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From the President:

Wow! It is almost Halloween again already!? The year does fly by! I hope that you have all had a great summer with your Dunham family and descendants. The summer went by too fast!

I am still working on my Croatian genealogy for my citizenship via descent. Luckily, I found a Croatian genealogist who found my grandmother's birth record. Otherwise, it would have been a road block with no way around.

With the government shutdown – it will be difficult for me to obtain an FBI background check. It will also be difficult to get official documents from the National Archives. This includes ship manifests showing arrivals at Ellis Island and also Naturalization records.

In addition, these documents need to be apostilled. This is an internally recognized notary process. It shows foreign countries that these are official copies of federal records. I assume getting an apostille, which is done by the department of state, will also be slowed by the government shutdown.

On the Dunham Genealogy front we will get a Big Y test performed as a baseline for both a Dunham and a Dunham-Singletary. This will be done when there is a good sale at Family Tree DNA.

And finally, James and all of us would be extremely grateful if you could share your family history with us for the Quarterly newsletter. And please do renew your membership to support our work here.

With Best Regards,
Jeffrey M. Dunham
President
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Editor's Corner:

In this issue of the DGRA Newsletter you will find an article by Gratia on the discovery of the family name of the 1st wife of John-2 Dunham, son of Deacon John Dunham and Susan/Susanna Kaino. Up until recently all that was know was her given name as Mary but now we know that she was Mary Porter, daughter of Roger ¹ Porter and his first wife Alice Mulford and she was the 1st wife of John ² Dunham. Included are the references that prove this connection.

We also have an article on the research that Gratia Dunham Mahony with assistance from Deborah May Dunham have done on Deborah's Dunham line. The research began on the Daniel ⁵ Dunham (Daniel ⁴ David ³ Jonathan ² Singletary/alias Dunham, Richard ¹ Singletary line by Gratia and others over 25 years ago and this new article starts with Daniel ⁵ Dunham, United Empire Loyalist and is brought up to Roy Joseph Dunham, Deborah's father. Roy served during WW2 as a B-29 pilot in the Pacific and flew over Tokyo Bay in formation with 400 other B-29 bomber crews over the USS Missouri where the signing of Japan's surrender by Emperor Hirohito to General Douglas MacArthur took place It was his ship came down out of formation and buzzed over the battleship Missouri at 300 feet.

The Newsletter staff is always looking for any articles, short stories, or other material on your Dunham family to add to the Newsletters. We are here to help you to prepare your material to share with other DGRA members, so if you have discovered something new let us know.

DGRA is still looking for a new Editor for the Newsletter and Research assistants.

DGRA Newsletter Staff, James A. Streeter.

Mary Porter, Wife of John ² Dunham, Identified

by Gratia Dunham Mahony

John ² Dunham, oldest son of Deacon John ¹ Dunham and his first wife Susan/Susanna Kaino, had a wife named Mary. Until publication of the recent article in the 2025 summer edition of *The Register*, Vol. 179, No. 3, Mary's maiden name was unknown. Now her name has been discovered and proven by authors Joyelle Robinson and Robert Battle in an article "The Identities and Ancestry of Four Early Seventeenth-Century New England Women: Joan (Wife of Thomas ¹ Chillingworth of Sandwich and Marshfield, Mass., and Thomas ¹ Doggett of Concord, Weymouth and Marshfield, Mass.), Susan (Wife of Nathan ¹ Fiske of Watertown, Mass), Mary (Wife of John ² Dunham of Plymouth, Mass.), and Rose (Wife of John ² Waterbury and Joseph ¹ Garnsey of Stamford, Conn.)"

Mary Porter, wife of John ² Dunham

John ² Dunham, son of John and Susanna (Kaino) Dunham, baptized in Henlow, Bedfordshire, England on 19 February 1614/15 [TAG, 71:132], died 6th April 1692 in his 77th year [PChR 1:275; cf. PVR 135]. From the article by Mrs. John E. Barkley in *The American Genealogist*, cited above, "His wife is named Mary, who died his widow 20th March 1698 [PVR 136]. His will was made 2nd February 1691/2, and proved 16th April 1692 [*Mayflower Descendant* 31:160-1]."

Now, from the excellent article by Robinson and Battle [The Register Vol. 179, No. 3, pub. Summer 2025, p. 236-257], we have learned the full identity of the wife of John ² Dunham. The article begins: "In April 1638, Roger ¹ Porter, a 55 year old husbandman from Long Sutton, Hampshire, together with his daughters Joan, Susan, Mary and Rose, were listed among the passengers on the *Confidence* of London, due to sail from Southampton to New England."

From p. 240-257 the article gives pertinent dates about the English origin of Roger Porter and his first wife Alice Mulford who died in England probably before 1 February 1626/7. Alice was married to Roger Porter in Heckfield, Hampshire, England on 21 June 1608. Roger Porter was baptized in Long Sutton, Hampshire, England 31 March, 1583, the "son of Robert Porter and Anne". Heckfield and Long Sutton are about eight miles apart in Hampshire, England.

From p. 247 the parents of Roger Porter are shown to be Robert Porter, b. say 1541 and died by 10 June 1601 and his wife Anne Chapman who he married in Long Sutton 19 Sept. 1566.

From p. 248 Roger ¹ Porter was baptized in Long Sutton, Hampshire on 31 March 1583, and died in Watertown, Massachusetts 3 April 1654. His second wife Grace (Ravens) (Sherman) (Rogers) survived him. Roger Porter came to Massachusetts on the ship *Confidence* in 1638

with four daughters, Joan, Susan, Mary, and Rose. He was made freeman in Massachusetts in 1639.

The article goes on to prove that Mary Porter, daughter of Roger ¹ Porter and his first wife Alice Mulford was the wife of John ² Dunham.

Residence of John ² Dunham

Known as John Dunham, Jr. he was listed in Records of Plymouth Colony Vol. 1, p. 36-37, March 1651, with the names of those "that have interest and proprieties in the Townes land at Puncckateesett over against Road Island". Page 53 notes "the bounds of John Dunham, Junior: his grant of forty acres of land on the southwest on Colchester is bounded . . .", and pages 57 & 99 refer to land of John Dunham Junior at Winnatuxett. [Ply. Co. LR from Mayflower Desc. Vol. 36 #1, p. 38].

