



BIBLE RECORDS AT NEHGS

The Copeland-Townsend Bible

The following is a transcription of the Bible record for the Copeland and Townsend families, 1651-1952. This record was donated to NEHGS in October 2003.

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The property of Benjamin Franklin Copeland
Boston March 10, 1820

[Title page]

The Holy Bible: Containing the Old & New Testaments ... J. Holbrook's stereotype copy, second edition. Brattleborough, (Vt.) 1816

[Family record. Marriages]

"Lawrence Copeland a very aged man born in the reign of our sovereign Queen Elizabeth of blessed memory, died Dec 30 1699" Braintree Records

"married to Lydia Townsend the twelfth day of the tenth month 1651 by Mr. Hibbens of Boston"

John Copeland, son of Lawrence, born Dec 10 1658

Samuel [son of] John [born] Sep 20 1686

Samuel [son of] Samuel [born] Octo 28, 1711

Abraham [son of] Samuel [born] June 25 1737

Nathaniel [son of] Abraham Dec 28, 1767

Nathaniel Copeland married Mary Page of Boston in 1790 & died Nov 28, 1803 35 yrs, 11 mo

Mary Page, daughter of Benjamin Page, of Boston, born Nov 5, 1771, died at Hallowell, Me Mar 25, [18]47 - 75 yrs 2 mo 20 d

Their children

Sarah born Apr 21 1791 married to Ichabod Nutter in Hallowell

Nathaniel born Dec 20, 1792 - died at sea, supposed in 1818 - 26 yrs

Abraham born Feb 14, 1794 died Octo 3, [17]95 1 yr 7 m 19 [d]

Abraham born Aug 8, 1796 - [died] [Oct] 1, 1813 at Havana 17 yrs 1 m 24 [d]

Benja Franklin [born] Nov 25, 1798 married Julia F. Ruggles of Roxbury, Nov. 19, 1823

Thomas Jefferson [born] Apr. 26, 1801 married Julia

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Copeland Family

E. Townsend of Norridgewock, Me
Charles [born] Sep 3, 1803 Died Mar 9, 1853 married Susan R. Sprague of Boston June 20, 1831

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Benjamin Franklin Copeland was born in Boston Nov 25, 1798.

Julia Fellows Ruggles was born in Roxbury June 27, 1803

Julia Ruggles Copeland was born in Roxbury in March 18, 1825

Franklin Copeland was born in Roxbury July 11, 1826

Robert Morris Copeland was born in Roxbury Dec 11, 1830

William Ellery Copeland was born in Roxbury April 22, 1838

Charles Carroll Copeland was born in Roxbury May 18, 1842

Ellery Townsende Copeland was born in Boston July 3rd 1868

Carroll Townsende Copeland was born in Emporia Kansas May 11th, 1872

Helen Waterston Copeland was born in Kansas City, Missouri, Oct 25th 1869

Harold Townsende Copeland was born in Emporia, Kansas August 6th, 1874

Arthur Townsende Copeland was born in Lincoln, Nebraska, Jan 13th 1878

["Remarks". Right column]

1828 Franklin Copeland had the whooping cough

1829 Julia R. & Franklin were both vaccinated

1832 Julia R. & Franklin had the measles & chicken pox

Rob^t Morris had the measles

1833 Julia had the scarletaria vaccination

1836 Robt Morris same

1836 Frank same

1836 Julia had the whooping cough

1842 Ellery was vaccinated without effect

1852 [Ellery] had whooping cough

1854 [Ellery] measles & scarlet fever

1861 [Ellery] [had] varioloia

AUCTION

Will be sold at public Auction, on the premises, on

THURSDAY, March 17th,

At ten of the clock in the forenoon, the **HOMESTEAD FARM** of the subscriber, situated on both sides of the East Road in Atkinson, N. H. containing in the whole about 40 acres, nearly equal portions of the Pasture and Tillage being on each side of said road, and both parts well watered.

On the part on the westerly side of said road, is a good One-story House, 30 by 22 feet, and a Barn 24 by 40 feet, a Granary and Hog-house, all in good repair; a good Well and covering-filling Spring. The buildings are only one mile from the middle of the town and from the center and surrounding country in the place, and but a few rods from the district school.—The main on both sides of said road has a good variety of Fruit Trees and Grapes, and some growing wood on it, and is well watered.

