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The Holcomb Branch of James⁷ (Levi⁶, Ezra⁵, David⁴, Nathaniel^{3, 2}, Thomas¹)

Originally this article was going to focus on just finding the parents of my male ancestor James⁷ Holcomb, the spouse of Olive⁶ Noble (Joel⁵, Mark⁴, Noah³, Mark², Thomas¹), of Washington County in northern New York. But it soon became apparent that starting with James⁷ grandfather Ezra⁵, and detailing the collateral lines within each direct family unit, would be more helpful to understanding the dynamics of this branch of Holcombs.

What Has Been Printed

The earliest mention of James⁷ by a researcher was in Mr. Lucius Boltwood's book^[1] regarding the descendants of Thomas Noble. Mr. Boltwood collected his information during the 1850s and printed his material in 1878. He had first hand knowledge of James⁷ and Olive's marriage, family structure, along with her parentage, birth, and death, yet offered few details about James⁷ other than he was of Granville, Washington County, NY.

In her 1988 book, "Thomas Holcomb and other Simsbury, Connecticut Families", Ms. Deanna Holcomb Bowman attempted to link^[2] James⁷ as the son of James⁵ (Consider⁴, Thomas³, Joshua², Thomas¹), a branch of Holcombs that does not contain a single use of the name Levi till one of James⁵ first cousins in Pennsylvania named a son Levi. Neglected by most who laid claim to her tie-in was the question mark at the start of her entry. Her proofs were limited to name association and the common location of New York state. The 1790 census^[3] for James⁵ was from Kinderhook, NY, one hundred miles south of Granville, NY, which leads us to the conclusion that he was at that time over forty-five years of age, married, and had two older males who were teens and/or early twenties in his household. Other sources, without proofs, add that James⁵ was married to Ester Ganyard, a descendant of Adam "the mulatto" Rogers (more about this in the DNA section below), and was the James Holcomb who moved to Ohio around 1802 where he died after 1807.^[4]

Using the above scenario, James⁷ would have been about ten years old at the time of the move from New York to Ohio, but nine years later he ended up much further north in New York married to a local girl of standing, and remained there the rest of his life. The more logical story is that James⁷ began and ended in northern New York, and married the girl next door.

The standard on the pedigree of Levi⁶ comes from the last page of Mr. George E. McCracken's 1981 TAG article^[5], "Thomas Holcombe's Earlier Posterity", where he listed Levi⁶ as both the third child and son of Ezra Holcomb and Phebe Gillette. Mr. McCracken's material relied upon the records that were originally gathered by Rev. Amasa Holcomb in the mid 1800s, and perpetuated by Dr. William Frederick Holcomb through the early 1900s. Ms. Bowman developed Levi⁶ a little further by listing his children^[6], but without details. The most recent information comes from Ms. Carol Laun of the Salmon Brook Historical Society who wrote "Levi⁶ Holcomb"^[7] and "Ezra⁵ Holcomb"^[8], that she updated in 2014 after I contacted her in regards to James⁷.

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^[1] My 8th great-grandfather, Rev. **HENRY WYCHE**, Rector of Sutton Church at Surrey, England, was the son of Gentleman **RICHARD WYCHE** (a founding member of the East India Company), and the grandson of Sir **RICHARD SALTONSTALL**, Knt., the Lord Mayor of the City of London (the Crown). **RICHARD WYCHE** was granted, and to **all** his descendants forever, the Crest of the Wyche Dexter Arms on August 15, 1590. The Wyche motto is "Malgre le Tort", which means "despite the harm", and when combined with the crest, promotes the Mosaic Law of allowing your opponent to make right the damages they have caused you before deciding your next course of action. Saltonstall's nephew (my first cousin), another Sir **RICHARD SALTONSTALL**, was one of the twelve grantees of the Massachusetts Bay Company. Confirmed via my membership with the Order of the Crown of Charlemagne (no. 2685).



Next is a pedigree summary of the above printed pedigrees, with supplemental details from original records, and speculations using logic to create the most likely information, beginning with the family of Ezra⁵ and continuing through James⁷ family. Bracketed information is not to be relied upon, but is supplied to help future researchers. After the summary, the focus shifts to the details, records and interactions of the Holcombs at Washington County, NY.

[1] Boltwood, Lucius M., "History and Genealogy of the Family of Thomas Noble, of Westfield, Massachusetts", Hartford, CT, the author, 1878, pp. 532, 553; [2] Bowman, Deanna Holcomb, "Thomas Holcomb and other Simsbury, Connecticut Families", Colorado Springs, CO, the author, 1988 (revise 1993), v. 1, p 104; [3] "US Census 1790", Kinderhook, Columbia co., NY, p. 247; [4] Jackson, Ronald V., "Ohio Census, 1790-1890", Trumbull County, OH, 1807, p. 28 (index only); [5] McCracken, George E., "Thomas Holcombe's Earlier Posterity", TAG, 1981, v. 57, p 229; [6] Bowman, IBID, (revised 1996), v. 2, pp. 111, 112; [7] Laun, Carol, "Levi⁶ Holcomb", Simsbury, CT, Salmon Brook Historical Society, 2014, pp. 1 – 12; [8] Laun, "Ezra⁵ Holcomb", IBID, 2012 (updated 2014), pp. 1 – 7.

Pedigree Summary

EZRA⁵ HOLCOMB^[9], b. abt. 1735, poss. Simsbury (now Granby), Hartford co., CT, d. 23 Apr 1813, Granby, Hartford co., CT, m. (1) abt. 1755 at poss. Simsbury, Hartford co., CT, **PHEBE GILLETTE**, d/o Nathaniel Gillette and Phebe _____, bap. 18 May 1735 (or b. 1741 as per grave marker information) at Suffield, Hartford co., CT, d. 4 July 1802, Granby, Hartford co., CT.

The 1801 will of EZRA's⁵ son Enos was the key to identifying the family members listed below. Enos gifted 62 cents 5 mills each (must have been the same as leaving a \$1.00 to someone today) to Silas, Levi, Alvan, and Chloe, then divided his land and structures to his siblings as follows: 1/4 to Ezra, 1/4 to Jesse, 1/4 to Asa, 1/8 to Phebe, and 1/8 to Asenath. Enos' ordering of the names might imply that Silas was older than Levi as the other names are ordered by age, with the women following the men in their own similar order.

