possible that this Daniel was an unborn child of Daniel and Keziah at the time of Daniel's death. (See 'Vital Records of Rhode Island, 1636-1850', by James N. Arnold, 1900, Vol 14, Deaths reported in the 'Providence Gazette, 28 July 1817).

Children of Daniel⁵ **WHEELOCK** and Keziah Hunt were as follows:

- i. HANNAH⁶ WHEELOCK.
- ii. ESEK WHEELOCK; b. circa 1765;³¹ d. 1846 at PA.³¹
According to 'Wheelock Genealogy', by Carlyle Wheelock and Winifred (Thomson) Gonseth, Esek died in PA, age 81.

Esek inherited land from his father in Franconia, NH.

Some of the descendants of Esek (Esock) can be found on RootsWeb, WorldConnect Project (as of Apr 2000). Search for Esock Wheelock or Sophia Steere.

164. iii. SETH WHEELOCK, m. Levina Hunt.
- iv. CALVIN WHEELOCK; Calvin inherited land from his father in Franconia, NH.
- v. LUTHER WHEELOCK; Luther inherited land from his father in Franconia, NH.

63. ASA¹ **WHELOCK** (*Jonathan⁴, Benjamin³, Benjamin², Ralph¹*); b. 2 Oct 1741 at Charlton, Worcester, MA;⁵⁴ m. Rachel **Drury** 8 Dec 1763 at Charlton, Worcester, MA;⁵² d. Mar 1816 at Calais, VT, at age 74.⁵¹

Asa fought in the Revolutionary War. Sergeant Asa Wheelock marched in Captain Jacob Davis' Company, Colonel Ebenezer Learned's Regiment on the Lexington Alarm of April 19, 1775.

RACHEL **DRURY**. Mormon Archives, submitted by George Gardner: Waite, Wheelock Family of Calais, Vermont.

She was born on 13 Feb 1744 at Charlton, MA, USA. She died on 2 Apr 1830 at Montpelier, Vermont, USA, at age 86.

Children of Asa⁵ **Wheelock** and Rachel **Drury** were as follows:

- i. RHODA⁶ **WHELOCK**; b. 28 Mar 1765 at Charlton, Worcester, MA.⁵²
- ii. MARTHA **WHELOCK**; b. 9 Dec 1766 at Charlton, Worcester, MA;⁵² m. David Goddell 1 Nov 1786 at Charlton, Worcester, MA.⁵²

Martha and David removed to Calais, Vt.

165. iii. GODDARD **WHELOCK**, b. 25 Sep 1768 at Charlton, MA, USA.
166. iv. JENNISON **WHELOCK**, b. 31 May 1770 at Charlton, MA, USA.
- v. AMOS **WHELOCK**; b. 5 Mar 1772 at Charlton, MA, USA;⁵⁴ m. Hannah Streeter 24 Feb 1799 at Charlton, Worcester, MA;⁵² d. after 1835 at Calais, VT, USA.
167. vi. SALEM **WHELOCK**, b. circa 1776 at Charlton, MA, USA.
- vii. LEONARD **WHELOCK**; b. circa 1778 at Charlton, MA, USA.

Mormon Archives, submitted by George Gardner: Waite, Wheelock Family of Calais, Vermont.

- viii. MARY **WHELOCK**; b. 29 Apr 1778 at Charlton, Worcester, MA;¹⁰⁴ m. Winslow Pope 8 Dec 1793 at Berlin, Washington, VT;¹⁰⁴ d. 31 Jan 1854 at Shipton, Richmond Co., Quebec, at age 75.¹⁰⁴
- ix. HULDAH **WHELOCK**; b. Mar 1780 at Charlton, MA, USA; d. 18 Jan 1863 at age 82.

Mormon Archives, submitted by George Gardner: Waite, Wheelock Family of Calais, Vermont.

168. x. ASA **WHELOCK**, m. Weltha Adaline Horr; b. circa 1783 at Charlton, MA; m. Lucy Hubbard.
169. xi. JARED **WHELOCK**, b. 5 Aug 1785 at Charlton, MA, USA; m. Mary Davis.

64. AZUBAH⁵ **WHELOCK** (*Jonathan⁴, Benjamin³, Benjamin², Ralph¹*); b. 15 Jan 1745/46 at Charlton, Worcester, MA;⁵⁴ m. David **Daggett**, son of Thomas **Daggett** and Martha **Stockwell**, 30 Jun 1774 at Charlton, Worcester, MA.⁵²

Mormon Archives submitted by, Theresa S. Hill: Wheelock Family of Calais, VT, p. 16-17.

DAVID **DAGGETT**. David Daggett died in service during the Revolutionary War.

He was born in 1752 at Charlton, Worcester Co, Mass. He died on 14 May 1777.

Children of Azubah⁵ **Wheelock** and David **Daggett** both b. at Charlton, Worcester Co, Mass, were as follows:

- i. LYMAN⁶ **DAGGETT**; bur. at Polar Hill Cemetery, East Montpelier, Vt;¹⁵ b. 22 Aug 1775;⁵¹ d. 30 Apr 1870 at Calais, Washington Co, Vt, at age 94.¹⁵
- ii. DAVID **DAGGETT**; b. 31 Jan 1776.⁵¹

65. HULDAH⁵ **WHELOCK** (*Jonathan⁴, Benjamin³, Benjamin², Ralph¹*); b. 9 Feb 1747/48 at Charlton, Worcester, MA, USA;⁵² m. Ebenezer **Towne** 15 Dec 1768 at Charlton, Worcester, MA;⁵² d. before 1783.¹⁰⁵

Children from the will of Jonathan Wheelock, Worcester County probate case number 63715.