John Dunham married Mary Porter probably in Watertown, Mass. about 1640. John and Mary settled first on a lot northeastward of his father in Plymouth, but sold out to Henry Wood early in 1643 [PCR 12:91]. They appear to have lived for a time at Wellingsley [PCR 12:110; PCR 12:114], before finally settling on a lot of land north of Plymouth village, "lyeing aboue the hieway goeing to Joanses Riuer" [PCR 12:179]. This was north of "Plain Dealing," later called "Seaside" [PTR 1:57]. He was a proprietor of Major's Purchase in Middleborough in 1674, but seems never to have lived there [PCR 5:150].

John's portion of his father's estate was received 28 May 1663, viz. "the one half of all that his share lot and portion of meddow att Winnatuxett . . . as also his whole portion of upland at the place forenamed" [MD 18:37-8, citing PCLR 2:2:119].

Will of John ² Dunham

The will of John Dunham of Plimouth was dated 2 Feb. 1691/2, and proved 16 April 1692 (Plym. Prob. 1:135-6), as abstracted in MD 31:160-161:

To "wife Mary Dunham and to my Daughter Mercy Dunham my house I now dwell in with all" personal property except as specified, "Also...all my land about two miles off from my now Dwelling house and the orchard there it all Containing About" 16 acres, "Also...one acre of meadow lying at Doties meadows" in Plymouth, also 40 acres "at Colchester in the Township of Plimouth aforesaid I give to my said wife and daughter Mercy to be equally divided betwixt them But...if my wife need her share of the land for her Support she may sell it...which land I value at" £10; but, if she does not sell it, "after her decease my son John Dunham" to have one half of it, "hoping he will be tender and Carefull to help his mother while she lives" [John Jr. died before his mother].

To “my son John Dunham my Best Cloth Coat, hereby Signifying he hath already Received his full portion”

To “my Son Bartholomew Hamlin and my daughter Susanna his wife I Give all the Rest of my wearing Cloaths both linnen and woollen from head to foote”

To “my son James Hamlin one shilling and to my daughter Mary his wife one shilling:”

To “my son Robert Barrow one shilling and to my daughter Lidia his wife and to the heirs of her Body for Ever thirty acres of land which I have lying at Monponset in...Plimouth.”

“my wife & Daughter Mercy to be Executrixes” and “my loving friends Isaac Cushman and Ephraim Morton junr to be overseers” of the will.

The witnesses were John Cotton and Samuel Sturtevant.

“Mr Jno Cotton one of the witnesses” made oath to the will at Plymouth, 16 April 1692, before “William Bradford Esqr Dept Governr and Mr Ephraim Morton Associate.”

Children of John and Mary (Porter) Dunham

- i. Mary ³ b. say 1642-3
- ii. John, b. say 1647-8
- iii. Jonathan, b. 12 August 1650; d. 26 August 1650 (Plymouth VR p. 658)
- iv. Samuel, b. 25 February 1651/2, Ply VR:659; d. 24 January 1687/8;
Samuel Dunham, son of John Dunham, was burned to death in his house 24 Jan. 1687/88, Ply VR:134 & M.D. 15:214
- v. Susanna, b. say 1654
- vi. Lydia, b. say 1656-8
- vii. Mercy, b. say 1660-70
TAG Vol. 30:148 states “she was still unmarried when her mother died (20 Mar. 1698/9), as shown by a deed to her on 17 Feb. 1698/9 (Ply. Co. LR 3:88) , in which her mother gave to Mercy her half share of about 50 acres in Colchester in Plymouth township, which land had been left to her and daughter Mercy by the last will of my late husband with full power to sell if need be for her maintenance.” (Ply. County Land Record 2:62 shows that Mercy had sold a half share left to her by her father on 5 June 1696).

She is probably the Marsey Dunham who married in Plymouth November 1701 Joseph ⁴ King who was born in Plymouth 16 Feb. 1680, (Sarah ³ (Dunham) King, Samuel ²

Dunham, John ¹ Dunham). (Plymouth VR p. 89) They had one child, Nathaniel born 26 May 1707 who died 7 February 1734/5. (Plymouth VR p. 40)

Ply Co. LR Re: Mercy ³:

2:62, Mercy to Ebenezer Cobb, Plymouth/Colchester (ck) 1697

3:54, Mercy to John Dyer, Plymouth, 1698 see

3:88, Mary (her mother) to Mercy

Plymouth Church records show the following:

(1:191) - 1703, Joseph King Junr dismiss wth his wife to ye new society

[Plympton] Septemr 5th 1703, since returd to us

(1:193) - 1703, Mercy King, The wife of Joseph King Junr dismiss

(1:217) - 1717, Mercy King [d]

Plymouth Vital Records, in MD:

MD 14:35, Joseph King was married to Marsey Dunham November 1701

Marcy King ye Wife of Joseph King, deceased, Jan. 15 1719

MD 14:38 Joseph King married to Mercy Spooner November 3 1719

NOTE: This Mercy Spooner was Mercy (Branch) Spooner, and she had married first Ebenezer Spooner, son of William and Hannah (Pratt) Spooner. Hannah Pratt was daughter of Persis ² (Dunham) Pratt.

Daniel ⁵ Dunham, United Empire Loyalist, Revisited

By Gratia Dunham Mahony
and Deborah May Dunham

Daniel ⁵ Dunham (Daniel ⁴ David ³ Jonathan ² Singletary/alias Dunham, Richard ¹ Singletary) has been researched and discussed before. He has been identified as the ancestor of several past members of this Dunham Genealogy Research Association but there has been no definite proof of his line back. DNA tests of his descendants show him to belong to the Singletary Dunham line, and descendants trace him to the United Empire Loyalists who came to New Brunswick, Canada following the American Revolution in 1783.

I worked on this line along with several others over 25 years ago. Very detailed research was done by Gloria-Jean Phillips of New Brunswick, Canada, Lloyd Dunham of Ontario, Canada (a past member of our Board of Directors), and several other descendants of this line. Just recently I received a query from Deborah Dunham, whose ancestor was David Elson Dunham (1839-1883), a well-known architect of Saint John, New Brunswick, Canada. Her interest at this time was a detailed letter written by her father, Roy Joseph Dunham, originally from Toronto

but then of the state of Michigan, and a World War II pilot serving in the US Army. Roy Joseph Dunham had flown over the deck of the battleship *Missouri* during the historical signing of the peace treaty by Emperor Hirohito of Japan on September 2, 1945, and then went on to drop supplies for POWs. Deborah thought that a reproduction of that account in this newsletter near the 80th Anniversary of that signing might be of interest to our readers. Working with Deborah again to follow this line back is what prompted me to revisit the research on this family.

