

The Mayflower Connection

Thomas Heath and Waitstill Fuller

Our review of the Heath family continues with Thomas Heath and Waitstill Fuller. Thomas and Waitstill were grandparents of Jacob Heath [ahentafel#'s 4&5 on enclosed ancestor chart of Jacob Heath].

Thomas Heath was born 25 Jul 1712, Haverhill, Essex County, MA, the eleventh child of John Heath and Hannah Haynes. Waitstill Fuller was born 8 Apr 1711, Mansfield, Tolland County, CT of Samuel Fuller and Elizabeth Thatcher. Thomas and Waitstill had eight children.

Children [HEATH] all b. CT to Thomas and Waitstill:

- i Thomas b. Preston 21 Nov 1734; d.y.
- ii Peleg b. E. Haddam 22 Oct 1736
- iii Thomas b. E. Haddam 25 May 1738
- iv Joseph b. E. Haddam 18 April 1740
- v John b. Sharon 10 April 1742
- vi Cebyl/Cybil b. Sharon 18 Jul 1743
- vii Waitstill b. Mansfield 10 Nov 1744
- viii Samuel b. Mansfield 25 Oct 1747

The marriage of Thomas Heath and Waitstill Fuller is our "*Mayflower Connection*".¹ We do not have a lot of information about their lives and activities.

We do know that they were active in the local church. Waitstill Heath from Windham 1st Church admitted to 2nd Church of Preston 23 Jun 1734. They apparently had very strong beliefs. Thomas along with others objected to some of the doctrinal beliefs and specifically the practice of accepting unconverted persons into full communion. Subsequently the group formed the Mansfield Separatist Church. Thought little is known about the religious life of this group it attained considerable fame as the first Separatist church in Connecticut to formulate a body of doctrine and belief. This belief become known as the Mansfield Confession and immediately become subject of comment and criticism by

ministers of established churches of the area. This dissension would be considered very extreme as colonial america [as was England] during this time required church attendance and were subject to fine for failure to attended.

A "memorial" to the Honored General Assembly dated 19 day of May 1747 drafted by Daniel Hover outlined their concerns and defended their rights to religious freedom.² The final outcome is not known except that we do know that Mr. Hovey was subsequently arrested for preaching as a layman and refusing to pay taxes to the established church. His request for release was denied. Additional "memorials" were submitted. Known dates being 3 October 1744 and May 1748. This latter memorial was denied by the General Assembly as being to general.

Thomas was a land holder as we find several references regarding land transactions. On the 1 March 1742/3 he sold land in Sharon to John Corbit. He purchased land in the town of Mansfield the 22 May 1744. On the 19 Dec 1753 he sold 45 acres, dwelling house and barn. Mansfield deed 22 May 1744 he sold 80ac 14 Apr 1747 and 30 Dec 1747 43 ac in Mansfield.

Waitstill died in Mansfield between 1747 and 1753³. She gave birth to son Samuel 25 Oct 1747. Public Records of Connecticut do not show any information regarding her death. Thomas subsequently remarried Susanna _____. Thomas and Susanna had two children, Nathan (b. 21 Mar

¹ Our "*Mayflower Connection*" Waitstill was great granddaughter of Edward Fuller, one of the original Mayflower passengers.

² memorial ... a statement of facts, often a petition that something be done, sent to a government, official, etc.

³ Valerie Dyer Giorgi, "*Bartholomew Heath of Haverhill Massachusetts*", page 32

1753) and Thomas (b. 21 Mar 1753). Both born in Norwich, CT.

