

✓ried his second wife, Rebecca Palmer, daughter of the first Walter Palmer, of Stonington, Conn. By her he had six children. He died Aug. 19, 1683. His second wife died May 2, 1713. When he married her, she was the young widow of Elisha Chesebro'. They settled in Stonington, where she owned a great tract of land. I shall give, farther on, a very full account of their descendants.

ABOUT ASTON CLINTON. Lyson's "Magna Britannia" says: "Aston Clinton in the Hundred of Aylesbury and deanery of Wendover, lies four miles from Aylesbury, east, on the road to London through Tring." Dundridge and the Chapel Farm of the Baldwins were in that part of Aston-Clinton called "St. Leonards." This was a hamlet of the parish of Aston-Clinton, "about four miles from the mother church." It has (or had) an ancient chapel which "is supposed to have been formerly a chantry chapel (of the monks) to the Abbey of Missenden." In 1802, Aston-Clinton had 122 houses, 130 families, and 584 inhabitants. In the hamlet of St. Leonards there were 22 houses, 24 families, and 137 inhabitants. Dundridge remained in the family until 1748, when it "was sold by the heir of J. M. Baldwin, Esq., to Edward Darrell, Esq."

settled in Milford, Conn. Capt. Astwood died in London, in 1654. She died in Milford, in 1669. What is known of the marriages of the children of Sylvester and Sarah (Bryan) Baldwin is as follows:

SARAH was married, in 1638, to Benjamin Fenn, of Milford.

MARY was married, in 1640, to Robert Plumb, of Milford.

RICHARD BALDWIN, son of Sylvester and Sarah (Bryan,) B., was married in 1642, to Elizabeth Alsop of New Haven. They lived awhile in Derby, but finally settled in Milford, where he was town clerk. He died July 23, 1665, while "a deputy to the General Court." His children were as follows:

MARY, bapt. in 1643; died young.

ELIZABETH, bapt. in 1644; m. Zachariah Burwell; settled in Newark, N. J.; 4 children.

SYLVANUS, bapt. in 1646; m. Mildred Prudden, dau. of Rev. P. Prudden, Sept. 26, 1671; 8 children.

RICHARD, born in 1647; died young.

SARAH, bapt. in 1649; m. Samuel Riggs of Derby, June 14, 1667.

TEMPERANCE, bapt. June 29, 1651; m. Nathan Burwell of Milford, June 14, 1673.

MARY, (again) bapt. Nov. 6, 1653; m. Daniel Comstock.

THEOPHILUS, born April 26, 1659; m. Elizabeth Campfield; 4 children.

ZACHARIAH, born Sept. 22, 1660; m. Mrs. Elizabeth Sanford; 11 children.

MARTHA, born April 1, 1663; m. Samuel Nettleton of Milford.

BARNABAS, born in 1665, after his father's death. He had three wives and 7 children.

Richard Baldwin has many descendants. His widow m. Wm. Fowler, in 1670, and died in May, 1683.

↓ JOHN BALDWIN, son of Sylvester and Sarah (Bryan) B., b. in 1635, was married in 1656 to a wife, who died in 1657, after giving birth to a child. In 1664, he settled in New London, Conn.; and July 24, 1672, he mar-



Descendants of John Baldwin,  
Stonington, CT (by John D. Baldwin)

## CHAPTER SECOND.

✓ SYLVESTER BALDWIN OF 1638.

Sylvester Baldwin, father of the family that settled at New Haven, Conn., in 1638, was born in Aston-Clinton, Buckinghamshire, Eng., a little previous to the year 1600. His father, Sylvester Baldwin, and his mother Jane Willis, were married in 1590, and he was their fifth or sixth son. His grandfather, Henry Baldwin, held the manor of Dundridge, in Aston-Clinton, which went from him to Richard, his oldest son, and from Richard to our Sylvester's brother Henry.

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HENRY BALDWIN, (Sylvester's grandfather,) inherited the manor of Dundridge from (Richard) Baldwin, his father, whose will he "proved in 1552-3." He had a wife Alice and eight children, four sons and four daughters. His will, which is dated January 2, 1599, mentions his daughters as follows: Agnes; Jane, wife of James Bonus; Mary, wife of Richard Salter; and there was another who seems to have died previous to 1599. His will also mentions sons Richard, John, Robert and Sylvester. Richard inherited Dundridge, and died childless in 1636.

✓ SYLVESTER BALDWIN, (son of Henry,) was married to Jane Willis, in 1590, had six sons, and died previous to 1632. His sons were:

HENRY, buried in 1594.

JOHN, not living in 1632.

HENRY, who inherited Dundridge.

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RICHARD, no record.

WILLIAM, no record.

✓ SYLVESTER, married Sarah Bryan in 1620.

These six sons were born between 1590 and 1600. Sylvester died in July, 1638, while on the way to America.

Before starting for America, our Sylvester Baldwin lived at St. Leonards in Aston-Clinton, near Dundridge, where he owned the "Chapel Farm." He was married to Sarah Bryan, early in 1620, and they had the following children born and baptized in Aston-Clinton:

SARAH, baptized April 22, 1621.

RICHARD, " Aug. 25, 1622.

MARY, " Feb. 28, 1624; d. in 1624.

MARY, (again) bapt. Feb. 19, 1625.

MARTHA, " April 20, 1628.

RETH, born in 1630.

SAMUEL, bapt. January, 1632; d. in 1632.

ELIZABETH, bapt. Jan. 25, 1633; d. in 1633.

✓ JOHN, b. in 1635.

Sylvester Baldwin, father of these children, was the executor of his uncle Richard's will and his residuary legatee. His uncle Richard died in 1636. In July, 1638, Sylvester Baldwin, with his wife Sarah and his six living children, sailed for America in the ship Martin. They belonged to the "New Haven Company." Sylvester died on the passage, "in mid ocean," July 21, 1638. His will was admitted to probate, in Boston, where the ship Martin arrived. He left a large estate. His widow and six children settled with the rest of the emigrating company, in New Haven. In 1643, "the Widow Baldwin" was recorded in New Haven as one of the wealthiest proprietors. At some time after 1643, she was married to Capt. John Astwood, and they all



which followed the facts of the record appearing in the New Haven County Court Records, Vol. 2, page 89:

"At a Court of Probate, held in New Haven, October ye 10th day, 1702. Present:  
Major MOSES MAXFIELD,

"SYLVESTER BALDWIN, of Stonington, in  
ye county of New London, appearing and  
making application to this Court, for power  
of administration upon a certain legacy  
bequeathed to his brother, John Baldwin, in and by the last will of Mrs. Sarah As-  
wood, which said John Baldwin, by report of Mr. Plumb, of Milford, went to  
England about twenty-five years since, and is supposed to be deceased. Upon wch  
ye court allows administration of said legacy to the said Sylvester Baldwin, he having  
given sufficient bond for his faithful administration of the same according to law,  
and defend the estate if any other heir appears."

The legacy was made in 1679, and was a singular legacy to grant administration for twenty-three years after, but the estate had no doubt been sold, and this proceeding was to get the proceeds.

3. Rebecca, b. May 20, 1673; m., March 21, 1694, Elnathan Minor, son of Deacon Manasseh Minor; she d. March 12, 1701. He was town Clerk of Stonington. They had ch.: (9) Samuel, Dec. 12, 1694; (10) Manasseh, Dec. 1, 1695; (11) Elnathan, Jan. 24, 1697; (12) Rebecca, Dec. 13, 1699. Deacon Manasseh Minor was s. of Thomas and Grace (dau. Walter Palmer), and was the first male child b. in New London.

4. Mary, b. Feb. 24, 1675; m., Nov. 25, 1700, John Randall, of Stonington, as his 2nd wife. Her ch. were: (13) Sarah, Nov. 10, 1707, d. Jan. 19, 1713; (14) Nathan, July 7, 1709; (15) Ichabod, Oct. 21, 1711; (16) Sarah, March 12, 1714, and d. Sept. 6, 1714; (17) Joseph, twin, June 2, and d. June 21, 1715; (18) Benjamin, June 2, 1715; (19) Rebecca, June 25, 1717; and (20) Joseph, July 17, 1720.

5. Sylvester, March 4, 1677, +

6. Sarah, March, 1679; d. unm.

7. Jane, April, 1681; d. before 1692.

8. Theophilus, June, 1683, +

John, the father, died 19 August, 1683. John Baldwin was in the famous difference between New London and Lyme. A meadow at Black Point, claimed by both towns, had been reserved by each for the respective clergymen of the towns. The war was in 1671. About thirty New London men, among whom were the leading persons in the town, went to mow the grass for their minister, and were met and resisted by a party from Lyme, there on a similar errand for their minister. There was strife; and constables were there, and justices too, so that warrants and

arrests were well mixed up with blows. A general melee took place, with no very great harm. The cooler heads finally agreed to let the law decide the matter, and "drank a dram together with some seeming friendship." Each party was indicted; and as no disinterested men could be found in that county, they were tried at Hartford—twenty-one men of New London, and fifteen of Lyme. The town of New London was fined £15, and Lyme £9.

John Baldwin was complained of by a Lyme man for bruising him with a cudgel. President Dwight says the two towns agreed to submit it to a combat, two being selected by each, of whom the Lyme champions beat. This late appeal to "wager of battle" is dubious.

5. SYLVESTER,<sup>2</sup> John,<sup>1</sup> b. in Stonington, Conn., March 4, 1677, and remained there. He m. 1<sup>st</sup> July 8, 1700, Lydia Minor, dau. of Deacon Manasseh Minor; she d. aged 28, April 22, 1701, soon after the birth of a child, and he m. 2<sup>nd</sup> May 19, 1724, Elizabeth Avery, of New London, who d. July 17, 1728. He d. 1732, leaving a large estate. His inventory was £2,471.

21. John, b. and d. April 18, 1707.

22. Elizabeth, July 6, 1725, m. Capt. Thomas Prentice, +

23. Mary, Sept. 26, 1726; m., 19 June, 1745, Humphrey Avery, Jr., of Preston Conn., and d. in early womanhood, leaving ch.: (35) Thomas, July 13, 1746; (36) Mary, April 19, 1748; (37) Humphrey, July 12, 1750; (38) Nathan, Oct. 24, 1751.

8. THEOPHILUS,<sup>2</sup> John,<sup>1</sup> b. in Stonington, Conn., June, 1683, and remained there. He m., May 25, 1710, Priscilla Mason, dau. of Lieut. Daniel Mason, and grand daughter of the famous Capt. John Mason. It is through this marriage only that John Baldwin, of Stonington, has descendants who bear the family name.

24. John, b. July 12, 1711, +

25. Priscilla, b. Nov. 17, 1713; m., Sept., 1731, Daniel Calkins, of Norwich & Hugh,<sup>2</sup> grandson of John,<sup>1</sup> She d. March 18, 1744. She had ch.: (47) Theophilus, May 8, 1733, d. Sept. 5, 1734; (48) Abigail, Jan. 20, 1738; (49) Daniel, May 2, 1740, d. Feb. 18, 1744; (50) Mary, April 3, 1743; and (51) Elizabeth, April 3, 1744. Daniel Calkins had a 2nd wife, and five more ch., among whom was Priscilla. He d. Sept. 10, 1786, aged 84 years.

26. Theophilus, Oct. 23, 1716, +

27. Sylvester, bapt. March 29, 1719, +

His wife Priscilla d., and he m., May 1, 1724, Jemima Power, who d. 1733. He m. 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct. 18, 1733, Mrs. Elizabeth Hascall,



JOHN BALDWIN, OF STONINGTON, CONNECTICUT,

AND HIS DESCENDANTS.

