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#### From the President:

I hope all of you are enjoying the summer with friends and family. This organization is also about family and friendship. As an organization, we exist to help each other find out about our family histories. We do this by providing commonly shared resources - our website, newsletter, DNA testing program, & our professional genealogist Gratia Dunham Mahony.

We have been making progress in our new "branding" – with a new logo for our "new name" – the Dunham Genealogy Research Association. My personal thanks to Lisa Eschenburg for her work on our new logo. Also my thanks to James Streeter for his tireless efforts on the website and his organizational wizardry!

A couple of reminders to all. The first is to please help us grow our membership – it has fallen in the last year and we need to have it at a certain level to remain "healthy". And the second is to encourage you to share your family histories with us. Many have done this via our newsletter with Gratia's help to document the family genealogy too. Please contact Gratia if you have something to share with us all. In closing, my thanks to all of you have moved the ball forward on documenting our family history.

Jeffrey Michael Dunham, President Dunham Genealogy Research Assn.

#### **Editor's Corner:**

Thanks to Dunham Family Research Association member Lisa Eschenburg, we have a new logo and mast head for our newsletter beginning with this issue. Lisa is a professional graphic designer and submitted several designs for our board of directors to choose from. You will hear more about the new design for the web site in the next issue.

This issue includes several articles which will be of interest to those Dunhams who have Mayflower ancestry. We are expanding the number of "Researcher's Dunham Lines" and hope that our members will submit their lines of descent from either Deacon John Dunham or Jonathan Dunham-Singletary, son of Richard Singletary for inclusion in this newsletter.

Gratia Dunham Mahony, Editor

# Circumstantial Evidence Case for the Parentage of Elizabeth Dunham born in Piscataway, Middlesex County New Jersey

By Gratia Mahony and John Ford

Over the past 20 years I (Gratia Mahony) have received four requests for documentation of the line of Elizabeth Dunham of Piscataway, New Jersey. She was the wife of Jacob Martin, also of Piscataway, New Jersey and later of Warren Township, Jefferson County, Ohio. The following article provides a circumstantial evidence case showing that Elizabeth Dunham was the daughter of Edmond <sup>5</sup> Dunham and granddaughter of Edmund <sup>4</sup> and Dinah (FitzRandolph) Dunham. Jacob and Elizabeth <sup>6</sup> (Dunham) Martin of Piscataway, New Jersey are the same persons later found in Warren Township, Jefferson County, Ohio.

# Line of Elizabeth <sup>6</sup> Dunham

This Dunham line begins with Deacon John <sup>1</sup> Dunham, Benajah <sup>2</sup> and Elizabeth (Tilson) Dunham, Edmund <sup>3</sup> and Mary (Bonham) Dunham, Edmund <sup>4</sup> and Dinah (FitzRandolph) Dunham, Edmond <sup>5</sup> Dunham b. 18 Oct. 1723 as documented in *Mayflower Families Through Five Generations, Volume Four, Edward Fuller* pp. 34-5, 108. <sup>[1]</sup> Elizabeth would be generation seven in the line from *Mayflower* passenger Edward Fuller. The line from Edward Fuller begins with Edward <sup>1</sup> Fuller, Samuel <sup>2</sup> Fuller and Jane Lothrop, Hannah <sup>3</sup> Fuller and Nicholas Bonham, Mary <sup>4</sup> Bonham and Edmund <sup>3</sup> Dunham, Edmund (he would be fifth generation in the Fuller line, fourth generation in the Dunham line) and Dinah FitzRandolph, Edmond <sup>6</sup> Dunham (Fuller line and Edmond <sup>5</sup> Dunham in the Dunham line) born in Piscataway, Middlesex County, New Jersey 18 October 1723. <sup>[2]</sup> This article will use the generation numbers in the descent from John <sup>1</sup> Dunham.

Using circumstantial evidence and comprehensive research I propose to show that this Edmond <sup>5</sup> Dunham b. 18 October 1723 married Mary Dunn born 1727, and that they were the parents of Elizabeth <sup>6</sup> Dunham born in Piscataway 17 February 1747. <sup>[3]</sup>

## **First Families of Piscataway**

The Dunham, Dunn, Martin and FitzRandolph families had very close connections through the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Piscataway, New Jersey. Edmund <sup>3</sup> Dunham was active in the organization of the First Baptist Church of Piscataway 1686 to 1689. After serving as a lay preacher since 1689, he was ordained in Westerly RI in

1705 and became the first pastor of the Piscataway Church, remaining there until his death in 1733/4. [4] New Market was the site of the Sabbatarian Baptist Church constructed by the Piscataway congregation. The founders of the Seventh Day Baptist Church in Piscataway included a closely knit group whose descendants intermarried for several generations. [5]

"At a meeting at the house of Benjamin Martin in Piscataway the 19<sup>th</sup> of August 1705, we did then and with one mind choose our dearly beloved Edmund Dunham ...to be our elder...who was ordained at the church-meeting in Westerly RI the 8<sup>th</sup> day of September 1705. The following seventeen persons, besides the leader, forming the constituency of the New Seventh-day Baptist church:

EDMUND DUNHAM, the pastor, and his wife Mary (Bonham) Dunham BENAJAH DUNHAM, oldest son of pastor and wife Dorothy (Martin) Dunham; she was daughter of John Jr. & Dorothy Martin

