

A Newspaperman Who Didn't Want to Offend Readers What A Concept!

Thanks to P. C. Alger, Derry, NH, DD can share this excerpt from the *History of Des Moines County, Iowa*, regarding Clark Dunham (1816-1871)(8)(Deacon John 1, John 2, John 3, Elisha 4, Ebenezer 5, Elisha 6, Asahel 7):

CLARK DUNHAM.

CLARK DUNHAM, at one time editor and proprietor of the *Hawk-Eye*, and also postmaster of Burlington, was descended from an ancestry honorable and distinguished, the line being traced directly back to Elder Brewster, one of the leading members of the Puritan band who came to the shores of New England on the "Mayflower." Nathaniel Wales, his great-grandfather, was an ensign, serving with that rank in the Revolutionary War, and later became a captain.

Asahel Dunham, father of Clark Dunham, was married in Norwich, Conn., Oct. 30, 1814, to Susan Wales, and their son Clark was born at New Haven, Conn., Jan. 21, 1816. In 1818 the father, with his family, removed to Hartford, Licking county, Ohio, and in 1826 went to Newark, that State, where he engaged in making brick. There Clark Dunham acquired a common-school education, and with money which he earned met the expenses of a course of study in Granville College. About the same time he learned the printer's trade, and about a year after the completion of his college course, purchased and edited the *Newark Weekly* and a tri-weekly paper called the *Farmers' Journal*. He was thus engaged until 1850, growing in experience and judgment as the years passed by. Selling the paper in 1850, he then engaged in the construction of the Sandusky & Newark Railroad, now a part of the Baltimore & Ohio system.

Coming to Burlington with his family in 1854, Mr. Dunham, in connection with his brother-in-law, John L. Brown, purchased the *Hawk-Eye*, which was then published three times a week. They continued its publication under the firm style of Dunham & Brown for two years, when Mr. Dunham became sole owner. He had pub-

lished this paper in the interest of the newly organized Republican party, but was so tactful in the expression of his views that he did not offend those politically opposed to him, and built up a good patronage. In 1857 he bought the *Tri-Weekly Telegraph*, and for a short time the paper was published as the *Hawk-Eye and Telegraph*, but soon the latter name was dropped, and the *Hawk-Eye* has since been the name of this journal. It was an earnest champion of the Union under the leadership of Mr. Dunham, who just before the close of the war sold the paper to the firm of Edwards & Beardsley. After a period of rest, he accepted the position of postmaster of Burlington in 1867, and thus served until his death, April 12, 1871, when fifty-four years of age.

Mr. Dunham was survived by his wife and four children. Mrs. Dunham bore the maiden name of Lucretia Adams Williams. They were married Jan. 21, 1841.

It is unusual for a county history not to name the subject's children. Our Dunham records show 8 children for Clark & Lucretia: 1/ Albert B. (1841-1873); 2/ Frank R. (1844-1901); 3/ Edwin (b. ca. 1857)(b. ca. 1846); 4/ Rhoda A. (b. 1846), who married a man named Clapp; 5/ Alice B. (1848-1912), who married Edwin H. Carpenter; 6/ Edward C. (b. 1851); 7/ Susan W. (b. 1855), who married a man named Ball; & 8/ Mary Bell (b. 1857). Only the line of Frank R. Dunham is continued, so if any reader could supply information on the lines of the others, it would be much appreciated.

He Made His Mark

The builder of the Dunham Castle, a well-known landmark in Wayne, IL (See 3/92 & 2/97 issues of DD) was Mark W. Dunham (b. 1842) (8)(Deacon John 1, John 2, John 3, Elisha 4, Elisha 5, ^{Elisha 6}, Solomon 7). despite Mark's achievements, his face was unknown to us until Harold J. Leeman, Lansing, MI, kindly provided the photograph at right.. Mark Dunham was also a breeder of Percheron horses, the first of which he brought over from Normandy. His castle, completed in 1883, was designed to resemble the Norman chateaux that he had seen there.

Below is a view of the area, & we believe that the building shown at far right is the Dunham Castle itself. The "W. S., J. B. & B. Dunham" at the bottom are the initials of Mark's children: Wirth Stewart, J. Bernice, & Belle.

