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"VIBITO. This is, no doubt, a Huguenot name originally Vetiteau or Vetitau; an ancestor having fled to Holland and thence to New Amsterdam with the Dutch settlers of New York, and John from New York to Nova Scotia with the Loyalists. ... I have chanced to find the name spelt Vetyto in a copy of the records of the Old Dutch Reformed Church at Port Richmond, Staten Island, New York, A. D. 1714." - Supplement to History of Annapolis County, Nova Scotia, by Savary, 1913.

(The founder's name on the New Amsterdam Dutch records spelled, as deciphered some two centuries later, Videt, Videlte, Vidette, Vedite, Vedette, Vidithe; but without question one and the same man was meant. The many later variations in spelling include Videto, Vedite, Vedeto, Viditee, Videtto, Vittito, Vittitoe.)

See among other books; The Records of New Amsterdam from 1653 to 1674, Edited by Fernow, 1897; Collections New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, vol. I, Marriages Dutch Church, New York; vol. II, Baptisms from 1639 to 1730, in the Reformed Dutch Church, New York, printed 1901. Records of Greenwich, Stamford, Danbury, New Milford, Trumbull, in Connecticut; of Long Island, New York, especially of Jamaica, Oyster Bay, Huntington, Williamsburg, and Brooklyn; of later New York City. Of Tyngham, Massachusetts; of North Yarmouth, Maine; of Annapolis County, Nova Scotia. Records of the French and Indian War and of the War of the Revolution. The many Massachusetts Vital Records, State House, Boston.

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John Vidite, of Condon, France, and New York City
 born, probably around 1630 in Condon, France
 died, after October 12, 1670, in or near New York City
 married, March 3, 1656, New York City, Dutch Reformed Church

Jannetje Jaspers, of Amsterdam

born, perhaps Amsterdam, Holland

died, after October 12, 1670, in or near New York City

Children, born New York City, baptized Dutch Reformed Church there;

Jaspers

Anna Marie,² bapt. January 27, 1653;

Jasper,² bapt. August 4, 1660; d. prior to Aug. 10, 1703, Greenwich, Connecticut;

mar. shortly prior to June 17, 1685, Sarah Palmer, of Greenwich, Conn.

Francois,² bapt. August 28, 1662; d. prior to August 29, 1663

Francois,² bapt. August 29, 1663;

Pieter,² bapt. May 20, 1665;

Jannetie,² bapt. October 24, 1666;

Hester,² bapt. December 7, 1667;

Thene² (son), bapt. October 12, 1670;

Jasper Vidite (John),² of Greenwich, Connecticut

born, bapt. August 4, 1660, New York City

died, prior to August 10, 1703, Greenwich, Conn.

mar., after Sept. 17, 1684, and before June 17, 1685, probably in Greenwich

Sarah³ Palmer (Ephraim,² Henry), of Greenwich, Conn.

born, 1670, or in 1671 before Sept. 17

died,

Child, one certainly, perhaps more; born Greenwich, Conn.

John,³ b. by August 10, 1687; d. shortly before August 19, 1745, Danbury, Conn.;

mar. by about January 1714, Sarah Pickett, of Danbury, Conn.

John Vidite (Jasper,² John),³ of Greenwich and Danbury, Connecticut

born, in 1685, 1686, or by August 10, 1687, Greenwich, Connecticut

died, probably about August 1, 1745, Danbury, Conn.

mar., probably 1713 or January 1714, Danbury, Conn.

Sarah³ Pickett (Thomas,² John of Stratford, Conn.), of Danbury, Conn.

born, September 21, 1694, Danbury, Conn.

died, after her husband's death

Children, born Danbury, Conn.:

John,⁴ b. November 11, 1714; d. November 29, 1799, Winchester, Connecticut;

m. (1) (2) after 1763, Widow Rebecca (Morehouse) Stevens

Sarah,⁴ b. ; d. before Dec. 9, 1800, probably in New Milford, Conn.

m. June 4, 1749, Danbury, Conn., John Bradshaw, Jr., of New Milford, Conn.

Stephen,⁴ b. ; d. before Dec. 9, 1800

m.

Mary,⁴ b. ; d. November 2, 1803, probably Danbury, Conn., of Lon,⁴

m. May 24, 1744, Danbury, Conn., Isaac Benedict, of Danbury, Conn.

? Ebenezer, of New Milford and Trumbull, Conn., and perhaps North Yarmouth, Maine

m. perhaps Mary

? Possibly other children?

John Vidite (John,³ Jasper,² John),⁴ of Danbury, New Milford, Winchester, Connecticut

born, November 11, 1714, Danbury, Conn.

died, November 29, 1799, Winchester, Conn., aged 85 years, 18 days

mar. (1)

mar. (2) after 1763, probably Danbury or New Milford, Conn.

⁴Rebecca (Morsehouse) Stevens (Leamel,³ Thomas,² Thomas¹), *Danbury, Conn.* widow of Comfort Stevens of
 born, bapt. July 9, 1732
 died, June 1789, Danbury, Conn.
 Child, or Children, by the first wife, probably born Danbury or New Milford, Conn.
 John, b. ; d. after 1807, probably in Austinburg, Ohio
 m. (1) Aug. 13, 1776, Mary Grover; (2) Dec. 12, 1780, Abigail North
 ? Sarah, b. ; d. October 23, 1780, Winchester, Conn., ~~Benjamin Preston~~
 m. May 3, 1775, Winchester, Conn., Benjamin Preston, of Winchester, Conn.
 ? Possibly other children?

⁵John Vidito (John,⁴ John,³ Jasper,² John¹), of Winchester, Conn., & Austinburg, Ohio
 born,
 died, after 1807, probably in Austinburg, Ashtabula County, Ohio
 mar. (1), August 13, 1776, Winchester, Ohio

Mary Grover

born,

died, September 8, 1779, Winchester, Conn.

He mar. (2), December 12, 1780, Winchester, Conn.

Abigail North (Ebenzer,

born, August 14, 1748, Torrington, Conn.

died, probably after 1807 and in Austinburg, Ohio

Children, born Winchester, Conn.:

Hannah, b. May 26, 1777; d.

m. May 13, 1819, Austinburg, Ohio, Zeri Cowles, of Austinburg. No children.

Mary, b. July 2, 1779; d. November 21, 1779, Winchester, Conn.

Jasper, b. September 12, 1783; d. after 1807, probably in Austinburg, Ohio;

m. January 1, 1806, Winchester, Conn., Rebecca Williams

Lora, b. June 13, 1785;

⁶Jasper Vidito (John,⁵ John,⁴ John,³ Jasper,² John¹), *Ohio* of Winchester, Conn. & Austinburg,
 born, September 12, 1783, Winchester, Conn.

died, after 1807, probably in Austinburg, Ohio

mar., January 1, 1806, Winchester, Conn.

Rebecca Williams (Obad of Colebrook, Conn.

born,

died,

Child, born Winchester, Conn.:

Sally, b. November 7, 1806;

⁴Sarah Vidito (John,³ Jasper,² John¹), of Danbury and New Milford, Conn.

born, not before 1716, probably, in Danbury, Conn.

died, before Dec. 9, 1800, probably in New Milford, Conn.

mar., June 4, 1740, Danbury, Conn.

John Bradshaw, Jr. (John), of New Milford, Conn.

born,

died, before Dec. 9, 1800, probably in New Milford, Conn.

Children, born New Milford, Conn.:

Mary Bradshaw, b. February 26, 1744;

Sarah Bradshaw, b. July 6, 1745;

John Bradshaw, b. May 4, 1748; for descendants see History of New Milford, Conn.

Rachel Bradshaw, b. January 4, 1753;

⁴Mary Vidito (John,³ Jasper,² John¹), of Danbury, Conn., & Monterey, Mass.

born, probably after 1718, perhaps some years later, in Danbury, Conn.

died, November 2, 1803, probably Danbury, Conn., perhaps Monterey, Mass.

Isaac⁴ Benedict (Nathaniel,³ Samuel,² Thomas¹), of Danbury, Conn. & Monterey, Mass.

born, 1712, Danbury, Conn.

died, September 15, 1813, Monterey, Mass.

Children, probably born Danbury, Conn.:

Abigail Benedict, b. September 30, 1745; m. Seal?

Abel Benedict, b. October 1, 1745; d. Dec. 20, 1819, Monterey, Mass.; mar.

Mary Benedict, b. November 21, 1750; m. Weston

Samuel Benedict, b. July 29, 1753; m. Sarah Wood; moved to Colon, New York

Priscilla Benedict, b. July 6, 1753; m. Jackson

Elizabeth Benedict, b. February 3, 1761; m. Stowe

Rebecca Benedict, b. November 20, 1771; d. Sept. 2, 1775

(See Benedict Genealogy. Isaac Benedict bought land in Tyringham, Mass., in 1772; in the part of town that later became Monterey. But he was living in Danbury, Conn., when he made his will Aug. 3, 1801; proved 1813, Lenox, Mass.)

Stephen Vidite (John³, Jasper², John¹), of Danbury & New Milford, Conn., and ? born, perhaps older than sister Mary, both at their sister Sarah's wedding died, after Jan. 25, 1757, and before Dec. 9, 1800

mar., Is he the Stephen Vidite of Huntington, Long Island, New York, who mar. there, April 23, 1757, Widow Phoebe Soper? And is he the Stephen Vidite of Huntington in the 1790 census, but who was not included in the 1800 census for Huntington? A Dec. 9, 1800, Danbury, Conn., legal paper proves that the above Stephen, son of John of Danbury, was then dead and had left heirs.

Ebenezer Vidite (? John³, Jasper², John¹), of New Milford & Trumbull, Conn.

born, probably by 1732, Danbury, and son or nephew of John of Danbury

died, certainly after 1768, perhaps before 1790 in North Yarmouth, Maine

mar.

? Mary

born,

died, about 1795, North Yarmouth, Maine

Child, or Children, born Connecticut:

Rachel, b. ; d. probably about 1767, Connecticut

m. Sept. 21, 1763, North Stratford (later Trumbull), Conn., Joseph Merritt, and their son Ebenezer bapt. there June 3, 1764

? James, of New Milford, Conn., with family, at 1790 census

? Joseph, b. January 15 to April 28, 1752, probably Danbury or New Milford, Conn. d. July 11, 1839, Lisbon, Maine; m. about 1784, Mary Wigford

? Comfort, b. 1762, probably North Stratford, Conn.; d. 1806, at sea

m. (1) Peggy Young; (2) Elizabeth Young; (3) by 1793, Lucy Bates, all of North Yarmouth, Maine, his residence from about 1770

(Note: There were three brothers, James, Joseph, and Comfort Vidite, who without reasonable doubt were born in Connecticut. Joseph and Comfort were in North Yarmouth, Maine, by the breaking out of the Revolutionary War, and Joseph immediately enlisted, and Comfort later when he was old enough. At the time of the 1790 census, Joseph and Comfort were heads of families there, and their mother, Widow Mary Vidite, was living there alone. Their North Yarmouth descendants knew there was an older brother, James, but knew nothing further about him. The strongest probabilities are he remained in Connecticut, and was the James of New Milford, Conn., where Joseph Vidite of North Yarmouth went for part of his Revolutionary War enlistments, after he had served at Valley Forge. - A Mr. Vidite was miller in North Yarmouth by seemingly 1770, or nearly that. Joseph would have been young for the position, and it was probably his father, the husband of the later Widow Mary Vidite of North Yarmouth.

Comfort Vidite was later a miller there; and Comfort named his oldest son Ebenezer. A North Stratford, Conn., deed suggests that Ebenezer Vidite of New Milford and North Stratford (Trumbull), Conn., may have been interested in milling; and he disposed of his North Stratford home place in 1757, and was excused from the church tax there in 1763. It is strongly probable that Ebenezer Vidite went from North Stratford to North Yarmouth, Maine, with his wife and sons Joseph and Comfort, about 1762. The Jasper Vidite of Paris, Maine, who fought in the War of 1812, was almost surely the son of Joseph Vidite; and that strongly suggests that Joseph was a descendant of Jasper Vidite of Greenwich, Conn.)

James Vidite (¹Ebenezer, ²John, ³Jasper, ⁴John), of New Milford, Conn. in 1730

born,

died, probably in 1794, New Milford, Conn.

mar., probably not later than 1749, and in Connecticut

Children, probably born in or near New Milford, Conn. The 1790 census makes him head of a family of 4 - 1 - 2, which would usually mean, beside himself, three sons of 16 years or above, one son under 16, a wife and daughter. The strongest probability that the John and David given below were two of these sons.

John, b. ; d. Nov. 24, 1807, New Milford, Conn. Mar. Rachel, who was living Nov. 23, 1808. Almost surely no children

Son, b. not later than 1774;

Son, b. " " " "

David, b. 1773, probably latter part of year; d. before 1842, New Milford, Conn.; m. (1) ; (2) by 1821, Lucy (Jessup) Williams of New Milford, "

Daughter, b. by 1790;

David Vidite (James, ¹Ebenezer, ²John, ³Jasper, ⁴John), of New Milford, Conn.

born, 1779, probably latter part of year, and probably in New Milford, Conn.

died, before 1842, New Milford, Conn.

mar. (1)

mar. (2), before 1821

Lucy (Jessup) Williams (James, ¹Jonathan, ²Jonathan, ³Edward), of New Milford, Conn. born, 1737

died, April 4, 1892, probably in or near New Milford, Conn., aged 95 years

She mar. (3) in 1842. David Vidite was her second husband

Children, born New Milford, or Bridgewater, Conn.:

Daughter, by first wife. Was she the Betsey Ann Vidite of New Milford, Conn., who mar. June 2, 1830, Roxbury, Conn., Elmer Hallock, of Kent, Conn.?

Children by second wife:

James Blackman, b. ; d. after Feb. 24, 1843

m. Fanny Warner, daughter of Ezra Warner, of Roxbury, Conn. This Vidite family removed from Conn. to another state. See Jessup Gen.

Mortimer Smith, b. December 26, 1822; d. September 1869

m. (1) September 22, 1844, (probably in New Milford, Conn.), Abigail M. Hall, who died in 1857. Two children: Phebe Ann, b. 1848, d. about 1860; Lucy Adeline, b. 1847, d. about 1860. He m. (2), October 29, 1869, Lawrence, Mass., Harriet Davis, of Lawrence, aged 29, born Mountville, Maine, dau. of John and Sarah Davis. Mortimer S. Vidite, then also of Lawrence, a hatter, born Bridgewater, Conn., aged 36, son of David and Lucy Viditee. See Mass. Vital Records, in the State House.

Lafayette, b. about 1826; was a hatter in Brooklyn, N. Y.

m. Harriet Hatch of Stepaney. One child, Eva Ernestine, mar. Parvella

Folly, b. October 26, 1831; d. after 1833, probably in Bridgewater, Conn.

m. Frank Norrell, b. 1823, d. 1833, Norwalk, Conn. Probably no children

Joseph Vidite (¹Ebenezer, ²John, ³Jasper, ⁴John), of North Yarmouth & Lisbon, Maine
born, 1752, after the first of January and by April 23, probably New Milford, Ct.
died, July 11, 1839, Lisbon or Lewiston, Maine, a Revolutionary War pensioner
mar., probably about 1784, in or near Windham, Maine

Mary Wigford, dau. of Robert and Mary (Evans) Wigford, of Windham, Maine
born, bapt. March 27, 1763, Windham, Maine

died, before her husband, possibly before 1820

Children, probably born North Yarmouth or Lewiston, Maine, or vicinity

Son, b. before 1790; perhaps Jasper, a soldier in War of 1812, from Paris, Maine

Sarah, b. probably by 1790; d. after her father and at least to 1842

m. Thatcher

Rachel, b. ; d. after her father and ^{Wind} at least to 1842

m. Lovell

(Note. Rev. War pension records of 1842, when a small arrears of pension was paid, shows the above Sarah Thatcher and Rachel Lovell as the only surviving children of Joseph Vidite. Probably one or both lived in or near Lewiston or Portland, Maine.)

Comfort Vidite (¹Ebenezer, ²John, ³Jasper, ⁴John), of North Yarmouth, Maine
born, 1752, probably in North Stratford (Trumbull), Maine ^{Conn}
died, 1806, at sea

mar. (1), Peggy Young, of North Yarmouth, Maine

mar. (2), Elizabeth Young, of North Yarmouth, Maine

mar. (3), Lucy Bates, sister of Capt. Lazarus Bates, of North Yarmouth, Maine,
by 1792. She was born 1771, and died 1840, aged 69, North Yarmouth, "

Children, born North Yarmouth, four by first wife, five by third wife:

Rebecca, b. before 1790 census

Ebenezer, b. before 1790 census

John, b. ; d. before August 7, 1822, soldier in War of 1812;

m. Hannah Hall. Their son David died young

Ann, b. ; d. after March 16, 1819; soldier in War of 1812;

m. Elizabeth.

(Probably no children by second wife. Following by third wife.)

Mary, b. 1793; d. after March 23, 1831; m. Mitchell

Adeline, b.

Hannah, b.

Olive, b. 1801; d. after Nov. 3, 1850; m. Brown

(Note. One of the daughters by the third wife married a Mr. Groves, and their daughter, Lucy V. Groves, was postmistress in North Yarmouth from 1866 for some years, and gave an account of her grandfather, Comfort Vidite, and something of his brothers James and Joseph, and the mother of the three. See North Yarmouth published records.)

Jane, b. by 1807

James P. Vidite, of Corinna, Maine, in 1850. Probably grandson of Joseph or Comfort
born, 1816 or 1817, Freedom, Maine

died, before 1897, probably in Corinna, Maine

mar., by 1843

Martina Clark, dau. of - and - (Swett) Clark

born, January 10, 1813, Danforth or Stetson, Maine

died, March 13, 1897, Corinna, Maine, aged 84 yrs., 2 mo., 9 days; a widow.

