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Editor's Corner

The New Year brings continued correction and documentation about some of the Dunham families whose genealogical ancestry has not yet been proven. Sometimes I receive information that is entirely new to me, such as the Dunham line which was the subject of the October 2017 newsletter. Sometimes it is necessary to take another look at a genealogical situation that has been written about in the past.

The advent of DNA testing has helped to gain new understanding of certain Dunham lines that were previously thought to belong to independent Dunham families. Ever since 1953 when Mrs. Florence Barclay and 1959 when Mr. George McCracken wrote articles in *The American Genealogist (TAG)*, the Dunham/Denham line descending from Rev. Thomas Dunham, minister of Rye and Bedford, New York was thought not to be connected to Deacon John Dunham of Plymouth.

A few years ago Bruce W. Dunham participated in DNA analysis and the results of that test showed him to be a match to the descendants of Deacon John Dunham. A second man, Peter C. Dunham, who was tested years ago and has the exact same line of descent through the first ten generations provides a control of the results. A third man, Thomas W. Dunham, also descends from Rev. Thomas Dunham and his results match. Another man whose genealogical facts are the same as those of Bruce and Peter C. Dunham, but who has not yet taken the DNA test, provides the opportunity for double checking that these lines all match the descendants of Deacon John Dunham of Plymouth.

Since Thomas moved around a good deal, and since he sometimes spelled his name Denham, it was previously thought that he was not the son of Deacon John Dunham. It has been only recently, and with the aid of DNA test results plus standard genealogical research, that we have been able to prove his lineage. Thus it is with great confidence that we know that Thomas Dunham of Rye and Bedford, NY was indeed the son of Deacon John Dunham of Plymouth.

Gratia Dunham Mahony, Editor

Thomas Dunham, son of Deacon John Dunham, and his Descendants

Research by Gratia Dunham Mahony and Bruce W. Dunham

A widely spread belief touted in past genealogical research and publications holds that Thomas Dunham, son of Deacon John Dunham of Plymouth and his first wife (Susan Kaino), did not marry or have children. A DNA test taken by Bruce Dunham, a proven descendant of the Hebron, CT Dunham line, matches exactly the line from Deacon John Dunham. This has prompted in depth research on the origin of this Dunham line. The line is first proven to exist in Wrentham, MA with Nathaniel Dunham and his wife Mary and the birth of their children there between the dates of 1690 and 1704. Nathaniel and Mary moved to Hebron, CT probably in the early 1720s, and died there in 1751 and 1757 respectively.

Another look at all existing records for Thomas Dunham is documented below by developing a time line for Rev. Thomas Dunham/Denham and showing a strong probability that he was the son of Deacon John Dunham, and that he did marry and have children. One of these children was Nathaniel Dunham “of Wrentham, MA and Hebron, CT.” Note that the spelling of the surname Dunham/Denham was not unusual at the time as there was no standard system of spelling. Thomas spelled his name both ways in the same document when he wrote his will in 1688.

I have written about Thomas Denham, Puritan Pastor, of Rye and Bedford, New York before. Some of that information will be repeated below. In order to present a complete picture of the first three generations of this family, I will begin with the documentation showing that Thomas was the son of John and Susan (Kaino) Dunham.

TIME LINE

1589 Generation One in America – John Dunham

John Dunham b. ca. 1589; died 2 March 1668/9 in Plymouth, age 80 years. [Plymouth Vital Records} He married in Clophill, Bedfordshire, England 17 August 1612 Susan/Susanna Kaino, who died probably in Leyden before 22 October 1622 when John Dunham married second Abigail Ballou. [Reference for marriage date 17 August 1612 from F. G. Emmison, ed., Bedfordshire Parish Registers, 21 (Bedford, 1940):B34; as footnoted in TAG 71:131. Also in that article, under Baptisms in Clophill, Co. Bedford, 1586, “12 Dec. Susan, dau. of Thomas Caineheoe”]

Children of John and Susan (Kaino) Dunham: surname DUNHAM

- i. John ² Dunham bp. 19 February 1614/15 Henlow, Bedfordshire, Eng.
- ii. Humility Dunham b. 1617-18, d.y. probably in Holland

+ iii. Thomas Dunham b. ca. 1620-21

ca. 1620-21 Generation Two in America

Birth of Thomas Dunham, probably in Leyden, Holland

1643

Thomas Dunham appears in Plymouth in 1643 when his name is on the “Able to Bear Arms” list. He would have been about 23 years old.

1645

There are a few deed records that pertain to this Thomas Dunham. In Records of the Colony of New Plymouth in New England 12:112, (Ply. Col. Recs.) Anthony Snow to Thomas Dunham 25 Aug. 1645; “Anthony Snow, for £16.18s to be paid by Thomas Dunham, sell . . . all that his house and eight acres.” This land is located at Wellingsly. (Ply. Col. Recs. 12:53)

1648

Thomas is NOT on list of persons that should come to town meetings 10 December 1646. Thomas probably went to Sandwich in the years 1646-48. Mrs. Barclay for her article in TAG Vol. 30:148-151 did significant research on Thomas Dunham in her attempt to correct errors that have appeared in various publications. She states that “Thomas never married Martha Knott” and “it is doubtful that Thomas ever married”. On 4 October 1648 Plymouth Colony Records indicate that Thomas Dunham was ordered to abstain from seeing Martha Knott until 1st Tuesday of December. He did NOT marry Martha Knott, she m. 18 Nov. 1650 Thomas Tobey of Sandwich.

