

PICTURE ADDS DIMENSION TO STORY



Brief life recalled

Arvilla E. Dunham (1890-1913) (9) (Deacon John 1, Joseph 2, Eleazer 3, Israel 4, Ebenezer 5, Sylvanus 6, Dr. Nelson 7, Norman Curtis 8) married Roy Stanley Swinton in 1911 in Petersburg, Monroe County, MI, & they moved to the Philippines, where Mr. Swinton held a government position. Arvilla died soon afterward, as DD reported in the June, 1993 issue. At that time we had no photo of Arvilla, but we DO now, thanks to her granddaughter, Gayle Waring, of Cloverdale, CA. The picture was taken for Arvilla's high school graduation, ca. 1908, & shows a delicate yet compelling face, one that seems to speak to the viewer with some important message. Before she died, Arvilla gave birth to a baby girl, Mary Jane, who eventually provided Arvilla with more descendants than could usually be expected for one who died as young as Arvilla did. Gayle tells that Mary Jane Swinton (1913-1975) married Vincent S. Madison, & they had 4 children: twin boys Stanley & Gary Madison, & 2 daughters, Nancy K. & Gayle Ann (now Waring). These child-

now have 11 children & 3 grandchildren -- 18 descendants in all. Gayle also mentions that she is thrilled to learn that the church of which she is pastor (she was ordained in 1980) is a "descendant" of the church that her direct ancestor, Deacon John Dunham, belonged to & rearranged his life so drastically to support.

RELATED QUERY: Gayle Madison Waring, 506 Hillside Drive, Cloverdale, CA 95425, great granddaughter of Curtis Dunham of Petersburg, MI, seeks correspondence with other Curtis Dunham descendants.

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THE ART GALLERY



RALPH DUNHAM

A weathered tree rooted on a hillside seems to be defying the elements in a painting by Ralph Dunham (1852-1910)(9)(Deacon John 1, John 2, John 3, Ebenezer 4, Ebenezer 5, Jonathan 6, Ralph 7, Francis S. 8). We are in hope that the photograph of this painting (now owned by the artist's grand niece, Sue Andersen) will be treated more kindly by the copier than others of Ralph's paintings that embody more color. Ralph worked for McClurg's Book Store in Chicago, doing all the art work for their advertising, & he also created Christmas cards to be sold in the store. His sister Neelie, who kept house for her bachelor brother, was delighted when he brought home this seasonal work. Though not an artist herself, Neelie loved to help him out by dotting on the red paint for the holly berries on the cards. A red-head, Neelie adored the color red, though she felt she could not WEAR it as it fought with her natural coloring. Anything red always attracted her, & Ralph welcomed her assistance, as he was always snowed under, making all those Christmas cards by hand. We wish we had at least ONE of those cards that he made, but it is great to have a little collection of his paintings.

 1855 SPEECH BY AMOS DUNHAM (b. 1782) (cont'd from last issue)

The first great evil to which you are exposed that I shall mention, that has been the ruin of millions, and the prolific cause of almost every other evil, is ALCOHOL. The direful effects of this great destroyer of human happiness, had been severely felt in every town, village, and I was going to say, family, in our country.

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How many thousands who, since my remembrance, were respectable, in comfortable circumstances, with a promising and happy family around them, who bid fair for a long life and usefulness, are now in a drunkard's grave, their property squandered, and their families dispersed and disgraced, and all traces of their former respectability annihilated. My young friends, let me in a special manner entreat you value your own peace, happiness and position in society, to avoid, in all cases and under any

circumstances, an approach to the fascinating poison. It inflames the passions, benumbs the faculties, and completely brutalizes the whole man. And you who are older, and who have been in the habit of occasionally taking your dram, let me, in the most kind and friendly manner, persuade you to pause, to stop, reflect, and consider the dangerous precipice on which you stand. But, say you, "there is no danger of me, not the least, I have complete control of myself; I can drink or let it alone when I please; I shall never be a drunkard, not I". Mistaken man! There never was a drunkard, but who, at the commencement of his career, had the same opinion of himself, that you now have of yourself. But, alas every dram he took increased his appetite for another, and weakened his power of resistance to the temptation, till at length his moral sense became completely subdued, his appetite uncontrollable, and he is a confirmed sot. What guaranty have you, my friends, if you continue to take your drams, that your fate will not be similar to his? Will not the same causes, in your case, produce the same effects as did in his? I think they will be very apt to.

