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## **President's Letter** ©

From the President: October 2006

My gosh, it's October! Just a few weeks ago we were still adjusting the thermostats to fend off the onslaught of summer. And unfortunately, where I live we are still fiddling with them. Maybe there's something to this global warming!

With year-end beginning to materialize I should be telling everyone how gratified we are with the steady increase in membership. We recently went over the 100 mark (thanks to Paul and Donna) though as of now we've fallen back to 92. Their hard work pushed us past the century mark and now we need to regain it and surpass it, then stay well north of there. We can give ourselves a small pat on the back, but clearly we need to keep up the membership effort.

I want to give our membership a challenge over the next twelve months. If it feels good to reach one hundred members, it should feel twice as good to reach Two Hundred by October 2007. So let's all seize this challenge and do it. As President, I hereby pledge to secure at least one new member by October 2007 and I ask each of you to do the same. It's not that much of a challenge if you break it down: one new member per member per year. The rewards will be well worth our concerted effort. Join in the commitment and let's earn ourselves a real round of applause next year.

Jan Dunham, President

## This Issue...©

In this ninth DSFC Newsletter I am back in my Editor's chair and pleased to deliver an interesting issue that contains two challenges for us, plus a couple of "first" articles. Our President, Jan Dunham, first challenges each of us to be responsible for recruiting one new member during the coming year—a challenge which, if met, would double our size by next October 2007. Then, second, I ask a selfselected few of you in Editor's Corner to join our Newsletter staff as "reporters." I'd like to change and enliven the Newsletter by adding profiles and stories about living Dunham relations today; this is going to require some extra help. I shall be waiting to hear from several intrepid "reporter" volunteers.

The first feature length article by Geraldo Caldas tells us about the history of the Dunhams of Brazil. Until Geraldo contacted Paul some months ago, I don't think any of us knew there were any Dunhams in Brazil. But there are, and Geraldo's research has connected them back to Dunhams in the United States and in England. This is the first news we've had of overseas Dunhams (Canada doesn't count, Lloyd). Surely there are more and in future issues we shall seek them out. Geraldo's article is very interesting. Finally, Gratia starts in this issue the first of her genealogical series on the children of Jonathan Singletary Dunham out to the first four generations—where they lived and migrated to, and the families with whom they intermarried. With her series on the children of Deacon John Dunham's family, completed in the last issue, the various branches of one great family group of Dunhams in the U.S. has been laid out. Now she begins on the Dunham-Singletarys. The great value of this series of articles is that they furnish the data to anyone who descends from any branch of these families to be able to tie into and trace back their ancestry, in unbroken links, to the founder of that family (at least in America). When she completes her series on the Dunham-Singletarys, the succession of our quarterly newsletters will contain virtually all the beginning branches of the two major family groups to whom most of you are related and from whom you descend.

These articles are thus an extremely valuable genealogical research resource for most all of our members. Especially important, they are the first Dunham genealogical publications to take advantage of and use the valuable DNA findings that DSFC's DNA Program has made available and will continue making available. The DNA information has corrected many mistakes and has cleanly and authoritatively separated these two major Dunham surname groups. While you may become impatient reading about the children and wanderings of Dunham branches from whom you do not descend, each of you will now have (or soon will have) the data you need to trace your branch of the family back to its American founder. This treasure trove of information would not exist—or would not exist in such complete form—without Gratia's incredible labor of research of many years standing. We salute her for her effort and thoroughness and look forward to the rest of the Dunham-Singletary series. I do especially, because this is the family group from which I descend.

Finally, Gratia publishes herein a second shorter article as a correction to, and expansion of, the Line of Joseph<sup>2</sup> Dunham—namely, the Children of Micajah<sup>3</sup> and Elizabeth (Lazell) Dunham. This updated information was given to Gratia by our new DSFC member, Julie Dresser, who descends from this line. This correction is an example of how active membership in DSFC continues to expand and refine our knowledge of all branches of our Dunham family groups.

# **Editor's Corner** ©

It's good to be back after being out for the last two newsletters. My wife Valerie and I have recently moved twice, which seriously preoccupied us from April through July and August. In a downsizing move, we sold our house of 37 years last March and had to vacate it by April 30<sup>th</sup>. We moved into an apartment, thinking it would take us six months to a year to find the ideal smaller house we sought. Instead, to our considerable surprise and delight, we found it in a week, bought it, got our light remodeling done quickly, and moved into it in mid-July. Thus from March through July we were in a sort of whirlwind "boxes, packing, and unpacking" marathon. But now we are preliminarily settled in our new home, the computers are hooked up, and life is taking on once more a semblance of normality.

Well, almost. The third week of August I fell while on a routine errand and broke my hip. But I got a good surgical fix and am mending

well. Unlike moving, this latest little inconvenience keeps me at home before the computer and thus able to assume once more my editorial duties. I am extremely indebted to Gratia Mahony, my able Associate Editor, and to Paul Dunham for seeing to it that the April and July '06 newsletters got out to you on time and well put together. Thanks Gratia and Paul once again.

Last winter and spring we received some critical feedback from several readers telling us of what they liked least about the Newsletter and of the kinds of things they'd like to see more of on a regular basis. What they said is that they would like less "dead genealogy" and more news of current living Dunhams around the country. Or more generally, we might say they want to see more news of our common Dunham pasts connected to our extended living Dunham relatives now. It doesn't take much reflection, of course, to realize that *all genealogy* proper is "dead genealogy" and that with so many of our forebears all we have left today are a few official footprints in the records that certify their bare existence—birth, marriage, and death—and perhaps a few land titles. Nonetheless, there is another dimension to our Dunham family trees—the domain of our distant living relatives to whom we might today still talk and learn many interesting details beyond the barest facts of their existence.

The idea of endeavoring to open this other dimension is an excellent request, and I would like, with this issue, to initiate steps to start providing those kinds of stories in the Newsletter. To do so will take, however, a somewhat more extended and collaborative newsletter staff. We need what a regular newspaper or current events magazine

would call a staff of "reporters." Our reporters needn't be full time. They can take time off and do just one or two jobs a year. The task of our reporters when they are "on," however, will be to beat the bushes throughout the community of our members and Dunham relations in search of interesting stories. These stories might cover a wide range of topics, but mostly they will be about Dunhams or Dunham relations whose lives, achievements, or current activities would be of interest to our readers in future issues of the Newsletter.

There are lots of good stories out there. The main family groups who share the Dunham surname are a reasonably large group of people today. Many of them are likely to have interesting careers and a range of notable achievements. For example, we know there is a Dunham winery in northern California. There is the Dunham Shoe Company, which was recently acquired, I am told, but still carries the Dunham name. There is a Representative Jim Dunnam currently in the Texas Legislature who has been one of its outstanding Democratic members. One, possibly more, interesting stories are associated with each of these instances. It would be the charge of our reporters to track down the Dunhams indicated in these instances and endeavor to get their stories.