Child, or Children, born Corinna, Maine:

George W., aged 6/12 (6 months) on Sept. 4, 1850, when census taken, b. Corinna

George W., died February 29, 1892, Corinna, Maine, aged 40 years, 4 months, 5 day

(which would make him born Oct. 24, 1851), b. Corinna, Maine, son of James Vidette, born Freedom, Maine, and of Martina, born Danforth, Maine. George W. was unmarried. If his age was correct, then the older child died, and

the second child was given the same name. The death notice of Martha (Clark) Vidette states that she was born in Stetson, Maine, where her father was also born, and that her mother, - Scott, was born in Maine.
Possibly other children.

George W. Vidite, of Freedom, Maine, and perhaps of Chelsea, Mass.
born, 1818, Freedom, Maine

died, October 23, 1843, Chelsea, Mass., aged 25 years. A Seaman

(Note. Massachusetts Vital Records, State House, Boston. Deaths. Two records for this death, both vol. 9, pages 112 and 114; one spells his name Vedito, the other Vidite. States he died Oct. 23, 1843, Chelsea, Mass., of "congestion Fever"; aged 25; was born Freedom, Maine. Of course he must have been the brother next younger apparently, of James P. Vidite, born Freedom, Maine, 1816 or 1817, of Corinna, Maine, by 1850, who named his son George W. The records of Waldo County, Maine, may disclose the name of the father, who with little doubt was a son of Joseph or Comfort Vidite of North Yarmouth, Maine. - Or might he have been their nephew, son of their brother James? - Was the wife of this Vidite settler in Freedom that Charlotte Vidite of Corinna, Maine, Feb. 20, 1835, when she bought land in Corinna of Parker Copeland?)

Andrew J. Vidite, of Troy, Maine

born,

died, before Oct. 7, 1916, probably Troy, Maine

mar., by 1863

Lois Ward, daughter of Thomas and Anna (Foster) Ward

born, October 29, 1834, Troy, Maine

died, October 7, 1916, Troy, Maine, aged 81 yrs., 11 mos., 7 days, widow of

Andrew J. Vidite. (V. R. at State House, Augusta, Maine)

Child, or Children:

Andrew J., b. about November, 1863, Troy, Maine

Possibly other children

Andrew H. Vidite (Andrew J., O. of Troy and North Dinmont, Maine

born, about November, 1868, Troy, Maine

died,

mar. (1), Dec. 25, 1895, Dinmont, Maine

Della M. Knowles, born 1869, Troy, Maine

He mar. (2), July 13, 1906, Troy, Maine

Sylvia E. Reynolds, born 1890 or 1891, Durham, Maine

He mar. (3), October 13, 1922, Dinmont, Maine

Della Knowles, born 1869, Troy, Maine

Child, by second wife:

Son, b. August 8, 1909, Troy, Maine

David Greenleaf Vidite, of North Yarmouth, Maine, in 1840. Doubtless a descendant of Joseph or Comfort Vidite; or a close relative.

Stephen Vidite ? ("Steven Fidit")

mar., by 1709

Josabel Clement

Their daughter, Jannetje, bapt. July 20, 1709, Dutch Reformed Church, N. Y. Ci.

Was the following also their child? - Petrus, bapt. June 12, 1716, Port Richmond, Staten Island, Dutch Reformed Church, son of "Steven Vetyto".

(Note. After seeing the name of Simon Fell spelled also with an initial V and S, with variations following in the other letters, on the New York City Dutch records as copied long after, one is pretty fairly certain the above "Steven Fidit" is meant for "Steven Vidite". Also that Stephen was a descendant of John

and Jannetje (Jaspers) Vidette (Vidite, I believe). Notice the name given to the child. Also the chances are strong that Petrus of Staten Island was a child of the same parents. Notice that John Vidite (Jasper, John) of Danbury, Conn., also had a son Stephen.)

John Vidite of Queens County, Long Island, N. Y., summer of 1776. A Corporal in the Queens County Militia that joined the Revolutionary forces and fought in the August battle of Long Island, where they were defeated by the British, who after that occupied Long Island for the remainder of the war. John Vidite, Corporal, is mentioned as one of the patriot refugees from Long Island, who took refuge in Connecticut. - (See Connecticut publication for the latter item.)

John Ue Vedite and Stephen Vedite, both of Queens County, Long Island, signed the Oct. 21, 1776 petition to the king, in effect agreeing not to take up arms against him. This followed the August 1776 capture of New York and Long Island by the British.

In 1775 or 1776 there was voting in Jamaica, Long Island, N. Y., for Queens County, as to whether or no a representative should be sent to the Continental Congress. John Vidite voted against sending, one of a large majority opposed. It hardly seems likely that he was the John Vidite of Queens County who was a Corporal for the County Militia fighting for the Revolution in the August 1776 Long Island battle; and who took refuge in Connecticut. Though of course he might have been. There may well have been two named John Vidite on Long Island during the Revolution, and the one who voted against the representative may have been the Loyalist John Vidite who went to Nova Scotia with his family in 1784; and the Corporal John Vidite of the patriot army may have remained in New York. Though force of very hard circumstances - a man with a young family depending on him for support, and all his property on Long Island - might have made the patriot Corporal John Vidite sign the October 1776 petition and later go to Nova Scotia. (Later, April 1932: A John Vidite of Long Island who married Phoebe Cheeseman by 1790 has descendants in Georgia whose record is that their Vidite ancestor fought in the North [Massachusetts they have it, the State to which John's son Stephen moved, and Stephen the father of the ancestor who went to Georgia] during the Revolution on the patriot side. This very strongly suggests that the John Vidite who married Phoebe Cheeseman may have been the August 1776 Corporal.)

John Vidite, of Long Island, New York

born,

died,

mar., not later than 1790

Phoebe Cheeseman

born,

died,

Child, or Children:

?Son, b. before 1790 census

?Son, b. before 1790 census

?Daughter, b. before 1790 census

Stephen, b. September 4, 1790, Long Island, New York; d. March 15, 1867, Tyringham
Mass., by 1810, Catherine Riner

Possibly other children

(Note, - The 1790 census gives John Vittetoe of Oyster Bay, Long Island, N.Y., as head of a family of 1 - 2 - 2, usually meaning, beside himself, two sons under 16 years of age, a wife and daughter. Because of the unusualness of the name, it seems certain that this was the John Vidite, wife Phoebe Cheeseman, who was father of Stephen Vidite, who was born on Long Island, and who died in

Tyringham, Mass., March 15, 1867, aged 76 years, 6 months, 11 days. If the census was taken before September 4, 1790, Stephen's birthday, he probably had two elder brothers. If taken after Sept. 4, he would have been included. Was Phoebe (Cheeseman) Vidito born April 1762, on Long Island, the daughter of John and Abigail (Thayer) Cheeseman? By April 18, 1801, John Vidito, Carpenter, and wife Phoebe, were of New York City, as shown by an indenture regarding land which they gave that day.

In the 1790 census the only known heads of families named Vidito are as follows: Maine, North Yarmouth, Comfort Vidito, 1 - 1 - 2; Widow Vidito, 0 - 0 - 1;

Joseph Vidito, 1 - 1 - 2.

Connecticut, New Milford, James Vidito, 4 - 1 - 2; Litchfield County, John Vitale (copied as Vitele, mistakenly, for John Vidito, of Winchester, Litchfield County, as town records show), 1 - 2 - 3.

New York, Huntington, Long Island, Stephen Vidito, 1 - 0 - 1; John Vittetee, of Oyster Bay, Long Island, 1 - 2 - 2.

South Carolina, Orangeburgh District, South Part, Stephen Vittito, 1 - 0 - 0.

(The above does not mean there may not have been others of the name, perhaps living with a son-in-law, etc.)

Stephen Vidito (John, ?), of Tyringham, Mass.

born, September 4, 1790, Oyster Bay probably, Long Island, New York
died, March 15, 1867, Tyringham, Mass., aged 76 years, 6 months, 11 days
mar., by 1810

Catherine Riner, daughter of Frederick and Catherine Riner

born, 1791, Long Island, New York

died, December 12, 1867, Pittsfield, Mass., aged 76 years

Children:

Charles J., b. June 5, 1810, New York City; d. October 27, 1882, Tyringham, Mass.

(Henry Runyon, b. December 13, 1811, New York City; d. 1889, Scriven Co., Georgia

m. Frances Wade - The record for this son is furnished by Miss Kate

S. Curry, of Washington, D. C., in March 1932.)

Sarah Jane, b. 1835, Tyringham, Mass.;

m. Dec. 11, 1854, Dalton, Mass., James Black of Dalton, Mass.

? Mary, b.

m. intent, Oct. 7, 1837, Lee, Mass., to Henry Kirk

? Catherine E., b.

m. intent, June 1, 1840, Lee, Mass., to Jonathan D. Hall

? Julia Ann, b.

m. intent, Nov. 15, 1845, Lee, Mass., to Jesse R. Gifford

Charles J. Vidito (Stephen, John, ?), of Tyringham, Mass.

born, June 5, 1810, New York City

died, October 27, 1886, Tyringham, Mass., aged 76 years, 4 months, 22 days

mar., by 1832

Hannah Margaret Garfield, dau. of Thomas and Hannah Garfield of Tyringham, Mass.

born, September 1, 1811, Tyringham, Mass.

died, November 26, 1892, Lee, Mass., aged 81 years, 1 mo., 25 (?) days

Children:

Margaret M., b. January 12, 1833, Tyringham, Mass.;

m. January 13, 1851, Pittsfield, Mass., Alfred Keeler, of Pittsfield, Mass.

Charles H., b. May 24, 1843, Pabius or Apulia, New York;

m. October 18, 1869, Springfield, Mass., Josephine M. Ellis, of Springfield

Alfred Vidito, of Pittsfield, Mass., by 1850

mar.

Elizabeth Phyle (Lewis

born, February 29, 1914, Philadelphia

died, April 21, 1933, Pittsfield, Mass.

Children, probably all but youngest born Williamsburgh, Long Island, New York;

William Harrison, b. June 27, 1929 or 1930, Williamsburgh; d. Dec. 26, 1964

(or possibly 1965), Pittsfield, Mass., aged 35 yrs., 5 mos., 29 da. Soldier

! Mary E., b. 1936, Williamsburgh, N. Y.;

m. Nov. 17, 1956, Pittsfield, Mass., Samuel Henry, of Pittsfield

Alfred, b. 1939 or 1940, Williamsburgh;

m. May 17, 1963, Lanesborough, Mass., Kate Fabricious

John L., b. 1946 or 1947, Williamsburgh, N. Y.; d. July 26, 1995, Northampton, Mass.

m. Sept. 18, 1969, Williamstown, Mass., Minerva J. (Ingraham) Bradley

Ann Maria, b. May 9, 1950, Pittsfield, Mass.;

m. Sept. 9, 1969, Lanesborough, Mass., Charles H. Rustee

Leonard Vidite of New York City, and his son Robert F. Vidite of Boston, Mass.

Robert F. Vidite m. (2) July 3, 1854, Boston, Mass., to Ann (Moore) Nolan; the groom aged 36, born New York City, son of Leonard; occupation of Robert F., tinsmith; the bride aged 30, born Ireland, dau. of Edward Moore, her 2nd marriage vol. 80, page 26, V. R. State House, Boston. Robert F. Vidite died Sept. 19, 1857, Rainsford Island, Boston, of consumption, aged 33 years; was a tinsmith, born New York, son of Leonard and Phoebe. - vol. 113, page 64.

(Note. Note the conflict in age of Robert F. Vidite. Seems probable the age given at marriage would be correct.)

Jacob Vidite and wife Eliza Jane, of Williamsburgh and Brooklyn, New York, he a grocer. Known only through deeds of 1845 and 1852. Was the following their son? - Jacob Videtto died May 15, 1856, Sutton, Mass., aged 16 years; born Brooklyn, N. Y.

Elmer L. Vidite (Videtto), born Walton, New York, mar. Vesta E. Pond, born Franklin, Mass. At least three children:

1. Lottie E., b. 1870, Walton, N. Y.; d. Aug. 12, 1875, Medway, Mass., aged 5 years, 4 months, 24 days.

2. George E., b. 1872, Walton, N. Y.; d. Jan. 13, 1881, Medway, Mass., aged 8 years, 5 months, 21 (!) days

3. Clarence Elmer, b. 1878; d. Aug. 6, 1884 (?1883), Medway, Mass., aged 5 yrs., 11 mos., 3 days

NOVA SCOTIA BRANCH OF THE FAMILY

See the Annapolis County History, 1897; and the Supplement, 1913. Also the Calnek Manuscript Genealogies of Annapolis County Families, in the library of the New England Historic Genealogical Society, 9 Ashburton Place, Boston, Mass.

The line of descent of this family is given by a descendant as follows:

(Copy of letter)

* T. E. VIDETO

189 East Post Road

White Plains, N. Y.

June 7th 1931

Miss Alice L. Priest

16 Brewster Terrace

Brookline, Mass.

Dear Miss Priest,

Your letter of the 3rd duly received and I am pleased to give you such information as I have regarding the Videto family. My grandfather spelled the name Vidite and I remember seeing it spelled that way in some of my father's old books. How and when the i changed to e I do not know. My brother John F. Videto 4906 Willard Ave. Cleveland, O. has made genealogy a hobby and probably has more information than I have as what I am giving came from him. Church)

John Videto (Jan Videt) - married in New York, 1656 (Record in Dutch Reformed,

Pietro Videto

Steven Videto

Petrus Videto

John Videto - Born Oyster Bay, L. I.

Jesse Videto - Buried Hietou, N. S. - Married Isabel Fisher

Rev. Nathaniel Videto, - Married Caroline Moore

Theodore H. Videto, Born Paradise, N. S. - Married Rebecca H. Dodge

Theodore E. Videto, Born Hyde Park, Mass. - Married Rita Roth

I am sending your letter to my brother in Cleveland and I am sure he would be glad to receive any data you may have.

Sincerely yours,

Theodore E. Videto"

(Note. I wrote Mr. John E. Videto of Cleveland at once, giving considerable data; but no acknowledgement of it was ever received. - A. L. P.)

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The Annapolis County History makes Justus Vidite the father of Jesse Vidite, and puts it as a query whether John was the father of Justus. I am strongly of the opinion, from entirely independent previous work, that the above descendants of the line who omit Justus as an ancestor, and make John the father of Jesse, are correct. I am even not certain that Justus existed at all (am almost sure he did not); that the use of the name Justus, "Justine", was not a blunder for that of Jesse. If Justus existed, he seems not to be remembered by any of the Vidite name. The point will be considered more fully in the Notes to follow.

"Uncle Nathaniel Vidite (Rev. Nathaniel Vidite, 1805 - 1893) always said his father was born on Long Island, New York." - Alenia Fear (Vidite) Priest

Master Roll of Discharged Officers and Disbanded Soldiers and Loyalists Taken in the County of Annapolis Between the 18th and 20th Days of June, 1784.

Vidite (or Vetite), John, 1 - 1 - 2 - 3 - 0 - 0 - 7, Loyalist, Granville.

- Supplement to Annapolis History, page 115, Appendix G.

The Muster Roll record means that John Vidite, Loyalist, from New York to Nova Scotia, was head of a family consisting of one man, himself; one woman, probably his wife; two children over ten years of age; three children under ten years of age; no servants, either adult or young; a total of seven in the family; and that he was settled in Granville, a township in Annapolis County.

"John Vidite, residing at Annapolis, died December, 1820, aged 93, and therefore was born in 1727. He may have been father of Justus, who had children; 1. Jesse," etc. - History Annapolis County, page 618.

My own brief research has not extended long enough to know the connections between this John Vidite, Loyalist, 1734 from New York to Nova Scotia; and John and Janetie (Jaspere) Vidite of New York City; but I have no doubt of the connection. And it may be the line given by Mr. John E. Vidite. My only information (now to date April 23, 1932) from him and his brother is the one letter quoted above. I believe this John Vidite family was probably as follows:

John Vidite (??? John), of Long Island, N. Y. & Granville township, Nova Scotia
born, 1727, Long Island, New York
died December, 1820, Annapolis, Nova Scotia, aged 93 years
mar. (1) Long Island, New York

born,
died, by about 1781, Long Island, New York
He mar. (2) by 1781, Long Island, N. Y.

born, Long Island, N. Y.
died, after June, 1784, Annapolis County, Nova Scotia
Children, five born Long Island and taken to Nova Scotia, perhaps others older;
remained in New York;
Jesse, b. by 1771, Long Island, N. Y., by first wife; d. about 1850, Nictaux, N.S.
m. about 1795, Annapolis Co., N. S., Isabel Fisher, of Annapolis County
Phoebe, b.
m. Thomas Stacey
Charlotte, b.
m. ? Stephen Jefferson
Jacob, years younger than Jesse, not by 2nd wife; d. about 1866, very aged
m. ? Elizabeth Fetherer or Eliza Peoples, or both?
? Justus?
Child, b. before June 1784, Long Island, N. Y.
? Possibly other children?

(Note. Mrs. Sarah Abigail (Vidite)(Boyd) Vidite, born Dec. 23, 1847, Nictaux, Nova Scotia, daughter of James and granddaughter of Jesse Vidite, is authority for the statement that Jesse and Jacob Vidite were half brothers, that Jesse was years the older, that he died when she was a baby, and that his wife (her grandmother) Isabel (Fisher) Vidite died years before Sarah Abigail was born; that Jesse married again but that the second wife did not live long enough so that Sarah Abigail knew anything about her, and all the children were by the first wife. Also that Jacob Vidite died perhaps around 1866, a very old man; and that she, Sarah Abigail, has always had the impression that all the Vidites in Nova Scotia are descendants of those two half brothers, Jesse and Jacob Vidite, who were both unmarried when they came to Nova Scotia. She had never heard of a Justus Vidite.

