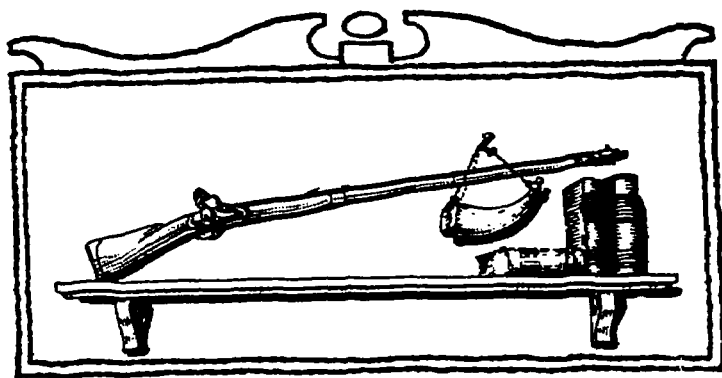
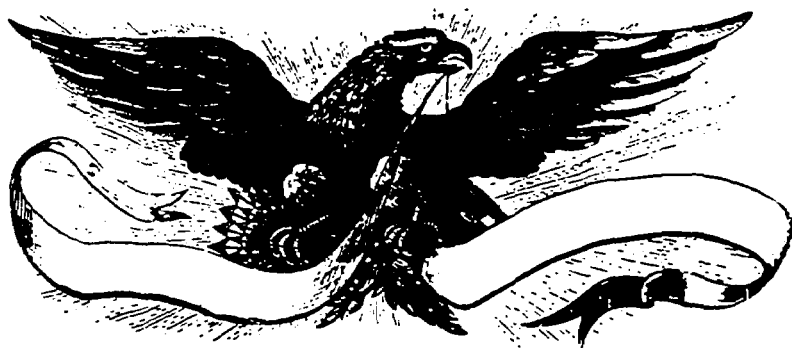


George Marsden

REVOLUTIONARY PATRIOT



HIS FAMILY, FRIENDS
AND
DESCENDANTS



BY

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Preface

Situated on the north shore of Oneida Lake, about half way between the head and the foot of the lake, on level ground gently rolling to the north, in the Town of Constantia, County of Oswego, and State of New York, is found the peaceful little hamlet of Bernhards Bay.

It was here fifty years ago, that I used to spend many happy summers at the home of my grandfather, Linus P. Marsden, and first learned of my illustrious ancestors, George and Wilmot Marsden who "lie at rest in the old Eckel Cemetery along the Lake Road in West Vienna". That was the time this book should have been written, -for there were then among the living, many of the grandchildren of the children of George and Wilmot Marsden who could have attested more accurately to many of the events recorded.

As the years went by, it became increasingly difficult to obtain accuracy with regard to names, dates and events, as well as to establish the facts by competent proof. I have recorded what I believe to be true to the best of my knowledge, and welcome any corrections or additions the reader may discover.

When persons died in the rigorous mid-winters of the then Central New York wilderness, they were usually buried beside their farmhouse and re-interred in a cemetery in the spring. This was true in the case of George Marsden. Many however, were left beside their homes. This may account for some of the "grave unknown" or "grave unmarked" notations in this book.

It must be said here that George Marsden might have been a Captain in the British Army (he was a "deserter from the British Army" according to Francis B. Heitman's "Historical Register of Officers of the Continental Army"), but he served only as an Adjutant and Second Lieutenant in the Continental Army. The late Dr. M. Cavana who was instrumental in placing the bronze marker on George Marsden's grave in Vienna, N. Y. (see p. 8) was unintentionally in error on this point.

Also the spelling of the Revolutionary patriot's wife's name appears in many different places as Welmuth, Wilmuth and Wilmot Lee Marsden. In her own handwriting (see p. 14 et al.), she signs it as "Wilmot" and this is the one I have chosen. She could have been the sister of Richard Henry Lee of Virginia. All the old family letters in my possession indicate this, -as well as the recollections of my grandparents, long deceased. History also records that General Charles Lee of Virginia was with the Army at Boston the same time as her husband. She stayed at the home of Col. Prescott at Pepperell, Mass. "while her husband was absent in New York and Jersey in 1776" (see p. 17). She is mentioned in old family letters as a "member of the Lee family of Virginia", and the 1768 Lee Mansion still stands today in Marblehead, Mass. as an historical shrine.

George Marsden and his wife probably met General George Washington and his wife in or near Boston before he started for central New York (see p. 5). The State Historian, Alexander C. Flick thinks that he may have been one of the party with George Washington on his trip to the easterly end of Oneida Lake in 1783 (see vol. XXX, p. 232 of the N. Y. State Historical Association). In either event, I am convinced that the meeting took place.

As to whether George Marsden's antecedents had a coat of arms, I can only say I do not know, and for that reason, have purposely omitted any mention of it in this book. There is description of one recorded in Burke's General Armory. I have seen illustrations of two, -one with the latin motto "Mars dentalia tutatur," -the other, "Mars denique victor est." Unfortunately we do not know the names of George Marsden's ancestors, which is the greatest stumbling block to further research. When my own son, 1st Lt. George W. Marsden, U.S.A.F. was on duty in England in 1956-57, he made extensive research in the city of Leeds and also the city of Marsden to the southwest, but without any success. The only result was that he found literally, hundreds of Marsdens, scores of Marsden homes which antedated the Revolution, and the George Marsdens were "a dime a dozen" in that part of England.

I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge the assistance given me by relatives and friends in the preparation of this volume. It has been a labor of love but yet a pleasant one. It has taken a number of years to assemble and it had to be continually changed and corrected after copy was typed. Perhaps the index will compensate for some shortcomings; it is all inclusive, listing every person's name mentioned in the book.

I am proud of my Revolutionary ancestors and you should be too. They were stout-hearted folk who loved, lived and studied the Scriptures. They carved their homes out of wilderness. They were patriots who loved justice and freedom and revered the rights of man. And their life in no small part is illustrative of the life and character of their great exemplar, George Washington.

Kenneth L. Marsden

55 Park Place, New Rochelle, N.Y.
April 19, 1961



A limited edition of two hundred copies of this book has been privately printed by the author in the year nineteen hundred and sixty-one.

This book is number 90 and belongs to _____

THE CONGRESS OF THE COLONY OF THE
MASSACHUSETTS-BAY.

To George Marsden Adjutant

GREETING.

WE, reposing especial Trust and Confidence in your Courage and good Conduct,
Do, by these Presents, constitute and appoint you the said *George Marsden*
to be *Adjutant in the*
Regiment of Foot *whereof James Scammons Esq. is Col.* raised by the Congress
aforesaid, for the Defence of said Colony.

You are, therefore, carefully and diligently

and Soldiers, and to keep them in good *Regiment* in Arms, both inferior Officers
commanded to obey you as their *adjutant* Order and Discipline; and they are hereby
follow such Orders and Instructions as you shall, from Time to Time, receive from the
General and Commander in Chief of the *Colony*, or any other your superior raised in the Colony aforesaid for the
Discipline in War, in Pursuance of the Trust reposed in you.

By Order of the Congress.

Jos. Warren, the 19 of May 1775. President P. T.
Sam. Freeman Secretary P. T.

George Marsden's commission as Adjutant in the "Regiment of Foot
whereof James Scammons Esq. is Col." It is dated 19 May 1775 and
signed by Jos. Warren, President P.T. and Sam Freeman, Secretary
P.T. of "The Congress of the Colony of the MASSACHUSETTS - BAY."

Both signers resided in Boston on this date.

George Marsden

George Marsden was born in Leeds, England in the year 1737, the younger son of an English gentleman. Upon the death of his father, his older brother inherited the estate, titles, etc., and George was procured a commission in the British army, customary at that time for the younger sons of an English family. Soon thereafter he was sent to the Colonies by way of Nova Scotia, to fight the French and Indians. He performed his duties with exceptional valor and bravery, and it was a great disappointment to his fellow officers when, early in 1775, he tendered his resignation as an officer in the British army, joined the Colonies against the mother country, and thereby became a rebel in the eyes of his friends and his family.

From the Revolutionary files deposited in the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Pensions, Washington, D.C., we find that George Marsden was commissioned May 19, 1775, Adjutant in Colonel James Scammon's Massachusetts Regiment, served eight months and was in the battle of Bunker Hill. On January 1, 1776, he was commissioned Second Lieutenant of Captain Samuel Darby's company, Colonel William Prescott's Massachusetts Regiment, also Adjutant of said regiment and served one year. He was in the battle of Saratoga and the taking of Burgoyne in 1777. In 1778 he was on recruiting service in Boston, date of leaving the service not stated. It was during the last year or two that Marsden became acquainted with General George Washington, and it is regretted that no records on file in Washington, D.C. make mention of it, altho the War Department's office replied that "It is proper to advise you that the collection of Revolutionary war records in this office is far from complete, and it is possible that George Marsden may have served as a general officer."

The official records do show however, that on November 25, 1775, the soldier married Wilmot Lee, who also came from Nova Scotia to Boston, just prior to the Revolutionary war. This is substantiated by an old family letter, part of which reads as follows: "Wilmot Lee was born in Pepperal, Nova Scotia, and sometime during the Revolutionary war she was married to George Marsden. She was a sister of Richard Henry Lee. George Marsden held two commissions under Washington. One Sunday soon after their marriage, they were out walking and met General Washington who was on horseback. He got down from his horse and congratulated them. Richard Henry Lee was one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence and when Patrick Henry made the speech that decided the war, he was so exhausted that Lee arose and supported him."

The following is quoted from a letter written in 1900 by Frank Marsden, son of Richard Marsden, tenth child of Adjutant George and Wilmot Lee Marsden: "I had a talk with Gaston Marsden eleven years ago about the history of our grandfather's family and I have written what we both remembered of what grandmother so often told us. I remember what she told us about their last meeting with General Washington and his wife before they started for central New York. She said that General and Lady Washington were riding on horseback and grandfather and grandmother were riding on horseback in the opposite direction, and as they met, Washington and grandfather stopped side by side and embraced each other and each said "Good bye George," and wished each other Godspeed. Grandmother would tell it with the tears flowing down her old wrinkled cheeks. It made such an impression upon me that it seems but yesterday."

The following local bit of history is from the recollections of Linus P. Marsden, a brother of the Frank Marsden mentioned in the above paragraph, and the grandfather of Kenneth L.E. Marsden, the present writer. The time is 1911, aged 85 years, just three years before his death at Bernhards Bay, N.Y. He was about 24 years old at the time of the death of his grandmother, the wife of George Marsden. "After the close of the Revolutionary war, Adjutant Marsden settled upon a 400 acre tract of land, mostly wilderness, on the north shore of Oneida Lake, at a point midway between the villages of Cleveland and Bernhards Bay. This tract of land was owned by a wealthy resident of the city of Rome, named Van der Kemp, who, with Frederick Scriba, secured from the State, large tracts in this vicinity, and both of whom having been friends of Adjutant Marsden, induced him to locate in New York State. Adjutant Marsden occupied the Van der Kemp purchase during the last 24 years of his life, and in fulfillment of his contract with the owner of the premises, it was his practice during the early part of November of each year to visit Mr. Van der Kemp at Rome, making the entire journey of 26 miles on foot, over the circuitous trails and thru the dense wilderness, leading or driving a selected two-year-old heifer or steer of his own raising, which he delivered to his landlord in payment of his annual rent for the 400 acres of land."

Adjutant Marsden was a true patriot and his heart was big. He refused to accept any pension money whatever, trusting that it would lessen the burden on the already badly depleted treasury of the newly born United States of America. Perhaps he was trying to emulate the act of his friend and chief, General George Washington, who refused to take any compensation for his eight years of military service for the Colonies, but turned over to Congress an account totaling \$74,485,-being the amount he had spent from his own private estate for the public service during that time. It seems that Wilmot Lee (spelled "Welmuth" on tombstone) caught this same spirit from her husband, for altho George Marsden died November 12, 1817, official records from the pension bureau in Washington D.C. show that she never applied for a pension until April 16, 1839,-twenty-two years after the death of her husband and while at the age of eighty-one years, physically unable to support herself. She died January 31, 1850, aged ninety-three years and eleven days, and is buried beside her husband, Adjutant George Marsden in the Eckle Cemetery, Town of Vienna, Oneida County, N.Y. To the right of their graves is buried their sixth child, Charles Marsden, and just to the left of their graves is buried their eleventh and last child, Mary Marsden. Richard Lee Marsden, their tenth child, and named after Richard Henry Lee of Virginia, lies buried in an unmarked grave just to the right of that of his wife, Marcia Matthews, in the Jewell Cemetery at Jewell, Oneida County, N.Y.



IN CONGRESS

THE DELEGATES of the UNITED STATES of New-Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode-Island, Connecticut, New-York, New-Jersey, Pennsylvania, the Counties of New-Castle, Kent, and Sussex in North-Carolina, and South-Carolina, to-wit, Messrs. Gent.

WE reposing especial Trust and Confidence in your Patriotism, Valour, Conduct and Fidelity, DO by these Presents, constitute and appoint you to be second lieutenant and Adjutant of the said Regiment of Foot commanded by Colonel William Prescott in the 7th Regiment of Foot in the Army of the United Colonies for the Defense of American Liberty.

And we do strictly charge and require all Officers and Soldiers under your Command, to be obedient to your Orders as you are to observe and follow such Orders and Directions from Time to Time, as you shall receive from this or a future Congress of the United Colonies, or Committee of Congress, for that Purpose appointed, or Commander in Chief for the Time being of the Army of the United Colonies, or any other superior Officer, according to the Rules and Discipline of War, in Pursuance of the Trust reposed in you. This Commission to continue in Force until revoked by this or a future Congress. Jan. 1. 1776.

By Order of the Congress,
John Hancock PRESIDENT.

Attest. Chas. Thomson

Commission creating "Geo. Marsden Gent." (Gentleman) a second lieutenant of Capt. Samuel Darby's Co. in the 7 Regt. of Foot & also Adjutant of the said Regiment commanded by Col. William Prescott." It is dated Jan. 1, 1776, issued by the "Congress of the United Colonies" and signed in the clear handwriting of John Hancock, President, and Chas. Thomson, Secy., - both of whom were living in or near Boston at the time.

Inscription on the bronze tablet over the graves of George and Wilmot Marsden. Eckle Cemetery, Town of Vienna, N.Y.

THE GRAVES OF
CAPTAIN AND ADJUTANT
GEORGE MARSDEN,
PERSONAL FRIEND AND
STAFF OFFICER OF
GENERAL GEORGE WASHINGTON,
WHO DIED NOV. 12, 1817,
AGED 80 YEARS

ALSO HIS WIFE
WILMUTH LEE, OF VIRGINIA,
SISTER OF RICHARD HENRY LEE,
A SIGNER OF THE
DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE,
WHO DIED JAN'Y 13, 1850
AGED 93 YEARS.