BENJAMIN MARTIN and wife Margaret (Alston) Martin

JONATHAN MARTIN (son of Benjamin Martin) and wife Elizabeth (Dunham) Martin (daughter of Edmund)

JOHN FITZ RANDOLPH and wife Sarah (Bonham) FitzRandolph [sister of Mary (Bonham) Dunham]

THOMAS FITZ RANDOLPH and wife Elizabeth (Manning) FitzRandolph
They were parents of Dinah FitzRandolph, wife of Edmund <sup>4</sup> Dunham, son
of Edmund <sup>3</sup> Dunham

HUGH DUNN and wife Elizabeth (Martin) Dunn [she was daughter of John Jr. & Dorothy Martin

SAMUEL DUNN and wife Esther (Martin) Dunn [she was daughter of John Jr. & Dorothy Martin

JOSEPH DUNN, unmarried brother of Samuel and Hugh GERSHOM HULL not married till the following year; son of Samuel Hull"

# **Interrelated Marriages**

It can be seen from the genealogy of Edward Fuller, and from genealogies of Dunham, Martin, FitzRandolph and Dunn, that there were many intermarriages between these Seventh Day Baptist families. The first four children of Edmund <sup>3</sup> and Mary (Bonham) Dunham born and married in Piscataway were: <sup>[6]</sup>

- i. Benajah <sup>4</sup> Dunham b. 13 Aug. 1684
   m. 21 Sept. 1704 Dorothy Martin (daughter of John and Dorothy (--)
   Martin
- ii. Elisabeth <sup>4</sup> Dunham b. 26 Nov. 1689; d. before 1713
   m. 21 Aug. 1704 Jonathan Martin (son of Benjamin and Margaret (Alston) Martin (see children below)
   Jonathan Martin m. second ca. 1713 Martha Runyon

Jonathan Martin m. third ca. 1722 Dinah Pyatt (this will become significant later)

- iii. Edmund <sup>4</sup> Dunham b. 15 Jan. 1691
  - m. 11 March 1717 Dinah FitzRandolph (daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Manning) FitzRandolph (see children below)
- iv. Jonathan <sup>4</sup> Dunham b. 16 August 1694
  - m. 5 Aug. 1714 Jane Pyatt

Children of Jonathan and Elisabeth <sup>4</sup> (Dunham) Martin b. in Piscataway: <sup>[7]</sup>

- i. Mary <sup>5</sup> Martin b. 21 Sept. 1707 m. John Sutton
- ii. Mercy <sup>5</sup> Martin twin of Mary
- iii. Jonathan <sup>5</sup> Martin b. 19 March 1709 (This Jonathan is Generation 4 in line of Jonathan <sup>3</sup>, Benjamin <sup>2</sup>, John <sup>1</sup> Martin)
   m. in Piscataway 11 May 1732 Martha Dunn
   She was daughter of Joseph <sup>2</sup> and

Hannah (--) Dunn. She was born 23 August 1714.

Children of Edmund <sup>4</sup> and Dinah (FitzRandolph) Dunham b. in Piscataway: <sup>[8]</sup>

- i. Sarah <sup>5</sup> Dunham b. 30 April 1718
- ii. Rebecca <sup>5</sup> Dunham b. 31 Oct. 1719
- iii. Nehemiah <sup>5</sup> Dunham b. 1 Nov. 1721
- iv. Edmond <sup>5</sup> Dunham b. 18 Oct. 1723 (followed below)
- v. Dinah <sup>5</sup> Dunham b. 1 Dec. 1725
- vi. Daniel <sup>5</sup> Dunham b. 5 Feb. 1727/8
- vii. Elizabeth <sup>5</sup> Dunham b. 15 Aug. 1731
- viii. Mary <sup>5</sup> Dunham b. 1 July 1734
- ix. Stephen <sup>5</sup> Dunham b. 1 Oct. 1737
- x. Peter <sup>5</sup> Dunham
- xi. Rachel <sup>5</sup> Dunham
- xii. Catrine <sup>5</sup> Dunham b. 1741

# Dunn, Dunham and Martin intermarriages among the children of Edmund <sup>4</sup> and Dinah (FitzRandolph) Dunham

i. Sarah <sup>5</sup> Dunham b. 30 April 1718; m. 27 March 1744 Benajah <sup>3</sup> Dunn, son of Joseph <sup>2</sup> and Hannah (Drake) Dunn. They went to Greene County, PA.

- ii. Rebecca <sup>5</sup> Dunham b. 31 Oct. 1719 not named in will of her father
- **iii.** Nehemiah <sup>5</sup> Dunham b. 1 Nov. 1721; m. first about 1742 **Esther** <sup>3</sup> Dunn, daughter of Samuel <sup>2</sup> and Esther (Martin) Dunn. She was b. 5 Dec. 1722. They went to Kingwood, Hunterdon County, NJ. Esther <sup>3</sup> Dunn would be a first cousin of Hugh <sup>3</sup> Dunn III, the father of Mary <sup>4</sup> Dunn.
- iv. Edmond <sup>5</sup> Dunham b. 18 Oct. 1723; m. Mary <sup>4</sup> Dunn, daughter of Hugh <sup>3</sup> Dunn III. (More on this family below).
- **v. Dinah** <sup>5</sup> **Dunham** b. 1 Dec. 1725. She married 10 December 1746 **Joseph Dunn**. <sup>[3]</sup> He was son of Joseph 2 and Hannah (--) Dunn. They were married by Rev. Jonathan Dunham. <sup>[9]</sup>
- vi. Daniel <sup>5</sup> Dunham b. 5 Feb. 1727/8; died in Washington, Morris County New Jersey between 3 September and 29 September 1804. He married in Piscataway New Jersey in December 1749 Elizabeth Martin, daughter of Jonathan Martin and his third wife Dinah Pyatt. They were married by Rev. Jonathan Dunham. Sons Archelaus, Daniel and Jacob went to Tygart's Valley in Virginia.

