

Woodman
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WILLIAM WOODMAN OF FRANKFORT, MAINE, AND HIS DESCENDANTS

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1. William Woodman is my maternal great, great, great grandfather. His name first appears in the publication of marriage in Orrington, Maine, 24 June 1811, between William Woodman of Frankfort and Deborah Higgins.¹ Deborah is the daughter of Prince and Keziah (Freeman) Higgins. She was born at Eastham, Massachusetts 9 October 1790.²

Nancy P. Woodman, daughter of William and Deborah, is my great, great grandmother. She came to Salem and married James Bolter Davis. This was the extent of my knowledge about my Woodman ancestors. I wanted to know more about them, but soon learned that the vital records of Frankfort, Maine, were destroyed by a fire in 1903. Without these records I decided to reconstruct the family by compiling a census history of Woodmans living in the Frankfort area.

Some of the children of William and Deborah migrated to Essex County, Massachusetts. A general search of Woodman marriages and deaths in Massachusetts from 1830 to 1870 gave me a greater insight to the family. While my research is not complete on this family, I felt the need to share my experience with others.

The census of 1790 shows two Woodman families living in Frankfort. Benjamin Woodman is listed as the head of a household of one male over 16, two males under 16 and two females. Molly Woodman is listed as the head of a family in which there were no males over 16, three males under 16, and three females.³ William, born circa 1786, would have been 4 years old and could be a member of either household, or living with some other family.

John Woodman of Frankfort and Keziah Higgins of Orrington were married in Orrington 29 May 1796.⁴ Keziah was born at Eastham, Massachusetts, 17 September 1772, the daughter of Prince and Keziah (Freeman) Higgins.⁵ Deborah Higgins, younger sister of Keziah by 18 years, later married William Woodman. What relationship John Woodman is to William Woodman is uncertain.

The 1800 census has one Woodman family living in Frankfort. John Woodman had a household of two males under 10, and one male between 26 and 45; one female under 10, and one female between 26 and 45.⁶ William, age 14, was not living with this family.

The census of 1810 at Frankfort shows two Woodman households. John Woodman is listed as the head of a family of two males under 10, two males between 10 and 16, and one male between 26 and 45; two females under 10, one female between 10 and 16, and one female between 26 and 45. Josiah Woodman had a household consisting of one male under 10, one male between 16 and 26, and one male age 45 and up; two females under 10, and one female between 16 and 26.⁷ William age 24 may have been living with Josiah's family.

William Woodman is listed for the first time in the 1820 census as head of a Frankfort household of one male under 10 and one male between 26 and 45; three females under 10 and one female between 26 and 45.⁸



Children, born at Frankfort:

- 2. i Female b. ca. 1811-1820
- 3. ii Female b. ca. 1811-1820
- 4. iii Male b. ca. 1811-1820
- 4. iv Female b. ca. 1811-1820

On the 1830 census, William Woodman is listed at Frankfort with a family of one male between 10 and 15, and one male between 30 and 40; one female under 5, two females between 5 and 10, one female between 10 and 15, two females between 15 and 20, and one female between 30 and 40.⁹

Children, born at Frankfort:

- 2. i Female, b. ca. 1811-1815
- 3. ii Female b. ca. 1811-1815
- 4. iii Male b. ca. 1815-1820
- 5. iv Female b. ca. 1815-1820
- 6. v Female b. ca. 1820-1825
- 7. vi Female b. ca. 1820-1825
- 8. vii Female b. ca. 1825-1830

On 21 July 1834, Mr. William Woodman of Frankfort, and Mrs. Harriet Pendleton of Prospect were published.¹⁰

Harriet Clifford married (1) Thomas Pendleton Jr. who died early in 1824. They had one child, Lucinda Clifford (also called Rachel Lucinda), born 17 September 1823; died at Searsport, 17 December 1871, married 17 May 1846, Abram P. Wentworth. Harriet married (2) William Woodman.¹¹

Still at Frankfort on the 1840 census, William Woodman has a family of one male under 5, and one male between 50 and 60; one female under 5, one female between 5 and 10, one female between 10 and 15, and one female between 30 and 40.¹²

Children, born at Frankfort, first marriage:

- 8. vii Female b. ca. 1825-1830
- 9. viii Female b. ca. 1830-1835

Children, born at Frankfort, second marriage:

- 10. ix Female b. ca. 1835-1840
- 11. x Male b. ca. 1835-1840

The 1840 census shows that five females, and the only male child of the first marriage are no longer living in the household.

The census of 1850 at Frankfort, enumerated 5 August 1850, shows:¹³

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>School This Year</u>
William Woodman	64	M	Ship Carpenter	Maine	
Harriet Woodman	47	F		Maine	
Martha A. Woodman	18	F		Maine	
Benjamin C. Woodman	11	M		Maine	1
Catherine C. Woodman	8	F		Maine	1

Martha born ca. 1832 is the last child of the first marriage to be still living in the household.

The young female under 5 years of age on the 1840 census is not on the 1850 census and probably died at a young age.

