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## FAMILY CONNECTIONS

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### President's Message

#### New Year Resolutions

Over the holidays I began reading a biography of an ancestor. I particularly liked a passage:

*"Like many gifted children, Daniel seems to have inherited the best of both his parents. From his father he appears to have received a boldness and independence, great physical strength and courage, tenacity and leadership, and skill with working metal. Daniel was driven by the same restlessness and curiosity that Squire demonstrated. Both father and son had a way with tools and an ability to lead others. From his mother Daniel may have taken his noted calm and peacefulness, his resistance to panic and anger, his affection for family, forest and countryside, his goodwill and optimism, a trust in others that was sometimes misplaced, and a love of music."*

It set me thinking that we inherit not only the blue eyes and brass bed, but many of our foibles and strengths, our interests and passions from our family. And as it became time to make my list of resolutions for 2008, I added: To better appreciate my family, for who they are, what they share, what they love, what they mean to me and

others. To listen to the voices of children and elders. To respect the diversity within us all. And to gracefully overlook certain traits and behaviors.

Happy New Year to all!

Trudy Dunham, President

Quote from: Morgan, Robert. (2007)  
BOONE: A Biography  
Chapel Hill, NC: Algonquin books, p. 27.

### Editor's Corner

This is the first issue that I have produced as editor of the Dunham-Singletary Family Connections newsletter. I helped Sam Dunnam by working on several previous issues, and I want to extend my appreciation for the excellent job that he has done. Sam will continue to be a contributor to the newsletter in the future.

Some of our membership are interested in articles about current members of our Family association. I'd like to see each edition include both this type of article as well as Dunham genealogical research. This newsletter will contain both kinds. It is my goal to include articles written by our members, and I'd like to offer my as-

sistance to anyone who feels that they would like it.

The first article stems from a visit I paid to the Dunham family of Wellsboro, Pennsylvania in the spring of 2006. The occasion was to learn more about the DUNHAM DEPARTMENT STORE which had just recently celebrated its 100th anniversary as a business. I met Jim Dunham, and his brothers John and Bob, and I think their story of the development of their store will be of interest to all.

The second article was contributed by Francis M. (Mike) Dunham. The article briefly details the Civil War Service of his great-great grandfather Lewis E. Dunham. I would like to see more stories about Dunhams who participated in the Civil War, and I hope that some of these articles might include photos of the subjects.

Photos are included following each of the above two articles.

The article following the Civil War Story presents the line from which Lewis E. Dunham descends, and includes some original research done several years ago by Thomas H. Berg.

By original research I mean the compilation of probate records and land deeds to prove the ancestry of Mary Lucas, wife of Samuel<sup>5</sup> Dunham. This research had never been done or published before. I'd like to congratulate Tom on this excellent piece of work.

*Gratia Dunham Mahony,*  
Editor

A FAMILY LEGACY  
THE DUNHAM DEPARTMENT STORE  
WELLSBORO, PENNSYLVANIA

In Volume 2, Issue 3, July 15, 2005 an article entitled Jonathan<sup>2</sup> Dunham: Second Son of Deacon John and Abigail (Ballou) Dunham, traced this branch through the children in the 4th generation. The oldest son of Jonathan<sup>2</sup> and his second wife, Mary Cobb, was Jonathan<sup>3</sup> Dunham born in Martha's Vineyard, Dukes County, Massachusetts about 1658-9. This young man moved with his father, after the incidents of King Philip's War drove them from their home in the new settlement of Middleboro, to Falmouth Massachusetts. It was probably here in Falmouth that Jonathan<sup>3</sup> met and married his first wife whose identity has not been found.

Three children were born to Jonathan<sup>3</sup> Dunham, the first two in Falmouth, and the third child, Gideon<sup>4</sup>, was born after the family migrated to the island of Martha's Vineyard about the year 1684. Gideon<sup>4</sup> was born 6 March 1686/7 in Edgartown, and his mother died probably soon thereafter. Jonathan<sup>3</sup> Dunham married his second wife, Esther (Norton) Huxford in June of 1690, and four children were born to them.