Capt. Marsden resigned his rank in the British army of occupation, then stationed in Massachusetts and accepted an office in the American Colonial army at the outbreak of the Revolutionary war.

He fought at Bunker Hill and in all of the battles of Mass. and eastern N.Y. His conspicuous military brilliancy won his promotion in 1779 to the office of Adjutant on Gen. Washington's staff.

In 1782 Adj. Marsden married Miss Lee and located at Mystic, Mass. remaining there about one year. They moved to the then forest wilds of Bernhards Bay and built their permanent home about $6\frac{1}{2}$ miles west of this plot. Their log cabin abode was honored in 1783 by a three days visit by President Washington, while on his tour of inspection of the central New York fortifications.

ERECTED TO THE MEMORY OF HER
GREAT GRAND PARENTS
IN 1921 BY
BESSIE A. MARSDEN,
DAUGHTER OF THE LATE LINUS P. MARSDEN OF
BERNHARDS BAY, N.Y.

This is the first declaration made by the widow of George Marsden on 16 April 1839 for the benefit of a pension. She was then 81 years of age and in need of financial assistance. Punctuation, spelling and general arrangement of this document and all those that follow has been copied as faithfully as possible from the old handwritten documents on file in the National Archives & Records Building, Washington, D.C.

Declaration

In order to obtain the benefit of the third section of the act of Congress 4 July 1836.
State of New York)
County of Oneida) ss.

On this 16 day of April 1839 personally appeared before the Court of Oyer & Terminer of the County of Oneida,

Wilmot Marsden a resident of Vienna, in said county, aged eighty one years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of congress passed July 4 1836, that she is the widow of Adjutant George Marsden of Col. Scammon's Regiment Massachusetts line, that he served eight months & upward in s. regiment in 1775 as adjutant, as she recollects, & as appears by the rolls of service now in the War department, as she is advised;-that he was in the action at Bunker Hill 17 June of that year, that she was married to him in November of the same year, being then in service, at Mystic Mass: by the Rev. Mr. Martin of Cambridge a professor in the Harvard University, at the house of Henry Putnam.-that her husband the said George Marsden was commissioned as Lieut. & Adjutant in Capt. Darbeys Com: Col. Prescotts Regiment in January 1776, that he was in actual service as such officer that year, & the year following (1777). was at the taking of Genl. Burgoyne in the battle of Saratoga, either with Capt. Darbey or some other officer-& that afterward was for some months, in the recruiting service at Boston Mass., where he was discharged.

That she has no written record of her marriage, nor can learn that either of the persons who were present at the wedding is now living, altho special enquiry has been made, but no intelligence that any one of them is still living, could be obtained:-that she has caused inquiry & search to be made for parish & pastoral record of the marriage, but without being able to learn that any exists, either at Mystic, or among the papers of the Rev. Mr. Martin, long since deceased.-That her said husband & herself removed from Utica N.Y.,-in the year 1798 to the town of Constantia,-& that he died in said town, on the 15 December 1821, & that she has not since been married, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed. She farther testifies that the two original commissions hereto annexed, are those under which he performed the service above sworn to,-& that she has no farther documentary evidence; & has resided for the last 40 years, secluded, & distant from the place of her marriage.

Sworn & subscribed the day
& year first above written
in open court.

James Dean, Clk.

(signed) Wilmot Marsden

Sarah Huntington of Vienna, being duly sworn saith, that she has been for forty years acquainted with George Marsden & Wilmot Marsden his wife of Vienna, & knows that said George died, on the 15 December 1821, -& that said Wilmot has not since been married-

(signed) Sarah Huntington

Sworn & Subscribed the day
& year first above written
James Dean, Clk.



Horace Wright of Vienna being duly sworn says he is acquainted with Sarah Huntington above named, & that she is a credible witness.

(signed) Horace E. Wright

Sworn in open Court
Apr. 16, 1839.

J. Dean Cl'k.



Clerk's office)
Oneida County) ss.

I, James Dean, Clerk of the Court of Oyer & Terminer of the said County, certify, that the foregoing proceedings were had in open Court before the Judges thereof this 16, April 1839.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal of office this 16th day of April 1839.

(signed) James Dean, Cl'k.



The foregoing declaration was sent to the Commissioner of Pensions in Washington, D.C. accompanied by the following letter:

Rome, N.Y.
Apr. 16-'39

Hon. J. L. Edwards
Com:

Sir

I send herewith the declaration of Wilmot Marsden Widow of Adj. George Marsden Mass. line, for pension. She is 81 years old, & as she believes has no contemporary left in the land of the living who was present at her wedding, nor after much inquiry & search by the Hon. Josiah Quincy Pres: of Harvard University Mass: & the Rev: C. Stetson Minister of the gospel at Mystic Mass: where she was married, can any trace of records or clue to her identity be obtained.

I know her personally as the person she swears herself to be-& a most respectable & worthy woman she is-& here, not a particle of doubt can for a moment exist if a 40 years acquaintance will avail anything to show them man & wife-an hundred would testify-but the grave, in all probability has swallowed up all who were present at the ceremony, & "she has done what she could" to satisfy you of the fact. Implicit confidence is to be placed on her testimony,-& I hope it will meet with your favorable consideration.

I am Sir very
Respectfully
your obdt.
(signed) Jay Hatheway

Please address to me yr. reply.



In the following deposition, if Burnet Dundas and Henry W. Rohde became acquainted with George Marsden in 1806 and knew him for 15 years, then his death would have taken place in 1821 instead of 1817 as engraved upon his tombstone.

State of New York)
Oswego County) ss.

Henry W. Rohde and Burnet Dundas of Constantia in the said county being duly sworn severally depose and say that they became acquainted with George Marsden in the year 1806 and were well acquainted with him from that time until the time of his death about fifteen years after that time; that they were also well acquainted with Wilmot Marsden, during the said time; that she lived with the said George Marsden as his wife, until the time of his death, and we do verily believe that she was the lawful wife of the said George Marsden.

Sworn and subscribed the 22d
day of April 1839 before me.

Sereno Clark
Justice of the peace

(signed) Burnet Dundas
Henry W. Rohde

Witnesses present
Peerman Navill
Jason Moonn



The within named Burnet Dundas & Henry Rohde I am & have been for 20 years well acquainted with,-they are both men of veracity, & otherwise of good repute, also with Sereno Clark Esq. a Justice of Peace, known to me as such, & proof of same is lodged with pension agent Albany, which fact is also within my knowledge.

(signed) Jay Hatheway
Rome (N.Y.) Apr. 27, 1839

State of New York)
Oswego County)ss
Clerk's Office)

I, Daniel H. Marsh, Clerk of said county do hereby certify that Sereno Clark, whose name is subscribed to the within Jurat of affidavit, is a Justice of the Peace of Said County and was a Justice thereof at the date of said jurat, duly commissioned and sworn, and further that I am well acquainted with the hand writing of the said Sereno Clark and verily believe that his signature within written is genuine. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Court of Common Pleas of said county this first day of October 1839.

(signed) D.H. Marsh, Clerk



Polly Mathews was 72 years of age at the time of the following deposition. She was the mother of Richard Lee Marsden's wife. The witnesses, Arad and Polly Jewell, were her son-in-law and daughter.

State of New York)
Oneida County) ss.

Polly Mathews of Vienna in the said County being duly sworn says she has been acquainted with George Marsden about twenty five years previous to his death which took place as she believes about the year 1819, has been at George Marsdens at different times during his life, has been there a week at one time, is, and has been well acquainted with Wilmot Marsden during the said time that she lived with the said George Marsden as his wife, until the time of his death, and verily believes that she was the lawful wife of the said George Marsden.

I certify that said Polly
Mathews is a credible Witness.
Sworn and subscribed the 24th
day of April 1839 before me.

(signed) Polly Mathews

Ebenezer Knibloe
Justice of the Peace

Witnesses present-
Arad Jewell
Polly Jewell

Wilmot Marsden was unsuccessful in obtaining any written record of her marriage, as the depositions on the following page indicate.

State of Massachusetts)
County of Middlesex) ss

I, Caleb Stetson, minister of the Gospel in the town of Medford (formerly Mystic) do hereby certify that I have examined the records kept by the Church known as the first congregational Church of said town, and that, I have not found, any record proof of marriage of Adj. George Marsden & Wilmot Lee, nor is any such record to be found in the archives of this Society or Church.

Dated at Medford this 20th Sept. 1839.

(signed) C. Stetson Minister of 1st Society

Sworn and subscribed on
said day before me.

Abner Bartlett Justice of the
Peace for said County of Middlesex



State of Massachusetts)
County of Middlesex) ss

I, Oliver Blake Town Clerk of the town of Medford do hereby certify that Caleb Stetson within named is the clergyman of the Society first congregational Church in said town, & that the signature to the foregoing Certificate is genuine. I also certify, that I have examined the records of marriages in said town and that I cannot find any record of the marriage of Adj. George Marsden and Wilmot Lee in the book of records of marriages in said town, - that the Rev- David Osgood was the officiating Clergyman in the year 1775, as appears of record, for said first society, - and I certify that I am the town Clerk of said town of Medford.

(signed) Oliver Blake

Middlesex Co.

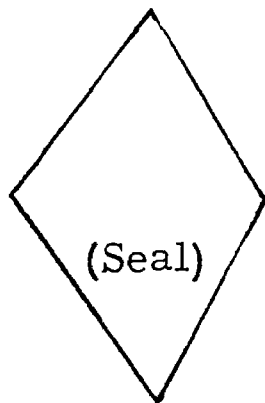
Sworn and subscribed before me
this 20th day of Sept. 1839

Abner Bartlett, Justice of the Peace



Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Middlesex Co. I, Elias Phinney, Clerk of the Supreme Judicial Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, for said County of Middlesex, being a court of records do certify that Abner Bartlett Esquire is a Justice of the Peace within & said County, and that his name subscribed to the foregoing Certificates respectively is his genuine signature.



In testimony whereof I have
hereunto set my hands and affixed
the seal of said Court the twenty first
day of September 1839.

(signed) E. Phinney Clerk

Portion of an affidavit with signatures of Wilmot Marsden, Sarah Huntington and James Dean. (The first permanent settlers of Oneida County were James Dean, Andrew Blanchard and Jedediah Phelps who settled in the Town of Vienna, near Fish Creek, in 1784).

is still living, could be obtained: - that she has caused inquiry & search to be made for parish & pastoral record of the marriage, but without being able to learn that any exists, either at Mystic, or among the papers of the Rev Mr. Martin, long since deceased. - That her said husband & herself removed from Utica N.Y., - in the year 1798 to the town of Castanea, - & that he died in said town, on the 15 December 1821, & that she has not since been married, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed. She further testifies that the two original commissions hereto annexed, are those under which he performed the service above sworn to, - & that she has no further documentary evidence; & has resided for the last 40 years, secluded, & distant from the place of her marriage.

Sworn & Subscribed the day
& year ^{first} above written in open
Court, James Dean, Clerk

Wilmot Marsden

Sarah Huntington of Vienna, being duly sworn with, that she has been for forty years acquainted with George Marsden & Wilmot Marsden his wife, ^{of Vienna} & knows that said George died, on the 15 December 1821, - & that said Wilmot has not since been married - Sarah Huntington

This additional affidavit by Wilmot Marsden on Oct. 10, 1839, states that the original Bible record of their children's birth is in George Marsden's handwriting. Also the inability of Wilmot to write her name on this and all following documents was due to a badly broken right arm which apparently was never properly set. From this point on she uses her mark (X).

State of New York)
Oneida County) ss:

Personally came before me Ebenezer Knibloe a Justice of the Peace for said County, Wilmot Marsden, to me known as the relict of George Marsden of Vienna deceased: who being duly sworn makes the following addition to her declaration, that such facts as tend to correct, explain or fortify her said declaration, may be presented, & filed therewith, to wit: She testifies that both her husband & herself came to Massachusetts, from Nova Scotia, just previous to the revolutionary war, -that she had resided but a few months at Mystic (now Medford) at the time of her marriage, & had few acquaintances, & not known out of the immediate neighborhood in which she lived, that her husband was with the army, and as little known at Mystic as herself, that the persons present at the wedding are reported to have died long since, their names were Roger & Eli Putnam & wives, Capts. Darby & Nowell from Cambridge, of Col. Scammons Regiment, Edward Lee, Watson, Pool, Hale, Rochet, Gallop, Temple & Terl. -that she removed a few months after her marriage to Pepperill in s. state, -that her husband served eight months in 1775, as Adj. in Col. Scammons Regt. & 1776 through the year, after the evacuation of Boston, as a Lieutenant of Col. Prescotts Regt. -that the record of the births of their children hereto attached is the original record kept by her said husband, & that their eldest child William Marsden, was baptized in Boston in the month of July 1778, by the Rev. Mr. Stillman of the Baptist Church, as he practiced infant baptism. -that her other children have not been baptized in infancy. -that she has caused diligent inquiry to be made & cannot learn that a single witness is living, by whom she can prove her husbands service, in 1776, or subsequent, -that she was married by Rev. Mr. Martin, of Cambridge, but cannot say to what denomination he belonged, or whether he was a settled Clergyman in any parish. -that Mr. Marsden served as Lieutenant in 1776 in Col. Prescotts Regiment, -and went to New York with that Regiment after the British evacuated Boston, that he was recruiting in Boston in 1778, but does not recollect for what officer he did recruit, that the recruits were sent to head Quarters at Worcester she believes, -that she boarded in Boston in 1778 while Mr. Marsden was there in Service and recruiting and that he did not serve as adjutant in Col. Prescotts Regiment, only in Col. Scammons did he serve as adjutant.

Sworn and subscribed this 10th day of October 1839 before me, and I certify that she cannot write, -the said Wilmot Marsden is a worthy and credible witness.

