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President's Message

"I like things to happen; and if they don't happen, I like to make them happen." Winston Churchill (1874-1965)

Where is Winston Churchill when you need him? And we certainly need him here in the Dunham/Singletary Family Connections to *make things happen*. We are very fortunate to have several here that are the next best thing and they are Paul Dunham and Gratia Mahony. I thank them silently every day but today I am thanking them publicly for all that they are doing for our organization. We all know that they can't do it alone!

Now I'm asking all of you to come join us and *make things happen*. We need your talents, time and thoughts (not necessarily in that order). Come join us and let's get a brochure created, membership increased and the old and new projects going full speed.

Jan Erwin Dunham, *President*

Editor's Corner

This issue is being prepared by Associate Editor Gratia Mahony at the request of Sam Dunnam, Editor of Dunham Singletary Family Connections Newsletter. Sam and his wife have recently sold their house and are preparing to move to new quarters during the month of April.

This issue contains an interesting article written by new member Rae (Dunham) Laitres. We encourage submission of articles from the membership and applaud the excellence of Rae's article which has

been formatted for publication in this newsletter. A book review written by Paul C. Dunham on *The Gift of Valor: A War Story* by Michael M. Phillips will be of interest.

Several members have expressed a desire to see information and articles about living Dunham family members and their activities. These could be information gathered from local newspapers, photos of Dunham family reunions, or even a story about Dunhams living in different places around the world.

Articles about living Dunhams would add freshness to our newsletter and balance the genealogy and family history articles about our ancestors. We are also hoping to use more photos in future issues of the newsletter.

With the permission of Phyllis Kitson, who edited an early Dunham newsletter called the *Dunham Dispatch* we plan to reprint some of her articles which generated a lot of interest. One of these articles is included in this newsletter.

Help Needed from the Membership

Your editors cannot do this alone. Our members must help by providing newspaper clippings, obituary notices, photos, news about forthcoming family reunions, articles, and information about the interests and activities of Dunhams or Singletary/Dunhams. Please send this material to Associate Editor Gratia D. Mahony, 6043 Vereker Dr., Oxford Ohio 45056, until the Editor Sam Dunnam gets resettled in his new home. Please help make our newsletter of interest to all of the members. Thank you.



Ebenezer Dunham (1818-1906)
photo ca. 1865



Elizabeth (Roberts) Dunham (1820-1891)
photo ca. 1865

Forward to the Following Article
by Gratia Dunham Mahony

The January 2006 issue of this newsletter contained an article entitled Joseph² Dunham and His Sisters Hannah² and Persis². Child number 12. in the Fourth Generation was Israel⁴ Dunham (Eleazer³ Joseph² John¹) born in Plymouth October 1689, died in Plympton Massachusetts 18 August 1726 “in 36th year”. Israel married 13 December 1713 Joanna Rickard, and they had six children before Israel’s untimely death. Joanna married second Elisha Whiton, and presumably the six children she had with Israel Dunham continued to live with Joanna and Elisha Whiton.

The third child of Israel and Joanna (Rickard) Dunham was Ebenezer⁵ Dunham born 5 February 1718/19 [Plympton VR: 94]. Ebenezer⁵ Dunham married first Phebe Lucas by whom he had one child. He married second in Plympton 12 May 1748 Lydia (Perry) Fuller. [Plympton VR:310] Among the children of Ebenezer⁵ and Lydia (Perry) (Fuller) Dunham was Ebenezer⁶ Dunham. He is listed on the Plympton VR:94, but without an exact date of birth. Ebenezer⁶ Dunham married in Plympton 15 December 1785 Sally Chase [Plympton VR:310]

The following article, by Rae (Dunham) Laitres, is an analysis of the paternity of her ancestor Ebenezer Dunham (1818-1906), who she shows to be a son of Levi and Hannah (McAllister) Dunham, and grandson of Ebenezer⁶ and Sarah (Chase) Dunham. This is an excellently done analysis and should be a guide to anyone who presumes to do careful and fully documented research.

