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Information on the Cutter family of New England
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This record of the Cutter family in New England was written in March 1885 by Seraphine Mason Dumas, grandmother of Ernest Mills Dumas. While much genealogical research has been published on the descendants of Elizabeth Cutter and her son, Richard, this carries the line from Richard's son, Ephraim (the third generation), to Hepzibah (the seventh). Additional information since Seraphine's death brings the family up to the fourteenth generation. Background material was added by Ellen Gardner Brown. Wherever the Cutters may have had their origin, it is certain that the emigrant ancestors of the family in New England lived, prior to their emigration from the old country, in Newcastle-upon-Tyne. Newcastle-upon-Tyne is an ancient city and riverport of Northumberland County, England, situated on the left bank of the Tyne, ten miles from its mouth in the North Sea, not far from the borders of Scotland.

1. **ELIZABETH CUTTER**, widow, born 1574, came to New England about AD 1640. She was quite along in years when she bade farewell to her native country. She brought with her a son, Richard. She died at Cambridge 10 January 1663/4 aged about eighty-nine years and left a property which, according to her inventory, amounted to L19-4s-6d. Her will and inventory of her personal estate are found in the Registry of Probate for Middlesex County (Mass.)

2. **RICHARD**, son of Elizabeth, voyager in the ship with his mother, was probably under twenty years of age and unmarried at the time of his arrival. He was a cooper by trade and the small oaken chest made to keep his clothes in, when apprenticed, is now the property of William Richard Cutter of Woburn, Mass. He married Frances Amsden of Cambridge in February 1662. She survived his decease. She was his second wife, he having married in 1644 Elizabeth Williams, who died 5 March 1661. Richard's residence was at Menotomy (Ed. Note: A part of Cambridge). He was buried at Cambridge and the inscription on his tombstone, now perfectly legible, is -

Here lyes ye Body of Richard Cutter
Aged about 72 Years
Died ye 16 of June 1693.

Richard was sire of fourteen children and progenitor of the Cutter family of New England. Issue of Richard and Elizabeth were:

i. Elizabeth b. 1645: d. 1658



- ii. Samuel b. 1646
- iii. Thomas b. 1648
- iv. William b. 1649; d. 1723
- 3. v. EPHRAIM b. 1651
 - vi. Gershom b. 1653; d. 1738
 - vii. Mary b. 1657; d. 1711
 - the following were issue of Richard and Frances
 - viii. Nathaniel b. 1663
 - ix. Rebecca b. 1665; d. 1741
 - x. Hephzabah b. 1667; d. 1668
 - xi. Elizabeth b. 1668; d. 1742
 - xii. Hephzabah b. 1671; d. 1745
 - xiii. Sarah b. 1673
 - xiv. Ruhamah b. 1678; d. 1756

3. **EPHRAIM** (Richard¹) baptised at Cambridge, was a glazier by trade and resided successively at Cambridge, Charlestown and Watertown Farms (now Weston). He married 11 Feb. 1678-9 Bethia Wood of Medfield, born 28 July 1660. He became Captain in Philip's War and, according to tradition he commended in a fight with Indians at Thompson, Ct. Date of his decease is not known. His wife died 11 Sept. 1731 and was interred at Watertown. Ephraim and Bethia (Wood) Cutter had issue:

- i. Ephraim b. 1680; d. 1737
- ii. Johnathan b. 1685; d. 1702
- iii. Bethia b. 1686
- iv. Mary b. 1689; d. 1697
- v. Hannah b. 1690
- vi. Abigail b. 1693; d. 1702
- vii. George (?)
- 4. viii. JOHN b. 1700; d. 1747

4. **JOHN** (Ephraim², Richard¹) born at Watertown 23 July 1700. He married Rachel Powers and resided at Lexington and Woburn. Like his father, he was a glazier by trade. He died 20 Nov. 1747 and was buried at Lexington. His inventory amounted to L308. John and Rachel (Powers) Cutter had issue:

- i. Rachel b. 1724; d. 1799
- ii. John b. 1726; d. 1771
- iii. Johnathan b. 1728; d. 1755
- iv. David b. 1730
- v. Nathan b. 1733; d. 1778
- vi. Abigail b. 1735
- vii. Benjamin b. 1738; d. 1740
- viii. Elizabeth b. 1741; d. 1787
- 5. ix. BENJAMIN b. 1744; d. 1821

5. **BENJAMIN** (John³, Ephraim², Richard¹), born at Lexington 27 Jan. 1744, settled with his brother, Nathan, at New Ipswich N.H.. About 1768 he married Hannah Andrews of Concord. He lived in Temple, N.H., not far from New Ipswich bounds, and occupied the farm now owned and improved by his grandson, E.G. Cutter, Esq. He was a major in the War of the Revolution, fought at the battle of Bunker Hill and throughout the siege of Boston. He was one of the eleven men sent to Crown Point in 1776. In 1777 he took an active part in the erection of a new meeting-house in Temple and was a selectman in Temple in 1783 and surveyor of lumber from 1781 to 1807. He bore the title of "Ensign" and was highly respected for his public spirit. He died at Temple 16 March 1821. These lines are on his gravestone:

"Hope looks beyond the bounds of time,
When what we now deplore
Shall rise, in full immortal prime
And bloom to fade no more."

