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President's Letter

I have been associated with the Dunham-Singletary Family Connections for only a couple of years now. And in that time, we have made some big breakthroughs in our family tree mainly due to the hard work of Gratia Dunham Mahony.

Last year I spoke to all of you about the need to maintain and grow the membership in order to support the research that we are doing. *Unfortunately, our membership has declined this last year.* We need to bring more Dunhams into our organization to support the work here. In the coming weeks, I will be contacting some of you directly to see what your thoughts are.

I have been signing up some cousins (some distant) to the organization—paying their first year—I hope to spark an interest that they have and to help the organization grow. I have also thought about “cold calling” random Dunham’s in the phone book. What are your thoughts about this? Is there anything else that I can do? Is there anything you can do to help us grow our association? (continued on page 21)

Editor's Corner

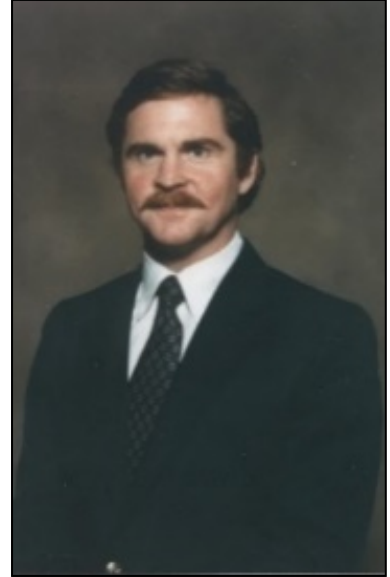
DSFC member/contributor Bruce W. Dunham returns with an article concerning the progenitor of his ancestor Nathaniel Dunham of Wrentham and Hebron. Bruce has participated in DNA analysis and is a match to the descendants of the Deacon John Dunham line.

The second article illustrates some inter-connections between early families living in Plympton, MA, including Deacon John Dunham’s children Persis², Hannah², Joseph² and Samuel². Just viewing these lines in the format in which they are given can help some folks in straightening out their own lines of descent from these families.

Finally is an article that shows how important obituaries can be in solving Dunham genealogical lines. If I had not seen this obit-sent in by DSFC member Bill Burke—I might never have solved the migration of one Dunham who went from Plattsburg, New York to Brockville, Ontario, Canada. Please forward Dunham obits from your local newspapers to dunhamgratia007@gmail.com. I can’t solve them all, but I can try.

Member's Corner

As a returning contributor I want to provide some background information that I may not have conveyed earlier and for those who haven't read my earlier articles. I am a graduate of the University of Colorado, Boulder with a degree in History so I have a fair amount of experience in researching historical subject matter. I also spent 2 years in a British boarding school (Craighouse) in Santiago, Chile where I had the opportunity to learn the game of rugby and everything I ever wanted to know about the English Royal lineage. Finally, I have had the benefit of not one but 2 dedicated family historians, both on my paternal grandmother's side of the family (Rockwood) who traced our lineage back to Edward Fuller of the Mayflower and to Nathaniel Dunham of Wrentham and Hebron. From there my ancestors moved to Pownal, Vt. where Obadiah Dunham (p. 235 of Isaac W. Dunham's book) served as a physician with Ethan Allen and the Green Mountain Boys at the Battle of Bennington and at Saratoga. My father came from Bennington, Vt. where many of my relatives still live.



Bruce W. Dunham

As a side note, during my senior year at Colorado I discovered a large collection of source material from the Hakluyt Society (founded in London, 1846) based primarily on the works and subject matter of Richard Hakluyt (1553-1616). He was probably the greatest single advocate for world exploration of this period when men like Sir Francis Drake and Sir Walter Raleigh were exploring new worlds. For those who are interested in the early voyages of discovery I highly recommend the following website which offers an abundance of free documents that can be read online or downloaded: <https://archive.org/search.php?query=hakluyt%20AND%20mediatype%3Atexts>

Line from Rev. Thomas ¹ Dunham probably born at least by 1622; d. in Bedford, NY in 1689. Nathaniel ² Dunham of Wrentham, Ma and Hebron, CT b. ca. 1665; d.12 May 1751 age 85, at Hebron CT; Jabez ³; Obadiah ⁴; Obadiah ⁵; Alfred ⁶; Dewey ⁷; Herbert Stanley ⁸; Jesse Loomis ⁹; Elmer ¹⁰; **Bruce William** ¹¹

The Mysterious Case of Thomas Denham/Dunham and Nathaniel Dunham of Wrentham & Hebron

by Bruce W. Dunham (bdunham2176@yahoo.com)

If you want to see how quickly and easily misinformation or misinterpretation can become fact on the internet go to the following website: https://www.google.com/?gws_rd=ssl#q=thomas+dunham+May+15+1677. On the first 2 pages alone there are at least 10 references that clearly say Deacon John's son Thomas Dunham died on May 15, 1677. This all stems from one reference in the Plymouth Records that suggests that he died sometime before May 15, 1677 despite the fact that no actual record of death or even a will has been found for Thomas Dunham in Plymouth or anywhere else in Massachusetts.

Note also that the date of birth for Thomas Dunham is given as anywhere from 1619 – 1622. Some sources have even given his date of birth as late as 1626 or 1627. Keep this in mind as we continue.