Ebenezer Knibloe, Justice of the Peace

Wilmot X Marsden
her mark

State of New York)
Oneida County) ss:

Personally appeared before me Numa Leonard Justice of the peace in said county, Jay Hatheway of Rome, to me known as a credible witness, who being duly sworn says, that he has made diligent inquiry at Boston & Medford in Massachusetts, for the persons named in the foregoing affidavit made by Wilmot Marsden, and learned from several old & respectable residents at Medford, that those persons were dead; he also learned that there was no resident at Medford now, who was a resident there in 1775, excepting two persons, both of whom he saw, but who neither of them could recollect Mr. Marsden: that he was informed that in 1775 & previously, none but the parish minister could perform the marriage ceremony in their respective parishes without subjecting themselves to a fine, & that this marriage of Mr. Marsden was in the parish of the Revd. Doct. David Osgood, who was pertinacious of his privilege, & was in the habit of exacting fines when he learned by the record of the town or otherwise, that a marriage had been consummated in his parish, by a non resident minister, & that such marriages were seldom recorded, as evidenced by the book of records, by him examined. -- that he found in Boston one aged man named William Peirce, who was an active man in the Revolutionary cause in Cambridge & Boston as reported by his contemporaries, & he informed this deponent that he recollected Aj't. George Marsden as an officer in service at Boston in 1776, -that he was often at his shop to have his hair dressed in that year, but that he did not know to what regiment he belonged, or could not recollect who his superior officers were, or what particular service he was engaged in. Of these facts so far as they go, if desired, he will attest to--said Peirce is of sound mind, & much respected. -- & this deponent further testifies, that, he did not procure the affidavit of Mr. Peirce, for the reason that he could not swear to his (Marsden's) term of service, Regiment, or officers, --nor upon diligent inquiry, that any person could be found who now recollected those facts.

(signed) Jay Hatheway

Sworn & Subscribed this
14 day of October 1838
before me
Numa Leonard J.P.



State of New York)
County of Oneida) ss

I, James Dean, Clerk of the said County, certify, that Ebenezer Knibloe Esquire was on the 24th day of March 1839, and also on the 10th day of October 1839, a Justice of the Peace of the said County, duly elected & sworn: that I am well acquainted with his hand-writing, and that the foregoing signature & also the signature on the paper hereunto annexed, purporting to be his are genuine:- Also that Numa Leonard Esquire was a Justice of the Peace of the said county on the 14th day of October 1839, duly elected & sworn; - that I am well acquainted with his handwriting, and that the foregoing signature, purporting to be his is genuine.

Witness my hand & seal of office, this 25th day of October 1839.

(signed) James Dean, Clk.

This "Abstract of the points in the case of Wilmot Marsden" is unsigned and undated. However, it is one of the most interesting and informative of all the old handwritten documents and was the most legible of all to decipher. It is a brief resume of George Marsden's military activities prior to his marriage and an attempt to more clearly identify the Rev. John Martin who married him and Miss Wilmot Lee.

GEORGE MARSDEN & JOHN MARTIN

George Marsden appears to have arrived at Boston from Londonderry in Ireland a short time before the War of the Revolution. He appears to have resided in Boston and entered service as Lt. and Adjutant in Col. Scammon's regt. May 1, 1775, and was probably engaged from Apr. 19, there being no returns of those persons from Boston engaged at the Lexington Alarm, it having been impossible for them to organize in Companies.

The Regt. in which he served was Stationed at the College in Cambridge (being the Centre) (Siege of Boston p. 219) - where they remained to Mar. 18, 1776, then marched to N.Y. - Marsden having been transferred in the New Army formed Jan. 1, 1776, to the Regt. of Col. Wm. Prescott, Heath's Brgd., in which he served during that year, (Marched to N.Y., March 18, 1776, Siege &c. p. 312).

From the History of Groton & Pepperell p. 341, it will appear that Col. Prescott was at the Capture of Burgoyne, and it is highly probable his Adjutant was with him - this regiment did not belong to the Continental Army at that time and they were not ordered out as militia, - So that there are no returns or pay rolls, - having served without pay - the vital importance of stopping Burgoyne, to themselves personally, as well as to the Country at large, and the intense excitement which prevailed in this vicinity, having prompted to large numbers in and around Boston, of far less patriotism of Prescott and Marsden to turn out without being formally required to do so.

While Marsden was absent in New York and Jersey in 1776, he appears to have left his wife at Pepperell, the residence of Col. Prescott about 25 miles N.W. of Boston, and probably one of the safest places in the country at that time.

John Martin was attached to the R.I. Regiment, stationed at Prospect Hill, (Siege p. 219), and probably had his own quarters at the President's House at the College - Who Martin was will appear from the extracts from Stiles Diary, and his participation in the battle of Bunker as there related and the extracts from "Siege of Boston" p. 159, 202 & 373.

It is probable that Miss Lee was in Boston and came out under the proclamation of Gen. Howe, (Siege p. 279) Nov. 6, 1775, these persons were landed at Chelsea, - from which she made the best of her way to the Camp, the nearest point to which she could approach it being Mystic, as the inhabitants probably called it, being some part of Medford, probably the neighborhood of Ten Hills, - all these towns were literally filled with the inhabitants of Boston, who had fled in April or been permitted to come out by proclamation on account of the distress.

Bearing in mind the fact that Marsden and Martin were both from the North of Ireland, and recently arrived, and that for such Countrymen to meet here at that time, was very rare, it will be seen how reasonable is the supposition that they had formed an acquaintance during the summer of 1775 - particularly as they were stationed together or nearly so - and that Marsden should have taken his countryman to marry him - that they should have proceeded to Mystic or Medford together - which is about three miles from the College. It should also be remembered, they were about the same age, as Martin was at this time 25, only.

No professor or other officer was ever at the College in Cambridge named John Martin, and no minister appears, (after a most careful search) to have been settled in Massachusetts of that time, except one at Northboro, who died in 1767.



The time is now 3 June 1845. Five years and eight months have passed since Wilmot Marsden sent her last affidavit for a pension. She is now 88 years old, partially crippled and still awaiting word from the Pension Office.


State of New York ss.
Oneida County

Personally appeared before the Subscriber a justice of the peace in and for the county aforesaid Wilmot Marsden of the town of Vienna in the aforesaid County aged Eighty Eight years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following statements, for the purpose of having her claim for a pension from the United States reconsidered, and the proofs in support of such claim re examined, by the Hon. commissioner of pensions in order if possible that a more favorable decision may be made upon the same.

That this deponent is the identical person who made application for the benefit of the provision made by the act of congress, passed July 4th 1836, on account of the Revolutionary Services of George Marsden who was an Officer in the war of the Revolution, and late the husband of this deponent, - That this deponent does very respectfully beg leave to request Hon. J. L. Edwards commissioner of pensions to re examine personally, the proofs on file in support of this deponents claim for a pension under the act of Congress aforesaid, that repeated and unceasing efforts have been made for the purpose of furnishing more positive proof of the facts set forth in her former Declaration but all of which have been quite unsuccessful. That she does verily believe that the proofs on file are the best and most positive proof that can possibly be obtained at this late period, after so long a time since the events in question took place, which this deponent does most earnestly and respectfully ask the Hon. commissioners of pensions to take into candid consideration, that this deponent does now as in her former Declaration on her oath, Declare and positively affirm that she was married to the aforesaid George Marsden, an officer in the Revolution as before stated, in the month of November in the year of our Lord (1775) one thousand seven hundred and seventy five in the town of Mystic in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts by the Revd. Mr. Martin one of the professors at Cambridge, and that she was married previous to most of the service performed by her late husband the aforesaid George Marsden, the identical person named in the former

papers forwarded to the Department among which were the original commissions given to her late husband the aforesaid George Marsden. That she does positively declare and affirm that the original family record forwarded to the Department contains the true dates of the birth of this deponents and George Marsden's above mentioned children, that this deponent had been married to the above named George Marsden an officer in the Revolution as before stated two years and upwards before the birth of the eldest child whose birth is recorded in the old original family record forwarded to the Department. And that she is positive as to the exact date of the marriage of this deponent to the aforesaid George Marsden an officer in the Revolutionary War, and knows it to have been in the year (1775) one thousand seven hundred and seventy five, from the fact that she well recollects and knows that she was Eighteen years of age before she was married to the aforesaid George Marsden. And further she does know and is positive and cannot be mistaken that she was married to him the aforesaid George Marsden an officer of the Revolutionary war in November in the fall of the year before the declaration of Independence was declared by the United States-from these events in which this deponent is positive and cannot be mistaken Viz-that she was married when she was but a little more than Eighteen years of age, and that she knows and is positive that she was married above two years to the said George Marsden before the birth of the eldest child William Marsden whose birth is recorded in the old original family record forwarded to the Department as before stated-And Likewise that she was married to the aforesaid George Marsden the identical person who was an officer in the Revolutionary War at the time stated, which she is positive in stating was in November in the fall previous to the summer, in which the Declaration of Independence was made by the United States. As to which event she cannot be mistaken, all of which with the former proofs furnished she respectfully requests the Hon. Commissioner of Pensions to take into candid consideration and if possible come to the same conclusion and make the same decision that was made by the committees of Congress at the two different sessions at which time the proofs then on file was carefully examined.

Subscribed and sworn to before
me this 3d day of June 1845
Robt. Chisholm Justice of the peace

her
Wilmot  Marsden
mark

Witness Ebenezer Knibloe

I certify that I am personally acquainted with the above named affiant Wilmot Marsden and know her to be the identical person she represents herself to be in the foregoing affidavit and that from my personal acquaintance with her I should and do place the most implicit confidence in the foregoing statements made by her under oath she being a respectable person and that she made her mark because she cannot write her name.

Robt. Chisholm Justice of peace

Witness to the mark of
Wilmot Marsden

Ebenezer Knibloe

State of New York ss
Oneida County

Personally appeared before the subscriber Robert Chisholm a Justice of the Peace in and for the county aforesaid, Christopher Martin of the town of Constantia, county of Oswego and state of New York, aged Forty nine years who being first duly sworn according to law depose and saith, that he is personally acquainted with Wilmot Marsden, of Oneida County-and has been acquainted with her for twenty years, and that from his personal acquaintance with her, he should, and does, place implicit confidence in any statements, which she should make under oath.

Sworn and subscribed before me
this 3 day of June 1845

(signed) Christopher Martin Rev.

Robt. Chisholm Justice of the Peace

I certify that the above named affiant is a Minister of the Gospel of the Methodist Church and a highly respectable person.

Robt. Chisholm Justice of the Peace



State of New York ss
Oneida County

Personally appeared before the subscriber Robert Chisholm a Justice of the Peace in and for said county, Asa Fuller a Deacon of the Baptist Church of the town of Vienna in the county of Oneida and state of New York, of lawful age who being first duly sworn according to law, depose and saith that he is, and for the last twenty three years past, has been, well acquainted with Wilmot Marsden of Vienna, Oneida County New York, Widow of George Marsden, and that from his personal acquaintance with her, he should and does place the most implicit confidence in any statements made by her under oath. -

Subscribed and sworn before me

this 3 day of June 1845

(signed) Asa Fuller

Robt. Chisholm Justice of the Peace

I certify that the above named affiant is a respectable person and a Deacon of the Baptist Church.

