

QUANTIFYING THE RELATIONSHIP OF FRANCIS FULLER
AND HIS WIFE HANNAH COBB OF WINTHROP AND MANCHESTER, MAINE

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Beverly Francis Hovanec, C.G. of Anaheim CA kindly informed me of her article "Francis Fuller and his Wife, Hannah Cobb, Share Seven Lines to Edward Fuller and John Howland" which appeared in The Mayflower Quart. 1990;56(3):208-11. In addition to showing four Howland and three Fuller descents, Mrs. Hovanec provides more information on Francis and Hannah in Maine and gives names and birthdates of 10 children born from 1773 to 1795 in Winthrop ME. I have rearranged this material in chart form (Fig. 1), added a few details on Matthias^{<5>} Smith's ancestry derived from Mayflower Families in Progress, Edward Fuller of the Mayflower, 2nd edit., by Bruce Campbell MacGunnigle, C.G. 1987, and done some calculations. There may be other familial connections between Francis and Hannah this side of the Atlantic possibly through Ebenezer Cobb's ancestry which I have not studied. For the bulk of this figure, citations are given in Mrs. Hovanec's article.

Relationships can be quantified. As humans we have two copies of every gene in our genetic makeup (genome). We get one copy from our mother and the other from our father. A major problem of marriages of closely related people is the rise in probability in their offspring that two copies are identical because they descend from the same ancestor. The closer the relationship of the parents, the higher the probability they pass on the same copy of any gene to their offspring. The inbreeding coefficient (F) is a measure of this probability of identity by descent of any two copies of a given gene. An inbreeding coefficient of zero (0.00) means an individual is not more inbred than an average person in the population. At the other extreme, an inbreeding coefficient of one (1.00) characterizes a person who has identical copies at each genetic locus, but the latter never happens in humans. Some examples: a mating of a brother and sister would produce an F of 0.2500; an uncle and niece or between half-sibs 0.1250; first cousins 0.0625, and so forth by 1/2 for each further degree of parental relationship.

The several ancestral connections between members of this family really do not amount to high actual relationships. As is shown in the figure the children of Francis and Hannah have an F a little lower than that produced by first cousins. We can add up the Fs produced by the individual relationships.

Francis and Hannah are:	F of children
4th cousins through John ^{<2>} Gorham and Desire ^{<2>} Howland	0.0010
half 3rd cousins through Matthew ^{<2>} Fuller and wife	0.0019
half 2nd cousins through John ^{<3>} Gorham and Mary Otis	0.0078
half 1st cousins through John ^{<4>} Fuller and Thankful ^{<4>} Gorham	0.0313
Total F of children:	0.0420

But Francis the father is even more inbred because his own parents are more closely related:

1st cousins through John ^{<3>} Gorham and Mary Otis	0.0625
half 2nd cousins through John ^{<2>} Gorham and Desire ^{<2>} Howland	0.0078
Total F of Francis:	0.0703

John Benjamin son of John & Jane Dearborn, 6 Jan 1814

James Harrison Bennoch, 10 Aug 1815

Archibald Park Bennoch, 22 May 1817

Charles Holland Bennoch, 4 Dec 1819

Eliza Jane Bennoch, 3 June 1822

Agnes Susan Bennoch, 2 Oct 1825

a daughter stillborn

Maria Eunice Adkinson, 8 Sept 1811

Rebecca Swan Bennoch, 16 July 1836 at 4 AM

Mercy Bartlett Mayo, 16 June 1796

Marriages:

John Bennoch Esq and Rebecca Swan, 18 July 1795

John Bennoch and Lucretia Holland, 26 Mar 1809

John McCall Dearborn and Jane E. B. Bennoch, 26 Mar 1813

John Bennoch and Maria E. Adkinson, 27 July 1835

John Bennoch Esq and Mercy Bartlett, 23 July 1838

Deaths:

Archibald Bennoch, 27 Aug 1803

Archibald P. Bennoch, 2nd, 22 July 1807

Rebecca Bennoch, 21 Dec 1807

Jane E. B. B. Dearborn, 29 Mar 1814

John Benjamin Dearborn, 5 July 1814

Agnes Elizabeth Bennoch, 13 Apr 1823

Lucretia Bennoch, 25 Aug 1832 at 1 o'clock

Charles Holland Bennoch, 3 Oct 1834

Rebecca Swan Bennoch, 4 July 1835

Eliza Jane Bennoch, 20 Mar 1836

Maria E. Bennoch, 4 Feb 1838

Archibald Park Holland, 7 Sept 1839

John Bennoch, 7 Jan 1842

John Bennoch, Jr, 2 Nov 1855 at 1/2 past 7 PM

James H. Bennoch, 29 Mar 1856 at 9 o'clock P. at Piermont, NY

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QUERIES

- 2241 ELIZABETH SWAN b. Haverhill MA 30 Sept. 1653 dau. of ROBERT & SWAN ELIZABETH (ACIE) SWAN m. 22 Dec. 167_ MATTHEW HARRIMAN b. Rowley MA 16 Aug. 1652. Their son JOHN HARRIMAN b. Haverhill 16 June 1688, m. 19 Nov. 1712 SARAH MORRILL b. Amesbury MA 30 Jan. 1689 dau. of MOSES & REBECCA (BARNES) MORRILL. Need ancestry, dates, ch. -- Louise Brown #1283. P.O.Box 273, Boothbay ME 04537.
- 2242 Seek par., places of birth SUSAN CORSON b. ?ME 10 June 1780, d. CORSON Athens ME 9 June 1870 and NATHAN SMALL b. ?NH Nov. 1776, d. SMALL Athens 18 Aug. 1863. The m. Clinton ME 2 Nov. 1800. -- Roy Davis #1698. 10501 Lagrima De Oro NE 808C, Albuquerque NM 87111.

- viii. REBECCA SWAN, born 11 Aug 1811, died 4 July 1835 aged 24 years (Journal, g.s.).
- ix. AGNES ELIZABETH, born 24 July 1813, died 13 Apr 1823 aged 10 years (Journal, g.s.).
- x. JAMES HARRISON, born 10 Aug 1815, died Piermont NY 29 Mar 1856 (Journal). In his will dated 22 Mar 1856 he mentions his wife Mary Ann and his brother John. He says he is of Piermont, town of Orangetown, county of Rockland, State of New York. His will was not recorded in Penobscot County until Sept 1875 (PCP 100:80).
- xi. ARCHIBALD PARK, born 22 May 1817, died 7 Sept 1839 aged 22 years (Journal, g.s.).
- xii. CHARLES HOLLAND, born 4 Dec 1819, died 3 Oct 1834 aged 15 years (Journal, g.s.).
- xiii. ELIZA JANE, born 3 June 1822, died 20 Mar 1836 aged 14 years (Journal, g.s.).
- xiv. AGNES SUSAN, born 2 Oct. 1825, died Bangor 4 Dec 1881 (PCP 111:428). She is called the wife of Thomas Lobdell in the will of her brother John. Her heirs were sons Clarence H. and James F., and daughters Edith, wife of Edward Stetson, and May A., a minor over 14 whose guardian was Edward Stetson. She was called of Wilmington Delaware (PCP 110:428, 85:479). In April 1882 May was given \$185.00 for a new outfit and ticket for her trip to England. She was "of age" by 22 Sept 1885.

Child by wife Maria Adkinson, birth recorded in the Journal:

- xv. REBECCA SWAN, born 16 July 1836, died 1911 (g.s.). She is called sister in the will of John Bennoch, Jr. She married Oliver P. Merryman, born St. Albans 1828 and died Orono 1915 (g.s.). A son Johnie B. died 5 Nov 1858 aged 1 year (g.s.). Rebecca was called "of Orono" when she made her will on the 16 Oct 1911. In it she names her husband Oliver, a daughter Grace S., sons George P. and Arthur N., and a niece Mrs. Dora Mahoney of Northport (PCP 345:219).

RECORDS OF THE FAMILY OF JOHN BENNOCH

as recorded in his Journal

Births:

John Bennoch, 24 Nov 1769
 Rebecca Swan, 29 Mar 1774
 John Calvin Bedford Bennoch, 28 Apr 1794
 a daughter stillborn, 5 Apr 1800
 John Bennoch, 12 Sept 1801 at 1 o'clock P.
 Archibald P. Bennoch, 22 Nov 1802
 Archibald P. Bennoch, 14 May 1804
 Josiah, 10 Apr 1806
 Lucretia Holland, 1 July 1839
 Lucretia Holland Bennoch 29 Dec 1809
 Rebecca Swan Bennoch, 11 Aug 1811
 Agnes Elizabeth Bennoch, 24 June 1813

John married 4th 24 July 1838 Mercy (Mayo) Bartlett who was born 16 June 1796 (Journal). She had married 1st 10 Feb 1827 Reuben Bartlett of Garland (VR Bangor). Reuben died before Oct. 1836 when the division of his estate was made (PCP 8:540). Following the death of her husband John, Mercy married Jonathan Kendall of Hampden as his 3rd wife (intention Hampden 29 Dec 1845). Mercy was unhappy with division of her husband Jonathan's estate in Nov 1863 and deposed that in fifteen years of marriage she had received no more than a pair of boots from him (PCP 39:306).