Also about 11 acres of young, growing Pine Wood, near the east part of said farm.

Also about 2 acres of young and thrifty Pine Wood, near the last named.

Also about 18 acres mostly covered with a heavy growth of Wood and Timber, Pine, Birch, Maple, and different kinds of Oak; situated only about 6 miles from Haverhill, on a good road. This will be sold in one lot or in small lots to suit purchasers.

Also 4 acres of Land in Norton, about one half of which is natural Slowing, and the remainder covered with young Wood; on the lot is a beautiful spring of water.

At the same time will be sold about 22 cords of dry Pine, Hemlock and Hard Wood, a lot of Boards and Shingles, also lots of English, (Hay and Salt Hay); 2 cows, 1 pair of 2 years old Steers; also farm productions, farming implements, &c.

Persons call on the subscriber and view the premises. Liberal conditions will be made known at the time and place of sale.

DANIEL K. DAVIS,

Atkinson, N. H., Feb. 24.

An auction handbill describing the Daniel K. Davis property in Atkinson, New Hampshire, from the Henry Carleton Hallowell III Papers

The collection contains numerous envelopes and folders with multiple documents inside. These envelopes and folders have labels such as "documents," "documents for sale," and "old letters," along with a note indicating the price of the documents. Hallowell was apparently a dealer and/or collector of autographs and documents. The collection contains several hundred miscellaneous deeds, receipts, and letters, as well as a few writs, highway surveyor warrants, military discharge certificates, depositions, etc. A preliminary inventory has noted material on the Thayer family of Medway, Massachusetts, Green and Bugbee families of Belchertown, Massachusetts, and the Keith, Batchelder, and Litchfield families. There is a scrapbook of clippings by Sara Sabrina Swain about the Four Nations Celebration at Niagara, New York, a photograph album of Dorothy Ellen Swann, photograph albums of Dorothy Elizabeth Hildreth, a scrapbook of Helen Osborne Harris, an 1840 autograph album of Isaiah Cragin of Groton, Massachusetts, and an 1888 autograph album of Annie B. Hooper.

It is interesting to see where Hallowell's interests in

genealogy and autographs and documents overlap. "Illinois Marriage Returns," published in volumes 128 and 129 of the *Register*, transcribes two hundred marriage returns from Mercer County, Illinois, 1877–1880. Hallowell purchased these records from an antique book dealer at a New Hampshire flea market. On the pages opposite a handwritten genealogy on descendants of William Lane (possibly authored by Quincy Bicknell), back to front, is an 1835–1836 journal by an unidentified member of the Hingham [Massachusetts] Rifle Company. The collection includes a carbon copy of William T. Cogswell's 1872 history of Rockville, Conn., and a 1857 typescript edition of Ebenezer Pool's genealogy of the Haskell family of Rockport, Massachusetts. In addition to a Bible record for Scamman and Hallowell families obviously related to Henry, the collection contains Bible records for the Tillotson, Gay, Lull, Pike, Taylor, Huntoon, Northrup, and Chafee families. Included are records of births for the Joseph Putnam Thompson and Edward Rollins Thompson families, 1848–1912, and the Richard Hovey family, 1761–1798; and birth, death, and marriage data for the Isaac Norcross family, 1783–1847. As a volunteer at NEHGS from 1991 until his death in 1993, Henry began transcribing Bible records in the NEHGS manuscript collection, a project published as *Bible Records from the Manuscript Collections of the New England Historic Genealogical Society* (CD-ROM) in 2001.