Robt. Chisholm Justice of the Peace

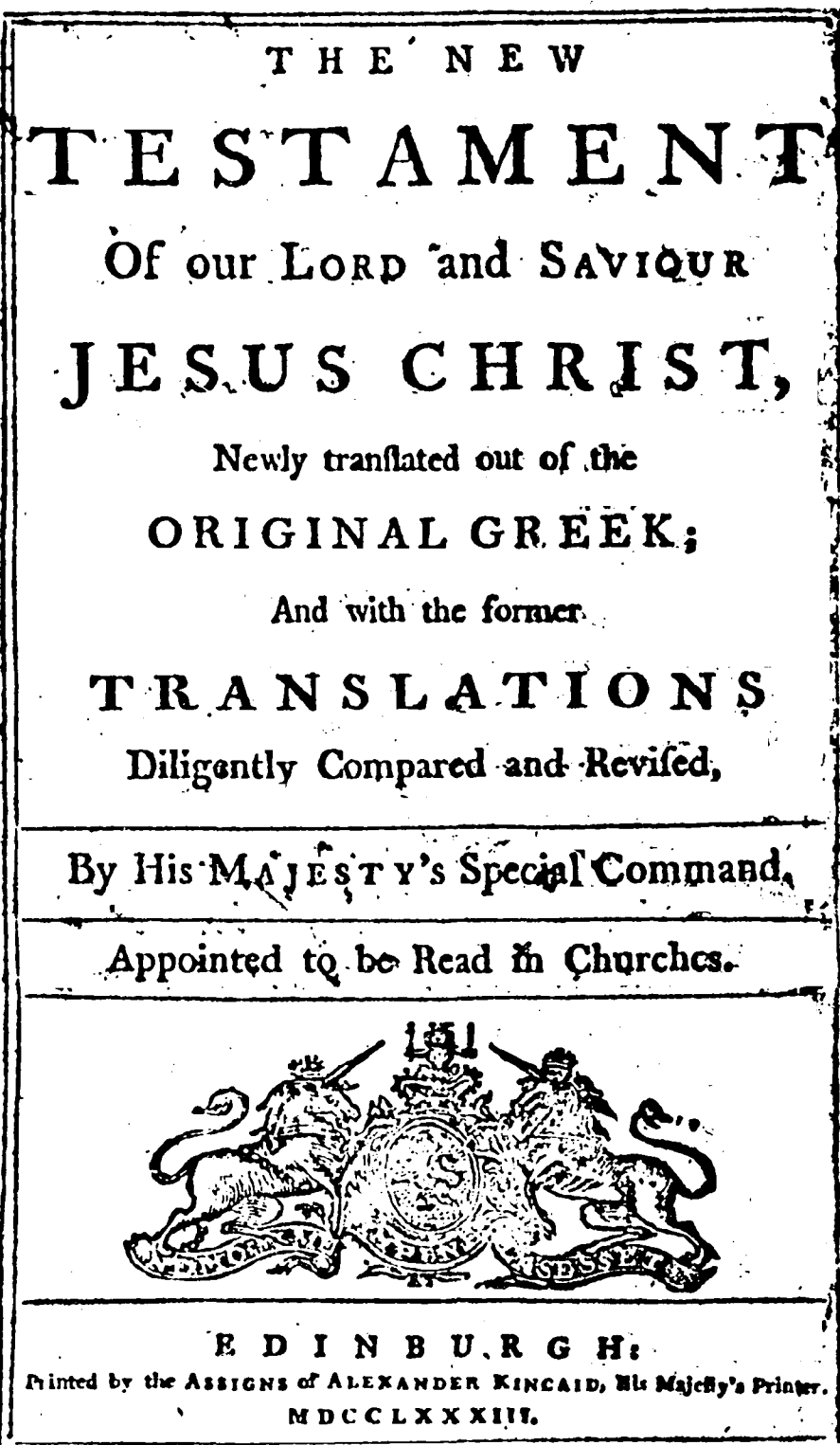


Clerks Office
Oneida County ss

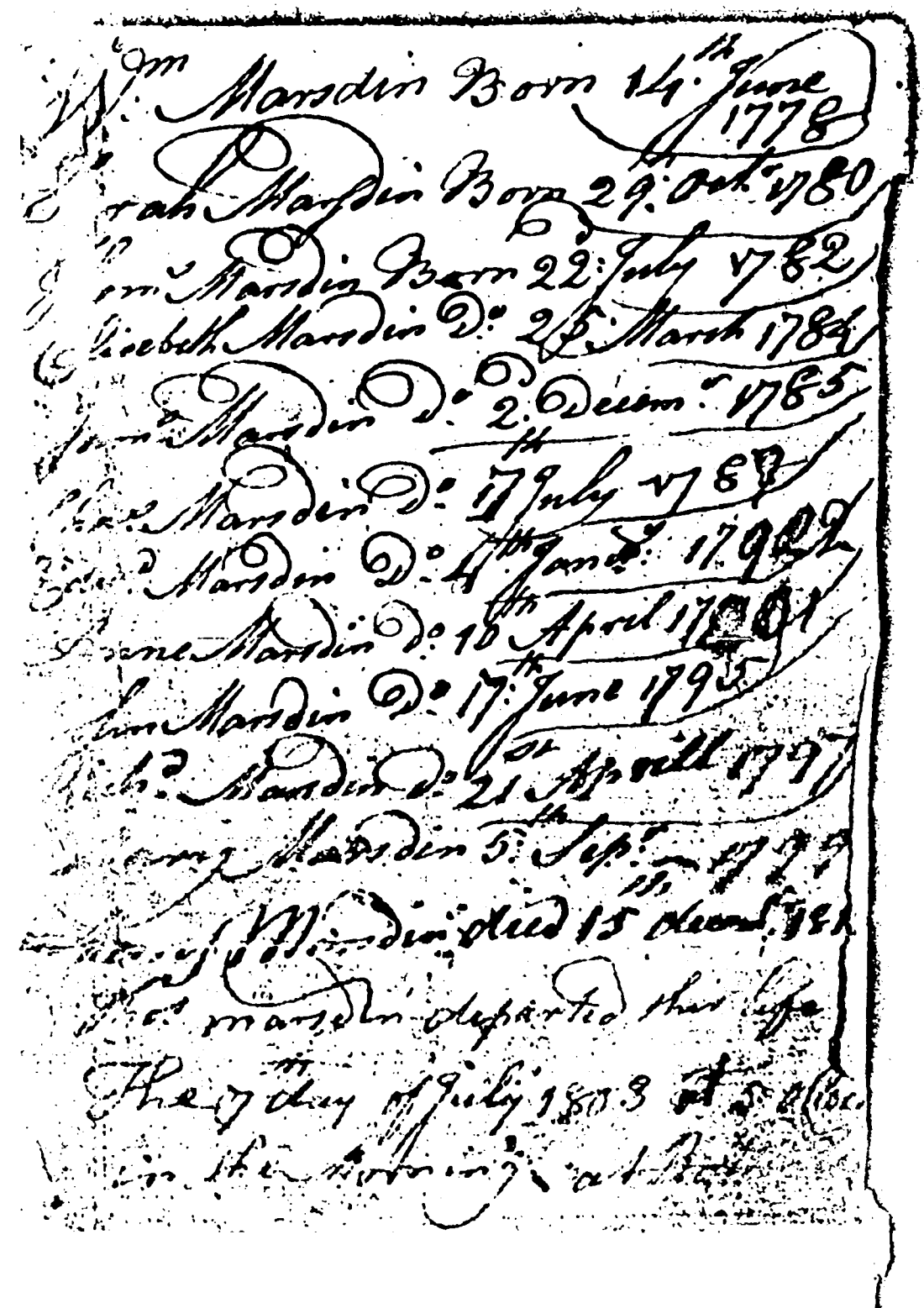
I, Delos Dewolf, Clerk of the Said County, certify, that Robert Chisholm Esquire, was on the 3rd day of June 1845 a Justice of the peace in and for the County of Oneida duly elected, and qualified, to act as such, and that the Several Signatures above written purporting to be those of the Said Justice are genuine.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto affixed the Seal of the Court of Common pleas of the Said County & Subscribed my name this 5th day of June A.D. 1845.

Delos Dewolf Clerk
per James Edgar Dep. Clk.



Title page of the Family Bible sent to Pension Bureau by Wilmot with her affidavits. (Birth record of their children was written on reverse side).



The original family record of George and Wilmot Marsden, listing the births of their eleven children and the deaths of Mary and Thomas,... presumably in the handwriting of George.

Five months later, on the 24 Nov. 1845, Wilmot Marsden executes a further declaration, but from age (88 yrs.) and infirmity, is unable to appear in Court.

Declaration

In order to obtain the benefits of the Acts of Congress of the 7th July 1838, 3rd March 1843, and 17th of June 1844.

State of New York)

Oneida County) On this 24th day of November 1845, personally appeared before the subscriber, a Judge of the Court, in and for said county, Wilmot Marsden, a resident of Vienna in said County and State, aged 88 years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on her oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the Acts of Congress, passed July 7th 1838, March 3rd 1843, and June 17th 1844, granting pensions to certain widows:

That she is the widow of George Marsden, who was an officer in the revolutionary army, and formerly the husband of this deponent, (for proof of which this deponent respectfully refers the Hon. Commissioner of pensions, to the proofs, forwarded to the Pension Office, with this deponents application, and declaration, for a pension under Act of Congress, passed July, 4th 1836.) That she is the identical person and widow who made application for a pension, under the Act of Congress, of 4th July 1836, on account of the revolutionary services of George Marsden, - and as his widow, that she was married to said George Marsden, previous to the first day of January 1794, - and that she still remains a widow.

Sworn and subscribed before me
this 24th day of November 1845

Wilmot ^{her}
X Marsden
mark

Amos Woodworth, Judge
Witness Martin L. Tillson
Richard Whitcomb

I certify that the above named affiant is a respectable person and that from age and infirmity she is unable to appear in Court, & that she made her mark above, because she cannot write and "November" twice written on erasures.

Amos Woodworth, Judge



State of New York)

Oneida County) ss

Amos Woodworth)

Personally appeared before the subscriber a Judge of the County Court in and for said County, Martin L. Tillson of Vienna in said county and state, who being first duly sworn according to law, deposeth, and saith, that he is personally acquainted with Wilmot Marsden, whose Declaration for a pension is hereto annexed, - and that this deponent knows her to be the identical person and widow who made application for a pension as the widow of George Marsden, under acts of Congress passed July 4th, 1836, - and that she still remains his widow.

Sworn and subscribed before me
this 24 day of November 1845

Martin L. Tillson

Amos Woodworth Judge Oneida Co. Court

I certify that the above named affiant is a respectable person,
erasure above.

Amos Woodworth Judge

State of New York)
Oneida County) ss

Personally appeared before the subscriber, a Judge of the Courts, in and for said County and State, Richard Whitcomb of Vienna, in said County, who after being duly sworn, according to law, depose, and saith, that he is personally acquainted with Wilmot Marsden, whose application for a pension is hereto annexed, - and that this deponent knows her to be the identical person and widow who made application for a pension under Act of Congress, passed July, 4th 1836, as set forth by her in the annexed declaration, and that she has not intermarried but still continues a widow.

Sworn and subscribed before me
this 24th day of November, 1845

Richard Whitcomb

Amos Woodworth Judge Oneida Co. Court

I certify that the above named affiant is a respectable person.

Amos Woodworth Judge



The following two letters signed by "J.M. Thayer" bear no date or origin. They are apparently an abstract of all previous evidence submitted and are favorable to Wilmot Marsden.

Wilmot Marsden act 1838
widow of George New York

She claims a pension under the act of 4th July 1836.

She states she was married in November 1775, by Rev. Mr. Martin, one of the professors of Cambridge College, in Mystic. By the evidence I produce it appears there never was a professor at Cambridge by the name of Martin. But I show that Rev. Mr. Martin was chaplain to the Rhode Island Brigade stationed at and in the vicinity of the college building; - that the college buildings were occupied by the troops as barracks, all through the balance of the year 1775, subsequent to the battle of Bunker Hill, (17th June, 1775). Marsden was there also attached to his Regiment at the time the marriage took place. Mystic then comprised parts of what is now called Medford and Malden, lying within a circuit of from three to five miles adjoining Cambridge and Charlestown. Mrs. Marsden was staying there and Marsden took out Rev. Mr. Martin, Chaplain, to marry them, he went from the College, or its vicinity, and this explains why she associated him with a professorship at the Cambridge.

This Rev. Mr. Martin was from Ireland, and a short time in this country, as appears by the extract from "Styles Diary." Marsden was also from Ireland, as appears by the certificate of Secretary of Mass., but a short time over, was not Rev. Mr. Martin, his countryman, the very man he would have to marry him? There was no other Rev. Mr. Martin in the region.

Mrs. Marsden declares and reiterates the statement that she was married in Nov. 1775.

The American army left Boston and that vicinity in the spring of 1776, in March, and was not there again. Rev. Mr. Martin left with his Brigade and was not there again. Historical facts. The marriage must have taken place in 1775.

Mrs. Marsden states that soon after her marriage she ~~removed~~ to Pepperell (about 25 miles from Boston as a place of safety. Pepperell was the residence of Col. Prescott, under whom Marsden was Adjutant. In Butler's history of Groton and Pepperell, see page 341, it is stated that Col. Prescott accompanied by several of his former officers, served under Gates at the capture of Burgoyne, who so likely to have been with him as his Adjutant living in the same town. This confirms the statement of Mrs. Marsden that her husband was in the battle of Saratoga.

Respectfully submitted

(signed) J. M. Thayer

Mrs. Marsden in one of her Declarations states that among those present at her marriage to George Marsden, were "Cpts. Darby and Newell of Col. Scammon's Regt. from Cambridge." The certificate of the Secretary of State which I now file. (Washington Papers) shows that these officers, Cpts. Darby and Newell belonged to Col. Scammon's Regt. and were stationed at Cambridge at the time she declares her marriage to have taken place, 1775. Her statement is thus fully corroborated by the Records. This fact is therefore established beyond all question, viz: - that her marriage must have taken place at the time stated Nov. 1775, or least prior to March 1776, for the whole army evacuated Cambridge and Boston and marched to New York in March 1776 and were not there afterwards. This is a matter of history.

There could be no motive on the part of Mrs. Marsden in stating that Cpts. Darby and Newell were present at her marriage. It is a simple narration of the facts. She names other persons, (citizens of Mystic), who were present, who are shown to have lived there, but who deceased many years ago.

It has always been held by the Pension Office, that if a party makes a statement and there was no motive for making it, it simply being given as an incident or fact, full credit shall be given to such statement.

If she had set forth that her husband was serving under Cpts. Darby or Newell at Cambridge in 1775 and the Rolls confirmed the statement, the office of course would pension her for that service. You cannot do less in matter now under consideration. She states Cpts. Darby & Newell were present (from Col. Scammon's Regt. at Cambridge.) at her marriage. The Rolls confirm the statement that these officers belonged to Scammon's Regt. and were stationed at Cambridge. I have shown they could not have been present at her marriage unless it took place at the time set forth by her.

You will also, that she knows the marriage occurred in Nov. 1775 because it was before the Declaration of Independence. That was an event which would be impressed upon the mind of everyone. She of course would have a distinct recollection as to her having been married prior to that event, I think very great credence should be given to her statement on that account.

(signed) J. M. Thayer



The following letter dated is April 23, 1846, - 7 full years from the time Wilmot Marsden first made application for a pension. A certain "True" attorney connived with the "Hon." M.C. to exact from the 89 year old Wilmot "50 per centum" of ALL future pensions she may receive. Spelling and punctuation is exactly as Mr. Lorin B. True's original letter. Fortunately this letter was never signed by Mrs. Marsden.

Washington, D.C.
Mrs. Marsden

April 23rd/46

Dear Madam: Your claim for a pension was a few months since placed into my hands, to furnish proofs for and get allowed before Congress, but was shortly after withdrawn from before Congress, and carried before the War Office, to be allowed for what services had been proved.

Allow me to say, that I carefully then examined the papers, and know all the proofs they contain indeed have had copies of the proofs therein furnished and upon which the claim must have been allowed if it has yet been allowed since then I have additional evidence of Mr. Marsdens services by which I think I can get then if you will sign the enclosed power and agreement I will try and see what I can obtain in addition to what has been obtained. Wish you would send me a copy of the certificate that I may know distinctly what has been received, then knowing the proofs on file & the proofs I have, can judge what is due still. Now there must be no delay in this matter, for I have much to do, and the warm season is fast approaching, when I wish to leave for the North to spend there the summer months, so that much delay will put off your business 6 or 7 months, at least--Please direct yours to the care of Hon. Timothy Jinkins M. C.-- the amount to be obtained is but small and will pay me but a trifle, and if not obtained now, it will probably never be-- no other agent has these proofs, and I feel a little doubtful of success with them myself the department is so rigid, but you had better return the papers soon as may be and I'll try -- that is all -- & if I cant succeed you may regard the-----as up for I believe no other proofs exist of the services have no doubt but you are entitled to much more than can ever be obtained for want of proofs this I regret as well as you, tis the case with many other highly Deserving Worthies--

Have the honor to be Dear Madam Sincerely yours

Mrs. Marsden

Lorin B. True

Please return this very soon
State of New York
Oneida County ss

Know all men by these presents that I Wilmot Marsden having certain claims against the government of these United States for the services of my late husband, George Marsden who was a Lieut. and Adjutant in the War of the Revolution. Do hereby constitute and appoint irrevocably Lorin B. True of Washington City to be my true and lawful attorney for me and in my name to prosecute said claims and to demand and receive in my name the amount due me in satisfaction of said claims to the exclusion of all others from the right and privileges and vesting them solely and irrevocably in said Lorin B. True and for said L. B. True's services rendered and to be rendered in so doing I do hereby agree to pay him a sum equal to 50 per centum of what may be obtained in testimony whereof my name signed in presence of

Dated

The following affidavit was apparently made in reference to the preceding letter from Mr. Lorin B. True. Richard Marsden was the father of Linus P. Marsden, the author's grandfather. As a child I remember grandfather speaking of him.

State of New York)
Oneida County) ss

Richard Marsden of the town of Vienna in the County of Oneida being duly sworn upon his oath saith that he is a son of and has the supervisory care and charge of Wilmot Marsden and her pecuniary affairs and that she is one of the members of family and that he is now in possession of a letter purporting to be mailed at the City of Washington April 24 directed to Mrs. Wilmot Marsden widow of George Marsden deceased Vienna, Oneida County, New York of which (said letter) the within is a true copy of and of the whole said original letter.

Sworn and subscribed

before me the 9th day

(signed) Richard Marsden

of June 1846

P. Abbot---Justice

I certify that I have this day examined a letter that is now in the possession of Richard Marsden of Vienna the individual named in the above affidavit and the within is a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of said original.

