

Jetmore, Ks
Aug 18-85

Dear Mrs Berger

Thank you for your letter of Aug 5. You caught me just before I left for Salt Lake City. We rode the bus 2 days, researched 4 1/2 days back. I found a little information that I am enclosing, which, I'm sure is connected to your family but I'm not just sure how.

In "Tombstone Inscriptions of Medina Co. Ohio" I found under Prior (and the only 3 listed in the Index) -

Mary Ann Nelson Prior 1812 - 1902

Solon N. Prior 1847 - 1935

Eunice S. Prior 1849 - 1932

Mound Hill Cemetery - Guilford Twp
Row 8 from Middle Drive North.

My Eunice Prior dau of Charles C Pinckney
Prior m. E. S. Hattaway.

~~Eunice~~ Simeon Prior has 15 ch - no Eunice
Benjamin had a Eunice b 1734 m 1760 Michael London

Simeon b 1752 m Catharine Wight Jan 1, 1754
Came to Summit Co. in 1802 (actually it is Summit
now but was Portage earlier) -

I wonder how the Medina Priors are related to
the Summit Co ones? Nelson on both the Cem records
& your sheet indicate there may be a connection for you
Will check further.

Sincerely Virginia Baldwin

Aug. 25, 1985

Dear Mrs. Baldwin:

Thank you for writing re your Prior family. I am enclosing my limited notes on the Prior family. I have a lot more research to do. I did notice one interesting thing — an Amasa Preston on the 1846 Fox List with Simon Prior in Ohio.

My Eunice (Prior) was married ~~to~~ to Amos Fletcher. Amos's mother was married 3 times — the last time to a — Preston. The plot thickens.

I injured my back yesterday & I am immobilized today so I have time to write this letter.

Because of the Nelson connection I am wondering which branch I (Prior) belong to. I will have to check & see if there are any Nelson's there.

Thanks again & keep
in touch.

Camilla Berger

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State of Vt.
Albany Town Records

begins June 16 1792

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Prior

Alvah Prior ae 76 d June 1873
Old Cem Essex Vt

Amanda Prior m Aug 28 1892
Robert Brewster Cambridge
Amanda b. 1805 Feb 23
father William

Betsy Prior (res Cambridge
Thomas Barnes
m Feb 23 1802 by Thomas Powell
JP

Dana Caroline Prior b 12 Aug 1817
father Daniel
Underhill Vt

Cathy Prior (res Cambridge)
Josiah Chandler 27 Oct 1814
by Clement Fosbury JP
Cathy Prior b 11 Jan 1789
mother Elizabeth
father William Prior

Cynthia Prior ae 53
husb William Prior esq.
2 Nov 1831
Com. Vershire Center
Town Vershire

Cynthia O Prior Countess Vt
Samuel Sanders
Com. Ap 25 1835 by John Sudder

Daniel Prior
Phyllis Page
Underhill Vt groom Feb 15 1818
of Isaac J Brown JP

Darke Prior
Oliver Scott
3p 18 1796 Middleboro

Laura Prior Vershire Vt.
Lyman Jones
14 Ap 1825 by Dorothy Spaulding
Vershire Vt.

Laura Prior ae 43 Com.
2 14 ap 1843 Underhill Vt
husband Robert

Mary Prior ae 24
husband Harry
d Dec 29 1830

Vershire Center Conn

Melissa D. Prior

b 18 Jan 1818

William Prior Jr.

Judith P.

Orilla Prior

ae 60 - 4 - 10

b Underhill Vt.

father Thomas Prior

mother Abigail

d 28 Jan 1857 Williston Dist

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Phillip Prior of Jersey

ae 51 b. Underhill

father Phillip

d 20 Mar 1858

Prior Ruth ae 46

b 17 Feb 1832 d 6 Dec 1832

husband William Prior Esq.

for Vershire Center Conn.

William Prior sq.

ae 78

f 1774

d 14 Aug 1852

bur Berkshire Center

William Prior Berkshire Orange Co.
Lucy Merion 25 Mar 1833

H. Hartland ?

by John S. Marcy JP

Zephiah Prior of Cambridge

Thomas Phelps

m 8 Sp 1803

by Truman Powell JP

No of estate

9496 Harrigan Peter Sr. prob 7-12-1865
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Benjamin Prior, son of Joshua and Mary Burnham Prior,
settled in Plainfield, Conn.

