

FAMOUS G-G-G GRANDSON FOR DEACON JOHN: 'MAD' ANTHONY WAYNE

While Dunhams aren't much for name dropping, here's another one that they COULD drop, if they chose: "Mad" Anthony Wayne (1745-1796), of Revolutionary fame, was a kinsman. A member of the 6th generation in America, Mad Anthony's line is as follows: Deacon John 1, Benijah 2, Edmund 3, Ruth Dunham Thomas 4, Elizabeth Thomas Wayne 5. Elizabeth (born ca. 1722) married Isaac Wayne in 1742, & they had 3 children: 2 daughters whose given names were not recorded by Isaac W. Dunham, & Anthony, born on New Year's Day, 1745. Unfortunately, we've been unable to find a biography of him,



but here's what COLLIER'S ENCYCLOPEDIA has to say about his career: "WAYNE, ANTHONY, an American military officer; born in East Town, Chester County, PA, Jan. 1, 1745; became a land surveyor; an intimate friend of Benjamin Franklin, & early took an active interest in public affairs. Having married & settled to farming (1767), he was elected to the Pennsylvania Convention & legislature in 1774, served on the Committee of Safety, & in 1775 raised a regiment with which he took part in the campaign against Canada. He fought with distinction & was wounded in the Battle of Trois Rivieres (Jan. 3, 1776); held the fortresses of Ticonderoga & Mount Independence until May, 1777; & after, receiving the commission of Brigadier General, led a division at Brandywine (Sep. 11), & commanded the right wing at Germantown (Oct. 4). He made a dashing raid on the British lines in the winter of 1777/8, carrying off a great quantity of supplies, & on the night of July 15, 1779 achieved the most brilliant of American victories in the storming of Stony Point, for which he received a gold medal & the thanks of Congress. By a bayonet charge, he rescued Lafayette in Virginia in 1782; made a daring attack on the whole British army at Spring Green (Jul. 6), & defeated the British & Indians in Georgia. After the war, "Mad Anthony" retired to his farm, but he was made a Major General in 1792, & again took the field, this time against the western Indians, whom he overthrew at Maumee Rapids & forced to conclude the treaty of Greenville (1795). On his way back to his farm at Waynesboro, PA, he died at Presque Isle (now Erie) Dec. 25, 1796. A monument was erected to him at Waynesboro in 1809." We haven't learned whether Anthony Wayne had any descendants, but will be on the look-out for further information about him.

A REVOLUTIONARY PUZZLE



Bill Wood (11)(Deacon John 1, Joseph 2, Nathaniel 3, Isaac 4, Calvin 5, Alpheus 6, Alpheus 7, George W. 8, Henry A. 9, Alice M. Dunham Wood 10) has a puzzle relating to his 3rd great grandmother, wife of the elder Alpheus. She was Amarillis Oviatt (1790-1852), & the family legend says that she was born in France. When her parents betrothed her to a man who was 50 years her senior, she ran away & took a lumber boat to America. Somehow she made her way to Rome, NY, where she married a poor Baptist preacher by the name of Alpheus Dunham. Against this, the obituary of their son Ezekiel states that both of his grandfathers were Revolutionary soldiers... Now it is very nice to have a flock of ancestors who fought in the American Revolution, but it would seem a real loss if the romantic tale of the desperate French girl were only a myth. Could the 2 accounts possibly be reconciled? One solution does come to mind: There is no problem with Alpheus' father, Calvin Dunham, serving in the American Revolution. Perhaps the father of Amarillis participated in the FRENCH Revolution. Might this have been the case?

SOPHRONIA DUNHAM WELCOME (1815-1885)(7)(Deacon John 1, Joseph 2, Nathaniel 3, Isaac 4, Calvin 5, Alpheus 6) is shown here through the kindness of Ann Eldred (who has shared a wonderful lot of Dunham information & memorabilia). Sophronia was born in Oneida Co., NY & married John Welcome (1810-1884) in 1836. Did this couple have any descendants? We don't know.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEM: Sophie Dunham Moore, in her 1963 book on the ancestors & descendants of Jacob Dunham (1727-1779)(4)(Deacon John 1, Jonathan 2, Daniel 3), includes a brief note about a Sir John Dunham who was a poet. This man was born in 1615 & died in 1688 (about 100 years AFTER the birth of our Deacon John). He is recorded as having been the son of a Sir John who died in 1683 & Eleanor, daughter of Sir Gavet Moore, Lord Baron of Millifont. John (the poet) married Margaret, daughter of Sir Thomas Brooks, & became a good enough poet to be buried in the Poets' Corner of Westminster Abbey, with illustrious neighbors such as Chaucer, Browning, Tennyson, Sam Johnson, Wordsworth, Burns & Thomas Hardy. Pretty good company! Unfortunately, SDM notes that the source for this item was not retained. We wonder about the relationship to these Dunhams -- & wouldn't it be interesting to come across some of this John's poetry?