EBENEZER TOWNE. Mormon Archives submitted by, Theresa S. Hill: Wheelock Family of Calais, VT, Waite, p. 16-17.

Children of Huldah⁵ **Wheelock** and Ebenezer **Towne** were as follows:

- i. AZUBAH⁶ TOWNE.
- ii. LIDIA TOWNE.
- iii. HULDAH TOWNE.

66. PETER⁵ **WHELOCK** (*Jonathan⁴, Benjamin³, Benjamin², Ralph¹*); b. 16 Feb 1749/50 at Charlton, Worcester, MA;⁵² m. Olive **Wheelock**, daughter of David **Wheelock** and Lydia **White**, 24 May 1770 at Charlton, Worcester, MA;⁵² m. Lydia **Green** 22 Jan 1784 at Charlton, Worcester, MA;⁵² m. Sarah **West** 21 Jan 1813; d. 12 Jun 1820 at Marshfield, VT, at age 70.⁵¹

Peter was one of the original proprietors of the town of Calais, Vermont; and was the 'leading man' of the town during the first ten years of it's history. (Source: 'The Wheelock Family of Calais, Vt', by Marcus Warren Waite, published 1940).

Peter Wheelock probably served in the Revolutionary War. He marched on the Lexington Alarm as a private in Colonel Learned's Regiment.

OLIVE **WHELOCK** was born on 18 Dec 1749 at Charlton, Worcester, MA.⁵² She died on 2 Dec 1782 at Charlton, Worcester, MA, at age 32.⁵²

Children of Peter⁵ **Wheelock** and Olive **Wheelock** were as follows:

- i. JEROD⁶ **WHELOCK**; b. 20 Jun 1772 at Charlton, Worcester, MA;⁵² d. 17 Oct 1778 at Charlton, Worcester, MA, at age 6.⁵²
- ii. PHILE **WHELOCK**; b. 2 Feb 1774 at Charlton, Worcester, MA.⁵²
According to M. Waite ('Wheelock Family of Calais, Vt.') Phile was living in Calais in 1810.
- iii. ARNOLD **WHELOCK**; b. 20 Nov 1775 at Charlton, Worcester, MA;⁵⁴ d. 5 Oct 1778 at Charlton, Worcester, MA, at age 2.⁵²
- iv. WILLARD **WHELOCK**; b. 20 Aug 1777 at Charlton, Worcester, MA;⁵² d. 9 Oct 1778 at Charlton, Worcester, MA, at age 1.⁵²
- v. LYDIA **WHELOCK**; bur. at Fairview Cemetery, Calais, Vt;⁵¹ b. 17 Jul 1779 at Charlton, Worcester, MA, USA;⁵² m. Benjamin Gray 7 Oct 1798; d. 25 Jun 1857 at age 77.⁵¹
Lydia and Benjamin Gray had no issue.
- vi. OLIVE **WHELOCK**; b. 11 May 1781 at Charlton, Worcester, MA;⁵² m. Oliver Merritt 18 Oct 1801;⁵¹ d. 7 Apr 1806 at age 24.⁵¹
Olive and Oliver Merritt moved from Charlton, MA to Calais around 1801.
- vii. BETSY **WHELOCK**; b. 4 Oct 1782 at Charlton, Worcester, MA;⁵⁴ d. 30 May 1788 at Charlton, Worcester, MA, at age 5.⁵²
Mormon Archives, submitted by Theresa S. Hill: Waite, Wheelock Family of Calais, Vermont, p. 93.

LYDIA **GREEN**. Lydia Green was the daughter of Rev. Nathaniel Green and Tabitha Prentice.

She was born in 1760 at Charlton, MA. She died on 7 Apr 1812 at Marshfield, MA.

Children of Peter⁵ **Wheelock** and Lydia **Green** were as follows:

170. i. CLARE⁶ WHEELOCK, b. 20 Apr 1785 at Charlton, Worcester, MA; m. Welcome Wheelock.
171. ii. JERA WHEELOCK, b. 20 Nov 1786 at Charlton, Worcester, MA; m. Abby Nealy.
- iii. VARNUM WHEELOCK; b. 14 Jul 1788 at Charlton, Worcester, MA;⁵² d. 10 Oct 1789 at Calais, VT, at age 1.⁵²
Varnum's death in Calais was recorded in the Charlton VRs.
- iv. LUCINDA WHEELOCK; bur. at Robinson Cemetery, Calais, VT;⁵³ b. 4 Apr 1790 at Calais, Washington, Vt;⁵⁴ m. Winthrop Gove 8 Feb 1813; d. 22 Mar 1875 at age 84.⁵⁵
- v. RUTH WHEELOCK; b. 17 Jun 1792 at Calais, VT; m. Jabez Mower 1816; d. 8 Apr 1877 at age 84.
- vi. PETER WHEELOCK; b. 13 Jan 1794 at Calais, VT; d. 31 Aug 1802 at age 8.
- vii. POLLY WHEELOCK; b. 20 Dec 1795 at Calais, Washington, Vt; d. 6 Sep 1802 at age 6.
172. viii. ELI WHEELOCK, b. 24 Apr 1798 at Calais, Washington, Vt; m. Hepsibah Osgood.

SARAH **WEST** was born circa 1795 at Calais, Washington, Vt.

Children of Peter⁵ **Wheelock** and Sarah **West** were:

- i. ROWENA⁶ WHEELOCK; b. 2 Jan 1814 at Calais, Washington, Vt; m. Zenas Bliss 7 Sep 1834.