How they get them and record them might vary with each reporter and story. Somehow, in the form of expanded notes or rough narrative, these stories need to be reduced to writing and sent to me (email is ideal). They needn't be in finished or polished form, but the substance of the story should in each case be fairly complete. Part of my job as Editor is to render the pub-

lished product of each newsletter into polished literary form that our readers will find, I hope, engaging, interesting, and informative. In nearly every case, there will be a good bit of collaborative work between me and the reporter in question. The need for reporters in our newsletter effort is that I can't do it all. I can't both go out and get the stories and be responsible for each issue of the whole Newsletter getting out in good form and on time.

Now, no one who would entertain trying to fulfill the role of "a reporter" need feel intimidated. It's not a full time job. Rather. it's like a "project." It does take some initiative. You have to determine that you're going to go out and troll for a story. Today, with the internet, the world wide web, and Google, there are plenty of places and opportunities to survey for Dunham stories. Once you find a possible story, then you have to contact the people who seem to be the keys to that story, and here the telephone is probably still the preferred instrument—although email can do much of the heavy lifting once your contact is made and you have a willing source or sources. You must of course have some idea of the story you want: for example, the founding of the Dunham winery and the background of the Dunhams who started it. Many businesses already have prepared narratives on their origins and founders, but you would want to "cap" your story by concentrating on the people and their personal backgrounds and origins, and this may take some more digging and talking to the Dunham principals involved. If they do not already know it, you've got something to offer them—more knowledge of their deeper family background that DSFC has uncovered and that

they may not be aware of. There can be disappointments in digging for a story. Sometimes people are too busy to talk on what they may consider so peripheral a matter. But many will talk. People enjoy talking about themselves and their lives and achievements. As a reporter you will probably find as many pleasant surprises as you do disappointments. Furthermore, tracking down some of these more prominent Dunhams is a good way to recruit new members and perhaps candidates for DNA tests.

For any readers inclined to volunteer as a reporter, be assured that I will work with you and help guide you as best I can. Given my editorial responsibilities, each story will be a collaborative effort and I will try to help along the way at any stage. I just need for you to be the initial "bird dog" in finding the people and the stories and trying to track them down.

Now, do we have any reporter volunteers out there? Remember: if you would like to have these more interesting "people stories" in the newsletter, you should seriously consider taking a role in helping to find and create them. Anyone who is interested should contact me at:

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Editor's Note: Geraldo Caldas' article which follows could not be put in double-column format without diminishing to unreadable size Geraldo's many pictures. I have therefore put it in single-column format. The resolution of the pictures is still not perfect. We shall work on this problem in future issues.

## THE DUNHAM FAMILY IN BRAZIL

by Geraldo Pereira Caldas ©

#### INTRODUCTION

Three years ago I started to investigate my origins in a systematic way. I inherited my composite surname "Pereira Caldas" from my Portuguese ancestors that I have identified up to the early XVII century, in the Minho province of Northern Portugal region bordering Galicia, Spain. My Portuguese great-grandfather, Salvador Pereira Caldas, came to Brazil about 1875. From the

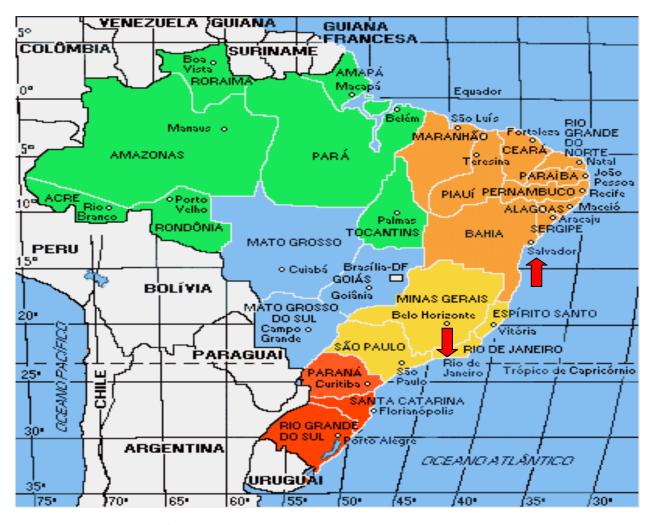


My grandmother Ida Angélica Dunham in 1912

maternal side, I have French ancestry, since my grandfather, Pierre Montet, was born in Paris in 1879. My connection with the Dunhams is from my paternal grandmother Ida Angélica Dunham (1886-1947).

#### THE DUNHAMS TODAY IN BRAZIL

Consulting Brazilian phone directories, it can be seen that people with the Dunham last name are relatively few in the country, and they live today mostly in the states of Bahia (34 subscribers) and Rio de Janeiro (30 subscribers). I belong to the Dunham Rio branch, but nowadays I live in Florianópolis, capital of Santa Catarina State, in southern Brazil. From the results of my research, I believe that all, or almost all, Brazilian Dunhams have a common origin in Bahia about 1827. The map on the following page shows the distribution of Dunhams in Brazil.



Brazil, showing Salvador (Bahia), and Rio de Janeiro where the Dunhams settled

#### **BEGINNING THE DUNHAM RESEARCH**

My grandfather, Antonio Pereira Caldas, civil engineer and professor of mathematics, was married on June 13<sup>th</sup> 1914 to Ida Angélica Dunham in Rio de Janeiro. She was born on 29/8/1886, the first child of José Valentim Dunham (1864-1946) and Rosária Martins de Sá (1869-1945). My genealogical research priority was to find the origin of the Dunham family in Brazil considering all the mystery and legends that were involved. I well remember from my childhood the big home of my great-grandfather, José Valentim Dunham, in the Botafogo district of Rio. I only knew him about the time of his death in 1946. He was a distinguished civil engineer who supervised some great projects that modernized the city at the beginning of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, giving the downtown district a European look. He worked as well at the construction of many new railway branches for the Central do Brazil Railway Company, being a director of that company for many years. Today there is a street in Rio with his name.



My great-grandfather José Valentim Dunham in the 1920's

Another souvenir related to my Dunham ancestors that aroused my curiosity was the military uniform, kept by my grandmother, that once belonged to Henrique Valentim Hancock Dunham, the father of José Valentim Dunham. He attained the rank of Captain of Guarda Nacional and commanded a mission in the Triple Alliance War (1864-1870), the greatest military conflict of South America history. He always seemed to me a great adventurer involved in mystery and legend. I tried to learn more from my late father about the Dunhams. He used to say that Henrique's father was an American. I am not sure, but I vaguely recall that once he said the name of our first Dunham in Brazil was Felix. Later, when I started to dedicate methodical attention to the research, I inquired of my older relatives about our Dunham origins. One of my aunts tells a story that our first Dunham came to the country in the squadron of the English Admiral Thomas Cochrane who was contracted by the Brazilian Imperial government soon after independence (1822) to organize the Brazilian navy and to fight the Portuguese who resisted in Bahia. I never really believed this story was true, but now I think that perhaps it can have some truth.