Most references to Thomas Denham of Rye, N.Y. cite George McCracken [Ref., article by George E. McCracken, Ph.D., F.A.S.G. "Mr. Thomas Denham, Puritan Parson" from *The American Genealogist* (1960) Vol. 36:229-242] for source information. McCracken cites Thomas Denham's will which in every respect appears to have been written by someone who is in full control of their mental faculties and refers to his offspring by name as follows: Isaac Denham, Nathaniell Dunham, Josiah Dunham and Hannah Dunham. Sarah Palmer and Rebecca Hinson are also listed as daughters but it is not clear whether they went by Denham or Dunham. No-one to my knowledge has suggested that Thomas Denham was senile or suffered from Alzheimer's but unless that was the case we pretty much have to assume that he knew what last name each of his children went by and/or preferred.

Oddly enough in the last few pages of McCracken's article he refers to Nathaniel, Josiah and Hannah by the name Denham. Why would he do this if Thomas Denham referred to the majority of his own children by the name Dunham? Why would any historian contradict the wording of his own source material?

Interestingly enough in the 14 pages of McCracken's article, which again is widely considered the definitive source for information on the background of Thomas Denham, there are only questionable references to Saco, Marshfield, and "Sheep's Gutt" with no substantive explanation or accounting for when he came to the new world, what vessel, where he came from, who were his parents, etc... As part of this "proof" McCracken cites references to a Mr. Dunnam, Mr. Dunnun, Mr. Durrum, Mr. Denholme and even a Mr. Denman along with numerous traditional sources for background information where no reference to Thomas Denham is found at all. Far from the papal "syllabus errorum" that McCracken suggests there is precious little in the article for it to be considered "well proven".

Here I have to include Nathaniel Dunham (Thomas's 2nd son) in this discussion. The reason is that Nathaniel Dunham is the earliest known ancestor on my father's side of the family. Until recently it was believed by most in my family line including 2 well established historians on my father's side that Nathaniel Dunham was actually the son of Deacon John's son Joseph. In recent years this has been questioned and some have suggested that Nathaniel Dunham of Wrentham and Hebron was the son of Thomas Denham and thus unrelated to Deacon John. The only problem with this is that my DNA when tested was found to be an exact match to the proven line of Deacon John (<http://www.dunham-singletary.org/mw/index.php/TestResults-p1-C.htm>).

If it has been definitively proven that Nathaniel Dunham of Hebron, Ct. was not the son of Deacon John's son Joseph as previously believed (and I have not looked into this yet) then this would support a connection to Thomas Denham and by DNA test results to Deacon John as well. The only problem with this is that there is nothing definitive that places Thomas Denham in Wrentham at or near the time of Nathaniel Dunham's date of birth in 1665.

With the little information that we do have to go on such as Florence Barclay's article in TAG Vol. 30:148-151, we know that as of in 1650. Since Thomas Dunham's ardor in pursuing Martha and the ensuing, well documented controversy as well as the virtual disappearance of Thomas from public records after that date I believe this was a major traumatic incident in his life. Based on this I offer the following alternate timeline for Thomas Dunham:

- I believe that Thomas's birth sometime between 1619 and 1622 may have resulted in his mother (Susan's) death since she disappears from public records at this same time.
 - I believe that Thomas may well have felt some stigma (real or imagined) associated with the death of his mother that left him feeling at least somewhat isolated from his brothers and sisters. Again, the lives of his brothers and sisters are pretty well documented including property, families, children and wills even though little is known of Thomas.
 - I believe that the rejection by Martha Knott may well have been a turning point that prompted him to leave the Plymouth colony and even change his name to Denham. If Thomas wanted to sever his connection to the Plymouth colony then changing the spelling of his name would certainly help in the process.
- I believe that the lack of information on his whereabouts after 1650 with only a marriage record in Marshfield dated March 1659 for Thomas Durrum and Sarah Bompasse, an incident only 4 months later in Saco in July 1659 involving a Minister Dunnam, an isolated reference to Thomas Denham as a witness to a deed dated 1666 for land purchased by William Dier (Dyer) in the Sheepscot region and the 1688 reference in his will to his daughter living in "Sheep's Gutt" and land he owns there fail to prove definitively where he lived the majority of the years between 1650 and 1677. Interestingly no mention is made of any connection to Wrentham where Nathaniel Dunham was long believed to have been born and there are no records that tie Nathaniel's birth to any (page 4) place other than Wrentham.

- Bear in mind also that King Phillip's War from 1675-1678 had a substantial impact on all communities in Massachusetts (including Maine), Connecticut and New York and particularly Sheepscot and Wrentham both of which were overrun by the Indians. If Thomas lived in either place and was reported to have died prior to 1677 that could easily have been a mistake. The fact that he shows up suddenly in Rye, NY in 1677 almost immediately after Sheepscot and Wrentham were overrun and briefly abandoned is entirely consistent with a conclusion that Thomas Denham/Dunham were one and the same. The fact that public records for Wrentham were destroyed during King Phillip's War and few other records have been found for Thomas Denham including birth records for his children also support this conclusion.
- I believe as others, including Washington Charles Baird (*Chronicle of a Border Town: History of Rye, Westchester County, New York*), and Rev. Robert Bolton, *The History of the Several Towns, Manors, and Patents of the County of Westchester...*, Volume 1) have suggested that Thomas Denham was the son of Deacon John.
- If one proposes that Nathaniel Dunham of Wrentham and Hebron was the son of Thomas Denham then we have to make a leap of faith that Thomas Denham was living in Wrentham in 1665 or that Nathaniel Dunham was actually born in Sheepscot otherwise the earlier record that Nathaniel was the son of Deacon John's son Joseph remains a reasonable interpretation.

