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From the President:

As I write this, Joann Dunham is finishing off her first newsletter and Gratia Dunham Mahoney is stepping away from her many years of service in this task.

On behalf of the entire Dunham Genealogy Research Association, I would like to thank Gratia for her many years of service to this organization. I don't think words can express how appreciative we are. Her contributions have been invaluable, and she is responsible for moving the ball forward on many fronts for all of us to understand our roots and heritage.

Personally, I found a family tree attributed to Gratia's research that started me on my journey to trace my family's roots. This led my family to participate in the DNA research here, and we have since found many relatives and friends here along the way.

Gratia has been the groups professional genealogist for many years. In this role, she has helped many people break through the brick walls in their family trees. She has documented this work on our website and in many, many quarters of our newsletters, leaving a permanent record for those who will follow behind her.

As Joann picks up the torch from Gratia, I would also like to thank her for stepping into Gratia's roles as our professional genealogist, editor of our newsletter, board member and "keeper of the flame"!

In closing, we encourage all here to contribute their family stories and to preserve it for others who will come after us. We also hope you as members encourage existing and new family members to join our organization. Information on how to join is on our website and donations to help support our efforts may be made there as well.

Until we speak again next quarter – I wish you all health and happiness.

With Best Regards,

Jeffrey M. Dunham
President
Dunham Genealogy Research Association

Editor's Corner:

After serving as the Dunham Genealogy Research Association (formerly Dunham-Singletary Family connections) Editor for the past fourteen years I think it is time to turn over the editorship to our well qualified board member Joann Dunham. She will begin full editorship on the next issue.

My goal in writing these last few issues was to put some of the research that I and others have worked on for a very long time into print where it may be viewed by others. Thus, the articles in this issue which address the ancestors of Van Rensselaer Dunham, and another Dunham family who lived in very nearly the same place in Washington County, New York. New York was a major crossroads for New England families migrating west. Many of our Dunham ancestors moved through New York, some staying for just a few years, and others spending several generations within this large state.

Another thing that makes New York research challenging is that we sometimes get the impression that all the Dunhams moving through or living in New York must have belonged to the same branch of the family or must have been living there at the same time. This of course is not true, and it is well to research and document the time-period when certain Dunhams were living in New York. A case in point is represented in the two articles in this issue which show one group living in New York from 1765 to about 1805, and the second family group living in the state from 1791 to about 1834 when all but one small part of this second family moved on to western New York. The two groups did overlap, and both resided near Hudson Falls (then called Sandy Hill) New York for about fourteen years.

Both 5th generation Dunham men who settled in Washington County were named Daniel, and both had sons named Samuel. It is interesting to speculate as to whether they knew each other, and whether they knew that they were both 5th generation descendants of Deacon John Dunham.

I have enjoyed working with the many Dunham descendants who have sent me queries as they search for information about their Dunham lines. After studying this family for over forty years I do have a large database with information that I am happy to share with other researchers. In fact, I do intend to continue to write articles from time to time in the future, and I would be pleased to continue answering queries sent to me by others. I also want to continue my work on the Dunham web site www.dunham-singletary.org and plan to dedicate my time to that project.

Thank you for selecting me as your editor for these past fourteen enjoyable years.

Gratia Dunham Mahony, Editor

Dunham Genealogy Research Association Newsletter

The Search for Van Rensselaer Dunham, (1808-1874+)

By Gratia Dunham Mahony

It has been a very long search, and I'm sure there is still more to add about the ancestors and descendants of Van Rensselaer Dunham. As this is my final newsletter as editor, (although not my final article for coming editions of the newsletter), I want to try to tidy up some unresolved Dunham lines. I want to do this by providing research that I've done on this line along with research done by other searchers on the beginnings of this Dunham line.

