

The Ancestors
of
Franklin D. Edmunds
and
Sue Price Parton
his wife

The
TOWNSEND
Line

THE TOWNSEND FAMILY

Our first ancestor of the Townsend family in America was Joseph Townsend, who came to our shores in 1711, first settling at Abington, Pennsylvania, later at Concord and finally at Chester. He was the son of William Townsend, a son of Richard. William was of Bucklebury, England. He married Mary Lawrence in 1683, and died in 1692.

This surname formerly "the town's end" from a residence there, has various forms in The Hundred Rolls, such as Ate-Towneshand; Ate Tunesend; Ate Tunishende, etc. The name, though of essentially plebian origin, emerged, according to Lower's "Patronymica Britannica" from the ignoble vulgus at an early period after its adoption being traced to the year 1377, in gentle degree at Snoring Magna, County Norfolk, England.

THE TOWNSEND LINE.

- 1-RICHARD TOWNSEND, (-), who married in
and had
- 2-WILLIAM TOWNSEND, (-1692), of Bucklebury, England,
He married in 1683
MARY LAWRENCE, (-),
and had
- 3-JOSEPH TOWNSEND, (1684-1766), Came to America in 1711
and settled in Pennsylvania. He married 1710
MARTHA WOODERSON, (1683-1767)
and had
- 4-JOHN TOWNSEND, (1716-1803), who married in 1741
JOANNA ENGLAND, (1721-1786),
and had
- 5-LYDIA TOWNSEND, (1745-1798), who married in 1768
REUBEN JOHN, (-1822)
and had
- 6-ANN JOHN, (1776-1834), who married in 1802
EZRA HAINES, (1774-1861)
and had
- 7-JOHN TOWNSEND HAINES, (1803-1885), who married in 1829
HANNAH WILLIAMS, (1807-1896)
and had
- 8-ANNA MARIA HAINES, (1832-1865), who married in 1852
LUCIUS DUNCAN PRICE, (1830-1904)
and had
- 9-ANNE JONES PRICE, (1856-1921), who married in 1877
JOHN BARTON PAXTON, (1842-1913)
and had
- 10-SUE PRICE PAXTON, (1878-), who married in 1909
FRANKLIN DAVENPORT EDMUNDS, (1874-)
and had
- 11-ANNE PRICE PAXTON EDMUNDS,
ADELINE WELSH EDMUNDS, and
HENRY REEVES EDMUNDS, 2nd.

WILLIAM TOWNSEND.

WILLIAM TOWNSEND, of Bucklebury, England, believed to have been a brother of Richard Townsend an intimate friend and fellow traveller with William Penn on the "Welcome", was a carpenter by trade, and was held in esteem by his neighbors. He was twice married, first, on the twenty-eighth day of the Eleventh Month, 1679, to Jane Smith, who probably did not live long after her marriage, as William Townsend was married again on the first of the Second Month, 1683, to Mary Lawrence, of Little Cornwell, at Farington Magna, County Berks, England. She was the mother of his four children, the eldest of whom was Joseph Townsend who came to Pennsylvania bearing a Certificate of Removal from the Monthly Meeting at Newbury in Berkshire, England, dated the fifteenth day of the Eleventh Month, 1711.

Nothing further appears of record in connection with Mary Lawrence. William Townsend died in 1692, and was buried at Bucklebury on the nineteenth day of the Fifth Month in that year, if the date has been correctly stated.

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WILLIAM TOWNSEND, Carpenter, of Bucklebury, England.

b.
d. 1692, at Bucklebury, Eng., (buried 5th Mo., 19th),
Son of Richard Townsend &
m. (1st), 1679, Eleventh Month, 28th,
to Jane Smith,

b.
d. (Shortly after her marriage, (no issue)
Child of
m. (2nd), 1683, 2nd Month, 1st, in Farrington Magna, Eng.
to Mary Lawrence, of Little Coxwell, England.

b.
d.
Child of

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Issue of WILLIAM TOWNSEND and MARY LAWRENCE

1-JOSEPH TOWNSEND, Weaver, of Penna., Came to Pennsylvania
in 1711,

b. 1684, 11th Month, 18th, in
d. 1766, 4th Month, 9th, in
m. 1710, 9th Month, 27th, in
to Martha Wooderson,

and had:- (1)William; (2)Mary; (3)Joseph; (4)JOHN;
(5)Hannah; (6)Martha; (7)Richard; (8)Esther.

