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By David Putnam



Dear Friends, I hope you have all made it through the Winter safe and sound. Here in New England we have enjoyed a relatively mild Winter, particularly when you consider the Snowmageddon we endured last winter. Spring has started out cool and damp, the ground is bare in most areas, and we have entered that unique New England subseason of Spring known as "mud season." It gets a little messy here as the ground thaws out and dries up. While we wipe the mud off of our boots and floors we comfort ourselves with the knowledge that the warm weather and the flowers are right around the corner!

I want to remind all of you about our annual meeting which will take place on Saturday, August 6th, at the Knox-Lincoln County Extension, 377 Manktown Road, Waldoboro. The meeting will commence at 9:00 AM with a brief business meeting. The featured speaker this year will be Ms. Cheryl Patten, the Secretary of the Maine Old Cemetery Association (MOCA). Ms. Patton will speak about MOCA and the workshops they offer, as well as some tips about the care and preservation of old cemeteries and headstones. Snacks and lunch will be served followed by some time for the exchange of genealogical information. Feel free to bring your questions about genealogy, we have a knowledgeable group! In the afternoon Ms. Jean Lawrence, a member of our Board of Directors and President of the Waldoboro Historical Society will conduct "A Walk-Around Historic Waldoboro." Jean will point out the historical and architectural features

of Waldoboro. If you wish to go on the tour please notify Jean by email (jeanlaw@roadrunner.com) because we will need to coordinate transportation. If you are able to provide transportation for yourself and others it will be a great help and a great way to get to know people.

The German Lutheran Society and Women's Auxiliary will hold their annual church service on Sunday, August 7th, at 3:00 PM, at the Old German Meeting House in Waldoboro. There will be a reception after the service. If you have never toured the meeting house and adjacent cemetery you are in for a treat! The ladies will also be available to answer any questions you have about the meeting house and cemetery. You may want to arrive early because parking is limited.

In the last newsletter I included some Waldoboro related stories that I culled from The Bangor Daily Whig and Courier. I found the stories on Newspapers.com. If you recall one of the stories was from 15 August 1888 regarding a Waldoboro woman, Mrs. Cyrus Welt, who had a tumor weighing 68 pounds (!) removed by several local physicians. I received an email from Jeffrey Chapman who stated that Mrs. Welt was his great-great-great grandmother, Susan (Overlock) Welt. Jeffrey advised me that she survived the operation and lived until 1914! Susan must have been a hardy woman to survive a medical ordeal like that, particularly in an era with no sulphur drugs to control infection. Susan and Cyrus are buried in the Benner Cemetery on Rte 220 in Waldoboro. Thanks for the update Jeffrey! I wonder what Susan would think about people discussing her 68 pound tumor in 2016!

I received a nice letter from Mr. Adam Seiders of Texas. He stated that when he and his sister traveled to Waldoboro last summer they visited the site of the cemetery and old meeting house at Meeting House Cove. They were both impressed with the site and are very grateful for our efforts to clean it up and erect a sign. Adam stated that he is a descendant of Edward Seiders who left Maine for Texas. I wrote back and asked Adam if he would be able to provide more information about Edward Seiders and the Texas branch of the Seiders family. I hope we hear from him.

We have some treats for you in this issue. Russell Gillis has sent us an article about his research into his branch of the Sidelinger Family. The piece is well researched and I am sure it will be of value to future researchers. We also have a piece from Becky Boyd. Becky and her sisters Carol Thompson and Patricia Kriso, along with their husbands, made the pilgrimage to Waldoboro last summer from California and North Carolina to research their ancestors. They attended our annual meeting and subsequently became members. Pat is now the editor of our newsletter. I want to encourage all of you who have traveled to Waldoboro from near and far to share the story of your journey and the reasons you made it. Your story may inspire others to make the trip! I also want to thank Russell and Becky for their contributions to this edition of our newsletter. In closing, I want to remind all of you that studying genealogy is not living in the past, rather it is the past that keeps living through us! Keep on searching and sharing! David Putnam, President, dputnam925@msn.com

Reward of Merit Cards



When a child did well in class the teacher gave them a merit card. The 19th century students were awarded for all kinds of behaviors including selflessness, correct deportment, and diligence. These are from the late 1880's and early 1890's.

Submitted by Barbara Rogers from her collection.

