

GENEALOGICAL RECORD

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I have no authentic record of the parents of Augustus Tripp of Lanesboro, Mass. only an indefinite family tradition that his Father's name was also Augustus; that he was born or lived somewhere in the Eastern part of New York State; that he married Betsey Smith; that at one time he lived either in Stephentown, Rennselaer Co., N. Y. or Hancock, Berkshire Co., Mass., both places near Lanesboro. He died, leaving his widow and one son two years old, who was the AUGUSTUS TRIPP from whom I have the following complete record.

This Augustus Tripp was born in Lanesboro, and I therefore call him Augustus Tripp of Lanesboro. I cannot as yet connect him with Isaac Tripp of Warwick, R. I. who was prominent in the settlement of the Wyoming Valley in Pennsylvania; was prominent there and was killed there by Indians Dec. 16, 1778 shortly after the Wyoming Massacre of July 3, 1778. Some of the children of Peter Wheeler who was killed at the Wyoming Massacre, with their mother escaped from the massacre and fled to Lanesboro, where they had friends.

Some of these children of Peter Wheeler were lifelong friends of Augustus Tripp of Lanesboro, and afterward

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went with him and others to settle in New Haven, Vt.

Thus there is evidence of some bonds of friendship, if not relationship, between Lanesboro and Wyoming Valley, and I think that Augustus Tripp was in some way related to the aforesaid Isaac Tripp. Augustus Tripp's grandson was named Isaac, possibly after Isaac of Wyoming.

It is known that Isaac Tripp of Wyoming had children, but no authentic record of them is preserved so far as I know.

Augustus Tripp of Lanesboro was fifteen years old at the time of the Wyoming massacre. He might have been a son or a nephew of Isaac Tripp.

Preserved Wheeler of Lanesboro, whose father was killed by Indians in the Wyoming Massacre, was carried by his mother to Lanesboro.

The Wheeler records state that Preserved Wheeler was born in Lanesboro, so his father probably went from there to join the colony in the Wyoming Valley.

He and Augustus Tripp were lifelong friends. He and the son of Augustus (Ansel) married sisters. Wheeler marrying Mary Johnson-McNeil, a widow, and Ansel Tripp marrying her younger sister Emma Johnson-Waterous, also a widow. The second son of Ansel Tripp was named Isaac McNeil Tripp, thus showing that possibly this name Isaac came down from the Isaac of Warwick, R.I. and Wyoming, Penn.

For convenience I shall call Augustus Tripp of Lanesboro, Augustus Tripp (first), numbering succeeding generations (two), (three), etc.

AUGUSTUS TRIPP (FIRST)

Born, ~~probably~~, in Lanesboro, Mass. Oct. 19, 1763.

Married Polly Walker, daughter of Gideon and Mary Walker, in Lanesboro, Mass. Nov. 26, 1789.

She was born in that town Aug. 24, 1768. When she was about six years old, her father was captured by Indians, carried off, and was never heard from. She was adopted into the family of Col. Smith of Lanesboro.*

She died in New Haven, Vt. Aug. 24, 1820.

He died in New Haven, Vt. Sept. 14, 1844.

Augustus Tripp (First) when only fifteen years of age enlisted in the Revolutionary Army, and served for a few months in the defence of Boston. He was in Capt. Samuel Fairfield's Company of Col. Nathan Sparhawk's regiment. The company served a short time at Dorchester and was discharged Dec. 12, 1778.

*Possibly the Jonathan Smith of Lanesboro, mentioned in John Fiske's "Critical Period of American History, pages 324-326.

About 1789 he took title to land in what is now New Haven, Addison Co., Vt., making a clearing in the forest for his home and farm. After his marriage he and his wife, with a number of families, moved from Lanesboro to New Haven, Vt., these families having likewise taken land there.

His first house built when he first settled there was of logs, but about 1792 he built the permanent Tripp homestead, a comfortable typical New England home. It is now (1914) still standing, but is out of the possession of the Tripp family; very old and out of repair.

Close by the homestead built by him is a magnificent elm tree which he planted about 1792. It is said to be the largest elm in that part of the State and is a very beautiful tree.

He was a man of strong character, large physique, and a leader in the community.

He and his wife are buried in the Village Cemetery of New Haven.

On his monument are inscribed the words "A Revolutionary Soldier".

CHILDREN OF AUGUSTUS TRIPP (FIRST)
AND POLLY WALKER TRIPP.

ANSEL TRIPP (SECOND)

Born in New Haven, Vt. Mar. 4, 1792.

Married Emma Johnson Waterous Nov. 7, 1821.

She was the daughter of Col. Christopher Johnson of Salisbury, Vt. and widow of Eleazur Waterous. Also the mother of Charles H. Waterous, later of Brantford, Ontario.

She died in New Haven, Vt. Feb. 20, 1829.

He married (second time) Marilla Deming in Middlebury, Vt. Feb. 18, 1830. No children by second wife. She died in New Haven, Vt. April 29, 1873.

He died in New Haven, Vt. Feb. 2, 1869.

His whole life was spent in New Haven on the farm first cleared by his father.

He was a man of strong character. In early life he was a member of the Congregational Church of New Haven, and for many years was a Deacon of that church.

CLARISSA TRIPP

Born in New Haven, Vt. Jan. 6, 1795.

Married Orrin Clark in New Haven, April 30, 1817.

They afterward lived in Ogdensburg, N. Y.

She died Aug. 30, 1854.

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CHILDREN OF ANSEL TRIPP (SECOND)
AND EMMA JOHNSON WATERHUS.

AUGUSTUS FRANKLIN TRIPP (THIRD)

Born in New Haven, Vt. Sept. 30, 1822.

