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## SECTION II – MANUSCRIPT

## THE WHALEYS OF LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK

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INTRODUCTION. Cousin Thelma Lee Reeder (Mrs. Elwyn E.) of St. George, Utah, who contributed documented information for the book titled *ABRAHAM ALLING OF OYSTER BAY, NEW YORK*, wrote it has been a family tradition that our Long Island Whaleys were related either to Edward Whaley [a cousin of Oliver Cromwell] or to one of his close relatives. Edward Whaley was one of the fifty-nine judges appointed by Parliament who, on 29 January 1648-9, signed the warrant for the execution of Charles I. Charles II, upon his ascension to the throne, sought to avenge the death of Charles I by hunting down the judges who had condemned Charles I to death. Anticipating such action, Edward Whaley and his son-in-law Col. William Goffe, also a Regicide, fled the day before the edict, sailing for Boston, Massachusetts. Fortunately, through the assistance of others in the colonies, they escaped. The writer exchanged correspondence with others of Whaley lineage, and the story of Edward Whaley and William Goffe is fascinating.

The writer would appreciate hearing from readers who also have the Long Island, New York Whaley line. It has not been possible at this time to prove the lineage of the Long Island Whaleys prior to James Whaley.

## THE WHALEY FAMILY

1. JAMES<sup>1</sup> WHALEY was born about 1735, died at Hempstead, Long Island, New York, in 1797; married at St. George's Church, Hempstead, on 2 March 1755, RUTH WILSON. Her parents are not known.

In 1778 he registered his ear mark "James Whaley Slope under the near Ear Swallow fork the off ear & half penny under the same."<sup>1</sup>

His will follows:<sup>2</sup>

In the name of god Amen

I James Weyley – of the Town of Hempstead in Queens County State of new york being weak in bodey but of Sound & Perfect mind, and memory, Blesed be almighty god for the

<sup>1</sup> Hempstead Town Records.

<sup>2</sup> Sent to the writer by Mrs. Thelma Reeder.

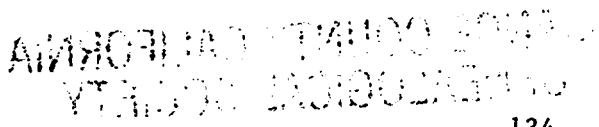
ORANGE COUNTY CALIFORNIA  
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Same. Do make and Publifh this my laft Will and Teftament in manner and form following (that if to Say) I give andd bequeath unto Each of my children (Except my Son Walter) the Sum of Ten Pounds to be paid to them or to their Legal Reprerentatives at the Expiration of one year after my Difease. I Do Alfo Give and bequeath unto my Dauter Abigail one bed & furniture. I do alfo give unto my Son Walter one bed & Bedding. I do alfo give unto My Son William all My Wearing appirrel Both woolling and Linning and alfo five yards and a Quarter of Broad Cloath and Trimming, that I have now in my house (And I do alfo give & Bequeath unto My Loveing Wife all the Refidue of my Estate both Real and Perfonall Dureing her Natural Life or for so long af fhe fhall Remain my Widow. And after her Death or Second Mariag Which Shall [first occur] I order and direct my Executors to [sell-dispose] of all my Real estate and Such [of my M]oveables Estate as Shall not have been D[isposed of] Except one bed and firniture, one Teea Tabl[e] . . . Cupboard one Can, Two Iron Pots, Which I Give to my loveing wife to her own Difpofal and Devide the money arifing there from in Mannor following That is to say, Firft I order and Direct My Executors To pay unto my Son Walter [or to] his Legal Reprerentatives the Sum of one Hundred and Fifty Pounds, and unto my Dauter Abigail the Sum of one Hundred Pouds, or to her Legal Reprerentatives, and all the Refidue of the money arifing from the said Sails, to be eaqually Devided among my children hereafter named (That is to say David, John, Robert, James, William, Hannah, Sufanah & Sarah, or their Legal Reprerentatives. And I Do hereby appoint My Loveing wife Executrix, and Samuel Carman & Stephen Carman Executors of this my laft Will and Teftament, hereby revoking all former Wills by me made. In Witnefs whereof I have hereunto Set my hand and Seal this Thirtieth Day of Aprail 1797.