Facts We Know

Van Rensselaer Dunham appears on the 1850 Census in Mukwanago, Waukesha County, Wisconsin. His family is given as: [Editor's identification in brackets]

V. R. Dunham	43	Farmer	b. NY [b. 1807]
Ora	39	[She was Ora (Corbin) Dunham]	[b. about 1811]
W. A.	18	[b. 1832, Warren A. Dunham]	
A. S.	16	[b. 1834, Annette S. Dunham]	
Harvey	13	[b. 1837, Harvey E. Dunham]	
M. L.	11	[b. 1839, Marshall L. Dunham]	
R. E.	9	[b. 1841, Roxanna E. Dunham]	
M. E.	7	[b. 1843, Ellen or Mary Ellen Dunham]	
G. W.	4	[b. 1846, George or George Washington Dunham]	
O. A.	2	[b. 1848-9, Ora Amelia Dunham]	

We also know from the Bureau of Land Management, General Land Office Records for Wisconsin that Van Rensselaer Dunham purchased 40 acres in Section 21, Township 17N, Range 5 W: SWNE on 15 November 1854. This land is in La Crosse County, Wisconsin. He then purchased an additional 40 acres immediately south of the previous parcel on 15 April 1856. This land is described as Section 22, Township 17N, Range 5 W, SWSE.

We have further information from researcher Jane C. Edmundson who published a query in Dunham Dispatch newsletter March 1997 p. 4-5 (available on the DGRA web site). She was asking about Harvey E. Dunham (1837-1891) who married Ruthette Bowen. Jane states that Ruthette Bowen was the daughter-in-law of Van Rensselaer Dunham, b. 1807 in New York where he lived at the time of his marriage in Orleans County. He migrated to Burns, Wisconsin where he died some time after 1874. Harvey and Ruthette's daughter, Emma Annette Dunham (1860-1950) and husband George Washington Jackson were the grandparents of Jane C. Edmundson who owns the nice family portraits used in the Dunham Dispatch article, but not clear enough to reproduce here.

We have a third source of information about Van Rensselaer Dunham and his son Harvey E. Dunham from The History of the Chippewa Valley, Wisconsin p. 912:

“Harvey E. Dunham formerly a resident in the town of Clear Creek, Eau Claire County was b. in Chautauqua County, New York in 1837, and was the third child in the family of eight children born to V. R. and Ora (Corbin) Dunham, natives of New York, of English descent. V. R. Dunham moved to Waukesha County Wisconsin in 1850 and in 1853 to La Crosse County where he was the first settler in Burnam Valley. He made his residence there until 1876, when he returned to Ohio where he died. Harvey E. came to Eau Claire County in 1869. In 1859 he married Ruth E. Bowen, of La Crosse County and they had five children, namely: Emmie A., wife of George Jackson; Edwin A.; Willie E.; Oscar A; and George E. Dunham.”

The Search for Clues

An obituary posted on October 23, 2020 for Barbara Rose (Schwartz) Dunham, age 80, who passed away at her home in rural Osseo, WI gives us a clue to this Dunham family. Barbara Dunham was born in Chippewa Falls, WI on 18 Feb. 1940. In July of 1961 she married Russell Dunham and they were the parents of six children.

I looked up Russell Dunham on the Ancestry.com web site and found that his line was documented back to Van Rensselaer Dunham as follows:

Russell A. Dunham b. 21 April 1940 in Eau Claire Co. WI; d. 17 Dec. 1990 in Eau Claire. He lived in Strum, Trempealeau County, Wisconsin.

Arthur Bowen Dunham (father of Russell A. Dunham) was b. 16 Dec. 1911 in WI; d. 23 Sept. 1988 in Strum, Trempealeau Co., WI. He is buried in Union Cemetery, Clear Creek, Eau Claire Co. WI. He m. Muriel A. Moltzau (1916-2005).

Edwin Henry Dunham (father of Arthur B. Dunham) b. April 1864 in WI; d. July 1933 in Clear Creek Township, Eau Claire Co. WI. He m. Etta B. Lowe (1865-1950).

Harvey E. Dunham (father of Edwin Henry Dunham) b. about 1837 in NY; d. 1891 in Eau Claire Co. WI. He m. Ruthette Bowen (1839-1914).