**My Ancestor Ebenezer Dunham
(1818-1906)
Analysis of Paternity**
by Rae (Dunham) Laitres

In the fall of 1970, intent on learning about my ancestry, I informed my four grandparents of the decision and had many lengthy interviews regarding the subject with each of them. My paternal grandfather, Marshall Dunham, gave me as much information as he could and suggested that I visit his paternal aunt, Flora (Dunham) Coburn, then a resident of Lyndonville. It would prove to be the best advice he could have given. In October 1971 I called on 87 -

year old Flora and told her of my project. She spoke of her grandparents Ebenezer and Elizabeth (Roberts) Dunham whom she remembered well. She had no knowledge of her grandfather's parents. During our conversation she mentioned Elsie Wells, formerly of Bakersfield, who had contacted her regarding Dunham information. Elsie Wells had been hired by someone to do Dunham research years ago. The town clerk of Bakersfield provided me with Elsie's address. Written communication with Elsie verified that she had been contacted by a Reverend Chester Dunham of Ohio to help him search for Dunham relatives in Franklin County, Vermont. In January of 1972 Elsie sent a handwritten chart as it related to my line, taken from her notes on the work she did for Chester Dunham. It partially covered five generations of the descendants of Ebenezer Dunham and Sarah Chase who moved from Plympton, Massachusetts to Royalton, Vermont, and from there to Enosburgh Vermont. Her chart showed Flora's grandfather to be the grandson of Ebenezer and Sarah (Chase) Dunham through their son Levi who married Hannah McAllister and lived in Enosburgh and Montgomery Vermont. Hannah's maiden name was obtained from the publication "Descendants of Nicholas Potter of Lynn, MA" Part 9, by Charles Edward Potter, published in 1888.

In April 1973 Flora wrote the following, stating Elsie had sent her sister Bertha (Dunham) Farrington the information in 1961:

- 1-Several generations after John Dunham came over from England or Holland appears the first one named Ebenezer (no dates to any of this).
- 2-Ebenezer had a son, also named Ebenezer who first lived in Royalton, later moved to Enosburgh.
- 3-He had a son Levi who had the farm after his father's death.
- 4-Levi had a daughter Polly who married Silas Potter and a son Ebenezer (who would be my grandfather).

Flora commented "**I also remember my Great Aunt Polly. She was so fat she could hardly walk.**"

Having acquired this information I proceeded to gather reliable data that would prove the Ebenezer-Levi-Ebenezer connection.

My Search for Documentation

The "Gazetteer & Business Directory of Franklin & Grand Isle Counties, VT 1882-83", compiled and published by Hamilton Child, reports the following:

Town of Richford p. 145-"Ira Dunham was born at Royalton, VT, in 1795, and when 16 yrs. of age removed to the town of Enosburgh, later resided in Richford & died there in 1862."

p. 150-"Ebenezer Dunham was born at Plymouth, MA. His parents died when he was four years old, and at age 14 he entered the Continental Army, served eight years and then settled in Royalton, VT. He remained there until 1811, then removed to Enosburgh & remained there until his death. His son, Ira, came to this town in 1829."

Elsie Wells, in a letter dated 22 Oct. 1971, stated that Ruby (Dunham) Hurlbut, a great-granddaughter of Ira, told her that when she was young there used to be a Dunham farm in what was known as Enosburgh Gore, a parcel of land between Enosburgh and Montgomery that ran to Canada.

Spring 1976-A search of vital records failed to yield any birth, marriage or death record that would connect the Ebenezer who married Elizabeth Roberts to Levi Dunham. Said Ebenezer died 14 February 1906, in Barton, Vermont at the age of 88 yrs. 6 days. His death certificate, on file in the Barton Town Registers, gives his date and place of birth as 9 February 1818 in Vermont. The names and birth-places of his parents are stated as 'unknown'.

Polly (Dunham) Potter, **the Great Aunt Polly that Flora remembered**, died in Lowell, Vermont on 15 January 1893, age stated as 71 yrs, 10 mos. 7 days. If age on this document is correct her birth date would be 8 March 1821. **Her parents are given as Levi & Hannah.** Her marriage to Silas Potter, which took place 15 February 1842 is recorded in Book 1, Page 109 of the Registers of Bakersfield. Her residence is stated as Enosburgh. The officiating party was Lewis Potter, Minister of the Gospel, presumably a relative of Silas. The names of the parents of the contracting parties are not given, which leaves a question as to where Charles Edward Potter obtained the maiden name of Polly's mother as McAllister.

Although the study of the vital statistics was negative, examination of the land records in the towns of Enosburgh, Richford and Montgomery provided a bountiful amount of information. The following chart shows some of the land conveyances involving Ebenezer, Levi and Ira Dunham.

