

more on heath ancestors

Editor Note: Our last issue of *The FOUR DRIVE*, Vol I, No 9 - November 25, 1997 reported considerable additions to our lineage starting with Andrew J. Heath. .

Jacob Heath

Generally our readership is interested in the Heath family ancestry as the result of the marriage of Mary Melissa Heath to Andrew J. Rose. Previous issues of The Four Drive has covered some information related to Mary Melissa and her father, Andrew J. Heath. The descendants of Mary Melissa are quite familiar with family history this far back. Our interest in this article will begin with Jacob Heath and Abigail Adams the parents of Andrew. For the time being we will leave Abigail because we do not have any confirmed information regarding her parents and ancestors.

We now know quite a bit about Jacob's ancestry-

Jacob⁶(Joseph⁵, Thomas⁴, John³, Josiah², Bartholomew¹). So we have -

JACOB HEATH ANCESTOR CHART

[The number system below is ahentafel. As we review the ancestors of Jacob Heath we will be referring to the individuals on this chart by the number shown]¹

1. Jacob Heath + Abigail Adams

2. Joseph Heath

3. Mercy Adams

¹ ahentafel meaning ancestor in german. using #1 for the starting individual their father would be #2 and mother #3. Thus for any given individual their parents would be the individuals number * two for the father and * two +1 for the mother. i.e. the individual being "n" the father is (2*n) and the mother is (2*n + 1)

4. Thomas Heath
5. Waitstill Fuller
6. Richard Adams Jr.
7. Susanna Preston

8. John Heath

9. Hannah Haynes²
10. Samuel Fuller
11. Elizabeth Thatcher
12. Richard Adams
13. Mercy Leonardson
14. John Preston
15. Mary Haynes³

16. Josiah Heath
17. Mary Davis
18. Jonathan Haynes
19. Sarah Moulton
20. Samuel Fuller
21. Mary Ross Houghton
22. Rev Rodolphus Thacher
23. Ruth Partridge
24. William Adams
25. Elizabeth (Adams)⁴
26. Samuel Leonard
27. Abigail Atwood
28. Samuel Preston
29. Susanna Gutterson
30. Jonathan Haynes
31. Sarah Moulton

32. Bartholomew Heath
33. Hannah Moyce
34. Ensign John Davis
35. Jane Peasley
36. William Haynes
37. Sarah Ingersoll
38. William Mouton
39. Margaret Page
40. Matthew Fuller
41. Francis (Fuller)⁵
44. Rev Thomas Thacher
45. Elizabeth Partridge
46. George Partridge
47. Sarah Tracy
48. James Adams
49. Francis Vassall
52. Solomon Leonardson
53. Sarah Chandler
54. John Atwood

² Hannah Haynes is sister to Mary Haynes #15.

³ Mary Haynes is sister to Hannah Haynes #9

⁴ Last name of Elizabeth unknown

⁵ Last name of Francis unknown

55. Sarah Masterson
 56. Roger Preston
 57. Martha (Preston)
 58. prob William Gutterson
 59. Elizabeth (Gutterson)
 60. William Haynes
 61. Sarah Ingersoll
 62. William Moulton
 63. Margaret Page

 64. John Heath
 65. Alis Bartholomew
 66. Joseph Moyce
 67. Hannah Folcord
 68. James Davis
 74. Richard Ingersoll
 75. Ann (Agnes) Langley
 80. Edward Fuller
 88. Rev(II) Peter Thacher
 89. Anne (thacher)
 108. John Wood [Atwood]
 109. Jean Coleson
 122. Richard Ingersoll
 123. Ann Agnes Langley

 160. Robert Fuller
 161. Sara Dunkhorn
 176. Rev(I) Peter Thacher
 216. Nicholas Wood
 217. Olive Harmon

 432. John (Hewson) Wood
 433. Margaret(wood)
 434. James Harmon
 864. John Wood
 865. Denes (wood)

Jacob Heath was born 19 August 1764 in Litchfield CT. He married Abigail Adams Sep 1785 in Salem MA. Jacob died in Livingston County, NY (possibly Geneseo, NY) on 14 Jul 1839 or 1840 exact year is unknown. He was not listed as a head of household in the 1840 census so would conclude he died in 1839, though he could have been living with one of the family. Abigail died after Jacob. Abigail was born 11 Mar 1770 in Sandisfield MA. Not much is known about Abigail or her parents. The legal notice of August 1842 mentions "widow" and others. We conclude that she was living in 1842 and best information we have she died 29 Nov 1844 in Geneseo⁶. The final determination of the Surrogates Court was issued 6 Oct 1842 and also refers to widow by Abigail Heath and administrators Joseph and Andrew J Heath sons of the deceased.