Maine Old Cemetery Association

The MOCA web site <www.MOCA-ME.org> is a great resource for those interested in a variety of cemetery-related topics. One of the new postings in “Featured Content” and also in “Upcoming Events” is a link to a four-day conservator led hands-on workshop which will be held in Wilton, ME in August 2016. This will be the third time MOCA has offered this type of workshop and it's exciting for MOCA to bring this level of expertise here to Maine.

The first of the three yearly MOCA program days is scheduled for May 14, 2016 and will be held in Sweden, ME. In Janet MaHannah's keynote presentation, “The Persistence of Curiosity”, she will describe how a little research lands you in a cemetery. This is only one offering in a full day of presentations, displays, and cemetery visits. The complete schedule for the day can be viewed on the MOCA website. Everyone, MOCA member or not, is welcome to attend. If a visit to Sweden isn't possible, keep checking the web site for information about the upcoming summer program day in Monson or the fall program day in Hancock.



Aug.2015, Rockport/

Cleaning/Learning Workshop

Information about correct methods and materials for cleaning gravestones can be viewed on the MOCA web page. As noted in an earlier issue of this newsletter, clean from the bottom up using a soft bristle brush. Be sure the stone is stable and that cleaning is appropriate and then use **water** for cleaning the stones. Neighboring stones should be protected as shown in the photo where garbage bags were used for that purpose.

Take the time, check out the MOCA web site for information about a variety of topics – Symbolism, Stones with Stories, cemetery histories, cemetery related State Laws, workshops and many other topics.

Cheryl Willis Patten, member of MOCA's Workshop Committee.
2016 Secretary, Past President, Past V-P, Past Membership Secretary.
I've only been involved with MOCA since 1996 but interested in cemeteries for many years prior to that.



Lewis Bunker Rohrback , Founder of Picton Press



Naples, FLA: **Lewis Bunker Rohrback**, owner and founder of Picton Press, died 2 January 2016 in Naples, Florida. Lewis was born 28 October 1941, the son of Lewis Henry and Ruth Bunker Rohrback. Lew started Picton Press in 1978 in his home in Rockport, Maine, later moving the business to Rockland, Maine, and then Marco Island, Florida. Lew had a great love for books, Maine and genealogy. Picton Press is responsible for publishing many volumes of historical records, as well as family genealogies. Lew often published these books making little or no profit, just for the sheer love of history and genealogy. Lew is survived by his wife Carol and daughter Elizabeth Rohrback Andrews.





2016 Calendar of Programs – Waldoborough Historical Society

The public is invited to attend all programs; no admission

April 13, Wednesday - “Celebrating the Art of Audrey Bechler: Waldoboro Artist” The event will begin at 5:30 P.M. with a Pot Luck Supper in the Broad Bay UCC vestry.

Participants are asked to bring a casserole or salad; beverage and desserts will be provided.

The program will begin at 7 P.M.

May 15, Sunday - “Quilt Documentation Day” at the Museum from 10 A.M. to 1 P.M. Bring your pre-1960 quilt for registration by the Maine Quilt Heritage team. This service is provided free of charge and operates on a first come, first serve basis. For more information: Patricia Kristiansen (832-4717) The Barn and Schoolhouse will be open during the documentation hours.

June 18, Saturday - Waldoboro Day Museum Yard Sale and Open House. The sale will be held from 8 A.M. to noon with set up at 7 A.M. for participants. Bring your own table and reserve a space by calling (832-4421) Coffee will be ready at 7. No charge; donations accepted. The Museum’s buildings will be open until 1 P.M. OBBFHA members will be present to help with genealogy questions.

July 13, Wednesday – Annual Meeting, with election of officers, and “Remembering Times Past: Panel Discussion” Dessert and beverage will be served at 6:30 P.M.

August 6, Saturday – In conjunction with the Old Broad Bay Family History Association Annual Meeting, Jean Lawrence will lead a tour of Historic Waldoboro beginning at the Museum at 3 P.M. The tour will move first to Thomas’ Hill, Waldoboro Village, Old German Church, Dutch Neck, Main Street Cemetery and then back to the Museum. In the evening, the Paint the Town reception and auction will take place at Cider Hill Farm. On Sunday, the annual service at the Old German Church will take place at 3 P.M. and will be followed by a reception. There is no admission fee for any listing.