Documentation from Land Records

Deed/Vol./Page Date/Town of Record	Grantor/Residence	Grantee/Residence	Description/ \$ Amount
Warranty 5/115 2 Jun 1810 Enosburgh	Timothy Demmick of Enosburgh	Ebenezer Dunham of Royalton	Whole of lot #194, 113 acres more or less/\$500
Quit claim 3/87 30 Jul 1819 Richford	Ira Dunham of Richford	Levi C. Dunham of Enosburgh	86 acres of farm formerly owned by Roswell Al- len/\$10
Warranty 8/279 21 Oct 1824 Enosburgh	Dolphus Paul of Berkshire	Levi C. & Ira Dunham of Enosburgh	northern half of lot #195 \$400
Quit claim 5/109 19 Apr 1828 Richford	Levi Dunham of Enosburgh	Ira Dunham of Enosburgh	86 acres of farm formerly owned by Roswell Allen/ \$550
Mortgage 9,10/792 18 Apr 1833 Enosburgh	Ebenezer & Levi C. Dunham of Enosburgh	Joseph Smith of Berkshire	Whole of lot #194, 133 acres more or less/ \$400
Quit claim 11/427 28 Aug 1834 Enosburgh	Ebenezer Dunham of Enosburgh	Levi C. Dunham of Enosburgh	Whole of lot #194, the farm on which I now live, deeded to me by Timothy Demmick on 2 Jun 1810/\$100
Warranty 11/428 5 Mar 1836 Enosburgh	Levi C. Dunham of Enosburgh	Dolphus Paul of Berkshire	Whole of lot #194, 113 acres, the farm on which I now live/\$650
Warranty 11/291 20 Nov 1839 Enosburgh	Levi C. Dunham of Enosburgh	Charles B. Maynard of Enosburg	2 pieces of land in Enos- burgh Gore totaling 67 acres, 37 rods, plus 30 acre piece on which John Roberts formerly built a house/\$118
Warranty 11/334 22 Feb 1840 Enosburgh	John C. McAllister of Enosburgh	Levi C. Dunham of Enos- burgh	8 acre piece deeded to me by Charles Comstock/\$20
Warranty 4/175 19 Jun 1845 Montgomery	Geo Platt & Wm. Allen of Burlington	Levi C. Dunham of Enos- burgh	160 acres, the full lot div of original right of Russell Atwater/\$260
Warranty 4/323 22 Nov 1847 Montgom- ery	Levi C. Dunham of Enos- burgh	Loren Dunham of Enos- burgh	160 acres, the full lot div of original right of Russell Atwater/\$250

Royalton, VT land records: Book 2, Page 558—warranty deed, 21 August 1809—Ebenezer Dunham of Royalton to Jesse Dunham of Royalton for \$200 all the land in lot 33. I did not find a conveyance to show how or when Ebenezer acquired this parcel of land.

Documentation from the Federal Census

The 1791 Federal Census taken in Royalton, Windsor County Vermont shows 1 male over sixteen and 3 females. Ebenezer is the only male in the home. The three females are wife Sarah (Chase) Dunham, and daughters Phebe and Eunice.

The 1800 Federal Census taken in Royalton Vermont shows:

2 males under 10 who would be
(Levi b. 1793/94) & (Ira b. 1795)
1 male 26-45 who would be
(Ebenezer b. about 1761)
1 female under 10 (unknown)
2 females 10-16 who would be
(Phebe b. 1786 & Eunice b. 1790)
1 female 26-45 who would be
(Sarah (Chase) Dunham b. about 1761)

The 1810 Census of Royalton Vermont shows:

1 male 10-16 (Ira b. 1795)
1 male 16-26 (Levi b. 1793/94)
1 male over 45 (Ebenezer b. 1761)
1 female 10-16 (unknown)
1 female 26-45 (Sarah (Chase) Dunham)

The 1820 Census shows the family of Levi Dunham, now listed next to Ebenezer Dunham in Enosburgh, Franklin Co. Vermont.

L. C. Dunham
1 male under 10
(Ebenezer, son of Levi, b. 1818)
1 male 26-45 (Levi b. 1793/94)
1 female under 10 (prob. Sarah)
1 female 26-45 (Hannah (McAllister) Dunham)

The 1820 Census of Enosburgh for Ebenezer Dunham shows:

1 male 10-16 (unknown)
1 male over 45 (Ebenezer b. ca. 1761)
1 female over 45 (Sarah (Chase) Dunham)
Note: Ebenezer and Sarah's daughters, Phebe and Eunice, are now married. Phebe is the wife of Wait Hopkins and Eunice the wife of Samuel Farrar. The male age 10-16 is unknown.

