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Foreword. The body of this publication, the so-called Genealogy of the Selbys and Historical Data, is a legacy of the Hon. Thomas Henry Selby (1820-1875), and was made available to the editor through the cooperation of the Selbys of Springfield, Illinois.*

Thomas Henry Selby was the father of Clara Williams Selby (Mrs. Andrew J.) Ralston, a member of the Institute of American Genealogy, and at the time of the publication of The Abridged Compendium of American Genealogy (The Standard Genealogical Encyclopedia of the First Families of America) by Frederick A. Virkus, Director, American Institute of Genealogy, 440-442 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, was residing at 269 Vernon Street, Oakland, California. Mrs. Ralston was born in New York City, November 20, 1844, and in her sketch states that Thomas Henry Selby was a merchant in that city until removing to California in 1849. He founded the Selby Smelting and Lead Company, San Francisco, and was mayor of that city 1869, 1870 and 1871. He was married in 1843 to Jane Williams (1823-48) and to Henrietta Isabella (Robinson) Reese (1825-1917). Mrs. Ralston's sketch further states that the father of Thomas Henry Selby was Captain John Selby, that Capt. John was born in Worcester County, Maryland, that he married, before 1808, Sarah Carmer, and that he died at Morris, Illinois, 1865. Apparently his birth took place in 1778, he was a sea captain, and the daughter at whose home his death occurred at Morris, Illinois, was his eldest (below, page 7).

The paternal grandfather of Mayor Selby was John Selby, of Worcester County, Md., but for him Mrs. Ralston's sketch contains no information as to birth, marriage or death. Assuming that he survived the birth of his son, the sea-captain John, by as much as 12 years his name should be included among other heads of families as shown in the 1790 census. Besides 5 heads of Maryland families who spelled the name Selbey there were 44 who spelled it Selby. Of these 25 were in Worcester County. Of the 4 bearing the name of John Selby, 3 were in Worcester County. These were Captain John, Jno. Senr. and Jno. (of Jno.) It is possible that the New York sea-captain's father, John Selby, was listed in the 1790 census as Jno. Senr., inasmuch as the sea-captain's name was John.

William Atkinson Selby's son, John Selby, was born Feb. 10, 1783, when the New York sea-captain was about five years old. Whether William Atkinson Selby had a brother John is not known to the editor. It is not unlikely that his father was a John Selby, but whether one of the three Johns shown to be still living in Worcester County, Maryland, in 1790 is not known by the editor.

The New York sea-captain's father, John Selby, may or may not have been a relative of William Atkinson Selby. There was a difference of about 30 years in their ages, William Atkinson Selby having been born about 1758.

The following Genealogy of the Selbys and Historical Data is apparently the work of Thomas Henry Selby, either with or without the assistance of professional genealogists, and bears a San Francisco dating two years before his death at the age of 55 years. It is reproduced with only such changes in spelling or other minor points as were deemed by the editor to preserve the intended meaning.

*Elinor Selby, 12-year old daughter of Richard Selby, Sangamo Electric Company, and granddaughter of Charles E. Selby and his relict, 724 North Fifth Street, Springfield, Illinois, courteously lent the copy reproduced here.

The Selbys in Europe

Burke, in the "Landed Gentry of England", says: "The Selbys have been seated time out of mind in Northumberland".

There are two branches of the family of which one is seated in Northumberland and the other in Kent - the extreme northern and southern counties in England.

Arms, Crest and Motto.

Selby of Biddleston, Northumberland.

Arms, Berry of eight, or sa; quartering Perchay, Lounde,

Fancenberg, Darcy, Tuite, Nugent and Fitzgerald.

Crest, a Saracen's head.

Motto, "Semper sapit suprema".

Seat, Biddleston, near Whittingham, Northumberland.

Selby of the mote, Kent.

Same as the above except the motto, which is "Fort et Loyal".

Seat near Ightam, Kent. In Fairbairns' Crest of Great Britain and Ireland Vol. 1, is the following description of the Selby crests as used in different branches of the house:

Selby, Northumberland and Durham; a Saracen's head ppr. wreathed or an sa.

Selby of Earl and Biddleston, Northumberland, a Saracen's head coupled at shoulders ppr. wreathed, tied in a knot behind, or an sa.

Motto, "Semper sapit suprema".

Selby, Surham, same crest.

Selby, Thomas, Esq., of Whitley and Wimbish Hall, Essex, a Saracen's head, ppr. Motto, "Fort et Loyal".

In Vol. 11 of the same work are plates of these crests.

Some of the other Selbys estates are as follows:

Selby of Earl, Seat near Whaler, Northumberland.

Selby of Cheswick House, Seat, Cheswick House near Berwick-on-Tweed; and Landesfane Priory, Northumberland.

Selby of Twisel, Twisel House, Northumberland.

The family is one of the most ancient in England and derived 1274 to 1307.

Sir Walter De Selby, of Biddleston, lived in parts of the reign of Henry III and Edward I.