Children -

John Prior, B. 1750, son of Joshua and Mary Burnham
Prior.

His marriage in 1776 to Dille Fillmore is recorded and
we find no further record, but we do find the record of the
marriage, in Norwich, of Dille Prior to Benjamin Hopkins in
1780 and it is probable that she was the widow of John Prior.

Simeon Prior, son of Joshua and Mary Burnham Prior, joined
the 20th Continental's under Col. John Durkee of Norwich, Conn.
in 1776.

(This regiment was Gen. Putnam's regiment in 1775).

Benedict Arnold was appointed Col. but he was then at Quebec,
and never served.

The regiment went from Boston to New York in April, 1776,
and was stationed until Sept. 15th at Bergen Heights, and at
Paulus Hook now Jersey City. Later it was stationed at Fort
Lee, (in New Jersey, opposite the upper end of New York City)
and it accompanied Gen. Washington on the retreat through
Jersey, (and was at Valley Forge). It was engaged at the
battle of Trenton, Dec. 25, 1776, and in part, at the battle
of Princeton, Jan. 3, 1777.

The time of service having expired early in 1777, part of
the men went home, and part enlisted in other regiments.

The Rolls of the Regiment are incomplete.

(The above is from the "Records of Connecticut in the Revolution").

There is no Capt. Gideon Waterman mentioned on the rolls, but there is a Capt. Jedidiah Waterman, and there is a John Nutter mentioned as armorer, but the name of Simeon Prior does not appear.

His petition for a pension, which we include elsewhere, is convincing however, and he was granted a pension in 1833.

"Simeon Prior, Private! Placed on the pension roll November 21, 1833, Aged 81". See Pension Records, Washington, D. C.

In 1781 Simeon Prior, settled in Norwich, Mass. near Northampton, and married Catharine Wight, B. 1763 D. 1838, Daughter of Joseph and Judith Everett Wight.

Children of Simeon and Catharine Wight Prior.

Sarah	B. 1781 D. 1847	M. 1803 Joseph Darrow.
William	B. 1783 D. 1872	M. (1807-8 Sarah Wharton Polly Culver
David	B. 1784 D. 1866	M. Relief Parks.
Elisha	B. 1786 D. 1867	M. 1809 Harriet Stiles.
Mary (Polly)	B. 1789 D.	M. (1808 Eber Kennedy Warren Little
John	B. 1788 D.	
Judith	B. 1791 D. 1862	M. 1811 Elisha Perkins.
Guerdon	B. 1793 D. 1885	M. 1815 Hannah Bates.
Lydia	B. 1795 D. Young	

Joshua Prior B. 1709 D. 1784, son of Benjamin and Bethia Pratt Prior, went to Norwich, Conn., there being quite a number of people from Duxbury and Plymouth who settled there. The earliest record we can find of him is about the year 1733 when he is recorded as a householder. In 1735 he married Mary Burnham, B. 1714 D. 1789, daughter of Eleazer and Lydia Waterman Burnham of Norwich.

Children of Joshua and Mary Burnham Prior.

Mary	B.	D.	M.	
Elizabeth	B.	D.	M.	1760 Amos Rogers.
Lydia	B.	D.	M.	
Elisha	B.	D.	M.	1817
Joshua	B.	D.	M.	(1st Sarah Hutchins, she died at Sag Harbor, L. I. 1791) (2nd Elizabeth Fellows in 1792.)
Joseph	B.	D.	M.	
Benjamin	B.	D.	M.	(1771 Rachel Hutchins 1785 Tabitha Hutchins)

(There are no records of the dates of the birth of the above but they were all baptised in 1746)

John	B.	D.	M.	1776 Dille Fillmore
				(Baptised 1750)
Simeon	B.	1752	D.	1837 M. 1781 Catharin Wight B. 1763 D. 1838
				(Baptised 1754)

We are unable to get any definite records of the births, deaths or marriages of some of the children of Joshua and Mary Burnham Prior or of their descendants. During the War of the Revolution, the records in many places were not regularly kept, and in many others, were lost or destroyed.