August 28, Sunday – 1 P.M. “Rug Hooking Demonstration” with Kathie Hills, local hooking expert and museum trustee. The Museum’s Waldoboro rugs will be on display.

September 10, Saturday – Mark Biscoe, Waldoboro historian, will reprise his “Walk around Waldoboro” tour. Meet at the Town Landing at 10 A.M. Wear comfortable shoes! Following the tour, water will be available at the Museum which will remain open until 3 P.M.

September 24, Saturday – Barn historian and museum trustee Jim Derby will lead a Barn Tour of local barns. Participants are asked to meet at the Museum at 8 A.M. The group will tour by vehicles.

October 12, Wednesday – Local metal artist Jay Sawyer will present a program “Making New Art from Old Items” at the Broad Bay UCC on Main Street. The program will begin at 7 P.M. and will be preceded by a Pot Luck Supper at 5:30 P.M. in the vestry. Bring a casserole or salad; desserts and beverage will be provided. Kathie Hills will coordinate.

The Museum will be open Wednesday through Monday from noon to 3 P.M. beginning June 19 through September 2. It will open weekends in September and on through October 9. We feature new exhibits every year!!

German Post card from Barbara Rogers
Auf Wiedersehen means Goodbye or literally
“until we see again”



In Pursuit of Martin Sidelinger's Daughters

Evidence of Mary Sidelinger's Family

By Russell Gillis

A couple of efforts at writing a Sidelinger Genealogy have been done. “*The Sidelinger Family of Langensteinbach, Baden, Germany and Broad Bay (Waldoboro), Maine,*” compiled and edited by William R. and Effie G. (Wilton) Conary is the most recent and most complete. Copies of the unpublished Conary manuscript are available at the Waldoboro Public Library and Nobleboro Historical Society. Contributions were made to that manuscript by multiple researchers over about 25 years. However, it did not pursue female Sidelinger descendants or their families to the same extent that male descendants were pursued. Martin Sidelinger had four sons and four daughters and yet, in that genealogy, the lines of two daughters ends at generation 2, and the lines of the other two daughters ends at generation 3. Even in later generations, female descendants were pursued with less vigor. Some female descendant lines were documented because particular researchers needed a female branch to show their Sidelinger lineage. My paternal grandmother was a Sidelinger, so I owe my Sidelinger lineage to a female. I have been working for the past few years to extend the Sidelinger Genealogy and to trace the female “Sidelinger” lines. Adding descendants of female Sidelingers and other females in the tree greatly expands the number of known descendants and family surnames.

In these early years, females were almost never the head of household and had less documentation with their names on it. We might have a marriage record, or childbirth, or the wife may be declared on a gravestone (if one exists). The early census before 1850 only listed the head of household and recorded the counts by age group of other members in the household. Women were not typically included on real estate transactions.

In this article, I will present some additional information about Mary Sidelinger's spouse, John Braddock. It is a work in progress, but I was pleasantly surprised by how much documentation was available when you step outside of Lincoln County. Second and third generation descendants of Broad Bay founding families were spreading inland for better farmland and more space for growing families. In the Conary manuscript, John Braddock is assumed to have died, “probably by Oct 1803”, but I will try to make the case that there is more to the story. The family name Braddock is not a common one in Maine, but the timeline shown below spans three counties over many years. I think it is probable that the John Braddock in the full timeline is the spouse of Mary Sidelinger.

Table 1 Tracking the spouse and children of Mary Sidelinger

Date	Place	Event	Reference
26 Jan 1790	Waldoboro	Mary Sidelinger and John Bradock (<i>sic</i>) were married by Jacob Ludwig.	Maine, Marriage Records, 1713-1937
15 May 1790	Waldoboro	John Braddock purchased land from Martin Sidelinger, 100 acres for 20 pounds	Lincoln County Deeds, vol 25, pg 208
1790	Waldoboro	John Bradex (<i>sic</i>) household has 2 males 16 and over and 1 female	US Census 1790, Waldoboro (actual)
abt Oct 1792	Waldoboro	John Bradock (<i>sic</i>) named as one of eight heirs to Martin Sidelinger.	Agreement among the heirs of Martin Sidelinger deceased, Lincoln Probate Court, vol 5, p 102

