

### SUTTON/WARREN CHRONOLOGY

The following is a chronology of my Sutton/Warren lineage to the best of my knowledge as of this date.

- ca. 1800 Daniel Warren, Catharine Warren's father, my 2-great-grandfather born probably in Ohio per Catharine Warren's death certificate.
- ca. 1800 Mary ----- born probably in Ohio. Possibly Catharine Warren's mother; see *Jun 1860* below.
- ca. 1808 Levi Sutton, my great-grandfather, born , possibly in Newark, New Jersey. His place of birth was given as New Jersey in the 1860 Michigan Mortality Schedule. It was given as Newark, New Jersey on the death certificate of his daughter, Mary L. "May" (Sutton) Porter.
- 30 Nov 1829 Catharine Warren, my great-grandmother, born possibly in Akron,, Ohio. (Family tradition.)
- 2 Jan 1830 Levi W. Sutton and Mary Moore obtained a marriage license in Lewis County, Kentucky. Both parties were over the age of 21 years and a certificate filed. Joel Stratton witness/security? Jos. Robb, Clerk.
- 7 Jan 1830 Levi W. Sutton and Mary Moore were married in Lewis County, Kentucky by Harry Halbert, Justice of the Peace.
- Jun 1830 Levi W. Sutton
- 16 Jul 1831 Levi W. Sutton and Eleanor Moore obtained a marriage license in Lewis County, Kentucky. Levi W. Sutton over the age of 21 years and personal consent of Joseph Moore, father of Eleanor given. Joseph Moore witness/security? Jos. Robb, Clerk.
- 18 Jul 1831 Levi W. Sutton and Eleanor Moore were married in Lewis County Kentucky. by William F. Mavity(?). The endorsement read, "This Testifies that according to the Rites of the Sect to which I belong I joined in holy wedlock Levi Sutton and Eleanor Moore." I don't know if the form of the endorsement was peculiar to a particular sect; it could be significant.
- 21 Oct 1839 Levi Sutton obtained an injunction against William Wade and Mary Hamlin and (?) of William Hamlin, deceased in Lewis County, Kentucky. The court papers are lost, but the court order books for 1840 show that Mary Hamlin, executrix of William Hamlin, deceased, was not a resident of Kentucky, and , she having failed to appear three times, a permanent injunction was granted Levi. There is no clue as to the nature of the injunction.
- 17 Apr 1845 Lovina Sutton married George Lowery in Cuyahoga County, Ohio in IGI. Possible Levi sister (Levi's daughter, May Sutton's middle name may be Lovina): not checked out.
- 30 Jun 1847 Levi Sutton married Catharine Warren Cuyahoga County, Ohio. Catharine was under age, and her father, Daniel Warren, had to sign the marriage application, giving permission.
- 11 Jan 1859 Mary L. "May" Sutton, my grandmother, born in Coldwater or Allen Michigan. Unable to document.
- Jan 1860 Levi Sutton, day laborer, died in Allen, Michigan, ae 52; congestion of lungs. (1860 Michigan Mortality Schedule.)
- Jun 1860 Catharine Sutton family living in Allen, Michigan with Mary Warren (her mother?) (1860 census):
- |                  |    |      |   |    |         |
|------------------|----|------|---|----|---------|
| Catharine Sutton | 30 | Wid. | - | 50 | Ohio    |
| Lydia            | 8  |      |   |    | Mich.   |
| Sarah            | 5  |      |   |    | Mich.   |
| Mary             | 1  |      |   |    | Mich.   |
| Mary Warren      | 60 | Wid. |   |    | Unknown |
- 7 Nov 1861 Catharine (Warren) Sutton, ae 32, married Eli Banker, ae 42, in the township of Hillsdale,

Hillsdale County Michigan. Withesses were Lydia Fox and Matilda Fox Eli served in the Provost Guard in the Civil War and was mustered out in 1865. I have no later information on him. Catharine's daughter, Sarah, was supposed to have married a Fox after she married a Lockmere.

- 1 Jan 1870 Lydia Sutton ,ae 18, married Ezeriah Parmelee, ae 28, in Coldwater, Michigan. Lydia's birthplace, residence Coldwater, Michigan on license. Ezeriah's birthplace Volney, Oswego County, New York; residence Hudson, Lenawee County, Michigan; occupation carpenter. His facts may imply a connection with May and Clarence Porter (see below). Catharine Banker (Lydia's mother) of Coldwater was a witness.
- 28 Oct 1874 May Sutton, ae 16 (s/b 15), married George Warren, ae 19, in Coldwater, Michigan. May's birthplace Allen, [Michigan]; residence Union [City], Michigan. George's birthplace Jonesville, [Michigan]; residence Union [City], Michigan; occupation farmer. Grace Warren of Union City was a witness. (Was Warren coincidence, or were they cousins?)
- I have no evidence that George Warren died or that he and May were divorced prior to the following marriage. Nor do I know whether there was any issue from the above union.
- ca. 1878 May Sutton, ae 20, married Clarence J. Porter Sr, ae 32, loc. unk. Clarence's birthplace Sandy Creek, Oswego County, New York. Unable to document marriage date or location so far.
- This may be the second or third marriage for Clarence. His possible marriages are discussed in Genealogical Note 9.
- 10 Jul 1879 Pearl Esther Porter born in Hudson, Michigan. Have birth certificate. (Note that Lydia Sutton married a man living in Hudson, that he was from Volney, New York near Sandy Creek, and that he was a carpenter, the same as Clarence's father. Could account for Porter's presence.)
- Jun 1880 Clarence and May Porter and Pearl living with his grandmother, Mary Rogers, in Sandy Creek, New York. His occupation is listed as doctor. (1880 census)
- 16 Feb 1882 Louis Earl Porter born in Hudson, Michigan. Birth confirmed with county clerk, but no certificate obtained.
- 7 Jan 1884 Jenny Catharine Porter born Orland, Steuben County, Indiana.
- 14 Jul 1887 Maude Ivy Porter born Orland, Indiana.
- 13 Apr 1890 Clarence J. Porter, Jr. born in Waterloo, DeKalb County Indiana.
- Jun 1900 Porter family (except Pearl, who married 13 August 1899) living on Oak St in Waterloo. Clarence's occupation listed as peddler of specs. (1900 census)
- 3 Apr 1894 Van Rensselaer Porter born Waterloo, Indiana.
- 31 Mar 1903 May Porter divorced Clarence in DeKalb County, Indiana.
- 27 Oct 1917 Clarence Porter, Sr. died Chicago, Illinois. He had been at address 21 days and in state one month. Former residence unknown. His occupation was listed as paint salesman.
- 29 Oct 1917 Clarence Porter, Sr. buried in Waterloo, Indiana.
- ??? May Sutton Porter married Samuel Linton, an undertaker, location unknown.
- 9 Jul 1924 Clarence Porter, Jr. married Mary Ellen "Marie" Irwin in Chicago, Illinois.
- 11 Nov 1925 Raymond Porter born in Chicago, Illinois.
- 8 May 1928 May Linton died in Toledo, Ohio.
- 10 May 1928 May Linton buried in Waverloo, Indiana.

### ASHBEL PORTER (SR) FAMILY

Ashbel Porter (Sr) was born 25 Feb 1745/6 at Farmington, Connecticut. He moved before 24 May 1778 to Harwinton, Connecticut.

He married Abigail Griswold 10 Jul 1776, presumably in Harwinton. They had one child: Samuel Griswold Porter, who was born 24 May 1778 in Harwinton. Abigail died 9 Jun 1778, presumably from the aftereffects of childbirth.

Wrong!! See later notes  
Ashbel served as a Lieutenant in ~~Captain Martin's Company~~, Colonel Moseley's Regiment in the Revolution. He arrived in ~~camp 10 Jul 1778~~.

He married Lorene/Lora Benton in 1779 or 1782. They had at least two children in Harwinton: Ashbel Porter (Jr), born 22 Jul 1783, and Levi Street Porter, born 9/10 Mar 1786.

They moved to Canajoharie, Montgomery Co, New York some time before 1790, where they had at least one more child: Seth Porter, born 1789/93.

All of the above is based on information supplied by Mr. Edward Smith, Mrs. Margaret Porter Miller's book *Some Descendants of Robert Porter with Female Lines*, on her revised manuscript with contributions from Mrs. Richard T. Weir, and on a letter from Mrs. Weir.

Other than the military service, I do not have any primary evidence to support any of it to date. Since I have no evidence that Ashbel (Jr) was actually a junior, I am using the designations (Sr) and (Jr) simply to keep them straight. Ashbel (Jr) was never called Ashbel Jr in any of the documents that I have.

On 18 Mar 1989, I visited the SAR Library in Glendale, CA and researched everything they have on Connecticut in the Revolution. ~~In addition to confirming Ashbel's service with Col. Moseley, I discovered that he was a Private in the Continental Army in 1755.~~ Wrong

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*Connecticut Military Record, 1775-1848*, issued by the State of Connecticut, confirms (p. 535) that Ashbel was a Lieutenant in ~~Capt. Martin's Company~~ of Col. Moseley's Regiment, which was one of two militia regiments ordered to the Hudson soon after the battle of Monmouth (28 Jun 1778).

A supplement to that volume, *Collections of the Connecticut Historical Society*. "Volume VIII. Rolls and Lists of Connecticut Men in the Revolution, 1775-1783," lists on p. 19 among the names of soldiers extracted from a volume of "Sick Bills," 1775 Ashbel Porter of Capt. Starr's Company of Col. Hinman's Regiment. Ashbel was discharged (as a result of the sickness?) in August, 1775.

A second supplement by the Society "Vol. XII, Lists and Returns of Connecticut Men in the Revolution, 1775-1783," lists under "Continental Regiments, 1775. Returns of Men in Service," from Harwinton (p. 6) Ashbel Poter or Portter, an obvious spelling error. It also lists Asa and White Griswold, who could be relatives.