November 1651

From an article in The New England Historical and Genealogical Register, Volume 160, Whole Number 639, July 2006, p. 186; The article which begins on p. 185 is about “The Edmund Marshall Family of Chebacco, Essex County, Massachusetts” by Patricia Law Hatcher; from p. 186 “The Marshalls moved farther from Salem town by early 1651 when Edmund Marshall ‘of Manchester’ purchased sixty acres of land with two and a half acres of marsh in Manchester. Manchester, which lies on the south coast of Cape Ann between Beverly and Gloucester, south of Chebacco. . . .

Edmund Marshall of Manchester skipped the obligatory church services and was presented in **November 1651** for ‘absenting himself from the public ordinances three or four Sundays.’ He compounded the error of his ways when he justified his absence by ‘**reproaching Mr. Thomas Dunham, in saying that he had preached blasphemy, and was a common liar.**’ “ [Reference given is Essex Quarterly Court Records 1:246 (Salem, November 1651).

1659

Nearly as well proved is his presence at Saco, Maine in 1659, this time surely as a minister. . .[Province and Court Records of Maine, Portland 1931, 2:85] ‘We present Robert Booth for

disturbing the people and for endeavoring to disturbe the Minister Mr. Dunnum In tyme of his publique exercise,'. . .

1659

From Torrey, New England Marriages Prior to 1700, p. 235;
DURRAM/DENHAM?, Thomas & Sarah Bumpus (1631-); last of Mar 1659; Marshfield
From Torrey; p. 365;
Hendrickson, John & Sarah [Denham], w Thomas; 15 May 1691; Westchester Co., NY

11 Feb. 1662/3

Reference is found in York Deeds, 15:613 f., which have a conveyance dated 11 Feb. 1662/3 whereby two Indians, Daniel Sagamore, and Dick Swash Sagamore, the latter acknowledging on 4 June 1664, sold land in the Sheepscott region to William Dier, recorded 24 May 1666. The witnesses to this important deed were **Thomas Denham** and Walter Phillips, the latter a prominent land owner at Sheepscott.

1666

There is one other Plymouth County Land Record in which Thomas Dunham appears and that is as a Witness to a deed dated 30 March 1666 in which "Samuel Eaton, living at Namasakett. . .hath given unto my brother Benjamine Eaton,. . .20 acres of upland lying at the Town called Dartmouth. . ."

Witness: Francis Billington

Thomas Dunam (by mark)

Acknowledged 30 March 1666 before Thomas Prence, Governor

1668 & 1670

Thomas Dunham did receive a grant of land from the Town of Plymouth. At a Town meeting held 6 July 1668 20 acres of land was granted to Thomas Dunham lying on the North side of Town near Jones River, to be layed forth. (p. 105) The bounds of this parcel were later layed out by George Bonum, Surveyor. (p. 121) At a town meeting at Plymouth 13 December 1670 the town granted Thomas Dunham the 20 acre parcel lying on the north side of the smelt brook. (p. 115)

15 June 1677

From the History of Rye, New York by Baird, we have the references to Thomas Denham, first minister of Rye. He seems to have examined the Rye Town Records carefully. On 15 June 1677 [Town Records, B-62] a house lot was provided for the new minister, perhaps before it was even known that Mr. Denham would settle at Rye, and this lot was later sold in 1696 by Isaac Denham, the eldest son, and his first wife Mary.

October 1677

The next item is supplied by the Acts of the United Commissioners 1653-1679, 2:393, where we read among the accounts reported to said Commissioners by Connecticut in 1677: 'granted Mr.

Thomas Denham 10 pounds.’ If Mr. Denham had some sort of claim against Connecticut, it must have been a matter of interest to other colonies as well, or it would not have been so reported. The date also makes it seem probable that the claim was for indemnity for losses suffered in King Philip’s War, and our next item confirms this. Public Records of the Colony of Connecticut, 2:321, has under date of October 1677 the following: ‘This Court being informed that Mr. Thomas Denham is likely to settle at Rye as minister there, who is declared to be a suitable person for that work by the ministers at Fayrefield and Standford, for his incouragement to setle there, and in regard to his late loss by the war, this Court haue granted him the sume of ten pownds to be payd out of that towne’s rate this yeare.’

1677

From “Blessed by God: The History of Christ’s Church, Rye, New York 1696-2000 by Elizabeth W. Field, Phoenix Pub. 1946, p. 16;

“The first minister actually to settle in Rye was the Rev. Thomas Denham, who came in 1677, . . .He was a man past middle age, highly esteemed by the ministers of Fairfield and Stamford, and recommended by the General Court of the colony. . .This Court being informed that Mr. Thomas Denham is likely to settle at Rye as minister there, . . .for his incouragement to settle there, and in regard to his late loss by the war, this Court have granted him the sume of ten pownds to be payd out of that towne’s rate this yeare.”

Note: The “late loss by the war” probably referred to the devastation during King Philip’s War to the territory at Sheepscott, Maine where Thomas Dunham and his family were likely living in 1676.

He is first mentioned in the Town Records on 15 June 1677 when a house lot was appropriated for the new minister. This was not intended for a parsonage, but as a special gift to Mr. Denham himself.

1678, June 21:

“Mr. Thomas Denham is to have all the grass on the highway, at the old town, besides an equal share with the proprietors of Peningoe neck.”

1680, May 10:

“ The Town agreed to allow £30 to Mr. Thomas Denham, for his maintenance, for this year ensueing, and to be gathered in way of rate, provided the said Mr. Denham continue amongst us and preach the Gospel.”