Jerusha B. 1797 D. 1846 M. (1st Francis Bosworth
(2nd _____ Davis

Chas. C. or Pinckney B. 1799 D. ? M. Harriet Latham-

Elizabeth B. 1801 D. 1874 M. (1st - Sawyer
(2nd - Wright.

Abby B. 1803 D. 1807

Erastus B. 1809 D. 1816 M. 1830 Mary Burnham

Joseph B. 1805 D. Young

In 1802 Simeon Prior moved his family to Ohio and settled south of Cleveland, in what is now called Northampton, Summit County.

A copy of the Petition of Simeon Prior for pension follows.

clothes, and forty dollars in money, the total amount was

about sixty dollars. I was very poor and my wife and children

were sick and I was unable to work and my property was sold

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"A petition for Simeon Prior, a native of Norwick,
New London county, and state of Connecticut, who joined the
army as armorer under under Col. John Durgey on his way from
Boston to New York in 1776, with the promise of one suit of
clothes and twelve dollars per month. I joined the armies
at the Kings' Yard, so called, on the west side of the city,
worked there fifteen weeks then joined the regiment on Ponters
Hook. After the city was taken by the British we removed to
Fort Lee where we remained until the British crossed over into
the Jerseys above Fort Lee - early in the morning was called
to turn out, all that was able to bear arms, without packs,
I left a small chest with my small armorers tools, some books,
clothes, and forty dollars in money, the "hoal" amount was
about sixty dollars. There was orders afterwards that our
loss should be made good. My case was considered (and held)
that I had no right to carry my tools into the army and might
(have) kept my money in my pocket so they allowed me ten
dollars. My coat and vest were thin slazy cloth with linen
shirt. From the time we left Fort Lee until the 22nd day of
January, 1777 when I got home, all of which time I had no
change of clothes. The third day after my discharge I was
taken sick - I lay ten days - when able to travel again I
found my discharge was gone and I three hundred miles from
home, all alone in the midst of their lines (?) some friends

and tories, in a distressed "sitiuation;" almost naked and almost without money. Since that time I have tried to serve God and my country. (I have) gone forward to the north part of the state of Ohio, nearly 700 miles from the place of my nativity where I now live in 1826. The pention act included me if proof could be found, since that time I have taken all the pains necessary. The last that I could remember I find has been dead nearly twenty years. Now sirs, shall I suffer because God has kept me alive and cut short the days of all that knew me at the time I was in the army? No, God forbid.*

"I, Simeon Prior, was born in Connecticut, county of New London and town of Norwich, son of Joshua P^rior, the sixth son and ninth child from my mother. At about fifteen went to live with Nathan Cobb to learn the blacksmith trade where I learned to work on guns. In 1776 after the army went to New York, Col. John Durgey of Norwich, being formerly acquainted with me came to me, wanted me to enlist as armorer in his regiment, promising me twelve dollars per month and rations, accordingly I enlisted for nine months or thereabouts. It was after the army had moved from Boston to New York. I went to New York with the Col. and was put into Capt. Gideon Waterman's company then lying on the east side of the city. Forty (?) days after I had orders to go to the west side of the city where it was then called the King's Yard and work under Capt. John Nutter as armorer. The regiment soon after moved over to Pointers (?) Hook, a little after the first ship went up the north river. I was ordered to join the regiment and work by myself where I remained until the British took the city of New York. After that went to Fort Lee where we stayed until the

enemy landed a part of their army about five miles above the fort. Then we was called on to go and stop them, orders was not to carry our packs, accordingly we left them but when we came in site of them we had orders to retreat before them and leave all our clothes behind, the time I have forgotten, but from that time until the twenty first day of January, 1777, I never had a change of clothes. Cold, nakedness and hunger was with me until I was discharged three hundred miles from home, the third day on my way home I was taken sick with pleuracy, at that time I lost my discharge, I lay sick ten days which made me twenty-one days getting home, where I got some clean clothes.

As to the Brigade Col. Durgey belonged to I never knew. When General Washington and General Mercer went to Trentown and took the Hussars, 25 December '76. I was in the second platoon in the front of their brigade. The Col. was sick at that time, the major and the oldest captain was in front."

