

TENNEY LINE;

Thomas Tenney, John, Samuel, Samuel, William, William, Eber, Thomas, Luella,
Carrie E. (Ballou) French

1-Thomas Tenney, b-abt. 1614 Eng.

m-(1) Ann (perhaps Nighill) she d-Sept. 26, 1657
(2) Elizabeth, wia. of Francis Parrat of Rowley? mass.
Feb. 24, 1658
d-he d-in Braaford, Mass. Feb. 20, 1699 "Old Cemetery".

Children by (1); Rowley, Mass.

**1-John, b-Dec. 14, 1640 m-Mercy Parrat, Feb. 26, 1663
2-Hannah, b-Mar. 15, 1642 m-Joseph Johnson, 1666 (2nd wife)
3-Mercy, b-June 17, 1644 m-Thomas Haray, Nov. 22, 1664
4-Thomas, b-July 16, 1648 m-Margaret Hizaen, Sept. 8, 1680
5-James, b-Aug. 15, 1650 m-Abigail Lambert, Oct. 3, 1684
6-Daniel, b-July 16, 1653 m-(1) Elizabeth Stickney, July 21, 1680
(2) Mary Haray, May 22, 1695
(3) Elizabeth Woodman, June 5, 1712

The English home was Rowley, co. Yorkshire, Eng. In the autumn of 1638 Rev. Ezekiel Rogers and some 20 of his parishioners & their families came to New England on the ship John from London. Rev. Rogers was a man of learning and very devout, & felt keenly the religious persecution of King Charles' order to the clergy to read in church the declaration of sports, in which the King directed that no hindrance should be thrown in the way of those who wished to dance or shoot at the batts (targets) on Sunday afternoons. Puritan Rogers gathered to him in the parish of Rowley a company for the purpose of emigrating to America, and one family was Thomas Tenney & wife Ann. They arrived at Salem, Mass. in Dec. 1638. In 1639 a settlement was made at Rowley, Mass. A survey of the town of Rowley in 1643 registered to Thomas Tenney an acre & a half house lot on Holmes St. On the records he was styled ensign & marshal 1653-66; warner of town meetings 1650-53-60-61-66 also held office of constable, selectmen, tithingman, & church member.

2- Deacon John Tenney, born Rowley, Mass. Dec. 14, 1640

(1) m-Mercy Parrat, Rowley, Mass. Feb. 26, 1663 the dau.
of Francis & Elizabeth (----) Parrat
she was b-July 23, 1646 & d-Nov. 27, 1667
(2) Susanna Woodbury, Dec. 2, 1668 dau. Humphrey &
Elizabeth of Beverly, Mass. b-Feb. 4, 1648
she d-Apr. 9, 1716 Braaford Ancient cem.
he d-Apr. 13, 1722

Children; (by (1))

Sarah, b-Oct. 17, 1665 m-Capt. Philip Atwood Jr. July 23, 1684
** Samuel, b-Nov. 20, 1667 m-(1) Abigail Bailey (2) Sarah Boynton
(3) Hannah Moody

John Tenney was moderator at first town meeting Feb. 20, 1668-9
selectmen for 11 yrs; clerk of writs, constable & fence viewer.
school committee; 1672 the town was first called Braaford instead
of Merrimac Village. 1682 was one of the 18 who formed the church

under Rev. Zachariah Symmes. John's name appears among the list of deacons chosen Dec. 1702. 1698 appointed to settle the boundary between Braafora & Rowley.

Deacon-----

3-Samuel Tenney, b-Braafora, Mass., Nov. 20, 1667
m-(1) Abigail Bailey, dau. of Dea. Joseph & Abigail (Trumbull) Bailey. & b-Mar. 9, 1671-2 d-Nov. 28, 1689
(2) Dec. 18, 1690 Sarah Boynton, dau. Capt. Joseph & Sarah (Swan) Boynton of Braafora. b-Jan 11, 1671-2 d-Apr. 3, 1709
(3) Hannah Moody, Jan. 26, 1710-11 dau. of Samuel of Newbury, Mass. b-Jan. 4-1669 d-Oct. 29, 1745
d-he d-Feb. 3, 1747-8 bur. Grovelana cem. an eighth of a mile from his home. His tablet is of slate elaborately decorated, standing 26 inches high by 20 & 4 in. thick, inscribed-
"Here lies the body of Elser Samuel Tenney, who died Feb. 3, 1747-8, in the 81st. year of his age.