MARTHA WOODERSON,

b. 1683, 9th Month, 18th, in
d. 1767, 3rd Month, 2nd, in
Child of Julian Wooderson & Esther
G-child of
& of

2-WILLIAM TOWNSEND,

b.
d.
m.
to
and had:-

b.
d.
Child of
G-child of
& of

3-MARY TOWNSEND,
 b. 1859, 5th Month, 4th, in
 d.
 m.
 to
 and had:-

b.
 d.
 son of
 G-son of
 & of

4-JEAN TOWNSEND,
 b. 1890, 4th Month, 27th, in
 d.
 m.
 to
 and had:-

b.
 d.
 son of
 G-son of
 & of

JOSEPH TOWNSEND

JOSEPH TOWNSEND, the eldest son of William Townsend of Bucklebury, England, by his second wife, Mary Lawrence, was born the eighteenth day of the Eleventh Month, 1684, and was, therefore, about eight years old at his father's death. He lived for a number of years with Oliver Sanson, a friend of the family, and a valued and respected follower of the doctrines of George Fox.

On the 29th of September, 1699, at the age of fifteen, he was bound apprentice to a weaver, - Jonathan Sargood, - for a period of seven years, when he established himself in that trade.

On the twenty-seventh of the Ninth Month, 1710 he was married to Martha Wooderson, the daughter of Julian and Esther Wooderson. She was born the eighteenth of the Ninth Month, 1683, and died the second of Third Month, 1767. They were active in the Society of Friends, and they, with his sister Jean, received a Certificate of Removal from the Monthly Meeting of Friends at Newbury, in Berkshire, England, under date of the fifteenth day of Eleventh Month, 1711, which was presented to Abington Monthly Meeting, Pennsylvania, of which his uncle, Richard Townsend, friend of William Penn, was a member.

They did not however, permanently reside at Abington, as they submitted on the eleventh of Second Month 1715, a Certificate from Abington to Concord Meeting, and on the first of Sixth Month 1720, from the latter Monthly Meeting to Chester. Here they remained for a while, both he and his wife taking an active part in the meeting, and were both overseers. They later returned to Abington, bearing a Certificate dated the twenty-sixth of Seventh Month, 1725.

On the 21st of October, 1725, "Joseph Townsend, weaver, of Bristol Township, Pennsylvania," signed articles of Agreement with John Wanton, of Newport, Rhode Island, for the conveyance to the former of eight hundred acres of land in East Bradford, Chester County, Pennsylvania. The price was forty pounds per hundred acres, to be paid in three installments. One hundred pounds on the 21st of October, 1726, One hundred pounds upon signing the Agreement, and the remainder on the 21st of October, 1727. The deeds or lease and release were executed on the sixth

and seventh of September, 1727, and once again the subject of our sketch removes with his family, with a Certificate from Chester to Concord Monthly Meeting, the third of Eleventh Month, 1725. From which time Joseph and Martha Townsend were active and respected members of Birmingham Meeting.

Joseph Townsend died the ninth day of the Fourth Month, 1766, and was buried at Birmingham, where his widow followed him the second day of the Third Month, 1767. His will is dated 16th of Fifth Month, 1766, and was proven on the twenty-second of September, 1766. He provides for his wife Martha, the plantation whereon he lately dwelt in East Bradford containing about 125 acres, and for the maintenance of his son William.

JOSEPH TOWNSEND, Weaver, East Bradford, Pennsylvania.

b.1684, 11th Month, 18th, in
 d.1766, 4th Month, 9th, in
 Son of William Townsend & Mary Lawrence.
 m.1710, 9th Month, 27th, in England,
 to Martha Wooderson,
 b.1683, 9th Month, 18th, in
 d.1767, 3rd Month, 2nd, in
 Child of Julian Wooderson & Esther

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Issue of JOSEPH TOWNSEND and MARTHA WOODERSON

1-WILLIAM TOWNSEND,

b.1712, 5th Month, 26th, in
 d.1792, 11th Month, 13th.
 Un-married.