Thomas died 12 Dec 1754 in Mansfield. At the time of his death, son John was not yet the age of majority. Probate records show that John chose Bartholomew Heath⁴ of Sharon to be his guardian. The inventory of the estate of Thomas Heath was taken 23 Dec 1754. *****

SUPPLEMENT

The ahentafel ancestor chart presented in a previous issue of the Four Drive was a condensed version in that it only listed the name of the individual with their ahentafel number. As we started working with the chart again, we begin to realize that our readership could and would use a more complete chart. Accordingly provided as a supplement to this issue of The Four Drive is another chart for Jacob's ancestors containing the dates to put the time frame into better perspective- This pdf copy of the Fouyr Drive willNOT have that supplement. Contact Editor

Tiny Tafel Report

What is a Tiny Tafel?

A *tiny tafel* report is a compact way of describing a database of people. It contains general information about family lines, but it is not a source of genealogical data,. Rather, it provides a way to share your research interests.

Tiny tafel files have traditionally been posted to public forums, such as BBS or on line service. Other people search the file for surnames of interest and then contact the submitter if there's a mutual interest.

The *tiny tafel* report begins with header lines containing name (N), address (A), and telephone number (T) of the submitter. Following these lines are optional lines (S) giving more information. This is followed by a required line (Z) which specifies the number of data lines. Next comes the data lines and finally a line (W) with the date of the report generation.

The data lines typically contain:

Soundex code for the surname (4)
Space delimiter (1)
Earliest ancestor birth year (4 as YYYY)
Ancestor interest level (1)
Latest descendant birth year (4 as YYYY)

Descendant interest level (1)
Surname (variable)
Ancestor Birth place (variable)
Descendant birth place (variable)

INTEREST LEVEL TABLE

NONE	0	[SPACE]
LOW	1	. [PERIOD]
MODERATE	2	: [COLON]
HIGHEST	3	* [ASTERISK]

Here is an example of a report

N Don Chinnery
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England\Suffolk, England
W 30 May 1998

Z for 3 lines counting the Z line and W line with date. What this data is asking for is information for the surname of Chinnery having the soundex code of C560. The ancestor being born abt 1800 in Suffolk England and his descendant born in 1833 in same location . The asterisk indicates high degree of interest but the period for descendant meaning not too interested. [already have quite a bit of information on the descendant. Your tiny tafel can have additional data lines. I chose for this example to only list one family name. Using narrow columns in this newsletter means we get some wrap around that would not originally appear in final report.

As mentioned earlier we would than post this information to an on line service. Once listed search engines geared to searching tiny tafels would scan the data base and flag our tiny tafel of interest.

See related article in our last issue of the Four Drive for the meaning of tiny "tafel". dgc

⁴ His uncle, brother of Thomas Heath

Soundex Codes

Our last issue in preparation for this newsletter introduced you to the soundex codes. In preparation for this article you were suppose to figure the soundex code for your surname: Well for those of you that tried here are the answers:

Bannister	B523	Bates	B320
Brown	B650	Cassan	C250
Dixon	D250	Ficht	F230
Fitch	F320	Herrick	H620
Lagana	L250	McDonald	M235
Motyka	M320	Rotman	R355

Mayflower Society

The objectives of the Society of Mayflower Descendants Shall Be:

To perpetuate to a remote posterity the memory of our Pilgrim Fathers and Mothers.

To maintain and defend the principle and religious liberty as set forth in the Compact of the **Mayflower**, "For the glorie of God, the advancement of the Christian faith and honor of our countrie."

To Cherish and maintain the ideals and institution of American freedom, and to oppose any theories or actions that threaten their continuity. To transmit spirit , the purity of the purpose and steadfastness of will of the Pilgrims to those who shall after us, an undiminished heritage of liberty and law."

The above is quoted from Mayflower Society membership information packet. Descendants of the Heath line by virtue of the marriage of our ancestor Thomas Heath to Waitstill Fuller are also Mayflower descendants by virtue of the fact that their ancestor Edward Fuller was one of the original passengers aboard the Mayflower.