#### **BEGINNING THE SEARCH**

I started my search from the marriage of Henrique Valentim Hancock Dunham to Carolina Ida Brinckmann, whose register transcription I got in the church archives of Rio de Janeiro. Unhappily, this marriage register does not contain their parent's names, but it confirmed that he was born in the old province of Bahia and that she was born in Berlin, Germany. She was the widow of Christian Emil Heuss, probably German (I am close to identifying who he was). Carolina poses another mystery that I am trying to decipher. It is interesting that my second great-grandparents married in 1880, but they lived together since at least 1857, because their first son, Jorge Herculano Dunham, (deceased at the age of 13 years) was born in that year. I believe the problem would have been the legislation of the Brazilian Empire, when the Roman Catholic Church was official and it seems that Carolina was first a Protestant.

I also knew, from a periodical notice of the time, that Henrique Valentim Hancock Dunham died on February 9, 1909, when he was within a few days completing 80 years. So, his birth should have been in February of 1829. A few weeks ago I got his death register that confirmed this information.

#### THE ORIGINS OF HENRIQUE VALENTIM HANCOCK DUNHAM

I was not discouraged by not finding the names of Henrique's parents. His childrens' terms of baptism, whose transcriptions I also got, made no mention of their grandparents' names. I then searched other sources. I requested and received the files from the Brazilian National Archives in Rio de Janeiro which confirmed that Henrique belonged to Guarda Nacional, was in the Triple Alliance War (Paraguay) and got awards for his service. Knowing that he was an official of Guarda Nacional, I looked and found in the Laemmert Almanak published in Rio de Janeiro in 19<sup>th</sup> century some references to his name and to two more men who, by their names, had to be his brothers: Guilherme Romão Washington Hancock Dunham and Jorge Washington Hancock Dunham. In a Brazilian genealogical book I found a marriage note about this Guilherme Romão. I imagined that the father of Guilherme and Jorge, as I would prove afterwards, was the American George Felix Dunham who passed the Rio de Janeiro control of foreigners office in 5/4/1832, going from Rio to Bahia. I requested the transcription of his register from the National Archive that reads:

"Jorge Felix Dunham, United States citizen, Navy Officer, age 30 years, usual stature, long face, much beard, blue eyes, departs to the city of Bahia and has permission."

#### DISCOVERIES IN THE CHURCH ARCHIVES IN RIO

In October 2005 I was in Rio and used my free time to deepen the research on the Dunhams. I visited the Brazilian genealogical society "Colegio Brasileiro de Genealogia", where they have a big card index with the marriages in the city until the end of century XIX. There I found some references on Dunhams marriages. With these references I went to the church archives where I examined and copied some of the Dunham marriage and baptism registers. The greatest findings were two marriages of Guilherme Romão Washington Hancock Dunham. His father was really George Felix Dunham and his mother Angélica Gertrudes de Jesus. Besides that, the important information was that Guilherme was born in Bahia and baptized in the Church of Saint Peter in Salvador.

#### THE BAPTISMS OF THE DUNHAMS IN BAHIA

Knowing the parents' names and that at least one of their children was baptized in San Peter Church in Salvador, Bahia, I requested the LDS microfilms of this church for the period about

1830. I started the baptisms search from 1825. Once per week I went to Family History Center (FHC) and searched patiently for two hours. Finally, after some weeks, I found 4 baptism registers in sequence performed on the same day 11/9/1831. There were the baptisms of my second

NAME	BAPTISM	BORN	NOTES
Julio (Julius)	11/09/1831 4 years old	1827	He was the origin of a branch of Dunhams now living in Bahia. I have been in contact with these people and found recently the missing link. In his adult life he used the name Julio Eugenio Dunham.
Henrique (Henry)	11/09/1831 2 ½ years old	1829	My second great-grandfather. In his adult life used the name Henrique (Henry) Valentim Hancock Dunham. Settled in Rio de Janeiro, with many descendants in that city. He died on 9/2/1909 at the age of 80.
Guilherme (William)	22/11/1835	1831 – 1835	In his adult life called himself Guiherme Romão Washington Hancock Dunham. Married 2 times in Rio de Janeiro. Two of his known children died young. I don't know if there was any other. It is possible that there was at least one daughter whose marriage I will check soon.
Elena	22/11/1835	1831 – 1835	For the moment, no further notice of her.
Ermelinda	17/12/1848 10 years old	1838	She had a daughter named Rosena born in Bahia in 1865. In her adult life she used the name Ermelinda Angelica Dunham.
Jorge (George)	17/12/1848 7 years old	1841	In his adult life called himself Jorge Washington Hancock Dunham. Settled in Rio de Janeiro
Thomas	17/12/1848 6 years old	1842	May be he was the origin of other Dunhams now living in Bahia

great-grandfather Henrique (2 and half years old – so he was born really about February 1829), as well as that of one of his brothers, Julio (4 years old – born in 1827), of whose existence I was previously unaware. In sequence, in this same day, there were the baptisms' registers of 2 children (Ladislau and José) of a slave named Constança that belonged to George Felix Dunham, as the register says.

In the next visit to the FHC I found the baptisms of Guilherme (the original clue for all those findings) and Elena (I had not known about her before) done on the same day 22/11/1835. They were born between 1831 and 1835.

Of the known possible brothers of my second great-grandparent only Jorge Washington was lacking. But a few weeks ago I finally found the baptisms on 17 December 1848 of 3 more children of George Felix Dunham and Angelica Gertrudes: Jorge (the missing one, 7 years old,

born c. 1841), Ermelinda (10 years old, born c. 1838) and Thomas (6 years old, born c. 1842).

The table on the preceding page shows the data and some comments for the 7 children of George Felix Dunham and Angelica Gertrudes de Jesus baptized at Saint Peter Church in Salvador, Bahia:

THE MARRIAGE OF GEORGE FELIX DUNHAM IN BAHIA I started the search for the marriage of George Felix Dunham and Angelica Gertrudes after I discovered the first 4 Dunham children baptisms. My initial estimate was that it took place about 1826, but I did not find anything up to the end of that year. When I was almost discouraged, I found, with great joy, the marriage register dated 10/01/1827. With a digital camera I photographed in detail the manuscript image to be able to decipher it at home, after successive readings. The most important revelations were there: George Felix Dunham had been born in France and his parents were George Dunham and Eugenia Ducameron. His wife was effectively Angélica Gertrudes de Jesus whose parents were Antonio Jose de Amorim and Teresa de Jesus Seabra.

#### THE CONNECTION WITH DEACON JOHN DUNHAM

In the Family Search site I searched and found George Dunham, born about 1767 at Tisbury, Martha's Vineyard, married to Eugenia Ducameron (probably born in France about 1770), as well their children Henry Dunham and George "T." Dunham, both born in France, about 1793 and 1795, respectively. The father of George Dunham was Shubael Dunham married to Lydia Chase. Some days later, in reply to the account of my findings, Gratia Dunham Mahony confirmed my line of ancestors up to Deacon John Dunham.