Vienna June 9th 1846

P. Abbott, Justice

The following declaration is the first to mention Wilmot Marsden's amount of pension. It was executed 2 years and 2 months after the preceding one, while she was 91 years old, and still under the care of her son, Richard Lee Marsden.

Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of 2nd February 1848, entitled an act making provision for surviving Widows & Soldiers of the Revolution.

State of New York)
County of Oneida) ss

On this 8th day of April 1848, personally appeared before the subscriber a Justice of the Peace in & for said county, Wilmot Marsden of Vienna county

aforsaid, aged 91 years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the pension made by the Act of Congress passed on the 2nd day of February 1848, granting pensions to widows of persons who served during the Revolutionary War, that she is the widow of George Marsden who was a Lieutenant & Adjutant, in the army of the Revolution, & belonged to the Massachusetts line of troops, as will more fully appear by his commissions & other documents on file at the War Department, & upon which a pension was granted to her of \$344.66 per annum, the Certificate issued to her No. 7560 has been surrendered to the Department, she further declares that, she is still a widow of the said George Marsden

subscribed & sworn to in the day
& year above written, before me,
said Wilmot is personally known to
me, & she made her mark above, as
she cannot write.

her
Wilmot ~~X~~ Marsden
mark

witness Plynna Abbott Jus. Peace
Richard Whitcomb



Clerk's Office)
Oneida County) ss

I, Patrick Mahon Clerk of the said County certify that Plynna Abbott Esquire was on the 8th day of April 1848 a Justice of the peace in and for the County of Oneida duly elected and authorized to act as such - and that the signature on the opposite side purporting to be that of the said Justice is genuine.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto affixed the seal of said County and subscribed my name April 12, 1848.

seal

Patrick Mahon Clerk
by James Edgar Dept. Clk.



The following declaration (apparently for further pensions) was executed 4 months later. It bears the signature of Limus P. Marsden, the author's grandfather. Wilmot Marsden was his grandmother.

Declaration

In order to obtain the benefit of the Acts of Congress of 2nd February 1848 entitled an act making further pensions for surviving widows etc.

State of New York)
County of Oneida) SS

On this 9 day of August 1848 personally appeared before the subscriber a Justice of the Peace in & for said county, Wilmot Marsden a resident

of Vienna in said county aged 91 years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed on the 2nd of February 1848, granting pensions to widows of persons who served during the Revolutionary War, that she is the widow of Adj. George Marsden of the Massachusetts troop, & that she received a pension under the act of June 1844 of \$344.66 per annum, & that, her Certificate was # 7560. She further declares that she is still a widow of the said George Marsden

Sworn to & subscribed on the day
& year above written, before me,
& I certify said Wilmot is personally
known to me, & made her mark hereto,
as she cannot write.

her
Wilmot ~~X~~ Marsden
mark

Witness Plynia Abbott Jus. Peace
Linus P. Marsden

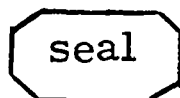


State of New York

Clerks Office)
Oneida County) SS

I Patrick Mahon Clerk of the said County certify, that Plynia Abbott Esquire was on the 9th day of August 1848 a Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Oneida duly elected and authorized to act as such, and that the Signature on the opposite side purporting to be that of the said Justice is genuine.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto affixed the Seal of said County and subscribed my name August 16th 1848.



(signed) Patrick Mahon Clerk

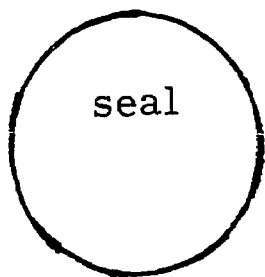


The Court announces the death of Wilmot Marsden as 31 Jan. 1850 (not 13 Jan. 1950 as tombstone indicates) and at the same time appoints her son Richard as Administrator. She had outlived 6 of her 11 children.

State of New York)
Oneida County) SS

I Othniel S. Williams Surrogate of said county do hereby certify that at a Surrogate Court holder before me at Rome in the month of March AD 1850, it was proven by the adduction of testimony satisfactory to the said court, that Wilmot Marsden was deceased, & that she left the following named children her surviving, to wit, Richard Marsden, John Marsden, Anna Brown, Sally Rundlell, and William Marsden, & that they are her only children her surviving, & each & every of them, is above the age of 21 years.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name
& affixed the seal of said court this 7th day of January, 1851.



Othneil S. Williams

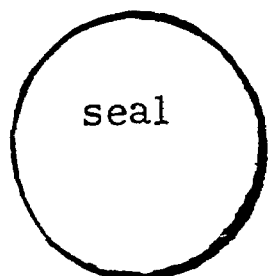
Surrogate



State of New York)
Oneida County) ss

I Othniel S. Williams Surrogate of said County, do hereby certify that at a Surrogate's Court held in & for said county at Rome on the 5th day of March AD 1850, it was proven by the adduction of testimony satisfactory to said Court, that Wilmot Marsden relict of George Marsden died at Vienna in said county on the 31st day of January 1850, - and at same court & time, Richard Marsden, son & heir, was appointed administrator of the estate of said Wilmot Marsden late a Pensioner of the U. States, and that he is legally authorized & qualified to act as such.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name,
& affixed the seal of said court this 15th day of January 1851.



(signed) Othniel S. Williams

Surrogate



The following quotations concerning Rev. John Martin are not dated or signed. They are quite interesting and probably extracts from the diary of "President Stiles of Yale College" as mentioned in one of the depositions immediately following.

REV. MR. MARTIN FROM IRELAND

"1775, April 16" Rev. Jno. Martin preached for me all day". He was born in Ireland & educated at a Romish Academy on Seminary at W. Meath. Tho an Episcopal Protestant he became a dissenter and was ordained by Mr. Ray & other Pastors of the Independent Association in the No. of Ireland formed since 1765 - containing seven churches partly of Westleian and Whitfieldian Methodists, ie, chiefly presbyterians, as to mode of sitting around a table at Communion, yet adopting the independent usage as to admission by votes of the brethren & by written relation of experiences. He was ordained 1771 & came to Nova Scotia 1772. He tells me he personally acquainted & lodged with the pretender in Ireland 1771 & he offered him to be one of his chaplains, (as he has 4 Huguenot Chaplains at Paris) at L 120 stg. salary:-that the Pretender is aet. 55 circa: & travels thru the 3 (ckms) every two years & draws from them 7 to L 8,000 sterling per annum and that the Pretender told him he had never received the Mass was not a papist but a protestant."

1775, Apr. 19. "Mr. Martin is now Aet 25 born 1750-his father died when he was young about half a year old - he was bro't up till aet 7 in the west of Ireland where they talk nothing but old Irish & he know no English till afterwards:-he was designed for a physician, & by his guardians sent to the Romish Seminary of West Meath & studied physic there $3\frac{1}{2}$ years under a Roman Catholic professor. Tho educated in the church of England he became a member of a deistical club at the Seminary - till about half a year before he left the Seminary, when he became a Methodist - he left the Seminary and began to preach aet 18 & in 1771 aet 21 he was ordained & in 1772 came to America, having preached above six hundred sermons -perhaps smitten with a religious ambition to see how soon he can preach 15 thous? or as many as Mr. Whitfield did in his whole life.

1775 June 30, "Rev. Mr. Martin visited me and gave me an account of the battle of Charlestown 17th inst. which he was in the whole affair from the first taking possession of Bunker's Hill to the end of the battle, as chaplain. "Col. Gridley taken ill and left the works in the morning, committing the oversight of the trenches to Mr. Martin. Thus about 1000 men were commanded by him while at labor & Commanded by Col. Prescott when on guard & Military duty. A fire from Cop's Hill on Boston side $\frac{3}{4}$ mile distant. Mr. Martin ventured down to Charlestown Ferry & with a spy glass viewed the shipping & observed their preparations of floating batteries & boats filling with soldiers" etc.

"June 30 at VI. I attended at the Baptist meeting where Mr. Martin was pre-engaged & heard him preach a high liberty Sermon on Neh: IV. 14*

*Neh: IV. 14 - "And I looked, and rose up, and said unto the nobles, and to the rulers, and to the rest of the people, Be not ye afraid of them: remember the Lord which is great and terrible, and fight for your brethren, your sons, and your daughters, your wives and your houses."



I, Thaddeus William Harris, Librarian of Harvard College, in Cambridge, Massachusetts, hereby certify that the name of Martin or Martyn does not appear in the list of professors and officers of this institution from 1750 to 1800 inclusive, and that I have not any knowledge or belief of there having been any professor or officer, bearing such name, connected with this institution during the period above specified, I further certify that it seems to be an established fact (as will also more fully appear in Quincy's "History of Harvard University") that the College buildings were occupied by the American troops soon after the War of the Revolution began and continued in their possession until March 1776. I also certify that I have often heard Dr. Amos Holbrook, then a surgeon in Greaton's regiment & stationed at Cambridge, say that the President's house was occupied at the time above stated by officers of the American army.

Cambridge, Mass.
January 13, 1854

Thaddeus William Harris,
Librarian of Harvard College.

I hereby certify that the foregoing are true copies of extracts made by me from the original manuscript Diary of President Stiles of Yale College, now deposited at that institution.

John L. Sibley, Assistant Lib. Harvard
University

Commonwealth of Massachusetts,
Middlesex SS.
January 13, 1854.

Personally appeared before me John L. Sibley, Assistant Librarian of Harvard University and made oath that the foregoing certificate by him subscribed is true.

Thaddeus William Harris,
J. P.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Middlesex SS.
January 13, 1854

Personally appeared before me Thaddeus William Harris, Librarian of Harvard College and made oath that the foregoing certificate by him subscribed is true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Jos. T. Buckingham
Jus. of the Peace



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Secretary's Office, Boston

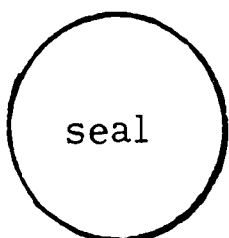
Jany 20, 1854

I Hereby Certify. That from an examination of the Books and Documents relating to Military Services in the War of the Revolution, which remain in this Department, it appears that the name of George Marsden is borne on the return of the Continental Army in 1775 as Adjutant of Col. Scammon's Regt. and is credited for said service from April 19, 1775. He is stated on said returns, (which are dated in August and October of that year), as belonging to "Londonderry;" on the old index to these returns, he is put down as from "Londonderry, Ireland."

In Testimony whereof, I have hereunto affixed the Seal of the Commonwealth, the date above written.

E. M. Wright

Secretary of the Commonwealth

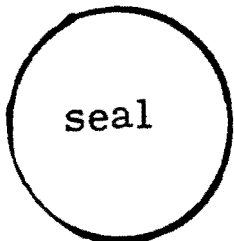


COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Secretary's Office, Boston, January 23, 1854

I hereby certify, that at the date of the annexed attestation, Jos. T. Buckingham was a Justice of the Peace for the County of Middlesex in the said Commonwealth, duly commissioned and constituted; and that to his acts and attestations, as such, full faith and credit are and ought to be given, in and out of Court.

In Testimony whereof, I have hereunto affixed the Seal of the Commonwealth, the date above written.



E. M. Wright

Secretary of the Commonwealth



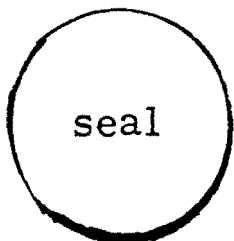
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Secretary's Office, Boston

February 24th 1854

I Hereby Certify. That from an examination of the Books and Documents relating to Military Services in the War of the Revolution, which remain in this Department, it appears that Capt. Samuel Darby & Capt. Jonathan Nowell of Col. Scammon's Regt. in 1775, both belonging to the Town of York in the County of York. They were both in Col. Prescott's Regt. through 1776 - Capt. Darby continued in the Continental Army & from Jany. 1, 1777 to Dec. 31, 1779 was Capt. in Col. Bailey's Regt. and Maj. of Col. Brook's Regt. Capt. Nowell appears to have left the Continental Army at the end of 1776, and to have been Brigade Major of Militia in York Co. 1777 & 1778.

In Testimony whereof, I have hereunto affixed the seal of the Commonwealth, the date above written.



E. M. Wright

Secretary of the Commonwealth



The time, 10 March 1854; the place, Village of Clinton. Richard Marsden files his bond of \$3000 as administrator of his mother's estate. This is a copy of the first semi-printed form, - all previous ones being hand written.

The People of the State of New York, by the Grace of God Free and Independent

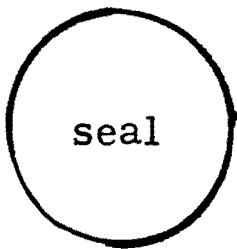
To all whom these presents shall come or may concern, send GREETING:

Know Ye, That at the Village of Clinton in the County of Oneida, on the tenth day of March in the year of our Lord One Thousand, Eight Hundred and fifty-four by Othmiel S. Williams, Esq., Surrogate of our said County, Letters of Administration of all and singular the goods, chattels and credits which were of Wilmot Marsden deceased, late of the town of Vienna in the county aforesaid, were granted and committed unto Richard Marsden and I further certify that the said Richard Marsden has filed his bond in the penalty of three thousand dollars as administrator of said deceased.

In Testimony whereof we have caused the seal of office of our said Surrogate to be hereunto affixed.

Witness, Othmiel S. Williams Esq.

Surrogate of our said county, at the village of Clinton the tenth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand, eight hundred and fifty four.



Othmiel S. Williams

Surrogate

The following letter was written 4 years after the death of Wilmot Marsden to the State Commissioner of Pensions to try to establish the rate of pay of Adjutant George Marsden while in the service of his country.

Treasury Department
Third Auditor's Office
March 28, 1854

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 25 Instant, making inquiry in relation to the pay of Officers of the Revolutionary Army in 1775 and subsequent to 1778, I have to inform you that the Journal containing the entries of 1775, has long since been mislaid or lost. The rate of pay at which Officers are paid is rarely mentioned in the

Journals, so I have ascertained by an extensive search. I find a payment to Adjutant John Johnson for his pay from the 6th September to the 7th October 1776, at the rate of \$18 per month, and from the 8th October 1776, to the 1st September 1777, at \$40 per month. This is under the Journal head of January 1786. This I presume will answer the purpose for which you desired the information.

Very Respectfully,

Lorin P. Waldo, Esq.)
Commissioner of Pensions)

(signed) F. Burt
3rd Auditor

This is the final chapter in the life of Wilmot Marsden. At the time of her death 31 January 1850, she was 93 years old and had outlived 7 of her 11 children.