67. ELI⁵ **WHEELOCK** (*Jonathan⁴, Benjamin³, Benjamin², Ralph¹*); bur. at Northside Cemetery, Charlton, MA;⁵⁵ b. 7 Jul 1760 at Charlton, Worcester, MA, USA;⁵⁴ m. Hannah **Streeter** 14 Mar 1782 at Charlton, Worcester, MA;⁵² d. 18 Sep 1797 at Charlton, Worcester, MA, at age 37.⁵²

Eli **Wheelock** was a Miller, Brewer. Eli Wheelock was a Fifer in the Revolutionary War. He fought in Colonel Ebenezer Learned's Regiment; and later under Colonel Cushing, and Colonel Jacob Davis.

According to Charles Hultgren, of the Charlton Historical Society, Eli Wheelock built part of what is now called the Ryder House, which is still standing on the Northside Turnpike in Charlton. Eli built this in a partnership with Leonard Morey. Eli operated a distillery at the site, making gin, whiskey, and beer. He expanded the house with the intention of turning it into a public house, but fell off the roof and killed himself during construction. He had no will. His portion was passed to the Ryder's, who opened the tavern.

Some of the information about this family comes from a manuscript located in the New England Historical and Genealogical Society, entitled 'New England Ancestors of Katherine-Brattle and William-Cary Harris. And the Descendants of Thaddeus-Mason and Mary (Dix) Harris. Amos and Jerusha (Robinson) Holbrook. Eli and Hannah (Streeter) Wheelock. William and Katherine-Brattle (Gannett) Bascom.' Published for Private Circulation. (No date given).

(Roderick B. Sullivan, 1998).

HANNAH **STREETER**. Mormon Archives, submitted by Joseph Clarence Call: Charlton Vital Record, p. C17.

She was born on 15 Mar 1765 at Charlton, MA, USA. She married Amos **Wheelock**, son of Asa **Wheelock** and Rachel **Drury**, on 24 Feb 1799 at Charlton, Worcester, MA.⁵²

Children of Eli⁵ **Wheelock** and Hannah **Streeter** were as follows:

- i. DANIEL⁶ WHEELOCK; b. 15 Oct 1782 at Charlton, Worcester, MA;⁵⁴ d. 11 Dec 1782 at Charlton, Worcester, MA.⁵²
- ii. ANNA WHEELOCK; b. 23 Jun 1784 at Charlton, Worcester, MA;⁵⁴ d. 24 Aug 1784 at Charlton, Worcester, MA.⁵²
- iii. JERE WHEELOCK; b. 3 Mar 1786 at Charlton, Worcester, MA;¹⁰⁶ d. 22 Aug 1786 at Charlton, Worcester, MA.⁵²
- iv. LEWIS WHEELOCK; bur. at Northside Cemetery, Charlton, MA;⁵⁵ b. 7 Nov 1787 at Charlton, MA, USA;⁵² d. 14 May 1809 at age 21.⁵⁵

There is no record of the death date of Lewis in the Charlton VRs. However, the 14 May 1809 date shown here (and on the headstone) is confirmed by 'The New England Ancestors of Katherine-Brattle and William-

Cary Harris. And the Descendants of Eli and Hannah (Streeter) Wheelock.', Published for Private Circulation, available in The New England Historical and Genealogical Society, Boston, Ma.

According to this manuscript, Lewis was unmarried.

- v. HARRY WHEELOCK; b. 31 Jan 1791 at Charlton, Worcester, MA;⁵² d. 16 Apr 1791 at Charlton, Worcester, MA.⁵²
- 173. vi. FRANCIS WHEELOCK, b. 21 Aug 1792 at Charlton, Worcester, MA; m. Nancy Colton.
- 174. vii. HIRAM WHEELOCK, b. 17 Jun 1794 at Charlton, Worcester, MA; m. Fanny Corey; m. Katherine Brattle Bascom.
- viii. ELI WHEELOCK; b. 28 Jun 1797 at Charlton, Worcester, MA;⁵⁴ m. Marcia Ann Bannister 8 Mar 1821 at Sturbridge, MA;⁷⁰ m. Caroline Parsons Field 6 Nov 1823 at Brookfield, MA;⁸² d. 8 Nov 1833 at Sturbridge, Worcester, MA, at age 36.⁷⁰

Eli was the youngest son of Eli Wheelock. He settled in Sturbridge, Massachusetts, and died there without leaving any issue. (Source: 'New England Ancestors of Katherine-Brattle and William-Carey Harris', Published for Private Circulation.)

68. RUTH⁵ WHEELOCK (*Paul⁴, Benjamin³, Benjamin², Ralph¹*); b. say 1739 at Charlton, Worcester, MA; m. Robert **Kalley** 10 Oct 1759 at Oxford, Worcester, MA;¹⁰⁷ d. before 17 May 1776.¹⁰⁸

Ruth must have died before 17 May 1776, the date her fathers will was written. She is listed in the will (case 63782, Worcester County Probate Office) as 'late or Charlton deceased.'

Ruth's daughter, Abigail, is also mentioned in the will.

ROBERT **KALLEY**. Mormon Archives: submitted by Theresa Snow Hill; Waite, Wheelock Family of Calais, Vermont, pp. 16-17.

Children of Ruth⁵ **Wheelock** and Robert **Kalley** were:

- i. ABIGAIL⁶ KALLEY; Abigail is mentioned in Paul Wheelock's will, case 63782, Worcester County Probate Office, in which she is left '8 pounds lawful money' to be paid when she marries. The will was written 17 May 1776.