✓ 1. JOHN BALDWIN, of Stonington, Connecticut, was son of Sylvester, who died on the passage to America, 21 June, 1638, and brother of Richard, of Milford. See ante page 41. His identity is established, beyond all question, by legal proceedings after the death of his son John. He was baptized in Parish Aston Clinton, County Bucks, England, 28 October, 1635, and no doubt then quite young. Sylvester Baldwin's family being part of the "New Haven Company," removed to that place.\* ✓ John was married to his first wife in 1656. According to the records, a home lot, of an acre and a half, was assigned to him, and he received other grants of land in Milford. ✓ His first wife died in 1657, soon after the birth of her son John. Miss Calkins says his name appears in the New London records occasionally after 1654. His descendant, John D., of Worcester, says 1664. He was in Milford in 1658, and one of the heroes of New London, who had the strife with men of Lyme, in 1671, about the boundary line. ✓ On the 24th of July, 1672, he married Rebecca Palmer, daughter of the first Walter Palmer, of Stonington, and young widow of Elisha Cheesborough. They settled in Stonington, where she owned a large tract of land. She outlived him about thirty years, and died May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1713. The children were:

2. John, b. April 13, 1657; bapt. as an adult in Stonington, and d. in 1678, while gone to England. As the record which establishes this fact proves the line, I add it. His grandmother, Mrs. Astwood, had remembered him in her will, from

\* It has been generally supposed, that Mrs. Baldwin lived for some years in New Haven, her name, with family, being in the list of 1643; but see ante pages 77 and 78, as to the New Haven and Milford lists. She may have remained in New Haven until her second marriage, as is thought by her descendant of this line, Hon. John D. Baldwin; but I do not consider it proved. After her marriage to Astwood, the family no doubt lived in Milford, next door to her son Richard Baldwin.

There were other Baldwins, in Aston Clinton and vicinity, mentioned as "servants" and "laborers," and not related to the Baldwins of Dundridge and of the Hayle; and Mr. Chester thinks the married Hugh was one of these. As neither John the brother, nor any child of his, unless it be Hugh, is a legatee in the will of Richard, it seems to me very probable that if Hugh was any son of John, he was the oldest and died young, and quite as probable that he was son of some other brother of Richard. John himself would not have been named in Richard's will, had he not happened to be selected as "overseer," and Richard may and very likely had other brothers and sisters.

I have left Hugh in place as son of John, but with great doubt whether he belongs there, as, with this expression of my doubt, no one will be misled.

2. GEORGE<sup>2</sup> John<sup>1</sup> evidently in 156 $\frac{1}{2}$  the eldest son, and so called in certain Chancery proceedings in 1590. He was called cousin (i.e. nephew) in 156 $\frac{1}{2}$ , in will of Ellen of Dundridge, and her two daughters were to be guided by him in their marriages. His will, as of the Hayle in Wendover, County Bucks, dated 10 Feb'y, and proved 20 Mch., 157 $\frac{1}{2}$ , by his widow Avelyn, probably a sister of William Aystell, whom he called his brother, and named as overseer with his own brother Sylvester and his son Ralph. He names as his children:

9. Ralph. +
10. James.
11. Edmond. +
12. John.
13. Henry.
14. Michael.

The other children than Ralph were apparently under age, and Mr. Chester does not find what became of the others than Ralph and Edmond.

3. NICHOLAS<sup>2</sup> John<sup>1</sup>. He had by his father's will, dated 156 $\frac{1}{2}$ , lands at Great Missenden and the Lee, a tenement at Wendover, &c. It appears, by Chancery proceedings in 1591, that he married Agnes Fisher, widow of William, and by another suit, that he had by Fisher at least a son Thomas. He lived at Eddlesborough, County Bucks, where he made his will, 2 July, 1577, calling himself a yeoman, and directing to be buried in Eddlesborough churchyard. The original will, proved 24 April, 1581, by his brother Sylvester, is on file in the Archdeaconry Court of Bucks; but that part is torn away in which he enumerated his

children, except Triamor and John. His other children are identified in other ways:

15. John. +
16. Francis. +
17. Bartholemew. +
18. Thomas. +

19. Triamor. In the Chancery proceeding in January, 159 $\frac{1}{2}$ , he is called the youngest son. He was executor of the wills of his brothers Francis and Bartholemew in 1639 and 1635, and then disappears altogether. The will of a Triamor Baldwin, of London, was dated and proved as late as 1729. He could not have been the Triamor above, born before 1581, but, evidently from the peculiar name, some connection. He styles himself "gentleman," and left but one legitimate child, to whom he bequeathed considerable property in London. He provided handsomely for an illegitimate son and daughter, called by his surname. He also left £100 to his brother William Baldwin, then living in or near New York; and £100 each to his nephews Triamor and William, sons of said William, his brother, and placed the nephew Triamor last in the line of remainder to certain property (one-fourth of the old Marshalsea Prison, immortalized by Dickens), which he devised first to his illegitimate son Thomas Baldwin.

Who William, in or near New York, was, I do not know. He could not have been William of Bucks County, Penn., who was from Yorkshire. He may have been William of Stratford, Conn.: m. Ruth Brooks, 1688, but no son Triamor appears; and possibly not William, though a William appeared afterward in Stratford, for whom I do not account otherwise.

20. Winifred, who m. Everard Johuson. Both are named in the will cited, and living 1655, and she in 1661.

4. SYLVESTER<sup>2</sup> John<sup>1</sup>. He\* received from his father, by will dated 156 $\frac{1}{2}$ , certain lands in Aston Clinton, called Pleadell's. He was executor of his brother Nicholas in 1581, and is frequently mentioned in the Chancery proceedings referred to. His first wife Agnes, the mother of his children, was buried at Aston Clinton, 31 Dec., 1568. He m. 2d, Agnes Bachelor, widow (probably of Sylvester Bachelor, who was buried there 3 July, 1564). He was buried there himself 3 July, 1592. His will, as of St. Leonard's Parish, Aston Clinton, County Bucks, yeoman, dated 25 June, 1592, was proved 5 Oct., 1592, by his son Thomas, in the Archdeaconry

\* He is the Sylvester erroneously said, in my article in the N. H. Hist. Gen'l Register, to be father of Henry of Dundridge, and m. Sarah Gelly. My information, derived from another (not Mr. Chester), as to the supposed conveyance from John to Sylvester, on his marriage with Sarah Gelly, I believe to be a myth; and the payment of taxes in 1578, was not by Sylvester and Henry, but by Richard and Henry.

The will was proved, in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, 21 March, 1691, by the relict Anne. The children of Richard Baldwin, by his wife Anne Monteth were as follows:

90. Ann, evidently eldest child, as named in her father's will, and in that of Mrs. Elizabeth Monteth (whom he mentioned), which was dated 22 Feb., 1694. She died unmarried, and letters of administration were granted, in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, 20 Aug., 1731, to her brother and next of kin, Robert Monteth Baldwin, Esquire.

91. Richard, who was living 22 Feb'y, 1694, and also at the date of his father's will; but who probably died young, at all events without issue, as his younger brother possessed the family estate.

92. Elizabeth, living at the date of her father's will, 8 Dec., 1696, but of whom I find nothing further. The youngest child was

93. Robert Monteth Baldwin, who was evidently born after the date of his father's will. Mrs. Elizabeth Monteth, above named, was the widow of his mother's paternal uncle; and in her will, dated 22 Feb'y, 1694, left legacies of £500 each to the three children of Richard Baldwin and Anne Monteth, with the provision that if any of them died in their minority, or before marriage, their portions should go to any son of said James (see Richard) and Anne Baldwin, who should be baptised by the name of her dear deceased husband, *Robert Monteth*. He appeared to have outlived his brother and sisters, and to have died unmarried.

The will of Robert Monteth Baldwin, which is very short, was made 3 Sept., 1746, when he described himself as of the Middle Temple, London, Esquire. He simply bequeathed all his estate, both real and personal, to his "cousin," John Canham, Esquire, and appointed him sole executor. Canham proved the will, in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, 6 April, 1747. He may have been an actual cousin, son of one of his Aunts, Maria or Sarah; or the word "cousin" may have been used in the light of *nephew*, and he have been the son of the sister Elizabeth; or again, he may have been a relation on his mother's side. At all events, the estates of the direct line of Dundridge Baldwins appear to have descended to this Robert Monteth Baldwin, and he bequeathed them to his cousin John Canham, dying the last of his race. The very next year, 1748, according to Lipscombe (who wrongly calls him *John Monteth Baldwin*), this heir sold Dundridge and the other family lands, and the name of Baldwin ceased to be connected with them, after an ownership of 170 years, and a previous tenantry of Dundridge making up two centuries. It was left for the younger branches of the Dundridge line to perpetuate their race in America, while the elder branch, which remained in England, faded out entirely in about a hundred years after the emigration.

## JOHN BALDWIN, OF COUNTY BUCKS, ENGLAND,

### AND HIS DESCENDANTS.

1. JOHN BALDWIN, of the "Hayle," County Bucks, England was named as the overseer of his brother Richard's will, in 1553. He made his own will 12 March, 1563, describing himself as of the Hayle, in the Parish of Wendover, County Bucks, yeoman. The following is an abstract of it:

To each of my children's children, 4 pence. To Nicholas, my son, my houses and lands in Great Missenden and the Lee, and a tencement in Wendover. To Sylvester, my son, a grove called Lord's Grove, in Wendover, and lands in Aston Clinton called Pleadell's; and the same, after his death, to go to his son John and his heirs forever. To Richard, my son, £20. To Robert, my son, £10. To Thomas, my son, a horse worth 33s. 4d. To George, my son, all the residue of my estate, and he to be my executor; as overseer, my son Sylvester. The will was proved 2 March, 1563, in the Archdeaconry Court of Bucks, by the son George. His wife evidently died before he did.

2. George. +
3. Nicholas. +
4. Sylvester. +
5. Richard. +

6. Robert. Mr. Chester finds nothing of him after his father's will of 1563, and thinks he died young.

7. Thomas.

8. Hugh appears, in the will of the first Richard of Dundridge, as "Heughe Baldwyn, my brother's son." He is not named in John's will, and if he was his son, probably died young. As Richard named no other brother than John, it is likely Hugh was son of John. Richard may have had other brothers; but Mr. Chester can find no trace or suggestion of them in the wills, very numerous, of Baldwins in Bucks or other parts of England. In the parish register of Aston Clinton appears the marriage of a Hugh Baldwin and Mary King, 24 Jan'y, 1565, and of this Hugh, Mr. Chester finds no further trace.



Surrey, and was buried in St. Mary's Church, in that town. He made his will 11 Sept., 1661, describing himself of Guilford, gentleman, as he had a right to do, being a barrister, though possessing no coat of arms. The following is a full abstract of his will:

To the poor people of Guilford, £3; to Mr. Holland, minister there, for my funeral sermon, £3; to the ministers of St. Leonard's and Aston Clinton, Co. Bucks, each 20s.; poor of St. Leonard's, 40s. I release my brother William the debt to me owing, if any there be, and give to my nephew, William Baldwin, and his sister Margaret, each £20; and to my niece Markwick, £10. I release to Henry Edwards, and Alice his sister, the arrearages of my brother John Edward's account appearing to be due to me, they allowing the £15 I am to pay for binding the said Henry apprentice; niece Sarah, daughter of brother Richard Baldwin, £20, and to her and her heirs the tenement at East End, in Flitwick, Co. Bedford, devised to me by my said brother Richard. To dau. Jane, all my child bed linen, and all my late wife's rings, cabinets, &c.; also £500 at her marriage. To Edward, my son, sundry household stuff, the goods in my chamber at Clifford's Inn, sundry plate, &c.; to my grandchild, Elizabeth Baldwin, £100 when 21. "I give to y<sup>e</sup> use of my brother Silvester, —, or the issue of them — — shall be — — equally to be divided;" to the children of my kinsman, John Torles, equally, £60. I appoint as my executors Thomas my son, and Jane my daughter, my overseers, to have the care of my estate until my son Thomas be 24, and my daughter Jane be 21 years of age.