5 Jan 1793	Waldoboro	Deed assigning property ownership among the heirs of Martin Sidelinger was signed by John Briddock (<i>sic</i>), housewright, and Mary Braddock (by mark).	Lincoln County Deeds, vol 52, pp 29-30
21 May 1793	Waldoboro	John Braddock sold land to Matthias Benner, 100 acres, 39 pounds	Lincoln County Deeds, vol 31, pg 7
24 Sep 1794	Quantabacook (Searsmont)	Bradocks Farm and Bradocks Meadow brook shown on the map of the plan for the Belfast Road requested by Henry Knox and Charles Barrett (see Fig 2).	Albin, Dorothy, Searsmont: The Old Township of Quantabacook, pg 10
Early 1796	Morrill and Quantabacook	Mr. Braddock (John's father) dies.	Robinson, History of Morrill, pp 3, 174
8 Aug 1796	Morrill	Rev. Paul Coffin, writes in journal of Braddock home in the middle of 15 miles of woods, with "pleasant little Dutch wife" home alone.	Robinson, History of Morrill, pp 75, 137
18 Apr 1798	Quantabacook (Searsmont)	John Braddock, housewright, sued Silas Brooks for property in Quantabacook (now Searsmont) to resolve debt of \$404.84 to John Braddock, 302.5 acres.	Hancock County Deeds, vol 6, pg 196-198
1800	Quantabacook (Searsmont)	John Braddock household has 1 male 26-44, 1 female 26-44, 1 male under 10, 4 females under 10. This census indicates that John Braddock was born in Liverpool.	US Census 1800, Quantabacook Plantation. [Searsmont was then known as Quantabacook and was unincorporated.]
bef 1801	Morrill	John Braddock buried two children at William Creasey's place.	Robinson, History of Morrill, pg 174
1801	Morrill	James Greer from Vermont occupies the Braddock property and builds mills.	Robinson, History of Morrill, pg 5
10 Oct 1803	Waldoboro	Waldoboro Town Clerk's Records - voted that Charles Boardman [prob. spouse of Catherine Sidelinger] receive \$2.00 per week for supporting Mary Braddock and her two children, as long as he shall keep them.	Stahl, <i>History of Old Broad Bay and Waldoboro</i> , Vol. 2, p 78.
10 Mar 1804	Waldoboro	Town council to discuss "what further measures they will take" regarding Mary Braddock and her children, who were supported by the town.	Groves, <i>Vital Records of Waldoboro, Maine</i> , pg 23
20 Mar 1804	Waldoboro	Deed selling property to Michael Sprague where George Sidelinger acts on behalf of his sister Mary, wife of John Braddock. We assume that Mary is out of the area.	Lincoln County Deeds, vol 54, pg 169
26 Mar 1804	Belfast	John Braddock purchased land (lot 44) from James Badger, 50 acres for \$600	Hancock County Deeds, vol 15, pg 444-445
14 Jul 1804	Belfast	John Braddock purchased land (on which Braddock is living) from John Huse, 50 acres for \$600	Hancock County Deeds, vol 27, pg 349-350

