

Dunham Singletary

FAMILY CONNECTIONS

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President's Message

Dunhams Unite!

Internet social networking sites like Facebook have become increasingly popular with teens and adults. These and other "Web 2.0 participatory tools" are easy ways for friends to keep up with each others lives, and people to interact around common interests. Do you use any of these tools? I'd like to explore adding a feature to our website that would enhance our members' abilities to participate in DSFC. Would you use it if we added it? The DSFC Board of Directors will be discussing the website at their next board meeting, so I thought I would check out the Dunhams Unite group on Facebook in preparation for that discussion.

Caroline and Andrew provide leadership to the Dunhams Unite group, created in August 2006. The concept for the group is to start conversations with people around shared interest in the Dunham family lineage. The posts to date focus on amazement at the number of Dunhams, and belief their family line descended from Deacon John Dunham. Consistent with the site purpose, no one disputes or documents the accuracy of the claims. What the site is notable for is the number of people and their pride and

interest in their family heritage. (If you want to check it out, go to Facebook.com and search groups for "Dunhams Unite". If you aren't already a member, you will need to join Facebook and create a profile. It won't result in spam, and you control the amount of information in and who can see your profile. To access the Dunhams Unite group, you will need to be approved by Caroline or Andrew.)

As we look to growing our organization and enhancing connections with our members, we will consider how we might connect with this and other online and offline Dunham groups. The DSFC's DNA Project and Gratia's work as our Family History Researcher has clarified a number of the Dunham lines. We have much to offer. Please think about ways that you could share your pride and interest in our family heritage, and what we could do to facilitate that. Thanks for your ideas!

Trudy Dunham,
President

Editor's Corner

This issue will contain several short articles submitted by members of DSFC or other interested persons. The first, about Baby Jessica, comes from Chris Dunham who attended a Dunham family reunion in Missouri in 2006. That reunion was organized for descendants of Gideon⁸ Dunham, by Doris Russell of Raymore, Missouri. [Gideon⁸, Bowen D.⁷, Gideon⁶, Stephen⁵, Edmund^{4,3}, Benajah², John¹ Dunham.]

The second is actually an “on-line” interview with Christopher Dunham of Oxford County, Maine. Chris has a “blog” on the web and I was interested in learning his connection to the Dunham family, and to make DSFC members aware of this “blog”. Chris has a double Dunham line, both going back to Deacon John Dunham.

The third illustrates that there are still Dunhams immigrating to America who are contributing to America's history. The information was sent by Jim Dunham, grandson of Ole Dunham, who came to this country from Norway in 1900.

The Dunham line back is not known but at some point a Dunham must have immigrated from England to Norway and established a family whose descendant eventually came to America. Jim has always been fascinated by cowboys and he currently presents several programs at the Booth Western Art Museum in Atlanta Georgia which describe the scenes and characters of the Old West.

The final three larger articles relate to an extremely interesting Dunham line which has here-to-fore not been published. Both articles relate to David⁶ Dunham of New Jersey and New York, and trace his line

both backwards to Richard Singletary and forwards to DSFC member Kirk L. Dunham.

This issue will close with a book review which should be of interest to all those members whose ancestors followed the migration trails from the mid-Atlantic states and headed west. It is customary feature of many genealogical publications to include a book review that might be of interest to the readers. Including a book review in this publication should help us all keep abreast of new publications. Book reviews are solicited and either book notices or book reviews will be welcome for inclusion in this newsletter.

Finally, I have changed the format of this newsletter from 2 columns to a single full page spread. I feel that while still called a “newsletter”, this publication is more akin to a genealogical journal. The double column format has not been conducive to presenting the list of children of a particular family. It has also made it more difficult to insert photographs.

As always, letters and comments by our readers are most welcome.

Gratia Dunham Mahony,
Editor



BABY JESSICA COMES FULL CIRCLE

It was in June 2006 that my wife and I arrived in St. Louis, Missouri, from Canada. We had come that I might pursue some further training in my medical field. We didn't know it yet, but we were expecting our first child.

I knew my dad's family was from "somewhere" in rural Missouri and that my grandfather, Marion DUNHAM, had moved to Canada in 1918 with his wife and 3 boys of ages 14, 10 and 7. That is the extent of what I knew.

In October after arriving in St. Louis, I received a phone call from someone I had never heard of. She asked if my father was Barry; my grandfather Leslie; my great-grandfather Marion. She seemed to know who I was! She told me about a family reunion for descendants of Gideon Dunham that was taking place in Clinton (Henry Co), Missouri, the next weekend. The person calling said she had been on the internet with my father's cousin in Canada. The cousin told her that I was in St. Louis someplace. She searched the internet and found our phone number and called. I told her I'd cancel our trip to the ballgame that weekend and we'd be there!

I thought it would be a great opportunity to reconnect with the family roots. My dad and step-mom flew in from Canada to meet these other descendants also. We had a wonderful time meeting our extended family.

On Saturday the lady who had organized the reunion took us to the cemetery where many of our ancestors were buried. Seeing the family gravesites was particularly moving as we stood there knowing we were carrying another generation of that Dunham family. In fact, at 5 months pregnant, we stood on the gravesite of Gideon Dunham – our child's great-great-great-great grandfather.

We learned Gideon Dunham was born in Ohio in 1820 to Bowen D. Dunham and came to Missouri in early 1842. Gideon married Mary Gilliam in 1845 and had 3 children; Emily, Nancy & Joshua Bowen Dunham. Joshua was the father of Marion who went to Canada. Mary died in 1852 leaving Gideon with 3 small children. A year or two later he married Sarah "Sallie" Ford. They had 7 children – 3 died in childhood and 1 died at 20 a year after she married.

Gideon's family and his children's families had scattered all over the country. We learned there were many women born to the descendants of Gideon Dunham; therefore few descendants of Gideon carry the Dunham name. My wife and I realized that our baby would be the first child born in Gideon's line in a very long time in Missouri that would carry the DUNHAM name. This little DUNHAM would come full circle to be born back in Missouri 4 generations after its great-grandfather had moved to Canada.

Jessica Vivian Dunham was born March 8, 2007, in St. Louis. Vivian was the name of her great grandma Dunham who was the wife of Leslie Dunham (Marion's son).

While we are back living in Canada now, Jessica will always have the connection to the Gideon Dunham family roots in Missouri through her birth; and the friends we made at the reunion.

Thank you, Doris, for organizing such a great event, and for doing it in 2006.