Henry Hallowell's efforts to acquire and preserve these records along with his own genealogical research will help many other NEHGS members when the collection has been fully inventoried and cataloged. The special collections staff appreciates the efforts of Gerry Kaye and Peter Cameron in preparing this collection for patron use. Henry Hallowell belongs to a long line of NEHGS genealogists and antiquarians who collected and compiled genealogically valuable documents and donated them to NEHGS. We hope NEHGS members continue to acquire such records at flea markets and estate sales, from antique dealers and antiquarian book dealers. Although a single Bible record or identified nineteenth-century photograph may not seem very important by itself, assembling similar documents over several or many years will eventually produce a collection of great value, like the Henry Carleton Hallowell III Papers. ♦

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1868 Ellery jun. was christened
 1870 Helen " "
 1872 Carroll " "
 1868 Helen was vaccinated successfully
 1877 Helen & Harold had the scarlet fever lightly
 1878 All the children had the whooping cough –
 Arthur severely
 1879 All the children had the measles easily
 1882 All the children vaccinated with effect
 1885 Arthur had diphtheria & scarlet fever severely
 leaving him partially deaf
 1888 Arthur sprained his ankle
 1894 Boys were circumcised [sic]
 1897 Harold had typhoid fever fatally
 1897 Helen had severe stye

[Next page] [Marriages]

Benj^a F. Copeland and Julia F. Ruggles were married
 in Roxbury Nov 19, 1823 by Doct Porter
 Franklin Copeland and E. M. Ellis daughter of Chas
 Ellis of Roxbury were married in Roxbury Jan
 16 1850
 Charles Franklin Dunbar of Abington & Julia R.
 Copeland were married in Roxbury Nov 30
 1853 by Doct Geo. Putnam
 R. Morris Copeland and Josephine G. Kent daughter
 of Rev. Benj. Kent in Roxbury
 W. Ellery Copeland and Carrie Maud Townsende
 daughter of Ed. George Townsende of Boston
 September 4th 1867 by Geo Putnam D.D. and
 Rev. R. C. Waterston.

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Charles Carroll Copeland died in Roxbury July 1st
 1843 aged 13 months & 13 days
 Benjamin Franklin Copeland died in Roxbury Dec
 22d 1863 at 4 P.M. aged 65 years & 1 month
 Julia Fellows Copeland died in Cohasset July 1867
 aged 64 years
 Robert Morris Copeland died in Cambridge aged
 44 years on 1874
 Ellery Townsende Copeland died in Brunswick, Me
 Aug 13 1868 aged 6 weeks
 Carroll Townsende Copeland died in Emporia,
 Kansas July 8, 1872 aged 2 months
 Harold Townsende Copeland died in Salem Oregon
 July 3, 1897 Typhoid Fever aged 23 years 11 mos
 29 days 3:30 P.M.
 Wm Ellery Copeland in Burley Washington of
 apoplexy March 1904 at 65 years of age
 Helen Waterston Copeland died at Burley, Wash. May
 6, 1927

Caroline Maude Copeland at Burley, Wash.
 September 27, 1940 at the age of 91 years
 Arthur T. Copeland died at Burley, Washington April
 18, 1952 at the age of 74

[Second Bible record (with no title page) kept in
 Copeland family Bible]

[Marriages]

Edwin George Townsende and Mary Ann Goss mar-
 ried in Boston May 27 1844
 Caroline Maud Townsende and William Ellery
 Copeland married in Boston by the Revs. Putnam
 and Waterston September 4, 1867
 Helen Eliza Townsende and Willis Sweet married in
 Lincoln, Nebraska by the Rev. Copeland March 29,
 1877

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George Henry Townsende born June 4, 1845 at
 Ipswich, mass.
 Carrie Maude Townsende born July 28, 1849 at Fort
 Constitution, N.H.
 Charles George Townsende born August 29, 1851 at
 Fort Constitution, N.H.
 Francis Guy Townsende born December 1, 1852 at
 Portsmouth, N.H.

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Edwin Roger Townsende born August 30, 1856 at
 New York City, N.Y.
 Helen Eliza Townsende born December 18, 1857 at
 New York City, N.Y.
 William Ellery Copeland born in Roxbury, Mass.
 April 22, 1838

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George Henry Townsende died August 17, 1846 in
 Boston, Mass.
 Edwin George Townsende died January 25, 1885 in
 Boston, Mass.

