

# Abiel Washburn

and His Descendants

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**I** FOUND among the papers left by my father, the **Foreword**  
late Gen. George A. Washburn, one in his own  
handwriting containing the following data on the  
genealogy of Abiel Washburn :

1. JOHN came to Bridgewater, Mass., from Duxbury, Mass., with 2 sons, John, Jr., & Philip. [He was born at Eversham, Worcester County, England, and settled in Duxbury before 1632. His wife Margaret followed with the two sons in ship Elizabeth & Ann from London. He and John, Jr., were among the original proprietors of Bridgewater, where he settled as early as 1665. He died before 1670.]
2. JOHN, Jr., married Elizabeth, dau. of Experience Mitchell; had 6 sons and 1 daughter and then 1 son James.
3. JAMES, youngest son of John, Jr. [born 1672; married Mary Bowden 1693].
4. MOSES, son of James, married Hannah Cushman of Plympton, Mass., in 1727 and had Peter, born 1728; Moses, born 1730; Robert, born 1733; Ira, born 1735. Moses moved to Dartmouth, Mass., about the year 1740 with his family.
5. PETER, son of Moses, married A[bigail] Pope and had some children among them

Foreword 6. IRA who married Martha Chace and had sons as follows : Peter, Ira, Thomas, Colvin, Caleb & Abiel youngest son.

7. ABIEL, born May 18, 1803, married Polly Webber July 25, 1825.

During the past ten years, at odd times, it has been my pleasure to add to this brief record, and carry it on to date. The result is this pamphlet, which I dedicate to the use of the future compiler of the "Washburn Family in America."

The book has been completed under many difficulties, the compiler himself undertaking the typesetting, printing and binding, doing the work as opportunity offered.

My thanks are due to the members of the family in Medina, Ohio, to Mrs. George W. Patterson of Springfield, Mass., and to a number of others who have assisted me from time to time.

W.L.W.

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ABIEL WASHBURN was the youngest son of Ira Washburn and was born at Dartmouth, Mass., May 18, 1803. He probably passed his boyhood in that place. His immediate

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ancestors seem to have been plain, farming people who led respectable lives, raised large families and lived to ripe old ages. Abiel was probably named after General Abiel Washburn of the Revolution.

Of Peter, the paternal grandfather of Abiel, very little is known. He was born in 1728 and moved to Dartmouth with his father, Moses, in 1740. He enlisted for the defence of Rhode Island during the Revolution and I have a bullet said to have been carried by him on that occasion. A cane once belonging to Peter has descended through several generations with the understanding that it must always go to a Washburn who has a son to inherit it. It is now in the possession of Egbert Washburn, of Medina, O., and will probably pass to his son Leroy, who also has a son.

Peter married Abigail Pope, of Dartmouth, Jan. 17, 1754. She was born Jan. 15, 1725-6, and was a daughter of Thomas Pope. Besides Ira there were probably two daughters.

Ira, the father of Abiel, was born in Dartmouth in 1757. He married, May 17, 1781, Martha Chace of that place and had Peter, Thomas, Anna, Ira, Jr., Colvin, Abigail,

**Abiel Washburn and his Descendants** Caleb and Abiel. His son, Ira, Jr., settled in Palmer, Mass., and raised a large family. Ira moved there in 1828. He died Feb. 23, 1840.

Abiel Washburn must have preceded his father to Palmer, for an old account book now in the possession of his son Alvah shows that in 1823 he began work for his brother Ira at \$14.00 per month.

On July 24, 1825, he married Polly Webber at Palmer, and resided at Belchertown, near by, where their first child was born. Polly Webber was a daughter of Joseph Webber who was born in Rehoboth, Mass., Sept. 17, 1772. She was born at Stafford, Conn., March 8, 1807. She was a sweet little woman, beloved by all who knew her. She died Feb. 7, 1875.

Abiel Washburn was a millwright by trade, and was considered an expert at building mills with waterwheels. His work took him to many towns to live. In 1835 he moved his family to Harford, Susquehanna County, Penn., traveling by wagon across country ; but the next July he returned and settled in West Stafford, Conn., where he stayed ten years and then moved to Springfield, Mass. Residing there thirteen years he then went to Waterbury, Conn., but returned to Springfield after two years' residence and went to work for the Wason Car works. When carpenter work failed him he put up a liniment for sprains

which he sold. At one time he also carried on a small business selling notions through the country.