Chris and Deb Dunham, Canada

ON LINE INTERVIEW with CHRISTOPHER DUNHAM, of Oxford County, Maine

1. What is your Dunham ancestry?

I descend from Deacon John Dunham through two of his sons—Samuel and Joseph. Through Samuel, my line of descent is John-Samuel-Samuel-Ebenezer-John-Moses-Lemuel-Lemuel-Elton Lee-Edgar Howard-Gilbert Elton-Christopher Lee. Through Joseph, the line runs as follows: John-Joseph-Micajah-Abigail (m John Thomas)-Mary (m John Dunham)-Moses-Lemuel-Lemuel-Elton Lee-Edgar Howard-Gilbert Elton-Christopher Lee

2. How did you become interested in creating your blog site.? Please include URL for the site. How long have you had the blog?

I started The Genealogue <<http://www.genealogue.com>> in May 2005 as a sort of genealogical tabloid. I liked the idea of publishing a magazine, and having full control over the content and the presentation of that content. And I felt there was a lack of fresh genealogy humor on the Web. A blog provided the perfect platform—easily customized and completely free.

3. Do you include links to vital Records, other genealogy societies, Libraries, web sites etc?

I link to new online resources that will be of broad interest, and to resources relevant to news items I'm blogging about. I created a "sister site"—Genealogy Blog Finder <<http://blogfinder.genealogue.com/>>—to publicize all the other genealogy-related blogs on the Web.

4. Do other people work with you on that site?

No, it's just me. But I do encourage readers to leave comments, which add to the quality of the site.

5. What is your "mission" for your site (light hearted genealogy & stories), a mix of humor and professional resources?

My mission is to amuse myself and, with luck, amuse my readers. Most of my posts are quirky news items related to genealogy, but I also write original material, including Top Ten lists and "exclusives" that are too good to be true. I started last summer posting "Genealogue Challenges"—questions that can be answered with high probability using only Internet resources—and recently began a series on "Genealogy Hacks"—tips and tricks for becoming a more productive genealogist. I write for a general audience, and my readers are both amateur and professional genealogists.

6. Can you include a photo of yourself (your face, not just your hand!).

Sorry, I've been avoiding cameras for decades.

JIM DUNHAM
Director of Special Projects
Booth Western Art Museum
Cartersville, Georgia



Photo of Jim Dunham courtesy of Jim and the Booth Western Art Museum

Jim Dunham's grandfather, Ole Dunham, came to Chicago from Norway. Jim's father, Erling A. Dunham was born in Chicago. Jim's mother was a watercolor artist and she instilled in Jim a love of art. Jim also developed a fascination for cowboys and western movies. As a teenager he became accomplished in gun spinning and fancy gun handling.

After graduating from college in Colorado with a dual major in art and acting, Jim went to California. He didn't get a job in the movies, but he did perform in Western stunt shows and studio tours. He has also performed at Western dinner shows and tourist destinations.

Jim and his wife Suzanne moved to Georgia when she took a job near Atlanta.

Using his Skills

Now working for the Booth Western Art Museum, Jim has combined his love of art and western history. He develops exhibits for which he paints the accompanying scenes, and he also lectures about art, the Old West, the Plains Indians of the frontier, and of course, the cow-boys.

Jim also presents a program at the museum in which he combines his artistic skills and his acting ability, where he paints a watercolor and narrates stories from C. M. Russell's book *Trails Plowed Under*.

Jim enjoys working with young folks. He says that because they haven't been raised watching Westerns, they aren't familiar with the characters of the Old West. Jim's work at the museum ensures that the history, the art, and the stories of the west and the frontier will not be lost.

PAINTING AN HISTORICAL PICTURE **A METHOD TO ENHANCE FAMILY HISTORY**

by Gratia Dunham Mahony

This article is to be used as a companion piece to the following article. The method of placing our ancestors into the context of history is one way to develop a more vivid picture of the life and times of our ancestors. While many different periods of history can be used for this process, I was struck by the fact that David Dunham's life spanned an extremely interesting period in our nation's history. His adult life was lived in New York City between the years of 1793 (when he was age 21 years) and his death on 31 March 1823.

A few of the sites, buildings, and personages known to David⁶ Dunham (1772-1823), whose ancestry was from Joseph⁵, David⁴, Nathaniel³, Jonathan² Dunham alias Singletary, Richard¹ Singletary are briefly described below.

BATTLE OF SPRINGFIELD

As we shall see in the following article, David Dunham was born in 1772 in Springfield, Middlesex County, New Jersey. He therefore lived through the entire period of the Revolutionary War, and very likely witnessed (either first hand or as an observer in close proximity) the Battle of Springfield which occurred on 23 June 1780. He may have seen George Washington while he was passing through Springfield, and he surely witnessed several events in New York City when George Washington was there.

General Washington had just left Springfield on 22 June and the troops were under the command on General Nathaniel Greene. A British force of about 5,000 men with cavalry and cannon was marching west from Staten Island through Elizabethtown, and through the Hobart Gap in the Watchung Mountains. This is roughly Rt. 124 today. Springfield had frequently been raided and plundered by British forces, but this invasion was intended to push the militia back and secure the route to Morristown. Fighting a British force five times their strength, the militia succeeded in stopping the British advance, and as the British retreated they resorted to burning and looting. After setting fire to much of Springfield, they hastily crossed from Elizabethtown Point back to Staten Island. Thus the British goal of reaching Morristown was stopped. This was one of the last major engagements of the Revolutionary War in New Jersey.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION ABOUT EARLY NEW YORK CITY

FRAUNCES TAVERN, 54 Pearl Street, New York City. In 1762 this elegant mansion was purchased by tavern keeper Samuel Fraunces. General George Washington gave his farewell address to the officers of the Continental Army here in 1783. After the war, when New York was the nation's first capital, the tavern was rented to the new government to house the offices of the Departments of War, Treasury, and Foreign Affairs.

FIRST CITY HALL, Wall Street. George Washington stood on the balcony where he was inaugurated as President 30 April 1789. The building was renamed Federal Hall and served as the temporary capitol of the United States in 1789-90. Many of the most important legislative actions in the United States occurred during the First Congress here. Among them was the adoption of the Bill of Rights on 25 September 1789. The Northwest Ordinance was adopted at Federal Hall which set up what would later become the states of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, and Wisconsin. This building was torn down in 1812 and a new City Hall was built. That building is still in use today.