Van Rensselaer Dunham (father of Harvey E. Dunham) b. 1807. He m. Ora Corbin who was b. in 1811.

Census Documentation

We find Van Rensselaer Dunham on the 1830 Census in Barre, Orleans County, New York. Note that Orleans County was set off from Genessee County in 1824. There are four Dunham listings in Barre, Orleans County as follows:

From image 27/52 on 1830 census images on-line: (possibly a duplicate entry)

Archibald Dunham

1 m. 20-30
1 f. 10-15
1 f. 20-30

From image 31/52 on 1830 census images on-line;

Archibald Dunham

1 m. 20-30 [Archibald Dunham b. 1802 so age 28]
1 f. 10-15

From image 31/52 on 1830 census images on-line;

Van Rensselaer Dunham

1 m. 15-20
1 m. 20-30 [Van Rensselaer Dunham b. 1807 so age 23]
1 f. 15-20

From image 33/52 on 1830 census images on-line:

David Dunham

1 m. under 5
1 m. 5-10
2 m. 10-15
1 m. 20-30
1 m. 50-60 [this is probably the father David Dunham b. 1770-1780]
1 f. 10-15
1 f. 20-30
1 f. 40-50 [this is probably the second wife of David Dunham b. 1780-1790]

In February 2001, I worked with Jane Devlin (descendant of Daniel Dorrence Dunham b. 1813), and Jane Edmundson (descendant of Archibald Dunham b. 1802). Archibald Dunham married Sophronia Torrey, daughter of John and Thurza (Barnes) Torrey. Jane Edmundson states that Archibald and VR Dunham owned property together in Barre, Orleans Co. NY in 1830.

Using Clues in Tracing this Dunham Line

One of the most important things to do when searching for a family is to document the earliest location that you can find that provides proof that the family was in a certain location and then work backward to see if you can learn where they came from. We find this early location of a David, Van Rensselaer and Archibald Dunham in the 1830 census of Barre, Orleans Co. NY. We can next try to learn their age categories, and where they came from. That has been the subject of research for over thirty years.

Please refer to the article that I wrote for the DSFC newsletter in Vol. 2, Issue 4, 15 Oct. 2005 p. 3-12 entitled "The Dunhams of Washington County, New York". On p. 9 we note the Revolutionary War Pension Application of Edward ⁶ Dunham who applied for a pension on 23

August 1832 in Orleans County, NY, “a resident of Barre, NY.” The children listed in the pension application were those of Edward’s second wife Mary (Dannals) and these were:

- Edward ⁷ Dunham, Jr. b. 5 April 1803; m. 23 Feb. 1823 Zeruah Corbin.
- Sophia ⁷ Dunham, b. 13 April 1805, m. 3 March 1822 Joseph Monroe.
- Seneca ⁷ Dunham, b. 20 Feb. 1807, m. Tirza Dannals.

The first wife of Edward ⁶ Dunham remains unknown but we do know the identity of the children of Edward ⁶ and his first wife. These were as follows:

- i. David ⁷ Dunham b. about 1774
He married first and unknown wife; married second Sarah Pierson on 27 Oct. 1808.
- ii. Daniel ⁷ Dunham b. about 1776
- iii. Silas ⁷ Dunham b. 27 June 1781 in Northumberland, Saratoga County, NY; d. 13 Feb. 1839 age 57 years in Cooper, Kalamazoo Co. Michigan. He m. 1st Dolly (unknown) before 1807; m. 2nd Tirzah Noble, about 1814 in Henrietta, Monroe County, NY.
- iv. Elijah ⁷ Dunham b. say 1782; m. Ann (unknown) before 1810 in Madison Co. NY
- v. Lydia ⁷ Dunham b. 2 Nov. 1784 (calculated from gravestone); m. Ira Clark in Cazenovia, Madison Co. NY in 1808.
- vi. Rachel ⁷ Dunham b. 1788 in Washington Co. NY m. Joseph Pierson, Jr. in 1808 in Cazenovia, NY.
- viii. Lois ⁷ Dunham b. about 1790 (she was age 59 on the 1850 census of Gun Plain, Allegan Co. MI. She m. Sheldon Pierson.

