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From the President:

In my genealogical research, I have seen relatives that were lost in times of great uncertainty and pain. In my family tree I see a family that appeared to lose both parents to the 1918 Spanish Flu in the epicenter of the outbreak in Boston. At the time I was researching this family, I could not imagine pain and loss that immense. Thinking of it now makes my heart go out to all those who are experiencing unfathomable losses today. We have mothers, fathers, daughters and sons being taken away too soon.

My elderly father is in a hospice/memory care home that is very small. It is a converted home in a Washington State neighborhood. It is home to three elderly people suffering from dementia & Alzheimer's disease. One of my father's room-mates in this home just passed away. They initially thought it was heart failure. Performing an autopsy, they found that he was positive for coronavirus. I feel for the man's wife and I now fear for my father's health and safety.

Here in Oregon, the schools are closed and we are sheltering in place for nearly a month now. I have lived in my neighborhood for twenty five years and I thought I knew everyone. The weather has been unseasonably sunny and warm. I now see entire families pass by my home that I had never met or even seen before. And they are walking together, running together, or bicycling together. They are talking and laughing, and taking advantage of this time they have with their families with a different perspective. They seem unburdened by the usual "daily grind".

This organization is about sharing within the extended Dunham family. While we have this "downtime", I do hope that all of you enjoy sharing time and love within your own Dunham family and your circle of loved ones.

With Love and Best Regards,

Jeffrey M. Dunham
President
Dunham Genealogy Research Assn.

Editor's Corner:

This issue continues with our purpose of bringing articles of genealogical interest and importance to our members. We know of Dunhams living internationally, including Canada, but did not know of Charlevoix (Charles) Dunham who resided in Alberta, Canada until recently. A query from Margaret Anne Waring prompted the search for this man and revealed his connection to the Dunhams of Delaware County, Ohio, some of whom had not been identified.

When I was young, and just beginning to research the Dunham family, I thought that it would be easy because there couldn't be many people with the surname of Dunham. How wrong I was! There are not only a great many Dunhams in the world, but there are also a great many places named for them. It was suggested by one of our members that an article about Dunham landmarks might be of interest to our membership.

Writing this article about Dunham landmarks with fellow board member (and close cousin) Jackie Coniglio, has been interesting and fun. We discovered that there are many more places bearing the Dunham name than could be included in this issue. So, we are planning to compose a series of articles about the many roads, lakes, mountains, and buildings named Dunham. We hope to include information about why these places were named for Dunham people and just who these Dunhams (or their relations) were.

To do that we are asking our entire membership to help us identify Dunham landmarks. Please send information if you have it, or just the name and location of a Dunham landmark to me, the editor of this newsletter. The site may no longer actually have the Dunham name, but might bear the surname of a collateral family member; or even just the first name of a Dunham who lived nearby. Please participate in this interesting project to identify Dunham landmarks by contacting me, Gratia Dunham Mahony at my email which is: Dunhamgratia007@gmail.com

I look forward to hearing from you,

Gratia Dunham Mahony, Newsletter Editor, Dunham Genealogy Research Association

A Dunham in Alberta, Canada

*By Gratia Dunham Mahony
with Margaret Anne Waring*

An inquiry from Margaret Anne Waring who was searching for information about her ancestor Charlevoix Dunham prompted some interesting research which tied this family back to the Dunhams of Delaware County, Ohio, and prior to that from Conway, Berkshire County, Massachusetts. Maggy Waring's grandparents on her mother's side were Charlevoix and Emily (Campbell) Dunham and they resided in Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

A bit of searching on the 1921 Census of Alberta located this family and the notation that Charlevoix was born in the USA, his father was born in the USA, and his mother was born in Ontario. A search of the Canadian Marriage records (from the Ancestry.com web site) showed the marriage of Charlevoix Dunham, born about 1886 at Petoskey, Michigan who married at York, Ontario Canada on 13 April 1906 Emily Campbell. His parents were given as John Dunham and Angelina Cook.