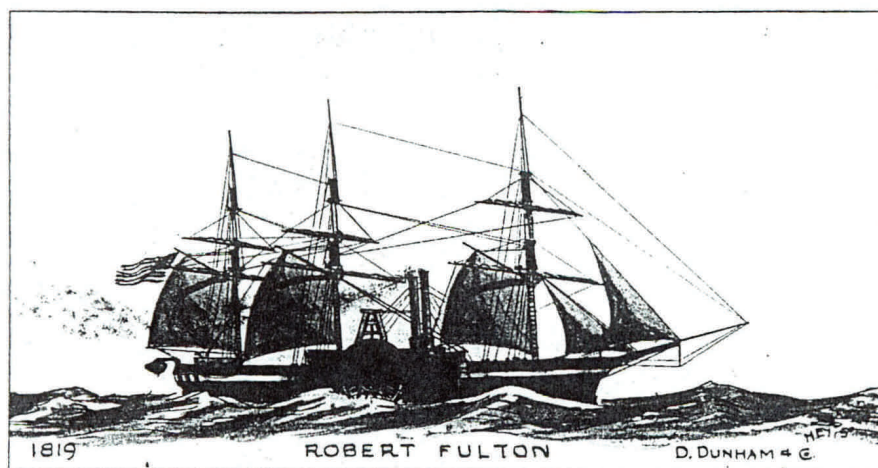
TRINITY CHURCH, Broadway. Trinity Church was founded in response to the Anglican colonists desire to build a church of their own. The original Trinity Church was completed in 1698 but was destroyed by fire in 1776. The second church was built in 1790, and this was the building that would have been the one attended by David and Mary (Shackerly) Dunham. This building lasted until 1839 when it was torn down and the third and present Church was built on the site.

TONTINE COFFEE HOUSE, Corner of Wall and Water Streets. The Tontine Association was a sort of mutual insurance and loan company formed by New York merchants in 1790. The Tontine Coffee House was begun in 1792 to provide suitable quarters for a commercial center or exchange. It opened in 1794.

MERCHANT STORES AND HOMES

Pearl Street, between Hanover Square and Broad Street was the merchant section of New York City during the early 1800s. Most early merchants of New York City lived above their stores. Often these buildings were three stories having the business in the front portion of the first floor and a dining room or sitting room behind that. The second floor would contain the drawing room in the front portion with the master bed room behind that. The third floor would contain the bedrooms of the children.

STEAMSHIP *ROBERT FULTON*



ROBERT FULTON 1819-1825

Builder: Henry Eckford, New York, N. Y.

Eckford's ship yard was in Water Street, near Clinton Street

Machinery: Allaire Iron Works, New York, N. Y.

Hull: Wood 158' x 33' x 151'; 702 Tons.

Engine: Square engine.

Wheels: 24' ϕ .

Cylinder: 44" ϕ x 5' stroke.

Two copper boilers.

Owners: David Dunham & Co., 1819-25; Imperial Brazilian Navy (frigate), 1825-?

ALEXANDER HAMILTON/AARON BURR

(In relation to Alexander Hamilton's life in New York City) Hamilton's knowledge of banking and credit had been paramount in the establishment of a central bank. The Bank of New York opened in 1784. This bank was created by private investors (including Aaron Burr), and was underwritten by The Bank of England. This was the first bank in New York City. In 1789, Hamilton was appointed the first Secretary of the Treasury in President Washington's cabinet.

In 1791 Aaron Burr was elected to the U. S. Senate in place of Philip Schuyler, who was Alexander Hamilton's father-in-law. In 1792 Hamilton helped to deny Burr the governorship of New York. In the disputed Election of 1800 Hamilton's support of Thomas Jefferson helped to defeat Burr for the presidency. On 11 July 1804, Hamilton and Burr met in a duel at Weehawken, New Jersey. Hamilton sustained a mortal wound.

It should be noted that Aaron Burr (1756-1836) was the son of Aaron and Esther (Edwards) Burr. His mother was the daughter of Rev. Jonathan Edwards. Left an orphan at a very early age, young Aaron Burr went to live with his uncle Timothy Edwards at Elizabethtown. David Dunham would surely have known Aaron Burr in later years when Burr was a lawyer in New York City.

MATTHEW LIVINGSTON DAVIS (1773-1850)

Matthew L. Davis was son of Mathew and Phoebe D. (Wells) Davis. He married 10 April, 1796 Sarah Eayres. Mathew Davis, the father, lived in New York City during the British occupation, but fled from the city during the Revolutionary War. He died in June, 1780 but it is unclear whether his death was connected to the Battle of Springfield. His widow, Phoebe, returned to New York City after the war and operated several boarding houses in the city. I have found no proof of a connection between this Davis family, and that of David Dunham. It should be noted however, that the youngest child of David and Hannah (--) Dunham was named Abraham Davis Dunham. The following connections between Matthew L. Davis and David Dunham should also be noted.

David Dunham and Matthew L. Davis became partners in the firm of Dunham and Davis in September 1801.

Matthew L. Davis was present at the duel between Alexander Hamilton and Aaron Burr on 11 July 1804.

The partnership of Dunham and Davis was dissolved by mutual consent 1 September 1804.

Matthew L. Davis, the friend and biographer of Aaron Burr, was at the wedding of Euphemia Dunham to Dan Jackson, a partner in the firm of "Suydam & Jackson". This wedding occurred after the death of David Dunham 31 March 1823.

THE ANCESTRY OF KIRK LEWIS DUNHAM

*by Gratia Dunham Mahony
and Kirk Louis Dunham*

Genealogical material can gainfully be used to enlarge our understanding of American History. At the same time historical sources can expand the process and understanding of research in genealogy. The following article will illustrate the use of these two processes.

Kirk L. Dunham is a descendant of David Ross and Mary Magdalene (Fatio) Dunham. Kirk has participated in the Dunham DNA analysis project, and the results show that his DNA sample **matches the Dunham Singletary line**.

This line comes through Richard¹ Singletary, Jonathan² Dunham/alias Singletary, Nathaniel³ and Johanna (Thornall) Dunham, David⁴ and Esther (Crane) Dunham, Joseph⁵ and Hannah (--) Dunham. Joseph⁵ Dunham was born probably in Woodbridge, Middlesex County, New Jersey about 1736. He died 27 December 1776 at the age of 40 years. Joseph married a woman named Hannah, but her surname has not yet been found. She died, as "Widow Dunham" in 1781. Both Joseph and Hannah lie in adjoining graves in the Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Westfield, Union County, New Jersey.

Their children were all baptized in the Westfield Presbyterian Church, probably shortly after their births. The church records give the baptismal information for the children of Joseph and Hannah (--) Dunham.

- i. Joseph⁶ Dunham bp. 16 October 1763
- ii. Mary⁶ Dunham bp. 24 April 1766
- iii. Asa⁶ Dunham bp. 12 June 1768
- iv. Sarah⁶ Dunham bp. 9 December 1770
- v. **David⁶ Dunham bp. 20 September 1772**
- vi. Esther⁶ Dunham bp. 30 March 1775
- vii. Abraham Davis⁶ Dunham bp. 11 August 1777
baptized as "The Widdow Dunham's child"

PLACEMENT OF THESE SIXTH GENERATION CHILDREN IN THEIR GEOGRAPHICAL AND HISTORICAL CONTEXT

We have learned from the excellent research that Audrey (Shields) Hancock has done that Joseph⁶ Dunham married in June of 1785 Mary/Polly Miller. She was born about 1766, daughter of Enoch and Eliza (Ross) Miller. To learn more about the fascinating history and development of Cranford (Crane's Ford), Union County, New Jersey I refer the readers to the web site developed and maintained by Audrey called: DUNHAMs of Cranford, New Jersey.