69. MARY⁵ WHEELOCK (*Paul⁴, Benjamin³, Benjamin², Ralph¹*); b. say 1746 at Charlton, Worcester, MA; m. Zedekiah **Drury** 17 Apr 1770 at Charlton, Worcester, MA;⁵² m. Daniel **Converse** 5 Sep 1778 at Charlton, Worcester, MA;⁵² d. 2 Aug 1808 at Spencer, Worcester, MA.¹⁰⁹

The marriage between Mary Wheelock and Daniel Converse is recorded in the Charlton Vital Records as between Mary Drury and Daniel Converse.

ZEDEKIAH **DRURY**. Mormon Archives: submitted by Theresa Snow Hill; Waite, Wheelock Family of Calais, Vermont, pp. 16-17.

There were no children of Mary⁵ **Wheelock** and Zedekiah **Drury**.

DANIEL **CONVERSE**. Administration of the estate of Daniel Converse, of Spencer, 1814, is on file in the Worcester Probate Office, case number 13205. This is probably the same Daniel.

Children of Mary⁵ **Wheelock** and Daniel **Converse** all b. at Charlton, Worcester, MA, were as follows:

- i. WILLARD⁶ CONVERSE; b. 20 Feb 1779.⁵²
175. ii. MARY CONVERSE, b. 4 Dec 1781; m. Abner Wheelock.
- iii. SALEY CONVERSE; b. 1 Dec 1783.⁵²

70. SETH⁵ **WHELOCK** (*Paul⁴, Benjamin³, Benjamin², Ralph¹*); b. circa 1752 at Charlton, Worcester, MA;⁵³ m. Elizabeth **Weld** 8 Apr 1784 at Charlton, Worcester, MA;⁵² m. Lucy **Johnson** 9 Apr 1805 at Charlton, Worcester, MA;⁵² d. circa 1806.¹¹⁰

Seth Wheelock was a private in the Revolutionary War, serving in Captain Jacob Davis' Company (Colonel Ebenezer Learned's Regiment) which marched on the Lexington Alarm of 19 Apr 1775. He later served as a Corporal in Captain Abijah Lamb's Company, Colonel Jonathan Holman's Regiment. He then served in various capacities in Fishkill, NY, and Providence, RI. In 1778 he is listed as 26 years of age, 5 ft 10 inches tall.

ELIZABETH **WELD**. Mormon Archives: submitted by Theresa Snow Hill; Waite, Wheelock Family of Calais, Vermont, pp. 16-19.

She was born in 1760 at Charlton, MA.

Children of Seth⁵ **Wheelock** and Elizabeth **Weld** were as follows:

176. i. WELCOME⁶ WHELOCK, b. 26 Sep 1784 at Charlton, Worcester, MA; m. Clare Wheelock.
177. ii. WATE WHELOCK, b. May 1787; m. Lucinda Lamb.
- iii. WALES WHELOCK; b. circa 1788 at Charlton, MA.

Mormon Archives: submitted by Theresa Snow Hill; Waite, Wheelock Family of Calais, Vermont, pp. 18-19.

178. iv. WAINY WHELOCK, b. circa 1793 at Charlton, MA; m. Jonas Sibley.

LUCY **JOHNSON**. Mormon Archives: submitted by Theresa Snow Hill; Waite, Wheelock Family of Calais, Vermont, pp. 18-19.

There were no children of Seth⁵ **Wheelock** and Lucy **Johnson**.

71. EDWARD⁵ **WHELOCK** (*Paul⁴, Benjamin³, Benjamin², Ralph¹*); b. say 1754 at Charlton, Worcester, MA; m. Martha **Daggett**, daughter of Thomas **Daggett** and Martha **Stockwell**, 4 Jul 1776 at Charlton, Worcester, MA, USA.⁵²

Like his siblings, no record of birth for Edward is to be found in the Vital Records of Massachusetts. Edward grew up on his fathers farm in Charlton. The house he lived in, and one barn, are still standing on present day Cemetery Road.

He married his neighbor [1], Martha Daggett, on Independence Day, 4 July 1776. A few months later, his father died, leaving the bulk of his estate (including farmhouse and lands) to his eldest sons, Seth, Edward, and Paul. The three were also charged with the care of their mother, Abigail (Chapin) Wheelock.[9].

At the time, Edward was the only one of the three married, his wife pregnant. His older brother, Seth, was a soldier in the Revolutionary War, having by this time already marched on the 1775 Lexington Alarm, and served in several campaigns in 1776.

Perhaps because of the obligations of war, Seth sold his portion of the inheritance to Edward and Paul for 140 pounds [2]. The two remaining heirs then divided the land and buildings [3], living together with their mother and the younger children.

A few months later (Sep 1777), Edward's wife gave birth to their first child, Relief, and brother Paul went off to fight in the war. Though most of his brothers fought, no record of Edward's enrollment has been found; it may be that he relinquished service to care for the family and farm.

Edward remained on the inherited estate for 17 years. Deeds indicate that his brother Paul also remained, sharing the house with Edward.[4].

Edward appears in the 1790 Census, residing with 4 males under age 16, and 5 females. One of the females is his wife, Martha; one may be his mother, Abigail; the other three are probably daughters. Of the four sons, two are accounted for in the Charlton Vital Records, Silas and Reu. Marcus Waite in his 'papers' refers to additional male children Eli and Paul.

Of the four females, three are accounted for in the Charlton Vital Records, Hannah, Relief, and Cynda. The fourth may be his mother, Abigail, who was known to be living in the same house.