Note also that in reference to the Plymouth record that suggests that Benjamin Eaton bought a lot in 1677 previously owned by Thomas Dunham "deceased" a googlesearch for Benjamin Eaton provides no information of a lot owned by Thomas Dunham even though several other purchases and sales by Benjamin Eaton are shown. Isn't that odd? I am sure that the lack of



hard evidence on Thomas Denham which I believe was largely caused by the depredations of the Indians will continue to fuel speculation for a long time to come.

This photograph dated sometime in the late 1920s shows my grandfather Jesse Dunham on the left, his brothers Kenneth, Arthur and Frank Dunham who retired from the Navy as a Rear Admiral and was buried in Arlington National Cemetery where I attended his funeral in 1962. They are listed on p. 241 of Issac W. Dunham's book. ⁵

Some Interconnected Dunham Lines From Families of Plympton, MA

Compiled by Gratia Dunham Mahony

The early records of Plympton begin in 1695 while it was the Western Precinct of Plymouth, and continue after it was incorporated as a town in 1707. This Precinct was incorporated Nov. 26, 1695, and included the present limits of Plympton, the greater part of Halifax (about three quarters) and a strip of Kingston, on the Northeasterly part of Plympton (1306 acres), also part of Carver except South Meadows. [NOTE: Descendants of Samuel² Dunham lived at South Meadows.]

The Court appointed to view the situation of the Remote Inhabitants of the Westerly part of the town of Plimouth with the number of families there residing. . .do approve and allow of the divisional Line extending from Jones River pond so called unto Jeduthen Robbins his present dwelling with this variation only so as to leave out of said line the said Robbins, Benajah Pratt, John Pratt and Eleazer Dunham. . .(i.e. these four, Jeduthan Robbins, Benajah Pratt, John Pratt and Eleazer Dunham remained within the bounds of the Western Precinct of Plymouth but outside of the bounds of Plympton). NOTE however, Vital Records indicate that they attended the Plympton Church.

Eleazer⁴ Dunham lived in the area just to the east of Wenham Pond where he operated an inn or tavern. Plymouth County Court Records, Vol. 1:276 (dated Sept. 1704) show persons licensed to sell liquor and include Eleazer Dunham (Innholder). His brother Nathaniel⁴ lived in this area too, but the line separating Plymouth and Plympton ran between the homes of these two brothers.

Jonathan and wife Persis (Dunham) (Pratt) Shaw and her brother Joseph Dunham were dismissed by the First Church in Plymouth to begin a new church 26 October 1698. This church was at Plympton and Isaac Cushman was ordained teacher. The Church was on what is now Rt. 58, Main Street in Plympton.

It is interesting to note that the small settlement around the church at Plympton Center comprised a number of families who intermarried with each other. These intermarriages produced modern day descendants who have several interconnecting Dunham lines.

Two of the sons of Giles and Hannah (Dunham) Rickard moved to Plympton. These were Samuel³ Rickard and Josiah Rickard. A daughter of John-3, son of Giles and Hannah (Dunham) Rickard married Cornelius⁴ Dunham, son of Israel³ Joseph² John¹ Dunham.

The family of Persis² Dunham and her first husband Benajah Pratt also resided at the new settlement of Plympton. And the family of Joseph² and Esther (Wormall) Dunham resided at Swan Hold near Colchester River called locally "Dunham's Neck".

As an example of the interconnection of these families I have listed below the lines of three persons. The first is that of DSFC treasurer James A. Streeter who has three lines on his father's side and one line on his mother's side. The second are 7 lines of Helen Mae Pratt which were published in DSFC Vol. 3, issue 1 but not in the form presented below. The third line is from a genealogical query that I received very recently from Dr. Chaplin of California.



Four Dunham Lines from James Alan Streeter

Line 1 originally published in DSFC Vol. 10, issue 1 (repeated here for comparison)

Deacon John Dunham (1589-1669) and Abigail Ballou

Samuel Dunham (1623-1711) and Martha Beal

Samuel Dunham (1643-1717) and Mary Harlow

Ebenezer Donham (1691-1772) and Abigail Smith

(note surname spelling changed to DONHAM)

John Donham (1726-1814) and Mary Thomas

Thomas Donham (1766-1853) and Sylvina Brattles

Rev. Benjamin Donham (1806-1846) and Catherine Brett

George Edwin Donham (1840-1921) and Sarah Adelaide Studley

George Herman Donham (1880-1958) and Edith Boardman Briggs

Eleanor Donham (1906-1974) and Kenneth Alan Simpson

K. Alan Simpson Streeter and Roberta Jean Nelson

James Alan Streeter and Sussie Anne Dawson

Line 2 of James Alan Streeter:

Deacon John Dunham (1589-1669) and Abigail Ballou

Joseph Dunham (1631-1703) and Hester Wormall

Micajah Dunham (1673-1760) and Elizabeth Lazell

Abigail Dunham (1707-1783) and John Thomas

Mary Thomas - 5 (1738-1781) and John Donham -5 (1726-1814)

[line 1 of James Alan Streeter]

Thomas Donham (1766-1853) and Sylvina Brattles

Rev. Benjamin Donham (1806-1846) and Catherine Brett

George Edwin Donham (1840-1921) and Sarah Adelaide Studley

George Herman Donham (1880-1958) and Edith Boardman Briggs

Eleanor Donham (1906-1974) and Kenneth Alan Simpson

K. Alan Simpson Streeter and Roberta Jean Nelson

James Alan Streeter and Sussie Anne Dawson

Line 3 of James Alan Streeter:

Deacon John Dunham (1589-1669) and Abigail Ballou
Hannah Dunham (1634-1708) and Giles Rickard
Judith Rickard (1651-1727) and Joseph Faunce
Eleazar Faunce (1695-1746) and Hannah Warren
Mary Faunce (1731-1774) and Peleg Faunce
Joseph Faunce (1763-1813) and Mercy Bartlett
Joseph Faunce (1787-1869) and Sarah Springer
Harriet E Faunce (1824-1902) and Soloman C Hastings
Charles Soloman Hastings (1844-1918) and Roxy Ann Goodell
Hattie Eldora Hastings (1865-1922) and William W. Talbert
Freeda Margaret Talbert (1894-1988) and John Harold Nelson
Roberta Jean Nelson and K. Alan Simpson Streeter

[line 1 of James Alan Streeter]

James Alan Streeter and Sussie Anne Dawson

Line 4 of James Alan Streeter:

Deacon John Dunham (1589-1669) and Abigail Ballou
Persis Dunham (1635-1701) and Benajah Pratt
Joshua Pratt (1656-1697) and Mary Stockbridge
Joshua Pratt (1691-1773) and Joannah (Unknown)
Lydia Pratt (1713-1759) and Joshua Studley
Gideon Studley (1738-1816) and Rosamond Church
Gideon Studley (1776-1850) and Sarah Butler
Gideon Studley (1811-1883) and Priscilla Beal Shaw
Sarah Adelaide Studley (1845-1926) and Elbridge B Briggs
Edith Boardman Briggs (1880-1974) and George Hermann Donham (1880-1958)

[line 1 of James Alan Streeter]

Eleanor Donham (1906-1974) and Kenneth Alan Simpson
K. Alan Simpson Streeter and Roberta Jean Nelson

**Note: Helen May Pratt descends from 3 children of Deacon John Dunham:
Persis, Hannah and Joseph Dunham**

Line 1 of Helen May Pratt:

Deacon John Dunham (1589-1669) and Abigail Ballou
Persis Dunham (1635-1701) and Benajah Pratt (1631-1682/3)
Daniel Pratt (1680/81-1739) and Mary Washburn
Benjamin Pratt (1707-) and Mary Rickard
Noah Pratt (1730-) and Mercy Cole
Isaiah Pratt (1771-) and Ruth Ransom (1771-)
Winslow Pratt (1805-1877) and Catherine Louisa Maxim
Frederick Austin Pratt (1843-) and Eliza Ellen Douglas
William Andrew Pratt (1805-1877) and Catherine Louisa Maxim
Burton Pratt (1906-1993) and Clara May Fritz
Helen May Pratt

Line 2 of Helen May Pratt:

Deacon John Dunham (1589-1669) and Abigail Ballou
Persis Dunham (1635-1701) and Benajah Pratt (1631-1682/3)
Joshua Pratt (1656-1697/8) and Mary Stockbridge
Joshra Pratt (1688-) and Joanna
Joshua Pratt (1715-) and Honour Torrey
Joshua Pratt (1744-1824) and Mercy Sherman
Joshua Pratt (1783-1869) and Eleanor Boyse
Joshua Sherman Pratt (1810-1836) and Deborah Stevens
Orange Scott Pratt (1842-1907) and Jane E. Stetson
Helen Ward Pratt (1876-1956) and William Andrew Pratt (1873-1955)
Button Pratt (1906-1993) and Clara May Fritz
Helen May Pratt

Line 3 of Helen May Pratt:

Deacon John Dunham (1589-1669) and Abigail Ballou
Hannah Dunham (1634-1708) and Giles Rickard (-1709/10)
John Rickard (1652-1726) and Mary (unknown)
Mercy Rickard (1687-) and Ephraim Tilson (1670—)
Hannah Tilson (1713-) and John Cole (1713-)
Mercy Cole (1735-) and Noah Pratt (1730-1807) (gen.5 in line 1)
Isaiah Pratt (1771-) and Ruth Ransom (1791-)
Winslow Pratt (1805-1877) and Catherine Louisa Maxim
Frederick Austin Pratt (1843-) and Eliza Ellen Douglas
William Andrew Pratt (1873-1955) and Helen Ward Pratt
Burton Pratt (1906-1993) and Clara May Fritz
Helen May Pratt