Elisha Prior, son of Simeon and Catherine Wight Prior was born 1786 in Norwich, Mass.

He married 1809, 1st, Harriet Stiles, B. 1789 D. 1836, daughter of Samuel and Hannah Ellsworth Stiles of Norwich, and joined his father in Ohio in 1812.

Children of Elisha and Harriet Stiles Prior

Samuel S. Prior	B.	D.	M.	
Lewis R. Prior	B. 1821	D. 1910	M. 1840	Margaret Pardee.
Harriet	B.	D.	M. Rev. David McLean	
Amanda	B.	D.	M. Rev. David Stearns	
Benjamin	B.	D. Young M.		

The following article appeared in the Summit County
Beacon, published at Akron, Ohio, May 29th, 1862.

We have corrected what was evidently an error of the
printer in the name of Catherine Wight. It appeared as
Wright in the original article. Mr. Samuel Prior of North-
ampton, has a letter in his possession written by Judith
Wight, dated October 31st, 1809, and written to her sister
Catherine.

In regard to the spelling of the name, there are
several branches of the family who spell it Pryor, the
others spell it Prior.

H. E. P.

ing sometimes in the boat and sometimes upon the land. When in a gale, they would have to haul the boat on shore, and sometimes it would be thrown up by the waves and left high and dry upon the land. They would then have to unload, re-launch the boat, load her up again, and push on as before, until they arrived at Cleveland, then a village of a few log cabins only.

Stopping awhile in Cleveland to rest, they procured teams and started through the forest for Hudson, there being a few families at that point at that early day. Leaving the family at Hudson, my father with the older sons went in search of the "promised land," and made choice of a tract one mile north of what are now known as Northampton Mills, and immediately commenced felling trees and building a cabin. That finished, the family were removed to their new residence in the woods, seven miles from any white family, and there, without any roads, mails, or neighbors, except the red men of the forest, they commenced life anew. Bears, wolves, deer, turkies and an occasional panther, abounded in the woods, with other kinds of wild game in abundance. As for prices of produce, there was no market for anything, and nothing to carry to market if there had been. It was all required for home consumption.

I will now go back a little, and give a history of the family. My father and mother started from Massachusetts, with nine children, the writer of this sketch being left behind. The nine children all had the measles on the boat, and all lived through them. In their new home, the family all worked hard and fared hard, but were generally healthy, with the exception of being occasionally afflicted with the ague and fever, which was quite common at that early day. They had to go ten or

THE PRIOR FAMILY

A Historical Sketch.

The writer's father, Simeon Prior, was born in Norwich, Conn., in 1754. He emigrated to Norwich, Mass., in 1781, where he married Catharine Wight, purchased and cleared a farm, working upon his farm and at the blacksmithing business until his family of children numbered ten--two others having died in infancy.

During the Revolutionary War, my father served his country in the capacity of blacksmith in the army, by which he became entitled to, and received, during the last years of his life, a pension from the Government.--With so large a family growing up around him, he determined to seek a country where land was more plenty than in Massachusetts, and having exchanged his farm for wild lands in what was then known as New Connecticut, started in June, 1802, with his family and worldly goods, for that far-off country, being moved by teams to Albany. At Schenectady he purchased an open boat, on which he embarked with his family and effects, and started up the Mohawk River--thence by canal to Wood Creek--thence to Oneida Lake--down Oneida Lake to Three River Point--thence down the Swago River to Lake Ontario--up Lake Ontario to Niagara River. This was done entirely by hard manual labor, the boat being propelled the entire distance by poles and oars. Hiring their boats and its contents, carried around Niagara Falls to Lake Erie, and having re-embarked, they steered their course for Cleveland, keeping as near shore as convenient, camp-

twelve miles to mill, by marked trees, fording streams, etc. It is hard to realize, at this day, the privations to which the early settlers of this beautiful Western Reserve were subjected.

It will be impossible to give anything like a full history of the family, the hardships and privations which they endured, the progress they made, etc., in the brief space allotted to me for this sketch.