Both the Annapolis Co. History and the Culnek Manuscript Genealogies state that Charlotte Vidite married Stephen Jefferson. But under the name Jefferson

is the statement that Stephen married Elizabeth Griffin. And the History under the name Jefferson states that Thomas Jefferson, born 1794, married Nancy Vidite.

James Vidite (John, ??? John), of Long Island, N. Y. & Nictaux, Nova Scotia
 born, by 1771, Long Island, New York
 died, about 1850, Nictaux, Nova Scotia
 mar. (1), about 1795, Annapolis County, Nova Scotia
 Isabel Fisher, probably daughter of Nathaniel and Persio Fisher of Annapolis Co.,
 born, about 1774, Annapolis County, N. S.
 died, perhaps by 1844, Nictaux, N. S.
 He mar. (2), after all his children were born (youngest born 1818);

born,
 died, probably by 1850, and perhaps before her husband
 Children, born Nictaux, Annapolis County, Nova Scotia, all by first wife:
 John, b. probably about 1796 or 1797; d.
 m. (1) Ann Daley, (2) Eliza (Woodbury) Parker
 Rebecca, b. probably about 1798 or 1799; d.
 m. Gideon Clark
 Susan, b. probably about 1801; d.
 m. David Ward
 William, b. probably about 1803; d.
 m. 1823, Mary Marshall
 Nathaniel, b. 1805; d. September 18, 1893, Halvern Square, Nova Scotia
 m. Caroline Munro
 Caroline, b. about 1808; d.
 m. George Gardner Marshall, son of Otis and Silence
 Mary, b. about 1811; d.
 m. Oliver Marshall
 Parker, b. 1814; d. 1906, Nictaux, Nova Scotia
 m. Mary R. Dunn
 Silas, b. 1816; d. April 3, 1854, Nova Scotia
 m. Eleanor MacGregor
 James, b. January 2, 1818; d. March 1, 1885, Nictaux, Nova Scotia;
 m. March 9, 1845, Paradise, Nova Scotia, Hannah Saunders, of Paradise, N. S.

(Note. George Gardner Marshall died September 25, 1879, in Newburyport, Mass., aged 63 years. He was born in Nova Scotia, the son of Otis and Silence Marshall. - Mass. V. R.)

Jacob Vidite (John, ??? John), of Long Island, N. Y. & Annapolis County, N. S.
 born, probably around 1781, Long Island, New York
 died, perhaps about 1866, Annapolis County, N. S., very aged
 mar., Annapolis County, Nova Scotia
 Elizabeth Wetherbe (or Eliza Peoples?) County History calls her the latter, and
 the manuscript Gen. the former. Was she a widow possibly, and one record uses
 her maiden name and the other her first husband's?
 Children, born Annapolis County, N. S.:
 Robert, b.
 m. Mary Hurley
 John, b.
 m. (1) Christina Beardsley; (2) Eliza Avalt
 Jacob, b.
 m. Elizabeth Hughton
 Mary Eliza, b.
 m. John McKay

James, b.
 m. (1) Ruth Beardsley; (2) Eliza Wheaton
 Sarah, b.
 m. William Odell

John Vidite (Jesse, John), mar. (1) Ann Daley; (2) Eliza (Woodbury) Parker, who
 was daughter of Foster Woodbury, eighth in descent from John Woodbury.

Children:

Mary, mar. Robert Vidite
 Nelson, mar. (1) Mary Ann Brown; (2) Esther Miller Lohme (?)
 John, died unmarried
 Clarissa, mar. Benjamin Milbury
 Parker, mar. Levinia Simmons
 Eliza Ann, died unmarried
 Elizabeth Jones, died unmarried
 Louisa, mar. Thebalt (? about spelling)
 Watson, mar. Emma Carter. Child, Ina M., b. Aug. 19, 1888, Malden, Mass.
 James, mar. Margaret Berry
 Thomas, mar. Annie Taylor
 Caleb Cole, died unmarried

Nelson Vidite (John, Jesse, John), mar. (1) Mary Ann Brown; (2) Esther Miller Lohme

Children:

Morgan, mar. in Australia
 Louisa, mar. Abner Chute
 Leah, mar. Eugene White
 Edmund
 George, mar. Mary Swanton
 Amelia, mar. Frederick Storrs
 Roxanna,
 Willard,
 Caleb, mar. Fannie Winchester. Children: 1. Mary; 2. Charles
 Charles,
 Susanna, mar. Parker Dunn
 Naomi, mar. Charles Haskell

Thomas Vidite (John, Jesse, John), mar. Annie Taylor

Children:

Susan J., b. Feb. 1831; d. May 11, 1832, Somerville, Mass., aged 1 year, 3 mos.
 Harriet Adelaide, b. Nov. 23, 1832, Boston, Mass.
 Arthur, b. 1834; d. Feb. 3, 1835, Somerville, Mass., aged 3 months

William Vidite (Jesse, John), mar. 1823, Mary Marshall, born 1802, daughter of
 Otis of Nova Scotia, and descendant of William Marshall of Massachusetts, 1635.

Children:

Uriah, b. 1824; mar. Susanna Hall. Child, Joseph, born 1849 or 1850, Nova Scotia
 mar. July 24, 1877, Gloucester, Mass., Maria Gould, aged 20, born Gaysboro,
 Nova Scotia, dau. of Robert and Martha (Bigsby) Gould. 1st mar. for both.
 Harriet, b. 1826; mar. James Robinson
 Rebecca, b. 1829; mar. Henry Babbs
 Mary E., b. 1826 (?); mar. John Sturk
 Caroline, b. 1823 (?); mar. Analey Marshall
 Silas, b. 1831; mar. Demaria Morse
 William Edward, b. 1835; mar. Isabel Wilkins. Children: Fannie Edna; Elphie
 Lavinia; Carman; Alice Ethel.
 Burton, b. 1838; mar. Dunn
 Emma, died unmarried
 Isaac, has son who is Colonel Watson Vidite of Dartmouth, N. S.

Parker Vidite (Jesse, John), b. 1814; m. 1838, Mary E. Dunn, b. 1817, d. 1909.
Children:

Sophia, b. 1839; m. Joseph Hoffman. Children: Eva, Melborn, Susie, Edna.
John Melborn, b. 1842; d. Sept. 20, 1909; m. (1) Henrietta Foster; (2) Sarah
Abigail (Vidite) Boyd.

James Edward, b. 1844; m. 1867, Annie Hoffman. Children
Gilbert H., b. March 4, 1846; living May 20, 1931, Hudson, Mass.; mar. E. F.
Wilmot Osborn, b. 1843; m. Mary Powell

John Melborn Vidite (Parker, Jesse, John, ??? John), of Mictaux, Nova Scotia
born, 1842, Mictaux, N. S.
died, September 20, 1909
mar. (1) 1864

Henrietta Foster (Samuel, Benjamin, Isaac, etc to Reginald)
born, 1842

died,

He mar. (2)

Sarah Abigail (Vidite) Boyd (James, Jesse, John, ??? John), of Mictaux, N. S.
born, December 23, 1847, Mictaux, Nova Scotia
living June 1931, Hudson, Massachusetts

Children, all by the first wife:

Cassie, mar. James Hiltz. One child, a son

Rose, died about 1923; married three times. No children

Harris, mar. Three children: 1. John, residence Hudson, Mass., no children;

2. George, 2 children: Phyllis, Richard. 3. Ernest; no children. *ed*

Erie, res., Berwick, N. S. 5 children: Harris, Richard, Gladys, Margory, Ellen

James Edward Vidite (Parker, Jesse, John), b. 1844; m. 1867, Annie Hoffman
Children:

Clara, mar. George Conant. Number of children

Laura, mar. Joseph Suchman. 2 children

Howard, mar. twice. No children

Spurgeon, mar. 6 children

Moody C., mar. No children

Gilbert H. Vidite (Parker, Jesse, John, ??? John), born March 4, 1846; mar. Ellen
Foster, b. 1848, a descendant through Samuel, Benjamin, etc. to Reginald.
Children:

Arvilla Gunn, b. 1872 or 1873, Nova Scotia; mar. June 5, 1890, Hudson, Mass.

William C. Boyd, born April 13, 1870, Nova Scotia, son of Adam and

Sarah Abigail (Vidite) Boyd. Have son and grandson; res. Hudson, Mass.

Hettie; Mildred; Mary L.; Elizabeth,

Wilmot Osborn Vidite (Parker, Jesse, John), b. 1843; mar. Mary Powell
Children:- Lorilla M.; Benton; George A.; Lester Lamont.

Rev. Silas Vidite (Jesse, John, ??? John), of Nova Scotia (*See p. 16 - at bottom*)
born, 1816, Mictaux, Nova Scotia
died, April 5, 1854, Nova Scotia
mar.:

Eleanor MacGregor

born,

died,

Children, born Nova Scotia:

Starrett, b. ; d. unmarried

Ingram Ebor, b. December 19, 1839; d. September 24, 1917, Talco, Maine;

m. Sarah M. Felt, b. Oct., 1853, N. S., dau. of James and Jane (Humes)

Falt of Nova Scotia. Two children: Starrett R., b. 1885, Lawrenceston, N. S.; and Wilfred Eber, b. 1888 or 1889, N. S.

Antoinette (da. of Rev. Silas), mar. David Freeman. 3 or 4 children.

Starrett R. Vidite (Ingram Eber, Rev. Silas), mar. January 18, 1911, Wales, Maine, Eda Eldra Seal. He was of Wales, Maine, a farmer, aged 25, born Lawrenceston, N. S. She was of Newtonville, Mass., a bookkeeper, aged 29, born Webster, Maine. First marriage for both.

Children, born Wales, Maine:

Dorothea Eda, b. Nov. 5, 1911;

Daughter, b. Aug. 14, 1912; d. Aug. 22, 1912, premature birth

Ethel Winifred, b. Dec. 30, 1913; d. April 23, 1917, aged 3 - 3 - 29.

Frances Irene, b. March 16, 1915;

Lawrence Wilfred, b. May 1, 1916;

Wilfred Eber Vidite (Ingram Eber, Rev. Silas, etc.), mar. June 30, 1915, Wales, Maine, Elizabeth Edith Roberts. He aged 26, born Nova Scotia, a farmer.

She aged 19, born Wales, Maine, his and her residence, a music teacher, 1st marriage for both. She died Nov. 5, 1928, Wales, Maine, of tuberculosis, aged 33 years, 15 days; born Oct. 21, 1895, Wales, Maine, daughter of George E. Roberts, farmer, born Hecburg, Maine, and of Beulah (Hodgman), b. Wales,

Children, born in Maine, the first in Wales, and the twins in Augusta:

Wilfred Eber, b. June 24, 1916;

Frank Seldon, b. Sept. 10, 1917;

George Clayton, b. " " " ; d. October 25, 1922, Bath, Maine

Rev. Nathaniel Vidite (Jesse,⁶ John,⁵ Petrus,⁴ Steven,³ Pietre,² John¹ - according to the statement of his descendant, John F. Vidite, of Cleveland, Ohio), of N. S. born, 1805, Nictaux, Nova Scotia

died, September 18, 1893, Halvern Square, Nova Scotia, aged 88 years married;

Caroline Moore (Robert, Lieut.-Col. Henry, M.P.F.), of Annapolis County, N. S. born, 1807

died,

Children, born Annapolis County, Nova Scotia:

Alfred, b. 1827 or 1828; mar. May 18, 1851, Boston, Mass., by Rev. J. A. Savage,

Frances M. Coleman, b. 1828 or 1829, Scituate, Mass., dau. of Amiel

Coleman. Child b. and d. Aug. 6, 1854, Waltham, Mass. Did he marry

Guson Young?

Sarah Ann, m. Arthur S. Clark

Harriet, mar. Joseph Bean

Anley, died unmarried

Theodore R., b. Paradise, N. S.; mar. Rebecca E. Dodge, b. March 20, 1835, Ded-

ham, Mass., dau. of John Dodge, b. Stoddard, N. H., and Sarah (Pedrick)

Dodge, b. Marblehead, Mass. Rebecca E. (Dodge) Vidite died Dec. 11,

1902, Framingham, Mass. Five children: John Frank, Samuel, Clara, Ernest,

Theodore E.

Edmund Crawley, b. 1840 Milford, N. S.; d. Sept. 1, 1893, Boston, Mass., as 53;

mar. 8 children: Priscilla M., Hannah, Lucy, and others.

Ellen; Euphemia, mar. Thomas Perry; Elizabeth, mar. Walter Munroe; Alice, mar.

- Perry; Susan Apple

From History of the Maritime Provinces, by E. M. Saunders, 1902:

"Vidite, Rev. Nathaniel, died Halvern Square, N. S., September 16th, 1893, eighty-eight years old; was ordained at Upper Greenville in 1832, remained pastor of this church about forty-three years. Hundreds were added to the church. A successful agent for Acadia College - did a great work. He was a mighty and fearless preacher." Also: "Vidite, Rev. Silas, died April 3rd, 1854; was pastor for awhile at Macoun, Cumberland County, and then at Hammond's Plain, Halifax County."

James Vidite (Jesse, John, III John), of Nictaux, Nova Scotia
 born, January 2, 1818, Nictaux, N. S.
 died, March 1, 1885, Nictaux, N. S.
 married, March 9, 1845, Paradise, N. S., by Rev. Nathaniel Vidite
 Hannah Saunders (Abner, John, Joseph, Henry, James), of Paradise, Nova Scotia
 born, July 1, 1820, Paradise, Annapolis County, Nova Scotia
 died, February 26, 1892, Kingston, Kings County, Nova Scotia
 Children, born Nictaux, Annapolis County, Nova Scotia:
 William Saunders, b. July 15, 1846; d. November 3, 1857, Nictaux, N. S.
 Sarah Abigail, b. December 23, 1847; living June 1931, in Hudson, Massachusetts
 m. (1), March 6, 1869, Middleton, N. S., Adam Boyd; (2) John Melborn Vidite
 Annie Abiah, b. March 28, 1852; living June 1931, in Massachusetts
 m. June 20, 1883, Lynn, Massachusetts, Gillman Hodgdon
 Mervin, b. August 11, 1859; living June 1931, in Nictaux, N. S.
 m. Caroline Goucher
 Aimee Lee, b. July 5, 1862; living June 1931, in Lynn, Massachusetts; unmarried
 Alenia Fear, b. " " " ; living June 1931, in Schenectady, New York
 m. February 27, 1894, Lynn, Massachusetts, Edward Dwight Priest

It is for the sake of Alenia Fear (Vidite) Priest that these records have been compiled. For the genealogical record of her husband, deceased March 26, 1931, and of their children, see "The King Family of Suffield, Connecticut", published 1903.

These records are indebted to the knowledge and excellent memory of Mrs. Sarah Abigail (Vidite) (Boyd) Vidite, (usually called "Abbie"), now of Hudson, Mass. She possesses the Bible of her parents; with the family births, marriages, and deaths given mainly in the beautiful engraving-like handwriting of her father. Among its items are the death of her first husband, Adam Boyd, February 1, 1874, Nictaux; and the births of their two sons; William Cory Boyd, born April 16, 1870; and Dimock Percy Boyd, born March 24, 1872; also the death of the last named, on February 16, 1928.

The three children of Mervin and Caroline (Goucher) Vidite are: 1. Mildred, married Bernhard Horn, of Andover, Massachusetts, and has one son; 2. Bertie (a daughter), unmarried; 3. Frank, of Lawrence, Mass., married and has two daughters. Caroline (Goucher) Vidite is probably a Pilgrim Father descendant.

John Vidite (Jacob, John) by his first wife, Christina Beardsley, had nine children: namely; Mary Melissa, mar. Albert Nuttall; Eliza Ann, mar. John Taylor; John E., died unmarried; Elijah; Jacob, mar. Ellen Thompson; Rev. Beverly; Samuel; Adelaide died unmarried; Amelia. By the second wife, Eliza Avall, one son, John William.

James Vidite (Jacob, John), by his first wife, Ruth Beardsley, had three children: namely; Mary, mar. Ingram Hayes; Sarah, mar. Leander Mackenzie; Ella, mar. Israel Hinds. By the second wife, Eliza Wheaton, two children: Stanley; and - (name not known).

Nathaniel Vidite, born N. S., and wife Bertha M. had Ch.: Mary Natalie, died Nov. 3, 1884, Belmont, Mass., at 3 months; Theodore, b. June 24, 1888, Mass.
 Samuel and Rebecca Vidite, both born N. S., had still-born child, 1886, Mass.
 William M. and Carrie E. (Bligh) Vidite, both born N. S., had son, Henry Bligh, born June 15, 1898, Arlington, Mass. - James L. Vidite, born N. S. at 21, mar. Sept. 23, 1903, in Maine, to Ella M. Stearns.

NOTES ON THE VIDIPO FAMILY RECORDS

John Vidite of Condam, France, and New York City, married March 3, 1656.
New York City, James's Jasper of Amsterdam and New York City.