Children; (by (1)) b-Braafora

- 1-Abigail, b-Nov. 22, 1689 m-Nath'l Hazeltine of Haverill, Mass.
- (by 2) b-Braafora
- 2-Mercy, b-Oct. 23, 1691 m-Moses Worcester, Jan. 26, 1718-19
- 3-John, b-Dec. 8, 1692 m-Hannah Jewett, Rowley, Mass. Jan. 23, 1718-18
- 4-Susanna, b-Feb. 5, 1694-5 m-Dea. John Bailey, 1712
- 5-Sarah, b-Mar. 29, 1696 m-Samuel Tyler, Jan. 12, 1720-1
- **6-Samuel, b-Dec. 17, 1697 m-Sarah Worcester, Jan. 5, 1719-20
- 7-Joseph, b-Mar. 16, 1698-9 m-Abigail Wood, Feb. 14, 1722-23
- 8-Ann, b-Sept. 24, 1700 m-Ephriam Kimball, Jan. 12, 1720-1
- 9-Daniel, b-Feb. 14, 1701-2 m-(1) Sarah Kimball, (2) Ann Coleman 5-15-1733
- 10-Jonathan, b-Dec. 8, 1703 m-(1) Rebecca Marry
- 11-Dorothy, b-Feb. 12, 1704-5 (2) Mrs. Lydia (Hale) Perley, Apr. 29, 1740
m-Nath'l Kimball, Jan. 9, 1729
- 12-Philip, b-Dec. 16, 1706 m-Jane Hale, June 30, 1730

Elser Samuel was accustomed to pray earnestly for his children & children's children's children to the latest generation. He was among the first settlers of Braafora. 1712 appointed a deacon & was moderator of the first Barish meeting of East Braafora. 1713 town clerk; tythingam, 1694-5; fence viewer, 1692-7; selectmen, 1690-4; & 1722, 1726. He was chosen ruling elder for "east end" Mar. 28, 1718 & received every vote but one of the 52 brothers. The one vote was probably his own. He wrote short hand and was able to take down the sermons, & during intermission would read these notes to people who stayed at the meeting house. He was a fine singer, and led the service of song for 25 years. Both by nature & grace he was one of the most distinguished men of the times, and as he grew old was truly patriarchal. Repeatedly held office of the highest merit in town. A Lieut. in the Continental army; member of the Colonial assembly in 1725, when 50 yrs. before the declaration of independence, he was one of the 30 who voted against receiving the King's charter, "a step more bold than that of the 56 signers of 1776." His wife Sarah Boynton, was admitted to the degree of full communion as desired as a member of the first church in Braafora. His wife Hannah the same in 1716.

4-Samuel Tenney, b-Braaford, Mass., Dec. 17, 1697.
 (1) m- " " Sarah Worcester, Jan. 5, 1719-20, dau. of
 Wm. & Mary (Cheney) Worcester of Braaford.
 b-Feb. 11, 1697-8 a-Littleton, Mass.
 m-(2) Elisabeth Fales of Braaford, Dec. 28, 1749
 a-he a-1777 Littleton, Mass.

Children by (1)

*** 1-William, b-Jan. 20, 1720-1 Braaford, m-Sarah Proctor
 2-Parrat, b-Nov. 12, 1723 " m-Rebecca-----
 3-Samuel, b-May 24, 1725 " m-(1) Sarah Tyler (2) Ellen Chapin
 4-Martha, b-May 8, 1729 Littleton
 5-Sarah, b-July 30, 1731 " m-Thos. Stickney Jr. 6-6-1761
 6-Dorothy, b-July 5, 1734 " "
 7-Oliver, b-Sept. 12, 1736 " m-Sarah Rees, June 15, 1763
 8-Hattie, b-May 17, 1738 " a-at 9 weeks.
 9-Cheney, b-Oct. 2, 1739 " m-(1) Hulrah Bridges, 5-7-1765
 10-Hannah, b-Jan. 8, 1841 " (2) Mary Hayward, 10-25-1806

He was a large land holder and removed to Littleton, Mass. in 1727-8
 They united with first church of Braaford Apr. 24, 1720.

5-William Tenney, b-Braaford, Jan. 20, 1720-1
 m-Sarah Proctor
 a-Mar. 7, 1804

Children: b-Littleton, Mass.