The DAR *Honor Roll of Litchfield County Revolutionary Soldiers* lists under *Harwinton* (p. 95), Ashbel Porter; *Hist. Harwinton*, 116; *Lists and Returns*, 6. The "Lists and Returns" authority is cited above. I have ordered a copy of *History of Harwinton*, but it will take a few more weeks before it is demand-printed and delivered.

Finally, the *History of Litchfield County, ...* under *Harwinton* (p. 379) lists Asa Griswold, White Griswold, and Ashbel Porter among the soldiers from Harwinton.

Apparently Ashbel was a Private in the Continental Army, was discharged in 1775, and ~~later became a~~ Lieutenant in the Militia. He is not listed in the DAR volumes *Connecticut Revolutionary Pensioners* or *Register of*

*Revolutionary Soldiers and Patriots Buried in Litchfield County*, because he and Abigail did not live long enough to become eligible for pensions when the legislation was enacted, and he is presumably buried in New York. Unfortunately, I neglected to check for a list of burials of Revolutionary soldiers in New York, but will do so when I can.

What follows is based mostly on my research in census records.

Ashbel and Lorene appear in the 1790 census in Canajoharie, Montgomery Co, New York with five other persons:

- 1 male over 16 (Unknown)
- 3 males under 16 (Samuel, Ashbel, and Levi)
- 1 female (Unknown)

The three males under 16, together with the similarity of Ashbel and Asbel (and various other spellings), and the fact that Seth Porter stated in the 1865 census that he was born in Montgomery Co, led me to think that Ashbel could be the father of Ashbel, Levi, and Seth Porter of Sandy Creek, New York, and who would all have been under 16 in 1790.

I did not know about Samuel Griswold Porter when I reached that conclusion and assumed that Seth was born after they arrived in Canajoharie, but before 1790. Seth's birthplace was most often in New York in later census records, while Ashbel (Jr's) and Levi's were consistently in Connecticut. Assuming that Samuel lived and moved to Canajoharie with his parents, Seth could only have been born after 1790. This precludes the 1789 birth date and supports the 1793 date, which is more consistent with his ages in later censuses.

Also Seth "Potter" is mentioned on p. 717 of *Landmarks of Oswego County* as having died 19 Apr 1885 in Sandy Creek at the age of 93. This would place his birth in 1792 if his stated age at death was accurate. (There was never a Seth Potter in a Sandy Creek state or federal census between 1790 and 1910.)

There are two unaccounted-for persons in these 1790 census numbers: one male over 16 and one female. Since Ashbel was presumably first married in 1776, the extra male cannot be his son, but the extra female could be a daughter. They could also be other family members or another couple living with them.

While not conclusive, the naming patterns in the Sandy Creek Porter families also suggest that Ashbel (Sr) was their progenitor:

Name	Probable Namesake	Relationship
Ashbel (Jr)	Ashbel Porter	Father
Lorene B.	Lorene Benton	Grandmother
Levi	Levi Porter	Ashbel's Brother
Seth	<i>Seth Benton</i>	<i>Seth's Uncle (Lorene's brother)</i>
Barnabus B.	Barnabus Benton	Seth's grandfather
Benton S.	Barnabus B. Porter	Father (Benton family)
Benjamin F.	Benjamin Porter	Seth's grandfather

There are other names that occur in both the Sandy Creek Porter families and the ancestors or in-laws of Ashbel Porter (Sr), but the connections are too distant to draw any conclusions. Seth had three daughters whose names I don't know. It wouldn't be surprising to find the first two named after his grandmothers, considering that he named his first two sons after his paternal and maternal grandfathers, respectively.

Ashbel (Jr) and Levi Porter are properly documented sons of Ashbel Porter of Harwinton, Connecticut. Based on the naming patterns above and one hundred years of close proximity of their families in Sandy Creek from about 1810 to about 1910, I feel that it is safe to conclude that Seth Porter is also Ashbel Porter's son and Levi's and Ashbel's brother.

I have no evidence that Ashbel (Sr) moved to Sandy Creek, nor do I have any census data on him in 1800 or later. Neither he nor Samuel Griswold appear in any Sandy Creek census. With some of the clues recently received, it might be possible to trace them in Montgomery, Herkimer, or Dutchess Counties. Samuel or some other as yet unidentified children of Ashbel are possibly responsible for some of the unidentified Porter relatives that show up from time to time in the Sandy Creek censuses.

Ashbel (Jr), Levi, and Seth did not show up in Sandy Creek until between 1810 and 1820. By this time, Ashbel (Sr) was dead, if he died before 1805 as stated in Mrs. Miller's book.

A source of confusion is an "1807 Census of the Town of Richland, Oswego Co, New York. Name of Electors." that was published in *Tree Talks*, Vol. VI, p. 6. The area now called Sandy Creek Twp was in Richland Twp in 1807. The listing contains Porter, Asahel and Porter, Asahel Jr, whom I mistook for Asbel Porter in the 1820 census and his now-deceased father. This document may have also misled others into thinking that Ashbel (Sr) came to Sandy Creek.

Two families from the John Porter of Windsor, Connecticut line (Moses R. and Hervey Porter) also settled in Sandy Creek Twp in the early 1800's. When I traced them through John S. Lawrence's *The Descendants of Moses and Sarah Kilham Porter of Pawlet, VT ... to John of Windsor*, I thought that I had found Ashbel's, Levi's, and Seth's ancestors. There were several Asahels in that line, and I wasted months trying to connect that line to the two Asahels in Sandy Creek.

After reading Joseph Whitcomb Porter's *A Genealogy of the Descendants of Richard Porter, Who Settled at Weymouth MA, 1635 ...*, and after placing Asahel Jr's wedding to Abigail Smith in Westmoreland in southern Oswego Co, I realized that the two Asahel's were out of a branch of the Richard Porter line that settled in Westmoreland about 1800.

After that, I realized that Ashbel (Jr) in all of his various spellings was really Ashbel and that the Ashbel Porter in Canajoharie in the 1790 census was probably the ancestor of the Sandy Creek Porters for the reasons discussed above.

Because my great-grandfather, Van Rensselaer Porter, married and moved out of his father's family before 1850, it is necessary to reconstruct the families of Ashbel (Jr), Levi, and Seth to properly identify all of the second-generation Sandy Creek Porters with their families. In the absence of any relevant New York birth, marriage, or death records between 1790 and 1910, it is necessary to substitute census, probate, and land records. The families of Ashbel (Jr), Levi, and Seth are discussed in Gen Notes 5, 6, and 7. Van Rensselaer's family is discussed in Gen. Note 8.

*Levi, Asbel, and Seth Porter are enumerated consecutively on p. 1389 in the 1820 census of the Town of Richland (later Sandy Creek), NY*

### ASHBEL PORTER (JR) FAMILY

Ashbel Porter (Jr) was born 22 Jul 1783 at Harwinton, Litchfield Co, Connecticut. He moved with his parents in or before 1790 to Canajoharie, Montgomery Co, New York.

He married first Lydia --, date and place unknown. She died 24 July 1829 in Sandy Creek, New York, age 42. As I have reconstructed his family below, she was the mother of all of his children.

He married second Sabra --. She died 12 Apr 1835 in Sandy Creek, age 51. As I have reconstructed his family below, they were married after Jun 1830 in Sandy Creek.

Ashbel died 13 Jun 1854, age 70 yr, 10 mo, 20 da, in Sandy Creek and is buried in Stevens Cemetery.

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What follows is based on my research in census records, Ashbel's Letter of Administration, a grant deed from his heirs to John W. Porter, and two LDS submissions on the Lilley family.

It is unlikely that Ashbel appeared in the 1800 census at age 16 or 17 as a head of household, and no Ashbel appears in New York in the 1800 index. (Knowing how poor the AISI indexes are, I've ordered the 1800 census film to check for Ashbel Sr myself.)

In the 1810 census there is an Ashbel Porter listed in Dutchess Co that fits the ages of his family. Ashbel and Lydia would be in the 26 to 44 age bracket and they would have two children:  
one male under 10 (William)  
one female under 10 (Lorene B.).

While I have no evidence that Ashbel moved to Dutchess Co, I don't have any that he didn't either. From the birthplaces of their wives, I have a feeling that the three Porter brothers were in eastern New York before coming to Sandy Creek. I feel that Ashbel and Levi arrived about 1810, and Seth did not arrive until about 1813. The fact that Ashbel and Levi settled on adjoining farms and that Seth settled a little distance from them somewhat suggests this order of arrival.

In the 1820 census for Sandy Creek, Ashbel and Lydia are both in the 26 to 44 age bracket and they have five children:

- 1 male under 10 (John W.)
- 1 male 10-15 (William)
- 2 females under 10 (Jane and Sarah or Phebe Ann)
- 1 female 10-15 (Lorene B.).

In the 1830 census, Ashbel is in the 40 to 49 age bracket, and there is no female old enough to be his wife. This agrees with the death date of Lydia (1829) above and places his marriage to Sabra after Jun 1830. There were 6 children living with him:

- 1 male 5-9 (Unknown) *Ashbel*
- 1 male 10-14 (John W.)
- 1 male 20-29 (William)
- 1 female 5-9 (Sarah or Phebe Ann)

*Adjusted in 1820*

1 female 10-14 (Sarah or Phebe Ann)  
 1 female 15-19 (Jane)

Lorene B. had married in 1827 and left the family.

In the 1840 census, Ashbel is in the 50-59 bracket and, again, there is no female old enough to be his wife. This agrees with the death date of Sabra (1836) above and places his marriage to Mary (introduced below) after Jun 1840. The only children left at home are:

1 female 15-19 (Sarah or Phebe Ann)  
 1 female 20-29 (Jane).

