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Notes in a binder for Allen L. Stratton's History of the South Hero Island: being the towns of South Hero and Grand Isle, Vermont, Volume 2 (North Hero, Vt.: A. L. Stratton, 1980), "There are two binders (approximately 300-400 pages). Correspondence from descendants with Allen Stratton relating to their research into the Helmer Kent family." Assistant Librarian at Vermont Historical Society Library, 60 Washington St., Barre, Vermont 05641-4209, (802) 479-8507, < [www.vermonthistory.org](http://www.vermonthistory.org) >.



4223 N.E. Hazelton Place  
Portland, Oregon 97213  
August 23, 1971

Mrs. Allyene Brindley  
Route 4, Allegan, Michigan 49010

Dear Mrs. Brindley,

Some time ago, Mrs. George F. Wells of South Hero, Vermont, suggested that you might be able to help me learn something of my KENT ancestry.

Margaret Fletcher Kent, b. South Hero, Vt. 14 Dec. 1835, m. Jason Lee Paine, 24 July 1861, d. Fayette, Iowa, 20 Sept. 1931, was my grandmother. I have worked out a "Family Sheet" for the family of her father, Helmer Kent, based on a Fayette County, Iowa, History and my grandmother's book but I have not been able to trace back of that. In February I had a brief glance at a book on Kent genealogy but was not able to untangle anything about my great grandfather, Helmer Kent. I made photocopies of two pages in that book which referred to Helmer Kent. Since I know my great-grandfather was a blacksmith, it sounds as if either one could be THE Helmer Kent. Do you suppose Helmer Kent and Helmer B. Kent were the same person? Were there two persons? I have five legal documents dated from 1816 to 1838 which bear my great-grandfather's name. In each instance, his name was given simply as HELMER KENT. On two he is spoken of as Helmer Kent of Grand Isle County, State of Vermont. On the others he is referred to as Helmer Kent of South Hero, county of Grand Isle, State of Vermont.

The Fayette County History had a biographical account of William Kent and this account said that his father, Helmer Kent, was born in New Jersey. Do you have any information on Helmer Kent's parentage or birthplace?

I'll appreciate greatly any assistance you can give me.

Very sincerely yours,

(Mrs. Lewis H.) Esther Paine Austin

NAME Helmer Kent  
 BORN 19 Feb 1786 PLACE New Jersey  
 MARRIED 2nd 6 July 1817 PLACE \_\_\_\_\_  
 DIED 1858 PLACE South Hero, Grand Isle Co., VT  
 BURIED AT South Hero, Vt.  
 RESIDED AT \_\_\_\_\_  
 OCCUPATION \_\_\_\_\_ CHURCH AFF. \_\_\_\_\_  
 MILITARY SERVICE \_\_\_\_\_  
 FATHER \_\_\_\_\_ MOTHER (Maiden Name) \_\_\_\_\_  
 OTHER SPOUSE 1st Hannah Allen b. 15 July 1795 in Essex Co., N. York  
m. 1813 d. June, 1816  
 SPOUSE 2nd Samantha Fletcher  
 BORN 1 Sept 1794 PLACE South Hero, Grand Isle Co., Vt.  
 DIED 22 May, 1861 PLACE Fayette, Iowa  
 BURIED AT Grand View Cemetery, Fayette, Iowa  
 FATHER Josi Fletcher MOTHER (Maiden Name) Jenny Graham  
 OTHER SPOUSE \_\_\_\_\_  
Widow of Bradley Langdon

NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
 SOURCE OF INFORMATION  
Portrait & Biog.  
Album of  
Fayette Co., Iowa  
Fake Pub Co. Chicago  
1871  
My Ninety-five  
Milestones  
Margaret F. K. Paine  
Austin Murray Pub Co  
Chicago 1932

CHILDREN

	CHILDREN	BORN		DIED		MARRIED
		DATE	PLACE	DATE	PLACE	
	<u>Helmer Kent &amp; Hannah Allen</u>					
1	<u>Jane Ann Kent</u>	<u>22 Aug 1814</u>				<u>Victor Adams (1808-1879)</u> <u>lived in Ashkosh, Wis.</u>
2	<u>Helmer A. Kent</u>	<u>8 June 1816</u>		<u>June, 1866</u>		
	<u>Helmer Kent and Samantha Fletcher</u>					
4	<u>Munson F. Kent</u>	<u>7 Jan, 1820</u> <u>South Hero, Vt</u>		<u>Sept. 1868</u> <u>Fayette Co., Iowa</u>		<u>1st Hannah Merriam</u> <u>m. winter of 1839-1840</u>
5						<u>2nd Marinda Young</u>
6	<u>Harriet Kent</u>	<u>17 Sept. 1824</u>		<u>25 March 1828</u> <u>South Hero, Vt.</u>		
7	<u>William Kent</u>	<u>14 Dec. 1827</u> <u>South Hero</u> <u>Grand Isle Co., Vt</u>		<u>summer 1907</u>		<u>20 Sept 1854 Julia Ann Hoyt</u> <u>daughter of Daniel Hoyt &amp; 1846</u> <u>and Prina (Keeler) Hoyt</u>
	<u>Theresa Fonda Kent</u>	<u>24 March 1830</u>		<u>Dec 25 1915</u>		<u>27 April 1853</u> <u>Winston Stearnes</u>
9	<u>Juliet Kent</u>	<u>7 Sept 1832</u> <u>Grand Isle Co., Vt.</u>		<u>30 March 1875</u> <u>April 1873</u>		<u>Hiram B. Hoyt 22 Feb 1825</u> <u>son of Daniel Hoyt &amp; 1846</u> <u>and Prina (Keeler) Hoyt</u>
10	<u>Margaret Fletcher Kent</u>	<u>14 Dec 1835</u> <u>South Hero, Vt.</u>		<u>20 Sept 1831</u> <u>Fayette, Iowa</u>		<u>Jason Lee Paine 24 July 186</u>
11	<u>Warren Kent</u>	<u>12 Oct. 1838</u>		<u>18 May 1847</u> <u>South Hero, Vt</u>		
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of two pages or sheets - of. Perhaps you would give me this information so I could use it for further reference and source records.

Also - if there is a chance of getting a photo copy of the Biog. of WILLIAM KENT from the Fayette Co., Iowa album pub. in 1891 - I sure would appreciate it - and let me reimburse you the expense.

Do you know more of the HOYT Family? DANIEL HOYT came to South Hero at an early date to work for ABNER KEELER. ABNER KEELER was quite well to do and owned considerable property, and he gave one of his farms to DANIEL HOYT on what was later called Hoyt Point. I have quite a bit on the Keeler Family, and also considerable on the Hoyt Family (but much missing detail re' Hoyt's origin, parents, and also his descendants)

If MARGARET F. (KENT) PAINE was your Grandmother - who are your parents, etc? This would be of interest to further complete my record.

A CEPHAS KENT was an original grantee of a right of land here in the Islands. In 1784 he is living in Dorset, Bennington Co., Vt., and sold his right for 15 pounds - to JEDEDIAH HYDE of Rutland, Vt. JEDEDIAH HYDE came on and settled here in Grand Isle and had many, many descendants. I don't find any record, tho, of CEPHAS KENT coming to the Islands, tho.

Mrs. Allyene Brindley has done much to help me with details of the Kent Family. I am particularly searching my own line, the Allen Family, and two Kents married Allens, and some of them went to Michigan, so she has given me much detail that way, that I did not have previously. She visited here in the Islands, with her daughter, and I had the pleasure of meeting her personally.

You ask about HELMER KENT's parentage and birthplace - I know nothing more than what you have. I have asked and searched but find nothing at all. I have a copy of "My 95 Milestones" available to me - and this detail states he was born in New Jersey, etc., but no other information has turned up here locally. Perhaps the "Kent Family" book would tell more.

Is there any other information I could help with? Please feel free to ask and I will do the best I can answering. Thanks again for the records via Mrs. Brindley.

Very sincerely yours,

4223 N.E. Hazelfern Place  
Portland, Oregon 97213  
November 14, 1971

Dear Mr. Stratton,

I am happy to have your letter of November 3rd and to be of any help I can. Both Mrs. Allyene Brindley and Mrs. G. F. Wells had mentioned you but knowing that you were a busy person I had hesitated to write. Both Mrs. Wells and Mrs. Brindley wrote to me extensively and Mrs. Brindley took the trouble to quote from letters she had received from you and Mrs. Wells.

Studying all the material, I, too, had become certain that HELMER KENT and HELMER B. KENT were two entirely different persons. Although my great-grandfather Helmer Kent did have a son Helmer b. 1816, that son was the infant who died at the time his mother died in June, 1816. (My Ninety-five Milestones p. 2) My grandmother says nothing of the possible drowning but says, "I think they died in Plattsburg and were buried there." Here are other quotes from My Ninety-five Milestones: "Father's name was Helmer Kent. \*\*\*\*He had very little education although his stepfather was a school teacher. I suppose that he went to school when he was a small boy and I have heard him say that he went part of two terms after that.\*\*\*\*\*Father's people came from Holland but it is supposed that his ancestors had gone there from England during the religious persecutions as Kent is an English name. His mother spoke English with difficulty for she had been used to the Dutch language. \*\*\*\*Father married Hannah Allen in 1813. They had two children, Jane Ann and Helmer. Helmer, together with the mother died in June, 1816. I think they died in Plattsburg and were buried there." "After her mother's death, Jane Ann went to live with her grandmother Allen. But she was very lonesome and would stand at the gate and cry for her mother. So Mrs. Allen told Father that he must take her, which he did."

The above quotation indicates that the mother (and perhaps the father) of Hannah Allen Kent was living in the vicinity in 1816 or 1817. I wonder if the Census record for 1820 would reveal anything which would clarify the situation.

In a letter of Sept. 20th, Mrs. Wells refers to the funeral sermon preached by Orville G. Wheeler at the funeral of Helmer Kent at South Hero July 19, 1858 entitled "Truly the Light is Sweet." It was published by the Burlington Free Press Print 1858. Although she probably quoted for me the most valuable portions (it stated that Helmer Kent was born in New Jersey in 1786 and had been a resident of the Island about 50 years), I would like very much to have a copy of the entire sermon. Mrs. Wells says that this and several other such printed funeral sermons have been preserved in South Hero Public Library.

Am sending you photocopies of all the material I have been able to garner on the Kents, Hoyts, and Wrights. Am more than a little embarrassed that I am not able to give you complete references on some

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my file  
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as that indicates carelessness. I hope in time to be able to rectify the mistakes but for the present, the references are partial. The fault is entirely mine on the "Kent Family" book. I had a very little time for working in the Latter Day Saints Genealogical Library in Salt Lake. I was working mostly on other lines but stumbled onto the Kent book. I looked up all references to a HELMER KENT (only two), copied them, and failed to write down the Title, Author, Publisher & date of publication. Mr. Austin and I are hoping to return to Salt Lake for more research next spring and I'll certainly try to get the full reference at that time.

Among other items, I am enclosing photocopies from a History of Fayette County, Iowa which gives biographies of WILL W. WRIGHT and HIRAM B. ROYT. Here I do not feel entirely responsible for the incomplete reference. As you probably know, reference library usually follows one of two methods. (1) Patron does his own work on a coin-operated machine and is himself responsible for recording title, publisher, and date. (2) Patron makes out an order sheet, giving full reference. Library employees take the books, do the copying on another floor of the building, and are responsible for noting title, publisher, and dates. This second method was used in the Historical Library at Iowa City, Iowa, where I found the county history. They failed to give the bibliographic material nor did they return the books to me so that I could do it. It was exactly closing time and we had to leave early the next morning. Eventually we hope to be able to complete these references also, but it may be two years before we have a chance. I'm almost too embarrassed to send the material, but not quite, because it looks to be useful and valuable.

Though you tell me that you have access to a copy of My Ninety-five Milestones, I have made a photocopy for you of all the genealogical material at the back of the book. Wish there were more. You will note that Charles Fawcett Paine, my father, was the second child of Margaret Fletcher Kent and Jason Lee Paine. I am also sending material that shows all the descendants of my father, Charles Fawcett Paine. If you are interested, I can assemble material on ALL of Margaret Fletcher Kent's descendants.

I find myself becoming more and more interested in the Allens. So many Kents seemed to marry Allens. If we had a complete reading of all the old cemeteries on the Island and in Flattsburg, we might be able to fit together a bit more.

There are probably others ways in which we can be mutually helpful. If you think of some information I might be able to provide, let me know. Please keep everything I am enclosing and do not think of any reimbursement. If sometime there should be some way you could get a copy of Orville G. Wheeler's funeral sermon for Helmer Kent, I'd be very happy to have a copy.

Very sincerely,

(Mrs. Lewis H.) Esther Paine Austin

P.S. Meant to mention that in June of 1969, Mr. Austin and I together with two of our grandchildren, David and Margaret Kephart, called on Mrs. Wells. Thus she knows us slightly. Strangely, at that time I was not yet excited about genealogy. The interest was stimulated in part by the visit to the Island.

4223 N.E. Hazelfern Place  
Portland, Oregon 97213  
December 1, 1971

Dear Mr. Stratton:

The carbon of the letter which I wrote this evening to Mrs. Brindley and which I am enclosing for you is self-explanatory. I am forwarding these things so that you will have available as much information as possible. There were three other documents bearing Helmer Kent's name but I did not copy those. These are representative. I find the Eunice I. Kent letter to my grandmother very interesting. I doubt that the Allen material is anything that you do not already have and you probably have it in much better form. One of my other lines of ancestry is Hallock. I have a complete Xerox copy of the Hallock Ancestry (1906) and noticed that it included this much on the Allens.

Among the old letters was an 1853 letter to Mrs. Samantha Kent. I plan to send a copy of it to Mrs. Wells. She may be interested in some of the material I am sending you too.

Good luck. Let us know about important discoveries.

Sincerely,

*Esther Paine Austen*  
*(Mrs Lewis H. Austen)*

*Jan's*  
*1-15-72*

4223 N.E. Hazelfern Place  
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December 1, 1971

Dear Mrs. Brindley,

In this game of searching for ancestors, exciting things keep happening. Can you identify EUNICE I. (or perhaps J.) KENT?

Last Saturday I decided to have another look at the few old legal documents with my great-grandfather Helmer Kent's name on them. They are mostly deeds to patents he bought (as a blacksmith he bought the right to manufacture certain types of plows, etc.) or to real estate. They were pretty much as I remembered. I decided to look through the few old letters that were there to see if they had any new meaning for me. I really jumped when I saw that the postmark on a beautifully embossed little envelope was "Allegan, Mich." The letter was written in February of 1854 by Eunice I. Kent to my grandmother Margaret Kent. I have had a Xerox copy made which I am enclosing. I've read the letter carefully and find nothing in it that really proves the two were related but they certainly knew each other well. Eunice names several members of the family and talks about their mutual experiences. And the letter meant enough to my grandmother so that she kept it all her life (she died in September of 1931) and it was finally given to me by her daughters. I think maybe you can identify Eunice.

Now in carefully studying the KENT sheet which you wrote in 1969 & 1970 I am inclined to doubt that my Helmer and your James W. Kent were of the same generation. Helmer Kent was born 19 Feb. 1786 and his first child Jane Ann Kent by his first wife Hannah Allen was born in August of 1814. Your grandfather James W. Kent was born 16 Feb. 1814.

Could we theorize, then, that Your great grandfather John Kent and my great grandfather Helmer Kent may have been brothers? Your information indicates that John Kent was formerly "of New Jersey." We have information that Helmer Kent was born in New Jersey. Although Jacob was approximately ten years older than James W. Kent, it doesn't seem reasonable that Helmer Kent was a still older brother. More likely he was an uncle.

Can you send me names and approximate ages of James W. Kent's children? It is my understanding that Jacob Kent remained in Vermont where he died in 1885. But

----- Kent who m. Mr. Feek and became the mother of  
Belle Feek m. Hiram Benjamin  
and Harry Feek M. Lena Brownell

*Polly Kent m. Benoni Collins and became the mother of*  
and Polly Kent who m. Benoni Collins m. Esther M., in Staley, Ohio 12 Nov. 1882  
Orson Collins  
Rufus Collins / *Rufus Collins m. Esther M.*  
Clark  
William Collins  
Samuel Collins

Both of these sisters came to Allegan about the same time as James.

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Is that a correct assumption?

At any rate I have become so excited about it all that I have ordered a microfilm rental of the 1850 Census for Allegan Co., Michigan. It may not arrive till after New Year but when it does I'll see what I can find on the James W. Kent family. If they arrived in 1848, they should be there. I'll look in Watson Township and then in Allegan. Though the 1850 census does not give as full a record as the 1870 and 1880 which you searched, it should provide some early information of value and cross checking a family history over a period of years often tells us some interesting facts. I'll let you know what I learn.

I am sending a carbon of this letter, another Xerox of the Eunice Kent letter, and a few other items to Mr. Allen L. Stratton. Perhaps he will be able to put it together. At any rate, the more information he has, the more he can accomplish. I found just a little on Allens but know very little about them. I have observed with interest that Hannah Allen was born 15 July 1795 in ESSEX CO., N. Y. You may recall that Hannah was the first wife of Helmer. This bit was information I had earlier but had not thought about much.

Thank you again for your interest and help. Perhaps we shall yet make some discoveries.

Sincerely,

ALLEN L. STRATTON  
North Hero Island  
Vermont 05474

15 Jan. 1972

Dear Mrs. Austin:

Thank you so very much for your letter and all the enclosed material. Very much appreciate your sending - and it all helps.

The EUNICE I. KENT letter to MARGARETTE KENT was quite interesting. I am assuming that EUNICE I. KENT was the Dau. of JAMES W. & ANN S. (ALLEN) KENT who removed from Grand Isle, Vt. and settled in Allegan, Mich. Have I assumed correctly?

ANN S. ALLEN was the Dau. of SAMUEL & PHOEBE((TOBY) ALLEN, who settled in Grand Isle, Vt. about 1794. A sister of ANN S. ALLEN, LAVINA ALLEN married JACOB KENT, a Brother of JAMES W. KENT. (Two Brothers md. two sisters), both Sons of JOHN & BETSEY (BEACH) KENT.

The "ALLEN Family" is my direct relationship but I have become more and more interested in the "KENT Family" I can give you more detail on this "ALLEN" line if you wish - but don't know just how much would be of interest to you.

Thanks so much for the Verafax copies from the "95 Milestones" and the Biographical sketches. I have 'added' to my KENT files and certainly helps a lot. It was very nice of you to take the trouble of getting the copies. You did not mention the expense of such - but wish you would that I may compensate.

I had a nice note from Mrs. Brindley at Christmas time - and also owe her for a previous letter. My promptness in answering letters is not to be complimented. She has done much to help me with my records and I have met her personally - a very fine lady.

I ran across an old record, dated Aug. 3, 1808 at South Hero, where HELMER KENT had borrowed \$6.86 on a personal note, from SIMEON ROBINSON, Jr. On Dec. 20, 1808, SIMEON ROBINSON, Jr. brings suit to collect, against HELMER KENT. HELMER defaulted and damages plus costs total \$9.30 were recovered against HELMER KENT by SIMEON ROBINSON, Sr. On Sept. 22, 1809 HELMER KENT was committed "to the Keeper of the Goal in North Hero".

The record does not indicate how long HELMER was so detained. But it was very common in early times for one to end up in the "Debtor's Goal" - frankly - from my studying early records - it seems that most of the inhabitants here spent most of their time in the "Goal" - I don't know how they managed to ever get any work done - farming - etc. What is most fascinating - is that there was only one Cell available - they must have had a waiting line....

I haven't any important "discoveries" to send you at this time - but did want to acknowledge your letter (letters) and all the help and material you so kindly sent. I will continue "searching" - hop to some

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# GENEALOGIES

OF THE

DIFFERENT FAMILIES BEARING THE NAME OF

## KENT

IN THE UNITED STATES

TOGETHER WITH

THEIR POSSIBLE ENGLISH ANCESTRY

A.D. 1295-1898

BY

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*Nathaniel Kent* appears with rank of Lieut. on A Pay Abstract of Capt. Amariah Babbitt's Co., Col. Simond's Regt., for service on alarm, 3 days in Oct., 1780, commanded by Lieut. Dudley Holdridge.

*Nathaniel Kent* appears with rank of Lieut. on Muster and Pay Roll of Capt. Amariah Babbitt's Co., Col. Benjamin Simond's Regt. Time of enlistment Oct. 14, 1780. Time of service 5 days. Marched on an alarm.

JACOB,<sup>5</sup> son of Col. Jacob,<sup>5</sup> mar. Martha<sup>4</sup> Noyes, and d. Feb. 23, 1852, at Newbury, Vt.; probably the same who was Judge of Probate, Orange Co., Vt., 1786 to '91, and Sheriff 1842-3. One *Jacob Kent* was living in Rowley, Mass., in 1886. There were taxed in the City of Boston, the year 1822, *Henry S. Kent*, JACOB H. KENT, *Martin Kent*, *John Kent*, *Moses Kent*. One *Jacob Kent* of Newbury became shareholder in the Amesbury Cotton Factory in 1814. JACOB KENT, *Dustin Z. Kent*, and *Helmer B. Kent* resided Grand Isle, Vt.

JOHN,<sup>6</sup> son of Col. Jacob,<sup>5</sup> mar. Nov., 1804, *Tabitha* (b. Feb. 22, 1775), dau. of Lt. Richard (of the W. Woodstock, Conn., troops in the Rev.) and wife *Tabitha Peabody* of Littleton, N.H. She d. Apl. 30, 1836. He d. July 4, 1842.

JOHN and TABITHA PEABODY KENT had children:

- I. RICHARD PEABODY,<sup>7</sup> b. Dec. 21, 1805.
- II. JOHN CHILDS, b. Apl. 19, 1808.
- III. HARRIETT, b. Aug. 29, 1813; d. Muskego, Wis., Apl. 11, 1894, leaving descendants, including Charles W. Moulton.
- IV. ADRIEL,<sup>7</sup> b. Aug. 29, 1814(?).
- V. LUCIA, b. Oct. 15, 1815; d. at Lyman, N.H., July 16, 1826.
- VI. NELSON,<sup>7</sup> b. Dec. 30, 1818.

JOSEPH,<sup>6</sup> son of Col. Jacob,<sup>5</sup> mar. Apl. 3, 1800, *Elizabeth Chamberlain*, b. Newbury, Vt., Dec. 19, 1781. She d. Feb. 26, 1837. He d. July 20, 1859. They resided on the original farm of Col. Jacob Kent, the pioneer. Although founded by the Kents, none are now left in Newbury, Vt., Mary, Mrs. Downer, being the last to reside there.

JOSEPH and ELIZABETH CHAMBERLAIN KENT had children, b. in Newbury, Vt.:

- I. MARY, b. Nov. 25, 1800; mar. . . . Downer, and d. May 28, 1889.
- II. ARAD,<sup>7</sup> b. Mch. 27, 1802; has descendants in Piermont, N.H.

- III. ELIZA, b. Mch. 15, 1804; mar. . . . Johnson.
- IV. REMEMBRANCE CHAMBERLAIN, b. June 11, 1806; d. in Texas.
- V. LUCINDA, b. Aug. 22, 1808; d. Dec. 8, 1876; unmarried. (One *Lucinda Kent* of Nashua mar., 1857, Dea. Amos Wood of Walpole, Mass.)
- VI. JACOB,<sup>7</sup> b. Sept. 15, 1810; d. . . .
- VII. MOODY,<sup>7</sup> b. Sept. 13, 1812; d. Oct. 8, 1838.
- VIII. MARTHA, b. Jan. 20, 1815; d. Sept. 17, 1857.
- IX. JOSEPH,<sup>7</sup> b. June 22, 1818; d. Jan. 8, 1865.
- X. GEORGE W.,<sup>7</sup> b. Mch. 23, 1821; d. 188-.
- XI. MARION, b. Nov. 8, 1825; mar. . . . Farmer of Chicago, where she in 1897 resides, also two daughters.
- XII. A dau., b. Mch. 23, d. 26, 1827. There was also an infant dau., b. May 24 and d. June 10, 1817.

JAMES,<sup>6</sup> son of Job,<sup>5</sup> mar. *Tamar Mills*, b. Apl. 4, 1772, and moved from Hampstead to Piermont, N.H.

JAMES and TAMAR MILLS KENT had children:

- I. MIRIAM H., b. Mch. 29, 1794.
- II. AMOS H.,<sup>7</sup> b. Feb. 24, 1796.
- III. JOB,<sup>7</sup> b. Apl. 11, 1798.
- IV. JAMES,<sup>7</sup> b. Oct. 21, 1800.
- V. REUBEN M.,<sup>7</sup> b. Apl. 26, 1803.
- VI. BETSY P., b. June 23, 1805.
- VII. ZURIAH, b. Aug. 23, 1808.
- VIII. SAMUEL P.,<sup>7</sup> b. Apl. 6, 1811.
- IX. POLLY J., b. Sept. 29, 1813.
- X. ALICE JANE, b. Oct. 20, 1816.

ZENAS,<sup>6</sup> son of Daniel,<sup>5</sup> was a carpenter, joiner, and Revolutionary soldier. He mar. Apl. 5, 1785, *Anne* (b. Mch. 18, 1767), dau. of Reuben and Mary (Shepard) *Plumb*. She d. Akron, O., Nov. 25, 1848, aged 82. They moved from Middletown, Ct., to Leyden, Mass., about 1790, and to Mantua, O., in 1812, where he died.

ZENAS and ANNE PLUMB KENT had children:

- I. ZENAS,<sup>7</sup> b. July 12, 1786, Middletown.
- II. ANNE, b. Oct. 30, 1788; mar. 1st, Ralph Buckland. 2d, Oct. 12, 1815, Dr. Luther Hancock; d. Apl. 23, 1859, at Fremont, O., and is buried in the family lot in Oakwood cemetery. CHILDREN BY HER FIRST HUSBAND WERE: 1. Mary Anne, d. young on the way to the Ohio home, and bur. at Albany, N.Y. 2. Ralph Pomeroy, b. Leyden,

- × VI. MARIA, d. young.
- × VII. SEMANTHA, d. aged 15 at Milton.
- × VIII. JOHN,<sup>8</sup> d. Milton, aged 18 mos.
- ✓ IX. LUCY, b. Oct. 23, 1813. Lived in Berkshire with her parents until she mar. Feb. 4, 1833, Spencer's son of Jesse and Susanna Stone Munroe. She d. Richford, Wis., Oct. 16, 1874, aged 61.

× JOHN,<sup>7</sup> whose descendants write me he was of the family of Cephas Kent, is evidently the same John who records a deed dated Dec. 25, 1799, of 100 acres of land in lot 42 of Plattsburgh, N.Y., Old Patent, lying abt. 4 miles west of the present Plattsburgh, in what was then a dense wilderness. *Jacob Kent* and *Peter Kent* lived further up in the woods, and about the same time *Helmer Kent*, a blacksmith, lived in the village. He later became a Methodist exhorter and moved with his brother *Abner Kent* to Ellenburgh, Clinton Co., N.Y.

× JOHN KENT and his wife had children:

- × I. BENJAMIN BEACH,<sup>8</sup> b. <sup>1791</sup> / <sup>1792</sup> / Plattsburgh, N.Y.
- × II. JOHN,<sup>8</sup> b. . . . , in or near Plattsburgh, who if he was not a son of John was probably his nephew.

× CEPHAS S.,<sup>7</sup> son of Cephas,<sup>6</sup> Cephas,<sup>5</sup> mar. Dorset, Vt., 1803, *Rhoda Field*, and d. Augusta, Mich., June 4, 1874, aged 94. They had children:

- × I. AMOS,<sup>8</sup> b. . . . (No children.)
- × II. JASON,<sup>8</sup> b. . . . (No children.)
- × III. AHIRA,<sup>8</sup> b. . . . ; of Augusta, Mich.

× SYLVESTER,<sup>7</sup> son of Cephas,<sup>6</sup> Cephas,<sup>5</sup> mar. 1814, *Arabella Harmon* of Paulet, Vt.; and d. in Ohio, 1815, aged 26. He was a physician in Paulet, and left one child, *Alma*.

× EBENEZER,<sup>7</sup> son of Cephas,<sup>6</sup> Cephas,<sup>5</sup> mar. 1819, *Laura Belden* of Greenfield, N.Y.; and d. Weathersfield, Ill., Nov. 27, 1884, aged 90, leaving 3 children: 1. *Charles*,<sup>8</sup> and 2. *Laura*; and by a second mar. 3. *Elizabeth Brown*.

× WILLIAM J.,<sup>7</sup> son of Cephas,<sup>6</sup> Cephas,<sup>5</sup> mar. 1825, *Submit Childs* of N.Y.; and he d. Flushing, Mich., May 2, 1888, aged 91. He had children:

- × I. WILLIAM C.,<sup>8</sup> b. . . .
- × II. CEPHAS,<sup>8</sup> b. . . .

- × VIII. LUCY, b. . . .
- × IV. NANCY, b. . . .
- × V. ABBY HASKINS, b. . . .  
By a second wife he had children:
- × VI. STEPHEN M.,<sup>8</sup> b. . . .
- × VII. FRANCES, b. . . .
- × VIII. HENRIETTA GRAHAM, b. . . .
- × IX. ELISABETH, b. . . .
- × X. MILTON,<sup>8</sup> b. . . .

× ELIPHALET,<sup>7</sup> son of Cephas,<sup>6</sup> Cephas,<sup>5</sup> mar. Aug., 1829, *Fannie Capron* of Tinnmouth, Vt.; and d. Mch. 6, 1893, aged 93, at Shelbyville, Ind., where he moved in Oct., 1829. By her he had children:

- × I. FRANCES M., b. Sept. 4, 1830; mar. Sept. 16, 1847, J. Marshall Elliott of Shelbyville, who d. Mch. 13, 1888, leaving no issue.
- × II. GEORGE E.,<sup>8</sup> b. Sept. 14, 1836.
- × III. EDWARD P.,<sup>8</sup> b. June 12, 1838.  
By a second wife he had children:
- × IV. JOSEPH H.,<sup>8</sup> b. Feb. 4, 1846; mar. Sept. 8, 1870, Nettie C. Harter of Crawfordsville, Ind., and d. in Shelbyville July 4, 1876, leaving one child, *Annie H.*, b. Sept. 15, 1872.
- × V. LYDIA D., b. Dec. 19, 1847; mar. Mch. 10, 1870, Warren W. Snider of Shelbyville. (No children.)

× ASAHUEL,<sup>7</sup> son of Moses,<sup>6</sup> Cephas,<sup>5</sup> was a farmer and mar. *1st*, Olive Dunton, who was b. Dorset, Vt., Jan. 29, 1785, and d. Hopkinton, N.Y., Apr. 9, 1826, where he also d. July 23, 1866, aged 86. They had children:

- × I. FLORA, b. Mch. 10, 1805, Burlington, Vt.; mar. Isaac Snell; and d. Oct., 1869, Hopkinton.
- × II. RHODA, b. Feb. 17, 1807; mar. Gideon Sprague.
- × III. AUSTIN,<sup>8</sup> b. Apl. 27, 1809; d. in Stockholm, N.Y.
- × IV. ABIGAIL, b. Sept. 18, 1812, Burlington, Vt.; mar. Nath'l Goodnow; and d. Jan. 6, 1868, Hopkinton.
- × V. WILLIAM,<sup>8</sup> b. Feb. 25, 1815, Hopkinton; mar. Ann Robeson; and d. Feb. 19, 1873, Stockholm, N.Y.
- × VI. OLIVE, b. Sept. 19, 1817; mar. . . . Woodard; and d. Mch. 29, 1875, Stockholm, N.Y.
- × VII. WAITY, b. Mch. 20, 1819; mar. Wm. Manley; and d. in Dorset, Vt.

DESCENDANTS OF CHARLES FAWCETT PAINE

CHARLES FAWCETT PAINE

b. 30 Oct. 1866 Fayette, Iowa  
son of Jason Lee Paine and Margaret Fletcher Kent  
d. 24 Jan. 1936 Lancaster, Pa. buried Fayette, Iowa

m. Clara Margaret Brown  
29 Dec. 1895 Chariton, Iowa  
daughter of John Lee Brown and Esther Ann Templin  
b. Chariton, Iowa 26 July 1872  
d. Denver, Colorado 6 Sept. 1936 buried Fayette, Iowa

A. Lucy Miriam  
b. 18 Oct. 1896 Fayette, Iowa

m. Jasper M. Collins  
11 June 1924 Eldora, Iowa  
b. in Pennsylvania  
17 August 1899

1. Kathryn Elaine  
b. 11 April, 1928 Eldora, Iowa

*son of George Alton Collins and Mary Jane Frey*

a. Amy Leigh  
b. 26 May 1957 Lancaster, Pa.

m. Mickey Maisano 14 Dec. 1955  
b. 10 August 1919

b. Kent Collins  
b. 9 June 1962 Lancaster, Pa.

*son of Dominic Maisano and Maria Provazzo both born in Reggio Calabria, Italy*

E. Samuel Collins  
b. 4 Dec. 1897 Fayette, Iowa

m. Ruth Evans  
11 August 1913 near Maynard, Iowa  
b. 2 Oct. 1896  
dau. of Abraham Lincoln Evans and Lillie Beckner

1. Lee Alfred  
b. 24 Nov. 1920 Kansas City, Kansas

C. Esther Margaret  
b. 8 July 1908 Fayette, Iowa

m. Lewis Henry Austin  
29 Sept. 1930 Lancaster, Pa.  
son of William Sheridan Austin and Florence Olive Rigby  
b. 10 May 1907 near Dumont, Iowa

\* See page 7 for children of Esther Margaret Paine Austin

D. Edward Lee  
b. 2 Sept. 1911 Fayette, Iowa

m. Gertrude Patience Fease  
10 June 1936 Greeley, Iowa  
daughter of Paul P. Fease and Gertrude M. Morsfall  
b. 23 Nov. 1911

\* See page 3 for children of Edward Lee Paine

DESCENDANTS OF ESTHER MARGARET PAINE

C. ESTHER MARGARET PAINE  
b. 8 July 1908  
Fayette, Iowa

m. Lewis Henry Austin 29 Sept. 1930  
Lancaster, Pennsylvania  
b. 10 May 1907 near Dumont, Iowa  
(son of William Sheridan Austin  
and Florence Olive Rigby Austin)

1. Esther Ann  
b. 7 Sept. 1931  
Washington, D. C.

m. Richard F. Stevens, Jr. 14 June 1953  
Portland, Oregon  
b. 7 Dec. 1932 Seattle, Wn.  
(son of Richard F. Stevens, Sr.  
and Eveleen McAlpine Stevens)

a. David Richard b. 13 Nov. 1954 China Lake, California

b. Carol Ann b. 15 Jan. 1956 China Lake, California

c. Cheryl Louise b. 23 Sept. 1958 Albany, Oregon

2. Silva Margaret  
b. 14 March 1933  
Washington, D. C.

m. Donald Ernest Kephart 29 Aug. 1953  
Portland, Oregon  
b. 29 April 1931 Port Gamble, Wn.  
(son of George Kephart  
and Dorothy Schell Kephart)

a. David Edwin b. 16 Jan. 1955 Portland, Oregon

b. Margaret JoAnn b. 22 Jan. 1957 Portland, Oregon

c. Katherine Marie b. 18 June 1958 Portland, Oregon

d. Virginia Louise b. 27 June 1960 Portland, Oregon

e. Michael John b. 27 Aug. 1962 Portland, Oregon

3. Elizabeth Faye  
b. 27 Oct. 1939  
Portland, Oregon

m. James Granville Ayers 9 July 1960  
Portland, Oregon  
b. 18 Oct. 1938 Sheboygan, Wisconsin  
(son of Joseph Granville Ayers  
and Helen Oldenburg Ayers)

a. Kenneth James b. 19 April 1961 Portland, Oregon

b. Cameron Lee b. 2 June 1963 Portland, Oregon

c. Amy Elizabeth b. 24 February 1968 The Dalles, Oregon

## DESCENDANTS OF EDWARD LES PAINE

D. EDWARD LES PAINE  
b. 2 Sept. 1911  
Fayette, Iowa

m. Gertrude Patience Pease  
10 June 1936 Greeley, Iowa  
b. 23 Nov. 1911  
(daughter of Paul P. Pease  
and Gertrude H. Horsfall)

1. Patience Lee  
b. 1 July 1940

m. Ronald L. Milford  
26 Jan. 1962  
b. 18 Dec. 1933

a. Alaina Patience  
b. 16 Jan. 1968

b. Ronald Edward  
b. 11 February 1969

2. Gertrude Caroline  
b. 17 March 1951

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JOHN GRAHAM (OR GRIMES)  
PRIVATE IN REVOLUTION

John Graham, sometimes called Grimes, came to Hillsborough in 1775. He was probably born in 1740 and being thirty-five years old, he immediately entered to active life. He signed the Association Test April 12, 1776, and was Justice of the Peace for quite a period. He may have been the son of Hugh Graham of Windom. He served according to the records, three years in the Revolution and the War over, Feb. 2, 1781, he sold his estate which consisted of a dwelling house, barn, saw and corn mill, for "5000 Spanish milld Dolers" and probably rem. to Hero, Vt. He m. in 1763, Catherine . . . . . of Windom. They had a son Hugh, b. about 1764 who rem. to South Hero, Vt., where he married Mary Allen, Nov. 27, 1788, and bought over seven hundred acres of land in that town.