1-Joseph, b-July 7, 1747 town records. Family rec. July 18, 1746
 m-Elizabeth Parker, Feb. 7, 1774 (He was Rev. Soldier)
 ** 2-William, b-July 3, 1749 m-Mehitable Jones, 1777 (He was Rev. Sol.)
 3-Samuel, b-Jan. 7, 1752 m-Esther Parmenter, (He was Rev. Soldier)
 4-Sarah, b-Mar. 17, 1754 m-Abraham Patch, pub. Jan. 8, 1774
 5-Hannah, b-July 4, 1756 m-Robert Chaffin, Jr., Nov. 19, 1777
 6-Zeniah, b-June 11, 1759 m-David Barnard, Oct. 1, 1782
 7-Stephen, b-June 11, 1768 m-Elizabeth Proctor, Nov. 25, 1791

William removed from Braaford with his parents to Littleton, Mass., in
 1727. He was a farmer, and owned a large tract of land near Magog pond.

His oldest son Joseph, in his later years was very devout, and his
 grandchildren looked upon him as an angel. The day he was 90 he said,
 "I thought I was happy when I went a-courting, but it was nothing to
 my happiness now". His wife was a woman of remarkable beauty.
 He was a Revolutionary soldier and told his grandchildren how he
 "looked through the cracks of a barn to see the wounded from Concord,
 and how he felt about the British."

6-William Tenney, b-Littleton, Mass., July 3, 1749
 (In REV.) m-in Lancaster, Mass., Mehitable Jones, 1771
 (both then living in Bolton, Mass.,) by Abijah Willard Esc
 she d-Mar. 27, 1831 ae 81
 d-Sept. 14, 1823

Children: all but first born Marlborough, N.H.

- 1-William, b-Bolton, Mass., May 16, 1772 m-(1) Betsey Fife, 6-7-1797
 (2) Betsey Lewis, 11-29-1821
- 2-Mehitable, b-Marlborough, N.H., 5-8-1774 m-Zopher Whitcomb
- 3-Luther, b-Apr. 22, 1776 m-Juith White, Dec. 4, 1800
- 4-Susanna, b-July 28, 1778 m-Silas Davis
- 5-Patty, b-Apr. 29, 1780 m-Samuel Gage, Apr. 3, 1805 (1870)
- 6-Jonathan, b-Dec. 24, 1782 m-Betsey Jones, Apr. 12, 1803 d-S. Orange, Mass.
- 7-Jonah, b-Jan. 13, 1784 m-Sarah Nichols (no issue)
- 8-Archie, b-Sept. 30, 1785 m-Susanna Jones, Apr. 10, 1809
- **9-Eber, b-Oct. 1, 1787 m-Lydia Adams (1) (2) Lucy (Adams) Whitney
- 10-infant, b-Feb. 8, 1789 d-Feb. 16, 1789
- 11-Samuel, b-June 2, 1790 m-Fanny Wood, lives Templeton, Mass.
- 12-Calvin, b-Dec. 6, 1792 m-Tabitha Baker, Dec. 6, 1821
- 13-Sarah, b-Mar. 30, 1795 m-Thomas Sargent, 1816

R. W. Tenney
 Wm. Tenney in 1772 purchases in second range lot 6 at Marlborough N.H. & paid 30 pounds lawful money & moved his family 1774-5 in March 1777 he was chosen surveyor of the south east quarter. 1780 built a sawmill on Baker's brook. 1795 a Library was formed & for many years the books were kept in his house. He was second in liberality in repairing the old meeting house. April 1776 he signed "to defend by arms" & was at Ticonderoga. From the army rolls, Boston; Wm. Tenney, residence Littleton, marched to Cambridge, Apr. 19, 1775.

7-Eber Tenney, b-Marlborough, N.H., Oct. 1, 1787
 m-(1) Lydia Adams of New Salem, N.H., b-May 30, 1789 d-Nov. 3, 1845
 (2) Mrs. Lucy (Adams) Whitney, sister of Lydia, Apr. 29, 1846
 d-he d-Mar. 4, 1864 Orange, Mass.