In synthesis, our branch of Dunhams in Brazil links with Deacon John Dunham as follows:

- 1) Deacon John Dunham Abigail Ballou
- 2) Jonathan Dunham Mary Cobb
- 3) Jonathan Dunham Esther (Norton) Huxford
- 4) Cornelius Dunham Jemina Norton
- 5) Shubael Dunham Lydia Chase
- 6) George Dunham Eugenia Ducameron
- 7) George Felix Dunham Angélica Gertrudes de Jesus

One interesting point is that the Dunhams, as other inhabitants of Martha's Vineyard, used to be involved in sea activities. George Felix Dunham's great-grandfather (Cornelius) was "sloopmaster" and his father (Shubael) is said "Master Mariner". I suppose that George Dunham (father) was some kind of mariner and in his transatlantic trips had been in France where he met and married Eugenia Ducameron.

George Felix Dunham also was engaged in sea activities, as he declared himself "Oficial de Marinha" (Navy Officer) in the police register of foreigners in Rio. This point perhaps can confirm the hypothesis that he would have come to Brazil among the crew of Lord Thomas Coch-

rane, as some people in my family claim. This should be one future step in my research.

Another mystery to be disclosed is about Eugenia Ducameron. This is a very uncommon surname, seeming to be a French form of the Scottish Cameron (Du Cameron). Searching in the Internet I found the Scotsman John Du Cameron, who served as Sergeant in the French army. In 1745 he returned to Scotland as a rebel and was hanged in Perth in 1753. In the USA nowadays there is a Paula Ducameron, of Scottsdale, AZ, but I have not found her address, phone or e-mail.

#### THE SECOND GENERATION OF DUNHAMS IN BRAZIL

Presently I am trying to complete the second generation of Dunhams that stayed in Bahia. I have just started looking at the Saint Peter Church microfilms with baptisms for the second half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Recently I found the baptisms on 24/6/1853 of two sons (Justiniano, born on 3/1/1851 and Vicente, born on 6/3/1852) of Julio Dunham, the first son of George Felix Dunham. He appears as Julio Eugenio Dunham married to Roza Maria Braga. It is interesting the addition of "Eugenio" in his forename, recalling the name "Eugenia" of his grandmother. His son, Justiniano, was the missing link with Dunham people now living in Bahia that I have been contacting.

Three sons of George Felix Dunham (Henrique, Guilherme and Jorge) went to Rio de Janeiro. Before 1857 my second great-grandfather, Henrique, was there. Guilherme married in Rio for the first time in 1871 and Jorge was there in 1875. Latter, Guilherme and Jorge were government employees as Custom's Guards in the 1880's.



Henrique Valentim Hancock Dunham, Carolina Ida Brinckmann and relatives (I am

They had 7 children of which only 3 got to adult age:

• Jorge Herculano Dunham (\*1857 + 20/12/1870)
Henrique Eugenio Dunham (\*8/12/1858 +c.1940). He married Elvira Hildegard Tollstadius, on 9/5/1885. She was born in Lisbon, Portugal, daughter of Nicholas James Tollstadius, Swedish teacher with schools in Portugal and later in Brazil and Emilia Clara, daughter of British subjects in Lisbon. They had no children, but an adopted daughter Stela (Photo). My father used to visit "tio Rico" (oncle Rico, as he called Henrique) and liked him very much.



Henrique Eugenio Dunham and family, about 1915

Ida Angelica Dunham (homonymous of my grandmother \*14/3/1862 + 15/1/1885). She married Narciso Desiderio Dorison, of French descent, on 10/6/1882. She died when only 22 during yellow fever epidemics.

José Valentim Dunham, my great-grandparent, (\*14/10/1863 +22/7/1946). He married Rosária Martins de Sá, daughter of Portuguese parents, on 31/12/1885. He is the ancestor of most Dunhams that now live in Rio de Janeiro.

The photo below shows José Valentim Dunham in the center, my grandfather Antonio Pereira Caldas (dark suit with a stick) on the left side. On the other side are my grandmother, Ida Angelica Dunham, her mother, Rosaria, her brother, Rubens Dunham and her little sister, Jenny



José Valentim Dunham (center), family, relatives and friends, in 1914

The above picture was taken in June 1914, some weeks after the wedding of my grandparents, during a farewell party at the port of Rio de Janeiro when my great-grandparents were going on a trip to Europe (they were caught by the outbreak of WWI when they were there).

Also shown in the picture on the preceding page are:

- Teodora Dunham (\*1865 + 17/7/1869)
- Isabel Dunham (\*1866 +2/7/1868)
- Oscar Nobre Dunham (\*1876 +20/5/1891). He died when only 14 years; victim of a lost bullet during a military parade. I suspect he could be an adopted child. They also had another adopted son named Jorge Dunham (born about 1880-1885), who used to visit our family until I was a teenager. He never married and died in the late 1950's. People in the family say he was the son of a German woman, friend of my second great-grandmother.

# 11. THIRD GENERATION OF DUNHAMS IN BRAZIL – DESCENDENTS OF JOSÉ VALENTIM DUNHAM

José Valentim Dunham, born on 14/10/1863, married on 31/12/1885 Rosária Martins de Sá (Rio de Janeiro, \*3/10/1868 + 31 jul 1945) daughter of José Antonio de Sá e Luiza Martins da Silva. Their children were:

Ida Angélica Dunham, my grandmother (\*29/08/1886 + 29/05/1947). She married in 13/06/1914 Antonio Pereira Caldas (\*7/5/1884 + 1979). Their children were: Antonio Geraldo (1917-1987 – my father) José Antonio (1919-1979, without offspring), Paulo Antonio (\*1921, with offspring) and Maria de Lourdes (\*1923, with offspring).



My parents wedding – 13/6/1939 – From left to right, my great-grandparents José Valentim Dunham and Rosária de Sá Dunham, my grandparents Antonio Pereira Caldas and Ida Angélica Dunham, my parents Anair Montet and Antonio Geraldo Dunham Pereira Caldas.

José Valentim Dunham II (son), Navy Officer, (\*5/10/1887 + 24/08/1937). Married Cacilda Costa. Their children were: Moacir Dunham (Navy Oficer, took part in WWII), José Valentim Dunham III (grandson) also Navy Officer and Henrique Valentim Dunham, lawyer.

Nelson Dunham, Doctor, (\*5/5/1889 +1948). He married Cecília. Their children were: José (Doctor), Mário (Navy Officer) and Aloísio..

Newton Dunham, Civil Engineer (14/8/1892 + abt 1960)

Rubens Dunham, diplomat, (13/5/1895 +1936, abroad), married Elisabeth (Austrian). Without offspring.

Lincoln Henrique Dunham, Civil Engineer, (\*1898 +11/08/1947), without offspring.

Jenny Dunham (\*1907 +2004), married Sylvio José de Freitas. They had a son Armando Dunham de Freitas, retired law judge, born about 1935.

#### **CONCLUSION**

Today in Rio de Janeiro and Salvador (Bahia) there are people with the Dunham surname, and others like myself that don't bear the family name, that descend from George Felix Dunham, the American citizen, born in France, that came to Brazil about 1825. He links these people with the Dunhams of Martha's Vineyard and with the Deacon John Dunham.

I hope to discover more about George Felix Dunham and his mother Eugenia Ducameron. It seems he used to come in and go out of Bahia. The baptisms of his 7 children were performed in blocks (1831, 1835 and 1848) with several years in between. I will try to find more about him in the Brazilian Navy archives in Rio and maybe some day I will go to Salvador, Bahia, to search in the church archives to find the canonical process of his marriage. In the meantime I will try to find if he died in Brazil.