From History of Hillsborough, N. H., 1735-1931. Vol. II.  
George Waldo Browne, Genaeatory.

Since Hugh Graham was about seventeen when his father went to Vermont, it is highly probable that he went at the same time that his father and the rest of the family moved there. At that time, the southern island was known as Middle Hero and South Hero. The name Hero was no doubt used for any or all of them.

In the books of the Town Clerk at South Hero, Vt., the first marriage recorded is that of Hugh Graham and Mary Allen. The ceremony was performed by Ebenezer Allen, Justice of the Peace, Nov. 27, 1788.

One early deed from Hugh Graham was dated April 23, 1794.

There are also records at South Hero of Aaron Graham, brother of Hugh. Aaron's wife is buried in the South Hero Cemetery near the Four Corners. But the two brothers probably left later for they are not buried there.

Some genealogists have thought that Aaron, Jenny and Betsy were children of Hugh Graham but tomb stone dates show that they were of the same generation. Island legend too, tells that they were brothers and sisters.

From Mrs. LEWIS H. AUSTIN  
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PAINE - Author of "My 95  
Milestones"

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JOHN GRAHAM (OR GRIMES)

The following is another proof that Hugh and Aaron Graham were brothers of Jenny Graham.

"I remember of hearing my grandmother, Susan Lane Landon, speak of her uncles, Hugh Graham and Aaron Graham. They were the brothers of Jenny Graham who was the mother of Susan Lane. Jenny Graham married . . . . . Lane and they had a daughter Susan. Later Jenny married Issi Fletcher."

Signed: Adelaide S. Landon

Adelaide S. Landon is a daughter of Buel Landon and lives on the old Bird Landon farm at South Hero.

From State Papers of New Hampshire, Vol. XIV, Page 582.

Reports tell of ten pounds being paid to John Graham and others by Selectmen of Hillsborough, Aug. 8, 1776, for the "Volintears which torn out of this Town for the Experdishion to Proverdance of Rodisland."

From State Papers of New Hampshire, Vol. XIV, Rev. Rolls, Vol. I, Page 566

"Pay Roll of Capt. James Gilmores Co. in Col. Jacob Gales Reg. of Vol., which regiment marched from the State of New Hampshire and joined the Continental Army on Rhode Island, Aug. 1778. Two days were added to the time in service for travel home after discharge at Rhode Island.

John Graham, private, entry Aug. 6, Dis. 28, 25 days.

Among those buried at the cemetery at South Hero are:

Jenny Graham Fletcher	d. 1800 aged 34
Betsy Graham Phelps	d. 1808 aged 32
Theodotia Pearl Graham	d. 1811 aged 35
Susan Lane Landon	1787-1875
Birdsey Landon	1787-1836
Issi Fletcher	d. 1837 aged 70
Silas Fletcher	d. 1829 aged 33
Margaret Fletcher Pixley	d. 1861 aged 63
David Pixley	d. 1866 aged 64
Helmer Kent	1786-1858
Harriet Kent	1824-1828
Warren Kent	1838-1847

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DESCENDANTS OF JOHN GRAHAM

John Graham (or Grimes) b. about 1740. m. about 1763 Catherine  
. . . . . of Windom

A Hugh 1764 m. 1788 Mary Allen

B Jenny 1766-1800 m. 1st about 1786 . . . . . Lane  
Susan 1787-1875 m. 1815 Birdsey (Bird) Landon 1787-1836

1. Janet 1816-1856
2. George 1817-1889
3. Anna 1819-1861
4. Buel 1821-1882
5. Cornelia 1823-1911
6. Milla 1825-1825
7. Thaddeus 1829-1890

m. 2nd about 1793 Issi Fletcher 1767-1837

1. Samantha 1794-1861 m. Helmer Kent 1786-1858

1. Munson 1820-1868
2. Harriet 1824-1828
3. William 1827-1907
4. Phebe Landon 1830-1915
5. Juliet 1832-1875
6. Margaret Fletcher 1835-1931
7. Warren 1838-1847

2. Silas 1796-1829

3. Margaret 1798-1861

4. Ann Amelia

5. Graham

m. David Pixley 1802-1866

m. Dr. Langdon

m. Amy Allen

One child

C Aaron m. Theodotia Pearl 1775 or 1776-1811

D Elizabeth (Betsy) about 1776-1808 m. about 1795 Benajah Phelps  
1774-1866

1. Hulda 1795-
2. Lucy 1798-
3. Nancy 1800-
4. John 1802-
5. Guy
6. Orange 1806-1875
7. Betsy 1807-

m. Horace Lampson

m. . . . . Campbell

m. Guy Shepherd

m. twice

m. Lydia . . . . .

m. Marie Phelps 1811-1882

m. Anderson

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DESCENDANTS OF HELMER KENT

Helmer Kent 1786-1858

1st married Hannah Allen 1795-1816

- |                        |                                |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. Jane Ann 1814-1900  | m. Victor Adams 1808-1879      |
| 1. George Benjamin     | m. Harriet Haskill             |
| 1. Lillian A.          | m. Elmer Dean                  |
| 1. James               | m. Marie Battit                |
| 2. Edwin H.            | m. Alice . . . . .             |
| 1. Donald              | m. Ruby Helmer                 |
| 2. Dorothy             | m. 1st Lee Graybeal 2nd Parker |
| 3. Edwin, Jr.          | m. Gladys . . . . . Pugh       |
| 4. Thomas              |                                |
| 3. Ruth                | m. Ernest Burton               |
| 1. Edwin               | m. Florence Senn               |
| 4. Laura Ethel         |                                |
| 2. Charles P.          | m. Norman Sage                 |
| 3. Eliza Jane          | m. Jennie Blackhern            |
| 1. Frank               | m. Dana Hotchkin               |
| 2. Jeanne Grace        |                                |
| 4. William A.          | m. Mary Shaw                   |
| 5. Henry Clay          | m. . . . . Wagner              |
| 1. Kate                |                                |
| 2. Albert              |                                |
| 3. John                |                                |
| 6. Sophronia Mott      | m. Thomas Wall                 |
| 1. Thomas R.           | m. Adda Northrop 2nd Lou . . . |
| 2. Harry               | m. Tessie Levy                 |
| 7. Hannah Augusta      |                                |
| 8. Victor              | m. Marie Winstanley            |
| 1. Jesse Eliot         | m. Esther Sewall               |
| 2. George Victor       |                                |
| 3. Charles Kent        |                                |
| 4. Robert              |                                |
| 9. Jennie Duncan       |                                |
| 2. Helmer A. 1816-1816 |                                |

DESCENDANTS OF JOHN GRAHAM

Helmer Kent 1786-1858

2nd married Samantha Fletcher 1794-1861

- |                         |                             |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Munson 1820-1868     | m. 1st Hannah Merriam       |
| 1. Died                 |                             |
| 2. Died                 |                             |
| 3. Edwin, Died          |                             |
| 4. Myra, Died           |                             |
| 5. Twin                 |                             |
| 6. Twin Aurelia         | m. Thomas Noon              |
| 1. May, Died            | m. Harry Heiserman          |
| 2. Juliet               | m. 1st Grace Harris         |
| 3. James                | 2nd, Elizabeth Herrick      |
|                         |                             |
| 1. Robert               |                             |
| 2. Cyril                |                             |
| 4. Pearl                | m. Frank Harding            |
| 1. Floyd                | m. Sally Stanton            |
| 5. Jason                | m. Irma Minnis              |
| 1. Eldon                | m. Mima Doty                |
| 2. Hillis               |                             |
| 3. Minnis               |                             |
| 6. Gertrude             | m. Lloyd Dickman            |
| 1. Thelma               |                             |
| 2. Wilma                |                             |
| 7. Herbert              |                             |
|                         | m. 2nd Marinda Young        |
| 2. Harriet 1824-1828    |                             |
| 3. William 1827-1907    | m. Julia Ann Hoyt 1832-1918 |
| 1. Gertrude             | m. John Shaw                |
| 1. Herbert, Died        |                             |
| 2. Muriel               | m. Donald Whitehead         |
| Adopted                 |                             |
| 1. Beth                 |                             |
| 2. Lois                 |                             |
|                         | m. Clara McCleary           |
| 2. Addison H.           | m. John Blunt               |
| 3. Carrie               | m. Grace Tylor              |
| 4. Hardy                | m. Frances . . . . .        |
| 1. Karl Tylor           |                             |
| 1. Katherine Phyllis    | m. Arthur Lamb              |
| 2. Phyllis              | m. Mary Wright              |
| 5. Herbert A.           |                             |
| 1. Frances Wright, Died |                             |
| 2. Florence Knight      |                             |
| 6. Cora A.              |                             |

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4. Phebe Landon 1830-1915 m. Winslow Stearns 1824-1889  
1. Orville Wheeler m. Anna Payne  
1. Ethel m. J. M. Powell  
1. Aleta Belle  
2. Gwanmar  
3. Haddasah m. . . . . Smith  
4. Freda m. . . . . Pittack  
5. Eugenia m. . . . . Bayden  
1. Nancy Jane  
2. Kittie m. Lewis Folsom  
1. Mary Dale  
2. Aurelia  
3. Eugenia Phebe m. Joshua Davis  
1. Bessie m. John Butler  
1. Eyvan  
2. Hubert  
3. Gerald  
2. Gertrude m. James Bittle  
3. Kenneth m. Dorothy Drew  
5. Juliet 1832-1875 m. Hiram B. Hoyt 1830-1906  
1. Pruella Samantha m. Ed. Sears  
1. Edith m. Alfred T. Egan  
2. Florence m. Stanley Wade  
1. Charlotte  
2. Phyllis  
3. Edward  
4. Florence (Peggy)  
5. William (Billy)  
2. Florence m. Joseph Andrews  
1. Edna Hoyt m. 1st Wm. T. Schlupp  
1. Josephine Andrews 2nd E. M. Burke  
3. Fred Elbert m. Margaret Smith  
1. Fred H. m. Julia Gilroy  
2. Agnes Bassett m. Walter Parker  
3. Philip Andrews m. Rose Konigsmark  
4. Charles Eugene m. Betty North

DESCENDANTS OF JOHN GRAHAM

6. Margaret Fletcher 1835-1931 m. Jason Lee Paine 1838-1912  
1. Edward Kent, Died  
2. Charles Fawcett m. Clara Margaret Brown  
1. Lucy Miriam m. Jasper M. Collins  
1. Kathryn Elaine  
2. Samuel Collins m. Ruth Evans  
1. Lee Alfred  
3. Esther Margaret m. Lewis Austin  
1. Esther Ann  
4. Edward Lee  
3. Amy Leigh m. George Blagg  
4. Louie Belle  
1. Amy Elizabeth  
2. John Creighton Lee  
5. Margaret E.  
7. Warren 1838-1847

ESTHER AUSTIN  
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January 25, 1972

Dear Mr. Stratton,

Thank you much for the copy of the note signed by my great-grandfather, Helmer Kent, on 3 Aug. 1808. That is absolute proof that he lived in South Hero as early as that date. We enjoyed so much your story of his being committed to "the Keeper of the Goal in North Hero" and your description of said goal.

When my husband and I, together with our two grandchildren, David and Margaret Kephart, called on Mrs. Wells in June of 1969, Mrs. Wells gave David a pedigree chart to look at. I was visiting, looking at some other items, and actually not much interested in genealogy at that time. Our grandson, David Kephart, was more interested that I and he undertook to copy the chart. He copied the names but neglected dates and places because at age fourteen years and without previous experience that seemed like something to be left out when time was limited. When I became interested, David showed me the chart. Great-grandfather Helmer Kent was listed and his parents were given as Sarah Beach and Helmer Kent. When I mentioned this in letters to Mrs. Wells, she seemed not to be able to recall the chart or to find it again. It all seemed a bit like a will-o'-the-wisp since I never could find anything to substantiate it at all. Yet David is very accurate in his work.

Then on January 7, 1972, our mutual friend Mrs. Allyene Brinley sent me a copy of a letter written in 1893 by Jane Kent Adams, half-sister of my grandmother, to my grandmother. Jane was Helmer Kent's oldest child. This letter is certainly one of the most valuable leads we have. Jane definitely names the four Kent sons: Jacob, John, Peter, and Helmer. Note the last paragraph where we have reference to Sarah Beach Kent Payne. The parenthetical material may have been added by my Grandmother, but it does give us again the name of Sarah Beach as the wife of Helmer Kent. In MY NINETY-FIVE MILESTONES, grandmother spoke of Helmer's stepfather being a school teacher. I felt that the implication was that his mother had re-married when Helmer was still rather young.

Also, I have the Eunice Kent letter, and material from the Bible record of the James W. Kent family which Mrs. Brindley sent. I searched the 1850 Census for Allegan Co., Michigan, and have sent for the 1850 Census for Grand Isle County, Vermont, and for Clinton County, N.Y. Also, in the New Jersey Archives I found the very interesting record of an estate settlement for a Helmer Kent in 1788 (that would be two years after the birth of my great-grandfather). There is no proof that these were the same Helmer and Sarah Kent we are looking for but they may be. Wish we could find a marriage record of Helmer and Sarah or of Sarah Kent and a Mr. Payne.

At any rate, based on all this information, I have outlined a hypothetical KENT FAMILY. Some we know to be true. Elsewhere I am just guessing and feeling my way. I am well aware that it could be put together in other ways but this seems most logical to me. Note that we actually have four Helmers in this chart. Helmer Kent of New Jersey who married Sarah Beach and who died presumably in 1788. His youngest son,

Yes, Eunice was  
daughter of  
James W and  
Ann S Kent,  
See Bible &  
Census records.

Helmer Kent, my great grandfather, b. New Jersey 1786-d. South Hero, Vt. 1858., then Helmer B. Kent who married Rachel Dustin 12 June 1822 at Grand Isle. I'm guessing him to be the son of John Kent and Betsey Beach. Might the middle initial "B" stand for Beach? The fourth Helmer Kent is the little infant son of my great grandfather and Hannah Allen who died the month he was born in June 1816. His name was Helmer A. Kent. Might that have been Helmer Allen Kent? That child was the younger brother of Jane Adams who wrote the helpful letter in 1893.

Note that Jane's letter also gave information on the Fletcher family. Grandmother did not give information on the two half brothers (of Samantha) of Issi Fletcher's second marriage. I have made a chart to show that. It is possible you have access to some of the missing information for that chart. Am enclosing also a letter written by a Laura Mott of Alburgh, Vt. to Samantha Fletcher Kent in December, 1853. At first I assumed Laura to be a Fletcher because the letter begins "Dear Sister." I wrote to Mrs. Wells about it. Although Mrs. Wells knew a Laura Mott, the two seemed to be different persons. Now I am wondering if Laura Mott was not, perhaps, a Laura Kent Mott and a sister of Helmer--hence Samantha's sister-in-law.

What old marriage records are available for the Island and for Plattsburgh? Wish that all of these could be compiled for reference. Also, how wonderful it would be if all the old cemeteries could be read and compilations made. It would be a marvelous project for a well motivated college or even high school history class. Or an historical society sometimes undertakes such projects. For individuals working alone, it is quite an undertaking.

I am keeping the copy of the note which Helmer Kent signed but if you want it returned, I'll be glad to do so.

Please don't think of paying copying costs on the items I send. Am happy to share them. No doubt you will be able to do a great deal to help me before this game is played out.

Lewis and I are hoping to go to the Genealogical Library in Salt Lake City in late March or April. When we do, I'll surely remember to get the author and publication date for the "Decendants of Thomas Kent." Although that author seems to put all the Kents who lived in the neighborhood together and to assume that they were related to Cephas Kent, I am somewhat doubtful. I probably should know more about Cephas than I do but in several old records that I found dated about 1776 and 1777 Cephas Kent was referred to as the innkeeper of Dorset. As I look at it the evidence is that our family came from New Jersey to the Plattsburgh and South Hero area.

Have fun! We hope you make some great discoveries for us!

Sincerely,

*Esther Austin*

Encl.: Jane Kent Adams letter  
Family of Issi Fletcher  
1850 Census record for Allegan Co., Michigan  
N.J.A. Vol. VII 1786--1790 p. 130  
James W. Kent family Bible record  
Hypothetical Kent Family  
Laura Mott to Samantha Kent letter

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FAMILY OF ISSI FLETCHER

ISSI FLETCHER  
b. 2 Dec. 1767  
Hartford, Conn.

d. 1837  
buried  
South Hero Cemetery  
South Hero, Vermont

m. 1st about 1793  
Jenny Graham,  
widow of Mr. Lane  
Jenny b. 1766  
d. 1800  
South Hero, Vt.  
South Hero Cem.

m. 2nd after 1800

Name of wife unknown  
wife died 1828

Daughter of Jenny Graham & Mr. Lane:

Susan Lane  
b. 1787

d. 1875  
South Hero, Vt.

m. 1815 Birdsey Landon  
(1787--1836)  
South Hero, Vt.

Children of ISSI FLETCHER and Jenny (Graham) Lane:

Samantha Fletcher  
b. about 29 Aug. 1794  
South Hero, Vt.

d. 22 May 1861  
Fayette, Iowa  
buried Grandview Cem.  
Fayette, Iowa

m. 6 July 1817 Helmer Kent  
b. New Jersey 1786-  
d. South Hero, Vt. 1858  
South Hero Cemetery

Silas Fletcher  
b. 1796

d. 1829  
South Hero, Vt.

Margaret Fletcher  
b. 1798

d. 1861  
South Hero, Vt.  
South Hero Cem.

David Pirley  
(1802--1866)  
South Hero, Vt., Cem.

Ann Amelia Fletcher  
b.

d.

m. Dr. Langdon

Graham Fletcher  
b.

d.

m. Amy Allen

Children of ISSI FLETCHER and 2nd wife--name unknown d. 1828

Judson Fletcher  
b.

d.

m.

Jefferson Fletcher  
b.

d.

m.

Sources: My Ninety-five Milestones by Margaret Fletcher Kent Paine,  
Austin C. Murray Pub., Chicago, 1932.  
Letter written in 1893 from Jane Kent Adams to Margaret F. K. Paine  
Data from Genealogical Society, Salt Lake City, Utah

1/2/72  
from letter written by Mrs. Allyene Brindley, Route 4, Allegan, Michigan 49010  
on 7 Dec. 1971 to Esther Paine Austin, 4223 N.E. Hazelfern Pl.  
Portland, Oregon 97213

"My father had an older sister Eunice, but in all the records in the Bible, there is no middle initial. There is record of her birth, marriage and death. The record was kept by my Uncle Jim's (James W.) wife and as is natural, is more detail of their own family. I must take this record and have copies made as these pages are yellowed and brittle."

"My grandfather James W. and family lived in WATSON Twp., I have no record how long, then moved to Allegan where he was a blacksmith."

From the Bible records

- ✓ James W. Kent was born February 16th 1814, Plattsburg, N.Y.
- ✓ Ann S. Allen was born March 13th 1810, Grand Isle, Vt.
- ✓ Silvia A. Kent daughter of James W. and Ann Kent was born August 5th 1835 in Grand Isle, Vt.
- ✓ Eunice Kent daughter of James W. and Ann S. Kent was born July 19th 1838 in Loranal, N.Y.
- ✓ William Kent son of James W. and Ann S. Kent was born Feb. 23rd 1840 in Loranal, N.Y.
- ✓ Juliett Kent, daughter of James W. and Ann S. Kent, was born August 8th, 1842 in South Hero, Vt.
- ✓ James W. Kent, son of James W. and Ann S. Kent, was born Oct. 4th, 1844 in South Hero, Vt.
- ✓ Amanda L. Kent, daughter of James W. and Ann S. Kent, was born Sept. 18th, 1847, in South Hero, Vt.
- ✓ David M. Kent, son of James W. and Ann S. Kent, was born June 22nd, 1851, in Watson Twp. Michigan (Note by Esther Austin: This was Allegan Co.)

To follow up the Eunice record,

- ✓ Eunice Kent was married May 27th, 1855, to J. M. Foster (my knowledge: James Monroe Foster adds Mrs. Brindley)
- ✓ Eunice K. Foster died Feb. 20th, 1896, Aged 57 yrs., 7 mos., and 1 day. (Mrs. Brindley adds: But no place mentioned. I know they lived in Battle Creek, Michigan.)

"I understand it is quite customary to use maiden name as middle letter after marriage, so that accounts for the "K" in death notice."

Regarding the third child, first son, of James W. and Ann S. Kent, whose name Esther Austin did not find with the family in a search of the 1850 Census, Mrs. Brindley wrote on 13 January 1972,

- ✓ "Our William Kent that you could not find on the census died May 28, 1841 in South Hero, Vt. Age 1 yr. 3 months and 5 days."

HYPOTHETICAL OUTLINE OF KENT FAMILY BASED ON

1/25/72

- letter from Allyene Brindley (several)
- letter from Allen Stratton (two)
- letter from Mrs. George F. Wells (several)
- Bible record of the James W. Kent family (supplied by Mrs. Brindley)
- 1850 Census records, Allegan Co., Michigan
- Letter from Eunice Kent to Margaret F. Kent (written 1854)
- letter from Jane Kent Adams to her half-sister Margaret F. Kent Paine (written 1893)
- My Ninety-five Milestones by Margaret Fletcher Kent Paine

chart seen at the home of Mrs. George F. Wells, South Hero, Vt. and partially copied by David Kephart (grandson of Esther Paine Austin) in June, 1969

Helmer(?) KENT m. Sarah BEACH *Cook*  
(Sarah Beach Kent m. 2nd Mr. -----Payne)

Children of Helmer(?) KENT and Sarah Beach

1. Jacob Kent m. ? owned sawmill "10 or 12 miles back of Plattsburgh" Later a dry goods store.  
Children:
  - a. John Kent
  - b. Peter Kent
  - c. Polly Kent
  - d. Sarah Kent

2. John KENT m. Elizabeth (Betsey) Beach John Kent b. New Jersey  
Children: "they had a large family" (*Jane Kent Adams letter*)
  - a. Helmer (B.?) Kent m. Rachel Dustin 12 June 1822 (Grand Isle)
  - b. Jacob Kent m. Lavina Allen (older sister of Ann S. Allen)
    - b. about July 1805 (Grand Isle)
    - d. Jan 17, 1885 (daus. of Samuel & Phoebe (Toby) Allen)
  - c. JAMES W. KENT m. Ann S. Allen Nov. 9, 1834
    - b. Feb 16, 1814 (Plattsburgh, South Hero, Michigan)
    - d. Jan 26, 1885
  - d. daughter Kent m. Mr. Feke (Michigan)
  - e. Polly Kent m. Benoni Collins (Michigan)
    - b. about 1823 (*based on 1850 Census Allegan Co., Mich.*)
  - f. perhaps other children

3. Peter Kent m. ???

4. HELMER KENT m. 1st Hannah Allen in 1813  
New Jersey (a) Jane Ann Kent m. Victor Adams
  - b. 19 Feb. 1786 b. 22 Aug. 1814-d. 1900
  - d. 18 July 1858 (b) Helmer A. Kent
    - b. 8 June 1815 d. June 1816
 m. 2nd Samantha Fletcher 6 July, 1817
  - a. Munson F. Kent
  - b. Harriet Kent

Possible daughters of Helmer(?) KENT & Sarah B.

5. Anna (?).
  - m. Palmer e. William Kent m. Julia Ann Hoyt
  - m. (???) Harry Thorn d. Phoebe Landon Kent m. Winslow Stearns
6. Agnes
  - m. (???) Harry Thorn e. Juliet Kent m. Miram B. Hoyt
  - m. Daniels f. Margaret Fletcher Kent m. Jason Lee Paine
  - m. Mott e. Warren Kent
7. Kate (a Katherine? or Catherine?)
8. Laura (?) m. Mott

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MRS. BRINDLEY

4223 N.E. Hazelfern Place  
Portland, Oregon 97213  
February 15, 1972

Dear Mr. Stratton,

Thank you exceedingly for the wealth of material you have sent on the Kents. What seemed confused and unrelated for a long period of time is now appearing to fit together and be more clear. Hope the census records helped a bit. That search seemed to be one thing I could do here and for my part, I was delighted and gratified to see the way the census records dovetailed with other material.

The death record you found for HELMER KENT is indeed important. Statement that his mother was SARAH COOK becomes significant in connection with PETER COOK as administrator of the N.J. estate. Also, one of his brothers was PETER KENT.

You were undoubtedly correct in listing PETER KENT as the "Eldest brother." I felt that Jane Kent Adams' wording at that point was a bit ambiguous but think you are probably entirely correct in deciding that she referred to PETER.

I, too, have wondered where the "SARAH BEACH" originated. There are two possible explanations: (1) human error through faulty memory or through mistakes in copying or (2) Sarah may have been married another time. Just possibly she was born COOK, married a BEACH, then HELMER KENT, then Mr. PAYNE. Those are the only two possible explanations that occur to me.

Have been trying to obtain a full copy of the 1788 Morris Co., N.J. estate settlement. On p. 170 of The Handy Book for Genealogists 1967 The Everton Publisher, Inc., Logan, Utah, we are told, "Records of wills and probate matters, together with early guardianship and orphans' court proceedings are in the custody of the Secretary of State in Trenton. Copies of Wills and administrations of estates beginning in 1804 are at the county court houses." On this advice I sent to the office of the Secretary of State. I was informed very briefly by a typed but unsigned card which returned my letter and check that they did not have the information but that the county Clerk in Morris County has it. I have written to that person. However, I still think it may be at Trenton. Clerks are often loathe to lift heavy books and search dusty records even when the exact reference is given. In NEW JERSEY GENESIS, a N.J. genealogical magazine, I read of the difficulties a researcher had at Trenton. He had to apply at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court in another part of the State House. Then when all the requirements were met, he tried to find the records he desired. They were located "hidden behind" other volumes on some shelves in the indicated area. I surely hope that we can eventually get a full copy but there may be many delays. Then, too, we can't count too heavily on additional information. We'll just have to see.

Expect to go to the Genealogical Library in Salt Lake City in late March or early April and will surely get the author and publisher of Descendants of Thomas Kent. The pages of which I sent you copies were absolutely the only references to a Helmer and I felt they were almost too vague to have any value. However, in the light of Jane Kent Adams' letter, your findings, and the census records, they have become somewhat more meaningful. I have not yet found anything which indicates to me

Mr. Allen L. Stratton

Feb. 15, 1972

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that the HELMER KENT family was connected with Cephas Kent. Of course, more may be found.

You are no doubt familiar with Vermont Once No Man's Land by Merritt Clark Barden. I found it in our Portland Library. Just one page in that volume deals with the KENT family. For what it is worth I am sending a copy. It may have some slight value in helping to sort out the various families but our Kents certainly aren't included.

Is there anything more that I can do? I'm very eager to firm up our findings now that so much progress has been made. I may have a chance to look at some New Jersey histories in Salt Lake. Don't know what they might have.

Thanks for all your efforts, for all the material you have sent, and do keep me posted on developments.

Sincerely,

*Esther*

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VERMONT ONCE NO MAN'S LAND

KENT—HOPKINS—SYKES

THOMAS<sup>1</sup> KENT.

{SAMUEL<sup>2</sup> KENT.  
{FRANCIS WOODALL.

SAMUEL<sup>3</sup> KENT.

{DANIEL<sup>4</sup> KENT.  
{ABIGAIL MOSS, 2nd wife; they had a grandson

CHANCELLOR JAMES<sup>5</sup> KENT.

THOMAS<sup>1</sup> KENT.

{SAMUEL<sup>2</sup> KENT.  
{FRANCES WOODALL.

{JOHN<sup>3</sup> KENT.  
{ABIGAIL DUDLEY.

{JOHN<sup>4</sup> KENT.  
{MARY SMITH; dau. Michael<sup>5</sup> Kent m. Jacob Sykes.

{CAPHAS<sup>5</sup> KENT.  
{HANNAH SPENCER.

{MARIAN<sup>6</sup> KENT (?)  
{CAPT. JAMES<sup>3</sup> HOPKINS.

(pp. 22, 55, 57, 93)

TITUS<sup>1</sup> SYKES.

{VICTORY<sup>2</sup> SYKES.  
{ELIZABETH<sup>2</sup> GRANGER (Richard<sup>1</sup>).

{VICTORY<sup>3</sup> SYKES.  
{MARY KING.

{TITUS<sup>4</sup> SYKES, b. 1726.  
{RHODA MILLER, Suffield, Conn.; came to Dorset, Vt., ab. 1770.

Children:

Abigail<sup>5</sup> m. Daniel Kent; 1st wife.  
Sylvan<sup>5</sup>, b. 1748.  
Rhoda<sup>5</sup> m. Isaac Pomeroy (below).  
Titus, Jr.<sup>5</sup>, in Revolutionary War.  
Ashbel<sup>5</sup>, in Revolutionary War.  
Jacob<sup>5</sup> and Ezra<sup>5</sup> (twins).  
Israel<sup>5</sup>; no record.  
Victory<sup>5</sup> m. Rhoda Farwell.  
Mary<sup>5</sup> and Martha<sup>5</sup> (twins).  
Love<sup>5</sup>.  
Eunice<sup>5</sup>, b. 1770; youngest.

Jacob<sup>5</sup> above and wife Michal<sup>5</sup> Kent buried on the hill at Pawlet, Vt.  
He d. 1843; she d. 1816. at 59, a sister of Caphas<sup>5</sup> of Dorset, Vt.

U.S. Census 1800 VERMONT

The following list includes all John Kents and all Jacob Kents living in the state of Vermont as heads of families in 1800. No Helmer Kent or Peter Kent was thus listed. The only Kent name beginning with the letter "p" was Peleg. A few Kents other than Johns and Jacobs are included because they lived in adjacent areas and it was simple to list them.

VERMONT	MALES					FEMALES				
	<i>Under 10 years</i>	<i>of 10 under 16</i>	<i>of 16 under 26</i>	<i>of 26 under 45</i>	<i>45 yrs upward</i>	<i>under 10 yrs</i>	<i>10 under 16</i>	<i>16 under 26</i>	<i>26 under 45</i>	<i>45 yrs upward</i>
Dorset, Bennington Co.										
Kent, Alexander	2	1	-	1	-	2	-	1	1	-
Kent, Cephas	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Kent, Cephas, Jr.	3	1	1	-	1	1	2	1	1	-
Kent, John	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	1
Kent, John	2	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	1	-
Kent, Martin	3	-	-	1	-	1	1	1	1	-
Kent, Moses	-	2	2	1	-	2	1	2	1	-
Lyndon, Caledonia Co										
Kent, Jacob	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	-
Newbury, Orange Co.										
Kent, Jacob	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	1
Kent, Jacob, Jr.	3	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	2	-
Kent, Joseph	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
Topsham, Orange Co.										
Kent, Jacob	2	1	-	-	1	2	-	-	1	-
Timnouth, Rutland Co.										
Kent, Peleg	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-

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U.S. CENSUS 1800  
Clinton Co., N. York  
film 26146 Pt. 2

Males

Females

Plattsburgh:

Jacob Kent

John Kent

Under 10 yrs	10-16 yrs	16-26 yrs	26-45 yrs	Over 45 yrs
3	-	-	1	-
1	-	-	1	-

Under 10	10-16 yrs	16-26 yrs	26-45 yrs	Over 45 yrs
-	-	-	-	1
1	-	-	1	-

U.S. CENSUS 1810  
Clinton Co., New York  
film 24921 Pt. 5

Plattsburgh:

John Kent

Jacob Kent

Under 10	10-16	16-26	26-45	Over 45
5	1	1	1	-
-	1	2	-	1

Under 10	10-16 yrs	16-26 yrs	26-45	Over 45
4	1	-	1	-
1	1	-	1	-

U.S. CENSUS 1820  
Clinton Co. New York  
film 26147 Pt. 5

Plattsburgh:

Kent, John

Kent, Jacob

Under 10	10-15	16-18	18-25	26-44	45 and over
4	2	-	2	1	-
-	-	-	2	2	1

Under 10	10-15	16-25	26-44	45 and over
-	2	-	1	-
-	-	2	-	1

Engaged in agriculture  
Engaged in manufacture

KENTS IN CLINTON COUNTY, NEW YORK

MALES

FEMALES

U.S. CENSUS 1830  
Clinton Co., N.Y.  
film 4012 Pt. 2

Plattsburgh

	Under 5 years	5/10 yrs	10/15 years	15/20 yrs	20/30 years	30/40 yrs.	40/50 years	50/60 yrs	60/70 years	Under 5 years	5/10 yrs	10/15 years	15/20 yrs	20/30 years	30/40 yrs	40/50 years	50/60 yrs	60/70 yrs	70/80 years	80/90 yrs
Daniel Kent(?)	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Peter Kent	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jacob Kent	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Helmer B. Kent	1	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	2	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-

Mooceres

Abner Kent	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
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U.S. CENSUS 1840  
Clinton Co., N.Y.  
film 4013 Pt. 7

Plattsburgh

Helmer B. Kent	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	2	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Abner Kent	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Hannah Kent	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-
Caleb DUSTIN	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chazy																				
Zacheus DUSTIN	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-

Mooceres

Peter Kent	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Saranac										1										
James Kent	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	4	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-

Ellensburg

Silas Kent	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Cephas Collins	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Benoni Collins	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-

(Benoni Collins married Polly Kent, sister of James Kent and Jacob Kent)  
Evidence is that Cephas Kent was father of Collins

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1850 U.S. CENSUS for ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN

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Age	Name	Sex	Occupation	Birth place
	Watson		Allegan Co., Mich.	3 Sept. 1850
766,	James W. Kent	36 m.	Blacksmith	New York
809	Ann S. Kent	40 f.		Vt.
	Sylvia A. Kent	14 f.		Vt.
	Eunice Kent	11 f.	Bookbinder	New York
	Juliett Kent	7 f.		Vt.
	James W. Kent	5 m.		Vt.
	Amanda F. Kent	3 f.		Vt.
	Benoni Collins	29 m.	Farmer	Vt.
769,	Polly Collins	27 f.		New York
812	Clark Collins	7 m.		New York
	Warren Collins	5 m.		New York
	Orson Collins	2 m.	Farmer	New York
	Sydney Dunning	30 m.		New York
	Cephas Collins	59 m.	Farmer	Vt.
	Dura Collins	59 f.		Vt.
770,	Chester Collins	23 m.	Farmer	New York
813	Marsella Collins	23 f.		Vt.
	Curtis Collins	2 m.		New York

*POLLY KENT  
Was born in N.Y.*

South West, Aug. 1850

39,	Ellen Allen	40 (or 48) m.	Farmer	Vermont
40	Elihu Allen	38 m.		Ireland
	John L. Allen	20 m.		Vermont
	Ruben Allen	18 m.		Vt.
	Oliver B. Allen	13 m.		Vt.
41,	David A. Phelps	46 m.	Farmer	Vermont
42	Margaret Phelps	35 f.		Vt.
	Lucy Phelps	27 f.		Conn.
	Ferd Phelps	15 m.		Vt.
	Harvey Phelps	13 m.	Labourer	Vt.
43,	George Phelps	34 m.	Farmer	Vermont
44	Martha Phelps	39 f.		Vt.
	Esther Phelps	15 f.		Vt.
	John Phelps	12 m.		Vt.
	Walter Phelps	7 m.		Vt.
	Albany Phelps	5 m.		Vt.
	Edwin Phelps	3 m.	(or 4 m.)	Vt.
	Frederic Phelps	2 m.		Vt.
	Edward Phelps	4 m.		Vt.
	Marion Phelps	1 1/2 f.		Vt.
	Abner Phelps	26 m.		Conn.
	Charles Phelps	24 m.		Canada
	John Phelps	18 m.		