We have the marriage record of Mary⁶ Dunham who married in Westfield 20 March 1785 Isaac Wilcox. We also know that Sarah⁶ Dunham married 11 April 1795 David Conkling. We also know that Abraham Davis⁶ Dunham married Martha Taylor. I have found nothing further on Asa⁶ or Esther⁶ Dunham who may possibly have died young.

THE FASCINATING STORY OF DAVID⁶ DUNHAM

We have several basic facts about David⁶ Dunham. We know he was baptized in Westfield, Union County, New Jersey on 20 September 1772. We can see that he was just a bit over 4 years old when his father died, and that he was only 9 years old when his mother died on 20 November 1781. We next find mention of David⁶ Dunham in a New York City newspaper dated 5 December 1793 at which time he is apparently a partner in the mercantile firm of Haines and Dunham. David⁶ Dunham was age 21 years at the time of this partnership. David⁶ Dunham was married at Trinity Church in New York City on 7 June 1794 to Miss Mary Shackerly.

The intervening years from the age of 9 to the age of 21 are not documented for David Dunham. He may have gone to live with a relative, or he may have been apprenticed to someone to learn a trade, or he may have gone to New York City and been placed as a porter or errand boy in one of the mercantile firms. He may have had some training in one of the counting rooms under the direction of one of the established New York City merchant firms. We have no record of schooling for David, but he became a successful merchant (as we shall see below) so he must have had some education. If we develop an historical time line, and combine that with the facts given in numerous newspaper notices about David Dunham, we can develop a fascinating picture of this young man until his untimely death in the prime of life at the age of 51.

EXCERPTS FROM AMERICA'S HISTORICAL NEWSPAPERS

All excerpts from the following newspapers are copyrighted by NewsBank and/or the American Antiquarian Society, 2004. In many cases there is more information given in the articles or advertisements that I include below. My purpose is to illustrate the

Development of David Dunham as a successful merchant of New York City, and the locations of his residence and places of business.

The Diary of Loudon's Register, 12-05-1793, Issue 566, p. 3,
"Haines and Dunham have received the 28th, 29th and 30th days drawing of the Washington Hotel Lottery. . . please to apply at No. 5, Moore Street"

American Minerva, 02-26-1794, Vol. I, Issue 70, p. 1;
"Hains & Dunham...
Have received the drawing of the Hotel Lottery...No. 5 Moore Street near the Elizabeth-town Ferry, New York"

The Diary of Loudon's Register, 05-06-1794, Issue 696, p. 3;
"D. Dunham, Late of the firm of Haines & Dunham, No. 26 Moore Street, has opened a general assortment of Dry Goods, Looking Glasses etc. . . .
White Hall, May 6, (near the Eliz Town Ferry)"

The marriage of David Dunham, merchant, married Sat. last to Miss Mary Shackerly, both of this city in 7 June 1794 issue of NY Marriages and Deaths from NY Weekly Museum, 1788-1817.

The Time Piece, 02-23-1798, Vol. II, Issue 70, p. 3;
"NOTICE
The partnership of **Conkling and Dunham, no. 35 Moore Street**, will be dissolved on the first day of April next. All persons indebted to the said firm, are requested to make immediate payment, and those who may have any demands, will please to present the same for settlement.

David Conkling
David Dunham

D. Dunham continues his business as usual, and No. 26 Moore Street, who is offering for sale, a general assortment of Dry Goods and School Books; at also Printing, Writing, Wrapping and Bonnet Papers..."

NOTE: I believe David Conkling was the husband of David Dunham's sister Sarah.

From New-Jersey Journal, 02-27-1798, Vol. XV, Issue 750, p. 4;
"WHOLESALE AND RETAIL STORE, **by David Dunham**
No. 26 Moore Street, five doors from White-Hall dock--
Who is now opening for Sale, a large assortment of Dry Goods:
viz.

Broad cloths from 6 to 44 'f' per yard--kerseymires, red white and yellow flannels, baized, velvets, thicksets, corduroys, fancy cords, & twilled, Moreens, Calimancoes, Ruffets, durants, Wildbores, Camblets, Fustians, Drabbits, Dimities, Muslinets, chintzes, calicoes, Irish Linens, cambricks, shawls, pocket handkerchiefs etc.

also, An extensive assortment of School Books;
Bibles, Testaments, Psalms, and Hymns, Webster's and Dilworth's Spelling books, School master's assistant, Monitors, Preceptors, Webster's Third Part, Child's Instructor, Almanacs, Primers, etc.

The following articles are received in payment, and sold on commission;

Bar Iron, Rods, Nails, Pot and Pearl Ashes, Beef, Pork, Flax-seed, Butter, Hogs-lard, Honey, Flour, Bees-wax, Cyder Spirits, Men's Shoes, printing, writing, wrapping, and bonnet paper, country Gloves, tow cloth, and almost all kinds of Country Produce, etc.

The above-mentioned goods will be sold cheap for ready pay, or at a short date for approved notes,

New York, Feb. 19, 1798”

New-Jersey Journal, 10-02-1798, Vol. XV, Issue 781, p. 4

“David Dunham

Has removed his Dry Goods from his store, No. 26 Moore Street, to the store of Messrs. Coe & Harvard, Springfield, New Jersey.

And is now opening them for Sale,

Which will be sold wholesale only; where his customers, and others, may be supplied as usual during the prevailing fever in New York.

Bar Iron, Nails, Pot-Ashes, etc. will be received as payment
Sept. 14, 1798.”

NOTE: SPRINGFIELD is west of Elizabeth, and north of Westfield, New Jersey. Research in the deed and probate records shows that the sons of David⁴ Dunham (Nathaniel³ Jonathan²) inherited land in what is now Springfield located on the west side of Rahway River. The sickness in New York City (this was a yellow fever epidemic) occasioned David Dunham to leave the city and carry on his business in the more open air of Springfield, New Jersey. He returned to New York City after the danger of the epidemic had diminished.

Commercial Advertiser, 01-25-1799; Vol. II Issue 411, p. 4;

“To be Sold cheap

A new two story house, with wings (constructed for a kitchen and store or office) and a dry cellar under the whole, together with a rich well cultivated garden well stocked with fine fruit, and three acres of meadow in which is a living spring of pure water. The premises are situated in Springfield, N. Jersey, 7 miles from Elizabethtown and 9 from Newark; its stand commanding and susceptible of great improvements, equally calculated for a pleasant country retreat, or for active business. For further particulars, apply to **David Dunham**, 26 Moore Street.”