In Dec 1793, Edward sold his portion of the estate to his brother, John Wheelock of Spencer. [5] On the same date, his mother released him from his obligation to care for her.[6].

After this, no further record of Edward has been found. Given the appearance of some of his children in Batavia, Genessee County, NY, (in the 1805-1810 time frame), it is presumed that he and the entire family moved to New York, probably in 1794.[7, 8].

No death record or headstone for Edward or Martha has yet been found.

(Written by Roderick B. Sullivan, Jr., Aug 2000).

Sources and References.

[1]The marriage of Martha and Edward is listed in the Charlton Vital Records. The Worcester County Registry of Deeds has a deed showing that Captain Paul Wheelock's land abutted that of Deacon Nehemiah Stone, Martha's stepfather (Book 77, pg 322). Martha's brother, David, also married into the Wheelock family.

[2]Worcester County Registry of Deeds: Seth Wheelock to Edward and Paul Wheelock, 23 Jun 1777, Book 77, Pg 321.

[3]Worcester County Registry of Deeds: Paul Wheelock to Edward Wheelock, 24 Jun 1777, Book 77, Pg 322; Edward Wheelock to Paul Wheelock, 24 Jun 1777, Book 77, Pg 322.

[4]Worcester County Registry of Deeds: Edward Wheelock to John Wheelock, 16 Dec 1793, Book 119, Pg 642; Edward sells his land to his brother John, along with buildings, and refers to Paul Wheelock, owner of one of the buildings.

[5]Worcester County Registry of Deeds: Edward Wheelock to John Wheelock, 16 Dec 1793, Book 119, Pg 642.

[6]Worcester County Registry of Deeds: Abigail Wheelock to Edward Wheelock, 16 Dec 1793, Book 120, Pg. 59. Abigail releases Edward from his 'maintenance' obligations stipulated in her husbands will. These 'obligations' transferred to Edward's brother, Seth.

[7]'Western New York Land Transactions, 1804-1824, Extracted From the Archives of the Holland Land Company', Karen E. Livsey, published by the Genealogical Publishing Co, Inc., 1991. These records show purchases of land in Genessee County by Reu and Eli Wheelock, and purchases in Erie County by Silas Wheelock.

[8]'Gazetteer and Biographical Record of Genesee County, NY, 1788-1890', Edited by F. W. Beers, Syracuse, NY, J. W. Vose and Co, Publishers, June, 1890, pg. 289. Makes reference to Relief Wheelock, and her husband Jabez Howe. Relief is probably the daughter of Edward.

[9]Will of Captain Paul Wheelock of Charlton, Worcester County Probate Office, Case Number 63782.

MARTHA DAGGETT was born on 2 Jun 1755 at Petersham, MA, USA.⁵²

Children of Edward⁵ Wheelock and Martha Daggett all b. at Charlton, Worcester, MA, were as follows:

- i. RELIEF⁶ WHEELOCK; b. 2 Sep 1777.⁵²

In 'Gazetteer and Biographical Record of Genesee County, NY, 1788-1890', Edited by F. W. Beers, Syracuse, NY, J. W. Vose and Co, Publishers, June, 1890; on pg. 289, 'Salmon B. Lusk was born in Poultney, August, 28, 1815, came to Batavia, and married Sally, daughter of Jabez and Relief (Wheelock) Howe, and their children are Althea, Elizabeth, Helen, Mary, Frank R., Clara E., and William B.'

This is very likely Relief, daughter of Edward Wheelock and Martha Daggett. Note that Reuben who lived in Batavia, brother to Relief, had a son named Emmons Howe Wheelock.

According to the LDS Ancestral File, Jabez Howe was from Sturbridge, the town adjacent to Charlton where Relief was born.

- ii. HANNAH WHEELOCK; b. 11 Apr 1779.³²

An unknown source shows the death date for Hannah as 21 Mar 1812, Charlton, MA.

179. iii. SILAS WHEELOCK, b. 20 Apr 1781; m. Rena Baldwin; m. Sarah Hurlbut.

- iv. CYNDA WHEELOCK; b. 15 Apr 1783.³⁴

180. v. REU WHEELOCK, b. 23 Jun 1785; m. Rosanna Smiley.

72. PAUL⁵ WHEELOCK (*Paul⁴, Benjamin³, Benjamin², Ralph¹*); b. circa 1755;¹¹¹ m. Bulah Johnson 30 Sep 1779 at Charlton, Worcester, MA;³² d. 21 Aug 1840 at Spencer, Worcester, MA.¹⁰⁹

Paul served in the Revolutionary War as a private in Colonel Jonathan Holman's Regiment.

BULAH JOHNSON was born circa 1752 at Charlton, Worcester, MA.¹¹² She died on 1 Mar 1824 at Spencer, Worcester, MA.¹⁰⁹

Children of Paul⁵ Wheelock and Bulah Johnson were as follows:

- i. ABIGAIL⁶ WHEELOCK; b. 23 Apr 1780 at Charlton, Massachusetts, USA.³⁴

- ii. AMASA WHEELOCK; bur. at Northside Cemetery, Charlton, MA;¹⁵ b. 17 Aug 1782 at Charlton, Worcester, MA;³⁴ d. 18 Sep 1809 at Spencer, Worcester, MA, at age 27.¹⁰⁹

The inscription on Amasa's headstone reads as follows: Death calls for me and I must go Adieu to all my friends below Mourn not for me, my pain[.] I am freed by death to die no more.

