

Porter Family Record

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A FEW TWIGS
FROM A BRANCH
of the PORTER FAMILY.

AFTER nearly two years of unremitting search the subscriber has succeeded in establishing a clear and well defined line of descent from one of the early Puritan Colonists of Connecticut. In this work he has been greatly aided by the kind offices of many strangers, who without a hope of reward, have given of their own free will much valuable time to the searching of the public records.

My most sincere thanks are due, and are gratefully tendered to Mr. Malcolm Day Rudd, of Lakeville, Conn., Mr. Julius Gay, of Farmington, Conn., Mr. E. E. Magovern, of Branford, Conn., and Mr. Charles J. Taylor, of Great Barrington, Mass., whose valuable assistance has rendered success possible.

To my kinsmen who may care to preserve the record of our genealogy, I would say that they may rely upon the record being absolutely correct as far as it goes. Other and additional facts may hereafter be from time to time obtained, if such is the case they will be recorded for the benefit of interested persons.

With kind regards for all,

I am your friend and kinsman,

CYRUS KINNE PORTER.

77 BRYANT STREET,

BUFFALO, N. Y.

PORTER FAMILY RECORD

FIRST GENERATION

ROBERT PORTER: Puritan Colonist, emigrates from his home in England, and becomes one of the eighty-four proprietors of Farmington, Conn., where he settles in 1640. The place and date of his birth have not yet been ascertained. Died in 1689.

He married, first, Mary, daughter of Thomas and Ann Scott of Hartford, Conn., November 7th, 1644.

THE CHILDREN BY THIS MARRIAGE WERE:

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| 1, i. | Mary, | Born Feb. 24, 1647, | Farmington. |
| 2, ii. | John, | " Nov. 12, 1648, | " |
| 3, iii. | THOMAS, | " Oct. 25, 1650, | " |
| 4, iv. | Robert, | Bapt. Dec. 15, 1652, | " |
| 5, v. | Elizabeth, | Born Jan. 11, 1654, | " |
| 6, vi. | Joanna, | Bapt. Jan. 6, 1656, | " |
| 7, vii. | Sarah, | " Dec. 20, 1657, | " |
| 8, viii. | Benjamin, | " Mar. 18, 1660, | " |
| 9, ix. | Ann, | Born April —, 1664, | " |
| 10, x. | Hepzibah, | " Mar. 4, 1666, | " |

Robert Porter was one of the "seven pillars" of the church in Farmington which was formed October 13, 1652. He was sworn in a constable for Farmington, March, 1656.

He married, second, Mrs. Hannah Freeman, widow of Stephen Freeman and daughter of Captain John and Martha Atwood.

PORTER FAMILY RECORD

SECOND GENERATION

THOMAS PORTER: (3) son of Robert and Mary (Scott) Porter, born October 25, 1650, in Farmington, Conn.

Married Abigail, daughter of Samuel and Abigail (Stanley) Cowles, May, 1678.

Abigail, wife of Thomas Porter, was born in Farmington, January, 1663.

THE CHILDREN BY THIS MARRIAGE WERE:

11, i.	Abigail,	Born, Jan. 24, 1680,	Farmington.
12, ii.	William,	" Oct. 28, 1682,	"
13, iii.	John,	" July 18, 1686,	"
14, iv.	Mary,	" July 2, 1689,	"
15, v.	NATHANIEL,	" Mar. 28, 1692,	"
16, vi.	Abigail, 2d,	" July 8, 1694,	"
17, vii.	Robert,	" May 16, 1697,	"
18, viii.	Benjamin,	" Feb. 14, 1701,	"
19, ix.	Elizabeth,	" June 1, 1703,	"

Thomas Porter died December 19, 1718, in Farmington.

Reared as he was under Puritan influences, it is to be presumed that he lived a quiet, consistent Christian life.

The date of the death of his wife Abigail has not yet been ascertained.

PORTER FAMILY RECORD

THIRD GENERATION

NATHANIEL PORTER: (15) son of Thomas and Abigail (Cowles) Porter, born March 28, 1692, in Farmington, Conn.