About 1684:

His ministry ended about the year 1684. He moved to Bedford and in 1687 became pastor of the church there. He died in Bedford in 1688 at the age of 67 years. His will is on record at White Plains, and the following copy of it is taken from Baird’s “History of Rye.”

1687/1688

When Mr. Denham made his will on 2 May 1688, he devised among other items part of his estate at 'Sheep's Gutt' to his son and Daughter, Simon and Rebecca Hinckson, both of whom are sufficiently attested in Maine records, so that it is reasonable to identify this place with Sheepscott, Maine, then in York, now in Lincoln County.

Mr Denham's . . . ministry at Bedford began with a call dated 28 Jan. 1687/8, . . . Mr. Denham did not long serve at Bedford, for he made his will there on 2 May 1688 and the inventory was taken on 5 Aug. 1689."

May 2d 1688: Transcription of will printed in Baird's History of Rye, New York:

" The Last Will and Testament of me Thomas Denham Minister of the Gospell of our Lord Jesus Christ in Bedford. I doe bequeath my soul to God, and my body to a decent buriaill, my goods and chattels as followeth.

"In the first place I do give unto my Sonn Isaac Denham all my Lands and Right in Lands that I have in Rye. And my. . .

"2ly I do give unto my sonn Nathaniell Dunham the westernmost of my Plaine Lotts and my 12 acre lott and that Meadow lott that was layd out in the Last Division of meadows; and my Musquett and my Commentary upon the Revelations.

"3ly I do give unto my son Josiah Dunham at my Decease the easternmost of my Plaine lotts, and my 8 acre lott in the east Field, and my Epistle upon the Romans, and my longe Gunn, and my white horse and my Read heafer yeareling, and my two-edged sword, and after his mother's decease I do give him that's to say my sonn Josiah all my housing that I have here with my home lott and the rest of my meadows, and lands that I have here in Bedford or shall have, and my tooles that I have for manageing my farme.

"4ly All my right that I have in housing and land and meadow and what els may be found that is mine in. . . I do give unto my sonn and daughter Simon and Rebecca Hinckson, that is to say my Land and Meadows and housing with any other part or parts of my Estate in Sheep's Gutt. *

"5ly I doe give unto my Daughter Sarah Palmer my black two years old heafer.

"6ly I do give unto my Daughter Hannah Dunham a heafer calf. Further my house hold moveables I doe give to my two youngest daughters Sarah & Hannah, that is to say after my Wife's Decease.

"Further the rest of my Books I doe will that they be as equally divided into several parts according to their worth and divided to my wife and six children by lott, the rest of my Estate I do leave with my Wife for to dispose as God shall direct her. This in my right and perfect sences through God's goodness, is my last Will and Testam^t.

DENHAM

Witness Joseph Theale"

*Sheep's Gutt, now called Sheepscott was a settlement on a peninsula or neck on the eastern side of the Sheepscott River in Maine.

Commentary on the Time Line Events

Information from my research on Thomas Dunham indicates that after his years in Sandwich and his disappointment at not marrying Marth Knott, he may have decided to become a “lay preacher”. There was no place in Plymouth where he could receive formal study and training, but many men studied religion by reading or learning from other members of the Colonial Clergy. Thomas Dunham was both a farmer and a preacher during the rest of his life. We can see references to Thomas Dunham (sometimes spelled Denham) at several points during his adult life. He is found in Manchester, Massachusetts, Saco, Maine and Sheepscott, Maine and if he was not actually settled in these towns, he was serving as an itinerant preacher there.

Note: Mrs. Florence Barclay wrote articles on several early Plymouth Families for The American Genealogist (TAG) in 1953. In her article she showed no definite proof that Thomas Dunham married or even that he died in Plymouth. Mrs. Barclay states that Thomas Dunham died before 15 May, 1677 (Plymouth Town Records 1:152) when “a small parcel of land and a small cottage thereon, formerly possessed by Thomas Dunham deceased, now desired by Benjamine Eaton . . .” was granted to Benjamin Eaton. However, there is no proof of this fact. In fact the wording of this deed is unusual (see underlined phrase below).

Following a meeting on 15 May 1677 but the entry not specifically dated:
From Records Town of Plymouth, Vol. 1 1636-1705, p. 152:

“In Reference unto a smale psell of Land & a smale Cottage theron formerly possessed by Thomas Dunham deceased; Now desired by Benjamine Eaton the Town have ordered that the said Benjamine Eaton enter upon the same and possesse and Improve it, being willing to Graunt and surrender up their Right therin unto him, the said Benjamine Eaton to him and his heires and assigns for ever:

I believe that Benjamin Eaton may have known that Thomas Dunham was in Sheepscott, Maine during King Philip’s War, and may have believed that Thomas was a victim and had been killed. This is the only basis of Mrs. Barclay’s article which states that Thomas Dunham was not the Mr. Thomas Denham in Rye. [article published in TAG 30:148-151]