7 Dec 1804	Belfast	John Braddock sold land (lot 44) to John Huse, 50 acres for \$600	Hancock County Deeds, vol 15, pg 443-444
11 Aug 1809	Belfast	John Braddock sold land to William Salmond, 50 acres for \$700, signed by John Braddock and Mary Braddock (by mark).	Hancock County Deeds, vol , pg 314
1810	Knox (now in Waldo County)	John Braddock (<i>sic</i>) household has 1 male 26-45, 1 female 26-45, 2 females 16-26, 1 male 10-16, 1 female 10-16, 2 males under 10, 4 females under 10	US Census 1810, Knox (now Waldo County)
10 Jan 1811	Castine	Wilkins, Kenney, & Patch are named as guardians responsible for John Braddock.	Hancock County Probate, folder 479
15 Apr 1812	Castine	John Braddock challenges the guardianship as he is of sound mind.	Hancock County Probate, folder 479
1812		Joseph Braddock served in the military at 16 years old.	Maine, Veteran's Cemetery Records, 1676 – 1918, War of 1812
6 Apr 1819	Knox	Town of Knox incorporated	
26 Jul 1819	Knox	Town voted to set off John Braddock and others from School District 3 and annex them to District 6.	Mosher, Vital Records of Knox, Maine, pg 92
1820		No record found	US Census 1820,
17 Jan 1820	Knox (now in Waldo County)	John Braddock sold land to Joseph Braddock, 106.5 acres (lot 108) for \$850	Hancock County Deeds, vol 39, pg 304-305
15 Mar 1820	Maine	Maine becomes a state.	
13 Apr 1820	Knox (now in Waldo County)	Town of Knox voted to accept road from Paul Dotys to John Braddocks mill, 2 miles and 4 rods.	Mosher, Vital Records of Knox, Maine, pg 95
Jun 1821	Knox (now in Waldo County)	Joseph Braddock married Lydia Swett	Mosher, Vital Records of Knox, Maine, pg 9
20 Nov 1822	Knox (now in Waldo County)	Margaret Braddock married John Hall.	Mosher, Vital Records of Knox, Maine, pg 17
22 Jul 1823	Knox (now in Waldo County)	Joseph Braddock married Susan Hutchins (second marriage for both)	Mosher, Vital Records of Knox, Maine, pg 17
7 Feb 1827	Waldo	Waldo County founded	
15 Mar 1872	Knox, Waldo, Maine	Joseph Braddock died. The death record states that he was born 29 Feb 1796. [1796 was a leap year]	Maine, Death Records, 1617-1922
Apr 1880	Palermo, Maine	Margaret (Braddock) Hall died and was stated to be 89 years old, so born about 1791. Her father was stated as born in England, and her mother from Germany.	US Federal Census Mortality Schedules, 1880

Censuses

John Braddock and Mary Sidelinger were married in January 1790, and yet the 1790 US Census shows two males and one female in the Braddock household. We will learn later, in the stories from Searsmont and Morrill, that the second male was possibly John Braddock's father. The 1800 Census shows John Braddock living in Quantabacook Plantation (now Searsmont) with a household containing 1 adult male, 1 adult female, 1 male under 10, and 4 females under 10. The census indicates that John Braddock was born in Liverpool. The

1810 Census shows John Braddock living in Knox, (now Waldo County) Maine. I have not found John or Joseph Braddock in the 1820 Census, but there are town records from Knox Plantation where the population on several occasions in 1819-1820 vote on the school districts and a road, with both issues related to the boundary of John Braddock's mill. The 1830 Census through the 1870 Census has Joseph Braddock living in Knox. Margaret (Braddock) and John Hall live in Knox in 1830, but in 1850 and 1860, they live in Thorndike. In 1870, John Hall dies in Montville and Margaret lives there with her grandson. In 1880, her grandson, Van Ransilico Eells, is living in Palermo, and Margaret dies there.

Hermit Tales

There are colorful stories of a hermit named Mr. Braddock repeated in multiple books [Albin, Maresh, Robinson, Varney] and most are based upon old newspaper articles containing stories recounted by Joseph Meservey about the early history of Quantabacook. Specific sources or dates are not given in any of these publications, but I estimate the newspaper recollections to have been printed around 1850. In Timothy Robinson's manuscript on the history of Morrill, originally written circa 1886, Braddock is mentioned on eight different pages. He writes that Mr. Braddock (John's father) claimed to have been a soldier in King George's War with the French, and claimed to be related to General Edward Braddock. [Note: General Braddock was famously killed in 1755 in an expedition against the French in the Ohio River Valley. George Washington served under General Braddock on that expedition.] Mr. Braddock and his son, John, and son's wife [her name is not given] built a cabin about 1795 near the head of Quantabacook Pond near to William Creasey's place. In the winter they ran out of food, so John left to get provisions. While he was gone there was a severe storm, and Mr. Braddock died from sickness and exposure. John's wife laid him in one part of the cabin until her husband returned. As he had wished, Mr. Braddock was buried on an island in Quantabacook Pond. Robinson, based on circumstances, assumed that Mr. Braddock died in early 1796. The island where he was buried is now called Woods Island, but has been known in the past as Dead Man's Island and Braddock's Island. Norman Withee of the Searsmont Historical Society, asked the current landowner if there are any known burial sites on Woods Island, but the answer was none were evident.

When writing about nationalities in early Morrill (pg 137), Robinson refers to "some from the Dutch settlement at Waldoboro." [Note: Robinson and others may have been confused about the nationalities at Waldoboro because the ships bringing the Germans to Broad Bay left from Rotterdam.] The Rev. Paul Coffin writes in his journal on 8 Aug 1796 of the first visit to the area, "In going from Davistown [now Montville] to Belfast... we rode through woods about 15 miles... We found one house in about the middle of this 15 mile road. This is owned by a Mr. Braddock of Great Britain. His pleasant little Dutch wife being only at home told us of her solitary situation, and her sufferings in the necessary absence of her husband, with all of the calmness of a philosopher."