- iii. PAUL WHEELOCK; b. 8 Mar 1785 at Charlton, Worcester, MA.³²

181. iv. MARTIN WHEELOCK, b. 7 Oct 1788 at Charlton, Massachusetts, USA; m. Miriam Brown; m. Clarissa Thayer.

182. v. EPHRAIM WHEELOCK, b. 4 Nov 1791 at Charlton, Worcester, MA; m. Charlotte Bowker.

- vi. ROXA WHEELOCK; bur. at Northside Cemetery, Charlton, MA;¹⁵ b. 4 Nov 1795 at Charlton, Worcester, MA;³² m. Sanford Gorton 11 Jan 1816 at Spencer, Worcester, MA;¹⁰⁹ d. 28 Sep 1828 at age 32.¹⁵

73. JOHN⁵ WHEELOCK (*Paul⁴, Benjamin³, Benjamin², Ralph¹*); bur. at Northside Cemetery, Charlton, MA;¹⁵ b. circa 1761 at Charlton, Worcester, MA;¹¹³ m. Lydia Davis 26 Apr 1787 at Charlton, Worcester, MA;³² d. 13 Jun 1816.¹⁵

'Wheelock Family', by C. Wheelock, and W. Gonseth reports that Edward Wheelock (John's brother) sold his Charlton land holdings to John Wheelock (of Spencer) in 1793.

John has a veteran's marker next to his headstone. He may be the same John Wheelock that served as a drummer in Capt. Luke Wilder's company, Col. Samuel Denney's Regiment, at Claverack, Oct-Dec 1779.

The following inscription appears on John's headstone.

Death like an overflowing stream.

Sweeps us away our lifes a dream.

An empty tale, a morning flower.

Cut down and withered[in our hour].

LYDIA DAVIS. Lydia descends from her immigrant ancestor as follows: Lydia, Ebenezer, Edward, Samuel, John, William.

She was buried at Northside Cemetery, Charlton, MA.¹⁵ She was born on 23 Dec 1767 at Charlton, Worcester, MA.¹⁴ She died on 8 Jul 1821 at Charlton, Worcester, MA, at age 53.⁵²

Children of John⁵ **Wheelock** and Lydia **Davis** were:

183. i. SALLY⁶ WHELOCK, b. 15 Feb 1791 at Spencer, Worcester, MA; m. John Spurr.

74. ADAMS⁵ **WHELOCK** (*Paul⁴, Benjamin³, Benjamin², Ralph¹*); bur. at Northside Cemetery, Charlton, MA;¹⁵ b. circa 1763;¹⁵ m. Lucy **Lamb**, daughter of Abijah **Lamb** and Betty **Wheelock**, 28 Apr 1785 at Charlton, Worcester, MA;⁵² m. Chloe **Green** 13 Jan 1805 at Charlton, Worcester, MA;⁵² m. Ruth **Morey** 25 Oct 1829 at Charlton, Worcester, MA;⁵² d. 27 Sep 1846 at Charlton, Worcester, MA.⁵²

Adams was no doubt named for his grandmothers side of the family, closely related to President John Adams.

Adams father died when he was about 13 years of age, bequething to him 'eighty pounds lawful money', 'to be paid ... at the time when he shall arive at the age of twenty one years'.[1].

He served for 6 months in the Continental Army in 1780, at the age of 17. He is listed as being 5' 8' tall, and of light complexion.[2].

The vital records for Charlton indicate that Adams died of 'Palsy' at the age of 84.

Sources.

[1]Paul Wheelock's will, case number 63782, Worcester Probate Office.

[2]'Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolutionary War', 1907.

LUCY LAMB was buried at Northside Cemetery, Charlton, MA.¹⁵ She was born on 3 Jul 1765 at Charlton, Worcester, MA.⁵² She died on 27 Jan 1799 at Charlton, Worcester, MA, at age 33.⁵²

Children of Adams⁵ **Wheelock** and Lucy **Lamb** were as follows:

184. i. CHAPIN⁶ WHELOCK, b. 19 Jun 1786 at Charlton, Worcester, MA; m. Lucy Wheelock.

ii. JONAH WHELOCK; bur. at Northside Cemetery, Charlton, MA;¹⁵ b. 19 Aug 1788 at Charlton, Worcester, MA;⁵² m. Elizabeth R. Jorden circa 1828;⁵² d. 2 Apr 1831 at Charlton, Worcester, MA, at age 42.⁵²

The marriage intention is recorded in the Charlton VRs as Mar 29, 1828, to Elizabeth R. Jorden of Thomson, CT. There is no record of children born to Jonah and Elizabeth in the Charlton VRs.

iii. _____ WHELOCK; bur. at Northside Cemetery, Charlton, MA;¹⁵ b. 1790;¹⁵ d. Oct 1790.¹⁵

This child died as an infant, and is buried next to Adams. The inscription reads 'infant daughter, d. Oct 1790.'

CHLOE GREEN. Chloe Green was the daughter of Rev. Nathaniel Greene and Tabitha Prentice.

She was buried at Northside Cemetery, Charlton, MA.¹⁵ She was born on 16 May 1766 at Charlton, Massachusetts. She died on 8 Dec 1828 at Charlton, Worcester, MA, at age 62.⁵²

Children of Adams⁵ **Wheelock** and Chloe **Green** both b. at Charlton, Worcester, MA, were as follows:

- i. LUCY LAMB⁶ WHELOCK; b. 19 Oct 1805;⁵² m. William Marble 1 Sep 1847 at Charlton, Worcester, MA.⁵²
There is a headstone in the Charlton Northside Cemetery bearing the inscription 'Lucy L. Wheelock, wife of Wm.Rowland', died 19 Dec 1882, age 77 years, 2 months.' This could be the same Lucy Lamb Wheelock.
- ii. STILLMAN ADAMS WHELOCK; bur. at Northside Cemetery, Charlton, MA;¹⁵ b. 2 Oct 1807;⁵² d. 9 Nov 1814 at Charlton, Worcester, MA, at age 7.¹⁵
Stillman's headstone, shared with his father Adams, says that he died at age 2. Perhaps the 2 should be 7.