The 1830 Census of Enosburgh for Ebenezer Dunham shows:

1 male under 5
1 male 5-10 (Loren b. 1823/24, son of Levi)

1 male 10-15 (Ebenezer b. 1818, son of Levi)
1 male 30-40 (Levi b. 1793/94)
1 male 60-70 (Ebenezer b. ca. 1761)
1 female under 5 (poss. Phebe) **
1 female 5-10 (Polly b. 1821)
1 female 10-15 (poss. Sarah) *
1 female 30-40 Hannah McAllister
wife of Levi Dunham
1 female 60-70 Hannah Lawrence Dunham
2nd wife of Ebenezer Dunham ***

Ebenezer is listed as the head of the household and he is the male between 60 and 70 years of age. Levi is not listed in his own household in this census. I believe he is the male between 30 and 40 listed with the family of Ebenezer and living in the homestead. Ira Dunham has established himself in Richford.

* There was a Sarah Dunham who married Leonard Baker on 10 Oct. 1844, in Berkshire, Vermont. The names of the parents are not given. Sarah was probably at least 16 and no more than 25 years of age at the time she married. This would put her birth date between 1819 and 1828. She may have been Levi's daughter. Known children of Levi and Hannah were born in Feb. 1818 and March 1821 respectively. Thus if Sarah was Levi's daughter her most likely birth date would be 1819 or early 1820. She could be:

- the female under 10 in Levi's household in 1820
- the female between 10 and 15 in Ebenezer's household in 1830
- the female between 20 and 30 in Levi's household in 1840

** *The Albans Messenger-July 12, 1849* under the heading 'Married' in Enosburgh on the 23rd ult. by Mr. Caleb Brewer Esq., Mr. J. W. Palmers to Miss Phebe Dunham, all of Enosburgh. She would probably also be in the same 16-25 year age range at the time of her marriage, with a birth date between 1824 and 1833. She could be:

- the female under 5 in the household of Ebenezer in 1830
- the female between 10-15 in the household of Levi in 1840

Ira Dunham had a daughter named Sara Jane, but she died in 1831 at the age of ten months. It seems reasonable that Levi and Hannah would name daughters after his mother and sister.

NOTE: Search in the probate court did not uncover an estate for Ebenezer Dunham. His property was transferred to Levi by quit claim deed of 28 August 1834.

***Sarah (Chase) Dunham died 5 May 1825, in her 64th year and is buried in the Congregational Cemetery in East Berkshire Vermont. Ebenezer re-married, on the 6th of September of that same year, to Mrs. Hannah Laurence. The ceremony was performed by Charles Stevens, Justice of the Peace.

Levi re-appears in the 1840 census as the head of a household. Levi Dunham is not found in the 1850 census. In November 1847 he sold his land to Loren and he last appears in the records on the 1848 Grand List for the Town of Montgomery so he probably died after its taking and before the enumeration of the census. In the household of Loren Dunham of Montgomery is a Hannah Dunham, aged 56 years. This puts her estimated birth date as 1793/94, concurring with that of Levi and she must have been his widow, Hannah (McAllister) Dunham. Loren is their son whose birth year would be 1823/24, depending on the month of his birth.

The marriage of Loran Dunham and Mary Eliza Kidder, both of Enosburgh, is recorded in Volume 2, Page 102 of the Enosburgh Falls, Vermont Town Records. They were wed on 28 August 1848 by Moses Robinson, Minister of the Gospel. The parents of the couple are not stated.

Facts and Deductions

Fact 1. Ebenezer and Lydia (Perry) (Fuller) Dunham of Plympton, Massachusetts had 9 children: Joanna, Abigail, Phebe, Hannah, Eunice, Sylvanus, Jesse, Nathaniel, and Ebenezer. [Plympton VR:94-5]

Fact 2. Ebenezer Dunham married Sarah Chase in Plympton, Massachusetts on 12 December 1785. [Plympton VR:310]

deduction-as there are no further records of this couple in Plympton one can assume they moved to another locale.

Fact 3. The 1790 census of Royalton Vermont shows Ebenezer Dunham with one free white male over 16 years age and three females.

deduction-from the chart that Elsie Wells prepared it is noted that this fits well the family of

Ebenezer who would be the male above 16 with the three females being wife Sarah and daughters Phebe and Eunice. Note that Ebenezer had sisters named Phebe and Eunice.

Fact 4. The 1800 census of Royalton, Vermont shows Ebenezer Dunham with two white males under ten, one white male between 26-45, one white female under ten, two age 10-16 and one between 26-45.

deduction-Ebenezer, Sarah, Phebe, Eunice, Levi and Ira, plus one unknown female.