At a very early period, the Barony and Manor of Prenderlath, on the Scottish border, was possessed by the Selbys.

Their crest is supposed to indicate that some of the knights of that name were in the armies of the Crusaders.

1724 The title and evidence by which a still more ancient lineage might be established, were destroyed by fire in Allenton parish, Northumberland, in 1721-- the grant from King Edward I made in the thirteenth century having been the only document preserved.

1069 Selby Abbey, a Benedictine Monastery near the town of that name in Yorkshire, now in ruins, was founded by William the Conqueror in the year 1069 -- three years after his landing from Normandy; which would indicate that the name was known at the time of the conquest, and as shown by the manner of spelling, - "De Selbie", was of Gallic origin, and it is not improbable that one of that name landed in England with William, one of whose sons, afterwards King Henry I, was born at Selby Abbey.

1346 Sir Walter de Selby, son of Sir Walter above named, commanded Liddell Castle in Northumberland when it was assaulted and taken by the King of Scotland in the fourteenth century. Taylor's history of Scotland, a Scottish publication (I,197) says: King David invaded England in 1346 by the western frontier, and stormed a fortress called the "Mote of Liddell" which was held by Sir Walter de Selby, the celebrated Free booter, who, along with Gilbert Middleton, waylaid and plundered the Bishop of Durham and the two cardinals who were commissioned to publish the papal sentence of ex-

communication against the Scottish king David, put the garrison to the sword and ordered the governor to be beheaded".

Burke (II, 1207) says of the event: Sir Walter de Selby was governor of Liddell Castle on the borders when the fortress was besieged by David, King of Scotland, in the reign of Edward III. The Castle yielded and the Scottish prince immediately ordered the gallant Sir Walter to be beheaded, in his rage at the check his progress had made.

1377 In the reign of Richard II, Biddleston was held by James de Selby.

1399 An eminent member of this house was Ralph de Selby, who was a baron of the Exchequer and Privy Councillor to King Henry IV and V. He had been a Prebendary and Sub-Dean in York Cathedral, and an arch-deacon of Buckingham and Norfolk. He became a Monk in 1399, died in 1400 and was buried in Westminster Abbey. The inscription is as follows: "Ecce Rodolphus ita Selby hic cenebita, Doctor per Merita prepetens lege perita, Legebus eratus, a Regibus veneratus Orde Quis status per eum fit conciliatus M. C. quarter bis pest partum iste Michaelis feste tibi Spiravit ben Christe".

1420 "Here lyeth entombed the body of Ralph de Selby descended from the ancient family of the Selbies of Biddleston, in the county of Northumberland, a Monk of the fraternity, a learned Doctor in the civil and cannon law and one exceedingly beloved and favored by King Henry IV and V, in the eight year of whose reign he departed this world, anno 1420." The above inspection and translation is copied from Neal's Westminster Abbey, Vol. II, P. 175, in which work it is copied from Widmer's "English Cathedrals", published in 1721. The tomb is in the Ambulatory, south side. Burke describing it in his "Landed Gentry of England" says: "Not a vestage of the inscription now (1850) remains"; and he cites many other ancient inscriptions, as originally existing in Westminster Abbey, now illegible or entirely worn away. Near and around this tomb are those of English royalty and nobility for hundreds of years, including the monument of King Edward II, the Saxon King Sebert, the Bishop of Winchester, and the successive Earls of Middlesex for many generations.

1430 In the reign of Henry VII, Biddleston was held by Hon. (John) Selby, Esq.

1460 Another John Selby Esq. held Biddleston in the reign of Henry VIII. Burke says that by the marriage of Christopher Selby of Biddleston, Esq., to Elenor, daughter of Sir John Ogle, Knight of Chansey Park, son of Ralph, Lord Ogle, early in the 16th century, the Selbys are since descended from the royal house of Plantagenet. *Edward*

1560 In the reign of Henry VIII and Henry VI, during the regency of the latter, Biddleston was held by the latter Sir Percival de Selby, who filled important stations near the throne.

William Selby of Braxton, Esq. purchased Twizel House in the reign of Henry VIII.

He was "Gentlemen Porter" of Berwick. The custody of keys of walled cities and towns, in the days of chivalry, was entrusted to the "Gentlemen Porter" - a position of dignity and honor.

1550 John Selby Esq. son of the above held Twizel House about the middle of the 16th century. He was also Gentlemen Porter of Berwick.

1603 Sir William Selby of the Mote, son of the above, was knighted in 1603 by King James I.

He was also Gentlemen Porter of Berwick, High Sheriff of Northumberland, a member of Parliament. In Taylor's History of Scotland this member of the family is thus alluded to: "James had been proclaimed King of England, and was on his way from Edinburgh to London to be crowned. On entering the gates of Berwick, where he remained several days, he was presented with the keys of the town by the Gentleman Porter, William Selby, upon whom the King conferred the honor of Knighthood on the spot. And a few days afterward he sent Sir William in command of an armed force of foot and horse against a body of marauders who were laying waste the country threatening the town of Penrith. The banditti were dispersed and their leaders captured and executed at Carlisle."