In the 1850 census, no relationships are given:

Ashabel Porter	66	Farmer	Conn.
Mary	56		Conn.
Jane	35		New York

Mary and Jane are shown below to be his wife and daughter. This places the date of his marriage to Mary between Jun 1840 and 12 Sep 1850, the date of the enumeration.

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 Jun 1848  
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 estate*  
 Ashbel does not appear in the 1855 state census, because he died in 1854. Mary also does not appear in the 1855 or any subsequent censuses. I don't know if she died or moved out of Sandy Creek Twp. Jane is living with John W. Porter (more on this below). This leaves us with no statement of when Ashbel arrived in Oswego Co, which would have been in the 1855 census.

On 22 Aug 1854, a Letter of Administration was granted to Mary Porter and John Porter on the estate of Ashbell [sic] Porter. This is consistent with the death date of 13 Jun 1854. No relationships were given for Mary or John.

On 25 Apr 1855, a grant deed conveyed 58.61 acres from "Mary Porter Widow of Ashbel Porter late of Sandy Creek Oswego County New York deceased William Porter of Allegan [Michigan] John Kelly and Phebe Ann his wife of St Clair Michigan Amy Lilley Sarah J. Lilley & Almon J. Lilley of Erie Co Pennsylvania Steven Soule and Sarah his wife of Richland Oswego County New York and Jane Porter of Sandy Creek" to John W. Porter of Sandy Creek for the sum of one dollar. The land adjoined that of Levi Porter. Ashbel and Levi were enumerated in dwellings 73 and 74, respectively, in 1850.

I had found two LDS submissions in the International Genealogical Index for the birth of Lorene Porter 16 Aug 1808 and her marriage to Abner Lilley 20 Dec 1827, both in Sandy Creek. I didn't know whether Ashbel, Levi, or Seth was her father, but assumed it must have been one of them and obtained microfilms of the submissions. The marriage submission contained the names of Lorene's children and the date of her death; 5 May 1851. Amy, Sarah J., and Almon (d) J. Lilley, grantors to the deed above, were children of Lorene Porter Lilley. Lorene had died before the deed was executed. I suspect that the birthplace for Lorene is in error. If not, the 1810 census listing for Ashbel does not apply to this family.

The 1855 state census enumeration for John W. Porter provides additional clues to Ashbel's family:

John W. Porter	38		Oswego	38
Cynthia Porter	39	Wife	Vermont	38
H. M. Porter	12	Son	Oswego	12
Orlo R. Porter	10	Son	Do	10
Jenny C. Porter	3	Daughter	Do	3

Jane Porter	39	Sister	Do	39
Sarah Jane Lilley	23	Niece	Do	3/12

The listings for Jane Porter and Sarah Jane Lilley are particularly interesting because they place John W. Porter in Ashbel's family and not Levi's (as documented by Mrs. Weir). Sarah Jane was born in Sandy Creek and moved to Pennsylvania with her parents. Apparently the 3/12 indicates when she returned to Oswego Co. If John W. were Levi's son, they would be his first and second cousins, not sister and niece.

Assuming that the other persons named in the deed were Ashbel's wife and children, and working backward from the 1855 census, I have tentatively identified Ashbel's children as follows:

- i. Lorene B. Porter, b. 16 Aug 1808, m. Abner Lilley 20 Dec 1827, d. 5 May 1851, her heirs grantors 1855
  - ii. William Porter, ae 20-29 1830, gone 1840, grantor 1855
  - iii. Jane Porter, b. ca 1815, grantor 1855
  - iv. John W. Porter, b. ca 1817, grantee 1855
  - v. Sarah Porter, ae 10-14 1830, gone 1840, m. Steven Soule, grantor 1855
  - vi. Phebe Ann Porter, ae 5-9 1830, 15-19 1840, gone 1850, m. John Kelly, grantor 1855
  - vii. Unknown male, ae 5-9 1830, gone 1840, presumed died  
*Ashbel, b. May 1823, d. 3 Jan 1831*
- 30 40, (see wms)  
- Keeping house for  
John W. in 1870*

William was the only male to put in the eldest male slot. Lorene was born in 1808 and Jane not until 1815, so I arbitrarily put William after Lorene to partly close the 7-year gap. There may have been others born and died young in that period. I have no clue as to the relative ages of Sarah and Phebe Ann, so arbitrarily placed them in that order. They could as well be reversed.

I realize that placing John W. Porter in Ashbel's family directly contradicts the finely detailed genealogy of Mr. Weir, but the fact that Ashbel's property was sold to John W. for one dollar and the listing of Jane Porter as his sister and Sarah Jane Lilley as his niece in the 1855 census are too compelling to ignore, lacking some sort of direct evidence to the contrary.

Significantly, John Porter was not a grantor of the deed to John W. Porter. If John W. were Levi's son, then John, as one of Ashbel's heirs, would have had to sign along with Ashbel's other heirs; he didn't.

The fact that Ashbel's administration was granted to John, not John W., argues against the foregoing, but not too strongly. The "W." could simply have been omitted from the name in the document.

Another argument against John W. being Ashbel's son is that John W. (or John) was gone from Ashbel's family in 1840. John's first child, Hiram, was born about 1839, while John W.'s first child, Hollom M., was born in 1843. Unfortunately, I could not find Levi in the poor copy of the 1840 census that I used, so I don't know if John (or John W.) was also gone from Levi's family. If he wasn't, the case for John W. being Ashbel's son is weaker.

I have John W. Porter's Letter Testamentary, dated 18 Nov 1880, granting execution to Hollom M. Porter and Cynthia S. Porter, which does not shed any more light on this subject. I have ordered the film of John W. Porter's will, but I doubt that it will name anyone but his wife and children, whom we already know.

I have no doubt that I will have to change my position when I have more information, but for now John W. is tentatively placed in Ashbel's family.

Sources (in addition to the Smith, Miller, and Weir sources mentioned above):

- 1810, 1820, 1830, 1840, 1850 federal censuses
- 1855 New York state census
- Ashbel Porter Letter of Administration; Oswego Co, NY Letters Testamentary and Administration, Vol D,

*John W. Porter in 1840  
Levi & John  
in 1840*

*Both gone John Porter Levi John W.*

p. 107 (GS Film 0872721)  
Heirs of Ashbel Porter deed; Oswego Co, NY Deeds, Vol 85, pp. 112-14 (GS Film 1012610)  
Lorene B. Porter birth; LDS submission - contains descendants (GS Film 1396280, Batch 8633809, Item 51)  
Lorene Porter birth; LDS submission (GS Film 1395515, Batch 8310408, Item 35)  
John W. Porter Letter Testamentary; Oswego Co, NY Letters Testamentary, Vol H, p. 446 (GS Film 0872919)

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Ashbel Porter, Sr. was born 25 Feb 1745/6 at Farmington, Hartford County, Connecticut. He was the son of Benjamin Porter and Esther Thompson. He removed to Harwinton, Litchfield County, Connecticut. The first record I have of him in Harwinton is a deed executed 7 May 1770 to him, in which he is described as "of Harwinton."

Ashbel served as a Private in the Sixth Company, commanded by Josiah Starr, of the Fourth Regiment, commanded by Colonel Benjamin Hinman, of the Connecticut Militia from Harwinton in 1755. According to the enclosed excerpts from *Connecticut Military Record, 1775-1848*, issued by the State of Connecticut, this regiment was raised on the first call for troops, April-May 1775, mainly from Litchfield County. It was ordered to secure Ticonderoga and Crown Point, New York against recapture and arrived there in June. This Regiment was made part of the Continental Army when General Washington arrived in Cambridge on 3 July 1775 and assumed command of all of the Colonial troops. It took part in the operations of the Northern Department until expiration of term of service in December 1775. The Regiment suffered much from sickness, and many men were mustered out in October and November 1775.

*Connecticut Military Record, 1775-1848*, does not name the men in Capt. Starr's Company. It does mention (p. 535) an Ashbel Porter, who was a Lieutenant in Capt. Martin's Company of Col. Moseley's Regiment. This is a different Ashbel Porter, who was the son of Ashbel Porter of Waterbury, later of Watertown. He was a Lieutenant out of the Thomas Porter line. Col. Moseley was also of Waterbury.

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Finally, the *History of Litchfield County, ...* under "Harwinton" (p. 379) lists Ashbel Porter among the soldiers from Harwinton.

From the above it is apparent that Ashbel Porter was a Private in the Continental Army in 1775 and was discharged in 1775. There was only one Ashbel Porter who lived in Harwinton during that period. He is not listed in the DAR volumes *Connecticut Revolutionary Pensioners* or *Register of Revolutionary Soldiers and Patriots Buried in Litchfield County*, because he and his wives did not live long enough to become eligible for pensions when the legislation was enacted, and he is presumably buried in New York.

The above military service is sufficient to establish Ashbel as a "patriot" during the Revolution, but he also served the Town during the same period. Ashbel is mentioned several times in the minutes of the Town Meetings.

On 15 Aug 1781 (Vol. 3, p. 21) :  
"Vote Ashbil Porter and Oliver Phelps provide for Soldiers Families."

On --- (Vol. 3, p. 23):  
"Vote to give all the Soldiers that went from this Town the year 1780 ten shillings per month the time they were in service."

Vote to raise a rate of one penny half penny on the pound in order to pay the above Soldiers.  
Vote Ashbil Porter be Collector of the above sd money."

On 26 Oct 1782 (Vol. 3, p. 24):

"Voted to tax themselves two pence on the pound for the use of the Town.  
Voted Ashbil Porter be Collector to Collect sd (Tax?)."

On -- 1783 (Vol. 3, p. 50):

"Vote to allow Ashbil Porter three Pound ten Shilling for money he Could not Collect on his Rate Bill."