The Mayflower Society maintains state and local chapters with active programs that may be of interest to some of our readership. Contact your editor if you desire information to contact the General Society. dgc

Unraveling the Threads

By Judith Stock

My mother, Imogene Marie Van Court, used to tell me stories about the family and her wonderful Aunt Jenny. This Aunt Jenny had traveled around the world twice, drove the first electric car in her South Side, Hyde Park, Chicago neighborhood, and wanted to send my mother to a girls finishing school in Illinois.

Unfortunately, in 1989, my mother passed away without ever revealing exactly who Aunt Jenny was or how she was related to our family. The family photo-album contained a picture of a bearded distinguished gentlemen, with his name underneath the picture, Senator James R. MacMurray. I decided I would have to do some detective work for myself to find the answers to my questions. In a genealogical magazine, I found an ad for the Illinois Historical Library. I was so excited about the prospect of finding someplace that might hold a clue, I picked up the phone immediately and called the library. A week later, I received Senator MacMurray's obituary. The MacMurray family had moved from Chicago to Pasadena, California, only 25 minutes away from where I lived. In the obituary it mentioned he was a Methodist. By chance, the first church I called in Pasadena held the answers. I was told he and his wife had been long-time members of this church. And, if I would be interested I could leave my name and phone number and maybe they would be able to find someone who knew the family. An hour and a half later, the phone rang. It was Senator MacMurray's third wife's daughter.

You can't believe how excited I was to hear I had finally tracked down a lead. Later that same week I had the opportunity to meet Loraine, the person who had called me. I went to her house in Pasadena where we had tea and talked about the family. I was given the Senator's biography, The Man from Missouri, The Story of James E. MacMurray, written in 1943 and the journal he had written during his college years, dated 1882.

Finally, the family mystery had been solved. In the obituary, there it was.....the Senator's wife's name was **Jenny Areson**

Rubel MacMurray. My grandmother, Olive Aletta Spencer Van Court's second husband was Charles Wesley Areson. Charles and Aunt Jenny were brother and sister. Aunt Jenny passed away in 1941, the year I was born and I have visited her tomb at Forest Lawn.

And, me being the good detective, I had to check out my mother's story about that elusive finishing school in Illinois. Well, there really is a MacMurray College in Jacksonville, Illinois, only in the 1920's it was called Illinois Women's College. In 1930 the name was changed to MacMurray College for Women, after James MacMurray a major benefactor of the college. Today it is known as MacMurray College. In 1996, they celebrated their Sesquicentennial.

I am very pleased I was able to follow the narrow threads of information to the end in order to unravel the mystery. And, I have passed this story on to all my family members. For me, this has been another adventure in genealogy and a tremendous success story.

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Reviewed by Don Chinnery

Don has recently read two books by Edward Rutherford, "**Sarum**" and "**London**". These two books are historical (fiction) of England.

The word Sarum is, strictly speaking, an inaccurate rendering of the abbreviations used by medieval scribes when they wished to write the name of the place called Salisbury. The story of Sarum starts at about the time England as we know it separated from the continent. As the story develops we are able to follow the family lines of several different families until modern day.

The story of London begins just before the time of Christ and similarly follows several families. Both stories give us good

insight as to how they lived, occupations, families and the monarchy.

As a genealogists and family historian I would like to learn more about the daily lives of our ancestors. As we research of our early ancestors we have about all we can do to locate and trace our family lines. I tag this as the "**Begets**". That is who married who and begot who? It is very difficult if not impossible to locate historical facts of our early ancestors. Some of our New England colonies have preserved considerable historical information. These two books are an excellent incite into how our ancestors may have lived in the early days of England. As we enter the Colonial America period we are able to achieve a better understanding of some of the motivations that cause our ancestors to endure the hardships of travel to America and life in early America .

For those so inclined I recommend both of these books highly. dgc

Introducing - Cousins

As result of our continuing research we have made contact with living relatives who are also active in family research.

Mr. and Ms Harold PRESTON

Rosaline Preston nee Waldner and Harold Briscoe Preston are both descendants of Jonathan Haynes⁵.