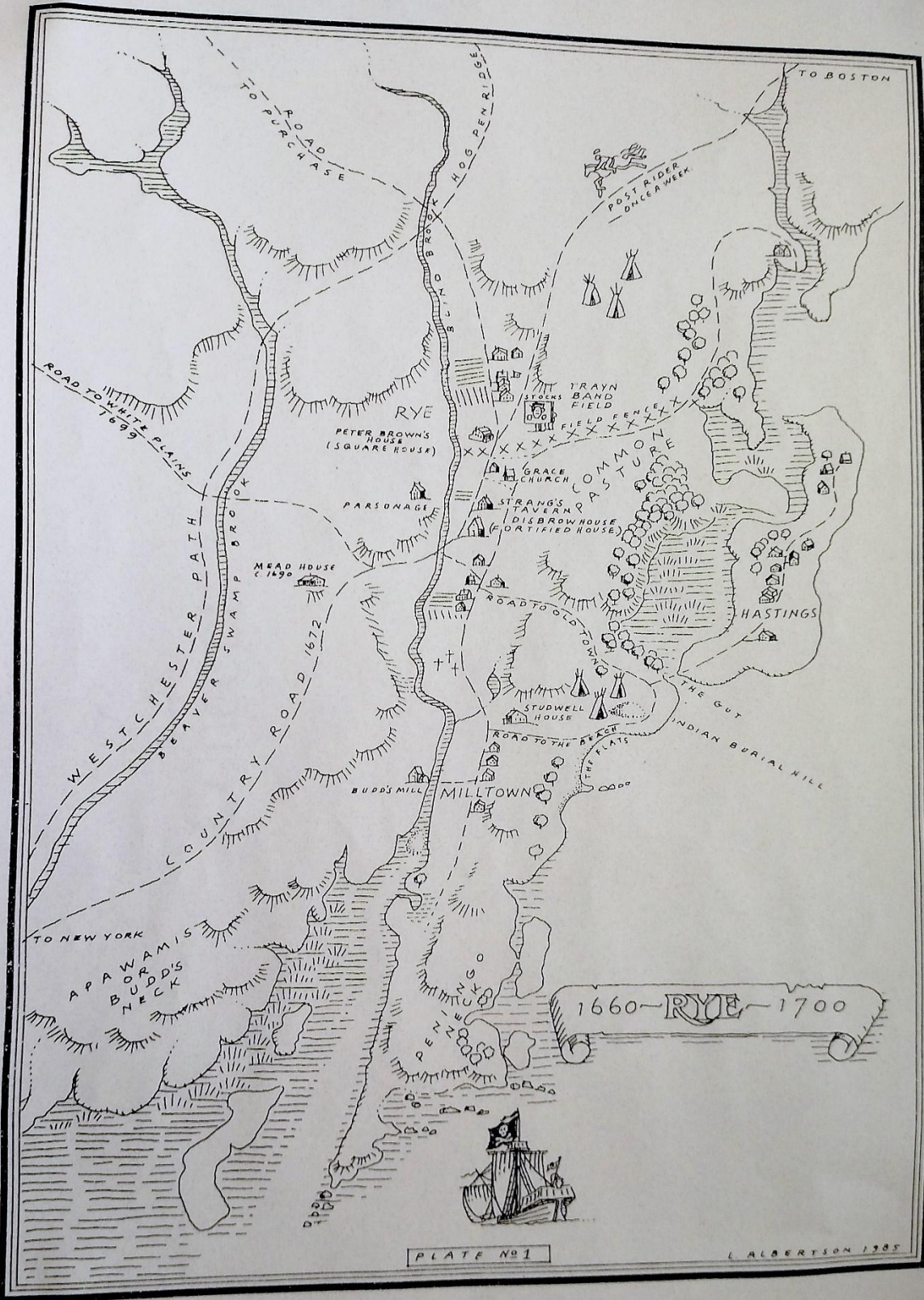
Similarly George E. McCracken wrote another article about Mr. Thomas Denham, Puritan Parson, which he did not compile with his characteristic care. Mr. McCracken simply took research done by others and wrote his article with much speculation and commentary on various spellings of the surname. [TAG, Vol. 36 (1959) p. 229-242] It should be said on behalf of both Mrs. Barclay and Mr. McCracken that they did not have the benefit of DNA analysis which proves that the line of Thomas Dunham/Denham does match the descendants of Deacon John Dunham. [DNA tests taken by Bruce W. Dunham, Peter C. Dunham and Thomas W. Dunham]

Information from a visit to Rye, New York

In December of 2017 I visited the archives of the City of Rye, NY to see if I could learn anything more about Thomas Dunham, first minister at Rye. The following will be of interest as documenting his residence there.

The earliest settlement of Rye was on the very tip of a peninsula called Peningo Neck. This land was low and swampy and the original settlers moved up the peninsula to higher ground. The peninsula is bounded by Long Island Sound and Blind Brook which runs through Rye and drains into Long Island Sound.

See early map of Rye on the following page.



The 10 acre lott given to Mr. Thomas Denham, and willed to his son Isaac is located near the town square where the library now stands. Isaac Denham married Mary Pierce, widow of Jacob Pierce and thus also owned the "Square House" located next to the library and now open for tours.

A short distance from the parsonage house, on the opposite side of what is now the Post Road, was the home of Timothy Knapp, where, for lack of a meeting house, the people met for Sunday worship. The Timothy Knapp house is now the repository for the Rye archives, and the room where services were held can still be seen.

The first book of Rye records is lost. This book may have had descriptions of the location of lands laid out to the original settlers and of the specific location of the "Plain Lots". In general these Plain Lots were located to the west and to the north east of the center of town. These were the lots left by Thomas Denham by bequest to Nathaniel and Josiah.

Possibility that the Marriage to Sarah Bumpus is Correct

Clarence Almon Torrey, in his book *New England Marriages Prior to 1700*, p. 235 gives the marriage of Durram/Denham; Thomas & Sarah Bumpus "last of Mar 1659", Marshfield. No records exist to prove that this was the marriage of Thomas Denham but we know that he did have a wife named Sarah who was named in his will. We can also see from the time line that Thomas traveled frequently to towns along the east coast. It is likely that Thomas was married to a first wife who was the mother of the eldest daughter Rebecca. Sarah was the name of the wife of Thomas Denham in his will, and he specifically states that certain bequests were not to be given until after the death of his wife (who was Sarah). Likely the first wife died and in 1659 Thomas would have been age about 39. He may have come back to the Plymouth area to find a second wife, and it is likely that Sarah Bumpus may have been that second wife.