[9] McCracken, George E., "Thomas Holcombe's Earlier Posterity", TAG, 1981, v. 57, p. 229 (pedigree); "Connecticut Church Record Index, Granby First Congregational Church, 1739 – 1919", (aka Vol. 041 Granby), p. 74 (Ezra⁵ and Phebe's death); Johnston, Henry P. (editor), "The Record of Connecticut Men in the Military and Naval Service During the War of the Revolution 1775-1783", Hartford, CT, 1889, vol. IV, Connecticut Militia, 1776 - 1783, Eighteenth Regiment of Militia, p. 471 (Ezra's⁵ Revolutionary War service); "US Census 1790", East Hartford, Hartford co., CT, p. 473 (Ezra's⁵ location); "US Census 1800", Granby, Hartford co., CT, p. 278 (Ezra's⁵ location); Eardeley Genealogy Collection, "Abstracts of Wills, Admins. and Guardianships in NY State, 1787 - 1835", Brooklyn Historical Society, v. Ontario, NY, pp. 117, 118 (Enos' will).

Children of Ezra⁵ Holcomb, by Phebe Gillette:

i. **EZRA HOLCOMB**, Jr., b. abt. 1756, poss. Simsbury, Hartford co., CT, d. 3 Sep 1835, Granville, Licking co., OH, poss. m. (1) bef. 1785, _____; m. (1) or (2) bef. 1800, **LUCY** _____, b. abt. 1780, d. 12 Aug 1827, Granville, Licking co., OH.

Children of Ezra Holcomb, by _____:

a. Poss. unknown **HOLCOMB**, b. 1785 – 1790 (teenage male found in the 1800 census).



ii. **PHEBE HOLCOMB**, b. 1757, poss. Simsbury, Hartford co., CT, d. 28 Jun 1810, Granby, Hartford co., CT, m. [1 Feb 1782], poss. Granby, Hartford co., CT, **ABNER C. WATERS**, s/o [Abner Waters and Lydia Root], b. 17 Apr 1758, [Hebron, Tolland co.,] CT, d. 11 Dec 1838, Kinsman, Trumbull, OH.

iii. **ENOS HOLCOMB**, b. [1760/1], poss. Simsbury, Hartford co., CT, d. bef. 14 Apr 1801, Bloomfield, Ontario co., NY. Poss. did not marry, as his 1801 will only lists his parents and siblings.

iv. **LEVI⁶ HOLCOMB**, b. 15 Jan 1763 [see next].

v. **ALVAN** (or **ALVIN**) **T. HOLCOMB**, b. [11 Nov] 1768, poss. Simsbury, Hartford co., CT, d. [8 May] 1858, poss. Colesville, Broome co., NY, m. (1) 1792, poss. Hampden co., MA, **MARY MATHER**, d/o William Mather and Rhoda Marvin, b. 17 Dec 1769, Lyme, New London co., CT, d. Aug 1825, Granville, Hampden co., MA; m. (2) 23 Jun 1826, Granby, Hartford co., CT, **POLLY** _____ (Barnes may have been her maiden or widowed name), b. abt. 1771, d. 3 Sep 1842, Granville, Hampden co., MA.

vi. **CHLOE HOLCOMB**, b. [16 Nov] 1770, poss. Simsbury, Hartford co., CT, d. 21 Jun 1855, Enfield, Hartford co., CT, m. (1) bef. 1790, poss. Granby, Hartford co., CT, Capt. **ROSWELL PHELPS**, s/o [Joseph Phelps and Mary Clark], b. [14 Feb 1764], poss. Granby, Hartford co., CT, d. 9 Jul 1805, Granby, Hartford co., CT; m. (2) aft. 1805, Hon. **SAMUEL WOODRUFF**, s/o Samuel Woodruff and Ruth Lyman, b. 16 Feb 1760, Farmington, Hartford co., CT, d. 25 Nov 1859, Windsor, Hartford co., CT.

vii. **JESSE HOLCOMB**, b. btw. 1766 – 1775 [1772], poss. Simsbury, Hartford co., CT, d. [1843, Salem, Washington co., NY], m. (1) abt. 1798, poss. Granby, Hartford co., CT, **PHEBE** [Waters] (not sister of Abner above, Abner's poss. father died a few years before this Phebe was born), b. abt. 1781, poss. CT, d. 31 Aug 1801, Granby, Hartford co., CT; m. (2) 10 Apr 1805, Otis, Berkshire co., MA, **LUCY WEBB**, d/o Samuel Webb and Naomy Warner, b. 5 Mar 1782, Waterbury, New Haven co., CT, d. 2 Sep 1856, Ionia, Ionia co., MI.

viii. **ASA HOLCOMB**, b. abt. 1777, poss. Simsbury, Hartford co., CT, d. 20 Nov 1864, Spring, Crawford co., PA, m. (1) **LUCINDA** [Miller], b. abt. 1779, poss. Granville, Hampden co., MA, d. 19 Mar 1852, Spring, Crawford co., PA.

ix. **SILAS HOLCOMB**, b. [1780], poss. Simsbury, Hartford co., CT, d. 27 Dec 1821, Granby, Hartford co., CT. He did not marry.

x. **ASENATH HOLCOMB**, b. 1787, poss. Simsbury or Granby, Hartford co., CT, d. 23 Apr 1813, Simsbury, Hartford co., CT, m. (1) abt. 1805, poss. Granby, Hartford co., CT, **B. PHILO**.

LEVI⁶ HOLCOMB^[10], b. 15 Jan 1763, Simsbury, Hartford co., CT, d. 2 Apr 1854, Burnett, Dodge co., WI, m. (1) _____ [Wallace], d/o poss. John Wallace and _____, b. New York (from poss. daughter Huldah's census information), d. bef. Oct 1798, poss. Fort Ann, Washington co., NY; m. (2) 16 Oct 1798, Granby, Hartford co., CT, **CHLOE PISON** (or **POISSON**), d/o [not John Poisson and Lucy Tuller], b. abt. 1774, poss. Simsbury, Hartford co., CT, d. poss. bef. 1850.