1631 Sir Ralph Selby, Knight of Twizel, son of the above was Mayor of Berwick in 1631.

King James I knighted five members of the house of Selby, viz: Sir William of Biddleston; Sir George of New Castle; Sir William of Wimlatin; Sir William of the Mote; and Sir John of Twizel.

1640 Sir William Selby, Knight of Braxton, married the daughter of Lord Fairfax in 1640.

1630 His brother George Selby, Esq. of the Mote was High Sheriff of Kent in the reign of Charles I.

The Selbys of Northumberland and Kent are alluded to in various English works:

The British Gazetteer, Vol. II, P. 266, Biddleston, Northumberland, has long been the seat of the ancient honorable family of Selby. The estate belonged to Vis-sard, but a grant was made of it Sir Walter de Selby in the reign of Edward I pro bono et laudable servite. Through the long series of ages which has elapsed since then the family of Selby has always held a distinguished position in the country" --- Biddleston is fifteen miles west of Anlwich (Alnwick?) parish. The same work alluding to the seat of the Selbys in the country of Kent (Vol. II P. 538) says: Ightam is 49 miles by rail, from London, the Mote is two miles south of the village and derives its name from a rivulet which runs entirely around the house. The edifice has few historical associations but is very interesting as being a fine exemplar of the fortified mansions in the period in which it was built."

In Ireland's "History of the Country of Kent", Vol. III P. 540, the mote of Ightam is described and its history given from the earliest times. The author states that it was purchased by Sir William Selby (A younger brother of Sir John) in the reign of Queen Elizabeth and has therefore, been the seat of the Selbys of Kent. The principal towns in its vicinity are "Seven Oaks" and "Tunbridge".

The Selbys have figured in the history of England, through a long ancestral line, in the Council, The Parliament, the Navy, the Bench, the Bar, and the Clergy.

The favorite names through generations have been Ralph, Percival, William, Thomas, Charles, John, Edward, James, Albert and George; and Elnor, Margery, Julia, Barbara, Mary, Isabel, Anna, Matilda, Ciceley, Elizabeth, Harriet and Grace.

1745 Living in the extreme north of England, the Selbys were among those who bore the brunt of earlier wars with Scotland, and, in after times evidently sympathized with the Stuarts, as shown by the Knighthood and other honors bestowed upon them by that line of Kings. In the rising of 1745 in favor of Charles Edward, "Bonnie Prince Charlie", grandson of James II, for his succession to the English throne, Burke relates that "Charles Selby of Earl Esq. sent a man and horse to aid the Prince, himself and servant assisted in conveying a sum of money in louis d'or from the Highlands to London, in the following year. But for this service, refusing to accept any remuneration, he was complimented with a piece from the Prince, then in France". This gift is elsewhere described as "A golden cup" and was sent from France, whither Charles Edward took refuge after his defeat at Culloden.

1755 In the year 1755 one of the sons of Thomas Selby of Biddleston, Esq. settled in Denmark, where he was created Baron de Selby in 1796, and King Chamberlain in 1808. Of his two sons, one was Baron de Selby, Lord of the Manor of Orupguard. The other was Nicholas Tuite Selby, an officer in the Austrian cavalry and Lord of Bedchamber to the Emperor of Austria. The Selbys in Denmark have belonged to the nobility of the kingdom to the present day, filling high military and naval stations, ranking as generals, Knights, commanders, etc.

In Loune's "Biographical Manual, Vol. 4, P. 2237, (Lond. 1869) John Prideaux Selby of Twizel House, Northumberland, is mentioned as the author of several standard works on British Ornithology and Forest Trees, published and republished in London between the years 1821 and 1845. He is mentioned in Burke's Landed Gentry of England. He was born in 1789 and married the daughter of Berham Mitford Esq. of Mitford Castle, in 18__ and one of whose daughters married the Reverend Antobus, Rector of Acton.

1760 Captain William Selby, R. N., and Captain Thomas Selby of the 46th Regiment, who died in the West Indies in 1760, were sons of Captain Selby, R. N., one of the descendants of Selby of the Mote of Queen Elizabeth's time.

1797 In James "Naval History of England", Captain William Selby, last above mentioned, is often mentioned. He was first Lieutenant of the "Victory" one of the English

fleet of Sir John Jarvis, in the battle with the Spaniards off Cape St. Vincent in 1797, and afterwards the flag-ship of Lord Nelson at the battle Trafalger. He was wounded in the bombardment of Cadiz, while in the barge with Nelson and first Lieutenant of the three "Ville de Paris". He was promoted to Captain for gallant conduct, and appointed to the command of the frigate "Cerebus", which was one of the fleet. In 1808 he commanded the frigate "Circe" in the West Indies and took Grand-Bourg, the principal fort and town of the Island of Guadelupe. While commanding the frigate "Owen Glendower" in 1809, he captured the Island of Anholt, an important Danish strategic point. He died at sea on board this ship, having served during the Napoleonic wars.