A. 1656

den 3 diete Jan Vidite, Van Condam in Franskyck, en James's Jasper,
Van Amsterdam

The above, page 20, of "Collections of the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society," vol. 1, "Marriages in the Dutch Church, New York. Marriages from 1639 to 1801," published 1890. The year was 1656; "den 3 diete" means the third day of the month given above it for a previous marriage, which was "Mar," the English March. "Jan" is naturally used, instead of the French "Jean", or the English "John". Also in this case, the only one known among those Dutch records, V is used instead of J for the initial letter of the groom's family name; this probably because the Dutch language is Teutonic, where "Jugener" is pronounced "Yugener." As for the remainder of the groom's family name, almost all the other spellings of it make it practically positive that the "I" in it has been erroneously copied for the 1630 printing from a probably casually formed "t" that was followed immediately by another t, and one crossing for the two not properly crossing the first of the two letters, - something very common in handwriting.

But the "V" and the "I" in this one instance are unimportant. It is the final letter in the groom's family name that is important. It has been copied as an "o" while I believe that it should have been copied as an "g". Both in this case and in others; and in some cases for the Dutch civil records, I believe the final proper "g" has been considered in copying to be only a fancy curl after what was a considered a final "t". For the copy of the city's civil records spells the name "Vidite." Either this error in copying what had been written centuries before, or it is very possible that the Frenchman "Jean Veltien" or "Jean Veltien" (he was from the south of France, where the language d'oe was used - not the language d'oll - and in places d used in place of a Latin t), living in a little wilderness - settlement made by Dutchmen, thought it was important if his almost necessarily transformed name dropped its final syllable and therefore became easier for foreigners to speak, and he was called "Jan Vidit" by the city clerk, and "Jan Vidite" by the ministers. And especially so when instead of the final "ant" only one entirely different letter, "o", would be used. But that when the name came to maturity, they reaffirmed their right to the three syllables in the family name. At any rate, as will be shown later, by 1684, Jasper Vidite was using the three syllables, and there seems no reasonable doubt but that he was the eldest son of John and James's (Jasper) Vidite, baptized in New York City, August 4, 1660.

There is also a repeated strong indication among the descendants of trying to use the spelling "Vidite" or "Vittito", or its likes that is, a sort of insistence that I should have been used in the name rather than d. This supports the statement of the Supplement to the Annapolis County History, made 1913:

"VIDITO. This is, no doubt, a Huguenot name originally Veltien or Veltien, an ancestor having fled to Holland and thence to New Amsterdam with the Dutch settlers of New York, and John from New York to Nova Scotia with the loyalists."

I have chosen to find the name apart, Veltie in a copy of the records of the Old Dutch Reformed Church at Port Richmond, Staten Island, N. Y., A.D. 1714. "Van Condam in Franskyck," the "Van" means "from", and Condam is an old town in southwestern France, included even in the small map of "France 1715 in Provinces" in the 1322 book, "The Growth of the French Nation", by Professor G. B. Adams, of Yale. It was in ancient Gascony, later included in the duchy of Aquitaine or Guienne that the Duchess Eleanor took to the king of England.

Henry II, when she married him in 1152 after separating from the French king Louis VII. And it remained with the English crown for three hundred years, bound to England by many ties, till it was lost by conquest in 1453.

Condem lies a trifle south of latitude 44° and approximately five hundred miles due south of London and Greenwich, which of course means its longitude is near 0°, between that and 1° East longitude. It is somewhat nearer south-west of a line from Toulouse to Bordeaux, and nearer the former city. Here on the river Deyre, that flows north into the important Garonne, the ruins of the pines was furnished by an abbey, founded in the 10th century; in 1317 it was made a bishopric and in 1543 the monks were appointed owners of the cathedral. Bonnet was bishop of Condom in 1663. Among its celebrities are Bupela the historian, and Moutier the leader of the crusade against the Albigensians. The church of St. Peter, formerly a cathedral, is included among the historic monuments of France, and deserves notice for the height of its vaulted roof. The town's interior is ill built, but it has agreeable suburbs, a large market-square, a noble parish church, an archbishop's two hospitals, numerous features of cotton and mixed fabrics, porcelain, leather, and woollen stuffs, and an active trade in rural produce.

"Frankreich" is the German name for France, written in the difficult form of the German alphabet; it looks more like "Frackreich" to the usual glances of English speakers. "Frankreich" appears to have been 17th century Dutch form. "Francoys Dignité" was "Van Oelen in Frankreich" when he was married in 1561, Her Amsterdam Dutch Reformed Church. And his bride, like Jannetje Jaspers, was "Van Amsterdam." Of course the "Van" in these marriage records means the equivalent of "and" or "to". Some further record regarding Jannetje Jaspers will be noted later.

Baptisms of the eight children of Jan and Jannetje (Jaspers) Vidette.

From "Collections of New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, vol. II. Baptisms from 1639 to 1730 in the Reformed Dutch Church, New York."

printed 1901, Edited by Thomas Otter Swann. "They throw a flood of light upon the genealogical and social history of New Amsterdam and New York." From the Preface "... The scrupulous care with which the records of those baptisms were kept by the early ministers of the New Amsterdam Church, giving in nearly every case, in addition to the name of the child and of the father, the maiden name of the mother, and the names of the 'godfathers' or witnesses, has been of almost incalculable advantage to the genealogist. Of all the aids to family history they may be counted among the most important; etc.

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One of the odd things is, that apparently and so stated by one author, when a married woman signed as witness to a baptism, she signed her maiden name. And also, certainly in repeated instances, when a widow or widower married again, the name of the former husband or wife was given. All these facts make those Dutch marriage and baptismal records remarkably helpful.

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Notice the French names in the above list of witnesses. "Matthous de Vos, a very respectable notary of the colony," is part of what an interesting book, "New Amsterdam and Its People," by J. H. Jones, published 1902, has to say of the first witness named. And almost surely, judging from the same book, the second witness, Marie Polet, was then the wife of Matthous de Vos. And was the third witness, Anna Bayard, the one referred to in the same book as follows: - Augustyn Heermans, soldier, scholar, artist, merchant, land-surveyor, speculator, and memorial proprietor, a native of Bohemia; in 1650, in New Amsterdam, "married Jannetie Verlett, of Utrecht in the Netherlands; she is supposed to have been the daughter of Nicholas Verlett, a widower, who afterwards married Madame Anna Bayard, Director Stuyvesant's widowed sister." Notice that the child at this January 27, 1653 christening, was named Anna Marie, the names of the two women witnesses. As to Marie Polet, "New Amsterdam and Its People" has considerable to say about her first husband, Philip Gerard, proprietor of the White Horse Tavern: "Just what induced Philip Gerard, as he called himself, or Gerard, as his Dutch neighbors called him, to quit Paris (for that was his native place), and try his fortunes in the little village springing up around the fort at New Amsterdam, it is not easy to surmise. . . . However this may be, Philip Gerard and ~~Marie~~ Marie Polet, his wife, found their way to New Amsterdam prior to 1639, and soon established a small tavern . . . (later) built the White Horse tavern in 1641. . . . "Philip Gerard threw in his calling, and within ten or twelve years from the erection of the little tavern upon the corner, he had built a new house for his own residence, in his garden, and some fifty or sixty feet down Stone Street. (Note, $\frac{1}{2}$ This building appears to have been of brick, and was apparently one of the best in New Amsterdam, for it was sold at public auction on the 9th of December, 1672, to Captain Thomas Delavall, for 5195 florins, or about at the equivalent of \$2100 of the present currency, - a large price considering the value of money at the time, and the ruling prices for real estate.) . . . By that time (1653), indeed, he (Gerard) may have rented out his tavern, for in 1653, upon occasion of aiding in a loan to the magistrates to build the palisades at Wall Street, he is described as a "trader", which usually indicated a person who was doing a little bartering with the Indians. He seems, moreover, to have turned his thoughts toward acquiring a bowery upon Long Island, for in that same year 1653 he received (likely enough in consideration for his loan) a grant of some fifty acres of fine woodland, sloping down gently to the shore of the East River, a short distance north of the present Astoria. His plans, whatever they may have been, were never realized, for he died in 1655. His widow soon married Matthous de Vos, a very respectable notary of the colony. Philip left a young son, Jean or Jan Gerard, to whom his stepfather appears to have been a careful guardian. They

resided for a number of years upon the premises in Stone Street, but after his mother's death, Jean Gersard sold the property, and in 1676 appears, in an instrument then executed by him, to have been a resident of Rhode Island."

Francois Allard, witness when Jasper was baptized in 1660, was one of the "Small Burghers" of New Amsterdam. Possibly a relative of Allard Anthony.

The chances are large that the witnesses Francois Valijn and Francois Selyn were the same person; and is it possible even that "Rose Nello" was that man's wife? A marriage record, as copied, is: March 25, 1656, married, Françoys Sely, Van Dora in Brittanvie, en Rose Nello, Van Rochell, Wed Van Stephanna Suget; which means that Francois Sely, the groom, was from "Dora" (?), in Brittany, France; and the bride from La Rochelle, France, and that her maiden name was Rose Nello, but she was the widow of "Stephannus Suget".

Jan Gersijn and Hester Vincent were husband and wife. Hester was baptized in New York City in 1645, the daughter of Adriaen Vincent; and Isaac de Forest and Hester Simons were witnesses. "The Huguenot Emigration to America," by Baird, 1885, states that among those of them who went from France to Holland and later to America, were Francois Dupuis and Daniel Tournour from Picardy; Etienne Gai-nou from La Rochelle; and the Vincents, Jean, Francois, Ester, and Madeleine, of New York, were natives of the Isle of Ré - situated in the harbor of La Rochelle. "New Amsterdam and Its People states: (1655) "At the north corner of the present South William Street stood the house of Adrien Vincent, who in 1649 is spoken of as 'late cadet in the company's service,' and as having come from 'Aecken,' which is perhaps a village of that name, some six or seven miles from the old city of Ghent. Vincent had acquired this plot of land and built here about 1646. About forty feet farther north was the house of Simon Felle, a Frenchman from Dieppe in Normandy who in 1652 had purchased a house and a small plot of ground from Adriaen Vincent; four years later he married Anncken Vincent of Amsterdam, a relative, either sister or daughter of Adriaen." (In the church records, Simon Felle gets his name spelled also with an initial S and a V. This is one reason for thinking it highly probable that Steven Fidot was Steven V-dot.)

But these early Dutch records are so full and revealing of the names and lives of the families and their friends, that there is too much about them to be copied by an amateur typist.

"The Records of New Amsterdam from 1653 to 1674 Anno Domini," Edited by Berthold Fernow, 1897, 7 volumes; Index in vol. VII. - Fidot, Jan - vol. 4, pages 97, 98; vol. 5, page 221, French tailor; vol. 7, pages 151, 155.

March 29, 1657, vol. 7, page 147. - "Schout and Burgomasters of this City having taken into consideration pursuant to the privilege granted in date 30th Jany 1657 to the Burghery of this City by the Honble General and Councillors in date 24 February, that some of the newly arriving passengers may through ignorance presume to sell here in the City by the ell, measure or weight, or pursue some other business, have thought proper, in order to save every one damage, again to inform them by this publication, that no one can sell in this City by the ell, measure or weight, or do any other business, unless he have received the Burgher-right (Freedom) of this City, and have his ell, measure or weight stamped; and whosoever is inclined so to do shall have to apply, to receive their Burgher right, to the presiding Burgomaster Allard Anthony, and for the stamping their ell, measure and weight shall apply at the City Hall, of this City on the afternoon of Saturday from two to four o'clock" etc.

Page 149, April 9, 1657. "In the City Hall. - The Burgomasters and Regents of this City of Amsterdam in Netherland hereby give notice and make known, that those, who claim great or small Burgher right by virtue of gift or favor from the Honble Director General and Council, shall communicate their names within eight days to the Burgomasters of this City, who for this purpose beginning to morrow the 10th inst, shall sit during the eight days at the City Hall from two o'clock till five o'clock in the afternoon, to inscribe the names, with

warning that those who do not communicate their names within the aforesaid time shall be deprived of the claim of Burgher right."

Page 150. "List of Those who have the Burgher Right pursuant to the Privilege and Explanation thereof granted by the Rt. Honble Director General and Council to the Burghery of this City of Amsterdam in N. Netherland, and are accordingly inscribed by Burgomasters, and have taken the proper oath."

The Great Burgher Right

(Note. Burghers or Freeman were divided into two classes in Amsterdam Jan. 31, 1652, and five years later in New Amsterdam. Only nineteen persons were now admitted as Great Burghers in New Amsterdam, the first of them being General Stuyvesant, the Director-General of the City; and the fourth and fifth, Hendrick Kip, (the tailor?) and his son "Isaack" Kip; and later in the list, the eleventh, Hendrick Kip, Junior. The tenth was "Cornelis Van Tienhoven's Wife," the only woman included. Isaac de Foreest asked for the right to be admitted as a Great Burgher, but it was not acceded to; and he is listed, on April 10, 1657, as the first of the 204 admitted as Small Burghers by, with only eight exceptions, the end of April 10th. The 30th name, admitted April 13th, was that of "Jean Videt, Frenchman," as one copy has it; "Jean Videt, French Tailor," as another copy gives it. So far as has been discovered, this is the only place where Jean Videt's occupation is referred to. Is it possible that he began his training with Hendrickson Kip, the tailor?

THE SMALL BURGHER RIGHT

1657, April 10. - Isaac D'Foreest (No. 1, as stated.)(and two others that day.)

11. Mathews d'Yon (10th name)

12.

13. Jean Videt, Frenchman. (30th name)

Cornelot Ten Eyck, Shoemaker, (44th name)

14. Adriaen Vincent (52nd name)

Hendrick Hendrickson Kip, (65th name. Is he the tailor?)

Symon Pella

Francoys Allard

17. Nicolaas Verloeth

18. Jan Jansen van St Obyn

19. Abram d'la Nooy

26.

May 3. (Last of the number; included 204 in all.)

"The Register of New Netherland, 1626 to 1674," by O'Callaghan, 1835, states:- "Conferring special privileges on Inhabitants of commercial cities is an offshoot of the Roman Law, whereby it was introduced into Holland, and in time transplanted to New Netherland. Burgher right procured for the citizen Freedom of trade, Exemption from toll and from being sued by a fellow burgher, except in his Burgh. He could not be imprisoned without bail, nor tried for any offense after the lapse of a year. He was saved from attainder and confiscation, if found guilty on a capital charge; for he could not for any crime forfeit more than his life and one hundred guilders. Burgher right by descent or inheritance was gained only through the male line. Females it is true, might be Burghers, but if acquired by purchase, the right was vested in them only whilst Spinsters or Widows. They lost it if they married those not Burghers, but recovered the privilege on decease of such husband. Neither their children nor those of Jewish Burghers inherited the parent's privilege.

"In New Netherland, 'Great Burghers' only could fill public offices and enjoy exemption from confiscation and attainder, if convicted of a capital offense. All members of the Council, all Burgomasters and Schepens, all Ministers of the Gospel and Commissioned Officers of Militia, past and present, with their descendants in the male line, were declared by this Charter, Great Burghers. Others might become such also on payment of the sum of Fifty guilders into the City Treasury.

"Small Burghers were entitled only to Freedom of trade and to the privilege of being received into their respective Guilds. Natives of the city of New Amsterdam, residents there for a year and six weeks before the date of the Charter, Burghers' sons-in-law, City store keepers, salaried Servants of the Company, and all paying twenty-five guilders, were entitled to have their names inscribed on the roll of Small Burghers."

"The Records of New Amsterdam from 1653 to 1676," vol. 7, page 154;

"Jan Videt requests to build on Daniel Tencour's lot, which being considered, 'tis decreed as the lot is cut in two, and a corner house is to be on it, that such little houses cannot be placed there; therefore petitioners request to build there is rejected." - April 26, 1657

"Isack de Forest requests by petition the privilege of the Great Burgher Right, as he has been here in the Country over 20 years, has built" etc. Not granted.

April 11, 1657, vol. 7, page 154. - "Daniel Tencour appears in Court; requests that he may build on the lot granted him by the City, as the timber is ready; but as it is understood he has sold the lot to Jan Videt contrary to order and also that the present middle door is regulated 'tis finally resolved to inspect it."

Vol 4, pages 97 and 98. - June 13, 1662, in the City Hall. Peter de Rymer, plaintiff v/s Jan Videt, defendant. Deft. in default. - Tuesday 30 June 1662. In the City Hall. Pieter de Rymer, plff. v/s Jan Videt, deff. Plff. demands from deff. seven guilders and costs. Deft. acknowledges the debt; says he shall pay, as soon as he receives money. The W. Court order deff. to pay plff.

October the 21st, 22nd, 24th, and 26th days 1664; vol. 3, page 77: "Names of the Dutch who swore Allegiance after the surrender of New York. A Catalogue Alphabetically of ye Names of such Inhabitants of New Yorke &c as took the Oath to be true subjects, to His Majestie, October" etc.

"I swear by the name of Almighty God, that I will be a true subject, to the King of Great Brittain, and will obey all such commands, as I shall receive from His Majestie, His Royall Highnesse James Duke of Yorke, and such Governors and Officers, as from time to time are appointed over me, by His Authority, and none other, whilst I live in any of his Majties territories; SO HELPE ME GOD.

(Among the 251 signers, alphabetically arranged, are)

Anthony, Allard	Dupuis, Nicholas	Stuyvesant, Pieter
Bedlow, Isaac	Duyckings, Evert	Videt, Jan
Bayard, Nicholas	Fell, Simon	Vincent, Adrian

"Wednesday Afternoon, being the 19th April 1665; are assembled at the City Hall the Heeren Allard Anthony, Cornelis Steenwyck, ^{van Cortlandt} Giel Stevenzen, Philips Leenderson vander Grift, Tysotheus Gaby, Joannes van Brugh, Joannes de Peister, Jacob Kip, Jacques Goussau.