The will was proved in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, 20 March, 1662, by both executors. It is evident he originally designed leaving legacies to the children of his brother Silvester; or their children if they were dead; but eventually changed his mind, perhaps because inconvenient to obtain them. The blanks were never filled. He signed his name Baldwin.

47. Edward. +

48. Thomas. He made his will 16 July, 1676, signing Baldwin, describing himself as of Guilford, Co. Surry, Gentleman, which he was by right, as will appear hereafter. He left rings and other legacies to several friends; but the only bequest to his relations were: To Uncle William Baldwin, and his son William Baldwin, £100 each; all residue to his dear brother Edward, Esq., who was executor. He directed to be buried in St. Mary's Parish, in Guilford, near his father. The will was proved 121 July, 1677.

49. Jane. Not mentioned in the will of her brother.

✓ 19. SYLVESTER Sylvester<sup>2</sup> Henry<sup>2</sup> Richard<sup>1</sup>. He was the emigrant to New England, who died on board ship Martin, June or July, 1638. He is first mentioned in the will of his uncle Richard in 1633, as executor and residuary legatee—a high compliment to his nephew from a man of the property and apparent sense of Richard, especially as the next heir of Richard was a prosperous lawyer. He married Sarah<sup>2</sup> —, whose surname Hon. John D. Baldwin, of Worcester, informed me long since, on the authority of Hon. Ralph D. Smith, of Guilford, Conn., was Bryant. Mr. Smith, a very high authority in early relationships in Connecticut, could not some years after, on my visiting him in Guilford, give me his authority. The fact, however, will appear very probable, as the English relationship and acquaintance of the Bryants was then unknown, having been afterwards discovered by myself. They were married in England, and the following children were baptised to them in Aston Clinton, Bucks Co., England:

50. Sarah, 22 Apr., 1631, m. Benjamin Fenn, of Milford, Ct. +

51. Richard, 25 Aug., 1632, here in the 5th generation, but hereafter in this book as Richard, of Milford, in the first generation, ancestor of a numerous family. +

52. Mary, 28 Feb'y, 1633; buried 3 Nov., 1635.

53. Mary 10 Feb'y, 1633, m. 1st, Robert Plum, of Milford, Connecticut, and 2nd, William East, of the same place. +

54. Martha, 20 April, 1638. Neither she nor her children appear in her mother's very full will. I conclude she died unmarried.

55. Samuel, 1 July, 1632; buried 4 Jan'y, 1633.

56. Elizabeth, 28 Jan'y., 1633, and buried three days after.

✓ 57. John, 28 October, 1633, appears hereafter in this volume as John, of Stonington, Connecticut. +

58. Ruth. Baptism not appearing, but her name in Sylvester's nuncupative will at Boston. She probably died young, as neither she nor representatives appear in her mother's very full will.

At a Court of Assistants, held at Boston, the 4th of the 7th month, 1638, (4 Sept., 1638.)

"The will of Silvester Bauldwin was p'sented unto the Court; and his wife Sarah and sonne Rich'd were allowed executors according to the will." (Mass. Records, Vol. 1, p. 23, marg. 226.) Mr. Savage gives the following account of this will:

"On the main ocean, bound for N. E., his nuncupative will was made 21 June, and proved 13 July, of that year, before Dept. Gov.



Resided at St. Leonards in Aston - Clinton, near Dendridge where he owned Chapel Farm

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**HUSBAND** Sylvester Baldwin (D)

Born before 1600 - 1590 B Place Aston-Clinton, Buckinghamshire, England

Chr. co 1620 Place England

Died 21 July 1638 (of June) Place at sea, aboard the ship "Martin"

From Pat H. Rtr 9/10/84

Sur. HUSBAND'S FATHER Sylvester Baldwin & Richard of St. Leonards

HUSBAND'S MOTHER Jane Willis aka Wells (or Wells)

**WIFE** Sarah Bryan (or Bryant) ~~(D)~~

Born 'abt. 1599 Place of Aston Clinton, Bucks, England (poss. Aylesbury, Eng.)

Chr. Nov. 1669 Place 1669

Died 13 November 1669 Place Milford, Connecticut (New Haven County)

Sur. WIFE'S FATHER Thomas Bryan

WIFE'S MOTHER Frances Bowling ?

WIFE'S OTHER HUSBANDS 2nd Husband - Capt. John Astwood

CHILDREN		WHEN BORN			WHERE BORN			DATE OF FIRST MARRIAGE		WHEN DIED			
M	F	List Each Child (Whether Living or Dead) in Order of Birth SURNAME (CAPITALIZED)	GIVEN NAMES	DAY	MONTH	YEAR	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE OR COUNTRY	TO WHOM	DAY	MONTH	YEAR
1	F	Sarah Baldwin		bapt. on chr. 22	April	1621	Aston - Clinton	Bucks.	Eng.	ca 1638 Benjamin	24	April	1663
2	M	Richard Baldwin		bapt. on chr. 25	Aug.	1622	Aston - Clinton	Bucks.	Eng.	15 Jan. 1642 Erinaceta	16	Jan.	1664
3	F	Mary Baldwin	ca. r	bapt. (6/1623/4) 28	Feb.	1624/5	Aston - Clinton	Bucks.	Eng.	--- buried 3	November	1625	
4	F	Mary Baldwin		bapt. on born 19	Feb.	1625/6	Aston - Clinton	Bucks.	Eng.	ca 1640 #12	Jan.	1642	1
5	F	Martha Baldwin		bapt. on born 20	April	1628	Aston - Clinton	Bucks.	Eng.	--- died 1661	16	Jan.	1663
6	F	Ruth Baldwin		abt. on chr. ca	1637	1630	Aston - Clinton	Bucks.	Eng.	--- died 1661	16	Jan.	1663
7	M	Samuel Baldwin		bapt. on chr. ca	Jan.	1632	Aston - Clinton	Bucks.	Eng.	--- buried 4	Jan.	1632	1633
8	F	Elizabeth Baldwin		bapt. on born 25	Jan.	1633	Aston - Clinton	Bucks.	Eng.	--- buried 31	Jan.	1633	1634
9	M	John Baldwin	Prof.	28	Oct.	1635	Aston - Clinton	Bucks.	Eng.	--- buried 11	May	1655	19
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Descendants of John Baldwin of Stonington, Ct.; notes on the  
SOURCES OF INFORMATION: Carol R. Austin, St. Leonards in Aston - Clinton  
Baldwin Genealogy, The Planters of the Commonwealth, Directory  
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Investigations concerning the family of Baldwin of

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Genealogy, Esther B. Austerman,  
Shirley Wilcox, Stella Harris, General  
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NAMES: WATSON, John Henry  
PLACES: Sharon, Windsor, Vt

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Ann, wife of Willis Tuttle, died December 20, 1861  
Lucy Baldwin, 2nd dau of Jedidiah Baldwin died March 13, 1869  
Orlena, eldest dau of Jedidiah Baldwin died June 30, 1869  
Lydia B. Ferry died April 3, 1875  
Juliet Baldwin died August 8, 1875  
John Baldwin died August 25, 1875

On an old piece of paper in this BIBLE was the following:  
Schyler Jagger was married to Phebe Jerome September 25, 1809  
Lorenzo Jagger was born Saturday August 4, 1810  
Caroline Jagger was born Tuesday March 3, 1812  
Diantha Jagger was born Tuesday November 2, 1813  
Harriet Jerome was born Saturday September 2, 1804  
Lucy Jerome was born Sunday March 8, 1806  
Schuyler Jagger was born Saturday May 7, 1785  
Phebe Smith was born January 10, 1784

#### DEATHS

Lorenzo Jagger died April 14, 1814  
Schuyler Jagger died Saturday July 26, 1834

#### PAGE 3. DAVID BALDWIN'S BIBLE

David Baldwin's Bible. Southbury. In the year of our Lord Feb. 27, 1822.  
Horace C. Baldwin married...Elizabeth... 1844  
Horace C. Baldwin was born January 3, 1822  
Henry Baldwin was born June 14, 1824

#### PAGE 4. BALDRIDGE BIBLE

John Baldrige, born June 23, 1775 married Sarah Clark.  
Children:  
Robert Baldrige born 18 Sept 1802  
Polly baldrige born 23 Feb. 1805  
Wilson Baldrige born 18 June 1807  
Cathe Baldrige (died young)  
Daniel Baldrige born March 1812  
Lucinda Baldrige (died young)  
John Baldrige born 2 Feb. 1817  
Nancy G. Baldrige born 23 October 1820  
Sarah J. Baldrige born 20 Oct 1823  
Jas A. Baldrige born 1 May 1825

no entries for marriages or deaths.



### MARRIAGES

JEDIDIAH BALDWIN to NAPPY JONES by Sam'l Tracy esq. April 13, 1790.  
DAVID L. SMITH to CLARISSA BALDWIN married February 20, 1825.  
WILLIS TUTTLE and ANN BALDWIN married by Zechariah Paddack February 25, 1829.  
EBENEZAR FERRY and LYDIA B. BALDWIN married May 5, 1830.  
J. B. BALDWIN JR. and MARY OSTRANDER married at Albany, August 14, 1843.

### BIRTHS

JEDIDIAH BALDWIN, March 29, 1768  
NABBY BALDWIN, June 26, 1772  
    Their Children:  
John Baldwin (Monday) August 8, 1791  
Clarissa Baldwin (Saturday) December 1, 1792  
Laura Baldwin (Wednesday) April 8, 1795  
Jedidiah Baldwin (Thursday) June 16, 1796  
Lucy Baldwin (Wednesday) March 21, 1798  
Laura Baldwin (Saturday) June 14, 1800  
Nancy Baldwin (Monday) March 29, 1802  
Nabby Baldwin (Sunday) January 20, 1805  
William Jones, December 24, 1800  
Lydia Barbara Baldwin, September 11, 1807  
An Infant daughter, November 11, 1809  
Juliet, October 31, 1810  
Juliet 2nd (Sunday) September 7, 1812  
Thomas (Saturday) March 26, 1814  
Jedidiah 2nd (Sunday) November 12, 1815

On May 30, 1806 Nancy Baldwin broke her right arm by a fall from a chair, where she was at play.

### DEATHS

Laura Baldwin, August 24, 1795  
Jedidiah Baldwin Jr., August 21, 1797  
Laura Jones, August 30, 1797  
An Infnat daughter, November 12, 1809  
Juliet Baldwin, October 18, 1811  
Thomas Baldwin (Saturday) September 3, 1814  
Nabby Baldwin (Wednesday) July 24, 1839  
Jedidiah Baldwin (Thursday) June 28, 1849  
Jedidiah Baldwin Jr. (Saturday) February 1, 1851  
Uncle John (Sunday) October 18, 1857  
Margaret Adelaide 3rd (Dau of Jedidiah Baldwin Jr.) September 11, 1852  
William Henry Baldwin, his only son died October 1856

Baldwin  
family

SIMEON BENJAMIN was born May 29, 1792 on the site of the old Benjamin house in Upper Aquebogue, part of the town of Riverhead. His father Richard was in the fifth generation of Long Island Benjamin's.

The first United States Census, taken in 1790, listed nine men by the name of Benjamin, heads of families, in the Town of Southold from which Riverhead was erected in 1792. There were three Nathans, one Amasiah, one John, Joshua, Richard, Thomas and William. They were all descended from the Richard Benjamin who moved from Watertown, Mass., and settled in Southold in 1640. This is a remarkable record for one American family to stick to one town through 150 years.