Married first, Ruth, daughter of Samuel and Rebecca (Clark) Woodruff, January 1, 1713. Ruth, wife of Nathaniel Porter was born in Farmington, February 15, 1692, and died there November 14, 1713.

THE ONLY CHILD BY THIS MARRIAGE WAS:

20, John, Born, Nov. 4, 1713, Farmington.
Died, Dec. 1, 1713, "

Married second, Joanna, daughter of Joseph and Joanna (Loomis) Smith, of Farmington, June 1, 1715.

Joanna, wife of Nathaniel Porter, was born in Farmington, October 15, 1692.

THE CHILDREN BY THIS MARRIAGE WERE:

21, i.	Ruth,	Born, Dec. 1, 1717,	Farmington.
22, ii.	Abigail,	" Nov. 1, 1719,	"
23, iii.	Sarah,	" Feb. 27, 1722,	"
24, iv.	NATHANIEL,	" Jan. 20, 1724,	"
25, v.	Esther,	" Mar. 19, 1726,	"
26, vi.	John,	" Sept. 6, 1728,	"
27, vii.	Thomas,	" July 22, 1730,	"

Nathaniel Porter removed with his family to Woodbury (Bethlehem Society), Conn., about 1735, and died there September, 1758. It is claimed by some that he was a minister; if such was the case, he was probably licensed as a local preacher, as we find no record of his having been ordained and settled over a church.

His wife Joanna survived him, but the date and place of her death have not yet been ascertained.

PORTER FAMILY RECORD

FOURTH GENERATION

NATHANIEL PORTER: (24) son of Nathaniel and Joanna (Smith) Porter, born January 20, 1724, in Farmington, Conn.

Married Abigail Joselyn, of Branford, Conn., April 16, 1746, the Rev. Philomon Robbins officiating. Thus far we have no record of the date or place of her birth.

THE CHILDREN BY THIS MARRIAGE WERE:

28,	i.	Simeon,	Born,	Nov. 26,	1747,	Woodbury,	Conn.
29,	ii.	Abigail,	"	Jan. 12,	1750,	"	"
30,	iii.	Mary,	"	Mar. 12,	1752,	Salisbury,	"
31,	iv.	Nathaniel,	"	Aug. 26,	1754,	"	"
32,	v.	Joanna,	"	Dec. 10,	1756,	"	"
33,	vi.	Esther,	"	July 11,	1759,	"	"
34,	vii.	Joseph,	"	Aug. 16,	1761,	"	"
35,	viii.	DAVID,	"	Dec. 4,	1763,	"	"
36,	ix.	Lucy,	"	— —	1767,	"	"

The land records of Salisbury show that Nathaniel Porter, Jr., of Woodbury, bought land in Salisbury of John Sozer, February 3, 1750.

The town records show that seven of the nine children were born in Salisbury, and the records of the Congregational Church also show the baptism of several of the children. The church records also show that Nathaniel Porter and his wife Abigail became members of the church by deposit of letters from the church in Coventry. From this it is presumed that they must have resided in Coventry at some period, possibly soon after their marriage and before taking up their residence in Woodbury.

How long this couple resided in Salisbury cannot now be determined, probably upwards of twenty years. Our family traditions are that they died in Great Barrington, Mass. The Land records of Great Barrington show that he bought land there June 9, 1791, which he sold again December 9, 1791, his wife Abigail joining in the deed. The deed was witnessed by Simeon, Joanna and Lucy Porter. Like his father, he is said to have been a minister. The place and date of his death and that of his wife have not yet been determined.

PORTER FAMILY RECORD

FIFTH GENERATION

DAVID PORTER: (35) son of Nathaniel and Abigail (Joselyn) Porter, born December 4, 1763, in Salisbury, Conn.

Married Esther, daughter of Gideon and Hannah (Messenger) Burr, of Canaan, Columbia County, N. Y.,—1788.

Esther, wife of David Porter, was born in Canaan, February 22, 1772.

