

ANCESTORS AND DESCENDANTS OF  
BENJAMIN WINTER OF  
CARTHAGE, FRANKLIN COUNTY, MAINE

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OF CARTHAGE, FRANKLIN COUNTY, MAINE BORN AT JAY, FRANKLIN  
COUNTY, MAINE AUGUST 6th, 1792, DIED AT CARTHAGE, MAINE  
JULY 5th, 1844. MEMORANDUM MADE BY FRANK WINTER,  
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I have heretofore caused to be typewritten and distributed certain facts and memoranda with respect to the genealogy of the Winter Family of Carthage, Maine. Since the making of such memoranda I have been able to trace the genealogy of the family back to the emigrant ancestors and hence much of the matter in the former genealogy is now of no consequence.

THE WINTERS IN ENGLAND.

The Winters were probably a Devonshire family. John Winter, younger son of a noble family, was a Vice-Admiral of the Fleet of Queen Elizabeth and second in command when it fought the Spanish Armada in 1588, and at least two Winters were naval officers under Sir Francis Drake. One or both of these were either in command of ships when he attacked the City of Panama or were lieutenants on his ship. Savage in his Genealogies states that the Winters were a very large Devonshire family.

The Virginia Winters are able to trace their genealogy to a noble family in England but I have no evidence that our family is of that descent.

## FIRST GENERATION.

John Winter of Watertown, Mass., a few miles West of Boston, was a proprietor in that town in 1636 and a tanner at one time in the town. He died at Watertown, April 14th or 21st, 1662, aged ninety. The authority from which I copy the facts as to his age has a question mark after ninety. He came to this country from England probably some years before 1636, bringing with him a son John, aged two years, and leaving behind his sons Richard and Thomas. John the First mentions in his will dated at Watertown in 1690 this son John.

Will dated March 4th, 1661, proved June 16th, 1662, mentions Richard and Thomas, late of London, and daughter Alice Lockman of London and son John of Watertown, who was the executor of the will and to whom he bequeathed his lands.

## SECOND GENERATION.

John of Watertown. After marriage moved to Cambridge Farms, later called Lexington, Mass. Married Hannah Cutler, daughter of James and Hannah (or Anna) Cutler, she born July 26th, 1658.

The following is of the vital records of Lexington, formerly Cambridge Farms:-

### BIRTHS

*Handwritten:* ~~John, son of John and Hannah (or Anna) Cutler Winter.~~  
Hannah, daughter of John and Hannah (or Anna) Cutler Winter.  
born April 10th, 1665.  
John, born September 17th, 1667.  
Thomas, born June 5th, 1669.  
Joseph, born March 27th, 1672.  
Mary, born February 5th, 1675.  
Elizabeth, born August 20th, 1678.  
Abigail, born March 1st, 1680.  
Samuel, born March 12th, 1684.

DEATHS AT LEXINGTON, MASS.

Joseph, December 16th, 1690.

John, December 18th, 1690.

Sarah, December 19th, 1690.

Thomas, February 4th, 1690.

The will of this John of Watertown and Lexington was dated December 12th, 1690, proved May 1st, 1694. Does not mention his wife, who was probably dead. Names sons John, Thomas, Samuel; daughters Sarah, Hannah and Mary. In the History of Lexington on page 775 Sarah is mentioned as the first child.

There is no record of any marriages.

Hannah Cutler, the wife of this John Winter, was evidently a daughter of James Cutler of Watertown, a proprietor in 1645 and, of course, an immigrant. He resided at Cambridge Farms with his wife Hannah. Had a daughter Hannah born in 1638. He died May 17th, 1669, aged about eighty-eight. His will, dated at Cambridge Farms, November 24th, 1686, mentioned Hannah Winter, either a child or grandchild. (See Pope's Pioneers of Massachusetts p.127.)

*From Vital Records of Cambridge*  
Hannah 1/4/1640  
John 7/17/1669  
Hannah 6/25/169  
Joseph 3/2/171  
Mary 2/6/170  
Eli 5/20/175  
Hannah 3/12/180  
John 12/16/184

See also for Cutler Genealogy New England Genealogies, Vol.4, p.2042.)

*Also Mary d. Wm 7/25/1763*  
*Francis d. in 1800*  
*8/12/179*  
*1/6/1827*

THIRD GENERATION.