PAGE 2. FAMILY RECORDS OF THOMAS & JEDIDIAN BALDWIN - 1684-1875

THOMAS BALDWIN came from England over into this country (America) when he was about thirteen years of age. Stayed only one year, then returned to England again, and lived with his father till he was twenty and one years of age. Then he came over again and settled at Norwich, Connecticut. The marriage of Thomas Baldwin with Sarah Calkins was November 3, 1684. Sarah Baldwin (wife of Thomas) died June 1685. Thomas married (2nd) to Abigail Lay September 20, 1692. Children: Abigail born July 5, 1693; Mary born June 5, 1695; Hannah born January 22, 1698/9; Thomas born June 15, 1701; John born March 8, 1703/4; Phebe born April 10, 1707; Ebenezer born April 10, 1710; Jabez born November 12, 1713 d. 15th Dec. 1737. THOMAS BALDWIN died September 18, 1741.

THOMAS BALDWIN JR. married Ann Bingham on May 5, 1730. Their children were: Anne born February 3, 1731; Abigail born July 28, 1732/3; Thomas born October 13, 1734; Jemima born August 9, 1736; Eunice born September 20, 1738; Lydia born October 19, 1740; Jabez born January 18, 1742/3; Eliphalett born April 3, 1747. Thomas died in April, 1767 of the Yellow Fever in the West Indies.

JABEZ BALDWIN married Lydia Barker, who was born January 27, 1745. Their children were: Jedidiah born March 29, 1768; Anne born February 5, 1770; Abigail born October 25, 1771; John born July 10, 1773; Thomas born December 25, 1775, d 1778; Jabez, Jr. born April 4, 1778; Lydia born March 23, 1780; Thomas 2nd, born December 30, 1782; Sally born February 4, 1790, d. February 1824. Jabez Baldwin died April 7, 1817, very suddenly was taken ill at midnight and died at one half past three o'clock A.M. of a cholramorbus. Taken from the records of the Town Clerk's Book of Norwich, CT. Lydia Baldwin, mother of the above family died June 24, 1820, aged 75 years, a little more than three years after her husband died.

JABEZ BALDWIN, Jr., died November 9, 1819 at Salem, Mass. aged 41 years, 7 months, and 5 days.

LYDIA BALDWIN died 1st Feb. 1833 aged 53 years of a Cancer. She was the wife of Alnoah Lamb of Mass.

THOMAS BALDWIN, 2nd, was supposed to be cast away on his return to North Carolina, in November 1839, as he never was hears from, after he sailed from New York.



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**PAGE 1. SIMEON BENJAMIN: 1792-1868. Founder of Elmira College, Elmira, New York (booklet published by Boyd McDowell in 1930)**

**BENJAMIN GENEALOGY:** On June 27th, 1632 John Benjamin, with his son RICHARD and daughter Mary, sailed from England in the ship "Lion" Captain Mason in command and arrived at Boston, Mass., September 16, 1632. They settled that fall at Watertown, Middlesex County, Mass., about ten miles west of Boston Harbor, where the father John Benjamin lived, died and was buried.

The son RICHARD, whose wife's given name was Anne, moved in 1640 to Southold, NY in the northeast end of Long Island where they were among the earliest white settlers. Here both RICHARD and Anne died in 1681. Their children were: Anne born in 1643; RICHARD born in 1645; Simeon born in 1648; Percilla, married Thomas Truiston; Joseph; and John.

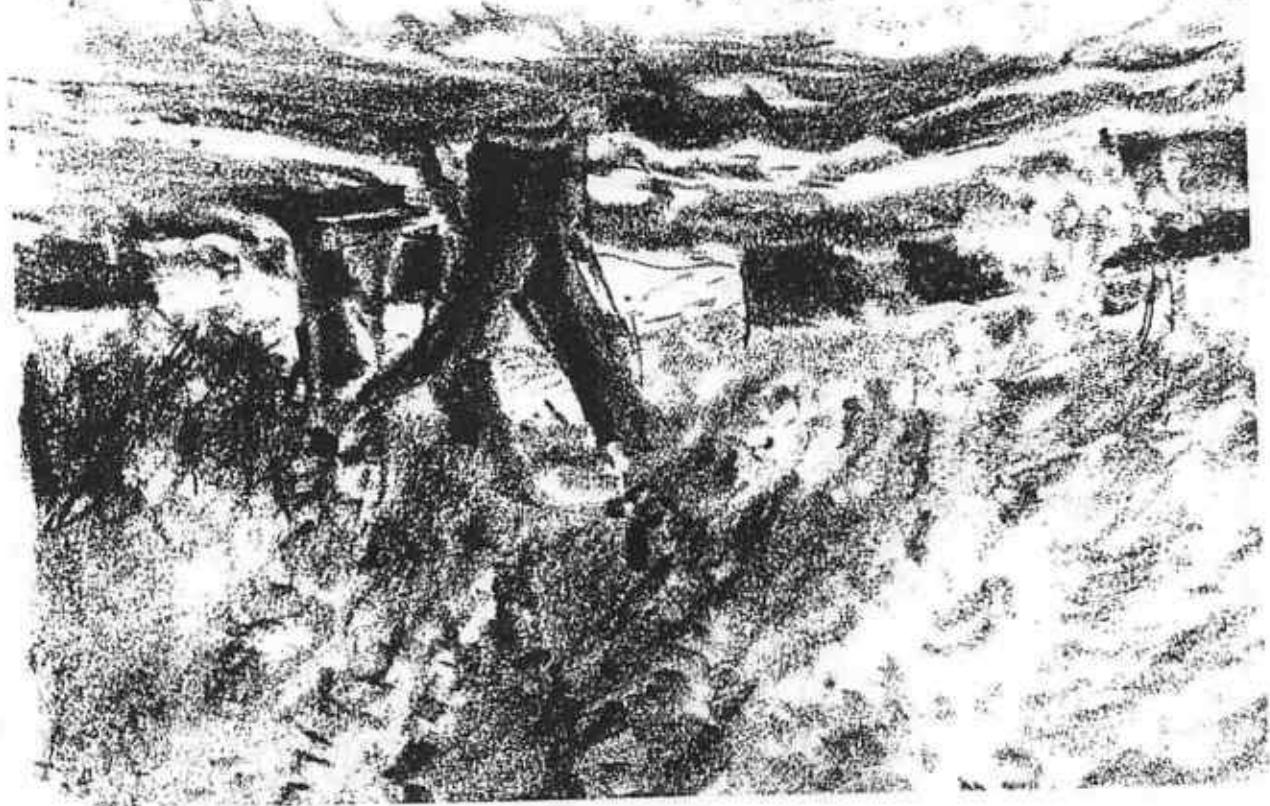
The RICHARD of this generation lived until September 29th 1730, when he died at the age of 85 years. His wife's given name was Elizabeth. He was a farmer at Cutchogue in the Town of Southold, Long Island. Their children were: Richard 3rd, born 1681, died October 20, 1716; Anne born 1683, died in 1745; JOHN born 1684, died November 24, 1745; Amaziah; Nathan; Belluah; Jonathan; William.

JOHN BENJAMIN, 1684-1745 married Abigail Wells, daughter of Joshua Wells and Hannah Tuthill (1695-1781). John Benjamin was also a farmer at Cutchogue, Long Island. Their children were: Sarah; Abigail; Mary; Desire; Joshua; Benjamin; Anne; WILLIAM.

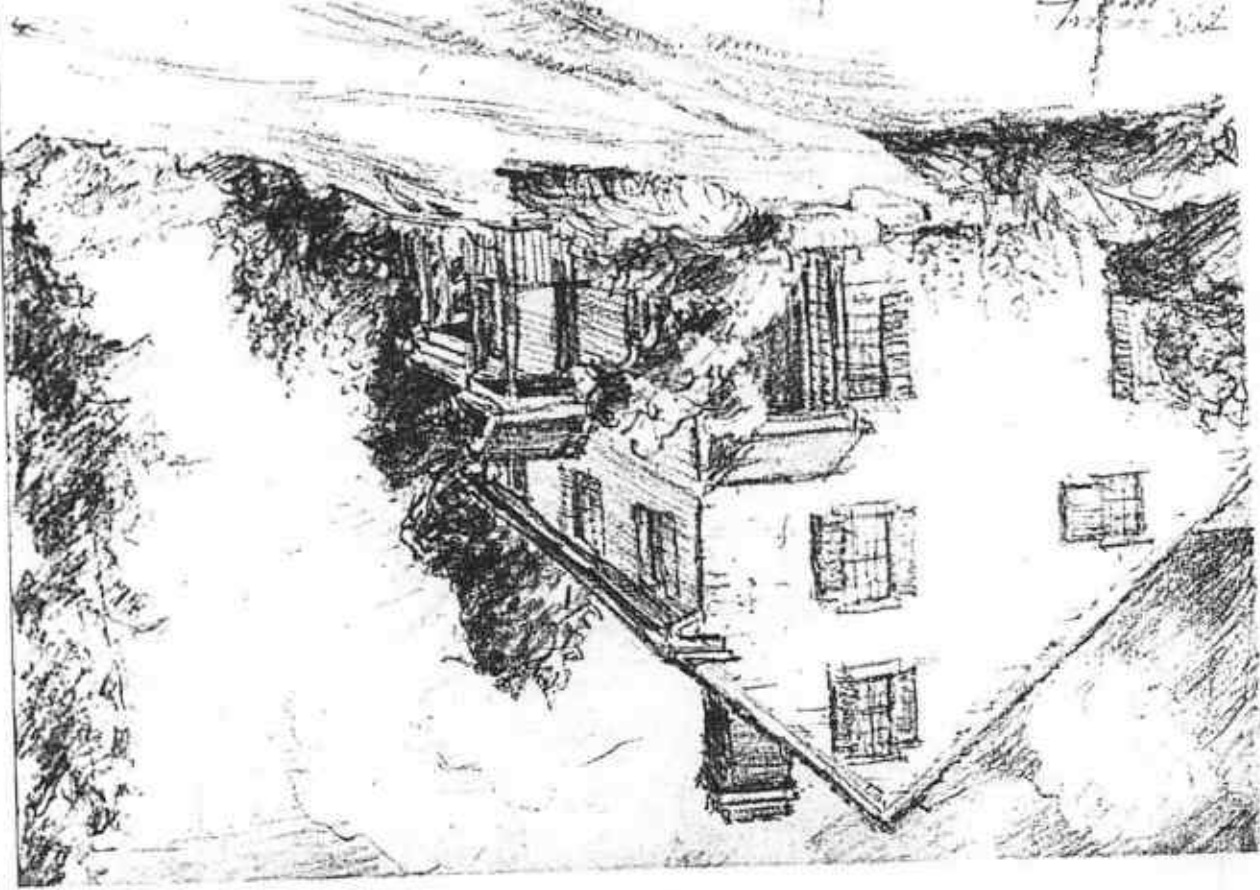
WILLIAM BENJAMIN, born in 1731, died April 21, 1809, aged 78 years, married in 1754 Mary Terry, daughter of James and Mary Corwin. She died May 3rd, 1798 aged 68 years. William Benjamin was born at Northville, L.I. then called Northsides, near Riverhead. Their children were: RICHARD; James; Asseniah; Mary, who married Rev. Manley Wells.

RICHARD BANJAMIN was born 1757 and died December 8, 1808 aged 51 years, married Nancy Fanning, daughter of James and Deborah Warner. This Richard was the father of SIMEON Benjamin, founder of Elmira College. He was also a farmer at Northville, L.I. The farm was located a short distance west of the Northville Church. The children of this family were: David, born September 1787, died October 12, 1861. Married Elizabeth Tuthill (b. Oct. 1792, d. July 4, 1882) daughter of Nathan and Ester Parshall; Rev. William Benjamin, born 1790 - died October 13, 1860. Married Amelia Hallock. He was a farmer and an ordained minister and preached regularly to the Shinnecock Indians, who knew him as "Priest Billy"; Rev. Moses Benjamin, supplied churches in western part of Long Island; Mary Benjamin, married Jesse Corwin of Greenport, L.I.; Hannah Benjamin, married a cousin John Benjamin; SIMEON BENJAMIN was born 1792 - died September 1, 1868.