Married in Painesville, Ohio, Aug. 17, 1847 to Mary M. Steele, granddaughter of Zadock Steele, and daughter of Horace Steele. She died in Buffalo, N.Y. June 15, 1866.

He married (second time) Caroline M. Brown of Chelsea, Mass. Jan. 22, 1868, daughter of John S. Brown.

She died in Buffalo, N.Y. July 28, 1894.

He died in Buffalo, N.Y. Jan. 24, 1908.

Augustus F. Tripp, (Third) spent his boyhood on his grandfather's and father's farm in New Haven, living the laborious life of the average New England farmer's son of that period, working on the farm in summer, and attending school a part of each winter.

Ambitious to find a larger place in the world, in April 1844, he left the home to seek his fortune in what was then called the West, first going to Cleveland, Ohio.

He afterwards went to Buffalo, N.Y. where he engaged in mercantile business in which he continued for many years.

After an active business career of forty years as an employee and then member of the firm of Sidney Shepard &

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Co. he retired in 1897 at the age of seventy-five years to enjoy a well earned rest.

As a merchant, employer and citizen he was highly regarded.

In his retirement from business cares, his many friendships, his love of art, music and literature and his interest in all that made for the betterment of his adopted city, gave him much contentment and happiness until his death Jan. 24, 1908.

ISAAC MC NEIL TRIPP (THIRD)

Born in New Haven, Vt. Oct. 18, 1828.

Married Sarah Jane Hoyt, daughter of Rev. Ovid Hoyt of Kalamazoo, Mich. June 20, 1865. No children.

Lived in New Haven, Vt. until about 1880.

Died in Buffalo, N.Y. Nov. 8, 1904.

Buried in Rosedale Cemetery, Los Angeles, Cal.

He was for many years Sheriff of Addison County, Vt.

Afterwards he was Special Loan Agent of North-Western Life Ins. Co. at St. Paul, Minn. until his retirement from business, and removal to Los Angeles, Cal.

His widow now (1914) resides in Los Angeles, Cal.

CHILDREN OF AUGUSTUS F. TRIPP (THIRD)
AND MARY M. STEELE.

GEORGE AUGUSTUS TRIPP (FOURTH)

Born in Buffalo, N. Y. Jan. 9, 1849.

Married in Buffalo, N.Y. Oct. 14, 1875 to Marion Cora
Chester, daughter of Thomas and Mary Hunt Chester.

She died in Chicago, Ill. Aug. 7, 1902.

In 1866 he entered the employ of Sidney Shepard
& Co. in Buffalo.

In 1877 he was admitted to a partnership and went
to Chicago, Ill. to open a branch house.

He continued a partner in the firm of Sidney
Shepard & Co. twenty years until 1897, when his father
and he sold their respective interests.

In 1899 he was one of the organizers of Iroquois
Iron Company at Chicago, becoming Secretary, Treasurer and
a Director.

The business begun in 1899 with a capital of
\$600,000 had grown until in 1911 the capital was increased
to \$5,000,000, and the plant had grown from one to four
blast furnaces.

In 1911, having spent forty-five years in very
active business, he gave up the duties of Treasurer, re-
tiring from active business.

Now living (1914) in Chicago, Ill.

EMMA HANNAH TRIPP (FOURTH)

Born in Painesville, Ohio, June 30, 1851.

Married June 14, 1871 to Charles Hubbard Frost of Chelsea, Mass. He died Sept. 24, 1893.

Now living (1914) in Buffalo, N.Y.

MARY STEELE TRIPP (FOURTH)

Born in Buffalo, N.Y. Aug. 26, 1857.

Died in Buffalo, N.Y. Nov. 26, 1858.

CAROLYN JEWETT TRIPP (FOURTH)

Born in Buffalo, N.Y. July 19, 1861.

Married Mar. 27, 1884 to Stephen M. Clement of Buffalo.

He succeeded his father as President of the Marine National Bank of Buffalo. Under his able management it became the largest bank in New York State outside of New York City.

He died Mar. 28, 1913.

She is now (1914) living in Buffalo, N.Y.

ALBERT DUDLEY TRIPP, (by second wife)

Born in Buffalo, Mar. 17, 1870.

Died in Buffalo, July 14, 1870.

CHILDREN OF GEORGE A. TRIPP (FOURTH)
AND MARION CORA CHESTER.

MARION CHESTER TRIPP.

Born in Chicago, Ill. May 22, 1878.

Died in Chicago, Ill. May 15, 1881

CHESTER DUDLEY TRIPP (FIFTH)

Born in Chicago, Ill. July 25, 1882.

Graduated at Yale 1903 S.

Married June 16, 1909 to Madeline Mc Clure Hanson in
Chicago, Ill. She was born in Chicago, Ill. Nov. 5, 1885.
Daughter of Fitz Henry McClure, deceased. Step-daughter
of Burton Hanson of Chicago.

He is now (1914) living in Chicago, Ill.

ROSWELL CHESTER TRIPP (FIFTH)

Born in Chicago, Jan. 16, 1884.

Graduated at Yale 1906 S.

Married June 20, 1911 at Rye, N.Y. to Florence J. Wyman,
daughter of John M. Wyman of Port Chester, N.Y.

Now living (1914) in Port Chester, N.Y.

HELEN CHESTER TRIPP

Born in Chicago, Ill. Sept. 13, 1886.

Died in Chicago, Ill. Dec. 28, 1891.

DONALD FROST TRIPP (FIFTH)

Born in Chicago, Ill. April 17, 1892.

Graduated at Yale 1914 S.

CHILDREN OF ROSWELL CHESTER TRIPP
AND FLORENCE J. WYMAN.

KATHLEEN CORA TRIPP (SIXTH)

Born in New York City March 6, 1913.

JEAN CAROLINE TRIPP (SIXTH)

Born in New York City July 29, 1914.