Fact 5. The first record found of Levi as an adult is the 1819 land conveyance whereby Ira Dunham of Richford quit claimed to him 86 acres of his farm located in the town of Richford. Ira would have been 24 years old.

deduction-Levi, in all probability, would have attained his majority thus being at least 21 years of age. This would have put his birth date at 1798 or before.

Fact 6. a) In 1824, on the 21st of October, Levi C. and Ira Dunham are co-grantees on a warranty deed by Dolphus Paul. The land is in the Town of Enosburgh, being the northern half of lot #195. This land is directly south of lot #194 which was purchased by Ebenezer Dunham from Timothy Demmick in 1810. Ira is the known son of Ebenezer Dunham.

b) On the 28th of August 1834 Ebenezer quit claimed the whole of said lot #194, stated as being the farm on which he lives, to Levi C. Dunham of Enosburgh.

deduction-a) As *co-owners* of property in 1824, it would appear that *Levi and Ira are of equal and relative status.*

b) by virtue of this quit claim deed Ebenezer *gave up his right and title* to said property to Levi Dunham. *This would indicate an intimate and trustful relationship between the two men.*

Fact 7. Levi does not appear on the 1830 census as head of a household. Ebenezer, so listed, has persons of all age groups living with him.

deduction-Levi and Ebenezer's families are sharing living quarters, no doubt the farm that Ebenezer quit claimed to Levi four years later.

Fact 8. Levi last appears on the grand list for the Town of Montgomery in 1848. He does not appear

as head of a household in 1850. In the home of Loren Dunham is 56 year old Hannah Dunham.

deduction-Levi died after the taking of the grand list and prior to the enumeration of the 1850 Federal Census. His widow, Hannah (McAllister) Dunham, is being cared for by Loren, most likely son of Levi and Hannah Dunham.

note: The Dunham land was located in district #8 in the Township of Montgomery. Due to the location of the roads, then and now, and the lay of the land I believe Levi is probably buried in either the Old Cemetery, established in 1822, or the Clapp Cemetery, established in 1801. Both are located in that part of the township known simply as Montgomery.

Fact 9. a) Polly Dunham and Silas Potter were married in 1844.

b) Charles Edward Potter, perhaps by personal interview, stated that Polly's parents were Levi and Hannah (McAllister) Dunham.

c) Polly (Dunham) Potter's death record states that her parents were Levi and Hannah.

d) The Potter couple named one of their sons **Levi Dunham** Potter.

e) Almond Dunham, son of Ira, signed an affidavit attesting to the fact that his father was the son of Ebenezer and Sarah (Chase) Dunham. This document was submitted as supporting documentation by Almond's daughter, Marie Louise McMillan in her application for DAR membership.

f) Flora (Dunham) Coburn stated and provided written testimony that she remembered Great Aunt Polly, who being thus, would be her grandfather Ebenezer Dunham's sister.

Conclusion

Ebenezer Dunham (1818-1906) is the son of Levi and Hannah (McAllister) Dunham, and Levi is the son of Ebenezer and Sarah (Chase) Dunham. The weight of the evidence suggests that this is a reasonable and accurate conclusion. As of this writing I have found nothing to refute this. Flora (Dunham) Coburn's memory of her Great Aunt Polly is a direct source, as is the affidavit of Almond S. Dunham which attests to the identity of his paternal grandfather. As such they provide the highest degree of proof that is available to those of us who are so far removed from the time and place of the persons and events in question.

Levi C. Dunham's most likely date of birth is 1793 or early 1794 in Royalton Vermont because:

a) There were no young males in his father's household at the taking of the 1791 census.

b) In 1819 he was the grantee in a land transaction at which time he was most likely at least 21 years of age, thus born at least by 1798.

c) Ira Dunham was born in 1795 thus eliminating that year.

d) Levi is listed in the 26-45 age category on the 1820 census, thus at least 26 and could have been no older than 27, putting his year of birth at no later than 1794.

e) The death record of Eunice (Dunham) Farrar states she was born in Royalton and the age given on this record calculates to an August 1790 birth date. This indicates that the Ebenezer Dunham family was there by that time, and at least until 1810 as Ebenezer Dunham was enumerated in Royalton in both census years.

The Loren Dunham Family

Facts:

1. On 22 November 1847 Loren Dunham is the grantee of the land conveyance whereby Levi Dunham sold to him the 160 acres that said Levi purchased from Platt and Allen two years earlier.

2. Loren Dunham first appears on the grand list for the Town of Montgomery in 1849 and is there through 1852. He sold a fifteen acre parcel of the land that he acquired from Levi to Eli Bush on 14 March 1849. The purchase price was \$50.00.