"The President states, the Gouverneur Nicolls has ordered in writing the Burge-masters and Schepens, after divers debates previously had, to quarter one hundred soldiers on the Burghers and inhabitants of this City, for which on his side he promises to pay weekly as lodging money for each soldier the sum of three guilders in want or goods equivalent besides their weekly rations; whereupon Burge-masters and schepens expressed their duty to induce the Commonalty thereto. Then they found no one disposed thereto, except by adding two guilders for each soldier in addition to the aforesaid three guilders, and they accordingly found quarters for the aforesaid hundred soldiers which they made known and communicated to the Hon. Mr. Nicolls and delivered the list to his Honor; where the soldiers should be quartered, who gave it to Captn de la Vaal and Capt. Salisbury with orders to inspect the houses, where the soldiers should be quartered, to see if they were adapted for the reception and lodging of the soldiers; after which inspection they made report to his Honor, judging almost all fit except fifteen in number

wanting double bedding and pillows for two persons, which Burgomasters and Schepens having fitted up, they were delivered over to Capt. Salisbury on the 10th of this month by order of the Hon. Govr Nicolls; and whereas his Honor is about to depart for Boston, which he will do in three or four days, his Hon. thought fit to suspend the quartering until his return here, so as to remove difficulties between Burgher and soldier, on condition that Burgomasters and Schepens should pay now to all the soldiers the two guilders per week in servant as lodging money, which they had previously promised to the Burghers for the quartering the soldiers; and whereas Burgomasters and Schepens have requested and urged many Burghers in addition as before, to lodge soldiers, they have taken such into their serious consideration and resolved to accept the proposition of General Nicolls considering it to be best for the Community and good inhabitants of this City: They have therefore resolved and hereby resolve thereupon to make a general assessment, what each shall have to pay weekly for the time of six ~~new~~ weeks, and have resolved as the following list shows: from which assessment (if) more than the two hundred guilders weekly for the soldiers shall be paid, if the monies to be collected reach so far, whatever the Burghers have heretofore disbursed to the garrison previously stationed in this City: And the City orders the Burghers to be paid the same as Nicolaes de Moyer, Isaac Trevenant, Molen-graaf, Arion Ippel, and Jacob Temmisen, baker, etc.

List of the Burghers and Inhabitants of this City that are Assessed:

The Marketfield - (Eleven names follow, beginning with The Hon. Petrus Stuyvesant, 4 fl.; and including Mr. Allard Anthony, 3 fl. Only two pay 4 florins, one 3; five pay 2, and two pay 1 florin.)

The Heere Straet - (22 names; eleven of them paid 1 florin.)

On the Strand of the North River - (1 name, Jacob Leenders; van der Grift, 1/1)

The Cingel or City Wall: (Ten names, Jan Videt the third, 1 florin.)

High Street: - (41 names, including Isaac, ^{Baldwin} Evert Duyckinck.)

The Waal; By the Water; The Pearl Street; Behind Pearl Street; The Brewer Street; Winkel (Shop) Street; Bridge Street; The Heere Graft; The Prince Graft; Prince Street; The Beavers Graft; Marketfield Alley; Smoe (Smith) Street; In the Smiths Valley; Without the Land-gate. (Foregoing is full list of streets or places where assessed Burghers and Inhabitants lived.)

"Jan Jolison Koeck is hereby authorized by the Burgomasters and Schepens to go, with one of the Court Messengers from house to house with the assessment list, and collect the monies from each for so much as he is assessed. Done" etc.

Jaspers

Jannetje Jaspers was witness to the baptism, January 21, 1657, New York City, of Maria, child of Carol Mergen and his wife Cathalyntie Hendricks. Also witness Oct. 15, 1656 to the baptism of Johannes, son of Hendrick Vandoezenburg and his wife Marretje Hendricks.

Marriages: - 1644, den 23 Mart: James Groves, j. m. Ugt de Province Van Hartford, an Rebecca Jaspers, j. d. Ugt de Provincie Van Buckingham. (Married, March 23, 1644, James Groves, young man, from the province of Hartford; and Rebecca Jaspers, young woman, from the province of Buckingham. It seems sure that the "provinces" are Hartford and Buckingham, England. And if so, it suggests English people; but also might mean that they had first been exiles to England.

Marriages: - 1664, den 29 Nov., Jan Evertszon Kaesenboot, j. m. Van Groll; an Grietje Jaspers, j. d. Van Thiel.

Marriages: - 1692, Jan. 1., Francisco Anthony, laet Wed. v. Gaertic Thomin; an Grietje Jaspers, Wed Van Jan Evertszon Kaesenboom, beyde wonende alhier. (Grietje Jaspers, young woman, from Thiel, married first in 1664, etc and in 1692, a widow, married as a (third) wife, etc., both living at New Amsterdam.)

Baird's Huguenot Emigrants above referred to states that a Pierre Gaspar was a signer to a 1621 petition of Walloon and French Huguenot exiles to Leyden,

Holland, asking for permission to go to Virginia. Is it possible that Jaspers and Gaspar are the same name?

"Family of William Penn," by Jenkins, 1899, states that William Penn's father, Captain and Sir William Penn, married, date supposedly Jan. 6, 1643/4, "Margaret Jasper, of Rotterdam, daughter of John Jasper. And this is all that seems to be known of her family, though why our information is so meagre is not easily explained. John Jasper is generally described as a merchant, sometimes as an 'opulent' one; by one authority he is named a burgomaster, and the editor of Lord Braybrooke's edition of Pepys calls him Sir John. As to his daughter we have little knowledge, except the pictures coarsely drawn by Pepys. This one is well known:

Aug. 19, 1664. - To Sir W. Pen's, to see his lady the first time, who is a well-looking, fat, short old Dutchwoman, but one that has been heretofore pretty handsome, and is now very discreet, and I believe hath more wit than her husband. Here we stayed talking a good while, and very well pleased I was with the old woman.

... The high regard of William Penn the Founder for his mother is generally asserted. Clarkson says he had for her 'the deepest filial affection,' etc. She was buried March 4, 1681/2.

Jasper Veditto, Vedito, Vedeto, Videto, Vidito; of Greenwich, Conn. Jamaica, Queens County, Long Island, New York; County records of Deeds; Libro B. No. 1, page 38. - June the 17 1635

Know all men by these presents that we whose names are here underwritten being as followeth Viz: Samuel Messenger of Jamaica in Queens County and Jasper Veditto & Sarah Veditto his wife both of Greenwich in the County of Fairfield in the Colony of Connecticut doe jointly & severally bind our selves our heirs Executors administrators and assigns firmly by these presents fully and absolutely to acquitt us or any of us or our heirs etc to any part or parcel of Upland or meadow formerly sold by Ephraim Palmer now deceased unto the said John Man his heirs . . . the said land and meadow being mentioned in a Bill of Sale bearing date the 3 December 1679, and likewise do confirm the former Sale made by Ephraim Palmer to the said Man in every part thereof to the true performance whereof we the parties abovesaid do interchangeably sett to our hands and seals the day & years above written and do acknowledge to have received from the said man full Satisfaction for the same as Witnesses our hands and seals. (Signed)

(Witnesses)

Rand Evans

Samuel Ruscoe

Samuel Messenger (Seal)

Jasper Veditto (Seal)

Sarah Veditto (Seal)

(Note. - I am practically sure that the above was a copy of the original. No statement is made that any of the signatures is by mark. But between the given and family name of Jasper Veditto are the carefully formed letters or numerals "IV", perhaps followed by "a". - Is it meant for J. V. I - And between the given and last name of Jasper's wife, but not elevated, is the written letter S., followed high up, against the upper part of the S, by an "r". Whether the original looked exactly like this I cannot of course say. Following after the initials is the acknowledgement.) - Thus above and within written obligation was signed Sealed and delivered in presence of us.

June 17, 1635.

Eliza Daughtry

Entered (etc.) 19 June 1635

By Wm Hiltelle Reg:r

Greenwich, Connecticut, Deeds

March 16, 1634/5, Book 1, page 141. - William Hubert of Greenwich sold unto Jasper Vedeto of ye same place five acres situated "in ye (?) Called Clabord hill field."

Feb. 16, 1636, Book 1, page 12, a town grant of land to Jasper Vedeto; "granted

by ye Towne unto Jasper Vedito an allotment of Land by Myones neck," four acres, bounded east by Joseph Finches fence; condition, his making & maintaining a sufficient water (?) for securing side . . .

Dec. 29 (see to last figure), 1686, Book 2, page 19, at a town meeting "the Towne doth grant unto Jasper Vedito a home Lot consisting of one acre or two" . . . "I make choice of John Hubb & John mend Senior & Walter butler as ye Town's committee to lay out" . . .

Dec. 29, 1686, Book 2, P. 3, page 55, a town Lay-out of land to Jasper Vedito.

July 9, 1687, Book 1, page 127. - Bill of Exchange between Jasper Vedito and William Hubbard, Jr. - land "in a field Commonly Couled Clabert hill field" unto Jasper Vedito, in exchange for acres "by yed water works of Myones neck fieldes at Myones River" . . .

Stanford, Conn., deed

3rd day of 10th month of year 1686, Book A, page 128. - Entered the 7th of the same month and year. "I Eliaser Sisson of Stanford in the County of Fairfield & in the Colony of Connecticut have sold unto Jasper Vedito of Greenwich in the county & colony as above, to say a right of land for a hundred & sixty five pounds right yt is to be laid out according to town vote below ye road between the expasture and Greenwich bounds" etc Signed in Stanford this 3, 10 Mo: 1686. (Signed) Eliaser Sisson

Witnesses: Samuel Holly, Samuel Pfinch.

August 10, 1708, Book 1, page 374, Greenwich, Conn., deeds. "I John Viteto of Greenwich" for five pounds ten shillings paid by "Gerahon Lockwood of said Greenwich son to Jonathan Lockwood" sell a "certain parcel of upland" in Greenwich, to be selected by the purchaser out of a certain field but "not to come within sixty Rods of said County roads" "yt being ye right formerly belonging to my father Jasper Viteto & is in quantity four acres & a rood" etc. "Witness my hand & seal in Stanford this 10th Day of August 1708" (Signed)

Witnesses: Jonath Sallock Junr

"John Viteto"

Samuel Chosson (?)

Acknowledged by "John Viteto" in Stanford before Jonathan Sallock, J. P.

October 23, 1712, vol. 5, page 48, Original, Stanford, Conn.: "I John Viteto of Danbury in ye County of Fairfield and Colony of Connecticut . . . received of Saml Mills of Greenwich . . . two Certain parcels of Land a home within ye Bounds of Greenwich of an acre or two which was granted to my honored Father Jasper Vedito of Greenwich Deceased Anno 1686 (the 8 looks more like 2, probably because of a somewhat old-fashioned shape) December ye 27 ye other parcell of Land within ye Bounds of Stanford Lying below ye Road between ye expasture and Greenwich Bounds which is an hundred and sixty five pounds Rights in sd Lands I say such from me (?) John Viteto and mine for Ever unto ye aforesd Saml Mills and his for Ever . . . set my hand and seal in Greenwich Anno 1712 october ye 22 in presence of John Palmer

Timothy Knap

Acknowledged before Joshua Knap, J. P.

Received for Record January 24, 1737/3

(Above also recorded in Greenwich, Vol. c. P. 1, page 32, and begins: "I John Viteto of Danbury")

March 21, 1720, Book 2, page 280, Greenwich, Conn.: "Whereas the Town of greenwich hath formerly granted unto the Jasper Vedito late of Greenwich Deceased"

Greenwich, Conn., History, pages 466, 477

"Vedito, Jasper, Dec. 29, 1686, granted a home lot, which was afterwards granted to Rev. Abraham Pierson." "Pierson, Abraham, Rev., Aug. 2, 1692, granted a home lot formerly granted to Jasper Vedito, consisting of four acres."

Palmer. - Henry Palmer, a freeman in Massachusetts, 1642; died in Greenwich,

Conn., about 1660. By his first wife, Katherine, he had children, among them, Ephraim, born April 5, 1648; died August 13, 1683; married 1668, Sarah - the second wife of Henry was Judith, and after his death she married (2) Jeffrey Forster (3) John Bowers. Children of Ephraim and Sarah Palmer were: Jeannet, b. 1669; Sarah, b. 1671; Judith, b. 1673, mar. Samuel Raymond; Susannah, b. 1675; Ephraim, b. Oct. 34, 1677 (mar. a step-daughter of John Bowers, and removed to Dutchess County, New York; Henry, b. 1679; John, b. 1681 (Dec. 15, 1702; he, John, received from his mother, then Sarah Gregory, his share of his father's estate. March 17, 1743, he and his sons John and Mesenger, had laid out on the right of Ephraim Palmer, a parcel of Greenwich land.)

Then in 1640 Greenwich, Conn., was first settled by agents for the New Haven Company, with them were some Dutch and English settlers, among them John Bowers and Andrew Mesenger. Among the 1682 or 27 proprietors of 1672 were John Bowers, Walter Butler, William Hubbard, Ephraim Palmer, John Palmer. The May 21, 1683 list of 52 landowners included Jasper Vidito. The 1697 Tax List, recorded 1705, does not include the name of Vidito or Gregory.

Ephraim Palmer died Aug. 19, 1684. Inventory taken Sept. 17, 1684, and mentions his widow, Sarah, and children Ephraim, aged 7 years; John, aged 2 years; Jeannet, aged 15 years; Sarah, aged 13 years; Judith, aged 11 years; Susannah, aged 3 years; and Henry, aged 4 years. Inventory filed Nov. 4, 1684, and administration granted the widow Sarah Palmer and John Bowers. By Dec. 15, 1702, the widow had married a Gregory.

The June 17, 1685 Jamaica, Long Island, deed seems to make it certain that Ephraim Palmer's daughter Sarah (or widow Sarah) had by that time married Jasper Vidito of Connecticut, Conn. There seems no practical probability it was the widow, known to have married a Mr. Gregory by Dec. 1702. If it had been the widow, with a two or three year old son John, it would have seemed unusual to have named her son by the second husband, John, also, especially when they were so near of an age. - Did widow Sarah Palmer marry Judah Gregory, one of the first settlers of Danbury, Conn., or one of his sons? Almost surely she was the grandmother of John Vidito (Jasper), who had gone from Greenwich to Danbury by Oct. 22, 1712; was it her presence that took him there? He married there in about a year, and doubtless remained till his death shortly prior to Aug. 13, 1743, when the inventory of his estate was taken. - Do the two deeds above that John Vidito signed, both concerning his father's estate, indicate that he was the only heir? had no brothers or sisters or mother living? In the Aug. 13, 1743 inventory of John's estate there is one suggestion of perhaps a brother. The estate was considerable, with seven different pieces of real estate listed, one of them the "homestead with half ye house." Almost surely the other half the house was owned by a very close relative, certainly not the father in this case. Was it a brother, and did he have a son Mesenger? Or John's mother and perhaps a stepfather? or was it John's 29 year old son John?

In April, 1777, during the Revolutionary War, the British burned Danbury, Conn., (where military stores were kept), and the town records of deeds were burned too; only a volume of probate records escaped. It is said because it was at a private house somewhere outside the range of burning. Fortunately the John Vidito inventory (probate just then beginning to be kept in Danbury) is in that saved book. But all the Danbury public records of deeds up to 1777 are gone; so we cannot trace any early records there of Vidito land purchases. If we could, almost surely we would know who owned the other half the house on John Vidito's homestead. In an attempt to avoid complications about land boundaries and ownership in Danbury, the Connecticut legislature authorized hearings before certain courts instituted for the purpose, or selected for it, but I do not know of any such records. There is, however, a December 9, 1800 legal paper recorded with the Danbury deeds that is clearly meant to supply a

deficiency left by the burning of the old deeds. It only concerns the leasing of a small piece of land that John Vidite (Jasper) had had; but its main value is in naming John, Sarah, Mary, and Stephen Vidite as children of that John. Again there is a question, for it does not state in so many words that these four were the only children, nor do I know whether it should be inferred that they were. If they were, it seems almost inevitable that an Ebenezer Vidite must have been, say, John's nephew. The paper is as follows:

Vol. 10, page 611, Danbury, Conn., Deeds: Vidite, John - Survey to John Vidite & others. Danbury December 9th A. D. 1800 Surveyed to the heirs of John Vidite Late of Danbury Deceased, and who was Father to John Vidite late of Danbury Deceased, and Sarah Bradshaw deceased - wife of John Bradshaw deceased - and Mary Benedict wife of Isaac Benedict - and Stephen Vidite Deceased, and to their Heirs and to David Boughton of said Danbury - at Lane, or Great Tasterover (?) Hill so called in said Danbury, a certain (?) given or parcel of Land Containing about half an acre . . (bounded by highway, and on three sides by David Boughton) . . which we surveyed to the said Heirs of the said Vidite and to the said Boughton as Tenants in Common that is to say the Heirs of the said John Vidite Junr, Stephen Vidite - Sarah Bradshaw, and Mary Benedict - and David Boughton"

The inventory of Aug. 19, 1745 is very interesting, and it is a pity there seemed no opportunity to get a photostat copy. It is with the Probate records, Danbury, Conn., City Hall, Book 1, page 12: Danbury August the 19 1745

An Inventory of the Estate of John Vidite Deed

Waring apparel £ 9; 18 s; tow cloth 8d Bibel & other Books £ 3; 15s

(The work of copying the pounds, shillings, and pence is too difficult for an amateur typist, so I will omit much of that, but try to give some idea of the belongings, from the earlier portion that I copied this spring)

Guns & ammunition, 6 pounds, 5 shillings; Best bed bedding & Mat & Cords, 13 pounds; Bed & bolster, 40 s; Bed st'd & Cord; trundle Bed mat cord; Coverlids Bolsters & pillows, 3 pounds, 19 s; tabel Cloths sheets towels pillows and pillow casings; two Iron pots; shears sheet & tabel; two boxes & 2 chests; Iron kittel; Brass skillet & two trunnels & hook; puter; Cheese ware; tin tunnel & Cup; Bods (?) dishes trenchers Ladels; Buckit pail butter tub; tunnel; 4 gall Bottel & empty tub; Box & heaters; Chopings; Spectickels; Shears Seals can(or n)del Stick; 3 galle pots; Raysors; Comes Case; milk horns; Knives & steel; Lamp bott(?) mold Sikel & hammer; grate gimlet; Earthen ware; teecup picher & green pot; glass bottles & stone judge; over glass & vials(?); chamber pot; Spoons Speal & tongs; teakker Boxes & bones; Leather; 2 gimlets & gouges; Prokes(?) & Ring; 2 hammers & pinchers; Stilyards & hetchel; Buttons Brass & puter; Mortar & puer(?); Clock Reel & 2 littel wheals; grate wheel & Riddel; hollow tub & Stow & cup; two drums tube & bukits; Broome Ladels & Bran Box; Brod tray & 2 half bushels; Salt calk(?) & Salt tub; old barril meat was in it; hops & tub; 3 barkes pan; 3 bags & wool; wollen yarn & tear(?); 2 pare cards; niting nodes; Spoon mold Button mold Aladel; brass & pinchers; 2 hammers; 2 piles & Rasp; Leather bag & what was in it; 3 pare shears Sodering Irons; part mantel & malt traps(?); (Note. - Here I got worn out copying, as it got to farming tools, cow, horse, hogs, oats, wheat, etc. etc. and only noted the seven pieces of land, which were as follows) homestead with half ye house, 40 pounds; Land at Middel River, 14 pounds; Land over Middel River, 20 pounds; Land at Cobanssey, 17 pounds, 10 shillings; Land at Clabard Ridge, 115 pounds; Land at Haynes hill (failed to copy amount); Land at Stadley Rough,

The takers of the Inventory were: Mather Boutain, Abraham Wildman, Frances Knap

Book 2, page 2, at a court of probate held in Danbury for the District of Danbury August the 29 Day A. D. 1745 - Widow Sarah Vidite of sd Danbury were appointed Administratrix on ye Estate of John Vidite Late of sd Danbury Deceased and have given Bond on file as ye Law directs.