Signed Sealled Publifhed  
and Declared by the above  
named James Weyley to be  
his laft will and teftament  
in the [presence of us who]  
have hereunto Sub[scribed  
our] names as Witnefses in  
the [presence] of the teftator  
Stephen . . . . .man  
Robert . . . . .  
R. Ellison

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James X Weyley  
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Queens County . . Be it Remembered that on ye Seventh day of June Seventeen hundred and Ninety Seven Personally came and appeared before me Joseph Robinson Surrogate of the said County Stephen Carman Esq & Robert Hubbs yeoman both of Hempstead in the said County & They being duly Qualifyd the former by taking and Oath and the latter being affirmed on their Oath and affirmation declared that they did See James Weyley Subscribe and seal the within written Instrument purporting to be the Will of the said James Weyley bearing date the thirtieth day of April Seventeen hundred and Ninety Seven and heard him publish & declare the same as and for his last Will & Testament: that at the time thereof the said James Weyley was of sound disposing mind and memory to the best of the knowledge and belief of them the deponent and



affirm that R. Ellison Together with them the deponent and affirmant Subscribed The said Will [as] wittneffes thereto in the testators presence.

Joseph Robinson Surrogate

Queens County f Be it also Remembered that on the Seventh day of June 1797 Ruth Weyley the executrix & Samuel Carman the Executor two of the Executors in the within written Will of James Weyley likewise appeared before me [the] said Joseph Robinson & were duly sworn to [the true] Execu[ti]on & per]formance of the said Will by tak[ing the] oath of an [execu]tor as by law appointed before me.

Joseph Robinson Surrogate

Children, born at ?Hempstead, New York, surname *Whaley* in order as they appear in James' will, (dates of birth not known):

- i. JOHN<sup>2</sup>, b. abt. 1756, d. 5 Feb. 1841; m. at St. George's Church, Hempstead, 30 Nov. 1779, SARAH TILLEY, dau. of George. John Whaley and Charles Underhill served as executors of George Tilley's estate, his will dated 13 May 1807; probated 3 Aug. 1811.<sup>3</sup>

John's will, dated 8 Jan. 1841, was proved 20 Apr. 1841, Queens Co., Surrogate Court, Jamaica, NY, liber 2 p. 381. Abstract<sup>4</sup>: I, John Whaley of Town of Oyster Bay, revoke all previous wills. Brother: Walter Whaley, all real estate, all my clothing. Niece—Catherine Whaley, one bed, bedstead, bedding, table, looking glass. Oliver Tilley, \$100. Mary Elizabeth Tilley, dau. of Oliver, one bed, bedstead, bedding, ½ linen, ½ clothes of deceased wife, dresses, cups and saucers. Hannah Tilley, second dt. of Oliver, same as Mary Elizabeth. Harriet Bailey, \$25. Executors: John Hegeman, Walter Whaley, Oliver Tilley. Witnesses: Charles Frost, Daniel C. Underhill.

A notice was published in the *Albany Evening Journal* once each week for six successive weeks beginning the 9 March 1841, asking that the following "next of kin and heirs at law of John Whaley, late of the town of Oysterbay, in Queens County" to appear in the Surrogate's Office, Jamaica, on Tuesday, 20 April, at 10 a.m. to attend to the probate of John Whaley's last will and testament named in the affidavit:<sup>5</sup>

City of New York:

Michael Whaley, James Whaley, Julia Ann Whaley

<sup>3</sup>Ray C. Sawyer, *Abstracts of Wills for Queens County, New York, 1787-1813* [1934], 1:113.

<sup>4</sup>Letter from Suzanne McVetty, Certified Genealogist, 15 Titus Avenue, Carle Place, New York 11514. 18 Sep. 1991.

<sup>5</sup>"Probate File of John Whaley," 20 April 1841, Queens County Surrogate Court, Jamaica, New York, liber 2, 381. {photocopy of original sent to the writer by Suzanne McVetty}.

Hempstead, Long Island, New York:

Robert Whaley, Betsey Smith, Phebe Smith, Elshe Baldwin, Catharine Wanser, Smith Whaley, Nathaniel Whaley, Elizabeth Raynor, Phebe Raynor, Susan Raynor, James Whaley, Jane Smith, James Whaley, Jane Smith, Zophar Smith, Charles

Smith, William Smith, Oliver Smith, Susan Smith, Catharine Smith, Hannah Smith, and Abigail Golder.