1812 William Selby, an officer of the English dragoons, was killed at the battle of Salamanca, in Spain, in 1812.

The present holder of Biddleston is Walter Selby, Esq.

The estates of the Selbys in Northumberland are situated in the vicinity of the great architectural remains of the Roman era, and ruins of a later period, including the famous Alnwick, Prudhee, Warkworth, and Wittingham Castle. Here was fought the battle of Fledden Fields, where Edward IV of Scotland fell with his fortunes; and one of the battles in Northumberland between Earls Percy Douglas furnished the subject of the famous Ballad of "Cheevy Chase".

The Selbys in America

1774 Nothing has been found in any historical work to show when the Selbys came to America. As the migration is said to have been owing to political troubles, it may have been in Cromwell's time, when most of the nobility and gentry were favorable to Charles; or in 1633 when Lord Baltimore's colony settled in Maryland, where the American Selbys appear to have originated. Long prior to the American Revolution the Selbys lived in Accomac County, Virginia, and in Worcester County, Maryland - these two counties adjoining at the boundary lines between these States, on the peninsula separating Chesapeake Bay from the Atlantic. On the Virginia side of the line, near Drummond, or Accomac Court House, the County Seat, lived William Selby, Esq. whose lands fronted on Chesapeake Bay and who, from the frequency from which his name is mentioned in the Revolutionary Record, was evidently a prominent actor in the public proceedings of these times. In accordance with the general recommendation of the First Continental Congress, which met in Philadelphia in September 1774, the free holders of Accomac County held a public meeting at Drummond in December following and chose a committee of safety, of which William Selby, Esq. was a member, and who, therefore, during the war appears to have exercised all the functions of local government and made their influences felt in the cause of liberty throughout that region.

Divided by Chesapeake Bay from the main land of Virginia of which it was a part, Accomac County seems to have acted with Maryland, its nearest neighbor, and to which it originally belonged, but was ceded to Virginia towards the close of the seventeenth century.

In the adjoining County of Worcester, just over the boundary line of the Maryland side, lived John Selby, Esq., a magistrate and doubtless a brother of William above named. Assuming this to have been the case, judging from the family name, their location in the same neighborhood, their social position in the community and their pronounced adherence to the patriotic cause, long before the Declaration of Independence, it may be inferred that they were sons of some Selby who left England soon after the defeat of Charles Edward at Culloden in 1745.

It is known that many generations in the north of England who were attached to the House of Stewart, were persecuted after his overthrow and were obliged to leave England. Possibly the one who went to Denmark in 1755 may have settled there for that reason. Family tradition ascribes the first migration of the Selbys to America to political disturbances. With a hereditary dislike of the Georges, the Selbys in America were naturally the first to take a prominent part in the Revolution against the authority of George III.

Among other instances where the names of the Selbys appear in the annals of the Revolution, are the following:

A convention of delegates from the several counties of Maryland met at Annapolis in July, 1776, to select delegates to a Convention "to form a government by the authority of the people only", and John Selby, Esq. was one of the three gentlemen appointed to conduct the election in Worcester County; and some of the depositions relative to the conduct and progress of the war, submitted to this Convention in 1776 were sworn to before and certified by "John Selby, Esq."

1776 The provisional government at Annapolis evidently had the fullest confidence in John and William Selby as friends of the cause of liberty - a noteworthy fact, because in some parts of Maryland, and especially in Worcester and Somerset Counties, (but particularly in the former where John Selby resided) there was a strong royalist sentiment which made itself felt during the successes of the British in that region during the winter of 1776. The Maryland delegates in the Continental Congress in March 1777, upon a petition of the inhabitants, were authorized to have a battalion of troops employed if necessary to suppress the royalist conspiracy in Worcester County, and to disarm all persons hostile to the American cause.

The above are the only facts that have been gleaned from historical books concerning John Selby, Esq. of Worcester County, Maryland.

1776 As regards William Selby, Esq., the following is found among the transactions of the Maryland Council of Safety:

Annapolis, June 28th, 1776.

Sir: The Council of Safety have agreed with Mr. Jesse Hollingsworth to send a quantity of flour from Baltimore to Pitt's Landing to be carried across from thence to Chincoteague Inlet, to be put aboard the schooner John, Captain Speaks, now lying there. We therefore request the favor of you to give Captain Speaks, or Mr. Beck, every friendly assistance in your power to convey the said flour from the landing across and any reasonable expense which you may incur therein, will be paid by us, as this vessel is loading on account of the Province. We are, etc. etc.

"To William Selby, Esq.,

Near Pitt's Landing, Accomac County".

Pitt's Landing was on Chesapeake Bay near the boundary line; and Chincoteague Inlet on the Atlantic side on the Peninsula.