This information was enough to direct my search to the Michigan Records, but I did not find John and Angelina with a son named Charlevoix (or Charles) on the 1900 census. Instead I found a probate record for John A. Dunham with a will dated 24 August 1892. From reading the probate file I learned that Charles' father, John A. Dunham apparently died when Charles was about seven years old. His father, John A. Dunham was only about 36 years old at death and there was no wife named in the will, which would indicate that she was deceased by the time he wrote his will.

The will of John a. Dunham stated:

"First: I hereby appoint Mary J. Cushman to be guardian of the person and property of my son, Charles Dunham, until he shall become of the age of twenty one years.

Second: I direct that my said son Charles Dunham shall have his necessary support and proper education out of my property until he shall attain the age of twenty one years.

Third: I give, devise and bequeath all my property, real and personal and of every name and kind to my said son Charles Dunham,. . ."

Further information was gained from the Michigan births and christenings index, 1867-1911: "C. Dunham b. Petoskey, Emmet Co., Michigan 22 Dec. 1886 to John Dunham and Angeline."

The 1880 census of Petoskey, Emmet Co. Michigan shows:

John A. Dunham 24 Porter in Hotel, born in IN, father b. OH, mother b. NY

So John A. Dunham was born in Indiana about 1856, and his father was born in Ohio.

A search of the Indiana 1860 census revealed this family in Cass Township, Pulaski County, Indiana: family #600:

Henry Dunham	40	Carpenter	b. OH
Sarah M.	33		b. NY
Luther S.	16		b. OH
Oscar	14		b. OH
Janet	6		b. OH
John A.	4		b. IN

Connection to Deacon John Dunham Line

The above information was enough to lead me to my research on the Dunham family who moved from Conway, Berkshire Co MA to Delaware Co. OH. This line goes back to Deacon John Dunham who came to Plymouth, MA from Leyden, Holland, and prior to that from England. This line begins with Deacon John ¹, Jonathan ² Daniel ^{3,4} Jonathan ⁵ Dunham who was born in Edgartown, Dukes Co. Massachusetts 23 March 1751.

Jonathan ⁵ had service in the Revolutionary War and served from Conway, MA:

From MA Soldiers and Sailors in the Revolutionary War, Vol. 5:44-45:

"Jonathan Dunham, Conway, Pvt. Capt. Robert Oliver's Co. of Minute-men, Col. Samuel William's Regt., which marched 22 Apr. 1775, in response to alarm of 19 April 1775, service, 15 ½ days; also, Corporal, Capt. Samuel Taylor's Co., Col. Nicholas Dike's Regt. Pay abstract for wages and travel allowance from place of discharge home, dated Dorchester Heights, 28 Nov. 1776; credited with 6 days allowance; also Pvt. Capt. Benjamin Phillip's Co., Lieut. Col. Timothy Robinson's detachment of Hampshire Co. militia; enl. 23 Dec. 1776; discharged 1 Apr. 1777, service, 3 mos. 10 days, Co. marched to Ticonderoga; also, corporal, Capt. Benjamin Phillip's Co., Col. Elisha Porter's (Hampshire Co.) Regt; engaged 10 July 1777; disc 12 Aug. 1777; service 1 mo. 8 days, travel included, in Northern department."