Ashbel married Abigail Griswold, daughter of Janna Griswold and Martha Hurlbut, 10 Jul 1776, presumably in Harwinton. They had one child: Samuel Griswold Porter, who was born 24 May 1778 in Harwinton. Abigail died 9 Jun 1778, presumably from the aftereffects of childbirth. This marriage, the birth of Samuel, and the death of Abigail are recorded in the records of the Town of Harwinton (Vol. 2, p. 21). The marriage date is recorded as 1766, but I believe that it is in error and should be 1776.

Ashbel married Lorene Benton in 1779 or 1782. They had two children in Harwinton: Ashbel Porter, Jr., born 22 Jul 1783, and Levi Street Porter, born 9 Mar 1786. This marriage, but not the date, and the births of Ashbel, Jr. and Levi are recorded in the records of the Town of Harwinton (Vol. 2, p. 21).

In 1786 and 1787, Ashbel sold off his holdings in Harwinton, and the family moved to Canajoharie, Montgomery County, New York some time before 1790, where they had at least one more child: Seth Porter, born, probably, in 1793.

Ashbel and Lorene appear in the 1790 census in Canajoharie, Montgomery Co, New York with five other persons:

1 male over 16 (Unknown)  
3 males under 16 (Samuel, Ashbel, and Levi)  
1 female (Unknown)

I am unable to document Seth Porter's birth directly, because the records of Canajoharie burned in 1849, and I cannot yet trace the movements of the family between 1790 and when three of the brothers showed up in Richland, Oneida County (now Sandy Creek, Oswego County), New York between 1810 and 1820. I don't know yet what happened to their half-brother Samuel Griswold Porter, nor Ashbel, Sr. and Lorene.

The fact that the three families of Ashbel, Jr., Levi Street, and Seth Porter lived on adjoining farms and that their descendants lived in close proximity for over a hundred years strongly suggests that they were brothers.

While not conclusive, the naming patterns in the Sandy Creek Porter families also suggest that Ashbel, Sr. was their progenitor:

Name	Probable Namesake of	Relationship
Ashbel, Jr.	Ashbel Porter	Father
Lorene B.	Lorene Benton	Grandmother
Levi	Levi Porter	Ashbel's Brother
Seth	Seth Benton	Uncle (Lorene's brother)
Barnabus B.	Barnabus Benton	Seth's grandfather
Benton S.	Barnabus B. Porter	Father (Benton family)
Benjamin F.	Benjamin Porter	Seth's grandfather

Ashbel, Jr. and Levi Street Porter are properly documented sons of Ashbel Porter of Harwinton, Connecticut. Based on the naming patterns above and one hundred years of close proximity of their families in Sandy Creek, I feel that it is safe to conclude that Seth Porter is also Ashbel Porter's son and Levi's and Ashbel's brother.

In order to obtain more direct evidence of Seth's birth, I spent over a week in the Town of Sandy Creek perusing the town records in the Town Hall and the records and newspaper files in the Annie Porter Ainsworth Library.

The first entry in the Death Register of the Town of Sandy Creek is dated 21 May 1885. Seth Porter died 19 April 1885, just a month before then, so there is no official record of his death. There is a record of his burial, but it contains no information on his parents. Also, his obituary and death notice do not mention his parents nor place of birth.

The newspaper files do contain numerous mention of the Porter families and the fact that they were three brothers. Most of these references must be considered hearsay evidence, because they were written by third parties after the facts, and only serve as corroborative evidence. However, one newspaper article from the 4 Dec 1930 issue of the Sandy Creek News gives a first-person account of the ancestry of Mrs. Lettie Porter Wart. In this account, Mrs. Wart names her father, John Porter, her grandfather, Levi Porter, and her grandfather's brothers, Ashbel and Seth Porter. Since she knew first hand who these relatives were, her statement should verify what the preponderance of evidence suggests: that Seth Porter was the son of Ashbel Porter, formerly of Harwinton, Connecticut.

Copies of pertinent Connecticut military records, Town of Harwinton, Connecticut records and Sandy Creek News clippings are attached in addition to the birth, marriage, and death records that establish my descent in successive generations from Seth Porter. A very large collection of census, land, and vital records on the Porters of Sandy Creek has been amassed, and extracts will be made if required to corroborate any of the above.

## EXCERPTS FROM SANDY CREEK, NY NEWSPAPERS

These newspaper excerpts were taken from from microfilms in the Annie Porter Ainsworth Memorial Library between 26 Sep and 3 Oct 1989, with the assistance of Margaret Kastler, Librarian and Marie Parsons, Town Historian. Lacking a microfilm printer, they were read into a tape recorder and transcribed, resulting in unavoidable differences from the original punctuation and paragraphing. All are from the *Sandy Creek News*, now defunct.

Only those excerpts pertaining to Seth Porter's ancestry are reproduced here. The obituary of Seth's son Uriah states that Seth was from Canajoharie, where Ashbel Porter resided in 1790. This transcription is substantiated by the xeroxed newspaper clipping "Fifty Years Ago, June 18, 1908," which encapsulates Uri's obituary.

Thursday, April 23, 1885 - Town and Vicinity

### Ridge Road

--We are called upon to announce the death of another of our aged neighbors, Mr. Seth Porter, better known in this section as Uncle Seth. Mr. Porter has been in poor health for some time and his disability began to increase of late and on the seventeenth he died in the ripe old age of 92 years.

Thursday, April 30, 1885

### Passing Away

One by one the brink oer slid  
One by one the darkness bids

On Sunday the nineteenth of April, Mr. Seth Porter, one of the oldest citizens and earliest settlers of the Town of Sandy Creek was consigned to his last earthly resting place, being in the ninety-third year of his age, and having lived in this town about eighty years.

Mr. Porter was one of those men who are willing to provide for themselves and those rightfully dependant on them by the labor of their hands and the sweat of their face. About the year 1820, he with his companions entered an unbroken forest and commenced making provision for their future home. Here they reared to manhood and womanhood twelve children. Two others (I think) dieing in childhood. In this large family, a place was also found for a thirteenth child, left an orphan in infancy, who was also reared to manhood. From this home, the aged parents have been removed by death almost within the past year.

Mr. Porter, it seems, lived and died a natural man. Like General Grant, having no theological training in his youth, he embraced no particular creed or theory. Nor did he ever seem to have any uneasiness as to a future life; willing to leave that event with the Power that had placed him here. He seemed to enjoy life better than the average. Naturally of a merry heart, said by wise men to be a continual feast, the sunshine of life was not darkened by gloomy foreboding of the future. He was much given in his younger days to music and dancing, and in his second childhood the same tastes were manifest.

The views and feelings of the aged couple were similar through life, and in death they were not divided. It would seem they went down to the grave as a shock of corn fully ripe and sleep with their fathers. Peace to their slumbering dust.

While trembling limbs refuse their weight  
And films slow gathering dim the eye  
When mental clouds obscure the light  
Tis nature's kindest boon to die.

Thursday, June 18, 1908 - Sandy Creek News

#### Orwell Road

--The old friends and associates of Uri Porter were saddened by the news of his death Tuesday morning. We extend our sympathy to the relatives and friends. He will be laid at rest in the Stevens Cemetery by the side of loved ones who have gone before.

#### Uri Porter

Uri Porter passed away at his home in this village early Tuesday morning, having been stricken with paralysis the night before, and remained insensible to the end. Mr. Porter was born August 25, 1836 on the farm on which his father, Seth Porter, settled shortly after the War of 1812, in which he was a soldier. The elder Porter came here from Canajoharie and was of the staunch Dutch stock that rendered the Mohawk Valley famous in early Colonial days. This farm is located just east of the Ridge Road, in the southern part of the town, and is among the many other excellent farms in the town. Here his life was spent until he moved to this village some three or four years ago.

In 1847, he was married to Miss Sarah Ames of Richland, and to them were born two children; James N., of this village, with whom his father resided, and Alice S., wife of M.S. Blodgett of Lacona. Nearly thirty years ago, Mr. Porter entered into the breeding of thoroughbred Holsteins, and for many years had some of the finest animals in this section. Mr. Porter's health has been failing for the past three or four years. He was most highly esteemed by all who knew him. The funeral was held today at 1:30, Reverend T.T. Davies officiating. Interrment was in the cemetery on the Orwell Road.

[Note: The statement that Seth was of Dutch stock is in error. Seth was of English stock back to the Puritans who settled the country in the early 1600's. Seth's wife, Rhoda, was of English and Dutch ancestry, her mother being Anna Vredenburgh.]

### LEVI PORTER FAMILY

Levi Street Porter was born 9/10 Mar 1786 at Harwinton, Litchfield Co, Connecticut. He moved with his parents in or before 1790 to Canajoharie, Montgomery Co, New York.

He married 10 Nov 1811, place unknown, Nancy Younglove of German Flatts, Herkimer Co, New York. (German Flatts was in Montgomery Co, about 30 miles east of Canajoharie in 1790. It became part of Herkimer Co before 1800.)

Levi served in Captain Moses Wisner's Company of Lieutenant Colonel Henry Blooms First (?) in the War of 1812 from 11 Sep to 11 Oct 1813.

Levi died 22 Apr 1865 in Sandy Creek and is buried in Stevens Cemetery.

Except the comment on German Flatts, all of the above is based on information supplied by Mr. Edward Smith, Mrs. Margaret Porter Miller's book *Some Descendants of Robert Porter with Female Lines*, on her revised manuscript with contributions from Mrs. Richard T. Weir, and on a letter from Mrs. Weir. I do not have any primary evidence to support any of it except Levi's death to date.

What follows is based on my research in census, probate, and land records, with some names and dates excerpted from the above references.