Perhaps you will say, "I have always been in the habit of taking a dram occasionally; I am fond of it, and I really think it does me good, and even if I should attempt to abandon the use of it altogether, I have been in the habit so long it would be impossible for me to abandon its use". In answer to this, let me give you a short history of my own personal experience. I naturally had a very strong appetite for ardent spirits; I never smelt or tasted anything in my life, that had so good a flavor as rum; and had I not, with uncommon diligence guarded myself, I should have become a drunkard before I was fifteen years old.

After I became a man with a family, I used every year to raise rye, take it over the river to Mr. Uhl's distillery, and lay in my years' supply of whiskey, as regularly as I did my pork or flour. In those days every man calculated to keep his bottle of whiskey by him, if possible, and if a neighbor came to sit awhile, and was not invited to drink, he considered himself insulted. After I moved to Marietta, I was amongst company constantly where whiskey was used freely, so freely that I began to be alarmed. I discovered that I every morning wanted to go to the water bucket as soon as I got up. My appetite was very irregular; sometimes I would eat like a wolf, at others I could eat nothing at all; my sleep was disturbed and broken, my temper was more irritable; I was much easier insulted than I used to be; something was wrong, and I strongly suspected that liquor had something to do with it, so I concluded I would reform; I would taper off; I would not drink as often as I used to, and would take smaller drams; so I commenced tapering off, and I soon got so that I would taper off ten times a day. I began to think this would not do, I must try some other mode. I will see if I cannot abstain from it entirely, but at least I should fail, and not be able to keep my resolution, I will keep dark. No one shall know, not even my wife, that I have attempted such a thing. So I commenced my new experiment; I mustered fortitude enough to stick to my resolution. It was hard work. For several days at times I was almost on the point of giving up, but I would say to myself, "Don't give up yet, try a little longer" and I soon discovered that in every battle between appetite and resolution, resolution won the victory much easier than it did in the preceding one. The effects immediately began to follow the cause; my sleep was sweet and quiet; the water bucket was not thought of; my appetite was regular; my neighbors were quiet and peaceable, and no one insulted me. In short, I am well pleased with the experiment that although it is now twenty-three years since I commenced, I shall stick to it a little longer.

[Slw note: the next two and a third pages are devoted to a discourse on the "greatest curse", that of intolerance in religion and the rise of political demagogues currently abounding in all political parties. After a discussion of "A"'s views vs. "B"'s opinions, he states]: "They are now organized, and ready for battle, but what shall they fight about? Poh { ?Pooh ?}, that is all a matter of indifference, who cares what?"....."What, let me ask, was the two great political parties quarreling about at the last Presidential election? What question was at issue? I answer, none; their platforms were as near alike as two white beans."their ..interests of their constituents were all humbug, designed only to deceive the people, and advance their own personal interest and importance, and [the people] have come to the conclusion to take their own business into their own hands, and no longer sacrifice their principles for their party, and may God strengthen their resolution, until not a demagogue from A to Z is left in office" He then continues:

In conclusion; let us take a short comparative view of Little Hocking, in early times, and of Dunham now. The inhabitants of Little Hocking were, without a single exception, emphatically poor. Their lands had to be cleared of a heavy growth of timber before they could raise their bread, their little log cabins were dark, smoky and uncomfortable, some of them without any floor but the earth, and one small room, for whole