The 1790 Census shows Edward ⁶ Dunham living in Argyle, Washington County with 1 male over 16 (himself); 4 males under 16 (four oldest sons shown above); 4 females (his first unknown wife and three daughters). He is listed next to his younger brother Elijah ⁶ Dunham, and fairly close to an older brother Joseph W. ⁶ Dunham.

From this point we know the line back to Deacon John Dunham which is Edward ⁶ Daniel ⁵ Jonathan ^{4,3,2} Deacon John ¹ Dunham of Plymouth, MA. Please refer to the web site www.dunham-singletry.org and to the previously cited newsletter article “The Dunhams of Washington County, New York”.

The Unknown First Wife of David ⁷ Dunham

To learn where the children of Edward ⁶ Dunham and his first wife were born we find information in his Revolutionary War Pension Application. He states that “he was born 24 July 1753 at Great Nine Partners in Dutchess County, New York”. He then states that he “lived at Kingsbury in Washington County, New York at enlistment and later moved to Lanesborough, MA, and also enlisted there, then moved to Fort Edward, New York and also enlisted there”. We know that Edward ⁶ was still in Washington County, NY in 1790 as he appears on the 1790 census of Argyle, Washington County, NY. Note that the towns of Kingsbury, Fort Edward and

Argyle are all abutting townships located near present day Hudson Falls, and that there is a location there called “Dunham’s Basin”. [More about this place in the next article].

The above information locates Edward ⁶ Dunham in Washington County, NY between his enlistment and at least 1790, the period when his children by his first wife were born (1774 to 1790). This gives us a clue that his first wife may have come from this area. Last fall just such a clue was received when I sent a message through Ancestry.com to the family of Russell Dunham’s descendants and received (in part) the following reply. “Here is part of an email I received several years ago from my uncle who was in contact with some distant relatives in NY. After seeing this and doing some more research I think that VR Dunham’s father married a prominent van Rensselaer and named their first son Van Rensselaer.”

I, (Gratia Mahony) have not found any close personal connection to the Van Rensselaer family but this comment may have had a grain of fact within it. Neither Van Rensselaer nor Archibald (brother of Van Rensselaer) are Dunham names. Based on the location in and around Sandy Hill, (now Hudson Falls, NY) I think that the first wife of David ⁷ Dunham may have either been Dutch or may have lived on one of the great land patents owned by the Dutch patroons such as Rensselaerswyck Manor. Thus, those given names could have come down from her family.

The Manor of Rensselaerswyck was the name of a Dutch patroonship, and later a colonial estate, that was owned by the van Rensselaer family and that was located in what is now the Albany, New York area. It covered land on both sides of the Hudson River and included most of what are now the present counties of Albany and Rensselaer, and parts of Columbia and Green counties. Under the terms of the patroonship the patroon had nearly total jurisdictional authority. Tenant farmers were allowed to work on the land but had to pay rent to the owners and had no rights to property. The patroonship was maintained intact by Rensselaer descendants for more than two centuries. It was split up after the death of Stephen van Rensselaer III in 1839.

The population of the colony of Rensselaerswyck in its early days consisted of three classes: freemen on top, who emigrated from Holland at their own expense; farmers next; and farm servants sent by the patroon at the bottom of the caste system. The original patroon, Kiliaen van Rensselaer, used his large resources to advance his interests but he was quick to assist people on the estate. He initially defined several farms on both sides of the river, on which he ordered houses, barns, and stables to be erected. The patroon paid to stock these farms with cattle, horses, and sometimes with sheep, and furnished the necessary wagons, plows and other implements. The early tenant farmer thus entered upon the land without being encumbered by these expenses.