At some point, probably after Gideon's first marriage to Desire Case, this young couple left Martha's Vineyard and moved to the part of Farmington which became the town of Southington, Hartford County, Connecticut. Here two children were born before Desire's untimely death at the age of 38 years. The oldest child of Gideon and Desire (Case) Dunham was James<sup>5</sup> Dunham born about 1720.

## INTEREST IN LITCHFIELD COUNTY CONNECTICUT

As James<sup>5</sup> Dunham grew to manhood, and prepared to marry and establish his own home, there was a growing interest in the new settlement of Canaan in Litchfield County Connecticut. James met and married Dinah Candee whose family was also interested in land in Canaan, Connecticut. James bought land in Canaan, south of Rattle Snake Hill, in 1748, and in later years he acquired additional land in Canaan. The children of James and Dinah (Candee) Dunham were born in Canaan between the years of 1751 and 1765.

## REVOLUTIONARY WAR

Salathiel<sup>6</sup> Dunham, second child of James<sup>5</sup> Dunham was born 22 March 1753, and this birth is recorded in the Vital Records of Canaan Connecticut. Salathiel Dunham served in the Revolutionary War from Canaan, and received a pension for this service. His pension application, S19202, gives his birth year as 1757, however, the year 1753 is the correct year of his birth.

From Abstracts of Rev. War Pension Files: "Salathiel, Lucy, W19202, Ct. line, sol. was b. in Mar. 1757 at Canaan in Litchfield Cty. Ct. & sol. lived there at enl. & later moved from Ct to Northampton Ma for 3 yrs, then moved to Frankfort in Herkimer Cty. NY & lived there until he moved to Caroline in Tompkins Cty. NY, & sol. appl there 3 Oct. 1832, sol. m. Lucy (--) in 1783, sol. d. 10 Mar. 1841, wid. appl 15 July 1843 at Caroline

NY aged 77, a son James was b. in Aug. 1805 & he stated there were 7 children older than he was & that the oldest (not named) was b. in Apr. 1785, a Daughter Electa was b. in Mar. 1788 & d. 10 Feb. 1843 & she had m. Spencer Hungerford."

From the DAR Patriot Index we learn that Salathiel's wife was Lucy Stewart. Salathiel Dunham died in Caroline, Tompkins County, New York 10 March 1841.

## CENSUS DATA

Land deeds and census records help us trace the movements of Salathiel Dunham and his family. Salathiel appears on the 1800 Census in Hampshire County, Massachusetts, p. 236. The following deed references substantiate the time when Salathiel resided in Northampton, Hampshire Co. MA:

Hampshire Co. Deed Liber 19:14, dated 1801, Salathiel is grantee of land in Northampton.  
Hampshire Co. Deed Liber 23:582, dated 21 Dec. 1804, Salathiel is grantor of land, The witness to this deed was John Dunham.

Salathiel appears on the 1810 Census in Frankfort, Herkimer County, New York p. 428.

The 1820 Census shows Salathiel living in Caroline, Tioga Co. NY, p. 313. (Caroline became part of Tompkins Co. in 1822). The 1825 New York State Census p. 3, Township of Caroline, line 32 (certified 1 Dec. 1825) shows Salathiel Dunham, 2 males in family; 1 female in family; 0 males

ages 18-45; 1 male qualified to vote.  
The 1830, p. 495; and 1840, p. 359 Census  
show Salathiel living in Caroline, Tompkins  
County, New York

The 1835 NY State Census, p. 7 line 24  
Township of Caroline (certified 12 Nov.  
1835;

Salathiel Dunham 1 male, 1 female, 1 male  
qualified to vote.

The 1840 Federal Census shows Salathiel in  
Caroline, Tompkins Co. NY p. 359 (same  
page as his son James <sup>7</sup> Dunham).