⁶ Information from Marie Rumfola

As to Jacob's occupation we only know that he was a postrider in 1825. [see reproduction of advertisement this issue] Jacob and Abigail are believed to have had 12 children. Two of the children are listed as infant daughters - unnamed. Milow (or Molow), Mary, Hannah, David, and Jacob are known to have died as children or teenagers. William died prior to Jacob. Only four children are known to have survived Jacob. They were Joseph (b. 1793) , Celestus (b. 1799), Amy⁷ (b. 1802) and Andrew (b. 1815).

Joseph and Celestus stayed in Livingston County area and information in various census confirms. Amy married William Docosser. Amy and William are buried in Mt. Pleasant cemetery Township of Geneseo.⁸

Celestus and Joseph were found in census records through 1850 and Joseph also in the 1870 census.⁹

Jacob's parents were Joseph Heath(2)¹⁰ and Mercy Adams(3).¹¹ Married in Preston CT the 9 Feb 1764. As to the siblings of Jacob we know that there were nine. One of whom was sister Lois from whom our newly found cousin Nancy Lanni is descended.

⁷ Amy's birth recorded as Annma in the family bible.

⁸ During a visit to this cemetery I noted the grave marker for Docosers but didn't realize the relationship of Amy at the time. The Surrogates Court refers to Amy as wife of William Dresser.

⁹ This does not mean to infer that they are not in the census of other years, these are years that we happened to run across them.

¹⁰ The numbers in parenthesis refer to the **ahentafel** numbers of Jacob's ancestor chart

¹¹ We have no information as to whether Abigail Adams was any relationship to her mother-in-law

POST RIDER

Jacob Heath, PostRider,

INFORMS his customers that he will discontinue carrying newspapers after the 2nd week of October, when another person will take his place. All who have received the Livingston Register from him are requested to be in readiness for settlement at the time mentioned. Which will be two weeks only after the present.

91 Line Sept 28 1825

Postrider-¹²

The above advertisement appeared in The Livingston Register, Livingston County, NY on September 28, 1825

Legal Notice

The people of the State of New York – To the creditors, widow, next of kin, and all persons interested in the estate of Jacob Heath late of the town of Geneseo in the county of Livingston, deceased, send greeting.

Witness: Joseph Heath and Andrew J. Heath, administrators of the goods and chattels of the said Jacob Heath, deceased, have been required by our surrogate of our county of Livingston on the application of Josiah Clark a creditor of said deceased to render an account of their proceedings as such administrators, and the said administrators are desirous to have same finally settled and have applied for a citation for that purpose. You are therefore required to appear before our said surrogate at the office in the town of Geneseo in the county of Livingston on the 13th day of September next at ten o'clock in the forenoon and attend the settlement of the said account.

Given under the hand and seal of office of our said Surrogate at Geneseo in the said county of Livingston the 4th day of August 1842.

/s William H Kelsey, Surrogate

Estate notice for the estate of Jacob Heath appeared in The Livingston Register August 7, 1842¹³

¹² **postrider, n.** a person who carries the post, or mail, on horseback

¹³ The exact date of death is unknown. Believed to have been 1839 or 1840

Introducing - Nancy Lanni

Bio by Nancy Ruth Blake Lanni

Born: Syracuse, New York - 1945

Graduated : State University College at Oswego , New York.

Teacher: 22 years.

Married Anthony Patrick Lanni.

Daughter-Grace Lynn DeRoose

2 grandchildren- Connor Patrick and Shannon Elizabeth.