2-MARY TOWNSEND,

b.1713, 8th Month, 16th, in
 d.1781, 10th Month 8th, in
 m.1731, 3rd Month (May), 20th, in Birmingham, Pa.
 to Henry Woodward
 and had:- ()Henry; ()Deborah.

HENRY WOODWARD,

b.1706, 7th Month, 12th in
 d.1790, 9th Month, 1st, in
 Son of Richard Woodward & Mary Nagle
 G-son of Robert Woodward &
 & of Henry Nagle &

3-JOSEPH TOWNSEND,

b.1715, 4th Month 8th, in
 d.1749, 10th Month, 3rd, in
 m.1739, 3rd Month, 17th, in Chichester Mtg., Pa.
 to Lydia Reynolds
 and had:- (1)Francis; (2)Benjamin; (3)Esther; (4)
 Joseph; (5)Elizabeth.

LYDIA REYNOLDS,

b.1716, 2nd Month, 24th, in
 d.
 Child of Francis Reynolds & Elizabeth Acton
 G-child of Henry Reynolds & Prudence Clayton
 & of Benjamin Acton & Christian England.

m. (2nd), 1761, 5th Month, 8th in Middletown, Pa.
to Joseph Talbot.
No Issue.

JOSEPH TALBOT.

b.
d. 1783, 6th Month, 16th, in
Son of John Talbot & Mary Turner, (or Elizabeth ?)
G-son of
& of
m. (1st), 1738, (about)
to Hannah Baker,
and had:- (a)Margaret; (b)Mary; (c)Joseph; (d)
Martha; (e)John; (f)Rachel; (g)Jacob;
(h)Elizabeth; (i)Hannah; (j)Susanna.
m. (3rd), 1776, 8th Month 21st in Concord, Pa.
to Ann Blakey,
But by her had no issue.

HANNAH BAKER,

b.
d.
Child of Joseph Baker & Mary Vorrilow,
G-child of Joseph Baker & Mary
& of John Vorrilow & Ann Maria

ANN BLAKEY,

b.
d.
Child of Charles Blakey & Susanna
G-child of
& of
m. (1st),
to Jacob Sharples
and had:-

JACOB SHARPLES,

b.
d.
Son of Joseph Sharples & Lydia Lewis
G-son of John Sharples & Jane Moor
& of Ralph Lewis & Mary

4-JOHN TOWNSEND, of East Bradford, Chester Co., Pa.

b.1718, 12th Month, 2nd, in
 d.1803, 8th Month 18th, in
 m.1741, 12th Month, 31st, in
 to Joanna England,
 and had:- (1)Margaret; (2)Sarah; (3)LYDIA; (4)
 William; (5)Martha; (6)Mary; (7)Joseph;
 (8)John; (9)Hannah; (10)Joanna.

JOANNA ENGLAND,

b.1721, 7th Month, 29th, in
 d.1786, 5th Month, 30th, in
 Child of Joseph England & Margaret Orbell
 G-child of John England & Love
 & of Samuel Orbell & Joanna

5-HANNAH TOWNSEND,

b.1718, 6th Month, 9th, in
 d.1790, 12th Month, 31st, in
 m.(1st), 1741, 10th Month, 10th, in Birmingham Mtg., Pa.
 to Nathan Sharples
 and had:- (1)Joseph; (2)Martha; (3)Lydia; (4)Nathan;
 (5)William; (6)Hannah.
 m.(2nd), 1758, 4th Month, 13th, in Birmingham Mtg., Pa.
 to Charles Ryant,
 and had:- (a)Ann; (b)Nathan.

NATHAN SHARPLES,

b.1715, 9th Month, 2nd, in
 d.1755,
 Son of Joseph Sharples & Lydia Lewis,
 G-son of John Sharples & Jane Moor
 & of Ralph Lewis & Mary

CHARLES RYANT,

b.
 d.
 Son of
 G-son of
 & of
 m.(1st),
 to Ann Chamberlain
 and had:- (a)Lettice; (b)Elizabeth.