Line 4 of Helen May Pratt:

Deacon John Dunham (1589-1669) and Abigail Ballou
Hannah Dunham (1634-1708) and Giles Rickard (-1709/10)
Abigail Rickard (1655-1740) and James Whiton (1651-1724/25)
James Whiton (1676-1760) and Mary Whiton
Elisha Whiton (1706-) and Joannah Rickard (
Abigail Whiton (1733-) and Benjamin Ransom (1732-)
Ruth Ransom (1771-) and Isaiah Pratt (gen. 7 in line 3)
Winslow Pratt (1805-1877) and Catherine Louisa Maxim
Frederick Austin Pratt (1843-) and Eliza Ellen Douglas
William Andrew Pratt (1873-1955) and Helen Ward Pratt
Burton Pratt (1906-1993) and Clara May Fritz
Helen May Pratt

Line 5 of Helen May Pratt:

Deacon John Dunham (1589-1669) and Abigail Ballou

Hannah Dunham (1634-1708) and Giles Rickard (-1709/10)

John Rickard (1652-1726) and Mary (unknown)

Joannah Rickard * (1691-1769) and Elisha Whiton (1706-) (gen. 5 in Line 4)

Abigail Whiton 1733-) and Benjamin Ransom (1732-)

Ruth Ransom (1771-) and Isaiah Pratt ((1771-) (gen. 7 in line 3)

Winslow Pratt (1805-1877) and Catherine Louisa Maxim

Frederick Austin Pratt (1843-) and Eliza Ellen Douglas

William Andrew Pratt (1873-1955) and Helen Ward Pratt

Burton Pratt (1906-1993) and Clara May Fritz

Helen May Pratt

Line 6 of Helen May Pratt:

Deacon John Dunham (1589-1669) and Abigail Ballou

Joseph Dunham (1631-1703) and Mercy Morton (-1666)

Eleazer Dunham (1659-) and Bathsheba Whiston/Whiton (1660-1740/41+)

Joshua Dunham (1701-1744+) and Sarah Pratt (1703-1744+)

Sarah Dunham (1725/6-1770) and Thomas Southworth

Lydia Southworth (1759-1846) and John Douglas (1752-1826)

Ephraim Douglas (1778-) and Deborah Haskins

Elijah Douglas (1822-) and Mehitable Douglas (his first cousin) (gen. 8 in Line 7)

Eliza Ellen Douglas (1852-) and Frederick Austin Pratt

William Andrew Pratt (1873-1955) and Helen Ward Pratt

Burton Pratt (1906-1993) and Clara May Fritz

Helen May Pratt

***Note: Joanna Rickard** m. ¹ 13 Dec. 1713 Israel ⁴ Dunham who died in Plympton on 18 August 1726 in his 36th year. She married second Elisha Whiton.

Line 7 of Helen May Pratt:

Deacon John Dunham (1589-1669) and Abigail Ballou

Joseph Dunham (1631-1703) and Mercy Morton (-1666)

Eleazer Dunham (1659-) and Bathsheba Whiston (1660-1740/1+)

Joshua Dunham (1701-1744+) and Sarah Pratt (1703-1744+)

Sarah Dunham (1725/6-1770) and Thomas Southworth

Lydia Southworth (1759-1846) and John Douglas (1752-1826)

John Douglas (1782-) and Mehitable Elliott

Mehitable Douglas (1817-) and Elijah Douglas (her first cousin) (gen. 8 in Line 6)

Eliza Ellen Douglas (1852-) and Frederick Austin Pratt

William Andrew Pratt (1873-1955) and Helen Ward Pratt

Burton Pratt (1906-1993) and Clara May Fritz

Helen May Pratt

Three Dunham lines from Dr. Chaplin of California

Line 1 of Dr. Chaplin:

Deacon John Dunham (1589-1669) m. Abigail Ballou

Samuel Dunham (1623-1711) m. Martha Beal

Samuel Dunham (1643-1717) m. Mary Harlow

Ebenezer Dunham (1691-1772) m. Abigail Smith

John Dunham (1726-1814) m. Mary Thomas

Calvin Dunham (1781-1842) m. Hannah Harlow

Betsey Harlow Dunham (1817-) m. Edwin Dunbar

Emily Augusta Dunbar (1837-1909) m. Alexander McNutt Fisher Chaplin

Edwin Dunbar Chaplin (1861-1954) m. Amelia Marie Kühn

Carl Alexander Chaplin (1899-1974) m. Dorothy Grover Lewis

Carl Alexander Chaplin, Jr. m. Dolores Lillian Jonas

3 generations of living descendants not listed

Line 2 of Dr. Chaplin of California:

Deacon John Dunham (1589-1669) m. Abigail Ballou
Joseph Dunham (1631-1703) m. Hester Wormald
Micajah Dunham (1673-) m. Elizabeth Lazell
Abigail Dunham (1707-1782) m. John Thomas
Mary Thomas (1738-1781) m. John Dunham *(Here merges with First Line)
Calvin Dunham (1781-1842) m. Hannah Harlow
Betsey Harlow Dunham (1817-) m. Edwin Dunbar
Emily Augusta Dunbar (1837-1909) m. Alexander McNutt Fisher Chaplin
Edwin Dunbar Chaplin 1861-1954) m. Amelia Marie Kühn
Carl Alexander Chaplin (1899-1974) m. Dorothy Grover Lewis
Carl Alexander Chaplin, Jr. m. Dolores Lillian Jonas
3 generations of living descendants not listed