EBENEZER FRENCH.



MRS. EBENEZER FRENCH.

Photos. by J. P. Rhodes, Flushing.

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The rock-ribbed Green Mountain State sent many of her hardy sons to the western wilderness to help build there a mighty and prosperous commonwealth, and than those from the green-clad walls of the State, whose people "in the name of Vermont defied all the world," none nobler nor more staunch came to this region to erect their homes.

The gentleman above named was born in Woodstock, Windsor Co., Vt., May 12, 1810, and lived with his father until sixteen years of age, after which time he worked out during summers, and attended the district schools winters until he was twenty-one. Still continuing his farm labors, he taught school winters until 1834. On the 31st of August, in that year, he was united in matrimony to Martha S. Dunham, daughter of Simeon and Sophia Dunham. Sept. 6, 1836, he started for Michigan with his family, going over the mountains to Whitehall in a lumber-wagon, thence down the canal to Troy, thence by the Erie Canal to Buffalo, and from the latter place to Detroit by steamer. From Detroit the remainder of the journey to what is now Flushing township was traversed in a lumber-wagon.

Mr. French purchased and settled on land in this town, and in common with the other settlers endured the various privations and sore hardships incident to the life of a pioneer. Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. French, viz.: Martha A., Harriet E., Mary S., Horace D., Morris F., Harriet E. (2d), Simeon E., Wilber F., and Willard O. Of these all are living except Harriet E. (1st) and Simeon

E. Mr. French has been placed by the citizens of the township in nearly all its offices, of which he held that of supervisor seven years, and is at present inspector of schools.

It was quite by chance that we came upon this entry in the HISTORY OF GENESEE COUNTY (MI) (our home county), but it was easy to place Mrs. Ebenezer French in the IWD genealogy. Martha Dunham French belonged to the 8th generation in America, her ancestry being: Deacon John 1, Joseph 2, Eleazer 3, Israel 4, Sylvanus 5, Simeon 6, Simeon 7. However, it has not been equally easy to trace the French children. To date we haven't been able to pick up on any of them.

QUERY

MS. P. C. ALGER, 14 Lesley Circle, Derry, NH 03038, is searching for information pertaining to RICHARDSON DUNHAM & his wife Polly Green/e of Lenox, Madison Co., NY. They had at least 3 sons & many daughters, the oldest child born in 1815. Rich-

ardson Dunham had been born in Salem, Washington Co., NY ca. 1796. He was a Junior; Nothing is known of Richardson, Sr. other than that he was a captain in Lt. Col. David Thomas' regiment in 1797 & moved to Hartford, NY in 1802. How we WISH IWD had created an every name index for his book! Richardson is hiding in there somewhere!

DREAMS VS. REALITIES



THIS PHOTO shows Samuel E. Dunham (1850-1915)(9)(Deacon John 1, John 2, John 3, Ebenezer 4, Ebenezer 5, Jonathan 6, Ralph 7, Francis S. 8) at about age 10. The original is nicely framed (We almost gave UP on getting it out of that frame for copying purposes). On the back of the frame Samuel's only granddaughter, Lillyn F. Barclay, had written: "Grandpa Dunham lived in Berlin, Md. as a boy & worked as an assistant to Dr. Holland in his drug store when he was under 12. He was a broker on the Chicago Board of Trade, very successful, & a wonderful man." Lillyn's brief account triggers additional memories of stories about Samuel Dunham. As well as mixing medicines in the doctor's drug store, Sammy was also taken along with the doctor when he made his house calls. His principal job on these occasions was to stay in the buggy & hold the horses, but he had the benefit of Dr. Holland's discussions about his cases during the rides. As a result, Sammy very much wanted to become a doctor himself. However, this was not possible.

Even in the 1860's & 1870's it cost a good bit of money to get the requisite education, & that the family didn't have. His father, proprietor of a boy's school, had died in 1856, leaving his widow with 4 young children. She opened a stationery store near the school & sold supplies to the students, but it furnished only a meagre living. They had to subsist on a diet of cornmeal mush, for which the children were allowed to choose the accompaniment: either pickles or molasses. (The boys preferred molasses with their mush, but little Neelie liked pickles better. Occasionally, when it was Sammy's turn to choose, he would request the pickles, out of deference to his sister.) In a financial situation such as this, "med school" was out of the question. So Samuel Dunham went to Chicago & became a commodities broker, but it wasn't his first choice of career.