Children of Jonathan ⁵ and Rebecca (Norton) Dunham:

Children born in Conway, Berkshire Co. MA;

- i child Dunham b. 9 May 1780 (prob. the child, age 10 who d. 19 Feb. 1790 of measles)
- ii Harlock Dunham b. 13 Apr. 1781
- iii Jonathan H. (Hamar) Dunham b. 7 Jan. 1783
- iv stillborn child Dunham b. 1 Apr. 1784
- v Silas Dunham b. 19 Aug. 1785
- vi Walter Dunham b. 29 Mar. 1787
- vii Anna Dunham b. 31 Jan. 1789
- viii Sarah Dunham b. 30 Aug. 1790
- ix Rebecca Dunham b. 8 Nov. 1791

- x Deborah Dunham b. 6 July 1793
- xi Martha Dunham b. 15 Jan. 1795
- xii Daniel Dunham b. 3 Feb. 1796
- xiii Thomas Dunham b. 29 June 1798

Six Dunham Brothers Went to Ohio

Silas appears to have been the first of the Dunham brothers to come to Delaware Co. Ohio, perhaps as an advance investigator of the region. The earliest he has been placed in the area is "ca. 1804". He returned to Conway, Ma. and apparently relayed positive information about Ohio, since his five brothers soon made the move to Delaware Co. Ohio.

Silas appears in the 1820-1850 Census' of Delaware Co. Ohio where he appears in 1840 as age 50-60, but living in Radnor Twp. and on the 1825 Tax List. He owned 80 acres in Berlin Twp. R18 T4 R1.

Along with his brother, Harlock he built the first Grist Mill and the first Saw Mill in the area; he also had the first frame house when he moved to Delaware and was the contractor for the bridge which spanned the Olentangy River.

Silas was in the War of 1812, where he was a Pvt. (fifer), service dates from 2 June to 19 Sept. 1812, in Capt. Joab Norton's Company.

Henry Dunham identified through census records

Silas Dunham's marriage was not found but he had two sons; one was Joseph who d. 21 Oct. 1824 age unknown. The obit on Joseph was found in the *Delaware County Ohio Patron & Franklin Chronicle*, page 25, date 21 Oct. 1824, "died in this town, Sat. last, Joseph Dunham, infant son of Silas Dunham".

Silas ⁶ is on the 1820-1840 Census of Delaware Co. OH

From the 1830 Census of Berlin Twp. Delaware Co. OH

Silas ⁶ Dunham	1 m. 40-50 (b. 1785 in Conway, MA) so age 45
2 m. under 5	b. 1825-1830
3 m. 10-15	b. 1815-1820 (1 was Henry, b. 1819 m. Sarah Mariah Flint)
2 m. 15-20	b. 1810-1815
1 f. under 5	
1 f. 5-10	
1 f. 15-20	
1 f. 40-50	

Several years ago I did research to identify a Charles J. Dunham b. 1817 in OH (with parents b. MA) who lived in Springfield, Sangamon Co. Illinois, and who appears on the 1850 census age 33 and in the same household as Silas Dunham age 34. Silas Dunham does not appear again in the census of Sangamon Co. IL, but the line of Charles J. Dunham continued to live in Springfield, IL. I believe that the three sons who appear in the 1830 census of Berlin Twp. Delaware Co. OH born between 1815-1820 were Charles J. Dunham b. 1817, Silas ⁶ Dunham b. 1816 and Henry Dunham b. 1819.

From the 1840 Census of Radnor, Delaware Co. OH Silas ⁶ Dunham:

Silas ⁶ Dunham	1 m. 50-59 (b. 1785 so age 55)
2 m. 10-14	b. 1825-1830
1 m. 20-29	b. 1810-1820 (prob. Spencer ⁷ Dunham b. 1812)
1 f. 5-9	b. 1830-1835
1 f. 10-14	
1 f. 15-19	
1 f. 20-29	
1 f. 50-59	

This shows that the 3 males who were age 10-15 in 1830 (and would now be age 20-25 in 1840) are gone as well as 1 of the older sons b 1810-1815 (and would be age 25-30 in 1840).

Silas ⁶ Dunham died in 1843 and a son, Spencer Dunham was administrator. This Spencer Dunham appears on the 1850 census of Brown Twp. Delaware Co. OH: Spencer Dunham m. Eliza Jane Atwood 31 May 1834. Spencer Dunham served in Company B of the 48th Regiment OH during the Civil War.