#### JAMES <sup>7</sup> MOVES TO FARMINGTON PENNSYLVANIA

James <sup>7</sup> Dunham was born probably in  
Frankfort, Herkimer Co. New York in Au-  
gust 1805, and died between 1870 and  
1880 when he does not appear on the cen-  
sus. He married 14 June 1826 Nancy  
Brown. She was born about 1806, died 24  
March 1845 age 39 years. She is buried in  
the Quick Cemetery, Caroline, Tompkins  
County, New York. James married second  
in Farmington, about 1846 Jenette Perry.  
She was born in New York about 1819, died  
in 1893.

By the time of the 1850 census James and  
his second wife and all his children were  
living in Farmington, Tioga County, Penn-  
sylvania. This family appear on the 1860  
and 1870 census in Farmington.

Children of James and Nancy (Brown)  
Dunham: b. Caroline, Tompkins Co. NY  
i. Electa <sup>8</sup> b. 23 March 1826  
m. 6 May 1847 James Hardenburg  
ii. Fadorna <sup>8</sup> b. 26 Nov. 1829  
m. 23 Feb. 18 Edward Briggs  
iii. Lucy H. <sup>8</sup> b. 14 Oct. 1833  
m. 25 March 1855 John Hazlett

- iv. Calforna <sup>8</sup> b. 7 June 1835  
m. Anthony J. Howell of Corning  
NY
- v. William Mason <sup>8</sup> b. 11 August 1837  
d. 21 June 1886  
m. April 1856 Sarah A. Lawyer of  
Farmington PA
- vi. Royal Salathiel <sup>8</sup> b. 14 Oct. 1839  
m. Adelia Knapp of Lawrenceville  
PA  
Children born in Watson Michigan
  - i. George <sup>9</sup> b. 20 1869
  - ii. Frederick <sup>9</sup> b. 24 May  
1876
- vii. Malvina <sup>8</sup> b. 19 June 1841  
m. Oct. 1870 at Watson Michigan  
Freeman Miller
- viii. Augustin <sup>8</sup> b. 2 June 1843  
d. 1859, age 16 years

Children of James and Jenette (Perry)  
Dunham: born in Farmington, PA

- ix. Mary Ann <sup>8</sup> b. 24 September 1847
- x. **Franklin L. <sup>8</sup> b. 5 November 1849**
- xi. Adelia <sup>8</sup> b. 1 January 1851
- xii. Ambrose <sup>8</sup> b. 6 June 1861

#### FRANKLIN DUNHAM GOES TO WELLSBORO, TIOGA COUNTY PENNSYLVANIA

Franklin L. <sup>8</sup> Dunham, born 5 November  
1849 resided with his family in Farmington  
until his marriage on 24 February 1879 to  
Mary E. Hammond of Middlebury, Pennsyl-  
vania. The 1900 census shows this family  
still in Farmington with four children, Roy,  
age 20; twins Dora and Flora, age 17; and  
William age 1.

The oldest son of Franklin and Mary E.  
(Hammond) Dunham was Roy J. <sup>9</sup> Dunham,  
(or Royal James Dunham). He was born in

1880 and in 1905 he married Fannie Treat. Roy was a farmer and Fannie was a school teacher but they both wanted to go to Wellsboro and develop a business. They bought a half interest in a grocery store in which they were successful, and soon assumed full ownership.

In the spring of 2006 I (Gratia Dunham Mahony) visited Wellsboro, Pennsylvania and met the grandsons of Franklin and Mary (Hammond) Dunham. The Dunham Department Store had celebrated its 100th anniversary as a business in 2005, and I was interested in learning about its development and ownership. I met Jim <sup>11</sup> Dunham (Roy James) and he kindly took me on a tour of the Dunham Stores. Actually there were two buildings; one the current department store on main Street, and the other just behind it (which was a feed store) and which is currently a Do-It Center and Furniture store.