THE CHILDREN BY THIS MARRIAGE WERE:

37,	i.	Reuel,	Born, Jan. 20, 1789,	Canaan, N. Y.
38,	ii.	Cynthia,	" Mar. 12, 1791,	" "
39,	iii.	Infant, Dau.,	" May 28, 1792,	" "
40,	iv.	David G.,	" Oct. 15, 1793,	" "
41,	v.	Augustin,	" Aug. 20, 1797,	Pompey, "
42,	vi.	Lydia,	" Mar. 27, 1800,	De Ruyter, N. Y.
43,	vii.	Lavinia,	" Dec. 24, 1802,	" "
44,	viii.	WELCOME,	" Dec. 2, 1805,	" "
45,	ix.	Polly,	" July 12, 1808,	" "
46,	x.	Mary Esther,	" May 2, 1811,	Pompey, N. Y.
47,	xi.	Milo,	" Oct. 8, 1815,	Cicero, N. Y.

Of the early life of David Porter very little has been learned. It is a family tradition that he learned the trade of carpenter and joiner with his eldest brother Simeon, and was thus employed in or near Hudson, N. Y., when about eighteen years of age.

The town records of Great Barrington, "in the Tax Bill of 1786, contains the name of David Porter, assessed one poll tax." From this it may be inferred that he lived a short time with his father before his marriage in 1788.

David Porter was a first-class mechanic, and it is presumed that he devoted the most of his time to the building business until he purchased a farm on the shores of the Oneida Lake in the Town of Cicero, about 1812 or 1813, where he resided till his death, May 26, 1820. He is said to have been an upright man in his dealings and a conscientious Christian.

His wife Esther survived him a little over fifteen years. She died in Cicero, September 6, 1835.

PORTER FAMILY RECORD

SIXTH GENERATION

DAVID GARDINER PORTER: (40) Son of David and Esther (Burr) Porter, born October 25, 1793, in Canaan, Columbia County, N. Y.

Married Charlotte, daughter of Zephaniah and Esther (Wyborne) Lathrop, of Cicero, Onondaga County, N. Y., February 22, 1814, the Rev. John Shepard officiating.

Charlotte, wife of David G. Porter, was born June 15, 1795, in Franklin, Otsego County, N. Y.

THE CHILDREN BY THIS MARRIAGE WERE:

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| 48, i. Lucy Ann, | Born, | July 20, 1816, | Cicero, N. Y. |
| | Married, | | Alanson Rizley. |
| | Died, | | |
| 49, ii. Infant Dau., | Born, | Mar. 18, 1819, | Manlius, N. Y. |
| | Lived one hour. | | |
| 50, iii. Solomon W., | Born, | April 9, 1821, | Manlius, N. Y. |
| | Married, | | Susan (Porter) Cook. |
| 51, iv. Harvey B., | Born, | Nov. 25, 1825, | Onondaga, N. Y. |
| | Married, | | Aseneth Lathrop. |
| 52, v. Infant Dau., | Born, | June 4, 1830, | Constantia, N. Y. |
| | Lived one day. | | |
| 53, vi. Thaddeus P., | Born, | Mar. 15, 1835, | Constantia, N. Y. |
| | Married, | | |
| | Died, | Aug. 26, 1883, | Sold. Home, Milw'kee. |

David G. Porter was a farmer. In his youth he was somewhat interested in military matters, and as a drummer went with his company to the Niagara frontier during the war of 1812, having been stationed a short time at Black Rock. At an early date he removed to Salt Creek, Ill., where he resided several years. He subsequently removed to Michigan and died at Royalton, September 21, 1863. His wife Charlotte survived him a few years, and died at Royalton, Mich., May 24, 1872.

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SIXTH GENERATION

✓ AUGUSTIN PORTER: (41) Son of David and Estha (Burr) Porter, born August 20, 1797, in Pompey, Onondaga County, N. Y.

Married, Phebe Maria, daughter of _____ and _____ (_____) Keeney, December 28, 1823, in Manlius, Onondaga County, N. Y.