AZARIAH DUNHAM OF FAYETTE COUNTY, IA.

From Marilyn Roth, Mitchell, SD, we have this biographical piece from the PORTRAIT & BIOGRAPHICAL ALBUM OF FAYETTE COUNTY, IA. The article relates to Azariah Dunham (b. 1831)(9)(Deacon John 1, Daniel 2, Edmund 3, Jonathan 4, David 5, Jonathan 6, Azariah 7, Martin 8). "AZARIAH DUNHAM is engaged in farming on Section 7, Westfield Twp. In presenting this sketch to the readers of the ALBUM we record the life of one of the leading citizens of the community, representative of -- the pioneer families. He was born in Mercer Co., PA, Nov. 5, 1831, & is a son of Martin Dunham, whose father, also named Azaraiah, came over the Allegheny mountains in an early day, as a pioneer when (cont'd page 5)

AZARIAH DUNHAM (from p. 4) everything had to be carried on pack animals. He settled in Mercer County, where he followed his trade of blacksmithing & lived on the farm until death. About 1822 his wife died, leaving a family of 8 sons & one daughter. He married a widow who, likewise, had borne a girl & 8 boys, so that there were 18 children in the family at once. They all attended the subscription school at one time, & it required a yoke of oxen to pay their tuition one winter. While he had this family to provide for Azariah Dunham was drafted into the army & served in the War of 1812, near Lake Erie, but was in the battle only a short time. He was a successful businessman, a well-respected citizen, & a member of the Baptist Church, faithful in fulfilling his religious duties & rarely absent from his place in the house of worship. In politics he was a Democrat. Martin Dunham, father of our subject, when a child, crossed the mountains with his parents, & grew to manhood in Mercer County. As a young man he learned the trade of carpenter & joiner, but being of an adventurous spirit, he determined to see something of the country. With a cousin, he took passage on a raft for New Orleans, expecting to find work at his trade in that city, but in this he was disappointed, & after a fruitless search for employment of a month or more, the young men returned up the river to Memphis, where they hired to work at their trade on a new plantation where they had a pleasant stay of more than a year. They then resumed their northward journey to Cincinnati, where Mr. Dunham followed carpentry for some months, after which he returned home. Later he entered the employ of a man who drove a herd of cattle to South Carolina, & when he reached the coast, took a vessel for New York & thence made his way home again. It was not long after this that he wedded Mary S. Marriner, who resided near Youngstown, Ohio, about 20 miles from his home in Mercer Co., PA. He was then nearly 27 years of age. After his marriage, Mr. Dunham purchased a tract of timberland, built a log house, made a snug home, working meantime at his trade, & there most of his children were born. In the fall of 1850, accompanied by his son Azariah, he came to Iowa on a prospecting tour by way of Joe Daviess County, IL & Jackson Co., IA, & the towns of Colesburg & Elkader. The country they saw thus far was so rough that they stopped & debated whether to come on to West Union or to return home. They gave up the idea of settling here, but determined to come to West Union & visit a friend, after which they would go back. Here their horse got sick, & they were compelled to make a short stay, during which time Mr. Dunham was offered a farm of 200 acres of prairie land & 160 of timber in Center Twp., near where his son now lives, & bought it. About 8 or 10 acres had been broken & fenced, & a log house built. Mr. Dunham returned to Pennsylvania for his family, & Azariah went back to Illinois, where he spent the winter, both again coming to Iowa in the spring of 1851. On this farm Martin Dunham lived until his death in 1863 at the age of 60 years. He died from the effects of injuries received by being caught by the tumbling rod of a threshing machine. He was strong & vigorous, had a splendid constitution, & was well fitted by nature to endure the hardships & trials of pioneer life. The mother of our subject had died at the age of 52, after which Mr. Dunham married Mrs. Murphy, whose maiden name was Bay, & her death occurred about 4 years later. The children born of the 1st marriage are: Mrs. Desdemona Milnix of Freeport, IL; Mrs. Sarah McMurray, deceased; Azariah of this sketch; Asa, deceased; Farrell & Marilla, twins, the latter deceased; Mrs. Corintha Lightner of Oregon; Harkness, of the same place; & Adelina, deceased. By the 2nd marriage there was only one child, Henry, who has been raised & educated by our subject.

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