Both pictures are from a recent book about the Wayne, IL area, but we do not have the name of it.

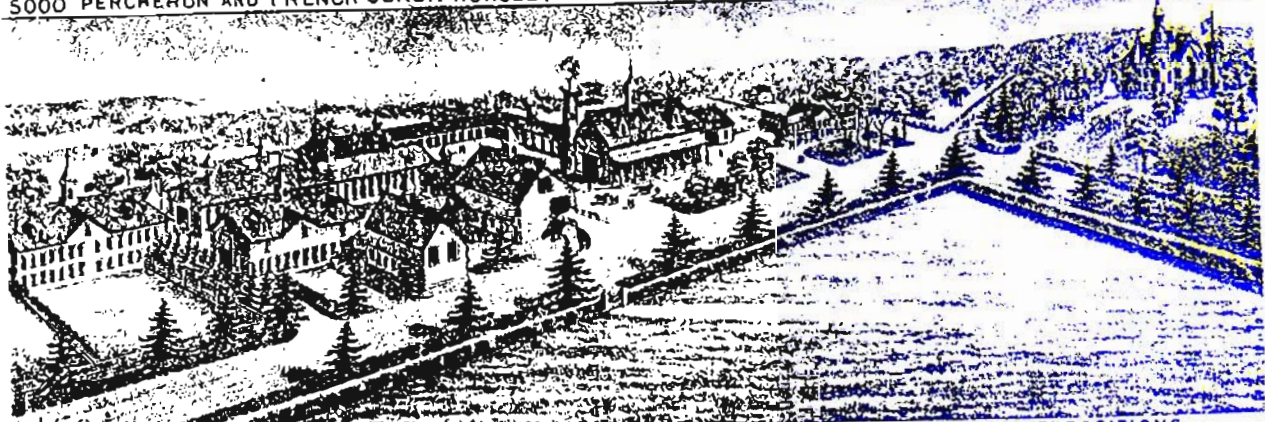


Mark W. Dunham

Oaklawn Farm.

FOUNDED BY M.W.DUNHAM.

5000 PERCHERON AND FRENCH COACH HORSES. HIGHEST TYPE AND PUREST LINEAGE, IMPORTED AND BRED.



AWARDED 182 FIRST PRIZES AND 42 MEDALS HIGHEST ORDER AT LAST FIVE UNIVERSAL EXPOSITIONS.

W. S., J. B. & B. DUNHAM.

Wayne, DuPage Co. Ill.

Puzzling Persis

It isn't often that DD deals with such long-time ago people as Persis Dunham, daughter of Deacon John Dunham. This lady has been called to our attention by Allen Curtis, Williamsburg, VA, & she is of special interest because she seems to be suffering from a severe case of recorditis. This malady does not trouble a person at all during his/her lifetime; it only develops later, when posterity gets totally confused dates, marriages & progeny.

In Isaac W. Dunham's ca. 1907 Dunham genealogy he discusses Persis only briefly, stating that she was born at Plymouth, MA in 1635, the daughter of Deacon John Dunham & his 2nd wife, Abigail Baillou. On Nov. 29, 1655 Persis was married to Benijah Pratt, & on Oct. 15, 1667 she married her 2nd husband, Jonathan Shaw. She died in 1672, when she would have been about 37 years old.

This is all pretty straightforward stuff, but it gets a little strange when IWD tells us about her children: On Aug. 21, 1657 Persis gave birth to Abigail PRATT. Then on Aug. 21, 1669 she gave birth to Abigail SHAW. Two daughters of the same given name--Odd. And duplicate birthdays! had the first daughter died before the 2nd one was born? Or could the 2 Abigails actually been only ONE, with Mr. Shaw adopting his step-daughter, Abigail Pratt, in 1669? (Her birthday was Aug. 21st, & the Aug. 21, 1669 date could have been the result of a cobbled-together bunch of numbers, possibly?)