Pension Office
April 11, 1854

Sir,

You will please inscribe on your roll, Act 4th July 1836, the name of Wilmot Marsden, deceased, widow of George Marsden, who was an Adjutant and Lieutenant and Adjutant in the Revolution at the rate of three hundred and ten dollars per annum, Commencing 4 March 1831, and terminating 31 January 1850, when she died: Payable to Richard Marsden, John Marsden, Anna Brown, and Sally Rundell only surviving children after deducting former payments, at the rate of three hundred and ninety eight dollars per annum, under Acts 7 July 1838, 3 March 1843, 17 June 1844 and 2 February 1848.

Respectfully
your Obt. svt.
L. P. Waldo
Commissioner

James M. French Esq.
Pension Agent
Albany, New York

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A FEW NOTES ON THE BATTLE OF BUNKER HILL

We have the word of Adj. George Mardsen's wife that he was in action at Bunker Hill 17 June 1775 (p.9) and later at the capture of Gen. Burgoyne at Saratoga in 1777 (pp.9 & 17). We also know that many of the persons present at her wedding participated in the Bunker Hill conflict, -in particular, Col. Wm. Prescott "at whose home in Pepperell, Mass. she stayed while her husband was absent in New York and Jersey in 1776" (p.17).

It is my contention that Adj. Marsden met or knew all four who signed his commissions, namely, John Hancock, Chas. Thomson, Maj. & Dr. Jos. Warren and Sam'l Freeman. Maj. Warren was killed at Bunker Hill 17 June 1775, less than a month after he signed the commission. The story of the battle is related in great detail in Benson J. Lossing's "Life of Washington" on pages 503 through 572 and I commend it to my readers. The excerpts which follow have been taken from his book.

18 April 1775-(Charles) Lee was a member of the provincial Congress at West Cambridge and aided (Paul) Revere and Dawes, the messengers of Dr. Jos. Warren, in awakening the minute men (p.504). He encouraged and directed the militia at West Cambridge where a hot skirmish occurred (p.509).

19 April 1775-Members of the provincial Congress convened at Watertown and elected Dr. Jos. Warren President pro tempore (p.515).

Warren and Samuel Adams were members of the committee of correspondence in Boston and were instrumental in planning the capture of Fort Ticonderoga (p.522).

John Hancock himself wanted to be Commander-in-Chief and might have been but because of his delicate health and lack of military experience. John Adams nominated George Washington, seconded by Samuel Adams, and on June 19, 1775, George Washington received his commission signed by John Hancock, President, and Chas. Thomson, Secy. (p.540). (The illustration of the commission is an exact facsimile as shown on page 7 of this book-KLM).

16 June 1776-Once the propriety of fortifying Bunker's Hill was resolved upon, the enterprise was intrusted to Col. Wm. Prescott of Pepperell, who, in the council of war, had strongly advocated the necessity of such a measure. His words were weighty, for his judgment was highly respected. He was a veteran of other wars, a man of large property, a patriot of undoubted integrity, a soldier of skill and courage, and a citizen distinguished for his prudence, caution and firmness (p.556).

Prescott was tall and commanding in figure, wore a three-cornered hat and a top-wig, a blue coat, faced and lapped up at the skirts, and was altogether the most military-looking man at Cambridge. His bearing had a great effect upon the militia, and they cheerfully followed wherever he led, because they had confidence in his experience, judgment and bravery (p.557).

The ammunition of the Americans was entirely exhausted and Prescott ordered a retreat. Colonel Gridley was wounded and carried safely off. Warren, armed only with a musket, fought gallantly, and was the last to leave the redoubt. He had retreated but a short distance toward Bunker's Hill when a bullet from the British line passed through his brain and he fell dead. "Not all the havoc and devastation they have made has wounded me like the death of Warren," wrote the wife of John Adams, three weeks afterward. "We want him in the senate; we want him in his profession; we want him in the field. We mourn for the citizen, the senator, the physician, and the warrior." (p.571).

His grave was dug upon the spot where he fell. There, on the morning after the battle, it was recognized by Jonathan Farnum, his hairdresser, and was buried by the foe with proper honors. Later, when that foe was driven away, his remains were carried into Boston and deposited beneath King's chapel; and now they rest under the chancel of St. Paul's Church. Nineteen years afterward, the freemasons, among whom he was a beloved leader, as grand-master for North America, erected a neat monument upon that spot. Just fifty years to a day, from the time of his death, Lafayette, then our nation's guest, laid there the corner-stone of that noble granite obelisk-the Bunker Hill monument-which commemorates the death of the hero, and the patriotism of his countrymen. The Continental Congress, in 1777, resolved "that his eldest son be educated at the expense of the United States" and the son of the hero received the fostering care of the country for whose independence the blood of his father was shed (p. 572).



George Marsden's Genealogy

George Marsden was born in Leeds, England in 1737. His wife Wilmot Lee was born in 1757, place unknown, but did come from Nova Scotia to Boston, Mass. just prior to the American Revolution. They were married November 25, 1775, in Mystic (now Medford), Mass. They had eleven children as follows:

- William - born June 14, 1778. - died sometime between Jan. 31, 1850 and April 11, 1854. Location of grave unknown.
- Sarah - " October 29, 1780. - date of death and location of grave unknown.
- Thomas - " July 22, 1782. - died July 7, 1803, Location of grave unknown.
- Elizabeth - " March 25, 1784. - in Oneida Co., N.Y., died Oneida Co., N.Y., March 3, 1829. Her husband Caleb Knight was born April 29, 1778. Died at Scriba, Oswego Co., N.Y., June 17, 1870.
- James - " Dec. 2, 1785. - date of death and location of grave unknown.
- Charles - " July 17, 1787. - died Jan. 1, 1830, buried in Eckel Cemetery, West Vienna, N.Y. I have recently discovered the following, taken from the records of Oneida County and showing that Charles Marsden was an early landowner:

"In Deed book No. 27 at page 162 is recorded a deed from Peter J. Munro, by James Lynch, his attorney, to Charles Marsden, dated January 27, 1815 and recorded May, 1815, in consideration of \$140, conveying part of lot 68 in the 10th township of Munro's Tract of Scriba's Patent on Oneida Lake which lies south of the turnpike road, containing twenty-three and one-half acres."

- Edward - " Jan. 4, 1792, - date of death and location of grave unknown.
- Anne - " Apr. 10, 17--. - illegible - date of death and location of grave unknown.
- John - " June 17, 1795. - date of death and location of grave unknown.
- Richard - " Apr. 21, 1797. - on the Vander Kemp lands near what is now Bernhards Bay. (Married 1822, died in 1872, buried to right of his wife, Marsha M. (Marcia Miranda) in Jewell Cemetery, Jewell, N.Y.
- Mary - " Sept. 5, 1799. - died Dec. 15, 1811, buried to left of George Marsden in Eckel Cemetery, West Vienna, N.Y.

Of all the above mentioned children the one from whom the present author traces descent is Richard (Lee) Marsden. He married Marcia Miranda Matthews, a daughter of Levi Matthews and Polly Blodgett on Jan. 1, 1822, at West Vienna, N.Y. Polly Blodgett's ancestors were Huguenots who came from France at the time of the persecution. She was born in Claremont, N.H., Nov. 28, 1767, the youngest of a large family of children. Married to Levi Matthews who was born in New Hampshire, they shortly after their marriage moved to what is now Camden, N.Y., and were among the first settlers of that place. At that time it was a dense wilderness. Marcia Miranda was the fifth of ten children and was born in 1802 and died October 11, 1862 and is buried at Jewell, N.Y. She met Richard when he was working for her father at West Vienna. The six children of Richard Marsden and Marcia Matthews were as follows:

Gaston Alexander - born in 1823, died Nov. 26, 1906.

Linus Parker - (Grandfather of present author) born at West Vienna, N.Y., Sept. 15, 1826, died at Bernhards Bay, N.Y., Jan. 22, 1914, and buried there in Lakeside Cemetery.

Henry - grave unknown.

(Benjamin Franklin - buried in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Twins (Susan Morgan - grave unknown.

Polly - born in 1839, died in 1874 and is buried in cemetery at Jewell, N.Y.

Gaston Alexander Marsden's first wife was Lucy Ann Whitcomb by whom he had one son Charles Richard. She died Nov. 10, 1849 at the age of 18 years and is buried in the Eckel Cemetery at West Vienna, N.Y., about 30 feet to the left of the grave of Ad'jt. George Marsden. His second wife's name is unknown to me, altho he had one daughter by her who died at the age of ten years. His third wife was Louise Bowers and his fourth wife was Harriet Ferris. He had no children by these last two.

A letter to me under date of Nov. 10, 1932, from H.A. Cornwall, the then proprietor of the Marsden House at Alexandria Bay, states that "Gaston A. Marsden came from Cape Vincent, N.Y. between 1878 and 1880 where he had been running a small hotel which burned down. He rented land of Cornwall and Walton where the Marsden now stands, put up a little rough building trimmed with cedar inside, called it Cedar Hall, and sold soft drinks, ice cream and candy. He and Mrs. Marsden used to serve meals at twenty-five cents each, and between the two, saved money and built what is now the main part of the Marsden House. He later sold out and moved to Oswego, N.Y. Mr. Marsden was a fine man, strictly honest and upright in every way."

Linus Parker Marsden's first wife was Hepsy Dawley by whom he had no children. After her death he married her sister, Mary Dawley by whom he had four children, Frank Lee, Edward, Jesse and Jennie. After her death he married Jane (Jennie) Lydiatt by whom he had six children, Lloyd Elbridge, Eva Belle, Edith Mary, Howard Ernest, Bessie Anna and Mildred Emma. In his youth, Linus Parker Marsden was a fine looking man, standing over 6 feet 3 inches with a head of heavy red hair and deep blue eyes. He made his fortune in building canal boats and at one time owned about half of what is now the village of Bernhards Bay and its bordering land to the north, including saw mills, large lumber tracts, a glass factory and a

store. Some years ago, his late son, Howard Ernest, came across an old bank book, which showed that he had a drawing account of between \$50,000 and \$70,000 in an Oneida, N.Y. bank about 1870. Later on he went into the banking business and had four banks, including one in Cleveland, N.Y. and one in Central Square, N.Y. Through dishonesty of his associates, his banks failed and he took it upon himself to pay all the obligations which just about wiped out his estate. He was practically a poor man when he died in his 89th year at Bernhards Bay, N.Y., Jan. 22, 1914. Although he never had any formal education, he was an accurate speller and an inveterate reader, - even up to the time of his death. His honesty and integrity were never questioned and he was the most respected citizen of Bernhards Bay at the time of his death. (To these facts I can personally attest; he was my grandfather on whose farm I spent many happy childhood summers.)

Henry Marsden served in the Union Army during the Civil War. According to family records, he returned home, left his equipment and immediately started out for the west. As far as can be ascertained, he dropped all contact with his brothers and sisters and never returned home to visit them. In 1933, the author ascertained that one Henry Marsden enlisted Jan. 4, 1864 at Mexico, N.Y. in Co. G, 4th N.Y. Heavy Artillery, being honorably discharged Sept. 26, 1865, at Washington, D. C. He married Martha A. Mickel Nov. 18, 1864 and died at Mexico, N.Y., Jan. 28, 1907. From speaking to many of the Marsdens living in and around Mexico, N.Y. and Texas, N.Y. in 1933, the author is convinced that this Marsden line is not related to our family.

Benjamin Franklin Marsden was mustered into the Union Army at Cleveland, N.Y., as second Lieutenant, Co. K, 110 N.Y. Infantry, Oct. 14, 1862, and was honorably discharged therefrom July 3, 1864 upon tender of his resignation. He married Harriet A. Dickenson (a sister of Mrs. Adella Crandell of Bernhards Bay) Jan. 3, 1862 and moved shortly thereafter to Colorado Springs, Colo. where he was a minister of the Gospel until his death on Nov. 2, 1917. His widow was pensioned under certificate 838,954 and died Feb. 9, 1918 at Colorado Springs, Colo. They had an adopted son, George Bancroft.

Susan Marsden was a twin to Benjamin Franklin Marsden and married John Mac Arthur, by whom at least three children were born, - Belle, John Jr. and Nettie.

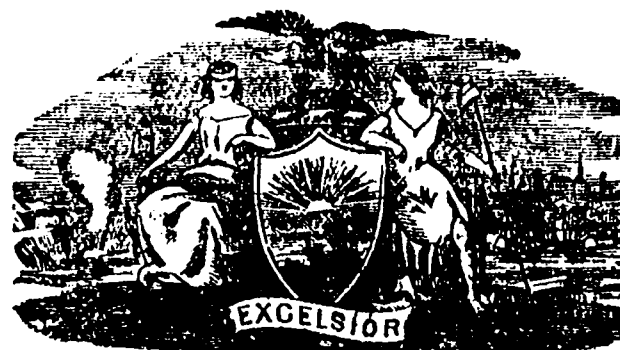
Polly Marsden, the youngest of the children, married Edson Page (b. 1834-d. 1904). Their five children were Charles, Elsworth, Luella and twins, Lena and Leta. Polly died in 1874 and Edson Page later married Eliza Davis (b. 1851-d. 1881).



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INCORPORATED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

BERNHARDS BAY MERCANTILE CO., LIMITED.



This Certifies that Potter and Marsden
 entitled to Five Shares of the Capital Stock of the
Bernhards Bay Mercantile Co., Limited. Transferable only on the
 Books of the Company in person or by Attorney on surrender of this Certificate.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the President and Treasurer have issued this Certificate
 and have caused the Seal of said Company to be affixed hereto at BERNHARDS
 BAY, N. Y., this Eleventh day of July 1890

Luman A. Ferris

TREASURER.

L P Marsden

PRESIDENT.

CAPITAL STOCK \$5,000

In the period between 1850 and 1900, Bernhards Bay boasted of a hotel, meat market, millinery shop, six grocery stores, two saw mills and a glass factory. The grocery stores were owned by Potter and Marsden doing business as the "Bernhards Bay Mercantile Co. Ltd." The certificate for five shares of the Capital Stock is dated 11 July 1890, and signed by L.P. Marsden, President, and Luman A. Ferris, Treasurer.

SHARES \$20.00 EACH

No. 289

CANAL HULL.

\$2,500.

The Traders Insurance Company

OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO.

On Account of

Phillip Serviss
Loss if any payable to L. P. Marsden as int. may appear

No Wake Insurance, and Cause

Sum Insured,

\$2,500.