[10] McCracken, George E., "Thomas Holcombe's Earlier Posterity", TAG, 1981, v. 57, p. 229 (pedigree); Bowman, Deanna Holcomb, "Thomas Holcomb and other Simsbury, Connecticut



Families", Colorado Springs, CO, the author, 1988 (revise 1993/96), v. 2, pp. 111, 112 (pedigree); "US Census 1790", Kingsbury, Washington co., NY, p. 212 (Levi's⁶ location near time of James'⁷ birth); Johnson, Crisfield, "History of Washington County, New York", Philadelphia, PA, Everts & Ensign, 1878, p. 305 (lists Levi⁶ and poss. father-in-law John Wallace and poss. brother-in-law Henry Lewis as Electors); "US Census 1810", Ft. Ann, Washington co., NY, p. 4b (Levi's⁶ location at the time of James'⁷ marriage); "New York Land Records, 1630 - 1975", Chenango co., NY, Deed Book C-D, pp. 372, 373 (1802, Levi's⁶ purchase of property from Stephen Steere); The National Archives, "US Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty-Land Warrant Application Files, 1800 - 1900", nos. 11881, S21818, 7 pages (Levi's⁶ war record); Diane & John, "Levi Holcomb", Findagrave.com, 2008, Burnett Corners Cemetery, Burnett, Dodge co., WI, Memorial no. 32501114 (Levi's⁶ grave marker); "Died", Beaver Dam, WI, Republican & Sentinel, 1854, p. 2 (Levi's⁶ obituary).

LEVI was only one of sixty men who were listed as a top tier Elector (could vote for Senators, Representative, and local positions) for Washington co., NY in 1795 due to his standing and value of owned land (research "White Suffrage Movement" from the late 1820s and early 1830s for significance).

Possible son Levi (vii. below) and probably children William or Asa (viii. below), and/or Levi B. (ix. below) were by LEVI's⁶ second wife CHLOE PISON who he married in 1798. On the 1810 census an older female with two teenage females are listed that do not fit into the family's prior census information; one of the teenage females could be Hulda (_____) Clark (vii. below) who shows up in censuses as born 1796, NY married to Benjamin Clark. Note to future researchers: the journal records of Dr. Liberty Branch from the early 1800s at Fort Ann supposedly has two entries for services provided LEVI⁶ that may list family members.

Children of Levi⁶ Holcomb, by _____ [Wallace]: (The following children, i. thru ix., along with their corresponding birth years and locations, are based on Levi's⁶ census information of 1790, 1800, and 1810, along with his recorded land deeds; the possible first names and attached family details are only provided to aid in the search for primary documentation.)

- i. [Betsey] **HOLCOMB**, b. 1775 – 1784, poss. Kingsbury, Washington co., NY.
- ii. [Rachel] **HOLCOMB**, b. 1775 – 1784, poss. Kingsbury, Washington co., NY.
- iii. Unknown female **HOLCOMB**, b. 1785 – 1790, poss. Kingsbury, Washington co., NY. Could be Hulda (vii. below).
- iv. [Chloe] **HOLCOMB** (twin?), b. 1790, poss. Kingsbury or Westfield, Washington co., NY, d. poss. abt. 1829, Washington co., NY, [poss. m. abt. 1810, Washington co., NY, **JONATHAN WELLS**, b. 10 Jun 1786, poss. Steuben co., NY, d. 25 May 1877, Wellington, Lorain co., OH].
- v. **EZRA**⁷ **HOLCOMB** (twin?), b. 1790, poss. Kingsbury or Westfield, Washington co., NY, d. 9 Dec 1873, Afton, Chenango co., NY, m. **MATILDA** [Butterfield] (The family name Butterfield is based on Matilda's brother William's will of 1827 detailing that Ezra owed him almost \$400; land records also show that Ezra and Matilda had possession of Levi's⁶ farm, which included three mortgages.), d/o [John Butterfield and Abigail Morse], b. 1794 – 1800, poss. NH or NY, d. bef. 1840, poss. Saratoga co., NY.
- vi. **JAMES**⁷ **HOLCOMB**, b. 1790 – 1794 [see next].



vii. [Levi] **HOLCOMB**, b. 1795 – 1800, poss. Westfield, Washington co., NY (censuses state VT and NY), d. aft. 1870, poss. Leavitt, Oceana co., MI, m. 1816, Medina co., OH, **LAURA MARSH**, b. abt. 1797, VT, d. bef. 1870, poss. Ionia, Ionia co., MI. He may not belong to this family as Levi B. (ix. below) would seem the more likely candidate to be the one son with the name Levi, or poss. there were two sons named Levi.

Or there was a gender mistake on the 1800 census and it is possible:

vii. [Hulda Holcomb], b. abt. 1795 (could also be iii. above), poss. Westfield, Washington co., NY, d. aft. 1880, poss. Black Brook, Polk co., WI, m. **BENJAMIN L. GRANT**, s/o Neverson Grant and Experience [Stark], b. 22 Jan 1794, Stratton, Windham co., VT, d. 25 May 1860, Burnett, Dodge co., WI. Levi⁶ was living with Benjamin and HULDAH at Burnett, WI in 1850. She may also be one of the teenage daughters found in the 1810 Census, but not on the 1800 census with the possibility that she was a daughter of Chloe Pison's from a prior marriage.

Children of Levi⁶ Holcomb, by Chloe Pison:

viii [William or Asa] **HOLCOMB**, b. 1801 - 1810, poss. Westfield / Fort Ann, Washington co., NY. Either could be vii. above.

ix. [Levi B(enjamin)] **HOLCOMB**, b. [Jun 1806], Fort Ann, Washington co., NY, d. 10 Mar 1888, Rock Elm, Pierce co., WI, m. (1) [1 Sep 1828], poss. Jasper, Steuben co., NY, **ANGELINE** [Rathborn], b. abt. 1802, PA, d. 19 Mar 1872, Rock Elm, Pierce co., WI; m. (2) [8 Feb 1875, Pierce co., WI, **EMILY MARTIN**], this marriage record lists LEVI's birth place as Washington County, NY, and his parents as Levi and Sarah Holcomb; m. (3) 30 May 1879, Pierce co., WI, **MARINDA** _____ (Hooker may be maiden or widowed name), b. abt. 1800, IN, d. aft. 1880, poss. WI, IN, or OH. In some census records he is listed as "Levi B." and other times "Lewis". The 1830 census for Jasper, Steuben co., NY lists him and Levi⁶ within a page of each other. Before the 1840 census Levi⁶ had moved to Pennsylvania and returned, living closer to him so that in the 1840 census for Jasper, NY both are on the same page with the same families surrounding LEVI B. as before. By 1850 both are at Dodge co., WI, him at Herman, WI and Levi⁶ seventeen miles away at Burnett, WI.

JAMES⁷ HOLCOMB^[11], b. abt. 1791 (census information ranges from 1785 – 1800), poss. Kingsbury or Westfield (now Ft. Ann), Washington co. NY, d. Apr 1870, Dresden, Washington co., NY, m. (1) 2 Aug 1811, Granville, Washington co., NY, **OLIVE NOBLE**, d/o Joel Noble and Naomi Loomis, b. 10 Aug 1792, Westfield, Hampshire co., MA (Westfield does not have a current record of her birth), d. [13 Jan 1853], Granville, Washington co., NY; m. (2) abt. 1854, poss. Granville, Washington co., NY, **MARY ANNA CORBET** (Her name Mary comes from their son James⁸ death record and Anna from the land and census records.), b. abt. 1821, Ireland, d. Oct 1869, Dresden, Washington co., NY.