In the 1855 New York State census for Sandy Creek Twp, Levi and Nancy both stated that they had been in Oswego Co for 45 years and that he was born in Connecticut and she in Herkimer Co. This would suggest that they were married elsewhere and arrived together in 1810, but they were not married until Nov 1811. I suspect that the 45 years is an approximation, and that they arrived about 1812 or even later.

Nancy stated in the 1865 census that she had been married once and had had seven children. Their children, as I have reconstructed them below, were:

- i. Betsy, b. 16 Sep 1813
- ii. John, b. ca 1816, m. Lucretia --, d. before 22 Jul 1861
- iii. Harvey, b. 17 May 1818, d. unkm 21 Feb 1869
- iv. Laura, b. 22 May 1820, d. unkm 7 Jul 1824
- v. Unidentified female, b. 1820-1825
- vi. Sally, b. 16 Nov 1826, d. unkm 7 Jan 1866
- vii. Lydia, b. 2 Jan 1829, m. A. J. Vanderhoof, d. 23 May 1900

All of the definite dates and Lydias marriage above are from Mrs. Weir's contribution to Mrs. Miller's manuscript. I used them, rather than the approximate dates developed below, because they give a more accurate picture of the family. Other than John, there is no disagreement between them.

In the 1820 census for Sandy Creek, the first after they were married, Levi and Nancy are in the 26 to 44 age bracket and they have five or six children and one female 45 and up living with them:

- 2 males under 10 (John and Harvey)
- 1 male 16-17
- 1 male 16-25 (could be same person as above)
- 2 females under 10 (Betsy and Laura)
- 1 female over 45

The unidentified male child or children are too old to be Levi's and Nancy's; and the female could be a relative of either of them. They could also be unrelated. They do not show up in later censuses with the Porter surname; I have accounted for every Porter in every Sandy Creek census from 1820 to 1910.

In the 1830 census, Levi is in the 40 to 49 age bracket, Nancy is in the 30 to 39 age bracket, and they have six children:

- 2 males 10-14 (John and Harvey)
- 2 females under 5 (Sally and Lydia)
- 1 female 5-9
- 1 female 15-19 (Betsy)

Laura had died in 1824, and an unidentified daughter was born between 1825 and 1830. This is corroborated by Nancy's statement in the 1865 state census that she had had seven children.

*Levi and in 1840*  
 Unfortunately, I do not have an enumeration for Levi in the 1840 census, because the copy I extracted from was mostly illegible. This census might shed some light on how long the unidentified daughter lived. She was gone in 1850, but by then she could have grown up, married, and moved out. The 1840 census could also shed some light on the question, discussed in Gen Note 5, of whether John or John W. is Levi's son. I have ordered the film from NARC and will check it closely for Levi.

In the 1850 census, John (or John W.) had married and moved out:

Levi Porter	64	Farmer	Conn.
Nancy	58		New York
Harvey	32	Farmer	Do
Sally	24		Do
Lydia	21		Do

I don't know whether Betsy married and moved out or died, but will look for her nearby in the 1850 census.

In the 1855 state census, the same five were living together:

Levi Porter	69		Conn.	45	Farmer
Nancy	63	Wife	Herkimer	45	
Harvey	35	Son	Oswego	35	
Sally	27	Dau	Do	27	
Lydia	25	Do	Do	25	

There was no change in the composition of the family in 1860, except that Harvey was now head of the household, and Levi was listed as "insane:"

Harvey Porter	40	Farmer	New York	
Nancy	68		Do	
Sally	30		Do	
Lydia	28		Do	
Levi	73		Conn.	Insane
Vanrenseller Lester	20	Farm laborer		New York

The farm laborer by the name of Vanrenseller [sic] Lester Porter, age 20, living with them is not a member of any of the Sandy Creek Porter families. This unidentified Porter is one of several Porter farmworkers, boarders,

or guests that show up in one census, then disappear. There were several other Porter families in Oswego Co (not in Sandy Creek Twp), and they could be members of those families, but they could also be unidentified relatives descended from Ashbel (Sr).

Levi died 22 Apr 1865, aged 79, from old age and is listed in the deaths section of the 1865 state census. Those remaining are:

Harvey Porter	41		Oswego		Farmer
Nancy	73	Mother	Herkimer	7 1	
Sally	38	Sister	Oswego		
Lydia	35	Sister	Oswego		

Nancy stated that she had been married once and had seven children.

Sally died in 1866 and Harvey in 1869. Nancy and Lydia were living together in the 1870 census:

Lydia Porter	41	Keeping hse	New York
Nancy	79	Invalid	Do
Albert J. Mandage	33	Farm laborer	Do

Nancy and Lydia were still living together in the 1875 state census:

Lydia Porter	45		Oswego
Nancy	83	Mother	Herkimer

Neither show up in any later censuses as Porters. However, according to information supplied by Mrs. Weir, Lydia married A. J. Vanderhoof, date unknown, and died 23 May 1900. Nancy probably died before the 1880 census.

There is nothing in the census records of Levi's family that sheds any light on the question of whether John or John W. Porter was Levi's son. Neither is there anything in the records of John's family of interest, so their census records were not introduced here. The one census clue in 1840 is missing, but an effort will be made to recover it.

John died intestate, and a Letter of Administration was granted to Lucretia and Hiram Porter (his wife and son) 22 Jul 1861, so no information is forthcoming from that quarter. Harvey died unmarried 17 May 1818 and left a will. I had not obtained a copy of his will, but will do so now on the chance that he mentions John W., who lived until 30 Jul 1880.

One other possible source of information is a deed from Levi and Nancy to John (no W.) in 1836. The microfilm of that deed has been on order for another (Seth Porter) deed, and both will be copied when the film arrives.

Sources (in addition to the Smith, Miller, and Weir sources mentioned above):

1820, 1830, 1850, 1860, 1870, 1880 federal censuses

1855, 1865, 1875 New York state census

John Porter Letter of Administration; Oswego Co, NY Letters Testamentary and Administration, Vol E, p. 268 (GS Film 0872721)

Levi and Nancy Porter deed to John Porter; Oswego Co, NY Deeds, Vol X, p. 279 (GS Film 1011768)

### SETH PORTER FAMILY

Mr. Smith, Mrs. Miller, and Mrs. Weir, who provided information on Ashbel (Sr), Ashbel (Jr), and Levi Porter (See Gen Notes 4, 5, and 6), have no information on Seth Porter's family, so the following are my conclusions based on my research in census, probate, and land records.

Evidence supporting my conclusion that Seth Porter was the son of Ashbel Porter of Harwinton, Connecticut and the brother of Ashbel (Jr) and Levi Porter of the same town is presented in Gen Note 4.

Seth married Rhoda --, place unknown, probably between 1810 and 1816. Their ages and places of birth for every census in which they appeared after their marriage are listed below:

	Census	Age	Year Born	Birthplace	Years Resident	Father's Birthplace	Mother's Birthplace
Seth	1820	26-44	1776-1794				
	1830	30-39	1791-1800				
	1840	40-49*	1791-1800				
	1850	57	1793	New York			
	1855	61	1794	Conn.	37		
	1860	67	1793	New York			
	1865	72	1793	Montgomery			
	1870	77	1793	Conn.			
	1875	82	1793	Dutchess			
	1880	87	1793	New York		Conn.	--
Rhoda	1820	16-25	1795-1804				
	1830	30-39	1791-1800				
	1840	40-49	1791-1800				
	1850	53	1797	Mass.			
	1855	57	1798	Mass.	42		
	1860	62	1798	New York			
	1865	68	1797	Mass.			
	1870	73	1797	Mass.			
	1875	77	1798	Dutchess			
	1880	83	1797	Mass.		Mass.	Mass.

\*Seth was in the 50-59 bracket in my extracted data, an obvious error in enumeration or extraction; will recheck.

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Their ages are remarkably consistent for census records, especially through ten censuses. It appears that Seth was born in 1792 or 1793, depending on his month of birth, in Montgomery Co, New York, and that Rhoda was born in 1797 or 1798 in Massachusetts. I tend toward the earlier date, because if she was born in 1797, she was probably only about 18 years old when her first child was born.

The two *Connecticut* entries for Seth appear to be references to his family home, and the *New York* entry for Rhoda is clearly a mistake, either in enumeration or extraction.

The listing of 37 years residence for Seth and 42 years for Rhoda suggests that they arrived in Sandy Creek separately and were married after 1818 in Sandy Creek. This is inconsistent with the ages of their children (discussed below), and I suspect that 42 years for both of them is correct. This would place them in Sandy Creek about 1813, three years after the stated arrival of Levi and Nancy Porter.

I find the anomalous listing of Dutchess Co as the birthplace of both of them in 1875 extremely interesting. At this time, they were living with their son Uriah and his wife Sarah. The information was probably given by Uri or Sarah. I wonder if they weren't married in Dutchess Co and arrived in Sandy Creek from there. The person giving the information could have given the place they arrived from rather than their birthplaces. This is doubly interesting because Ashbel (Jr) may have been listed in the 1810 census in Dutchess Co. (See Gen Note 5.) The coincidence is strong enough to warrant a look at the Dutchess Co vital records if any are available. Two films are on order.

Rhoda stated in the 1865 state census that she had been married once and had had fourteen children. This is an unusually large family for the era and locale, but what is more remarkable is that at least thirteen of her children appear to have lived to adulthood in an era of high child mortality. Their children, as I have reconstructed them below, were:

- i. Unidentified female, b. 1810-1819
- ii. Benjamin F., b. ca 1818, m. Henrietta --, d. 3 Oct 1857
- iii. Barnabus B., b. ca 1820, m. Minerva --, d. bet. 1892 and 1900
- iv. Van Rensselaer, b. ca 1822, m. ca 1845 Eliza Rogers, d. bet. 1905 and 1910
- v. Unidentified female, b. 1820-1825
- vi. Luther Hawley, b. ca 1825, m. Phebe C. Stevens
- vii. Unidentified female, b. 1825-1830
- viii. Martin, b. ca 1829
- ix. Maria, b. ca 1831 #
- x. Peter B., b. ca 1834, m. Catherine
- xi. Uriah S., b. Aug 1836, m. Sarah A. --
- xii. Sarah Ann, b. ca 1839, m. Egbert ?Covey
- xiii. Seth Jr., b. ca 1841, d. unm 2 Jul 1863 at Gettysburg

I thought that I had identified all fourteen of Rhoda's children, but an unidentified male in the same age group as Van Rensselaer had no antecedent in the previous census and was eliminated from the family. The fourteenth child remains unidentified and probably died young.