AMOS DUNHAM SPEECH (from page 3)

families. Enter those houses, you would have found the furniture to consist of a rifle gun, a bullet pouch, a few wooden stools to sit on, and among the more aristocratic, half a dozen split bottom chairs, a puncheon table, bedsteads in the corners of the house, formed by inserting in a post one end of two round poles, for a side and end rail, the other end of which is fastened in the logs of the house; from the crevice between the logs of the house and this rail, are placed a number of thin puncheons or clap boards, sufficiently strong, however, to bear the weight of the good man and his wife; a few knives and forks of different sizes and shapes, some few plates, spoons, tin cups, &c., are discovered on a shelf supported by two wooden pins drove into the side of the house, under which stands the water pial, and bake and tea kettle, and at one end, on a peg, hangs the gourd. The good woman of the house is sitting at her spinning wheel, working away with all her might and main, and calculating how many extra yards of cloth she will have to make, after clothing herself and family, to enable her to buy herself a calico gown, or get the baby a new frock, and on the outside (for ornament I suppose) is stretched a monstrous coon skin.

TO BE CONTINUED. Again, our thanks to Susan Bidwell-Williams for sharing this material.

REACHES 95

The DISPATCH wishes to express congratulations to Miss Mabel M. Dunham of Clay Center, KS upon attaining her 95th birthday on Jan. 6th of this year. Miss Dunham (10)(Deacon John 1, Jonathan 2, Daniel 3, Samuel 4, Holthum 5, John 6, John 7, Henry R. 8, John L. 9) was a teacher until her retirement several years ago. (Thanks to her niece, Fidella Marty of Ames, IA, for sharing this news.)

NEW KIND OF HELP SOUGHT

This newsletter is forever bugging its readers to send in family photographs, newspaper clippings, & old letters. Many people are very good about sending photos & even clippings, but the sad fact seems to be that few branches of the family have saved old letters. You can't send what you don't have, now can you? But presently we're thinking about another kind of family memorabilia, an even more fragile kind: the anecdotes that are often passed down from generation to generation. These sometimes exciting, sometimes funny incidents are seldom written down, but they may be stored in the backs of your minds, under layers of other memories. If you can uncover any there, please jot them down & send DD a copy. We guarantee, we won't be the only ones thanking you for taking the trouble to record those anecdotes. Your more immediate family will be delighted with them, too!

QUERY

PAUL MANNING, Route # 1, Box 290-BB, Lexington, TX 78947, is looking for the surname of his ancestor, Catherine ---. Catherine first married James THOMPSON, & in 1833 Able HOOD. Consecutive entries in the 1830 census of Cass County, Indiana, are Jeremiah DUNHAM & James THOMPSON. James THOMPSON died July 26, 1830. In 1839 guardianship of William DUNHAM, Hedge, Tipton, & Margaret, minor children of James THOMPSON, deceased, was given to Jeremiah DUNHAM & Catherine (---) THOMPSON HOOD. Was Catherine a DUNHAM?

PLYMPTON, MA. VITAL RECORDS TO 1850

Barbara Whittaker, Mesa, AZ, shares these Dunham extracts from VITAL RECORDS OF PLYMPTON, MASS (to 1850), published in 1923.

BIRTHS

DUNHAM, (Abigail, w. Ebenezer Wright, ch. Ebenezer and Lydia (Perry) (second w.; wid. Nathaniel Fuller Jr.), June 28, 1763).

Abigail Ransom, ch. James [q. v.] and Ruth (Pratt), Oct. 8, 1826, in P.

Asey, ch. Salvenus and Rebeckah [(Asa, ch. Dea. Silvanus (s. Israel) and Rebekah (d. Dea. Abel Crocker))] Jan. 25, 1759.

Cornelius, ch. Israel [(Israel), dup. Izrell] and Joannah [(Joanna (d. Dea. John Rickard of P.))], Aug. 12, 1716.