James⁷ was a carpenter and joiner. He must have been a smart businessman, as he owned quite a bit of property, including a slate operation and a blacksmith shop at Granville/Whitehall.



His second wife was on several land deeds with him and she brought a daughter Ellen (or Helen), b. abt. 1849, NY, into the marriage. Children Mary Ann (xii. below) and James⁸ H. (xiii. below) are from this second marriage.

James⁷ had children over a period of 48 years. He did not have a probate file, but his lunacy hearing shortly before his death does list his children and was probably the method that his estate was settled. The last two children were minors when he and his second wife died, but there are not any records of a guardianship case.

[11] Boltwood, Lucius M., "History and Genealogy of the Family of Thomas Noble, of Westfield, Massachusetts", Hartford, CT, the author, 1878, pp. 532, 553 (pedigree); Loomis, Elias, "The Descendants (By the Female Branches) of Joseph Loomis", New Haven, CT, Tuttle, Morehouse, and Taylor, 1880, v. 1, p. 757 (pedigree); "US Census 1790", Kingsbury, Washington co., NY, p. 212 (James⁷ father Levi's⁶ location); "US Census 1810", Ft. Ann, Washington co., NY, p. 4b (location of Levi⁶ and poss. marriage location); "US Census 1810", Granville, Washington co., NY, p. 8a (location of Olive's family and poss. marriage location); "US Census 1850", Granville, Washington co., NY, p. 67 (James⁷ and Olive's family information); "New York Land Records, 1630 - 1975", Whitehall, Washington co., NY, 1855, v. 34, pp. 543, 544 (In 1855 James⁷ sold 2 acres to [son] Levi⁸ Holcomb for \$1.00); "New York Land Records", IBID, 1864, v. 52, pp. 590, 591 (In 1864 Levi's⁸ son James⁹ W. Holcomb sold the same 2 acres to Jesse Rooker for \$410.00); "New York Land Records", IBID, Granville, Washington co., NY, 1855, v. 36, pp. 50, 51 (In 1855 James⁷ sold 1/3 of the family farm to [son] Champlain⁸ Holcomb for \$100.00); "New York Land Records", IBID, 1857, v. 37, pp. 354, 355 (In 1857 James⁷ sold 2/3 of family farm to Rodney Richardson for \$1,867.00) [These four land records imply familiarity.]; Washington County Court, "James Holcomb an Alleged Lunatic", Washington co., NY, 1869, pp. 1 - 8 (lists James⁷ adult children); "US Mortality Census 1870", Dresden, Washington co., NY, p. 3 (James⁷ and second wife Mary Anna's death).

Children of James⁷ Holcomb, by Olive Noble (Mr. Boltwood's book states that James and Olive had eleven children):

i. **LEVI⁸ S. HOLCOMB**, b. abt. 1813, Fort Ann or Granville, Washington co., NY, d. aft. 1880, Whitehall, Washington co., NY, m. (1) abt. 1838, Granville or Dresden, Washington co., NY, **SUSANNA JANE WILEY**, d/o _____, b. abt. 1818, Gloversville or Johnstown, Montgomery (now Fulton) co., NY, d. bef. 1880, Whitehall, Washington co., NY.

His name is listed as "Levi S." on the 1880 census and on their daughter Lucy's marriage record to Stephen Chaffee. The death record for their son Lewis Fowler Holcomb, who was possibly named after his uncle of the same name (who was ordained a LDS priest in 1866), listed his mother's name as Susanna Jane Wiley born in Gloversville, NY. Neither LEVI⁸ nor SUSANNA had probate records. It is possible that Wiley is actually Wyllys.

ii. [James] **HOLCOMB**, b. bef. 1820, d. aft. 1830. The 1820 and 1830 censuses list a male that is unaccounted for, but must have died before James⁷ 1869 lunacy hearing.

iii. **CHAMPLIN S. HOLCOMB**, b. abt. 1818, Granville, Washington co., NY, d. abt. 1897, poss. Dresden, Washington co., NY, m. (1) bef. 1846, poss. Whitehall, Washington co., NY, **SARAH A.** [Livingston], d/o [_____ Livingston (b. Holland) and Arathusa _____], b. abt. 1824, VT, d. aft. 1880, poss. Dresden, Washington co., NY.

iv. **OLIVE CORDELIA HOLCOMB**, b. Feb 1821, Granville, Washington co., NY, d. aft. 1910, poss. Dresden, Washington co., NY, m. (1) bef. 1840, poss. Washington co., NY, _____



RUSSELL; m. (2) abt. 1850, poss. Washington co., NY, **PHYLARMON GILLETT**, s/o [Phylarmon Beardsley Gillette and Elizabeth Paul, *Fanny*], b. abt. 1814, poss. Tinmouth, Rutland co., VT, d. bef. 1900, poss. Whitehall, Washington co., NY. The 1860 census for Olive and Phylarmon does not list any children, nor does the 1865 while living just a couple of doors away from her father James. In her father James' lunacy court case she is listed as Adelia Eliott.

Children of Olive Cordelia Holcomb, by _____ Russell:

a. **MARY RUSSELL**, b. 1841, NY. Listed in the household of her grandfather James Hocom (Holcomb) in 1850 and 1855; the 1855 Census also lists her mother (O. C.) and stepfather Jillett. In the 1855 census Mary is listed as the 14-year-old wife of the 64-year-old James. It is possible the census worker combined the information about James' new wife Mary Ann, b. IRE, with Mary Russell together.

b. Poss. **WILLIAM** [Russell], b. 1843.

c. Poss. **JAMES** [Russell], b. 1845. These last two children may have died early, or belonged to other parents.

v. **LINUS N(oble) HOLCOMB**, b. 14 Feb 1823, Granville, Washington co., NY, d. 30 Jan 1892, Whiteside co., IL, m. (1) [22 Mar] 1849, poss. Granville or Dresden, Washington co., NY (divorced before 1859), **ESTER AMELIA GILLETT**, d/o Adonijah Gillett and Theodocia L. [Utter], b. abt. 1832, Dresden, Washington co., NY, d. 20 Feb 1903, Pardeeville, Columbia co., WI; m. (2) bef. 1859, poss. Whitehall, Washington co., NY, **LUCINDA** [Daves], b. abt. 1825, Canada, d. abt. 1860, poss. Whitehall, Washington co., NY. The 1860 census lists Linus and Lucinda 20 years older than they actually were; m. (3) [12 Sep 1861], poss. Whitehall, Washington co., NY, **JULIA PITTS**, d/o John Pitts and Mary A. [Wright], b. [5 May] 1842, Granville, Washington co., NY, d. [23 Dec 1894], poss. Amboy, Lee co., IL.

