# THE DESCENDANTS OF BENJAMIN COVEY, SR. AND RHODA HAWLEY/HOLLEY 

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NOTE: The following is a draft manuscript of material that will eventually become part of a book on the Porter family and their co-relatives. The Covey family is related to the Porter family through Rhoda ${ }^{7}$ Covey, who married Seth ${ }^{5}$ Porter. Research is far from complete on this family and is ongoing. As a result, this manuscript is subject to frequent additions and revision as new facts come to light. The information herein is correct to the best of my knowledge as of the date above. If you have any copies of similar manuscripts bearing an earlier date, please destroy them to avoid perpetuating earlier errors or inconsistencies. Thank you. - RJP
The assistance of Donald P. Avery and Ruby Templeton in gathering information on this branch of the Covey family is gratefully acknowledged.
The most comprehensive book on the Covey family is Ancestors and Descendants of Walter Covey, Dutchess County, New York (1750-1834), by Mary Lancaster Quist [hereinafter Quist]. It was published in 1971 and is available on microfilm at local LDS Family History Libraries and on the shelves of a few libraries. It contains the results of over fifteen years of research by Mrs. Quist as well as contributions from other Covey family members. The result is a somewhat confusing and, sometimes, contradictory presentation of the Covey genealogy in a non-standard genealogical format. Specific source citations are almost completely absent, and the sources cited are frequently too general to allow verification.

Benjamin Covey was the brother of Walter Covey, the subject of Mrs. Quist's book. They were sons of James Covey and Mary Lanphere. One of Walter's sons, Benjamin, joined the LDS Church and was with the Mormons at Nauvoo, Illinois. In support of her listing of James and Mary (Lanphere) Covey's children, Mrs. Quist cites (p.48)" Nauvoo Baptisms: Benj. Covey (1790 ) gave all above children as his aunts and uncles except Joseph." She then states in a note (p. 49) that "This family was the most difficult to find any information on, yet absolutely necessary to establish the direct pedigree line. ... This family group is far from being complete. We are fortunate to have what is shown here. The exact nature of 'Nauvoo Baptisms' would make it correct as to names and relationship."

Until recently, most of my research efforts on the Covey family have been concentrated on the family of Benjamin and his descendants. While this research is far from complete and is ongoing, some research has begun on his ancestry. The Nauvoo Baptism records are restricted by the LDS Church, so I have unable to verify them; Mrs. Quist was a Church member, I am not. Because of the number of errors and inconsistencies found in Mrs. Quist's book, I am unwilling to include his ancestry herein from her book without having verified its accuracy. The reader is referred to her book without any implied endorsement of what it contains. The material presented herein corrects many errors in her book. Since this is not intended as a review of her book, such differences are not pointed out or discussed as they would interfere with the continuity of the presentation. Arguments and citations are included to support my conclusions.

1. Benjamin ${ }^{5}$ COVEY (James ${ }^{43}$, Hope $^{2}$, James ${ }^{1}$ ) was born about 1751, probably in Frederickstown, then in Dutchess County, New York, now in Putnam County, New York, and died in the town of Ancram, Columbia County, New York, 21 August 1838, aged 87. No records have been found of Benjamin's birth, of his two marriages, nor of the births of any of his children, except two, who were born in the town of Mt. Washington, Berkshire County, Massachusetts. The earliest record of him of which I am aware was his inclusion in the list of tax payers in the Report of the Board of Supervisors of Dutchess County, New York, 1740/41-1779. Mrs. Quist lists him (p. 47) as a tax payer from 1773 to 1779 in the town of Northeast. This was actually the Northeast precinct of Dutchess County; the town of Northeast was not formed until 1823.

Benjamin married his first wife, RHODA -----, about 1773, based on the birth date of his first son, Luther H. Covey, on 31 January 1774. The identity of Rhoda is still being researched, but several facts point to the probability that she was Rhoda Hawley and was related to a Luther Hawley, who was also a resident of Northeast at the time. Another thesis holds that she was Rhoda Holley/Holly. Arguments for both of these positions will be presented below.

No record has been found of any service by Benjamin Covey in the Revolution, but it is likely that he served as a militiaman, as did almost all able-bodied men of his age at the time, and was called out from time to time as needed. His support for the colonies is attested to by his signing the "Articles of Association," sometimes called the "Revolutionary Pledge" in Northeast Precinct in July, 1775. (Frank Hasbrouck, The History of Dutchess County, New York, Poughkeepsie, 1909 [hereinafter Hasbrouck], 103). Luther Hawley also signed the pledge in Northeast, which places him in Northeast at about the time Rhoda married Benjamin. While not significant by itself, it is the first of several facts that point to Rhoda being Rhoda Hawley.