RUTH MOREY. The marriage record of Adams and Ruth refers to her as Mrs. Ruth Morey, implying that Morey may not be her maiden name. Mormon Archives, submitted by June Wheelock Jones; Massachusetts Vital Records to 1850, p.10; General Registry 974 42 C45Ch L.A.

She was buried at Northside Cemetery, Charlton, MA.¹⁵ She was born circa 1772.¹⁵ She died on 13 Jan 1833 at Charlton, Worcester, MA.⁵²

There were no children of Adams⁵ **Wheelock** and Ruth **Morey**.

75. SIMEON⁵ **WHELOCK** (*Silas⁴, Benjamin³, Benjamin², Ralph¹*); bur. at Springfield, MA;³¹ b. 18 Mar 1741 at Mendon, Massachusetts, USA;⁹ m. Deborah **Thayer** 28 Nov 1763 at Mendon, Worcester, MA;⁴⁴ d. 26 Jan 1787 at Springfield, MA, at age 45.³¹

Simeon Wheelock (1741-86) was a blacksmith in Uxbridge, MA. His shop is said to have been across the street from his house (which is still standing).

He served in the French and Indian War in 1760, and served under Col. Christopher Harris who commanded a regiment in Rhode Island.

He served in the Revolutionary War as a First Lieutenant of minute men at the Lexington Alarm in Capt. Joseph Chapin's company. He later served as Lieutenant in Captain Samuel Read's company, a regiment commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Nathan Tyler. Simeon was at the Providence, R.I. Alarm from 8 Dec 1776 to 21 Jan 1777.

He was a member of the first Safety Committee of Uxbridge. He was called to help suppress a small tax rebellion, led by Daniel Shay in Springfield. He was very slippery. He fell, probably ruptured a blood vessel, and died the next day. He is buried in Springfield.

The house he built at Uxbridge is still standing (1998). It has been restored by the Uxbridge Historical Commission, serves as a historical landmark near the center of town.

Sources.

1) The National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution Volume 12, page 280).

2) The Wheelock Family in America, 1637-1969, by Walter T. Wheelock, Uxbridge, MA, privately published, pg. 108.

DEBORAH THAYER was buried at Prospect Hill Cemetery, Uxbridge, MA.¹⁵ She was born on 12 Dec 1741 at Mendon, Worcester, MA. She died on 5 Nov 1815 at Uxbridge, Worcester, MA, at age 73.¹⁵

Children of Simeon⁵ **Wheelock** and Deborah **Thayer** all b. at Uxbridge, Worcester, MA, were as follows:

- i. EUNICE⁶ WHEELOCK; b. 13 Feb 1764;⁴⁴ m. Jesse Chapin 20 Nov 1783 at Uxbridge, Worcester, MA;⁴⁴ d. 1822 at Wardsboro, Vt.⁶⁰
185. ii. ROYAL WHEELOCK, b. 16 Jul 1766; m. Lydia Taft.
186. iii. SILAS WHEELOCK, b. 26 Mar 1769; m. Hannah Harrington.
- iv. HANNAH WHEELOCK; b. 16 Oct 1771;⁴⁴ d. 23 Sep 1856 at age 84.⁶⁰
- v. RACHEL WHEELOCK; b. 10 Jun 1774;⁴⁴ m. Nathaniel Branch 8 Mar 1799 at Uxbridge, Worcester, MA.⁴⁴
- vi. POLLEY WHEELOCK; b. 11 Mar 1779.⁴⁴
- vii. NANCY WHEELOCK; b. 19 Nov 1781;⁴⁴ m. Caleb N. Allen 17 Jan 1807 at Uxbridge, Worcester, MA.⁴⁴

An Uxbridge Church Record disagrees with the 17 Jan 1807 marriage date to Caleb Allen, citing 11 Jan 1807 as the marriage date.

187. viii. JERRY WHEELOCK, b. 19 Sep 1784; m. Sukey Day.

76. SETH⁵ **WHEELOCK** (*Silas⁴, Benjamin³, Benjamin², Ralph¹*); b. 21 Mar 1743 at Mendon, Worcester, MA;⁹ m. Margery **Aldrich** 23 Nov 1775 at Mendon, Worcester, MA;⁹ m. Phoebe **Legg** 15 Dec 1785 at Mendon, Worcester, MA;⁶⁵ m. Trial **Harrington** circa 1797.¹¹⁶

Seth Wheelock probably fought in the Revolutionary War. He was a second Lieutenant in Captain Philip Ammidon's Company, and later a Lieutenant in Captain William Henry's Company.

MARGERY **ALDRICH**. Margery was the daughter of Noah Aldrich and Sarah Fletcher.

She was born on 10 Jun 1749 at Uxbridge, Worcester, MA.⁴⁹

Children of Seth⁵ **Wheelock** and Margery **Aldrich** were:

188. i. BENJAMIN⁶ WHEELOCK, b. 7 Jan 1782 at Mendon, Worcester, MA; m. Ama Aldrich.