From Ancestry.com Family Tree for **Henry Dunham:**

born 1819 in Delaware County, Ohio, USA; died 13 March 1893

Married 22 Nov. 1842 in Delaware County, Ohio **Sarah Mariah Flint** (1826-1882)

[Sarah Mariah *Flint* Dunham d. 31 March 1882 in Emmet Co. Michigan]

Children:

- i. Luther S. Dunham b. 8 Oct. 1844 [Served in Civil War]
- ii. Oscar Dunham (1846-1920)
- iii. Abby Augusta Dunham (1854-1910)
- iv. John Dunham (1856-1892)

From U. S. National Homes for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers 1866-1938:

Henry Dunham July 1, 1850 Indianapolis, IN, Company I, 20th Regt.

Born in Delaware Co. OH, Occupation: Carpenter

Residing in Petoskey, MI, widower

Sons Luther S. and John A.

Discharged at own request Oct. 10 1885 to Petoskey, MI

From Ohio County Marriage Records 1774-1993

Henry Dunham married 22 Nov. 1842 in Delaware Co. Ohio to **Sally A. Flint**

From 1850 Census of Allen, Union co. OH:

Henry Dunham	30
Sarah M. Dunham	23
Luther S Dunham	6
Arthur D. Dunham	4 (Oscar)

The family immediately above Henry Dunham is Luther C. Flint:

Luther C. Flint	57	Distiller	b. New York
Rebecca	48		b. New York
John C.	17		b. OH
Hetty A.	16		b. OH
Adaline	11		b. OH

The 1840 census of Radnor, Delaware County, Ohio on same page:

Silas Dunham	1 m. 10-15
	1 m 20-30 (Henry?)
	1 m. 50-60 (Silas) so b. 1780-1790)

On same page is

Luther C. Flint 40-50

In this family is a female 10-15 (so b. 1820-25) could be Sarah M. Flint

In the 1830 census there is a Luther C. Flint in Rose, Wayne Co. New York. Sarah M. Flint, was b. in New York, so the census would indicate that Luther C. Flint moved from New York to Ohio between the birth of Sarah M. and John C. Flint.

The 1860 census of Cass Township, (Medanville PO) Pulaski County, Indiana Family #600:

Henry Dunham	40	Carpenter	b. OH
Sarah M.	33		b. NY
Luther S.	16		b. OH
Oscar	14		b. OH
Janet	6		b. OH
John A.	4		b. IN

From the 1870 Census of German, Marshall Co. Indiana:

Henry Dunham	50	so b. abt. 1820 in Ohio
Mariah Dunham	43	
Luther Dunham	25	

Oscar Dunham	23
Abby A. Dunham	16
John Dunham	14

Charlevoix Dunham



Charlevoix Dunham

Photo courtesy of Margaret Anne Waring

From Michigan, births and christenings Index, 1867-1911:

C. Dunham b. Petoskey, Emmet Co. Michigan 22 Dec. 1886 to **John Dunham and Angeline.**

From Ontario Canada marriages 1826-1927: Town of Newmarket:

Charlevoix Dunham age 20 on April 13 1906 at Newmarket, Toronto , son of John Dunham and Angeline Cook, Church of England. , married Emily Campbell, age 19.

From the 1916 Census of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Alberta;

C. H. Dunham, American, age 28, living at 715 Riverdale Ave., Calgary, spouse Emily Dunham.

Insurance man,,family:

C. H. Dunham	28
Emily Dunham	28
Margaret Dunham	1

From the 1921 Census of Canada;

Charlevoix Dunham, age 35 b. abt. 1886 in USA, spouse Emily Dunham b. Ontario;

Charlevoix Dunham 35

Emily Dunham 35

Margaret Dunham 7

Lucy Forster 38 (servant)

From Find-a-Grave web site:

Charlevoix Henry "Charles" Dunham b. 22 Dec. 1886 in Petoskey, Emmet County, Michigan, USA