("Called Young John" bond)

John, born at Cambridge Farms, or Lexington,

September 17th, 1667.

The following is from the Vital Records of Lexington:-

Joseph Winter, son of John and Abigail, baptized  
April 2nd, 1699. ~~Anna Winter married Joseph Winter 3/2/1671~~

Abigail, wife of John, baptized March 9th, 1699.

Benjamin, baptized October 8th, 1699.

Ruth, baptized September 27th, 1702.

Lydia, baptized September 15th, 1703.

Jonas, baptized October 30th, 1705.

Isaac, baptized November 3rd, 1707.

Elizabeth, baptized January 12th, 1708.

I find in the Vital Records of Lexington no record of any Winter in Lexington later than this. Some historian or genealogist whom I consulted in the Newberry Library at Chicago stated that the family must have left Lexington before 1730 as there is no record of any assignment of a pew to anyone of that name after that date.

#### FOURTH GENERATION.

Benjamin, son of John, born at Lexington, October 8th, 1699. Evidently moved to Gloucester, Mass. where I infer from the names found in deeds and in the Vital Records the family probably emigrated. Gloucester is only a comparatively short distance away from Lexington but is in another county.

From the Vital Records of Gloucester examined by me in the Essex Institute at Salem, Mass:

Married at Gloucester, Benjamin Winter and Ruth Parsons, Oct. 28, 1736.

## BIRTHS AT GLOUCESTER.

Benjamin, son of Benjamin and Ruth, Sept. 10th, 1737.

In another place is the following:

Benjamin, son of Benjamin and Ruth, born before 1739.

Ruth, daughter of Benjamin and Ruth, May 13, 1739.

There also appear the following births at Gloucester, possibly and, indeed, probably of our family but not of our immediate family:

Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas, baptized August 15, 1772.

Mark Davis, son of Thomas and Joanna (Davis), July 4th, 1763.

Mary, daughter of William, baptized July 15, 1770.

Thomas, son of Thomas, baptized August 8th, 1765.

William \_\_\_\_\_ 1776.

William and Betsey had many children at Gloucester between 1798 and 1813 but their names, not one of them, are our family names.

The following deeds are recorded in the Register of Deed's office, Essex County, at Salem:-

84 of Deeds, p. 127 - Deed of Benjamin Winter (Mariner) and Ruth, his wife, to John Stevens, dated August 10th, 1740; small piece of land in Gloucester.

## FIFTH GENERATION.

Benjamin Winter, son of Benjamin Winter and Ruth  
Parsons Winter, born at Gloucester, Mass. Sept. 10th, 1737.

Married at Rowley, Mass. January 15th, 1761 to Mary Cressey,  
sometimes spelled Creacy, daughter of John Cressey of Rowley.  
She was baptized September 3rd, 1738.

BORN OF BENJAMIN WINTER AND MARY CRESSEY:

Joseph, supposed to be born about 1762. In Vital Records  
of Newberryport in Births is given Joseph Winter, son  
of Benjamin Winter, baptized November 27th, 1768,  
and in the Vital Records of Newbury

BIRTHS

Benjamin Winter, son of Benjamin and Mary, July 13,  
1764

John, son of Benjamin and Mary, July 19, 1766 By

~~mistake I may have written Newburyport for Newbury.~~ *Corrected as above*

Mrs. Althea N. Nelson, an aged woman, in about 1880  
wrote me a letter from Rowley, Mass. giving me the name of *Marriages at Newbury*  
Benjamin Winter as the first that she knew of the family, and *Abraham Winter of Newbury*  
giving children, - *Josephine*

Benjamin, who married Hannah Searles and said to have  
lived at Bristol, N.H. *Benjamin Searles Esq. of Boston. Married me 23/72.*

Joseph, born at Rowley she says;

John and a daughter Ruth. *Support Jr. 12/12/1772*  
*Abraham Winter and his wife*  
*Hannah widow - Boston birth*  
*of Boston June 3, 1733*

My investigation thus far leaves it uncertain *no death*  
whether the children of Benjamin and Mary Winter were born at *Winters at*  
Rowley or at Newburyport or Newbury. *Newbury.*

Record of Benjamin Winter in the French and Indian  
War and in the Revolution. (From Gage History of  
Rowley, p. 225)

1760. Benjamin Winter, member of Capt. Stephen Whipple's  
Co., Ipswich.
1759. Enlisted from Rowley in Col. Daniel Appleton's  
Regiment.