Phebe M., wife of Augustin Porter, was born January 24, 1795, in Glastonbury, Hartford County, Conn.

THE CHILDREN BY THIS MARRIAGE WERE:

- 54, i. Susan Sophia, Born, Sept. 17, 1824, Cicero, N. Y.
Married, first, June 30, 1842, James A. Cook.
" second, Solomon W. Porter.
- 55, ii. Mariana Maria, Born, Mar. 12, 1826, Cicero, N. Y.
Died, Jan. 21, 1829, Vienna, "
- 56, iii. Augusta Phedora, Born, Oct. 19, 1827, Cicero, "
Died in infancy.
- 57, iv. Mariana M., 2d, Born, April 18, 1829, Vienna, "
Married, Oct. 30, 1849, James McWilliams.
Died, Feb. 23, 1863, Chicago, Ill.
- 58, v. Irving Augustin, Born, June 10, 1832, Cicero, N. Y.
Married, first, Mar. 26, 1856, Sarah H. Steele.
" second, July 21, 1874, Mrs. Lizzie B. Bond.
" third, Oct. 25, 1888, Mrs. Martha J. G. Wingate.
- 59, vi. Elizabeth Sarah, Born, April 15, 1834, Cicero, N. Y.
Died, July 26, 1836, " "
- 60, vii. Elizabeth Augusta, Born, April 29, 1836, " "
Married, first, Jan. 14, 1852, James Moore.
" second, Apr. 16, 1868, John H. Furbeck.
- 61, viii. Adelaide Rosetta, Born, Oct. 16, 1838, Proviso, Ill.
Died, Jan. 21, 1846, " "

Augustin Porter was a man highly respected by all who knew him. At the time of his death and for many years previous, he had filled the office of Deacon to the Baptist Church of Oak Park, Ill.
He died April 10, 1880, at Oak Park. His wife Phebe survived him but a few months. She died November 20, 1880, at Oak Park.

PORTER FAMILY RECORD

SIXTH GENERATION

WELCOME PORTER: (44) Son of David and Esther (Burr) Porter, born December 2, 1805, De Ruyter, Madison County, N. Y.

Married first, Rachel, daughter of Rev. Joshua and Melinda (Leach) Kinne, of Cicero, Onondaga County, N. Y., October 18, 1827.

Rachel, wife of Welcome Porter, was born in Cicero, N. Y., January 24, 1808.

THE CHILDREN BY THIS MARRIAGE WERE:

- 62, i. Cyrus Kinne, Born, Aug. 27, 1828, Cicero, N. Y.
Married, first, Dec. 4, 1854, Edna M. Smith.
" second, Dec. 26, 1858, Emeline Rice.
- 63, ii. Rachel Melinda, Born, Jan. 7, 1830, Cicero, N. Y.
Married, Nov. 29, 1849, Geo. W. Kittell, M. D.

Rachel, wife of Welcome Porter, died in Cicero, N. Y., January 24, 1830, just 22 years of age.

Welcome Porter, married, second, Annis B., daughter of John and Elizabeth Weaver, of Salina, Onondaga County, N. Y., March 1836.

THE CHILDREN BY THIS MARRIAGE WERE:

- 64, i. John Archibald, Born, Dec. 26, 1836, Salina, N. Y.
Died, Oct. 16, 1840, West Monroe, N. Y.
- 65, ii. James Alfred, Born, Dec. 25, 1838, " " "
Married, Susan K.
Died,
- 66, iii. Infant son, Died at birth, 1841, West Monroe, N. Y.
- 67, iv. Catherine C., Born, July 23, 1842, " " "
Married, Capt. John Lowe.
Died, Cleveland, Ohio.
- 68, v. Elizabeth A., Born, Sept. 6, 1845, Fairport, Ohio.
Married, Charles Parmlee.
Died, Cleveland, Ohio.

Welcome Porter died in Richmond City, Lake County, O., August 7, 1845. His wife Annis B. survived him many year and died in Cleveland, O., April 13, 1891.