Death 20 Feb. 1947 (aged 60) in Calgary, Alberta Canada;

Buried in Plot Section 4, plot 50, memorial ID 50088704

Spouse: Emily Campbell (1887-1955)

Children:

Margaret Dunham (1914-1965)

Gladys Lucille *Dunham* Gibson (1921-2003)

There are obits for both C. H. Dunham, and Mrs. Emily Dunham:

Obit in Calgary Herald dated 11 Feb. 1947, p. 9;

"C. H. Dunham Dies Suddenly

Charles H. Dunham, 60, President of the Merchants and Traders Insurance Company and a well known Calgary business man died suddenly Monday at 2:00 pm after a heart attack. He had founded the insurance company in 1917. . . .

Mr. Dunham was born in Petoskey, Michigan and received an education at the Notre Dame University. He moved to Toronto in 1903 and joined the marine department of the British American Insurance company. Four years later he joined the Canadian Underwriters Association with which he spent four years.

Surviving are his wife Emily of 3015 Elbow Drive, two daughters Margaret of Indianapolis, Indiana and Mrs. Bruce Leyden of Calgary. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Leyden's Funeral home."

Obit for Mrs. Emily Dunham in Calgary Herald 7 March 1955, p. 21; (extract)

"Mrs. Emily Dunham 3015 Elbow Drive, died Saturday in the Holy Cross hospital. She was born at Staffa, Ont., and came to Calgary in 1910. Her husband, Charles, died in Calgary in 1947. . . . Burial will be in the family plot at Banff Cemetery."

Dunham Landmarks

The Ponds

By Gratia Mahony and Jackie Coniglio

Dunhams have had a surprising number of physical features names for them. Ponds, streams, and roads throughout the country bear the Dunham name. Sometimes the association is from the given name of a Dunham, and sometimes the name is not even Dunham, but is for a member of the family who has married into another family. Never the less, it might be fun to explore the Dunham landmarks and describe the family they are named after when that is known.

One of the earliest Dunham landmarks is *Micajah's Pond*. This was located in Plymouth Colony and was named for Micajah³ Dunham, son of Joseph², John¹ Dunham. Micajah was one of the earliest land owners in this area when people began moving out from Plymouth center.



Micajah's Pond is a fairly large body of water which today is reached by Micajah Pond Road, and had been developed into a subdivision called Micajah Heights. It is a beautiful setting as you can see from the photo.