Jim introduced me to his two brothers John <sup>11</sup> (John Franklin) and Bob <sup>11</sup> (Robert Nickerson), and showed me photographs of his parents and grandparents. These family photographs are on display in the Dunham store as well as brief information about the early development of the business. From a 100th anniversary celebration pamphlet I learned that the original owner, Roy J. <sup>9</sup> Dunham and his wife also became one of the largest shippers of poultry and eggs. During World War I, they packed hay and eggs in railroad boxcars and sent them to New York City. That supplied restaurants with eggs and the NY Police Department with hay for their horses.

Roy J. and Fannie overcame several difficulties during the early years. In 1913 a fire

in the restaurant next door damaged their store so much that they had to rebuild. In June of 1919 a flood devastated Wellsboro and their store suffered major water damage. In 1929 the couple added the hardware store. During the Depression, Roy and his only son Frank <sup>10</sup> Dunham, created an innovative "Rolling Store" or modified truck that carried groceries, dry goods, hardware and candy to farmers and families who had no way of getting to town.

In 1932 Roy and his son Frank Dunham built the present three story department store. When Roy died in 1937, his son Frank took over the hardware, milling operation, and farm supply departments. Fannie continued to operate the office. In 1952 the feed store was expanded adding a line of building materials along with the farm supplies.

During this period, the third generation of Dunhams began taking over the family business. In 1955, Frank's oldest son Jim assumed management of the department store operations. John Dunham joined in 1961, and the youngest brother, Bob, joined the operation in 1966. In 1968 the feed store was converted to house the present furniture store.

In May of 1970 Fannie Dunham died just a month before her 90th birthday. Frank Dunham closed the grocery store operation in 1973 but his sons Jim and John expanded the department store by adding lines of clothing, shoes, gifts and a coffee shop. In July 2000, John and his wife Nancy purchased the interests of Jim Dunham, and John's daughter Ann joined the operation. She became the fourth generation to continue the Dunham family legacy.



Fannie (Treat) and Roy J. Dunham  
First Generation Owners of the  
Dunham Store



Mercedes (Nickerson) and Frank Dunham  
Second Generation Owners of the  
Dunham Store



Jim and John Dunham,  
two of the third generation  
owners of the Dunham Store



Bob and Jim Dunham,  
two of the third generation  
owners of the Dunham Store

## LEWIS E. DUNHAM'S CIVIL WAR SERVICE

by *Francis M. (Mike) Dunham*

My name is Francis M. Dunham presently residing in St. Louis, Missouri. I was born in Montclair, New Jersey in 1948 and am the great, great grandson of Lewis E. Dunham of Woodbridge, New Jersey. Lewis E. Dunham was born in 1835. While researching my family tree I ran across an interesting story relating to Lewis' Civil War service.

Lewis E. Dunham enlisted in Co. E, 5<sup>th</sup> NJ volunteer infantry on August 19, 1861, mustering in the same date, for a term of three years. Lewis' unit participated in some of the bloodiest battles of the Civil War in the eastern theater including; Siege of Yorktown, Fair Oaks, Seven Pines, Malvern Hill, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bull Run, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, The Wilderness, Spotsylvania and the siege of Petersburg. On June 22, 1864 Lewis Dunham was captured by Confederate forces outside of Petersburg, Virginia. Lewis, subsequently, was sent to the notorious Andersonville prison in Georgia.

For those not familiar with Andersonville prison, suffice it to say that the prisoner death rate was in the tens of thousands and the percentage of deaths approached the rate of American prisoners held by the Japanese in World War II.

While incarcerated in Andersonville, Lewis was offered the chance to be released from that hellhole if he joined the Confederate forces. Lewis availed himself of that opportunity and was enlisted in the 10<sup>th</sup>

Tennessee volunteer infantry. On December 28, 1864 Lewis Dunham was captured by Union forces at the battle of Egypt Station, Mississippi. Lewis was confined in the Federal prison in Alton, Illinois until April 14<sup>th</sup>, 1865 when he was released to enlist in the 15<sup>th</sup> US Infantry (Regulars). Thus ends the documented military service of Lewis Dunham.