The Committee of One Hundred, which became the New York Provincial Congress, was formed from the Committee of Sixty in New York City in response to the Lexington Alarm. One of its first acts was to draw up the Pledge on 29 April 1775. Copies of the document were placed in the hands of committees to circulate through the counties for signatures. "The primary purpose of this 'Pledge' was to bring the people up to the point of associated effort, and had no direct reference to an appeal to arms and separation from the English government." (Hasbrouck) The text of the pledge is contained in Hasbrouck, p. 95.

The next documentary evidence, to my knowledge, of Benjamin's presence is found in Berkshire County, Massachusetts in the probate papers of Benjamin Osborn, the town blacksmith of the town of Mt. Washington (Tauconnack Mt.) in 1786 (Berkshire Probate 1347A, copied by Elmer I. Shepard in 1944 and presented in the Berkshire Genealogist, Vol. 10, No. 2, p. 59) An inventory of Osborn's estate was made in November, 1786. Among the papers is a list of debts due Osborne. Benjamin Covey is listed among the debtors; fortunately his name is not one of those marked as deemed uncollectable. There is no record of Benjamin owning land or paying taxes in Berkshire County, so no date for his arrival in the county can be arrived at. Further research into the tax lists of Dutchess County may reveal more insight. However, many of the residents of Mt. Washington were squatters and left no records.

Benjamin Covey appears in the 1790 census for Mt. Washington with two males over 16, four males under 16, and three females. There are no known records of the births of these children. The births of two of his subsequent children were recorded by the town clerk; Hariot (Harriet), male ( $\mathrm{s} / \mathrm{b}$ female) on 5 July 1793, and James on 1 March 1795. These records were viewed by me and Xeroxed for me by the town clerk on 30 October 1992.

No further evidence of Benjamin has been found until the 1800 census, where Luther H. Covey replaces him in Mt. Washington, and Benjamin appears in the town of Livingston (later Gallatin, then Ancram), Columbia County, New York. We can only surmise that he moved from Mt. Washington to Livingston some time between 1795 and 1800.

The town of Livingston, one of the seven original towns of Columbia County, was erected by an act passed 7 March 1788. It was part of the Livingston Manor, then owned by Robert Livingston, Jr., who owned all of the land and leased it to his tenants. This feudal system of land tenure persisted despite strong, often violent, opposition until it was struck down by a decision of the court of appeals in 1852. The town of Gallatin, named in honor of the Hon. Albert Gallatin, was formed from Livingston 19 March 1803. Its name was changed to Ancram, the ancestral home of the Livingstons in Scotland, 25 March 1814. The present town of Gallatin was set off from its western half 27 March 1830. (Capt. Benjamin F. Ellis, History of Columbia County, New York. Philadelphia: Everts \& Ensign, 1878[hereinafter Ellis]; 36-45, 405)

Many of the early settlers in eastern Columbia County were squatters. It is not known whether Benjamin was a squatter or he negotiated a lease with Livingston's agents. No record of his occupation has been found, but it is assumed that he was a farmer, like most men of the time. Since it was impossible for him to have owned land there, there are no land records in Columbia County for him. Curiously, the only land owned by him at his death was in the town of Sandy Creek, Oswego County, New York, where, to my knowledge, he never resided.

Benjamin's son, Luther H. Covey, moved his family from Mt. Washington to the town of Richland, Oneida County, New York (later Sandy Creek) in 1814 (biographical sketch of Luther's son, Hiram; History of Oakland County, Michigan, Philadelphia: L.H. Everts \& Co., 1877). One of the original deeds from William Constable, who purchased and subdivided a large tract in Oneida County was written 24

August 1814 to Benjamin Covey of Richland (Oneida Co. Deeds, 27:17). For \$342.00 it conveyed 114.25 acres in lots 80 and 94, bounded as follows:

Beginning at a beach [sic] standing at the corner of lots 79, 80,93,94 and running thence $N 20$ chains, 15 links, thence E 12 chains, 59 links to the center of the highway, thence $538^{\circ} \mathrm{E}$ along the center of said road 51 chains 61 links, to a stake, thence W 43 chains, 55 links to the $W$ line of lot
94 , thence N along said line 20 chains, 55 links to the place of beginning.
Although some of Luther's brothers and sisters, including Benjamin Covey, Jr., also moved to Sandy Creek before Benjamin's death. there is no doubt that the Benjamin Covey in this deed was Benjamin, Sr. Several deeds were recorded in Oswego County by Benjamin's heirs that disposed of their share of his estate. The facts of its purchase and the descriptions of the parcel are badly distorted in these deeds, but there is no doubt that they are referring to the parcel in the above deed. James describes it as "a certain farm formerly owned and occupied by Benjamin Covey, the father of the party of the first part[James Covey]" (Oswego Co. Deeds, 49:564). These deeds are extracted later in the paragraphs devoted to Benjamin's children.

Despite James' description, it is doubtful that Benjamin actually moved his family there, then moved them back to Ancram. It seems more likely that he came to Sandy Creek with or at about the same time as Luther and that he bought the farm, either with the intention of moving there, or for Luther and himself. Since no deed has been found recorded for Luther in either Oneida or Oswego Counties, it is assumed that this is the farm he occupied from 1814 to about 1838.

Benjamin apparently resided in Ancram until his death. He is listed there in the 1800, 1810, 1820, and 1830 censuses. These censuses, while they contain only the name of the head of the household, provide valuable information for use in reconstructing his family when used in conjunction with his estate papers and other information on his children. The reconstruction is presented below.

Rhoda died 12 May 1805, aged 52, and is buried in the Spencer's Corner Burying ground near Millerton in Northeast District, Dutchess County (g.s.; L. Van Alystyne, Burying Grounds of Sharon, Connecticut, Amenia and North East, New York, 1983 [hereinafter Van Alystyne], 156). Her death was reported in the Political Barometer in Poughkeepsie, Tuesday, 18 June 1805. The original newspapers are in the collection of the Dutchess County Historical Society, Poughkeepsie, New York, and are still in good condition. Mrs. Mary Lou Davison of the Society made a Xerox copy of the masthead and the death notice for me in June, 1993. The second paragraph adds a little human interest to the notice:

## Died

On Sunday evening the 12th ult. Rhoda, wife of Benjamin Covey, of Gallatin, County of Columbia, in the fifty-second year of her age. She has left behind, a disconsolate companion, ten children, and a numerous circle of relations and friends, to lament her loss.
[The last article has been mislaid for some weeks, or it would have received earlier insertion. The friends of the deceased are respectfully requested to accept our excuse.]
Two things are of interest in Rhoda's, and later Benjamin's, burial at Spencer's Corner. There were a few private burying grounds, but no incorporated cemeteries in the town of Ancram, so the citizens were forced to go to Millerton, Pine Plains, and Copake to bury the dead (Ellis, 408).

Also a number of Holleys and Hollys are buried in Spencer's Corner Burying Ground, among them Milton Holly, son of Luther and Sarah Holly, who died 9 March 1777, age 10 months, 17 days (Van Alystyne, 160). Together with the fact that Luther H. Covey, Jr., Benjamin and Rhoda's grandson, may have gone by the name Holly at one time, this tends to support the thesis that Rhoda's maiden name was Holly. This is offset by the fact that one of the grandsons of Luther H. Covey, Sr. was named Luther Hawley Porter, and that he went by the name of Hawley Porter, later corrupted to Holly Porter. Neither argument is compelling by itself, and Rhoda's true identity remains a subject of research. It is probable that the name Hawley was pronounced Hah-ley by Easterners and tended to be corrupted into Holley/Holly; this has been observed several times.

Sally, the youngest daughter of Benjamin and Rhoda Covey, died 8 June 1806, age 84 months, 20 days and was buried with her mother in Spencer's Corner Burying Ground (Van Alystyne, 156).

The name of Benjamin's wife at the time of his death was Elizabeth. Her maiden name, the date of their marriage, and what became of her after Benjamin's death remain unknown. Census data suggest that she may have been a widow with at least one son when she married Benjamin, some time between 1805 and the 1810 census, where she appears in the 26 to 45 age group. Later census data suggest that she was 40 to 45 years old in 1810, which is consistent with her having only one more child after 1810.

Benjamin Covey died intestate 21 August 1838 at Ancram "after a short illness of the summer complaint" (Columbia Co. Admin. A:606) and was buried with Rhoda in Spencer's Corner Burying Ground (Van Alystyne, 156). His estate was administered 17 September 1838. His wife, Elizabeth, renounced her right to administration of the estate, and his son, Alvin, and Frederick I. Curtiss were appointed administrators. His estate was valued at $\$ 1150$ in personal property.