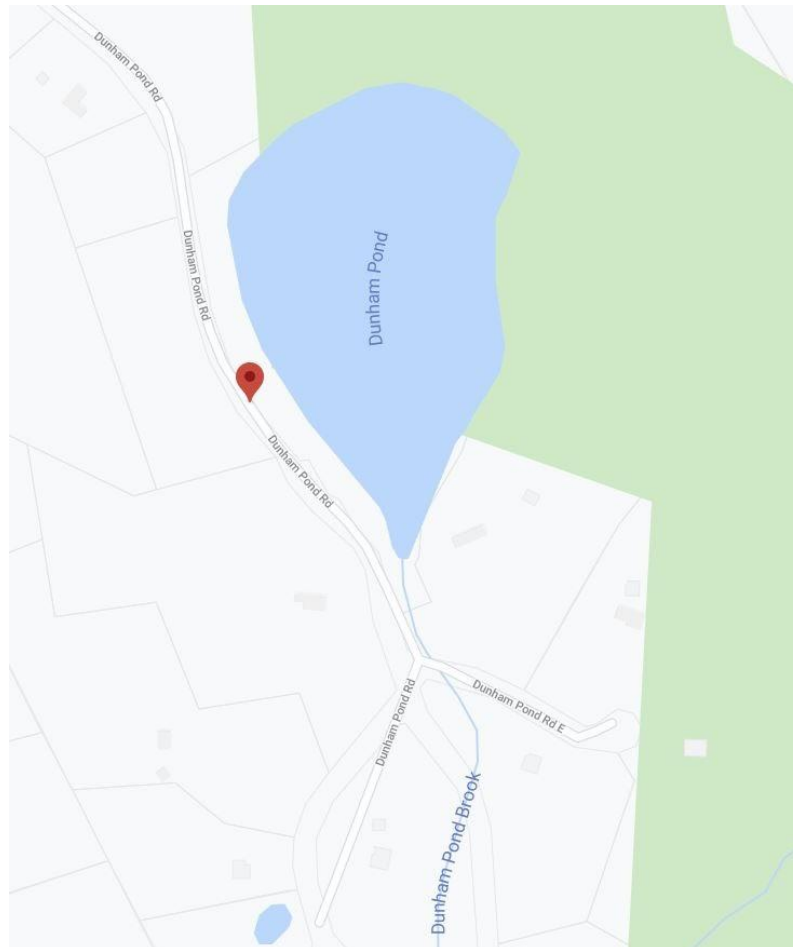
Micajah's Pond, Plymouth, Massachusetts

Another Pond in Plymouth County, in the town of Lakeville is called *Dunham Pond*. This smaller body of water was near to where Joseph-5 lived on the road going to Taunton.



Another pond named for the Dunham family is *Dunham's Pond* in Mansfield, Connecticut. This area was named for the descendants of John-3, son of John-2, Deacon John-1 Dunham. John-3 Dunham was born in Barnstable, MA 21 Nov. 1647 and died there in his 48th year. He married 1 March 1679/80 Mary Smith, daughter of Rev. John and Susanna (Hinckley) Smith. John and Mary (Smith) Dunham may have been planning to move to Connecticut for on 26 Oct. 1696 he purchased a thousand acre right in Windham, CT. This area became known as

Dunham's Pond and is now called Mansfield Center, CT. By 1702 Mary (Smith) Dunham had removed to Mansfield, CT and the family resided there for several generations.



**Dunham's Pond, Dunham Pond Rd. and Dunham Pond Brook
Mansfield, Connecticut**

A short distance south of Dunham's Pond, to the east of Dunham Pond Brook is a square field stone enclosure which is the site of the former Dunhamtown Cemetery. (The graves were moved to the Pink Ravine Cemetery). This area was known as "Dunhamtown" because the Dunham family had a farm here from 1695 to 1873.

A Few New York State Dunham Landmarks

From the state of Connecticut, some of the Dunham families migrated westward and judging by the numerous landmarks throughout the state of New York bearing the Dunham name it appears that many of them settled here. A number of landmarks named after the Dunham family have a Connecticut connection including the “cottage” which I will describe later in this article.

Adirondack Park is a beautiful area in the northern part of the state which contains many lakes and mountains. It is here that we find the picturesque “Dunham Mountain” or Mount Dunham. This mountain is located in Hamilton County near Hamilton Lake and the town of Lake Pleasant in the Adirondack Mountains. It has an elevation of 2602 feet.

In the popular resort area of Lake George, (which is the name of both the town and the lake on which it is located) is a large expanse of water named Dunham’s Bay. The bay is adjoined by a marsh called Dunham’s Bay Marsh. The marsh has more than 1,000 acres of marsh and swampland making it one of the largest wetlands in the Adirondacks. The state now owns most of the wetlands which are populated with ducks, heron and mink. Motorboats are not allowed here but it is accessible by canoe. Many people who come to the area to vacation stay at the Dunham’s Bay Resort.