I should say that during these past twenty-five years I have collected a great deal of material on the entire line of the descendants of Jonathan ² Singletary who assumed the surname of Dunham when he settled in Woodbridge, New Jersey in about 1665. Numerous articles have been written and published in this newsletter about them. It has been thought by many of the descendants of Daniel ⁵ Dunham, that he must have been the son of Daniel ⁴ Dunham of Elizabeth, New Jersey. No documentation of proof has ever been found but we do know that Daniel Dunham died in 1739, a constable in Elizabeth, New Jersey. No record exists of his marriage, or any children born to him. However, the Daniel ⁵ Dunham who went to Saint John, (then still in Nova Scotia) in 1783 along with other United Empire Loyalists from Woodbridge, New Jersey was very likely the son of Daniel ⁴ Dunham of Woodbridge, and a grandson of David ³ Dunham of Woodbridge.

Deborah Dunham Descendant of Roy Wolsey Dunham

When I received the query from Deborah Dunham, who wished to acknowledge the military service and the eye witness account given by her father, of the signing of the surrender by Japanese Emperor Hirohito to General Douglas MacArthur on the battleship *Missouri* on 2 September 1945, I wanted to revisit this line of descent from Jonathan ² Dunham of Woodbridge, New Jersey. There is no existing proof of this particular family but several clues provide strong circumstantial evidence that Daniel ⁴ Dunham was the man referred to as “constable” in Elizabethtown, New Jersey. We do not know his wife’s name or when she was born or died, but the association with the Episcopal Church in Elizabethtown, New Jersey where the sixth-generation children were baptized, provides evidence that this family still lived there. Many residents of Elizabethtown were strong supporters of the King of England, and so it is not surprising to see that all but one of the sons in the sixth generation of this family were United Empire Loyalists and went to Canada after the Revolution was over.

As DNA test results have shown this family descends from the Singletary-Dunham line of Woodbridge, New Jersey. The lineage follows: (for more information on these first five generations please see the web site of Dunham Genealogy Research Association at www.dunham-singletary.org under Jonathan ² Dunham alias Singletary of Woodbridge, NJ)

Richard ¹ Singletary (1599-1687) and first wife prob a Dunham

Jonathan ² Dunham (17 Jan, 1639/40-1724) and Mary Bloomfield

David ³ Dunham (1673-1750 or 1757) and Mary Ilsley

Daniel ⁴ Dunham, youngest son of David ³ prob. b. abt. 1705; d. Elizabethtown NJ by 1739

Daniel ⁵ Dunham (say 1730-1821) and Catherine Campbell

United Empire Loyalists in New Jersey Including Second Cousin Asher Dunham

The largest number of the United Empire Loyalists were found in the middle colonies. Many had been tenant farmers of New York or New Jersey and many were farmers who held small farms or they were the sons of families who were of age to serve in the military. Some were Quakers who did not believe in war service, and some were recently arrived immigrants.

These groups of people who did not support the revolutionary cause, and were either neutral or opposed to the patriot cause for various reasons, rarely attempted any political organization. They were often passive, unless regular British army units were in the area on recruiting missions. The British assumed that a highly activist Loyalist community was ready to mobilize and planned much of their strategy around raising Loyalist regiments in the colonies.

Following the end of the Revolutionary War in 1783 many of these Loyalists could choose evacuation to Nova Scotia (which included New Brunswick at this time) where they were eligible to accept the British government's offer of free land. With the arrival of the fleets in 1783 carrying the Loyalist refugees to Parrtown (later renamed Saint John, New Brunswick) there was a need to politically organize the territory. The larger colony of Nova Scotia therefore was split and the colony of New Brunswick was officially created on 16 August 1784 with Sir Thomas Carleton as its first governor.

The Loyalists arrived in several fleets of ships sailing at different times. There were around a dozen different ships in each fleet but not all the names of the passengers have been documented. Also making searching for passengers more difficult is that the passengers on the May fleet and those on the September fleet were listed, but those on the June fleet were not identified, or at least the names no longer exist if they were. We know from many of the petitions for land in Parrtown, and from people who were later in Saint John that they must have come on the June fleet, but there is no proof. That seems to be the case with four of the five adult sons of Daniel and Catherine (Campbell) Dunham. These sons were:

Seth ⁶ Dunham b. say 1751, so age about 32 in 1783

Lewis ⁶ Dunham b. say 1754, so age about 29 in 1783

John ⁶ Dunham b. say 1759, so age about 24 in 1783

David Alston ⁶ Dunham b. say 1762, so age about 21 in 1783

Jonathan ⁶ Dunham b. say 1768, so age about 15 in 1783 (we know he was in Saint John but are not certain just when he came)

The names of the vessels composing the May fleet have often appeared in print, and their arrival at St. John is annually commemorated; the coming of the 'fall fleet' also is frequently and familiarly referred to; but the arrival of the June fleet appears to have been generally overlooked. The June fleet left Sandy Hook on June 16th and headed for its destination of Parrtown with a contingent of about 1,500 Loyalists.

While we do not have a list of the passengers, we do know the names of the vessels that made the June trip, as well as the names of their captains. The fleet consisted of thirteen ships and two brigs with a frigate as convoy. Among the vessels were the ***Bridgewater, (Capt. Adnet), Two Sisters, (Capt. Brown), Hopewell, Symmetry, Generous Friends, Thames, Amity's Production, Tartar, Duchess of Gordon, Littledale, William and Mary, and Free Briton.*** The Loyalists on board were enrolled in seventeen companies, commanded respectively by Joseph Clarke, Sylvanus Whitney, Joseph Gorham, Henry Thomas, John Forrester, Thomas Elms, John Cock, James Hoyt, Christopher Benson, Joseph Forrester, Thomas Welch, Oliver Bourdet, **Asher Dunham**, Abra. Camp, Peter Berton, Richard Hill and Moses Pitcher.