The Centinel of Freedom, 08-27-1799, Vol. III, Issue 48 p. 3;

“David Dunham, has removed his goods from his store No. 26 Moore St. New York to the New York Paper Mill, Springfield, New Jersey where he expects to remain during the Warm season, or until the health of the city be restored. He has now on hand a considerable assortment of Dry Goods, purchased at auction, which will be sold cheap.”

The Centinel of Freedom, 11-12-1799, Vol. IV, Issue 7, p. 4;

“**David Dunham** has returned again to his store, No. 26 Moore Street, New York, five doors from White Hall dock. . .”

American Citizen and General Advertiser, 09-11-1801, Vol. II, Issue 466, p. 3;

“**David Dunham** having opened his Auction and Commission Store (for the reception of goods at public and private sale) at No. 144 Pearl Street...

David Dunham continues his store and Paper Ware House at No. 26 Moore St.”

American citizen and General Advertiser, 09-29-1801, Vol. II, Issue 481, p. 3;

“**David Dunham** having taken into co-partnership in the auction and commission line, Matthew L. Davis, their business in future will be transacted under the firm of **Dunham & Davis**. . .”

From American Citizen and General Advertiser, 01-01-1802, Vol. II Issue 559, p. 3;

“**Co partnership**

David Dunham has taken into co partnership in his store, and paper ware house at No. 26 Moore Street, **Jeremiah F. Randolph**; their business in future will be conducted under the firm of **Dunham & Randolph**. . .”

American Citizen and General Advertiser, 09-16-1802;

“**BY Dunham & Davis**

will be exposed for sale, at the Tontine Coffee House, all that beautiful and well known Country Seat, lately the property of Mr. Eden....(along the North River)”

New Jersey Journal, 10-12-1802, Vol. XIX Issue 969 p. 3;

“The subscribers would inform all passengers bound to and from the City of New York, . . . a new and fast sailing vessel.. She will sail from Mr. John Dehart’s dock on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, and return the succeeding days.

MORRIS HATFIELD

DAVID DUNHAM”

Daily Advertiser, 02-8-1803, Vol. XIX, Issue 5616, p. 2;

“**SALES AT AUCTION**

by **Dunham & Davis**...

(ad for 15 bales of New Orleans Cotton, plus house lots in 7th ward)”

Morning Chronicle, 03-30-1803, Issue 152, p. 3 (no vol. number)

“**WANTED**

A gardener who understands his business, and can produce good recommendations. Apply to **Dunham & Davis**, Pearl Street March 29”

Morning Chronicle, 06-10-1803, Issue 214, p. 1 (no Vol. number)

“FOR SALE

The fast sailing and well accommodated Sloop HOPEWELL, her deck framed suitable for a schooner, lying at the foot of Moore Street, near the battery, only two years old, burthen one hundred tons.

For terms apply to **Dunham & Davis**

May 25.”

Republican Watch-Tower, 03-17-1804, Vol. 5, Issue 434, p. 2;

“New York, March 14,

MERCHANT’S BANK MEETING

Last night, agreeable to public notice, the friends of the Merchants’ Bank convened at the Tontine Coffee House, . . .

Mr. **David Dunham** opened the business. . .”

The Daily Advertiser, 07-04-1804, Vol XX, Issue 5547, p. 2;

“To Cartmen--Proposals will be received by **Dunham and Davis**, until the 10th day of July next, for filling up to the level of the Street a number of Lots, situated on Spring Street, near the Manhattan Well. For further particulars and information, apply at their Auction-room, No. 144 Pearl Street

June 29

From Morning Chronicle, 08-23-1804, Issue 586, p. 3 (no Vol. given)

NOTICE

The dissolution of the Copartnership of **Dunham and Davis** will take place on the first day of September next by mutual consent, all persons having demands, will please present their accounts for settlement, and all those that stand indebted will make immediate payment at their store No. 144 Pearl Street

David Dunham

Mat. L. Davis

The Subscriber returns his sincere thanks to a generous Public, for the very liberal encouragement he has received since his appointment as an Auctioneer. He begs leave to inform them, that he intends pursuing the same line of business, at the usual place No. 144 Pearl Street, and to merit a continuation of their patronage will be the highest ambition of their obedient servant.

David Dunham

August 21”

The Daily Advertiser, 09-14-1805, Vol. 21, Issue 5951, p. 2;

“**DAVID DUNHAM** respectfully informs his friends, that he had removed his Auction and Commission Store to the Building at present occupied as the Tontine Coffee House, nearly opposite the Banks at Greenwich. Has on hand a large assortment of seasonable Dry goods, & the greatest part of which are entitled to drawback, which will be sold low for cash or approved paper.

Sept. 12”

NOTE: The Tontine Coffee House was located on the corner of Wall and Water Streets. It

was used as the headquarters of the Tontine Association, which was organized by the merchants of New York, and provided quarters for a commercial center.

The Reporter, 03-04-1811, Vol. IX, Issue 420, p. 3;

“UNION BANK--On Saturday last in the Legislature of New York, the Union Bank Charter (formerly the Jersey Bank) passed in committee of the whole, 78 to 17. Two new Directors are added in the place of the two Jersey Directors: viz. Messrs. Elias Kane and **David Dunham**. The present capital is 1,800,000 Dollars. Mer. Adv.”

From National Advocate, 09-16-1813, Vol. I Issue 233, p. 3;

“PRIVATE ARMED SCHOONER *GOVERNOR TOMPKINS*

This uncommonly fast sailing vessel will be sold at auction, at the T. C. House, on Tuesday the 21st instant, at one o'clock PM by **Mr. David Dunham & Co.**....
Sept 11”

The National Advocate 09-26-1814, Vol. II Issue 550, p. 3;

“**DAVID DUNHAM AND HUGH AUCHINCLOSS**

Have formed a connection in business under the firm of **Dunham & Auchincloss**, and have opened their Commission Store of Domestic Manufactures etc. at 121 Pearl Street, Corner Sloat lane.”

Commercial Advertiser, 04-29-1816, Vol. XIX Issue 7328, p. 3;

“**David Dunham respectfully informs the public he has taken his son, David Ross Dunham**, and James D. Wallace, into Copartnership and that all Auction and Commission Business will as heretofore, be conducted at No. 144 Pearl Street under the firm of **David Dunham & Co.**”

National Advocate 05-07-1817, Vol. V, Issue 1361, p. 4

“*Williamsburgh Turnpike Road and Bridge Company*

The stockholders will take notice, that an election for choosing nine directors to manage the affairs of the company for the ensuing year, will be held at the office of **David Dunham**, No. 144 Pearl St. on the 11th day of May next, . . .

JOHN SLIDELL

DAVID DUNHAM, Trustees

April 9.”