The Dunham Cottage

Another area of the Adirondacks where we find the Dunham name is in Keene Valley, a popular area for mountain climbers. There is a road called Dunham Lane, and just south of the town of Keene there is a building once referred to as “Dunham Cottage.” This cottage sits on the Dunham Plateau. In a book published about the area in 1915 the cottage was described as a two story green shingled home which faced east and looked across the valley to the slopes of Giant Mountain and stood in front of Porter Mountain. The cottage hosted some important people in its early days including Mark Twain, a writer named Charles Dudley Warner, a famous religious reformer named Horace Bushnell, the Rev. Joseph Twichell, and a composer by the name of Charles Ives. Today this historic building is available as a summer rental and get away for families. The cottage was built in 1873 by the Dunham Family and was originally called the Hartford Plateau. This name suggests a connection with the state of Connecticut and indeed history of the time indicates that the original Dunhams came from that state. The building is currently referred to as the “Green Cottage.” It is owned and managed by the fifth generation of the Dunham family. The cottage is on Dunham Rd. If one continues west on this road to the fork you can turn right onto Dunham Cottage Rd.



Western New York, an area which includes Rochester, Buffalo, Albany and Waterloo, abounds with Dunham place names. In the town of Waterloo we find Dunham Road. This road is possibly named for a man named John H Dunham (born 28 May 1817 son of Ezra and Ann Dunham). He moved to Waterloo, NY where he was employed for three years under contract for \$36.00. After completing this contract he opened his own hardware store where he amassed the large sum of \$10,000 and became prominent in the city. Sometime later he moved to Chicago where he became an important personage and appears in both the 1920 historical encyclopedia of Illinois and a historical book on banking.

Besides the Dunham Rd. in Waterloo there are at least twelve other Dunham Rds. scattered throughout upstate New York. The city of Binghamton has a Dunham Hill Rd. There is a Dunham Pond Rd. in Greenfield Center, and a Dunham Ave. in Fulton, NY. The town of Washington has a Dunham's Basin. Grafton Lakes State Park, a 2545 acre park located north east of Albany, has a 98 acre body of water called the Dunham Reservoir.



Dunham Reservoir spillway Grafton State Park

The Dunhams also made their mark on the New York City area. Westchester has a Dunham Park and a Dunham Ave. Yonkers has a Dunham Rd. as do Scarsdale and Staten Island. In the Williamsburg section of Brooklyn there is a Dunham Place, a short alleyway. This was named for David Dunham (1772-1823) He was a successful merchant who helped initiate an early steam ferry from Brooklyn to NYC and earned the nickname "Father of Williamsburg." He was a tireless advocate for steam navigation and ironically died by drowning when he fell overboard while traveling aboard a steam vessel on the Hudson River. This line comes through Richard 1 Singletary, Jonathan 2 Dunham/alias Singletary, Nathaniel 3 and Johanna (Thornall) Dunham, David 4 and Esther (Crane) Dunham, Joseph 5 and Hannah (--) Dunham, David ⁶ b. 20 September, 1772.

From an article in this newsletter, Vol. 5, Issue 2, pp. 10-18 " The Fascinating Story of David ⁶ Dunham";

THE DEATH OF DAVID DUNHAM American Mercury 04-08-1823, Vol. XXXIX, Issue 2023, p. 2; "Distressing Occurrence--The melancholy intelligence reached town yesterday morning that Mr. David Dunham, one of our most respectable wealthy and enterprising merchants, and a most useful citizen, was accidentally drowned on Monday afternoon, on his way home, from Albany. He took passage in the steam boat Richmond, and in consequence of the accident to that boat, embarked with several others, on board the sloop Criterion. They had proceeded as far as Verplank's Point, when they were met by a heavy squall about 2 o'clock on Monday afternoon, which obliged them to take in sail. Mr. Dunham was on the quarter deck lending a hand in securing the mainsail, when a sudden slaw filled the leech of the sail which he had hold of, and swept him overboard. A sloop in company at the time and nearly by, threw two lines to him, one of which he grasped at, but missed it. The long boat belonging to the Criterion immediately put off to his assistance, and had nearly reached him, notwithstanding the violence of the wind and the heavy swell of the sea, but when within five yards of him his exertions became exhausted and he sunk to rise no more. A reward of \$250 is offered by his friends, for the recovery of his body."