Benjamin Winter, enlisted July 8th, 1780; discharged October 10, 1780. Company raised in Newbury and Rowley Thomas Miles' Co., Nathan Rounds' Regiment. \$3000 Bounty and twenty three-year old cattle. Enlisted March 15th, 1881 for three years.

Also private, Capt. Moore's Company. Col. Wm. Shepard's Regiment. Roll dated West Point, May, 1781.

Enlisted March 15th, 1881 for three years.

Commanded at the lines. Muster Roll August, 1881. Sworn in at Camp Phillipsburg, also 1881, sworn in at Peekskill. Also Roll, September, 1781. Camp Continental Village; also Muster Roll for October and November, 1781, York Huts and sworn in at West Point.

FROM GAGE HISTORY OF ROWLEY, p. 273.

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Benjamin Winter, soldier, Thos. Highill's Co. of Col. Nathaniel Woods' Regiment. Served at West Point October, 1780. Mustered out after three months. Mark Cressey was Lieutenant in the company that Winter was in.

OTHER RECORDS.

Probate Records of Essex County at Salem, Mass.

Benjamin Winter, son of Benjamin Winter, late of Gloucester, a minor of over fourteen years of age and therefore able to nominate his own guardian. Requests that Benjamin Colman of Newbury be appointed his guardian. His application is filed in with the bond given by Colman.

Bond for one thousand pounds. Dated and acknowledged at Ipswich, Mass. September 18th, 1755.

PROBATE RECORDS NO.30181.

Deeds.

Deed of Benjamin Winter of Rowley; consideration thirteen pounds, six schillings, eight pence, to Benjamin Smith, dated November 24th, 1761. Recorded November 30th, 1761. No statement in deed as to wife.

Deed of William Searles, Benjamin Winter, ~~and~~ Hannah Winter, spinster, Nelsons, Kents and Tenneys. These grantors lived in the West Parish of Rowley, now Georgetown. The deed was to John Platz of Rowley. Dated September 11th, 1798, recorded July 30th, 1799 in 165 of Deeds, 93.

MEM: This is probably the deed of Benjamin, son of Benjamin of Rowley, who married a Searles.

December 27th, 1749; Hannah, wife of Stephen, deeds to Samuel Hever of Marblehead, recorded in 95 of Deeds p.7.

1765; Joanna, wife of Thomas, residence Gloucester, to Jonathan Bowman and other deeds of Joanna from 1765 to 1790.

Deed of Mary Winter to Mark Crecy, all of Rowley, dated 1770, 127 of Deeds, 172.

Benjamin Smith and wife and Mary Winter, widow, all of Rowley, to Mark Crecy, dated March 24th, 1770; Description:- One-third part of the land on Bradford Street. That was the estate of her honored mother, Sarah Dickensan, the same being the land where Mark Crecy now lives.

I find this record with respect to this  
Dickensen connection:-

Thomas Dickensen, 1691-1786. Married July 5, 1753,  
Sarah (Davis) Plats, widow of John Crecy and of John Plats.  
She died February, 1789.

GENEALOGY OF MARY CRECY, WIFE OF BENJAMIN  
WINTER OF ROWLEY.

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FIRST GENERATION.

Mighill Crecy, an immigrant from England at Salem,  
Mass., with his brother William in 1649. In 1659 he was thirty  
years of age. Died at Ipswich, Mass. April, 1670. Married first  
in 1658 Mary Batchelder, who died in childbirth in 1659, leaving  
one son John. Married second time in 1660, Mary, daughter of  
Mark Quilter of Ipswich, who was born May 2, 1641. Mark Quilter  
must have been an immigrant, of course.

CHILDREN OF MIGHILL.

John, born 1659.

Mighill, born April 1st, 1661.

William, born 1663.

Mary, born 1667. All born at Ipswich.

Mary, wife of the first Mighill, with three children  
moved to Rowley. William, son of Mighill Crecy and Mary Quilter,  
born at Ipswich, 1663; married Anna, daughter of Andrew and  
Sarah Hidden of Rowley, January 23rd, 1686. She was born  
June 22nd, 1668 and died June 24th, 1748.