*Albany Phelps  
401 N.E. 2nd Ave. Bangor  
Bangor, Me. 04411*

MRS. BRINTON

## 1850 U.S. Census, GRAND ISLE COUNTY, VT.

Roll 954

South Hero, Vt. 5 Aug. 1850

6,6	Benjamin Boardman	48 m.	farmer	Vermont
	Ruth M. "	37 f.		Vt.
	Jane G. "	18 f.		Vt.
	Albert "	9 m.		Vt.
	Elin(or Elen)M. "	4 f.		Vt.
7,7	Chancey Pearl	61 m.	wheelwright	Vt.
	Zilpha Pearl	29 f.		Vt.
	Lucy Pearl	22 f.		Vt.
26,	Philip R. Keeler	35 m.	farmer	Connecticut
27	Lydia Keeler	35 f.		Conn.
	George B. "	9 m.		Conn.
	Frederick F. Keeler	5 m.		Conn.
	Charles Keeler	3 m.		Conn.
	Frederick Lampson	19 m.		N.Y.
29,	Calvin Fletcher	72 m.	farmer	Connecticut
30	Lydia Fletcher	66 f.		Vt.
	Thomas D. Fletcher	39 m.	farmer	Vt.
	Bunice D. "	24 f.		Vt.
	Justina E. "	13 f.		Vt.
	Calvin F. "	8 m.		Vt.
	Gideon N. Rice	41 m.	merchant	Vt.
	Henry L. Wood	26 m.	merchant	Vt.

South Hero, Vt., 6 Aug. 1850

39,	Gilbert Allen	44(or 48) m.	farmer	Vermont
40	Eliza Allen	28 f.		Ireland
	John L. Allen	9/12 m.		Vermont
	Rhoda Allen	40 f.		Vt.
	Olive B. Allen	23 f.		Vt.
41,	David B. Pixley	46 m.	farmer	Vermont
42	Margaret Pixley	52 f.		Vt.
	Lacy Lampson	69 f.		Conn.
	Fanny Lampson	24 f.		Vt.
	Luther Pixley	15 m.	laborour	Vt.
45,	Orange Phelps	44 m.	farmer	Vermont
46	Maria Phelps	39 f.		Vt.
	Graham Phelps	15 m.		Vt.
	Jane Phelps	10 f.		Vt.
	Sophonra Broto (or Croto)	7 f.		Vt.
	Albert Phelps	8 m.		Vt.
	Edwin Phelps	6 m. (or Edwin)		Vt.
	Frederick Phelps	2. m.		Vt.
	Edward Phelps	4 m.		Vt.
	Mariah Phelps	6/12 f.		Vt.
	Joseph Allen	24 m.		Vt.
	Clarissa Phelps	64 f.		Conn.
	Julia Busha(or Basha)	16 f.		Canada

Miss Lavinia H. Austin  
 423 N. E. Hazelton Place  
 Portland, Oregon 97218

South Hero, Vt. 6 Aug. 1850

46,	John Beach	47	m.	mason	New York
47	Mariah Beach	44	f.		Vt.
	Mary Smith	25	f.		Vt.
	William Beach	21	m.		Vt.
	Jonas Beach	16	m.		Vt.
	Rhoda Beach	15	f.		Vt.
	Thirza Beach	13	f.		Vt.
	Phebe Beach	10	f.		Vt.
	John Beach	8	m.		Vt.
	Henry C. Beach	6	m.		Vt.
49,	Calvin Robinson	28	m.	farmer	Vt.
50	Lydia Robinson	27	f.		Vt.
	Hardy C. Robinson	3	m.		Vt.
	Buel Robinson	1	m.		Vt.
50, 51	Abner B. Landon	47	m.	farmer	Vt.
	Minerva Landon	48	f.		Vt.
	Franklin Landon	23	m.	farmer	Vt.
	Ruth Landon	21	f.		Vt.
	Belinda Landon	19	f.		Vt.
	Frederick Landon	16	m.	farmer	Vt.
	Charles Landon	13	m.		Vt.
	Ted Landon	7	m.		Vt.
	William Landon	3	m.		Vt.
	Aurelia Fletcher	5	f.		Vt.
	Mary Paquet	16	f.		Vt.
53,	Lydia Dixon	76	f.		New York
54	Eliza Dixon	37	f.		Vt.
	Daniel W. Dixon	11	m.		Vt.
	Alice Adams	50	f.		Vt.
54,	Lydia N. Landon	44	f.		Massachusetts
55	Abigail P. Landon	12	f.		Vt.
	Proctor N. Landon	10	m.		Vt.
	Myron T. Landon	8	m.		Vt.
	Deborah Babcock	19	f.		Vt.
	Franklin E. Rice	9	m.		Vt.
	Mary Busha	17	f.		Canada
57,	Milo Landon	26	m.	farmer	Vermont
58	Matilda Landon	28	f.		Vt.
	Ruth "	2	f.		Vt.
	Leroy "	3/12	m.		Vt.
	Bunice Dixon	84	f.		Vt.
60,	Ashael Landon	42	m.	laborer	Vt.
61	Sarah Landon	41	f.		Vt.
	Lyman Landon	15	m.	laborer	Vt.
	Bird Landon	13	m.		Vt.
	Fatima Landon	11	f.		Vt.
	Susan Landon	9	f.		Vt.
	Mary Landon	7	f.		Vt.
	Elisha Landon	4	m.		Vt.
	Henry Landon	1/12	m.		Vt.

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South Hero, Vermont (continued)

61, 62	Clark (S, Y, L. or T.) Keeler	32 m.	farmer	Connecticut
	Harriett E. Keeler	30 f.		New York
	Joseph E. Keeler	9 m.		Conn.
76, 77	Jesse Landon	54 m.	farmer	Vermont
	Orvilla Landon	52 f.		Vt.
	Mary A. Landon	17 f.		Vt.
	Ellen Wood	17 f.		Vt.
	Jane E. Landon	21 f.		Vt.
	Frances Rice	16 f.		Vt.
78, 79	John S. Landon	37 m.	farmer	Vt.
	Lucy Landon	36 f.		Conn.
	Orin B. Landon	11 m.		Vt.
	James Landon	9 m.		Vt.
	Alson Landon	5 m.		Vt.
	Lura Landon	1 f.		Vt.
	Eliza Tucker	28 f.		New York

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163, 164	George Allen	54 m.	farmer	Vt.
	Jemima "	46 f.		Vt.
	Sophonria "	11 f.		Vt.
231, 232	Samuel L. Allen	38 m.	laborer	Vt.
	Susan Allen	36 f.		Vt.
	William "	14 m.		Vt.
	Horace "	10 m.		Vt.
	Amelia I (or J.)	5 f.		Vt.
247, 248	Reuben Allen	35 m.	farmer	Vt.
	Amanda Allen	30 f.		
	Lucian "	8 m.		
	Horace "	5 m.		
	Sally Miller	15 f.		

South Hero, Vermont 8 Aug. 1850

97, 98	Benajah Phelps	80 m.	farmer	Connecticut
	Catherine Phelps	61 f.		Vermont
	George Phelps	27 m.		Vt.
	Samuel Phelps	26 m.		Vt.
	Lucretia Phelps	23 f.		New York
	Catherine Carter (or Castor)	21 f.		Vt.
	Wolford M. Phelps	12 m.		Vt.

Alburgh, Vermont 29 Sept. 1850

362, 363	Abel Phelps	76 m.	farmer	Connecticut
	Polly Phelps	64 f.		Conn.
	Olive Phelps	44 f.		Vt.
	Algernon L. Phelps	37 m.		Vt.
	Eliza A. Phelps	24 f.		New York
	Jno(?) Aban	18 m.	laborer	Canada
	Francis Goodon	18 m.	laborer	Canada

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North Hero, Vermont

269,	<sup>IRAD</sup> Ipa D. Allen	70 m.	farmer	Massachusetts
270	Sarah Allen	68 f.		Mass.
	Marcella Allen	46 f.		Vt.
	Iran Allen	45 m.	farmer	Vt.
	Barnston H. Allen	22 m.		Vt.
	Caroline Allen	38 f.		Vt.
	Antenet Allen	3 f.		New York

OK  
IRAD ALLEN  
File

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U. S. CENSUS 1850 GRAND ISLE CO., VERMONT  
 SOUTH HERO 5 Aug. 1850

1. 1 Abner Keeler 72 m. farmer birthplace  
 Anna C. Clark 41 f. Connecticut  
 Orissa B. Keeler 26 f. Vermont  
 Rosetta Smith 20 f. Vt.  
 ✓ Grace Hoyt 15 f. Vt.  
 ✓ \* Hiram B. Hoyt 19 m. farmer Connecticut  
 Sarah Clark 8 f. N. York  
 Juliette ? Keeler 3 f. Vt.

4. 4 Daniel Hoyt 45 m. farmer New York  
 Prua Hoyt 44 f. Connecticut  
 (2) Julia A. Hoyt 18 f. "  
 Malissa Hoyt 12 f. "  
 Ruby Hoyt 11 f. "  
 Cynthia Hoyt 9 f. "  
 John A. Hoyt 4 m. "

ok  
 H. Hoyt  
 wife

22, 23  
 (3) Susan Landon 63 f. Vermont  
 Janett Landon 34 f. "  
 George Landon 32 m. "  
 Buel Landon 28 m. "  
 Cornelia Landon 27 f. Vt.  
 Bird Fletcher 10 m. Vt.

37, 38  
 (4) Judson B. Fletcher 43 m. farmer Vermont  
 Betsey Fletcher 42 f. England  
 Lucy Fletcher 18 f. Vermont  
 Susan Fletcher 15 f. Vt.  
 Laura Fletcher 14 f. Vt.  
 Isi Fletcher 12 m. Vt.  
 Malvina Fletcher 10 f. Vt.  
 Eugene Fletcher 8 m. Vt.  
 George Fletcher 1 m. Vt.

ok  
 B. Fletcher  
 wife

6 August 1850

43, 44  
 Helmer Kent 64 m. farmer New Jersey  
 Samantha Kent 55 f. Vermont  
 William Kent 22 m. Vt.  
 Phebe Kent 20 f. Vt.  
 Juliette Kent 17 f. Vt.  
 Margaret Kent 14 f. Vt.

- \* Hiram B. Hoyt (son of Daniel and Prua (Keeler) Hoyt m. Juliette Kent, dau. of Helmer and Samantha (Fletcher) Kent 22 Feb. 1854  
 (2) Julia A. Hoyt m. William Kent, son of Helmer and Samantha Kent 20 Sept. 1854  
 (3) Half-sister of Samantha (Fletcher) Kent through their mother Jenny (Graham) (Lane) Kent  
 (4) Half-brother of Samantha (Fletcher) Kent through their father, Issi Fletcher.

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South Hero 6 Aug. 1850

47, 48

(1) Ruth Merriam	71 f.		Connecticut
Sally Martin	61 f.		Vermont
Emeline Merriam	11 f.		Vt.
Mariam Merriam	8 f.		Vt.

7 Aug. 1850

85, 86

Dustin Kent	23 m.	Blacksmith	Vermont
Mercy Kent	19 f.		Vt.
Joseph Liberty	14 m.		Canada

Grand Isle, Vermont

Grand Isle County

15 Aug. 1850

129, 130

(2) Samuel Allen	55 m.	Farmer	Mass.
Nancy Allen	53 f.		Vermont
Elihue Allen	28 m.		Vt.
Dexter Allen	23 m.	Laborer	Vt.
Maria Allen	20 f.		Vt.
Phebe A. Allen	17 f.		Vt.
Henry C. Allen	12 m.		Vt.
Guy Allen	15 m.		Vt.

130, 131

Jacob Kent	45 m.	Blacksmith	New York
Lavina R. Kent	42 f.		Vermont
Lura B. Kent	13 f.		Vt.
(3) George D. Chappel	6/12 m.		N. Y.

132, 133

Ellnathan Allen	49 m.	Farmer	New York
Rebecca Allen	42 f.		Vermont
Polly W. Allen	17 f.		Vt.
Julia A. Allen	7 f.		Vt.
Eliza Pratt	13 f.		N. Y.
William Allen	4/12 m.		Vt.
(4) Samuel Allen	85		Mass.

- (1) Are these people relatives of Hannah Merriam, 1st wife of Munson F. Kent? Munson and Hannah m. winter of 1839--40. Hannah d. St. Lawrence Co, N. Y., 1848 according to Portrait and Biographical Album of Fayette Co, Iowa Lake Pub. Co., Chicago, 1891.
- (2) Brother of Lavina R. Allen who m. Jacob Kent?  
Broth<sup>er</sup> of Ann S. Allen who m. James W. Kent?
- (3) Son of Samuel D. Chappell and his first wife Catharine Kent (d. 1 March 1850)  
See report by ALS from Surrogate's Office, Clinton County Offices, Flattsburgh, N.Y.
- (4) Father of Lavina R. Kent, wife of Jacob Kent, and Ann S. Kent, wife of James W. Kent?

GRAND ISLE CO., VT.

South Hero, Vt.

6 Aug. 1850

				birthplace
46, 47	John Beach	47 m.	Mason	N. Y.
	Mariah Beach	44 f.		Vt.
	Mary Smith	25 f.		Vt.
	William Beach	21 m.		Vt.
	Jonas Beach	16 m.		Vt.
	Rhoda Beach	15 f.		Vt.
	Thirza Beach	13 f.		Vt.
	Phebe Beach	10 f.		Vt.
	John Beach	8 m.		Vt.
	Henry C. Beach	6 m.		Vt.

Alburgh, Vt.

Grand Isle Co.

29 Sept. 1850

456,	Thomas Mott	58 m.	Farmer	Vt.
457 (1)	Laura Mott	49 f.		Vt.
	Lucy L. Mott	7 f.		Vt.
	John Welsh	16 m.	Laborer	Canada
	Louisa Tr --m (illegible)	10 f.		Vt.
	Alfred Mott	14 m.		Vt.
	Mary A. Brothers	18 f.		Canada

North Hero, Vt.

Grand Isle Co.

313,	McKinsy Payne	28 m.	Farmer	Vt.
314	Ann Payne	30 f.		Vt.
	Hellen Payne	2 f.		Vt.
	Maria Ames	21 f.		Vt.
	Nelson Payne	11 m.		Vt.
340,	A. W. Payne	56 m.	Laborer	Conn.
341	Phebe Payne	47 f.		Vt.
	Luther Payne	17 m.		Vt.
	Mahala Payne	13 f.		Vt.
	Nelson Payne	11 m.		Vt.
	Dryton Payne	6 m.		Vt.
	Obison Payne	4 m.		Vt.

(1) This is the Laura Mott who wrote the Dec. 5, 1853 letter to Mrs. Samantha Kent in South Hero, Vt. Perhaps Laura used the salutation Dear "Sister" as one would address a sister within the church rather than as an indication of relationship.

(Esther Faine Austin Feb., 1972)

U.S. Census 1850 CLINTON COUNTY, NEW YORK

Schuyler Falls, N.Y. Clinton County

23 July, 1850

136,	Caleb Dustin	49 m.	Housejoiner	Vt.
137	Cynthia Dustin	46 f.		Vt.
	Francis A. Dustin	19 m.	Farmer	N.Y.
	Gilbert Dustin	17 m.		N.Y.
	Caroline Dustin	14 f.		N.Y.

162,	William S. Beach	34 m.	Housejoiner	Vt.
163	Laura Beach	30 f.		Vt.
	George F. Beach	10 m.		Vt.
	Harriet Beach	3 f.		Vt.

Ellensburg, N.Y. Clinton County 18 Nov. 1850

148,	Abner Kent	50 m.	farmer	N.Y.
154	Almira Kent	45 f.		N.Y.
	Hopefull Kent	21 f.		N.Y.
	Eli Kent	18 m.	Laborer	N.Y.
	Lucretia Kent	15 f.		N.Y.
	Martin Kent	11 m.		N.Y.
	Caroline A. Kent	6 f.		N.Y.

150,	Peter Kent	34 m.	Farmer	19 Nov. 1850
156	Lucretia M. Kent	36 f.		N.Y.
	Sarah A. Kent	14 f.		N.Y.
	Alonso Kent	12 m.		N.Y.
	Orpha Kent	10 f.		N.Y.
	Myron Kent	7 m.		N.Y.
	Munson Kent	6 m.		N.Y.
	Judson Kent	4 m.		N.Y.
	Martha Kent	1 f.		N.Y.

162,	Silas Kent	44 m.	Farmer	N.Y.
168	Naomi Kent	43 f.		N.Y.
	Alvira Kent	14 f.		N.Y.
	Wesley Kent	10 m.		N.Y.
	Adaline Kent	6 f.		N.Y.
	John Kent	2 m.		N.Y.

Ausable, N.Y. Clinton County 1850

735,	Elah Beach	70 m.	Farmer	Conn.
762	Sally Beach	62 f.		Mass.

Part of the same household were several "laborers" of varying names which I did not include.

U.S. Census

CLINTON COUNTY, NEW YORK

Beekmantown, N.Y.

Clinton County

19 Aug. 1850

104,	Hamilton J. Stearns	51 m.	Farmer	Vt.
966	Rebecca Stearns	35 f.		N.Y.
(1)	Winslow Stearns	25 m.	Teacher	Vt.
	Mary E. Stearns	5 f.		N.Y.
	James Mix	64 m.		Conn.
	Martha Mix	56 f.		Vt.

Saranac, New York

Clinton County

5 Sept. 1850

120,				
123	John Kent	48 m.	Bloomer	N.Y.
	Eunice Kent	45 f.		N.Y.
	Helen Kent	17 f.		N.Y.

294,				
301	Daniel Dustin	50 m.	Inn Keeper	N. H. (might possibly have been N.Y.)
	Laura Dustin	33 f.		N.Y.
	Thodore T. Dustin	13 f.		N.Y.
	Cecelia Dustin	11 f.		N.Y.
	John Reed	40 m.	Glass Blower	Eng.
	Moses Gillman	23 m.		N.Y.
	Julia A. Bart	22 f.		N.Y.

Chazy, New York

Clinton County

28 Aug. 1850

1237,				
1318	Arad Kent	58 m.	Farmer	N. Hampshire
	Rachael Kent	58 f.		Vermont

1347,				
1437	Z. M. Dustin	43 m.	Farmer	Vt.
	Esther Dustin	39 f.		Vt.
	Louisa Dustin	17 f.		N.Y.
	Ichabod Dustin	14 m.		N.Y.
	Henry Dustin	10 m.		N.Y.
	Martin Dustin	7 m.		N.Y.

1516,				
1617	living in the Robt. L. Ostrander household:			
	Wm. Beach	22 m.	Farmer	Vt.

Champlain, New York

Clinton County

4 Oct. 1850

2527	Wm. Gorbitt	37 m.	Inn Keeper	Vt.
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names of several guests omitted

	John Beach	30 m.	Machinist	N.Y.
	Mary Beach	29 f.		N.Y.
	Louisa Beach	2 f.		N.Y.

(1) This is the man who married Phebe Landon Kent, dau. of Helmer & Samantha Kent

4223 N.E. Hazelfern Place  
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March 6, 1972

Dear Allen Stratton,

Great good news! The papers regarding the estate of Helmer Kent, deceased, arrived last Thursday afternoon! (Office of the Surrogate in Morris Co., N.J. was most helpful.) Nine pages of material and a map. THE HELMER KENT OF PEQUANACK TWSP., MORRIS CO., N. J. is certainly the HELMER KENT we are looking for.

The list of Helmer Kent's eight children is clearly given three times in these papers, once in the petition of Jacob Kent, the eldest son, for division of the land; once in the body of the commissioners report where they report that division; and once on the map which illustrates the division. Thank goodness for the letter of Jane Kent Adams for her ~~names~~ <sup>names</sup> coincide with ~~five~~ <sup>six</sup> of these names.

There are ~~two~~ <sup>three</sup> points of difference: Jane Kent Adams named no sister "SARAH." I think that might be easily explained in one of two ways: (1) perhaps Sarah did not move north with the rest of the family and was not mentioned much, or (2) perhaps Sarah died at an early age and Jane Kent Adams scarcely knew of her.

The other discrepancy has to do with Jane's memory of a brother "PETER." There apparently was no brother Peter. How can her memory of one be explained? Rereading Jane's letter, she seems to add "Peter" as an afterthought. Possibly she had him confused with a Peter who was the son of Jacob Kent, or perhaps John Kent with his "large family" had a son Peter. IF Sarah Kent PAYNE, Helmer's mother, was a sister to PETER COOK, perhaps Jane was thinking of her grandmother's brother. Of course, (see excerpt from New Jersey Archives enclosed) the Peter Cook who was probably Sarah Kent Payne's brother seems to have died in 1793 but he had a son Peter whom Jane Kent Adams may have heard about.

*Not did she name "Mary."  
The same could be true for  
Mary.*

The originals of this material were written with a quill pen and a real challenge to read. I have transcribed them completely, trying to adhere to the variations in spelling and interesting punctuation exactly. I am delighted with the amount of information.

The disappointment is that there is nothing to help us firm up or clarify the connection with Peter Cook or the Beach families. I have written another letter to the Surrogate in Morris Co., N.J. to ask if there was not a court record of the appointment of Sarah Kent and Peter Cook as administrators. It appears that Peter Cook was no longer living when the division of land took place, but a record of the appointment might state the relationship.

You will note that some of Helmer Kent's land bordered on that of Benjamin Beach. Also, that Abner Beach was the assignee of Jacob Kent. Referring to the excerpt from the N.J.A., Abner Beach, Jr. was a son-in-law of Peter Cook, Sr.

March 6, 1972 to Allen Stratton

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Until we have other positive proof to the contrary, I am inclined to place the order of age for the children as Jacob Kent listed them in his petition. Jacob was certainly the oldest son, I'm guessing that he was the oldest child. Then Catharine, John, Sarah, Mary, Agnes, Helmer, and Anna. I would also guess that he had not come to full age very long before he made that petition. What do you think? *Jacob*

Catharine was named as Catharine Willis--apparently she was married. Jane Kent Adams said that Aunt Kate married Daniels. Daniels may have been a second husband.

I have had to go to the Oregon State Library in Salem, Oregon, to use the New Jersey Archives. It may be possible to wrestle a little more information from those books if I can find opportunity. Am quite sure I have the most valuable material but would like to study through some of the books at greater length. I have gone through a number of references to New Jersey Kents.

I find that there were Kent families in Morris Co., in Middlesex Co., and in Cape May and Somerset Cos. It is possible that some of the Morris and Middlesex Kents were related but it is not at all obvious. If we could afford to send for all these estate settlements we might have enough information to untangle things but even then we might not.

Most inter<sup>est</sup>ing was a THOMAS KENT of Morris Co. I'll copy that reference for you. However, I could not see how it would help us because no sons were mentioned--nor brothers. Three daughters and a granddaughter were named.

Lewis Austin, my husband, made a tracing of the map so we could fit it on a smaller piece of paper. Will include a copy of that too.

Do let us hear your reactions and thoughts as to our progress.

Sincerely

*Esther Austin*

Encl.

Inventory of Estate of Helmer Kent, decd.

Petition of Jacob Kent

Report of Commissioners, Division of Lands of Hellemar Kent, dec.

Map

Entries from New Jersey Archives: Cook, Peter, Sr.  
Husk, Nicolas  
Kent, Thomas

P.S. These estate papers seem to prove that Sarah Kent was still a widow in 1795 and that the family was still together and living in Morris Co., New Jersey.

4223 N.E. Hazelfern Place  
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March 12, 1972

Dear Mr. Stratton,

Two items. First, I received a reply yesterday from the Surrogate's Court in Morris County, New Jersey, assuring me that they had sent ALL papers in the files regarding the estate of Helmer KENT. I really felt that they had, but the question is still unanswered, "Where did the New Jersey Archives record of Sarah Kent and Peter Cook as Administrators come from? The Surrogate's office suggested that I inquire at the State Library. This I intend to do this week. So that you will have it for your files that address is:

State of New Jersey  
State Library  
Department of Education  
Archives and History Bureau  
185 West State Street  
Trenton, New Jersey 08625

Second, you of course noted that I was in error when I crossed out six and wrote in "five" when giving the number of Helmer Kent, Sr.'s children who had been mentioned both by Jane Kent Adams and in the estate settlement. I was interrupted just as I was sealing the letter and became momentarily mixed up. The six children mentioned in both sources were Jacob, Catharine Willis (Kate who married a Daniels in Jane's letter), John, ~~John~~ Agnes, Helmer and Anna. The two that Jane Kent Adams omitted were Sarah and Mary. The one which Jane included but which was not mentioned in the estate settlement was Peter.

Sincerely,

*Esther*

An Inventory of the Estate of Helmer Kent, Decd  
 Taken and appraised by Aaron Biglow & Abr<sup>m</sup> Kitchel  
 the eighth day of October in the year 1788----

Page 1 Viz:

Ten Sheep at 9/	4	10	0
one Dun Cow	4	0	0
one Brindle Cow	4	10	0
One Do.---	4	15	0
one pale Red Cow	4	0	0
one pied Heifer	4	0	0
one Brindle Heifer	3	0	0
one Bull	3	10	0
one two year old Heifer	2	10	0
one black year old Heifer	1	15	0
two Calves	1	10	0
one Gray Horse	10	0	0
one Black Horse	8	0	0
one Sorrel Horse	4	0	0
one gray mare	6	0	0
one waggon	10	0	0
one Set Carpenter Tools	5	0	0
one woman's Saddle	4	0	0
one man's Saddle	2	0	0
one old Do	0	15	0
one Loom and Hatchel	3	0	0
one Sett Gears	1	5	0
one great wheel	0	10	0
one small Do	0	10	0
two flax Hatchels	0	15	0
three old Guns	2	0	0
one feather Bed & Beddin	3	0	0
one Cattail bed & Beddin	1	10	0
one Do---Do	1	10	0
one grind stone	0	12	0
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	£	102	7 0

The above appraised by us the day above

Abr<sup>m</sup> Kitchel )  
 Aaron Biglow ) App<sup>rs</sup>.

Page 2 An appraisal of the Estate of Helmer Kent Decd Taken ye 23 Oct. 1788 Exclusive of what was appraised on ye 8th Day of Intt. Viz:

one ? Dresser with sundry of pewter & earthen, Knives & forks, Iron potts & kettles, chairs & Table, pail, shovel & tongs, Trammels, Griddle, Snath Iron, Churn, MILK things with all the household furniture the deceased his wearing apparel-----	12	12	0
about 20 pounds of wool	2	10	0
old plow and Harrow	0	7	6
one deer Skin	0	7	6
Cutting Box	0	2	6
Ceder Wash Tub 3/ tin Tubb 8/	0	11	0
Grain in the Sheaf	20	0	0
Hay in Stack	10	0	0
Scyth & Cradle & mowing Scyth old	0	12	6
Sundry farming instruments viz: pitch forks, axes, etc., etc.	0	10	0

£ 47 13 0

Brot from Page 1 £ 102 7 0

The above appraised by us the 23rd Day of October 1788

Abr<sup>m</sup> Kitchel  
 Aaron Biglow

1788  
 INVENTORY OF HELMER KENT'S ESTATE  
 a true copy examined by  
 JABEZ CAMPFIELD, Surrogate

4-15

JULY 7th 1795

The Petition of

Jacob Kent for an

Order to divide the lands of  
his father Helemer Kent among  
his heirs-----

July 8th Ordered by the Court

4--15

Aaron Bigelow )  
James Kitchel ) are nominated by the Petitioner to be appointed Com--rs  
Silas Conduit, Esq.)

To the Hon<sup>bl</sup> the Judges of the Orphan's Court in and for the County of  
Morris. The petition of Jacob Kent a son and heir of Helemer Kent late  
of the County of Morris deceased---& intestate---

Respectfully herewith, that  
the said Helemer Kent died possessed of a real estate in said county, that  
he left several children viz: Catharine, John, Sarah, Mary, Agnis,  
Helemer, Anna & the subscriber, six of whom are under age.

Your Petitioner, being of full age, prays an order of this Court for the  
division of the said real estate among the heirs of the said deceased, that  
the metes and bounds of each child's share may be ascertained by three  
commissioners, agreeably to the law in that case made and provided.

JACOB KENT

Morristown July 7th 1795

*Ms. Lewis et al  
4223 N.E. Hazelton Place  
Portland, Oregon 97213*

1795 DEC. 15th

REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS

The Division of the Lands

of Hellemar KENT, dec----

filed this day and entered on the Register

1795

4--15

We the Subscriber's Commissioners appointed by the Orphans Court for the County Morris of the Term of July last past to divide the real Estate of Hellemar Kent Deceased among his Heirs and to ascertain by metes and bounds of each child's share, having met on the premises and having visited the same and agreed on a division thereof, beg leave to report the Said Division to the Judges of the Said Court as follows, Viz: We allot and Set off to Abner Beach Assignee of Jacob Kent one of the Sons of the Said Deceased all that tract or parcel of Land being part of the plantation of the Said Deceased Situate in the Township of Pequanaek in the County of Morris aforesaid adjoining Beaver Brook described on the map hereunto annexed by Lot No. 1 Beginning at a post in the said brook being a corner of Thomas Stiles land in the line of Aaron Bigelow thence in his line (1) South thirty nine degrees & thirty minutes East Twenty Six chains and thirty links to the Said Bigelow's Corner in a line of Benjamin Beach's land thence (2) in the Same South fifty two degrees and thirty minutes West seven chains and ninety links to a corner of Lot No. 2 in the Said Benjamin Beach's line, then (3) North thirty nine degrees and thirty minutes West, twenty two chains and fifty links, to a post in the Said Brook, another corner of Lot No. 2, thereafter the middle of this Said brook the Several courses thereof to the Beginning containing nineteen acres and twenty hundredths of an acre be the Same More or Less.

No 1  
to  
Abner  
Beach

Mrs. Lewis H. Austin  
4225 N.E. Hazelton Place  
Portland, Oregon 97218

Dec. 15, 1795

*No 2  
to  
Helmer  
Kent*

We allot and Set off to Helmer Kent one of the Sons of the Said Deceased all that Tract or parcel of Land Situate in Pequannock aforesaid being par of the aforesaid plantation described on the annexed map as Lot No. 2 Beginning at a post Standing in Beaver Brook being the last corner of Lot No 1 thence along a line of Lot No 1 (1) South thirty nine degrees and thirty minutes East twenty two chains and fifty links to another corner of Lot No 1 in the Said Benjamin Beaches line thence in the Same (2) South fifty two degrees and thirty minutes west Six Chains and and Seventy links to a corner of lot No. 3 thence by the Same (3) North thirty seven degrees and thirty minutes West twenty three chains and Seventy five Links to a post in the Said brook on other corner of Lot No. 3 thence up the Said brook in the middle thereof the Several courses of the Same to the beginning containing fourteen acres and fifty four Hundredths of an acre be the Same more or Less.....

*Lot  
No 3  
to Anna  
Kent*

We allot and Set off to Anna Kent one of the Daughters of the Said Deceased all that Tract or parcel of Land Situate in Pequannock aforesaid being a part of the Said plantation described on the annexed map by Lot No 3 Beginning at a post in the Said Beaver Brook being the East corner of Lot No. 2 thence along a line of the Said Lot No. 2 (1) South thirty Seven degrees and thirty minutes east twenty three chains and Seventy five links to another corner of Lot No 2 in the Said Benjamin Beach's line thence in the Same (2) South fifty two degrees and thirty minutes West three chains and twenty five links to a corner of Lot No 4 thence by the Same (3) North thirty Seven degrees & thirty minutes West twenty three chains & fifty five links to another corner of Lot No 2 in the Said brook thence up the middle of the said brook the Several courses thereof to the beginning containing seven acres & sixty eight hundredth of an acre.

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4223 N.E. Hazelreen Place  
Portland, Oregon 97213*

Dec. 15, 1795

No 4  
to  
Agnes  
Kent

We allot and set off to Agnes Kent one of the Daughters of the Said Deceased all that Tract or parcel of Land in Pequannock aforesaid being part of the said plantation described on the annexed Map by Lot No. 4 Beginning at a post in the Said Beaver brook being the last corner of Lot No. 3 thence by the Same (1) South thirty Seven degrees and thirty minutes East twenty three chains and fifty five links to another corner of Lot No. 3 in the line of the Said Benjamin Beach thence in the Same (2) South fifty two degrees and thirty minutes West three chains and fifty links to a corner of Lot No. 5 thence by the Same (3) North thirty Seven degrees and thirty minutes West twenty one chains and twenty links to another corner of Lot No. 5 in the Said brook thence up the middle of the Said brook the Several courses thereof to the beginning containing Seven acres and eighty three hundredths of an acres be there more or Less.....

No 5  
to  
Mary  
Kent

We allot and Set off to Mary Kent one of the Daughters of the Said Deceased all that Tract or parcel of Land Situate in Pequannock aforesaid being part of the Said plantation described on the annexed map by Lot No. 5 Beginning at a post in the Said Beaver brook being the last corner of Lot No. 4 thence by the Same (1) South thirty Seven degrees and thirty minutes East twenty one chains and Twenty links to another corner of Lot No. 4 in a line of Lands now or Late belonging to Abraham Kitchel, Esq. thence in the Same (2) South fifty two degrees and thirty minutes West four chains and Seven links to a corner of Lot No. 6 thence by the Same (3) North thirty Seven degrees and thirty minutes West eighteen chains and fifty seven links to another corner of Lot No. 6 <sup>h</sup> thence up the middle of the said brook the Several courses thereof to the beginning containing eight acres and none hundredths of an acre be there more or Less.....

No 6  
to  
Sarah  
Kent

We allot and Set off to Sarah Kent one of the Daughters of the Said deceased all that tract or parcel of Land Situate in Pequannock aforesaid

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being part of the Said plantation described on the Said map hereunto annexed by Lot No. 6 Beginning at a post in the Said Beaver brook being the last corner of Lot No. 5 thence by the Same (1) South thirty seven degrees and thirty minutes East eighteen chains and fifty seven links to another corner of Lot No. 5 in the Said Abraham Kitchel's line thence (2) in the Same South fifty two degrees and thirty minutes West five chains to a corner of Lot No. 7 thence by the Same (3) North thirty seven degrees and thirty Minutes West fourteen chains and eighty Links to a post in the Said Brook another Corner of the Said Lot No. 7 thence up the middle of the Said brook the Several courses there of to the beginning containing Eight acres and thirty four hundredths of an acre be there more or Less.....

Lot No. 7  
to  
John  
Kent

We allot and set off to John Kent one of the sons of Said Deceased all that Tract or parcel of Land Situate in Pequanaek aforesaid being part of the said plantation described on the annexed map by Lot No. 7 Beginning at a post in the middle of the said Beaver brook at the last corner of Lot No. 6 thence by the Same (1) South thirty seven degrees and thirty minutes East fourteen chains and eighty links to another corner of Lot No 6 in the Said Kitchel's line thence in the Same (2) South fifty two degrees and thirty minutes West fourteen chains and seventy eight links to a corner of Lot No. 8 thence by the Same (3) north thirty seven degrees and thirty minutes west Eleven chain and tirty links to another Corner of Lot No. 8 in the Said brook thence up the Middle thereof the Several courses of the Same to the beginning containing nineteen acres & twenty Seven hundredths of an Acre be there more or Less.....

Lot No. 8  
to  
Catharine  
Willis

And We allot and Set off to Catharine<sup>a</sup> Willis one of the Daughters of the Said Deceased all that Tract or Lot of Land Situate in Pequanaek aforesaid being par of the Said plantation described on the annexed map by Lot No. 8. Beginning at a post in the Said Beaver brook the last carner of Lot No. 7. thence by the Same (1) South thirty seven dgreees and

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thirty minutes East Eleven chains and thirty links to another corner of Lot No. 7 in the Said Kitchel's line thence in the Same (2) South fifty two degrees and thirty minutes West nine chains and fifty five links to a corner thereof thence (3) North thirty seven degrees and thirty minutes West along the outside line of the Said plantation ten chains and Seventy links to the Said Brook thence up the middle of the Said brook the Several courses there of to the beginning containing ten acres and a half be there More or Less.....

In testimony of the foregoing division and allotment. Subject However to the Right of Dower of the Widow of the Said Deceased We have hereunto set our Hands and Seal this third day of November Seventeen Hundred and ninety five.