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After the above text had been typed, another poem by my Mother was discovered. It is placed here to record and to preserve it.

Mother wrote this poem at Gunstock where she had ample time to work out her thoughts during World War II. Ideas which she used in it were undoubtedly influenced by her concern for her grandchildren in the armed services.

Another reason for presenting this poem here is that it carries idealism which is found also in the story recently written by her grandson John Milliken Hall under the Title "Conquer or Die", the motto on the escutcheon -Aut Vinci Aut Mori"-of the 505th Bombardment Group, in which John served in the Pacific theater. He relates experiences through the eyes of a non-commissioned officer, who contributed his best to help his country bring the war to a victorious conclusion. He writes with humor, pathos, and excitement and gives a vivid account of events which brought the war to an end.

#### THE HEAVENLY WARRIOR

(In answer to Psalm 104, Verses ii, iii, and iv)

To-day our sons God's chariots ride  
O'er His domain both far and wide,  
Guarding our sailors on the deep  
Where hidden monsters creep,  
And our brave soldiers on the land  
Where'er for Freedom dear, they stand.

Buoyed by faith in God and man  
The winds they walketh hand in hand,  
They know not fear  
With Him so near -  
His wide spread mantle is their shield  
As heaven's thunderbolts they wield.

All hail! Thou messengers of Mars,  
Flying hither and thither among the stars,  
Ministers of flaming fire  
Mounting heavenward higher and higher,  
Sin and wickedness to avenge,  
Truth and justice to defend.

By God entrusted with beams of light  
To carry on the righteous fight,  
O'er land and sea and in the air,  
The cross victorious to bear,  
While David's golden harp still sings  
Through ages borne on silver wings.

VI. Seth<sup>6</sup> (Daniel<sup>5</sup>, Stephen<sup>4</sup>, Timothy<sup>3</sup>, Samuel<sup>2</sup>, Nathaniel<sup>1</sup>)  
 b Goshen 25 Apr 1776; d Goshen 7 May 1854; m Goshen  
 June 1800 Esther (McNair) Hall, widow Asaph Hall  
 b ca 1773; d Goshen 19 May 1848, dau  
 James and Mary McNair

### Child

Freelove b Goshen Aug 1802; d Goshen 23 Nov 1872;  
 m Goshen 3 Sept 1829 Galpin P. Bronson b Winchester  
 13 May 1802; d Goshen 8 Dec 1879, son Salmon and Merce  
 (Wheadon) Bronson of Winchester.

Seth<sup>6</sup> lived at first on the east side of East Street about halfway between the old Charles Palmer and the former Quane place. There used to be a big willow tree where this Baldwin house was located. After he married Esther McNair Hall, he apparently went to live in the old Hall brick house at the northwest corner of East Street and the cross road to Humphrey Lane and then in the "Yellow House", which Asaph I had built at the site where later Andrew Palmer built a new house which passed to Charles Palmer. After Theron S. Ludington died, however, Seth and Esther moved into the Ludington house, which was more elegant than their former home. After Seth's death the house near Ludington's Corners was occupied by a Mrs. Pooler. Then, it was taken down and used to build a house further down East Street for Andrew Barton--about where Leifert had a house, more recently the Jural place.

When I was small, I remember Grandfather Asaph Hall talking about "Grandfather Baldwin". He was very kind to the six Hall children of Asaph II, and after Asaph's death helped the family in various ways. When Seth Baldwin died, he left his property to the six Hall children. This seems a bit unusual, as his daughter Freelove was still in Goshen and had a daughter, Lucretia. Apparently, Lucretia was not well, as she died in 1855. This situation may have been a factor in the disposition of Seth's estate.

Seth was active in the Connecticut militia, rising to the rank of Colonel. Marion Hall Fisher discovered Seth's appointment as a lieutenant, had it restored, and presented it to the Goshen Historical Society. It is valuable because it bears the autograph of Jonathan Trumbull.

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vii Birdsey b 3 Feb 1786; d West Cornwall, Ct. 27 Apr 1858;  
m Goshen 7 Dec 1814 Lucia Baldwin b Goshen 14 May 1791;  
d Cornwall 30 Apr 1867, dau Daniel<sup>5</sup> and Lucy (Hills)  
Baldwin (Stephen<sup>4</sup>, Timothy<sup>3</sup>, Samuel<sup>2</sup>, Nathaniell)  
[Birdsey was a lawyer in Goshen and Cornwall.]

viii Betsey b 8 May 1788; d Chardon, Geauga County, Ohio  
16 Sept 1853; m Goshen 11 Nov 1811 Allen Maltbie  
b Norfolk 28 Mar 1789; d  
son Jehiel and Phebe Maltbie

ix Ammi/Ami R. b 3 Feb 1791; d  
m 9 Feb 1826 Sarah Sears of Sandisfield,  
Mass. [sister of Mary, wife of his nephew Hiram, son  
of Timothy]  
3 children

x Martha b 9 May 1793; d Goshen 16 Mar 1826; m Goshen  
20 Oct 1820 Halsey Bigelow of Goshen, b  
d son  
3 children

xi Jonathan Foote b 12 Sept 1795; d after 1781  
m Goshen 8 Oct 1816 Laura Welton b 14 Aug 1793; d Ohio  
dau Daniel M. Welton  
6 children [moved to N. Y., then Morgan, Ashtabula  
Co., Ohio]

xii Laura M. b 18 Jan 1798; d Norfolk 19 Apr 1824; m Goshen  
11 Feb 1823 Jesse Maltbie of Norfolk, b  
d son  
one son, Lorrin

Brewen<sup>5</sup> was laid to rest in East Street Burying Ground.  
His simple stone was marked:

"In Memory of Brewen Baldwin who died Sept 16,  
1833. AE 81."

His wife Hannah was buried there before him with a stone  
marked:

"Hannah, wife of Brewen Baldwin, died June 10,  
1823. AE 67."

Since Baldwins were regularly buried in East Street, it is  
more than likely that the children who died young were placed  
there, although there do not seem to be stones for them.

"In Memory of Lucy Baldwin wife of Mr. Daniel  
Baldwin who died May 12th, 1808. Aged 59 years."

Lucia, the daughter of Birdsey and Lucia Baldwin, was buried in East Street Burying Ground. Her stone was inscribed:

"Lucia A. daughter of Birdsey and Lucia Baldwin died October 20, 1828. AE 2."

Collins Baldwin was an interesting character who rode a fine horse in fine clothes with a tall hat. He never married. He lived in a house on the south side of Ivy Mountain Road part way up the hill. Apparently, his remains were placed in East Street Burying Ground, although there is no stone to mark the spot.

As was usual, the Baldwin children who died young were likewise placed in East Street Burying Ground. These would include the infants born in 1784 and 1785, Lucy of 1789, and Gustavus of 1795. No stones remain to mark any of these graves.

- v<sup>1</sup>. Brewen (Brewin)<sup>5</sup> (Samuel<sup>4</sup>, Nathaniel<sup>3</sup>, Samuel<sup>2</sup>, Nathaniel<sup>1</sup>)  
b Goshen 17 Jan 1753; d Goshen 6 Sept 1833; m Cornwall 13 Aug 1772 Hannah Foote b Cornwall 26 Feb 1756;  
d Goshen 10 June 1823, dau Ebenezer Foote of Cornwall

#### Children b Goshen

- i Mary Ann/Marian b 21 Nov 1773; d Winchester 2 June 1838;  
m Amos Tolles of Colebrook  
b Durham, Green Co., N. Y. 1768; d Barkhamsted, Ct.  
18 July 1848, son  
5 children [They lived in Winsted to 1837.]
- ii Timothy b Goshen 17 Oct 1775; d Colebrook, Ct. 21 Feb  
1817; m Rhoda Enos b  
d [she survived him]  
dau  
8 children [Settled in Sandisfield, Mass.]
- iii Asahel b 23 Oct 1777; d 7 Dec 1777
- iv Nancy b 25 Jan 1779; d Goshen 12 Apr 1849, unm.
- v Jonathan b 17 Apr 1781; d 4 Sept 1793
- vi Sylvester b 14 Dec 1783; d Chenango, N. Y. 26 Apr 1854;  
m Goshen 17 Oct 1804 Candace Ives b  
d Chenango, N. Y. Dau Levi/Lewis Ives  
10 children



- ii Erastus b 27 May 1778; d Goshen 23 June 1849; m Goshen  
10 Nov 1818 Lucretia Austin b Goshen 1793; d Goshen  
11 Mar 1830, dau  
4 children  
[Both Erastus and Lucretia buried in East Street.]
- iii Collins b 30 Apr 1780; d Goshen 16 May 1847, unm.
- iv Freeloove b 13 Sept 1782; d Goshen 9 Oct 1849; m Goshen  
4 Apr 1801 John Griswold of Goshen b 10 Jan 1772;  
d 30 Jan 1838, son  
3 children [Their dau Sally m Putnam Bailey.]
- v Infant b and d 11 Oct 1784
- vi Infant b 3 July d 7 July 1785
- vii Abigail b 22 June 1786; d Greenwich 18 Sept 1830; m (1)  
Goshen Theron S. Ludington b Goshen  
30 Apr 1786; d Baltimore, Md. 3 Aug 1817 [Probably  
bur in cemetery below Kelly's Corner] son  
  
4 children [Their son Theron D. married a dau of  
Philo Bailey.]  
m (2) Rev. Chauncey Wilcox b  
bur Greenwich Cemetery 31 Jan 1852, age 55
- viii Lucy b 3 Apr 1789; d 10 July 1791
- ix Lucia b 14 May 1791; d West Cornwall 30 Apr 1867;  
m Goshen 7 Dec 1814 Birdsey Baldwin b 3 Feb 1786;  
d West Cornwall 27 Apr 1858, son Brewen<sup>5</sup> (Samuel<sup>4</sup>,  
Nathaniel<sup>3</sup>, Samuel<sup>2</sup>, Nathaniel<sup>1</sup>) and Hannah (Foote)  
Baldwin
- x Gustavus b 9 Feb 1795; d 19 Mar 1795

Daniel<sup>5</sup> lived above Ludington's Corners (Kelly's Corner). These corners were so named after Theron S. Ludington married Daniel's daughter Abigail and took over Baldwin lands about that area. Their son, Theron D. Ludington, built a house nearby on the Ivy Mountain Road. Theron S. Ludington built an elegant house on the north Side of Ivy Mountain Road. It contained a ballroom. The best rooms had elegantly carved woodwork. There was a store connected with Theron's house. Theron S. died in Baltimore on a sales trip there, after having contracted yellow fever.

Daniel was interred in East Street Burying Ground, as was also his wife. Their stones read:

"In Memory of Daniel Baldwin who died December  
14, 1829. Aged 76 years."

- x Lucia b 22 Dec 1765; d Lexington, Vt.  
     m Goshen Jonathan Beach b Goshen 2  
     Oct 1761; d Vt.  
     son Deacon Edmund and Mary/Mercy (Deming) Beach  
     [moved to Lexington, Vt. about 1800]  
     11 children
- xi Enos Stanley b 22 Nov 1769; d Mount Morris, N. Y.  
     20 Oct 1828; m (1) Goshen 28 Oct 1789 Charlotte  
     Bailey b Goshen 17 June 1774; d Mount Morris, N. Y.  
     1815;  
     m (2) (N. Y.) 11 June 1820 Sally Lake b  
     d in Michigan 9 Dec 1837  
     8 children

Samuel<sup>4</sup> is commemorated by a tombstone in East Street Burying Ground marked:

"In MEMORY of Mr. Samuel Baldwin who died Feb<sup>r</sup> 22nd  
 1804 in the 79th year of his age."