Twenty five hundred dollars

To be Insured upon the Body, Tackle, Apparel and other Furniture of the

Canal Boat

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Phil. Serviss of St. Jackson

Boat building was a thriving industry at Bernhards Bay back in the eighties. Ezra Dickinson operated a boat building dock on the lake shore in front of the old homestead. The canal boats "May" and "Earl" were built there. The "May" was first owned by Lorenzo Phillips who was murdered on deck by angry boat unionists while the boat was tied up at Tonawanda, N.Y. The boat was later operated by Sarah Phillips, his wife. It eventually was sold and later sank in the canal near Ilion, N.Y. The "Earl" was owned by William Taft and John Coady and operated in and out of the lake for many years.

Purdy and (Linus P.) Marsden built a steam boat, the "Fred B. Randall" which was used both as an excursion and towing boat. It was a single stern propelled boat of great power. In season she used to run excursions to Frenchmen's Island, then a great summer resort, also to Sylvan Beach and Three Rivers. They also operated a big side wheeler called the "Manhattan". This boat was tied up at Brewerton for many years before she was finally dismantled.

Linus P. Marsden also owned a canal boat, the "Phillip Serviss" which was insured for \$2,500, (as illustrated by portions of the old insurance policy) at the rate of 1¼%.

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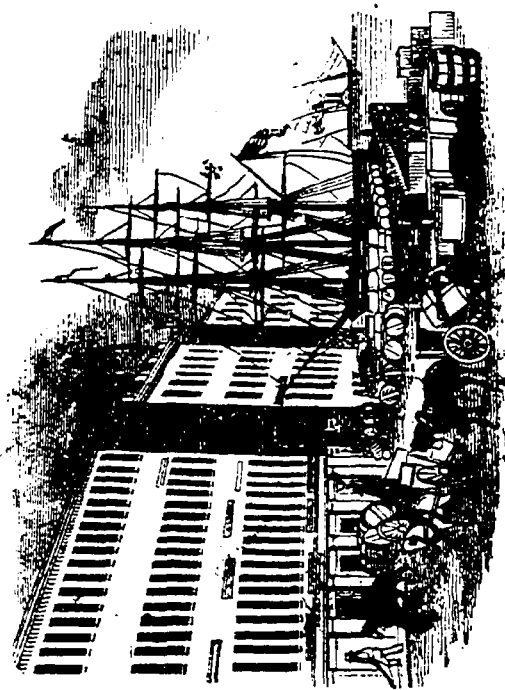
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Phil. Serviss

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Agent,

James M. ...

LINUS PARKER MARSDEN

BRANCH

Linus Parker Marsden (b.15 Sept.1826-d.22 Jan.1914) married Hepsey Dawley (all dates unknown) by whom there was no issue. After her death, he married her sister, Mary Dawley (d.28 Jan.1874) and their issue:

1. Frank Lee
2. Edward Everett
3. Jane (Jennie) May

After the death of his second wife (Mary Dawley), he married Jane Lydiatt (b.15 April 1851 at St. Helens, England -d.25 Feb.1919) on 4 Mar. 1875, and their issue:

4. Lloyd Elbridge
5. Eva Belle
6. Mary Edith
7. Howard Ernest
8. Bessie Anna
9. Mildred Emma

1. Frank Lee Marsden (b.20 Nov. 1857-d.3 May 1923) married Sarah Elmina Taft (b.20 Dec. 1861-d.27 Dec. 1952) 14 Nov. 1878 and their issue:

- 1A. Carroll Lee
- 2A. Roy Frank
- 3A. Mary Edna

- 1A. Carroll Lee Marsden (b. 30 Aug. 1879-d.19 Jan. 1953) married Irene Claire Andrews 14 Sept. 1905 and their issue:

- 1D. Lee Andrews (b. 14 Mar. 1912)

- 2A. Roy Frank Marsden (b. 28 June 1883, d. 14 April 1923)
no issue

- 3A. Mary Edna Marsden (b. 15 Aug. 1893) married Salem DeWitt Phail (b. 5 May 1886) 14 Feb. 1912 and their issue:

- 1E. Allen Marsden (b. 1 Apr. 1916)

- 2E. Donald Roy (b. 17 Nov. 1917)

- 1E. Allen Marsden Phail married Lillian Buhl 26 May 1940 and their issue:

- 1F. Marilyn Mina (b. 14 Sept. 1943)

- 2F. Glenn Allen (b. 12 Feb. 1947)

- 3F. Laura Rose (b. 4 June 1948)

- 2E. Donald Roy Phail married Marjorie Jones 22 Mar. 1954 and their issue:

- 1G. Peter (died at childbirth July 1955)

- 2G. Janet Carol (b. 5 July 1957)

2. Edward Everett Marsden (b.17 June 1865-d.3 Apr.1948) married Emma Banning (d.1890) and left no issue. His second wife was Rhett Clark (b.12 Feb.1881) and their issue:

1. Graydon Clark (b.13 Aug. 1900) who married Bertha Stevens 7 Nov.1924 and they have no issue.

3. Jane (Jennie) May Marsden married Emery J. Sturdevant and their issue:

1. Jessie (d. at about 11 yrs.)

2. Edith May

4. Lloyd Elbridge Marsden (b.1 Apr.1876-d.20 Nov.1916) married Jessica May Hitter (b.21 June 1877-d.20 Sept.1950) on 31 May 1900, and their issue:

1. Kenneth Lloyd

2. Helen Frances

5. Eva Belle Marsden (b. 1877-d. 1880)
6. Mary Edith Marsden (b. 2 Apr. 1880-d. 17 Apr. 1957) married Frederick G. Kingsley (d. 8 Apr. 1924) on 21 May 1919. There was no issue.
7. Howard Ernest Marsden (b. 18 Sept. 1881-d. 8 Feb. 1952) married Edythe McGuire 16 Sept. 1904, and their issue:

1. Wilmuth Louise (Lee) (b. 10 Nov. 1905)
2. Elizabeth May (b. 26 Nov. 1910)
3. Howard Ernest Jr. (b. 27 Sept. 1913)

His second wife was Margaret Gertrude Penrod (m. 5 Aug. 1920) and their issue:

4. James Lee (b. 10 Jan. 1926)
8. Bessie Anna Marsden (b. 6 June 1886 was married 14 Nov. 1927 to Carl R. DeWitt who died 19 Sept. 1928. She married James Craig Best 31 Jan. 1930. There was no issue.
9. Mildred Emma Marsden (b. 14 Apr. 1894) was married 1916 to Francis Harvey DeLine (d. Aug. 1927) and their issue:
 1. Doris Jane (b. 13 Aug. 1917-d. 8 Aug. 1949) married Dr. Hale H. Cook and their issue:
 - 1A. Stephen Hale (b. 22 Feb. 1947)
 2. Joyce Virginia (b. 1 June 1920) married Thomas M. Ball on 19 May 1947, and their issue:
 - 2A. Deborah Doris (b. 20 Aug. 1952)
 - 2B. Priscilla Joyce (b. 24 Dec. 1954)
 - 2C. Michael Melvin (b. 27 May 1956)
 3. Constance Margaret (b. 16 Oct. 1927-d. 9 Apr. 1929)



LLOYD E. MARSDEN

BRANCH

Children of Lloyd Elbridge Marsden (b. 1 April 1876 - m. 31 May 1900 - d. 20 Nov. 1916) and Jessica May Hitter (b. 21 June 1877 - d. 20 Sept. 1950).

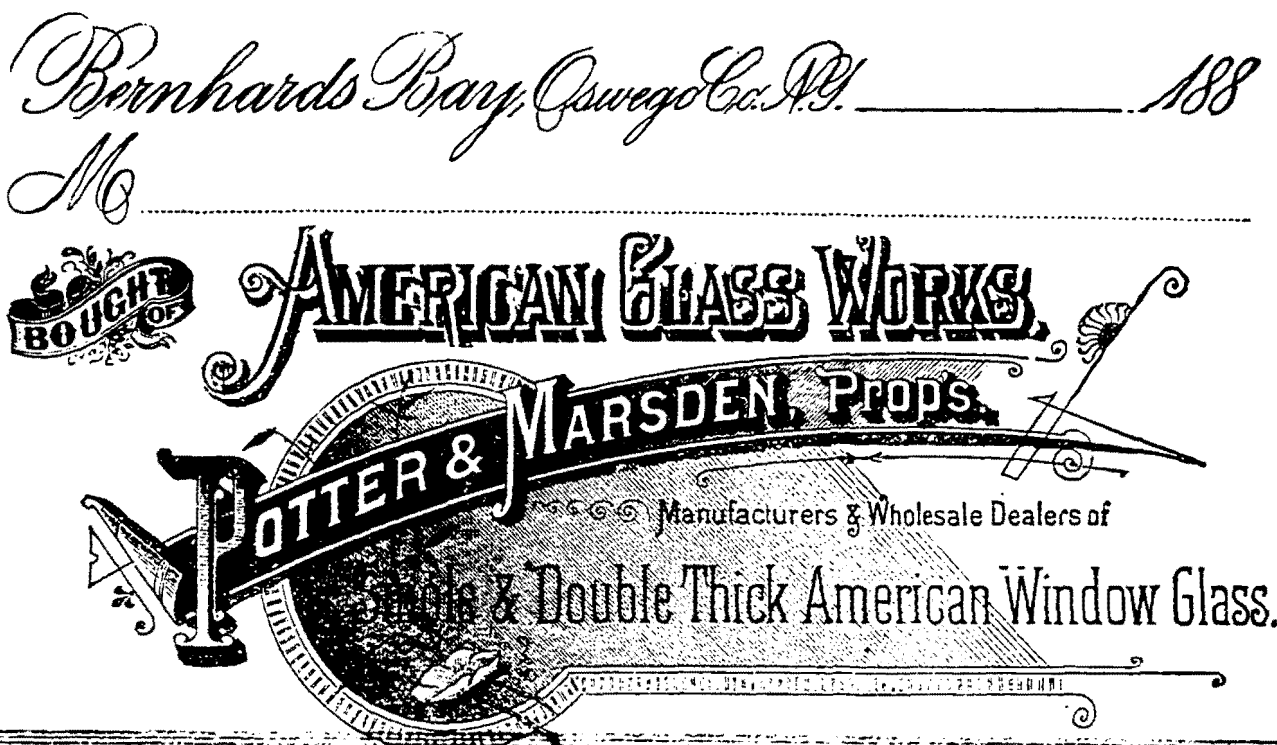
1. Kenneth Lloyd
 2. Helen Frances
1. Kenneth Lloyd Marsden (b. 4 Dec. 1902) married Elsie Frances Mulvey (b. 24 Feb. 1905) on 22 June 1929, and their issue:
 - 1A. Jane Frances
 - 2A. George Wilmot
 - 3A. Carl Joseph
2. Helen Frances Marsden (b. 8 May 1905) married Frederick Benjamin Hookway on 3 April 1927, and their issue:
 - 1B. Joy Isabel
 - 2B. Gordon Lloyd

- 1A. Jane Frances Marsden (b. 10 Aug. 1930) married Philip Edward Johnson on 12 Jan. 1954, and their issue:
 1C. Janice Lee (b. 28 Nov. 1954)
 2C. Geoffrey Philip (b. 11 Nov. 1955)
- 2A. George Wilmot Marsden (b. 2 Feb. 1932) married Mary Mildred Tierney (b. 8 Oct. 1931) on 23 Dec. 1958, and their issue:
 1D. Anne Frances (b. 10 Oct. 1959)
- 3A. Carl Joseph Marsden (b. 24 April 1936)
- 1B. Joy Isabel Hookway (b. 10 May 1928) married Keith Lincoln Hakes (b. 12 Feb. 1923) on 9 April 1949, and their issue:
 1E. Dennis Frederick (b. 13 Aug. 1951)
 2E. Daniel Lee (b. 21 Jan. 1953)
 3E. David Lincoln (b. 5 April 1957)
- 2B. Gordon Lloyd Hookway (b. 23 Feb. 1931) married Elizabeth Jane Murphy (b. 3 Oct. 1929) on 3 July 1954 and their issue:
 1F. James Gordon (b. 21 April 1955)
 2F. Susan Elizabeth (b. 10 Aug. 1956)
 3F. Gordon Lloyd Jr. (b. 1 Oct. 1957)

— ESTABLISHED 1847 —



Terms:



Among the early industries of Bernhards Bay, N. Y., the largest was the American Glass Works operated by Potter and (Linus P.) Marsden. Established in 1847, it operated until it was destroyed by fire on July 4, 1890. The sand was dug in the northern section of the village and washed on the lake dock. It was considered one of the finest grades of glass sand and much of it was also shipped via canal boat and later via train to many distant points. The factory at one time employed close to two hundred persons.

The natural gas of Pennsylvania and West Virginia provided a much cheaper means of glass manufacture and many local glass blowers migrated to these fields. As a child I recall that most of the town paths and roads were paved with cinders from the old glass factory and a few of the old glass workers were still around town.

The PLACE to Stay

Plan your vacation now and remember the welcome extended you by the Marsden House to spend a most profitable one "Where the Thousand Islands Are," midst homelike surroundings and all the pleasures and amusements which abound. A stay here is a prescription to health and happiness for you and your family.

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ALEXANDRIA BAY, N.Y.

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Our wonderful broad verandah facing the river is a great attraction, where one can sit out and see all boats passing up and down the beautiful old St. Lawrence.



Illustrations from a 1932 brochure of the Marsden House. It was originally built and owned by Gaston A. Marsden, brother of Linus P. Marsden (see page 38).

GASTON A. MARSDEN

BRANCH

Gaston Alexander Marsden (a son of Richard Lee Marsden and a brother of Linus Parker Marsden, my grandfather) died Nov. 26, 1906, at the age of 83. His first wife was Lucy Ann Whitcomb by whom he had one son, Charles Richard Marsden. His second wife (name unknown to me) bore him a daughter who died at 10 years of age. His third wife was Louise Bowers (no children). His fourth wife was Harriet Ferris (no children).

Charles Richard Marsden (b. 9 Aug. 1849-d. 29 April 1920) married Mary Roark (b. 30 Mar. 1857) and their issue:

1. Charles Gaston (b. 5 July 1876-d. 28 Dec. 1932) married Mary E. Brady and there was no issue.
2. James Franklin (b. 5 Apr. 1878) married Alice Gaylord and there was no issue.
3. Mary Alice (b. 30 Apr. 1881) married Herbert Benzing and their issue:
 - 3A. Les Frederick
 - 3B. Mary Florence
 - 3C. Alice Mildred
 - 3D. Charles Marsden
 - 3E. Robert Lawrence
 - 3F. Dorothy Louise
4. Florence Louise (b. 9 Mar. 1886) entered a convent-Sister Leo Joseph.
5. Harry Richard married Rose Materazzo.
6. George Albert (b. 1 Nov. 1895-d. 15 Nov. 1959) married Kathryn Johnson (d. May 1932) on 24 May 1926, and their issue:
 - 6A. Richard Lawrence (b. 31 July 1929) (adopted)
 - 6B. George Albert, Jr. (b. 30 June 1931)

His second wife was Marion L. Hennessey and their issue:

- 6C. Marion H. (b. 22 May 1935)
 - 6D. Ann E. (b. 11 June 1936)
 - 6E. Richard David (b. 30 May 1947)
7. Frederick Raymond (b. 2 Nov. 1898) married Frances Sanford.
8. Helen Yvonne (b. 12 July 1901) married a Barclay.