Hannah, relict of Ensign Benjamin Cutter, died 13 Oct. 1837. Ensign Benjamin and Hannah (Andrews) Cutter had issue:

6. i. **BENJAMIN** b. 19 Oct. 1768; d. 25 Dec. 1806
- ii. Jeremiah b. 10 Feb. 1771; d. 1773
- iii. Hannah b. 17 Apr. 1773; m. John Foster of Temple 26 Nov. 1797; removed to Weston VT.; d. there 1815
- iv. Lucy b. 11 July 1775; m. James Bartlett of Temple 4 Feb. 1794; d. in Temple 5 Feb. 1807.
- v. Rachel b. 16 Oct. 1777; M. Asa Powers of Temple 23 Sept. 1798; removed to Dublin N.H. and there died July 1857.
- vi. Jonathan b. 16 June 1780; m. Polly, dau. of "Lieut." Cummings of Temple; d. at Temple 24 Feb. 1807
7. vii. **SOLOMON** b. 10 Jan. 1783; d. 26 Dec. 1831 (SEE BELOW)
- viii. Rhoda b. 26 Mar. 1785; m. Levi Pierce of Temple 18 Sept. 1804; d. Temple 27 Sept 1850.
- ix. Elizabeth b. 22 Aug. 1787; m. David Amsden of Mason N.H.; d. there in Feb. 1853.
- x. Polly b. 4 May 1790; m. Joshua F. Searle of Temple 14 May 1811; d. at Temple.
- xi. Lois b. 25 June 1792; d. 27 Jan. 1814

6. **BENJAMIN** (Benjamin⁴, John³, Ephraim², Richard¹) born at Temple 19 Oct. 1768; m. Polly, dau. of Gen. Francis and Elizabeth (Spaulding) Blood of Temple. (Gen. Blood held as many offices of honor and trust during the Revolution as any man in the State.) Benjamin was an agriculturist in his native town, an officer of the militia, and held in respect. His wife, Polly, died at Temple 23 Nov. 1806, aged 35. "Major" Benjamin Cutter died 25 Dec. 1806, only one month after his wife. They had issue:

- i. An infant; d. 29 Apr. 1792
8. ii. **JEREMIAH** b. 13 Mar. 1791; d. 2 July 1861 (SEE BELOW)
9. iii. **HEPHZIBAH** b. 23 Dec. 1793
- iv. Benjamin Franklin b. 3 Aug. 1796; d. 5 Nov. 1815

v. Seth b. 26 Jan. 1799; m. (1) Abigail, dau of Ezra and Rebecca Gould of Sebec, Maine who died 2 Apr. 1857; (2) Mrs. Rebecca Hayward of Sebec, who died 12 June 1868. Seth and Rebecca had issue: Emeline, Thomas Jefferson, Jonas Davis, Benjamin Franklin, Abigal, Miranda and Emily-Ann.

vi. Polly b. 14 Feb. 1804; d. 29 Apr. 1805

vii. Thomas Jefferson b. 17 June 1806; d. 1 Nov. 1823

7. **SOLOMON** (Benjamin⁴, John³, Ephraim², Richard¹) b. 10 Jan. 1783; m. Dolly Rowell of Temple in 1803. He was an industrious farmer and respected citizen. He was frozen to death 16 Dec. 1831. Being badly hurt by his sled in a deep snow, he was unable to reach home and thus perished with the cold. His widow died in Temple November 1850, aged 71. They had issue:

i. Dolly b. 19 Oct. 1803; d. 23 July 1841, unmarried

ii. Benjamin b. 25 Oct. 1805; m. Catherine Foster of Andover in 1837. He resided in Boston, Mass. and afterwards in New Ipswich where he was living in 1871.

iii. Calista b. 2 Jan. 1808; m. John I. Adams of Walpole.

iv. James Madison b. 21 Feb. 1810. He was a manufacturer in Spartanburg, S. C.

v. Elbridge Gerry b. 21 July 1812; m. Harriet, dau. of Daniel and Mary Bird of Watertown, Mass. He resided in Temple on the farm formerly owned by his grandfather. He was a substantial farmer and influential citizen. He has served five different periods as Representative to the General Court. His name is repeatedly mentioned in the history of the town. His issue was James Munroe, Mary Crafts, Netty Maria, Ella and Anna.

vi. Sarah b. 7 Oct. 1814; m. John B. Farrington and resided in Dedham.

vii. Jonathan Munroe b. 1817; d. 1832

viii. Lucy b. 1819; d. 1856; m. Abiel Lovejoy of Temple.

ix. Syrene Antoinette b. 1824; d. 1832.