[Note: The date on the stone looks like "1809", but at 79 years of age it must be 1804. Also, the Baldwin Genealogy gives Oct. 22, 1804 as date of death with a note from a descendant it should be February 22 on the stone.]

In the East Street Burying Ground there are also stones inscribed:

"Timothy son of Mr. Sam<sup>l</sup> and Mrs. Mercy Baldwin  
 died Jan<sup>y</sup> 20, 1748. Aged 52 days."

and

"Timothy son of Mr. Sam<sup>l</sup> and Mrs. Mercy Baldwin  
 died July 25, 1751. Aged 50 days."

Samuel<sup>4</sup> had land in North Goshen including that on Long Hill from which the Gunstock property was carved.

- V. Daniel<sup>5</sup> (Stephen<sup>4</sup>, Timothy<sup>3</sup>, Samuel<sup>2</sup>, Nathaniel<sup>1</sup>) b Guilford  
     26 Aug 1753; d Goshen 14 Dec 1829; m Goshen 23 Mar  
     1775 Lucy Hills b Goshen 15 Apr 1756; d Goshen 10 Mar  
     1803, dau Col. Medad and Sarah (Smith) Hills of Goshen

Children b Goshen

- 6) i Seth b 25 Apr 1776; d Goshen 7 May 1851; m Goshen June  
     1800 Esther (McNair) Hall, widow Asaph Hall I, b  
     ca 1773; d Goshen 19 May 1848, dau James and Mary  
     McNair  
     1 child, Freelove



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- IV<sup>1</sup>. Samuel<sup>4</sup> (Nathaniel<sup>3</sup>, Samuel<sup>2</sup>, Nathaniel<sup>1</sup>) b Guilford 18 Mar 1725; d Goshen 22 Feb 1804; m (1) Goshen 28 Nov 1744 Mercy Stanley b Farmington 5 Aug 1726; d Goshen 6 Jan 1768, dau Nathaniel and Sarah (Smith) Stanley m (2) Goshen 11 Jan 1769 Susannah Adams b d Goshen 10 Apr 1807, dau

Children b Goshen

- i Asahel b 5 Oct 1745; d Goshen 16 Aug 1775; m Patience Bronson b Woodbury, Ct. bapt 18 Mar 1743; d Harwinton, Ct. 26 Sept 1775, dau Cornelius<sup>3</sup> (Cornelius<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>) and Abigail (Jackson) Bronson of Woodbury. Buried East Street. 3 children
- ii Timothy b 20 Nov 1747; d Goshen 20 Jan 1748 bur East St.
- iii Martha b 22 Jan 1749; d 11 Jan 1835; m Goshen 11 Feb 1767 Capt. Jabez Wright b Wethersfield 4 July 1737; d Goshen 28 Mar 1813, son John and Prudence (Deming) Wright 4 children
- iv Timothy b 5 June 1751; d 25 July 1751; bur East Street.
- 5<sup>1</sup>) v Brewen (Brewin) b 17 Jan 1752; d Goshen 6 Sept 1833; m Cornwall 13 Aug 1772 Hannah Foote b 27 Feb 1756; d Goshen 10 June 1823, dau Ebenezer Foote of Cornwall 12 children
- vi Samuel b 25 May 1755; d Lexington, N. Y. 6 June 1838; m 1782 Lucina Hill b Goshen 29 July 1761; d Goshen 1838, dau Ebenezer and Elizabeth (Baldwin) Hill 11 children
- vii Sybil b 30 Nov 1757; d Goshen 1759
- viii Mercy/Mary b 19 July 1760; d Goshen 4 Mar 1821; m Ambrose Collins b Litchfield 28 Mar 1756; d Goshen 1 Sept 1838, son Cyprian and Azuba (Gibbs) Collins of Lower East Street. [Cyprian was a Continental soldier and is buried in East Street Burying Ground.]
- ix Hulda b 1 July 1763; d Victor, N. Y. m Goshen Abraham Humphrey b Goshen 12 Mar 1763; d Orwell, Vt. 30 Aug 1835, son Isaac and Esther (North) Humphrey 8 children

v Abigail b Goshen 9 Apr 1762; d Litchfield 24 Aug 1827;  
 m Guilford 13 May 1785 William Dudley b Guilford  
 19 Feb 1761; d Litchfield 16 Sept 1849, son Medad  
 and Mary (Fowler) Dudley of Guilford  
 4 children

vi Augustus b Goshen 27 Aug 1764; d Augusta, Ga. 23 Nov  
 1807; m Augusta, Ga. Jan 1799 Rebecca Cooke/Cocke  
 b d  
 3 children

Stephen<sup>4</sup> took over the Goshen property bought by his father, Timothy<sup>3</sup>, and opened up by his brother Michael<sup>4</sup>. The time of his settling in Goshen is between the time of the death of his father in 1757 and 1762, when the records show he was present.

Stephen and his wife were both interred in the East Street Burying Ground. He lies under a double stone reading:

"In Memory of Mr. Stephen Baldwin who departed  
 this life Jan. 27, 1766 in his 40th year."

"At his left lies his daughter Freelove who died  
 Decr 13, 1765 in her 11th year."

There is no stone now for Stephen's wife, Freelove, but she was undoubtedly buried beside her husband, as was the daughter Freelove who lived only 10 years.

Stephen<sup>5</sup> was buried in the East Street Burying Ground. His tombstone carries the lengthy inscription:

"In Memory of Stephen Baldwin who died May 21st  
 1810. Aged 52 years

"That God, whom he served in life, did not forsake him  
 in the closing scene. He manifested himself to him and  
 caused him to triumph. The arrows of death were blunted  
 and the grave lost its terrors.

"His mind was tranquil and serene,  
 No terrors in his looks were seen.  
 His Savior's smile dispelled the gloom,  
 And smoothed his passage to the tomb."

The third child of Stephen<sup>5</sup> and Susannah Adams was Silas, b 9 June 1792. He m 3 April 1816 Harriet Humphrey dau Samuel Humphrey. In 1820 Silas and Harriet moved to Aurora, Ohio, where he d 6 Dec 1824. She returned to Goshen, and 25 Aug 1825 she m a Robert Palmer as his second wife.



Nathaniel<sup>4</sup>, his wives, and two daughters found repose in East Street Burying Ground. Stones read:

"In M.E.M.O.R.Y. of Mr. Nathaniel Baldwin, who died Feb'y 25th, 1805, in the 85th year of his age."

"In Memory of Mrs. Hannah wife of Mr. Nathaniel Baldwin, who died Apr. 9th, 1762 in her 31st year."

"Hannah, Dau<sup>tr</sup> of Mr. Nathaniel Baldwin jun. & Hannah his wife, died Feb'y 15th, 1757 in her 3<sup>d</sup> year."

"In Memory of Jedidah wife of Nathaniel Baldwin, who died August 8, 1808. Aged 83."

"Jedidah, Dau'r of Mr. Nathaniel & Mrs. Jedidah Baldwin, died 28 May 1767. Aged 2 years & 10 days."

Brewin<sup>4</sup>, son of Nathaniel<sup>3</sup>, who died at 21 years of age, appears to have been buried in the East Street Burying Ground, but there is no stone to mark his grave.

- IV. Stephen<sup>4</sup> (Timothy<sup>3</sup>, Samuel<sup>2</sup>, Nathaniel<sup>1</sup>) b Guilford 10 Aug 1726; d Goshen 27 Jan 1766; m Goshen 7 Nov 1752  
 Freeloze Collins b Guilford 30 Nov 1732; d Goshen 13 Dec 1765, dau Daniel and Lois (Cornwall) Collins of Goshen.

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- 5) i Daniel b Guilford 26 Aug 1753; d Goshen 14 Dec 1829;  
 m Goshen 23 Mar 1775 Lucy Hills b Goshen 15 Apr 1756;  
 d Goshen 10 Mar 1803, dau Col. Medad and Sarah (Smith) Hills of Goshen.  
 10 children
- ii Freeloze b Guilford 24 June 1755; d Goshen 13 Dec 1765
- iii Stephen b Guilford 13 Dec 1758; d Goshen 21 May 1810;  
 m Goshen 24 Jan 1788 Susannah Adams b Winchester 22 Jan 1769; d Akron, Ohio 29 Sept 1848, dau Abel Adams of Winchester, Ct.  
 8 children
- iv Elisha b Guilford 20 Jan 1760; d Goshen 22 Apr 1832;  
 m Clarissa Judd b Litchfield 1769; d Goshen 6 Sept 1814  
 8 children.  
 [Both were laid to rest in East Street Burying Ground.]



- v Brewin (Brewen) b Guilford 25 Sept 1730; d Goshen 4 Nov 1751
- vi Rachel b Litchfield 24 Sept 1733; d  
m Goshen 6 Dec 1753 Benjamin Ives of Wallingford,  
b 1729; d son Benjamin<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>
- vii a child b Litchfield 1734; d y.
- viii Amy b Litchfield 14 Aug 1736; d Goshen 15 Nov 1807;  
m Goshen 30 Mar 1756 William Stanley b Farmington  
18 Nov 1729; d Goshen 9 Feb 1816, son Daniel and  
Sarah (Smith) Stanley [brother of Nathaniel who m  
Sarah]  
6 children
- ix Lucy b Goshen 1741; d Litchfield 27 Aug 1808; m  
Josiah Royce of Goshen b 1738; d Norfolk 4 Oct 1818;  
son  
5 children
- [Note: Previously a child named Ann was listed ix, but the  
Baldwin supplement says Ann and Amy were the same person

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Nathaniel<sup>3</sup> was known as Deacon, for he was active in the church in each town where he lived--Guilford, Litchfield, and Goshen. He moved to Litchfield in 1733 and to Goshen in 1739. He was a weaver by trade. He was one of the three proprietors of Goshen who bought two rights, drawing Nos. 22 and 42 for choice of land in the first divisions. He was on the committee to lay out the new town, treasurer, selectman, and moderator. After he came to know his son-in-law, Ebenezer Norton, who had married his daughter Elizabeth, he engaged in business with him. Nathaniel was elected representative in 1759 and 1760. His widow became blind sometime before her death. Both were buried in East Street Burying Ground.

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His stone was inscribed:

"In Memory of Dea<sup>n</sup> Nathaniel Baldwin  
Who died Oct. 18, 1760 in his 67th year."

Her stone was inscribed:

"In Memory of Mrs. Elizabeth wife of  
D<sup>n</sup> Nathaniel Baldwin. She died  
Mar. 14, 1786. AE 90."

Nathaniel<sup>3</sup> settled on East Street on the west side about opposite the land of David and Asaph (I) Hall, known to us in more recent years as the Charles Palmer place. He built his house at the southwest corner of East Street and the lane leading westerly to Humphrey Lane.



of the Confederation. In 1790-99 he was a member of the United States House of Representatives, and in 1799 was elected to the Senate where he remained to his death in 1807. He was an important member of the congress which shaped the Constitution of the United States, apparently doing much drafting but not much debating about it. He has even been referred to as "The Father of the Constitution".

Another son of Michael, Henry, was a judge of the U. S. Supreme Court. Son Dudley became a lawyer, but died early. Michael's daughter Ruth married Joel Barlow, formerly minister to France, while Clarissa married Col. Bomford of the Ordnance Department.