In 1870 he moved to South Belchertown on a small farm which he bought intending to pass his declining years at the peaceful pursuit of farming. On the death of his wife in 1875 he sold the place and visited among his sons and daughters. He died at Medina, O., on March 8, 1877.

As I remember my grandfather, he was a tall, angular man with the high forehead so characteristic of the Washburns. He led the humble life of a farmer and mechanic, but was respected in the communities in which he lived.

Although Abiel and Polly Washburn never possessed much of this world's goods, they worked hard all their lives, lived honestly and were blessed in seeing their five children grow up to manhood and womanhood. They are buried side by side in the graveyard at Belchertown, Mass. Surely their children inherited what is more precious than gold—an untarnished name.

#### Children

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| 2 ① George Abiel | b. April 23, 1827; d. May 20, 1891 |
| 3 ② Christopher  | b. Dec. 25, 1828                   |
| 4 ③ Alvah        | b. April 23, 1832                  |
| 5 ④ Mary Jane    | b. Sept. 13, 1839 d. Dec. 12, 1903 |
| 6 ⑤ Sarah Ann    | b. Jan. 5, 1846                    |

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## SECOND GENERATION

2. George Abiel<sup>®</sup> Washburn (Abiel<sup>®</sup>) was born in Belchertown, Mass., April 23, 1827. As a young man he lived at West Stafford, Conn., and there learned the cabinet maker's trade but before he finished his apprenticeship he settled in Hartford, Conn., and for many years was a book-keeper. At one time he was teller in the State Bank and later entered the insurance business, which he successfully followed, becoming one of the best known agents and adjusters in New England. He was a charter member of St. John's Lodge, F. A. M., of Hartford.

On May 14, 1861, he enlisted in the civil war, receiving the commission of First Lieutenant of the 4th Regiment, Connecticut Volunteers, afterwards the First Connecticut Heavy Artillery. May 22, 1862, he was promoted to be Captain of Co. M. June 22, 1862, he was commissioned Major of the 16th Regiment, Connecticut Volunteers. He was severely wounded in the battle of Antietam on Sept. 17, 1862. He was made Lieutenant-Colonel March 30, 1864, and on March 13, 1865, he was made a General by brevet for gallantry at Antietam.

In 1883 he moved to Aiken, S. C., for the benefit of his health. He died in Walhalla, S. C., May 20, 1891. He is buried in Spring Grove Cemetery, Hartford, Conn.

He married, first, on April 23, 1848, Mary Graves Burt,

of Hartford, Conn., who was born Jan. 31, 1828, and died Nov. 19, 1850. Abiel  
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He married, second, on Mar. 17, 1854, Sarah Ann White, of Springfield, Mass., who was born March 24, 1830. She was a descendant of Elder John White and the daughter of Preserved and Lucinda Rice White. She died Oct. 16, 1906.

#### Children by the first marriage

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| 7 ① Mary Graves | b. Mar. 26, 1849                  |
| ② Frances       | b. Nov. 8, 1850; d. Mar. 18, 1851 |

#### Children by the second marriage

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| 8 ③ George Arthur  | b. Mar. 18, 1855                   |
| 9 ④ Albert Lyman   | b. July 4, 1857                    |
| 10 ⑤ Sarah Alice   | b. Oct. 12, 1859                   |
| 11 ⑥ William Lewis | b. Mar. 2, 1862                    |
| ⑦ Leroy Herbert    | b. Feb. 24, 1869; d. Feb. 26, 1870 |

3. Christopher<sup>®</sup> Washburn (Abiel<sup>®</sup>) was born in West Warren, Mass., Dec. 25, 1828. He learned the tailor's trade but before settling down he shipped before the mast on a voyage to India. On his return he worked at his trade in Hartford, Conn. In the early fifties he emigrated to the West, living first in Ohio and then moving to Weyanmego, Wis. He later returned to Ohio and resided at

Abiel Washburn and his Descendants Canton, Medina and Elyria. In 1910 he removed from the latter place back to Medina where he now resides.  
 On Sept. 3, 1850, he married Miss Frances Richmond, of Hartford, Conn. She was born in East Hampton, Conn., Nov. 30, 1827.