ANN CHAMBERLAIN,

b.
 d.
 Child of John Chamberlain & Lettice Key
 G-child of Robert Chamberlain & Mary
 & of Moses Key & Elizabeth Yearsley

6-MARTHA TOWNSEND,
 b.1781, 1st Month, 26th, in
 d.1746, 4th Month, 3rd, in
 Un-married

7-RICHARD TOWNSEND,
 b.1727, 5th Month, 23rd, in
 d.1788, 5th Month, 4th, in
 Un-married

8-ESTHER TOWNSEND,
 b.1727, 5th Month 23rd, in
 d.1788/9, 11th Month, 1st,
 Un-married.

JOHN TOWNSEND

The fourth child and third son of Joseph and Martha (Wooderson) Townsend, was John Townsend, of East Bradford, Chester County, Pennsylvania. He was born the second day of Twelfth Month, 1716, and inherited his father's plantation of one hundred twenty-one acres upon the death of his mother in 1767.

On the thirty-first day of Twelfth Month, 1741 he married Joanna, the eldest daughter of Joseph England by his wife Margaret Orbell. She was born at Burton-on-Trent, England, the twenty-ninth day of Seventh Month, 1721, and bore her husband ten children, the best known probably, being her son Joseph Townsend of Baltimore, Maryland.

A writer gives the following account of Joseph and Joanna, the father and the wife of John Townsend:-

"Joanna Townsend was an intelligent, old fashioned English woman, with much energy of character and a determined will of her own. Her son Joseph inherited a full share of his mother's tenacity of purpose, with a tinge of quaint eccentricity, derived from his father's side of the house, but withal, he was a most actively useful philanthropic and exemplary man. His family were all disciples of George Fox, and Joseph himself was one of the strictest of the sect."

John Townsend died the eighteenth day of the Eighth Month, 1803, and his wife Joanna (nee England) having predeceased her husband on the thirtieth day of the Fifth Month, 1786.

JOHN TOWNSEND, of East Bradford, Chester Co., Pa.

b. 1716, 12th Month, 2nd, in

d. 1803, 8th Month, 18th, in

Son of Joseph Townsend and Martha Wooderson

m. 1741, 12th Month, 31st, in

to Joanna England.

b. 1781, 7th Month, 28th, in Burton-on-Trent, Eng.

d. 1786, 5th Month, 30th, in

Child of Joseph England & Margaret Orbell.

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Issue of JOHN TOWNSEND and JOANNA ENGLAND

1-**MARGARET TOWNSEND**,

b. 1742, 7th Month, 27th, in

d. 1832, 7th Month, 9th, in West Chester, Pa.

m. 1759, 11th Month, 24th, in Birmingham, Pa.

to Samuel Jeffris,

and had:- (1) William; (2) John.

SAMUEL JEFFRIS,

b. 1736, 10th Month, 6th, in

d. 1825, 2nd Month, 28th, in West Chester, Pa.

Son of William Jeffris & Hannah Darlington

G-son of

& of

2-**SARAH TOWNSEND**,

b. 1742, 12th Month, 10th, in

d. 1776/7, 1st Month, 13th, in

m.

to Amos House,

and had:- (1) Elizabeth; (2) James; (3) Phoebe; (4)
Susanna; (5) Martha.

AMOS HOUSE,

b. 1742, 4th Month, 19th, in

d. 1821, 4th Month, 6th, in

Son of James House & Mary (Richardson) Wright

G-son of

& of

m. (2nd),

to Martha Edwards

and had:- (6) Mary; (7) John; (8) Benjamin.

m. (3rd), 1799, 11th Month, 24th, in Londongrove, Pa.

to Mary Swayne,

and had:- (9) William Swayne.

MARTHA EDWARDS,

b.

d.

Child of John Edwards & Mary Ingram
G-child of William Edwards &
& of

MARY SWAINE,

b.1754, 12th Month, 20th, in

d.1824, 12th Month, 14th, in

Child of William Swayne & Ann Busey
G-child of William Swayne & Elizabeth Dell
& of Caleb Pusey & Prudence Carter

3-LYDIA TOWNSEND,

b.1745, 2nd Month, 11th, in

d.1798, 1st Month, 31st, in

m.1768, 12th Month, 6th, in

to Reuben John,

and had:- (1)Martha; (2)Robert; (3)Joanna; (4)Pamelia;
(5)ANN; (6)Sarah; (7)Phebe; (8)Lydia; (9)
Townsend; (10)Israel.