Commercial Advertiser, 06-11-1819, Vol. XXII, Issue 60,

“**STEAM BOAT**

For Sale, a Steam Boat with ten horse power--the boat is very substantially built, about 4 years old, 90 feet by 44, presenting as accommodation for 15-20 wagons, horses, etc. besides abundance of room for 200-300 passengers, on a ferry where the distance does not exceed one and a half to two miles, and where the current is not rapid, she will perform a passage in 10-12 1/2 minutes. The machinery is upon the most approved plan, and her velocity equal to any other boat of her size--will be

sold low.
Apply to D. DUNHAM & CO.
May 27, 144 Pearl Street”

National Advocate, 09-09-1819, Vol. VII, Issue 2055, p. 2;
“At a numerous and very respectable meeting of citizens, convened on Tuesday the 7th of September at the Tontine Coffee House for the purpose of inquiring and ascertaining whether any, and what sufficient reasons exist to induce any present alarm in this City respecting malignant fever--David Dunham Esq. was appointed chairman, and David A. Clarkson, secretary. . .

David Dunham & Co. respectfully inform their friends and the public, that they (till further notice) have removed to the dwelling house of D. Dunham, No. 45 Broadway, ten doors south of the Branch Bank; they will give every attendance to out door sales and to damaged goods as usual.”

NOTE: It was common for the merchants at the turn of the century to live above their stores. We know that the Dunham family lived in Moore Street, probably above the store at No. 5 Moore Street. At some point they must have moved to No. 45 Broadway, as this was the home of David Dunham and his family which was sold after the death of David Dunham. We also know that David and Mary (Shackerly) Dunham owned land in what is now Brooklyn.

*FROM JOHN MORRISON'S HISTORY OF AMERICAN STEAM NAVIGATION
(N.Y., 1903) pp. 436-437, in Chapter VIII.on
"COASTWISE STEAMSHIP LINES"*

“The first steam vessel built for the ocean service was the "Robert Fulton' constructed by Henry Eckford, at New York, in 1819, for David Dunham & Co., for the trade between New York and the Island of Cuba, touching at Charleston, S.C., and New Orleans, La.”

Daily National Intelligencer, 03-25-1820, Vol. 8, Issue 2247, p. 1;
“*Passage for Charleston, Havana, and New Orleans*

The elegant steam ship **ROBERT FULTON**-- burthen 702 tons, built in this city, entirely of live oak, locust, cedar and Georgia pine, coppered with heavy copper, copper fastened, and rigged with lug sails; will leave New York for New Orleans on the 10th day of April next, touching at Charleston and Havana. This ship is intended as a regular packet, is fitted up exclusively for passengers, in the most commodious and elegant manner, with state rooms. Persons desirous of taking passage for either of the above ports, are invited to apply on board or to

David Dunham & Co.
144 Pearl St., New York”

The New York Columbian, 07-28-1820, Vol. XI Issue 3085, p. 3;
“ST. JULIEN CLARET

Just received, 250 cases of 1 dozen each, and 125 of 2 doz. each. of St. Julien Claret, vintage 1814. This wine is recommended as of superior quality, & entitled to debenture, will be sold in lots to suit purchasers by
D. Dunham & Co. 144 Pearl St.”

New York Daily Advertiser, 08-16-1820, Issue 1036 p. 3;
“**David Dunham** begs leave to inform his friends and the public generally, that he has taken into partnership his son-in-law **Wm. C. Leffingwell** ...”

The Evening Post, 12-28-1821, Issue 6085, p. 2
“The steamship *Robert Fulton*, agreeably to the advertisement of the master in Chancery, was sold this day at public auction, and was purchased by **Mr. David Dunham**, in whom the title appears to have been for some time. We understand that this sale was made to perfect his title, as some others had claimed an interest.--She will proceed to Charleston, Havana and New Orleans, in the course of a few days.”

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.”

NOTE: The violent storm on the 30-31 of March 1823 did extensive damage all along the coast line from Delaware to New York.

New Bedford Mercury, 06-13-1823, Vol. XVI, Issue 48, p. 3
“The steam ship **Robert Fulton**, was sold yesterday, at auction, by order of the Administrators of the estate of the late **Mr. Dunham**, for **\$25,900**. The vessel was purchased by **Henry Eckford, Esq.**”

The Pittsfield Sun 06-26-1823, Vol. XXIII, Issue 1188, p. 3;

“The body of the late **Mr. David Dunham**, who was drowned on the 31st of March last, on his way from Albany, was found on Friday afternoon last, on the shore, about 6 miles below the place where he fell overboard. The body was carried to New York on Saturday for interment. The pocket book, papers, watch, etc. of the deceased, were all found upon him.”

New Bedford Mercury, 03-18-1825, Vol. XVIII, Issue 36, p. 1;

“NEW YORK, March 5

The great sale of **Mr. Dunham’s** estate commenced yesterday. The property struck off yesterday, brought a fair price. The mansion house in Broadway was bought by Mr. Withers, for \$22,800 dollars. The country seat at Williamsburg was bought by **Mrs. Dunham** for \$18,600 dollars. The store, 144 Pearl Street was bought by Mr. Richard Suydam for \$24,400 dollars--and the store, 150 Pearl Street, was bought by Barr, Auchincloss & Co. for \$30,000 dollars. The other property sold was of less magnitude. It is supposed the whole of the real estate will bring over \$300,000 dollars.”

THE PROBABLE ANCESTRY OF MARY SHACKERLY

The ancestry of Mary Shackerly has not been proven, however, I think that she may have come from the following line. NOTE: The records of Elizabeth, Union Co. NY suffered during the Revolutionary War. Mary may have belonged to the Shackerly family who lived in Elizabeth, New Jersey.

Peter Shackerly b.

d.

m. Mary Hunt 14 September 1758 in Elizabeth, New Jersey

The only children who are recorded were:

i. William Hunt Shackerly

b. (christened) 30 Sept. 1759, St. John Episcopal Church, Elizabeth, NJ

ii. Sarah Shackerly b. (called “sister” in will of Mary (Shackerly) Dunham)

b. (christened 5 July 1761, St. John Episcopal Church, Elizabeth, NJ

iii. John H. Shackerly (prob. John Hunt Shackerly) named in will of Mary (Shackerly) Dunham [see below]

I would submit that the Mary Shackerly who married David Dunham was a daughter of Peter and Mary (Hunt) Shackerly. If she was about 20 years old at marriage in 1794, she would have been born say 1774, or earlier. Mary Shackerly and David Dunham were married at Trinity Church, New York City.

From Familysearch.org, there is an entry for a Peter Shackerly who married Mary (poss McDowell) and had children christened at Trinity Church, New York City. I think that this Peter may have been a son of Peter and Mary (Hunt) Shackerly. He would probably have been born say 1763-67.