We are currently living in Wasco, Oregon, a small town in North central Oregon (high desert) where my husband is the Educational Service District Superintendent. I've taken an early retirement to work on an old Victorian residence.

My interests include: gardening, writing, genealogy, and travel.

I'm a Master Gardener. I'm on the boards of the Sherman County Historical Society and the Community Concerts. Currently I am organizing a calendar for Wasco's 100th.

I've been a genealogist for more than 40 years, and am currently listed as the repository for the Heath family through the Connecticut Society of Genealogists. Essentially what that means is that I have taken on the responsibility of holding the family information of the Heath families that is sent to me, actively collecting data as I research, and exchanging information with those who submit queries. As such I have been able to help a number of people over the years.

To find someone who has been actively researching the descendants of Andrew J and Ann Eliza (Gear)¹⁴ Heath has been a thrill for me. Most of my research has been on the early generations. I am looking forward to hearing some of the stories of the early families and 'meeting' and sharing with newly found cousins.¹⁵

¹⁴ Nancy has Ann Eliza's last name as Gear. Based on reference of the marriage in a New York paper.

¹⁵ Editor Note: I hope that our readership will take the time to drop a note of greeting and introduction to Nancy.

GENERATION REFERENCE MARKS

In our last issue we used some generation reference marks when reporting some of our newly found Heath ancestors. For those not familiar with generation reference marks there might have been some confusion with the footnote reference numbers. Both utilize superscript. I do not know of anyway to differentiate the two, but the format of the generation reference marks should pretty well take care of the confusion¹⁶.

Waitstill⁵ (Samuel⁴, Samuel³, Matthew², Edward¹), the wife of Thomas Heath, Fuller was born 8 April 1711 in Mansfield, CT.. She married Thomas Heath, Preston CT 21 Feb. 1733/4.¹⁷

What we show here for Waitstill Fuller is her descendancy (or ancestry-if you prefer) as referenced to Edward as being #1. Waitstill being number 5 and in parenthesis we show her father and grandfathers. In reverse order, starting with (Edward¹ there is son Matthew², his son Samuel³ and Samuel's son Samuel⁴) Since we show the generation numbers in this context, there should not be any confusion with an actual footnote. You should be aware though that generation notation is only specific to the generations referenced. Had we started with Edward's father Robert, than Robert would have been the number one and all the other numbers would have been incremented by one.

It is also correct to have just shown Waitstill lineage without the numbers. Waitstill (Samuel, Samuel, Matthew, Edward), This alternate is quite practical and useful if there is no further reference to the lineage at that time.

Generation numbers and descendancy become real important when trying to tag several individuals who happen to be Samuel Fuller. For instance Matthew Fuller had a brother Samuel, who would have been an uncle and great uncle to Samuels shown for Waitstill.

¹⁶ Example taken from page 2 of The Four Drive Vol I, No. 9.

¹⁷ This number refers to a footnote. This date in our calendar would be 1734. In the Julian calendar which was being used at that time the date was 21 Feb 1733.

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THE GREAT CALENDAR CHANGE

Editor Note: Our last issue of the Four Drive reported on the Julian and Gregorian calendars and especially how the changed affected the months of January and February. As my research progressed I would see references to dates as "old" or "new" style, there being 10 days difference. This article attempts to clarify this and add other information of interest to the genealogist. Information received from Chris Dixon - original source of article unknown.

In order to eliminate 10 extra days that had gradually crept into the Julian calendar since it was established by Julius Caesar, Pope Gregory XIII in 1582 ordered that the extra days be dropped, and that henceforth, the new year would begin on Jan 1, instead of March 25.

For almost 200 years, however, England, a Protestant nation, stubbornly resisted this change, although many Englishmen and American colonists informally followed the new, more scientific, calendar.

By the time the Gregorian calendar was officially accepted by England and its colonies in **1752**, another day had crept into the old calendar. The official change to the Gregorian calendar caused the day after Sept 2, 1752, to become Sept 14, to make up for the 11 days' difference between the 2 systems.

Genealogists must take into account this 11-day calendar change for persons born before, but dying after, 1752. That was the year the new calendar went into effect in Great Britain and its American colonies.