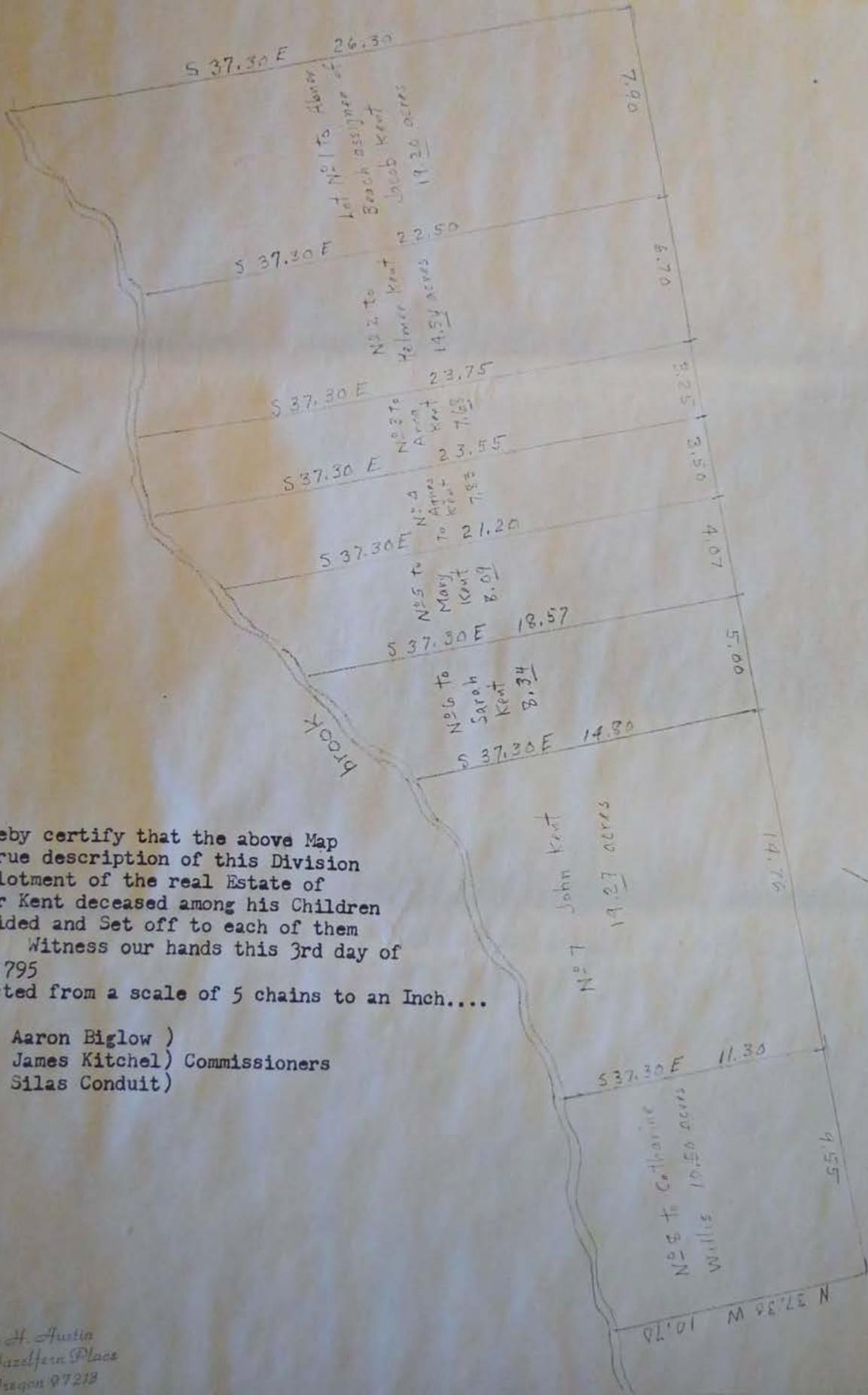
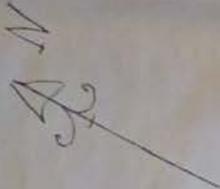
Aaron Riglow

James Kitchel

Silas Conduit

P. 3. At the time of making the above Division the water was so high that it was difficult to ascertain in some places where the proper channel of the brook was by which the Lands are bounded and if the length of chains ascertained in the report should not reach the Said Brook it is our Intention that each Lot Should extend to the Said Brook.

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 Portland, Oregon 97213



We hereby certify that the above Map  
 is a true description of this Division  
 and allotment of the real Estate of  
 Helemar Kent deceased among his Children  
 as divided and Set off to each of them  
 by us Witness our hands this 3rd day of  
 Nov<sup>r</sup>. 1795  
 Protracted from a scale of 5 chains to an Inch....

Aaron Biglow )  
 James Kitchel ) Commissioners  
 Silas Conduit )

Mrs Lewis H. Austin  
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 Portland, Oregon 97218

from New Jersey Archives, 1st Series Vol. XXXIII

Abstract of Wills, Vol. IV Calendar of Wills 1761--1770 page 230

1762, Nov. 4 KENT, Thomas, of Morristown, Morris Co., yeoman; will of. Real and personal to be sold, and then my daughter, Abigail, wife of Jabesh Eaton, of Roxbury, to have one-fourth; and my daughter, Phebe, wife of Isaac Johnson, of Cohansey, £ 5; and the rest to my granddaughter, Mary Johnson, who lives with me, and my daughter, Mercy, wife of John Cole. Executors--Deacon Mathew Lum, and Daniel Lindsly. Witnesses--Henry Primrose, James Pitney, Timothy Johnes. Proved July 30, 1764. Lib. H, p. 450

ALLEN L. STRATTON  
North Hero Island  
Vermont 05474

25 March 1972

Dear Mrs. Austin:

Good news is right. The Estate division records for HELMER KENT, Sr. certainly were very interesting and my compliments to you and your efforts in obtaining them.

I have ~~pre-done~~ my page on HELMER & SARAH (COOK) KENT, listing the seven children. It is a long step towards completing one generation earlier.

A couple weeks ago I went to Plattsburgh, NY., to the Clinton County Surrogates office and searched all the indexed records there for KENT. This was for "Estates" - "Wills" - etc. I was quite surprised to find literally nothing of record. These records went back to circa 1800 and a bit earlier. KENTs settled and lived in Clinton County - yet the oddity - no Surrogate Court records.

I then search<sup>ed</sup> Clinton County Land Records - these are very extensive and I did not have the time to really go thru them. However, I did learn that there was a PETER KENT of Plattsburgh, Clinton Co., N.Y.

In April 1820 - PETER KENT (above) purchased from SYLVESTER PHELPS of South Hero, Vt. - for \$200.00 - the south half of ~~60~~100 acres which is part of Lot No. 15 in a Patent west and adjoining the Patent of Plattsburgh....

Later PETER KENT seems to have become in debt, in excess of \$100.00 and his land (above) was seized by the Sheriff and sold at Public Vendue on 19 July 1825 for \$50.00 - to be applied to his debts....

Also of interest in the Clinton County, N.Y. Land Records - I found where LEVI PLATT of Plattsburgh, NY....for \$100.00 - Sold To - JACOB KENT of Plattsburgh, NY.....beginning at the SW corner of Lot No. 15 in a Patent west and adjoining the Patent of Plattsburgh....100 acres. (Sept. 1822)

So - a PETER KENT and a JACOB KENT purchased adjoining parcels at about the same time. Were they related? Were they brothers?

The Deed from LEVI PLATT to JACOB KENT was Witnessed by JOHN W. KENT.

I can't "place" this JOHN W. KENT - I find that 1 Oct. 1825, JOHN W. KENT and MERCY SMITH were married at Plattsburgh, N.Y.....that JOHN W. KENT left his wife in 1827 - that he lived with HELMER & SAMANTHA KENT in South Hero, Vt. in 1829 - then JOHN W. KENT "took off" - supposedly removed to Georgia or Mississippi...tho in 1834 "he was seen in Burlington, Vt.2

While in Plattsburgh, I took a bit of time, plowed thru some snow drifts, nearly froze, but happened to find the gravestone for CATHARINE KENT -  
SAMUEL D. CHAPPELL.....wife (1st.).....CATHARINE KENT  
b. 29 July 1819 d. 1 March 1850  
d. 5 Oct. 1886 ae 25 yr. - 8 mo.  
(stone eroded)

They are both buried in the Riverside Cem., Plattsburgh, N.Y. Here also with SAMUEL - are buried two more of his wives...

Did you note on the copy of some Misc. data that I sent you in Jan. '72 - one item on it, was the Gravestone: JOHN KENT

d. 22 July 1823, ae 47 yrs.  
Brd. West Plattsburgh, N.Y.

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If JACOB KENT, Son of HELMER KENT, Sr., was ofX age in 1795 - then he could have been born about 1774

Then JOHN KENT, born about 1776 - might have been the brother of JOSEPH KENT, and Son of HELMER KENT, Sr. (Gravestone - W. Platts. Cem.)

JANE (KENT) ADAMS says in her letter "back of Plattsburgh" - West Plattsburgh, N.Y. is "back of Plattsburgh" (west of) - tho the Baker Burying Ground and W. Plattsburgh Village - is not 10-12 miles "back" - it being only 3-4 miles from Plattsburgh.

Well - who knows - some more details to surmise about.....

You wondered about JANE (KENT) ADAMS not mentioning SARAH & MARY KENT, Daus. of HELMER KENT, Sr. I think you could correctly assume, that they may have died young, or - perhaps married in New Jersey and never came to Vt. or N.Y.S.

But I wonder about JANE (KENT) ADAMS memory of a PETER KENT, "brother of HELMER KENT, Jr." - she seems quite specific in her letter, even mentioning "he used to go to Uncle JACOB's the most. He was the oldest brother"

Could PETER KENT have been old enough to have left N.J. prior to the HELMER KENT, Sr. Estate Division and to have not shared in the division, or to have "signed off" previously...? Just a guess...but per JANE (KENT) ADAMS letter....PETER KENT would have been older than JACOB KENT.

I'm wondering again tho - about SARAH COOK - the only factual thing we have to go on so far - is the death record here at South Hero, Vt., for HELMER KENT, Jr. - that the record states- Parents:- HELMER & SARAH (COOK) KENT.

Yet "SARAH BEACH" appears in other records. Now, your Surrogate Records for the division of HELMER KENT, Sr. Estate - mentions proximity of BENJAMIN BEACH and JACOB KENT's assignment to ABNER BEACH

Still - the "PETER COOK" names appears as an Administrator....one wonders a bit about if there was any substance to the vague reference that SARAH's maiden name was "BEACH".....

I think I will stick with the South Hero, Vt. Death Record - "SARAH COOK" for now - and see if we learn any differently.

Will you please compliment your Husband on the "Map" - most excellently done and a very fine "visual" record - I assume it was a "copy" and hope I may keep it. Also that I may keep the other records that you so carefully transcribed, typed - what a job as I well know. THANKS so much for them. Thru your efforts we know a lot more about HELMER KENT, Jr.'s. parents. Here in the Islands - all anyone ever seemed to know - was "that he was from New Jersey" - nothing else.

Now - must close - my season here for the Summer will be starting before long - and a million details now to get things ready to open. I have to forego "Genealogy" and pause long enough to make a "few bucks" - so I can again go back at it again next Fall & Winter....

Hope you will let me know more details as you continue "searching" - I will do likewise.

PS - have you any more detail - full death dates for VICTOR ADAMS & JANE ANY KENT - and where buried. (I have their Children, etc.)

Best wishes to you and Mr. Austin,

Sincerely,

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May 11, 1972

Dear Mr. Stratton:

At last I am about to make a report to you on the progress of my nine days of research in the Genealogical Library in Salt Lake City. It has taken me some time to copy and organize the material so that I am later with it than I would like. No doubt your busy season is well upon you by now and you are involved with other things. Yet, perhaps you can take time to read what I've found and perhaps study it more thoroughly next fall.

First, thank you much for your persistence in tracking down the Will of Issi Fletcher and establishing for us that Laura Fletcher Mott was a daughter of Issi Fletcher and a half-sister of Samantha Fletcher Kent. This is of value to us in the Kent search, because it indicates to us that while Jane Kent Adams contributed much information and was correct on many things that she was subject to error. You will note that she wrote of the Issi Fletcher family in her second paragraph. She mentions, "Aunt Susan," who was the daughter of Jenny Graham Lane Fletcher (by her first marriage to Mr. Lane), Jefferson, and Judson, but she omitted Laura. Also, there was error in the matter of Sarah Kent's maiden name. Was it Cook, or Beach? The use of the name Beach may have been by my grandmother, or my aunt, but in any case it was not correct. I felt that the evidence you found in Helmer Kent's death record at South Hero that it was COOK, coupled with the name of the co-administrator of the estate, was the stronger evidence. At Salt Lake I turned up records which I feel prove that. More of this later.

But about Peter Kent being Helmer's brother I have serious doubt. When first I read Jane Kent Adams's letter I was struck by the ambiguity of her pronoun reference in the sentence, "He was the oldest brother." (No doubt that is the English teacher in me coming to the fore.) Thus I studied the paragraph carefully and decided ~~XXXX~~ that Jane Kent Adams, like many high school students, had intended her pronoun "He" to refer to the closest noun which is "Uncle Jacob." On close study I also decided that ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ psychologically she might have been in error about Peter. She did not mention him in her first listing of her father's brothers. But as she continued to write, she was mentally under great pressure to recall everything she could to help her younger sister, so she ~~dragged~~ up Peter. She earlier had recalled that dredged

"Uncle Jacob was pretty well off one. He had 2 sons and 2 daughters, John and Peter, Polly and Sarah." There is still work to be done on this point but I think that there were actually two Peter Kents, but that one of them was the son of Jacob, son of Helmer, Sr., and the other was son of John, son of Helmer, Sr. who Jane Kent Adams said "had many children." The census records seem to bear Jane out in her statement. Though I have not yet been able to make a complete study of the census records, I have already sent you 1850 Census records for Grand Isle Co., Vt. and Clinton Co., N. Y. Am enclosing Clinton County, N. York records for 1800, 1810, 1820, 1830, 1840 and Vermont records for 1800. Though we absolutely know that the migration from New Jersey came after 1795 (division of the estate) and 1808 (papers signed by Helmer in South Hero), yet no head of family named Peter appears in Clinton Co. until 1830. Nor was he anywhere in Vermont in 1800. I, of course, must look at Grand Isle records for 1820, 1830, and 1840 and it may

as to John's  
"many children"  
before

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appear there. However, for the present, I'm inclined to guess that the Peter who purchased Plattsburgh property in April 1820 was an oldest son of Jacob, son of Helmer, Sr. The Jacob who purchased an adjoining parcel in Sept. 1822 may have been the father, or he may have been a cousin. I may be wrong. That will have to be proved. There are other exciting things to write about.

Discovery one: we now know where Hannah Kent, first wife of Helmer and mother of Jane Kent Adams, was buried. This is quite a triumph as the exact knowledge has seemed to elude searchers for years. You will also note that I found the burial record for a PETER KENT, his wife and son. This is the same Peter who was living at Ellensburg in Clinton Co., N. Y. at the time of the 1850 Census. A death record, or an obituary, should be obtainable for anyone who died as late as 1894 and should tell us who his father was. I have guessed he was another son of John, son of Helmer, Sr., but I may be wrong.

Discovery two: records of the Rockaway Presbyterian Church in Rockaway, Pequannock, Morris Co., New Jersey. Members in 1782:

Helmer Kent  
Jacob Kent  
Sarah Kent

This Jacob might have been their older son but I think not. Listed among the pew holders for 1788 was a Jacob Kent. This man must have been of the same generation as Helmer Kent, Sr. and Sarah. I also found records of a Jacob Kent who served in the Revolution. He was certainly older and not the Jacob, son of Helmer, whom we have estimated to have been born in 1774. Observe, also, that a John Kent was one of the original subscribers to the church. A misprint gives the year of the original subscribers as 1858, but that is obviously a misprint because the date for Early Pew Holders is given as 1758. Since this John Kent is associated with the year 1758, this suggests that he might belong to a generation earlier than Helmer Kent and Jacob Kent who are listed as members in 1782. Was this John Kent perhaps the father of the Jacob Kent and Helmer Kent who belonged to the Rockaway Church in 1782?

Discovery three: but it was not among the Presbyterian records that I found additional proof that Sarah's maiden name was Kent. Because my grandmother had said that Sarah spoke Dutch and used English very brokenly and because Jane Kent Adams had said she was Dutch, I looked at microfilm records and book records of many, many Dutch Reformed Churches in the area. In the records of the Pompton Plains Dutch Reformed Church, I discovered that two of the children of Helmer and Sarah Kent had been baptised there: Sara and Maria. The minister who recorded Maria's baptism also gave us the maiden name of the mother. We now have firm dates for the birth(baptism) of these two children, an estimated date for Jacob(1774) and an estimated date for John Kent based on the age and date given on the gravestone in the Baker Burying Ground, West Plattsburgh, N.Y (1776). (I notice that the Elizabeth Kent also buried there was the daughter of a Peter and Elizabeth Kent but she was not yet 18 years old in 1873).

from the Pompton Plains records  
I compiled quite a number of entries, which relate to Kents or Cooks. (Incidentally, I finally did receive from Trenton, N. Jersey, copies of the papers wherein Sarah Kent and Peter Cook were initially appointed as administrators of the estate of Helmer Kent. NO relationships were stated. However, both Sarah and Peter had signed the papers at three different palaces. Sarah was certainly able to sign her own name--not illiterate. Each time she signed it "SARAH KINT." The Dutch are extremely free with their spelling but KINT seems to be one of their favorite spellings for KENT.) Returning to the subject of

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Pompton Plains Dutch Reformed Church Records. Please examine them carefully. For instance, there is the child Elias, baptised 1739, son of Jacob and Angnitie (Agnes) Kint. According to the papers for the settlement of Helmer Kent's estate, Helmer and Sarah had not only a child Jacob, but also an Agnes. There was also a child Angnitje, 1745, daughter of Symon Kint and Nelly Kint. Was Symon another Kent brother? Do not overlook the Cooks, Coeck, Kooks, V. d. Cooks. V. der Cooks, V.d.Kooks, Vande Koecks, V.d. Coeks. Does this suggest to you, as it does strongly to me, that the original name of Sarah Cook and Peter Cook, assumed brother and sister, was probably Vandercook?

I have sent to Trenton, New Jersey, for copies of the two following wills: listed in N.J. Archives, First Series, Vol. XXXII, Calendar of N.J. Wills, Administrations, Etc.--Vol. III 1751--1760, page 333 and 334:

1753, July 12. van der Cook, Henry, of Perquaneck Precinct, Morris Co., yeoman, will of. Wife Cathrine. Children-- Michael, Peter, Henry, John, Cathrine, Sarah, and Anne. Real and personal estate. Executors--brother Francis Vandercook and brother-in-law, Peter Post. Witnesses--Peeter Post, Joseph Barham, Lavina Francisco. Proved Nov. 24, 1755. Lib. F., p. 322

listed in N.J. Archives, First Series, Vol. XXXVII--Calendar of N.J. Wills, Administrations, Etc.--Vol. VIII 1791--1795 page 83:

1793, Mar. 14. Cook, Peter, Sr., of Hanover Twsp., Morris Co., will of. Wife, Mary, and eldest son, Peter, to manage plantation for the support and bringing up the children. Daughter, Sarah and Mary, each £25, when 18. Children, Caty, Sarah, Peter, Mary and John, remainder of personal, divided between them, when son, Peter, is 21. Sons, Peter and John, all real divided between them, when 21. Executors--wife, Mary, son-in-law, Abner Beach, Jr., and son, Peter. Witnesses--Job Allen, Jacob Davey and William Broadwell. Proved Dec. 30, 1793. Lib. 33. p. 316

1793, Nov. 28. Inventory. £650.13.3; made by Josiah Hall and Job Allen. File 814 N.

The full copies of the wills may yield no more than these abstracts but I feel we must examine them to be sure.

Am sending also a few other ~~papers~~ papers that may clarify the picture including a map of principal Dutch settlements, Pequannock Township, and a Gazeteer account of the Pompton Plains area. Also, a statement about Beaver Creek, which you will recall, bordered Helmer Kent's land. Is it any wonder that his sons became blacksmiths?

I'll appreciate any comments you find you have time to make and be glad for new discoveries that anyone turns up. I expect to have less time for research for the next several months myself but I'll not be losing interest. I'll send a carbon of this letter to Mrs. Brindley so that she may keep up with new developments.

Sincerely,

Esther

6 Dec. 1972

Dear Mrs. Austin:

At long last I've managed to get to the point of answering your very good letter of last Spring. It has been a busy-busy season and just now getting everything all put away for the Winter. My Genealogy work has suffered for lack of time.

I must compliment you greatly on your research and the results. The enclosures in your last letter were tremendously interesting - Census returns, Cemetery Records, Pompton Plains Church Records, Rockaway, Morris Co., N.J. Records, Maps, Hist. of Morris Co. extracts, N.J. Rev. War Records - your "nine days" research at Salt Lake City - sure produced results and a real compliment to your interest, persistence and energy. I thank you greatly for all the information. Thru your efforts many details in questions seem to be resolving themselves and the "KENT Family" record becoming more and more complete.

I am concerned about all the "copies" you sent me. Much time and expense involved on your part. You did not say whether I should keep them - or - could I re-imburse - or. Please feel very free to tell me, if and what. I have a copying machine here - so could make my own copies of anything that you might want back.

I have started work on your last records sent me - and must spend more time re-checking previous details re' KENT Fam. I am puzzled yet about "PETER KENT" - and am inclined to question his being a brother of HELMER KENT. I have no proof - merely an assumption by various coincidental details. This will bear more research.

I was very much pleased to get the Cemetery Record of HANNAH (ALLEN) KENT and child HELMER A. KENT, buried in the Riverview Cem., Plattsburgh, N.Y. It's frustrating in a way, that I have searched that Cemetery personally several times, especially the "old section" but never could find these Gravestones. Thank goodness for the efforts and work of the "L.D.S" - they are doing a valuable work. The dates of the deaths of HANNAH (ALLEN) KENT and Son HELMER A. KENT seem to dispel the tradition that "they drowned off Plattsburgh" - still it persists here in the Islands.

That was an excellent idea following the mention that "SARAH spoke Dutch" and searching Dutch Reformed Church records. And it payed off. Your persistence has again found facts to confirm "Children of HELMER, Sr. & SARAH (COOK) KENT"

Now I am wondering if I should "add" these two Children, ie - SARA and MARIA KENT - to my HELMER, Sr. & SARAH (COOK) KENT record? - I have a "MARY" as one of the Children - but no info about her - wonder if this would be "MARIA" - I have no "SARA" tho - listed as a Child of -

Much of your information needs more study - particularly the Pompton Plains Church records. It opens up a whole new area of searching. I'll have to reserve my comments or any conclusions for the time being.

I am enclosing some detail on the "MERRIAM Fam." - I think you asked about it. An incidental - the "A. W. PAYNE" - 1850 North Hero Census - was "AHIRA W. PAYNE" - the "Z. M. DUSTIN" - 1850 Census, Chazy, N.Y. - was "ZACHEUS M. DUSTIN" - perhaps "E.Z. DUSTIN KENT" was "E. ZACHEUS DUSTIN KENT"....

(2.)

In your searching - have you found any practical way of getting Xerox or Verafax copies of the 1850 Census? I know it is available on Microfilm but the problems of a viewer, etc. are prohibitive. I would like to get Xerox copies of the 1850 Census for Grand Isle County, Vt. only but in a form that I could file and use for reference. Have you any suggestions?

As usual I owe Mrs. Brindley a letter. I must get at it. She thinks you are "tremendous" and admires your work. She would like to do more research there in Mich. but am afraid is limited to trying to get around and the time element. Guess I told you that she visited here and I met her personally - a very fine lady.

Let me hear from you when you get a chance - and how you are - etc. Let me know if I can help on this end with any "Island Family" records - I have much material but somewhat limited to the Islands.

My very best to you and yours - and - THANKS again for everything.

Sincerely,

MRS. BRINDLEY

<u>DANIEL MERRIAM</u> .....md.....	<u>RUTH DIXON</u>
b. 1 Aug. 1771	n. 22 June 1778
In Conn.	at Kent, Conn.
d. 1 May 1849	d. 18 April 1868
ae 77-yr. & 9-mo.	at Bettle Creek, Mich.
Brd. South Hero, Vt.	

RUTH DIXON was Dau. of Capt. THOMAS & ABIGAIL (HATCH) DIXON, very early settlers in South Hero, Vt.

DANIEL & RUTH (DIXON) MERRIAM also early settlers in South Hero, Vt.

DANIEL & RUTH (DIXON) MERRIAM had Eight Children, one of whom was:-

<u>HANNAH MERRIAM</u> .....md.....	<u>MUNSON KENT</u>
b. 24 March 1821	b. 7 Jany. 1820
at South Hero, Vt.	at South Hero, Vt.
d. 8 July 1848	d. Sept. 1868
at Massena, N.Y.	Fayette Co., Iowa

MUNSON F. & HANNAH (MERRIAM) KENT moved to Massena, N.Y. abt. 1845, where HANNAH died. They had six Children, only one, AURELIA KENT who married THOMAS NOON, living.

About a year after HANNAH's death, MUNSON F. KENT md. MARINDA YOUNG. Leter he went West and lived and died on a farm near West Union, Iowa.

MUNSON F. KENT was a Son of HELMER & SAMANTHA (FLETCHER) KENT of South Hero, Vt.

HANNAH MERRIAM's Sister ~~BARBARA~~ MERRIAM md.....HECTOR ADAMS

MUNSON F. KENT's Sister JANE ANN KENT md.....VICTOR ADAMS

HECTOR & VICTOR ADAMS were Brothers and Sons of BENJAM & SUSAN (SNELL) ADAMS of South Hero, Vt.

MRS. BRINDLE

from CLINTON COUNTY, NEW YORK, CEMETERY RECORDS Vol. 1  
copied by members of Eastern States Mission, L.D.S  
typed by the Genealogical Society of Utah, 1941--1943

Riverside Cemetery Records  
Plattsburgh, Clinton, New York  
Location: Broad Street  
copied 1940 by Elders F. A. Schwendiman & M. A. Dillon

- ✓ KENT, HANNAH d. June 16, 1816 age 20 yrs. 11 mos.  
Wife of Helmer KENT
- ✓ KENT, HELMER A., son of Helmer KENT and Hannah KENT,  
d. June 23, 1816

West Hill Cemetery Records  
Ellensburg, Clinton, New York

KENT, LUCRETIA M., d. 14 April 1876 age 62 years 11 mos.  
Wife of Peter KENT

KENT, MIRON, son of Peter and Mrs. L. M. Kent,  
d. 3 June 1863 age 19 years 6 mos.

KENT, PETER, d. 4 Jan. 1894 age 76 years 3 mos.  
Husband of Lucretia KENT

East Beekmantown, Clinton, New York

STEARNS, SOPHRONIA A. d. 21 Oct. 1843 age 42 years  
Wife of Hamilton J. STEARNS

Above records copied by Esther Austin while working in the  
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Comments by Esther Austin:

Sophronia Stearns was evidently the first wife of Hamilton J. Stearns  
and thus was mother of Winslow Stearns who married Phoebe KENT, dau.  
of Helmer Kent.

Peter KENT, Lucretia KENT, and MIRON (Myron) were listed with other  
family member in the 1850 Census for Ellensburg, Clinton Co., New York

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POMPTON PLAINS REFORMED DUTCH CHURCH  
MARRIAGE AND BAPTISM RECORDS

Married by Johannis Van Driessen:

1737 Hendrick Cook, y.m. & Catherine Post, y.d.

Later marriages of possible interest:

1794 May 12 John Kook & Jane Vandle  
1795 Aug. 20 Peter Kook & Eleanor Mowerson  
1801 Feb. 1 James Jochim & Caty Cook  
1806 Aug. 7 John Kook & Polly Fredericks

Child	Date of Baptism	Parents	Witnesses
Catharine	1738	Cath. V. der Cook Hendrick V. der Cook	Pieter Post Annatje Post
Elias	1739	Jacob Kint Angnitie Kint	Edward Parreleman Antje Parrelman
Machiel	1740	Hendrik V. d. Cook Cath.	Machiel V. d. Cook Sara V. d. Cook
Petrus	1741 Jan. 9 Or 10	Hendrik Cook Catharine "	Johs. Van Houten Martyntje "
Hendrik	1744, Jan. 19 born Jan. 1, 1744	Hendrick Kook Catharina "	Frans Cook Lena "
Johannes	1744, Dec. 2	Machiel V.d. Kook Cornelia "	Isaak Van Ness Neeltje "
Angnitje	1745	Symon Kint Nelly "	Frederick Frederiks Slyvester Kind
Hesther	1746, May 11	Machiel Vande Koeck Cornelia "	Symon Van Es Hester "
Sara	1759 bo. Feb. 7.	Machiel Coeck Cornelia "	Derik Vreland Catrina "
Fytje	1765 bo. Dec. 23	Michel Coeck Antje "	Johannie Kierstede Fytje Kierstede
Alye(?)	1774 Bo. Mar 1	John Cook Jannitje Cook	
Joris	1775, Jan 4	Hendrik Cook Antje "	
Pieter	1776, April 23	Hendrik Cook Antje "	

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POMPTON PLAINS REFORMED DUTCH CHURCH MARRIAGE AND BAPTISM RECORDS (con't)

Jacobus	1778, Mar. 26	Machiel Cook	Hendrik Man
	----, May 10	Annaatje "	Maritje Mand
[ SARA	1779, Jan 6	HELMIGH KIENT SARA KINT	
Catrina	1779 Nov. 18	Hendrik Cook Antje	
Maria	1780, July 22	Pieter Cook Maria "	Hendrik Francisco Antje Francisco
Machiel	1781, Jan. 12	Machiel Cook	
	April 16	Annaatje Jacobus	
[ Maria	1781, Feb. 20	HELEMIGH KINT SARA COOK	
	April 16		
Magdalene	1785 bo. Nov 12	France Cook	
Richard	1788 bo. April 4	Francisco Cook	Richard Francisco
Peter	1788 bo. May 13	Henry Cook & Anne	
Lena	1788 bo. Oct. 13	Hendrik Cook & Jannitje	
Barend	1789 bo. Feb. 27	Machile Cook & Lena	
Annaatje	1790 bo. April 4	Hendrik Cook & Antje	
Isaac	1790 bo June 3	Hendrik Cook	
Johannis	1790 bo. Nov. 12	Johannis Cook & Jannitje	
Lary	1794 bo. Jan 27	Thomas Sanders Lary Kook	
Ellenor	1794 bo. Feb. 19	John Kook Susanna Fransisco	
Peter	1795 bo. May 22	John Kook Susanna Francisco	
Dirk	1795 bo. June 17	France Kook Marytje Cischo	

MEMBERS 1737: Pieter Post  
Hendrik V.d. Cook

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film 3778 is a microfilm of the original hand written records. I also viewed film 3778

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The Rev. Mr. Carle asked and obtained a dismission from the parish, and the parish became (as it truly was) like sheep without a shepherd. Part of the time with supplies from presbytery, and part of the time with preachers of other and sometimes strange doctrines, until in the mercy of God, we once more emerged from the dark cloud which hung over us; and in the fall of 1808, obtained a settlement of present pastor, Rev. Barnabas King, who was ordained and installed pastor of our church and congregation on the 27th December, 1808.

And under his administration the Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad, and for which we desire to bless his holy name. While we would show the great disparity of the numbers of the church in October, 1808, being then only thirty-five in all, and among them it might be said there was only three men that would pray in public, if they ever prayed at all; but under a faithful and pious ministry of twenty-five years, the Lord has increased the church to the present number of three hundred and thirty-one members in regular standing.

NOTE. The new meeting house at Rockaway is of brick, forty-seven by sixty feet, twenty-one feet high above the water table; steeple eighteen feet square, forty-two feet high, four pedestals, three feet square, with four pyramids ten feet high on each corner; four Gothic windows in each broadside and two in the pulpit end, each one hundred and eleven lights of glass; finished in-

side with galleries, ceiled, and seated in a plain, neat manner and painted white. About one year in building.

**Rockaway Church  
Parishioners.**

The following list of persons belonging to the Rockaway parish previous to 1808, including the subscription list (100) of 1793-4. Dates refer to membership. Revised from old records by J. P. CRAYON, Rockaway, N. J.