After having reconstructed Ashbel's and Levi's families more or less definitely, except for the question of John and John W. Porter, reconstruction of Seth's family is straightforward, especially since twelve of the children were living at home in 1840, and a thirteenth was in the 1850 census. As usual, without some other sources, the names of daughters that married and moved out prior to 1850 are unknown.

In the 1820 census for Sandy Creek, the first after they were married, Seth is in the 26 to 44 age bracket, Rhoda is in the 16 to 25 age bracket, and they have three children living with them:

- 2 males under 10 (Benjamin F. and Barnabus B.)
- 1 female under 10 (Unknown)

In the 1830 census, Seth and Rhoda are both in the 30 to 39 age bracket and they have seven children living with them:

- 2 males under 5 (Luther Hawley and Martin)
- 1 male 5-9 (Van Rensselaer)
- 2 males 10-14 (Benjamin F. and Barnabus B.)
- 1 female 5-9 (Unknown)
- 1 female 10-14 (Unknown)

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In the 1840 census, Seth is in the ~~50-59~~ age bracket (an obvious error in enumeration or extraction), Rhoda is in the 40-49 age bracket, and they have thirteen children living with them:

- 2 males 5-9 (Peter B. and Uriah S.)
- 2 males 10-14 (Luther Hawley and Martin)
- 2 males 15-19 (Van Rensselaer and Unknown)
- 2 males 20-29 (Benjamin F. and Barnabus B.)
- 1 female under 5 (Sarah Ann)
- 1 female 5-9 (Maria)
- 1 female 10-14 (Unknown)
- 1 female 15-19 (Unknown)
- 1 female 20-29 (Unknown)

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There is no antecedent in the 1830 census for the unknown male in the 15-19 age bracket in the 1840 census. This could be an error of enumeration or extraction, but another child in this age group does not fit in very well with the other children in the every-other-year usual birth pattern. There are no unaccounted-for Porter males in other Sandy Creek censuses to be the unknown male. He could be a visitor, a farm hand, or the husband of one of Seth's daughters living with them temporarily. He is a little young for the latter, considering the usual marriage ages then. I will recheck the 1830 and 1840 extractions when the census films arrive.

In the 1850 census, Barnabus and Luther are married and are still living at home. Later censuses reveal that Minerva and Phebe are their wives, and Charles is Luther's son.

Seth Porter	57		New York
Rhoda	53		Mass.
Barney	30	Farmer	New York
Minerva	29		Do
Luther H.	25	Farmer	Do
Charles	2		Do
Phebe	23		Do
Martin	21	Farmer	Do
Maria	19		Do
Peter	16	Farmer	Do
Uriah	14		Do
Sarah	11		Do
Seth	9		Do

Other than the unknown male who only shows up in the 1840 census, there are two sons not named in the 1850 enumeration who were in previous censuses. The only ones who can be these sons are Benjamin F. and Van Rensselaer Porter. Their ages are correct, and there are no other unattached Porters to fill these positions.

Benjamin F. and Van Rensselaer bought property together from William E. Howlett *et al* in 1846. They and their wives sold property together to Seneca Getty in 1854. I do not have the second deed yet to see if it was the same property as the first. These transactions involving men with the same surname, and with ages fitting those of unidentified Seth Porter children, suggests that they were brothers and sons of Seth Porter. There are one or two other census clues (discussed in Gen Note 8) that reinforce the argument that Van Rensselaer was Seth's son.

Benjamin does not appear in the 1850 census. He does appear in the 1855 state census with his wife, Henrietta, and two children, George and Ellen C. George was born in Oneida Co ca 1851, which probably explains Benjamin's absence from the 1850 census in Sandy Creek. Benjamin died 3 Oct 1857 and is buried in Noyes Cemetery. None of Benjamin's survivors, except George, appear in later censuses, and it is assumed that Henrietta

returned home with the children. George was living with Seth in the 1865 enumeration and was called Seth's grandson; further evidence that Benjamin was Seth's son.

Van Rensselaer appeared in the 1850 census with his wife, Eliza, and two children, Clarence J. (my grandfather) and Mary. He appears in all subsequent censuses until 1905. His family is discussed in Gen Note 8.

In the 1855 state census, a nephew, Leroy Porter, from Livingston Co is living with Seth:

Seth Porter	61		Conn.	37	Farmer
Rhoda	57	Wife	Mass.	42	
Martin	27	Son	Oswego	27	
Maria	24	Dau	Do	24	
Peter	20	Son	Do	20	
Uri	18	Son	Do	18	
Sarah Ann	16	Dau	Do	16	
Seth Jr.	14	Son	Do	14	
Leroy	22	Nephew	L'ngston	21	Mechanic

Although Leroy is from Livingston Co, he had lived somewhere in Oswego Co for 21 of his 22 years. He may be the same Leroy Porter, age 29, who showed up in the 1865 state census married, with one child, and apparently living in the David Salisbury dwelling. I have no other record of him. The fact that he is Seth's nephew would suggest that there is yet another Porter brother living nearer than I thought, or he could be an unidentified son of Ashbel (Jr), who was too young to participate in the deed by Ashbel's heirs. Leroy was probably a carpenter; all carpenters were called *mechanic* in the 1855 census. The Leroy in the 1865 census was also a carpenter and joiner.

Peter and Sarah are married and enumerated separately from Seth's family in the 1860 census:

Seth Porter	67	Farmer	New York
Rhoda	62		Do
Maria	29		Do
Seth	18		Do
Uriah	23		Do

Incidentally, a farmworker by the name of Vanrensselaer Lester Porter, age 20, from New York, showed up in 1860 in Harvey Porter's (Levi's son) family enumeration. His name suggests that he could be another relative.

Maria had married or died by the time of the 1865 state census. Uri is married and living at home with his wife and child, and Sarah has come home with her husband and child:

Seth Porter	72		Montgomery	1	Farmer
Rhoda	68	Wife	Mass.	14	1
Uri	27		Oswego	1	1
Sarah	25	D-in-Law	Oswego	1	1
Alice	1	G-Dau	Oswego		
Sarah ?Cervey	26	Dau	Oswego	1	1
Egbert	30	S-in-Law	Dutchess	1	Carp. & Join. Army
Egbert	1 1/12	G-Son	Oswego		
George Porter	14	G-Son	Oswego		

Seth Jr. was killed on 2 Jul 1863 at Gettysburg and was buried there. He was a Private in the 147th New York Volunteers. George Porter was Benjamin's son, which further confirms that Benjamin was Seth's son.

By the 1870 census, Uri was the head of the household, and Seth and Rhoda were living with his family:

Uri Porter	33	Farmer	New York
Sarah H	30	Kpg Hse	Do
Alice S	6	Att School	Do
James	1		Do
Seth	77	Gardener	Conn.
Rhoda	73	Hsekgp	Mass.
Arthur Wardwell	19	Farm Lab	New York
Henry Porter	14	Farm Lab	Do

Once again a young farmworker from New York named *Porter* shows up at a Porter house. Is this coincidence, or are they relatives?

Nothing much has changed in the 1875 census:

Uri S. Porter	38		Oswego	Farmer
Sarahan	35	Wife	Oswego	
Sarah A.	11	Dau	Oswego	
Jimmie M?	6	Son	Oswego	
Seth	82	Father	Dutchess	Farmer
Rhoda	77	Wife	Dutchess	

A few names have been changed around, and Seth and Rhoda are now from Dutchess Co. The names will come up in Gen Note 8, concerning Van Rensselaer's family, and the *Dutchess* responses are discussed above.

There is little change also in the 1880 census:

Uri S. Porter	44		Farmer	New York	New York	Mass.
Sarah A.	39	Wife	Keeping hse	New York	Vermont	Mass.
Sarah A.	15	Dau	Att schl	New York	New York	Mass.
Jimmie N.	11	Son	Att schl	New York	New York	Mass.
Seth	87	Father		New York	Conn.	--
Rhoda	83	Wife		Mass.	Mass.	Mass.

This is the last census in which Seth or Rhoda appears; by 1892 they were both probably dead. As discussed in Gen Note 4, Seth "Potter" is mentioned on p. 717 of *Landmarks of Oswego County* as having died 19 Apr 1885 in Sandy Creek at the age of 93. This is very likely Seth Porter as there was never a Seth Potter in a Sandy Creek state or federal census between 1790 and 1910 and confusing *Potter* and *Porter* is very common, as I can testify from personal experience.