Test Comfort Starr Clerk

At a probate court in Danbury Sept. 26(1), 1745, "Mrs. Sarah Vidite" Adm³ "to ye Estate of John Vidite Dead" was approved.

Vol. 5, page 471, Danbury Probate records. - The May 29, 1739 will of Rebecca Vidite of Danbury was probated June 19, 1739. She willed "to beloved husband John Vidite," and the remainder to brothers, sisters, and nephews and nieces, of the Morehouse family or descent; so doubtless she had no children living, either by Comfort Stevens, her first husband, or by John Vidite, her second husband. There seems no ground for doubting that her husband, John Vidite, was the son of John of Danbury above, son of Jasper.² This John's³ grandson was named Jasper, born 1723.

It seems clear from the records that the spelling of his name that John Vidite³ preferred was that I have just used.

Sarah Pickett, wife of John³ Vidite of Danbury, Connecticut

John Picket, Sr., of Stratford, Conn., had a son Thomas² who was an early settler of Danbury, Conn., and who died shortly before Jan. 22, 1711/2, leaving a widow, Sarah; and six sons and three daughters, the youngest daughter being Sarah.³ One of the sons, Benjamin, died unmarried in 1724, leaving his estate to be divided among his five brothers, sister Sarah Vidite, sister (half) Abigail Benedict, and the son of his deceased sister (half) Hannah Noble. Thomas Picket's first wife died, and he married (2) Sarah, probably Sarah Barnum, and probably the daughter of Thomas Barnum, one of the eight men who started the Danbury, Conn., settlement in 1684. Doubtless Sarah (Pickett) Vidite, and I believe all her six brothers who lived to maturity, were children of this second wife. When Thomas Barnum died, Dec. 26, 1695, Danbury, his son Thomas and Thomas Pickett of Danbury were appointed administrators. The inventory of Thomas Pickett's estate had appended to it the names and dates of birth of his children: Richard Barnum, almost surely the brother of Thomas Pickett's widow, Sarah, was made guardian of one of the minor sons. The widow married (2) Samuel Hayes. John Pickett, Sr., father of Thomas of Danbury, was in Salem, Mass., by 1648, when (Nov. 19) he had four children baptized; Thomas the youngest of them. By 1660 John, Sr., had removed to Stratford, Conn., where he was constable in 1667; selectman, 1669; deputy to the colony legislature, May, 1673 and May, 1675. He died there April 11, 1684; his wife "Margett" died Oct. 6, 1683. John "Pigott's" wife of Stratford was mentioned by Winthrop as aged 41 years in 1663.

Danbury, Conn., History, by Hill, pub. 1896. - "Tradition has said that the name Kohansaw grew out of 'cow-handy' pasture"; but in the inventory of estate of John Vidite, in 1745, we find this item, "land at Cohansay."³

Children of John and Sarah (Pickett) Vidite, of Danbury, Conn.

New Milford, Conn., is about 18 miles northerly of Danbury. In 1740, Sarah Vidite (John³ Jasper) married John Bradshaw of New Milford. Feb. 1, 1749, Stephen Vidite of Danbury bought five acres of New Milford land of James Bradshaw (vol. 6, p. 422, New Milford deeds.) Dec. 3, 1750 there was a "Lay Out" of six acres of New Milford land to Stephen Vidite; and on the 20th of the same month another Lay Out, 5 acres to Stephen Vidite (vol. 6, p. 437, 438). And April 21, 1750 Stephen had bought 2 acres of Joseph Smith (vol. 7, p. 69), here styled "Stephen Vittete of New Milford." Jan. 25, 1753, Stephen Vidite of New Milford sold 13 acres in New Milford, situated in Still River Neck, the John Bradshaw region, to John Vidite of Danbury. (Vol. 7, p. 323). Feb. 13, 1753 there was a New Milford Lay Out to John Vidite of four acres "in ye Still River Neck Near ye Great River North Eastward from sd Vittete's house Bounded as follows"; bounded westward on his own land, south on Smith land, east on a highway. It was signed by John Warner Committee, and by "John Vittete". Feb. 15, 1753 John Bradshaw and John Vidite bought from Jonathan Duck. (Vol. 6, p. 709 for Lay Out; vol. 7, p. 269 from Duck.) Another purchase from Thomas

Brownson. John Videto of New Milford sold land there, Sept. 11, 1753, to David Jackson; Dec. 3, 1753, 2 acres in Still River Neck to John Bradshaw; Jan. 25, 1754, 14 acres to James Hayes. (vol. 7, p. 394, 451; vol. 8, p. 67.)

Ebenezer Videto bought 20 acres of New Milford land, in Long Meadow, from Nathan Platt et al, Dec. 26, 1753 (vol. 7, p. 393); and Ebenezer sold these 20 acres to Joseph Fuggles, March 9, 1757 (vol. 9, p. 359). I unfortunately failed to note to what town it is stated Ebenezer belonged when he first purchased; inclined to believe it was Milford New Milford. By 1763, Ebenezer was in North Stratford, where there were members of the Pickett family. Does the Dec. 9, 1800 Danbury recorded survey prove that Ebenezer was not the son of John of Danbury?

Connecticut Historical Society Collections, vol. II, French and Indian War Rolls, 1755 - 1757, vol. I. Campaign of 1756, Fourth Regiment, "Against Crown Point etc in the Pay of the Colony of Conn. 1756." Pages 156, 157. - Eighth Company, Capt. Wood, of Danbury; Jonah Eaton, 1st lieutenant; John Benedict 3rd, 2nd lieutenant; John Videto one of the privates. A report on the condition of the forces, called "This muster roll, signed by Henry Laddel Muster Master General, is dated Camp at Fort William Henry Oct. 13, 1756" (State Library, Adams Papers). Of this Eighth Company, 24 were "Sick at Albany", including the captain, 1st lieutenant, sergeant; and, "Videto, John Sick at Albany" (abbreviated by raising the letter "y", for Albany, where there was a military hospital, and where the sick soldiers had to pay so much per day for being there) was one of them. Some were "Sick at fort Edward." Vol. II, 1758 - 1762, page 150. - Campaign of 1759, Third Regiment. Fifth Company, Capt. Samuel Hubbel of Fairfield; Noble Benedict of Danbury, 1st Lieutenant; John Videto, one of the privates, enlisted April 3, and was discharged Dec. 3; and there is a star indicating that he was one of those who had "Served" "in a former Campaign." I think without doubt this was the John born Nov. 11, 1714, Danbury, son of John.

March 6, 1761, Stratford, Conn., Ebenezer Videto of Stratford, for 25 pounds lawful money received of James Beebe of Stratford, sold "a certain tract of land that I purchased of Capt. Daniel Shearwood & Stephen Burrough formerly laid out to said Stephen Burrough & Joseph Beeley in Stratford woods below Shagany swamps hill for ye conveyance of a mill place ye place where ye Sawmill now stands" . . . "I now sell to said James Beebe for him . . . & also to said Ebenezer Videto do for myself . . . 6 day of March 1761" . . . "Personally appeared Ebenezer Videto . . . before me Rob. Fairchild" J. P. Recorded March 25, 1761, vol. 12, old page 330, Stratford, Conn., deeds.

Nov. 7, 1766, "Ebenezer Videto of Stratford in ye county of Fairfield & Colony" of Conn., for 30 pounds sells to Eben Hawley of Stratford "a certain tract of land & a dwelling house there on situate in said Stratford" "Rear of Rev. James Beebe mill containing 7 acres", bounded west on ye River, North & East on John Burton, south on Judson Burton Land, 7th day of Nov. 1766. Ackn. before Daniel Fairchild, J. P.; Recorded March 25, 1767, vol. 14, p. 557.

Old Times in North Yarmouth, Maine, vol. 5, 6, page 912:

Old Accounts - The following extracts from an account book of Cornelius Buxton illustrate the prices of the times and the different currencies then in use:- "Mr. Jonathan True, 1770, Dr., etc (The other dates that follow are 1771, 1772, 1780, 1781, 1775."

"Videtto - The book above mentioned shows that a third part of a grist-mill was set off to Mrs. Buxton from the estate of her father, William Bucknam, and a Mr. - Videtto, evidently a miller, then attending it, accounts to Mr. Buxton for the tolls."

(Note. - According to the above statement, when William Bucknam's mill was inherited by his daughter, a Mr. Videtto was attending it, and made a report on sales as early as 1770. I believe this Mr. Videtto was the father of James, Joseph, and Comfort Videto, and the husband of the 1790 "Widow Videto" of North

Tarmonth. And I also believe he was Ebenezer Vidito, who had a new-mill in Stratford, Conn., that he sold; and sold his Stratford home place in the fall of 1766, and who was exempted from paying Stratford church taxes in 1768. Com- fort Vidito was later miller in North Tarmonth, and he named his first born son Ebenezer. As Nathaniel Vidito of Stratford, married to Joseph Herring there in 1763, had named her first born Ebenezer. And Joseph Vidito of North Tarmonth, brother of Comfort, had a daughter Nathaniel, also a daughter Sarah - the only two of his children who survived Joseph to 1842.)

Revolutionary War soldiers, Joseph Vidito and Comfort Vidito, brothers, of North Tarmonth, Maine, and Joseph Vidito part of the time from New Milford, Conn. See "Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors in the War of the Revolution," remembering that Maine was part of Mass. until 1820. "Vidito - (This name also appears under the form of Vidator, Vidito.) Comfort Vidito, July 1, 1779 to Sept. 12, 1779; May 22, 1780 to Jan. 26, 1781. Comfort Vidito, Jan. 9, 1782 to , for 12 months, 23 days.

Joseph Vidito, North Tarmonth; Private, Capt. John Northby's Co., Col. Edmund Ridgely's regt.; discharging allowed from date of enlistment, May 6, 1775, to date of marching to headquarters, July 6, 1775; credited with 61 days absence also order for bounty sent dated Cambridge, Fort No. 2, Nov. 2, 1775; also, Private, Capt. Nathaniel Almsdel's co., Col. Sigleyworth's regt.; pay abstract for travel allowances etc, from Albany home sworn to Jan. 30, 1777; 354 miles travel allowed Vidito. Viditor, Joseph, North Tarmonth; Private, Capt. John Northby's co., Col. Edmund Ridgely's (31st regt.); company returned dated Camp at Cambridge, Fort No. 2 (probably Oct. 1775); enlisted May 6, 1775.

Connecticut Historical Society Collections, vol. 12, Revolution Lists and Returns 1775 - 1783. Page 186, and regt., Col. Buttery and Co., Lieut.-Col. Hatt, "Pay Roll of The Short Levies in Lt Colo Hatt's Company 2d Conn. Regt. Commanded by Nehemiah Butler Colo- Joseph Vidito, commenced service 1780, July 15. Pay to Dec. 13 - Towns to which they belong: New Milford."

U. S. Pension Bureau, Revolutionary War claim for pension of Joseph Vidito, Massachusetts Troops, Survivor File No. 35690. Copy from photostat copy made 1925, Aug. 21. To the Honble Abner K. Paris Judge of the District Court for Maine District Husbly sheweth, That your petitioner Joseph Vidito of North Tarmonth in the County of Cumberland in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts is now sixty-six years of age - That about the first of April in the year seven- teen hundred and seventy five I enlisted in Captain John Northby's Company in Colonial Phinney's Regiment. I went to Cambridge and served eight months - in the year seventeen hundred and seventy six I was turned over from Capt. Northby's Company to Captain Blaisdel's Company in Collo Sigleyworth's Regt. I was ordered to Concord where I served to the end of that year. I was then turned over from Capt Blaisdel's Company to Capt H (1) Allen Company in Collo Swift's Regt. - I was ordered to Penikese and on the fourth day of October seventeen hundred and seventy seven I was in the battle fought at Germantown after this I went to Valley Forge and there suffered every hardship till the last day of December of said year my time that I had enlisted for was then out and was discharged. After this I entered into the Service of the new State of Connecticut where I served the remainder of the War - being far advanced in age, very infirm and destitute of property not where- with to support myself and absolutely stand in need of the support offered by Country whose Independence I have fought and suffered every hardship.

Joseph Vidito

I Richard Stubbs of North Tarmonth in the County of Cumberland and Common- wealth of Massachusetts seventy four years of age do testify and say I have examined the above Statement made by Joseph Vidito and that I am knowing to

his serving in the Continental Army at Cambridge and at Ticonderoga as therein stated, as I was a Soldier then at the same time further saith not.

Sworn to before Albion K. Parris

Richard Stubbs

U. S. Judge

I Jeremiah Stubbs of North Yarmouth in the County of Cumberland on the Commonwealth of Massachusetts sixty four years of age do testify and say that I have examined the above statement made by Joseph Videto, and that I am knowing to his belonging to Captain Northley Company in Colo Phineys Regt and of his serving at the time at Cambridge therein mentioned which Regt was in the Continental Service further saith not

Sworn to before Albion K. Parris

Jeremiah Stubbs

U. S. Judge etc

Maine District, ss

Be it remembered, That on twenty eighth day of April in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and eighteen, personally came Joseph Videto the applicant named in the papers herunto annexed, and after being duly cautioned and examined, made oath that the several statements by him made in the annexed application, signed in my presence, are wholly true.

And the said applicant further offered in evidence the depositions of Richard Stubbs and Jeremiah Stubbs, both soldiers in the Revolutionary army which depositions were taken and sworn to before me, and are herunto annexed.

And it appearing to me in the examination here had, that the several persons above named are credible witnesses, I do hereby admit the annexed declarations as evidence, and certify the same as being satisfactory proof to me that the said Joseph Videto the applicant, served as a private soldier in the revolutionary war, against the common enemy, for the term of nine months and upwards in continuation on the continental establishment. And I do further certify, that from the declaration of the applicant made before me, under oath as aforesaid, it does appear that in consequence of his reduced circumstances in life, he is in need of assistance from his country for support; all which I do hereby certify and transmit to Secretary of the Department of War, agreeably to the provisions of an Act of Congress, passed March 16, 1816, entitled, "An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war."

"In Testimony Whereof, I have herunto set my hand and caused my Official Seal to be affixed the day and year first mentioned.

Albion K. Parris

Judge of the United States in and for the District of Maine

(Note, - Most of this last is printed on a legal form, with blanks for the names to be filled in.)

Treasury Department, Second Comptroller's Office

Sir:

Nov. 21st, 1842

Under the act of the 6th of April, 1838, entitled "An Act directing the transfer of money remaining unclaimed by certain Pensioners, and authorizing the payment of the same at the Treasury of the United States," and the 3d section of the Act of August 23, 1842, extending the time in which pensioners may receive their pensions from the pension agents, the childn (the final "n" is raised, with a line under it, and two dots under the line - meaning, and abbreviation for "children") of Joseph Videto, decd, a Pensioner on the Roll of the Maine Agency, at the rate of Eight Dollars and - Cents per month, under the law of the 18th March 1816, has been paid at this Department, from the 4 of March to the 11th July 1839.

Respectfully yours,

To the Commissioner of Pensions,
Present

Albion K. Parris
Comptroller

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Portland Advertiser, Portland, Maine - Friday Evening, July 19, 1839. -

Among notices of "Died".