In 1812, the writer, joined the family, which, with one that had been added, in the mean time, made the number of children, eleven. Two other children, born after the removal of the family to Ohio, had died in infancy, making in all, fifteen children, to which my mother had given birth, four of whom had been removed by death. The remaining eleven children all grew up to man and womanhood, eight of whom are now living. My father died in 1837, aged 83 years, and my mother died in 1838, aged 75. My sister, Mrs. Jerusha Davis, died in 1846, aged 49; my eldest sister, Mrs. Sarah Darrow, died in 1847, aged 66, and another sister, Mrs. Judith Perkins, died May 1st, of the present year, aged 70 years and six months. The remaining children, eight in number, are as follows: William Prior, aged 78 lives in Northampton; David Prior, aged 77 lives in Missouri; Elisha Prior, (the writer) aged 75 lives in Northampton; Mrs. Polly Little, aged 72 lives in Aurora, Portage County; Guerdon Prior, aged 58, Pinckney Prior, aged 62 and Erastus Prior, aged 51, lives in Iowa; and Mrs. Eliza Wright, aged 60 lives in Solon, Guyahoga County. They are all in the enjoyment of a

good degree of health and vigor, considering their respective ages.

Now, as people sometimes complain of hard times, in these days, let me suggest, that when they have to pay 75 cents a yard for common calico, 50 cents for shirting, \$15 per barrel or \$4 per bushel for salt, and can get only two cents a pound for their pork, 8 cents for butter, and 6 cents a dozen for eggs, then perhaps they might with propriety complain of hard times. At that time there was no Akron, no Middlebury, no Cuyahoga Falls, no railroads, no canals, no wagon roads, no steamboats upon the lake. Warren was County Seat for this whole section of the country. The country was then wild and romantic to the extreme. On one occasion, my father had gone across Mud Creek, near where the Northampton Mills now stand, crossing the stream upon a log. While gone, the creek had risen and overflowed the log, so that he could not recross upon it, whereupon he descended the stream a short distance, and found a subterranean passage, when he crossed over, or rather under, the creek, and came out dry-shod. If this fact is doubted, it can easily be proven.

In making the journey from Massachusetts to Ohio, as above related, the family were six weeks upon the way (a long time to be travelling with so large a family) and even in 1812, I was 18 days in performing the distance with a team. Since that time, I have passed over that distance in about 30 hours. The changes and improvements which have been made, in the face of the country and mode of travelling, during that period, are indeed wonderful and astonishing.

Although those early times were hard times, yet there was much comfort and enjoyment and great good-feeling among the pioneers and early settlers and neighbors—Pride had not then emigrated to this country; people dressed plain and lived plain; were friendly and harmonious, and considered it no disgrace for a person whether male or female to labor for a living. The girls and women "played" upon their spinning-wheels and looms, while the boys and men followed the plow for exercise, and "pailed" the cows for pastime, which avocations and accomplishments are becoming decidedly unfashionable now.

Many other interesting incidents, connected with the family, and their early neighbors, might be mentioned, but for fear that I shall weary the patience of the reader and occupy too much space in your papers, I forbear giving them. I will mention, in addition, however, that my brother William helped make the first brick that were made in Cleveland, and two of my brothers, William and Guerdon, served in the war of 1812.

Now, Mr. Editor, my sketch is somewhat disjointed and perhaps not exactly grammatical, for I was raised when education was not as popular as it is now-a-days, but if you and your readers can make it out, and are interested in its perusal, I shall be satisfied.

Yours,

ELISHA PRIOR.

Northampton, May 20th, 1862.

May 1977

This material was sent to Ruth Minnery as the result of a query in the O.G.S. Bulletin. She has not as yet connected them to her family, but it is so interesting that we'd like to share it with you.

PRIOR FAMILY REUNION
From The Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, Reporter

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Lakewood
OH*

One of the oldest pioneer families of Summit County met with SAMUEL S. PRIOR and his wife at their home in Northampton Township, July 12, 1898, and made it the occasion of organizing a PRIOR Family Association.

Of the eleven children of SIMEON PRIOR, who married and have families, seven represented as follows; Family of SARAH DARROW, DAVID PRIOR, WILLIAM PRIOR, JUDITH PERKINS, JERUSHA BOSWORTH, and PICKNEY PRIOR. Those not personally represented were ELIZA WRIGHT'S, GURDEN PRIOR'S, MARY KENNEDY'S, and ERASTUS L. PRIOR'S. These sent greetings.