North Hempstead, Long Island, New York:

Sarah Starkins, Morrell Whaley

Jamaica, Long Island, New York:

Letty Allen (Alletta Whaley Allen)

Residence not known:

James Whaley and Elizabeth Ann Whaley

Williamsburg, King's County, New York:

Edward Smith, Mariah Smith, Ruth Smith, Caroline Smith, Ann Rebecca Smith, minors. [John Simonson of the town of Jamaica was duly appointed their special guardian.]

Will presented for probate in the company of the above by Walter Whaley of the City of New York, executor. Charles Frost and David C. Underhill, were the subscribing witnesses to the last will and testament of John Whaley, deceased

- ii. DAVID, b. abt. 1758/9; m. ELIZABETH GOLDER, b. abt. 1764.
- iii. ROBERT, b. abt. 1760, m. (1) ANNA TREADWELL, adopted dau. of Dr. Benjamin and Elizabeth Treadwell, (2) MISS \_\_\_\_\_ WILSON.

Children, surname *Whaley*:<sup>8</sup> 1. Benjamin, b. 1785, d. ?1850; m. 15 Nov. 1850, Elizabeth Morrell, dau. of Abraham and Judith Morrell of Newtown. 2. William went south in 1812. 3. Lester, b. 9 Feb. 1796, went south in 1812, d. Barren, Ken. 5 May 1880; m. at Sullivan, Tenn. 17 Nov. 1821, Sarah Bacon, b. Conn. 4. Ruth, b. abt. 1793; m. at Hempstead, 4 Feb. 1813, Richard Rhodes. 5. Elizabeth, m. \_\_\_\_\_ Dorland of Greenwich Point. 6. Abigail, lived at Hempstead, d. Jun 1872; m. \_\_\_\_\_ Simmons or Simonsen. 7. Daniel. 8. Joseph, born to Miss Wilson.

- iv. HANNAH, b. abt. 1762, m. (1) 18 Aug. 1782, JACOB SMITH, son of Cornel and Mercy Smith of Hempstead, (2) at St. George Church, Hempstead, BENJAMIN PLATT.

- v. SUSANNAH, b. abt. 1766; m. Hempstead, 6 Feb. 1787, HENRY RAYNOR.
- vi. JAMES, b. abt. 1768; will 30 Apr. 1797; m. 14 Apr. 1788, FREELOVE FOSTER.  
She m. (2) \_\_\_\_\_ Smith.
- vii. SARAH, b. abt. 1770, d. abt. 1822 (will); m. 21 Jan. 1792. JOSEPH STARKINS of Hartford, Conn. They had dau. Susan Starkins.
- viii. ABIGAIL, b. abt. 1780, d. at Jamaica, N.Y. 3 Jan. 1868; m. there at the 1<sup>st</sup> Reformed Dutch Church, JACOBUS GOLDER, b. 1776, d. at Jamaica, 26 Nov. 1848. They lived at Freeport, L.I.

Children, b. Jamaica, bap. 1s Reformed Dutch Church,<sup>6</sup> surname *Golder*:

1. Phebe, bp. 18 May 1800. 2. Ruth, b. 26 Dec. 1802. 3. Sarah, b. 12 June 1805. 4. Joseph, b. 10 Nov. 1806. 5. Elshe, bp. 20 Aug. 1809.

- ix. WALTER, b. 26 Feb. 1782, will 10 Oct. 1853 (aged 71 yrs. 7 mos. 14 days).<sup>7</sup>  
m. MARY \_\_\_\_\_, b. abt. 1790. Administrators: Mary Whaley, widow; John Hegeman; Jesse Whaley, all of Hempstead, LI, NY.

Children, surname *Whaley*:<sup>8</sup>

1. Jesse, b. abt. 1817, d. 1864; m. Rebecca Sealy, d. 1891. 2. James, b. 1822.
3. Albert, b. 1825; m. (1) Sarah Mariah \_\_\_\_\_, b. 1827, d. 29 Nov. 1850, Hempstead, (2) Ann \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Sarah, b. 1828. 5. David, b. 1830. 6. John, m. Julia \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Elizabeth, b. abt. 1810; m. 6 Sep. 1828, John Hegeman.
8. Catherine, m. Harry Miller.

- x. WILLIAM.