Children of Thomas Dunham

Child of Thomas by a probable first (unknown) wife:

- i. Rebecca Dunham, born ca. 1656

Her age given in June of 1719 was stated as 63 years. She married first ca. 1673 William Davie, son of George Davie, probably killed at or near Sheepscott, ME In King Philip's War (1676). He left two daughters who were sent to Portsmouth, NH for safety. Rebecca married second Simon Hinkson, son of Peter Hinkson.

Children of Thomas and possibly Sarah Bumpus:

- ii. Isaac Dunham, called eldest son in will of Thomas. b. perhaps 1661

Isaac married first, by 1693 Mary, widow of Jacob Pierce. He married second Hannah (unknown) who was mentioned in her husband's will. No evidence of Issue by either marriage. The will of Isaac Dunham is dated 22 Feb. 1723/4 And leaves bequests to his brother and sisters or their heirs.

- iii. Nathaniel Dunham b. about 1665
He was living 22 Feb. 1723/4 in Connecticut, as his brother Isaac's bequest of £90 was to be paid in money of that colony.
- iv. Josiah Dunham b. about 1667-68
He died before 22 Feb. 1723/4 without surviving issue, since neither he nor any children are mentioned in brother Isaac's will.
- v. Sarah Dunham married before 2 May 1688 James Palmer son of Lieut. William Palmer of Plymouth and Yarmouth, MA and Newtown, Long Island, NY by His wife Judith Feake. James Palmer died 28 Feb. 1717/18. Sarah died before 22 Feb. 1723/4 when her children are named heirs of her brother Isaac Dunham.
- vi. Hannah Dunham called youngest daughter in her father's will.
She died before 22 Feb. 1723/4 when her children were named heirs of her brother Isaac Dunham. She married at Stamford, CT 7 Dec. 1693 Samuel Clason, son of Stephen Clason.

Generation Three – Nathaniel Dunham

Nathaniel Dunham, son of Thomas Dunham was born ca. 1665 probably in Sheepscott, Maine. He died at Hebron, Tolland County, CT 12 May 1751 age 85. He married Mary (unknown) who was born about 1669 and died at Hebron, CT 5 Feb. 1756/7. They are both buried in Gilead Cemetery, Hebron, CT.

His father, Mr. Thomas Dunham, was witness to a deed which was recorded 24 May 1666 for the sale of land in Sheepscott, Maine. Thus it is likely that Nathaniel was born there and that he was living with his family in Sheepscott prior to King Philip's War in 1675. Nathaniel would have been about 11 years old during that horrible time. In 1677 Thomas Dunham was in Rye where he became the first settled minister of that community. Nathaniel would still have been living with the family and would have been about 12 years old. We can surmise that Nathaniel lived in Rye until at least 1684 when his father moved to Bedford. Thus Nathaniel would have been age 19 years in 1684. We do not know if Nathaniel moved to Bedford with his parents but it is likely that he remained in Rye. In 1689 he inherited a "Plain lot" and also a 12 acre lot and a meadow lot in Rye.

As a young man, aged about 24 years, who owned property Nathaniel would have been ready to find a wife. We know that he married a woman named Mary, but we do not know her surname. It would be logical to look for her among the early families of Rye, but she could have come from one of the neighboring communities of Fairfield, Stamford or Bedford. It is also intriguing to learn why Nathaniel and Mary settled in the newly formed town of Wrentham, Massachusetts. Wrentham was formed from Dedham, Massachusetts and suffered greatly

during King Philip's War. By the early 1680s families were beginning to move back into Wrentham. Nathaniel and Mary Dunham must have moved there by early 1690.

Children of Nathaniel and Mary (unknown) Dunham born at Wrentham, MA: [Vital Records of Wrentham, MA p. 65] (Fourth Generation)

- i. Mary Dunham b. 3 August 1690; d. unmarried after 5 June 1753
when she signed a receipt for her share of her father's estate
- ii. Nathaniel Dunham, b. 10 July 1693; d.y.
- iii. Mehitabel Dunham b. say 1694-5
- iv. Thomas Dunham b. 28 April 1697
 - m. Sarah Wight in Wrentham on May 8, 1721
- v. Nathaniel Dunham (again) b. 17 Jan. 1699/1700
- vi. Obadiah Dunham b. 14 Oct. 1701
- +4. vii. Jabez ⁴ Dunham bp. 18 June 1704
- viii. Isaac Dunham b. ca. 1711-12

Line of Bruce W. Dunham Continued

(contributed and compiled by Bruce W. and Peter C. Dunham)

- 4. Jabez ⁴ Dunham, (Nathaniel ³, Thomas ² John ¹) b. 06-18-1704 in Wrentham, MA; d. 12-29-1796 in Granville, MA. He married (1) Abigail Kneeland, 12-17-1725 in Hebron, CT, b. 03-12-1707 in Ipswich, MA (daughter of Benjamin Kneeland and Abigail); d. 1764 in Granville, MA. He married (2) Hannah (unknown) b. ca 1727; d. 02-21-1804 in Granville, MA.