#### vii. Elizabeth <sup>5</sup> Dunham b. 15 Aug. 1731

This is NOT the Elizabeth who married Jacob Martin b. 1742. She was 11 years older than Jacob. She would have been too old to be having the last six of the 11 children born to Jacob and Elizabeth. These would include the six children born from 1775 to 1787.

viii. Mary <sup>5</sup> Dunham b. 1 July 1734

# ix. Stephen <sup>5</sup> Dunham b. 1 Oct. 1737

Stephen <sup>5</sup> is of record in Hunterdon County New Jersey with property bounding that of his brothers Nehemiah and Daniel. From Hunterdon Co. Deeds, NJ, all dated 4 July 1763; "Then Jonathan Robeson to Daniel, Nehemiah and Stephen Dunham . . ." (these would be Daniel <sup>5</sup>, Nehemiah <sup>5</sup> and Stephen <sup>5</sup> Dunham). Stephen <sup>5</sup> Dunham had descendants who went to Monongalia County, West Virginia.

x. Peter <sup>5</sup> Dunham xi. Rachel <sup>5</sup> Dunham

#### xii. Catrine <sup>5</sup> Dunham b. 1741

# FIFTH GENERATION, Line of John <sup>1</sup> Dunham, Benajah <sup>2</sup>, Edmund <sup>3</sup>, Edmund <sup>4</sup>

**Edmund** <sup>5</sup> **Dunham** (Edmund <sup>4,3</sup> Benajah <sup>2</sup> John <sup>1</sup>) b. 18 Oct. 1723; died probably before June 1749 as he is not named in the will of his father dated 4 June 1749. <sup>[10]</sup> He married **Mary Dunn**. <sup>[11]</sup> She was daughter of Hugh III and Amy/Amey (Sutton) Dunn. They had a daughter Mary who was b. 17 May, 1727 <sup>[12]</sup>

The will of Hugh Dunn III of Stowe Creek, Cumberland County New Jersey dated 1 June 1759 gives this daughter in his will as Mary Rusel. <sup>[13]</sup> A William Russell, Jr. was a witness to this will. The founding families of the Shiloh Seventh Day Baptist Church came from the Newport, Rhode Island Baptist Church and the Baptist Church at Swansea, MA in 1687. Hugh Dunn, who signed the Articles of Faith March 27, 1737 came from The Seventh Day Baptist Church at Piscataway, NJ. <sup>[14]</sup> His daughter, Mary, would have been 10 years old when the Dunn family moved to Cohansey where the Shiloh church was located at that time. That part of Cohansey became Shiloh in 1771. The area in which Hugh Dunn lived is now Stowe Creek.

Mary <sup>4</sup> Dunn was born in Piscataway 17 May, 1727 and was the daughter of Hugh <sup>3</sup> and Amy/Amey (Sutton) Dunn. <sup>[15]</sup> No marriage record between Edmund <sup>5</sup> Dunham and Mary <sup>4</sup> Dunn has been found. The ages of both would be Edmund <sup>5</sup> age about 23, and Mary <sup>4</sup> age about 19 if they were married in 1746. A marriage in 1746 would be compatible with the birth of their daughter Elizabeth <sup>7</sup> Dunham on 17 February 1747.

I believe that Mary Dunn married first Edmond <sup>5</sup> Dunham and they were the parents of Elizabeth <sup>6</sup> Dunham b. 17 February 1747 in Piscataway, Middlesex Co. NJ. Then I think that Edmond died unexpectedly and without making a will. If Edmond <sup>5</sup> had died before his father Edmond <sup>4</sup> wrote his will (which was dated 4 June 1749) this might explain why Edmond <sup>5</sup> was not named. If Mary (Dunn) Dunham had moved back home with her parents (now living in Stowe Creek), and had remarried to Mr. Russell by 4 June 1749 (the date of the will of Edmund <sup>4</sup> Dunham), that would explain why neither she nor her child by Edmond <sup>5</sup> Dunham were named in the will of Edmund <sup>4</sup> Dunham.

Child of Edmond <sup>5</sup> and Mary (Dunn) Dunham: <sup>[14]</sup>
i. Elizabeth <sup>6</sup> Dunham b. 17 February 1747 Piscataway,
Middlesex Co. NJ

# Elizabeth <sup>6</sup> Dunham wife of Jacob Martin

Elizabeth's birth date of 17 Feb 1747 is confirmed by cemetery transcriptions as reported on the Wells Township (Jefferson Co., Ohio) website for the Scamahorn cemetery in Warren, Jefferson County Ohio where she and Jacob are buried.