3. Hobart L. Dunham son of Loren Dunham and Mary E. his wife, was born at Montgomery 8 June 1850. The birth is entered for record in Volume 2, Page 47 of the Montgomery Town Registers.

4. Hobart Dunham is the only child of Loren and Mary (Kidder) Dunham recorded in the Vermont Vital Statistics.

5. On 6 March 1852 Loren Dunham and wife are grantors in the warranty deed that conveyed all the land in the first division lot set to the original right of Russell Atwater, except the fifteen acres previously deeded to Eli Bush, to Cornelia L. Hamilton for the sum of ten hundred dollars. This was the land Loren acquired from Levi Dunham.

6. Loren Dunham does not appear on the 1853 Montgomery Grand List.

7. Loren Dunham no longer appears in the land records in the Town of Montgomery.

8. There is no death record in Vermont for a Hannah Dunham that would fit Hannah, wife of Levi Dunham.

9. The Loren Dunham family does not appear in the Town of Montgomery, or anywhere in Franklin County Vermont at the taking of the 1860 census.

Conclusion

Loren and Mary (Kidder) Dunham have left Vermont taking with them his widowed mother, Hannah (McAllister) Dunham.

Addendum 6 May 2000

My great-grandfather, Eugene Dunham, married secondly Mildred Johnson and eight children were born of this union, the youngest of whom was Francis. Donna (Dunham) Jones, daughter of Francis, started family research about two years ago and, in so doing, discovered Eugene's first family. She has had contact with Doris Filer in Michigan who provided her with the information that Loren Dunham moved to Paw Paw, Van Buren County, Michigan and died there in 1901. I had a telephone contact with Doris Filer who states she is Loren Dunham's second great-granddaughter. I received from Doris a list of Loren's descendants, along with a photo of his gravestone and that of his mother Hannah. They are buried in the Wildey Cemetery in Paw Paw, Michigan. The inscription on the stones states Loren Dunham (1823-1901), Hannah Dunham (1793-1862).

Loren Dunham appears on the 1860 census of Waverly Township, Paw Paw, Van Buren Co. Michigan, 348/350;

Dunham, Loren	37	b. VT
Mary E.	32	b. NY
Marion A.	7	b. MI
Eliza	2	b. MI
Hannah	67	b. VT
Chamberlain, Lydia	25	b. VT
Arthur	6/12	b. MI

Genealogical Summary

Children of Ebenezer ⁶ and Sarah (Chase) Dunham born in Royalton Vermont:

- i. Phebe ⁷ Dunham b. 1786
m. Wait Hopkins
- ii. Eunice ⁷ Dunham b. 1790
m. Samuel Farrar
- + iii. Levi C. ⁷ Dunham b. 1793/94
m. Hannah McAllister
- iv. Ira ⁷ Dunham b. 1795
m. ¹ Cynthia Fay
m. ² Eunice (unknown)
- v. unknown female b. 1790-1800

Children of Levi C. ⁷ and Hannah (McAllister) Dunham born in Enosburgh Vermont:

- + i. Ebenezer ⁸ Dunham b. 1818
m. Elizabeth Roberts
- ii. Polly ⁸ Dunham b. 6 March 1821
m. Silas Potter
- iii. Loren ⁸ Dunham b. 1823
m. Mary Eliza Kidder
- iv. possibly Sarah ⁸ Dunham
m. Leonard Baker
- v. possibly Phebe ⁸ Dunham
m. J. W. Palmers

Thoughts about *The Gift of Valor:* *A War Story* by Michael M. Phillips ¹

By Paul C. Dunham

War is hell and it's often the youngest with bright futures before them who make the ultimate sacrifice.

Regardless of one's view(s) of the war in Iraq, "The Gift of Valor" by Michael M. Phillips, makes one very proud and appreciative of the efforts and dedication of all the personnel who are engaged in it, but the front-line grunts truly deserve our admiration and thanks. One of those grunts was Corporal Jason Dunham.

Jason Dunham was born on November 10, 1981 the son of Natalie Walker and on unrevealed paternity. He grew up in the small town of Sico, New York. His mother, Natalie, married Dan Dunham. Justin Dunham, Jason's brother, was born in March 1983. Jason was adopted by Dan Dunham at the point of the dissolution of Dan's first marriage to Natalie.

At the same time Dan received custody of both Jason and his brother, Justin.

Jason seems to have been a typical young person, participating in high school sports and attending school, although he was not particularly interested in his education. He worked several part-time jobs and eventually enlisted in the corps with delayed entry after high school graduation. Certainly, the economic and social background of Cpl. Jason Dunham did not lend itself to anticipation of a heroic act, but then heroes can never be preordained.