"In Lewiston lith inst. Mr. Joseph Videto, a revolutionary soldier, aged 88." (From the pension records, I believe that the age was ⁸⁷ in the 88th year. By the above pension records, it is evident that on April 28, 1839, he was 87 years old. Of course if he had been born between April 23 and July 11, he would have been 88 at death, and this may be true. But the book, "Revolutionary Pensioners Living in Maine," by Flagg, on page 88 states: "35 a Videto, Joseph, Mass. line, private, age 82, Lincoln Co." This means that a list taken in 1835, suppose one puts it on Jan. 1, 1835, of Rev. War pensioners in Maine, includes Joseph Videto, then 82 years old. According to Joseph's statement on April 28, 1818, he would have been 83 years old by April 23, 1835. Therefore, since he was only 82 by say the first of 1835, he was born after the first part of the year 1752 but born by April 23th of that year.)

Comfort Videto, North Yarmouth, Maine, at an enlistment that is almost surely on Jan. 9, 1782, for 3 years, (date of an enlistment) is stated to be 19 years old; stature, 5ft., 7 inches; complexion and eyes, dark; hair, black.

See the published "Old Times in North Yarmouth, Maine," by A. S. Corliss

Comfort Videto served from July 7 to Sept. 13, inclusive, 1779, Expedition at Penobscot. The descriptive list of the men, quoted from above, is given on page 338. On page 736 is the following:

"Videto - Comfort Videto, a former resident of North Yarmouth, was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. He served two or three enlistments. His discharge from the Army, signed by General Edward Russell, is still in the Groves family. He was the grandfather of Miss Lucy V. Groves, postmistress at Yarmouth. Miss Groves, under date of Nov. 3, 1880, writes that but two of the family are now living - her aunts, Mrs. Mary Mitchell, aged 82, and Mrs. Olive Brown, aged 79.

"The name of Videto appears in Old Times, and papers on file for publication, as follows: On page 328, where Comfort Videto appears as a private in Capt. - Brown's company of Colonel - Russell's regiment, age 19; height, 5 ft., 7 inches; (Please see the book for military service! Worn with typings!). . . Under date of Oct. 11, 1800, his name again appears in the postage account on page 10. From other sources it is learned that he was living in the town in 1796, his name appearing in a list of subscribers for the "Baptist Confession of Faith."

"The name of Joseph Videto appears in some old papers under date of 1795, North Yarmouth. Lucy and Hannah Videto appear as widows in North Yarmouth in 1821, page 586. On page 213, under date of Oct. 5, 1840, is the record of burial of "Old Mrs. - Videtto." Will some of the descendants furnish further information about this family?"

The discharge of Comfort Videto from the army was signed by Major General Knox, as will be seen below:

"By the Honourable Major General Knox, Commanding the American Forces on Hudson's River. Comfort Videto, in the First Massachusetts Regiment, being enlisted for Three Years, is hereby honourably Discharged from the Service of the United States.

Given in the State of New York, the 20th Day of December, 1783.

By the General's Command,

Knox, M. Genl.

Registered in the Books of the Regiment, Ralph H. Bowles,

Capt. & Adjutant

Miss Lucy Videto Groves writes March 23, 1881, in relation to the family, as follows:

Her Aunt Mary Mitchell, who was in her eightieth year at the death of her father, says that she does not know where the family came from. She has

been told that her Grandmother Videto lived in the house next Larrabee Tavern, and that it was afterwards owned and occupied by Samuel Warren. The house was very old; it was torn down in 1849 or 1850.

There were three brothers, James, Joseph, and Comfort Videto. Nothing is known of James. Joseph was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, serving until its close. He was pensioned by the government. He died in Lisbon, Maine.

Comfort married for his first wife, Peggy Young, of North Yarmouth. Their children were, Betsey, Ebenezer, John, and Ann. John and Ann were soldiers in the 1812 - 1815 War. John married Hannah Hall, of North Yarmouth, who is probably the "Widow Hannah Videto" mentioned on pages 536 and 736.

The second wife of Comfort Videto was Elizabeth Young, of North Yarmouth. His third wife was Lucy Bates, of North Yarmouth, sister of Captain Lazarus Bates, who died in this town at the advanced age of 95 (see Nov. 25, 1867, page 416); she died in 1840, aged 69, and is the "Old Mrs. Videto" referred to in the list of burials of that year (see pages 213, 736). Their children were Mary, Adeline, Hannah, Olive, and Jane. My grandfather (Comfort Videto) was lost at sea, in 1806."

"Massachusetts Volunteer Militia in the War of 1812," pub. 1913

Videto, Jasper, p. 251, 255. - Capt. U. Ripley's Company, Lieut.-Col. W. Ryerson's Regt. From Sept. 14 to Sept. 24, 1814. Raised at Paris, Maine. Service at Portland. Among privates, Jasper Videto. Page 255, Capt. S. Blake's Co., same Lieut.-Col.; time from Sept. 25 to Nov. 7, 1814; raised at Paris, Maine; service at Portland; Jasper Videto one of privates. - In the History of Paris, Maine, page 365, name given as Jasper Vidette among names of those serving in War of 1812; and the implication is that he was then of Paris, Maine, but the History gives nothing further about him.

Who was the above Jasper Videto? Since he was not a son of Comfort Videto according to the above North Yarmouth record, the overwhelmingly strong probabilities are that he was Joseph's son. Though it also seems possible that he might have been the son of James, the elder brother of Joseph and Comfort, and have come up to Maine from New Milford, Conn. But far more probably the son of Joseph. The name Jasper strongly indicates memory of descent from Jasper Videto of Greenwich, Conn. If by chance he was that Jasper (John, John, John, Jasper, John) born 1783 in Winchester, Conn., his presence in Maine suggests the close relationship of the North Yarmouth, Maine Videtos with those of Danbury and New Milford, Conn.

North Yarmouth, Maine, "Old Times," p. 1022. - Record of Baptisms at First Church; Aug. 7, 1822, David Westcott, son of Widow Hannah Videto (presented by Justin and Mrs. Worthley at their house, the child being adopted by them; the child was sick and died the following evening.)

1759 tax list of North Yarmouth, Maine. No one named Videto.

Vol. 9, Daughters of the American Revolution, 17th Report, Oct. 1913 - 1914; Appendix A, Certificates for back pay to officers and soldiers of Continental Army under Act of July 4, 1783. Certificates to Comfort Vidito, Vidito, Viditte, Viditte (so spelled in the four certificates Nos. 33516, 34270, 29664, 30594) for amounts: \$78.40; \$9.03; \$18.51; \$52.30

Portland, Maine, Cumberland County Deeds

April 18, 1777 (vol. 9, p. 460) to Joseph Videto of North Yarmouth, Labourer, for 21 pounds paid Moses Bradbury of North Yarmouth: Lot of Land in the Township of New Gloucester, Maine, 60 acres; lot no. 24 in 6th Div., in 2nd "Tier of Lots Southeast from the Head of the great Meadows;" Witnesses: John Worthly, Asa Lewis. Ackn. and recorded April 21, 1777.

Sept. 4, 1790 (vol. 17, p. 348) from Joseph Videto of North Yarmouth, Yeoman, to Joseph Pierce of New Gloucester, Maine, 44 acres of above land, and Pierce had bought remainder at vendue for payment of taxes. Signed, Joseph Videto.

Wit.: John Lewis, Saml Merrill. Ackn. Sept. 7, & rec'd Oct. 19, 1790.

Oct. 3, 1799 (vol. 31, p. 31). - "I Joseph Videto of Lewistown in the County of Lincoln (Maine), Yeoman, and Mary wife of said Joseph, do hereby make . . . Sara Parington of said Lewistown yeoman to be our lawful attorney in all cases . . . more especially to act in our names and stand respecting any land that belongs of right to the said Mary in Windham in the County of Cumberland in said Commonwealth, and descended to her by the name of Mary Hugford." (Signed)

Wit.: Asa Lewis
David Tack

Joseph Videto
Mary ^(X) Videto
mark

Recorded Oct. 16, 1799

Oct. 14, 1799 (vol. 47, p. 122), Sara Parington of Lewistown, Lincoln Co., by virtue of power of attorney from Joseph Videto and Mary Videto of said Lewistown, for \$32.50 sells to Jonathan Levitt of Windham, Cumberland Co., (Maine), 15 acres, - so much of lot No. 116, in 2nd Div. of 100 acre lots in sd Windham, in common & undivided with the Rest of the owners of said lot."

Wit.: Paul J. Little, John Robinson. Ackn., Oct. 15, 1799; rec'd Aug. 13, 1905.

(Note. - The above record about the land in Windham, Maine, that had come to Mary, wife of Joseph Videto, under the name of Mary Hugford, proves her name and parentage, taken in connection with other deeds at Portland, and the Windham, Maine, History. June 5, 1765 Nathaniel Evans of Windham, Maine, made two deeds of land in Windham to his son-in-law, Robert Hugford, of Windham, "in behalf of his children born of Mary Hugford, my daughter," "to be equally divided amongst them all." (vol. 3, p. 150; vol. 4, p. 154). One of the tracts was the 100 acre lot No. 116. Two deeds made Oct. 11, 1793 (vol. 20, p. 415, 416) show there were seven children of Robert and Mary (Evans) Hugford to inherit from these bequests; for Sarah Hugford, spinster, of Windham, then deeds her one-seventh part; and John Hugford (wife Mary joining) and Liddy Hugford, single woman, sell two-sevenths. Nathaniel was the oldest son, as shown by his grandfather's deed, and by the Birthhead, Mass., records of his birth and the marriage of his parents. The wife of Nathaniel Evans was Mary Dodge, and she was the daughter of Ebenezer and Lydia (Russell) Dodge. I have given a few manuscript sheets to the New England Historic Genealogical Society, 2 Ashburton Place, Boston, Mass., as "Nathaniel Evans - Robert Hugford."

Aug. 14, 1794 (vol. 31, p. 450) Samuel Fellows of North Yarmouth, Maine, for 2 pounds, 2 shillings, paid by "Mary Videto of said North Yarmouth, Widow" deeded "a tract of land in North Yarmouth," about one-half acre, upon the County Road and somehow measured from "Mile Stone No. 139". Wit.: John Lewis, Benja Humphrey. Ackn. same day; rec'd Sept. 16, 1794.

March 5, 1795 (vol. 24, p. 264), Comfort Videto of North Yarmouth, Yeoman, for 70 pounds paid by William Chase of North Yarmouth, Yeoman sold the above half acre bought by Widow Mary Videto the previous August. This looks as though she had died in the meantime. The Cumberland County probate records were burned not a great many years ago. Wit. to above: John Lewis, Asa Lewis. Ackn. March 15, 1796; rec'd April 22, 1796.

March 22, 1797 (vol. 36, p. 314), Joshua Corlies of North Yarmouth, Housewright, for \$75.33 paid by Comfort Videto of said North Yarmouth, Miller, sold three acres, with the house thereon, part of lot No. 44 in the 120 acre division east side of Royal River in said North Yarmouth, being 17 rods wide on the Road at the northeasterly end of said lot, bounded southeasterly by lot No. 45, northeasterly by land of Oliver Byron, and southwesterly by the new town Road from the upper falls. Wit.: John Lewis, Asa Lewis. Ackn. April 24, and rec'd July 4, 1797.

April 1, 1801 (vol. 36, p. 552), Comfort Videto of North Yarmouth, miller, for \$75.33 sells the above 3 acres back to Jacob Corlies, Housewright. Wit.: Saml F. Russell, Moses Merrill. Ack. same day; rec'd June 16, 1801.

Dec. 26, 1816 (vol. 81, p. 397, 398, 400), Nathan Oakes of North Yarmouth, Gentleman, for \$50.00 paid by Ammi Videto of North Yarmouth, Yeoman, deeds one acre. Jane, wife of Oakes, signs. Wit.: Daniel Mitchell, Levi Cutler. Ackn. same day; rec'd April 28, 1819. - Page 398. Isaac Ross recovers judgment against Ammi Videto March 16, 1819. - Page 400. April 13, 1819. Acre lot sold, and Elizabeth Videto, wife of Ammi Videto, signs; as do also Isaac Ross and his wife, Elizabeth.

Feb. 19, 1840 (vol. 155, p. 2237), Jeremiah Mitchell of North Yarmouth, Yeoman, for \$600.00 paid by David Greenleaf Videto of said North Yarmouth, Yeoman, deeds "a certain tract of land and salt marsh in said North Yarmouth being all that was conveyed to me and my wife Betsey in a Division Deed signed by Jeremiah Mitchell and others dated bearing date" 23 March 1830 "being the farm on which I now live with the building in the same. Also all the estate conveyed to me by Lewis Mitchell and his wife Rachael Deed bearing date" 2 Oct 1838. Also my share of one pwr in the Meeting of the first Parish in N Yarmouth number twenty four on the lower floor meaning to convey all the real estate I own in the Town of North Yarmouth." Wit.: Daniel M. Lovell, John Webster. Ackn. and rec'd same day.

Sept. 9, 1840 (vol. 155, p. 172), "To Jeremiah Mitchell and David Greenleaf Videto of North Yarmouth, Yeomen, for \$100.00 paid by Lewis Mitchell of Portland, Mariner, deed a certain tract on east side Royals River and same deeded by Lewis Oct. 2, 1838. Signed by Jeremiah Mitchell, David C. Videto, Betsey Mitchell. Ackn. same day; rec'd Sept. 17, 1840.

(Note. - I do not know the line of David Greenleaf Videto; nothing but this.)

John Videto (John, Jasper, John), of Danbury, New Milford, Danbury, Winchester, Connecticut: He was born Nov. 11, 1714, Danbury; died Nov. 28 29, 1793, Winchester; and I think there is no practical doubt but that all the following records belong to him, as certainly most of them must. He remained in Danbury until 1753, when he moved to New Milford and was certainly there until he sold as soon as the latter part of the same year and the first of the next year. He may have remained only a year in New Milford, and then have gone back to Danbury. He was in the French and Indian War in 1756 and 1759. He was of Danbury on April 6, 1774 when he bought land in Winchester, Conn. (bought for his son John, I believe); two deeds to Winchester land, one for 20 acres which he deeded to his son, John, Jr., on March 7, 1775. After June 1788 he married Rebecca (Morehouse) Stevens, widow of Comfort Stevens of Danbury, for his second (at least second) wife, and they were of Danbury at the time of her death in June 1789. After that he went to Winchester to live with his son John, and died there. There were no children by the second wife; by the first wife, certainly one son, John, Jr.; and with little doubt, Sarah, who married Benjamin Preston of Winchester. See Winchester records and History. The History suspects John Videto of being a "foreigner," probably from the name, since the book was written long after John died and the family had moved away to Ohio.

Probate records for New Milford, Conn., at State Library, Hartford, Conn.:

Jan. 6, 1795, David Videtee, a minor of about fifteen years of age, of New Milford, Conn., orphan. Guardian appointed, Nicholas S. Masters of New Milford, ~~March 15, 1797~~ March 15, 1797, David now 17 years old, and a new guardian appointed, David Cable. July 27, 1801, David Videtee being now of lawful age, guardian discharged.

John Viddto, Loyalist, from New York to Nova Scotia, by June, 1784

From "Queen's County, New York," (Long Island), published 1882; The Revolutionary Era.¹

"Their resistance to the encroachment of royal power was an uncomprehending one that of the people of other regions though, by the force of circumstances, many were loyalists during the Revolutionary struggle. Because of their well known conservative character the Dutch on the western end of the island were averse to engaging in a rebellion in which it required no extraordinary prominence to enable them to predict immediate serious consequences, and probably ultimate failure. . . A different people inhabited Suffolk County. They were the descendants of the original Puritans, in whom resistance to oppression was almost an instinct and, had circumstances permitted, they would have been rebels with as great unanimity as were the New Englanders. In Queen's County the loyal sentiment was always largely in the ascendant, though, had circumstances favored, the rebel feeling would have become dominant here. It must be remembered that Long Island had about three hundred miles of vulnerable coast, which could not have been successfully defended against a marine force. Thompson says: 'Notions of personal safety and the preservation of their property would necessarily induce many either to remain inactive or join with the ranks of the opposition. . . The engagement of the 27th of August, 1776 was followed by an abandonment of Long Island to the enemy and the town and county committees in many instances, either through fear or necessity, were induced to repudiate all legislative authority exercised by the provincial and legislative Congresses. The inhabitants who continued on the island were compelled to subscribe to the oath of fidelity to the king. Gen. Howe had, immediately on landing at Gravesend, issued a proclamation promising security of person and property to those who should remain peacefully upon their farms. The island became therefore at once conquered territory, forts being erected and garrisons established in different places. Martial law prevailed. . . ."

"As before stated, many of the inhabitants of the island, were forced because of the force of circumstances, Policy or fear prompted them to give their adhesion to a cause which they would not otherwise have embraced; and by association they ultimately came to be earnest supporters of that with which they had at first no sympathy."

Mrs. Sarah Abigail (Viddto) (Boyd) Viddto, born 1847, says that she has always understood that the Viddto family in Nova Scotia were refugees from the American Revolution.

Mrs. Alinda Ford (Viddto) Priest says that her uncle Nathaniel Viddto always said that his father was born on Long Island.

And both the above statements were based on family knowledge they had grown up with and were in no way connected with any research.

No research on the part of the compiler of these records has discovered any other Viddto immigrant to Nova Scotia, or the name Viddto, prior to 1792, when Jesse Viddto, of Annapolis County, was included in a list of males of 21 years of age or above, who might be subject to a tax. And Jesse was the one who was born on Long Island, New York, according to the statement of his son, Rev. Nathaniel, born 1805. And this Jesse named his first born child John, born about 1797. And Jesse's half brother, Jacob, years younger than Jesse, named his second son John. The conclusion is almost inevitable that the half brothers Jesse and Jacob were children of John Viddto, Loyalist, who in June, 1784 was in Greenville township, Annapolis County, with his family of five children, two over ten and three under ten years of age, Jesse being one of the older

and Jacob one of the younger children, Jesse and Jacob had sisters Phoebe and Charlotte.