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SIXTH GENERATION

MILO PORTER: (47) Son of David and Esther (Burr) Porter, born October 8, 1815, in Cicero, Onondaga County, N. Y.

Married Isadore, daughter of Ebenezer V. and Mary Ellen (Emerson) Wilson, of Lombard, Du Page County, Ill., September 25, 1872, the Revs. W. H. Shoenie and Cushing officiating.

Isadore, wife of Milo Porter, was born in Babcock's Grove (Lombard) Du Page County, Ill., December 14, 1853.

THE CHILDREN BY THIS MARRIAGE WERE:

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| 69, i. | Esther Emerson, | Born, Nov. 16, 1873, | Lombard, Ill. |
| 70, ii. | Annis Burr, | " Jan. 10, 1876, | " " |
| 71, iii. | Milo Wilson, | " July 15, 1878, | " " |
| 72, iv. | Mary Isadore, | " Feb. 22, 1880, | " " |

Milo Porter died in Lombard, Du Page County, Ill., February 7, 1890, loved and honored by all who knew him.

Isadore (Wilson) Porter, married second, Thedon D. Kayner, of Chicago, Ill., November 23, 1894.

PORTER FAMILY RECORD

SIXTH GENERATION

Rev. John Shepard and his wife Milicent were both natives of Stamford, Conn. Mr. Shepard was a Captain in the Revolutionary War. He afterwards became a Presbyterian Minister.

Samuel R. Shepard, son of the foregoing, was born in Stamford, July 17, 1791.

LYDIA PORTER: (42) daughter of David and Esther (Burr) Porter, was born March 27, 1800, in De Ruyter, Madison County, N. Y.

Samuel R. Shepard and Lydia Porter were married in Cicero, N. Y., October 9, 1823.

THE CHILDREN BY THIS MARRIAGE WERE:

- 1, i. Esther Emeline, Born, May 6, 1825, Cicero, N. Y.
Married, Dec. 31, 1846, Wm. Strickland.
Died, Sept. 5, 1849, York, Ill.
- 2, ii. Lucinda Milicent, Born, June 25, 1827, Cicero, N. Y.
Married, Dec. 31, 1846, Luther Marsh.
- 3, iii. Sophia Lydia, Born, Mar. 27, 1830, Cicero, N. Y.
Married, Dec. 9, 1851, Wm. Strickland.
- 4, iv. Charles Porter, Born, July 12, 1853, Cicero, N. Y.
Died, Oct. 27, 1877, Lombard, Ill.

Samuel R. Shepard, died November 23, 1840, in Cicero, N. Y.

Lydia (Porter) Shepard, died February 9, 1868, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

PORTER FAMILY RECORD

SIXTH GENERATION

Ebenezer Robbins was born in Boston, Mass., April 15, 1806.

MARY ESTHER PORTER: (46) daughter of David and Esther (Burr) Porter, was born May 2, 1811, in Pompey, Onondaga County, N. Y.

Ebenezer Robbins and Mary E. Porter were married October 6, 1840, in Syracuse, N. Y.

THE CHILDREN BY THIS MARRIAGE WERE:

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| 1, i. Albert, | Born, | Sept. 1, 1841, Cicero, N. Y. |
| | Died, | Dec. 15, 1877, New Orleans, La. |
| 2, ii. Mary Cornelia, | Born, | Oct. 13, 1845, Cicero, N. Y. |
| | Married, | Oct. 20, 1865, P. H. Fonger. |

Ebenezer Robbins died February 17, 1882, in Cicero, N. Y.

Mary E. Robbins, his wife, died April 3, 1864, in Benton Harbor, Mich.

PORTER FAMILY RECORD

SEVENTH GENERATION

CYRUS KINNE PORTER: (62) Son of Welcome and Rachel (Kinne) Porter, born August 27, 1828, Cicero, Onondaga County, N. Y.

Married, first, Edna Marie, daughter of Stafford and Lucy Smith, in Waterford, Norfolk County, Province of Ontario, December 4, 1854, the Rev. James Bell officiating.

