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Worcester Chapter  
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Dear Sir/Madam:

Recently I learned from the *History of North Brookfield* that my ancestor, Henry Peters, was one of the soldiers guarding Brookfield during Queen Anne's War and that he remained and became a settler there. I also learned that his wife, Captivity, was Captivity Jennings, widow of Abijah Bartlett, who was killed by Indians. I have been trying unsuccessfully for years to trace their ancestry in Massachusetts.

The origin of Lt. Samuel Williams' troop of soldiers is not mentioned in the history, but given the tendency of Connecticut to assume the defense of the river towns and western Massachusetts in the Indian wars, I suspect that they probably came from there. Can anyone in your Society tell me which town these soldiers came from so that I can continue my research there for Henry's ancestry?

Captivity's ancestry on her mother's side is well covered in the histories of Hadley, Deerfield, and North Brookfield, now that I know that she was Captivity Jennings, but there is no clue as to the ancestry of her father, Stephen Jennings. The only Stephen Jennings I've been able to locate remained in eastern Massachusetts and was not the husband of Hannah Dickinson. Can anyone in your Society help with this problem?

Finally, Henry and Captivity Peters daughter, also named Captivity, married Samuel Rogers in Sturbridge 17 January 1742. I have been stumped on his ancestry for at least five years; he just doesn't fit into any of the known Rogers families. I noticed that another of the soldiers in Lt. Williams' troop was John Rogers, but there is no further information on him. Is there any evidence that he remained in Brookfield and fathered Samuel?

I would greatly appreciate any help you can give me with these questions. If there is a research fee, please let me know what it is and I will send it. A SASE is enclosed for your reply. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Raymond J. Porter

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Dear Sir:

I recently ran across a reference to your Researcher's Index, which was available for \$5.00, pp. Since several of my ancestors were among those who resettled Brookfield after King Phillips war, I would like a copy to assist me in my research.

I am particularly interested in learning where the soldiers that guarded Brookfield during Queen Anne's war came from, in particular those in 1706, listed on p. 171 of the *History of North Brookfield, Massachusetts*. One of those soldiers, Henry Peters, was my ancestor and I have been unable to trace his ancestry for several years.

In reading the histories of Deerfield and North Brookfield recently, I found the ancestry of my fifth-great-grandmother, Captivity Peters. She was Captivity Jennings, daughter of Stephen Jennings and Hannah Dickinson, who married Abijah Bartlett. The history books do not mention that after Abijah was killed by Indians, Captivity married Henry Peters, one of the soldiers who remained at Brookfield and settled there. This is attested to by several Worcester County deeds in which she names her Bartlett and Peters children. Their daughter, Captivity Peters II, married Samuel Rogers, whose ancestors I have also been unable to trace. I am descended from this union.

Another of the soldiers guarding Brookfield was John Rogers, who could be the father of Samuel Rogers. If I can find out where Lt. Samuel Williams' company of soldiers came from, I might be able to trace the ancestry of Peters and Rogers. I expect that your index will help me in these searches.

Enclosed is a check for \$5.00 and a SASE. Please enclose information on your society and information on any researchers or research services you may offer. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Raymond J. Porter