IWD doesn't carry the line forward, so we can learn nothing further of Persis & her daughters from that source, but Allen Curtis has found some more data in Broderbund Software CD-Rom, World Family Tree, Vox. IX (Tree # 2826). This source gives Mehitable Pratt as the daughter of Benijah Pratt & Persis Dunham. --Okay, so IWD could have overlooked a Pratt daughter. he stands accused of much worse things than that. The only trouble is that Mehitable Pratt is shown with the dates of 1677-1712. If the 1672 death date for Persis is correct (& the creator of Tree # 2826 accepts that date), Mehitable could hardly be a daughter of Persis.

Benijah Pratt might be Mehitable's father, except that he, born ca. 1632 at Plymouth, according to Tree # 2826, most likely died before the Oct. 15, 1667 date of Persis' marriage to Jonathan Shaw, unless Persis was at that point a divorcee rather than a widow, which seems unlikely, given the mores of the time & place.

Clearly there is something wrong with these records--possibly both with IWD & with Tree # 2826, & we could just let Mehitable Pratt (1677-1712) dangle. Unless she was a good bit older than her recorded age, she can hardly lay claim to Dunham ancestry, so why be concerned about her parents?

Well, Allen Curtis is, because Mehitable Pratt's descendants work their way into the Dunham family tree at a slightly later point, in this way: Mehitable Pratt (b. 1677) married Jonathan Shaw (1663-1729/30) & died Oct. 19, 1712 at Plymouth, MA. (Odd that the Jonathan Shaw name crops up again, but this would be a younger Jonathan Shaw than the one who was the 2nd husband of Persis Dunham; this one was only 4 years old when Persis married her Jonathan.) Jonathan Shaw (1663-1729/30) & his wife, Mehitable, became the parents of Mehitable Shaw, born Jan. 12, 1694 at Plymouth. Mehitable Shaw married Zachariah Weston (1690-1763) in June 1717 at Plympton. They were the parents of James Weston (1723-1786), who married Abigail Dunham (b. 1720)(5)(Deacon John 1, Samuel 2, Samuel 3, Ebenezer 4).

It would seem that early Massachusetts records, especially those of Plymouth, should (to p. 4)

PERSIS DUNHAM (from p. 3) be comprehensive enough to shed some light on these problems. Does any reader have access to a book that could untangle the Mehitable Pratt ancestry? Another possible source of help would be a Pratt -- or a Shaw -- genealogy. We'd love to learn more about the descendants of Persis Dunham.

 RIGHT - From Bob W. Dunham, Madison, WI, DD has this photo, taken in Belleville, IL, near Scott Army Air Corps Radio School in 1941, when Phil Dunham (right) was visiting Bob (left). Both are sons of Rex J. Dunham (10) (Deacon John 1, Joseph 2, Micaiah 3, Micaiah 4, Joseph 5, Benjamin 6, Robert F. 7, Ephraim 8, James W. 9). At the time Phil was a recent graduate of the same program that his brother was then studying. A roving photographer in the town snapped their reunion.

QUERIES

WHO IS IT WHO IS searching for a man named ROYAL DUNHAM? Write PSK using the code, D-1135142. We have a Royal Dunham who had a son named Royal also (b. 9-1-1815), whose line is not continued. Might be a good clue.



Need information about JONATHAN DUNHAM (Mar 1739 - Apr 1813, Dryden, Cayuga Co, now Tompkins Co., NY) Jonathan's first wife is unknown, but their children were Rachel, Esther, Sarah, and Tryphena. Jonathan m. abt 1775 #2 MRS. MARY (RENO) DOW, and they had Hannah, Henry, Lucy, Lewis, Nathan, and Catherine "Caty." Would like to correspond with descendants of any of these people, and will be most appreciative of any information I receive.

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*This is my wife's
 Johanna (dow)
 per P.C. (dow)
 10-3-98*

Early Michigan Land Records

SNDX	NAME	ACRES	SIGN. DATE	LAND OFFICE	ACCESS
#	IMAGE #	AUTH COD	-ACT/TREATY	STATUTORY REF	-ENTRY CLASSIFICATION
D525	DUNGAN, HENRY M	320.00	Apr 06 1839	IONIA	
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>D550	DUNHAM, ALFRED D	40.00	May 01 1839	BRONSON	
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>D550	DUNHAM, ALMON D	40.00	May 13 1896	MARQUETTE	
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