Line 3 of Dr. Chaplin of California:

Deacon John Dunham (1689-1669) m. Abigail Ballou
Samuel Dunham (1623-1711) m. Martha Beal
Sarah Dunham(1650-1738) m. Samuel King
Joanna King (1672-) m. Samuel Bryant
Deacon Samuel Bryant (1699-1774) m. Tabitha Ford
Joshua Bryant (1743-1799) m. Dorcas Hayward
Joshua Bryant (1781-1864) m. Princess Peterson
Hiram Bryant (1814-1882) m. Lydia Wadsworth
Belina May Bryant (1847-1924) m. Ambrose Lewis
Benjamin Lewis, D.D.S. m. Mabel Agnes Read
Dorothy Grover Lewis m. Carl Alexander Chaplin *(Here merges with First Line)
Carl Alexander Chaplin, Jr. m. Dolores Lillian Jonas
3 generations of living descendants not listed

A Dunham Family from Plattsburg, Clinton County New York and Brockville, Leeds County, Canada

by William G. Burke and Gratia Dunham Mahony

The obituary of Allen R. Dunham of Hammond, St Lawrence County, New York received last month from DSFC member Bill Burke prompted a good amount of research by both Bill and myself. Information from the obituary stated that Allen R. Dunham, born in Hammond, New York on July 15, 1936 was the son of Frank and Mary (Shutler) Dunham. Armed with this information Bill searched the census records and found that Frank A. Dunham was born on 30 June 1902 in Hammond, St. Lawrence Co., New York and died in Hammond on 1 July 1989. Again, census data identified the father of Frank A. Dunham as Charles D. Dunham born in Ontario, Canada in July 1876. Charles D. Dunham immigrated in 1895 to New York where he was naturalized in St. Lawrence Co. New York in 1919. Charles D. Dunham was the son of Charles Dunham born in 1847 in Ontario, Canada and appears on the 1881 Census in Brockville, Leeds County, Ontario Canada.

The fact that Charles Dunham (b. 1847) lived in Brockville, Leeds County, located on the north shore of the St. Lawrence River, in Ontario, Canada triggered my memory of earlier research into the Dunham family who were United Empire Loyalists and lived in Brockville. **BUT the census data that I found was NOT for that Loyalist family.** There were indeed two separate Dunham families living in the small town of Brockville in the early 1800s.

Dunhams in Brockville on the Census Records

The 1851, 1861 and 1871 censuses of Brockville contain the name and family of William M. (Morgan) Dunham. The data from these three censuses is given below:

From the 1851 census of Brockville:

W. M. Dunham	55	(so b. 1796-7)
Jane	36	
Anna	15	
Mary	13	
W. G.	8	
Charles M.	6	(so b. abt. 1845)
A. E.	4	
F. B.	1	

From the 1861 Census of Brockville:

William M. Dunham	64	(so b. 1796-7) b. US
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William	17		b. UC
Charles M.	14	(so b. 1847)	b. UC
Albert E.	13		b. UC
Francis B.	9		b. UC
Duncan	7		b. UC
Daniel M.	5		b. UC

From the 1871 Census of Brockville:

William M. Dunam	74	(so b. 1797)
Jane	55	
William G.	26	
Charles M.	24	(so b. 1847)
Albert E.	22	
Francis B.	19	
Duncan A.	17	
Daniel M.	15	

The death record for William Morgan Dunham appears in Ontario, Canada Deaths 1869-1938:

Birth place: United States,

Death Date: 28 Dec. 1877

Age at death: 80 (so b. 1797)

Death Place: Leeds, Ontario, Canada

From ancestry.com a family tree gives: **William Morgan Dunham** b. 1797 in Shedage, Vermont (I find no Vermont town of that name); died 28 Dec. 1877 in Elizabethtown, (later Brockville) Leeds, Ontario Canada.

This tree gives the parents of William Morgan Dunham as **Charles Morgan and Anne (Thompson) Dunham**. There is no birth date for Charles Morgan Dunham, but a death date of 1837 is given.

The children of William Morgan Dunham are listed with their full given names as well as the name of the wife of William Morgan Dunham. The wife was Jane Atkinson (1816-1876).