Children by Abigail Kneeland:

- i. Abigail Dunham, b. 09-15-1726.
- ii. Jabish Dunham, b. 02-16-1728. He married Anne Granville.
- +5. iii. Obadiah ⁵ Dunham b. 03-31-1730.
- iv. Liddia Dunham, b. 03-23-1734, d. 03-30-1821 in Granville, MA.
- v. Diadamia Dunham, b. 02-20-1736. She married Job Chamberlain, 11-27-1756.
- vi. Timothy Dunham, b. 03-29-1740, d. 10-11-1741.
- vii. Ebenezer Dunham, b. 12-27-1741.
- viii. Mehitabel Dunham, b. 04-01-1742, d. 05-10-1805 in E. Granville, MA.

- 5. Obadiah ⁵ Dunham (Jabez ⁴ Nathaniel ³ Thomas ² John ¹) b. 03-31-1730 in Hebron, CT; d. 02-17-1813 in Middlefield, NY, buried in Lakewood Cemetery. He was a doctor. He had been a garrison soldier at Fort Massachusetts (now in Williamstown, MA) during the French and Indian War. He and several other garrison soldiers from Fort Massachusetts and Fort Hoosac were early proprietors at Pownal, VT, moving there in 1763. He fought in the Revolutionary War; and was one of the heroes of battle of Bennington. On September 24, 1776, he was sent as delegate to Dorset, Vt. to organize Vermont as a state. He served as a private from May 19 to June 28, 1779, in Capt. Thomas Sawyer's company of militia raised for the defense of the northern frontiers of the United States, and received £2.19.8. He also served as a private for 67 days from August 16, 1780, in Capt. Eli Noble's company; Major Eben Allen's Detachment, and received £5.3.4 and served as a private for two days in July 1781, under the same command, "as marcher to Saratoga" in the alarm in Pownal. (signed) T. S. Peck, Adjutant General. He served as justice of peace at Pownal, Vt. for 20 years. In 1785 he and family (Mehitabel, Abner, Lucy)

moved to the hamlet of Bowerstown in Middlefield, NY, just Southeast of Cooperstown. He was overseer of the poor when the town of Middlefield was established in 1797.

He married Lucy Gillett, 11-22-1754 in Hebron, CT, b. 02-18-1740 in Windsor, CT (daughter of Joel Gillett and Mary Foote); d. 02-18-1830.

Children:

- i. Lydia Dunham, b. 11-08-1757 in Hebron, CT, d. 10-15-1815 in Pownal, VT. She married John Downer, 10-27-1774 in Pownal, VT, b. 10-27-1744 in Pownal, VT, d. 12-10-1815 in Pownal, VT.
- ii. Lucy Dunham, b. 02-07-1759 in Hebron, CT, d. 10-09-1823 in Pownal, VT. She married (1) Benjamin Morgan, 11-16-1775 in Pownal, VT. Benjamin: Military Service 191,424,425,426,427,428, Green Mountain Boy, Herricks Rangers of Vermont, rank of private from Vermont, 1775-1778 - Revolutionary War
Was a member of troop from Pownal Vermont under Captain Samuel Wright and Lt. William Wheeler who Ethan Allen took command of at Castleton VT in 1775 to march on Ft Ticonderoga. Benjamin participated in Ethan Allen's march to Canada under Seth Warner and was a member of the rangers under Col Herrick and took part in the battles of Saratoga, Bemis Heights, & Bennington along with Quebec, Ft Ticonderoga and Crown Point. She married (2) Isaac Duel, 06-22-1806.
- +6. iii. Obadiah ⁶ Dunham b. 11-17-1760.
- iv. Abigail Dunham, b. 02-25-1762, d. 05-30-1823. She married (1) Richard Nichols. She married (2) Elisha Fullam, 02-22-1798, d. 05-30-1824.
- v. Diadamia Dunham, b. 10-01-1765, d. 12-02-1841 in Albion, PA. She married Lyman Jackson, 01-03-1782 in Pownal, VT, b. 1-29-1756 in Simsbury, CT (son of Michael Jackson and Susannah Wilcoxson), d. 3-20-1835 in Albion, PA.
- vi. Mehitabel Dunham, b. 04-05-1771 in Pownal, VT, d. 03-16-1817 in Erie, PA. She married Cornelius Hendricks, 1790 in prob. Middlefield, NY (son of William Hendricks and Eunice Thorpe), d. 05-22-1816 in Erie County, PA.
- vii. Abner Dunham, b. 08-17-1773 in Pownal, VT, d. 02-16-1822 in Cooperstown, NY. Thought to have had 4 sons and 5 daughters. He married (1) Candace Irons, 1798 in Middlefield, NY, b. 02-07-1779; d. 10-27-1814. He married (2) Gratis Griffen.

- 6. Obadiah ⁶ Dunham (Obadiah ⁵ Jabez ⁴ Nathaniel ³ Thomas ² John ¹) b. 11-17-1760 in Hebron, CT; d. 10-12-1833 in Pownal, VT, buried in Morgan-Townsend Cem. Pownal, VT. He fought with Vermont militia during Revolutionary War. Served in Capt. Eli Noble's company from Pownal in Col Ebinig Wallbridge's Regiment in response to the Saratoga alarm in July 1781. He married Lois Hendricks, 03-06-1783 at inn of William Hendrick, Pownal, VT, b. 03-12-1765 in New London, CT (daughter of William Hendricks and Eunice Thorpe); d. 04-18-1845 in Pownal, VT.