Sometimes it can be difficult to tell the year of birth of a child born in the months of January, February or March. Was the baby born in the old or new year?

This led to a system called "double-dating." A child born in February 1702 would have been recorded as born in January 1701-2, reflecting both the Julian and Gregorian calendars. This double-dating practice continued in the British colonies until 1752.

References to Old Style dates refer to the Julian calendar, while New Style pertains to

the Gregorian calendar. These are often abbreviated as OS and NS.

Whenever a date falls between Jan 1 and March 24 before 1752, double-dating is often used to reflect both calendars.

If you discover an ancestor made a will in October of 1692 and it was probated in February of 1692, you might think an error had been made, when in fact it is simply the old calendar dates involved.

However, you may also find some double-dating used incorrectly in genealogical records, such as April 9, 1741-2. You should correct this to 1742, as it probably was a case of the recorder just forgetting that it was really 1742. Many of us do the same when writing checks in January, when we mistakenly date them the previous year. Because the year began March 25 under the Julian calendar, you will often find March referred to as the first month, April as the 2d, and so forth.

In pre-1752 American records, when you see months written as "7ber" and "8ber," they actually mean September and October--not July and August. After all, in Latin, September and October really mean 7th and 8th months, respectively, and November and December mean the 9th and 10th months. Take this system into consideration when tracing colonial lines.

The switch from the Julian to the Gregorian calendar has considerable impact on many early American genealogical problems in the British colonies. However, the Dutch in New Netherlands (New York) never used the Julian calendar.

Spain, Portugal, and parts of Italy and France switched to the Gregorian calendar in 1582; the Catholic German states followed in 1583; and by the early 1700s, the Protestant German states, Sweden and Denmark were using it.

Another point to remember about the great calendar change is that the Society of Friends (Quakers) began their year on Jan 1 but otherwise accepted the dates of the Julian calendar. There are, however, exceptions in some Quaker records.

The careful genealogist must be alert to this possibility when researching such ancestors.

The Journals of Charles Wesley Fitch Sr.

Daniel and Theresa Chinnery have sent me the diary for year 1900. They found this copy tucked in the back of a drawer of my mother's dining room buffet. This diary has been transcribed and is available upon request. [photocopying and postage \$2.00]

As many of you know or can assume, Martha and I have decided to slow down our RV travels and have purchased a condo just on the edge of Asheville, NC. We started moving in on December 5, 1997. These past weeks we have been busy unpacking the many boxes we had in storage. One box was an accumulation of my mother's historical papers. Included in this box were Charles Fitch's dairies for 1944-1947, 1949, 1950 and 1955

Please will you descendants of Charles Fitch take time to look in your things for other copies of his diary/journals?

VITAL RECORDS

ERRATA to the following, reported on page 3 of Vol I, No. 8- the date death should have been shown as 2 Jun not 1 Jun.

Deaths:

Lafayette Brant (b. 4 Mar 1919) died in Ludington Michigan on 2 Jun 1997 . Lafayette married Arlene Doris Dixon nee Fitch on 23 Jul 1971 who survives.

DEFINITIONS

We commonly use words assuming that others are familiar with their meaning. It has been suggested we provide definitions as appropriate.

nee, adj. <L. nasci, to be born> born: used to introduce the maiden name of a married women.

Getting Started

The Family Group Sheet

We continue in this issue with a feature begun in Volume I, No.8 to provide information to those just starting. That issue introduced the reader to the “*pedigree chart*”. We now take the initial information and prepare our “*family group sheet*”. We again remind the reader that if they are using a computer program these two reports are generated from the computer data base. A basic understanding of the “*family group sheet*” will assist you in accumulating the desired information. The Family Group consists of the husband and wife and their off spring. Initially you might only have one of the off spring and their parents who happen to be your direct ancestors. As you expand your area of research you will want to obtain information on the siblings.

Our initial article provided a pedigree chart for my mother Alice Rose Fitch. In this issue we have included a family group sheet for the subscriber who is a part of my data base.