The children of Peter and Mary (prob. McDowell) Shackerly christened at Trinity Church in New York City were:

- i. Mary Shackerly b. 30 July 1789
christened 2 Sept. 1789
- ii. Harriet Shackerly b. 24 July 1790
christened 29 August 1790
(she was named in will of Mary (Shackerly) Dunham)
- iii. Sarah Shackerly b. 13 Aug. 1792
christened 5 Sept. 1792
she m. Oliver Lord Woodruff of Farmington, CT

The 1800 census of Ward 3, New York City, New York gives John H. Shackerly. He may also have been a son of Peter and Mary (Hunt) Shackerly. From the 1800 census the family of John H. Shackerly shows:

- 1 m. under 10 (so b. 1790-1800)
- 1 m. 26-45 (so b. 1755-1774) John H. Shackerly (prob. b. say 1763+)
- 2 f. under 10 (so b. 1790-1800)
- 1 f. 10-16 (so b. 1784-1790) (prob. b. say 1788)
- 1 f. 16-26 (so b. 1774-1784-probably household help)
- 1 f. 26-45 (so b. 1755-1774) (wife of John H. Shackerly)

NOTE: Evidence of the family of Mary (Shackerly) Dunham is contained in her will: See NY State Wills, Vol. 65 p. 491, 22 Oct. 1835 (prob. filing date, or probate date), will date was

5 April 1832

Territory of Florida, Co. of Mosquito

"I Mary Dunham of New Smyrna, widow and relict of David Dunham, Esq. Late of New York deceased. . .5 April 1832. . .which provides for the payment of my son Alfred T. Dunham the sum of ten thousand dollars. . .and also to the payment of all my other debts, and after the payment of all my other debts that my said executors or the survivor of them do immediately pay the residue of the net procesis of the sale or sales of any residue there shall be to my son David R. Dunham of New Smyrna to be by him invested in such property as he shall think proper. . .

In trust nevertheless to and for the uses, purposes and intents hereinafter declared. . .and in the event of the said David R. Dunham departing this life before the trusts hereby made constituted appointed and declared shall be determined concluded and finished then unto Reuben Withers, John Steward Junior and Jeremiah F. Randolph all of New York. . .and first in trust to pay to my daughter Caroline Dunham. . .and to pay to my **sister Sarah Shackerly. . .and to my brother John H. Shackerly. . .and my niece Harriet Shackerly**

Children of David ⁶ and Mary (Shackerly) Dunham:

- i. Matilda ⁷ Dunham b. 1795
Matilda Dunham m. Reuben Withers abt. 1820 in NY City
Reuben Withers b. abt. 1795, is named in the will of
Mary (Shackerly) Dunham, and appears on census records
living near Daniel Jackson who m. Euphemia Cunningham Dunham

ii. **David Ross⁷ Dunham b. say 1797**

m. Mary Magdalene Fatio

- iii. Alfred⁷ Dunham b. say 1799
- iv. Euphemia Cunningham⁷ Dunham b. 5 September 1799
christened 24 Nov. 1799, Trinity Church, New York City
m. (after 31 March 1823 when her father died) Daniel Chase Jackson
- v. Caroline⁷ Dunham b. say 1810 (age 40 on 1850 census)
named in will of her mother Mary (Shackerly) Dunham
- vi. Adeline Emma⁷ Dunham
- vii. Mary S.⁷ Dunham b. say 1802
1816 m. Daniel S. Griswold **
- viii. Sarah S.⁷ Dunham
m. Sept. 1816, William C. Leffingwell *
NOTE: Familysearch.com gives
William Augustus Leffingwell b. 8 Nov. 1818 NY City
d. 15 Sept. 1891
son of William Coit Leffingwell and Sarah S. Dunham
Also children of William Coit Leffingwell:
Fredrick Oscar Leffingwell b. 1824 in CT
Edward Dunham Leffingwell b. 1817 in NY, d. 1830
Adolphus Henry Leffingwell b. 1831 in CT
d. 1869

*From New England Palladium 09-10-1816 Vol. XLVIII, Issue 21, p. 1;
“In New York, Mr. Wm. C. Leffingwell, of the house of Mulford and Leffingwell, to Miss Sarah S. Dunham, daughter of David Dunham, Esq.”

**From: The Columbian 08-01-1816, Vol. VII, Issue 2083, p. 3:
“Last evening, by the rev. Mr. Milner, Daniel S. Griswold, esq. to Miss Mary S. Dunham, daughter of David Dunham, esq. of this city.”

- ix. Nancy⁷ Dunham b. abt. 1806
d. 1845 age 39

DAVID ROSS DUNHAM
and
MARY MAGDALENE FATIO

by Kirk L. Dunham

David Ross Dunham maintained his father's interest in the ship business located at 144 Pearl Street, New York City, as noted in an 1821 "Commercial Advertiser". In 1824 he held the position of Inspector General for the State of New York. About 1830 he moved to Florida with his mother and built in New Smyrna, what was said to be the most handsome home south of the Potomac. In 1835 the mansion was destroyed in an attack by the Wildcat Indians. The property was a large estate that was part of the grant of Ambrose Hull. In St. Johns County, Florida in Filing Case D 4, Caroline Dunham vs. D. R. Dunham, 1837; suit is brought against her brother to recover furniture, silver, slaves and other valuable property lost in the raid.

Mr. Dunham moved his family to St. Augustine. In June, 1842, there was advertised in the *News* in St. Augustine, "For Sale – Valuable Sugar Plantation at New Smyrna, 650 acres, drained by canal – Dunham"

David Ross Dunham married Mary Magdalene Fatio in 1831, in St. Augustine. From "Our Family" by Gertrude L'Engle, there are several stories about the Fatio Family's life on the St. Johns River and the dates aren't always the same in each story. We do know that Mary was born in 1810, the seventh child of Francis Philip Fatio, Jr. On the 13th of August, 1812, Indians raided the plantation at New Switzerland but two negroes, Mr. and Ms. Fatio and the children; bareheaded and some barefoot; escape by boat into the river and up to the town of St. Mary's, Georgia.

They were in St. Mary's about two months, during which time they endured raids or "filibusters" by Georgians, disaffected Spanish and agents of the United States, against the Spanish militia (efforts of prevent England from setting up positions in the war of 1812); the birth of another, daughter, (Sophia) and a storm that took the roof off their house. They were rescued from the storm and the flood that followed by some United States Navy personnel. They then to Amelia Island, in Florida where F. P. Fatio, Jr. rented a large plantation with ample buildings within a short walk to Fernandina. In July of that year the island of Fernandina was invaded and possessed by General Sir Gregor McGregor and a free-lance group who held the island for 18 months. The Fatics left the island, as did many others, at this time, and went to San Pablo at the mouth of the St. Johns River; another of their land grants being developed as a plantation. They stayed here nearly six years. Just after the occupation of St. Augustine by the United States they determined to return to their home at New Switzerland, moving back to a rebuilt house in 1824. The homestead was destroyed again by the Seminoles in 1836 and never rebuilt.