In the present article I have not mentioned two other Dunhams that I found in Brazil but that I could not relate to my ancestor. One very interesting case is an almost homonymous George F. (I don't know what the F stands for) Dunham, a Rhode Island mechanic who had been working with agricultural machinery in Bahia, Brazil in 1853-54, and wrote a 228 page diary whose resumé<sup>3</sup> can be found on the Internet. This diary is now in Rice University in Houston,Texas<sup>4</sup>. That man, by all we can deduce from the abstract, could not be my ancestor George Felix Dunham and seems to be younger. Other case is a certain Luiz Marques de Souza Dunham, a pharmacist born in Rio in 1826 and died in the same city in 1860. The references that I found about him don't give the name of his parents. Would he be a natural son

American Collection, MS 518, Woodson Research Center, Fondren Library, Rice University, Houston, Texas Series I - South America 1912 – 1861; Subseries: Brazil 1831 – 1853; Box 1; Folder 8.

1853. Dunham, George F., "A journey to Brazil aboard the good ship Montpelier, Captain Swift".

<sup>3.</sup> http://www.reeseco.com/cat242/242b.htm

<sup>4.</sup> http://www.lib.utexas.edu/taro/ricewrc/00227/rice-00227.html

#### Editor's Comment

Geraldo Caldas' interesting article raises the obvious suggestion of trying to get DNA tests on any living male Brazilian Dunhams. That would confirm Geraldo's information from Gratia that his Brazilian Dunham ancestors descend from Deacon John Dunham. Also interesting is evidence of the second Dunham family Geraldo found in Brazil that did not seem, from his current research, to be related to his line of Brazilian Dunhams. Could possibly members of the Dunham-Singletary family be in Brazil? If living male members of that family can be found, DNA tests could also identify their origins. Between now and the January issue we shall be in touch with Geraldo to see if these tests can be done.

# THE DUNHAM-SINGLETARY CONNECTION

by Gratia Dunham Mahony ©

There are a large number of people whose surname is Dunham, but who actually descend from Jonathan Dunham alias Singletary, the oldest son of Richard Singletary. Just why this oldest son took the Dunham surname is still not clear, but those who descend from him are Dunhams, and therefore their ancestral search and information is found under the surname Dunham. That is why the name of this family association is called *DUNHAM-SINGLETARY FAM-ILY CONNECTIONS*.

The descendants of Jonathan <sup>2</sup> all used the surname DUNHAM; however some branches use the spelling DONHAM, and some branches use the spelling DUNNAM. Those interested in more information about the beginning of this line should see the article published in this newsletter in Volume 2, Issue 2, April 2, 2005. This article is Jonathan Dunham alias Singletary: A Paradoxical Figure by Audrey Shields Hancock with Sam Dunnam. People interested in the line of

Jonathan <sup>2</sup> Dunham of Woodbridge are also urged to see the excellent web site being maintained by Audrey Shields Hancock at <a href="http://tinyurl.com/2fnas">http://tinyurl.com/2fnas</a>. This site can also be found under "links to other sources" on the Dunham-Singletary Family Connections web site <a href="http://www.pcdunham.net/">http://www.pcdunham.net/</a> Index.html .

Since the implementation of the Dunham DNA project several years ago, a number of men have participated in DNA analysis. These men have provided samples which show that some of them descend from one of the sons of Jonathan <sup>2</sup> Dunham of Woodbridge New Jersey. Some of these lines of descent have been proven through the use of vital records, land deeds and probate files. Several other test results are from men whose DNA analysis either matches exactly the genetic markers of the proven lines, or are a single step mutation from those lines. We now know that these other lines are from descendants of Jonathan <sup>2</sup> Dunham, but we are still looking for the genealogical proof through documentation. In searching for that documentation, or genealogical evidence, we need to look at places within the families of Jonathan <sup>2</sup> Dunham's sons where there were possible unrecorded births.

This article will focus on the children of Jonathan <sup>2</sup> Dunham, and will name the children in the fourth generation. Future articles will elaborate on the lines of the sons of Jonathan <sup>2</sup> Dunham and discuss the genealogical evidence which leads to placement of those fourth generation children. The scope of that evidence is too great to be included in just a single article.

# THE LINE OF JONATHAN <sup>2</sup> DUNHAM OF WOODBRIDGE, NJ

1. Jonathan <sup>2</sup> Dunham/alias Singletary (Richard <sup>1</sup> Singletary) was born in Newbury, Essex Co. MA 17 January 1639/40, and died about 1724 in Woodbridge, Middlesex Co. New Jersey. He married ca. 1657 Mary Bloomfield, daughter of Colonel Thomas Bloomfield. She was born in Newbury MA 15 January 1642, and died in 1705.

Jonathan and Mary moved to Woodbridge New Jersey shortly before 1669-70. Jonathan built and operated the grist mill in Woodbridge. His house (now restored) adjoins the Trinity Episcopal Church and Cemetery in Woodbridge. A mill stone from his mill has been placed at this site by descendants as a memorial to him. The Memorial Plaque reads:

In Memory of
Jonathan Dunham
who in 1670 established the
First Grist Mill in New Jersey
at Woodbridge, New Jersey
and built the Brick House
now Trinity Church Rectory
dedicated October 5, 1969
by
the 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Comm.
of Woodbridge Township N. J.

Jonathan Dunham and his father-in-law, Thomas Bloomfield, both went to Woodbridge, then in East Jersey. Thomas Bloomfield received land in Woodbridge in 1669 and both he and Jonathan Dunham were freeholders there in 1670. On 7 June 1673 Thomas Bloomfield and Jonathan Dunham were elected Representatives to the General Assembly for Woodbridge. A recent book which covers both the Bloomfield and the Dunham families, plus many of the families intermarried with the above, is Ancestors and Descendants of Lewis Ross Freeman with related families by Patty Barthell Myers, published by Penobscot Press in 1995. It should be noted that there are a few errors in this book which will be noted in this or the following articles.

Children of Jonathan and Mary (Bloomfield) Dunham:

- 2. i. Ester <sup>3</sup> Dunham, b. 1659, d. 14 August 1690
  - ii. Mary <sup>3</sup> Dunham, b. 29 December 1661, d.y.
- 3. iii. Mary <sup>3</sup> Dunham, b. 3 February 1663
  - iv. Sarah <sup>3</sup> Dunham, b. 3 February 1663, d.y.
  - v. Eunice <sup>3</sup> Dunham, b. 1668, d. 5 December 1684
- 4. vi. Jonathan <sup>3</sup> Dunham Jr., b. 24 Septem ber 1672
- 5 vii. David <sup>3</sup> Dunham, b. 10 March 1673/4
  - viii. Nathaniel <sup>3</sup> Dunham, b. 8 February 1677, d. 14 May 1678
- 6. ix. Nathaniel <sup>3</sup> Dunham, b. 10 April 1679
- 7. x. Benjamin <sup>3</sup> Dunham, b. 22 August 1681

NOTE: Please see the article by Sam E. Dunnam in Volume 3, Issue 3 of this newsletter, dated July 15, 2006, entitled A Theory Concerning An Important Missing Link Between Jonathan Singletary Dunham and The Large Clan of "Southern"

**Dunhams".** This article theorizes that John Dunham of South Carolina was an illegitimate son of Jonathan <sup>2</sup> Dunham of Woodbridge.