- III. Nathaniel<sup>3</sup> (Samuel<sup>2</sup>, Nathaniel<sup>1</sup>) b Guilford 28 Nov 1693; d Goshen 18 Oct 1760; m Guilford 8 Apr 1718 Eliza beth Parmalee b 1696; d Goshen 14 Mar 1786, dau Isaac Parmalee of Guilford

#### Children

- i Nathaniel<sup>4</sup> b Guilford 4 Apr 1720; d Goshen 25 Mar 1805; m (1) Goshen 23 Mar 1752 Hannah Ives b Wallingford 18 Dec 1732; d Goshen 9 Apr 1762, dau Benjamin Ives, Sr., of East St., Goshen  
m (2) Goshen 30 Nov 1763 Jedidah Bronson b Woodbury, Ct. 20 Apr 1724; d Goshen 8 Aug 1808, dau Cornelius and Abigail (Jackson) Bronson of Southbury  
5 children
- ii Elizabeth b Guilford 11 Dec 1722; d Goshen 16 Apr 1811; m Goshen 1740 Ebenezer Norton b Durham 30 Dec 1715; d Goshen 15 Mar 1785, son Samuel Norton of Guilford  
9 children [The youngest of Elizabeth's children was Birdsey Norton, who became a prosperous merchant, built the "Brick House", and was a guardian for Asaph Hall II.]
- 4) iii Samuel b Guilford 18 Mar 1725; d Goshen 22 Feb 1804; m (1) Goshen 28 Nov 1744 Mercy Stanley b Farmington 5 Aug 1726; d Goshen 6 Jan 1768, dau Nathaniel and Sarah (Smith) Stanley  
m (2) Goshen 11 Jan 1769 Susannah Adams b d Goshen 10 Apr 1807, dau
- iv Sarah b Guilford 4 Jan 1728; d Poultney, Vt. 9 June 1803; m Goshen 6 Nov 1746 Nathaniel Stanley b Farmington 8 Jan 1724; d Poultney, Vt. 6 Nov 1782, son Daniel and Sarah (Smith) Stanley  
7 children [Lived in Goshen, then moved to Vermont.]

- v Abigail b 5 Mar 1724; d Guilford 14 Sept 1754; m 21 Mar 1751 Benjamin Rossitur of Guilford b 25 Sept 1718; d 27 Sept 1796, bur Guilford Cemetery; son Nathaniel Rossitur.  
2 children
- 4) vi Stephen b 10 Aug 1726; d Goshen 27 Jan 1766; m Goshen 7 Nov 1752 Freelove Collins b Guilford, Ct. 30 Nov 1732; d Goshen 12 Dec 1765, dau Daniel and Lois (Cornwall) Collins.  
6 children
- vii Elisha b 6 Apr 1729; d 9 May 1729
- viii Deborah b 15 Apr 1730; d Branford 8 Apr 1811; m Guilford, Ct. 28 Mar 1753 Samuel Russell of Branford b 1724, d 2 Feb 1790, son Samuel Russell  
7 children
- ix Abraham b 17 Apr 1732; d Guilford, Ct. 11 July 1754
- x Sarah b 24 July 1735; d Richmond, Mass. 29 Dec 1800; m Guilford 4 June 1755 Capt. Nathaniel Rossitur b 31 Oct 1730; d Richmond, Mass. 9 Dec 1813, son Nathaniel Rossitur of Guilford.  
8 children
- xi Mary b 2 May 1739; d 4 May 1739

Timothy Baldwin had the position of Ensign. He bought two rights in Goshen, drawing Nos. 20 and 44 for choice of lands in the first two divisions. He did not settle in Goshen himself, however, but sent sons to clear land, build, and fence. Michael settled rights for his father and then returned to Guilford. Thereupon, his brother Stephen took over and remained in Goshen.

It is likely that Timothy's widow, Bathsheba, was interred in East Street Burying Ground, for she went to Goshen to live with her children and died there.

It has been said that Michael came to Goshen about or after 1745, although the rules for establishing a clear title would have required clearing and building before that year. He was a powerful man, a blacksmith, of little education. He decided that his family was not to grow up uneducated in the wilderness, hence he returned to Guilford and then moved to New Haven to secure a good education for his family. He was eminently successful in this and his descendants were truly able, even illustrious.

All the children became outstanding. Abraham graduated from Yale 1772, taught there a few years, served as an army chaplain in the Revolution, studied law, and moved to Georgia. He was elected there to the legislature. He promoted educational institutions out of which came the University of Georgia, and was its president 1786-1802. In 1785 he was a member of the Congress

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- v Samuel b 13 Jan 1689; d Litchfield 21 Jan 1764, bur  
Woodbridge Cemetery; m (1) 14 Mar 1710/11 Elizabeth  
Frisbie of Branford, b Branford 7 Aug 1689; d Milford  
20 Nov 1753, dau Jonathan and Mary Frisbie.  
m (2) 8 Jan 1712/13 Lydia Sperry, b  
d In 1733 moved to Litchfield.  
6 children

- 3) vi Timothy b 14 Apr 1691; d Guilford 4 Aug 1757; m 24 Sept  
1713 Bathsheba Stone b 10 Aug 1695; d Goshen 20 July  
1776, dau Samuel and Sarah (Taintor) Stone of Guilford.

- vii Capt. Nathaniel b 23 Nov 1693; d Goshen 18 Oct 1760;  
m Guilford 8 Apr 1718 Elizabeth dau Isaac Parmalee,  
b 1696; d Goshen 14 Mar 1786

Samuel<sup>2</sup> was given 20 acres of upland and 10 acres of marsh in  
the 3rd division at Guilford. On Feb. 15, 1676/7 he was granted  
a half acre on the green for him to set up a blacksmith shop. A  
smith was a highly respected artisan and essential in colonial  
times.

- III. Timothy<sup>3</sup> (Samuel<sup>2</sup>, Nathaniel<sup>1</sup>) b Guilford 14 Apr 1691;  
d Guilford 4 Aug 1757; m Guilford 24 Dec 1713 Bath-  
sheba Stone b 10 Aug 1695; d Goshen 20 July 1776,  
dau Samuel and Sarah (Taintor) Stone

#### Children b Guilford

- i Timothy b 27 July 1714; d 2 Mar 1720
- ii Bathsheba b Feb 1716; d 15 Sept 1792; m Guilford, Ct.  
22 Oct 1735 Joseph Chidsey of Guilford, b 8 Aug 1710;  
d 19 May 1790, son Joseph of New Haven.  
8 children
- iii Michael b 2 Apr 1719; d New Haven 24 Apr 1787;  
m (1) Guilford 7 Dec 1749 Lucy Dudley b 29 Mar 1729;  
d Guilford 2 June 1758, dau William and Ruth (Strong)  
Dudley.  
m (2) Nov 1768 Theodora Wolcot b 4 Nov  
1744; d New Haven 30 Mar 1811, dau Josiah and Ruth  
(White) Wolcot of Coventry.
- iv Timothy b 29 Oct 1721; d North Guilford 2 Nov 1753;  
m Guilford, Ct. 20 Sept 1749 Sarah Morse, b Guilford  
6 May 1728; d "Guilford" 27 Jan 1828 [nearly 100];  
dau Seth and Hannah (Faulkner) Morse; she m (2) 19  
Nov 1755 Benjamin Rossitur of Guilford, who had m (1)  
Timothy's sister Abigail.  
2 children



ii Daniel bapt Milford June 1644; d Milford ca 1711;  
 m Milford 27 June 1665 Elizabeth, dau Henry Botsford  
 or Botchford, b d  
 8 children

iii Nathaniel b Milford 2 Jan 1645; d 1686;  
 m (1) Milford 12 Mar 1670/1 Hannah, dau Henry Botch-  
 ford or Bottsford (sister of above Elizabeth), bapt  
 Milford 1645; d 1 July 1685.  
 m (2) Martha, dau David Mitchell of Stratford,  
 b d Apr 1691.

iv Abigail bapt Milford 19 Mar 1648; d 1668

Children by 2nd wife b Fairfield:

v Sarah b 1650; d m Joseph Barlow  
 b d

vi Deborah b 1652; d m William  
 Reed son Rev. John Reed of Reading, b  
 d

2) vii Samuel b 1655; d Guilford 12 Jan 1696  
 m Milford Abigail Baldwin,  
 b 16 Nov 1658; d Guilford 24 June 1739, dau John Bald-  
 win, Sr., of Milford.  
 7 children

II. Samuel<sup>2</sup> (Nathaniel<sup>1</sup>) b Fairfield 1655; d Guilford 12 Jan  
 1696; m Milford Abigail Baldwin,  
 b 16 Nov 1658; d Guilford 24 June 1739, dau John  
 Baldwin, Sr., of Milford. She m (2) John Wadhams  
 of Wethersfield.

Children b Guilford

i Abigail b 14 Dec 1678; d Middletown, Ct.  
 m Middletown, Ct. 24 June 1697 Joseph Starr b 23 Sept  
 1676; d Middletown 13 July 1758, son Comfort Starr of  
 Middletown. 9 children

ii Deborah b 8 Apr 1681; d 5 Dec 1681

iii Dorothy b 27 Dec 1683; d  
 m Wethersfield Sept 1708 Ziba Tryon of Wethersfield,  
 b d  
 4 children

iv Joanna b 18 May 1686; d 21 Mar 1751; m (1) Branford, Ct.  
 18 Apr 1705 Samuel Rose of Branford, b  
 d m (2) 13 Sept 1715 Ebenezer  
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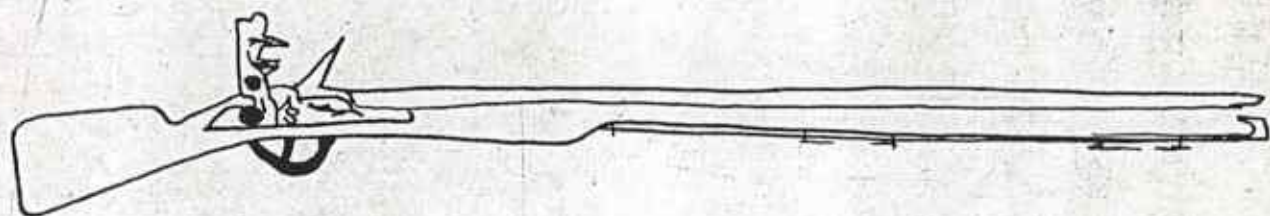
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RICHARD BALDWIN

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B. Thomas, whose will, dated 16 July, 1676, was proved 21 February, 1676/7; a resident of Guilford, Surry.