Ebenezer, ch. Israel and Joannah [see Cornelias], Feb. 5, 1718-19.

(Ebenezer, ch. Ebenezer and Lydia (Perry) (second w., wid. Nathaniel Fuller Jr.), —).

Elezer, ch. Salvenus and Rebeckah [see Asey], Aug. 24, 1761.

Elijah, ch. Salvenus and Rebeckah [see Asey], May 22, 1753.

(Eunice, ch. Ebenezer and Lydia (Perry) (second w., wid. Nathaniel Fuller Jr.), —).

(Hannah, ch. Ebenezer and Lydia (Perry) (second w., wid. Nathaniel Fuller Jr.), —).

Henry Allen, ch. James [q. v.] and Ruth (Pratt), Aug. 17, 1830, in P.

Isaac, ch. Salvenus and Rebeckah [see Asey], Mar. 31, 1755.

Isrell [(Israel)], ch. Salvenus and Rebeckah [see Asey], Oct. 20, 1741.

Jabez Luther, ch. James [q. v.] and Ruth (Pratt), Nov. 20, 1828, in Carver.

James, ch. Israel and Joannah [see Cornelias], Dec. 9, 1723.

(James, h. Ruth (d. Isaiah Pratt of Carver and Ruth), s. John Carver and Lucy, Mar. 31, 1801, in Carver).

DUNHAM, (Jesse, ch. Ebenezer and Lydia (Perry) (second w., wid. Nathaniel Fuller Jr.), —).

Joannah, ch. Micajah and Mary, Nov. 5, 1709.

(Joanna, ch. Ebenezer and Lydia (Perry) (second w., wid. Nathaniel Fuller Jr.), Nov. 24, 1750).

John, ch. James [q. v.] and Ruth (Pratt), Sept. 3, 1822, in Carver.

Lucas, ch. Ebenezer and Phebe, Mar. 19, 1745-6.

(Lucy, w. Lazarus Rickard (s. Isaac), d. John of Carver, Nov. 13, 1791, in Plymouth).

Moley, ch. Salvenus and Rebeckah [see Asey], Feb. 13, 1757.

(Nancy, w. Zechariah Soule (s. Ephraim), d. Robert of Plymouth, Oct. 17, 1768, in Plymouth).

(Nathaniel, ch. Ebenezer and Lydia (Perry) (second w., wid. Nathaniel Fuller Jr.), —).

Patience, (w. Perez Shaw), ch. Salvenus and Rebeckah [see Asey], Apr. 8, 1740.

(Phebe, ch. Ebenezer and Lydia (Perry) (second w., wid. Nathaniel Fuller Jr.), —).

Rebeckah, ch. Salvenus and Rebeckah [see Asey], Mar. 11, 1745-6.

Rolinda Frances, ch. James [q. v.] and Ruth (Pratt), Nov. 22, 1832, in P.

Ruth James, ch. James [q. v.] and Ruth (Pratt), Aug. 14, 1824, in Carver.

(Silas Jr., resident at Pembroke at the time of the recording hereof, s. Silas, grand s. Silvanus who lived in that part of Plympton which is now Carver, Mar. 29, 1783, whether . . . at Plympton or not the account . . . did not specify).

Silvanus, ch. Salvenus and Rebeckah [see Asey], Mar. 17, 1749-50.

Simeon, ch. Israel and Joannah [see Cornelias], May 26, 1714.

(Suvanus, ch. Ebenezer and Lydia (Perry) (second w., wid. Nathaniel Fuller Jr.), —).

Silvenus, ch. Salvenus and Rebeckah [see Asey], Mar. 9, 1744.

Simeon, ch. Salvenus and Rebeckah [see Asey], Apr. 25, 1747.

Susanah [second dup. (Susanna, w. Daniel Crocker), q. v., ch. Israel and Joannah [see Cornelias, second dup. (Joanna (d. Dea. John Rickard and Mary of P.))], July 16, 1721.