In a deposition by Alvin Covey on 17 September 1838, the survivors of Benjamin Covey were a widow, Elizabeth Covey, still living and residing in the town of Ancram, and eleven children:

Luther Covey of Greenoak, Livingston County, Michigan
Rhoda, the wife of John Yarrington of Greenoak, Livingston County, Michigan
James Covey of Greenoak, Livingston County, Michigan
Laura, wife of Nelson Fuller, of Greenoak, Livingston County, Michigan
Henry Covey of Rochester, Monroe County, New York
Mary, the wife of Henry Skinkle, of Rochester, Monroe County, New. York
Benjamin Covey of Sandy Creek, Oswego County, New York
Alvin Covey of Ancram, Columbia County, New York
Joshua D. Covey of Ancram, Columbia County, New York
Harriet Covey of Ancram, Columbia County, New York
Eliza, the wife of Agrippa Martin of Sandy Creek, Oswego County, New York
With one exception, this list is ordered by place of residence, so the order cannot reflect the relative ages of all of the children; there is some age significance within geographical groups, however.

In another place in the probate file, a list of heirs is given:
Luther Covey - Greenoak, Livingston County, Michigan
Henry Covey - Rochester, Monroe County, New York
Rhoda Yarrington, wife of John Yarrington - Greenoak
Benjamin Covey - Sandy Creek, Oswego County
Alvin Covey - Ancram
Joshua D. Covey - Ancram
Eliza Martin, wife of Agrippa Martin - Sandy Creek
James Covey - Greenoak
Harriet Covey - Columbia, Ancram
Mary Skinkle, wife of Henry Skinkle - Rochester
Laura Fuller, wife of Nelson Fuller - Michigan
With one exception, this list is in the same order as that deduced from census records, the two birth records mentioned above, and other information that will be presented later in the biographical presentations of Benjamin's children. For some reason, the order of Harriet and James are reversed in the above list from their recorded birth dates. Note that Benjamin's widow is not listed among the heirs; it contains only Benjamin's surviving children, including Elizabeth's daughters, Mary and Laura.

No inventory of Benjamin's estate, nor any distribution of his estate is included in his probate papers. However, his entire estate appears to have consisted of the 114.25 acre lot, mentioned above, that he purchased 24 August 1814 in Richland (later Sandy Creek). The heirs were apparently each given 10.75 acres, which multiplied by 11, comes out to 118.25 acres. The correct division would have been 10.386 acres.

The reconstruction of Benjamin's family, along with the census data used in reconstructing it are presented below. The numbers in parenthesis following census age groups are my best guess as to the persons ages in those years. These numbers may have been derived from census data presented here or from other sources.

|  | Benjamin Covey, Sr. Family Reconstructed from census and other data. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  |  |  | Mt. Wash, MA | Livingston, NY | Gallatin, NY | Ancram, NY | Ancram, NY |
|  | Born | Sex | 1790 | 1800 | 1810 | 1820 | 1830 |
| Benjamin Covey | ca. 1751 | M | >16 (39) | >45 (49) | >45 (59) | >45 (69) | 70-80 (79) |
| Rhoda | ca. 1754 | F | -(36) | 26-45 (46) | d. 1805 |  |  |
| Elizabeth (2nd wife) | ca. 1770 | F |  |  | 26-45 (40-45) | >45 (50-55) | 60-70 (60-65) |
| Luther H , | 31 Jan 1774 | M | >16 (16) | m. ca. 1794 |  |  |  |
| Henry | ca. 1779 | M | <16(11) | 16-26 (21) | m. c1802 |  |  |
| Rhoda | ca. 1781 | F | - (9) | 16-26 (19) | m. ca. 1803 |  |  |
| Benjamin, Jr. | 5 May 1783 | M | <16 (7) | 16-26 (17) | m. 1806 |  |  |
| Alvin | ca 1785 | M | <16 (5) | 16-26 (15) | 16-26 (25) | 26-45 (35) | 40-50 (45) |
| Joshua D. | ca. 1788 | M | <16 (2) | 10-16 (12) | 16-26 (22) | 26-45 (32) | m. 1820-25 |
| Eliza | ca. 1790 | F | - (<1) | 10-16 (10) | 16-26 (20) | m. |  |
| Harriet | 4 Jul 1793 | F |  | <10 (6) | 16-26 (16) | 16-26 (26) | 30-40 (36) |
| Unknown female |  | F |  |  | 16-26 |  |  |
| James | 1 Mar 1795 | M |  | <10(5) | 10-16 (15) | 16-26 (25) | m. ca. 1822 |
| Sally | 5 May 1799 | F |  | <10(1) | d. 1806 |  |  |
| Unknown male |  | M |  |  |  |  | 20-30 |
| Stepson? (Elizabeth?) |  | M |  |  |  | 10-16 | 20-30 |
| Mary (Elizabeth) | ca. 1808 | F |  |  | <10 (2) | 10-16 (12) | 20-30 (22) |
| Laura (Elizabeth) | 7 Nov 1811 | F |  |  |  | <10 (8) | 15-20 (18) |