NAME.	DATE.
Allen, Job (1) (Builder of the church)	1758
" Christiana (wife)	1758
" Job (2) Capt. (Elder)	1780
" Mary (Minturn) wife	1780
" David	1781
" Mary	1780
Allerton, Zachariah	1768
" Jacob (Elder)	1758
" Martha (Bailey) wife	1758
" Jacob, Jr.	1768
Alger, William	1781
" Mary (Simcox) wife	1781
Anderson, Cornelius	1793
" Priscella (wife)	1793
" Eliakim	1770
" Sarah (wife)	1770
Arnold, Margaret	1793
Ayres, Robert	1770
" Anna (Jackson) wife	1770
" Jackson	1793
" Betsey (Moore) wife	1783
Baker, David (Trustee)	1786
Baldwin, David, Jr., Rev.	1781
" Prudence (wife)	1781
Barn, John	1768
Bates, Ephriam	1768
Beach, Benjamin	1768
" Jane (Allen) wife	1768
" Nancy (2nd wife)	1768
" Joseph	1758
" Stephen and wife	1768

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Beach, Sarah	1793	Cooper, Benjamin	1770
" Benjamin	1793	" John	1781
" Abner	1793	" John	1788
" David	1793	" Sarah	1788
Beaman, David (Elder)	1758	Cory, John	1788
" Mary (Stauborroug) wife	1758	" Mary	1794
" Josiah	1758	Daniels, Samuel	1793
" Huldah (Winds) wife	1758	" Benajah	1768
" Anna (Jackson) widow	1758	Davis, Rosel	1788
" Joseph	1758	Day, John	1793
Bend, Nathaniel	1793	DeCamp, Joseph	1793
Berry, Titus	1781	Dell, Richard	1775
Bishop, Gideon	1793	Dickerson, Daniel	1781
Bigelow, Aaron	1775	" Phebe (Genung) wife	1781
" Jonathan	1781	Dodd, Stephen	1781
" Daniel	1768	Doty, Moses	1793
" Josiah	1775	Drake, Jacob	1781
" John (Capt.)	1780	Earl, Anna (widow)	1780
Bogles, Zephaniah	1793	Estile, Jabez	1770
Bowers, Lemuel	1793	Estler, Conrad	1795
Brunkerhoff, George (Trustee)	1768	" Margaret (wife)	1793
and wife	1772	" David	1788
Broadwell, David	1797	Faesch, John Jacob	1788
" Sibbah (wife)	1793	Farris, Jacob	1781
Briant, Rachel	1793	" Charity (wife)	1781
Brown, Ezekiel	1793	Fervor, George	1768
Barwell, John	1768	Ford, Chillion	1793
" Ephraim	1768	" Jacob, Jr.	1768
Casterline, Joseph	1788	French, Aaron	1793
" Susannah (Lyon) wife	1788	Gadden, John	1793
Cathcart, Joseph	1793	Gordon, David	1770
Canfield, Israel	1793	Gaston, Robert (Capt.)	1781
Churchhill, Samuel	1793	Goldsmith, Josiah	1779
" Patience	1770	Gregory, Seth	1781
Clark, John (Elder)	1793	Garrigus, David (Elder)	1758
" Reuben	1793	" Abigail (Losey) wife	1781
" James	1768	" Jacob	1781
" Benjamin	1768	" Sarah (wife)	1781
" Samuel	1772	" Jacob, Jr.	1770
Cobb, John (Elder)	1768	Haines, Silas	1793
Corbett, Nicholas	1794	Hall, John	1793
Conklin, Abigail (widow)	1775	" Seth	1781
Conger, Zenas	1781	" Josiah (Capt.)	1781
" Stephen	1779	" Joseph	1768
" Joseph	1793	Halbert, Sarah	1768
" Thomas (Elder)	1793	Hathaway, Samuel	1768
" David (Capt.)	1793	" Silas (Capt.)	1768
" Elizabeth (wife)	1793	" Prudence	1794
Cook, John	1794	" Dency	1788
" Jane (wife)	1768	Hedden, Elisha	1781
Cooper, Ichobod	1768	" Aaron	1781

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Hedden, Samuel	1731	" Jane (wife)	—
Harriman, Jacob	1793	" Moses	1788
" John	1758	" Thankful	1794
" Lois (wife)	—	" Benjamin	—
" David	1793	Logan, Elizabeth (wife of Francis)	1790
Hilar, John, Jr.,	1793	Leonard, Elijah	1781
" Joseph	1775	" Stephen	1781
Hill, David (Capt.)	1793	Lerg, Matthias	1793
" Anna (wife)	—	Lewis, Edward	1771
Hinds, James	1781	" John	1768
Hopland, Cornelius (Capt.)	1793	" Joseph	1768
Hoff, Joseph	1775	" David	1793
" Charles (Capt.)	1775	" Samuel	1768
" John	1777	Lindsley, Amos	1770
Hicks, Samuel	1793	" Ebenezer	1775
Hartley, Dennis	1768	" Samuel	1781
Hopping, Moses	1793	" Moses	1793
Howell, Harriet (Conger)	—	Lockwood, James	—
" Samuel	1781	" Charity (wife)	—
Huntington, John (Elder)	1758	Losey, James Puff (Capt.)	1770
" Elizabeth (Heady)	1758	" Jacob	1793
" wife.	1758	" John	1768
" Simeon	1793	" Joseph	1793
" Gilbert	1793	Love, Samuel	1793
Hunting, Jonathan, M. D.	1765	" Thomas	1768
" Matthew	1774	Lymus, Enos (colored)	1775
Hurd, Josiah	1770	" Hannah (wife)	1775
" David	1788	" Enos, Jr.	1795
" Daniel	1788	" Jacob	1795
" Phebe (wife)	—	Ludlad, William	1793
Innis, Catharine (wife of John)	—	Luke, Mathew	1793
Jackson, Stephen (Capt.)	1768	Lum, Obadiah (Elder)	1758
" Joseph (Gen.)	1768	" James	1768
" Anna (wife)	—	Lyon, Abraham	1788
" Daniel	1781	" Absolam	1780
" Benjamin	1776	" Catharine	1780
" John	1793	" Eliphlet	1793
Kanouse, Peter (Rev. and Elder)	1793	" Jonah	1793
" Mary (wife)	1793	Mathews, Patience (wife of James)	1793
Keen, Josiah	1793	Manu, Thomas	1793
Kent, Helmer	1782	McCarthy, Francis	1781
" Jacob	1782	" Charity (Miller) wife	—
" Sarah	1782	" Ann (VanDervoort)	—
King, Thomas	1793	" wife	—
" Andrew	1768	McGibbon, John	1768
" John	1793	Merritt, Samuel	1785
Kitchell, Abraham (Trustee)	1768	" John	1769
" (wife)	1768	Miller, Frederick	1779
" James (Trustee)	1794	" Jacob	1768
Lamson, Eleazer	1797	" Thomas	1768
		" Samuel and wife	1794

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Mills, William	1768	Scott, Joseph	1781
Minthorn, James	1793	Searing, Penina	1796
" William	1781	Shawger, George	1793
" John	1781	Shores, Phebe	1795
" Hannah (widow)	1795	Southard, Isaac,	1768
" Urania	1795	" Isaac, Jr.,	1768
Mitchell, William	1793	" Benjamin	1781
Moore, Josiah	1788	" Timothy	1768
" David	1781	Stagg, Wm.	1768
" Francis	1788	Stickle, George	1798
" Samuel	1758	" Sarah (Beaman) wife	1794
" Samuel, Jr.	1788	" Peter	1794
Morris, Nathaniel	1768	" Elizabeth	1794
Morgan, Abraham	1768	" Jacob	1793
Munson, John (Capt.)	1763	" Edward	1793
Nichols, Jonathan	1793	Stiles, Thomas	1768
" Abiel	1768	" Betsey (wife David)	1793
O'Hara, John	1788	Smith, John	1793
Ogden, Olive	1781	" Henry	1768
Osborn, Thomas	1779	" Bernard	1793
" Abraham	1781	Talmage, Job (Capt.)	1793
" Neahmiah	1781	" Sarah (Cooper) wife	—
" Elizabeth	1796	Teabo, Nicholas Mrs.	1785
" Catharine	1793	Tuttle Moses	1758
" Isaac	1793	" Jane (Ford) wife	1758
Owen, Ziba L.	1793	" Daniel	1795
Palmer, Samuel	1793	" Elenor (wife)	1795
" Jacob	1781	" Henry	1758
Parkhurst, John	1793	Van Dyne, Frank	1781
Perkins, Eleazer	1768	Walton, Mark	1781
Pierson, Willys (Trustee)	1792	Wells, Edward	1793
" Ebenezer H., M. D.	1790	Wheeler, Joseph	1793
Peer, David (Elder)	1785	Whitehead, Joseph	1768
" Elizabeth (wife)	1785	William, Samuel	1781
" John	1795	" Jonas	1781
" Betsey (wife)	1795	" Ruth	1781
" Jacob	1795	Willis, Bethuel	1781
" Joanna (wife)	1795	Winds, William (Gen.)	1758
Phelps, Joel	1793	" Ruhamah (wife)	1758
Roy, William and wife	—	Winget, Josiah	1793
Riets, John M.	1793	Wallox, William	1768
Riggs, Jonathan	1768	Wright, Joseph	1793
" Thomas	1768	Young, Arthur	1781
Rogers, Nathaniel	1793	" Arthur, Jr.	1793
Ross, William (Elder) and wife	1768	Zeek, Mathias	1793
" Enoch	1768		
" Isaac	1781		
" Moses	1793		
" Phebe (wife)	1794		
Russell, Newton	1794		
Scidmore, Susan	1793		

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Gilbert Hedden  
David Beaman  
Isaac Ogden  
John Pipes  
Samuel Shipman  
Seth Mehurin  
John Minthorn  
Samuel Whitehead  
Joseph Burwell, Jr.  
William Winds  
Nathaniel Mitchell  
Josiah Beaman  
James Losey  
Abraham Masaker  
Henry Stag  
John Harriman  
John Johnson  
Samuel Barwell  
Jonah Huston  
John Goble  
Abraham Johnson  
John Cogswell  
John Huntington  
Gershom Gard  
John Kent  
Amos Kilburn  
Henry Tuttle  
Joseph Beach  
John Stag  
William Daniels  
Samuel Moore  
Jacob Garrigus  
James Milege  
William Walton  
Jacob W. Thaxp  
Obadiah Lam  
Benjamin Carey

## Early Dew holders, 1758.

- 1 Deacon John Huntington
- 2 Gen. William Winds
- 3 Used for the Deacons
- 4 Used for the minister's family
- 5 Col. Jacob Ford, Jr.
- 6 Benjamin Cooper & Co.
- 7 Moses Tuttle
- 8 John McGibbons

- 9 William Ross
- 10 Capt. James P. Losey
- 11 Capt. Job Allen
- 12 Henry Tuttle
- 13 Isaac Southard

## Early Dew holders, 1788.

- 1 Bernard Smith
- 2 William Winds
- 3 John O'Hara
- 4 Silas Hathaway
- 5 Stephen Jackson
- 6 David Beaman
- 7 Samuel Morse, Jr.
- 8 Job Allen
- 9 David Broadwell
- 10 John Cory
- 11 Benjamin Jackson
- 12 Thomas Osborn
- 13 Francis McCarty
- 14 Eliakim Anderson
- 15 David Hurd
- 16 David Garrigus
- 17 Jacob Kent
- 18 Joshua Moore
- 19 Moses Lampson
- 20 John Harriman
- 21 Abraham Lyon
- 22 Moses Lamson
- 23 Francis Moore
- 24 Samuel Merritt
- 25 Joseph Casterline

## Elders of Rockaway Church.

- |                           |      |
|---------------------------|------|
| Job Allen                 | 1758 |
| John Huntington           | 1758 |
| Obadiah Lam               | 1758 |
| Jacob Allerton            | 1758 |
| David Beaman              | 1758 |
| William Ross              | 1758 |
| John Cobb                 | 1779 |
| David Beaman (Re-elected) | 1793 |
| Job Allen, Jr.            | 1793 |
| John Clark                | 1783 |
| William Ross              | 1797 |
| David Peer                | 1797 |

David Garrigus  
John Garrigus, Jr.  
Peter Kauouse  
Benjamin Lamson  
Samuel Hicks  
Joseph Jackson  
Thomas Conger  
John Garrigus, Jr.  
William Jackson  
Silas Hamilton  
Josiah Hurd  
John Mott  
Jacob Powers  
Henry Beach  
Samuel B. Halsey  
Silas S. Beach, Sr.  
David Wiggins  
George Rowland  
Alexander Norris  
David Hamilton  
Samuel S. Beach, Jr.

1798	Joseph H. Beach	1861
1809	Charles C. DeHart	1861
1809	James H. Bruen	1874
1809	Nathaniel R. Mott	1874
1818	Mahlon Hoagland, Sr.	1886
1818	John G. Mott	1886

### Sextons of Rockaway Church.

1832	David Beaman	1773
1832	David Gordon	
1841	William Waer	
1841	John B. Kelsey	
1841	Sylvanus Howell	
1841	Frederick Star	
1843	Joseph H. Beach	
1861	David Hamilton	
1871	John G. Mott	1875

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1777. His wife was born Nov., 1701, died at Morristown, July 31, 1777. Samuel, born Oct. 11, 1710, married Hannah's sister, Sarah Baldwin, 1732. Died at Morristown, Aug. 11, 1752. His widow married (2) John Allen, Sept. 30, 1753, (3) Solomon Boyle, Jan. 5, 1763. She was born July 22, 1709, died Apr. 22, 1789. There were perhaps other children not on the records.

Children of Jacob and Hannah: John, born Apr. 5, 1728, married (1) Penelope Jennings Mar. 20, 1748. She died Oct. 18, 1748. (2) Martha Rayner Jan. 20, 1751, died Feb. 14, 1767. Phebe, born Feb. 20, 1729, married (1) Samuel Arnold, Oct. 16, 1748. He died Oct. 3, 1764, aged 38, (2) Jonas Phillips Dec. 24, 1766. He was born March 12, 1735, died Dec. 13, 1813, she died Aug. 3, 1819. Sarah, born July 20, 1732, married (1) John Kenny, Aug. 20, 1749, (2) Dr. Samuel Tuthill, son of John, Nov. 3, 1751, he was born Sept. 23, 1724, died May 31, 1814. She died Nov. 11, 1811. Mary, born about 1734, married Azariah Dunham, of Piscataway, May 21, 1753. Jane, born Jan. 29, 1736, married Moses Tuttle, son of Joseph, Dec. 15, 1756, died Nov. 22, 1794. He was born Nov. 10, 1732, died July 11, 1819, both buried at Rockaway. Jacob, Jr., born Feb. 10, 1738, married Theodosia, daughter of Rev. Timothy Johns, of Morristown, Jan. 27, 1762. She was born Sept. 13, 1741, died Aug. 31, 1824. He was also colonel in the Revolution, and died eight days before his father on Jan. 11, 1777. David, born Apr. 2, 1741, died May 13, 1769; Elizabeth, born May 29, 1743, died July 18, 1746.

Children of Samuel and Sarah: Jonathan, born 1733, married Eunice, daughter of Jonathan and Temperance (Dickerson) Odell, Mar. 1, 1766. He and his son, John Odell, were largely interested in iron works in the upper Pequannoc Valley, and built some of the first forges there. He died at Stockholm, July 12, 1817. His wife was born 1742 died at Stockholm July 24, 1830. Samuel, Jr., married Grace Kitchell, daughter of Abraham, of Rockaway, Jan. 20, 1757; was connected with money making schemes, left and went to Virginia where he changed name to Baldwin, married and had children there—date of death unknown. Charity, married Abraham Kitchell, of Rockaway; Hannah, born about 1740, married Joseph Morris, son of Stephen, Apr. 12, 1759. He was born 1732, died from wounds received in the Revolution war Jan. 5, 1778. Eunice, baptized Apr. 3, 1743, married (1) Stephen Moore Apr. 21, 1761, who died Jan. 19, 1777, aged 39; (2) John Scott, who died June 5, 1800, aged 87. She died Mar. 8, 1802. Demas, baptized Apr. 14, 1747, married (1) Mary Lewis, who died Sept. 17, 1783, aged 28; (2) Rachel, who as his widow, married Calvin Caulfield. James, born Nov. 21, 1747, married Elizabeth Odell, daughter of Jonathan, May 9, 1779. She was born 1749, died Jan. 20, 1819. He died Mar. 1, 1827.

Children of John and Martha (Raynor) Ford: Penelope, baptized Nov. 3, 1753; Jacob, baptized Nov. 2, 1753; Hannah, baptized Dec. 11, 1754, Mahlon, born July 26, 1756, died at Ogdensburg

N. Y. Chillion, born Dec. 26, 1757, was colonel in Revolution, had wife, Harriet, who died Dec. 17, 1802, aged 31, was connected with the business interest of Rockaway, as store keeper. The frame of the old store is now occupied by Central R. R. as a depot. It is said he contracted cholera at New York on a business visit, died soon after his return at Rockaway, Oct. 19, 1800, was buried at Morristown. John, baptized Sept. 2, 1759, died before 1767. David, born Apr. 16, 1761, was colonel, went to Ogdensburg, N. Y., 1804, died Nov. 6, 1835. Nathan, born Dec. 8, 1763, never married, died Apr. 29, 1829.

Children of Phebe (Ford) Arnold: Jacob, baptized Feb. 24, 1754, married Elizabeth Tuthill. John, born Nov. 19, 1752, died Dec. 14, 1756. Hannah, born July 22, 1754, died Dec. 14, 1756. Samuel, born July 8, 1757, died Nov. 23, 1760. Phebe, born Aug. 12, 1760, married John Kenny Oct. 21, 1778, died Feb. 17, 1820. Kenny died 1832. Anne, baptized Mar. 27, 1763, married George Tucker, son of Philip, Jan. 7, 1787, died Sept. 17, 1807. He was born 1760, died Oct. 20, 1807. Children by Phillips: George, baptized Apr. 10, 1768, died Jan. 10, 1788. Samuel, born Apr. 9, 1770, died May 6, 1771. Mary, born Sept. 18, 1772, died July 2, 1811.

Children of Sarah (Ford) Tuthill: Elizabeth, baptized Apr. 1, 1754, married Col. Jacob Arnold Oct. 1, 1770. Jane, baptized May 16, 1756, married Dr. Lewis Dunham May 4, 1777, had four children. Sarah, baptized June 24, 1859, married (1) Jonathan Stiles,

Jr., Nov. 23, 1775, had four children. He died, Feb. 4, 1807. (2) Rev. William Woodbridge Dec. 14, 1810. Theodoros, baptized July 12, 1761, married Jane Hancock 1798, who was born 1759, died June 1, 1814. He died Aug. 16, 1805. Samuel, baptized Oct. 30, 1763, not married, died July 27, 1834. Mary, baptized Jan. 19, 1766, married Rodolphus Kent Nov. 11, 1878, had thirteen children. He was born 1754, died May 9, 1829. She died Oct. 26, 1819. Hannah, baptized July 10, 1768, married Dr. Wm. Campfield Nov. 10, 1789. Jacob Ford, born Apr. 6, 1770, died Dec. 27, 1799. A child died Sept. 12, 1772, child died July 28, 1777.

Children of Jane (Ford) Tuttle: Mary, born Dec. 15, 1757, married Capt. Cornelius Hoagland May 15, 1777, died in Kentucky Feb. 5, 1840. He was born Apr. 12, 1750, killed by the falling of a limb of a tree in Kentucky, July, 1806. Hannah Ford, born Sept. 2, 1759, married Capt. Charles Hoff, Jr., died Aug. 26, 1849. He was born Nov. 12, 1756, died July 16, 1811; both buried at Rockaway. Jane Ford, born Sept. 22, 1766, married Joseph DeCamp, son of Henry, died Aug. 13, 1831. He was born Nov. 14, 1759, died Dec. 31, 1800; both buried at Rockaway. Shincou, baptized June 14, 1784. Moses, Jr., born Feb. 16, 1789, died Oct. 25, 1769, buried at Rockaway. Capt. Moses Tuttle lived at Mount Pleasant, connected with the iron works there, and a regular attendant at church at Rockaway.

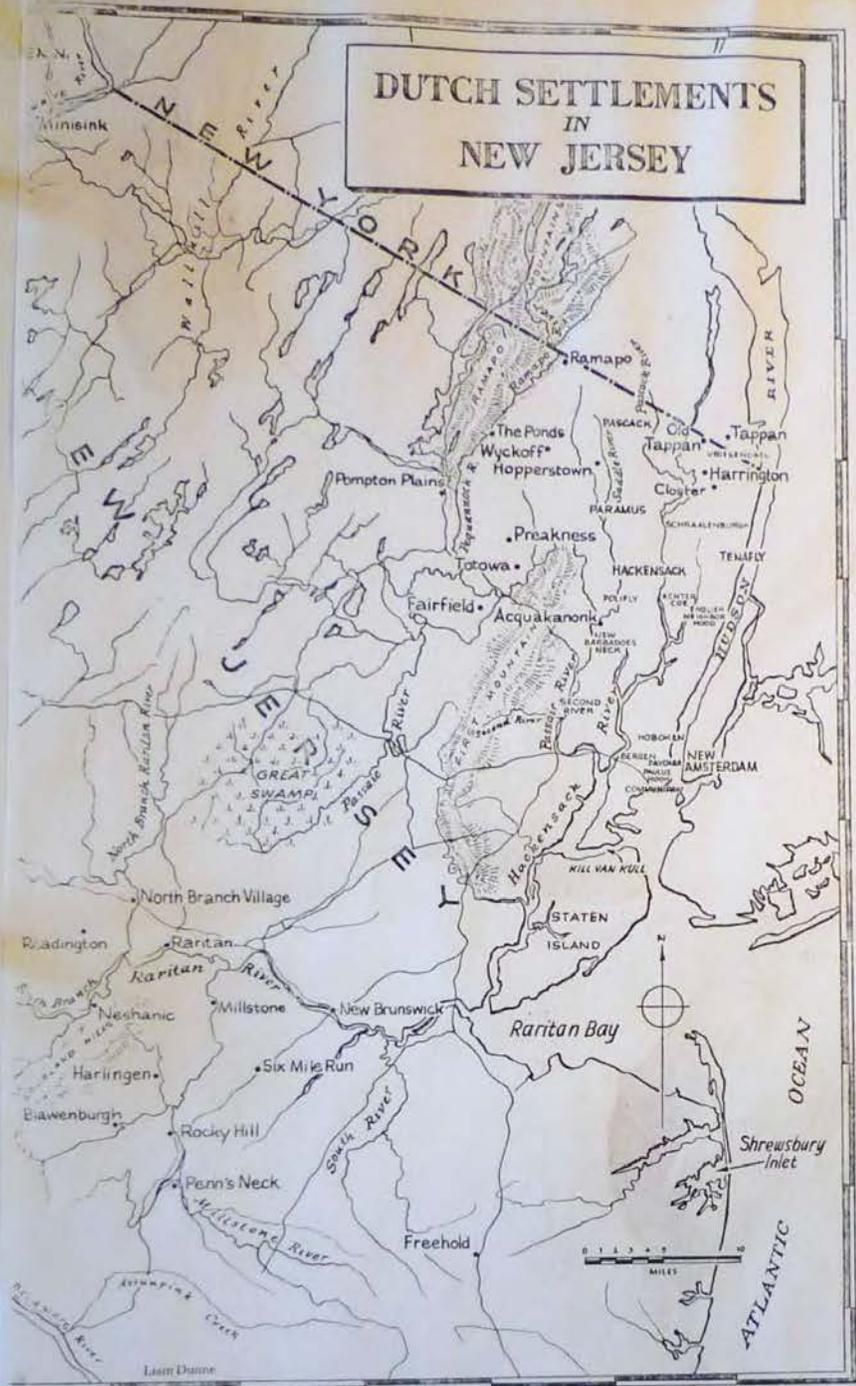
Children of Col. Jacob Ford, Jr.: Timothy, baptized Feb. 13, 1763, went

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"Beaver Brook, tributary of the Rockaway River, Pequannock t-ship, Morris County, flows by a S.W. course of 8 miles through a hilly country giving motion to several forges."

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about 4 miles N. W. of Pittstown, and 14 E. of Salem.

Pompeston Creek, mill stream of Chester t-ship, Burlington co., flowing by a N. W. course of about 5 miles, and emptying into the Delaware river, nearly opposite to the mouth of the Pennepack creek.

Pompton t-ship, Bergen co., bounded N. by Orange co., New York; E. by Franklin t-ship; S. by Pequannock and Jefferson t-ships, Morris co.; and W. by Hardiston and Vernon t-ships, Sussex co. Centrally a point N. W. from Hackensack, 23 miles; greatest length E. and W. 14 miles; breadth N. and S. 12 miles; area, about 70,000 acres, of which about 55,000 are unimproved, and much of it covered with forest; surface, very hilly; the Ramapo mountain, extending over the eastern boundary, and Bear Foot mountain along the western; the intervening space is broken into knolls of various sizes and shapes. The soil is generally clay and loam, but some primitive limestone appears near Mackepin lake. In these hills is found an extensive deposit of iron, in the same vein which runs through Schooley's mountain. Ringwood river bathes the western base of the Ramapo mountain; Long Pond or Greenwood lake, which crosses the northern boundary from New York, sends a tributary to it called Long Pond river. Dunker, Buck, Cedar, Hanks, and Mackepin ponds, in the south-west part of the t-ship, give their surplus waters to the Pequannock, which, under the name of Pompton river, flows along the southern boundary; Long House creek flows westerly through the north-west angle. Population in 1830, 1055. In 1832, the t-ship contained 700 taxables, 229 householders, whose taxables did not exceed \$30; 79 saw mills, 6 stores, 15 grist mills 14 saw mills, 16 large farms, 2 filling mills, 20 tan vats, 2 distilleries, 519 horses and mules, and 1816 neat cattle over 3 years of age; and paid state tax, \$340 13; county, \$649 17.

The Morris canal crosses the Pompton river about 2 miles above its mouth in this t-ship, by a wooden aqueduct 236 feet long, supported by 9 stone piers.

Pompton Plain, lies between the Pompton mountain and the Preakness hills, and is nearly 20 miles in circumference, with a variable breadth seldom exceeding four miles. It is a fresh water alluvion, and strata of gravel, sand, and clay, without rocks in place, are uniformly found here wherever wells have been dug. It was, probably, at some remote period, the bed of a lake. The Pequannock, Ringwood, and Ramapo rivers, uniting at the head of the Plain, form the Pompton river, which flows along its eastern side to the Passaic, about 8 miles. The southern, and much of the western part of the plain is marshy, and embraces about 1500 acres of peat ground, the fuel from which, so far as can be determined by a ditch running four miles through it, appears to be good. In the southern part of the plain, good granular argillaceous oxide of iron, or pea ore is raised from a space of about 200 acres. There is a straggling village upon the plain, comprising a Dutch Reformed church, a tavern, 3 stores, an academy, and about 30 dwellings; and at the head of the plain is

Pompton, p-t., 18 miles N. E. of Morristown, 236 from W. C., and 70 from Trenton; containing a tavern, store, grist mill, and 12 or 15 dwellings, and a Dutch Reformed church. (See Ryersons.)

Pompton Mountain, an angular hill, of Pequannock t-ship, Morris co., bounding the Pompton plains, W. and N. W. The sides of the angle are respectively about 4 miles long.

Pond Creek, Downe t-ship, Cumberland co., a short inlet to the marsh on the W. side of Maurice river cove.

Pond Creek, a small stream flowing from Lower t-ship, Cape May co., into the Delaware bay, near 2 miles N. of the Light-house.

Pond Run, small tributary of the

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the circumstance that a man who kept a store there had his house and store painted white, and two or three small buildings near by whitewashed, and called the place White Hall.

In some old deeds, in the description of property at the upper end of Pompton Plains and the vicinity, mention is made of the village of "New Greenwich." It appears that about 1790 this name was given to the little settlement on the Paterson and Hamburg turnpike where Judge Robert Colfax lived, where Peter Jackson and afterward his son James kept a store, and where Slater's woolen factory is; but, a village failing to grow up, the name was dropped and has been forgotten by the oldest inhabitants now living.

#### TOWN MEETINGS.

The first mode of conducting town meetings, as to the election of officers and the decision of questions to be submitted, was by what is called a "*viva voce*" vote. This method continued without interruption for over one hundred years, to 1853, when the law was made requiring a vote by ballot as at State and county elections. The old method was a true democratic mode, and some believe it tended to keep the people generally better informed as to township matters, and gave them a better opportunity to exercise a free choice. Under the present system the experience of more than twenty-five years has shown that too often a caucus of a dozen or less, frequently controlled by two or three, selects the candidates; and the result is that the masses are led to the polls to ratify the dictation of a few. Many believe that under the old system the caucus would have less power, and interested wire-pullers less opportunity to exercise their cunning.

While the first system was in use party lines were not strictly adhered to in the selection of township officers, but good men were selected from both parties for township committees and some other positions. Since the change to ballot party lines have been more closely drawn.

At the first town meeting held in Pequannock, on the 10th of March 1741, Martin Vanduyn was chosen town clerk, Peter Roome assessor, Paulus Vanderbeck collector, Abraham Vanduyn and Henry Vanness freeholders. There were not in those days as many town offices as at present. The officers were town clerk, assessor, collector, two freeholders, two surveyors of highway, two overseers of the poor, and overseers of the highway. At the first meeting only two overseers of the highway were chosen. Fourteen years later only four were chosen; at the end of twenty years there were only seven, and five years later, in 1766, only ten overseers of the highway were chosen at town meeting. Most of the territory in Pequannock was then yet a wilderness, with very few roads passable with wagons; to the first forges built in the vicinity iron ore was transported in leather bags on the backs of horses. Farmers generally in those days carried their grain in bags on horses' backs to mill because there were so few roads.

The accounts of the overseers of the poor and the collector were examined by two chosen freeholders and the justice of the peace, and this practice continued about forty years. In 1777 a committee was appointed to determine as to unjust assessments, and in 1780 a committee of three was chosen for that purpose, called commissioners of appeals. In 1778 a committee of three was chosen to settle with the overseers of the poor, but in 1786 a committee of five was appointed to settle with the overseers of the poor and the collectors. This was the first of what is now the township committee. From 1841 to 1849 two constables were elected for each year, but after that for about twenty-seven years the town books show no record of the election of constables. The county court it appears exercised the right of appointing the constables up to the time of the Revolution. For many years it was the practice to decide at town meetings what the pay should be to the overseers of the poor and the justices of the peace for attending to the poor, and the allowance made was fifty cents, or four shillings, per day for each.

#### POPULAR SENTIMENT IN 1776.

The beginning of the American Revolution found the people of this county divided in sentiment. It not infrequently happened that such division was found not only in the same neighborhood, but among the members of the same family, which tended to estrangement and to create a general sense of insecurity, that rendered great caution and watchfulness necessary for public safety. Consequently we find the people in Pequannock township, fearing such dangers, at an early period in 1776 prepared to protect themselves by organizing committees of safety, vigilance committees and minute men, as they were styled. As to this we have not only the authority of tradition, but unquestioned documentary evidence. Although there doubtless were in this township some who openly favored the cause of the king, and many who, dreading the great power of England, and the possible confiscation of property, feared to openly declare their position, yet there is evidence that a majority of the leading citizens of the township, early in 1776, took a most decided stand in support of the measures of the Continental Congress. The township record shows that public action was taken at a town meeting on the 12th of March 1776, and Joseph Hoff, Joseph Conger, William Ross, Stephen Jackson, Job Allen, Anthony Mandeville, Phineas Farrand, Hendrick Doremus, Robert Gould jr., and John Parlaman were appointed to be a committee of observation. They were selected from the western, eastern and middle parts of the township, for the purpose of watching closely those who were active in favoring the cause of the king. Subsequently a committee of safety was formed, composed of Robert Gaston, Moses Tuttle, Stephen Jackson, Abraham Kitchel and Job Allen. An article of agreement was also drawn up and numerous signed, which was in the keeping of Stephen Jackson, a member of that committee. From him that paper came down to Colonel Joseph Jackson,

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his son, late of Rockaway, and a copy of it was taken by Rev. Joseph F. Tuttle. The terms of the agreement are not only of interest, but the names of the subscribers. The paper is as follows:

We, the subscribers, freeholders and inhabitants of the township of Pequannock, in the county of Morris and province of New Jersey, having long viewed with concern the avowed design of the ministry of Great Britain to raise a revenue in America, being deeply affected with the cruel hostilities already commenced in Massachusetts Bay for carrying that arbitrary design into execution, convinced that the preservation of the rights and privileges of America depends, under God, on the firm union of its inhabitants, do, with hearts abhorring slavery, and ardently wishing for a reconciliation with our parent state on constitutional principles, solemnly associate and resolve under the sacred ties of virtue, honor and love of our country, that we will personally, and so far as our influence extends, endeavor to support and carry into execution whatever measures may be recommended by the Continental and Provincial Congresses for defending our constitution and preserving the same inviolate, according to the resolutions of the aforesaid Continental and Provincial Congresses, firmly determined by all means in our power to guard against the disorders and confusions to which the peculiar circumstances of the times may expose us.

"We do also further associate and agree, as far as shall be consistent with the measures adopted for the preservation of American freedom, to support the magistrates and other civil officers in the execution of their duty agreeable to the laws of the colony, and to observe the directions of our committee acting.

"Robert Gaston, John Munson, Moses Tuttle, John Gould, Joseph Conger, Edward Jackson, Elijah Leonard, Benajah Danels, Samuel Martin, Joseph Hoff, Garrett Hoff, John Hoff, Charles Hoff jr., Robert Wilson, Samuel Blair, Alexander Bates, John Reynolds, Benjamin Fairchild, James Coulter, Jonathan Johnson, John Cardy, Charles Crawley, John Robeson sen., John Robeson jr., David Vanderpool, Peter Johnson, Eliphalet Lyon, William Cough, Gershom Wiggins, James Nox, John DeBow, John White, William Upham, John Wilson, John Galoway, Richard Van Cock, James Cardiff, Joseph Holmes, Gillis McPherson, James Ronal, Thomas Price, George G. Barr, John Magie, James Norton, William Edwards, John Browne, John Wilson, Isaac Miller, Peter Little, Edward McRank, Jonathan Salsbury, Hugh Quigg, Charles Stuart, John Lee, Samuel Harris, Christian Hoffman, John Biard, John Davis, Ada Showen, J. Jackson, William Rose, Louis Demorest Dunzoy, James McUrduy, James Mitchel, James Daily, Henry Stock, Hugh Davis, John Richardson, Henry Link, Jan Bigelow, James Tharp, Daniel Talmage, Jonathan Carrington, John Wilson, Joshua Moore, Mark Walton, William Ross, David Beman, Isaac Vanduyne, Joseph Harriman, Richard Harriman, Josias Goldsmith, William Drummon, John King, Samuel Lindley, Joseph Porter, Aaron Willis, Job Allen, Stephen Jackson, Israel Youngs, Ebenezer Tuttle, Jabez Biglow, David Allen, Henry Berry jr., Joseph Rogers, Seth Maburin, Silas Hathaway, Joseph Hull, Aaron Biglow, John Harriman, Aaron Hedden, Joseph Bedford, Isaac Ross, John Pierson, Daniel Jackson, William Fisher, Josiah Biglow, John Miller, Michael Montgomery, John McConnel, Peter Hyler, Josiah Beman, William Price, Daniel Biglow, Josiah Beman, Isaac Kelly, William Howard, Helmer Kent, Hiram Howard, James Hindes, Arthur Young, Jacob Lyon, John Peer, Lumán Robears, Benjamin Wankle, John Marinus, Daniel Hayward, Moses Stiles, Phineas Farrand, Philip Price jr., Peter Francisco,

Philip Dorman, John Doremus, Philip Hiler, Samuel Farrand, Jake Harrison, Henry Young, Samuel Price, Humphrey Davenport, Thomas Welshear, Martin Frederick, Abraham Loughenner, John Esseler, Mouris Mourison, Peter Hiler jr., Brant Jacobus, Philip Hokenkous, Abraham Jacobus, Cornelius A. Jacobus, Henry Henning, John Cone, Martin Frederick sen., Hinery Mourison, James Jacobus, Nathan Cone, Coon Vreeland, Henry Van Houten, John Pear, John Parlamen, Abraham Peer, Nicholas Hiler, Edmund Kingsland, John Hiler, Henry Lowerus, Cornelius Jacobus, James Jennings, Peter Tice, John Nix, Conrod Esler, Martin Young, Jacob Vanduyne, Jacob Hoppon, James Shane, Garret Farrall, Peter Roburds, Jacob Hiler, John Miller jr. of jrs."

Mr. Tuttle says that this paper is signed by one hundred and seventy-seven names, that some of these names are splendid specimens of penmanship, but others are scarcely legible; that eighteen signers made their mark. Doubtless, as Mr. Tuttle remarked, "many of these signers knew better how to hold a musket than a pen." It is said that "Colonel Joseph Jackson had the fact from his father that this association of Whigs in this township had 400 signers." It is believed that each member of the "committee of safety" had a copy of the foregoing agreement, and that if all those papers could be obtained we would find the names of over two hundred more signed thereto. But the foregoing is sufficient to show that a large majority of the leading citizens were openly pronounced in their determination to support the measures of the Continental and Provincial Congresses, and to stand firmly together for self-protection amid the perilous circumstances in which they were placed.

As the war progressed many of the Tories left their homes, some joining the British forces and some joining marauding bands; others, remaining at home, were often in secret communication with such, and acting as spies and informers. A great feeling of insecurity both as to life and property prevailed among the people in consequence of the outrages committed by these freebooters, who, keeping themselves concealed in the forests and swamps by day, would come upon the victims in the darkness of night. Robberies and murders were committed within the bounds of this township, it is believed, by a party under the leadership of the notorious tory brigand Claudius Smith, who had his headquarters in the mountains near Ramapo, on the northern boundary of the State, and made frequent incursions into the upper part of New Jersey. There appears to be good reason to believe that a robbery of the family of Charles Hoff while manager of the furnace at Hibernia was committed by a party of Tories disguised with paint, and under the lead of this Claudius Smith, and that at the time these robbers told Hoff they intended to scour the whole county. The Ringwood and Ramapo Mountains, the hiding place of these freebooters, were distant only from 15 to 17 miles from Pompton; consequently the fertile farms about Pompton and Pompton Plains, as well as other parts of Pequannock, naturally attracted these hungry bands, and traditional accounts go to show that such raids were frequent. It is related that an armed band of six one day in the dusk of early evening suddenly

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- KELTY, MICHAEL. Captain Anderson's company, Third Battalion, Second Establishment; also militia.
- KELTY, WILLIAM. Captain Anderson's company, Third Battalion, Second Establishment; also militia.
- KEMBLE, NATHAN. First Battalion, Second Establishment; First Regiment.
- KEMBLE, NATHANIEL. Third Battalion, First Establishment; Captain Mott's company, Third Battalion, Second Establishment; Captain Dayton's company, Third Regiment.
- KEMPEURN, PETER. "Colonel Meigs' Regiment of Connecticut Troops," Continental Army.
- KEMPTON, PETER. Third Regiment.
- KENNARD, JOHN.
- KENNY, JACOB. First Battalion, Second Establishment; First Regiment.
- KENT, DAVID.
- KENT, ELIAS. Captain M'Mires' company, First Battalion, First Establishment.
- KENT, JACOB. Third Battalion, First Establishment; Captain Dickerson's company, Third Battalion, Second Establishment.
- KENT, JONAS. First Battalion, Second Establishment; Captain Ogden's company, First Regiment.
- KENT, JOSHUA. Second Regiment.
- KERNINE, EDER.
- KERREY, JOHN. Also militia.
- KETCHAM, DAVID. Captain Bloomfield's company, Third Battalion, First Establishment.
- KETCHAM, JOHN. Captain Anderson's company, Third Regiment; First Regiment; discharged February 1st, 1783—disability.
- KETCHER, JOHN. "Spencer's Regiment," Continental Army.
- KETTLE, JOSEPH. Second Regiment.
- KETTLE, JOSEPH. First Regiment.
- KIBBY, EPHRAIM. Captain Martin's company, Fourth Battalion, Second Establishment; First Regiment; also militia.
- KIBLER, GEORGE. Also militia.
- KILANDER, PHILIP.
- KILER, ADAM. Third Battalion, First Establishment; Captain

- Patterson's company, Third Battalion, Second Establishment; taken prisoner.
- KILLIS, WILLIAM. Captain M'Mires' company, First Battalion, Second Establishment.
- KILLEY, JOHN. Also militia.
- KILLEY, PATRICK. First Regiment.
- KILPATRICK, JAMES. First Battalion, Second Establishment.
- KILPATRICK, SAMUEL. First Regiment; also militia.
- KILPATRICK, SAMUEL. Also militia.
- KILSEY, JOHN. Second Battalion, Second Establishment; also militia.
- KILSEY, JOSEPH. First Regiment.
- KIMBLE, CALEB. Captain Helms' company, Second Battalion, Second Establishment; also militia.
- KINCARD, GEORGE. Captain Bond's company, Fourth Battalion, Second Establishment; taken prisoner December 24th, 1776; also militia.
- KING, ANTHONY. Captain Bond's company, Fourth Battalion, Second Establishment; Captain Forman's company, First Regiment; also militia.
- KING, ANTHONY. Third Battalion, First Establishment; Captain Gifford's company, Third Battalion, Second Establishment.
- KING, JOSEPH. First Battalion, Second Establishment; Captain Ogden's company, First Regiment.
- KING, WILLIAM. Captain M'Mires' company, First Battalion, Second Establishment.
- KINGFIELD, CONRAD. Captain Dickerson's company, Third Battalion, Second Establishment.
- KINGSLAND, ISAAC. Third Battalion, First Establishment; Captain Gifford's company, Third Battalion, Second Establishment.
- KINNEBAUGH, JAMES. Captain Patterson's company, Third Battalion, Second Establishment; also militia.
- KINNEY, DANIEL. Third Battalion, First Establishment; discharged June 5th, 1776—disability.
- KINNEY, DANIEL. Also militia.
- KINSEY, JAMES. First Battalion, Second Establishment; First Regiment.