Children:

- i. Caroline M. Dunham, b. 11-08-1784 in Pownal, VT, d. 05-09-1788 in Pownal, VT.
- ii. Lucy Gillette Dunham, b. 07-03-1786 in Pownal, VT, d. 07-07-1818 in Pownal, VT. She married John Bowles, 03-18-1807 in Pownal, VT.
- iii. Obadiah Dunham, b. 04-13-1788 in Pownal, VT, d. 04-16-1791 in Pownal, VT.
- iv. Abner Partridge Dunham, b. 01-08-1790 in Pownal, VT, d. 01-13-1790 in Pownal, VT.
- v. Lois Beardsley Dunham, b. 12-08-1791 in Pownal, VT, d. 04-11-1875 in Bennington, VT. She married Lorenzo Downes, 05-05-1817 in Pownal, VT.
- vi. Diadamia Dunham, b. 01-03-1794 in Pownal, VT, d. 07-18-1796 in Pownal, VT.

- vii. Abigail Dunham, b. 12-16-1795 in Pownal, VT, d. 11-12-1878 in Pownal, VT. She married Thankful Grover, 02-06-1811 in Pownal, VT.
- viii. Herman Dunham, b. 02-24-1798 in Pownal, VT.
- +7. ix. Alfred ⁷ Dunham b. 02-09-1800.
- x. Eber Dunham, b. 01-12-1803 in Pownal, VT, d. 10-05-1890 in Fairfield, IA. He married Lucy Jewett, Feb 1824 in Pownal, VT.
- xi. Candace Dunham, b. 03-12-1805 in Pownal, VT, d. 03-23-1805 in Pownal, VT.
- xii. Jabez Dunham, b. 03-26-1806, d. 10-18-1878. He married Amy Austin.
- xiii. Abner Partridge Dunham, b. 12-24-1810 in Pownal, VT, d. 01-13-1843 in Watertown, NY. In Watertown in 1840. He married Mary Norton.

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- 7. Alfred ⁷ (Obadiah ⁶, Obadiah ⁵ Jabez ⁴ Nathaniel ³ Thomas ² John ¹) Dunham, b. 02-09-1800 in Pownal, VT; d. 03-12-1867 in Pownal, VT, buried in Morgan-Townslee Cem. Pownal, VT. He moved to Clarence, NY c.1826 and returned to Pownal c. 1836. Possibly worked on building the Erie Canal. He married (1) Marietta Kimball, 07-16-1820 in Pownal, VT, b. 05-29-1804 in Pownal, VT (daughter of Isaac Kimball and Freelope Salisbury); d. 04-18-1845 in Pownal, VT, buried in Morgan-Townslee Cem. Pownal, VT. He married (2) Olive Rockwood, 1849 in Bennington, VT, b. 1804 in Newfane, VT, d. 03-12-1867 in Bennington, VT.

Children by Marietta Kimball:

- i. Lucy G Dunham, b. 10-11-1822 in Pownal, VT, d. 01-21-1847 in Bennington, VT.
- ii. Isaac K. Dunham, b. 04-17-1824 in Pownal, VT.
- iii. Obadiah Dunham, b. 02-02-1826 in Clarence, NY, d. 03-05-1830 in Clarence, NY.
- iv. Abner Dunham, b. 01-02-1828 in Clarence, NY, d. 07-26-1842 in Bennington, VT.
- +8. v. Dewey Charles ⁸ Dunham b. 05-06-1830.
- vi. Alfred Dunham, b. 01-08-1832 in Clarence, NY, d. 10-14-1857.
- vii. Freelope B. Dunham, b. 01-02-1834 in Clarence, NY.
- viii. Jesse T. Dunham, b. 06-15-1836 in Pownal, VT, d. 05-06-1864 in Battle of the Wilderness, VA. He was a mechanic. He enlisted in Company A, New York 125th Infantry Regiment on 27 Aug 1862. Was captured in action September 6, 1862 and paroled September 16, 1862 at Harpers Ferry, VA. Promoted to Full 1st Sergeant on 15 Mar 1863. Was wounded at Gettysburg, PA in December 1863. Killed in action on 06 May 1864 during Battle of the Wilderness, VA.

The 125th regiment was organized at Troy and there mustered in the service of the United States for three years 27–29 August 1862. The regiment left Troy, 30 August 1862, and proceeded by rail to Martinsburg, Virginia, and a few days later it marched to and was engaged in the Battle of Harpers Ferry. A few of its number were killed and wounded during this battle, and the regiment together with the rest of the garrison, totaling over 11,500 men, surrendered to the Confederates on 15 September 1862. With the other captured troops, the men were sent under parole to Camp Douglas, Chicago, to remain there while awaiting exchange, which was effected 22 November. The regiment was then ordered back to Virginia, where it was attached to Maj. Gen. Silas Casey's Division, in the defenses of Washington at Maryland Heights, and encamped at Centreville until 24 June 1863, when it joined the Second Corps, Army of the Potomac, and marched away to Gettysburg. Under command of Colonel Levin Crandall, the 125th fought at Gettysburg where it lost 139 killed and wounded. The regiment was actively engaged at Auburn and Bristoe Station in October, losing 36 men

in those battles. Colonel Crandall was temporarily absent on recruiting service, and Lieut. Col. Aaron B. Myer was in command at the

battle of the Wilderness. A few days later, at Spotsylvania, the regiment was in the thick of the fight, forming part of a storming column that moved against the enemy's works at daybreak on 12 May 1864. In the two battles of the Wilderness and Spotsylvania, the 125th lost 118 in killed and wounded.

- ix. Martha Dunham, b. 07-02-1838 in Pownal, VT.
- x. Lois Dunham, b. 01-27-1842 in Woodford, VT, d. 08-15-1864 in Williamstown, MA.
- xi. Marietta Dunham, b. 11-03-1843 in Bennington, VT.
- xii. Margarete Dunham, b. 1844.