John, son of William Crecy and Anna Hidden, born at Rowley, December 4th, 1692. Married October 13th, 1720 to Sarah, daughter of Cornelius Davis of Rowley and of Elizabeth Jewett, widow of John Hidden. Sarah Davis was born July 22nd, 1699. Mary, daughter of John Crecy and Sarah Davis Crecy, born August 30th, baptized September 3rd, 1738, at Rowley. Married to Benjamin Winter at Rowley January 15th, 1761.

First Generation:

## SIXTH GENERATION.

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ground of the Winters at Winter Hill in Carthage, Maine. *Mistake name was Mary Carver. These bodies were moved to present location from the Winter farm.* I think it possible that the husband of Betsey Carver

was a descendant of Robert Carver.

I find in Richard's History of Marshfield, Mass. the following:-

Robert Carver, brother of John Carver of the Mayflower and evidently one of Robinson's Church at Peyden Holland. He came to Plymouth Colony a little later than John and settled at Marshfield in 1638. Had a son John born in 1638. Died at Marshfield, June 23, 1679. Married Melicent Ford.

#### CHILDREN-

William, 1659; died in 1700, over 100.

Also John, Elizabeth, Robert, Mercy, Elizer, David, Ann, Mehitable, Rebecca.

Elizer, son of John, settled in South Bridgewater.

He died in 1744, aged seventy-five. Children: Elizer, Nathaniel, Joseph, Experience and Mehitable, and possibly others.

Nathaniel, son of Elizer, born at South Bridgewater. Johnathan, son of Nathaniel, born at Taunton. Had children born at Taunton or Rayanhar, Sally and Jabez, both in 1747. These are all the Carvers that appear in this History of Marshfield.

#### CHILDREN OF JOSEPH WINTER AND BETSEY CARVER.

1. Betsey, married a Robinson.
2. Sally, married a Rigley.

3. Margaret, married Jason Hall of Dixfield or Rum, Maine.
4. Benjamin, born at Jay, Maine, August 26th, 1792. (For Benjamin see later.)
5. Joseph, born \_\_\_\_\_; died at Carthage, Maine in 1845. Married Rhoebe Gray, a sister of Olive Gray, the wife of Benjamin.
6. William, born at \_\_\_\_\_; died at Carthage, Maine in 1885, at the age of 73. Married Hannah Hutchinson. *son Melvin and daughter or daughters. One daughter married Gorham. She had a daughter who married McLean, and has a son.*
7. Stillman, married Esther Stevens and settled at St. Marys, Indiana. *Also daughter Mary was married a Whittier*
8. Benjamin, son of Benjamin of Rowley, who married Hannah Scobles. Left a large number of descendants whose names were given me by Mrs. Nelson and who appear in an earlier genealogy that I made out. Descendants of Benjamin of Rowley live in Massachusetts, New Hampshire and New York.

John, son of Benjamin of Rowley.

William Winter, a ~~son of John~~ <sup>Joseph</sup> and a nephew of this John. Said he came to Maine with Joseph, or at least was in Maine, living not a great ways from Carthage.

Volume 4, Genealogies of Maine, p.1996, has the following:

John, son of John Winter, was born at Livermore, Me. August 23rd, 1794 and died at Bangfield, March 12th, 1857. I find a son of this latter John was postmaster at Bangfield, Maine. He kept a store there and was a prominent citizen. His children as far as I know were:--

John C.

Ida Elizabeth

George H., who was born May 30th, 1866. There was a George Glenwood Winter born July 8th, 1894, who was at Bowdoin College, Class of 1916. I do not think I have any record of Ruth, the fourth child of Benjamin of Rowley.

#### SEVENTH GENERATION.

Benjamin, son of Joseph; born at Jay, Maine, August 26th, 1792; died at Carthage, Maine, July 5th, 1844; married at Carthage, Maine, 1811 or 1812 to Olive Gray, daughter of Elijah Gray and Mary Scobles (Gray). She was born at Jay, Maine March 17, 1796 and died at Carthage, Maine March 5th, 1843. Benjamin lived in what is known as the Ben Winter place at ~~Carthage~~ Winter, Carthage, Maine. He was a farmer.

Eliphalet Gray was a son of John Gray. I have been informed that he was a Revolutionary soldier who came with Joseph Winter to Carthage, among the first settlers.