There is currently new development in the area of Dunham Place in the Williamsburg/Brooklyn section of New York City including a building called “The Dunham” and “Dunham Place.”

The street, Dunham Place, first appeared on maps around 1850. It is a short one block long street.



From an early photo of Dunham Place taken in 1999. The street was still paved with a Belgian block surface. The Williamsburg area was still a highly industrial area. Railroads had only recently vacated the waterfront. There was no sign that Williamsburgh would become a major arts, entertainment, retail and residential hub that it is now in 2020. (photo from “Forgotten New York”, by Kevin Walsh, pub 2006)



15 Dunham Place, Brooklyn, NY 11249 -- in 2020 (web advertising photo)

Dunham Genealogy Research Association

Membership and Fund Raising

By Jeff Dunham, President DGRA

We have survived financially by having members who paid \$25 in dues each year. This has the disadvantage of losing touch with those who failed to renew their membership in a given year. It also limited the audience and sharing of information to only active members. Our membership has gone up and down over the years with this membership model.

We would like to restructure our model of “membership” for our community. All members become members for life. This will allow us to continually grow as a community. We will be moving to a model where donations support the association. We will be soliciting for donations semi-annually and also when we are in need of funds to cover our expenses.

Four membership levels will be available:

- “DGRA member” – All members can join at this level and remain as members in perpetuity.
- “DGRA Bronze Member” – Annual support level that is greater than \$25 per year
- “DGRA Silver Member” – Annual support level that is greater than \$50 per year
- “DGRA Gold Member” – Annual support level that is greater than \$100 per year

Benefits of membership include:

1. Coordination and Analysis of DNA testing with Family Tree DNA to analyze your Y-DNA results. On the topic of the DNA program, we will be enhancing this to include “family finder” DNA testing with Family Tree DNA. This is “autosomal DNA testing” where both males and females can find linkage between other DNA project members. You will be receiving an e-mail with details on this DNA testing option in the near future.
2. Access to our newsletter. The newsletter includes many articles on research on Dunham family lines throughout the United States. These are generated quarterly and an archive is available on our website.
3. The Dunham Genealogy Research Assn website. A repository for articles, family trees, and the newsletter. The newsletter is indexed on the website to assist you in your research
4. Access to the Associations professional genealogist – Gratia Dunham Mahoney. Gratia has helped many with mapping their genealogy. She has decades of experience in researching Dunham lines across the United States. Just reach out to her – she is always there to help.

I encourage each of you to have family members join us. And I encourage each of you to support us financially. We will need your support so that we can continue on our mission to share the information we have on our Dunham Families. And we need support in order to continue our research to uncover more about our relatives who came before us.

2020 Election Results and Board Meeting

By Trudy Dunham, DGRA Secretary

The results of the 2020 Election of Board Members was presented at the Annual Board of Directors meeting of the Dunham-Singletary Family Connections dba Dunham Genealogy Research Association. The meeting was held on Sunday March 22, 2020 at 1:00 pm Pacific, via a teleconference call. The Minutes from the Meeting can be found on the DGRA website at: <http://www.dunham-singletary.org/mw/images/2/23/SecReport-Mar2020.pdf>

"What's New on the Dunham Website"

by James A. Streeter April 2020

The Dunham Genealogical Research Association Newsletters Indexes have been updated. The Newsletters thru Vol 15, Issue 2 are now online and available for all to view. The Complete Index has been divided into 2 sections, Volume 1 thru 10 and Volume 11 to Present.

The Complete Index has all the issues thru and including Volume 17, Issue 2 (April 2020). The Index to Articles of Genealogical interest will be updated by the end of April. Thanks for all the help by Audrey Hancock in preparing the Comments for the added material.

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 Family 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 - james8313@sti.net

When you visit the Dunham Genealogical Research Association Website and see something that needs to be updated or you can provide updated material please contact James A. Streeter - james8313@sti.net