

WMGS Brick Wall Queries Archive

Q-1 HARDING, Ephraim Searching for parents of Ephraim Harding Jr, b 11/23/1779 in Tisbury, MA. d bef 9/17/1820. Spouse Rebecca Luce (1788-1867), m 2/16/1809 in Tisbury, MA. (Submitted by George Gifford)

Q-2 SNELL, Jadidah Need info on parents of Jadidah Snell, b abt 1780 Bridgewater, MA, spouse Levi Stetson, m 6/2/1797 in Abington, MA. (Submitted by George Gifford)

Q-3 KINNEL, Thomas & HATHORN, Margaret Need parents of Thomas Kinnel & Margaret Hathorn, b abt 1800 in Kirkinner, Wigtown, Scotland, m 12/26/1886. Son John Kinnell/Kendall b 6/13/1835, d 1924, listed in 1870 US census in Brockton, MA. (Submitted by George Gifford)

Q-4 REDPATH/RIDPATH, Charles Seeking info on Charles Redpath/Ridpath, b.1784 in CT, MA, or NH. d. 1872 in Wabash Co. IN. Listed on 1805 & 1811 Tax lists for Huntington, Hampshire Co., MA. Need name of parents and birthplace. (Submitted by Cathy Lampshire, CA)

Q-5 REDPATH/RIDPATH, Charles Need name of first wife and marriage date & place, abt. 1802 to 1819. Second marriage in 1819 was to Jane More in Bath, Steuben Co., NY.

Listed in Federal census records in Cockburn Township, Coos Co., NH-1810, Boone Co., KY-1820, Indiana-1830 through 1870. Third marriage in 1840 to Action Dougherty, fourth marriage in 1850 to Ann Newman, fifth marriage in 1860 to Mahala Mills, all in Delaware Co., Indiana. Charles is always associated with the tanning profession or with a tanyard. (Submitted by Cathy Lampshire, CA)

Q-6 HUNTINGTON, MA Interested in any info on why settlers moved to Huntington and where they came from. (Submitted by Cathy Lampshire, CA)

Q-7 FOLEY, Michael Seeking dates and birthplaces of parents of Michael Foley, gravestone lists him as born in Parish English County, Waterford, Ireland, abt. 1820. On Michael Foley's death certificate, parents are listed as Jeffery Foley and Hannah ?, possibly Honora/Hanner. (Submitted by Margaret Carsley)

Q- 8 HICKEY, Mary Seeking birthplace in Ireland of Mary Hickey, married to Michael Foley in Northampton, MA, Nov. 2, 1854. Father listed as James Hickey. Mother unknown. (Submitted by Margaret Carsley)

Q-9 FOLEY, Michael & HICKEY, Mary Suggestions needed to determine if this couple were the same Michael Foley and Mary Hickey (M. 11/2/1854) who lived in Belchertown with their children from 1855-1890. (Submitted by Margaret Carsley)

Q-10 HICKEY, Mary - Seeking death certificate for Mary Hickey, widow of Michael Foley, listed in census records and city directories as living with daughters at 13 Main St, Amherst, MA after 1895. (Submitted by Margaret Carsley)

Answer: Q-10 HICKEY, Mary - Mary Hickey Foley's death certificate can be found in the Massachusetts, Death Records, 1841-1915 database, which is available on Family Search, Ancestry, and several other websites. Mary died on June 1, 1905 in Amherst, MA and was buried alongside her husband on June 3, 1905 in Palmer, MA. A picture of their gravestone is available on the FindAGrave website. The gravestone lists Michael Foley as being a native of arish Aglish, Co. Waterford, Ireland.