This branch of the Marsden family has been prominent in business and civic affairs of Oswego and vicinity for many generations. The founder of the old Burden and Marsden store was Charles Richard Marsden, son of Gaston A. Marsden. Upon his death it was operated by Charles Gaston Marsden who was also an officer in the local water company and banking institutions. James Frank Marsden was an officer of the Syracuse Trust Co. and Dr. George Albert Marsden was a widely known obstetrician and gynecologist.



THE
BEERS, CROCKER, BLODGETT, HOWE,
MATTHEWS & PAGE
 BRANCHES

Mrs. Emma Irene Howe, a distant cousin, was deeply interested in family history. She was born in Cleveland, N.Y. and died in Chicopee Falls, Mass., Dec. 28, 1931, at the age of 92. Only 3 months before her death, she sent me the following letter, dated Oct. 10, 1931:

Dear Cousin:

I was much surprised and pleased when I found a letter from you dated Sept. 14th and I will gladly tell you what I remember about these people.

When a very young child I used to go to my Aunt Marcia Marsden's (one of my mother's sisters), where I saw the widow of George Marsden. Before her marriage she was Wilmot or Wilmuth Lee, a sister of Richard Henry Lee of historical fame, of Virginia.

After George Marsden's death his widow came to live with their son, whom they had named Richard Lee, -at West Vienna where I used to see her when I was a young child. She told me that they were out walking one day and met George Washington who stopped and congratulated them. At the time she talked with me she was a very old lady and soon after died, - I think it was in 1849.

Levi Matthews married Polly Blodgett and their 10 Children:

Rosamond	who married Arad Wells
Alvaro	who married Sally Knight
Lorenzo Don	
Ransom Decastro	who married Gratia Caswell
Mindana	who married Asher Snow
Marcia Miranda	who married Richard Lee Marsden
Chloe Jane	who married Enoch Harvey Will
Polly	who married Arad Jewell
Irene Buel	who married William Howe
Friendly Armenia	who died quite young

Richard Lee Marsden married Marcia Miranda Matthews, a daughter of Levi & Polly Blodgett Matthews and their children were:

	Gaston A. Marsden
	Linus Parker Marsden
	Henry Marsden
twins	(Benjamin Franklin Marsden
	(Susan Morgan Marsden
	Polly Marsden

Polly Marsden married Edson Page and their children were Charles, Elsworth, Luella, and twins Lena and Leta.

Charles William Clarence Howe, son of William Howe married Carrie Electra Westcott and their children were Leon Bruce, Harold Ray and Bessie.

William and Irene Howe had nine children, Mary Ruth, Anna, Cornelia Jane, Emma Irene, Mindana Rosetta, Charles William Clarence, twins Florence and Flora, Carrie Eugenia.

Carrie Eugenia married Gurdon Crocker and their children were Lena Bernice and Hartwell Bruce. Lena married Arthur Leonard Beers and their children were Donald Crocker and Elizabeth Caroline.

Donald Crocker Beers married Priscilla Nims and their child was Donald Crocker Jr.

Harold Ray Howe married Mabel Gilbert and their children were Charles and Irene.

I have done the best I could, if there is anything you do not understand I will try to remedy it.

Please excuse mistakes &c. as my birthday last month said I am 91 years old so I think I must be. I can use my hands but not my feet.

My love to yourself and yours.

Emma Irene Howe
370 Broadway,
Chicopee Falls, Mass.



MEETS EVERY
THURSDAY EVENING IN
MARSDEN'S HALL

LAKE SIDE COUNCIL

No. 128

J R O U A M

R. S.

Bernhard's Bay, N. Y., 190...

Fraternalism thrived in Bernhards Bay at the turn of the century as evidenced by this letterhead. It stated that meetings were held every Thursday night in Marsden's hall. This meeting place was above the general store presently operated by George Davis.

MATTHEWS

BRANCH

The Matthews family of Oneida, N.Y. traces their descent from Elizabeth, a daughter of George Marsden. She married Caleb Knight and their daughter, Sally (b. 1806-d. 28 Feb. 1864) married Alvaro Matthews (d. 1885).

Their son, Charles Matthews (b. 1837-d. 1897) married Helen Welsh (b. 1844-d. 1915), and

Their son, William Matthews (b. 1865-d. 1916) married Catherine Holmes (b. 18 Aug. 1872), and

Their son, William Lester Matthews (b. 14 Jan. 1900) married Marjorie Doty (b. 21 Aug. 1908), and

Their son, William Doty Matthews (b. 25 Aug. 1934) married Ann Morse (b. 4 Aug. 1936).



The brother of William Lester Matthews is Wesley Holmes Matthews (b. 5 June 1903) who married Dorothy Belle Silverman (b. 16 June 1907) and their issue:

1. Helen Virginia Matthews (b. 28 Sept. 1926) married John Robert McClurg (b. 9 Mar. 1926) and their issue:

- 1A. Scott Douglas McClurg (b. 10 Apr. 1955)

- 1B. David Bruce McClurg (b. 24 May 1956)

- 1C. Kevin Paul McClurg (b. 8 Apr. 1960)

2. Shirley Mae Matthews (b. 10 Dec. 1927) married Carl Grett de Leonard (b. 25 Apr. 1925) and their issue:

- 2A. Annette Ray de Leonard (b. 5 July 1960)

- 2B. Babette Gay de Leonard (b. 5 July 1960)



Charles and Helen Matthews had two other children as follows:

1. Minerva H. Matthews (b. 2 July 1869. Dec. 193-) married Jay Greene and their issue:

- 1A. Helen Rose Greene (b. 1 July 1907) married Arthur J. Busch and their issue:

1. Michael Busch

2. Richard Busch

2. Ira C. Matthews (b. 7 Feb. 1877-d. Dec. 193-) married Louise Baker Matthews and their issue:

- 2A. Charles Matthews (b. 6 July 1902)

- 2B. Baker Matthews (b. 20 Apr. 1904)

- 2C. Harold Matthews (b. 7 Feb. 1906)

- 2D. Donald Matthews (b. 17 Aug. 1909)



JEWELL & POTTER

BRANCHES

One of the ten children of Levi Matthews and Polly Blodgett was Polly Matthews who married Arad Jewell in 1826. (Arad Jewell signed as a witness to several of the declarations of Wilmot Marsden in this book). Their issue:

1. Avery E. (b. 31 May 1827)
2. Silas M. (b. 17 Mar. 1829)

As previously recorded, Elizabeth Marsden (b. 25 Mar. 1783-d. 17 June 1870) was the fourth child of George and Wilmot Marsden. She married Caleb Knight (b. 29 April 1778) and their issue:

1. Betsy (b. 19 Mar. 1813-d. 8 Aug. 1878) who married Fred W. Jewell (b. 25 Oct. 1813-d. 2 July 1882), and their issue:

1A. Alice J.

- 1A. Alice J. Jewell (d. 6 Oct. 1926) married John E. Potter (b. 12 May 1853-d. 16 Aug. 1932) and their issue:

1B. Linn E. (b. 27 Aug. 1873-d. 16 May 1950)

2B. Jewell I. (b. 16 May 1880)

3B. Violet May (b. 16 May 1890)

It seems appropriate at this point to include a brief historical sketch of Jewell which was recently received (1 Mar. 1961) from Jewell I. Potter of Oneida, N.Y. It mentions many of the names already recorded in this book:

"Jewell, located in the Town of Vienna, was formed from part of the Town of Camden on April 3, 1807, as Orange. Its name was changed to Bengal April 6, 1808, and to Vienna, April 12, 1816. In its earlier days it was called Jewellsville and afterwards, West Vienna. When the N. Y., O. & W. Railroad was built, the station was named Jewell after Fred Jewell, who was one of the early pioneers.

The first settler was Silas Jewell who came into the dense woods and built three saw mills and a hotel. Other early settlers were Fred J. Avery, Newell Conant, Ira Page, Ransom and Alvaro Matthews, John Henry Bedell, and the Pope, Ritchie, Whitcomb, Marsden, Tubbs, Hall, Millington and Burdick families.

In the year 1859, the village had twenty houses, two hotels and five stores. It also had a Baptist Church, started by Loretta Page Conant, and the present Union Church located on the main highway. At one time there was a strict Quaker Society which held its meetings in the school house. There were also at various times, two cheese factories, and two blacksmith shops. Lumbering and canal boat building were also thriving industries.

The Frank Schutes-Clinton Muir farm was the home of George Marsden and it is said that he was living there at the time George Washington paid him a visit while on a tour through Central New York in the summer of 1783.

Among the early Postmasters were Homer Page, a descendant of George Marsden, Newell Conant and Zenas White. When Newell Conant was Postmaster, the mail was delivered by horseback and left on a table for each person to sort out his own. Later the mail was carried by stagecoach until the railroad was laid in 1869, when it was carried by train. The railroad destroyed the glorious stagecoach days when every night at about six o'clock, the stage stopped at the Jewell Hotel (then called Sunset Inn) and left passengers for the night.

People from far and near used to gather in Washington Hall in the old Jewell Hotel for dances, banquets and parties. Court was also held in the same room."

DAVIS, LORD, MAC ARTHUR & NORTHRUP

BRANCHES

One of Richard Marsden's six children, Susan Morgan, married John Mac Arthur and their issue:

1. Franklin A.
2. Isabelle Corning (Belle)
3. John Jr.
4. Nettie

1. Franklin A. MacArthur (b. 24 June 1869-d. 28 Mar. 1947) was married 31 Jan. 1892 to Lillian B. Sliter (b. 26 Nov. 1873-d. 15 Mar. 1928) and their issue:

1. Leila
2. Elsie B.
3. Gladys

1. Leila MacArthur (b. 10 June 1893) was married 8 July 1939 to Thomas J. Leathem (b. 8 Aug. 1896) and their was no issue. By Mrs. Leathem's first marriage her issue:

1. Nelson J. Miner (b. 28 Feb. 1915) married 10 May 1941 to Ella Robertson (b. 15 Aug. 1921) and their issue:
 - 1A. Peter N. (b. 29 Aug. 1942)

2. Elsie B. MacArthur (b. 4 Mar. 1897-d. 28 Feb. 1960) was married 29 Nov. 1916 to James A. Kelly (b. 21 Sept. 1894-d. 4 Jan. 1946) and their issue:

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| 2A. Edward F. (b. 2 Sept. 1917) | 2G. John Donald (b. 7 Aug. 1929) |
| 2B. Elsie Kelly Broderick (b. 28 Feb. 1919) | 2H. Joan Kelly Von Fricken (b. 21 Nov. 1931) |
| 2C. James (b. 8 June 1921) | 2I. Charles (b. 27 Oct. 1933) |
| 2D. Francis (b. 30 May 1923) | 2J. Irene Kelly Plunkett (b. 11 June 1934) |
| 2E. Helen Kelly Davies (b. 8 Jan. 1926) | 2K. Robert (b. 8 Aug. 1935) |
| 2F. William (b. 18 Mar. 1927) | 2L. George (b. 15 Sept. 1936) |

3. Gladys MacArthur (b. 27 June 1903) was married 1 July 1921 to George Martin (b. 18 Oct. 1899) and their issue:

- 3A. Doris Martin Macomber (b. 19 April 1922)
- 3B. Shirley Martin LaFluer (b. 20 Sept. 1924)
- 3C. Ruth Martin Malinoski (b. 8 Feb. 1927)

2. John Edgar Eugene Davis (b. 11 Apr. 1875-d. 19 Dec. 1951) married Isabelle Corning Mac Arthur (b. 13 Nov. 1872-d. 10 July 1943) on 27 Feb. 1895, and their issue:

1. Ethel
2. George E.
3. Ida May
4. Agnes Naomi
5. Leona Belle

1. Ethel Davis (b. 11 Aug. 1896) married Charles Arthur Lord 3 Apr. 1921 and their issue:

1A. Donald Elliott Lord (b. 7 June 1922) married Lois Emma Webb on 16 Mar. 1941 and their issue:

1. Jerry Arthur (b. 14 May 1942)
2. Charles Elliott (b. 24 Dec. 1927)
3. Galene Lois (b. 2 June 1951)

2. George E. Davis (b.19 Sept. 1898) married Edna Mildred Pease 2 Jan. 1926 and their issue:
 - 2A. Carol Davis (b.21 Dec.1936) married Bruce Arnold Wright 23 Apr. 1957 and their issue:
 1. Bruce Arnold (b.6 Oct.1958)
 2. Barbara Ann (b.22 Feb.1961)
3. Ida May Davis (b.17 May 1901-d.3 June 1960) married H. Denton Squires 15 June 1929 and their issue:
 - 3A. David (b. Oct. 1940) (adopted)
4. Agnes Naomi Davis (b.14 June 1908) married Fordus Victor Northrup 22 June 1929 and their issue:
 - 4A. Robert William Northrup (b.1 Mar. 1930) married Kay C. Takubo Jan. 1952 and their issue:
 1. Patricia Ann (b.Oct1952)
 2. Mark Edward (b.June 1954)
 3. Jan Robert (b. Aug.1955)
 - 4B. Victoria Lou Northrup (b.26 Aug. 1933) married John Patrick Du Chene and their issue:
 1. Russell Edward (b. Jan.1955)
 2. Martin John (b.Jan.1956)
 3. Joseph Michael (b.May 1959)
5. Leona Bell Davis (b.9 Mar.1911-d.8 Aug.1947) married William A. Bradley 3 April 1931, and there was no issue.



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Ancestors May Be Clue To How Long You'll Live

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ever wonder how old you'll live to be?

Most people do sooner or later.

A 1934 book, cited in a recent medical journal, suggested a guide: check your TIAL or Total Immediate Ancestral Longevity.

What the authors meant was, total the ages at death of your grandparents on both sides and your parents. After checking some 1,600 persons aged 90 to 113, they

had found the average TIAL higher in this long-lived group than in the general population.

They found one 100-year-old man

with a TIAL of 599 years, nearly 100 years for each ancestor. And it would have been higher had not his parents died in accidents. On the other hand, there was a woman of 95 with three elderly brothers and sisters who had a TIAL of only 254 years, just over 40 years per ancestor.

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