**Asher ⁵ Dunham (1744-1803), son of Jonathan ⁴, Benjamin ³, Jonathan ²
Dunham/alias Singletary, Richard ¹ Singletary**

Second Cousin to Daniel ⁵ Dunham

There has been much confusion over Asher Dunham and the question as to whether there was one man named Asher Dunham or two. We know that Asher Dunham served as a loyalist during the Revolutionary War, but there is also an Asher Dunham who served in the Middlesex Militia. These records of service were however, for the same Asher Dunham. We know that Asher Dunham served in the Middlesex Militia because his name appears on the Official Register of Officers and Men in the Revolutionary War. Following the war, Asher applied for back pay owed to him for his war service. From the State of New Jersey, Asher received a Certificate entitling him to receive two pounds sterling, thirteen shillings, and four pence for his

efforts. However, at the end of the War, most of the Colonies were bankrupt and these Certificates were often worthless.

Asher Dunham (son of Jonathan and Mary (Smith) Dunham) was 'born about 1745. He was a farmer and also was the part owner of a sawmill. When the Revolution broke out Woodbridge was considered to be a hotbed of patriotism. However, both Elizabeth and Perth Amboy had large complements of British Troops, and any pro-Independence action brought swift retaliation by the Redcoats. When American independence was declared in July of 1776, many residents of the Colonies, perhaps as many as two-thirds, remained neutral or retained their allegiance to the Crown. In November of 1776 Asher joined the British Army at their local headquarters in New Brunswick, NJ. Soon after his enlistment Asher was sent with a small party of men to Bonhamtown for the purpose of building defensive structures called redoubts. Within a month, he was commissioned a Captain and was issued a warrant to raise a Company of recruits under his command for the New Jersey Volunteers (Loyalists). Besides recruiting, he also collected intelligence for the British.

In 1838, local historian William Whitehead visited the Trinity Churchyard in Woodbridge, New Jersey and recorded the inscriptions on many headstones; however, he limited himself to only the inscriptions of those people who had died prior to 1800. Thus, Asher's stone was not recorded. The next recording of headstone inscriptions was not done until 1948 when a headstone for Asher Dunham was listed. It appears that Asher Dunham returned at some point from Saint John to New Jersey, and he died in Perth Amboy, New Jersey in 1803 at the age of about 59 years. He is buried in the Episcopal Church yard in Woodbridge. His will has been found in the U.K. National Archives:

England and Wales, Prerogative Court of Canterbury Wills, 1384-1858; Probate II: will Registers 1802-1804; Piece 1415; Heseltine, Quire numbers 654-704 (1804):

Last Will and Testament of Asher Dunham, probated 1 Oct. 1804. Just why the will was probated and recorded in the UK is unclear, but it does state "Asher Dunham of Perth Amboy", and gives his wife's name as Susannah Pike.

Continuation of the Line of Daniel ⁵ Dunham, son of Daniel ⁴, David ³, Jonathan ² Dunham/alias Singletary, Richard ¹ Singletary

Daniel ⁵ Dunham (Daniel ⁴ David ³ Dunham, Jonathan ² Singletary/alias Dunham, Richard ¹ Singletary) born in Woodbridge, Middlesex County New Jersey, or in Elizabethtown, (now Union County) New Jersey in 1730, ^[1] died in St. John, New Brunswick, Canada before 1821. ^[2] He married **Catherine Campbell**, ^[3] daughter of Joseph and Martha (--) Campbell. She was born 17 December 1734.^[4] [Ref. 1-4 from Myers, Patty Barthell; Ancestors and Descendants of Lewis Ross Freeman, pub 1995 p. 566].

Daniel was a Tory (United Empire Loyalist) and went to Canada on the ship *Neptune* in the spring fleet in 1783. He received lot number 687 in Parrtown, later Saint John, New Brunswick. From the book "Early Loyalist St. John" by D. G. Bell, he lists the families as on arrival; Daniel, "*Neptune*", 1 adult male, 1 adult female, 3 children over 10 yrs. 2 children under 10 yrs. NOTE: The children listed may belong to someone else, (possibly his daughter) as they do not fit the ages of Daniel's known children. Also note, the known sons of Daniel who came to Canada (Seth, Lewis, John, and David Alston are listed separately by D. G. Bell in "Early Loyalists of Saint John".

Children of Daniel ⁵ and Catherine (Campbell) Dunham: born in Woodbridge NJ [Myers 566]. Note: Since these children were baptized in St. John Episcopal Church in Elizabethtown I believe that this family must have resided in that town.

All children except Campbell ⁶ were U. E. Loyalists and went to New Brunswick Canada