vi. **ELIZA ANN HOLCOMB**, b. Oct 1824, Granville, Washington co., NY, d. 1910, Amboy, Lee co., IL, m. (1) bef. 1843, _____ **GILLETT**, b. bef. 1825, d. poss. bef. 1848; m. (2) abt. 1848, **CHARLES NOBLE** (first cousin), s/o Charles Noble and Anna Waters, b. Dec 1823, poss. Washington co., NY, d. 26 Mar 1880, Amboy, Lee co., IL; m. (3) abt. 1883, poss. Amboy, Lee co., IL, **EDWARD MACKIN**, b. abt. 1832, IRE, d. aft. 1920, poss. Rock Island co., IL.

Children of Eliza Ann Holcomb, by _____ Gillett:

a. **MARIETTA GILLETT**, b. 1844, d. 1921.

vii. Poss. unknown male **HOLCOMB**, b. bef. 1825, d. bef. 1840. The 1830 census lists a male that is unaccounted for, but must have died before 1840.

viii. Poss. unknown male **HOLCOMB**, b. bef. 1830, d. aft. 1840. The 1830 and 1840 censuses list a male that is unaccounted for, but must have died before James'⁷ 1869 lunacy hearing.

ix. **ESTER M. HOLCOMB**, b. 17 Sep 1830, Granville, Washington co., NY, d. 11 Dec 1866, Lamoni, Decatur co., IA, m. (1) [10 Jan 1851], poss. Granville, Washington co., NY, **LEWIS**



FOWLER (ordained a LDS priest in 1866), s/o Augustine Fowler and Maria Reed, b. 5 Mar 1825, MA or CT, d. 25 Aug 1906, Albany, Gentry co., MO.

x. Poss. **CYNTHIA HOLCOMB**, (or this is Cynthia Noble) b. 1832, Granville, Washington co., NY, d. 1 Mar 1875, Clemons, Washington co., NY, m. (1) bef. 1850, poss. Granville, Washington co., NY, **ROSWELL SHATTUCK**, b. abt. 1828, Warren co., NY, d. aft. 1900, poss. Hague, Warren co., NY. He is listed as black in the Civil War enlistment records; mulatto in the 1880 Census; and white in the 1900 Census. This may explain why she was not listed in her father's lunacy hearing papers if James did not agree with her lifestyle choice, or she was not part of this family, though the 1840 census does have room for her. In 1850 both are in Luther Carter's household, whose son John soon after marries Fanny Gillett (d/o Jonathan Gillett and Naomi Noble) who is would be CYNTHIA's first cousin, if she is part of this family. Just to add more confusion, her brother Levi⁸ named his 12th child Cynthia in 1856.

xi. **HENRY HOLCOMB**, b. 15 Dec 1834, Whitehall, Washington co., NY, d. 26 Jun 1916, Rock Falls, Whiteside co., IL, m. (1) 1 Jan 1869, Lee co., IL, **LOUISA SNODGRASS**, d/o Thomas Snodgrass and Abigail Snow, b. 15 Feb 1844, WI or IN, d. 16 Aug 1912, Amboy, Lee co., IL.

Children of James⁷ Holcomb, by Mary Anna Corbet:

xii. **MARY ANN HOLCOMB**, b. 9 Sep 1857, Granville, Washington co., NY, d. 19 Apr 1890, Fort Ann, Washington co., NY, m. (1) [23 Dec 1886], poss. Dresden or Fort Ann, Washington co., NY, **GEORGE W. MCMORE**, s/o Eleazer McMore and Harriet Stevens, b. abt. 1841, poss. Dresden, Washington co., NY, d. [17 Mar] 1923, Fort Ann, Washington co., NY. In 1870 she and her stepsister Ellen were living with John Wilsey and Sophia _____ at house #137 in Dresden, NY. Her parents had been at house #118.

Children of Mary Ann Holcomb, by George W. McMore:

a. **ROSE MCMORE**, b. 1888, d. 1970.

xiii. **JAMES⁸ H. HOLCOMB**, b. 11 Jun 1861, Dresden, Washington co., NY, d. 1 Oct 1927, Dresden, Washington co., NY, m. (1) abt. 1886, Washington co., NY or Rutland co., VT, **JANE GRAGEN / GREEN**, d/o Michael Gragen / Green and Selina Grover, b. Dec 1865, Tinmouth, Rutland co., VT, d. 1939, Clemons, Dresden, Washington co., NY. In 1870, he was living with Oliver Leach Steere and Lucy Noble, Olive's sister (father James⁷ first wife) at house #13 in Dresden, NY. His parents had been at house #118.

DNA Testing

My next move was to have DNA tests performed by both my father¹³ and myself¹⁴, which definitively proved our male descent from Thomas¹. Shortly thereafter my father's paternal aunt¹² completed a DNA test and her genetics were listed as one hundred (100) percent white, eliminating the above Ester Ganyard as a possible ancestor.

While waiting for the DNA test results the legal records of Washington County, NY were searched to find as much information about the Holcombs as possible.



1790 to 1793 - Census and Land Records

The 1790 census listed Levi⁶ as the head of the only Holcomb family for all of Washington County, NY, which included four females who are assumed to be his first wife and three daughters.

A land record^[12] from 1790 documents Levi⁶ as a resident of Kingsbury, NY^[see 18 below], purchasing 42 acres in lot 9 at Westfield (now Fort Ann), NY. The deed also mentions that a Henry Lewis owned the property next door.

In 1793 a deed^[13] was recorded at Hebron, NY by Levi's⁶ second cousin Noah⁵ Holcomb (John⁴, John³, Nathaniel², Thomas¹). Noah's⁵ family is well documented and does not include James⁷. Noah's⁵ deed was the last Holcomb land deed filed in Washington County, NY for forty-five (45) years outside of Levi's⁶ immediate family till 1838 when Horace A.⁸ Holcomb (Diodorus⁷, Abner⁶, Azariah⁴, Jonathan³, Nathaniel², Thomas¹) purchased land^[14] at Whitehall, NY.

During this time period, Levi's⁶ family increased with a daughter and two sons, Ezra⁷ and James⁷.