The information listed in the family group sheet is:

Husband: <name>
 Born: <date and place>
 Died: <date and place>
 Buried: <date and place>
 Occupation:
 Father: <name>
 Mother: <name>

Wife: <Name>
 Born: <date and place>
 Died: <date and place>
 Buried: <date and place>
 Occupation:
 Father: <name>
 Mother: <name>

Marr: <date and place>

Children

1. Name: <name>
 Sex Born: <date and place>
 Died: <date and place>
 Spouse: <name>
 Married: <date and place>

2. Repeated for each of the known siblings.

Name, address and phone number of preparer is usually listed on the bottom of the first page¹⁸.

After all of the above data any references as to source of data and footnotes are included.

end of family group sheet outline

Using the family group sheet for Alice Fitch refer to the pedigree chart provided with the initial article. You should be able to note the similar data. The pedigree shows name of spouse while the family group sheet lists all of the data known for the spouse. Alice's father and mother are listed as Charles Fitch and Ethel Rose and referring to the pedigree chart you will see them listed as the next generation.

Recent Acquisitions.

Your recent acquisitions of family history should be recorded here. Let us know what important piece of information you have recently found and or received from someone.

Received from Marie Rumfola

Photocopy of “*A Genealogical Record of One Branch of the Heath, Clark and Cone Families.*” by Dewitt Stillwell dated March 1, 1905 Editor note: This branch of Heaths appear to be descended from William Heath of Roxbury line.

Received from Nancy Lanni

Descendants of Joseph Heath { father of Jacob Heath}. Pedigree Charts for Jacob Heath, John Heath, Hannah Haines, Samuel Fuller, Elizabeth Thacher, Richard Adams, Marcy Leonardson, John Preston, and Mary Haines. Family Group Record for Joseph Heath, Thomas Heath, Richard Adams, and Jonathan Haines . List of surnames and ancestral lines for Nancy Lanni. Photocopies of family information from Jacob Heath/Abigail Adams family bible.

¹⁸ If any information is not known the line is left blank or in the case of my computer program it omits the line.

SURFING INTERNET

Where have you been surfing? Have you found any exciting sites? This is being written the day after Christmas and as yet we have not been able to get on the Internet. The delay caused by being bogged down getting settled in here in Asheville. Secondly, we have ordered a new computer - a Macintosh G-3. The G-3 was the code name used by Apple during it's development. I have ordered a Desktop G-3 running the new Motorola 750 chip at 233mhz. Bench top tests showing its performance to be twice that of the 233mhz Pentium. You are aware that speeds of computer chips are only comparable for the same chip. So my getting on the internet with new e-mail address is pending arrival of the new machine.¹⁹ I felt that my existing machine, an LC-III would be too slow for downloading of many of the internet files.

NEW NEW

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OTHER e-mail addresses.

Addresses for several of our subscribers. We invite you to contact and get acquainted with the following: Others please advise if you have an e-mail address. Recent changes are underlined

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The Four Drive

Volume No. I - Index

An index for Volume I is available, comprises 12 pages. [Photocopying and postage is \$1.75]²⁰

¹⁹ Since writing this paragraph my new computer has arrived and you will note that I now have an internet e-mail address.

²⁰ Sorry for the high cost, experience unreasonable photocopying costs for last batch of materials. I guess future reproduction will be multiple copies on my printer

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The following have submitted requests for renewal.

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The following have not renewed. If you are in contact with any of the non-renewals I would appreciate you asking them did they really wish to have their subscription discontinued?

Ethel Cassan
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As per suggestions made on the renewal forms returned the following were mailed sample issues and subscription form and have not replied:

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Nancy Motyka
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Edna Victor

SURVEY RESULTS & SUMMARY

We appreciate the comments received and expect to summarize in an upcoming issue.

SPECIAL NOTE- ORIGINAL ISSUE CONTAINED

FAMILY GROUP SHEET FOR ALFRED DONALD CHINNERY

PEDIGREE FOR JACOB HEATH

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What about Family Group Sheets? Editor is most happy to provide what we have available upon request. GEDCOM files can also be provided. Your editor also accumulates as much information as he can concerning siblings. Family group sheets and information in many cases are also available.

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