Geography

The Belfast Road Plan drawn by James Malcom in 1794 places Bradocks (*sic*) Farms and Bradocks Meadow brook near to Quantabacook Pond and Woods Island on the border with Morrill. This 1794 map shows that the Bradocks were in the Morrill and Quantabacook area earlier than 1795 that Robinson claimed. The probate record in 1811-12 and the land purchase from John Huse in 1804 show that John Braddock had lived in Belfast for a time, but later travelled to Belfast to earn money and had a family and home in Knox Plantation.

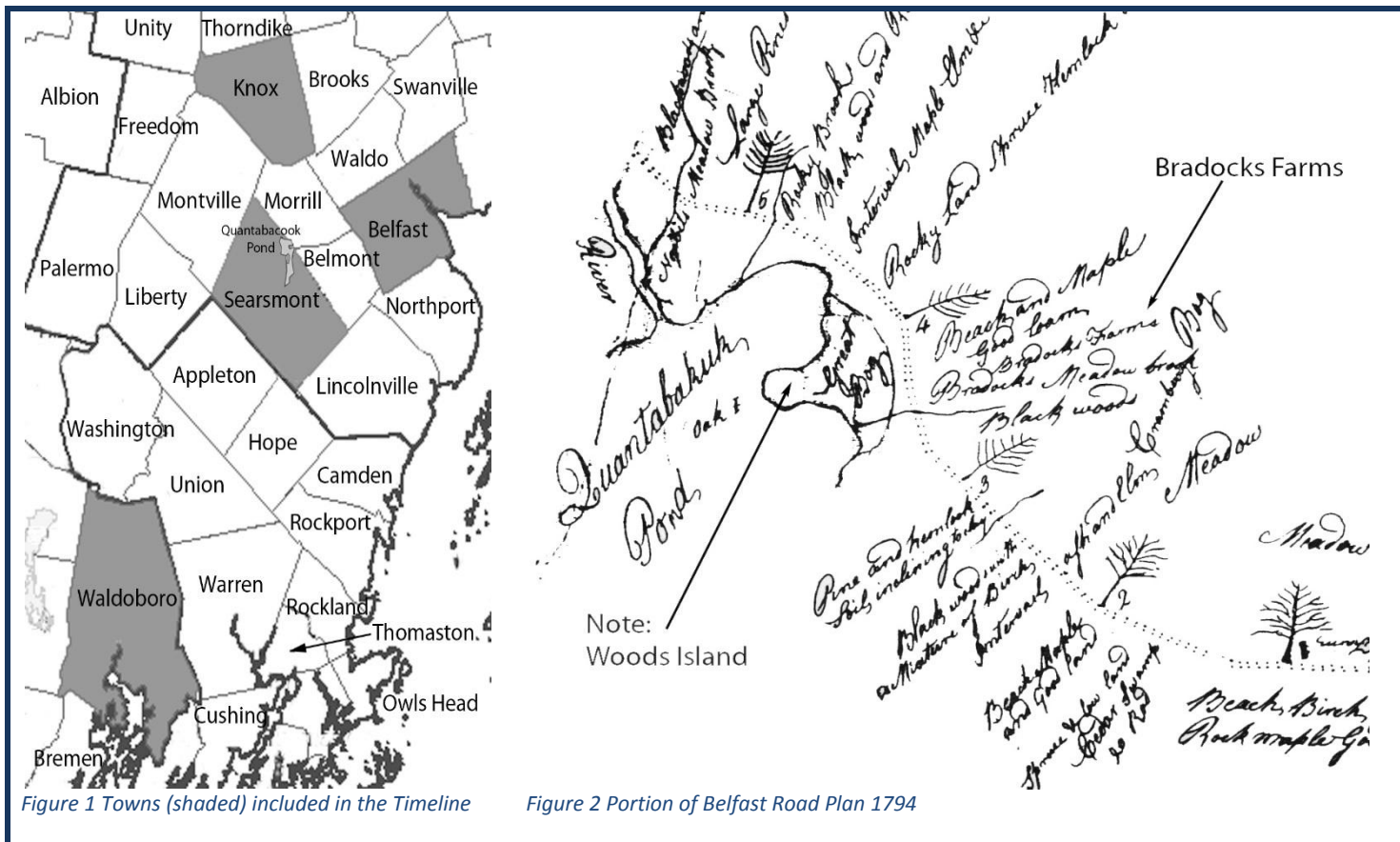


Figure 1 Towns (shaded) included in the Timeline

Figure 2 Portion of Belfast Road Plan 1794

Court Appearances

Between real estate transactions and probate, John Braddock had a lot of court activity. John Braddock was a housewright on deeds from Waldoboro and from Quantabacook. On the deed from 1809 selling land to William Salmond, his wife's name is Mary Braddock. Although we don't know if she is Mary Sidelinger, she is illiterate and signed by her mark, just as Mary Sidelinger did on the agreement of the heirs of Martin Sidelinger.

In 1811, Elias Wilkins, Moses Kenney, Daniel Patch, Israel Kenney, and Solomon Blood (all from Knox) petitioned the Hancock County Probate Court in Castine to place John Braddock under guardianship as he was a "lunatic and distracted person and unable to care for himself." Judge Nelson asked the selectmen of Belfast to determine the validity of this claim. They agreed that John was a lunatic and distracted person and also remarked that he was a foreigner [being English would be a disadvantage just as the War of 1812 with England was about to occur].

In April 1812, John Braddock petitioned the court that he was of sound mind and very dissatisfied with the guardians. He accused the guardians of approaching his daughter and plundering his house in Knox while he was away working in Belfast to support his family. "This was the cause for my wife eloping from my bed and ran from youn."