[12] Westfield deed B/D-352; [13] Hebron deed B2-116; [14] Whitehall deed VV-218

1796 to 1798 - Levi's⁶ First Wife Though Land Records

In regards to Levi's⁶ first wife we have three land deeds that give us a clue as to who she might have been. The first was a deed^[15] from 1796 that listed John Wallace of Pawlet, Rutland County, VT, as having purchased 200 acres in lot 9 at Westfield, NY, less amounts already conveyed to Levi⁶ and Henry Lewis. Then in 1798, two deeds^[16, 17] have John Wallace selling both Levi⁶ and Henry Lewis three (3) acres each for \$1 next to their existing properties [note for any researchers: Aaron Wright, Jr. was a witness to both deeds]. What is significant is that according to the 1795 Elector records for Washington County, NY, both Levi⁶ and Henry Lewis were listed as two of the top-tier electors (see Levi's⁶ citations above) out of sixty total, and John Wallace was part of a lower tier. All the early land records I have viewed involving nominal monetary amounts are between close family members.

[15] Westfield deed B-529; [16] Westfield deed F-113; [17] Westfield deed F-111

1800 to 1811 - Census Records and Holcomb Noble Marriage

In 1800, Levi⁶ is again the only Holcomb family in the censuses of Washington County, NY, which now listed three additional young males in his household.

By 1810, the census records have Asa⁶ and Jesse⁶ joining their brother Levi⁶ at Fort Ann (was Westfield), NY. Both brothers would have been too young to be James⁷ father. In the same census Levi's⁶ record adds another two young males, for five sons total, and one of the older males, possibly either Ezra⁷ or James⁷, drops off. It is possible that an eighteen year-old James⁷ was working fourteen (14) miles away in Granville, NY and would have been included in someone else's census entry, because just one year (1811) later he married Olive Noble. The



Nobles^[18] were a well-established family in northern New York and a marriage with another well-established family would fit the customs of the day.

[18] The 1762 Kingsbury, New York patent included Olive's father Joel's second cousin Gideon⁴ Noble (Stephen³, John², Thomas¹) and another cousin Thomas Noble. Levi⁶ listed his residence as Kingsbury on his 1790 deed above.

1813 - The Use of the Name Levi

About 1813 Levi⁸ was the first child born to James⁷ and Olive. What is significant is the male naming patterns found with Ezra⁵ and Levi's⁶ families, and the fact that James⁷ seemed to follow the same customs. Also significant is that Levi⁸ did the same with his first two sons Levi⁹ and James⁹. The unidentified second son of James⁷ could have been a James who died young. This may explain why James⁷ waited till he was about seventy (70) years of age to use the name again.

Researching the use of the name Levi in the Holcomb family found that the name first showed up in the fifth generation to two first cousins of Levi⁶, whose families stayed in Connecticut. The sixth generation netted two more two first cousins who also stayed in Connecticut; a fourth cousin who went to Pennsylvania; and of course Levi⁶ in New York. Generation seven netted the son of the one who went to Pennsylvania; and a third cousin in Ohio. Accordingly, each generation in my direct line, down to my brother¹⁴, has made use of the name Levi.

1815 to 1820 - Levi's⁶ Census and Land Records, with Family Connections

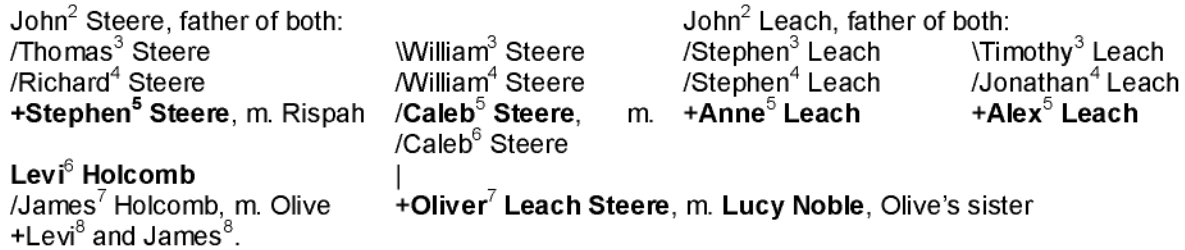
In 1815 at Fort Ann, NY Levi⁶ witnessed John Degolyer's will, which does not mean he was living there, but probably traveling back-and-forth to the property he had purchased at Chenango County, NY (180 miles east) in 1802 from Stephen⁵ Steere, Esq. and his wife Rispah Smith (see Levi's⁶ citations above). Stephen⁵ Steere was a second cousin^[19] to Caleb⁵ Steere who married Anne⁵ Leach. Further research finds that Caleb's grandson is the same Oliver⁷ Leach Steere who married Lucy Noble, sister of Olive Noble, the first wife of James⁷. And as per the 1870 census at Dresden, Washington co., NY, this same Oliver⁷ Steere and his wife Lucy are the ones who took in James⁸, son of Mary Anna Corbet, the second wife of James⁷, after they died in 1869 and 1870, respectively.

Before finding the Steere relationship I had assumed that Lucy Noble had taken in James⁸ because of her relationship with her former brother-in-law James⁷, which may still be the reason, but now an existing Holcomb - Steere relationship had already been developed from a generation earlier.

The 1820 census at Chenango County, NY revealed a Holcomb - Leach relationship through an Alex⁵ Leach that was living just a few houses away from Levi⁶. Alex⁵ was a second cousin^[20] of the aforementioned Anne⁵ Leach, the wife of Caleb⁵ Steere, which demonstrates another family connection.



Here is a diagram of these relationships:



To sum up the above information and diagram, focus on Oliver⁷ Leach Steere and Lucy Noble. His grandfather was a second cousin to Stephen⁵ Steere who sold the property to Levi⁶; his grandmother was a second cousin to Alex⁵ Leach who was 180 miles east of James⁷ family, but lived just down the street from Levi⁶; and Lucy Noble was James⁷ former sister-in-law who became James⁸ guardian after James⁷ died.

[19] Root, James Pierce, "A Record of the Descendants of John Steere . . .", Cambridge, MA, 1890, pp. 95, 96; [20] Leach, F. Phelps, "Lawrence Leach of Salem, Massachusetts . . .", East High gate, VT, the author, 1924, v. 1, pp. 28, 37 (for Anne's father's pedigree and Alex's pedigree, respectively)

1820 to 1840 - Washington County, NY Censuses

James⁷ first census record in 1820 at Granville, NY listed him next door to his father-in-law Joel Noble. His family structure was shown as himself, a female the age of Olive, and three males under the age of ten. Other Washington County, NY censuses found Ezra⁷, Asa⁶, and Jesse⁶ Holcomb at Fort Ann, NY, and a Pheobe **Hocumb** at Hartford, NY just 11 miles from Granville, NY.