There were present from the west, JOHN SABRA PRIOR, who with his wife represented the Iowa Kinsmen, who removed from Northampton some forty years ago. These were the families of GURDEN PRIOR, CHARLES PICKNEY PRIOR, and ERASTUS L. PRIOR. These families have grown up in their respective communities and made their influence felt there.

*Gen Soc
PO Box
9639
Cleveland
OH
44140*

The now living of the grand children of SIMEON PRIOR, the following vary in age from 69 to 82 years; SAMUEL S. PRIOR, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio; SIMEON PRIOR, Akron, Ohio; ANNA P. FARR, Mantua, Ohio; JERUSHA KELLOG, Miles, Iowa; CALISTA HARRINGTON, Miles, Iowa; ERASTUS L. PRIOR, Tropico, Calif; EUNICE HATHAWAY, Bennington, Kan; JOHN SABRA PRIOR, Preston, Iowa; FIDELIA WELCH, Nokoma, Kan; SETH E. PRIOR, Lyons, Iowa; OLIVER B. PRIOR, Miles, Iowa; ORRIN PERKINS, Watson, Mich; ELIZA P. DEWEY, Kent, Ohio.

The following incidents in the life of SIMEON PRIOR may be best gathered from two or three autograph sketches which he left of himself, either in letters or otherwise. Space is given to the following petition to the pension bureau, which gives some hint of what soldier life meant in those days:

A petition for SIMEON PRIOR, a native of Norwich, New London County and state of Connecticut, who joined the army as armorer under Col. JOHN DURGEY on his way from Boston to New York in 1776, with the promise of a suit of clothes and \$12.00 per month. I joined the armies at Kings Yard, so called, on the west side of the city, worked there fifteen weeks, then joined the regiment on Ponter's Hook. After the city was taken by the British we removed to Fort Lee, where we remained until the British crossed over into the Jerseys above Fort Lee. Early in the morning was called to turn out, all that was able to bear arms without packs. I left a small chest with my small armorers tools, some books, clothes, and \$40.00 in Money, the "Hoal" amount was about \$60.00. There was orders afterwards that our loss would be made good. My case was considered and held that I had no right to carry my tools into the army, and might have kept my money in my pocket. So they allowed me \$10.00. My coat and vest were thin slazy cloth with linen shirt. From the time we left Fort Lee until the 22nd of January, 1777, when I got home all of which time I had no change of clothes. The third day after my discharge I was takne sick. I lay ten days. When able to travel again, I found my discharge was gone and I 300 miles from home in the midst of their lines some friends and tories, in a distressed "situation" almost naked and almost without money. Since that time I have tried to serve God and my country. I have gone forward to the North part of the state of Ohio, nearly 700 miles from the place of my nativity where I now live in 1826. The pension act included me if proof could be found, since that I have taken all the apins necessary. The last that I could remember, I find has been dead twenty years. Now, sirs, shall I suffer because God has kept me alive and cut short the days of all that knew me at the time I was in the army? No, God Forbid.

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PRIOR FAMILY REUNION-continued

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"As to the brigade co., DURGEY belonged to I never knew. When General WASHINGTON and General MERCER went to Trenton and took the Hussars, 25 December, '76-I was the second Platoon in the front of their brigade. The Colonel was sick at the time the major and oldest captain was in front".

The following is part of a letter dated September 24, 1815, and is a hint as to the health in those days.

"When I came to this country I brought nine children with me. My wife and children had never had the measles. The tenth day on our journey my fourth daughter, I was taken sick. We were then on the water, as we came 500 miles by water. We were forty days on our journey, and before we got there my wife and children all had measles and began to have the ague and fever and for three years there was not a day in our family. Our next neighbors at that time was seven miles away, except the Indians, and they were kind and friendly".