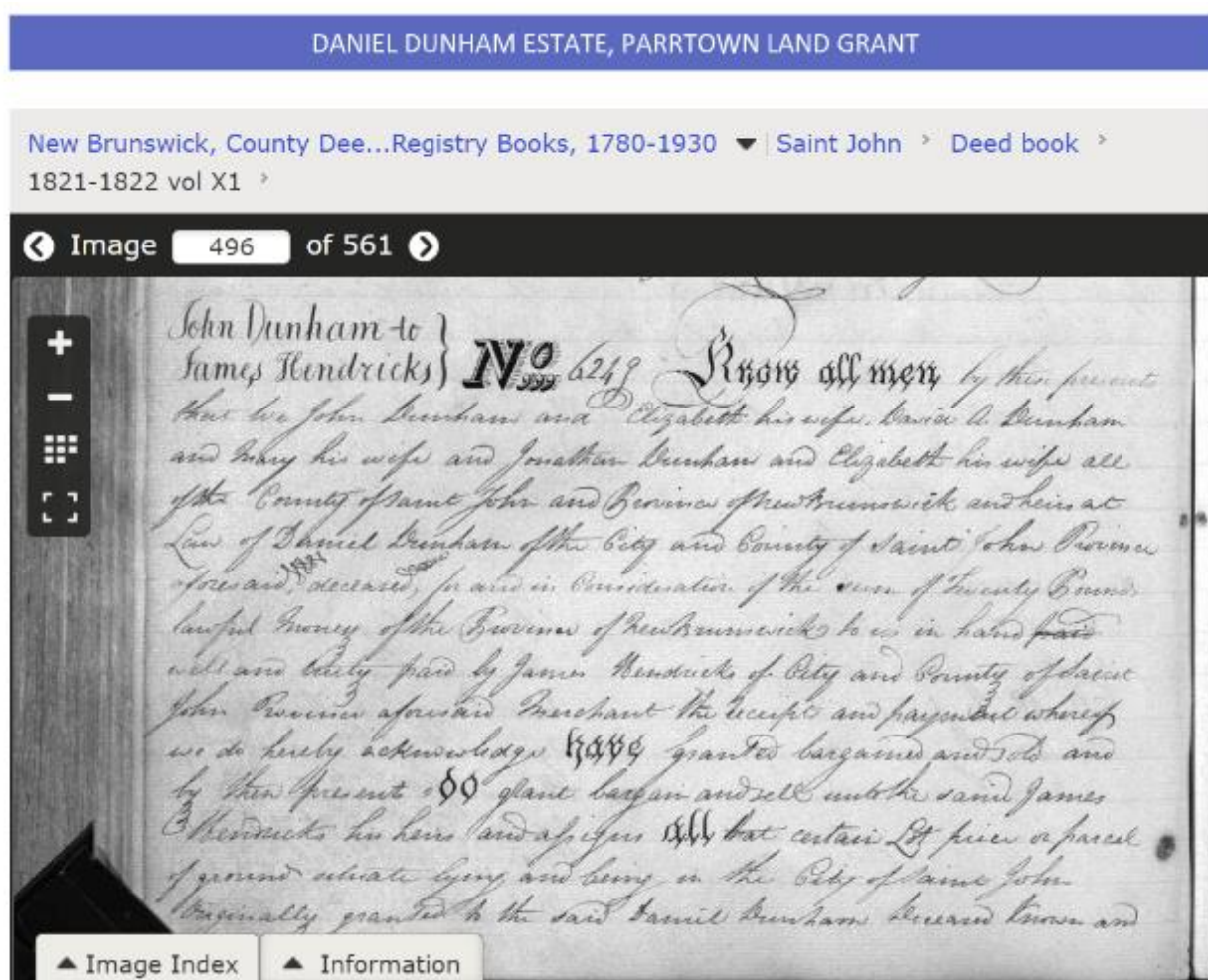
- i. Seth ⁶ Dunham b. say 1751
- ii. Lewis ⁶ Dunham b. say 1754, (baptized in 1758)
- iii. John ⁶ Dunham baptized 2 September 1758, St. John Episcopal Church, Elizabethtown, New Jersey
- iv. Sarah ⁶ Dunham b. say 1757, baptized 1758; m. say 1777)--) Wright
- v. Campbell ⁶ Dunham b. say 1759, (remained in NJ)
- vi. **David Alston ⁶ Dunham b. say 1762**
- vii. Jonathan ⁶ baptized 18 Sept. 1768, St John Episcopal Church, Elizabethtown, New Jersey

David Alston ⁶ Dunham (1762-1845)

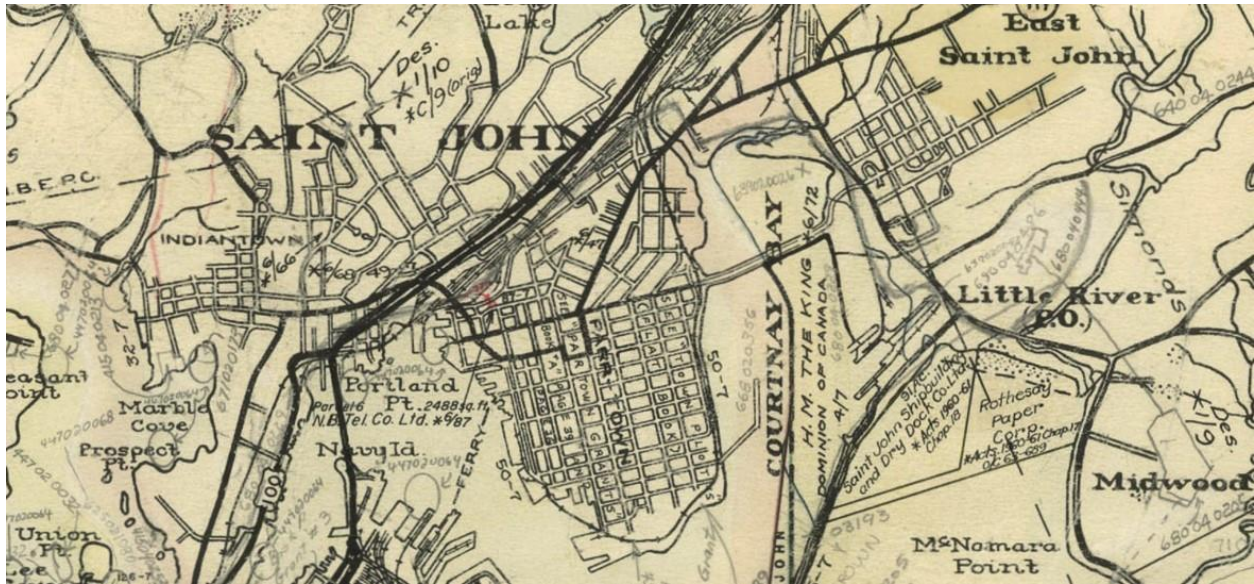
David Alston ⁶ Dunham (Daniel ⁵, Daniel ⁴ David ³ Dunham, Jonathan ² Dunham/alias Singletary, Richard ¹ Singletary) born in Woodbridge, Middlesex County New Jersey or in Elizabeth, (now Union County) New Jersey say 1762, ^[1] died in St. John, New Brunswick, Canada 13 March 1845 ^[2]. He married in 1795 **Mary Ann Cathline**, ^[3] daughter of Philip Cathline. [Ref. 1-3, Myers p. 567] She was born say 1775 in Pennsylvania. She died 3 October 1851 in (Carleton) Saint John, New Brunswick Canada. (at the home of her son George C. Dunham. Info from the New Brunswick Courier issue 4 October 1851). Both are buried in the Church of England Cemetery. Philip Keithland/Cathline (c.1747-1820) arrived with the Loyalists at the mouth of the St. John River in 1783, (now Saint John, N.B.) along with his wife, son, daughter and 2 children under 10 years old.

Daniel ⁵ Dunham received a town lot, Parrtown #687, which is at the corner of Orange and Wentworth Streets in Saint John. He also received later land grants but was on the list of Freeman of the City in 1785 with occupation of joiner. After his death in 1821, the Parrtown lot # 687 was sold by his heirs as can be seen in the deed below.

From Myers, p. 566; "On 21 Dec. 1821 the city lot Parrtown #687 of "Daniel Dunham, deceased" was sold by his "heirs at law" – John Dunham and his wife Elizabeth, David Alston Dunham and his wife Mary, and Jonathan Dunham and his wife Elizabeth, to James Hendricks", (see photocopy of deed, courtesy of Daphne Wetmore, Fundy Coast Genealogy, Saint John, New Brunswick, Canada), page one of three pages of deed copied below.