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KEEN, REUBEN. Gloucester.  
KEENON, PETER B. Second Regiment, Middlesex; also State troops; also Continental Army.  
KEEPER, THOMAS.  
KEESLER, WILLIAM. Essex.  
KEHELA, THOMAS. Third Battalion, Gloucester; also Colonel Somers' battalion, State troops.  
KEILSON, DAVID. Third Battalion, Gloucester; also Colonel Somers' battalion, State troops.  
KEISLER, JOHN. Essex; also Continental Army.  
KELLISON, WILLIAM. Hunterdon.  
KELLORY, JOHN. Cape May; also State troops.  
KELLY, ABRAHAM.  
KELLY, ABRAM. Middlesex.  
KELLY, DAVID. Captain Jacob Ten Eyck's company, First Battalion, Somerset.  
KELLY, DAVID. Burlington.  
KELLY, GEORGE. Morris.  
KELLY, JEREMIAH. Essex.  
KELLY, JESSE. Middlesex.  
KELLY, JOHN. Somerset.  
KELLY, JOHN. First Battalion, Salem; also State troops; also Continental Army.  
KELLY, OLIVER. Matross, "Captain Neil's Eastern Company, Artillery," State troops; discharged January 1st, 1777.  
KELLY, PATRICK. Third Battalion, Gloucester; also Continental Army.  
KELLY, SAMUEL. Somerset.  
KELLY, URIAH. Third Battalion, Gloucester.  
KELLY, WILLIAM. Gloucester; also Continental Army.  
KELSEY, BENJAMIN. Essex.  
KELSEY, DANIEL. Essex.  
KELSEY, JOHN. Monmouth.  
KELSON, THOMAS. Captain Reuben Randolph's company, Middlesex.  
KELTY, MICHAEL. First Battalion, Salem; also State troops; also Continental Army.  
KELTY, WILLIAM. First Battalion, Salem; also State troops; also Continental Army.

KEMBLE, PETER.  
KEMP, JOHN. Middlesex.  
KEMPTON, PETER.  
KENAN, THOMAS. Morris.  
KENDALL, CLAYTON.  
KENDLE, JAMES. Third Battalion, Gloucester.  
KENNEDY, HENRY. Captain Coonrad Ten Eyck's company, Second Battalion, Somerset; also troop, light-horse, ditto.  
KENNEDY, JAMES. Killed March 22d, 1782.  
KENNEDY, THOMAS. Salem; also State troops; also Continental Army.  
KENNEDY, THOMAS. Bergen.  
KENNY, WILLIAM. Bergen; also Captain Outwater's company, State troops.  
KENT, JACOB. Morris.  
KENT, JAMES. Bergen; also Lieutenant Colonel Fell's battalion, State troops.  
KENT, PHINEAS. Middlesex.  
KERR, EBENEZER. Monmouth.  
KERR, NICHOLAS. Cumberland.  
KERR, WALTER. Monmouth; also Continental Army.  
KERR, WATSON. "Captain Walton's Troop, Light Dragoons," Monmouth.  
KERR, WILLIAM. Captain Hankinson's company, First Regiment, Monmouth.  
KERRILL, WILLIAM. Monmouth.  
KERREY, JOHN. Captain Steelman's company, Third Battalion, Gloucester; also State troops; also Continental Army.  
KERSHAW, ABRAHAM. Somerset.  
KERSHAW, GEORGE. Somerset.  
KESLER, JOHN. Third Battalion, Gloucester.  
KESTED, HENRY.  
KESTER, JOHN. First Regiment, Essex; also State troops.  
KETCHAM, JAMES. Morris.  
KETCHAM, JOHN. First Regiment, Salem; also State troops; also Continental Army.  
KETCHAM, LEVI. Hunterdon.  
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*Eighth Company:*

Samuel Reading.....Captain.  
James Maxwell.....First Lieutenant.  
George Ross.....Second Lieutenant.  
Lewis Rue.....Ensign.

*Ninth Company:*

Henry Luce.....Captain.  
William Helms.....First Lieutenant.  
George Reynolds.....Second Lieutenant.  
Nathaniel Salmon.....Ensign.

Captain James Lawrie, died.  
Captain Joseph Stout, killed.  
Captain Ephraim Anderson, died.  
Captain Henry Luce, resigned.  
First Lieutenant Seth Bowen, declined.  
Ensign James Craig, declined.  
Ensign James Johnson, resigned.

First Lieutenant Nathaniel Bowman, promoted Captain.  
First Lieutenant Jonathan Phillips, promoted Captain.  
First Lieutenant John Sparks, promoted Captain.  
First Lieutenant James Maxwell, promoted Captain.  
First Lieutenant William Helms, promoted Captain.  
Second Lieutenant John Hutchin, promoted First Lieutenant.  
Second Lieutenant Nathaniel Jenkins, promoted First Lieutenant.  
Second Lieutenant Francis Duclos, promoted First Lieutenant.  
Ensign Jonathan Rhea, promoted Second Lieutenant.  
Ensign John Shreve, promoted Second Lieutenant.  
Ensign Samuel Shute, promoted Second Lieutenant.  
Serjeant Almerin Brooks, promoted Ensign.  
David Brown, appointed Ensign.  
Private James Paul, promoted Ensign.

THIRD BATTALION—SECOND ESTABLISHMENT.

FIELD AND STAFF.

Elias Dayton.....Colonel.  
Francis Barber.....Lieutenant Colonel.  
Joseph Bloomfield.....Major.  
Samuel Shippard.....Adjutant.  
Nathan Wilkison.....Quartermaster.  
Jonathan Dayton.....Paymaster.  
Lewis F. Dunham.....Surgeon.  
Ephraim Loree (or Loring).....Surgeon's Mate.  
Andrew Hunter.....Chaplain of Regiment and Brigade.

Major Joseph Bloomfield, resigned.  
Captain John Doughty, promoted Major.

COMPANY OFFICERS.

*First Company:*

Peter Dickerson.....Captain.  
Samuel Flanningham (or Flanagan).....First Lieutenant.  
Jonathan Brewer.....Second Lieutenant.  
Edmund D. Thomas.....Ensign.

*Second Company:*

Thomas Patterson.....Captain.  
Robert Hagan.....First Lieutenant.  
Edward Patterson.....Second Lieutenant.  
John Kinney.....Ensign.

*Third Company:*

John Ross.....Captain.  
Richard Cox.....First Lieutenant.  
William Clark.....Second Lieutenant.  
William Barber.....Ensign.

*Fourth Company:*

John Doughty.....Captain.  
Jeremiah Ballard.....First Lieutenant.

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Dear Allen Stratton,

We were delighted to hear from you again about the KENT genealogy. However, the holiday activities have greatly delayed answering.

First of all, do not be concerned about the "copies" we send. The joy of genealogy is in working with others and sharing with them. Others have helped us tremendously. You yourself have tracked down many details for me that I could not possibly have learned by myself. One person has one bit of a puzzle, another has other pieces, and when we can bring them all together we have a complete picture that none of us could achieve alone. Keep the copies we send and feel free to use them. Are you planning a book about Island history and genealogy? I believe Mrs. Brindley said that you are but you have never mentioned it. We would like to know more about your plans. For us, thus far, we've just had fun searching and sharing. It is a wonderful hobby.

You will see that I am enclosing some additional material. I discovered that my own sister had the KENT FAMILY BIBLE. Enclosed is a typed copy of the material. Dates given for the deaths of HANNAH (ALLEN) KENT and son HELMER A KENT agree with those that the L.D.S. mission workers found on the gravestones in Flattsburgh. Also, this material gives the death dates for JANE ANN (KENT) ADAMS and VICTOR ADAMS about which you had asked in a previous letter. JANE ANN died in Oshkosh, Wis., Feb. 17, 1900. VICTOR ADAMS died April 22, 1879. Though the record does not give the place, we can safely assume that it was Oshkosh as the family was there long before and long after 1879.

You will note a discrepancy in the year for WILLIAM KENT's death. I copied it as I found it. My grandmother's book and the Bible record give 1907. My Aunt Amy's typed record and a printed funeral announcement give the year 1906. The date for Clara McCleary's (wife of ADDISON KENT) death is incomplete. Will try to get it for you.

Regarding your record of the children of HELMER, Sr. & SARAH (COOK) KENT, I feel very strongly that our most reliable record of their children is that found in the 1795 Estate Settlement record from Morris County, New Jersey, with the map, which three different times names the children as:

- ✓ JACOB KENT
- ✓ CATHARINE KENT
- ✓ JOHN KENT
- ✓ SARAH KENT
- ✓ MARY KENT
- ✓ AGNES KENT
- ✓ HELMER KENT
- ✓ ANNA KENT

The Dutch spelled very freely. MARY was certainly MARIA and SARAH was certainly SARA. HELMER WAS SPELLED VARIOUSLY, too, appearing as HELLEMAR, Helemer, and HELEMAR. You will note in the KENT Bible record that in the earlier entries SAMANTHA was spelled SIMANTHA.

*In the same document*

MRS. BRINDLEY

Esther Austin to Allen Stratton

January 2, 1973

Thank you especially for the material on the MERRIAM family and on HECTOR AND VICTOR ADAMS. I had not known that HECTOR AND VICTOR were brothers. Am glad to have the connection straightened out.

Lewis and I have been talking it over and we know of no practical way of getting Xerox copies of the 1850 Census. If one has access to the originals and they are not too delicate, perhaps they could be copied. Copies from the microfilm are really prohibitive in price. At Salt Lake we have purchased a very few pictures of microfilms of old wills from Kent, England. But such a record from a census microfilm would not be practical.

The state of Ohio has an index for their 1830 and 1840 Census and expect to complete the index of the 1850 Ohio Census in 1973. We are really looking forward to that. A few states--Oregon for one--and a few counties--some Missouri counties, for instance--have typed records of the 1850 Census. Wherever these exist, it is because some dedicated individuals have copied them.

Actually, the 1850 Census for Grand Isle County is not infinite, but it would take time to complete it all. Last winter and spring when I was working with it, I copied a number of families that I did not include in the material I sent you because I thought you were concentrating on the KENTS. I'll try to type up the others that I have. *and send later.*

I do have another very knotty genealogical problem in your vicinity but not on the Island. I have done a great deal of searching in Clinton Co., N.Y. because of this but have not yet solved it. My great-great grandmother,

MELISSA GRIFFITH

was born 22 October 1801 at Peru, New York  
was married 26 July 1818 at Peru, New York  
to JOHN KEESE HALLOCK, son of PETER HALLOCK, 3rd  
and his second wife, MARY KEESE

MELISSA (GRIFFITH) HALLOCK

died 24 January 1877 Clarion, Pennsylvania.

I very much want to learn the names of her parents but thus far have made no real progress. Have searched Census records for Clinton County from 1800 through 1850 and I do have the name of a couple who may have been her parents but no proof and it is too slight a thing to mention. The Hallock family can be traced back to their arrival in America in the 1600's. Really don't see how you can help as this is definitely out of your territory. The HALLOCKS were Friends but JOHN KEESE HALLOCK became a Methodist minister so am not sure whether or not the Griffiths were Friends. It is possible that you have contact with someone in Peru or the old Keesville area with whom you exchange material.

Do let us know how you are progressing with the KENT and Island records.

Sincerely,

Esther Austin

11 Feb. 1973

Dear Mrs. Austin:

It was good to hear from you again. Yes, the holidays seem to slow down genealogy work, but it's a nice time of the year, tho. I had three grand children here to help perk things up...!!!!

Thanks so much for your enclosures. Particularly the "KENT Fam. Bible" record. It is interesting that you found the Bible with your sister. Am glad it is still in the family. I rechecked all my HELMER KENT records and corrected or added per the Fam. Bible records. I found quite a bit of help and that had been incomplete.

I received your typed 1850 Census records. Thanks for going to all the trouble to typing these. Takes a lot of time. You had sent me some previously - so I have put all together - and gives me quite a number of the Island families. I want to eventually, to try and get the complete 1850 Census record for the Islands. I will have to locate it on microfilm in some Library and spend time copying. I felt that it would be impracticable and expensive to try and get Xerox copies. Thanks for your advice.

I have the 1790; 1800; 1810; 1820 Census complete. But for reference, the 1850 would give me a good interim record and more detailed for genealogy.

Yes - I'm inclined to accept the HELMER KENT Estate settlement as a reliable list for the names of his Children. It can't be much more specific and conclusive, spelled out name by name and relationship. I have made my record for HELMER & SARAH (COOK) KENT accordingly. Would be nice to find some more Birth and Death dates, etc. However, thru your research, a lot of facts are known now.

I have spent some time searching to see if I could find out anything about your MELISSA GRIFFITH (1801-1877). I have quite extensive Island GRIFFITH Fam. records - but can't tie in any MELISSA.

GRIFFITHs that came here were definitely Quakers. Perhaps you know that there was a substantial Quaker settlement at Peru, N.Y. very early. Most of them came up from Dutchess County, N.Y. ("Nine Partners", N.Y.). Some settled in Peru, N.Y. and about the same time (before 1790) some settled in Grand Isle, Vt.

A JONATHAN GRIFFITH<sup>3</sup> (AARON<sup>2</sup>, JEREMIAH<sup>1</sup>) was the first to settle in the Islands and had many, many descendants.

JEREMIAH GRIFFITH<sup>1</sup>, b. abt. 1680, had a Son AARON GRIFFITH<sup>2</sup>, b. 1715, had a Son JONATHAN GRIFFITH<sup>3</sup>, b. 1748, d. 1834.

JONATHAN GRIFFITH<sup>3</sup> md. HANNAH DEUEL. They had 10 children, but only one male, SETH GRIFFITH, 1772-1835, that grew to maturity and had a family. SETH did not marry until Dec. 1801, so excludes MELISSA (I have a complete list of his children, all born after 1801)

A Mrs. ARTHUR F. SPAULDING, 27 Rose Court, Albany, N.Y. 12209, who is a descendant from the Island GRIFFITHs - has done much research on Griffiths, and also on Quaker Records. She is a delightful person. Perhaps you would like to contact her. She is several times a D.A.R. member.

I will keep looking and perhaps can run onto some information re' MELISSA GRIFFITH and will let you know.

(2)

I had a nice letter from Mrs. Brindley. I'm ashamed that I have not answered yet. She seems to be very active with many interests. She broke her hip perhaps a year ago and I was afraid it would trouble her greatly, but seems to have recovered very well. She visited here, with her Dau. Gail, such nice folks.

You asked about my work here on Island families. I originally became involved a number of years ago, after my Grandmother passed away. She had kept many records and I became interested. It's a pleasure and fun, it is something I don't have to do - so enjoy it accordingly.

I started working on my own family - the "ALLENS" - but here in the Island, everyone kept marrying back and forth among the various families, and it is impossible but to get involved in other families. Gradually my work has encompassed nearly all the original Island families, over 150 different family records I have here in file. My feelings now, is that I should perpetuate them somehow, in a printed sense. If I don't, they will probably all eventually be "lost". But, I'm having too much fun "searching" and putting pieces together, so we'll see.....

Again - let me thank you for all the help. I feel guilty over the time element of the "typing" on your part - but sure do appreciate the copies of all - and has greatly added to my records. Please call on me for anything I can do on this end.

My very best to you and yours....

Sincerely,

MRS. BRINDLEY

via Mrs. LEWIS AUSTIN  
Portland, Ore. (1/1973)

°KENT°

HELMER KENT FAMILY BIBLE

Holbrook's Stereotype Edition

The

NEW TESTAMENT of our

LORD and SAVIOUR

JESUS CHRIST

Translated

Out of the Original Greek: and

With the former TRANSLATIONS

Diligently Compared and Revised

Stereotyped by B. & J. Collins, New York

BRATTLEBOROUGH, VERMONT

Printed and Sold by John Holbrook

Title page of  
NEW Testament at left.

Early pages missing. Starts with Genesis XVI. Very old; pages yellowed and brittle.  
Title page missing. Price mark inside front cover: \$5.50.  
Varied handwriting. Great variety of penmanship.

Inside front cover the following inscriptions:

Family Bible

Belonging to Helmer Kent 1786--1858

Belonging to Margaret F. Kent Paine 1835--1931

Belonging to Margaret E. Paine June 15, 1878--March 11, 1963

Belonging to L. Miriam Paine Collins

Record pages are located between the Old and New Testament

MARRIAGE RECORDS

- ✓ Helmer Kent of South Hero was born in the state of N. Jersey on the 19th of February, 1786. Hannah Allen was born 15th of July 1795.
- ✓ Helmer Kent and Hannah Allen were duly joined in marriage January 24th A.D. 1813  
\* \* \* \* \*
- ✓ Simantha Fletcher was born Sept. 1st 1794 and duly joined in marriage to Helmer Kent on the 6th July 1817
- ✓ Victor Adams and Jane Ann Kent were duly joined in marriage at South Hero, Vt. January 8th 1833

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MARRIAGE RECORDS continued

- ✓ Munson F. Kent and Hannah Merriam were duly joined in Marriage Jan., 1840  
at South Hero, Vt.
- ✓ Winslow Stearns and Phebe L. Kent were duly joined in marriage April 24th A.D. 1853
- ✓ Hiram B. Hoyt and Juliett Kent were duly joined in marriage Sept. 20th A.D. 1854.  
\* \* \* \* \*
- ✓ Jason L. Paine and Margaret F. Kent were duly joined in marriage July 24th 1861

FAMILY RECORD  
BIRTHS

- ✓ Jane Ann, Daughter of Helmer and Hannah Kent, born 22nd of Augt., 1814  
\* \* \*
- ✓ Helmer A., Son of Helmer and Hannah Kent, born 8th June 1816  
\* \* \*
- ✓ Munson Fletcher, Son of Helmer and Simantha Kent, born 7th of January A.D. 1820
- ✓ Harriet, Daughter of Helmer and Simantha Kent, born 17th of February A. D. 1824
- ✓ William, Son of Helmer and Simantha Kent, born 14th of Decm. A.D. 1827  
\* \* \*
- ✓ Phebe L., Daughter of Helmer and Samantha Kent, born 24th March A.D. 1830  
\* \* \*
- ✓ Juliet Kent, daughter of Helmer and Samantha Kent, born Sep. 7th 1832  
\* \* \*
- ✓ Margaret, Daughter of Helmer and Samantha Kent, born December 14th 1835  
\* \* \*
- ✓ Warren, Son of Helmer and Samantha Kent, was born 12th of October 1838

FAMILY RECORD  
DEATHS

- ✓ Hannah Kent, wife of Helmer Kent, died June 16th A.D. 1816  
\* \* \*
- ✓ Helmer A., Son of Helmer and Hannah Kent, died 23 June 1816
- ✓ Harriet, Daughter of Helmer and Simantha Kent, died March 25 A.D. 1828  
\* \* \*
- ✓ Warren, Son of Helmer and Samantha Kent, died May 18th A.D. 1847  
\* \* \*
- ✓ Helmer Kent died July 18th A. D. 1858 aged 72 years and five months

FAMILY RECORD  
DEATHS (continued)

✓ Samantha Kent died May 22nd A.D. 1861 aged 66 years 8 months and 21 days

✓ Munson F. Kent died near West Union Sept. 1868

Juliet Kent died at West Union March 30th 1875

✓ Jane Ann Kent Adams died Oshkosh, Wisconsin, Feb. 17, 1900  
aged 86 years 4 months and 2 days

✓ William Kent died at West Union, Iowa, July 19th 1907

✓ Phebe Landon Kent Stearns died December twenty-fifth A.D. Nineteen hundred  
and fifteen. Aged eighty-five years nine months  
and one day. Buried at Fayette

(above entry in handwriting of Margaret F. Kent Paine)

✓ Margaret Fletcher Kent Paine died September twentieth A.D. Nineteen hundred  
and thirty-one. Aged Ninety-five years,  
nine months and six days. Buried at Fayette.

(above entry in handwriting of Margaret E. Paine)

The following is a copy of a typed record of two or three pages inserted in the KENT family Bible.

### KENT GENEALOGY

- ✓ Helmer Kent was born in New Jersey, Feb. 19, 1786. He died July 18, 1858, at South Hero, Vermont, and was buried there.
- ✓ Hannah Allen was born July 15, 1795.
- ✓ Hannah died June 16, 1816.
- ✓ Helmer Kent and Hannah Allen were married January 24, 1813.
- ✓ Jane Ann Kent, daughter of Helmer and Hannah Kent was born Jan. 22, 1814.
- ✓ She married Victor Adams Jan. 5, 1833.
  - ✓ He was born 1808; died April 22, 1879
- ✓ Jane Ann Kent Adams died Feb. 17, 1900  
She had nine children
- ✓ Helmer A. Kent was born June 8, 1816  
and died June 23, 1816
- ✓ Samantha Fletcher was born at South Hero, Vermont, Sept. 1, 1794.
- ✓ Helmer Kent and Samantha Fletcher were married July 6, 1817.
- ✓ Munson Fletcher Kent, son of Helmer and Samantha Kent was born Jan. 7, 1820  
✓ at South Hero, Vermont. He died near West Union, Iowa, 1868.
- ✓ Munson Kent and Hannah Merriam were married Jan. , (1846) at South Hero.  
1846 (7c)
- ✓ Aurelia Kent, daughter of Munson and Hannah Kent  
married Thomas Noon.
- ✓ William Kent, son of Helmer and Samantha Kent was born at South Hero, Vt.  
✓ Dec. 14, 1827. He died at West Union, Iowa, July 19, 1906.
- ✓ Julia Ann Hoyt was born August 28, 1832, died Feb. 12, 1918.
- ✓ William Kent and Julia Ann Hoyt were married Sept. 20, 1854 at  
✓ South Hero, Vt. The children of William Kent and Julia Ann Kent were:
  - ✓ Gertrude Kent 1856-1931 She married John Shaw
  - ✓ Addison Kent Oct. 29, 1857--Feb. 5, 1935 He married  
in Sept, 1881, Clara McCleary May 6, 1860-- Jan 19.
  - ✓ Carrie Kent, May 22, 1859--Dec. 12, 1933 She married  
John Blunt, Dec. 20, 1886
  - ✓ Hardy Kent, March 8, 1862-- He married  
Grace Tyler
  - ✓ Herbert Kent, July 11, 1866--April 9, 1934 He married  
Dec. 13, 1893 Mary Wright June 27, 1865--July 9, 1944
  - ✓ Cora Kent, Oct. 8, 1868--August 12, 1957 Unmarried.

- ✓ Phebe Landon Kent, daughter of Helmer and Samantha Kent, was born at South Hero, Vt., March 24, 1830. She died Dec. 25, 1915.
- ✓ Winslow Stearns 1824--1889
- ✓ Phebe L. Kent and Winslow Stearns were married April 5, 1853.  
Children of Phebe and Winslow Stearns:
  - ✓ Orville Kent Stearns married Anna Payne
  - ✓ Aurelia Samantha Stearns b. May 29, 1859---  
Unmarried
  - ✓ Eugenia Phebe Stearns Sept. 21, 1870 m. Joshua Davis
- ✓ Juliet Kent, daughter of Helmer and Samantha Kent, born Sept. 7, 1832 at South Hero, Vt. She died March 30, 1875.
- Hiram B. Hoyt was born Dec. 16, 1930--died Jan 3, 1906
- ✓ Juliet Kent and Hiram B. Hoyt were married Feb. 22, 1854
- ✓ Children of Hiram and Juliet Kent Hoyt were:
  - ✓ Pruella Samantha Hoyt married Ed. Sears
  - ✓ Florence Hoyt married Joseph Andrews
  - ✓ Fred Elbert Hoyt b. Dec. 16, 1864--d. June 19, 1952  
married Margaret Smith b. April 8, 1866--d. May 6, 1955
- ✓ Margaret Fletcher Kent, daughter of Helmer and Samantha Kent,  
was born at South Hero, Vt., December 14, 1835. She died Sept. 20, 1931.
- ✓ Jason Lee Paine was born in Ohio, Jan 9, 1836--died Nov. 30, 1912  
Fayette, Iowa
- ✓ Margaret Fletcher Kent and Jason Lee Paine were married July 24, 1861.
- ✓ Children of Jason Lee Paine and Margaret F. Kent Paine were:
  - ✓ Edward Kent Paine Aug. 3, 1863--Feb. 5, 1864
  - ✓ Charles Fawcett Paine Oct. 30, 1866--Jan. 24, 1936  
married on Dec. 29, 1895 at Chariton, Iowa, Clara M. Brown  
b. July 26, 1872--d. Sept 6, 1936
  - ✓ Amy Leigh Paine Unmarried  
b. Sept 2, 1872 --d.
  - ✓ Louie Belle Paine b. August 4, 1876--d. March 30, 1964  
married on June 22, 1904 George Blagg b. May 20, 1872--d. May 21, 1936
  - ✓ Margaret Ellen Paine b. June 15, 1878--d. March 11, 1963
- ✓ Warren Kent, son of Helmer and Samantha Kent, born 12 Oct. 1838  
died 18 May, 1847

Compiled by Amy Leigh Paine, 1964, from available records.

Also, in the KENT FAMILY BIBLE, a black bordered announcement reading:  
Funeral Services for the late WILLIAM KENT will be held at the residence  
Saturday, July 21, '66, at 1:30 p.m. Conducted by Rev. Frank A. Gageby  
Sermon by Rev. W. O. Ruston, D.D.

4223 N.E. Hazelfern Place  
Portland, Oregon 97213  
Feb. 26, 1973

Dear Mr. Stratton:

A man in Washington, Pennsylvania, who has helped us with some of Lewis's lines of ancestry and to whom we were able to give some interesting information, said, "All the pieces of the puzzle are around someplace--if only we can find them and bring them together." It is with that statement in mind that I am enclosing this material. You may have it all; you certainly have a part; yet there may be some bits that are new to you.

Two days ago I received a letter from my first cousin, Betty Anderson, who is the daughter of Louie Belle Paine Blagg. This last year Betty and I have been corresponding more than we had ever corresponded before. In this Saturday letter she sent a number of genealogical treasures--old documents with Helmer Kent's name, etc. I have had photo copies made of items which I think may be especially interesting to you. The material came by a circuitous route. It all belonged to our second cousin, Florence Kent Messerli, daughter of Herbert A. Kent (son of Wm. Kent, son of Helmer Kent) and Mary Wright. When she died, it must have been about three years ago this spring, her widower, Walter Messerli, sent these papers to Betty. Betty had paid rather little attention to them (though she had kept them safe) till I began chattering so much about our finds concerning the Kent family. Betty then decided to send them to me. The paper about the KNIGHT family I can't identify at all except that Florence's name was Florence Knight Kent. Perhaps they were relatives of the Wright family. The paper about the Tracy home that was once Issi Fletcher's home came through Mrs. George F. Wells. Included also was the chart like the one from which my grandson must have copied when he got "Sarah Beach" for the wife of Helmer Kent. Since we have so thoroughly proved that she was Sarah Cook, I decided not to copy that chart. I think there is one other error too *in that chart.*

*Copies sent me*

*ALSO SENT "HOYT Ancestry"*

The 1961 letter from Jean Pauline Fletcher was very interesting. That seems to indicate that Issi Fletcher was married three times. What about that? She seems to have a good set of facts on Thomas Jefferson Fletcher. The Sam Graham Fletcher mentioned in the will whom she refers to as "Samuel" must be the one we know as "Graham."

Thank you ever and ever so much for all your efforts to find out about my MELISSA GRIFFITH HALLOCK. I appreciate especially having Mrs. Spaulding's address. I wrote to her last week and am hoping for a helpful answer in due time.

Nor do I minimize the work you did. I had run onto the SETH GRIFFITH, 1772-1835, that you mention, and his father JONATHAN GRIFFITH(3), 1748-1834, and had wondered if there was any connection. I do have a question: Do you have a list of the children for AARON GRIFFITH (2) b. 1715. Did he have sons other than JONATHAN GRIFFITH(3), 1748-1834? I am wondering if there was not another son of AARON who in turn had a son who was the father of MELISSA. I'd at least like to check that out. Also, where were JONATHAN (3), AARON (2), and JEREMIAH (1) born? Those answers might prove helpful. Incidentally, the HALLOCKS were in the Nine Partners area of Dutchess Co., N.Y. before they came to Peru, N.Y.

Best wishes to you and your family. How many grandchildren do you have? We have eleven.

Sincerely, *Esther Austin*

17 March 1973

Dear Mrs. Austin:

Your letter and all the enclosures received and thank you so very much again. All very interesting and I do appreciate the time and trouble of making copies for me.

The "HOYT Fam." ancestry was new to me. I'd compiled the line beginning with the arrival of DANIEL HOYT in South Hero, but had very little prior, so have "revised" my records backwards....

The "JOHN KNIGHT Fam." record was interesting. This was JOHN KNIGHT, Jr. whose Dau. SARAH JANE KNIGHT md. CHARLES H. WRIGHT

JOHN KNIGHT, Jr.'s Father JOHN KNIGHT, Sr., was one of the very first settlers in North Hero, Vt. (1784) I have considerable on this Family going back to RICHARD KNIGHT of England, came to America before 1640. Many, many KNIGHT descendants, and large families born and raised in North Hero, Vt.

I know Mr. & Mrs. CHARLES TRACY of South Hero, Vt. and have visited at their home (the ISSI FLETCHER Inn) numerous times. It is a beautiful house.

Yes - ISSI FLETCHER was md. three times:-

- (1) JENNY GRAHAM (1766-1800)
- (2) LUCY ALLEN (1763-1828)
- (3) BETSY HARRINGTON of Shoreham, Vt. (no other info)

I am enclosing a Town Clerk's record (Rochester, Mass.) re' AARON GRIFFITH and his Children.

AARON GRIFFITH was a Sea Captain. He settled in Marthas Vineyard in 1740. After his retirement from the sea he removed to Nine Partners, N.Y. where there was a large Quaker colony. In 1788 he removed to Denby, Vt. and from there to South Hero, Vt. where he and his wife lived with their son JONATHAN GRIFFITH. (His Children seem to have been born in Rochester, Mass. tho)

Of AARON & ELIZABETH (MILLER) GRIFFITH's Children, I have a record, viz:-

Daugh. JABEZ GRIFFITH.....md.....MARY HILLER

Son- JONATHAN GRIFFITH.....md.....HANNAH DUEL

I have nothing further on JABEZ GRIFFITH and his Fam. Of course I have considerable on JONATHAN GRIFFITH and his Fam.

I just had a nice letter from Mrs. SPAULDING in Albany, N.Y. They had just returned from Fla. She had been doing some research on the KEESE Fam. who settled Keeseville, N.Y. They were also Quakers of the Peru, N.Y. Dist. Mrs. Spaulding is much interested in early Quaker records of Nine Partners and Peru, N.Y. Perhaps she may help with MELISSA GRIFFITH HALLOCK.

I am starting my annual preparation to opening the Motel here for the season. Looks like an early Spring - so we're already trying to get some of the work done. Will have to start slowing down on my Genealogy work and spend the next eight months trying to make a few "bucks". I enjoy it all tho.

Have had my Dau. and her three children here with me all winter. Her husband, a AF Major, is overseas. So - I've had plenty of company. They're a nice family - tho - and it's been a pleasure.

My very best to you and yours. Please let me know if there is additional detail on any of the above, or otherwise, you may want. Will be tickled to try and do or get for you. Thanks so much for your help. You really have done a remarkable and thorough amount of research. on the "KENT Fam." etal.

4223 N.E. Hazelfern Place  
Portland, Oregon 97213  
December 29, 1976

*1 wrote  
3-26-77*

Dear Allen Stratton,

Before the year ends we want to send a little word of appreciation for our delightful stay at Shore Acres last May. Those were magic days--and nights. A bit of nostalgia remembering Great-grandfather Helmer Kent's old inn, the pleasure of meeting someone whose intense interest in family history equals our own--someone who has helped mightily with baffling searches, and the sheer beauty of Shore Acres made a winning combination. Our three days there are a bright memory.

We hope you had a good summer and fall season and that you are now having the fun of untangling some knotty genealogical puzzles.

Perhaps you'll be interested in a recent triumphal break-through which is a sequel to my search for the ancestry of Melissa Griffith. Melissa Griffith married John Keese Hallock and her first child, born in 1819, was Silva Hallock. In 1933, Lewis and I named a daughter Silva in honor of her Great-great grandmother, Silva Hallock. We were reminded at that time that Silva Hallock was named for her Great-great grandmother, Silva, or Silvia, Kirby.

Thus in working my way back on the Griffiths, I was reaching out toward knowledge of the first Silva or Silvia. In discovering the Griffith ancestry and tracing back through various Allens (Nancy, daughter of Silvia, married a Benjamin Allen) I definitely proved my was back to Silvia Kirby in Dartmouth, Massachusetts. Still the question remained, "Who was Silvia?"

I make a study of the Kirby family of Sandwich and Dartmouth. Some material I found in the Library of Congress in 1973 said that Silvia was probably a descendant of John Kirby. I managed to assemble a full family group of John Kirby's children including birthdates and marriages. Still no Silvia!

In November, 1976, I ordered through the Mormon Branch Library here in Portland, microfilms of all probate records for KIRBY's in Bristol Co., Mass. from 1690 to 1880. These can be rented for two weeks for 75¢ and viewed on the machines at the Branch Library. Not knowing where information might show up, I methodically went through all of those handwritten records, running a brief abstract on each. That system paid off! Among those probates were a number of guardianship records. In a 1760 record, I found the appointment of guardians for four "children of Thomas Kirby of Newport, Rhode, Island, and grandchildren of Josiah Merihew, late of Dartmouth, Mass., deceased."

Thomas Kirby ) over age 14 years  
Silvia Kirby )  
David Kirby ) under age 14 years  
Sarah Kirby )

I already knew that Thomas Kirby, son of John Kirby and Rebecca Mosher, had married Mary Merihew, daughter of Josiah and Hope Merihew on 24 Sept. 1737. After finding the guardianship record everything was easy. I had the KIRBY line back to the immigrant ancestor. What a thrill that discovery was!

Of course, when time permits, I'll see if I can find more. There may have been another child who was no longer a minor. It may be that the father, Thomas Kirby, remarried and had turned the children over to their maternal grandparents after the death of their mother.

But I do have the essential facts in what has been a long, long search.

Best wishes for 1977!

*Esther and Lewis Austin*

4223 N.E. Hazelfern Place  
Portland, Oregon 97213  
April 11, 1977

*Send my Book  
4-18-77*

Dear Allen,

CONGRATULATIONS! CHEERS! BRAVOS! How splendid that your book, History of North Hero, Vermont, is now complete! We are awed to consider the work and care that went into it. To have it all finished and back from the printer is tremendous. Of course it would be expensive--any book published today is--but in this case we know the book is worth every bit of the cost. Well researched material is priceless!

We do want to buy a copy--hopefully one with the author's autograph. Should we send direct to you, or purchase through a publisher? And you'll need to tell us the selling price so we can send you a check. We are surely looking forward to having a copy of this very special book.

What will your next book be? Island families? Or the history of another town--South Hero for instance?

We do want to compile our family researches for the family at least, but like the cat which enjoys chasing a string, we become so delighted with the process of chasing down the clues to new facts that we rarely get around to "writing up" what we already have. Certainly if you compile a book on Island families, you are more than welcome to use anything I've learned about the Kents. I've never traced back of the Helmer Kent of Pequannock Twp., Morris County, New Jersey. Have turned up some fairly strong evidence that Sarah Cook was originally Sarah Vandercook and I have a few shadowy theories about Helmer (or Helemigh as I found it spelled) Kent but just have not been pursuing that family recently.