Q-11 POND, John R. – Seeking information on birth of John R. Pond. Obituary states he was born in Great Barrington, MA in 1852. Died in San Bernardino, CA in 1931. Married Florence Gotto in Lake City, CO in 1876. Had 11 children. Worked as a rancher and blacksmith. (Submitted by Scott Andrae)

Q- 12 RIDER, Benjamin – Seeking birthdate, place, and parents of Benjamin Rider, (b. abt 1794, d. between 1860-65), possibly to Daniel Rider b.1758 & Nancy Makee, who lived in Belchertown, MA in early 1800's. Benjamin Rider and Daniel Rider are both listed on 1810 tax list for Belchertown. Benjamin lived in New York in 1830's, purchased property in Winnebago, Illinois in 1844. (Submitted by Michelle Carroll)

Q-13 GILBERT, Samuel- Seeking info on Samuel Gilbert, b. September, 1683, in Springfield, MA; parents Thomas Gilbert (1659-1698) & Abilene (Marshfield) Gilbert (1664-1689). Brother of Capt. Thomas Gilbert, 1681-1753, who removed to Brookfield and is buried there. Searching for any information about Samuel's life and death (did he die young??). (Should not be confused with his 2nd cousin Samuel Gilbert (b.1687 at Hartford), son of Capt. Samuel Gilbert.) (Submitted by Christopher Childs)

Q-14 KING, Jane - Seeking info on Jane (June) King, (b. about 1834 in PA) daughter of John WMGS Queries Archive June, 2026

(b.1806 Ireland, d.1872 Sturbridge, MA) and Bridget Fox King (b. 1816 Ireland, d. 1882 Sturbridge, MA.) Listed as living with a Bridget King, head of household, in 1850 census in Monterey, MA. John King is living elsewhere until 1870 census, when they are listed together in Sturbridge. (Submitted by Kelly Fox)

Q-15 KING, Bridget - Jane King married Michael Fox, son of James & Mary Fox on Nov. 27, 1852, in Chicopee, MA. Michael Fox was born in Clohaan, Ireland, abt. 1828. Michael Fox marries a 2nd time to Margaret Price on May 25, 1855 in Sturbridge, MA. On 1855 MA State census, Michael Fox is living with wife Margaret in Sturbridge with a Bridget King, head of house. Is this Bridget the mother of Jane/June King? Other documents show that Michael Fox and Bridget Fox King are brother and sister. (Submitted by Kelly Fox)

Q-16 KING, Jane - Need Jane King's birthplace in Pennsylvania and date and place of her death, presumably between 1852 and 1855. (Submitted by Kelly Fox)

Q-17 MOORE/MOOR – Seeking birth date and parents of Daniel Moore/Moor, b. abt. 1780, possibly in NH. Need marriage record for Daniel and Lydia Way, possibly married in Lyman, NH. Daniel Moore was buried in Lyman, NH in 1846. Lydia Way Moore buried in Lyman, NH in 1828. Children of this couple noted to be Samuel (died bef. 1846), Daniel, Wm (d. 1848, Ludlow, VT), David (b.1816, Lyman, NH, d.1868, Ludlow, VT) and Margaret. (Submitted by Janet Ross)

Q-18 TIBBLES, Ann Eliza - Seeking information about the parents of Ann Eliza Tibbles, who later became the wife of Nehemiah Wood. She was born about 1846 and died about 1883. I believe she spent much of her life living in Putnam and Seneca Counties, New York. Her son, John Seymour Wood, was born in Seneca Falls, New York in 1868. (submitted by Joanne Mason)

Q-19 KINNELL, Thomas - Seeking birthdate/place &, parents of Thomas Kinnell. Married Margaret Hathorn, 1826 in Kirkiner, Scotland. Died in MA, ? Brockton. (Submitted by George Gifford)

Q-20 PACKARD, Lurana - Need birthdate/place & parents of Lurana Packard. Married Elijah Hearsey, May 25, 1800 in Dedham, MA. Died Dec. 16, 1816 in Dedham, MA. (Submitted by George Gifford)

Q-21 SNELL, Jadidah - Seeking birthdate/place & parents of Jadidah Snell. Married Levi Stetson in Abington, MA, June 2, 1797. Died on March 13, 1806 in Abington, MA.

(Submitted by George Gifford)

Q-22– CLARKE, Thomas -Seeking any recent research on Thomas Clarke, b England, imm. to Plymouth on the Anne, 1623, m. Susannah Ring (1), Alice (Hallet) Nichols (2). Died Plymouth 24 March 1697. Research published in Anderson's *The Great Migration Begins: Immigrants to New England 1620-1633 (1995)* indicates Thomas Clark was the son of Joh Clarke of Ratliff, pilot of the *Mayflower* and was bap March 8, 1599/1600 at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, Middlesex, England.