Rosaline is a gx6 granddaughter of Jonathan descended through son Thomas and his marriage to Hannah Herriman. Harold is a gx5 grandson of Jonathan descended through daughter Mary Haynes and her marriage to John Preston.

Our readership who are descendants of Bartholomew Heath have as their ancestors Mary Haynes and Hannah Haynes daughters of Jonathan. Mary Haynes married John Preston and are great grandparents of Jacob Heath [see #s 14 & 15 on Jacob's ancestral chart] Hannah Haynes married John Heath are also great grandparents of Jacob Heath [see #s 8 & 9 of Jacob's ancestral chart] Thus Rosaline and Harold are distant cousins.

To quote a recent letter from Rosaline - " It is always good to hear from family members and especially ones that are doing research."

Nicholas J. ROYAL

Mr. Nicholas Royal first contact me as result of an announcement "*The Greenwood Tree*" . The newsletter of The Somerset & Dorset Family History Society. Initial correspondence provided confirm family links of Martha Weston FUDGE (wife of Richard LANO) to the Weston

⁵ Haynes or Haines two of the more common spellings.

Family. An ancestral listing with confirming data was provided for the Westons back several generations.

Our relationship stems from Mr. Royal being descended from Henry Weston and Edith Marshallsay through their daughter Ann Weston. Henry and Edith are Nicholas Royal's gx5 grandparents. Henry and Edith are also Donald Chinnery's gx5 grandparents [or great great grandparents of Harriett Cecilia Fitch nee Lano]. So Nicholas is also a cousin to us.

Cousins - I have never attempted to make determinations as to whether a distant relative is a first, second, third, etc cousin nor whether they are "x" number of times removed. Suffice to say as far as I am concerned if we have a common ancestor they are "**cousins**".
dgc

VITAL RECORDS

Births:

Eric Harding Burchett

Just a note about the latest arrival.

We have a new grandson:

Eric Harding Burchett

parents.....William and Deborah Burchett

born.....Spangdahlem AFB, Germany

birthdate....Sat. May 2, 1998

Time.....6:21 p.m.

weight....7lbs. 12 oz.

length....20.5 inches

That gives us 3 grandsons (one from each of our sons) to carry on the Burchett name. How many times does that happen in genealogy? I told Bill that was a miracle. I don't know any family that the sons have each had sons. Usually there is one who wishes he had a son. Now, we do have to schedule flights to Germany!!

As ever, JOYCE

Deaths

Emerson Bannister

Just a note to let you know that Uncle Emerson passed away on 19 March 1998. Emerson Bannister was the youngest son of Samuel & Naomi Lano (Gates) Bannister. He lived his life on the family farm near

Hepworth, Ontario, Canada. The farm⁶, originally purchased by his grandfather, William Bannister around 1878, was purchased by Samuel in 1897, and then in 1935 purchased by Emerson.

He married Beulah McKnight on December 8th, 1934, and they had two children Elmer and Mary. They have 10 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Mixed farming was done with the use of horses until 1951 when a Massey tractor was purchased. He had cattle, and sold cream right up until he was 82 years of age. Ill health forced Emerson and Beulah to spent their latter years in Gateway Haven Senior Citizens Home in Warton, Ontario. Beulah predeceased him 27 Jan 1996.

Emerson was a life long member, and hard worker at St. Andrew's United Church, in Hepworth, Ontario, Canada.

The farm is still in the Bannister family, having been purchased by a grandson, David Bannister, in December 1997.⁷

Marilyn Bannister

Jean Olive Stock Payne

Jean died 4 Sep 1997 in Sarasota Florida.

b. 12 Dec 1922 in St. Louis MO. She is survived by her husband Wilford Payne and their four children: Jo Ann (Mrs. Jack) Redding, Janis Kaye Payne, Linda Payne and Laurie Beth Payne. Her sisters Judith Stock and Janice Lucille Stock (Mrs. Al) Heidler also survive along with several grandchildren nieces and nephews.