Lewis was reunited with his wife, Isabella and son Samuel fairly quickly since his daughter, Georgianna, was born in March, 1866. I believe that Lewis' Civil War service might explain some curious census records from the years 1830-1900. From 1830-1860, the first name is consistently spelled LEWIS with, if recorded, a middle initial of E. From 1870-1900, the first name is now consistently spelled LOUIS with a middle initial, when available, of H.

The name change combined with a change in the birth year from 1835 to 1837, and the fact that Lewis lived exclusively in Woodbridge, New Jersey until after the Civil War when Louis moved to northern New Jersey and then to New York City, leads me to offer the following theory:

I think Lewis, after being released from Federal prison in Alton, Illinois, possibly never reported to the 15<sup>th</sup> US Infantry, and hotfooted it back to his wife and child in New Jersey. Fearful of being classified as a deserter, he altered the spelling of his name and relocated out of the area where he would have been well known, to a more densely populated part of the north where he could blend in relatively unnoticed. In addition to fear of the authorities, Lewis also may have been concerned about the reaction of friends, neighbors and comrades to his change of



sides during the war. Volunteer regiments raised from States in 1861 were recruited from specific towns and counties making it highly likely that there were those from his immediate area aware of his actions.

I realize that I cannot definitively say that my interpretation of events is correct. There are, of course, other possible explanations that would fit the known facts. I do maintain that the story related by me is a logical possibility.

In conclusion I have a question for all of you reading this: *Would Lewis' war record entitle me to join the Sons of Union War Veterans, and the Sons of the Confederacy as well?*

#### SOME INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT THE ANCESTRY OF LEWIS E. DUNHAM

*by Gratia Dunham Mahony  
including original research done  
by Thomas H. Berg*

First of all, Lewis E. Dunham descends from Deacon John Dunham as has been positively proven by DNA analysis of Mike (Francis M.) Dunham, author of the piece above. The line is Deacon John <sup>1</sup> Dunham, Benajah <sup>2</sup>, Edmund <sup>3</sup> and Mary (Bonham) Dunham, Jonathan <sup>4</sup> and Jane (Piatt/Pyatt) Dunham, Samuel <sup>5</sup> and Mary (Lucas) Dunham, Jonathan S. <sup>6</sup> and Elizabeth (Ayers) Dunham, Samuel <sup>7</sup> and Julia Ann (Miller) Dunham, Lewis E. <sup>8</sup> Dunham b. about 1833 (subject of above article).

As readers of this newsletter know, there were two Dunham families living in the adjoining New Jersey towns of Piscataway and

Woodbridge, both in Middlesex County. The descendants of Benajah <sup>2</sup> Dunham lived mostly in Piscataway, and the families of the above line lived in Piscataway through Samuel <sup>5</sup> Dunham who was born there 27 November 1730. This line is well documented in the Mayflower Society Book The Edward Fuller Family because Mary (Bonham) Dunham was a descendant of Mayflower passenger Edward Fuller.

Some interesting original research was done several years ago by Thomas H. Berg. He was attempting to learn whether his ancestor, the Samuel Dunham who is later found in Berkeley County Virginia/West Virginia, was a son of Samuel and Mary (Lucas) Dunham. It was later proven through DNA analysis that the Samuel Dunham of Berkeley County was NOT a son of Samuel and Mary (Lucas) Dunham, but was a son of Jonathan and Mary (Smith) Dunham and a descendant of Jonathan Dunham alias Singletary.

In the course of Tom Berg's research, however, he learned the identity of the ancestors of Mary Lucas as can be seen below.