2. DAVID<sup>2</sup> WHALEY (James<sup>1</sup>) was born at Hempstead, Long Island, about 1758-9; married at St. George Episcopal Church, Hempstead, on 5 March 1783/4, ELIZABETH GOLDER, born there 8 December 1763, daughter of Michael and Altie (Van Nostrand) Golder. He served under Capt. David Laton in 1776, New York.<sup>9</sup>

Children, b. Hempstead, surname *Whaley*:<sup>10</sup>

- i. MICHAEL<sup>3</sup>, b. abt. 1792<sup>11</sup>, d. 16 Mar. 1861 (age 69+); m. at Presbyterian Church,

<sup>6</sup> Boca Raton, Florida, Family History Library, Film 017713.

<sup>7</sup> Administration of Walter Whaley proved 3 Nov. 1853, Queens Co., Surrogate Court, Jamaica, NY, liber H, p. 216 (McVetty, letter to writer of 18 Sep. 1991).

<sup>8</sup> Thelma Reeder's Family Group Sheet.

<sup>9</sup> *Documentary History of Oyster Bay*, p. 238.

<sup>10</sup> Alta Bateman Ash Archive Record, Family History Library, Salt Lake City, Utah.

<sup>11</sup> Thelma Reeder's records.

Hempstead 9 Feb. 1811, MARY ALLEN, b. 13 Apr. 1791/2, d. 16 Mar. 1861, dau. of Darius and Charity (Tyler) Allen. They lived in New York.

“Deed between Michael Whaley and Mary his wife, James Whaley and Abigail his wife of New York City, Robert Allen and Letty his wife of Jamaica, James Smith and Elizabeth his wife, Amos Smith and Phebe his wife; Stephen Baldwin and Elcy his wife, Joseph Whaley and Sarah his wife, Cornwell Smith and Treney his wife, of Hempstead, parties of the first part, and Joseph Smith of Hempstead, Queens Co.<sup>12</sup> For \$157, land in Hempstead, near Newbridge. Witnesses: Daniel K. Smith, Platt Willets.”<sup>13</sup>

- ii. JAMES, b. abt. 1787; m. ABIGAIL \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3. iii. ALLETTA, b. at Jamaica, N.Y., 20 Dec. 1790.
- iv. ELIZABETH, b. abt. 1793, d. at Brooklyn, N.Y. 9 Nov. 1865 intestate; m. at Hempstead 4 Mar. 1801, JAMES SMITH.

Letter of Administration of “goods, chattels & credits of Elizabeth Whaley, deceased:<sup>14</sup>

Son Abram M. Smith stated her personal property did not exceed \$49. Left 3 children: *Abraham M. Smith, Phebe Jane Hobley, Catharine Elizabeth Galladuet*. wife of Paul Galladuet, severally residing City of Brooklyn, Kings County, State New York, 8 surviving grandchildren, children of Samuel Smith, deceased, son of Elizabeth: Jefse Smith, Mary Elizabeth Smith, all of full age; Sarah Francis Smith, John Smith, Cornelius Smith, minors over the age of fourteen years; George Smith, Alexander Smith and Samuel Smith, minors under the age of fourteen years, severally residing with their mother, Catherine Smith, in the town of Newtown, Queens County.

- v. PHEBE, b. abt. 1795; m. 4 Feb. 1815, AMOS SMITH, son of Cornel and Mercy Smith of Hempstead, L.I
- vi. .ELSEY (ELSIE), b. abt. 1797; m. STEPHEN BALDWIN.
- vii. JOSEPH, b. abt. 1799; m. SARAH SMITH.

<sup>12</sup> Register, Jamaica, N.Y., dated 10 May 1832, recorded 5 June 1832, liber CC, p. 251.

<sup>13</sup> McVetty, letter of 7 June 1991.

<sup>14</sup> Ibid.

- viii. TRENY, b. abt. 1801; m. CORNELL (CORNWELL) SMITH, JR., son of Cornel and Mercy Smith of Hempstead.

3. ALLETTA WHALEY (David<sup>2</sup>, James<sup>1</sup>) was born at Jamaica, New York, on 20 December 1790, died there on 4 February 1851, intestate, leaving personal property valued (for the record) at \$30. She married at Christ Church, Hempstead, on 15 October 1808, ROBERT ALLEN, born at Oyster Bay, New York, on 22 May 1784, died at Hempstead, New York, 10 August 1834, son of Darius and Charity (Tyler) of Hempstead, N.Y. They were both buried in the Old Presbyterian Churchyard.