Mary Coolidge was a descendant of <sup>John</sup> Simon Goolidge, an immigrant to Watertown, Mass. I have a complete genealogy of the Coolidge family taken from the History of Watertown.

#### EIGHTH GENERATION.

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| 1. John.               | 5. Joseph.            |
| 2.. Fanny.             | 6. Benjamin Harrison. |
| 3. Oliver Gray.        |                       |
| 4. Elisha, myn father. |                       |

John married Lucina Hancock. Lived at Carthage and died there. No children.

Fanny married Isaac Adams. Had one son, John Q. Adams. Died a young woman in southern Wisconsin or northern Illinois, about 1844.

Oliver Gray married Mary Louise Perkins. Lived at Pine Hill, now Shamrock, Wisconsin; had two children, Alice and Fanny. Fanny married Lewis McCumber and has children.

Elisha, my father, married Anna Bradbury <sup>Mitchell</sup> of Carthage, Maine, and had two children, Frank (myself) and Walter. In 1861 he raised a company at Dixfield, mainly from Dixfield, Carthage, Rumford and Peru, Maine, which company became Co.D of 12th Maine, with himself as Captain and Henry B. Walter and Columbus G. Richardson as first and second lieutenants.

He was either a Major or Acting Major of the 12th Maine for a time. • Incurred sickness while on the Red River Expedition and was wounded at the Battle of Cedar Creek. In his enfeebled condition the wound proved fatal and he died soon after ~~gain~~ being mustered out of the service, on the 28th day of April, 1865, and is buried at Bethel, Maine.

Joseph Winter married Lydia Rollins of <sup>Weld</sup> ~~Hills~~, Maine. Had children Elmer, dead, Cora, married to James Dimmick and lives at Black River Falls, Wisconsin; Ephraim H., a physician at Augusta, Wisconsin; has children, one of whom is married.

Benjamin H. Winter enlisted in the 1st Maine about April 12th, 1861. Re-enlisted several times in the 10th and 29th Maine and died a first lieutenant on the 26th day of June, 1865, at Florence, S.C., where he is buried. He was wounded two or three times at the Battle of Cedar Creek and died from the effects of these wounds, unmarried.

Oliver Gray Winter was a private in the First Wisconsin Cavalry. Joseph Winter was a First Sergeant and, I have been informed, a lieutenant in Dow's 6th Maine Battery.

The living descendants of Joseph Winter, who was the first member of the family to come to Maine in about 1780 or 1782, are as follows as far as I know:-

Elton Winter, the <sup>grand</sup> ~~son~~ <sup>William</sup> of ~~Benjamin~~ Winter, who lives near Dixfield, Maine, and has one or more sons who are married and have children.

There is a living daughter, Fanny, of Oliver Gray Winter who married Lewis McCumber and lives at Spring <sup>Bank</sup> ~~Greene~~, Wis.



Frank Winter, the oldest son of Capt. Elisha Winter, is a lawyer at La Crosse, Wisconsin, a member of the law firm of Winter, Morris, Esch & Holmes. He is married but has no children. His brother, Walter C. Winter, is also a lawyer at La Crosse, Wisconsin, unmarried.

The oldest daughter of Joseph Winter, Cora, married James Dimmick and resides at Black River Falls, Wisconsin and has three children, viz: Earl, who was a captain in the Great War, Edna, who is a trained nurse, and Rufus, who is finishing his junior year in the University of Wisconsin.

Ephraim H. Winter, the second child, has two boys and one girl, all college graduates I believe. The oldest boy is a teacher and married. *Wayland, Ernest, Marjorie*.

Lena, the youngest daughter, married a man by the name of Sweet and lives in California.

*John*  
~~Joseph~~, who came ~~from~~ <sup>to</sup> Maine from Massachusetts with his brother ~~John~~ <sup>*Joseph*</sup> in 1778 ~~to~~ <sup>to</sup> 1784, settled in ~~Kentucky~~ <sup>*Kingfield, Me.*</sup> and there are a number of Winters there who are his descendants.

This memorandum will be sent as far as possible to the descendants of the Watertown Winters. A copy of it will be sent to the Maine Historical and Genealogical Association, if there is any such association, and a copy of it will be sent to the State Historical Library of Wisconsin.

The members of the Winter family to whom the copies are sent are requested to preserve them and to cause copies to be made and distributed among any other of the descendants of the Watertown Winters that they may know of.

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