The last patroons to live on the manor were Stephen van Rensselaer II (1747-1769), and his son. The son, Stephen van Rensselaer III was only 5 years old when his father died in 1769. The manor was therefore managed by Abraham Ten Broeck until 1784 when Stephen van Rensselaer III was able to take over the management in his own right. Stephen III lived to be 75 years old, dying in 1839. He is remembered as “The Good Patroon”. Stephen van Rensselaer III became

well known for his many achievements. In 1825 he was elected Grand Master of the New York State Grand Masonic Lodge. He was elected to the New York State Assembly in 1789 and was re-elected until chosen by the legislature for the New York State Senate in 1791. In 1795 he was elected Lieutenant Governor of New York. He was elected to the United States house of Representatives in 1822. He founded, with Amos Eaton, the Rensselaer School, which developed into the present-day Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI).

There is no record of the children of the families of the patroons marrying out of their circle of relatives and social class acquaintances. However, there are records of many young children all along the Hudson River valley being named in honor of the Van Rensselaer family. I would speculate that the first wife of David ⁷ Dunham belonged to one of the Dutch families who settled on the Manor, and that to honor her family or to acknowledge their high estimation of the Van Rensselaer family, she named one of her sons Van Rensselaer Dunham.

Probable Children of David ⁷ Dunham b. about 1774

As we have seen above from the 1830 census of Barre, Orleans Co. NY there were four Dunham families listed. It is possible that the two listings for Archibald are duplicate entries. In looking at the age categories it appears that there were two generations represented. The family of David included a male 50-60, so b. 1770-1780, and I would identify him as David ⁷, b. about 1774. In image 31/52 of the images on-line we see Archibald Dunham and Van Rensselaer Dunham on the same page. Both are young men between 20-30. We know that Archibald was born about 1802, and Van Rensselaer was born in 1807, and these birth dates fit the age categories listed in the census.

By the time of the 1840 census Archibald Dunham was living in Richmond, Macomb Co. MI; and Van Rensselaer was living in the adjoining town of Armada, Macomb Co. MI. It should be noted that Daniel Dorance Dunham (b. about 1813) was also living in Armada, MI, but I believe he was a cousin of Archibald and Van Rensselaer, not a brother. More research is needed to positively identify Daniel Dorance Dunham, but I believe he was the son of Daniel ⁷ Dunham (b. about 1776) who was the next younger brother of David ⁷ Dunham.

Dunham's Basin, (Kingsbury) New York

By Gratia Dunham Mahony

As we have seen in the previous article there were Dunhams living in Argyle, Washington County, New York up until about 1805-1808 when most of this family moved to Nelson, Madison County, New York. However, for a period of about 12 years there were two Dunham lines represented in Washington County, both located in the area where the Kingsbury and Argyle border meet, and right at that point that is now called Dunham's Basin. While we can't be certain, I believe that Dunham's Basin was named for this second Dunham family, in the line of

John ¹ Joseph ² Daniel ³ Joseph ⁴ Daniel ⁵ born in Newport about 1762. This Daniel ⁵ Dunham came to Kingsbury about 1793.

Today little is known about Dunham's Basin, and it was probably just a small hamlet where a few Dunham families settled. It is still "on the map" however and we can easily locate it at the intersection of Rt. 196 and Rt. 42 right along the Champlain Canal. In fact, the building and operation of the Champlain Canal may explain why Dunham's Basin even existed.

From the book The History of Washington County New York, on page 432 is stated: "Dunham's Basin, is a station on the RR and Canal. There is a hotel and store and accommodations for building canal boats. It is located two miles east of Sandy Hill and received its name from Daniel Dunham, an early resident of the place."