Children

① Francis C.	b. Mar. 24, 1853 ; d. Jan. 26, 1867
12 ② Mary Ella,	b. July 1, 1858
13 ③ Jason,	} b. Dec. 31, 1862 ; d. June 9, 1902
14 ④ Julia	

Twins

4. Alvah<sup>®</sup> Washburn (Abiel<sup>®</sup>) was born at Coventry, Conn., April 23, 1832. He is a machinist and watch-maker. In 1852 he went West and settled at Hinckley, O. In 1860 he moved to Medina, O. There he established a small machine shop, and was locally known as "the Tinker." For many years he worked for the A. I. Root Co., inventing a number of appliances for beekeepers. For some years past he has had a watch repairing shop in Medina and although in his 81st year is able to attend to his duties.

On Aug. 15, 1852, he married Sarah Almira Webber. She was born in Stafford, Conn., May 21, 1832, and died Feb. 6, 1901.

	Children	Abiel Washburn and his Descendants
15 ① Lucy Adelia	b. May 7, 1853 ; d. July 13, 1912	
16 ② Egbert Abiel	b. Jan. 24, 1856	
17 ③ Sarah Melissa	b. Oct. 7, 1857	
18 ④ Lovina Matilda	b. Sept. 26, 1859	
19 ⑤ Edgar Albert	b. April 6, 1862 ; d. Dec. 5, 1886	
⑥ A daughter	b. Mar. 11, 1868 ; d. Mar. 12, 1868	
⑦ Christopher Clinton	b. Nov. 30, 1871 ; d. Jan. 6, 1894	

5. Mary Jane<sup>②</sup> Washburn (Abiel<sup>①</sup>) was born in Stafford, Conn., Sept. 13, 1839. On Jan. 7, 1856, she married William Wirt White, who was a pistol maker at Hartford, Conn. He afterwards moved to Waterbury and was a machinist at Roger & Brother's silverware shop. He died Sept. 29, 1908. Mary Jane White died Dec. 12, 1903.

#### Children

- ① William Leroy, b. May 27, 1857 ; m. Nov. 4, 1876, Nellie Merrill. Their children : (1) Edward L., b. June 15, 1878 ; m. Elvira W. Wells, and lives in Chicago. (2) Howard L., b. Jan. 20, 1880 ; m. Kate M. Schwark, and lives in Chicago. (3) Percy L., b. Aug. 28, 1881 ; m. Sadie Lennon, and lives in Waterbury. (4) Walter W., b. Sept. 8, 1883 ; d. June 5, 1885. (5) Morris H., b. June 28, 1885. (6) Merrill W., b. April

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11, 1887. (7) Almira M., b. Mar. 4, 1889. (8) Alma A., b. Dec. 31, 1890. (9) William W., b. April 6, 1893; d. July 8, 1896. (10-11) Twins, b. Jan. 14, 1895; d. Jan. 15, 1895. (12) Harold, b. July 5, 1896; d. Oct. 6, 1896. (13) Helen A., b. Oct. 24, 1897.

② Walter Washburn, b. Nov. 27, 1859; d. unm. Sept. 2, 1884.

③ Leslie Strong, b. Nov. 29, 1863; m. Jan. 6, 1886, Kate Welton, of Thomaston, Conn. They had one child, Clissold, who d. Sept. 1887.

④ Lewis Alvah, b. July 26, 1866; m. Oct. 22, 1889, Mary Alice Willard (7). He is a machinist and lives in Brooklyn, N.Y. Their children: (1) Alice L., b. Nov. 28, 1890. (2) Annie M., b. Oct. 28, 1892. (3) Katharine M., b. June 15, 1894. (4) Stanley W., b. Feb. 9, 1897. (5) Herbert Washburn, b. April 27, 1908.

6. Sarah Ann<sup>®</sup> Washburn (Abiel<sup>®</sup>) was born in Stafford, Conn., Jan. 5, 1846. On Jan. 5, 1869, she married George W. Patterson of Springfield, Mass. He is a prominent Odd Fellow and for many years was connected with the Boston & Albany Railroad.

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① Grace E., b. Jan. 16, 1870; m. Nov. 23, 1892, Frank Pease. They live in Springfield.



- ⑥Minnie I., b. Feb. 27, 1876; m. April 18, 1900, Fred Abiel Cushman. Their children: (1) Albert Herman, b. Washburn and his Descendants Dec. 11, 1902. (2) Florence Isabell, b. Aug. 14, 1904. (3-4) Margaret Grace and Martha Patterson, twins, b. Apr. 10, 1910. Martha d. May 4, 1910. They live in Springfield, Mass.
- ⑦Sarah Adell, b. May 16, 1878; d. Aug. 25, 1878.
- ⑧George Harry, b. Mar. 8, 1881. Is an engineer in Springfield.