Children by wife Rebecca Swan, births recorded in the Journal:

- i. JANE CALVIN BEDFORD, born in Boston MA 28 Apr 1796. She d 29 Mar 1814 and had married 26 Mar 1813 John MyCall Dearborn (Journal). A son John Benjamin Dearborn was born 6 Jan 1814, died 5 July 1814 (Journal).
- ii. A daughter stillborn 25 Apr 1800 (Journal).
- iii. JOHN, born Liverpool England 12 Sept 1801, died Orono 2 Nov 1855 aged 54 years (Journal, g.s.). He married 20 Nov 1831 Susan Story Eells, born Camden 11 Dec 1816 daughter of John & Lucy Eells (VR Camden). John's will, dated 25 Dec 1854 was in probate Nov 1855. After the third for his widow was deducted, the estate was divided into four parts: 1/4th to John Eben and Daniel Webster Bennoch sons of his brother Josiah; 1/4th to his brother James H. Bennoch; 1/4th to his adopted daughter Hellen Louise Ferguson Bennoch, and 1/4th to his sister Agnes, wife of Thomas Lobdell of Hartford, CT and his sister Rebecca Swan Bennoch. (PCP 21:54). Widow Susan's middle name was spelled STORER in John's will. She married 2nd 8 Dec 1858 Henry Codman of Old Town (VR Orono). She died 13 Mar 1857 aged 68 years 3 months (g.s.). In her will dated 4 Sept 1858 she mentions only the Eells family; her mother Lucy, her sisters Aroline A., Ann, and Mary E. (PCP 57:566).
- iv. ARCHIBALD, born 22 Nov 1802 and died 27 Aug 1803 (Journal, g.s.).
- v. ARCHIBALD, born 14 May 1804 and died 22 July 1807 (Journal, g.s.).
- vi. JOSIAH S. born Charlestown MA 10 Apr 1806 and died in Orono 24 Jan 1878 aged 71 years (VR Orono). He married 16 Sept 1833 Lucy Webster (VR Orono). She was the daughter of Ebenezer and Lucy (Dudley) Webster (*Bangor Historical Magazine*, 4:123). She died 23 May 1879. Josiah made his will 18 Mar 1871 naming his wife Lucy, son John E., brothers John and James H. and his late father John. Lucy made her will 3 June 1875 naming her brother Eben Webster, son John E., and grandsons Frank and Daniel W. (PCP 100:403, 420). Children of Josiah and Lucy buried in Mount Hope Cemetery are Charles W. who died 30 June 1844 aged 10 months 9 days, Ann Allen who d 15 Aug 1850 aged 4 years 10 months, and Daniel W. who d 16 Sept 1857 aged 21 years 4 months (g.s.). Their surviving son John E. married 31 Jan 1857 Jane Wentworth of Veazie (*Bangor Whig & Courier*, issue Feb 4, 1857).

Children by wife Lucretia Holland, births recorded in the Journal and VR Orono:

- vii. LUCRETIA HOLLAND, born 29 Dec 1809, died Bangor 7 Sept 1842 (g.s.). Her marriage was published Orono 19 Oct 1833 to Jonas Cutting Esq. of Bangor. He was born in Croyden NH 3 Nov 1800, married 2nd 18 May 1843 Mrs. Ann R. Learned, and died Bangor 19 Aug 1876 (VR Bangor). Following Lucretia's death her husband was appointed guardian to their three minor children: Helen Agnes, Elizabeth Jane, and Frederick H. (PCP 14:224).

subsequent censuses of 1830, 1840, and 1850 at Burnham (pps. 418, 297, and 244, respectively).

Children (HAMILTON) of William F.⁵ and his first wife, Susan (Soule) (determined from vital records, probate records, cemetery records, locality): 1. *Gorham*, born estimated 3 October 1810, died on 30 October 1881 aged 71 years and 27 days, and buried at the Pond Cemetery, Unity, married at Unity on 8 August 1835 Mary Chandler of Unity (VR); in 1850 Gorham was enumerated at Unity where he was described as a cabinet maker, at least 3 children; 2. *William F.*, born circa 1813, he died on 9 January 1830 aged 17 years and is buried at the Pond Cemetery in Unity; 3. *Alonzo*, born in 1814, died in 1875 and buried at the Pond Cemetery in Unity, he married on 30 November 1837 Betsey Weed of Burnham (Unity VR); in 1850 Alonzo was enumerated at Unity where he was described as a joiner; he had at least 7 children as determined by vital, census and cemetery records; 4. possibly *Paul*, who was of Dixmont on 15 November 1843 when he published his intentions to marry Jane Y. Lincoln of Troy (Troy VR); 5. *Adeline*, born circa 1820 and died at Troy on 18 May 1856 (VR), married James Whitney of Troy, intentions recorded at Troy 10 August 1846 (VR); 6. probably *Samuel*, born circa 1821 (1850 census of Troy, p. 227), he married on 6 October 1846 Emeline Sturges of Unity (VR); in 1850 Samuel was described as a farmer and lived at Troy, at least 2 children; 7. probably *Livonia* who was of Burnham when she married on 1 June 1845 Colonel Jesse Smart of Troy (Burnham VR); 8. probably *Joseph S.*, born at Unity calculated 26 March 1822, he died a widower at Plymouth, Maine 21 April 1894, aged 72 years and 25 days (Maine VR); 9. *Silas*, born circa 1826 (1850 census of Unity, Maine, household of Joseph Chandler, p. 262), he married first on 13 June 1852 Lydia M. Brown of Troy (Burnham VR) who died at Troy on 20 October 1854 (MOCA, Waldo County, 1:1044), he married second on 18 December 1857 Louisa D. Hobbs of Troy (Troy VR), at least 1 child by his first wife and 2 by his second wife; 10. probably *Susan H.* who was of Troy when she married Francis Call of Troy, intentions recorded 23 December 1847 (VR).