Sources (in addition to the Miller and Weir sources mentioned above):

1820, 1830, 1840, 1850, 1860, 1870, 1880 federal censuses

1855, 1865, 1875 New York state census

William E. Howlett *et al* deed to Benjamin and Vanrenselaer Porter; Oswego Co, NY Deeds, Vol 44, p. 571 (GS Film 1011780)

Benjamin, Henrietta, Van Rensselaer, and Eliza Porter deed to Seneca Getty; Oswego Co, NY Deeds, Vol  
65, p. 495 (GS Film 1011800)  
Noyes Cemetery, Town of Sandy Creek, New York (GS Film 1421864)

- 1820 enumerated Levi, Ashbel, Seth - adjacent
- 1830 Ashbel, ?, Samuel Rogers, Seth, (if present) Levi
- 1840  
 136 John Polson  
 26 Levi "  
 05 Ashbel  
 303 John W.  
 Isaac Rogers  
 Seth Polson
- 1850  
 43 Seth  
 51 John  
 52 John W.  
 73 Ashbel  
 74 Levi
- 1855  
 185 John W.  
 187 John  
 197 Seth  
 207 Levi
- 1860  
 936 John W.  
 958 John  
 997 Seth  
 1047 Henry (Levi)
- 1861  
 315 Seth  
 329 Henry (Levi)  
 352 Lucinda (John)  
 320 John W
- 1870  
 399 Lucinda (Seth)  
 410 Lydia (Levi)  
 420 Uri (Seth)  
 519 John W. / Phoebe A. Kelley - former
- 1875  
 269 Lydia (Levi)  
 331 Uri (Seth)  
 334 Lucinda (Levi)  
 307 John W. Synthesis
- 1880  
 Phoebe Wirt (Lucinda / John)  
 304 Uri (Seth)  
 John W. / Isaac Ventner

John Parker d. < 22 Jul 1861 (obit)

John W. Parker d. 30 Jul 1880

Henry Parker, son of Levi, made his will 26 Jan 1869, in which he left everything to his sister Lydia, with the provision that she provide for Henry, their mother, for the rest of her life. Lydia was named sole executor. No one else was mentioned in the will.

Henry, Lydia, and Nancy were the only surviving members of Levi's family in 1869, and they were living together in 18

Henry never married and Lydia not until after —, which accounts for the terms of the will.

John W. lived until 1880 and would have probably been mentioned if he were Henry's brother.

John W. Parker made his will 2 Jun 1880. By then, everyone in Levi's family was dead. Some of Archibald's children may have been alive. He left everything to Cynthia S. and his surviving children; Hollow M., Orlo R., Ethie M., and Edgar J.

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In 1850 both John & John W. married, living next door to each other. No clues in naming patterns of either family to which is Levi's or Ashbel's son. "Ashbel" living next door to Levi, part family of Mary, 26 18, and Jane, 26 18, are living with him 1854 Ashbel dies. John and wife Mary named 2 drin.

In Apr 1855, Ashbel's heirs deeded 57.61 acres of land to John W. Parker for \$1.00. John Parker was not a signator.

In 4 Jun 1855 census, sister Jane and niece Sarah Jane Liffay were living with John W. Jane is Ashbel's daughter. Sarah Jane Liffay is Lorenz Parker's daughter & Ashbel's grand-daughter. She resides in Orange Co. 3 mo. previously.

John W. is 38 and has been in Orange Co 38 years

Jane 39

39

Jane 40

40

Levi 49

45

from CT

Mary 63

45

from Harbinger

There are no "surprises" in the 1860 census

In 1865 LeRoy Parker is apparently living in David Salisbury dwelling (362). LeRoy is Seth's nephew from Livingston.

Thos. Salisbury, <sup>born 1814</sup> is in dwelling 367 and John W. was in dwelling 364. John had died in 1861. Hannah, Susan, Lizzie in census; Hiram gone

John W. had a son, Merhan S, born May 1850, who died in 1851. A Merhan E. Parker, who was born in Feb 1871, showed up in the 1900 census working as a wheelwright for Fred Smart. - Orlo R.'s son

John W. 67 in 4 Jun 1860 census. Died 30 July 1880 in Concord, N.H.  
This accounts for no John W., Cynthia, or Ethie after 1880.

In 1880 John W. said his father was from CT, which fits both Ashbel & Levi, and his mother was from NH, which fits Nancy. Since Lydia's birthplace is unknown, this doesn't prove anything.

Henry Porter in 1825 census could be Leroy in 1855, p 51

Malcom Bledsoe is 3 years old in 1865 census, p 52 (UK. 1901)

Sells Papers

1820 2 M <10  
 1 M 26-45 (Sells) 27  
 1 F <10  
 1 F 16-26 (Rhoda) 23

1830 2 M <5  
 1 M 5-10  
 2 M 10-15  
 1 M 30-40 (Sells) 37  
 1 F 5-10  
 1 F 10-15  
 1 F 30-40 (Rhoda) 37

1840 2 M 5-10 v URI, PETER  
 2 M 10-15 v MARGIN?  
 2 M 15-20 v VR LUTHER  
 2 M 20-30 v BENS. BARNEY  
 1 M 50-60 (Sells) 47?  
 1 F <5 v SARAH  
 1 F 5-10 v MARIA  
 1 F 10-15 v ?  
 1 F 15-20 v ?  
 1 F 20-30 v ?  
 1 F 40-50 (Rhoda) 43

		CT	Mont		66
1850	SETH 57	1845 SETH 61	1860 SETH 67	1885 SETH 72	ST. OUTCAST
	RHODA 53	RA	RHODA 57	RHODA 62	Line of life
					HA Outcast
1 (11) F 30-40	BARNEY 30				1870, 75, 80
	(VIC 38)				??
F 25-30	LUTHER H 25				
1 M 20-25	MARGIN 21	MARGIN 21			
1 F 20-25	MARIA 19	MARIA 24	MARIA 29		
	PETER 16	PETER 20			
	URIAH 14	URIA 18	URIAH 23		
	SARAH 11	SARAH ANN 16		URIA 27	
	SETH 9	SETH JR 14	SETH 18	1885 SARAH 26	
				CORCY	

Had 4 known children:

Samuel Griswold	24 Mar 1778
Ashbel Jr	22 Jul 1783
Levi Street	9/10 Nov 1786
Seth	1789/93

In 1790 Census, Canajoharie, Montgomery, NY: 2 males > 16, 3 males < 16, 2 females.

There are no known children older than 16 and no known female children. These could be the parents of Ashbel and Lorenz.

Assuming that Samuel lived, this would make Seth born after 1790. Seth was listed as 57 in the 1850 census and 87 in 1860, both of which support 1793. Also Seth "Paltor" is mentioned on p. 717 of book number of Orange Co. as dying 19 Apr 1865 at the age of 93. This would place his birth in 1792 if age accurate.

Could locate Ashbel in 1800 census index. Don't have 1810 census yet. Ashbel, Levi, & Seth in Sandy Creek in 1820 census; no Samuel.

Ashbel Jr died in 1854, not in 1855 census
Levi had been in Sandy Creek for 45 years, arrived ca. 1810
Seth " " " " 37 " " " 1818

Noney also in Sandy Creek 45 years - Assume they were married elsewhere. Rhoda was in Sandy Creek 42 years (36.15 when married) assume they were married in Sandy Creek.

John & John W. Parker, both candidates for Ashbel Parker son, were both born in Sandy Creek (40 & 38, respectively).

Mariah ~~Parker~~ <sup>Bogers</sup> Wilder, ca. 42, arrived from Washington Co. in 1816 (34yr).

This implies that ~~Ashbel Parker Sr.~~ <sup>Yancy Bogers</sup> lived in Washington Co. before coming to Sandy Creek.

I do not have any census data on Ashbel Jr. prior to 1820. In 1820 he is listed with 1 male < 10, 1 male 10-16, 2 females < 10, and he and Lydia are both 26-35.

I'm assuming Lydia is his wife in 1820. She appears in the right age bracket.

Assuming she died in 1834, and Ashbel married Sabra before the following June, then Sabra is the female in the 40-50 age bracket. Assuming she died in 1835, Ashbel did not remarry until after Jan 1840 when no wife appears in the census. Mary appears in the 1850 census and is one of his administrators in 1854. All of his known children were born before 1829, so all are by Lydia.

Ashbel's wife Mary and his son John were appointed administrators of his estate 22 Aug 1854.

On 21 Apr 1855 the heirs of Ashbel Parker deeded 58.61 acres of land to John W. Parker for one dollar. The land adjoined Levi Parker's land. Since John Parker was not a signator to the deed, and all of the other children, or their heirs, signed the deed, it looks like John W. Parker was Ashbel's son, rather than Levi's, and that John was Levi's son. The price of one dollar adds credence to the theory that Mary and all of John W.'s siblings were giving the land to Ashbel's son.

The fact that the administration was granted to John, not John W., mitigates against the argument. The two Johns were cousins and <sup>were</sup> always known as John and John W. respectively, so it's unlikely that John W. was Ashbel's administrator.

There is probably some other explanation for the one-dollar price to a cousin. For one thing, John W. went into real estate speculation about this time, as did his son Otho R. Parker. Lacking some more compelling evidence, I'm going along with John W. being Levi's son until proven otherwise.

The signators to the deed were: Mary Parker wife of Ashbel Parker deceased, William Parker of Allegan Co, MI, Jane Parker of Osage Co, Stephen Sault and Sarah Sault his wife of Osage Co, Phoebe Ann Kelly wife of John Kelly of St. Clair, MI, Sarah J. Lilley, Amy L. Lilley, and Almond J. Lilley of Erie Co, PA

I had found Lovene Parker's marriage to Abner Lilley in the 1861, and had obtained the submission, but had no idea it she was Ashbel's.

Sarah J. Lilley, young of John W. Parker Jan 1855. Had been in Osage Co. 3 mo. Listed as "misc"   
 Ashbel did not live to the 1870 census, and Mary does not appear in it, so there is no clue as to when he emigrated to Sandy Creek. However, his daughter John W. was born in Osage Co. Ca. 1817.   
 Mary was born in Osage Co. Ca. 1817.

Levi's or Seth's daughter. The deed proved that she was Ashbel's daughter: the Lilley's that signed are her children. She died in 1851.

I had never run into William Parker before in my research and assumed that he was an older son that had moved to Michigan. I also assumed that Sarah Sault and Phoebe Ann Kelly were Ashbel's daughters who had married. John Parker was married and living in Sandy Creek in 1850, and Jane Parker was living with Ashbel and Mary Parker in 1850.