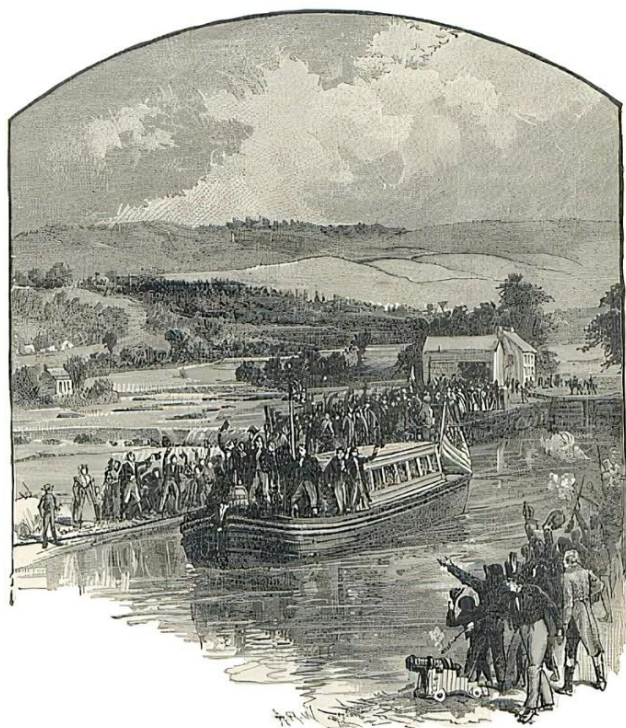
The Champlain Canal

It is worth investigating this "canal" and learning a little about it. The Champlain Canal is one of America's first canals. It runs from the Hudson River in the South, all the way to Whitehall at Lake Champlain in the North. The canal is about 60 miles in length.

The initial construction of the Champlain canal was suggested in the year 1812. However, it was not until 1817 that authorization for the actual construction of the canal was made. The legislature of New York appropriated funds and created a committee to build a navigable waterway connecting the Lower Hudson River with Lake Champlain. This was done to enhance trade and facilitate export of raw materials from the Hudson valley.

The construction process was gradual with 12 miles being constructed by the year 1818. The following year, the canal was opened from Fort Edward to Lake Champlain. Construction went

on for six years and on the 10th of September 1823, the Champlain canal was officially opened.



Opening of the Erie Canal which opened at about the same time as the Champlain Canal

Record of the Dunham Family Living in This Area

We have evidence of the family of Daniel ⁵ (Joseph ⁴ Daniel ³ Joseph ² John ¹) from the Revolutionary War Pension file of this Daniel Dunham.

From: S43523 BIWt. 10235-160-55, See Rev. Pension appl. 10 Apr. 1818, age 55 (so b. 1763). He was resident of Sandy Hill NY, Town of Kingsbury, Washington Co. NY. Enlisted in 1781 at Plainfield CT. under Capt. Ebenezer Bulkley, 3rd Ct. Regt. commanded by Samuel B. Webb, Colonel. He had a wife aged 53 and 2 sons Solomon 18 & Daniel aged 12. He appl. For BLW 22 Mar. 1855, Oswego Co. NY, a res. of Hannibal NY.

From Death Notices from Washington Co. NY Newspapers, p. 200, Dunham Daniel, in his 99th y. a Rev. Soldier, formerly of Kingsbury NY d. in Mexico NY 13 Feb. 1860.

From census research it looks like Daniel ⁵ Dunham, born in Newport abt. 1762, came to Washington County about 1793. Therefore, the following census data and my identification of family members should be of interest:

1800 Census Argyle, Washington Co. NY p. 472;
Daniel Dunham 20010-11010

This family would be:

2 m. under 10	so b. 1790-1800 (prob. Samuel b. 1794 and John R. b. 1799-1800)
1 m. 26-45	so b. 1755-1774 Daniel b. 1762 so age 38
1 f. under 10	b. 1790-1800
1 f. 10-16	b. 1784-1800
1 f. 26-45	b. 1755-1774

1810 Census Kingsbury p. 292;
Daniel Dunham 31001-11010

This family would be:

3 m. under 10	so b. 1800-1810 Daniel, Jr. b. 1806; Solomon b. 1802; John R. b. 1799-1800
1 m. 10-16	so b. 1794-1800 (Samuel b. 1794)
1 m. over 45,	so b. bef. 1765 (prob. the Daniel b. abt. 1761-2) so age abt. 49
1 f. under 10	(so b. 1800-1810)
1 f. 10-15	(so b. 1795-1800)
1 f. 26-45	so b. 1765-1784 wife Sarah b. 1767