Some thirty miles to the northward of Snow Hill, the County Seat of Worcester County (the home of John Selby) the town of Selbyport in Allegheny County, Maryland, was doubtless founded by some of the early settlers in America of that name.

A son of John Selby, Esq. of Worcester County, Maryland, removed to New York early in the present century, married there and was among the adventurous merchant captains who, in the first days of American commerce, carried the national flag into distant seas.

1812 That generation of navigators had not only the ordinary perils of the sea to encounter, but during the war of 1812 were continually in danger of capture by the English cruisers.

Captain Selby was repeatedly chased by pirates and the enemies' warships, but by brave and skillful seamanship he always eluded his pursuers. At one time he was chased nearly into New York harbor by a British fleet, and escaped by a nautical maneuver which will doubtless be found recorded in New York papers of those times, now on file in the library of the New York Historical Society.

1871 He lived to the age of 87 and died in 1865 in Morris, Illinois, at the home of his eldest daughter, Margaret Stuart Selby, with whom he resided after the death of his wife, some years before.

One of his sons, Hon. Thomas H. Selby, is the present Mayor of the City of San Francisco, Cal. (1870-1871).

The family name was known at an early period in Canada, when one of the Selbys was Receiver General of that Province in the last century.

San Francisco, Cal., June, 1873.

In two letters dated December 14, 1928, and January 8, 1929, the former from James E. Hancock, Corresponding Secretary, Maryland Historical Society, Baltimore, and the latter from Martha Bokel, "for the secretary," is the following:

"Replying to your letter of the first instant asking the record of service in the War of the Revolution of one WILLIAM or WILLIAM A. SELBY beg to advise that after a search of the Archives of Maryland (printed volumes) and the copies of the manuscript Militia Lists the following was found:

Manuscript Revolutionary Militia List, page 211,
A list of Captain Quinton's Company, 1780,
Class 7, in which appears the name of one
WILLIAM ATKINSON SELBY.

"In reply to yours of December 30th beg to advise that after further investigation we find that Capt. Quinton's Company was a part of the Wicomico Battalion, Classed 15th July 1780 in Worcester County. There were seven members of the 7th Class of Capt. Quinton's Company. Capt. Quinton's full name is not given."

In a letter dated January 4, 1929, from Winfield Scott, Commissioner, Bureau of Pensions, Department of the Interior, Washington, D. C. the following appears:

"I advise you that this bureau is unable to furnish the history of a soldier of the Revolution unless a claim for pension or bounty land has been made on account of his services.

"The records fail to show such a claim on file on account of the services of William Atkinson Selby or of any soldier surnamed Quinton of the Maryland Troops."

In a letter dated January 8, 1929, from E. S. Bridges, Brigadier General, The Adjutant General's Office, War Department, Washington, D. C. is the following:

"There are no records on file in this office of the organization mentioned in the letter returned herewith, nor does it appear from the records on file in this office that a man surnamed Quinton served as a commissioned officer in the War of the Revolution from Maryland or any other State.

"Heitman's Historical Register of Officers of the Continental Army, an unofficial publication entitled to credit, shows: "Quinton, Dixon (Md.) 2d Lieutenant of Long's Independent Maryland Company, 3d October, 1776, to --."

"The collection of Revolutionary War Records in this office is far from complete, and it is suggested as a possibility that additional information may be obtained from the Adjutant General of Maryland, Annapolis, or from the Commissioner of Pensions, Washington, D. C."

These four letters addressed to the editor* indicate that William Atkinson Selby was a Private.

The William Selby, Esq. (above page 7) is believed to have been commissioned a first lieutenant May 25, 1776 (below page 10) and to have been the recipient of letter No. 47 from the Council of Safety dated June 28, 1776 (above, page 7). It is possible that he was an uncle of William Atkinson Selby. William Atkinson Selby was barely 18 years old in 1776 and apparently held no commission July 15, 1780.

*Then residing at 707 West Oregon Street, Urbana, Illinois.

William Atkinson Selby married Sarah White Townsend, Feb. 28, 1782. Her father, William Barkley Townsend or Barkley Townsend is probably the Barkley Townsend who was in Worcester Co., Md., at the time of the census of 1790 and who was listed as having three males under 16 years of age, four females and eight slaves.

Lineage Data in D. A. R. (Kuilka Chapter) Application of Mrs. Tryphena M. Stewart-Duncan, 439 East Main Street, Moweaqua, Illinois, January, 1929.

I, Tryphena Margaret Brooks Stewart Duncan, being of the age of eighteen years and upwards, hereby apply for membership in the Society by right of lineal descent in the following line from William Atkinson Selby, who was born in unknown locality, in Yorkshire, England, by Tradition, on the unknown day of unknown month, about 1758, and died in unknown locality, in Worcester Co., Maryland, by Tradition, on the 2nd day of August, 1809. His place of residence during the Revolution was near Snow Hill, Worcester Co., Maryland.