The three Stock sisters are great great granddaughters of descended from Henry and Matilda Rose.

DEFINITIONS

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

memo·ri·al, adj ... or n. 1..2.. 3. a statement of facts, often a petition that something be done, sent to a government, official, etc

⁶ See Bannister Farms, The Four Drive, Vol II, No. 2, page 3.

⁷ See Bannister Farms, The Four Drive, Vol II, No.2.

ANALYZING YOUR DATA

Previous issues of The Four Drive have included an introduction to "Family group Sheets" and "Pedigree Charts". As your family information is being accumulated on these charts, it behooves you to analyze your data on a regular basis. By doing so you will be verifying the accuracy of the information you entered and whether you have over looked some information that you already have available but failed to enter. Additionally this information can provide important clues regarding family members.

For purposes of review we present herein a condensed version of a family group sheet for the Richard Lano family. Special note do not use the information in this condensed chart as accurate data, we have purposely doctored some of the information for purposes of this discussion.

FAMILY GROUP of RICHARD LANO

Husband: Richard LANO
 Born: abt 1807 in Portland Dorset Co
 Died: 29 Aug 1867, Bruce Co., Ontario
 Mother: Martha Weston FUDGE
 Born: 1 Sep 1815, Melcombe Regis, Dorset
 Bapt: 29 May 1814, St. Marys, Melcombe R.
 Died: 1892 Bruce Co., Ontario
 Marr: 13 Jul 1836 in St. Marys Melcombe R.

Children

Name: Emma Fudge Lano
 Born : 15 Nov 1837 in Portland, Dorset Co.

Name: Martha Weston Lano
 Born : 18 Aug 1839 in Portland, Dorset Co.

Name: Elizabeth Snook Lano
 Born : 11 May 1841 in Portland, Dorset Co.

Name: Agnes Naomi Lano
 Born : 15 Dec 1842 in Portland, Dorset Co.

Name: Susanna Lano
 Born : 21 Sep 1857 in Portland, Dorset Co.

Name: Harriett Cecilia Lano
 Born : 17 Jul 1849 in Portland, Dorset Co.
 Died: 13 Dec 1926 in Ludington, Mi
 Spouse: John Henry Fitch
 Marr: 25 Jan 1868 Bruce Co, Ontario

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Lesson I:

Review the birth dates of the children. Note that the birth of Emma occurred in Nov 1837 and the marriage of her parents was in July 1836. This would be considered reasonable. But suppose the marriage date was shown as 1838. Is this reasonable? Probably not, though this later date would be adequate for the birth of the second daughter, born in 1839. If your data showed a marriage of 1838 you would want to question this date.

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Lesson II.

Accepting the birthdates of the children as being accurate - review the years of the births. 1837, 1839, 1841, 1842, 1847, and 1849. Note the span of years between the birth of daughter Agnes in 1842 and daughter Susanna in 1847 - a five year gap. Considering that birth control as we currently know of, was not in existence during the 19th century, why is there a gap? If there was a war occurring during this period one could conclude that the husband may have been off to war. If they were americans maybe they headed off to the gold rush? But that was not until later. So a logical conclusion could be that there were one or two additional births during that time period.

Further research eventually found that there was the birth of a son Robert Fudge Lano on 22 Nov 1845. The death records provided information that Robert died as a youngster 10 Apr 1849. Research of these births was facilitated because Civil Registration of Births, Marriages and Deaths were records starting in July 1837.

There may have been a still birth or miscarriage sometime between the birth of Agnes and Robert. But other than that a review of the children's birthdays show a one to two year spacing for their children. We have no information whether there were any additional births subsequent to Harriett Cecilia Lano in July 17, 1849. Mother Martha was 34 years old at time of Harriett's birth and could still have bore children.