The 1897 Annapolis County History states that Jesse, Jacob, Phoebe, Clara-Leticia Videto were the children of Justice Videto, and queries as to whether Justice was not the son of John the Loyalist. If there was a Justice who was the father of Jesse and Jacob, when did he go to Nova Scotia? As the 1792 tax list shows, Jesse was born by 1771, and his father is most likely to have been at least twenty years older. There seems slight probability that a man 32 years old at least, father of children, would have been included in the 1794 list of John the Loyalist in "two children above ten years of age," in a record of his father's family - and especially when his own son, aged at least twelve, would have been the other one of the "two children." If Justice existed - which I thoroughly doubt - I am strongly of opinion he was Jesse's brother, and must have died by say 1825, leaving no children, and no record that made him remembered by Jesse's granddaughter, Mrs. Sarah Abigail (Videto) (Jesse) Videto or any one else I have heard of. How did the Annapolis History find his name, then? This is what I have, so far, been able to discover:

Annapolis County Registry of Deeds: Mr. C. B. Longmire of Bridgetown, Nova Scotia, the Registrar in 1931, who wrote on March 11, 1931, Jesse Videto: The only mention of this name is in connection with the following: Deed, dated Nov. 19, 1793, Recorded Oct. 13, 1800 in Book 11, page 345, from Hugh Grimes to Jesse Videto consideration 40 pounds. The description of the property conveyed is exactly the same as that named in the mortgage, which follows.

The name of Justice Videto first appears in connection with the following document. Mortgage, dated March 23, 1803, recorded Aug. 9, 1803, Book 12, page 376, consideration 36 pounds Justice Videto and Isabella his wife to Hon. John Delaney. Convey's property described as being in the Second division of lots, being the northernmost part of lots, numbers Forty-eight and Forty-nine. Bounded northerly by that remarkable place known by the name of Great Hollow etc etc. (This would be in the vicinity of what is now known as Mistawic.)

(Note. - As Mr. Longmire explained, at that time in those names the old-fashioned letter "J" like a reversed, written "I") was used in the name Jesse for the first "s", and was used for the "s" in Justice. That the Registry has in a copy of the original mortgage, and I believe the copy has blundered into making the name Jesse into Justice. Because the land was deeded to Jesse Videto, with no where any suggestion of a transfer from Jesse to Justice. Would Hon. John Delaney have accepted a mortgage from Justice when the land was recorded as belonging to Jesse? As Mr. Longmire wrote, "The name of Justice Videto first appears in connection" with this mortgage. Also note that the name of the wife of "Justice" Videto is "Isabella", and that was the name of the wife of Jesse Videto. Of course both could have married women named Isabella; but also other circumstances make one question the existence of Justice; this name that would have been used if Jesse had given the mortgage is significant. "The name of Justice Videto is mentioned in several documents of various kinds at later dates. The last mention of his name is in connection with a document made in 1816 and recorded in 1825." Mr. Longmire wrote March 11th, after the statement about the mortgage.

I wrote Mr. Longmire in May, 1931 questioning the existence of Justice, and will copy here his reply:

Registry of Deeds for County of Annapolis, Bridgetown, Nova Scotia,
May 14th, 1931.

Miss Alice L. Priest
16 Brewster Terrace,
Brookline, Mass.
Dear Miss Priest:-

copying to your letters of the 10th instant. You are probably familiar with the manner in which documents are recorded in this Province, but just in case you are not it might be well to explain.

All documents in the old days were of course written by hand, many still are at this present time. They are (that is the original) is sent to the Registry Offices for recording, where they are indexed and also copied word for word in the record books. Up until a few years ago the copying was also done in long hand, we now use typewriting machines.

You will therefore understand that we run across all manner and styles of hand writing, some of which it is very difficult to read and many times we have to make the best possible guess as to what some particular word or signature may be.

Now with reference to the deed from Hugh Grimes to Jesse Vidato which I referred to in my letter of March 11th last. This is copied in the records in more or less of the old style hand writing. The name Jesse Vidato is written thus: Jesse Vedito.

In cases of double s's in words, the first s was made in the form of an f. Such words as for example "successors" would be written thus, "sussessors" or as another example the word "witness" written as "wittness".

I may say that I noticed the irregularity in the title you mention, the records apparently do not show any conveyance from the aforesaid Jesse Vedito to Justice and therefore I am inclined to believe that the conveyance from Grimes was made to Justice Vedito and not Jesse as copied in the records. The handwriting in the original may have been bad and the clerk in the Registry Office at the time may have interpreted the name as Jesse when it was really Justice, there being some similarity in the two. This is proven more or less from the fact that the name Jesse does not appear at any time before or after this document was recorded. It is possible of course that a deed given by Justice to Jesse was never recorded, but from the fact that Justice mortgaged the property to Delaney again hours out that Justice must have been the owner in 1803 which is only about three years after the date of the deed from Grimes.

Would it not be quite probable that Justice might have been sometimes, as we say nick-named Jesse?

There appears to be no question but that Isobel was the wife of Justice as the names appear several times in the records. In one case, that of the mortgage to the Honourable James Delaney, the signatures are copied thus:

Justice X Vidato
mark

Isabel Vidato
In the body of the document, the name Isobel, his wife is quite distinctly written.

In a deed dated January 12th, 1809 and recorded July 24th, 1810 in Book 14, Page 169, from Justice Vidato to Jonathan Frederick, the signatures are copied as follows:-

Justice X Vidato
mark
Isabel Vidato

The letter X is probably the old form of writing the letter "J". Again in a document the Thirtieth day of March 1816 and recorded 31st day of July 1817 from Justice Vidato and Isobel his wife to Robertnelly the signatures are copied thus:

his
Justice X Vidato
mark

Isabel Vidato

Also in a document dated December 25th, 1816 and recorded May 24th 1818

in Book IV Page 92 between Justus Vidite and Isabel his wife to Henry Simpson, the signatures are copied

his
Justus I Vidite
mark
Isabel Vidite

Re. Nathaniel Fisher

This name is first mentioned in the records of this office in connection with a document February 6th, 1775 and recorded May 21st, 1782 Book 4 Page 272. Being a deed from the said Nathaniel Fisher and "Parlis" or "Perjis" or "Persis" (or the first letter may be C instead of P.) Fisher his wife to Timothy Saunders. This name does not appear at any time afterwards.

I trust the above information may give you some solution to your problem.
Yours truly, C. B. Longwire

In reply to another letter from me, Mr. C. B. Longwire, Registrar, wrote on May 29, 1931:

The description of the lands conveyed by Nathaniel Fisher of Annapolis in the County of Annapolis, Husbandman to Timothy Saunders of Granville, in deed dated February 6th, 1775 and recorded May 21st, 1782 in Book 4 page 272, reads as follows:-

"A piece of land lying in Annapolis aforesaid it being Lot No. 11 in the second division of lots in the upper part of this Township & is bounded westerly on Lot No. 10, easterly on Lot No. 12 northerly on Annapolis River & is seventy five rods wide & southerly it is bounded on the south bound of the Township or to extend so far as the Division extends & contains five hundred acres be it more or less."

The consideration is named as £ 20.

There appears no doubt according to the records here, but that there was a Justice or Justus Vidite as you will note this name appears several times as named in my previous letters.

You will also note that he could not write since his signature was made by a mark. This man therefore could not have been a Justice of the Peace, if he was unable to write his name.

Mr. Longwire's statements are valuable, and no wonder with only the records of the deeds before him that he believes that Justice, or Justus, existed, and is "inclined to believe that the conveyance from Grimes was made to Justice Vidite and not Jesse as copied in the records," etc.

But all the outside facts that I have so far found (to July 11, 1931) make me reverse the names and believe that the mistake began when the Registry clerk in 1803 copied the name Justice instead of Jesse. So far as I know the only place where the name Justice or Justus exists is in these copied deeds and as a name only in the Annapolis County History genealogy as the father of Jesse, Jacob, Phoebe, Charlotte, and possibly others, and with the query as to whether he was the son of John the Loyalist. While Jesse Vidite is a thoroughly and completely known fact to that History and to his ten children and many descendants; and he lived in Nictaux till about 1850, when he died there; and his wife is known to have been Isabel Fisher. And Jesse was known to the Nova Scotia tax authorities in 1792 and 1794, who would themselves have written his name on their records.

From "Public Archives of Nova Scotia, Halifax, N. S., May 14th, 1931" is the information: "Capitation Tax Act. 1792; Jesse Vidite paid nothing and Nathaniel Fisher paid £ 1 1794; Jesse Vidite paid £ 1 and John Vidite paid £ 2, in this list there is no mention of Nathaniel Fisher." "In the list for Annapolis under the Capitation Act, the name of Jesse Vidite is separated from that of Nathaniel Fisher by about twenty names."

Nova Scotia Capitation Act for 1792 tax: "by which all the male inhabitants over twenty-one years old should be taxed, non-landholders not more than fifty cents per head, and land-holders not more than \$2.00"

Justus Vidite is supposed to have also lived in Nictaux, and perhaps in exactly the same places where Jesse lived, but he seems not to have been remembered there. Of course what I have given does not prove that Justus Vidite did not exist; careful work with Nictaux tax and other records ought to show whether he did or not.

Copy of letter from Mrs. Sarah Abigail (Vidite) (Boyd) Vidite, of Hudson, Massachusetts, born December 23, 1847, Nictaux, Annapolis County, Nova Scotia; daughter of James and Hannah (Summers) Vidite. Letter written March 5, 1931, Hudson, Mass.: - "Dear Miss Priest - Your letter receiv'd. And I will try and scratch down answers to some of the questions you asked. So I do not remember my Grandfather nor Grandmother. I have heard my Mother say that my Grandmother died before I was born and my Grandfather when I was a baby. Yes my Grandfather's name was Jesse Vidite and always lived in Annapolis County at place called Nictaux and all his family was born there and the most of them always lived there and died there. Every one of my Uncles and Aunts on my Father's side are dead and I am one of the oldest generation now living, 83 last December and I have a cousin that lives near here who was 85 yesterday but I do not know whether there are any more of my generation living or not except my brother and sisters. If we had known enough years ago when our uncles and aunts were alive we might have found out a good many things but of course we did not think of it.

I have heard them say that my Grandfather and his half Brother were the first Viditees that ever came to Nova Scotia and I know all the Viditees I ever heard tell of sprung from these two old men.

You spoke of a John Vidite who in 1784 went from New York to Nova Scotia but I never heard tell of them.

About my Father's birth and death I think I gave it before.

My Father was born January 2, 1818 was married March 9, 1845 and died March 1, 1885.

No Willson was not a family name. I think my Father got it from a friend he had in his younger days. I have never seen the name anywhere since."

(Signed) Abby Vidite

Statements from Mr. C. B. Longacre:- March 18, 1931, "From inquiries made, I am informed that the earliest newspaper published in Annapolis County, then called 'The Free Press' was established in the year 1873. This paper is now called 'The Monitor' and is published in this town". (Bridgetown) I doubt if Probate Records were kept at that early date. The first record made of Wills in this office is in the year 1879. I am informed by an aged resident here, that it would be about forty years ago. Probably 1879 is the correct date."

Mr. Longacre's answer to the question: Is there any record of a deed, or settlement of the estate in about 1820 of the John Vidite who arrived in Annapolis County in 1784 and died in Annapolis Dec. 1820, aged 93 years? is:- "The name John Vidite first appears on the records of this office in connection with a Deed dated September 19, 1853 and recorded on October 6th, 1854. This deed was for property conveyed by Nathaniel Parker to the said John Vidite in the vicinity of Nictaux. (This of course would not be the man referred to in your inquiry.)" - "An issue of the 'Monitor' dated Sept. 20, 1893 contains an obituary notice (of Rev. Nathaniel Vidite, son of Jesse) stating as follows:- Born at Nictaux 1805. Died at Melvern Square on Saturday morning, Sept. 18th, in the 83th year of his age," etc. In answer to the question, Is there any statement in the first deed Justice Vidite is connected with, naming his legal residence?, the answer is:-

"In the first conveyance named in my letter of the 11th instant, the records read as follows: "Justice Videte of The Township of Annapolis, in the County of Annapolis and Province of Nova Scotia, Yeoman."

Nathaniel and Parris Fisher of Annapolis County, Nova Scotia. I think there is no practical doubt but that they were the parents of Isabel Fisher, wife of Jesse Videte. Nathaniel Fisher, from New England, was a Nova Scotia settler of 1765. The "List of names in the grant of confirmation of the Township of Annapolis, dated October 30th, 1765," includes his name. The 1768 census of Annapolis County (see page 153 of History) gives him as: Fisher, Nathaniel, 1 male, 1 female (2 of American birth, meaning born in what is now the United States)); possessing one horse, 7 cows, 2 oxen, 9 young cattle, 5 sheep, 1 swine. The 1770 census gave: Fisher, Nathaniel. Family of 4; 2 of them American born, 2 English born; owning 1000 acres. (Does this "English born" mean two children born in Canada, or perhaps two servants born in England?). In the 1792 Capitation Tax of males over 21 years, Nathaniel Fisher was taxed 2 pounds, as noted; and Jesse Videte was listed about twenty names away, but not taxed. But in 1794 Jesse Videte was taxed two pounds, but Nathaniel Fisher was not included. Perhaps it indicates that Nathaniel Fisher had died in the interim.

In 1763 Annapolis County had only two townships, Annapolis and Granville, and the former had about 60 families, and the latter about 80 families. The third son of Jesse and Isabel (Fisher) Videte was named Nathaniel.

White Plains, New York, Westchester County Deeds:

May 26, 1832 (vol. 54, p. 519, 521), Indenture made that day between Richard Austin and Stephen Vidette of the Village of Sing Sing, New York. Oct. 19, 1828, Moses Starter and wife Anne deeded to said Stephen Vidette, land in Sing Sing on High St. Stephen now agrees Richard Austin can sell that land and he, Stephen, will deed. In body of record Stephen's name is spelled Vidette but signed by him, Stephen Videte. Page 521, May 18, 1833 Indenture between Stephen Vidette late of Sing Sing, in Westchester Co., and Richard R. Voris. Stephen had given power of attorney, to sign his name, to "Richard Austin, His Attorney." Signed, Stephen Videte. May 26, 1834 (vol. 54, p. 519, 521) Stephen Videte to Agent, Richard Austin, same as above.

Also, May 28, 1870 (vol. 753, p. 70), Lease, Indenture between John Shewell of New York City and Ann Eliza Videte, wife of Alfred Videte of same place; 5 year lease of House, Barn, Grounds, 4 acres, corner of Central Ave., and McCombs Dam Road, in Fordham, Westchester Co., N. Y., for \$1200.00

(Nothing earlier among deeds in Westchester Co., on Videte family.)

Stephen Videte above was doubtless the same who went to Tyringham, Mass.

April 6, 1676 (Recorded 1683, Liber A, page 30, Jamaica, Long Island, N. Y.) Ephraim Palmer et al to Daniel Whitehead. We whose names are here underwritten do come & acknowledge to have sold & received full satisfaction for all our rights of commonage meadow sit or upon the further east neck all meadow not divided & laid out we have sold & made over unto Daniell Whitehead of Jamaica as his proper right. As Witnesses our hands, James Hinds T Thomas Weller(?) for his mark Thomas Wiley George M (?)ilk E. P. Ephraim Palmer Abraham Smith I John Linous his mark Humphrey Underhill Jan. Rolfrsen H Lathary Mills his mark William Creed John Man Nathaniel Lynous. Entered 23 Oct. 1683.

Is the following the "Thene Gayneau," witness to the 1670 baptism of Thene "Vidithe"? - Records of New Amsterdam, 1653 - 1674, Vol. 5, p. 42, Note:

"Estienne (or Stephen) Gaineau of Rochelle, came to New Amsterdam in the summer of 1661, having sailed in May of that year in the ship Seaver from Amsterdam, accompanied by his wife and two children. In 1662, he purchased

house and lot in Pearl Street, west of Whitehall, then the shore of the East river, and in the following year his daughter Sarah was baptized in the Dutch Church. On the 26 June 1677 he obtained a grant of 80 acres of upland with 10 acres of meadow on the West side of Staten Island by the river side, whence his descendants subsequently moved to New Jersey. He is supposed to have been the ancestor of the present Gano family. - O.C.

Joris (or George) Dopsen and wife Mary. 1666, "George Dopsen & Marie his wife," plaintiffs in a lawsuit. He was dead by March 28, 1671, when Mary, his widow, is referred to.

Use of the name "Marie Polet": July 2, 1672 (vol. 6, p. 373). "Thomas Tandel, Plt., v/a Jacob Varrevanger, Executor of the Estate of Mary Polet, deft. It is ordered that Enquire shall be made unto whom Philip Corard, first husband of the sd Mary Polet, hath made his Estate and how by Will & Testament disposed thereof." Her second husband was Matthaeus de Vos, and I judge she did not marry a third time.

Vol. 3, p. 55, Sept. 23, 1659, refers to Anncken Felle, wife of Simon Felle, as the daughter of Adriaen Vincent. And a note to a 1664 case states that Andaleen Vincent was the wife of Adriaen Vincent.

Daniel Teneur (Tournour), who planned to sell part of his lot to Jan Videt, was from France, became a prominent citizen of New Harlem, and his family and personal record are given interestingly in the New Harlem History. In 1661, when his child was baptized, one of the witnesses was "Rose Noelol," doubtless the one who was a witness in 1652 when Francois "Vedite" was baptized.