I was born in Flat Branch Township, County of Shelby, State of Illinois.

1. I am the daughter of Josias (or Josiah) Wright Brooks, born November 19, 1808, died April 9, 1874, and his (2) wife, Martha Damarias Selby, born January 19, 1830, died April 10, 1910, married January 6, 1858. He married (1) Martha A. Barding October 10, 1833.

2. The said Martha Damarias Selby was the child of Barkley Townsend Selby, born November 21, 1784, died May 14, 1874, and his (2) wife, Patsy C. Cottingham, born August 25, 1799, died August 14, 1833, married December 26, 1816.

3. The said Barkley Townsend Selby was the child of William Atkinson Selby, born about 1758, died August 2, 1809, and his (1) wife, Sarah White Townsend, born about 1762, died unknown date, married February 28, 1782.

4. The said William Atkinson Selby was the child of Father's name unknown, born unknown date, died unknown date, and his (?) wife, name unknown, married unknown date.

And he, the said William Atkinson Selby is the ancestor who assisted in establishing American Independence, while acting in the capacity of Private member of the Maryland Militia, Captain Quinton's Company, Class 7, 1780.

CHILDREN OF REVOLUTIONARY ANCESTOR

<u>Names</u>	<u>Dates of Birth</u>	<u>To Whom Married*</u>
John Selby	February 10, 1783	Unknown
Barkley Townsend Selby	November 21, 1784	(1) Elizabeth Drummans, Aug. 20, 1807 (2) Patsy C. Cottingham, Dec. 26, 1816 (3) Sarah S. Cottingham, Nov. 4, 1839
Sarah L. Selby	December 9, 1789	Unknown
William Selby	June 9, 1791	Unknown
Joshua Selby	July 17, 1795	Unknown
Hasty Selby	September 29, 1797	Unknown
Rodah Selby	April 17, 1800	Unknown
Polly Selby	November 27, 1802	Unknown

*See Tryphena C. Headen Bible Record. *Drummans is more properly Drummond.*

**Birth dates of wives of Barkley Townsend Selby are (1) Dec. 12, 1785; (2) Aug. 25, 1799; and (3) Nov. 19, 1803; and death dates (1) July 15, 1816; (2) Aug. 14, 1834; and (3) Feb. 11, 1846. Wives 2 and 3 were cousins to him and sisters to one another, their mother's maiden name being Townsend, according to family tradition.

EXCERPTS FROM LETTERS WRITTEN BY MRS. MINNIE ANDES LINDERMAN

In letters to the editor dated January 12 and 23, and March 15, 1929, from Mrs. Minnie Andes Linderman, Harris Hall, Training School for City, Home and Foreign Missions, 210 East 50th S treet, Chicago, Illinois, is the following:

"Barkley Selby was married three times. My grandfather was the only child by his first wife, Elizabeth Drummond.

"I remember my mother telling of the burial of two children in the wilderness when the Selbys were crossing from Maryland to Kentucky. Is there any record of the year they came to Kentucky? My grandfather was born in Nicholas County, Kentucky, in 1811."

"From materials in the Newberry Library the following appears:

"Sat. May 25, 1776, Commission of Second Lieut. issued to Wm. Selby of a Company of Militia in Worcester County, Maryland, belonging to the 10th Battalion. On Sat. July 6, 1776, James Townsend was commissioned a Second Lieut. and Thos. Atkinson an Ensign in Capt. Quinton's Co. of Militia in Worcester Co. I mention these two because of Atkinson being Wm. Selby's middle name and Townsend, his wife's maiden name. Another item of interest which I found in Brumbaugh's Maryland Records is the marriage of Thos. Cottingham to Rhoda Townsend in 1796, thus confirming the tradition that the Cottinghams and Townsends were related.

"Someone had been looking up the Cottingham family, because I found pencil marks at names."

"I think our people must have come from York or near there, as there is a Selby Chapel in York. There used to be a Reverend Thomas G. Selby in England. He was a missionary to India and author of several books. When I was about 15 years old, I wrote to him, and received a very interesting letter in reply. He said he tried to trace the family and succeeded in making a Scandinavian pirate out of the one that first landed on English soil. So you see we are quite an old family. When I go down to Pana again, I am going to look for a letter that I used to have among my "relics". It was written by some Selby in 1845 and it seems to me it was Hasty Selby. I notice you have a Hasty Selby as a son of William, born September 29, 1797. I have some beads that were made in Crystal Palace and brought over here by either the Selbys or Townsends. They were given to my grandfather by Barkley Selby, I suppose because he was the eldest child and grandmother Selby gave them to me."