The unknown female in $\mathbf{1 8 1 0}$ may have been Alvin or Joshua's wife, a visitor, or even Elizabeth's daughter by a previous marriage. Likewise, the unknown male in 1830 may have been Henry Skinkle, Mary's husband; Nelson Fuller, Laura's husband; or a visitor.

The "Stepson?" could be Elizabeth's son and so not in the list of heirs, but if so, he should have shown up in the 1810 census. He could also be Benjamin's son who died before 1838, with the same objection. It could be someone living with them, or even two different people; he remains a mystery, at least for the present.

Children, surname Covey:
with first wife, Rhoda ---:
+2 i. Luther H. ${ }^{6}$, b. 31 Jan. 1774 (from age at death); m. AnNa Vreedenbergh.

+ 3. II. Henry, b. ca. 1779 (from age in 1850 census); m. Salome Brd.
+ 4. iii. RHODA, b. ca 1780 ; m. John YarRIngTon.
+ 5. iv. Benjamin, b. 5 May 1783; m. Elizabeth Hedger.
+6 . v. Alvin, b. ca 1785 ; prob. unm.
+ 7. vi. Joshua D., b. ca. 1788; m. (1) ChLoe $\qquad$ (2) Gertrude Snyder.
+8 . vii. Eliza, c. ca. 1790; m. Agrippa Martin.
+ 9. viii. Harriet, b. 4 July 1793; unm.
+ 10. ix. James, b. 1 March 1795; m. LORINDA $\qquad$ .

11. x. Sally, b. prob. in Livingston, 5 May 1799 (from age at death); d. there (then Gallatin), 8 June 1806, aged 84 months, 20 days ( Van Alystyne, 156).
with second wife, Elizabeth ---:

+ 12. xi. Mary, b. ca. 1808; m. Henry Skinkle.
+ 13. xii. Laura, b. 7 Nov. 1811; m. Nelson Fuller.


## Second Generation

2. LUTHER ${ }^{6}$ H. COvEY (Benjamin ${ }^{5}$, James ${ }^{43}$, Hope $^{2}$, James ${ }^{1}$ ) was born in the Northeast District of Dutchess County, New York, 31 January 1774, and died in New Hudson, Oakland County, Michigan 18 February 1868, aged 94 years, 18 days. (Oakland Co. death certificate No. 1.) This information does not agree with the DAR Cemetery Records of Oakland County, Michigan, Vol. III, 1926, which gives his date of death as 17 February 1868, aged 93 years, 14 days. Using this information, his birth date would be 3 February 1775.

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He apparently moved to the town of Mt. Washington, Massachusetts with his family before 1786 and is listed with his family there in the 1790 census.

He married first, probably in Columbia County, New York about 1794, based on the date of birth of their first child, ANNA VReedenbergh. Her surname is also spelled variously Vred..., ...erg, ...urg, and ...urgh, and may have originally been preceded by Van. The spelling used herein is that used in the original church records of the Linlithgo Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, Columbia County, New York, written in Dutch (LDS Film 0017737). Anna was born, probably in Columbia County, 2 March 1777 (from age at death) and died probably in the town of Richland, Oswego County, New York 17 April 1837, aged 60 years, 1 month, 15 days (gravestone, Riverside Cemetery).