He seems to have had innate leadership abilities and values that were further honed through military preparation and training. These talents came to the forefront after his entry into the service. They actually seem to burst upon the scene in the worst of circumstances. He impressed everyone with his compassion and caring for his fellow men.

The book covers primarily a period of 2-3 weeks in Iraq (April 14, 2004—April 24, 2004) in bloody detail—certainly a very short period in a young man's life, but a devastatingly long time for his family in Scio, New York.

If one is concerned about strong language typical of military congregations and military participation in life and death situations in a far off god forsaken place, it might be best to avoid the book. If one wants a truly glorious appraisal of a young man dedicated to serving his country and watching out for his buddies, then this is the book for you.

There has only been one Dunham who has been awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor—Russell E. Dunham.² Jason Dunham has been nominated for this honor; however, it generally requires a considerable period of time before a decision is made—sometimes years.

The book covers the horrors of war and the dedication and sacrifices of young men and women in the military in war time. Front-line military hospitals provide quick, initial treatment while quality care in US military hospitals abroad and in the states is eventually available.

Although Jason Dunham is not genealogically a Dunham, except through adoption, the book is worth one's time.

Footnotes for preceding article:

1. Michael M. Phillips. *The Gift of Valor: A War Story*. New York: Broadway Books, 2005. ISBN 0-7679-2037-6
2. See for instance: <http://www.medalofhonor.com/RussellDunham.htm>

Bill Dunham's *Power Knee*

Will Burke of Watertown, New York sent this photo of Retired Army Ranger Bill Dunham of Rogers, Arkansas. Bill is demonstrating the *Power Knee*, a prosthetic leg developed by Ossur Company of Iceland. The device employs artificial intelligence that senses movement in the sound leg and transmits information to the prosthetic leg which then can mimic the movement.



Photo of Bill Dunham from Watertown Daily News, Watertown, New York. Associated Press photograph.

Bill Dunham was injured in Panama in 1989 and is the first amputee in the world to receive the now commercially available *Power Knee*. Bill demonstrated the use of

the device in New York City on March 30, 2006. The device is being manufactured in the US by Hanger Orthopedic Group, Inc. of Bethesda, Maryland.

Dunham will become a certified peer counselor who will demonstrate the use of the *Power Knee* to wounded veterans from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Further information about this prosthetic device can be seen on the following web sites: <http://www.hanger.com/> and <http://www.ossur.com/> The Dunham ancestry of Bill Dunham has not yet been discovered.

Dunhams in the News

Jan Dunham sent a notice about the *Bible in America Museum* located in Houston, Texas. The museum is named for **Archie Dunham**, retired CEO of Conoco Phillips and his family. The Dunham Family Bible in America Museum houses an extensive collection of rare American Bibles. Visitors to the museum can learn about the Bible's role in American history and culture.

Archie Dunham grew up in the small Oklahoma oil town of Ada where he attended high school. There he was a good student, active in band and choir and a member of several leadership organizations. He was the first of his family to attend university. At the University of Oklahoma he obtained a degree in geological and petroleum engineering. After college he joined the Marine Corps as a young second lieutenant. Shortly thereafter Archie married his high school sweetheart Linda, and they began life together.

After his service in the Marine Corps Archie went back to the University of Oklahoma and received his Master's Degree in business administration. After graduation he received a job offer from Conoco in Houston and became an associate engineer. Archie was elected executive vice president of Douglas Oil Company, a subsidiary of Conoco in 1976, and he became president of the company in 1979. In 1991 Archie Dunham became Conoco's executive vice president of exploration production. He became president and CEO in January 1996.

Archie Dunham's personal faith has always been important to him and has played a major role in his success. Archie Dunham also believes strongly in giving back to the community. This he has done in many instances, but most recently in his sponsorship of the Bible in America Museum.

Linda and Archie Dunham have three children and eight grandchildren. More detailed information about Archie Dunham can be found by typing his name into your web browser search engine. More information about the Dunham Family *Bible in America Museum* may be found at www.hbu.edu/bia

Archie Dunham has participated in DNA analysis but to date there have been no matches. His Dunham ancestry is as yet unknown.

Musical Dunhams

An article from the November 1993 newsletter, *Dunham Dispatch* edited by Phyllis Kitson was about Arthur Dunham, composer, organist and glee club conductor. The excerpt appeared originally in the New York Times obituary column dated 24 January 1938. The obit from the newspaper follows:

Arthur Dunham, 62, Chicago Organist

Arthur Dunham, one of Chicago's leading organists, died today in St. Luke's Hospital at the age of 62. His home was at 5806 Harper Avenue.