- xiii. THOMAS McCRAY, possibly the Thomas Patterson [sic] Hamilton baptized 15 May 1791 (Woolwich church records, courtesy of Ruth Gray). Thomas McCray Hamilton was described as a minor under the age of 14 on 1 March 1805 when his mother was appointed his guardian (Lincoln County Probate, 9:195). No further record.
- xiv. LYDIA BRACKETT, a minor under the age of 14 when her mother was appointed her guardian on 1 March 1805 (*ibid.*). No further record.
- xv. LUCY FOSTER, a minor under the age of 14 when her mother was appointed her guardian on 1 March 1805 (*ibid.*). No further record.

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THE FAMILY OF JOHN BENNOCH OF ORONO

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This account of the family of John Bennoch is compiled from the births, deaths and marriages as recorded in his Journal, with additional material as found. The vital record pages in the Journal were not entered by John. They were entered by two different hands. These records end with the death of James H. Bennoch on 29 Mar 1856. Grave stones mentioned are in Mount Hope Cemetery in Bangor. His family was moved there from the old Orono cemetery which was dismantled to make way for a railroad in 1848. The new Orono yard was established on the boundary of Orono and Stillwater.

John Bennoch came to Orono in 1806 to operate a sawmill he had purchased with James Harrison, and to open a store. Within a short time he had added more saws to his mill, had a fence-making machine, and a grist mill. His home was known for the elaborate gardens surrounding it. For many years he served as a town selectman and its treasurer. In 1828 he was in the legislature. He also served as postmaster and magistrate. He was particularly interested in school and roads. In 1816 he purchased 5,000 acres toward the northwest of the town which he planned to develop into 50 lots. He laid out a road to the Piscataquis River ending at the town of Kilmarnock, now called Medford. Part of this road still bears his name.

John died of a heart attack while going from his mill to his home. "He was highly respected as a man of intelligence and probity and was extensively known". (Bangor Whig and Courier, issue of Jan 10, 1842). In an address given in celebration of Orono's Centennial celebration Ex-Gov Washburn spoke of John Bennoch as a "prominent and leading citizen, active in every good work whether it looked to the outward growth and progress of the village, to its educational facilities, or to its moral improvement", (Orono Centennial, p.85).

With the down-turn in the lumber business in 1832 and the end of land speculation which followed, John Bennoch suffered severe financial reverses. He died insolvent (Penobscot County Probate 18:276,293).

In the following account of the family of John Bennoch I am using "Journal" for records from his Journal, "g.s." for gravestones in Mount Hope Cemetery in Bangor, "PCP" for Penobscot County Probate Records, and "VR" for vital records. All births are recorded in the Journal. It is well to bear in mind that Old Town was originally a part of Orono and the First Book of Records of Orono, 1806-1827, is located in Old Town. John Bennoch lived in Orono.

JOHN BENNOCH was born 24 Nov 1769 in the Parish of Durrissdeen, Dumfries, in Scotland son of Archibald and Jane (Calvin) Bennoch. He died in Orono 7 Jan 1842 aged 73 years (Journal and g.s.). He married 1st in Boston MA 18 July 1795 Rebecca Swan, born in Boston 29 Mar 1774 daughter of Ebenezer Swan (Journal). She died in Orono 21 Dec 1807 aged 33 years (Journal and g.s.). In 1773 two young boys, while playing in a gully back of Josiah Bennoch's early home in Orono, found a discarded small slate grave stone of Rebecca and her son Archibald. When the Bennoch family was moved to the cemetery in Bangor new stones were cut. This slate stone is thought to be the earliest known grave stone in Orono. John married 2nd 26 Mar 1808 Lucretia Holland, then of Eddington, born 1 July 1789 daughter of Park and Lucy (Spooner) Holland (Journal and VR Orono). She died in Orono 25 Aug 1832 aged 43 years (Journal and g.s.). John married 3rd 27 July 1835 Maria E. Adkinson of Readfield who died in Orono 3 Feb 1838 aged 26 years 5 months (Journal, g.s.).