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Sylvester, immigrant to New England, died on board the ship Martin in June or July, 1638. His nuncupative will was proved at Boston in the Massachusetts Bay Colony 13 July, 1638; he uttered the will 21 June 1638 and it was presented at the Court of Assistants held in Boston on the 4th day of 7th month, 1638 (4 September, 1638) when the widow Sarah and the son Richard were allowed as executors according to the will. Ralph D. Smyth, the historian of Guilford, Connecticut had stated that the maiden name of the wife of Sylvester Baldwin was Sarah Bryan, but he could not give Charles C. Baldwin proof. Since then it has been alleged that she was a sister of Alexander Bryan of Milford, Connecticut, which is absolutely untrue (see BRYAN). The widow removed to New Haven and was enrolled among the first planters at that place with five in her family and £300 assessed valuation. She married 2, in 1640 to John Astwood of Stanstead Abbey, Hertfordshire, born in 1609, died in 1653; he was an immigrant on the Hopewell, and at Milford, Connecticut in 1639. Sarah in her own will, dated 9 November, 1669, mentions "my beloved brothers Richard Platt and Thomas Wheeler to be the overseers, to see this my will fulfilled" (Baldwin Genealogy, by Charles Candee Baldwin, 1881, vol. I, p. 43). From this statement it has been assumed by some that Richard Platt married Mary Bryan, who would then be a sister of Sylvester Baldwin's wife. We cannot disprove Mr. Ralph D. Smyth's assertion, but it would seem quite possible that he might have confused the marriage of Samuel Baldwin with Amy Bryan, which took place at Aston Clinton, Buckinghamshire, 17 October, 1623, with the present connection. From a study of the connections of Richard Platt (see PLATT), who is undoubtedly the one who married Mary Grover at Aldenham, Hertfordshire 12 November, 1620, it may be supposed that Sarah was either his sister and a daughter of Richard and Rose (Windsor) Platt; or a sister of his wife, and hence born Sarah Grover. It is improbable that her name was Platt, but she may well have been a member of the Grover family of Chesham, Buckinghamshire. Another interpretation of the statement made in Sarah's will is that Richard Platt and Thomas Wheeler were called brothers in a religious sense, that is, brethren in the church, and as a consequence not necessarily related to her. There is considerable probability that this interpretation is correct. Thomas Wheeler of Mil-

Sylvester Baldwin  
Jane Willis  
or  
Jane Willis

Sarah Bryan  
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ford, Connecticut, who is probably the "brother" of Sarah ( ) (Baldwin) Astwood, made his will 18 November, 1672. Therein he desired "my loving friends, Mr. Robert Treat, brothers Daniel & Samuel Buckingham, to be ye overseers....." This ambiguous phraseology complicates the problem of solving the implied relationships. Daniel Buckingham married Hannah Fowler and was of a later generation than Thomas Wheeler; the word "brothers" we think applies to an objective description of the known relationship between Daniel and Samuel Buckingham. As the descendants of Sylvester and Sarah Baldwin have been of frequent and detailed reference, we omit them here.

iii. Richard, married at Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, in April, 1607 to Philippa Corbman; she was buried at Aston Clinton 30 July, 1641. He was living in 1627 but had died before 1661. Issue:

- A. Rebecca, baptised 23 June, 1611.
- B. Alice, baptised 22 August, 1613.
- C. John, baptised 19 February, 1614/5.
- D. Jane, baptised 12 April, 1618.
- E. Henry, baptised 8 February, 1623/4.
- F. Sarah, baptised 23 March, 1627/8.

iv. William, who married and had issue:

- A. William, living in 1676.
- B. Margaret.
- C. A daughter, wife of Harkwick.

v. Jane, a resident of Milton Ernest, Bedfordshire, in 1622.

vi. Alice, married 4 May, 1629 to John Edwards.

3. John, born at Dundridge, Buckinghamshire, about 1565; identified as the one of that name who was an ironmonger and resident of Chesham, Buckinghamshire. His will, dated 16 December, 1651, was proved in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury 26 October, 1652, and filed at 154 Bowyer. The abstract says that he was to be buried in the churchyard at Chesham; to his daughter Marie Butterfield, 5 marks. To Richard Butterfield, one house wherein he now dwelleth. To Thomas Beecher, £5. To William Beecher, the brother of them, £20. "To my daughter Anne Didsbery, 20s. To my daughter Didsbery's children, £5 a peece. To my daughter Martha Ward, 12d. And to my daughter Ward's sonne. To Thomas Ward the house that Robert Anderson lives in. To John Ward, my daughter's sonne, £20. To Martha Ward, my daughter's daughter, twenty nobles. To Mary Ward, 20 nobles. Sole executor, Thomas Didsbery, sonne of my daughter Anne Didsbery. Witnesses, Samuel Trecher. Overseers, Mr. Henry Baldwin, Joseph Weedon, my grandchild, Thomas Didsbery and Sam Trecher." Witnesses (again) Joseph Weedon, Anne Weedon, Samuel Trecher. The name of John Baldwin's wife is given as Hannah, maiden name not given. Issue:



first husband, Martha and Mary, whose portion of £30 each was delivered to their father-in-law, Burrows, by John Latimer of Wethersfield, Oct. 20th, 1651. For the faithful performance of his trust, Burrows pledged his house, land and stock at Pequonock, which shows how early he had settled east of the river. Mary, wife of Robert Burrows, died in Dec., 1672. Only two children have been traced: Samuel and John, both presented to be made freemen of the colony in October, 1689. The subsequent history of Samuel is not known. John married, Dec. 14th, 1670, Hannah daughter of Edward Culver, and had a large family of children. He died in 1699.

*Amos Richardson, of Stonington, died Aug. 5th, 1683.*

Mary, his relict, survived him but a few weeks. John, the oldest son of Mr. Richardson, was minister of the church in Newbury, Mass., where he was settled in 1674. He had two other sons, Stephen and Samuel, and a daughter, Prudence, who married, first, March 15th, 1682-3, John Hallam; second, March 17th, 1702-3, Elnathan Miner.

A lingering lawsuit was sustained by Mr. Richardson for several years against the town of New London to obtain possession of a house lot, formerly granted him, which, comprising the greater portion of the Parade, (State St.,) had been assumed by the town for a highway and public square. Mr. John Plumb was Richardson's attorney. It was at last decided that Richardson should be indemnified for his lot, out of the nearest unoccupied land that the town owned. In execution of this judgment the marshal took four pieces; one piece of ninety-six rods, being a part of the original lot and on the north side of it, the same on which the first Episcopal church was afterward erected; a lot at the corner of Main and State Streets, west side; which had hitherto been left common and uninclosed; ten rods on Mill Cove, and one hundred rods on the Beach.

"These two last pieces (says the marshal's return) were prized according to law, on the Cove, one rod for two, and on the Beach, two rods for one; the four pieces containing 285 rods were delivered to Mr. Amos Richardson and accepted in full satisfaction; Feb. 13, 1681."

*William Hough, died August 10th, 1683.*

The family of Samuel Hough, oldest son of William, is registered

1 This lot was assigned to Mr. Plumb for his services in managing the case.

at Saybrook, and in connection with the record it is stated that William Hough, was a son of Edward Hough, of West Chester in Cheshire, England. It has not been ascertained that this Edward Hough emigrated to America, but a widow Ann Hough that died in Gloucester, Mass., in 1672, aged eighty-five years, was perhaps his relict, and the mother of William Hough.

William Hough married Sarah, daughter of Hugh Calkin, October 2nd, 1635.

*Children.*

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| 1. Hannah b. July 31, 1640. | 6. William b. Oct. 13, 1657.   |
| 2. Abiah " Sept. 15, 1648.  | 7. Jonathan " Feb. 7, 1659-60. |
| 3. Sarah " Mar. 23, 1651.   | 8. Deborah " Oct. 21, 1662.    |
| 4. Samuel " Mar. 9, 1652-3. | 9. Abigail " Mar. 5, 1665-6.   |
| 5. John " Oct. 17, 1655.    | 10. Anna " Aug. 29, 1667.      |

Hannah Hough married John Borden of Lyme; Abiah married the second William Douglas; Sarah married David Carpenter.

The marriage of William Hough and the births of three children, are recorded at Gloucester; the remainder in New London, but it is mentioned that Samuel was born in Saybrook. The father being a house builder might have been temporarily employed in that place.

The last four children of William Hough are not afterward found at New London; it is probable that they were scattered in other towns. Samuel the oldest son settled in Saybrook. Capt. John Hough, the second son, was a noted man of his time, powerful in frame and energetic in character. His wife was Sarah Post, of Norwich, and Capt. Hough was at one time a resident in that place. His death was caused by a fall from the scaffolding of a house which he was building in New London, August 26th, 1715. No external injury could be discovered, but he lived only an hour. Such an event was sufficient at that time to move the whole town.

William Hough, Jun., married Ann, daughter of Samuel Lothrop, of Norwich. He died April 22d, 1705. His relict, Widow Ann Hough, died in Norwich Nov. 19th, 1745.

*John Baldwin, of Stonington, died Aug. 1st 19th, 1683.*

Among the original emigrants from Great Britain to the shores of New England, were several John Baldwins. Two of these, father

1 The house, which belonged to Richard Christophers, was on State Street, the end of the street, near the corner of the present Bradley Street, but at that time no street ran east of it, and the house fronted the water. Capt. Hough fell from the south-east corner, on the spot now occupied by W. H. Chapman, merchant.



and son, who married Mary and Hannah Bruen, have already been mentioned in this history, as belonging to Milford, and subsequently joining the company that purchased Newark. Another John Baldwin was of Guilford, where he married Hannah Burchet, or Birchard, in 1653, and afterward removed to Norwich. A fourth John Baldwin was the one now under consideration, and may be distinguished as the son of Sylvester, of whom John, Sen., of Milford, was probably a brother.

Sylvester Baldwin died on the voyage from Great Britain, a passenger in the *Martin*, 1638, making his will "on the main ocean bound for New England." In this will he is said to be of Aston-Clinton in Bucks; he notes wife Sarah, sons Richard and John, and daughters Sarah, Mary, Martha and Ruth. The will was proved in July, before Deputy Governor Dudley of Mass.<sup>1</sup>

In 1643, the Widow Baldwin is found enrolled among the residents of New Haven; five in her family and her estate estimated at £800.<sup>2</sup> She afterward married John Astwood, one of the first planters of Milford, and removed to that place.<sup>3</sup> Richard Baldwin, her oldest son, married and settled at Milford. John, the second son, we suppose to be the person who came to New London, where his name appears occasionally after 1654, but not as a fixed resident till about ten years later.

He is on the rate list of 1667, and on the roll of freemen in 1668. He purchased two houses in the town plot and had several grants of land.

His first wife died at Milford in 1658, leaving a son, John, born in 1657.<sup>4</sup> This son came to New London with him, received adult baptism in 1674 and after that event is lost to our records. From some probate testimony given at a much later period, we learn that soon after arriving at maturity, he sailed for England and never returned.<sup>5</sup>

John Baldwin, the father, married July 24th, 1672, Rebecca, relict of Elisha Chesebrough, and daughter of Walter Palmer. This connection with a richly dowried widow, whose possessions lay in Stonington, led to an immediate transfer of his residence to that

<sup>1</sup> Savage (MS.)

<sup>2</sup> Lambert's Hist. New Haven Colony, p. 61.

<sup>3</sup> R. Smith, Esq., of Guilford, (MS.)

<sup>4</sup> Ibid.

<sup>5</sup> Ibid.

place. By this marriage he had a son Sylvester and several daughters.

*Benjamin Atwell, died 1683.*

The name suggests a family connection with the Benjamin Atwell killed by the Indians, while he was engaged in hay-making, August 11th, 1676, at Casco, within a mile of the present Portland, Maine.<sup>1</sup> Benjamin Atwell of New London, had been at that time about ten years an inhabitant. He was constable of the town in 1675. He had a son Benjamin, whose birth is not recorded in New London; Thomas born 1670; John, 1675; Joseph, 1677; Richard, 1679; and Samuel, the youngest child, born April 23d, 1682. Joseph, Richard and Samuel, settled about 1710, on wild land in the North Parish of New London. Joseph died without issue. Descendants of the others remain in that vicinity.

Two of the grandchildren of Samuel, that is, of the fourth generation from the first settler Benjamin, were living at the commencement of the year 1850. These were Samuel Atwell and his sister Lucretia, children of Samuel Atwell second. Samuel died Nov. 26th, 1850, aged ninety-five years and six months; Lucretia, daughter of Samuel second and relict of Joseph Atwell, died Oct. 25th, 1851, aged 102 years. She was born Nov. 19th, 1749, O. S. Here are three generations covering the space from 1682 to 1851.

Benjamin and Thomas Atwell, the two oldest sons of Benjamin senior, died in New London leaving descendants. John, in 1712, was of Saybrook.

*Daniel Comstock, died 1683.*

William Comstock the father of Daniel, came from Hartford in 1641 and lived to old age in his house upon Post Hill; (near north corner of Williams and Vauxhall Streets.) His wife Elizabeth was aged fifty-five in 1663. No record has been found of the death of either. His land was inherited by his son Daniel, of New London, and grandson William, of Lyme. The latter was a son of John Comstock deceased—and his mother Abigail in 1680, was the wife of Moses Huntley, of Lyme. It is probable that Daniel and John were the only children of William Comstock, sen., and his wife

<sup>1</sup> Willis' Hist. of Portland, pp. 134, 144.