Edna M., wife of Cyrus K. Porter, was born February 20, 1836, in the Parish of Cranford, Northamptonshire, Eng.

THE CHILDREN BY THIS MARRIAGE WERE:

82, I. Infant Son, died at birth, April 22, 1857, Hamilton, Ont.

Edna M. (S.) Porter, died April 26, 1857, Hamilton, Ont.

Married second, Emeline, daughter of Jesse and Ellen (Holmes) Rice, in Townsend, Norfolk County, Province of Ontario, December 26, 1858, Rev. Aaron Slaght officiating,

Emeline (Rice) Porter was born September 22, 1838, in Townsend, Ont.

THE CHILDREN BY THIS MARRIAGE WERE:

83, i. Edna M., Born, Mar. 3, 1860, Townsend, Ont.

84, ii. Jesse R., " Aug. 23, 1861,

85, iii. Hermione T., " July 9, 1864,

86, iv. Minnie K., " May 19, 1870, Buffalo, N. Y.

87, v. Cyrus K., " Oct. 16, 1873,

PORTER FAMILY RECORD

SEVENTH GENERATION

IRVING AUGUSTIN PORTER: (58) Son of Augustin and Phebe M. Porter, born June 10, 1832, in Cicero, Onondaga County, N. Y.

Married, first, Sarah H., daughter of Ashbel and Harriet () Steele, in Noyesville, Cook County, Ill., March 26, 1856.

Sarah H. Porter was born December 21, 1838, in Chicago, Ill.

THE CHILDREN BY THIS MARRIAGE WERE:

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| 73, i. | William B., | Born, Dec. 21, 1856, | Proviso, Ill. |
| 74, ii. | Milo L., | " Sept. 21, 1858, | " " |
| 75, iii. | George H., | " Feb. 1, 1861, | " " |
| 76, iv. | Charles M., | " Aug. 11, 1863, | " " |
| 77, v. | Sarah M., | " Mar. 17, 1865, | " " |
| 78, vi. | Ashbel J., | " Mar. 9, 1867, | " " |
| 79, vii. | Infant died at birth, | Sept. 8, 1868, | " " |

Sarah H. Porter died September 13, 1868, Proviso, Ill.

Married, second, Mrs. Lizzie (Ballard) Bond, daughter of () and () Ballard, Chicago, Ill., July 21, 1874.

Lizzie, wife of Irving A. Porter, was born April, 1845, in Hamilton, Canada.

THE CHILDREN BY THIS MARRIAGE WERE:

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| 80, i. | Clara J., | Born, Feb. 12, 1876, | Proviso, Ill. |
| 81, ii. | Eleanor B., | " Oct. 4, 1878, | " " |

Lizzie (B.) Porter died June 28, 1886, Proviso, Ill.

Married, third, Mrs. Martha Jane (Grosbeck) Wingate, daughter of George S. and Mary () Grosbeck, Kankakee, Ill., October 25, 1888.

Martha J., wife of Irving A. Porter, was born December 2, 1847, in Eagle Bridge, Rensselaer County, N. Y.

There are no children by this marriage.

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BUFFALO, N.Y. October 8 1895

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Gentlemen, I take the liberty of inclosing herewith a copy of "Porter Family Record," being the result of a search for an ancestral line. I believe the line has been pretty clearly defined.

In my labors in this direction I have discovered some errors in genealogical history, which I have endeavored to correct. The Porters of Woodbury etc. have been regarded as descendants from John Porter of Windsor - Nathaniel, son of John, did settle in Stratford, and many of the Woodbury Porters probably descended from him.

The particular line to which a part of the Woodbury Porters belonged and from which my branch comes was without doubt as shown in the inclosed "Record"

I have thus far failed to secure copies of the sailing lists, so I have been unable to determine the time of the arrival of Robert Porter, the ship he came in - or the port from whence he sailed.

I hope to be able at some future time to secure additional information.

If not too much trouble, will you kindly acknowledge the receipt of the "Record"?

Yours truly

Levens W. Porter