It was in the First Methodist Temple that Mr. Dunham achieved much of his recent fame as an organist. When the skyscraper church was being built in 1924, Mr. Dunham was engaged to help select the organ, which has four manuals and 6,300 pipes. Mr. Dunham was appointed organist. He also was organist of K. A. M. Temple and had served at Sinai Temple.

For nearly twenty-five years Mr. Dunham conducted the Association of Commerce Glee Club, an amateur singing organization. For eleven years he also conducted the Lyric Glee Club of Milwaukee.

Mr. Dunham was a conductor of the Boston English Opera Company in 1921. In 1917 he organized the

Philharmonic Orchestra of Chicago to give popular symphony concerts. In 1922 he directed the Symphony Orchestra of the Tivoli Theatre.

He also was a composer. Among his works are “*Marpessa*”, “*Symphony Fantasy*” a symphony in D minor; *Suite Moods*” and “*Silence.*”

Surviving are his widow, a son, Arthur Jr.; a daughter Leonora, and a sister, Mrs. T. S. Pemberton.

Dunham Ancestry Identified

At the time the obituary was reprinted in the *Dunham Dispatch* the line to which Arthur Dunham belonged had not been identified. Today we know that Arthur was the tenth generation descendant of Deacon John Dunham through Benajah-2; Edmund-3; Edmund-4; Stephen-5; Gideon-6; Samuel-7; Josiah-8; John B.-9 of Brown County Ohio and McClain County Illinois. Arthur Dunham (also called William Arthur) was born in Illinois 8 March 1875, son of John B. and Minnie (Hoyt) Dunham. He married Florence A. Fairchild in Chicago on 1 June 1904. Their son Arthur-11 Dunham was born 14 July 1907. His son, Bruce Carl-12 Dunham was the father of Carl Arthur-13 Dunham currently of Fairbault Minnesota. Carl Arthur Dunham participated in DNA analysis and his test results may be seen on Paul Dunham’s web site which is www.pcdunham.net/Index.html. Go to DNA Test Results, page 1-B #7744 and select “References” under Carl A. Dunham to see more detailed information about the entire Dunham ancestry.

Obituary of Robert Grigg Member of Dunham/Singletary Family Connections

Lloyd Dunham of Ontario Canada sent the following obituary dated 31 October 2005.

“GRIGG, Archdeacon Robert Stanley Cutler “Bob” - Peacefully at McMaster Hospital on Thursday, October 27, 2005, beloved husband of Betty, in his 82nd year. Loving father of Chris and his wife Patti of Nova Scotia and dear grandfather of Ryan and Kristi. Sadly missed by his sister Beverley and her husband Gil and many nieces and nephews. Predeceased by his brothers Harry and Jack.

Bob served overseas with the R.C.A.F., 427 Squadron as a navigator during WWII. Upon his return from the War, Bob completed his B.A. at McMaster University, his M.A. at Queen’s University and his S.T.B. at Trinity College.

Prior to entering the Anglican Priesthood, Bob worked for a short time for the Department of National Defense. Friends will be received by the family on Tuesday afternoon and evening from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. at St. James; Anglican Church, 137 Melville St., Dundas, where the Service for Bob will be held Wednesday afternoon at 1 p.m. Cremation has taken place. Interment of Ashes will follow at St. John’s Anglican Church Cemetery in Ancaster.”

Descendant of Jonathan Dunham/ Alias Singletary

Bob Grigg worked closely with both Lloyd Dunham and Gratia Mahony on the ancestral line of his wife Betty. Both Lloyd and Betty Grigg are descendants of Jonathan Dunham alias Singletary of Woodbridge New Jersey. More information about the branch of this family who migrated to Canada in 1784 will be given in the October 2006 newsletter when the line of Jonathan Dunham of Woodbridge New Jersey will be discussed.

DSFC Members asked to Submit Obituaries Of DUNHAMS

One of the ways to learn more about our Dunham and Dunham/Singletary families is to gather the notices of death which appear in various newspapers throughout the US and abroad. Newspaper accounts of births and marriages are also important sources of data about Dunhams.

The preceding three articles in this newsletter illustrate the interest and benefit to Dunham research of collecting interesting facts about our family connections.

In my capacity of “Historian” of DSFC I would appreciate receiving copies of any newspaper articles that the members spot in various newspapers. Please send them to Gratia D. Mahony, 6043 Vereker Dr., Oxford, OH 45056. Thank you all.