1820 Census Kingsbury p. 302;
Daniel 010201-00011

This family would be:

1 m. 10-16 (so b1804-1810) Daniel Jr. b. 1806
 2 m. 18-26 (so b. 1794-1802) Solomon b. 1800-1802; John R. b. 1799)
 1 m. over 45; Daniel b. abt. 1761 so abt. 59
 1 f. 26-45 (b. 1775-1794) dau. Betsey b. 1790
 1 f. over 45 wife Sarah b. 1767 so age 53

1830 Census Kingsbury p. 362; (near bottom of page)
 Daniel 0100600010000-0100011010000

This family would be:

1 m. 5-10 (so b. 1820-1825)
 6 m. 20-30 (**prob. some were canal workers/boarders**)
 (so b. 1800-1810) poss. Solomon b. 1800-1802
 1 m. 60-70; Daniel b. abt. 1761 so abt. 69
 1 f. 5-10 (so b. 1820-1825)
 1 f. 30-40 (so b. 1790-1800)
 1f. 40-50 (so b. 1780-1790) poss. dau. Betsey b. 1790
 1 f. 60-70 wife Sarah b. 1767 so age 63

Daniel Dunham b. 1762 in RI moved to Hannibal, Oswego Co. NY before about 1837; (per 1855 census of Oswego County, NY). He died in Hannibal 13 February 1860 age 98 years.

Family of Daniel ⁵ Dunham of Dunham's Basin

Children of Daniel ⁵ and Sarah (--) Dunham: (from analysis of census data)

- i. David ⁶ Dunham b. 1770-1780
 - d. bef. 1850 census
 - m. Betsey (--) b. 1790
- ii. Samuel ⁶ Dunham b. 1794 in Washington Co. NY
 - d. 28 Feb. 1877 **Dunham's Basin** * Note will and children below.
 From Death Notices from Washington Co. NY Newspapers 1799-1880, by Jackson, pub. 1995 Heritage Books, p. 438; Samuel Dunham, age 83 y. in Dunham's Basin NY, d. 28 Feb. 1877
- iii. John (Jno.) R. ⁶ Dunham b. 1799
 - d.
 - m. Fanny (--) b. 1805
 - d. 9 Dec. 1868 age 63 yrs.
 - Child: Sarah ⁷ Dunham b. 1831
- iv. Solomon ⁶ Dunham b. 1800-1802
 - He was named in pension application of Daniel ⁵ Dunham
- v. Giles E. ⁶ Dunham b. abt. 1804
 - d. 30 Nov. 1842 age 38 yrs. in Hannibal, Oswego Co. NY
 buried Hannibal Village Cemetery

- vi. Daniel ⁶ Dunham, Jr. b. 1806 Washington Co. NY
 - d.
 - m. Emily (--) b. 1807
 - He was named in pension application of Daniel ⁵ Dunham
 - Child of Daniel Dunham, Jr. and Emily;
 - Cornelia T. ⁷ Dunham b. 1830-31
 - d.
 - m. 28 April 1852 Hiram Barber

From marriage Notices from Washington Co. NY Newspapers p. 56; Cornelia T. Dunham dau. of Daniel of Sandy Hill NY m. Hiram Barber of Ft. Ann NY 26 April 1852 in Sandy Hill, NY

References to the Above Dunham Family In Washington County Documents

Washington County, New York Deeds:

Grantor	Grantee	Date	Vol./page
Daniel & Sally Dunham	Daniel Church	7 Mar. 1833	GG:407&560
John & Fanny Dunham	Samuel Dunham	11 April 1834	II:630
Samuel & Laura Dunham	Timothy Stoughton	14 June 1836	QQ:277
James & Rebecca Dunham	No. Cambridge	30 April 1838	VV:281
Giles E. Dunham	Daniel Dunham, Jr.	11 June 1838	VV:497
Daniel & Emily Dunham	John W. Bates	19 April 1842	4:406