Children of Seth⁵ **Wheelock** and Phoebe **Legg** were:

189. i. JESSE⁶ WHEELOCK, b. 15 Apr 1788 at Mendon, Worcester, MA; m. Aurilla Aldrich.

TRIAL **HARRINGTON**. Trial was from Glocester, RI.

There were no children of Seth⁵ **Wheelock** and Trial **Harrington**.

77. CALEB⁵ **WHEELOCK** (*Silas⁴, Benjamin³, Benjamin², Ralph¹*); b. 7 May 1745 at Mendon, Worcester, MA;⁹ m. Rachel **Green** 27 Nov 1766 at Mendon, Worcester, MA.⁹

Walter T. Wheelock, in 'The Wheelock Family in America, 1637-1969' lists two additional children: Otis and Dexter; but offers no proof. Private Caleb Wheelock marched on the Lexington Alarm, April 19, 1775. He was a Corporal in Lieutenant Colonel Nathan Tyler's Regiment, and later a Sergeant in the same regiment.

RACHEL **GREEN**. Mormon Archives, submitted by Theresa S. Hill: Mendon Vital Records.

She was born on 14 Mar 1748 at Mendon, Worcester, MA.

Children of Caleb⁵ **Wheelock** and Rachel **Green** all b. at Mendon, Worcester, MA, were as follows:

- i. AMASA⁶ WHEELOCK; b. 8 Apr 1768.⁹
- ii. IRENA WHEELOCK; b. 5 Apr 1770.⁹

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190. iii. ABNER WHEELOCK; b. 4 Jul 1772.⁹
 iv. THIRZA WHEELOCK; b. 5 Oct 1775.⁹
 v. WINSLOW WHEELOCK, b. 3 Nov 1776.
 vi. ELEAZAR WHEELOCK; b. 4 Jul 1779.⁹
 vii. ARTES WHEELOCK; b. 27 Jul 1782.⁹
 viii. AMARIAH WHEELOCK; b. 4 Oct 1784.⁹
 ix. CALEB WHEELOCK; b. 15 Jan 1787.⁹

78. ELEAZAR³ **WHEELOCK** (*Silas⁴, Benjamin³, Benjamin², Ralph¹*); b. 27 Jun 1747 at Mendon, Worcester, MA;⁹ m. Betty **Woodward** 12 Dec 1771 at Charlton, Worcester, MA.⁵²

The will of Silas Wheelock, father to Eleazar, leaves bequests to grandson Joseph Wheelock, and granddaughter Phebe Wheelock. (No other grandchildren of Silas by this name are recorded.).

However, the will does not mention Eleazar, indicating that Eleazar probably died before 1793, the date the will was allowed.

It is possible that Eleazar had children Phebe and Joseph by a wife before Betty Woodward, about whom there is no record, since Eleazar and Betty were married in 1771, and the children were born in the 1760's. The Charlton Vital Records report the birth of Joseph and Phebe to Eleazar and Elizabeth, who may be a different person than Betty Woodward.

It is also possible that the birth dates of Joseph and Phebe are incorrectly recorded. If these dates are correct, they would have been born while Eleazar was in his teens.

It is also possible that Joseph and Phebe were born to a different Eleazar Wheelock. But the reference to Joseph and Phebe in grandfather Silas' will is compelling. Carlyle Wheelock and Winifred Gonseth, in 'Wheelock Genealogy', 1955, indicate that Eleazar married Betty Woodward, citing the same evidence as presented here; but indicate birth dates for Joseph and Phebe in 1773 and 1775 respectively.

Children of Eleazar³ **Wheelock** and Betty **Woodward** both b. at Charlton, Worcester, MA, were as follows:

- i. JOSEPH⁶ WHEELOCK; b. 1 May 1763.⁵²

Joseph is mentioned in the will of his grandfather, Silas Wheelock of Mendon.

191. ii. PHEBE WHEELOCK, b. 20 Feb 1765; m. Leonard Morey.

79. CALVIN³ **WHEELOCK** (*Silas⁴, Benjamin³, Benjamin², Ralph¹*); b. 5 May 1754 at Mendon, Worcester, MA;⁹ m. Mercy **White** 1 Oct 1778 at Mendon, Worcester, MA.⁹

Private Calvin Wheelock marched on the Lexington Alarm, April 19, 1775 in Captain John Albee's Company. He was later a Sergeant in Captain Philip Ammidon's Company, Colonel Tyler's Regiment.

MERCY **WHITE** was born on 21 Mar 1757 at Mendon, Worcester, MA. She died on 5 Jul 1815 at Mendon, Worcester, MA, at age 58.⁹

Children of Calvin³ **Wheelock** and Mercy **White** were as follows:

- i. THIRZA⁶ WHEELOCK; b. 7 May 1780 at Mendon, Worcester, MA.⁹
ii. CYNTHIA WHEELOCK; b. 9 Dec 1781 at Mendon, Worcester, MA;⁹ d. 1 Jan 1788 at Mendon, Worcester, MA, at age 6.⁹
iii. SALLEY WHEELOCK; b. 24 Mar 1783 at Mendon, Worcester, MA.⁹
192. iv. NATHAN WHEELOCK, b. 20 Aug 1785 at Mendon, Worcester, MA; m. Abigail Ellis Rawson.
193. v. SIMEON WHEELOCK, b. 1 Jan 1787 at Mendon, Worcester, MA; m. Catharine Croney; m. Diana Albee.
194. vi. ADAM WHEELOCK, b. 2 Jul 1789 at Mendon, Worcester, MA; m. Betsey Robbins.