Jacob and Elizabeth *Dunham* Martin's marriage date of 22 Feb 1764 is given in the New Jersey Colonial Documents/New Jersey Marriage Records 1683-1802 p. 646 "Martin, Jacob and Elizabeth --------- 1764 Feb. 6". The marriage is also recorded in the "Account of persons married by me, Jonathan Dunham, minister" as Jacob Martin and Elizabeth Dunham, Feb. 22, 1764. [16]

Elizabeth *Dunham* Martin's death is noted as 21 Feb 1826 (Jefferson Co., Ohio, Wells Twp. website) and with the year-only (1826) in Mohler, 1987 edition, individual #2509. There does not appear to be any dispute for this date.

Research was conducted on possible Mary Dunns as the wife of Edmund<sup>5</sup> Dunham. As noted in the NJ history above, the first Dunn in NJ was Hugh Dunn<sup>1</sup> (b.?? - 1694) so all of his sons and Dunn grandsons were followed to determine if they produced a Mary who would be of child bearing age at the time of 1747 (Elizabeth<sup>6</sup> Dunham's birth). Samuel<sup>2</sup> Dunn b. 1683 married Esther<sup>3</sup> Martin b. 1679 (John<sup>1</sup>, John, Jr.<sup>2</sup>) and they had a daughter Mary<sup>3</sup> b. 1719. However, the 1744 will abstract for Samuel <sup>2</sup> Dunn noted his daughter Mary <sup>3</sup> as the wife of Peter Runyon at that time. <sup>[17]</sup> The only other Mary Dunn discovered in the records search that was in the appropriate time frame was the daughter of Hugh<sup>3</sup> Dunn b. 1699 (Hugh<sup>1</sup>, Hugh<sup>2</sup> [wife Elizabeth<sup>3</sup> Martin b. 1680 (John<sup>1</sup>, John, Jr.<sup>2</sup>)] and Amey Sutton b. 1698. This Mary 4 was b. 1727 also in Piscataway, NJ. Like the previous and associated generations of Dunns, Dunhams, and Martins, Hugh<sup>3</sup> was a Baptist. He is noted as dying in Stowe Creek, Cumberland Co., NJ in 1759. [18] No mention of his daughter's marriage is contained in those limited records of the Shiloh Baptist Church, but she is the most likely Mary Dunn to be the wife of Edmund<sup>5</sup> Dunham.

#### **Jacob Martin**

**Jacob Martin** born in Piscataway 13 September 1742; died in Warren, Jefferson County, Ohio was the son of Jonathan Martin and his third wife Dinah Pyatt. He married 22 February 1764 Elizabeth <sup>6</sup> Dunham. Jacob Martin was a prominent man in Piscataway, Middlesex County New Jersey. Jacob

Martin was a Revolutionary War Soldier serving as Captain in the New Jersey Continental Line. He entered service in June 1775 and was discharged in December 1777. He served as 1<sup>st</sup> Lieut. of Forman's Regiment and later as Captain to the Fourth Battalion, Second Establishment, New Jersey Continental Line. [19]

From: "Book of Records of The Church of Christ in Piscataway, East New Jersey 1705-1836" which I (Gratia) saw at the Seventh Day Baptist Library in Janesville Wisconsin in November of 1999, is a listing of members of the Seventh Day Baptist church in Piscataway, New Jersey. On page 12 of that Book of Records are members for the year 1786: This page includes:

Dunham Martin \* (b. 1770)

Jonathan Martin\* (b. 1772

Jesse Martin \* (b. 1773

Isabella Martin \* (b. 1767)

Elizabeth Martin \* (Elizabeth <sup>6</sup> (Dunham) Martin

- \* Dunham, Jonathan and Jesse Martin were sons of Jacob and Elizabeth <sup>6</sup> (Dunham) Martin.
- \* Isabella Martin was daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth <sup>6</sup> (Dunham) Martin.
- \* Elizabeth Martin was Elizabeth <sup>6</sup> (Dunham) Martin.

It should be noted that children did not become full members of the church until they were in their teens and could choose for themselves to become full members. Therefore, the younger children of Jacob and Elizabeth (Dunham) Martin were not shown on the 1786 membership list.

#### Move to Ohio

On 18 April 1788 Jacob Martin purchased all of Section 19, Township number 5 in Jefferson County, Ohio. Jacob Martin was still in Piscataway on July 28, 1788 when he and Phineas Manning conducted the inventory of Benajah Martin. [20]

On 6 June 1796 Jacob Martin of Piscataway granted 200 acres of his land in Section 19, Warren Township, Ohio to his son Dunham Martin, Carpenter, to be taken off the south side of Section 19. On 8 June 1796 Jacob Martin acknowledge this grant when he came before Samuel W. Randolph Esq. one of the Judges of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey.

The above deed indicates that Jacob Martin had contracted with his son Dunham Martin to go to Ohio and construct the buildings necessary for Jacob Martin and the rest of his family to make the move to Ohio. The next deed dated 7 April 1799 indicates that Dunham Martin had done this and was paid \$800 for this work. The following deed dated "7 April 1799 between Dunham Martin of Jefferson County and Jacob Martin of said County . . .in consideration of \$800 to Dunham Martin paid by Jacob Martin . . . 200 acres" (the same parcel granted back to Jacob Martin). This deed was signed by Dunham Martin

Witnessed by Pyatt Martin and Elizabeth Martin
It was acknowledged on 1 July 1799 and recorded on 8 July 1799

We know that Jacob Martin was in Jefferson County by 1798 from a reference stating that "A colony of Seventh Day Baptists, headed by Jacob Martin, settled on Warren Ridge in 1798, and built a church and schoolhouse of logs." [21]

From this reference and from the above cited chain of deeds we can see that Jacob Martin actually moved to Ohio in 1798-1799 after his son Dunham Martin had completed the buildings necessary to house the family.