Since Christmas I've been working on Bristol Co., Mass. Probate Records for ALLEN families. You may recall that the daughter of Silvia Kirby married Benjamin Allen whose daughter Thirza became the second wife of Jonathan Griffith of Peru, New York. Went through four rolls of microfilm and feel richly rewarded though it did take lots of time. Benjamin Allen's parents were second cousins: Philip Allen and Susannah Allen. I found the wills of these two fifth great-grandparents of mine. Philip made his will in 1778 and it was proved the same year. Susannah made her will in 1791. It was proved in 1793. I have the full text of both. This couple had seven sons, one daughter. Possibly Susannah wished for more daughters. At least she put this Item in her will:

Item I Give and Bequeath unto my Nine Grand daughter<sup>s</sup> that is to Say, the daughter of my Son Abraham Namely Abigail, and to my four Grand daughter<sup>s</sup> the daughters of my Son Jedidiah Namely, Sarah, Susanna, Deborah and Martha, and to my four Grand daughters, the daughters of my Son Benjamin, Namely Mahala, Thirsa, Maranda and Pamela, all the Residue and Remainder of my Estate of Every Kind and Nature not herein before otherwise disposed of-----"  
You've no idea how excited I was to find that record!

After my rather exhaustive search of the Allen Probates I had to take time out for other duties and activities. About mid-May we are hoping for a trip by car to Iowa and other midwestern states; don't think we'll be going East this year. But we'll be remembering those magic hours at Shore Acres in May of 1976.

Further Congratulations are also due you on your "Stratton Memorial Library"--but don't push too hard. We want the library--not the memorial. We are so happy that you now have the microfilm of the Grand Isle County Census for 1850. Yes, a reader is a problem. But if you can indulge yourself for a good one, you'll probably get worlds of satisfaction out of having it. Not only can you refer at leisure and frequently to your 1850 Census film, but also you can rent and read other films. I am so grateful for the Mormon Branch Libraries through which I have had access to these Probate Records for Bristol Co., Mass. For that matter, we've borrowed dozens of other films from them too.

Your busy tourist season will be starting soon but we hope we can order our copy of History of North Hero, Vermont before you are completely submerged in the tourist season.

Sincerely,

*Esther Austin*

MRS. BRINDLEY

ALLEN L. STRATTON  
North Hero Island  
Vermont 05474

April 22, 1977

Dear Esther and Lewis Austin:

Thank you for your fine letter of April 11th. Your letters are always most interesting. I assume you have received my book by now. I mailed it on Apr. 18th. - thinking I should do it right away - and before writing, etc. - that I'm getting rather buried here time-wise, trying to get the Motel opened up, and that I better not put it off.

The cost - \$15.00 plus tax - plus mailer - plus postage, or a total of \$16.00 - too much, but can't seem to get the publisher to change his mind about his price.....

Your methodical research on the KIRBY and ALLEN lines, certainly has paid off. I can imagine the thrill you had tracing these lines and with your perseverance of reading all those Probate records, and finding the answers to your searching. I admire the systematic methods you use and it is the only way really.

You mention that BENJAMIN ALLEN was a son of PHILIP & SUSANNAH (ALLEN) ALLEN. I have a vague record in my own ALLEN Family records of:-

1. GEORGE ALLEN (1568-1648)
2. RALPH ALLEN ( -1698)
3. EBENEZER ALLEN (1650- )
4. PHILIP ALLEN
5. ELISHA ALLEN (1722- )
6. JOHN ALLEN (1752-1825).....md.....PHEBE DEUEL  
Settled & died at 1757-1845  
Peru, N.Y.

I know this is probably another line than the one you are searching, but I know nothing much about this line either. Except am a bit curious in that JOHN ALLEN (No. 6) was the ancestor of the Peru, N.Y. "ALLENS" - now I'm wondering the PHILIP ALLEN (No. 4) if just might be the PHILIP ALLEN who was the father of your BENJAMIN ALLEN.....?

This will have to be a short letter - too many things going on here with the usual "rat-race" of spring work. Have carpenters, painters working, a bull-dozer doing grading, etc. Men working on grounds- so I'll have to forego genealogical work until next Fall. Hope you have a nice trip to Iowa and other places. My very best to you both.

Sincerely,

P.S. Thanks for the book order. Hope you enjoy it!

ALLEN L. STRATTON  
North Hero Island  
Vermont 05474

Dear Lewis and Esther Austin:

May 27, 1977

This may not be a very detailed letter - I am doing it at the office in the Motel - between interruptions. Yes - we opened up for another season on May 14th. - so I will have to forego genealogy and research work until next fall. Got to try and make a few "bucks".....

Am pleased you both like my book. It is my first effort and, of course, wonder what readers think of it. Seems to have been quite well accepted by the local folks. It will perpetuate many facts and records long lost otherwise.

You asked about any issues of the "Theological Repository" being still extant. No - I don't think so - I've never seen any. It had a very short life - but somewhat hectic. I have numerous issues (ca. 1850) of local papers - they a quite interesting.

Very much appreciate your sending the copies on your research of the "ALLEN Fam." - certainly shows a very considerable amount of work and detail on your part. I assume I may keep the sheets (Please let me know for sure if you would like them back - I can make copies here) - and have filed them with my Plattsburgh Allen records. It is a different ancestry than my Allen Family - but of interest since co-mingled with other local families.

Guess I've got to close for now - between phone ringing, salesmen, and check-outs and check-ins - I'm not foing so good. Did want to acknowledge yours and the pleasure, always, of hearing from you. Hope everything goes fine for you both, and lets keep in touch. I'll get back to you moreso - later in the year.

Sincerely,

4223 N.E. Hazelfern Place  
Portland, Oregon 97213  
April 29, 1977

Dear Allen,

Thank you so much for your book and your autograph! Never feel like regretting the price: we know about inflation, and History Town of North Hero Vermont is one of the best values remaining today. Your book is splendid! We are charmed by the introduction and its date has a special significance for us: May 15, 1976. That is the very day we first visited Shore Acres. It as if we were presents unawares at a most auspicious moment. We have for the present only dipped into the book but we are delighted with some of your word choices. Both Lewis and I exclaimed over the depth of meaning in your reference to your father's "unfathomable error of removing to York state." There is a considerable mesmeric quality about the book. We will pick it up, thinking to read only a paragraph, or at most a page, and find that we cannot put it down till several pages later. One episode I enjoyed was the story of North Hero's newspaper, pages 136-140. Are any issues of that newspaper extant? And I was intrigued by the reference to the Keeseville Herald dating back to 1825. Do any issues of that remain? A year ago at the Feinburg Library in Plattsburgh, we looked at some microfilms of old Plattsburgh newspapers. We did not find it very rewarding but it was interesting. I have learned to endure a good deal in the discomforts of microfilm search but those films were particularly poor. But we have sometimes had good fortune in searching old papers. Of course, a religious paper would be quite unlikely to have family and historic items. Another delight was finding the reference to Issi Fletcher old inn. I recall your mentioning in one of your letters how beautifully it had been restored and adapted by Mr. and Mrs. Tracy.

Your information about ALLENS was most interesting. The PHILIP ALLEN (4) whom you list was a cousin of JOHN ALLEN (4), father of my PHILIP ALLEN. He was likewise a cousin of JEDIDIAH ALLEN (4), father of SUSANNA ALLEN. Philip and Susanna were second cousins. I'll try to enclose five pages I've developed charting the descendants of GEORGE ALLEN (1). I can't vouch for much on page 1--in fact am uncertain about many things--but the other four pages are largely the result of my own research in Probates of Bristol County, Mass., 1690 to 1880, and though use of the Vital Records of Dartmouth (I own those three books) and the Vital Records of Westport to which I had convenient access. The work is rough yet. I hope mostly correct. I'm too prone to typographical errors. You will see that working within Bristol County largely, I soon lost track of several including PHILIP ALLEN (4), son of EBENEZER ALLEN (3). The reason I examined the ALLENS so extensively was originally because they intermarried so frequently with KIRBYS. Then when I found Philip and Susanna, I began to surmise that they were related and I had to keep after it till I found out all I could. I now know from SUSANNA ALLEN's will that her son BENJAMIN ALLEN and his family were still in Bristol County in 1793. Daughter THIRZA ALLEN was married in New York in January of 1801. Whether I can ever trace the family through those intervening years remains to be seen.

Thanks for your good wishes for our trip to Iowa. We start May 9.

Have a good summer season! We are eager to have you have more time in the fall for your research and writing!

Sincerely,

*Esther Austin*

*Lewis H. Austin*

Federal Census Records for Clayton and Delaware Counties in Iowa were absolutely illegible on microfilm. At Des Moines, Iowa, we saw the original census record and also some original state census records that were helpful. Then we visited various county seats. Cannot say too much for the gracious courtesy and helpfulness of all county clerks and officers we contacted in Iowa. In the picturesque little town of Elkader, Clayton Co., Iowa, we found the date of naturalization for Elias Evans (20 Sept. 1858) even though we had to face the sad fact that Book B which gave the details had been lost. Use of the state census had enabled us to determine approximately the year that Elias Evans, his first wife, and his brother Abraham had come from Wales. We had found the record of his second marriage to Julia Ann Charles in Delaware County, Iowa. Clayton County people were able to give us a wealth of material about the estate settlement for although Elias was intestate when he died in 1864, he left six minor children, youngest of whom was baby Abraham who grew up to be the father of my sister-in-law. He had never been sure of his exact birthdate--we found it. As was usually the case, Julia remarried in a short time and her new husband would have none of the Evans children. He insisted on the children's being "given" to various people in the community. So the children were separated and a few years later, Julia died. Young Abraham remembered seeing her only once after he was taken from her. We have not been able to trace her grandfather back to Wales but we have been able to reconstruct a poignant family story that should never have been lost. The Clayton County people were ever so helpful and considerate in making copies of all papers in which we were interested. You may well imagine how my sister-in-law cherished the inventory and bill of sale and a listing of the birthdates of the children.

Since that May journey we've been every so busy with many other family affairs so that genealogy has been somewhat pushed aside. We hope to do more after Christmas. We both of us know that we ought to assemble all our data. Publishing in book form seems almost impossible but perhaps a series of Xeroxed notebooks would preserve some of our efforts. The sheer research is the most fascinating to me.

We hope you are keeping well and not doing more than you should.

Have a beautiful Christmas and Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

*Esther and Lewis*

*Photo on card shows our beach cottage overlooking the Pacific. We've had it nineteen years now and still love it.*

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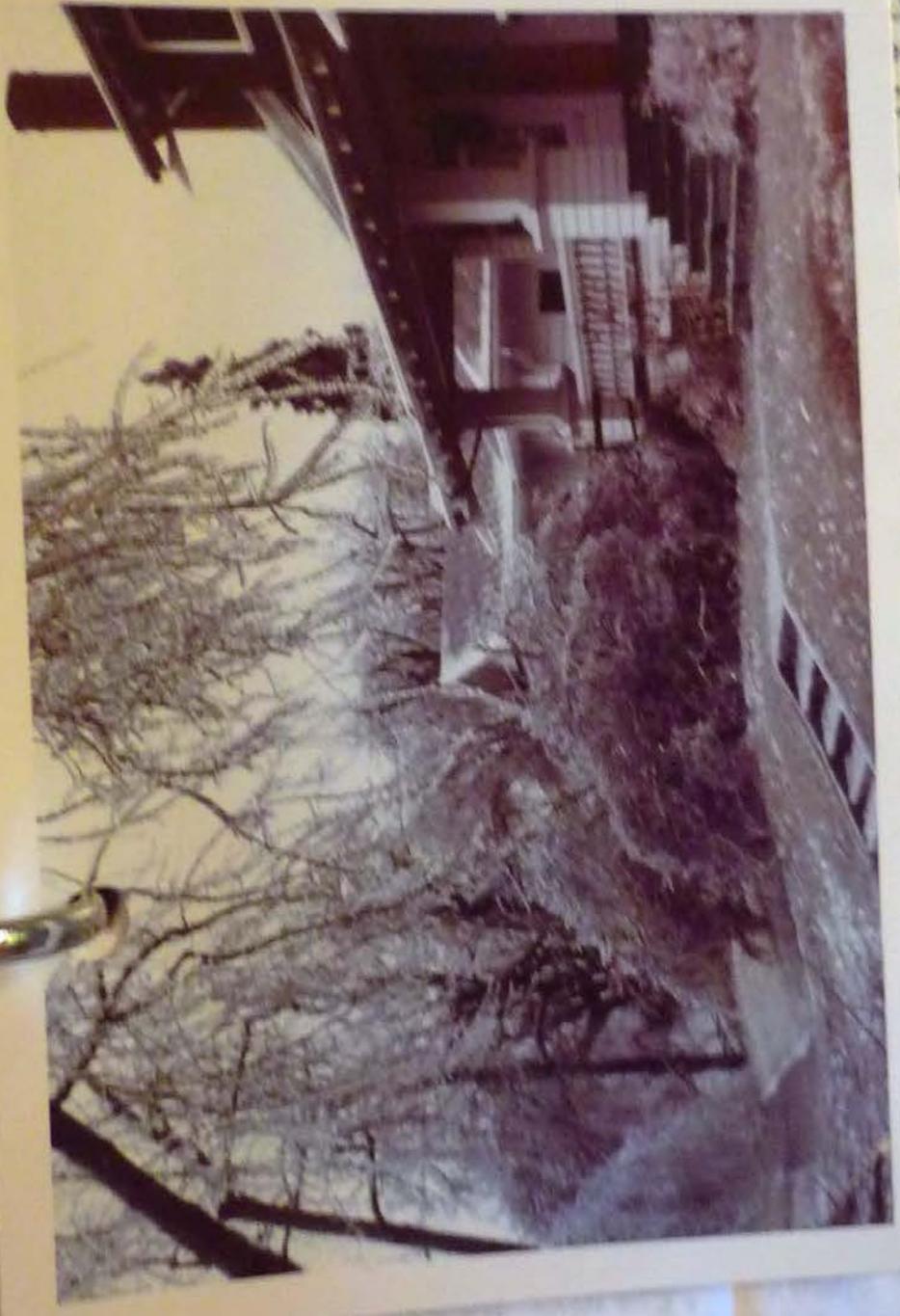


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Portland, Oregon

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4223 N.E. Hazelfern Place  
Portland, Oregon 97213  
November 23, 1979

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Dear Allen Stratton,

More often than you might think possible, we think of you, of your splendid help in researching the Kents, your putting us in contact with Violet Spaulding who helped with the Griffiths. Perhaps we refer to something in The History of North Hero. Often we relive the delight of our memorable stay at Shore Acres. Christmas seems a good time to say we remember and to express our hope that you are continuing to enjoy the history and genealogy.

Probably our most recent successes have been in researches on the various lines of a son-in-law's family. We had several break-throughs in 1979 in areas that had previously seemed "dead end." One of those lines took us to the Berwick, Maine ~~area~~ so that we learned just a bit more about that area. Libraries in Seattle, Washington, and again Salt Lake City, together with help from previously unknown genealogical friends, enabled us to make new discoveries.

On one line, I even found a Mayflower ancestor--Thomas Rogers-- for this son-in-law. For myself, alas, I cannot find a single Mayflower ancestor. Neither can Violet Spaulding. Searching does become a fascinating game, however.

*My husband's Lewis Austin's*

Also, we have had some very excellent success on the AUSTIN line since last we wrote. His fifth great grandfather lived at Henley-on-Thames in the early 1700's and was perhaps born there in the late 1600's though we cannot find that record. This was made possible when a second cousin of Lewis found some materials which had been stored in a garage for twenty or twenty-five years. After studying those materials we had a church warden's wife in Henley and an Assistant Curate in Chiswick, Middlesex, search some parish registers for us. We are very happy about the results.

Sincere best wishes,

*Esther Austin*

*P.S. Christmas card is a view of our home during an ice storm.*

4223 N.E. Hazelfern Place  
Portland, Oregon 97213  
December 7, 1980

Dear Allen,

wrote them a letter Feb. 1981

No matter how little communication there has been during the year, at Christmastime we cannot fail to remember warmly the genealogical friends with whom we have shared so many interesting searches.

A year ago you reported that your History of South Hero, Grand Isle, Vermont was nearly completed. We think likely that you have published by now and we do much want a copy. We know that publishing prices are high so don't apologize for what none of us can remember. Please accept this as an order for a copy of your book and let us know the amount to pay. We enjoyed and still frequently refer to your book about North Hero and, of course, our interest in South Hero is even more personal.

Our greatest genealogical achievements for 1980 occurred in April. We had a three weeks trip within the United States that was a delight to anticipate, fun to experience, and a joy to remember. It included visits with relatives in Missouri, Virginia, and Pennsylvania, and a week in Boston. Ah, that week in Boston! We combined our sight-seeing with research in the New England Historic Genealogical Society Library. I have so many ancestors who were in New England in the 1600's that it always seemed a logical possibility that I might find a Mayflower ancestor. Several times I thought I was finding something, only to disprove it when I gathered more data.

This time I had done a great deal of careful presearching. Great-great grandfather Edward Paine had married Betty King, daughter of Charles and Sarah King. Sarah's maiden name was King also and I had found her parents to be Hezekiah King and Sarah---. Had found the names and birthdates in Bolton, Conn. for all children of Hezekiah and Sarah. I found strong circumstantial evidence that Sarah's maiden name was Reed (Reade or Read) and that her parents were William Reed (Reade, Read) of Weymouth, Massachusetts, and his wife Hester Tomson. If so, I had my Mayflower ancestor because Hester was the daughter of John Tomson and Mary Cooke, Plymouth born daughter of Mayflower passenger Francis Cooke. In the Boston library, I found the firm proof I needed along with the names of several additional ancestors. One bonus that delighted me was finding out about the parentage of Charles King who married Sarah King. It seemed possible that they might have been cousins. Not so. Charles King, his parents, and grandparents proved to be from a different family located in Northampton, Massachusetts. Tracing it all out was rare fun.

Much of my inspiration for this search came from Violet Spaulding who was also searching for a Mayflower connection for herself. Have you heard from her recently? I have not since in January or February and am concerned. She was such a dear genealogical friend and had helped me tremendously with the Griffith line. In fact, we are about sixth cousins through the Griffiths.

All of 1980 was a most interesting year, from the eruptions of Mt. St. Helen in May and June with the subsequent weary clean-ups of volcanic ash to the marriage of a lovely granddaughter in August and the celebration of our Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary in late September. That was such a joy! Our three daughters, their husbands, and all but two of our grandchildren came to share the event with us.

All good wishes for the New Year,

*Esther and Lewis Austin*

4223 N.E. Hazelfern Place  
Portland, Oregon 97213  
June 19, 1981

Dear Allen,

Surely this letter should go to you to tell you how thrilled Lewis and I are by Volume I, History of the South Heroe Island. The day it arrived we spent every available minute browsing in it at random. The next day or two we used the index and hunted up the references to familiar names. What fun that was. Now we have settled down to a rather slow word for word reading of every page. Now it wouldn't take either one of us forever to read it alone. Trouble is, I read a few pages and decide they must be shared with Lewis so I wait till I can catch him in an attentive moment. We then read them aloud and frequently laugh together over some of the amusing tales. Your account of the Benjamin Bell-Daniel Wilcox feud was delightful and just the kind of history that would surely be lost without your efforts.

Among the entertaining stories I should surely have mentioned our enjoyment of the "Homesick Hog" in which great-great grandfather, Issi Fletcher played such a fascinating role. I surmise that you may have a good deal of Fletcher information which I do not have but I'll not trouble you with those questions now. On page 9 in connection with the 1779 Charter, the name of BERIAH GREEN caught my eye. There are few Greens mentioned at South Hero or Grand Isle. Do you know where he came from, who he was, or where he went? The PETER HALLOCK of Peru, New York, mentioned on p. 330 is one of my third great grandfathers. His mother was ANNA GREEN who in 1752 married a PETER HALLOCK at Smittown, Long Island. Her father ISRAEL GREEN apparently lived at Brookhaven, Long Island, at the time. About 1755 Israel and some others in the family went to Dutchess County. For years I've been struggling to learn more. I have a strong hunch, bolstered by some circumstantial evidence that Israel's wife was an AMY. But I really have no proof and can make no progress as to his (Israel's) parentage and/or origin nor can I identify his wife. Sometimes I think I'll just forget the whole thing but it is tantalizing.

When you ship Volume II of History of the South Heroe Island, please do enclose two of the descriptive sheets and order blanks. I want to send one to a cousin and show one to the Portland Genealogical Forum Library. Don't know whether they'll be inspired to buy the books but if they do not it will be their loss. At least they should know about them.

We especially cherish your inscription and autograph. Thank you so much.

Hope you are having a good summer business-wise at the motel. You surely have one of the loveliest locations in the United States, restful and remote in feeling yet essentially close to large population areas.

Sincerely,

*Esther Austin*

Aug. 1, 1981

Dear Folks:

Finally - my Vol. II arrived from the printer and bindery. Almost to the day, two years since I first went to the printer. So, I'm mailing it herewith. Sorry, it took so long.

Thanks for your nice letter back in June. Am glad you both enjoyed my Vol. I. It is somewhat on the informal side, but, personally, I would think more readable. There is a few "very subtle" tid bits in it every once in awhile...

As you asked, I'm including several "flyers" for Vol. I & II. I will appreciate your passing them on, if of interest to anyone.

You mentioned BERIAH GREEN (pg. 9, Vol. I, my book). I don't think I know anything of him. He was one of the original Grantees in the Charter for the Two Heroes. Evidently never settled here, or I would know the name moreso. there was a Captain BERIAH GREEN in the Rev. War, listed in the history of Franklin Co., Vt. Also a Rev. BERIAH GREEN mentioned numerous times in the early history of Brandon, Vt. Also a Rev. BERIAH GREEN, Jr.

I know of the Peru, N.Y. GREEN Fam. (and HALLOCK), but can't seem to find any connection with BERIAH GREEN. Could be, tho.

You will find that the family and genealogical detail in my Vol. II is somewhat brief per family. I regretted this, since I have so much other family detail. But, space wise, I just had to hold it down to the first or second generation here in the Islands. I still ended up with 854 pages. The ""HELMER KENT Fam." (pgs. 686-690, my Vol. II) is all too brief, but the basics are there for anyone wishing to do further research. Your help with the New Jersey KENT Family, was invaluable.

Hope this finds you both in good health and enjoying yourselves. Wonder if you have been taking more trips this summer? Its nice to get away and then its nice to get back. Has been a busy summer here, the Motel full day after day. Weather has been unusually nice. People are still spending money!

Me - I've been fine. I'm holding up pretty good. Am enjoying everything, and that's what counts. Still working on genealogy in "betwix" - that goes on and on, but it is all fascinating.

Got to close for now. I note our first letters were back in 1971 - so we should celebrate some kind of a "ten year anniversary" shouldn't we? It has all been a real pleasure and cherished....

My very best to you both,

Sincerely,

Allen L. Stratton  
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North Hero, Vt. 05474

*Allen*

LETTERS  
MRS. BRYANT

4223 N.E. Hazelfern Place  
Portland, Oregon 97213  
October 22, 1981

Dear Allen,

This is another of those letters that should have been written some weeks earlier to tell you how delighted we are with Volume II. How well you know each individual and each generation of all the Island families! Through your books, and my own little corner of interest, I feel somewhat familiar with some of them. But you really KNOW. Personally, of course, I found particular interest in the account of the FLETCHER family and the KENT family. Then what a facinating footnote to the FLETCHER family when I read on page 765 about Betsy and Gardner Tracy and then her subsequent marriage to Luther Hyde. What a story!

I can't pretend that I've begun to assimilate, appreciate, or even complete reading all the wealth of material. But I'm gaining on it and having a good time every moment that I spend with the book.

Can't even recall just when your book arrived, but we were in the midst of various summer visitors. (There are days when I think that must not be unlike operating a motel but we do really enjoy having people.) This continued into September.

We had set Sept. 12 as a day for starting by car on a trip to the midwestern states. On the evening of September 10 we were just ready to start for the airport with the people we thought would be the last of our summer guests, when a dear friend phoned from New Hartford, New York. Her mother, also a long time friend, had died in New Hartford that morning and she was coming back here for the funeral service. We told her at once that we wanted her to stay with us and that we'd delay out travels as long as she was here.

*a great granddaughter is the attraction in Columbia*

Thus on September 17th we finally started. Went to Iowa City, Iowa; Columbia, Missouri; two village cemeteries in Kansas and then a visit with a niece and family in Victoria, Kansas; Loveland Pass to Grand Junction, Colorado, Salt Lake City, and then home the evening of October 11th. We are still trying to sort out and plough a path through all the accumulations of mail, errands, and duties.

Perhaps several years ago you asked me about what holdings the Mormons have in their library at Salt Lake for Grand Isle County, Vermont. I have at Salt Lake a younger cousin (technically, she is a second cousin, twice removed) who belongs to the LDS Church and who works in the English branch of the library. She has worked full time but since she now has a two year old son, she works only part time. Because she works there she can do some things that I could not handily do. She was good enough to make photocopies of all the library index cards for Grand Isle County, Vermont, so you can really see for yourself what is there. You would have to <sup>find a</sup> local branch library in Vermont or New York and have them ordered for you. That, of course, poses many problems. One can never guess when a film will arrive and it isn't very convenient to make a considerable journey at goodness knows what time of arrival to read the film which might take quite a time. In your case, you have better access to the original records, I should think. Or, you might go to Salt Lake City sometime for a week or two. We'd certainly recommend winter. Though they have several hundred microfilm readers, they are always quite crowded. We never go in the summer because it is so jammed and congested that we cannot work satisfactorily.

Anytime from mid-September to mid-May is good, though the times we were there just after Thanksgiving and in February were really the easiest for working.

Our cousin and her husband invited us for dinner in their home. We told her about you, your research, and your books. I had already mentioned some about your research in correspondence. She thinks it quite possible that the library may be interested in purchasing a copy of the South Hero books and I left one of the fliers with her. Of course, Barbara does not work in the United States branch, but she is acquainted with people there. I didn't say much about the North Hero book and I've thought since arriving home that perhaps I should have.

Among other items of interest in Volume II, I was excited to learn that the Edward and Samuel ALLENS traced back to Deerfield, Massachusetts. Various ones of my forebears trace back to Deerfield, including Frenches, Kingsleys, Catlins, and Sheldons. Thanks of Sheldons History of Deerfield which I was able to use while in Boston in 1980, I have been able to trace back and sort out but it seems to be about the end of the line for me there. I am charmed by the name of my ancestor Freedom Kingsley who married John French. It has been fun to go that far anyway.

The Vermont autumn must have been beautiful for your visitors. Fall is always a lovely time to travel. Lewis and I had perfect weather and gorgeous scenery wherever we went this year. Have a good winter.

Sincerely,

Esther Austin

Dec. 7, 1981

Dear Esther Austin:

Thanks for your good letter of Oct. 22. And the enclosures of the LSD Index Cards on Grand Isle Co., Vt. Tell your "younger cousin" there at the Library - Thanks - and particularly - Thanks to you for remembering my interest - and then having the Index Card copies made.

I have long tried to solve the access to these Micro-film records without success. The LSD has done a wonderful job of preserving and recording and micro-filming records - but almost useless to the public, unless one can travel to Salt Lake City - and "stay for a week"....there is a "branch" library here in Vermont (one) - 150 miles round trip - and generally closed. As you say - it is an impossible system - ordering - waiting - going - and not there - or closed, etc.....etc....

But - I do appreciate the Index Card copies - and I might just up and go to Salt Lake City - at least I would know what to look for and what to ask for.

Your trip - Iowa City - Columbia - Kansas and Colo. sounded like fun. Admire you and your travels. There is an awful lot to see right here in U.S. - could spend years and never leave the country. I'm seriously considering selling Shore Acres. I have an excellent offer - been here 17 years - have to quit sometime - so, maybe. If I did, maybe I could travel a bit. Have worked ever since I was 11 years old - never time to leisurely do anything.

Nothing new or exciting to report on the KENT Fam. I think between you and Allyene Brindley and myself - we quite completely covered everything possible. And a reward of it all was personally meeting you and your husband. Also Allyene Brindley was here. That's the special pleasure of "genealogy."

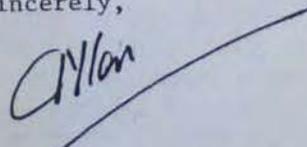
Glad you like my book(s) - have been gradually selling them. Somewhat of a limited demand for a works of this type. But did not expect any great big rush. I had 500 printed and will probably eventually sell them all. Someday, it will be a "rare book" or something.

We had a miserable storm yesterday - almost a blizzard - and now I have a five foot drift across the front of the garage. Can't get the car out - my plow is in the shop for an overhaul (six weeks)....so I gather I will stay at home for awhile....today, it is beautiful, sunshine, calm, lake is rippling all blue, mountains like a picture - how is can be so miserable one day and 24 hours later - so beautiful and nice.

Wonder if you will be home for the Holidays - or with "family" - I will be hoping that you have a real nice holiday season. It is a special time of the year. I expect Grand Children here for Christmas - that will zing things up - but I enjoy it.

Take care and my very best personal wishes to you and yours. All good wishes for the New Year.

Sincerely,



Allen L. Stratton  
Rt. #1, Box 3  
North Hero, Vt. 05474

4223 N.E. Hazelfern Place  
Portland, Oregon 97213  
January 5, 1982

Dear Allen Stratton,

For a variety of reason, it seemed impossible to write letters to go with Christmas cards at the proper time, so I relaxed in favor of writing a letter when things were less hectic. Today is a perfect day for letters--as close to a snowbound state as we've experienced for two years.

For two successive winters we had considerable ice storms and some snow. The winter of 1980-'81 we had no snow at all and temperatures never got down to freezing in Portland. But on December 30, 1981, we began having daily snowshowers, each day a bit more extensive. The mountains and ski areas were boasting over 100 inches but western Oregon often has a much milder climate. Happily, we were still above freezing on January 3rd when the college students had to return to classes (that includes three of our grandsons) but daily visitations of snow have been increasing and we have a lot this morning. Schools did not open and the children are making the most of their opportunity to coast down the hill at the corner of our block.

Yes, we were home for Christmas. Went to the home of our middle daughter on Christmas afternoon and her family came here on New Years Day. Silva and her husband are parents of five of our eleven grandchildren. Their middle daughter who graduated from U. of Oregon in June is spending the year in Japan. All our "grands" are growing up. Only a 14 year old girl is young enough to still attend public schools.

How many grandchildren have you? They do add so much life that we hope you can see them often. Still I find myself wondering how they ever reached you this year. The five foot drifts on December 7th when your plow was in the repair shop--you could have had a transportation problem. Maybe the weather eased by Christmas.

The thought of your selling Shore Acres seems almost to stun us. The place is a part of you and you are a part of Shore Acres. It is the type of decision that must inevitably be made some time. If and when you sell, we trust that you'll keep your home nearby so that you can always return to the Islands and Lake Champlain. Travel is delightful. There is so much to see and do. But Lewis and I always feel that the best part of every trip is the homecoming. The same would have to be true for you. Your Vermont roots are deep, deep.

It is always fun in writing a genealogical friend to be able to report some new "find" or genealogical adventure. Absolutely nothing of the sort to report. But we do have some ambitions. The Austin line was a slow one to trace since much of the tracing had to be done in England from Parish Records not easily accessible. We have had fair success in writing to the Vicars of local parishes. Lewis and his brothers are the eighth generation in the male line. I do not think we can find anything earlier but we've been fairly successful in putting the family together for each of those eight generations. The mother of Henry Austin, Lewis's immigrant ancestor, was an Elizabeth Francis. We know a good starting place for investigating the Francis family and it is more or less our New Year's genealogical resolution to see whether we can learn anything about his Francis ancestors.

We continue to read, refer to, and enjoy your books. Write any time there is interesting news or cause for inspiration.

Sincere best wishes, Esther Austin

Wrote her  
Xmas 1982

LETTERS  
MRS. DUSTY

4223 N.E. Hazelfern Place  
Portland, Oregon 97213  
December 11, 1983

Dear Allen Stratton,

*mentioned in your books*

Lewis and I surely hope that 1983 has been a good year for you, healthwise, and businesswise. We have rather assumed that once again you did operate Shore Acres. Also, we trust that you have been able to make satisfactory progress on History of Isle La Motte, Vt.. We certainly treasure your other books, most especially the two about South Hero. Of course, I am always teased by some of the family names that are more or less obscure. For instance, MERRIHEW. I had MERRIHEWS in my line in the very early 1700's in Dartmouth, Mass. Never have been able to find out where they were before they came to Dartmouth. During the summer of 1982, I found a Frederick A. Merrihew listed as living in Lancaster Township Village, New York 14086 but he made no reply to my letter of inquiry. Oh, well, all that goes back a long, long way and I've found out about many lines.

This year has been so full of interesting family activities and travel in the western U.S. that we've done little on family history. Recently I've been gathering together material on the history of my maternal great-grandparents PETER BROWN and SARAH HEMINGWAY. A woman in Smith Center, Kansas, is writing a history of the Reamsville, Kansas, Methodist Church. Since Peter and Sarah and some of their children were active in the founding and early history of this church, she asked for any material I might have. Have assembled ten typed pages and four photographs that should be of help to her. Actually, my beginning family research had to do with the BROWN family so I'm glad to make any contribution I can.

Other than that I'm working on a YAPLE family who lived in New York state in very early days. A friend of mine told me about a book, History of the Yaple Family, which she found in the N.Y. State Historical Library in Albany. Wrote individually to the two authors. One letter was returned: moved, no forwarding address. The other just did not answer. Had much wanted to buy the book and since it was published in 1977, thought it might yet be available. Now I'm trying interlibrary loan but that may take months. No, I do not have YAPLE ancestry but Donald Kephart, one of our sons-in-law has two Yaple lines. It is fun to keep progressing on some line.

Have you had any word about Violet Spaulding? I did not hear from her last Christmas. She was a great help to me on my GRIFFITH lines and in the end we did prove to be about fifth cousins. Her husband had lost his eyesight, I know, and she was troubled with arthritis but she had come to be a great joy to me. I miss her.

Keep well, and good luck on Isle La Motte!

Best wishes from us both,

*Esther Austin*

LETTERS -  
MRS. BRINDLEY

Route 4  
Allegan, Mich.  
49010

Dear Cousin Allen: (Allen L. Stratton) Mar. 25, 1971

Sending under separate cover the history as JOYCE (BRINDLEY) typed it, with my additions and revisions, as I found out more and found I had not made the notes to her complete.

I have sent a note for information to Uncle JIM's grt.grnd.Dau. Maybe she can give me more dates and names

I don't know as there was any use in giving you the details of my family. We have had a long winter, long on the Spring end - never a great amount of snow, only once did GAIL not come from work, stayed at her Brother's, and once her boss called for her not to try to drive in, but she could have as the plows went past.....two weeks ago GAIL broke her foot so is in a plastic cast to near the knee, and on crutches.....she is resigned to going to the Wedding on crutches.....

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Sincerely,  
ALLYENE (BRINDLEY)

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NOTE: (ALS) - The following data - both typed and handwritten additions by Mrs. ALLYENE BRINDLEY, was rec'd. later - after the previously typed "JAMES W. KENT Family" detail, which I (ALS) had typed and done from 'notes' sent me by Mrs. BRINDLEY.

This 'latter' detail has not been checked against - or 'additions' added to my previously done records.

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ALLEN FAMILY

- Edward Allen (1) d. 6/12/1696 Weaver in Ipswich, Mass., 1658.  
md. Sarah Kimball, whose father Richard came from Ipswich,  
England in 1634.
- Edward Allen (2) b. 1663. d. 2/10/1742. md. 11/24/1683, Nancy Painter  
whose mother was a Lambertson.
- Samuel Allen (3) b. 1702. d. 1746. md. 11/3/1727, Hannah Hawks  
(b. 7/1703). He was killed during an Indian raid at the  
Bars (Deerfield, Mass.).
- Samuel Allen (4) b. 1738 d. 1833. md. Zilpha Hawks who died 3/8/1771.  
They were married 4/21/1764. She was his own cousin, twice  
removed. Zilpha, daughter of Eleazer and Margaret (Allen)  
Hawks. Samuel was taken captive by Indians in 1746 and taken  
to Canada. Samuel (4) was a soldier in the Revolutionary  
War. Lived in Ashfield, Mass., removed to Grand Isle, Vt.,  
with family and relatives 1794. Lived on place in Grand  
Isle granted to Lieut. Samuel Allen. Both he and Phoebe  
are buried in an old Allen Cemetery at "Kents Corners" in  
Grand Isle, Vt..

Samuel Allen (5)	md.	Phoebe Tobey
b. Dec. 19, 1766	12/6/1792	b. July 13, 1768
at Ashfield, Mass.	Conway, Mass.	d. Jan. 24, 1836
d. Oct. 20, 1853		brd. Grand Isle, Vt.
brd. Grand Isle, Vt.		

Phoebe Tobey was daughter of Elnathan and Deborah Taber  
Tobey, a descendent of Francis Cooke, one of the original  
Pilgrims who came on the Mayflower, in 1620.