#### THIRD GENERATION

2. Esther <sup>3</sup> Dunham (Jonathan <sup>2</sup> Dunham/alias Singletary, Richard <sup>1</sup> Singletary) born in 1659, died in Woodbridge New Jersey 14 August 1690. She married in 1680 Samuel Smith, son of John <sup>1</sup> and Susanna (Hinckley) Smith. He was born in Barnstable, Barnstable County, Massachusetts in April 1644 and died in Woodbridge in 1729. Samuel Smith married second in Woodbridge 8 January 1692 Elizabeth Pierce.

Children of Samuel and Esther <sup>3</sup> (Dunham) Smith: [Meyers p. 538]

- i. Elizabeth <sup>4</sup> Smith, b. 15 August 1681 m. (--) Bunn
- ii. Samuel <sup>4</sup> Smith, b. 18 April 1685
- iii. Benjamin <sup>4</sup> Smith, b. 28 January 1687 m. Sarah Shotwell

Children of Samuel and Elizabeth (Pierce) Smith:

(this is not a Dunham line, but some descendants married Dunhams)

- iv. Shubael Smith, b. 2 January 1692/3 he d. Woodbridge 31 May 1768 m. May 1716 Prudence<sup>4</sup> Fitz-Randolph (Samuel <sup>3</sup> Nathaniel <sup>2</sup> Ed ward <sup>1</sup>)
- Of their children, the oldest Mary Smith, b. 27 December 1716/17
  - **m. Jonathan <sup>4</sup> Dunham** (Benjamin <sup>3</sup> Jonathan <sup>2</sup> Richard <sup>1</sup> Singletary)
- v. Joseph Smith, b. 9 March 1695, d. Woodbridge 22 September 1704
- vi. Susannah Smith, b. 27 September 1699 m. James Pitney

Children of James and Susannah (Smith)

Pitney:

- i. Samuel Pitney b. 19 March 1718 in Woodbridge
- ii. Jonathan Pitney b. 17 July 1721 in Woodbridge
- **3. Mary** <sup>3</sup> **Dunham** (Jonathan <sup>2</sup> Dunham/ alias Singletary, Richard <sup>1</sup> Singletary) born in Haverhill Massachusetts 3 February 1663/4, died after 16 April 1702 when she was named in Essex Co. NJ Deed Vol. 15:202. She married **William Ellison**. William Ellison came to Woodbridge 28 February 1684, and was indentured for three years under account of Stephen and Thomas Warne. He was a tanner, and he died in Woodbridge in 1707.

Children of William and Mary <sup>3</sup> (Dunham) Ellison: [Meyers p. 538-9]

- i. Enoch <sup>4</sup> Ellison, b. Woodbridge 4 De cember 1697
- ii. Emme <sup>4</sup> Ellison, b. mentioned in father's will
- 4. Jonathan <sup>3</sup> Jr. Dunham (Jonathan <sup>2</sup> Dunham/alias Singletary, Richard <sup>1</sup> Singletary) born in Woodbridge, Middlesex County New Jersey 24 September 1672, died in Woodbridge New Jersey 6 September 1706. He married in Woodbridge New Jersey 5 February 1695/6 Esther Rolph, daughter of John and Mary (Scullard/Scollard) Rolph/Rolfe. She died in Woodbridge 11 September 1742. Esther (Rolph) Dunham married second in Woodbridge 23 Dec. 1706 Ezekiel Bloomfield, son of Ezekiel and Hope (FitzRandolph) Bloomfield. He was born in 1683, died in 1749.

Jonathan <sup>3</sup> may have moved, or been planning to move, to Westfield New Jersey. On 2 April 1705 he gave a deed of gift to his brother Benjamin, and in that deed mentions land he had given to his brother David

Dunham. This land was located in several parcels, all in Woodbridge. Whether Jonathan ever actually moved to Westfield or not is uncertain as he died in Woodbridge only a little over a year after the execution of this deed. It should be noted that his brother Nathaniel <sup>3</sup> Dunham did go to Westfield along with many other families from Woodbridge who relocated there.

The will of Jonathan <sup>3</sup> Dunham dated 1 Sept. 1706 and proved 30 Oct. 1706, names wife Easter his sole executrix, and children Samuel (under age), Eunice and Mary.

Children of Jonathan Jr. and Esther (Rolph) Dunham: all born in Woodbridge NJ

- i. Samuel <sup>4</sup> Dunham, b. 4 December 1697, d. 6 September 1726 unmarried
- ii. Eunice <sup>4</sup> Dunham, b. 9 October 1699, d.y.
- 8. iii. Eunice <sup>4</sup> Dunham, b. 12 May 1702
- 9. iii. Mary <sup>4</sup> Dunham, b. 3 March 1703/4
- 5. David <sup>3</sup> Dunham (Jonathan <sup>2</sup> Dunham/ alias Singletary, Richard <sup>1</sup> Singletary) born in Woodbridge Middlesex County New Jersey 10 March 1673/4, died in Woodbridge New Jersey in 1750-1757. David married in New York City 16 or 18 August 1699 Mary Ilslee/ Ilsley, daughter of John <sup>2</sup> Ilsley (William <sup>1</sup> Ilsley). [New York Marriages Previous to 1784] Mary Ilsley was born in Woodbridge New Jersey 13 April 1680.

Children of David and Mary (Ilsley) Dunham: (see discussion below):

- 10. i. Joseph <sup>4</sup> Dunham, b. 7 October 1700 in Woodbridge NJ
- 11. ii. David <sup>4</sup> Dunham Jr., b. 1703-5 in Woodbridge NJ
- 12. iii. John <sup>4</sup> Dunham born say 1708
  James Donald Dunham (whose DNA analysis proves descent from

- Jonathan Dunham/alias Singletary) gives this John as father of Nathaniel b. 1733 who went to Greene Co. Pennsylvania and later to Clermont Co. Ohio.
- 13. iv. James b. ca. 1700-1712. He must have lived in Amboy NJ as the marriage license of his daughter Anna states in part: *Uriah Corlis (Corlies) of Shrewsbury* in the County Monmouth, and Daniel Corlis of same town and county "Carpinter" (Bound to) Jonathan Belcher, Govenor 500 pounds...22 June 1752...Uriah Corlis..obtained License of marriage for himself and for Anne Dunnum of Amboy, (Wwitnesses) Samuel Jennings and Mary Leonard. (this Corlis line was appar ently Loyalist as they exit NJ and go to Canada in 1780s) to
  - 14. v. Daniel <sup>4</sup> Dunham, b. 1715 [ref. Myers p. 542, and Brunton p. 23] d. 1739 Elizabethtown, New Jersey

There are several unplaced Dunhams who descend from Jonathan Dunham/alias Singletary. In October 2003 James Donald Donham, of Fairmont West Virginia, participated in DNA analysis. He had traced his line to Nathaniel Donham of Greene County Pennsylvania (who later went to Clermont County Ohio). The DNA markers of James Donald Donham match those of other proven descendants of Jonathan Dunham/alias Singletary. It is believed that Nathaniel Donham was born about 1733 and was of Woodbridge and/or "Perth Amboy" New Jersey a town which adjoins Woodbridge on the south east.