"Canada, New Brunswick County Deed Registry Books, 1780-1930," images, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HY-6QJ9-QHJ?cc=1392378&wc=M69D-S29%3A13842701%2C13841702%2C15752002 : 21 May 2014>), Saint John > Deed book > 1821-1822 vol X1 > image 496 of 561; County Office of Service, New Brunswick, Canada.



Parrrtown is the grid in the center of this map above. Indiantown is to the west and north of Parrrtown

Children of David Alston ⁶ and Mary Ann (Cathline) Dunham:

- i. **Joseph ⁷ Dunham** b. 1796 in Lancaster, NB, (Myers p. 567 says m. Ann (--))

From A. D. Gates: Joseph died before 1870, the date of some litigation in the Cathline family. Papers resulting from this litigation name children and some grandchildren of Mary (Cathline) Dunham, but in no certain order. These include: Joseph, his widow Ann (Logan?) and children:

- i. Daniel, wife Harriet
- ii. William, wife Isabel
- iii. Samuel, wife Catherine
- iv. Mary Ann Eagles, a widow
- v. Elizabeth, m. (--) Stockford

- ii. **Samuel ⁷ Dunham** b. 1799 in Lancaster NB.

Samuel b. 5 Sept. 1799, a family tree gives b. Manawagonish, which is in West Saint John. He m. 1st 6 Nov. 1827, Mary Ann Briggs; in 1870 res. at Long Island, Queen's Co. NB. She died in 1870. He m. 2nd, 24 October 1874 Rebecca G. Thorne [c. 1803-10 Feb. 1882]. Samuel Dunham d. 21 Jan. 1878 age 79 yrs. He is buried with his second wife in the Codys

United Baptist Cemetery at 776 Rt. 710 which is between Thornetown and Codys, Queens Co. NB. Rebecca G. Thorne was daughter of William Butler Thorne (1803-1883) and Catherine Worden (1801-1901).

June 16 th 1800	Catharine	David Elson	Dunham	Lancaster
No. 491.	Daughter of	Mary		County of St John
Septem ber 5 th 1809	Samuel	David Elson	Dunham	Lancaster
No. 492.	Son of	Mary		County of St John

Birth record of Samuel Dunham, son of David Elson and Mary (New Brunswick Genealogical Society, Anglican Registers Project, Register MC223-G1-6A1a, Page 0038 (URL: https://arp.nbgstwo.ca/records/displayRecord/MC223-G1-6A1a-0038_baptism_0040, Retrieved on October 4, 2025.)

- iii. **Catherine⁷ Dunham**, b. 16 June 1800, Lancaster, (in the Kennebecasis Bay)
She was baptized in the Parish of Gagetown, Queens Co., New Brunswick, Canada in 1825. She d. before 1870, not mentioned in the Cathline papers .
- iv. **John⁷ Dunham**, b. say 1802 (or 1807), m. 31 January 1828 Mary Buchanan, prob. a widower in 1870.
- vi. **Eliza⁷ Dunham**, b. say 1809, Lancaster, New Brunswick, Canada (or b. 1806)
m. 17 December 1840 William Armstrong
- ii. **Elizabeth⁷ Dunham**, b. say 1811, Lancaster, New Brunswick, Canada or 1808
m. 6 June 1839 in Lancaster, NB William Nelson Williams
- viii. **David⁷ Dunham** b. 25 February 1812 Lancaster, New Brunswick, Canada
d. 3 Feb. 1880 age 68, m. 1ST Sarah Jane Chubb 22 Aug. 1836, m. 2ND Elizabeth B. White 10 Feb. 1842

ix. **William ⁷ Dunham**, b. say 1815

x. **George Comely ⁷ Dunham**, b. 12 January 1820, St. John, NB, d. 11 Feb. 1876 in St. John. He was a "lumber surveyor", m. 11 Nov. 1846 Phoebe Thomson McClellan. She was b. 17 March 1829, St. John, d. 16 Feb. 1898 Somerville MA. She was daughter of David M. and Mariann (Knight) McClellan.

Samuel ⁷ Dunham (David Alston ⁶, Daniel ^{5,4}, David ³, Jonathan ² Dunham/alias Singletary, Richard ¹ Singletary) was born 5 September 1799 in Manawagonish which is in West Saint John, New Brunswick, Canada; died 21 January 1878 in Codys, Queens County, New Brunswick. He is buried in the Codys United Baptist Cemetery on Route 710 which is located between Thorntown and Codys, Queens County, New Brunswick. He married first on 6 November 1827 Mary Ann Briggs (1803-1870). They resided at Long Island, Queen's County in 1870 where she died. He married second on 24 October 1874 Rebecca G. Thorne. She is also buried in the Codys United Baptist Cemetery, Codys, Queens County, New Brunswick. She was the daughter of William Butler Thorne (1803-1883) and Catherine Worden (1801-1901).



Now if we look at the 1861 census of Hampsted, Queens, New Brunswick, Canada, p. 5 we find Samuel ⁷ Dunham a native (so b. in Canada) with religion as Baptist

The family of Samuel Dunham:

Samuel Dunham	62	farmer	(Samuel ⁷ Dunham)
Mary A.	58		(Mary Ann (Briggs) Dunham)
David E.	22 – son		(David Elson ⁸ Dunham)
Samuel	21 – son		(Samuel Frederick ⁸ Dunham)
Lucinda	16 – dau.		(Lucinda ⁸ Dunham)
Lucinda Crawford,	5 – gr. dau.		(dau. of Elizabeth A. ⁸ (Dunham) Crawford)

More on the people in the 1861 census above:

Samuel Dunham, age 62, farmer, b. 5 Sept. 1798

Mary A. was Mary Ann Briggs, age 58, b. 1803; d. 1870

David E. was David Elson, age 22, called son, b. 18 Aug. 1839 in Hampsted, NB, Canada

Samuel age 21, called son, was Samuel Frederick b. 31 March 1840

Lucinda age 16, called daughter, b. abt. 1845; d. 12 Oct. 1866 in Saint John, NB, Canada

Lucinda Crawford, age 5, called granddaughter was daughter of Samuel Crawford and Elizabeth A. Dunham. Elizabeth A. was b. abt. 1844, prob. deceased by 1861. Elizabeth A. would have been a daughter of Samuel and Mary Ann (Briggs) Dunham.