From Washington Co. Court House in Fort Edward NY, Book QQ:277 dated 19 Jan. 1836; Samuel Dunham & Laura his wife of Kingsbury, & Timothy Stoughton of Ft. Edward...land in Ft. Edward, part of lot #137_beginning on west side of Champlain Canal...3 acres

From Washington Co. Court House in Fort Edward NY, Book II:631 dated 12 March 1825; "John Thomas and Sarah his wife of Kingsbury, Washington Co. NY . . .(sell to) Sameul and John Dunham of town and Co. aforesaid...part of lot #137 in Patent of Argyle. . .

From Washington Co. Court house Book II:630 dated (recording date) 11 April 1834; John Dunham & Fanny his wife of Kingsbury, Washington County New York to Samuel Dunham. . .land in Kingsbury. . .bounded on the East by the Champlain Canal and also part of lot #137 in Patent of Argyle. . ."

NOTE: John and Fanny appear in Hannibal, Oswego Co. NY in 1840 on-line next to David/Daniel and Giles Dunham.

So, it looks like the brothers Samuel and John Dunham bought this land from John Thomas in 1825. In 1834 John and wife Fanny sold their share to Samuel. John and Fanny moved to Oswego Co. NY, and Samuel remained in Washington County.

Will and Children of Samuel ⁶ Dunham

From City Directory of Kingsbury, New York p. 501; Chas. C. Dunham, son of Samuel and Laura (Dibble) Dunham, b. Washington county 1824, was a farmer, PO Sandy Hill.

Excerpts from the Will of Samuel ⁶ Dunham, Washington Co. Wills, 1872-1878, Film #455;
“ I Samuel Dunham of the town of Kingsbury Washington County State of New York being of sound mind and memory, do make, ordain, & publish & declare this to be my last will & testament, that is to say:

First--After all my lawful debts are paid and discharged I give, devise & bequeath unto my son Charles C. Dunham all my real estate.

Second--I bequeath unto my son William Henry Dunham one thousand dollars.

Third--I bequeath unto my son Charles C. Dunham the sum of two hundred dollars.

Fourth--I bequeath unto my grand daughter Sarah Rogers, wife of Harper (?) N. Rogers three hundred dollars.

Fifth--I bequeath unto my grandson Charles Henry Bond two hundred dollars.

Sixth--All the rest & residue of my estate I bequeath unto my daughters Sarah Margaret Miller & Mary Jane Nash to be equally divided between them.

Likewise I make (---) and appoint my son Charles C. Dunham to be executor of this my last will & testament hereby revoking all former wills by me made.

In witness where of I have hereunto subscribed my name & affixed my seal, the 5th day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & seventy-seven.

Samuel Dunham

Witness:

Lyman H. Northup residing at Sandy Hill (attorney) [*in the 1850 census he is shown next to Roswell Hyde, and near Osro Bond, both men who m. Samuel's daughters*]

David Harvey residing at Kingsbury (neighbor)

The Champlain Canal Today

Today the Champlain Canal is used mainly for pleasure boating. It still links Lake Champlain to the Lower Hudson River and New York City.

What's New on the Dunham Website

by James A. Streeter

The end of 2021 has been a busy time for me still working on some new additions to the website but nothing has been completed. I hope to be able to complete formatting the information on the Dunham line of Michael K. Flynn that was published in the October 2020 Newsletter shortly. When complete the descendant line of: **350. Shubael⁵ Dunham** (Cornelius⁴, Jonathan^{3,2}, Deacon John¹ Dunham), will extend from the 5th Generation to the 12th (Michael K. Flynn). Complete families with the references are being added.

If anyone has suggestions for new Articles for the Newsletter and new Sections for the Dunham Families in America Collections they are always welcomed. **HELP NEEDED** - We are looking for some help to review Dunham lines found in the DSFC Newsletters and prepare them to be added into the Dunham Families in America collection. If you have questions about what is involved or are able to help, please contact James A. Streeter - james8313@sti.net