The documents in the Hancock County probate record of guardianship are all original letters and forms. Unlike deed records, which are entered entirely by county clerks, including clerks entering the representative signatures of the signing parties, this original record of probate has actual text written and signed by John Braddock from Knox in 1812. If his original signature was available from Broad Bay, we could directly compare it.

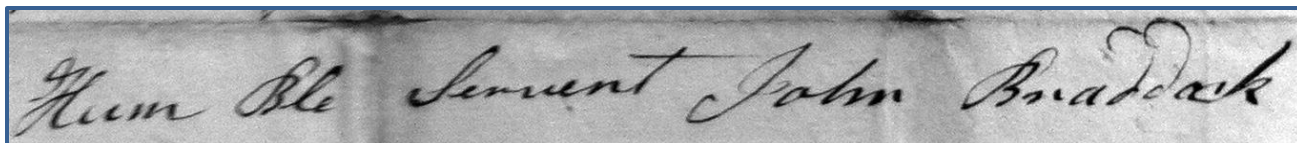


Figure 3 John Braddock's signature in 1812 – Hum Ble Servent [Humble Servant] John Braddock

Children

The births of Margaret in 1791 and Joseph in 1796 fit with the marriage of Mary Sidelinger and John Braddock. Having married in 1790, it is likely that a first child was born by 1791. In the probate record of 1812, John Braddock refers to a daughter and a wife at his home in Knox. Joseph, his son, may have been serving in the military at this time. There is a five-year gap to Joseph's birth, so it is possible that they had other children that did not survive, but we have little evidence of additional children. Robinson writes that the young (John) Braddock buried two children on the William Creasy place, probably before 1801. [The Braddocks had left Quantabacook by 1801 because in 1801 James Greer from Vermont moved onto the Braddock place and built mills there.] There are additional counts for female children in the 1800 and 1810 census, but these, in total, remain unexplained. The number of Braddock children that reach adulthood and marry matches the number as wards of the town of Waldoboro in 1803 (two). The US Federal Census Mortality Schedule in 1880 for Margaret (Braddock) Hall shows parents with lineage that fits with the German Sidelingers and the British Braddocks. Joseph Braddock's death record has no information about his parents, but his birth date is precise and is also on his gravestone in Knox. The location of his birth was not stated. On the Death Records of three of Joseph's children (Lucy Ann (Braddock) Penney d. 1899, Warren L Braddock d. 1915, and Joseph Henry Braddock d. 1918), the birthplace of their father, Joseph, is given as Waldoboro.

I have been building the lines of descendants from Margaret (Braddock) Hall and Joseph Braddock. My hope is to find a living descendant willing to do some DNA testing, but DNA is a topic for a future article.