### THIRD GENERATION

7. Mary Graves<sup>⑥</sup> Washburn (George<sup>⑥</sup>, Abiel<sup>①</sup>) was born in Windsor Locks, Conn., Mar. 26, 1849. Her maternal grandfather was Capt. Levi Burt, of Belchertown, who had the honor of escorting General Lafayette when he visited there. When a young girl she lived with Abiel and Polly Washburn. On June 28, 1869, she married James W. Willard, of Hyde Park, Mass.

#### Children

- ①Mary Alice, b. Dec. 2, 1870; m. Oct. 22, 1889, Lewis Alvah White (see Family 5), of Waterbury, Conn. They reside in Brooklyn, N. Y.
- ②Anna Luzerne, b. Nov. 28, 1875; m. July 11, 1907, Mark Reynolds Holladay, of New Haven. They reside in New York City.

**Abiel Washburn and his Descendants** 8. George Arthur Washburn (George<sup>2</sup>, Abiel<sup>1</sup>), was born in Hartford, Conn., Mar. 18, 1855. He learned the toolmaker's trade. He is the inventor of several machines and appliances, the most important being a rotary steam engine and a storage battery street car, the latter being operated on the streets of Cleveland, O., in 1896.

On Oct. 17, 1881, he married Mary Ella Washburn, of Medina, O. (12).

#### Children

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| 20 <sup>1</sup> George Arthur | b. Aug. 29, 1882               |
| <sup>2</sup> Julia A. J.      | b. July 1885; d. Oct. 16, 1887 |
| <sup>3</sup> Frank Ford       | b. Apr. 3, 1891; d. July 1891  |
| <sup>4</sup> Frances Naomi    | b. Dec. 3, 1892                |

9. Albert Lyman<sup>3</sup> Washburn (George<sup>2</sup>, Abiel<sup>1</sup>) was born in Hartford, Conn., July 4, 1857. He is a civil engineer in that city. As a young man he learned the toolmaker's trade and is the inventor of a number of appliances. While living in South Carolina he patented a process for converting pine needles into a fibre for weaving into carpets. He is a member of the Putnam Phalanx and of the Connecticut Society of Civil Engineers.

He married, first, on Oct. 17, 1881, Mary G. Sherman, of New London, Conn. She died Oct. 14, 1894.

He married, second, on Dec. 28, 1897, Nellie B. Hollister,  
of Hartford, a teacher in the public schools.

Child by the first marriage

Herbert Perkins,      b. Aug. 1882 ; d. May 1, 1883

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10. Sarah Alice<sup>®</sup> Washburn (George<sup>®</sup>, Abiel<sup>®</sup>) was born  
in Hartford, Conn., Oct. 12, 1860. She makes her home  
at Patchogue, L. I., in summer and at Aiken, S. C., in  
winter.

11. William Lewis<sup>®</sup> Washburn (George<sup>®</sup>, Abiel<sup>®</sup>) was  
born in Hartford, Conn., Mar. 2, 1862. A printer by trade  
he went south in 1884 and for a number of years was one  
of the editors of the "Journal & Review" at Aiken, S. C.  
He established the Palmetto Press in 1900 and issued  
several editions of books printed on handmade paper.  
He now lives at Patchogue, N. Y.

He married, first, Dec. 28, 1898, Sophie U. Stanley, of  
Columbia, S. C. She died Mar. 23, 1900.

He married, second, Oct. 28, 1911, Grace E. Young, of  
Patchogue, who was born May 4, 1887.

Child by second marriage

Frances Alice,      b. May 2, 1913

**Abiel Washburn and his Descendants** 12. Mary Ella<sup>③</sup> Washburn (Christopher<sup>②</sup>, Abiel<sup>①</sup>) was born in Weyauwega, Wis., July 1, 1858. She married on Oct. 17, 1881, George A. Washburn (8). She lives at Elyria, O.

13. Jason<sup>③</sup> Washburn (Christopher<sup>②</sup>, Abiel<sup>①</sup>) was born in Weyauwega, Wis., Dec. 31, 1862. He was a railroad man and lived in Cleveland, O. He died from the effects of an accident while on duty, June 9, 1902. He was unmarried.

14. Julia<sup>③</sup> Washburn (Christopher<sup>②</sup>, Abiel<sup>①</sup>) twin of the foregoing Jason, was born in Weyauwega, Wis., Dec. 31, 1862. She studied medicine and is a prominent physician in Lexington, Ky.