On 4 May 1831, a "Deed between Robert Allen and Alletta his wife, and William Allen" was made and recorded at Jamaica, New York<sup>15</sup> by which Robert and Alletta sold a 36-acre farm in Hempstead (near Newbridge) to Robert's brother William.<sup>16</sup> Not much more is known about the lives of Robert and his wife Alletta, and the descendants had wondered why the homeplace was sold and the grown children, notably son Daniel Rapalyea Allen, at the age of 19, moved elsewhere on Long Island.

In 1835, after Robert Allen died, the children entered into a court proceeding concerning their inheritance from him.<sup>17</sup> A commissioner appointed by the court in February 1835 sold land in June for \$2,846.70 which was invested by the court for the dower right of Alletta Allen, widow of Robert Allen. After her death the said principal sum was to descend to the heirs of Robert Allen, deceased, named in the suit. The "Deed in Dispute, settled at Court of Common Pleas between Daniel Allen vs. John Hendrickson and Susan his wife, James Nostrand and Eliza his wife, David Allen, John Allen, Robert Allen Jr., Letty Ann Allen, and Letty Allen," was dated 9 November 1846, recorded 17 December 1846, Queens County Register, Jamaica, New York (*Liber 70:175*). Daniel Allen and Elisha (Eliza) his wife were paid \$1 by the widow and thus sold Alletta (Whaley) Allen all interest and claim title, 9 November 1846.

Following the death of Alletta Allen on 4 February 1851, a Letter of Administration was granted her son John Allen the following 14 April [Morris Fosdick, County Judge, Jamaica]. John petitioned that the probable amount of her personal estate was \$30 and that those surviving were "Your petitioner is her son and of full age, and David Allen, Robert Allen, Daniel Allen, Susan Hendrickson, and Eliza Nostrand also children of said dec<sup>d</sup> and of full age, and Aletty Ann Bennet as a minor...."

<sup>15</sup> Liber TT, 438.

<sup>16</sup> Deed information sent to the writer by Susanne McVetty, CG, May 1991.

<sup>17</sup> Ibid.



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Children, surname *Allen*:

- i. ELIZA, b. in 1809; m. at the Dutch Reform Church, Jamaica, on 11 Dec. 1833, JAMES NOSTRAND.
- ii. DAVID, b. abt. 1811; m. 29 Oct. 1833 by Rev. Schoonmaker, Reformed Dutch Church, Jamaica, John Curr, witness, SARA MARIE SNEDEKER of Jamaica<sup>18</sup>. On 31 Jan. 1872, there was a deed between David Allen and Sarah his wife, and the New York-Rockaway Railroad Company, recorded 25 Aug. 1873, Queens Co. Register, Jamaica, N.Y.<sup>19</sup> The Allens were paid \$150 for a strip of land running for 50 feet through their land at Far Rockaway, near James Powers and Alfred Pearsall. Their neighbors also sold similar strips of land. David signed his name; Sara her mark.
- iii. ROBERT, b. abt. 1813; m. at the Dutch Reform Church, Jamaica, on 10 Nov. 1840, ALLETTA B. SNEDEKER of Jamaica<sup>18</sup>, sponsors David Allen and Martin Suydan. "Alletta Beebe Snedeker, daughter of Abraham Snedeker, m. Thursday evening last."<sup>20</sup>
- iv. SUSAN, b. abt. 1814; m. on 8 Jan. 1834, JOHN H. HENRICKSON of Jamaica.
- v. DANIEL RAPALYEA, b. at Newtown, New York, on 2 Aug. 1816, m. (1) ELIZA MARTIN. Daniel was the one who brought suit to clarify the ultimate distribution of his father's estate.
- vi. JOHN, b. abt. 1818; m. 17 Feb. 1841 by Rev. Jacob Schoonmaker at the Reformed Dutch Church, Jamaica, N.Y., SARAH MONFORT<sup>18</sup> (sponsors Henry Onderdonk, Jr. and Stephen Spader).
- vii. ALLETTA ANN, b. abt. 1833; m. at the Dutch Reform Church, Jamaica by Rev. Jacob Schoonmaker on 9 Jan. 1850, JACOB BENNETT (sponsors William Brush and John Allen). She was listed in Deed in dispute, a minor [of 17] in 1851.

TWO GIRLS who died young; no record.

<sup>18</sup> Film 017136, Florida Family History Library, Boca Raton.

<sup>19</sup> *Liber* 418:355, abstract sent to writer by Suzanne McVetty, C.G.

<sup>20</sup> *Long Island Democrat*, 17 Nov. 1840.