8. **Jeremiah** b. 13 Mar. 1791; m. Mary, dau. of Ensign Jonas and Hannah Brown of Temple 1 Feb. 1816. About 1814 he left Temple as a pioneer to the northern wilds of Maine, journeying alone and on foot through what was then a savage uncultivated wilderness. Finding a country to his taste, he settled in Sebec, Maine, where he at length conveyed his family and ever after resided on the farm he had cleared and rendered productive. He died in Sebec 2 July 1861. Jeremiah and Hannah had issue:

i. Benjamin Franklin b. 1817; d. 1819

ii. Hannah b. 23 Feb. 1819; m. Joseph Morrell 2 July 1839. Resides in Sebec with issue as follows: George Evans, Co. E 11th Maine Volunteers, killed at Battle of Deep Bottom, Virginia 16 Aug. 1864; Elbridge Chellis; Alwida Ann (deceased); an infant (deceased); Charles Willard; Elnathan Davis, Jeremiah Tilson.

iii. Benjamin Owen b. 3 Oct. 1820; m. (1) Bertha Towne of Dover, Maine; (2) Jennie Lyman of Wilbraham, Mass. He is a house carpenter in California.

iv. Willard b. 2 May 1822; m. Hannah Heald. He is a house carpenter residing in Bangor, Maine.

v. Luther b. 2 Mar. 1825; m. in 1852 Caroline Tibbetts of Frankfort, Maine.

- vi. Charles Elbridge b. 1826; d. 1848 at Sebec.
- vii. Mary Minerva b. 1827; m. Ezra Wells Gould. Resides in Sebec. Issue: William N., Oren Luther, Mary Emma, Edgar, Ora
- viii. David Tilson b. 18 Sept. 1829; d. 1851 at sea on a voyage to California.
- ix. Sumner Cummings b. 30 May 1832; m. Pamela Allen 1854; is a house carpenter in Minneapolis, Minn.

9. **HEPHZIBAH** (Benjamin⁵, Benjamin⁴, John³, Ephraim², Richard¹) b. 23 Dec. 1793; m. Jonas Davis of Temple 7 July 1817. They had issue:

- i. Benjamin b. 5 Feb. 1818; died young
- ii. Elnathan b. 5 Nov. 1819; d. 7 Dec. 1852
- iii. Mary-Ann b. 25 Nov. 1821; m. Alonzo Sawtelle
- iv. Augusta Caroline b. 27 Jan. 1824; m. C.I.W. Maynard; d. Oct. 1868
- v. Martha Jane b 10 Sept. 1826; m. Edward Robbe of Peterboro; d. 1910
- vi. George Thomas b. 19 Nov. 1828; d. 1894. Resided in Carson City, Nev.
- vii. Elvira b. 29 Nov. 1830; m. John Mills, resided in Milford N. H.; d. 1904
- 10. viii. **CYNTHIA MINERVA** b. 6 Nov. 1832; m. Levi Dumas, resided in Lowell, Mass.; d. July 1912
- ix. Abbie Eustis b. 1 Dec. 1834; m. Thomas B. Prince, resided in California; d. 29 Feb 1908

10. **CYNTHIA MINERVA** (Hephzibah⁶, Benjamin⁵, Benjamin⁴, John³, Ephraim², Richard¹) b. 6 Nov. 1832; m. Levi Dumas b. 8 Oct. 1830; d. ca 1912. They resided in Lowell, MA and Temple N.H. Levi established and operated a printing concern, The Dumas Company (originally Dumas and Batchelder). Cynthia and Levi had issue:

11. i. **ERNEST GRANT** b. 20 Apr. 1864; d. 4 Oct. 1887

11. **ERNEST GRANT** (Cynthia⁷, Hephzibah⁶, Benjamin⁵, Benjamin⁴, John³, Ephraim², Richard¹) b. 20 Apr. 1864, m. 4 Oct. 1887 Seraphine, dau of John and Parthenia Gardner Mason. They resided in Lowell, MA and Temple N.H. Ernest and Seraphine had issue:

- i. Allan Mason
- 12. ii. Gardner Davis, b. 18 Dec. 1895; d. 25 Mar. 1983

12. **GARDNER DAVIS** (Ernest⁸, Cynthia⁷, Hephzibah⁶, Benjamin⁵, Benjamin⁴, John³, Ephraim², Richard¹) b. at Lowell MA 18 Dec, 1895; m. 18 Sept. 1929 Beryl, b. 18 Mar. 1908, dau. of Benton and Viola. Redmond Mills. They resided in Lowell MA where he became the third generation to operate The Dumas Company. He was a veteran of World War I. Gardner and Beryl had issue:

i. Ernest Mills b. 3 Nov. 1932 at Lowell MA. He married 3 Apr. 1991 at Santa Fe, NM, Ruth Schweirs Thomas, b. 20 Dec. 1926, dau of James A. and Christina Aichler Schweirs. They reside in Palm Beach County FL. .

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