I wish to personally thank Joyce Ball Brown and her son, Nathan, for providing me a base that enabled me to make an extended stay in Maine, and allowed me to collect much of this information.

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Traveling Back in Time



It can be exciting to find information about your ancestors and sometimes it can be disappointing to come to a dead end. While using the internet I saw footnotes where people found information in local public libraries and historical society libraries. The idea was hatched to travel to some of the locations where some of our ancestors began their journeys in America.

My sister Pat Kriso and her husband Mitch flew to North Carolina where they met up with our sister Carol Thompson. My husband Bob and I gathered them into the motorhome and traveled through Virginia to do



research and on to the annual Waldoboro Maine reunion to meet the people. L-R Carol, Mitch, Pat, Bob, Becky. It was a wonderful experience to share histories and make new friends. We camped at the Duck Puddle Campground and later at the OBBFHA meeting saw on a map that we were actually camped next to the lands our ancestors had owned! That meeting was for the Old Broad Bay Family History

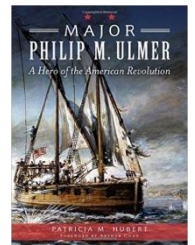
Association held at 377 Manktown Road in Waldoboro Maine August 1, 2015. We found people who know a great deal about the area history and led us to the Waldoboro Historical Society Museum <http://www.waldoborohistory.us> where we found very interesting objects and even a staircase handrail (pictured, right side) from the home of our ancestors. It was both exciting and heartwarming to see items that had belonged to such familiar names like Smouse, Achorn, Benner, Kaler, Winchenbach, Ludwig, Genthner and Demuth.

Before the meeting we visited a 4th cousin related through our Creamer line. We found and contacted her through ancestry.com. She and her husband invited us to their lovely home where we had lunch overlooking a beautiful bay. Thanks to our trip to Waldoboro, we now have new cousins and great friends. Sunday August 2, 2015 was the annual service at the Old German Church at 235 Bremen Rd. This was the church of our ancestors. After taking pictures and meeting up with friendly people we had met the day before we traversed up and down and back and forth around the cemetery where we found our ancestors graves. They are 6 and 7 generations back for us. How thrilling it was to find them. We highly recommend making the trip.

Submitted Becky and Bob Boyd

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

At OBBFHA annual meeting last year we had the pleasure of listening to Patricia Hubert's presentation of her biography *Major Philip Ulmer, A Hero of the American Revolution*. "Major Ulmer is recognized for his extensive military service as a Massachusetts soldier and sailor from frontier Maine Province, his public service as a Justice of the Peace and as a MA Congressional Legislator in the House of Representatives for frontier counties and communities in his private entrepreneurship as a shipbuilder, cargo shipper, and merchant trader, as well as his civic service as a Town Selectman and town administrative leader in both Waldoboro and Lincolnville."



We thought it would be of interest to our readers to list awards Patricia received for her book.

April 2015-Daughter of the American Revolution, State of Connecticut Certificate of Achievement

June 2015-National Society Daughters of the American Revolution Continental Congress, 2015 Excellence in American History Book Award, one of the top five books

September 2015-A ceremony of **Honor and Remembrance** at Major Philip Ulmer's graveside at Ducktrap cove.

National Sons of the American Revolution, Outstanding Citizenship Award & Connecticut State SAR certificate in recognition for the research work on Major Philip Ulmer.

Congratulations Patricia!



Membership



The Old Broad Bay Family History Association is a group of people interested in studying and maintaining the history of the founding families, and in particular the founding German families, of what is now Waldoboro, Lincoln County, Maine.

There are three types of membership: individual, family, and library. An individual membership confers the right to one vote. A family membership confers the right to two votes. A library membership is solely for the purpose of allowing distribution of the newsletter to libraries and historical societies and confers no right to vote.

The membership year is July 1 to June 30. The newsletter is issued four times a year: Winter edition-third week of January, Spring edition-second week of April, Summer Edition-first week of July, and the Fall Issue-second week of October.

Membership checks should be made out to OBBFHA and mailed, along with this form, to: Deirdre Putnam, OBB Treasurer, 17 Bush Hill Rd, Ipswich, MA 01938.

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Please attach a list of your Broad Bay ancestors or write the list on the back of this form.

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