Luther and Anna were probably visiting Anna's family in Columbia County with their daughters, Helen and Rhoda on 4 November 1798, when their daughters were baptized in the Linlithgo Church. Helen's birthdate is recorded as 5 August 1795, and Rhoda's as 12 July 1797. In the same entry, Samuel, son of Squire Brown and Lucretia Vreedenbergh, was baptized, and his birthdate was recorded as 31 August [1798]. It is assumed that Lucretia was probably Anna's sister. Squire Brown has not been identified

Luther remained in Mt. Washington, where six or seven more children were born, until 1814, when he moved to the town of Richland, Oneida County, New York (later the town of Sandy Creek, Oswego County).Three of these children; Millinda, Hiram, and Luther H., Jr.; have been identified; the others remain unknown. Two or three additional children were born in Sandy Creek. Of these, the last has been tentatively identified as Egbert Covey, who resided in the town of Richland, just south of Sandy Creek, in the 1855 and 1860 censuses.

No records of Luther's family have been found in Sandy Creek, other than his listings in the 1820 and 1830 censuses. It is assumed that he farmed the lot purchased by his father in 1814 and described above. There is not even a deed recorded, disposing of his share of his father's land.

The reconstruction of Luther's family, along with the census data used in reconstructing it are presented below. The numbers in parenthesis following census age groups are my best guess as to the persons ages in those years. These numbers may have been derived from census data presented here or from other sources.

|  | Luther H. Covey, Sr. Family tructed from census and other data. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  |  |  | Mt. Wa., MA Mt. Wa., MA |  | Sndy Cr., NY Sndy Cr., NY |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Mentz, NY } \\ 1850 \end{gathered}$ | Mentz, NY Lyon, MI |  |
|  | Born | Sex | 1800 | 1810 | 1820 | 1830 | 1840 |  | 1855 | 1860 |
| Luther H. Covey | 31 Jan 1774 | M | 16-26 (26) | 26-45 (36) | >45 (46) | 50-60 (56) |  | 75 | 81 | 86 |
| Anna Vr'denbergh | 2 Mar 1777 | F | 16-18 (23) | 18-26 (33) | 18-26? (43) | 40-50 (53) | d. 1837 |  |  |  |
| Hannah (2nd wife) | ca. 1795 | F |  |  |  |  |  | 54 | 62 |  |
| Helen | 5 Aug 1795 | F | $<10$ (4) | 10-16 (14) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Rhoda | 12 Jul 1797 | F | <10 (2) | 10-16 (12) | m.ca. 1815 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Millinda | 17 Nov 1799 | F | <10 (<1) | 10-16 (10) | m. 1814 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Hiram | 17 Jan 1802 | M |  | <10 (8) | 16-26 (18) | m. 1827 |  |  |  |  |
| Luther H., Jr. | ca. 1804 | M |  | $<10$ (6) | 16-18 (16) | (In Conn.) |  |  |  |  |
| ? | ca. 1806 | M |  | <10 (4) | 10-16 (14) |  |  |  |  |  |
| $?$ | ca. 1808 | F |  | <10 (2) | 10-16 (12) |  |  |  |  |  |
| ? | ca. 1812 | F |  |  | <10 (8) |  |  |  |  |  |
| ? | ca. 1814 | F |  |  | <10 (6) | 15-20 (16) |  |  |  |  |
| ? | ca. 1817 | F |  |  | <10 (3) | 10-15 (13) |  |  |  |  |
| Egbert | ca. 1820 |  |  |  |  | 5-10 (10) |  |  | 35 (Rchlnd | 37 (Rchlnd) |

The order of the son and daughter born about 1806 and 1808 is arbitrary and could be reversed.
Rhoda died probably in the town of Richland, 17 April 1837. Her burial in the Riverside Cemetery, just east of the Pulaski village limits, may be explained by the fact that her daughter, Millinda, wife of James Trumbull, lived in Richland. Rhoda may have been living with her when she died. Her gravestone transcription reads: Anna/Wife of/Luther Covey/Died/ April 17, 1837/Aged 60 Y's 1 mo./\& 15 D's. The transcriptions of the Richland and Sandy Creek cemeteries are housed in the Annie Porter

Ainsworth Memorial Library in the village of Sandy Creek in manuscript form; they have not been published.

By September 1838, when their father's estate was administered, Luther and his sister, Rhoda Yarrington, his brother, James, and his half-sister, Laura Fuller, along with Luther's son, Hiram, had moved to Greenoak Township, Livingston County, Michigan. Their residences (except Hiram's) were given there in Benjamin's estate papers. However, no trace of Luther has been found in Michigan in land records, nor in the 1840 and 1845 censuses. Luther's whereabouts in 1840 remains unknown. However, in the 1850 Census, he showed up in the town of Mentz, Cayuga County, New York, age 75, and living with Ann Covey, age 54.