8. Dewey Charles ⁸ Alfred ⁷ Obadiah ⁶ Obadiah ⁵ Jabez ⁴ Nathaniel ³ Thomas ² John ¹) Dunham, b. 05-06-1830 in Clarence, NY; d. 11-08-1907 in Bennington, Vt. He started family home building tradition when he apprenticed to "Hi" Waters, a master craftsman and builder of many early homes in Old Bennington. He married Maria Elizabeth Beebe, 05-04-1854 in Bennington, VT, b. 02-20-1833 in Jackson, N.Y. (daughter of Elias Beebe and Elizabeth Millington); d. 08-02-1915 in Bennington, Vt., buried 08-04-1915 in Village Cemetery, Bennington, VT.

Children:

- i. Prudence Carter Dunham, b. 03-12-1855 in NY.
- ii. Harry Martin Dunham, b. 07-14-1857, d. 01-11-1910. He married Katherine L. Remington.
- +9. iii. Herbert Stanley ⁹ Dunham b. 07-01-1859.
- iv. Nellie Maria Dunham, b. 04-28-1861. She married George W. Stanley, 04-12-1882 in Shaftsbury, VT.
- v. Florence May Dunham, b. 05-10-1863 in VT.
- vi. Walter Erwin Dunham b. 08-21-1870.

9. Herbert Stanley ⁹ Dewey Charles ⁸ Alfred ⁷ Obadiah ⁶ Obadiah ⁵ Jabez ⁴ Nathaniel ³ Thomas ² John ¹) Dunham, b. 07-01-1859 in Bennington, VT; d. 01-11-1910 in Shaftsbury, VT, buried in No. Bennington, VT. Died of Heart Attack while cutting logs for lumber to build a house for Arthur and Lillian. He married (1) Mary E. Loomis, 12-20-1882 in Shaftsbury, VT, b. 11-04-1861 in Shaftsbury, VT (daughter of Warren L. Loomis and Julia D. Mattison); d. 10-16-1901 in Shaftsbury, VT, buried in No. Bennington, Vt. Mary died from consumption. He married (2) Laura H. Croft, 03-23-1905 in Shaftsbury, VT, b. 1858 in Minneapolis, MN; d. 12-26-1905 in Shaftsbury, VT.

Children by Mary E. Loomis:

- i. Arthur Cady Dunham b. 08-30-1884.
- +10. ii. Jesse Loomis ¹⁰ Dunham b. 01-26-1888.
- iii. Frank Clyde Dunham b. 09-08-1890.
- iv. Kenneth Herbert Dunham b. 11-08-1894.

10. Jesse Loomis ¹⁰ (Herbert Stanley ⁹ Dewey Charles ⁸ Alfred ⁷ Obadiah ⁶ Obadiah ⁵ Jabez ⁴ Nathaniel ³ Thomas ² John ¹) Dunham, b. 01-26-1888 in No. Bennington, VT; d. 12-01-1948 in Bennington, VT, buried in Grand View Cemetery, No. Bennington, VT. Selectman of Shaftsbury, VT for 15 years; deacon of Baptist Church for 30 years. Was a prolific vegetable gardener. He and Hazel owned and lived in the Isaiah Mattison house (23 room brick colonial built in 1826 including 100 acres of land)

in Shaftsbury for 33 years ending about 1937. He married Hazel Rockwood, 11-23-1910 in Bennington, VT, b. 1891, d. 1957.

Children:

- i. Leland Rockwood Dunham b. 12-12-1911.
- ii. Raymond Dunham, b. 10-08-1913.
- iii. Florence Susan Dunham, b. 09-30-1915. She married Clifton Ralph Bohanan.
- +11. iv. Jesse Elmer ¹¹ Dunham b. 12-16-1919.
- v. Roger Edward Dunham, b. 08-24-1924, d. 02-15-1936.
- vi. Ruth Marie Dunham, b. 12-24-1933. She married Gordon Francis Clark, 07-11-1953 in Bennington, VT.

11. Jesse Elmer ¹¹ (Jesse Loomis ¹⁰ Herbert Stanley ⁹ Dewey Charles ⁸ Alfred ⁷ Obadiah ⁶ Obadiah ⁵ Jabez ⁴ Nathaniel ³ Thomas ² John ¹) Dunham, b. 12-16-1919, d. 02-02-1982. He was a Civil Engineer, graduate of RPI in Troy, NY in 1940 and Chief Engineer for the State Department Agency for International Development in Bogota, Colombia and Saigon back in the 60's and Chef Engineer for CIA in the 70's. After graduation went to work with the Civil Aviation Administration as a Civil Engineer and certified pilot in charge of inspecting airports throughout New York State. He was drafted either late 1944 or early 45 and completed basic training with the Navy at Great Lakes, Illinois in April, 1945. He was shipped out by train to San Francisco presumably for the invasion of Japan but in the interim Congress had passed a bill that anyone with 2 or more kids was exempt from the draft. With 3 kids my father was released from the service but had to work at Treasure Island in San Francisco to make enough money for the train trip home. He married Lorna Morrow, 11-16-1940 in Maplecrest, NY.

Children:

- i. Lawrence C. Dunham, b. 10-24-1941.
- ii. Warren D. Dunham, b. 08-06-1943.
- iii. Diana Jean Dunham, b. 12-05-1944.
- iv. Bruce William Dunham, b. 08-01-1952.
- v. Sheree L. Dunham, b. 05-19-1955.