SIMEON PRIOR was born in Norwich, Connecticut, on May 16, 1754, was married to KATHERINE WIGHT on January 1, 1781, and removed soon after to Hampshire county Massachusetts, where he remained until the summer of 1802, when with his wife and children he immigrated to Northampton township and settled upon the lands that now make up the farms of JACK BUTLER, CAUDICE THORNDYKE, FRANK VIAL, AMOS RICH and JOHN CHROCK on the state road. His services during the revolutionary war included the siege and capture of New York by the British, the holding of West Point, etc. and the retreat of WASHINGTON to Philadelphia in 1776, and ended with the Battle of Trenton on Christmas Day, 1776. Immediately after this battle he was discharged. Because of the many difficulties of collecting proof his application for a pension was not acted upon until October 7, 1833 at which time he was 80 years of age. He died in Northampton, June 29th, 1837, and lies buried at the red school house. In addition to the dates of his birth and death his gravestone accords him the proud epitaph "Soldier in the Revolutionary War".

SEYMOUR Family Genealogy (Please refer back to The Certified Copy, June, 1977, no. 4 for rest of SEYMOUR and their descendants).

Remainder of children of Fanny SEYMOUR and Amos SIATER, SR.

- Gilbert b July 24, 1830 W. Andover, O. d Dec. 13, 1893, Alden, Neb.
Fanny M. b Apr. 14, 1832 W. Andover, O. d Feb. 26, 1897 Youngstown, O.
Addison b May 1, 1834 Cherry Valley, O. d Dec. 3, 1848 W. Williamsfield.
Amos b Jan. 28, 1836 Cherry Valley, O. d May 29, 1898 Cherry Valley, O.
7. William SEYMOUR son of SILAS b Oct. 19, 1810 Lebanon, N.Y. m. Mary Melissa LEWIS Jan. 31, 1840. She was b Sept. 6, 1817 Lebanon, N.Y.
2nd m. Mrs. Emma METCALF, formerly Emma BACHUS b. Seneca Falls, NY. Apr. 1841
Children 1st. Marriage
8. Edgar William b March 31, 1841 Lebanon, N.Y.
Edith Matilda b Jan. 7, 1846 Lebanon, N.Y.

PORTAGE COUNTY, OHIO RESIDENT TAXPAYERS FOR 1808

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This list has been compiled from the Duplicate of Resident Proprietors of land in the County of Portage for the year 1808, which is deposited at Kent State University Library, Kent, Ohio. In 1808 Portage County had been erected one year and included the territory of what is now Summit and Medina Counties.

Abbott, David	Darrow, Joseph	Hamilton, Wiley
Anderson, Arthur	Day, Alva	Harmon, Elias
Andrews, Alpheus	" Horatio	" Joseph
" Samuel	" Lewis	" Seth
" Thaddeus	Deacon, Mermaduke	" Zacheus
Arbuckle, James	Dickenson, Mark	Hartle, Michael
Atwater, Amzi	" Oliver	Hartzel, George
" Jotham	" Oliver C.	" Jacob
	Diver, Daniel	" John
Bacon, Chazens	" John	Haynes, Daniel
" David	Doudy, Lutheran	Heazen, Ohimias
" William	Dyson, Abraham	Hogg, Robert
Baker, Ethelbert		Holcomb, George W.
" Joel	Eatinger, Jacob	Hollister, Joshua
Baldwin, Benjamin	Easter, James	Hubbard, Ephriam B.
" David, Jr	Eaton, Robert	Hudson, David
" David, Sr	Edward, Rufus	Hulbert, Raphael
" John F.	Egleston, Benjamin	Hutchinson, John
" Stephen	Elsworth, Calvin	
Bancroft, Nath'l	Ely, Asheer	James, Joseph
Bill, Robert	" Henry	Johnson, William
Bishop, Samuel	" Lewis	Judson, Sam'l Gersham
" Timothy	Ewart, Samuel	" Enoch
Bissel, Martin		
" Robert	Farris, John	Keneda, David
Blair, Isaac	Ferguson, Samuel	Kennedy, Thomas
" Jacob & hrs	Forward, Samuel	" William
Blakesley, Jothan	Foster, Jonathan	Lappin, John
Boosinger, Conrad	Fritch, John	" William
" George		Laughlin, James
Bostwick, Ebenezer	Galloway, John	Leach, William
" Gersham	" Wm.	Lewis, Joseph
Bowles, John	Garret, Eleanor	Lindley, Ehada
Boyer, Nathaniel	Gaylord, Joel	Loomis, Calvin
Bronson, Jonah	" Ruth	" Warcham
Brown, Owen	(Gear?), Abel	Luch, Amos
Cackler, Christian	Gilbert, Truman	
Calhoun, William	Gillett, Griswold	McArthur, John
Cannon, Erastus	Goss, John	McCanning, Samuel
Cochran, Solomon	" Eben	McCormick, James
	Granger, Horace	McCoy, Samuel
	Griswold, Solomon	McDaniels, Gibson
Daily, James		Mc (Hendry?), James
Daniels, David	Hall, Reuben	McIntosh, Paschal
Darrow, George, Jr	" Robert	McKelvey, James
" George, Sr		