Jacob Martin's oldest daughter Isabella b. 1767 m. about 1790 Rev. Enoch Martin. Rev. Enoch Martin was first Baptist minister in Warren Township, Jefferson Co. Ohio. Enoch Martin was the son of Peter Martin, and first cousin to Isabella Martin.

EXTRACT OF WILL OF JACOB MARTIN; Jefferson Co. OH Will Record No. 2, pg. 250A; dated 21 March 1828:

"In the name of God amen, I Jacob Martin of Warren Township, Jefferson County, Ohio...

to my daughter **Isabella Martin** the sum of one dollar in addition to what she has already received

to the heirs of my son **Dunham Martin** deceased the sum of one dollar in addition to what he has already received

to my son **Jonathan Martin** the sum of one dollar in addition to what he has already received

to my son **Pyatt Martin** the sum of one hundred dollars in addition to what he has already received

to my daughter **Elizabeth** my cupboard in addition to what she has already received

to my daughter **Catherine Lamasters** the sum of forty dollars in addition to what she has already received.

all remainder to be sold and the proceeds be equally divided amongst my following children:

my son Jesse Martin

my daughters Isabella, Elizabeth, Sarah and Catherine and my grand daughter Elizabeth Martin, daughter of John and Rebecca Griffith

I appoint my son **Jesse Martin** and my grand-son **Joel F. Martin** executors 21 March 1828.

Witnesses: John White Bennett David D. Lemasters Rachel Runyon

Children of Jacob and Elizabeth <sup>6</sup> (Dunham) Martin:

- i. Isabella Martin b. 9 March 1767 Piscataway NJ d. Warren Twp. Jefferson Co. OH m. Enoch Martin Rev. Enoch Martin was first Baptist minister in Warren Township, Jefferson Co. Ohio.
- ii. Rebecca Martin b. 8 Nov. 1768 Piscataway NJ bapt. in Stelton, Middlesex Co. NY d. 23 Aug. 1805 Piscataway NJ
- iii. Dunham Martin b. 3 Jan. 1770 Piscataway, NYd. 9 December 1827 Jefferson Co. OHHe is buried in Scamahorn Cemetery, Warren Twp.Jefferson Co. OH
- iv. Jonathan Martin b. 8 March 1772 Piscataway NJ
   d. 25 April 1833 Piscataway NJ
   m. Charlotte Cotheal in 1792
   She was b. 1774
   She d. 14 February 1845
- v. Jesse Martin b. 9 November 1773 Piscataway NJ d. 20 May 1852 m. Sarah Campbell
- vi. Pyatt <sup>7</sup> Martin, b. 8 Oct. 1775 Piscataway, Middlesex Co. New Jersey d. 22 July 1828 in Marion Co. Ohio m. ca. 1800, prob. Jefferson Co. OH, Anna Hoagland
- vii. John Martin b. about 1776 Piscataway NJ

d. (----) Warren Twp. Jefferson Co. OH m. Rebecca Griffith

- viii. Elizabeth Martin b. 20 October 1779 Piscataway NJ She d. 1850
  - ix. Dinah Martin b. 20 Jan. 1782 Piscataway NJ;
    d. in Piscataway in 1794 age 12
    She was buried in Washington Monumental
    Cemetery in South River, Middlesex
    County, New Jersey and her tombstone along with
    grandparents Jonathan and Dinah (Pyatt) Martin
    were unearthed during construction near Old
    Hadley Airport in the 1970s. The stones were taken
    to a historical society (Metlar House in Piscataway)
    and a rubbing of Jonathan's stone stated "In
    memory of Jonathan Martin-father of Jacob Martin,
    Esq. who deceased July 1768 in the 82<sup>nd</sup> year of
    his age."
  - x. Sarah Martin b. 12 April 1784 Piscataway NJ
  - xi. Catherine <sup>7</sup> Martin b. 27 January 1787 Piscataway NJ m. Abraham Lamasters 16 August 1804 in Jefferson Co. OH. [Ref. Ohio Marriage Records 1803-1812, p. 33 for Jefferson County] They had 4 children:

Abraham Lamasters d. 1814 and Catherine and the 4 young children moved into the household of her parents – Jacob and Elizabeth (Dunham) Martin in the Warren Twp. area of Jefferson Co. Ohio.

Children of Abraham and Catherine (Martin) Lamasters:

- i. Rebecca Irvine Lamasters (1805-1879)
- ii. David Dunham Lamasters (1807-1859)
- iii. Elizabeth Gill Lamasters (1811- )
- iv. John Lamasters (1813-1900)
  (line continues following this article)

### **Preponderance of Evidence**

As the genealogist of the Dunham family I (Gratia Dunham Mahony) have worked with several persons who are descendants of Jacob and Elizabeth (Dunham) Martin. One of these persons has ancestors who lived in Piscataway New Jersey from the time of Edmund <sup>3</sup> Dunham, or in the nearby towns of Metuchen and Perth Amboy. This person is Douglas McFarlane (see his Dunham line following this article) He has personal knowledge of his family history, and numerous genealogical records about his ancestors. No existing vital record has been found that proves the marriage of Edmond <sup>5</sup> Dunham to Mary Dunn. Both Douglas McFarlane and other descendants (unknown to Douglas McFarlane) have based their lineage on their descent from Edmond <sup>5</sup> and Mary (Dunn) Dunham.