Ann S. Allen (6)	md.	James W. Kent
b. 3/13/1810 at	Nov. 9, 1834	b. 2/16/1814 at
Grand Isle, Vt.	by Asa Lyon	Plattsburg, N. Y.
d. 10/25/1869 in		d. 1/26/1885 in
Trowbridge Twp.,		Trowbridge Twp.,
Allegan Co., Mich.		Allegan Co., Mich.

Buried in Mallory Cemetery, near Allegan Mich..

KENT

James W. Kent was son of John and Elizabeth (commonly called Betsy) Beach formerly of New Jersey.

There was a brother Jacob who married Lavina Allen, an older sister of Ann S. who married James Kent.

The brother Jacob is buried in the Kent-Allen or Hoag Cemetery on Grand Isle, Vt.. I have been there and have seen the headstone.

James W. Kent b. 2/16/14 md. 11/9/34  
Ann S. Allen b. 3/13/10

They lived at Loramel, N. Y., Plattsburg, N. Y., and South Hero on Grand Isle, Vt., before coming to Michigan about 1848, where they settled in Watson Township where David was born. The other children were all born in the east.

James and Ann moved to Allegan, where he had a blacksmith shop for years. After a few years, they bought a farm in Trowbridge township where he still maintained a small shop. He liked to work with fine metal, hammering on gold, and made many small tools.

Ann S. Allen Kent died October 25, 1869, James W. Kent died January 26, 1885, both in Trowbridge Township, buried in Mallory Cemetery, south of Allegan on M-40.

Besides the brother Jacob, there were <sup>at least</sup> two sisters who came to Michigan. One, name unknown, married a ?? Feek, of north of Allegan. They had a daughter Belle who married Hiram Benjamin, and they had a son Harry, who married Lena Brownell, and they had three daughters, Marie died some years ago, as did Harry. Lena lives in Allegan.

The other sister, Polly, married Benomi Collins, and they lived in Allegan. Some of their children were Orson, Rufus, Clark, William, Samuel. Rufus married Esther M., in Staley, Ohio, November 12, 1882. They had several children, some still living in Allegan.

*From not found out  
any thing about the  
Harry's widow  
but she does not  
know.*

James W. Kent

md.  
Nov. 9, 1834  
South Hero, Vt.

Ann S. Allen

To them were born these children:

1. Sylvia Ann 8/5/1835 at Grand Isle, Vt., md. James Rockwell, Allegan, Mich., 9/9/1853. d. 9/9/1895. brd. at Allegan.
2. Eunice 7/19/1838 at Grand Isle, Vt. md. James Monroe Foster, Allegan, Mich. 5/25/1855. d. 2/20/1896. Buried in Battle Creek, Mich..
3. William 2/28/1840 at Laramel, N. Y. d. 5/22/1841. brd. Grand Isle, Vt..
4. Julietta 8/8/1842 at South Hero, Vt. md. James Russell 8/1/1863. She died 11/17/1913 at Alamo, ~~where they are buried.~~ He died 4/8/1917. *in Allegan*
5. James W. 10/4/1844 at South Hero, Vt. md. Maggie Hemmett 6/14/1870. She died 2/8/1879. He re-married to Harriett Bigelo, widow, 3/21/1883. He died 10/12/1923, Allegan, Mich. brd. Mallory Cemetery.
6. Amanda Lavina 9/18/1847, South Hero, Vt. md. George Russell. Second md. 1868 to Augustus Gates who died 2/1939. She died 1940. Buried Poplar Hill Cemetery, Allegan Co., Mich..
7. David H. 6/22/1851 md. 5/10/1871 to Carrie Zimmerman in Allegan, Mich. He died 3/1/1935. She died 4/19/1931. Buried Mallory Cemetery, Allegan Co., Mich..

CHILDREN OF THE CHILDREN OF JAMES W. AND ANN S. (ALLEN) KENT:

1. Sylvia Kent Rockwell
  - a. Edger A. b- Allegan about 1857, md. Lillian Kincaid. Lived in Allegan, Mich. Children:
    - Jamie, Mar 15, 1881. d. in Kalamazoo Mich..
    - Sylvia, Mar 15, 1899 -- ????
    - Jamie married Clara Annis, had one son who died young, divorced, re-married Rhoda.
  - b. William R. b. 1858 Allegan, Mich., d. 3/10/1891
  - c. Olive Ann b. 1865 Allegan, Mich., d. 4/7/1871
  - d. John W. b. Allegan, Mich., was married and had one son.
  - e. Annella Endora, b. 1861, Allegan, Mich., died in infancy.

Children of the children of James W. and Ann S. (Allen) Kent con't -

2. Eunice Kent Foster moved to Battle Creek, Mich.
  - a. Mary, called May - b. 1857, md. Tom Withrow, had two girls, Muriel and Elva, and 1 son Leon.
  - b. Lura A. b. 1859 Died young.
  - c. Ellen E., called Ella. 1861 md. Dr. Bloodgood of Grand Rapids, Mich., no children.
  - d. Willie 1863 unmarried. Buried Battle Creek, Mich.
  - e. Mina 1868, md. George Dunn. Children - Carlton and Leslie.
3. William - died young.
4. Juliette Kent Russell
  - a. Frank E. b. 1872, md. Myra Buck in Trowbridge, Allegan Co., Mich. 3/31/97 by Rev. Irons. Children: Harry, Marion, Dean, Raymond.
  - b. Myrtle br. 1875<sup>1925</sup>, md. Arthur Newton<sup>1875-1958</sup>. Children: Carleton, Ruth, Louise (md. Shaw).
5. James W. by Maggie Hemmett
  - a. Elmer 4/18/1873 in Trowbridge, Allegan Co., Mich. Moved to Nebraska after return from Spanish-American War. md. there. Had 1 daughter Esther who died after a fall from a horse about 1921.
  - b. Dora 3/4/1875 md. Fred Jewson. Children: Margaret, Dorothy, Hollis, Paul. Margaret md. Ernie Annis, 1 son. Divorced. Md. Curle Granger. Children: Geraldine (md. Harris), Marilyn (md. Dave Kaechele), Marcelyn (md. Bruce Berkel), Mary Jean, Curleen.  
  
2nd md. Harriet Bigelow (widow with Nettie, Nora, Burdette)
    - a. Earl 6/19/85, md. Jessie Porter 6/26/07. Children: Helen, 1908, d. 1958, James, 1914, Charles, 1916, Harriet 1922, (md. Rogers). Earl died 2/1/50 Jessie died 4/26/61.
6. Amanda Lavina Russell Gates.
  - a. Nettie Ruth Russell 8/12/68. md. William DePuy 3/6/1890 in Allegan Co., Mich. She died 4/1956 brd. Kalamazoo. He died 1937 in California.
    1. Luella Goldie 4/18/92 in Monterey md. 2/25/30 to Clarence G. Kelly of Otsego - d. 8/11/64.
    2. Hazel Olive 2/14/94 in Hopkins, Allegan Co., Mich. md. George F. Foster 8/1/22.

See separate sheet

Just some notes as I read through these records -  
I never copied any dates from the Rockwell burial place.  
I will go back whenever I can - I have written Rhoda  
for information and she never answered as to Jamie's  
death date, or if she knew any thing of the other Rockwells.  
She must be near 90. The family seems to be completely  
extinct? Run out! - Part of the dates are from 1880 census.

An Juliette Kent Russell - From dates on the stones -  
James (Jack) - 1841-1917 - Julia 1842-1913

There are two small stones - one - Annie, - the other  
Little Myrtle, so overgrown with moss dates can not be read.  
The Newtons are buried on that lot, no, Myrtle is, but her  
husband on an adjoining lot, -

The 2 Russell children - and descendants (if I can  
read my notes) -  
Frank - b. 1872 - m'd Myra Beck <sup>3/3/97 by Rev.</sup>

Irons - Harry - married Estelle Kuring <sup>observed 50th annie</sup> in 1969 at Kalamazoo

ch - Wanda - m. Robt. Arceneau

ch - Susan - m. child Eric

Crystal - m'd. Robt Livenstone

ch - Jerry - <sup>m'd - Linda</sup> who has 6 now daughters

Gaylord - m. Nancy Barnum

sons Mark, Jeff  
Marion - m'd. Daniel Shaff she died about 1968

Donald - m. Betty Stratton

Julia m. Philip Fitzsimmons

Russell " Janette

Dean - m. Evelyn Beals

Joan m - Norman Peacock

Jim m. Johann K-

Raymond - m. - Anne Klock, no chs.

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Myrtle b 1875 md. Arthur Newton b-1873  
d. 1925 d-1958

ch- Carleton md Erna Sanford, Tuscon, Ariz.  
ch- Shirley, Eunice, David, Lowell, and  
Phyllis - (no dates)

Ruth md Robert Dawsett, live at Dowagiac  
ch- twin boys + a girl - <sup>Michigan</sup> no names

Louise md Robert Shaw live at Asthen  
ch. Bert and Bob <sup>Mich.</sup>  
again no dates.

About James W. - Gail is seeing his great  
grand daughter soon and I am  
preparing a sheet for her to fill  
in names and dates, if possible.

About Amanda - I have been in correspondence  
with her grand daughter so names and  
dates are from her. - Luella -

3. Russell Lee 4/5/96, Crow Wing, Minn.
4. Gladys Gates 7/3/98 in Brainard, Minn. Died at 8½ months.
5. Bernice Harriet 6/24/01, Brainard, Minn. Md. Roy S. Arnold.
6. <sup>MARVEL</sup> Muriel Lorraine 4/15/04 in Bradley, Mich. Md. Ray Walker. Children - Patricia Ann Md. 1 son.

b. To Amanda and Augustus Gates

Vera b. 4/21/1886, Hopkins, Mich. D. 2/11/70. md. Harry Sackrieter abt. 1914, d. 3/1960.

7. David H. and Carrie Zimmerman

- a. George Charles 2/19/73 d. Cuba 8/22/98, brd. in Cuba, moved to Mallory Cemetary, Allegan, Mich.
- b. Florence Emily b. 4/13/75 md. Fred Mobley 10/30/97 at Allegan, Mich., d. 4/5/25 Santa Ana, Calif. Brd. San Bernardino, Cal.
  1. Kent Bolivar 9/9/99 at Kendall, Mich. Not md.
  2. Arthur Pentura 8/15/02, Kendall, Mich. Md. Dorothy Van Dyke, 10/21/28 in Vancouver, Canada. Lived in Eugene, Wash.
    - a. Elizabeth Jean 6/28/30 md. Eugene Sandin. Children: Randy, Robert, Ronnie. Vicky.
    - b. Wayne Leroy 10/18/34 md. Emily Owens 10/17/64 at Allentown Pa., Children: David Wayne, Dale Owen.
- c. Lowell Denair 11/7/16 at DeNair, Cal. d. 9/60 at Placerville, Cal.. md. 8/14/41 Gladys Ione Bailey b. 10/3/10.
  1. Barbara Joan 12/14/43
  2. Robert Lowell 6/18/50
- d. Nellie Effie 6/20/77, md. William Balgoyen in Holland, Mich. 10/20/97, he died Fallon Nev. 1943. She died 7/23/68 in Nev.
  1. Irene Esther 9/5/1900 in Holland, Mich. d. 1/23/11 in Allegan, Mich.
  2. Willis Leroy 1/29/05 in Shelby, Mich. Md. 12/28/32 Mable Bafford, div. Constance Barbara 1/2/1934. Md. Eddie Douglas, Fallon, Nev. Jerry, Edwin, Debra. re-md. Warren re-md. 6/6/43 to Eppie Ford 9/12/12. Willis died at Fallon 1956.
- e. Ruby R. md. 2/96 to Fredereck Mobley died San Bernardino, Cal. d. 11/22/96 at Glenn, Mich.

1. Rubyn Dale 10/24/96 at Glenn, Mich. Raised as Florence's own son. md. Alice Newsome 6/1/20.
  - a. Alfred Dale 4/12/21 md. Marion Swanson in N. Hollywood, Cal. 12/16/44. Children: Linda 10/24/45, Karen 7/2/48, Gregory 1/6/50.
  - b. Nelda Caryl 5/15/23 md. Herbert Russell Lalka 5/15/48, San Francisco, Cal. Children: Nancy Carol 12/25/48, John Peter 11/7/52.
  - c. Robert Eugene 8/8/25 md. Marguerite LaCleck 7/23, 46. Children Robert Glen 2/11/50 d. 7/15/69, Janice M. 3/20/51, David B. 12/26/57
- f. Ina Gertrude 3/29/82 md. 4/11/09 Marshall Sinclair. Ina died 7/2/1963 at Otsego, Mich., Marshall d. 7/28/50 at Otsego, Mich.
  1. Hilda Allyene 12/5/09 Cheshire Twp, Allegan Co., Mich. md. Victor Holdstock 12/12/32. Victor S. 8/2/33, Md. Vera 9/53 Children: Kathy 10/11/54, Terry 6/18/56, Naomi 2/17/60.
  2. Delmar Kent 9/12/16 died at birth.
- g. Allyene Willis 5/12/90. md. Verlin N. Brindley 4/21/12. He d. 3/1/51. brd. Lindsley Cem., Allegan Co., Mich. at Conway, Mass.



ACCORDING TO "THE HISTORY OF DEERFIELD" BY GEORGE SHELDON, PUBLISHED  
IN 1896 ----- LOOSELY QUOTE:

A fine day in summer August 25, 1746, the men and boys went to a meadow south of The Bars to finish the harvest of hay. One young lad took his rifle, saying he would shoot squirrels. Some of the young children asked to be allowed to go along, and were told they could. As the men were working, they heard a rifle shot, but thought it was the one who had brought his rifle, looking up, there were Indians all around them. They put up a fight but some were killed. Eunice, the young daughter of Samuel (3) was hit on the head by a tomahawk, the young son, then 8, Samuel (4) was taken prisoner and taken to Canada where he lived with the Indians, but was well behaved, made no trouble, so was not mistreated. A few years later, his uncle, on the mother's side, went to Canada to bring him home, but the boy liked his life there with the savages and would not go willingly, but finally an old squaw with whom he lived helped to get him to his uncle. He lived to be an old man and always regretted he was not allowed to remain with the Indians. The father, Samuel (3) was killed, but Eunice was carried to her mother who nursed her to recovery, but her mind was never right. She lived to be more than 90 years old.

ALLEN L. STRATTON  
North Hero Island  
Vermont 05474

°KENT°

4 Nov. 1971

Dear Cousin Allyene:

Thank you so much for sending the "copies" of Mrs. Austin's records. They sure were of great interest to me. As you will note by the enclosed, I took the liberty of writing Mrs. Austin directly. Hope I was able to give her some more information that may help.

I have just closed the Motel for the season - so haven't really had much of a chance to do any work on any of the family records - but am looking forward now to getting some time. It has been a good - and busy - season and everything went along very well. We will still be working here about another month doing repairs and renovations, etc.

I will do more searching re' ELIZABETH BEACH and if I can find out more, will send it on to you.

Excuse the short note - but better at least get this much in the mail. Write me when you get a chance and let me know how you are - sure hope all OK. My very best wishes for you and yours,

Sincerely,

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Letter from Mrs. ALLYENE BRINDLEY  
Route #4, Allegan, Mich. 49010

Oct. 4, 1971

Dear Cousin Allen: (Allen Stratton)

Enclosed are copies of the material Mrs. AUSTIN sent to me, and I think also to Mrs. WELLS. No need to return them to me as I have had copies made.

There are still KENTs living near Augusta, Mich. My daughter has had that address, R. R. for a number of years, and a KENT lived as neighbors but from all we knew before this, he said it was not his family. And just recently two Mrs. KENTs have died, and possibly one might have been from the ones who settled in Augusta. That's about 40 mi. from me. The one Mrs. KENT was about 90.

I still believe the JOHN KENT listed having a tract of land beyond Plattsburgh was my Grandfather, JAMES W's father, and it seems now as if I remember my Father talking of Uncle BEN. The JAMES and JACOB, if of that family, could have been younger sons, and the POLLY and sister who came to Allegan, also, with BENJAMIN BEACH KENT, JOHN's Son, surely makes me think his Mother was ELIZABETH BEACH, but how can I be sure.

After you read this, go on about your work, and file this away til the snows do blow. I imagine the Island is very colorful now. Good luck!

As Ever,

ALLYENE.

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Rt. #4  
Allegan, Mich. 49010  
Dec. 1971

Dear Cousin Allen:

This Christmas season seems to come about the same time each year, and gives us all a chance to wish all the best for them and theirs.

How are you making out? Since the summer people have gone, you can relax, I hope, a bit, But there's always work ahead of us.

Mrs. AUSTIN is a great help on my family history. The letter from EUNICE KENT seems to be from my Father's (DAVID H. KENT) Sister, because she mentioned Eagle Lake and that was not far from the home of my Grandfather JAMES W. KENT, that he built. Poor girl! It was hard on those that age to leave the home they'd had, and go to strange areas. By the dates, she married not too long after that as I can figure it, the young man, JAMES MONROE FOSTER, lived across the road from their home. His Fathers' name was GEORGE FOSTER and the FOSTERS' still were living there when I was a girl. We always called him Uncle MONROE for an older Aunt had married a JAMES and he was Uncle JAMES.

In those days any girl who had completed the 8th. grade could teach the fall and spring terms when only the younger children attended, while some man, usually a man, taught the winter term when the older ones came and it was usually a boistrous (?) time for the 18 & 20 yr. olds came to get away from farm chores, not always for the learning. This was so, even in my time. We had a farmer teaching who went on to become an Adventist preacher. As I remember, their telling me, My Grandfather was one of the founders of the Church which was built  $\frac{1}{2}$  mi. from his home. The church building was dedicated in 1890 when I was 2 weeks old. My Mother carried me there across "lots" (through the fields) to attend.

I did not mean to ramble on like this, but it has been in my mind. I hope you have happy holidays.

As ever,

ALLYENE (BRINDLEY)

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My family was not complete, but is forever  
changing - Here is - as today, Mar. 23, 1971

I Ella C. <sup>8</sup>/<sub>13</sub> md - <sup>3</sup>/<sub>11</sub>/<sub>32</sub> William Ernest Goffney <sup>12</sup>/<sub>16</sub>/<sub>11</sub>  
Alleghen Mi. Alleghen Alleghen

a - Donald William, <sup>8</sup>/<sub>27</sub>/<sub>34</sub> md <sup>7</sup>/<sub>23</sub>/<sub>57</sub> Joan <sup>Marie</sup> Frederick <sup>6</sup>/<sub>13</sub>/<sub>35</sub>  
Alleghen Alma Mi. (I forgot where)

ch - Craig Donald b <sup>1</sup>/<sub>12</sub>/<sub>61</sub> at Alma Mi -  
Judd William b <sup>2</sup>/<sub>12</sub>/<sub>62</sub> A college town where both  
attended + he works there  
she teaches -

b - Robert Vail <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>/<sub>36</sub> md <sup>4</sup>/<sub>15</sub>/<sub>57</sub> Shirley Ann Cushman  
Alleghen at Alleghen Mi. b <sup>12</sup>/<sub>27</sub>/<sub>37</sub>

ch - Deborah Ann b <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>/<sub>59</sub> where - I don't remember  
Jeffery Robert <sup>1</sup>/<sub>23</sub>/<sub>62</sub>

c - Richard Dale <sup>12</sup>/<sub>17</sub>/<sub>42</sub> md <sup>3</sup>/<sub>13</sub>/<sub>66</sub> Leora Colcord  
Alleghen Niles Mi. b <sup>4</sup>/<sub>7</sub>/<sub>14</sub>  
Niles, Mi.

ch - Kimberly Diane <sup>9</sup>/<sub>3</sub>/<sub>68</sub>  
Grand Rapids

another due May!

d - Mary Ellen <sup>12</sup>/<sub>1</sub>/<sub>44</sub>, at Alleghen - <sup>at Present</sup> is unmarried, an  
~~Occupational Therapist~~ Occupational Therapist  
at Veterans Hosp. Richmond Va

II Elva Ruth <sup>5</sup>/<sub>5</sub>/<sub>15</sub> md - <sup>7</sup>/<sub>1</sub>/<sub>40</sub> James Ward Bowers <sup>2</sup>/<sub>20</sub>/<sub>11</sub>  
Alleghen Chicago Chicago

Susan Arlene <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>/<sub>42</sub> at Chicago unmarried

Larry James <sup>9</sup>/<sub>10</sub>/<sub>44</sub> " "

III David T. 4/8/17 mnd 7/3/47 Joyce Elaine Litten Plew  
Allegan Angola, Ind. 1/24/24

a David T. Jr. 9/6/48 mnd 7/18/66 Roxanne Beatty 1/13/50  
Kalamazoo Kalamazoo

Ch - Candace 9/14/66 at Kalamazoo  
Cheri 8/28/67

b Brenda Lee 2/14/52 - will marry Stephen Barry Miller  
Mar. 27, 1971 at Allegan, Mi. (now 23 & no date)  
Alamo mi yet

c. Michael <sup>plew</sup> Joyce's son from previous marriage  
b 7/4/45 d. 8/22/66 while in training at  
Army Camp.

IV Verna Arlene 8/16/14 mnd 3/24/40 Lewis Lester Harnden  
Allegan Allegan 12/1/17 Allegan

Jack Lee 9/17/42 mnd 12/10/63 Kathleen Schels 8/24/48  
Allegan Kalamazoo Battle Creek MI

Glen Lewis 10/15/64 at Kalamazoo. has Glen, she  
Brian Lee 8/23/67 has Brian

res mnd - 6/1/70 Katherine Miknis Jilly  
7/5/48 Battle Creek

Her son David Jilly - now 4 grand.

Kenneth Rich 12/19/46 mnd <sup>no date</sup> Patricia Ann Sutherland  
Allegan 8/27/48 at Battle Creek MI

Wendy Sue 11/10/65

Kenneth Rich II 5/29/67

Amy Elizabeth 9/25/70

} At Battle Creek, MI  
I think

Carl Lewis <sup>2</sup>11/10/48 mtd. <sup>12</sup>11/10/70 Joyce Rose <sup>4</sup>11/48  
Alligan Battle Creek Battle Creek

Clifford Verne <sup>1</sup>21/50 - soon to be in service  
Alligan

Jeffery Lewis <sup>1</sup>20/56  
Alligan

V . . . Elmer Lester <sup>8</sup>3/21 mtd <sup>2</sup>2/46 Margaret Stadler <sup>4</sup>8/26  
Alligan Kalamazoo Gobles, Mi.

Beth Ann <sup>4</sup>7/51 mtd <sup>2</sup>2/70 David Tyler <sup>10</sup>11/50  
Wichita Falls, Tex Gonia, Mi.  
Wichita

Bruce } 11/12/52 at Alligan  
Dan }

Jill Lynne <sup>9</sup>20/54 " "  
Julie Linda " dead at birth.

VI Ruby Allyene <sup>4</sup>5/23 mtd <sup>2</sup>2/46 Charles Kalvelage  
Kalamazoo 11/1/20, new Mexico  
d. 7/20/63 - Chicago  
brd Crystal Falls, Ill

Jeanne Marie <sup>2</sup>19/47 mtd <sup>3</sup>7/56 Jon Lager <sup>10</sup>2/47  
Chicago Chicago Rockford, Ill.

Cheri <sup>8</sup>12/68 Chicago

Jerry Charles <sup>1</sup>22/49

Joan <sup>Ellen</sup> ~~Marie~~ <sup>1</sup>25/50 Chicago, Ill.

VII Lila Jean <sup>11</sup>23/24 mtd <sup>5</sup>7/44 Stephen <sup>Franklin</sup> ~~Douglas~~ <sup>Dickerson</sup>  
Bloomington, Mi. 12/26/23

on. Douglas Stephen <sup>2</sup>26/48 mtd <sup>9</sup>2/70 Margaret Christina  
San Diego, Cal. Todd <sup>1</sup>27/47  
N. Car.

Janet Ann <sup>3</sup>14/50 md <sup>4</sup>29/68 James DeKam  
Divorced - 1970  
Kristin <sup>12</sup>20/68 at Allegan

Melvin Stewart <sup>12</sup>2/52  
William Jeffery <sup>5</sup>19/54  
Thomas Jeff Allen <sup>8</sup>9/55  
Lynn Franklin <sup>4</sup>20/59  
Anne Margaret <sup>8</sup>6/68

VIII

Dean Allen <sup>10</sup>31/25 md. <sup>8</sup>19/45 Esther Morris  
Bloomington, Mi. <sup>7</sup>24/26  
ch. Cheri Lee <sup>3</sup>31/46 md <sup>12</sup>29/64 Jon Watson <sup>8</sup>13/46  
Christine Anne <sup>9</sup>19/65 at S. Haven, Mi.  
Nancy Lou <sup>10</sup>12/48 md <sup>4</sup>13/70 Thomas Mohler  
Jed <sup>Alan</sup> ~~Allen~~ <sup>10</sup>24/50 -

IX

Arthur N. <sup>7</sup>16/29 md. <sup>7</sup>29/50 Vivian Barbara Schaefer  
<sup>12</sup>27/31

Pamela Irene <sup>12</sup>19/51  
Paul Arthur <sup>11</sup>24/53  
Patricia Elaine <sup>1</sup>6/55  
Phillip Kent <sup>4</sup>11/57

X Lynn Clifford <sup>7</sup>1/30 d. <sup>1</sup>30/32 -

XI Joyce Elaine <sup>6</sup>8/32 md. <sup>7</sup>12/52 Raymond Meshkin <sup>7</sup>15/26  
Allegan d. <sup>12</sup>13/58 Allegan

md. <sup>12</sup>27/62 John DeCrocker <sup>11</sup>8/31  
Allegan Bloomington

XII Gail Sandra <sup>7</sup>23/36 - Allegan

Letter from Mrs. ALLYENE BRINDLEY  
Route #4  
Allegan, Mich. 49010

April 13, 1972

Dear Allen Stratton:

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Sue  
in letter  
May 1968

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This 1972 is a fruitful year for us. So far one Grandson JERRY KALVELAGE md. Mar. 18, 1972, to PATRICIA KELLER at Crystal Lake, Ill. A Gr. Dau. SUSAN BOWERS will be md. this Sat. in Chicago but I don't write that down until it is over. Then JERRY's sister JOAN has her date set for July 29, and meanwhile their sister will have her 2nd. child. And the grapevine has it that my Son DEAN BRINDLEY, who is divorced, will re-marry this summer, but he says no definite date.

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Sincerely, ALLYENE

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(cont.)

Mrs. Allyene Brindley  
Route 4  
Allegan, Michigan 49010

Letter from Mrs. ALLYENE BRINDLEY  
(Cont.)

°KENT°

Sept. 23, 1972 (Cont.)

ELVA BOWERS Son LARRY BOWERS will marry BERNADETTE LESZCZYNSKI of Chicago in Chicago, on Oct. 15, 1972, but don't add this until definite.

Then under RUBY BRINDLEY, my Dau., who md. CHAS. KALVELAGE, their son JERRY md. PATRICIA KELLER of Crystal Lake, Ill., Mar. 18, 1972 in Crystal Lake

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And under DEAN BRINDLEY, My Son, md. for 2nd. time May 4, 1972, in Allegan to LORRAINE RILEY of Allegan, Mich. And his Dau. NANCY BRINDLEY md. to THOMAS MOHLER, a Son JESSE THOMAS MOHLER, b. Aug. 29, 1972 in Creston, Ill.

GAIL went on a tour, 2 weeks, to Japan, HongKong.....

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I find I am getting older all the time.

Sincerely, your Cousin, ALLYENE

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Feb. 10, 1973

Dear Cousin Allyene:

Too long since I've written you. No excuse - except too many things to do and too few hours. I did so much enjoy your letters, and then the nice Christmas card. Thanks for all.

Your Family sure has been busy, especially in 1972. I have recorded the marriages and additions as per your letters, and have it all in my KENT Fam. File. Keeps one busy just revising.....but congratulations to you - you have much that's rewarding in watching and participating the lives and families of those that are yours.

Yes, Mrs. AUSTIN has done a terrific amount of work, must compliment her greatly for all that she has searched out, many facts that I doubt would have been known otherwise. She has kept me informed closely with all and consequently have been able to carry the HELMER KENT Fam. of South Hero, back quite completely, another generation. Much data not known before at all. Still some mysteries and questions - but that's what makes it all so interesting.

I have been re-reading your letters - would you want to say for sure that your Grandfather JONISKONTKENT had two other Sisters:-

1. POLLY KENT.....md.....BENONI COLLINS
2. "Sister" .....md.....s Mr. FEEK  
(they had a Dau. BELLE FEEK who md. WM. BENJAMIN)(had a son HARRY BENJAMIN)

Would I be safe in adding these two KENT girls as Daughters of JOHN & ELIZABETH ("BETSEY")(BEACH)KENT..?

Previously, I have only been able to record three children of JOHN & BETSEY (BEACH) KENT, viz:-

1. JACOB KENT.....md.....LAVINA ALLEN
2. JAMES W. KENT.....md.....ANN S. ALLEN
3. HELMER B. KENT.....md.....RACHEL DUSTIN

Have you been able to confirm or find out anything more about "COLLINS" and "FEEK"

I was quite interested in the grave you & Mrs. AUSTIN found in the Allegan Cem.: "SYLVIA, wife of JOHN KENT, b. 1869" - I can't figure out who this might be - either "SYLVIA" or "JOHN KENT" - can you?

You said it was near the "ROCKWELL Plot". By any chance was GUY W. ALLEN buried in the "ROCKWELL Plot". In 1870 GUY W. ALLEN is listed as 35, living in Allegan Village, Mich., Horseman. - but listed as living alone.

Enough of Genealogy - momentarily....that trip for GAIL to Japan, Hong Kong, etc. - must have been tremendous. Sure quite an experience. Bet she enjoyed that. Please remember me to GAIL - and to JOWCE.

Have you heard from Mrs. LUCY WELLS? She left about Christmas time to go with her Son HORACE WELLS on Long Is., and then perhaps with her other Son ALLEN WELLS, to stay for awhile. I haven't heard anything from her since. She seemed in quite good health and I think it's good for her to be away during the winter - she gets some attention that she wouldn't do for herself probably.

(2.)

It hasn't been too bad a Winter here, tho, so far. Lots of zero and below weather, but not the amount of snow we usually get, and not so much winds and drifts, which makes it much easier for me (I have a 1000' driveway I have to plow....). The lake is all frozen over, lots of ice fishermen out, beautiful white snow and the mountains.

Hope you have been all OK. Is your hip all better? Sure hope so cause it could really bother - but you sure sound active, traveling, etc. That's good. You have so many interests - and family activities - I admire you.

Guess will close now, hope you will excuse my poor writing ability - I am not famous for writing letters. But it's not the lack of wanting to or remembering. My very best to you and yours...write when you get a chance. Let me know if there is any detail on this end - that I can send you or do.

Very sincerely,

Dear Allen:

TYPED

April 13, 1972

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this summer, so I hope we can look at cemeteries  
where they might be buried. There's one serving  
the community N. of Allegan, Poplar Hill, which  
would be a good place to start. And I want  
to spend some time in the one in Allegan,  
maybe find the sexton and ask him.

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at a college for next year. — When Jerry was married  
they went to

Vermont for a week of ski-ing. They took only lighter weight clothes and nearly froze. They stopped here on their way home, but we had just left to visit my daughter. They'd been at Elmer's for the night, but I did not know it.

I have a grandson, Cliff Harnden, in Viet Nam now. I have heard of no attacks where he is stationed, but his unit can so quickly be moved.

Gail has been busy in the yard, the soil in the garden is too wet to work up yet. We have had snow until just recently, and there may be some banks yet, although we never had much snow at any time.

I know you must be getting ready for the summer, and I hope it is a prosperous one for you.

Best Regards -

Sincerely

Allyene

Allegan Mich

TYPED

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I guess that is all of that.

Gail got a chance to go on a tour, for two weeks,  
to Japan, Hongkong, with a 2 day side trip to Bangkok, getting  
back a few weeks ago after a delightful trip.

Joyce was here when she went to Crystal Lake  
~~July~~ Aug. 29, and I went home with her, had 5 days there,  
then they drove back here for John had a meeting  
at the Home Plant in Kalamazoo. Made a lot of riding,  
but I enjoyed it all. Joyce brought me to Vermont.

I hope you have had a successful summer  
season, and know it isn't over until cold weather.

We have had much changeable weather, and rain.

Gail's vegetable garden is on low ground so did  
not do so well, but I have good sons who have  
keep us supplied.

I find I'm getting older all the time.

Sincerely, your Cousin

Allyene

Mrs. Allyene Brindley  
Route 4  
Allegan, Michigan 49010

Not typed  
(wrote for a  
note 12/1973)

Allegan, Mar. 27, '73  
1973

Dear Cousin Allen,

Finally to answer your letter. No, I've not heard from Mrs Wells, since some time last summer. I think of her, but realize it may be difficult for her to keep up a correspondence.

If your days are like our weather, you have opportunity to prepare for the summer. But the 17<sup>th</sup>, the weather man threw all nasty things at us. Heavy snow and wind, regular blizzard, roads were closed, some for days, even our main ones.

We made it to my granddaughter's wedding in Kalamazoo, but only about half of our relatives. In case you want that data, Arthur's daughter Pamela, Md. Mar. 17, Kalamazoo, to Ronald Glas, of Kal. Both are Juniors at Mich. State U. and expect to continue their schooling.

As concerns my Grandfather Kent's sister who married a Feek, forget it. I am still convinced there was such a one, but so far can find no proof. If only I had means to get places to search I'm sure I could find it, but the young ones who have means to go are so busy with their own affairs, and I guess I don't keep at them to take me. At their age, I didn't care if I had ancestors or not.

And as for Silvia, wife of John Keat, Gail and I were looking for Lura Rockwell, wife of Guy Allen. I've never met Mrs Austin, but I'd like to. She must be a fine woman. On her last trip to Salt Lake City, she took time to look up the Brundleys, found many, but none of the names or dates co-incide with what I have. In northern Ind. and scattered from there is another family of Brundleys, so far we find no connection but as Mrs Austin says, maybe if we keep searching. They are a nice family and looks and habits are like our family.

Gail went out on her free day last week and cut and pulled away a couple of trees, also trimmed out wild grape vines and samplings. In a few days her feet bothered, she found she had a pinched nerve in lower back. After one treatment, the feet are good, but she may need to go back.

As I've probably told you, we live in an apartment built on side of a country general store, owned by my daughter and her husband. They have it advertized for sale, so we may have to move any time. After 15 years here, it seems like home, but we will make out. There is no need

to get another place until, or if, they get a buyer.  
For we will have plenty of time while they are  
completing their deal.

In a copy Mrs Austin sent me from a history  
or genealogy book is listed this - I copy

John<sup>7</sup>, whose descendants write me he was of the  
family of Cephas Kent, is evidently the same John  
who records a deed dated Dec. 25, 1799, of 100 acres  
of land in lot #2 of Plattsburgh, N. Y. Old Patent, lying  
abt. 4 miles west of the present Plattsburgh, in  
what was there <sup>were</sup> wilderness. Jacob Kent and Peter Kent  
lived further up in the woods, and about the same  
time Helmer Kent, a blacksmith, lived in the village  
He later became a Methodist preacher and moved with  
his brother Abner Kent to Ellenborough, Clinton, Co. N. Y.

John Kent and his wife had children -

- I. Benjamin Beach<sup>9</sup> b. Plattsburgh
- II. John<sup>8</sup> + - in or near Plattsburgh, who, if not a  
son of John, was probably a nephew - End of Quote.

This sounds like my great grandfather except he  
was not a son of Cephas, as records show Helmer Kent  
had a son John, and in N. Y. where Helmer lived, the Beach  
family was near. And my John Kent married Betsey  
Beach, ~~but~~ <sup>and</sup> by this, the eldest son had Beach as a  
middle name, so it seems possible. The children  
the elder Helmer, N. Y., were

Jacob, eldest, Catherine, John, Sarah, Mary, Agnis, Helmer and  
Anna, six under age, - means ~~from~~ John - down -

I see Benoni Collins is listed on census 1840, Clinton Co. N.Y. as 20/30yr. So there was one, and a Pally Kent is listed, and I knew their grandchildren and three of their own children, Clark, Rufus and Orion. But as for Keeki, I'm at a loss for proof.

I get to looking over papers, can find something new, but maybe not the one I want. So much is confusing, yet just how to sort out what is pertinent to my family!

Sorry to take so much time, yours is valuable, mine, not.

Take it easy this summer.

Affectionately, Allyene

My grand daughter will come and copy and Index what I want if I know what to prepare