William Woodman, still living at Frankfort on the 1860 census, enumerated 1 August 1860 shows:¹⁴

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Real Estate</u>	<u>Personal Estate</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>
William Woodman	74	M	Ship Carpenter	\$400	\$100	Maine
Harriet Woodman	57	F				Maine
Benjamin Woodman	20	M	Ship Carpenter			Maine
Catherine Woodman	18	F				Maine

This is the last census that lists William Woodman.

The census of 1870 at Frankfort, enumerated 8 July 1870 shows:¹⁵

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Real Estate</u>	<u>Personal Estate</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>
Franklin Woodman	26	M	Farmer	\$2200	\$390	Maine
Rosina Woodman	21	F	Keeping House			Maine
Franklin Wentworth	15	M	Work on Farm			Maine
Harriet Woodman	60	F	No Occupation			Maine

The census also shows that Franklin (Benjamin) and Rosina were married January of this year. Franklin's correct age should have been 30. Franklin Wentworth is Harriet's grandson by her first marriage. Harriet's correct age should have been 67 and this is the last census that her name is mentioned.

Children of William Woodman and his first wife, Deborah Higgins, born at Frankfort. The order of the first two is uncertain:

2. i Nancy P. Woodman, b. ca. 20 April 1813
3. ii (Female) Woodman, b. ca. 1815? (living 1830)
4. iii William M. Woodman, b. ca. 1816
5. iv Jeannette Hussey Woodman, b. ca. 26 September 1818
6. v Rebecca T. Woodman, b. ca. 13 February 1821
7. vi (Female) Woodman, b. ca. 1823 (died young?)
? , b. ca. 1825?
8. vii Henrietta Woodman, b. ca. 15 June 1828
? , b. ca. 1830?
9. viii Martha S. Woodman, b. ca. 19 February 1833

Children of William Woodman by his second wife, Harriet Clifford, born at Frankfort:

10. ix (Female) Woodman, b. ca. 1835-1837 (died young)?
11. x Benjamin Franklin Woodman, b. ca. 1839
12. xi Catherine C. Woodman, b. ca. 1842

2. NANCY² P. WOODMAN (William¹) was born at Frankfort, Maine, ca 20 April 1813. She died 29 May 1879 at Salem, Massachusetts, at the age of 66 years, 1 month, 9 days.¹⁶ Harmony Grove Cemetery, Salem, is where she is buried. There is no gravestone marking her final resting place.

She married at Salem, 23 July 1847¹⁷ (although there is no public record) JAMES BOLTER DAVIS, who was born JAMES DAVIS BOLTER at Watertown, Massachusetts 1 September 1820, the son of Thomas and Eliza (Davis) Bolter.¹⁸ His name was changed by an act of the legislature. James came to Salem in 1837 and his occupation was given as a tailor.¹⁹

James enlisted and served as a private of the Fourth Battery of Massachusetts Artillery Volunteers, in the war of 1861. He died 24 September 1862 at St. James Hospital, New Orleans, Louisiana.²⁰ Nancy was left a widow with five children. She never remarried, remaining a widow for 17 years until her death.

Nancy was married at the First Baptist Church of Salem, by Rev. Thomas D. Anderson. The marriage was proven when she applied for her widow's pension.²¹

The 1860 census of Salem, Massachusetts, shows:²²

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Value of Real Estate</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>School</u>
James B. Davis	41	M	Tailor	\$200	Mass.	
Nancy P. Davis	37	F			Maine	
William F. Davis	11	M			Mass.	1
Sarah Davis	7	F			Mass.	1
Mary J. Davis	5	F			Mass.	1
James B. Davis	2	M			Mass.	

This census was the last that James B. Davis is alive and with his family, it was enumerated 3 August 1860. In two months, Arthur, the last child, will be born.

Children, born at Salem, Massachusetts:

13. i WILLIAM FRANKLIN DAVIS, b. ca. ? April 1848
m. 18 May 1876 at Lynn, MARY E. VINCENT.²³
14. ii JAMES F. DAVIS, b. 21 April 1849;²⁴ d. 1 August 1850 at Salem,²⁵ age 1 year 3 months 15 days. Bur. at Harmony Grove.
15. iii HANNAH E. DAVIS, b. 20 February 1852²⁶ d. 23 June 1855,²⁷ at Portsmouth, N.H., age 3 yrs 4 months. Buried at Harmony Grove with the name HARRIET E. DAVIS.
16. iv SARAH REED DAVIS, b. 9 October 1853;²⁸ d. 19 January 1903,²⁹ at Danvers, bur. Harmony Grove.
m (1) LEONARD W. RIGGS, 28 May 1877 at Salem³⁰
m (2) CLIFFORD DUSSAULT, 9 December 1888, at Salem³¹
m (3) JOHN T. THIBAULT, 10 April 1897 at Salem.³²
17. v MARY JANE TURNER DAVIS (my great grandmother) b 21 September 1855;³³ d. 23 May 1930 at Malden,³⁴ buried at Woodbrook