Children:

- 1-Martha Adams b-Oct. 30, 1808 Marlboro, N.H., m-Geo. Washington Howard
 Mar. 10, 1833 their son Chas. T. Howard, Orange Mass. b1834
 m-Ellen R. Neesham (No issue)
 their dau. Maria, b-May 8, 1840 m-Stillman H. Clark res.
 Orange, Mass.
- 2-Hannah, b-Nov. 28, 1810 m-Robert Carpenter, she d-Orange, Mass.
 Nov. 9, 1865 her oil painting is owned by
 Mrs. Luella (Tenney) Ballou, Orange, Mass.
 44 East Main St.
- ** 3-Thomas, b-Sept. 29, 1812 m-Emily Adams Whitney, Nov. 28, 1838
- 4-Maria, b-Dec. 7, 1814 d-Sept. 1833
- 5-Charles, b-Mar. 31, 1817 d-June 1834 m-Sept. 21, 1837
- 6-Sarah N. b-Feb. 3, 1819 m-Wm. Boyesen she d-Aug. 25, 1845
- 7-Nancy W. b-Jan. 18, 1821 m-Wm. Boyesen, Mar. 26, 1846
- 8-Amasa A. b-Mar. 18, 1823 m-Mary E. Kensall, July 22, 1846
- 9-Jacob Whitney, b-Aug. 21, 1824 m-Maria Greenwood, res. Denver, Col.
- 10-Luey Ann, b-Jan. 3, 1827 m-Heman Greenwood, res. Galesburg, Ill.
- 11-Francis M. b-Aug. 16, 1830 m-Hattie W. Lawrence, Apr. 29, 1862, he d-
 San Jose, Cal., Nov. 26, 1902
- 12-Lydia, b-

8-Thomas Tenney, b-Marlborough, N.H., Sept. 29, 1812
 m-Emily Adams Whitney, Nov. 28, 1838 by Rev. S. Bennett of
 Orange, Mass. dau. Abner & Polly (White) Whitney
 a-Aug. 8, 1890 buried Central Cem. Orange.
 a-he a-Aug. 22, 1863 " " " "

Children; b-Orange, Mass.

1-Lucius S. b- July 1839, a-Jan. 24, 1842
 2-Henry W* b- Sept. 1840, a-Nov. 30, 1846
 3-George L. b- 1842 in Civil War, then went to Cleveland, O-
 4-Lucius H. b- Feb. 1844 a-Apr. 7, 1874 Denver, Col.
 5-Luella G. b- May 1, 1847 m-W. A. Aelbert Ballou, Dec. 18, 1866 in
 Orange, by Rev. L. Holmes d- Jan. 1935
 6-Charles H. b- Aug. 29, 1851 m-Abbie Butterfield, b-Aug. 29, 1852
 res. Worcester d. Nov. 30, 1940 a-Sept. 24, 1920
 7-Lillian E. b- Apr. 1, 1856 m-Eagar Putnam, b-Feb. 1, 1849 a-1916
 8-Frankie W. b- May 1858 a-Sept. 5, 1859

Lillian E. Putnam resides in Worcester (1931)

d- " Feb. 26, 1932 pneumonia

Thomas Tenney was one of Orange's old time substantial business men. Held office as selectmen, overseer of the poor, assessor, tax collector, and surveyor. With his brother James he conducted a store selling West India goods & millinery. His wife made very successfully men's wool caps which has her name printed in gold on the lining. When Luella was born he lived in the house which stood on the site of Old Fellows block. In 1849 moved into the home built for him by Wilson Wheeler and now the Wilson Mann (1931) house. In one part of his commodious barn here, he has a granary & carried on a successful business after disposing of his store. He was an extremely industrious man.

 9-Luella G. Tenney, b-Orange, Mass., May 1, 1847
 m-W. A. Aelbert Ballou (known as Aelbert Warren) 12, 18, 1866
 he a-Apr. 2, 1918 bur. Central Cem. b-June 15, 1844
 Claremont, N.H.
 a- Jan. 1935 change " "

Children;

1-Carrie Evelyn, b-Orange, Nov. 18, 1869
 m-Stephen Everett French, May 29, 1894, b-Apr. 26, 1868
 Orange, a-Aug. 16, 1919 bur. Central Cem.

Note: from this same line old residents came, namely-
 Henry Clay Tenney, from Calvin brother of Eber Tenney
 Lyman Tenney, from Jonathan, brother of Eber Tenney
 Lyman A. Tenney, from Archie, brother of Eber Tenney
 John & Luther Ramsey, from Nancy Tenney from the immigrant.

Lottie Putnam d. 1888 at 9 yrs 8 m. diphtheria