Wondering if anyone knows if there's been new scholarship/research since this publication?

(Submitted by Margaret Carsley)

Q-23 TAYLOR, Oliver– Seeking birth date, death date, and place of burial of Oliver Taylor. Secondary sources indicate birth date abt. 1729 in So. Hadley, MA. Parents are Moses Taylor (b.1709, Hadley, MA) and Hannah Porter (b.1708, Hadley, MA). Couple resided in So. Hadley in 1770. In Judd's History of Hadley (1853), it is stated that the couple had three sons: Oliver, Reuben, and John (no birth dates given). Oliver Taylor served in both the French and Indian and Revolutionary Wars.

Note: A 1903 publication of the Taylor Reunion Association of Hadley mistakenly merges Oliver Taylor, Jr., born in So. Hadley in 1766 with his father Oliver Taylor, son of Moses Taylor and Hannah Porter. (Submitted by Skip Taylor)

Q-24 – FULLER, Elsie – Looking for marriage record or any information on Elsie Fuller, b. 1771, Lanesboro, MA, dau. of Zadock Fuller and Alice or Else Porter (Silver book Vol. 10, p. 110). May have wed Joseph Platt, b. 6 May 1775 in Lanesboro. (Submitted by Susan Garman)

Answer: Q-24 – FULLER, Elsie - Possible helpful information may be available in the following book, North America, Family Histories, 1500-2000 [database online]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2016. (This book is available on Ancestry.com with access at some local public libraries or through a subscription.) There are references to the family living in Halifax and Worthington, MA. These may be places to look for a marriage record if one in Lanesboro has not been found. Also consider looking in Pittsfield, MA as Lanesboro is very close to that city. (Submitted by Lisa Swigart)

Q-25 – HULETT, Anna - Seeking information on the father of Anna Hulett, born on October 1, 1788 in Belchertown, Hampshire County, Massachusetts. Anna was married on May 9, 1807 to David Herrington in Mount Tabor, Vermont. Anna died on March 10, 1859 in Chemung, New York. Her father may have served in the Revolutionary War and was possibly Thomas Hulett. (Submitted by Camille Cloud)

Q-26- STANTON, Jesse – Seeking parents of Jesse Stanton (b. 1789-1791) in Chester, Hampden County, MA. There were many Stantons in that part of the state but I haven't been able to connect him to any of them. He married Lucy Pitcher, in Norwich (Huntington) in 1811, had two known children and worked as a cooper until 1813 when he enlisted in the 9th regiment during the War of 1812. He went home on furloughs, and was discharged from the Army on February 16, 1818 in Fort Wayne, Indiana. He stayed in the Midwest and acquired a second family.

Lucy Pitcher, the daughter of Jonathon Pitcher and his 2nd wife Anne Pelton, was born in Norwich on 28 Aug 1787 in Savoy. Jesse and Lucy's son Morey Welcome Stanton (called Welcome) was born in Huntington, 8 Nov 1812. His 1st wife was Lucy Clarinda Hathaway and his 2nd wife was Hannah M. Bryant. He died in Savoy Mass 13 Aug 1898. They may have had another son Loren, who is mentioned in *The History and Genealogy of the Families of Chesterfield Massachusetts 1762-1962*. Jesse and Lucy's daughter Amanda was born on 14 July 1815 in Norwich. (Submitted by Judith Stanton)

Q-27 ABBOTT, Ebenezer (1791-1853) – The children of Ebenezer Abbott have been reported in many family trees as being born in Chester, Hampden/Hampshire County, western Massachusetts. I cannot find any confirming birth record references to any of Ebenezer's children except the oldest daughter (Tryphena 1812-1892 and maybe Josephena (also 1812-1812) in any western Massachusetts communities. I believe that the family had already moved into central New York, following his brother Rufus Abbott (1784-1879) who was one of the early and faithful-all-the-way-to-Utah Mormons, even losing a son in the Hauns Mill Mormon pogrom in Missouri. Need to confirm the father of my ancestor Sophronia Abbott Jacobs (1816-1899) is most likely Ebenezer, but she could be the daughter of his brother Rufus. My Ancestry tree is Wilmes-Spruck Family tree. (Submitted by Sherry Wilmes)

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