In a letter to Mrs. Alberta Brown Latch, Hammond, Illinois, as quoted in material written by Mrs. Latch March 8, 1928, and read by her before the reunion September 3, 1928, Mrs. Linderman stated the following:

"Wm. A. Selby married Sarah White Townsend. Her father was Barkley or Barclay Townsend, a fire-eating Tory. The family at that time, it appears from materials in the Newberry Library, Chicago, consisted of

1. Joshua Selby, a captain in the Revolutionary army.
2. Thomas Selby, who enlisted and refused to join his company.
3. John Selby, who held public office.
4. Benjamin Selby, a Tory.
5. Jesse Selby, a soldier in the Revolutionary Army.
6. Joseph Selby, who held a Government office.
7. William Selby, who was a first lieutenant and was stationed at Pitts Landing, Virginia, part of the time."

SELBY AND HEADEN FAMILY RECORD, 1782-1910*

Transcribed June 4, 1929, from the Bible of Mrs. Tryphena C. Selby Headen which was returned immediately thereafter to her son, Thomas William Headen, Shelbyville, Illinois.

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Wm. A. Selby and Sarah W. Townsend were married February 28, 1782
 John Selby was born February 10, 1783
 Barkly T. Selby was born November 21, 1784
 Sarah L. Selby was born December 9, 1786
 Wm. Selby was born June 9, 1791
 Joshua Selby was born July 17, 1795

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Hasty Selby was born September 26, 1797
 Rodah Selby was born April 17, 1800
 Polly Selby was born November 27, 1802
 Wm. A. Selby departed this life August 2, 1809
 #Barkley T. Selby died May 14, 1874
 #Jas. M. Selby died July 16, 1877
 #Elizabeth Reynolds died November 8, 1877

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#Wm. L. Headen and Tryphena C. Selby was married March 1, 1876
 #Sarah Townsend Headen was born September 25, 1878
 #Thomas W. Headen was born March 7, 1884
 #Charlie P. Headen was born March 11, 1867
 #Wm. L. Headen and Amelia Frederick was married November 16, 1865
 #Thos. W. Headen and Mate Calhoun were married September 5, 1908 on Saturday 6 o'clock in evening
 #Martha D. Selby Brooks departed this life April 10 in the year 1910
 #Her husband Josiah Brooks departed this life April 9, 1874

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#William Lindsay Headen
 #W. L. Headen departed this life May 5, 1908. Tuesday, 4:30 P.M.
 #Sarah L. Townsend Headen died Wednesday 7:00 P.M. December 15, 1909, buried Friday 2:00 P.M. December 17 by Reverend N. M. Rigg of the First M. E. Church.
 #Sarah L. Townsend Headen departed this life December 15, 1909. Daughter of W. L. and Tryphena C. Headen.

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Elizabeth Selby departed this life July 15, 1816
 Patsy C. Selby departed this life August 14, 1833
 Sarah S. Selby departed this life February 11, 1846
 #Margaret T. Selby departed this life Thursday, August 5, 1869
 #Margaret T. Selby departed this life, August 5, 1869
 ##Infant son of Barkley T. and Sarah S. Selby was still born September the 20th 1840

*The transcript here shown is made consecutively from the five sheets sewed so as to precede page 567. The third of the five sheets has one surface on which is a steel plate engraving entitled Christ Instructing Nicodemus and above it is the word Frontispiece, establishing the fact that at least some of the five sheets at one time occupied a different position in the Bible.

This transcript is exact as to spelling of names and complete as to dates and all other information. It omits certain expressions of emotion which would hardly seem fitting to reproduce in type.

#Difference in ink, dates and handwriting suggest that these items were added after the death of Barkley T. Selby.

##Difference in handwriting but ink much the same as in older entries at top of respective sheets.

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Wm. A. Selby departed this life October 27, 1834
 Naomy M. Selby departed this life February 7, 1835
 Ata F. Selby departed this life September 27, 1829
 Gattee M. Selby departed this life June 2, 1833
 Harriet M. Selby departed this life January 12, 1839
 ##John C. Selby departed this life August 12, 1860

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#Barkley T. Selby departed this life Thursday May 14, 1874, died in great peace
 and has gone home to rest forever
 #James M. Selby died July 16, 1877
 #Sarah Headen died January 28, 1877
 #Elizabeth D. Reynolds died November 8, 1877
 #Amelia Headen wife of Wm. L. Headen died September 21, 1875
 #Barkley Townsend Selby departed this life Thursday May 14, 1874 died in great
 peace and has gone home to rest. (On margin "Phena Headen's father")

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#Thomas Headen, Sr. died September 4, 1864) Grandpa and
 #Sarah Headen died January 28, 1877) Grandma Headen
 #Jas. R. Headen was born July 26, 1830 and died May 1903
 #W. L. Headen departed this life May 5, 1908 - Tuesday, 4:30 P.M.
 #James R. Selby, son of William and Eliza Selby departed this life October 8, 1905
 age 71 years, 11 months, and 21 days

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#Barkley T. Selby's Book
 #Father's funeral text - 9th chapter of Hebrews, 27th verse
 #Son of William and Tryphena Headen, Thomas William Headen was baptized by Rever-
 end Best in Cowden
 #Son of William and Amelia Headen, Charly P. Headen was baptized by Reverand Rhoads
 in Cowden.
 #W. L. Headen was baptized by Reverend Graham