REUBEN JOHN,

b.

d.1822, 12th Month, 14th, in

Son of Griffith John & Ann Williams

G-son of John ap Philip, (or Phillips) & Ellen

& of Robert William & Gwen Cadwallader

m.(2nd),

to Jane

No issue.

JANE

b.

d.1832, 3rd Month, 9th, in

Child of

G-child of

& of

4-WILLIAM TOWNSEND, Farmer

b.1748, 7th Month, 19th, in

d.1819, 11th Month, 6th, in

m.

to Grace Loller

and had:- (1)Eusebius; (2)John W.; (3)Joseph; (4)
Mary.

GRACE LOLLER,

b.

d.

Child of
G-child of
& of

5-MARTHA TOWNSEND,

b.1781, 12th Month, 6th, in

d.1834, 12th Month, 31st, in

m.1773, 6th Month, 10th, at Birmingham Mtg., Pa.
to Robert Lamborn

and had:- (1) Joanna; (2) Ann; (3) Townsend; (4) Sarah;
(5) Jesse; (6) Susanna; (7) Mary; (8) Margaret;
(9) Martha; (10) Robert.

ROBERT LAMBORN,

b.1781, 4th Month, 6th, in

d.1817, 12th Month, 7th, in

Son of Robert Lamborn & Ann Bowne

G-son of Robert Lamborn & Sarah Swayne
& of Jesse Jacob Bowne & Alice Maria.

6-MARY TOWNSEND,

b.1783, 9th Month, 6th, (new style)

d.1839, 10th Month, 19th, in

m.1777, 10th Month, 16th, in

to Jesse Jones,

and had:-

JESSE JONES,

b.1783, 1st Month, 25th, in

d.1817, 1st Month, 8th, in

Son of Cadwallader Jones & Mary Gatlive

G-son of Cadwallader Jones & Elinor
& of Charles Gatlive &

7-JOSEPH TOWNSEND, of Baltimore, Maryland.

b.1786, 2nd Month, 26th, in

d.1841, 9th Month, 30th, in

m.(1st), 1788, 6th Month, 6th, in Birmingham, Pa.
to Hannah Painter

and had:-

m.(2nd), 1767, 5th Month, 31st, in
to Mary Matthews,
and had:-

m.(3rd), 1803, 5th Month, 3rd, in
to Esther Ballett
and had:-

HANNAH PAINTER,

b.

d.

Child of Samuel Painter & Bether Gilpin,
G-child of
& of

MARY MATTHEWS,

b.

d.

Child of
G-child of
& of

ESTHER BALLETT,

b.

d.

Child of
G-child of
& of

S-JOHN TOWNSEND,

b.1788, 7th Month, 14th, in
d.1968, 1st Month, 18th, in

S-HANNAH TOWNSEND,

b.1760, 12th Month, 17th, in
d.1884, 8th Month, 9th, in
m.1781, 3rd Month, 8th, in Birmingham, Pa.
to Edward Darlington,
and had:-

(1)Edward; (2)Abraham; (3)Thomas; (4)
Jesse; (5)Amos; (6)George; (7)Stephen;
(8)Hannah; (9)Elizabeth; (10)Emanuel;
(11)Brinton.

EDWARD DARLINGTON,
 b.1755, 6th Month, 13th, in
 d.1825, 4th Month, 1st, in
 Son of Thomas Darlington & Hannah Brinton
 G-son of Abraham Darlington &
 & of Edward Brinton & Hannah Peirce

10-JOANNA TOWNSEND,
 b.1763, 3rd Month, 15th, in
 d.1843, 5th Month, 22nd, in
 m.1784 (?)
 to Jesse Sharples,
 and had:- (1)Emily; (2)Julia Anna; (3)Eliza; (4)
 Townsend; (5)Joseph Inskoop; (6)Wira;
 (7)John Townsend; (8)Lydia; (9) a
 daughter died in infancy.

JESSE SHARPLES, Saddler & Merchant, Philadelphia, Pa.
 b.1759, 11th Month, 6th, in
 d.1832, 1st Month, 6th, in
 Son of Jacob Sharples & Ann Blakey
 G-son of Joseph Sharples & Lydia Lewis
 & of Charles Blakey & Susanna