The next tool of information would be the census records. We found the family group listed in the village of Reforne⁸ for the English census for years of 1841 and 1851. The first two daughters listed correctly for the 1841 census while all 6 daughters were listed in the 1851 census. Note that these two census years straddled the life of son Robert. Subsequent to the 1851 census the family immigrated to Canada and we next locate the family in the Canadian 1861 census. Five of the daughters are listed as single while Emma (Emmy) is married and listed with her husband William Hynes and daughter Martha.⁹

Question all information gleaned, use each bit of information as a possible clue to another. Building blocks or steps completing the task.

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.

HAYNES FAMILY COAT OF ARMS

Our thanks to Carliton Finch for sending us a very beautiful copy of the Haynes family coat of arms. Mr. Finch has granted us permission to reproduce this coat of arms as well as some excerpts from "*The Haynes Family (1600-1994).....*" This material will be used in a future issue of The Four Drive.

MARTHA WESTON FUDGE ANCESTORS

A Descendancy Chart of King Henry III as it relates to the ancestors of Martha Weston Fudge (2nd wife of Richard Lano and g-g-grandmother of

⁸ Initially I incorrectly recorded this location as Reform. Since than my contacts in Dorset County have advised me that it is Reforne. One of this difficulties reading old script.

⁹ We do not have a lot of information about the Hynes family. This information may be providing usa an important clue. My mothers records listed the last name as Hinde or Hindes. My research in Canadian Vital Records has not unearthed any information for Hinde(s), but maybe this is the resean why that it is Hynes.

the editor Donald Chinnery) has been received from Nicholas J. Royal.

JONATHAN HAYNES [HAINES]

Received from Rosaline Preston. Descendancy Chart for Jonathan Haines and Sarah Moulton as related to their daughter Mary and son Thomas (ancestors of Harold and Rosaline Preston).

Descendancy Chart for John Ayers and Hannah Evered (Everett) through their sons Obidiah Ayers and Robert Ayers ancestors of Harold and Rosaline, respectively.

Family group Record for Jonathan Haines and Sarah Moulton.

Pedigree Chart for David Preston, son of John Preston and Mary Haines.

Photocopy of pages from "*The American Genealogist*" , Vol. 27, No. 3. An Article titled "The Parents of Jonathan Haynes of Newbury and Haverhill, Massachusetts, and some of their Descendants"

SURFING INTERNET

Where have you been surfing? Have you found any exciting sites?

Try This One

<http://members.aol.com/dongeni>

This web page is being developed and maintained by your editor. We have family information posted for CHINNERY, FITCH, LANO, HEATH, and ROSE. We have also included information about The FOUR DRIVE and an article from an earlier issue. Eventually we expect to add a section devoted entirely to the newsletter. Links are currently provided to other genealogy web sites. One web site by friends in Flagstaff has a link to this site. Christopher Dixon is working on a web site devoted to John Henry Fitch and his biography by Chris. We plan on cross linking these sites. dgc

Folks on Line

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The newsletter offers articles written but people like you and me on the internet. Articles may be of general interest and other topics including genealogy related items.

You might like to go direct and see the article that appeared in the May newsletter.

Mystery Eight of Decades Solved

Go direct to the following page for an article by our cousin Judith Stock.

<http://www.folksonline.com/folks/famtree/famtree.htm>

<p>THE FOLLOWING 11 PAGES CONTAIN THE UPDATED ANCESTOR CHART FOR JACOB HEATH.</p>

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The FOUR DRIVE, a genealogy newsletter brought to you for promoting genealogy of our ancestors and their descendants.

Need copies of any of the information referenced? Contact the editor or the individual shown.

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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FAMILY REUNION

DESCENDANTS OF CHARLES WESLEY FITCH AND OTHERS INTERESTED ARE HOLDING THEIR ANNUAL REUNION IN LUDINGTON MI ON SATURDAY JULY 25, 1998. HERRICKS ARE THIS YEARS HOSTS.

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