Children are listed as:

Anna Dunham (1837-)

Mary Dunham (1839-1927)

William Morgan Dunham (1841-1843)

William George Dunham (1844-)

Charles Morgan Dunham (1846-1912)

Albert Edward Dunham (1848-1910)

If the information given on this family tree is true, then who was the senior **Charles Morgan Dunham**? If he had a son born in 1797 he would be at least 25 years old at that time, thus placing his birth say 1772. The same family tree gives five children all without dates except William Morgan Dunham. These children are:

Catherine Dunham

Ephraim Dunham

George Dunham

Lewis Dunham

William Morgan Dunham (1797-1877)

We have knowledge of a **Charles Dunham** from the research done by Doug Grant a historian who developed a fine web site about the City of Brockville containing much history. From an 1816 map of Brockville, located on the corner of The Kings Highway and Broad Street is shown the property of Charles Dunham. From the book *History of Leeds and Grenville Ontario: from 149 to 1879* by Thad. W. H. Leavitt pub. In 1879, the following excerpt is given:

“WILLIAM MORGAN DUNHAM

Mr. Dunham was born at Plattsburg, New York, March 10, 1797. In 1807, he came to Brockville in company with his father and three brothers. In 1855, he kept a hotel and a general store on the corner now occupied by Wood Brothers as a cigar store. On the 1st of November, 1819, he became a member of the Masonic Order, subsequently becoming Worshipful Master of Lodge No. 3. On the 23rd of June, 1823, he was appointed first Lieutenant of the 1st Regiment of Leeds Militia in the District of Johnstown; and on the 1st of January, 1836, he was promoted to the captaincy of the same company. On the 25th of March 1846, he retired, retaining his rank. On the 8th of May, 1840, he received the appointment of officer of Her Majesty's Customs at Cole's Ferry, a position which he retained until February 19, 1871, when he was superannuated. He died at Cole's Ferry, December 2, 1877.”

From Doug Grant's Brockville web site he states that the Dunham Block at 51 King Street at the corner of Broad Street was built in 1892-93 on land acquired by Charles Dunham in 1811. Charles Dunham was an early merchant and innkeeper.

So we have evidence that the senior Charles Morgan Dunham (possibly born say 1772) and his wife Anne Thompson had a son named **William Morgan Dunham** b. at Plattsburg, NY March 10, 1797. He married Jane Atkinson and (among other children) had Charles Morgan Dunham born 15 August 1846.

Again from ancestry.com we see that Charles Morgan Dunham, (b. 1846) m. Hannah Elliot and had children:

Lester Dunham

Claude L. Dunham ((1873-)

Chester D. Dunham (1876-)

Charles Daniel Dunham (1876-1944)

Charles Daniel Dunham, born February 12, 1876 in Brockville; died March 4, 1944 in Hammond, St. Lawrence County, New York. Charles Morgan and Hannah (Elliot) Dunham

The Dunhams of Plattsburg, New York: A Research Question Answered

So who were the Dunhams of Plattsburg, New York? If we look at the Dunham–Singletary web site (www.dunham-singletary.org) under the Deacon John Dunham line, and follow Deacon John ¹, Joseph ² and Esther Wormal, Joseph ³ and Bethia Chase we find Josiah ⁴ Dunham. This is the Josiah Dunham who moved to Attlaboro, MA and Mansfield, Windham County, CT. He then moved north to Woodstock, Vermont where he and his family are of record.

Josiah ⁴ Dunham (Joseph ^{3,2} John ¹) born say 1713, a son of Joseph ³ and Bethia (Chase) Dunham as proven by Plymouth County Land Record 79:209, died after 26 June 1794 when he signed a deed of sale for his land in Middleboro. This deed was signed in Woodstock, VT. Josiah ⁴ married in Attleboro (intent date 16 February 1739/40) **Miriam Fuller**.

Children of Josiah ⁴ and Miriam (Fuller) Dunham (first five born in Attleboro):

- i. child ⁵ Dunham baptized 2 May 1742, probably died young
- ii. Mehetabel ⁵ Dunham b. 19 February 17__
- iii. Josiah ⁵ Dunham b. 2 February 1745/6
- iv. Susanna ⁵ Dunham b. 7 November 17__
- v. **William ⁵ Dunham b. 15 March 1749/50**
- vi. and probably George ⁵ Dunham b. bet. 1750-53 prob. at Mansfield, Windham CT
- vii. and probably Gershom ⁵ Dunham b. 28 December 1755 prob. at Mansfield, Windham Co. CT

William ⁵ Dunham (Josiah ⁴ Joseph ^{3,2} John ¹) born in Attleboro, Bristol County Massachusetts 15 March 1749/50, died in Hartford, Windsor Co. VT after 1821.

Children of William and (unknown first wife who d. abt. 1780 in VT) Dunham:

(Note: the surname of this first unknown wife may have been Morgan.)

- i. **Charles, ⁶ Dunham** b. abt. 1770, Hartford, Windsor Co. Vt. (**follow below**)
- ii. William ⁶ Dunham b. abt. 1775, Hartford, Windsor Co. Vt.

William ⁵ married second about 1780 Rebecca Crane.

Children of William and Rebecca (Crane) Dunham:

- iii. Philena Pamela ⁶ Dunham b. 10 February 1781 West Woodstock, VT
- iv. Dan ⁶ Dunham b. about 1782
- v. Rebecca ⁶ Dunham b. Dec. 1784 Woodstock VT
- vi. Bethiah ⁶ Dunham b. 25 February 1785 Hartford, Windsor Co. VT
- vii. Guy ⁶ Dunham b. 1795 Hartford, Windsor Co. VT
- viii. Josiah ⁶ Dunham b. abt. 1790

SIXTH GENERATION

Children of William and Rebecca (unknown first wife who d. abt. 1780 in VT) Dunham:

i. Charles⁶ Dunham b. abt. 1770, Hartford, Windsor Co. Vt. The name Charles Morgan Dunham as given in the Brockville records may indicate that his mother's surname was Morgan. Proof of this has not been found.