Suseanah, ch. Salvenus and Rebeckah [see Asey], July 9, 1751.

MARRIAGES

DONHAM (see Donhan, Dunham), James and Elizabeth Robbins, Oct. 19, 1780.*

Mary and John Apling, Oct. 22, 1778.*

†Moses of P. and Margaret Morton of Plymouth, Jan. 15, 1785, in Plymouth.*

Rebecca and Silvenus Shaw, Aug. 15, 1780.*

†William of P. and Mercy Raymond of Plymouth, Mar. 11, 1770, in Plymouth.*

DUNHAM (see Donham, Donhan), Abigail and Benjamin Rusel, Jan. 16, 1777.*

Abigail [dup. (ch. Ebenezer and Lydia (Perry) (second w., wid. Nathaniel Fuller Jr.))] and Eb[e]n[e]ze[r] Wright Jr. [dup. omits Jr.], Dec. 5, 1786.* [Nabby and Ebenezer Wright Jr., C.R.]

Asaph and Lydia Cobb, Mar. 18, 1784.*

Cornelos and Patence Barrow, both of P., May 21, 1741.*

Desier and Gideon Perkins, May 23, 1771.*

†Ebenezer of P. and Phebe Lucas of Plymouth, Apr. 25, 1745, in Plymouth.*

Ebenezer [dup. (then of P.)] and Lydia Fuller [dup. (Lydia, wid. Nathaniel Jr. (s. Nathaniel and Martha))], May 12, 1748.*

Ebnezer and Sally Chase, Dec. 15, 1785.*

(Eleazar of Carver, afterwards of Maine, and Jane Bryant, ch. Joseph and Zilpah (d. William Sampson and Joannah), —).*

†Esther of Plymouth and Samuel Robins [int. Lemuell Robens] of P., Nov. 15, 1737, in Plymouth.

DUNHAM, Eunice and Isaac Cobb, Nov. 7, 1786.*

George and Phebe Lucas, Oct. 15, 1778.*

Israel [dup. (Israel Sr.)] and Johana [(Joanna)] Rickard, (d. Dea. John) [dup. adds (and Mary)], June 18, 1713.*

Israil and Hannah Whitin, Dec. 13, 1764.*

James and Rebeckah Holmes, May 2, 1751.* [Rebeccah, P.C.R.]

James and Moly Ranson, Jan. 19, 1777.*

Joanna, (wid. Israel) [dup. and second dup. (wid. Israel Sr., d. Dea. John Rickard of P. and Mary)], and Elisha Whitton [dup. and second dup. (Whiting)], Oct. 10, 1728.*

Lidia and John Doty, July 8, 1724.*

Lucas and Rebeckah Wood, Oct. 14, 1773.*

Lucy of Carver and Lazarus Rickard of P., int. Nov. 22, 1812.

Lydia (see Lidia).

Lydia [int. of P.] and Benjamin King [int. of Plymouth], Jan. 15, 1778.

Mary and Thomas Covington, Sept. 20 [dup. (Oct. 1, recorded twice . . . under different dates)], 1806.*§ [Sept. 20 [dup. Oct. 1], C.R.]

Patience [dup. ch. Salvenus [(Dea. Silvanus (s. Israel))] and Rebeckah [(d. Abel Crocker))] and Peres [dup. (Perez)] Shaw, Dec. 31, 1761.* [Donham, P.C.R.]

Rebaccah and Zepheniah Dotin, Dec. 14, 1762.*

Salome (see Solame).

Salvenus [dup. (Dea. Silvanus), int. of P.] and Rebeckah Crocker [int. of P., dup. (ch. Dea. Abel of Carver, then P., and Mary (Isham) of Barnstable)], Feb. 22, 1738.

Sarah and Walliam Barrow, June 8, 1780.* [William Barrows, P.C.R.]

Silos and Moly Tilson, Apr. 8, 1773.*

Silvanus (see Salvenus and Simeon).

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