Working backward from the 1850 to the 1820 census, I was able to reconstruct some semblance of Ashbel's children. William was the only <sup>one</sup> male that could be the eldest male and Lorena was in the same age group. I arbitrarily made her the eldest, because she was born in 1808 and Jane about 1815, so William probably filled the gap.

16. 00-1810

John was next in line, then two females who were 10-15 and 5-10 respectively in 1850. The elder of the two could have been born 1815-1820. Since we already had John and Jane in 1815 and 1817, I put her after John and assumed she was born about 1819. The younger of the two could have been born 1820-25. I arbitrarily assigned Sarah the elder and Phoebe Ann the younger, but they could be well be reversed.

This left one unnamed male child who was born 1820-25 and was gone by 1850. He could have died between 1830 and 1840, or he could have left home young. He could be William, and the eldest male child could have died after 1830.

The only children that I'm sure of are Lorena, Jane and John. The others are only tentatively fit into the framework given by the censuses and very likely will change if any more information or forthcoming on this family.

Ashbel Porter died intestate before 22 Aug 1854, when a letter of Administration was granted to Mary Porter (his wife) and John Porter (his son).  
(Copy of Admin in file.)

On 21 Apr 1855 the widow and heirs of Ashbel Porter conveyed a 58  $\frac{1}{100}$ -acre parcel to John W. Porter for one dollar. The land adjoined Levi Porter's land.

There were two John Porters; John and John W. They lived on adjoining lots (or at least near enough to be enumerated consecutively - 51452 - in the 1850 census.) They were 1 year apart in age: John, 34; John W., 37

Ashbel Porter was enumerated nearby (73) and adjacent to his assumed brother, Levi (74). They were <sup>34</sup>66 & 64, respectively.

Since "John" & "John W." were used consistently in all of the records that I have to distinguish between the two Johns, I assumed that John (now) was Ashbel's son because he was mentioned in Ashbel's letter of Administration. However, the sale of Ashbel's property to John W. by Ashbel's heirs for \$1.00 indicates that John W. was the son.

Of course, it is possible that the family sold the property to a cousin(?) for only a dollar, but in that case son John would have been one of the heirs who approved the sale of the property to the other John. This was not the case. Both Johns were alive at the time, and statements were apparently obtained from all other heirs, including those in Michigan and Pennsylvania, but John was not one of the grantors.

The only conclusion that can be drawn from this is that John W. was Ashbel's son and that he was identified only as John in Ashbel's letter of Administration.

The property sale also identifies Lorene (Lorand) Porter as Ashbel's daughter. Previously, records of her marriage to Abner Lilly were located, but there was no information on which Porter family she belonged to.

Signators to the deed granting Ashbel's property to John W. Porter for \$1.00 was:

Mary Porter	Oswego Co, NY
{ Jane Porter	"
{ Steven Soule & Sarah Soule	"
Sarah J. Lilley	Enid Co, OK
Phoebe Ann Kelly wife of John Kelly	St Clair Co, MI
<del>Mark Hiles Esq</del> (S.P.)	"
William Porter	Alleghen Co, PA
Philatus O. Littlefield (SR)	
Amy <sup>L</sup> Lilly	Enid Co, OK
Alma <sup>(A)</sup> J. Lilly	"

Both Levi and Nancy stated in 1815 census that they had been in Sandy Creek for 45 years, which seems to imply that they married together. However, they were not married until 10 Nov 1811 - yknc unknown.

In the 1820 Census, the first after they were married, there are 2 males < 10, 1 male 10-18, 2 females < 10, and 1 female > 45 in addition to Levi & Nancy.

The female > 45 and the male 10-18 are obviously not part of this family. John W. and Nancy list the 2 males < 10, Betsy was < 10. This leaves an extra female < 10. Could be someone staying with them or the "missing" 7th child.

In the 1830 census: 2 males 10-15 (John W. 14, Harvey 12), 2 females < 5 (Sally 3, Lydia 1), 1 female 5-10 (Laura 10), 1 female 15-20 (Betsy 16). This excludes the extra child from 1820 as missing child, but 2 child could have been born between 1820 and 1826 and died before 1830. Ooops! Laura is supposed to have died in 1824.

Missing Levi in 1840 census. Very poor copy. Will try again.

In the 1810 census, Betsy had married or died. (Will watch for a Betsy in census version in the neighborhood. John W. had married Cynthia, and Harvey, Sally, and Lydia were at home. Laura had died in 1824?

In the 1855 state census the same 5 people were in the family. Levi & Nancy were in Orange Co. 45 years.

In the 1860 census, the family is the same, but Harvey is the head of the household, and Levi (73) is listed as "insane". A Vannance or Lester Porter, age 20, is living with them and is a farm laborer. Don't know who he is.

In the 1865 state census, Levi is listed in the Mortality Schedule as died 22 Apr 1865 at old age. The remaining four still living together. Nancy stated that she had had 7 children. Assume it was between 1820 and 1826 and died before 1830.

Sally died in 1866 and Harvey in 1869, leaving Lydia and Nancy in the 1870 census. An Albert J. Vandershoof, farm laborer, is living with them.

Lydia and Nancy (83) are living together, alone, in OR 1875 state census.

Both are missing from the 1880 and 1892 state censuses. Will check for Lydia married to A.J. Vandershoof in <sup>1880, 1892</sup> 1900 & 1910.

**PORTER/SUTTON/WARREN CHRONOLOGY**

The following is a chronology of my Porter/Sutton/Warren lineage to the best of my knowledge as this date. Only those events that bear directly on the lineage or that establish the locations of families are included.

- ca. 1800 Mary (Unknown) b. Ohio.
- ca. ~~1828~~<sup>1807</sup> Levi Sutton b. Newark, Essex Co, NJ.
- ca. 1830 Catherine Warren b. prob. OH.
- 17 Apr 1845 Lovina Sutton m. George Lowery Cuyahoga, OH in IGI (possible Levi sister: May Sutton's middle name may be Lovina): not checked out.
- 30 Jun 1847 Levi Sutton m. Catherine Warren Cuyahoga, OH.
- 11 Jan 1859 Mary L. "May" Sutton b. Allen, Hillsdale Co, MI.
- ca. ~~1859~~<sup>Jan 1860</sup> Levi Sutton d. ~~loc. unk.~~ *Allen, Hillsdale Co, MI ca. 52 Congestion of lungs*
- Jun 1860 Catherine Sutton family living in Allen, MI with Mary Warren (her mother?)
- |                  |    |     |   |    |         |
|------------------|----|-----|---|----|---------|
| Catherine Sutton | 30 | Wid | - | 50 | OH      |
| Lydia            | 8  |     |   |    | MI      |
| Sarah            | 5  |     |   |    | MI      |
| Mary             | 1  |     |   |    | MI      |
| Mary Warren      | 60 |     |   |    | Unknown |
- 7 Nov 1861 Catherine Sutton, ae 32, m. Elv Barker, ae 42, in Hillsdale Co.*
- 11 Jul 1868 Possible marriage of Catherine Sutton to Conrad Schneider in Washtenaw Co in IGI: not checked out.
- 1 Jan 1870 Lydia Sutton ,ae 18, m. Ezeriah Parmelee ,ae 28, Coldwater, Branch Co, MI. Lydia's birthplace, residence Coldwater, MI on license. Ezeriah's birthplace Volney, Oswego Co, NY; residence Hudson, Lenawee Co, MI; occupation carpenter. His facts may imply a connection with May and Clarence Porter. Catherine Banker of Coldwater was a witness (~~possible~~ Catherine Warren remarried?).
- 28 Oct 1874 May Sutton, ae 16 (s/b 15), m. George Warren, ae 19, Coldwater, MI. May's birthplace Allen, MI; residence Coldwater. George's birthplace Jonesville, MI; residence Union, <sup>CITY</sup>MI; occupation farmer. Grace Warren of Union was a witness. (Coincidence, or they were cousins.)

ca. 1879 May Sutton, ae 20, m. Clarence Porter, ae 32, loc. unk. Clarence's birthplace Sandy Creek, Oswego Co, NY. Unable to document marriage date or location so far.

10 Jul 1879 Pearl Esther Porter b. <sup>Hudson</sup>Allen, MI.

Jun 1880 Clarence and May Porter and Pearl living with his grandmother, Mary Rogers, in Sandy Creek, NY. His occupation is listed as doctor.

29 Aug 1881 Possible marriage of Catherine Sutton to Collins Johnston in Washtenaw Co in IGI: not checked out

16 Feb 1882 Louis Earl Porter b. Hudson, Lenawee Co, MI (Note that Lydia Sutton married a man living in Hudson, that he was from Volney, NY near Sandy Creek, and that he was a carpenter, the same as Clarence's father. Could account for Porter's presence.)

7 Jan 1884 Jenny Catherine Porter b. Orland, Steuben Co, IN.

14 Jul 1887 Maude Ivy Porter b. Orland, IN.

13 Apr 1890 Clarence J. Porter Jr b. Waterloo, DeKalb Co, IN.

Jun 1900 Porter family (except Pearl, who married 13 Aug 1899) living on Oak St in Waterloo. Clarence's occupation listed as peddler of specs.

3 Apr 1894 Van Rensselaer Porter b. Waterloo, IN.

27 Oct 1917 Clarence Porter Sr d. Chicago, Cook Co, IL. He had been at address 21 days and in state 1 month. Former residence unknown. His occupation was listed as paint salesman.

??? May Sutton Porter m. Samuel Linton loc. unk.

9 Jul 1924 Clarence Porter Jr m. Mary Ellen "Marie" Irwin in Chicago, IL.

11 Nov 1925 Raymond Porter b. Chicago, IL

8 May 1928 May Linton d. Toledo, Lucas Co, OH.