In my 35 years of research on the entire Dunham lineage, and research that I have done particularly on the Dunhams of Piscataway and Woodbridge, New Jersey, I believe that the preponderance of evidence of the birth date and date of marriage of Mary Dunn indicates that she was the wife of Edmund <sup>5</sup> Dunham and that they were the parents of Elizabeth <sup>6</sup> Dunham born in Piscataway 17 February 1747.

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#### **Researchers Dunham Lines**

#### Line one of Douglas W. McFarlane

John <sup>1</sup> Dunham and Abigail Ballou

Benajah <sup>2</sup> Dunham b. 1637-8 and Elizabeth Tilson b. 1640

Edmund <sup>3</sup> Dunham b. 1661 and Mary Bonham b. 1661

Benajah <sup>4</sup> Dunham b. 1684 and Dorothy Martin b. 1686

Elizabeth <sup>5</sup> Dunham b. 1715 and Samuel Mundy b. 1690-1714

Joshua <sup>6</sup> Mundy b. 1746 and Phebe Ayers b. 1746

Lovicy <sup>7</sup> Mundy b. 1779 and Ezekiel Mundy b. 1774

#### Harriet 8 Mundy b. 1804 and Dr. Jacob Martin b. 1797

Virtue MacDonald <sup>9</sup> Martin b. 1844 and Walter Nevelle McFarlane b. 1829

Douglas G. <sup>10</sup> McFarlane b. 1868 and Ida King b. 1870

Douglas C. <sup>11</sup> McFarlane b. 1891 and Esther White b. 1903

Douglas W. <sup>12</sup> McFarlane b. 1933 and Maureen Wilson b. 1935

#### Line two of Douglas W. McFarlane

John <sup>1</sup> Dunham and Abigail Ballou

Benajah <sup>2</sup> Dunham b. 1637-8 and Elizabeth Tilson b. 1640

Edmund <sup>3</sup> Dunham b. 1661 and Mary Bonham b. 1661

Edmund <sup>4</sup> Dunham b. 1691 and Dinah FitzRandolph b. 1700

Edmund <sup>5</sup> Dunham b. 1723 and Mary Dunn b. 1727

Elizabeth <sup>6</sup> Dunham b. 1747 and Capt. Jacob Martin b. 1742

Jonathan <sup>7</sup> Martin b. 1772 and Charlotte Cotheal b. 1770

#### Dr. Jacob Martin b. 1797 and Harriot Mundy b. 1804

Virtue MacDonald <sup>9</sup> Martin b. 1844 and Walter Nevelle McFarlane b. 1829

Douglas G.  $^{10}$  McFarlane b. 1868 and Ida King b. 1870

Douglas C. <sup>11</sup> McFarlane b. 1891 and Esther White b. 1903

Douglas W. <sup>12</sup> McFarlane b. 1933 and Maureen Wilson b. 1935

#### **Line of John Ford**

John <sup>1</sup> Dunham and Abigail Ballou

Benajah <sup>2</sup> Dunham b. 1637-8 and Elizabeth Tilson b. 1640

Edmund <sup>3</sup> Dunham b. 1661 and Mary Bonham b. 1661

Edmund <sup>4</sup> Dunham b. 1691 and Dinah FitzRandolph b. 1700

Edmund <sup>5</sup> Dunham b. 1723 and Mary Dunn b. 1727

Elizabeth <sup>6</sup> Dunham b. 1747 and Capt. Jacob Martin b. 1742

Catherine <sup>7</sup> Martin b. 1787 and Abraham Lemasters b.1786

John <sup>8</sup> Lemasters b. 1813 and Rebecca Cain b.1815 Catherine <sup>9</sup> Lemasters b. 1839 and John M. B. Forquer b.1837 Elizabeth J <sup>10</sup> Forquer b. 1864 and Nelson J. Ford b. 1862 Francis D. <sup>11</sup> Ford b. 1887 and M. Ivadell Bovey b. 1898 Donald E. <sup>12</sup> Ford b. 1921 and Margaret A. Byron b. 1921 John R. <sup>13</sup> Ford