The Phebe / Pheobes listed in the pedigree summary above were to have been deceased by 1820. This Pheobe's census listed her as over the age of 45, a female in the 16 to 26 range (daughter?), and two children under the age of ten (children and/or grandchildren?). Either Pheobe's husband was away during the census, or she was widowed. If the members of her household were a daughter and grandchildren, then she was possibly just old enough to be James⁷ mother, but it is more likely she was an aunt or sister-in-law. If she were James⁷ mother and a widow, the customs of the day would possibly dictate her living with him or Ezra⁷ (see next paragraph for an example). No further records could be found concerning Pheobe.

The 1830 census for Granville, NY again listed James⁷ next door to Joel Noble with a female Olive's age and eight children in his household. Asa⁶ is the only other Holcomb in Washington County, NY at this time. The census in 1840 for James⁷ is similar, but by this time Joel had died and the older woman listed in James⁷ record would be Joel's second wife.

1820 to 1837 Washington County, NY Land Records

In 1820 Ezra⁷ borrowed just over \$540 on Levi's⁶ property in lot 9^[21]; and in 1822 and 1824, Ezra⁷ and his wife Matilda sold 54 acres of Levi's⁶ in lot 9 for \$960, and 54 acres in lot 10 for \$400^[22].



In 1825 James⁷ made his first recorded land purchase^[23] for 160 acres in lot 11 at Dresden for \$325.

If Ezra⁷ and James⁷ were partners in their father Levi's⁶ property the math would work like this: \$960 plus \$400 equals \$1,360 received from the land sale, subtracting the \$540 in mortgages and any interest and costs, they would receive about \$400 each. The \$540 in mortgages might have been their way of buying out Levi⁶. This is simply speculation, but the timing of James⁷ first land purchase right after the first recorded Holcomb land sale in Washington County, NY in almost thirty (30) years does raise the possibility.

The balance of land records show Ezra⁷ and Asa⁶ selling and James⁷ buying land to increase the size of his farm and other operations.

By 1837 James⁷ is the head of the only Holcomb family with recorded land ownership at Washington County, NY, till 1838 when Horace A. Holcomb purchased land in Whitehall, NY.

[21] Fort Ann mortgages N-400, N-451, and N-453; [22] Fort Ann deeds Q-358 and Q-365; [23] Dresden deed Q-603.

Other Family Ties

The pedigree summary lists Levi's⁶ mother and aunt as Gillettes, three of James⁷ children married Gillettes, and Olive Noble's sister Naomi married Jonathan Gillette^[24]; Two of Levi's⁶ siblings, Phebe and Jesse⁶, married members of the Waters family, as did Olive Noble's brother Charles who married Ann Waters. And do not forget the Kingsbury, NY tie between Levi⁶ and the Nobles above.

[24] Their son Oscar F. Gillette's 1917 death record, from Amboy, Lee County, IL, lists his parents.

Process of Elimination

Using the process of elimination, Carol Laun of the Salmon Brook Historical Society, who has spent years studying the Holcombs of Connecticut, completed a paper^[25] on all the possible candidates for James⁷ father and came up with Levi⁶ as the most likely choice.

[25] Laun, "Final Report James Holcomb", IBID, 2014, pp. 1, 2.

Conclusion

Though all the above evidence is circumstantial, by using close proximity, generational naming patterns, land records, collateral family interactions, family eliminations, and logic, this is the best evidence at this time (2015) to prove the relationship between Levi⁶ and his son James⁷. Hopefully this article will come into the hands of fellow researchers who have something more to add and/or correct concerning this branch of Holcombs. Thank you.

4605.

NAOMI NOBLE, dau. of Gad, was b. in Westfield, Mass., Aug. 31, 1784, and there resided until after the death of her husband, when she removed to Richmond, Vt. She d. in Turin, N. Y., May, 1865, æ. 80.

She m. Jan. 13, 1803, CHESTER KING, b. Mch. 2, 1781, s. of Capt. Silas and Sally (Noble) King of Westfield. He d. Sept. 6, 1824, æ. 43. He was a farmer.

CHILDREN BORN IN WESTFIELD.

4808. *Henry*, b. June 26, 1803; m. Sept. 13, 1827, Maria Phelps, was a blacksmith in Westfield, where he d. 1860.
 4809. *Noble*, b. Mch. 8, 1805; m. Jan., 1827, Sophronia Richards, was a farmer, and d. in Turin, N. Y., 1867.
 4810. *Roland*, b. Apr. 2, 1810; m., 1834, Sophia Goodrich, and d. in Suffield, Conn., Dec. 31, 1841, æ. 31.
 4811. *Catharine*, b. June 10, 1815; m. Sept. 25, 1833, Addison Fowler, and d. in Turin, N. Y., Apr. 6, 1836, æ. 20.

4606.

JOEL NOBLE, s. of Mark, was b. in Westfield, Mass., Feb. 26, 1766, and d. Apr. 14, 1836, æ. 70. He removed, in 1797, from Westfield, to Granville, N. Y. He was a farmer, and resided in the northwest part of the town, six and a half miles from the centre, on the road from West Granville village to Whitehall, N. Y.

He m. Feb. 7, 1791, NAOMI LOOMIS, b. in Westfield, Dec. 14, 1768, dau. of John and Silence (Hayes) Loomis. She d. in Dresden, N. Y., Nov. 15, 1829, æ. 60.

CHILDREN.

4812. *Dau.*, b. 1791; d. Sept. 15, 1791, æ. 6 mos.
 4813. *Olice*, b. Aug. 10, 1792, in Westfield; m. James Holcomb, 7
 4814. *Dau.*, b. 1794; d. May 26, 1794, æ. 3 mos.
 4815. *Son*, b. Apr., 1795; d. May 19, 1795, æ. 3 weeks.
 4816. *Lucy*, b. May 11, 1796, in Westfield; m. Mch. 10, 1830, Oliver Leech Steere, b. in Gloucester, R. I., Mch. 1, 1808, s. of Caleb Steere, Jr. He was a carpenter and joiner, and settled in Dresden, N. Y. Child. Lucy Ann, b. May 7, 1833.
 4817. *Charles*, b. Apr. 1, 1798, in Granville; m. Ann Waters.
 4818. *Roland*, b. Apr. 7, 1800; d. Oct. 1, 1809, æ. 9.
 4819. *Charlotte*, b. Feb. 14, 1802, in Granville; m. Sidney Hull.
 4820. *Calvin*, b. June 30, 1804; d. May 31, 1808, æ. 3.
 4821. *Alvin*, b. Mch. 17, 1806; d. Mch. 28, 1807, æ. 1.
 4822. *Joel*, b. Apr. 10, 1807; d. Oct. 7, 1809, æ. 2.

until about 1852, and subsequently, a dealer in lumber, hides, and furs.