David Elson ⁸ Dunham (Samuel ⁷, David Alston ⁶, Daniel ^{5,4}, David ³, Jonathan ² Dunham/alias Singletary, Richard ¹ Singletary) was born 18 August 1839 in Hampsted, New Brunswick, Canada; died 26 October 1883 in Saint John, New Brunswick, Canada.

He married 29 July 1868 in Queens County, New Brunswick, Canada Mary Ann McDougall (1847-1937).

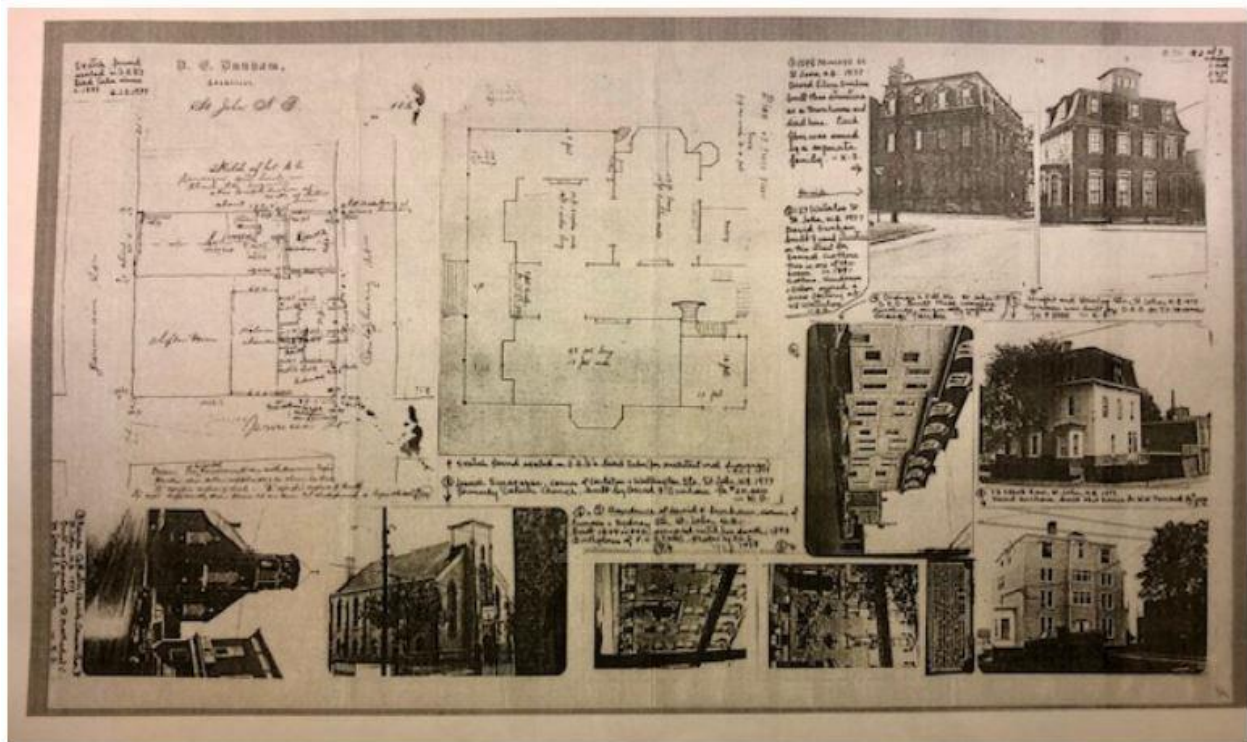
From the 1871 census of the Albert Ward, Saint John, New Brunswick. Dist. 174.

David E. Dunham	30	architect	English
Annie	24	(Mary Ann McDougall)	Scotch
Frank	2		English
Norman A.	11/12	b. May	English

Ann McDougall	56		Scotch
Samuel	71	(father, Samuel Frederick Samuel's religion is Baptist	English

David Elson ⁸ Dunham was a well-known architect in Saint John and designed many important buildings including office buildings, banks and church structures. A sample of his architectural drawings may be seen, together with other family information, in the Dunham and McDougall Family Collection, [MC167] located at the Provincial Archives of New Brunswick. The collection also includes Samuel Dunham's book of timber surveys from 1846-1849 which indicates that his occupation at that time was as a timber surveyor in Hampstead.

Several pages from this collection were sent to us by genealogist Daphne Wetmore, Fundy Coast Genealogy, Saint John, New Brunswick, Canada and they are reproduced below, courtesy of Daphne Wetmore and Deborah Dunham.



Some of the buildings designed by David Elson Dunham located in Saint John, NB, Canada



159 Princess Street, Saint John
David Elson Dunham built this structure as a town house and he died here in 1883.
Each floor was owned by a separate family.



David Elson Dunham (1839-1883)*

This photo of David is from a book called *Music of the Eye, Architectural Drawings of Canada's First City 1822-1914* by Gary K Hughes.



Mary Ann (McDougall) Dunham*
Wife of David Elson Dunham

Photo from Dunham-Singletary Genealogy by Kenneth Royal Dunham 1987 ISBN 0-9616641 1-8

From New Brunswick Newspaper Vital Statistics compiled by Daniel F. Johnson, Vol. 59, Number 3521, 26 October 1883; published in Saint John Globe, Saint John, New Brunswick

The death of David E. DUNHAM took place at his residence, Princess St., Saint John at an early hour this morn. He was an architect of no mean ability. The fire of 1877 swept away many of the fruits of his labors, but enough remain to bear testimony to his skill. Among the buildings we might mention Calvin Church, The Maritime Bank Building (destroyed 1877), Crawford's Block, King Square; Continental Hotel, King Square; Wiggins Male Orphan Asylum (destroyed 1877); new wing of Alms House; Baptist Parsonage, Portland; Masonic Hall, Carleton; Catholic School, Carleton; St. Luke's Church, Portland; the old Exhibition building; and a large number of private dwellings in the City, Portland and throughout the Province. Mr. Dunham was a native of Hampstead (Queens Co.) and came to Saint John in 1863. He died at the age of 43.