#### **Line of Caral Mechling Bennett**

John <sup>1</sup> Dunham and Abigail Ballou

Benajah <sup>2</sup> Dunham b. 1637-8 and Elizabeth Tilson b. 1640

Edmund <sup>3</sup> Dunham b. 1661 and Mary Bonham b. 1661

Edmund <sup>4</sup> Dunham b. 1691 and Dinah FitzRandolph b. 1700

Edmund <sup>5</sup> Dunham b. 1723 and Mary Dunn b. 1727

### Elizabeth <sup>6</sup> Dunham b. 1747 and Capt. Jacob Martin b. 1742

Pyatt <sup>7</sup> Martin b. 1775 and Anna Hoagland

Jeptha <sup>8</sup> Martin b. ca. 1810 and Susan Black

Jeptha <sup>9</sup> Martin b. 1834 and Mary Ann Hess

Susan Roxanna <sup>10</sup> Martin b. 1855 and Aaron Seitz

Minnie Belle <sup>11</sup> Seitz b. 1877 and George Elsworth Mechling

Alfred Raymond <sup>12</sup> Mechling b. 1903 and Caroline Huldah Picking

Caral Ann <sup>13</sup> Mechling m. Delma Lamar Bennett

#### **Line of Marion Williams Keefer**

John <sup>1</sup> Dunham and Abigail Ballou

Benajah <sup>2</sup> Dunham b. 1637-8 and Elizabeth Tilson b. 1640

Edmund <sup>3</sup> Dunham b. 1661 and Mary Bonham b. 1661

Edmund <sup>4</sup> Dunham b. 1691 and Dinah FitzRandolph b. 1700

Edmund <sup>5</sup> Dunham b. 1723 and Mary Dunn b. 1727

## Elizabeth <sup>6</sup> Dunham b. 1747 and Capt. Jacob Martin b. 1742

Pyatt <sup>7</sup> Martin b. 1775 and Anna Hoagland

Polly <sup>8</sup> Martin and Amasa Bernard Sanford

Marietta <sup>9</sup> Sanford and John Nickelson

Sarah Jane Malinda <sup>10</sup> Nickelson and Robert Thomas Williams

Walter Almer <sup>11</sup> Williams and Clara Hall

Marion Clara <sup>12</sup> Williams m. William Maruice Keefer

# Mayflower Society Announces a New Opportunity to use your DNA Test Results

by Gratia Mahony

The Fall 2017 issue of The *Mayflower* Descendant included an article about a speech given by Dr. Jason Kolowski. Dr. Kolowski is a forensic scientist whose career began when he was a 14 year old student working in his grandfather's lab at the University of Nebraska Medical Center. A *Mayflower* descendant himself he has long been interested in telling and passing on the stories of our Pilgrim ancestors. In fact, he says, "we all tell our part of the story through the records of birth, marriage and death as each generation extends the lines of our *Mayflower* ancestors. But now, with DNA results we may be able to dig deeper into the lines of our ancestors."

The General Society of *Mayflower* Descendants (GSMD) has partnered with Family Tree DNA. These two groups have joined to offer informative and critical DNA testing so that we might begin a new way to link ourselves to our ancestors in Plymouth Colony, Dr. Kolowski states.

#### **Direct Genetic Lines**

GSMD and FamilyTreeDNA already have genetic lines to several of the *Mayflower* passengers (both male and female). However some families are still not accounted for in the genetic tree. So the goal is to broaden the scope of genetic testing and the information gathered thereby. It is thought that this will identify additional *Mayflower* descendants and thus bring their genetic background into the matrix.

By using the computer algorithms at FamilyTreeDNA commonalities of genetic groupings will begin to identify other people who share the genetic markers that are found in our *Mayflower* ancestors.

All three types of DNA testing apply to this investigation. Y-DNA at the 67 marker level, MtDNA and the Family-finder Autosomal tests can be used. When the regional, racial and geographic commonalities of these genetic profiles are compared to genetic profiles of proven *Mayflower* passengers we can build a genetic family tree which will show not only our connection back to the *Mayflower* passengers and their origins, but will offer markers to look for in other potential and long-lost *Mayflower* descendants. This DNA project to identify the genetic lines of the *Mayflower* passengers will be historic. It will be the foundation for the ways we can link ourselves to our Pilgrim

## **Dunham DNA Testing Program**

ancestors.

The Dunham Family Research Association has always used FamilyTreeDNA for our testing purposes. FamilyTreeDNA has strict guidelines in place to protect our privacy. To date 109 Dunham men have already participated in Y-DNA testing, and 35 women have participated in either MtDNA or Family Finder/Autosomal testing through FamilyTreeDNA. In order to participate in the *Mayflower* DNA project anyone who has already been tested, with any of the three types of tests, can join this project. By doing

so this will help expand the pool of genetic markers being looked at. Members of the Dunham Family Research Association who descend from *Mayflower* passengers should consider joining this important project. You must be a member of The General Society of Mayflower Descendants (GSMD) in order to participate.

# Instructions to Join the Mayflower DNA Project

To access the *Mayflower* DNA Project through FamilyTreeDNA, please go to: www.FamilyTreeDNA.com/groups/mayflowersociety/about

You will see a screen that shows the logo of the GSMD on the left and a box that says **JOIN** on the right hand side of the page. **If you have already tested with FTDNA, or transferred your results to FTDNA**, click on the word *join* enclosed in the white rectangle on the right of the screen. After you click JOIN, there will be a pop-up window with two options: *Already Tested?* and *Don't Have a Test?* 

If you have already tested and want to join the project, please enter your **kit number** or **username** and **password** in the space below. **Then click the blue "Sign In" box.**If you have already completed a DNA test with **AncestryDNA**<sup>TM</sup>, **23AndMe©** or **MyHeritage**<sup>TM</sup>, you can download your results and upload them to FTDNA for free. For more information on this process, visit the FTDNA website: <a href="www.FamilyTreeDNA.com/learn/autosomal-dna-transfers">www.FamilyTreeDNA.com/learn/autosomal-dna-transfers</a>

If you have not taken a DNA test and wish to participate in the Dunham family testing program done through FamilyTreeDNA, please go to the website <a href="www.dunham-singletary.org">www.dunham-singletary.org</a> and select DNA testing program on the left side of the home page.