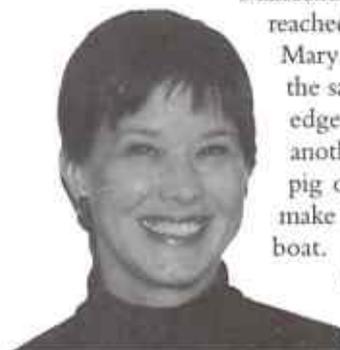
[Obituary for Mrs. N. A. Woodberry who died
 February 24, 1889 at Winslow, Maine] ♦

TALES FROM THE COURTHOUSE

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The Case of the Rhode Island Runaway

by Diane Rapaport



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On a cold day late in 1670, a couple on horseback arrived at the ferry landing in Charlestown, Massachusetts. The man dismounted and reached up to help a young woman, Mary Ball, who rode pillion behind the saddle. They walked to the water's edge and paid the fare. Perhaps another passenger, with a squealing pig or a crate of chickens, shifted to make room while Mary boarded the boat. Mary's companion, however, returned to his horse and watched from shore as the ferryman rowed across the Charles River to Boston.

Mary was running away. At Boston Harbor, she would find the first ship sailing for Rhode Island — a fishing boat, merchant bark, any vessel willing to transport a lone woman traveler. Her flight triggered a scandal, and a notorious court case, yet the incident finally faded from memory, forgotten or deliberately suppressed by later generations. Mary's story might have vanished from history, had not the Massachusetts Archives preserved the old court records — some in Mary's own words. Those files are incomplete, scattered on microfilm reels and in boxes of folio papers, but they reveal a lost tale of troubled seventeenth-century lives.

Eighteen years before that desperate voyage to Rhode Island, Mary began life in Watertown, Massachusetts, born to tailor John Ball and his wife Elizabeth. Mary's father, who apparently craved more adventure than a tailor's shop could offer, worked forty miles west, clearing land and trading with Indians at the frontier "plantation" of Lancaster. John had his in-laws' approval (Elizabeth's father John Peirce, a Watertown weaver, invested in the new town) and John must have returned to his wife on occasion (the family grew — at least three more daughters after Mary), but John's name rarely appears in Watertown records.

John's prolonged absences strained the marriage, and Elizabeth suffered from illness or depression — or perhaps she voiced complaints unseemly for a Puritan goodwife. The family reached a breaking point, and Watertown officials intervened, ordering an investigation "into the estate of Sister Baall" and requiring John Ball

to appear at a town meeting "to make knowne his condicion." Mary's grandparents took permanent custody of five-year-old Mary and her older brother, promising to train the boy as a weaver and to teach both children how to "reade the english tongue." Other Watertown citizens fostered the younger children at John Ball's expense.

But Mary's family remained in crisis. In 1657 and 1658, the Middlesex County Court convicted Elizabeth of "disorderly cariages" — towards her neighbors and husband, and even a shocking fist fight with her elderly father. The judges warned that Elizabeth's "distempered mind" posed dangers for the entire community, and that Watertown must be vigilant to thwart "Sathan's temptacion." Elizabeth countered, however, with accusations of "hard usage" and mistreatment, saying that John "had not only neglected her, in suffering her to want necessary supplies, but also had kickt her." John admitted beating his wife, but he received no punishment; Watertown's minister pleaded for clemency, saying that the church was dealing with the matter. The court merely admonished John to live with his wife "according to Gods Holy word & Rules" and "to use her kindly."

Maybe John and Elizabeth tried living together again, but Elizabeth soon died, and we may never know the cause. John remarried and sold the family farm in Watertown, apparently renting property in Lancaster and moving there with his young bride. Both of Mary's grandparents died, and sixteen-year-old Mary was "put out to service," with a family near her uncle's farm in Woburn.

Mary's young master, Michael Bacon, Jr., presided over a multi-generational household: wife Sarah (who also was his stepsister), their several small children, and Michael's aging father and stepmother. If the old court records are any indication, the Bacon men were volatile and quarrelsome, constantly suing or being sued about wandering livestock, broken contracts, land titles, slander, forgery; the list goes on and on. But Michael must have possessed a certain charm, for his servant Mary soon was smitten — and pregnant.

They panicked. Mary's condition could not be concealed for long, especially from Michael's wife, pregnant again herself, or from the town constable, who would arrest the illicit lovers. Legal sanctions were inevitable.