"Mary Lucas has been identified as the daughter of "Robert and Hephshibah Lucas", <sup>[1]</sup> but the exact identity of her parents had not been discovered. The will of Mary (Lucas) Dunham, dated 7 November 1801 and probated 11 October 1805, <sup>[2]</sup> is an important document, as it not only names her seven living children but also offers clues to the identity of both her mother and her father. In her will, Mary (Lucas) Dunham leaves to her son Thomas "two acres of salt meadow in Woodbridge, said meadow to be taken off the east end of a lott formerly known by the name of John Wooledges

lott". Since she calls it "my salt meadow" it appears that she received it in a chain of title from John Wooledge. As will be demonstrated by the deeds cited below it appears John Wooledge was her maternal grandfather.

In addition, the will of Mary (Lucas) Dunham assigns to her son Samuel Dunham her interest in "proprietorship or other ways" that made up the estate of her father Robert Lucas...and the sum of twenty pounds. Mary (Lucas) Dunham leaves "unto my loving son Jonathan Dunham all my land in the Township of Piscataway...and I do order that the said Jonathan Dunham shall support and supply his father namely Samuel Dunham". Lastly, Mary (Lucas) Dunham names her four daughters "Hispsabeth the wife of Samuel Walker, Jane the wife of Isaac Davis, Elizabeth the wife of Nahum Dunn, and Mary the wife of Richard Ball".

Information about the parents of Mary Lucas has been found in a series of deeds which are outlined as follows. It appears the maiden name of Hepsibah, wife of Robert Lucas, was Wooledge/Wolledge. In a Middlesex County conveyance of a 3¼ acre lot of land from John Wooledge, to Wooledge/Wolledge Lucas dated 7 March 1743/44, his three sisters, Mary, Hulda and Elizabeth Lucas are named.<sup>[3]</sup> John Woodedge states "that in case the said Wolledge Lucas should die without issue then the said lot of land shall fall to the two youngest sisters of the said Wolledge Lucas (to wit) Hulda Lucas and Elizabeth Lucas and to their heirs for ever and in case the said Hulda and Elizabeth should die without issue the same to fall to the eldest sister of the said Wolledge Lucas (to wit) Mary Lucas and her heirs forever...". Wooledge/Wolledge Lucas next appears in Middlesex County, New

Jersey tombstone records, which give the death of "Wooledge Lucas, son of Robert Lucas and Hiphzibah his wife decd. 26 November, 1759, age 23 years".<sup>[4]</sup>

John Wooledge (and various spellings), the grantor of the above mentioned deed was born about 1685 and died 6 April 1748.<sup>[5]</sup> He was the son of John and Ann (LeFever) Wooledge/Worldidge.<sup>[6]</sup> He married Hepzibah Hull daughter of Samuel and Mary (Manning) Hull.<sup>[7]</sup> She was born 3 November 1685, died 2 March 1766.<sup>[8]</sup> John "Woolage" first purchased land in Piscataway, Middlesex County New Jersey on 12 July 1709 when he bought "for thirty six pounds" ninety acres of unappropriated land from George Willocks.<sup>[9]</sup>

The above records indicate that John and Hepzibah (Hull) Wooledge were the parents of Hepzibah Wooledge who married Robert Lucas. Hepzibah Wooledge was probably born say 1707, and this was the Hepzibah who married Robert Lucas prior to 1730. It is likely that Hepzibah (Wooledge) Lucas was the mother of four children the oldest born in 1730, and that she may have died soon after the birth of the youngest child say 1736-7. By the date that John Wooledge wrote his will (25 January 1747-8) the daughter Hepzibah (Wooledge) Lucas was dead. The will of John Wooledge leaves bequests to heirs of Hepzibah (Hull) Wooledge's sister Mercy Hull who had married Thomas Pyatt; then leaves the remainder of ALL estate to his wife Hepzibah. "I do give unto my loving Wife all the rest of my Good and Chattels and personal Estate whatsoever. Also I give and devise unto my sd Wife her heirs and Assigns For Ever All my Lands and Tennemens lying and being in the Place

aforsd And Allso five Accers of Meadow Salt adjoining sd five acres aforementioned in Woodbridge bounds. . .”<sup>[10]</sup> It is likely that the four children of Robert and Hepzibah (Wooledge) Lucas were actually living with and being raised by John and Hepzibah (Hull) Wooledge, who were their grandparents. Based on the above cited deed of land to Wooledge Lucas, the four children of Robert and Hepzibah (Wooledge) Lucas were:

- i. **Mary Lucas, b. 17 May 1730**  
**m. 8 May 1750 Samuel<sup>5</sup> Dunham**
- ii. Wooledge Lucas, b. about 1735-6  
d. 26 November 1759, age 23 years <sup>[11]</sup>  
In 1760 his brother-in-law Thomas FitzRandolph was designated to be the administrator of his estate.
- iii. Hulda/Huldah Lucas, b. say 1737 <sup>[12]</sup>  
m. 20 July 1754 Thomas Fitz Randolph
- iv. Elizabeth Lucas, b. say 1739 <sup>[13]</sup>  
m. 21 October 1760 John Oliphant  
[Marriage records of Rev. Jonathan Dunham Piscataway, Middlesex County, New Jersey] <sup>[14]</sup>,

#### SAMUEL<sup>5</sup> AND MARY (LUCAS) DUNHAM

The vital records of Samuel Dunham and Mary Lucas appear in Genealogies of New Jersey Families, (From the Genealogical Magazine of NJ) Vol. II, GPC, p. 849; DUNHAM FAMILY, “Record of Samuel Dunham (b. 1730) and his wife, Mary Lucas. . .From a Bible whose New Testament title-page bears the imprint of Kimber, Conrad, & Co., printers, Philadelphia, 1807.” ‘Samuel Dunham son of Jonathan and Jane Dunham was born in

Piscataway Township, County of Middlesex and State of New Jersey, November 17<sup>th</sup> Anno Domini 1730. Mary Lucas daughter of Robert and Hephzibah Lucas was born 1730, May 27. They were married May 1750. Mary Dunham the wife of Samuel Dunham died July 24<sup>th</sup> Anno Domini 1805. Samuel Dunham died July the 5 1827.’

Children of Samuel<sup>5</sup> and Mary (Lucas) Dunham all probably born in Piscataway: All named in the will of Mary (Lucas) Dunham; Middlesex County NJ Wills; file 10058L:

- i. Hepsibah<sup>6</sup> Dunham, b. say 1751
- ii. Samuel<sup>6</sup> Dunham, b. say 1752-3
- iii. Jane<sup>6</sup> Dunham, b. probably 4 November 1754
- iv. Thomas<sup>6</sup> Dunham, b. say 1759-60
- v. Elizabeth<sup>6</sup> Dunham, b. 1761?
- vi. Mary<sup>6</sup> Dunham, b. 1763?
- vii. **Jonathan S.<sup>6</sup> Dunham, b. 12 November 1775**

#### JONATHAN S.<sup>6</sup> DUNHAM

Jonathan S.<sup>6</sup> Dunham was born probably in Piscataway New Jersey 12 November 1775, died 3 February 1849. He married first Elizabeth Ayers, daughter of James and Prudence (--) Ayers. She was born 17 April 1780, died 16 January 1841. He married second Betsey Drake. From an existing bible record the children of Jonathan S. and Elizabeth (Ayers) Dunham were:

- i. James Ayers<sup>7</sup> Dunham was born 12 July 1800  
d. 7 October 1853 Peoria County, Illinois  
m. Sarah Holton
- ii. Prudence Ayers<sup>7</sup> Dunham was born 8

October 1802

**iii. Samuel <sup>7</sup> Dunham b. 2 November 1806**

**m.<sup>1</sup> 20 November 1828 Julia Ann**

**Miller**, daughter of David & Eunice Miller  
she was b. 28 Sept. 1809  
she died 13 April 1839

m. <sup>2</sup> 18 June 1840 Hannah Woodruff  
she was daughter of Enos and Sarah  
Woodruff  
she was born 11 April 1811

SAMUEL <sup>7</sup> DUNHAM

It is likely that the Woodbridge land willed to Samuel <sup>5</sup> Dunham by his mother may explain why the family of Samuel <sup>7</sup> Dunham located in Woodbridge. The Middlesex County Deed records may clarify just when the family moved to Woodbridge, but surely by 1850 when Samuel <sup>7</sup> and his second wife Hannah (Woodruff) Dunham appear on the census there.