Hiram Township

Redden, Richard
 " John
 Rudolph, John
 Stow, Benj^m
 " Dan
 Sherwood, Bradford
 Truesdill, Asa
 Tinker, John
 Taylor, Elisha
 Young, Wm.
 " James
 " _____?

Mantua Township

Atwater, Amzi (4)
 " Jotham
 Blair, Jacobs
 heirs
 " John (4)
 Brass, Henry
 Bidlake, Daniel
 Carlton, Peter
 Edwards, Rufus
 Foster, Jonathan
 Fenn, John
 Harmon, Elias
 " Seth (4)
 " Zacheus
 " Mary
 " Enos
 " John
 Hawkins, John
 Judson, Gershom
 " Enoch
 Jones, Reuben (3)
 Kent, Zenas
 Loomis, Warham
 Ladd, Ezekiel
 " Daniel
 " Horrace
 " Eleazer
 Moore, James &
 Roger?
 " James
 " Mark
 " James, Jun^r
 McIntosh, Parschal P.
 " Moses
 Nooney, Hezekiah

Mantua Township

Nooney, Hezekiah
 & _____?
 Pettibon, Jacob W.
 Pinney, Silas
 Pond, David (2)
 " Moses (3)
 Russel, Wm.
 Skinner, Wm.
 Snow, Franklin (3)
 " Oliver (5)
 Skinner, Joseph
 Twaddle? Anna?
 (Twitchel?, Arba?)

Northampton Township

(now in Summit Co.)
 Geer, Abel (4)
 Gates, Gipson
 Hale, Jonathan (3)
 Hamilton, Wiley
 Hammond, Jason
 Hibbard, Calvin
 Hale, Sarah? &
 Theodore (2)
 Hamilton, Zenas (5)
 James?, Joseph
 King, Joshua (2)
 " Sam^l
 Perkins, Elisha
 Prior, Simeon
 Parker, David (5)
 Robinson, James
 " Lewis?
 Shepherd, Miles
 Turner, Daniel
 Vanhining, Henry
 Woodard, Stephen

Palmyra Township

Alford, John
 Bacon, Wm.
 Boyes, Nathan
 Baldwin, John
 Brooks, Eber
 Calvin, David etc
 " Mahlon
 " Robert
 Cox, Robert
 Daniels, David

Palmyra Township

Edwards, Reubin
 " Stephen
 Fisher, Joseph
 " " Jun^r
 Gilbert, Truman
 " " Jun^r
 " Jabez (2)
 Gano, David
 Gilbert, Jabez Jun^r
 " Charles (2)
 Hollister, Joshua
 Hale, John (3)
 Hulbert, Raphael?
 Kent, Martin (10)
 Merriman, _____
 Martin, Thomas
 " John
 Minard, Champlin
 Merriman, Isaac
 Moore, Roger?
 Outcalt, Schoby?
 Newcomb, Benj.
 Pelton, John
 Rogers, Wm.
 Redfield, Sam^l
 Sears, Nathan
 Smith, Noah (3)
 Shank, Nicholas
 Spicer, Daniel (2)
 Tuttle, John
 Thurber, Amos (2)
 Wind, Samuel
 Waller, Silas (4)
 " Asahel (2)
 " David (2)

Rootstown

Andrews, Thaddeus
 Allison, James
 Bostwick, Gershom
 Bissell, Martin
 Bostwick, Eben.
 Carris, Fred^k
 Coosard?, Valentine
 Case, Ariel (3)
 Chapman, Nathan
 " " heirs
 " " Adm^r
 " Beman