Portrait of David Ross Dunham b. 1794 in New York City
Died 1869 in Florida
25: x 33: oil on wood, painted by A. G. Perez in 1824

Children of David Ross and Mary Magdalene (Fatio) Dunham:

- i. Mary Louisa Dunham b. 1833, d.1895, unmarried
- ii. Fatio Dunham b. 1835, d. 1874
- iii. Leonora Sophia Dunham b. 1838, d. infancy
- + iv. **David Lewis Dunham b. 1840, d. 1922**
- v. Alfred Dunham b. 1841, d. 1843
- vi. Matilda Dunham b. 1842
- vii. Henry Clay Dunham b. 1844, killed in Civil War
- viii. Francis Philip Fatio Dunham b. 1845, d. 1916, unmarried
- ix. Eliza Fredricka Dunham b. 1849 (nicknamed California or Callie)

DAVID LEWIS DUNHAM
and
SARA LILLIE O'HERN

David Lewis Dunham was born in St. Augustine, Florida in 1840. He married Sara Lillie O'Hearn in 1874. The Civil War Service of David Lewis Dunham is given in Confederate Military History, Volume XI, p. 265:

"In April, 1861, he enlisted in Company, H of the Second Regiment Florida Infantry, and in the following July he went to Virginia in the rank of sargeant. After serving in camp at Richmond, the regiment was sent to Yorktown, where Sargeant Dunham, in the spring of 1862, participated in the fighting with McClellan's army. On the retreat to Richmond he was in battle at Williamsburg, May 5th, and on May 31—June 1, 1862, he was in the battle of Seven Pines, where ten of the eleven captains of the Second were killed or wounded, and

of the 434 men, 34 were killed on the field, and the total casualties were 209. Next came the Seven Days' campaign, and at Frayser's Farm June 30th, he was severely wounded so that he was disabled in hospital and at home until October, 1862. Then he was promoted to second lieutenant of his company. He fought at Fredericksburg, December 11-13, 1862, and at the same place in the Chancellorsville campaign, May 1 - 5, 1863, acting in the latter battle as adjutant of his regiment, and receiving a slight wound in the foot. His next campaign was in Pennsylvania, and he was a gallant participant in the fighting of the second and third days of Gettysburg, until captured on Cemetery Hill, July 3, 1863. This ended his active service on the field, but he remained true to the Confederacy during many tedious months of suffering and privation at Johnson's Island, Lake Erie. Being released February 1865, he came to Florida and undertook the recruitment of a regiment, being so engaged when the war came to an end. Since then Lieutenant Dunham has been a resident of St. Augustine and prominent in social and official life. He was assessor of St. John's County, 1876-82, and tax collector from 1886 until his resignation in 1889, and in 1895, was appointed clerk of the circuit court, an office to which he was elected in 1896 for a term of four years."

Children of David Lewis and Lillie (O'Hern) Dunham:

- i. Harry Clay Dunham b. 1875, d. infancy
- ii. Kenneth Dunham b. 1876, d. 1899
- iii. Donald Dunham b. 1877, d. 1963
- iv. David Dunham b. 1880, d. infancy
- v. Harold Dunham b. 1880, d. infancy
- vi. Heron Dunham, b. 1883, d. infancy
- +vii. **David Ross Dunham, b. 1886, d. 1964**
- viii. Fatio O. Dunham b. 1888, d. 1962

DAVID ROSS DUNHAM
and
GEORGIA HAVERGAL SPRINGER

David Dunham was reared in St. Augustine, graduated from St. Johns county schools and attended the University of the South at Sewanee, Tennessee, from 1903 to 1907 where he received his BA degree. He then attended the University of South Carolina and Washington and Lee University and received his LLB. He practiced law a year in Jacksonville and then in St. Augustine for over 50 years. During his career he was president of the board of trustees of Flagler Hospital, president of the St. Augustine Historical Society, trustee of the Lightner Museum, director of the St. Augustine National Bank and director of the St. Augustine public library.

David Ross Dunham married first Myrtle Douglas of New York. She died in 1918 without issue. He married second Georgia Havergal Springer in 1924.

Georgia H. Springer Dunham, although born in Cleveland, Ohio, lived most of her life before coming to St. Augustine in Belleville, Ontario, Canada. She graduated from Belleville College with a degree in teaching of the deaf. She came to St. Augustine to teach at the Florida School for the Deaf and Blind. In 1933 they purchased and moved to Comatchie Island, now known as Comanche Island. In 1946 they moved to St. George Street.

Children of David Ross and Georgia (Springer) Dunham:

- i. Dorothy Jean Dunham b. 1924
- + ii. **William David Ross Dunham, b. 1928, d. 2003**
- iii. Georgia Evelyn Dunham b. 1938

William David Ross Dunham married Margaret Virginia McCormick in 1951. They were parents of David Ross Dunham, Kirk Louis Dunham and Amy Dunham. Kirk Louis Dunham participated in DNA analysis and the test results match the Dunham/Singletary line. This match was instrumental in proving the entire Dunham lineage as presented above.

Boone: A Biography

By Robert Morgan

Boone is a history of our ancestor Daniel Boone, so it's natural that we would be attracted to the book. But the telling of his tale by novelist and poet Robert Morgan is a delightful read for anyone. This is a story of the exploration of America, of frontier living, of families traveling with all their belongings in quest of a new life. Wonderfully detailed, Morgan presents Boone's strengths and foibles, his need for adventure and money, set against the backdrop of his exploration and reverence for a wild land of hills, forests, and rivers. While most known as a frontiersman blazing trails that opened the west to white settlers, this comprehensive account shows Boone in his many roles. He fought in the American Revolution and French & Indian wars. He served in the Virginia Legislature, negotiated with the Indians, and served as a syndic (Justice of the Peace), holding court under the Justice Tree. He was a landowner, settler, hunter and trapper. He was terrible at managing his money and disliked farming. His respect for the Indians, their way of life, and land was in conflict with his leadership to settle the lands west of the Appalachians. This balanced account strips away some of the myths surrounding Boone, and documenting events with maps, notes and an extensive bibliography. A fascinating read, this is one book you won't be able to put down.

Miriam R. Dunham and Trudy Dunham

PS: interested in our line? The short version is:

Daniel Boone & Rebecca Bryan ->

Daniel Morgan Boone & Sarah Griffin Lewis ->

Daniel Boone & Mary Constance Philabert ->

Elizabeth Levica Boone & John S. Stewart ->

Mary Josephine Stewart & Frank Robbins ->

Lyman Stewart Robbins & Miriam Belle Rix ->

Book review by Miriam R. and Trudy Dunham