Children of Samuel and Julia Ann (Miller) Dunham:

- i. David Miller <sup>8</sup> Dunham b. 9 January 1830
- ii. **Lewis E. <sup>8</sup> Dunham prob. b. closer to 1833**
- iii. Edmond <sup>8</sup> Dunham b. 2 March 1835
- iv. Julia Amanda <sup>8</sup> Dunham b. 11 May 1837

Children of Samuel and Hannah (Woodruff) Dunham:

- v. Sarah Stratten <sup>8</sup> Dunham b. 17 Dec. 1842
- vi. Augusta <sup>8</sup> Dunham b. 28 February 1844

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Robert Lucas and Hiphzibah his wife Decd Nov. 26, 1759 aged 23 years."
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6. First Settlers of Ye Plantations of Piscataway & Woodbridge Olde E. NJ 1664-1714 by Orra Eugene Monnette, Part One, pub. 1930
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Francis Elliott Dunham  
(1882-1961)  
Photo taken about 1915



Francis J. Dunham  
(1918-1979)  
Photo taken 1956



Francis M. (Mike) Dunham  
Age 22 years  
Photo taken in 1970



Francis M. (Mike) Dunham  
Age 54 years  
Photo taken in 2002

**THE IMPORTANCE OF FACTS  
IN RESEARCHING  
YOUR FAMILY HISTORY**

Most genealogists and family history researchers know the importance of documentation of the research done on any particular family. Most also know that citing the sources, and noting the dates and places of any particular research are also important.

Most people also are aware of the importance of preserving health records, or cause of death of a family member.

What many people do not know, however, or at least do not preserve in their research, is the religion of a family. A case in point is the Dunham family of Piscataway, New Jersey. One of the founders of a splinter group which became the "Seventh Day Baptist Society" was Edmond Dunham who has been mentioned numerous times in the Dunham-Singletary Family Connections newsletter. What is of interest in tracing this Dunham family is that not all of the descendants were members of the "Seventh Day Baptist Society". However, those who were members exhibited an interesting migration pattern as the generations proceeded.

I would like to bring to the attention of any descendants of John <sup>1</sup>, Benajah <sup>2</sup>, Edmond <sup>3</sup> Jonathan <sup>4</sup> Dunham, and any who think that their Dunham family may have been members of the Seventh Day Baptist Society, a book that may be a valuable research aid. This small book describes the migration of church members to places like Shiloh and Shrewsbury, New Jersey; and to Allegany County, New York, particularly the town of Alfred; and to other places in Ohio, and some of the mid-western states.

This book, *A FREE PEOPLE in SEARCH of a FREE LAND*, was written by Don A. Sanford in 1976. The fourth Edition of this book is still available and may be purchased from The Seventh Day Baptist Historical Society, P.O. Box 1678, Janesville, Wisconsin 53547 for a cost of \$7.50. Don A. Sanford was a descendant from the above mentioned Dunham line. Detailed maps showing the location of Seventh Day Baptist societies are included in the book. *GDM*

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

Membership renewals were due December 31, 2007 for the current year. Notices were sent early in December. Necessary changes can be made on the renewal notice and returned with a check in the amount of \$25 US payable to Dunham/Singletary Family Connections, PO Box 7178, Helena, MT 59604-7178.

Membership may also be renewed on line at <http://www.pcdunham.net/Member%20Renewal-2008.html>. Indicate revised data on the renewal form and submit. Payment may be made through PayPal using the shopping cart that will be presented on the acknowledgement page.