From 1800 Census of Plattsburgh, Clinton Co. NY p. 70;

Charles⁶ Dunham family would be: 4 m. under 10
1 m. 26-45
1 f. under 10
1 f. 10-16
1 f. 26-45

In my research notes I say "I don't find this Charles in the 1810 census in Plattsburg. Possibly he went north into Canada." From the research in the Brockville records I believe that this Charles⁶ did go north to Canada and he is the Charles Morgan Dunham who has a son named William Morgan⁷ Dunham as above. So, one of these male children under 10 in the 1800 census would be William Morgan⁷ Dunham born 10 March 1797 in Plattsburg, Clinton County, New York.

Now if we look at the 1851, 1861 and 1871 census records from Brockville, Leeds County, Ontario (given above) we find Charles M. Dunham with a birth year of 1746-7. This is the Charles Morgan⁷ Dunham who married Hannah Elliott and had the following children:

- i. Lester⁸ Dunham b. 1872
- ii. Elsworth⁸ Dunham b. 1875 (Claude Elsworth)
- iii. **Charles D.⁸ Dunham b. July 1876**
- iv. Chester William⁸ Dunham b. 1890; d. 21 Nov. 1936 in Ontario, Canada
(Note: Chester W. Dunham m. Alice Hodge Sept. 12, 1916 in Ontario, Canada)

Charles D. Dunham born in July 1876 and came to St. Lawrence County New York in 1895. In the 1900 census of the Town of Hammond, St. Lawrence Co. NY he appears working for the family of David McGrey:

McGrey, David	45	farmer	b. 8/1854	NY	
McGrey, Carrie	46	wife	b. 9/1853	NY	
Dunham, Charles	23	farm laborer	b. 7/1876	immigrated 1895	b. Canada

From the 1910 census of Hammond, St. Lawrence County, New York:

Dunham, Charles D.	34	farmer m. 9 yrs.	b. Canada
Cora M.	32	wife	b. NY

From the 1920 census of Hammond, St. Lawrence County, New York:

Dunham, Charles	43	farmer	b. Canada
Cora	41	wife	b. NY
Frank	17	son/farmer	b. NY
Helene	14	dau.	b. NY
Donald	5	son	b. NY

From the 1930 census of Hammond, St. Lawrence County, New York:

Dunham, Charles	54	farmer	b. Canada
Cora	51	wife	b. NY
Frank	27	son/farmer	b. NY
Donald	15	son	b. NY

Charles D. ⁸ Dunham married Cora M. Brown (daughter of David A and Jenny M. Brown) in 1901 in St. Lawrence County, New York. Cora M. Brown was born in 1879; died in 1970 in St. Lawrence County, New York. She was buried in Pleasant Valley Cemetery, Hammond, St. Lawrence County, New York.

Children of Charles D. ⁸ and Cora M. (Brown) Dunham:

- i. **Frank A. ⁹ Dunham** b. 30 June 1902
- ii. Helene ⁹ Dunham b. 1905
- iii. Donald D. ⁹ Dunham b. 13 August 1914

Frank A. ⁹ Dunham was born in Hammond, St. Lawrence County, New York 30 June 1902; died in Hammond 1 July 1989. He married Mary Shutler in St. Lawrence County on 4 June 1932. She died on 17 March 1967 in St. Lawrence County, New York. Both are buried in Pleasant Valley Cemetery, Hammond, New York.

Frank A. and Mary (Shutler) Dunham were the parents of **Allen R. ¹⁰ Dunham** b. 15 July 1936 and the subject of the obituary notice dated 16 December 2014.

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I ask, at the very least, that each of you renew your membership to help support the ongoing work of this organization. By renewing your membership—you allow everyone in the organization to benefit by:

- Pooling resources and information for the collective good through the group's newsletter.
- Research and documenting our work to preserve it for future generations.
- Providing value to our members and the Dunham community as a whole.
- At no charge, assistance of our professional genealogist—Gratia Dunham Mahony
- Moving the Dunham DNA testing program forward.

Many have benefited by the work that this organization has done. The DNA testing program has been critical in helping people find their roots. It was vitally important for myself and all of my distant cousins from St George, New Brunswick, Canada—some of them members here. In addition, we have all benefited from Gratia's hard work and dedication. She has "moved the ball forward" for everyone here with her research in England and by being available to assist with individual members family trees.

In closing, I will again express my gratitude to all who have contributed to this organization over the years. And collectively, I truly feel we all need to contribute to maintain the momentum that we have. Please renew your membership and please encourage other interested family members to join us. If you have already renewed your 2015 membership, I thank you.

Jeff Dunham, President

2015 Membership Renewal Reminder

We have received renewal payments from 51 or the 75 2014 Members. Along with the 51 paid 2015 renewals we have 2 new members and 2 2013 members who have joined or rejoined. This gives us a total of 55 paid Members for 2015 at this time. As you can see we still need another 20 members to reach the same level as in 2014. If you have not completed a Renewal Application it can be found online at:

http://www.dunham-singletary.org/mw/index.php/Membership_Application

You can complete the application and pay via PayPal online or send a Check to:

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