David Elson Dunham is buried in Fernhill Cemetery, Saint John, NB, Canada

1881 Census, Queen Ward, Saint John, NB, Canada

David E. Dunham	40	Occupation Architect, Religion Congregational
(Mary) Anna	34	

Frankie T.	12	
Norman A.	11	
Willie E.	4	
Fredk.	1	
Jessie Hall	32	
Chas. H. Hall	33	
Ann T. McDougal	66	(Baptist)

Note: the 5th child of David E. and (Mary) Anna (McDougall) Dunham was Roy Wolsey Dunham, b. 5 August 1882 in Saint John, NB, Canada

Children of David Elson ⁸ and Mary Ann (McDougall) Dunham:

- i. Frank Tilley ⁹ Dunham (1869-1937)
- ii. Norman Arthur ⁹ Dunham (1870-1948)
- iii. William Elson ⁹ Dunham (1877-1919)
- iv. Frederick Harold ⁹ Dunham (1880-1951)
- v. Roy Wolsey ⁹ Dunham b. 5 August 1882

After the untimely death of David Elson ⁸ Dunham his widow took all five boys and moved to Toronto.

Roy Wolsey ⁹ Dunham born 5 August 1882 in Saint John, New Brunswick, Canada; died 16 April 1951 in Detroit, Michigan. He married 7 November 1910 Georgina May Rice (1892-1921), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Ellis Rice of Toronto, Canada [Ref. The Toronto Star, Nov. 8, 1910, p. 10].

Roy Dunham appears on the 1911 census in Ontario Province, Toronto North, Dist. 126.

By the time of the 1920 US Federal census Roy W. and his wife May were living in Grand Rapids, Kent Co. Michigan where Roy was listed as a Traveling Salesman in the Confectionary Industry. He was listed as a naturalized citizen with year date of naturalization in 1916.

Roy W. Dunham appears on the 1920 Census of Grand Rapids, Kent County, Michigan:

Roy W. Dunham	37	Naturalized Citizen	Parents b. Canada
		Occupation	Traveling Salesman – confectionary
May Dunham	26		

Roy Joseph¹⁰ Dunham born 3 August 1911 in York, Ontario, Canada; died in August 1960 in Oakland County, Michigan. He married first 20 June 1936 Caroline J. Novak of Detroit, Michigan. He married second Carolyn Rose Mesker, 13 May 1943 in Detroit, Michigan. (Michigan Department of Community Health, Division of Vital Records and Health Statistics; Lansing, MI, USA; *Michigan, Marriage Records, 1867-1952*; Film: 319; Film Title: 82 Wayne 289150-292369; Film Description: *Wayne*)

Roy Joseph¹⁰ Dunham also became a naturalized citizen on March 18, 1944 while serving in the United States Army. His petition for Naturalization took place in the Southern District of Texas in Corpus Christi. [Ref. Corpus Christi Naturalization Petitions, 1913-1965, 651-1050, Number 1047-M]



Roy Joseph Dunham (1911-1960)

In September of 2025 Deborah May Dunham, daughter of Roy Joseph Dunham, sent a collage of photos to be printed on the Facebook page of the Dunham Genealogy Research Association in commemoration of her father's mission on September 2, 1945. She has described that mission and I want to include her words (below).

*"My father **Roy Joseph Dunham** (1911-1960) was born in Toronto (son of Roy Wolsey Dunham and grandson of David Elson Dunham architect of St. John New Brunswick). Due to a missed commissioning letter from the Royal Canadian Airforce, he ended up joining the US army in*

which he served for three long hard years, flying dozens of missions from the island of Tinian in the Mariana Islands.

On September 2, 1945, as my father flew over Tokyo Bay in formation with 400 other B-29 bomber crews, Roy Joseph Dunham (whose squadron was based on the island of Tinian) had a bird's eye view of the historic signing of the surrender by Emperor Hirohito to General Douglas MacArthur. On the 80th anniversary of this momentous day, I wanted to commemorate my father's service to his adopted country by sharing excerpts from one of his letters to my mother describing his part on that day, and poignantly, what followed.

"As 'old dugout Doug' (MacArthur) was signing the long-awaited document, our ship came down out of formation and buzzed over the battleship Missouri at 300 feet. Boy what a view. All of the sailors in their white uniforms standing at attention at the rails and the Army officers in khaki standing in groups on the deck. The ship was in full regalia, all flags flying. Surrounding the big ship were scores of other battle wagons and hospital ships. We also had the actual broadcast from the battleship on our shortwave set What an occasion. . . The air was full of B-29's and Navy fighter planes roaring over in wave after wave. . .

"After the formalities were over, we flew around for several hours looking at the terrible damage inflicted upon the Japanese capitol. It was simply appalling to see such a great city levelled so completely. But this was nothing to what we were to see the next few days. That trip took only 16 hours, after refueling and sleeping about 4 hours, we took off with our bomb bays full of supplies for our stranded prisoners away up in Kyushu. The trip was a killer. We ran into a terrible electric storm which almost downed our ship. The storm lasted nearly four hours and every minute, we thought it would be our last . . .

"Finally, we located the prisoner of war camp and came down within several hundred feet and saw our boys standing in a large group waving their hands and going wild. We dropped the huge bundles of food and medical supplies by parachute, and they all gave us a real salute. Gosh it gave me goose pimples just to think of how miserable they must have been...

After another storm caused damage to the aircraft requiring a repair stop at Iwo Jima, and another 31-hour long trip for more POW supply drops, he writes "Hold your breath! We then went up to China then over to Okinawa landing for a few hours and then over to Manilla... Total time elapsed, three days. I feel like I have been whipped with a rubber hose for hours..."

And all this was AFTER victory was declared. While sadly my father died in 1960, before I was old enough to know him, I am grateful for over 200 letters he wrote (and sketched) of his harrowing wartime experiences between 1942-1946. Thank you, dad! Now we know what all those medals were for."



From <http://www.archives.gov/milestone-documents/surrender-of-japan>



Deborah May Dunham

Researching her Dunham line at the Provincial Archives of New Brunswick
in October 2022

What is new on the Dunham Website

by James A. Streeter

I have been still working on the updates to the Dunham Website and am in the process of making the need corrections and additions from 2024 thru 2025. I plan to have the corrections and additions made before the end of the year now that I'm able to spend more time on the computer.

Suggestions for new Articles for the Newsletter and new sections for the Dunham Families in America Collections are always welcome.

HELP NEEDED - We are looking for some help to review Dunham lines found in the DSFC Newsletters and prepare them to be added 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 - james8313@sti.net