Any further questions about the *Mayflower* DNA project may be directed to the *Mayflower* Project Administrator Mike Terry at <a href="mailto:mterry3158@sbcglobal.net">mterry3158@sbcglobal.net</a>

# **Distant Cousins Meet in Nashville**

by Gratia Mahony



Gratia (Dunham) Mahony, left, and Karen (Burr) Rhodes, right, met each other in early May at *The Hermitage*, home of Andrew Jackson in Nashville, Tennessee. Karen had contacted Gratia in 2017 with a query about her Dunham ancestors and Gratia and Karen worked together to produce the article *A Mormon Dunham Connection* which was published in Vol. 14, 15 October 2017 in this newsletter. Karen had come to Nashville to visit friends and it was a short drive for Gratia to go from Huntsville, AL where Gratia is living to Nashville for a delightful meeting with Karen.

Karen descends from Jonathan  $^2$  Dunham, and Gratia descends from Joseph  $^2$  Dunham, both sons of Deacon John  $^1$  Dunham of Plymouth. Gratia is the  $10^{th}$  generation from Deacon John and Karen is the  $13^{th}$  generation, making them  $10^{th}$  cousins three times removed.

# Obituary Roberta Jean Nelson Streeter

(9 June 1926 - 28 June 2018) by James A. Streeter

James A. Streeter, Treasurer of the Dunham Family Research Association, provides this obituary of his mother.

Roberta Jean (Nelson) Streeter, 92, died 28 June 2018. She was born 9 June 1926, the daughter of John Harold and Freeda Margaret (Talbert) Nelson in Hardwick, Vt. Roberta was a 11th generation New England descendant from 18 Mayflower Passengers.

She lived in Hardwick until 1940 when the family moved to Charlestown, NH where she attended Charlestown High School, graduated in 1944, and meet Kenneth Alan Simpson Streeter, also a 11th generation New England/Mayflower descendant. They were married in Charlestown, 18 May 1946. Roberta and Alan celebrated their 72 Anniversary this year.

Roberta worked in Springfield, VT during WW2 at Jones and Lamson Machine Tool Company. After moving to New York she worked in the early 1950's at General Electric on the Sidewinder Rocket. After moving to Florida in 1955 Roberta worked at Radiation Inc. on a government project that even Alan never knew what she did. The family moved to South Dakota in 1960 where she took care of 2 growing sons. In 1962 the family moved to Torrance, CA where she worked a number of years as a bank teller and as a bookkeeper for the Los Angeles County Court.

Roberta and Alan retired in 1983 and moved to Oakhurst, Ca. where she was active in the Sierra Mountain Quilters and enjoyed sewing and travel. In 2011 they moved to Coarsegold with their son James, then in 2012 Roberta moved into Cottonwood Assisted Living Facility in Fresno, residing there until her death.

Roberta was preceded in death by her parents and sister, Marguerite Florence (Nelson) Warren. She is survived by her husband and 2 sons: James A. (Sussie) Streeter of Coarsegold and Robert H. (Janice) Streeter of Torrance, 5 Grandchildren: Katherine (Gabriel) Benard, Michael Streeter, Jeni Johnson, Michelle Streeter, & Melanie (Andrew) Stoller; 3 Great Grandchildren: Wyatt Stoller, Nathaniel Benard, & Casey Stoller along with other Family & Friends.

# Dunham Genealogy Research Association 2018 Annual Board Meeting

The Dunham Genealogy Research Association also known as Dunham Singletary Family Connections held its Annual Board Meeting on 18 March 2018. The new Directors and Officers were approved. A copy of the minutes can be found on the website at: <a href="http://www.dunham-singletary.org/mw/images/b/b5/SecReport-Mar2018.pdf">http://www.dunham-singletary.org/mw/images/b/b5/SecReport-Mar2018.pdf</a>

# "What's New on the Dunham Website"

by James A. Streeter July 2018

Correction to Vol. 15, Issue 2, April 2018 Newsletter

In the article "Genealogies and Family Histories of Some Ancestors and Descendants of Arthur Cady Dunham and Lillian May Strong," the wrong wife of Deacon John 1 Dunham was indicated in the Researchers Dunham Lines for Peter Charles Dunham and Bruce William Dunham. The correct wife of Deacon John 1 Dunham and mother of Thomas 2 Dunham should be Susan Kaino.

Generation 5 and 6 descendants of the line of JOSEPH 4 DUNHAM (David 3 Jonathan 2 Singletary/alias Dunham, Richard 1 Singletary) has been added to the DFIA pages and can be viewed at: http://www.dunham-singletary.org/mw/index.php/S-D-20-Joseph-4. This addition came from the article "Which Sarah Dunham married James Coddington?" by Gratia Dunham Mahony, DSFC Newsletter Vol. 13, Issue 1. p. 2 and "Fifth Generation Carried Out" Vol. 13, Issue 1. p. 4.

A new Directory has been added to the Dunham Dispatch Issues page: http://www.dunham-Singletary.org/mw/index.php/Dunham\_Dispatch. This will make it easier to navigate thru the Collection. The Complete Index for the Dunham Dispatch is being prepared and should be completed by September. Note: the old Directory is still shown until while the index is being prepared.

**HELP NEEDED** - We are looking for a number of volunteers to help prepare a complete name index of the Dunham Families in America pages, all lines. We are also looking for some help to help review the addition of lines from the DSFC Newsletter into the Dunham Families in America collection. If you have questions about what is involved or are able to help, please contact James A. Streeter - <u>james8313@sti.net</u>

**BREAKING NEWS:** Did you see the New logo for the Newsletter. Watch for Changes on the Website soon.