Cemetery, Woburn. m (1) FREDERIC AUSTIN JOHNSON (my great grandfather) 18 March 1875, at Salem.³⁵ m (2) WILLIAM EMERY RAMSDALL, 15 November 1889 at Lynn.³⁶

18. vi JAMES B. DAVIS, b. 15 March 1857;³⁷ m. at Salem, 24 January 1884, MARY J. McCURDY.³⁸

19. vii ARTHUR HOWARD DAVIS, b. 13 October 1860;³⁹ m at Chelsea, 20 June 1883, ELIZABETH A. MALCOLM.⁴⁰

3. (FEMALE)² WOODMAN (William¹) was born sometime between 1811-1815. She was on the 1820 and the 1830 census. At that time she would have been at least 15 years old. She is not in the household on the 1840 census. Either she died before 1840 or she married and stayed in Maine.

4. WILLIAM² M. WOODMAN (William¹) was born at Frankfort, Maine, ca. 1816; died at Lynn, Massachusetts, 20 February 1866.⁴¹

He married at Salem, 21 June 1837 LAVINIA GUILFORD⁴² (also Lucy) b. ca. 14 March 1821, at Salem, the daughter of Aaron and Abigail (Peabody) Guilford. Reverend Brown Emerson, Pastor of the South Church of Salem performed the service.⁴³

The 1840 Massachusetts Census, town of Salem, found W. Woodman with one male between 20 and 30; two females under 5, and one female between 15 and 20.⁴⁴

The census of 1850, at Lynn, Massachusetts, enumerated 24 August 1850, shows:⁴⁵

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Real Estate</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>School This Year</u>
William Woodman	34	M	Cordwainer	\$500	Maine	
Lucy L. Woodman	28	F			Mass.	
Martha J. Woodman	12	F			Mass.	1
Abigail M. Woodman	11	F			Mass.	1
Olivenda Woodman	6	F			Mass.	1
Clarence O. Woodman	3	M			Mass.	

The Massachusetts State Census of 1855, enumerated 14 August 1855 at Lynn, shows:⁴⁶

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>
William M. Woodman	39	M	Laborer	Maine
Lucy L. Woodman	33	F		Mass.
Martha Woodman	17	F		Mass.
Abigail M. Woodman	16	F		Mass.
Alavenda Woodman	11	F		Mass.
Clarence O. Woodman	10	M		Mass.
Lavinia L. Woodman	3	F		Mass.

The 1860 census of Lynn, enumerated 7 August 1860 shows:⁴⁷

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>School This Year</u>
Lucy L. Guilford	38	F		Mass.	
Jane Guilford	22	F	Shoebinder	Mass.	
Lucy P. Guilford	8	F		Mass.	1
Clarence Guilford	13	M		Mass.	1

Lucy is not living with William and is using her maiden name for herself and her children. The following year, Clarence enlists in the Civil War.

The 1870 census of Lynn, enumerated 6 June 1870 shows:⁴⁸

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>
Woodman, Lucy L.	48	F	Widow	Mass.
Ellis, Josephine M.	3	F	At Home	Mass.

William Woodman and his wife Lucy are buried in separate public lots in Pine Grove Cemetery in Lynn. There are no gravestones marking their graves.

Children:

20. i. MARTHA³ JANE WOODMAN, b. ca. 1838 at Saugus; d. 15 April 1898 at Derry, New Hampshire;⁴⁹ m. at Lynn, 4 July 1856 JOSEPH BACHELLER.⁵⁰
21. ii. ABIGAIL MELISSA WOODMAN, b. ca. 17 September 1839, at Salem; d. 21 August 1880 at Lynn.⁵¹ Buried Pine Grove; m. at Lynn, 18 April 1857, ROBERT HOLT.⁵²
22. iii. MARY B. WOODMAN, b. ca. ? August 1841, at ?; d. 7 October 1841, at Lynn, age 2 month. Bur. at the Old or Western Cemetery.⁵³
23. iv. EVELINA WOODMAN, (also called Alavenda, Olivenda, Alice W.), b. 11 February 1844, at Saugus;⁵⁴ d. 11 March 1870, at Lynn;⁵⁵ m. at Saugus, 19 October 1863, GEORGE W. NEWHALL.⁵⁶
24. v. CLARENCE OSMORE WOODMAN, b. 7 May 1847, at Lynn.⁵⁷ The only son of William and Lucy, enlisted and mustered 28 October 1861 at age 14 as a drummer boy in Company "D," Seventeenth Regiment Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry. He gave as his residence, Lynn, and his occupation as a shoemaker. Clarence drowned 26 May 1863, at Newbern, North Carolina at the age of 16.⁵⁸
25. vi. MARY LAURIANNA WOODMAN (also LUCY), b. 9 March 1852, at Lynn;⁵⁹ d. 10 October 1899 at Lynn,⁶⁰ buried Pine Grove; m. 2 February 1869, at Lynn, CHARLES E. STILES.⁶¹

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