No relationships are given in the 1850 census, so Luther's relationship to Ann remained unknown until they were found in the 1855 state census, where he is listed, age 81, and Hannah Covey, age 62, is listed as his wife. A clue to Hannah's identity is given by the fact that they are listed as family 70 in the same dwelling (68) as family 69, Elijah Ames, age 30, and his wife, Nancy, age 25 . Elijah had resided in Cayuga county his entire life, but Nancy and Hannah had been there only 19 years. This suggests that Hannah was Nancy's mother, and that Elijah was her son-in-law. Luther had been there only 13 years, which accounts for his whereabouts back to about 1842, but still leaves 1840 unaccounted for. Hannah and Nancy's birth places are given as Massachusetts. Luther may have known her family in Mt. Washington or in Sandy Creek and married her after her husband died. No clue to her maiden or married names has been found. Hannah must have died before 1860, when Luther is listed in the census without her in Lyon Township, Oakland County, Michigan. Luther was then living next door to his son, Hiram, with Hiram's daughter and son-in law, George W. and Mary E. Pennel.

Luther's death was the first one recorded in the Oakland County vital records. According to these records, he died in New Hudson 18 February 1868, aged 94 years, 18 days. The DAR Cemetery Records of Oakland County, Michigan, Vol. III, 1926 gives his date of death as 17 February 1868, aged 93 years, 14 days, apparently from his gravestone. Several letters to the Oakland County Genealogical Society attempting to resolve this conflict have been unanswered, and it remains for further research to attempt to resolve it.

Children, first eight born probably in Mt. Washington, ninth born in Mt. Washington or Sandy Creek, last two born in Sandy Creek ; surname Covey:
14. i. Helen ${ }^{7}$, b. 5 Aug. 1795; nothing further known.
15. ii. RhODA, b. 12 July 1797; m. SETH PORTER. (See $x x x x$ for Porter Genealogy.)

+ 16. iii. Millinda, b. 17 Nov. 1799; m. James Trumbull.
+ 17. iv. Hiram, b 17 Jan. 1802; m. HanNah Fuller.
+18 . v. Luther h., b. ca. 1804; m. JUlia Ann Covey.

19. vi. Son (or daughter), b. ca. 1806.
20. vii. Daughter (or son). b. ca. 1808.
21. viii. Daughter, b. ca. 1812.
22. ix. Daughter, b. ca. 1814.
23. x. Daughter, b. ca. 1817.
+24 xi. Egbert, b. ca. 1820; m. Julia A. Trumbull.
24. HENRY ${ }^{6}$ COVEY (Benjamin ${ }^{5}$, James ${ }^{43}$, Hope $^{2}$, James ${ }^{1}$ ) was born in the Northeast District of Dutchess County, New York about 1779 and he died in the town of Penfield, Monroe County, New York, 21 July 1857. He lived with his parents in the town of Mt. Washington, Berkshire County, Massachusetts and in the town of Livingston (Gallatin), Columbia County, New York. He married, about 1805, SALOME BIRD.

Salome was born in the town of Salisbury, Litchfield County, Connecticut, 10 November 1782, and she died in Penfield, 19 ??? 1871, the daughter of Isaac and Rhoda (Seelec) Bird (D.P. Avery). Henry and Salome were living in Salisbury in the 1810 Census. The census listing is alphabetized, so it is impossible to tell from it whether they were living with or near her parents. They returned to Ancram (formerly Livingston, then Gallatin) between 1810 and 1820 and lived near his family until some time between 1830 and 1838, when they moved to the town of Riga, Monroe County, New York. His residence is given as Rochester in his father's probate papers in 1838. This may have been a mistake, or he stopped in Rochester before going to Riga. He moved again to the town of Geneseo, Livingston County, New York
before the 1850 census, then to the town of Penfield, Monroe County, New York in 1852. His family had been there for three years in the 1855 state census.

Henry died 21 July 1857 in Penfield and is buried there in Smith Cemetery (DAR Cem. Rec., 32:63). His wife, Salome, died there 19 ??? 1871 and is also buried in Smith Cemetery (ibid.).

Research is ongoing on Henry's family, and much remains to be done. The reconstruction of Henry's family, along with the census data used in reconstructing it are presented below. The numbers in parenthesis following census age groups are my best guess as to the persons ages in those years. These numbers may have been derived from census data presented here or from other sources.