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#Sarah Lucretia Townsend Headen daughter of W. L. and Tryphena C. Headen was bap-
 tized by Reverend Rhoads in Cowden.
 #Sister Margaret's funeral text 14th chapter of Revelation, 13th verse
 #Tryphena C. Headen was baptized by Reverend Adams

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#Tryphena C. Headen's Book
 #Mother left December 28, 1914
 #Townie Headens Book

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William A. Selby and Eliza William were married January 1, 1833
 James B. Selby was born October 18, 1833
 #W. L. Headen and Tryphena C. Selby were married March 1, 1876
 #Wm. L. Headen and Amelia Frederick was married November 16, 1865
 #W. L. Headen departed this life Tuesday May 5, 1908 at 4:30 P.M.

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Two of the first set of children
 ##John Selby was born November 27, 1814
 ##Barkley Selby was born July 12, 1816
 #William L. Headen and Amelia Fredrick were married November 16, 1865
 #William L. Headen and Tryphena C. Selby were married March 1, 1876

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Barkley T. Selby and Elizabeth Drummans his first wife were married August 20, 1807

Barkley T. Selby and Patsy C. Cottingham his second wife were married December 26, 1816

Barkley T. Selby and Sarah S. Cottingham his third wife were married November 4, 1839

#Amelia Headen was born _____, 1843 and died September 21, 1875

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#Wm. L. Headen and Amelia Fredrick were married November 6, 1865

#Charlie T. Headen son of Wm. L. and Amelia Headen was born March 11, 1867

#Wm. L. Headen and Tryphena C. Selby was married March 1, 1876

#Townie Headen, daughter of W. L. and Tryphena C. Headen was born September 25, 1878

#Thos. W. Headen son of W. L. and T. C. Headen was born March 7, 1884

#Thos. Headen, Sr. was born _____, 1805) W. L. Headen's father

#Sarah Headen was born July 27, 1808) and mother

#William Linzy Headen born February 9, 1837

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First set of children

Naomy M. Selby was born June 7, 1808

Wm. A. Selby was born February 19, 1810

James M. Selby was born June 29, 1812

Second set of children

Jno. C. Selby was born January 1, 1818

Elizabeth D. Selby was born November 8, 1819

Margaret T. Selby was born March 17, 1822

Sarah L. Selby was born August 8, 1824

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Harriet M. Selby was born September 1, 1826

Ata A. F. Selby was born November 23, 1828

Marth. D. Selby was born January 19, 1830

Gattee M. Selby was born March 31, 1833

Third set of children

Mary E. M. Selby was born February 11, 1842

Tryphena C. Selby Headen was born January 24, 1846

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Barkley T. Selby was born November 21, 1784

Elizabeth Selby his first wife was born December 12, A.D., 1785

Patsy C. Selby his second wife was born August 25, 1799

Sarah S. Selby his third wife was born November 19, 1803

#Thomas William Headen was born March 7, 1884

#Charlie P. Headen was born March 11, 1867

#Sarah Lucreta Townsend Headen was born September 25, 1878

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#Sarah Lucretia Moyers daughter of Samuel and Mary E. M. Moyers was born October the 20th, 1861 and died May the 22nd, 1865, age 3 years 7 months and 2 days when she died

#Wm. L. Headen was born February 9, 1837

#Charlie P. Headen was born March 11, 1837

#Thos. Headen was born _____ 1805

#Sarah Headen was born July 27, 1808

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LOCATION OF SELBYS IN THE UNITED STATES

An index in the Newberry Library, Chicago, prepared about 1914, contains references to Selbys in New England and by states as follows:

Connecticut	New York
Illinois (2)	North Carolina
Indiana (2)	Ohio (2)
Maryland	Pennsylvania
Massachusetts	Virginia
Michigan	West Virginia
Missouri (2)	

The two Illinois references are to county histories as follows:

1. Adams Co. (Murray Williamson and Phelps, Pubs.) 1879, pages 853, 874.

Three farmers are listed by the name of Selby, the post office in each case being Lima, Illinois. The only sketch given is for Lewis V. Selby. He was born in Bourbon County, Kentucky, August 1, 1820; came to Adams County in 1841; was married three times.

Other Adams County Selbys listed were all at Keokuk Junction, Illinois, two merchants and one railroader. None of these ~~are~~^{were} sketched.

2. Cumberland, Jasper and Richland Cos. (Battey, F. A. and Co., Pubs.), 1884, page 521.

G. M. Selby, farmer is a native of Rush Co., Indiana, was born in 1830, and is the oldest living son of Hasty and Rachel (Johnson) Selby, the former a native of Maryland, the latter of Kentucky. He has five children.

Other counties having Selbys are Sangamon and Moultrie.

The Selby migration is believed to have reached into Nebraska and Wyoming also.