In looking at the known descendants of Jonathan Dunham/alias Singletary, and trying to find a logical place where these "unplaced"

Dunhams could possibly belong, the most obvious parentage is David <sup>3</sup> Dunham and his wife Mary Ilsley. Notice that the marriage took place in New York, and Mary likely had New York or Staten Island family connections. The Woodbridge records cited by Myers and Brunton, show three children for this couple. [References: Patty B. Myers, Ancestors and Descendants of Lewis Ross Freeman with related families, p. 542, Penobscot Press, 1995, and Brunton, Yvonne Miller, The Singletary Family History, 1599-1989 with collected Research (1989), Heritage papers, Danielsville, GA.]

I believe that there were at least three more children, possibly born in New York, and that these children were:

John <sup>4</sup> Dunham b. 1708 James <sup>4</sup> Dunham b. 1710-1712

**6. Nathaniel <sup>3</sup> Dunham** (Jonathan <sup>2</sup> Singletary/alias Dunham, Richard <sup>1</sup> Singletary) born in Woodbridge, Middlesex County New Jersey 10 April 1679, died in Westfield, Union County New Jersey after 1727. He married in Woodbridge New Jersey 20 October 1703 **Joanna Thornell**, daughter of Israel and Hannah (--) Thornall. She was born in Woodbridge 25 February 1684/5.

In 1715, Mary (Rolph) Dunham, the widow of Benjamin<sup>3</sup>, deeds to Nathaniel <sup>3</sup> the property which was given to her husband by his brother Jonathan <sup>3</sup> Dunham. Joannah, the wife of Nathaniel, in 1717, confirms the deed. It was not recorded until 1793. On the third of May 1727, Nathaniel deeds the same property to James Wilkinson and Joseph Bloomfield. This property was to have been given to Samuel <sup>4</sup> Dunham (son of Jonathan<sup>3</sup>), but he died and the property was given to his sisters, Eunice Bloomfield and Mary

Wilkinson.

Children of Nathaniel <sup>3</sup> and Joanna (Thornell) Dunham: born in Woodbridge and Westfield, NJ:

- 16. i. David <sup>4</sup> Dunham, b. 1704
- 17. ii. Andrew <sup>4</sup> Dunham, b. 1706
- 18. iii. John/Jehu <sup>4</sup> Dunham, b. 1708 [see Myers p. 543, she says "Brunton p. 23, gives Jehu]
- 19. iv. Elizabeth <sup>4</sup> Dunham, b. 10 May 1710
- 20. v. Joanna <sup>4</sup> Dunham, b. 25 September 1712
- 21. vi. Jerusha <sup>4</sup> Dunham, b. 3 March 1714/15
- 22. vii. Ephraim <sup>4</sup> Dunham, b. 17 Novem ber 1724
- 23. viii. Nathaniel <sup>4</sup> Dunham, b. 17 October 1726.

# **7. Benjamin** <sup>3</sup> **Dunham** (Jonathan <sup>2</sup> Singletary/alias Dunham, Richard <sup>1</sup> Singletary) born in Woodbridge, Middlesex County New Jersey 22 August 1681, died in Woodbridge New Jersey 31 December 1715 in his 35<sup>th</sup> year. He married in Woodbridge New Jersey ca. 1706 **Mary Rolph**. He is buried in the Episcopal Cemetery, Woodbridge New Jersey.

Children of Benjamin <sup>3</sup> and Mary (Rolph) Dunham: born in Woodbridge New Jersey:

- Richard <sup>4</sup> Dunham, b. 28 May 1707.
   There is no further information about him, and he is not mentioned in sister Katherine's will which was dated 1 May 1764.
- 24 .ii. Katherine <sup>4</sup> Dunham, b. 12 May 1708
- 25. iii. Jonathan <sup>4</sup> Dunham, b. 7 January 1710/11 m. **Mary Smith**, daughter of Shubael and Prudence (Fitz-Randolph) Smith (this line will be

- covered in a subsequent issue)
- iv. Benjamin <sup>4</sup> Dunham, b. 4 December 1712. There is no further information about him, and he is not mentioned in sister Katherine's will which was dated 1 May 1764.
- v. Hannah <sup>4</sup> Dunham, named in will of her sister Katherine.

#### FOURTH GENERATION

The children of Jonathan <sup>3</sup> Dunham's daughters are given below. Continuation of the children of David <sup>3</sup>, Nathaniel <sup>3</sup>, and Benjamin <sup>3</sup> will be discussed in detail in future issues of this newsletter.

**8. Eunice** <sup>4</sup> **Dunham** (Jonathan <sup>3</sup> Dunham, Jonathan <sup>2</sup> Singletary/alias Dunham, Richard <sup>1</sup> Singletary) born in Woodbridge, Middlesex County New Jersey and christened there 12 May 1702, died in Woodbridge New Jersey 30 November 1760. She married in Woodbridge 5 September 1721 **Joseph** <sup>4</sup> **Bloomfield**, son of Ezekiel <sup>3</sup> and Hope (Fitz Randolph) Bloomfield. He was born in 1695, died in 1782.

Children of Joseph and Eunice <sup>4</sup> (Dunham) Bloomfield:

- i. Hannah <sup>5</sup> Bloomfield b. 13 Nov. 1722, d. 12 Feb. 1724
- ii. Hannah <sup>5</sup> Bloomfield (again) b. 12 June 1724 m. Jonathan Alston.
- iii. Martha <sup>5</sup> Bloomfield b. 26 July 1726, d. 10 April 1731
- iv. Moses <sup>5</sup> Bloomfield b. 4 Dec. 1729 m. <sup>1</sup> Sarah Ogden, m. <sup>2</sup> Phebe (Holmes) Ward
- v. Asa <sup>5</sup> Bloomfield b. 25 Oct. 1733, d. 2 yrs. 9 mos.
- vi. Jonathan <sup>5</sup> Bloomfield b. 25 Aug. 1735
- vii. Esther <sup>5</sup> Bloomfield b. 1737, d. infant
- viii. Esther <sup>5</sup> Bloomfield (again) b. 1740, d.

infant

- ix. Samuel <sup>5</sup> Bloomfield b. 1743, d. infant
- 9. Mary <sup>4</sup> Dunham (Jonathan <sup>3</sup> Dunham, Jonathan <sup>2</sup> Singletary/alias Dunham, Richard <sup>1</sup> Singletary) born in Woodbridge, Middlesex County New Jersey 3 March 1703/4. She married in Woodbridge New Jersey 16 December 1726 James Wilkinson. He was called Dr. James Wilkinson in the Vital Records. He died in Woodbridge 15 January 1749, age 52 years, and is buried in the Woodbridge Presbyterian Cemetery.