## Henry Covey Family

Reconstructed from census and other data.

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|  | Born | Sex | 1810 | 1820 | 1830 | 1840 | 1850 | 1855 | 1860 |
| Henry Covey | ca. 1779 | M | 26-45 (31) | 26-45 (41) | 50-60 (51) | 60-70 (61) | 71 | 76 | d. 7-21-1857 |
| Salome Bird | ca. 1783 | F | 16-26 (27) | 26-45 (37) | 40-50 (47) | 50-60 (57) | 67 | 72 | 78 |
| Elias F.3? | 1804-10 | M | <10 | 16-26 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Unknown |  | M |  | 16-26 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Julia Ann | 1806 | F | <10 (4) | 10-16 (14) | m. 1830(24) | (34) | (44) | (49) | 43 (54) |
|  | 1804-10 | F | <10 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Harriet | ca. 1811 | F |  | <10 (9) | 10-15 (19) | 20-30 (29) | 39 | 45 | 51 |
| William H. | 1812 | M |  | <10 (8) | 10-15 (18) | 20-30 (28) | 38 |  | 48 |
|  | 1810-20 | M |  | $<10$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| Salome E.7? | ca. 1815 | F |  | <10 (5) | (15) | (25) | d. 1843 (28) |  |  |
| Isaac B. | ca. 1820 | M |  |  | 5-10 (10) | (20) | 30 | 36 |  |
|  | 1820-25 | F |  |  | 5-10 |  |  |  |  |
| Rhoda E. | ca. 1825 | F |  |  | 5-10(5) | (15) | (25) | 29 | 35 |
|  | 1825-30 | M |  |  | <5 |  |  |  |  |

The unknown male in the 16-26 age bracket in 1820 has no antecedent in the 1810 census and is assumed not to be Henry's child.

Children, surname Covey:
25. i. Elias ${ }^{7}$ F.?? Elias F. Covey, born 7 July 1809, died 19 October 1887 in Hudson, New York is one of the "stray" Coveys that I have been unable to fit into the family. He fits into Henry's family nicely, but there is no evidence so far that he belongs there. He is listed here as a possibility only.
+26 . ii. JUlia AnN, b. 1806; d. Seward Neb, 1893; m. Luther H. Covey, Jr.
27. iii. Son, b. 1804-1810.

28 iv. HARRIET, b. ca. 1811; unmarried.
+29 v. William $\mathrm{H} ., \mathrm{b}$. 1812; unmarried.
30. vi. Son, b. 1810-1820.
31. vii. Salome E.?? Salome E. Covey is buried in Spencer's Corner Burying Ground, where Benjamin and Rhoda Covey are buried. She died 12 November 1843, aged 28 (Van Alystyne). She does not fit into Benjamin's family, but might possibly fit into Henry's. The fit is not very good, with only one listing in 1820 and none thereafter. It is more likely that the daughter listed in 1820 died young. However her name being Salome suggests that Salome might be her mother. She is listed here as a possibility only.

+ 32. vil. Isaac B., b. ca. 1820; m. Catherine A. There is no direct evidence that Isaac B. Covey is Henry's son, but he was born in Columbia County when Henry was there, and one of his sons is William Henry, presumably named after his brother. He seems a good candidate for this family despite being listed only in 1820.

33. ix. Daughter, b. 1820-1825.
34. x. Rhoda E., b. 1825; unmarried. Although Rhoda E. Covey only shows up once, in 1820, in Henry's family, she is living with Henry and identified as his child in the 1855 census.
35. xi. Son, b. 1825-1830.
36. Rhoda Cover (Benjamin ${ }^{5}$, James ${ }^{43}$, Hope $^{2}$, James ${ }^{1}$ ) was born in the Northeast District of Dutchess County, New York about 1781 and she died in the town of Greenoak, Livingston County, Michigan
before the 1850 census. She lived with her parents in the town of Mt. Washington, Berkshire County, Massachusetts and in the town of Livingston (later Gallatin), Columbia County, New York. She married, about 1802, JOHN YARRINGTON.

John was born in Connecticut about 1778 ( 1850 census).
Much research remains to be done on this family, and no family reconstruction from census data has been done yet.

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## HUSBAND: Benjamin Covey <br> WIFE: Rhoda Hawley

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HUSBAND: Hiram Covey
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WIFE: Anna Vreedenbergh
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