15. Lucy Adelia<sup>③</sup> Washburn (Alvah<sup>②</sup>, Abiel<sup>①</sup>) was born in Granger, O., May 7, 1853. She did clerical work at the A. I. Root Co. in Medina, O., for nineteen years. She compiled and published in 1909 "The Richard Webber Family, a Genealogy from the First Settlement in America." She died July 13, 1912.

16. Egbert Abiel<sup>®</sup> Washburn (Alvah<sup>®</sup>, Abiel<sup>®</sup>) was born in Hinckley Centre, O., on Jan. 24, 1856. He has been a clerk at the A. I. Root Co.'s for a great many years.

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He married, first, Sept. 30, 1877, Hattie A. Somers, of Brunswick, O. She died Feb. 5, 1891.

He married, second, on Aug. 24, 1892, Emily Louise Huddleston, of Medina. She died July 12, 1904.

He married, third, on Oct. 15, 1906, Mrs. Mary Hess Hoyt.

Children by the first marriage

- 21 ① Leroy Egbert      b. Aug. 30, 1878
- ② Josephine Mabel    b. Dec. 19, 1880
- 22 ③ Ward Somers      b. July 11, 1887
- 23 ④ Alvah Edgar      b. Feb. 5, 1891

Children by the second marriage

- ⑤ Irene Jeannette      b. Aug. 3, 1895; d. Dec. 26, 1913
- ⑥ Thomas Alvah      b. July 12, 1901

17. Sarah Melissa<sup>®</sup> Washburn (Alvah<sup>®</sup>, Abiel<sup>®</sup>) was born in Hinckley Center, O., Oct. 7, 1857. She was a teacher in Medina for eleven years. On June 1, 1893, she married Francis A. Pritchard of Medina, O. He died May 20, 1906.

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Children

- ① Francis Washburn b. Mar. 9, 1894 ; d. July 26, 1894  
② A son b. Jan. 8, 1897 ; d. same day

18. Lovina Matilda<sup>③</sup> Washburn (Alvah<sup>②</sup>, Abiel<sup>①</sup>) was born in Hinckley Center, O., Sept. 26, 1859. On Apr. 19, 1882, she married Louis Wm. Hammerschmidt. They live in Medina, O.

Children

- ① William L., b. July 13, 1884 ; m. Sept. 20, 1913, Pearl Sellers.  
② Nellie L., b. June 16, 1889.  
③ Egbert C., b. Mar. 23, 1897.

19. Edgar Albert<sup>③</sup> Washburn (Alvah<sup>②</sup>, Abiel<sup>①</sup>) was born in Medina, O., Apr. 6, 1862. On Nov. 15, 1883, he married Isabel Dora Olin. He died Dec. 5, 1886. She died Oct. 22, 1908.

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20. George Arthur<sup>①</sup> Washburn (George<sup>③</sup>, George<sup>②</sup>, Abiel<sup>①</sup>) was born in Plainville, Conn., Aug. 29, 1882. He served four years in the United States Navy. Writes on

philately topics under the pen name of "Si Weatherby."  
He is a machinist in Cleveland, O.

On Aug. 10, 1912, he married Elsie L. Pleasance, of  
Cleveland.

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**21.** Leroy Egbert<sup>①</sup> Washburn (Egbert<sup>③</sup>, Alvah<sup>②</sup>, Abiel<sup>①</sup>)  
was born in Medina, O., Aug. 30, 1878. He is an engineer  
and lives at Lorain, O.

On Jan. 31, 1900, he married Mary Stringer.

Children

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| ① Genevieve E.  | b. Dec. 7, 1900  |
| ② Leroy Everett | b. July 7, 1904  |
| ③ Mildred Hazel | b. Mar. 14, 1907 |

**22.** Ward Somers<sup>④</sup> Washburn (Egbert<sup>③</sup>, Alvah<sup>②</sup>, Abiel<sup>①</sup>)  
was born in Medina, O., July 11, 1887.

On Sept. 28, 1906, he married Martha Greenlese.

Children

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|-------------------|------------------|
| ① Richard Stanley | b. May 25, 1911  |
| ② Paul Eugene     | b. June 19, 1913 |

**23.** Alvah Edgar<sup>④</sup> Washburn (Egbert<sup>③</sup>, Alvah<sup>②</sup>, Abiel<sup>①</sup>)  
was born in Medina, O., Feb. 5, 1891.

On Feb. 24, 1912, he married Conna Hartell.

Child

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| Nedra Mae, | b. Feb. 23, 1913 |
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