Children of James and Mary <sup>4</sup> (Dunham) Wilkinson: born in Woodbridge

- i. Sarah <sup>5</sup> Wilkinson, b. 28 December 1727
- ii. Samuel <sup>5</sup> Wilkinson, b. about October 1729; d. 26 July 1736, age 6 years and 9 mos., buried in the Woodbridge Presbyterian Cemetery
- iii. Thomas <sup>5</sup> Wilkinson, b. perhaps 1731

This is the end of first article on The Dunham-Singletary Connection. The January issue will continue lines of the sons in the fourth generation.

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# Correction to the Line of Joseph<sup>2</sup> Dunham

by Gratia D. Mahony ©

New information is not being created; but old information continues to come to light and sheds new proof to existing family history documentation. This was recently demonstrated when a new member of DSFC, Julie Dresser, brought to my attention the baptisms from the Plymouth Church Records. These records are NOT included in the <u>Vital Records of Plymouth Mass.</u> to the year 1850, compiled by Lee D. van Antwerp, edited by Ruth Wilder Sherman, and published by Picton Press in 1993.

Julie's Dunham ancestress was Esther Dunham who married Lemuel Robbins. A new book by Lawrence G. Robbins; <u>The Nicholas Robbins Family</u>, published by Gateway Press, Inc. in 2006, page 33, cites the Plymouth Church Records for Esther's parentage.

"Esther was the daughter of Micajah Dunham and Elizabeth Lazell, b. c. 1718 at Plymouth and baptized at First Church in Plymouth, together with five of her siblings, on 15 Aug. 1731".

In my article published in DSFC Vol. 3, Issue 1, 30 January 2006, p. 7 & 8, I lists the children of Micajah <sup>3</sup> (Joseph <sup>2</sup> John <sup>1</sup>) and Elizabeth (Lazell) Dunham, and also the children of Joseph <sup>3</sup> (Joseph <sup>2</sup> John <sup>1</sup>) and Bethia (Chase) Dunham. In addition to the 6 children shown for Micajah and Elizabeth are: Ester/Esther, Ephraim and Manasseh. In my list of the children of Joseph and Bethia, for which there is proof of only 4 children, I had

listed an additional 8 children, based on circumstantial evidence, but without proof. I had included Esther Dunham b. say 1717, who m. Lemuel Robbins, among the children of Joseph and Bethia. I now believe that based on the Plymouth Church Record of baptisms a more accurate list of the children of both Micajah <sup>3</sup> and Joseph <sup>3</sup> can be compiled.

Children of Micajah <sup>3</sup> and Elizabeth (Lazell) Dunham:

- i. Joshua <sup>4</sup> Dunham b. 30 June 1701
- ii. Joseph <sup>4</sup> Dunham b. 12 March 1704/5
- iii. Abigail <sup>4</sup> Dunham b. 19 July 1707
- iv. Joanna <sup>4</sup> Dunham b. 5 Nov. 1709
- v. David <sup>4</sup> Dunham b. say 1712 (not baptized with siblings)
- vi. Micajah <sup>4</sup> Dunham b. say 1716 (not baptized with siblings, but did marry and have children)
- vii. Ester/Esther <sup>4</sup> Dunham b. 1717-18
- viii. Ephraim <sup>4</sup> Dunham b. say 1719
- ix. Manasseh <sup>4</sup> Dunham b. say 1720-21

The births of the first three children are given in the Plymouth Vital Records p. 33; Joanna/Joanah is given in the Plympton Vital Records (but as a child of Micajah and Mary, probably an error for Elizabeth); David and Micajah are not given in the Plympton Vital Records and may have been out of the household by 1731; Esther, Ephraim and Manasseh are given in the Plymouth Church Records under date of 15 August 1731. By that time, Abigail had married John Thomas, and Joanna had married Thomas Ward. Esther Dunham was about 14 years old, and considered old enough to be "active in the covenant" herself, and Ephraim and Manasseh were under 14 years old, and thus baptized on the right of their parents.

Marilyn Labbe, a descendant of Michjah <sup>4</sup>

Dunham, says he married Mary Davis and had seven children (shown on the Vital Records of Brimfield, Hampshire Co. MA, p. 40-41). I believe that David <sup>4</sup> Dunham also lived in the Brimfield/Brookfield area of Hampshire Co. MA because there are still some unidentified Dunhams who appear on the records in that area.

Below is a corrected list of the children of Joseph <sup>3</sup> (Joseph <sup>2</sup> John <sup>1</sup>) Dunham. Children of Joseph <sup>3</sup> and Bethia (Chase) Dunham:

- i. Hannah <sup>4</sup> Dunham b. 1 June 1707 Freetown VR
- ii. Stephen <sup>4</sup> Dunham b. 5 May 1709 Freetown VR
- iii. Caleb <sup>4</sup> Dunham b. say 1711 Witness to Plymouth Co. LR 42:30
- iv. Josiah <sup>4</sup> Dunham b. say 1713 Proven by Plymouth County Land Record 79:209
- v. Joseph <sup>4</sup> Dunham bp. 11 May 1715 Norton VR
- vi. Ephraim <sup>4</sup> Dunham b. say 1719 m. in Middleboro 30 Nov. 1741, Mercy Tinkham (not the Ephraim <sup>4</sup> son of Micajah <sup>3</sup>)
- vii. Bethiah <sup>4</sup> Dunham b. say 1720 m. James Perkins
- viii. Nathaniel <sup>4</sup> Dunham b.
- ix. Jonathan <sup>4</sup> Dunham
  Plymouth Co. LR 42:30
  dated 28 March 1752
  (Jonathan purchased lot #15
  next to lot #14 owned by
  Stephen Dunham)
- x. Phebe <sup>4</sup> Dunham
- xi. Mary <sup>4</sup> Dunham

If anyone has any further information about any of these Dunham children in the fourth generation, I would appreciate knowing about it. <a href="mailto:gratiam1@verizon.net">gratiam1@verizon.net</a>

# **Some Questions for Our Readers** ©

I need to know more about how each of you reads and "uses" the Newsletter.

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How many of you have color printers? I just got one, and I am thinking of using more color in the Newsletter if our readers want it, both in pictures and graphics and in shadings to highlight certain things, such as notices. Geraldo's article in this Newsletter makes good use of color in his map of Brazil. Color is a nice refinement, but requires more work and time in getting the Newsletter out. If enough readers want it, I'll do it. Let me hear from you on this *The Editor* (sdunnam@techconsult.com).

## **Change in Publication Dates** ©

We publish the Newsletter in January, April, July, and October. We started trying to get it out on the 1<sup>st</sup> of each of these months. But for various reasons we often find ourselves needing until the 15<sup>th</sup>. For example, January 15<sup>th</sup> is a much better date than January 1<sup>st</sup>. We have decided, therefore, that's we should officially change the publication date to the 15<sup>th</sup> day of each of our quarterly months. So, from now on, look for it on the 15<sup>th</sup>. *The Editor*