He m. Sept. 12, 1827, ELIZABETH COLTON, b. in Westfield, Mass., Dec. 11, 1806, dau. of Zadock and Huldah (Langdon) Colton. She resides, 1877, with her son Albert D., in Grand Rapids, Mich.

CHILDREN BORN IN WESTFIELD.

5026. *Warham Boardman*, b. Aug. 20, 1828; m. Theresa A. Turner.

5027. *Albert Dewitt*, b. June 13, 1833; m. Esther E. Pierce.

4802.

SALLY ANN NOBLE, dau. of Elijah, was b. in Westfield, Mass., Oct. 25, 1812. She removed, Mch. 2, 1869, to St. Paul, Minn., and thence to Grand Rapids, Mich., where she now, 1877, resides.

She m. Aug. 11, 1831, JOHN LEE, b. July 12, 1805, s. of Samuel and Rachel (Shepard) Lee. He was a whip maker and farmer. He removed, June, 1853, from Westfield, Mass., to Chaska, Minn., and there d. Sept. 4, 1857, æ. 52.

CHILDREN.

5028. *Clarissa Ann*, b. Jan. 5, 1832, in West Springfield, Mass.; m. Nov. 26, 1850, Edwin Oakley Newton, and d. Aug. 25, 1858, æ. 26. He is, 1877, a carpenter, in Southwick, Mass.

5029. *Caroline Matilda*, b. May 23, 1836, in Canton, Conn.; m. May 27, 1853, Linus Alexander Clapp. He is, 1877, a clerk in Grand Rapids.

5030. *John Linus*, b. Oct. 16, 1838, in Westfield, Mass.; m. Oct. 27, 1861, Emeline Shepard Noble, b. July 13, 1840, dau. of Joel and Almira (Woodward) Noble. He is, 1878, a mason in St. Paul, Minn.

4813.

— OLIVE NOBLE, dau. of Joel, was b. in Westfield, Mass., Aug. 10, 1792, and d. Jan. 13, 1853, æ. 60.

She m. Aug. 2, 1811, JAMES HOLCOMB⁷ of Granville, N. Y. He was a carpenter and joiner.

CHILDREN.

5031. *Eliza Ann*, b. ; m. her cousin, Charles Noble.

5032. *Esther*, b. ; m. Lewis Fowler, and removed to Shelburne, Lee Co., Ill.

5033. *Henry*, b. ; removed to Shelburne, Lee Co., Ill.

There were eight other children.

Compare names of children to James lunacy court case in 1869.

4817.

CHARLES NOBLE, s. of Joel, was b. in Granville, N. Y., Apr. 1, 1798. He removed to Dresden, N. Y.

He m. Feb. 13, 1820, ANN WATERS, dau. of John H. Waters of Pittsford, Vt.

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- 42563. Buckland
- 42564. Gideon
- 42565. Justin
- 42566. Thomas 1781
- 42567. Dennis
- 42568. Jimmie 1791
- 42569. Ruth
- 42560. Thankful
- 4256a. Gillet 1797-1797

4261. John Griffin Holcomb, born in 1738, was a resident of Muskingum County, Ohio. He died at Lake George, in the Army (Seaver). Weir states he was pensioned at age 84.

4262. Consider Holcomb II, born in 1741, married Eunice Gillet in 1782, and Hannah Loomis Taylor (Weir). Hannah was born in 1737, died in 1808, the daughter of Job and Hannah Eno Loomis. Seaver records the first six children with the exception of Elizabeth. Seaver and Simsbury Soldiers list the birth of Elipalet in 1779. Perhaps Elizabeth and Elipalet are one in the same. Weir listed the descendants of Elipalet. Consider and Eunice had children listed in Seaver:

- 42621. Eliphant 1779- m. Batience -to Ohio-
Elizabeth in Barbour Records.
- 42622. Consider III
- 42623. Moses
- 42624. Benjamin
- 42625. John G III 1790-1868, m. Jane Lamson, Urelia widow of
Grove Holcomb #81651

Simsbury Soldiers list the following children while Weir assigns them to son John G #42625

- 42626. Isaac
- 42627. Lucy
- 42628. Jane
- and all of the records except SS list
- 42629. Hannah m. Benoni Buttles (Buttolph)

4264. James Holcomb, born in 1746, married and had children listed on the 1790 census in Kinderhook, Columbia County, NY.

- 7 - 42641. ?James m. Olive Noble in 1792 (Noble Genealogy)
compare to vol. 2 p 112

4265. Elishma Holcomb, born in 1749, lived in Frederickstown, Duchesse County, NY in 1790. Weir says he had children;

- 42651. Samuel
- 42652. Mary
- 42653. Elishma II

4271. Reuben Holcomb, born in 1733, married Nancy Dixon. See #8125.

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2. Cleopatra, b. 31 March 1759, m. Simsbury, 5 Dec. 1776, Eli Youngs.

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Children: surname Youngs

- a. Eli Montgomery⁷, b. 26 May 1777.
b. Cleopatra, b. 16 March 1780.

3. Mehitabel, b. 2 Feb. 1762, d. 13 Oct. 1846, m. 5 Oct. 1780, Seth⁴ Hayes (Samuel³, Samuel², George¹), b. 2 June 1753, d. 3 Jan. 1839. 6 ch.

4. Helen, b. 12 Oct. 1764.

5. Josiah, b. 13 March 1768, physician, 8 ch. b. Ohio.

6. Charity, b. 1 Dec. 1770.

7. Zophar, b. 17 June 1773, m. ----- Roberts, 7 ch. in Ohio.

8. John, b. 24 Aug. 1777, m. 3 March 1808, Elizabeth Lucas.

- viii. Simeon, b. 1734, twin, m. 8 May 1760, Huldah Holcombe, b. 24 Jan. 1742/3, daughter of Nathaniel and Thankful (Hayes) Holcombe.

- 5 — ix. Ezra, b. 1735, d. 1811, m. Phebe Gillett. See Stiles 2:396.

Children:

1. Ezra⁶.

2. Enos.

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3. Levi.

4. Alvin, d. 1858; m. 1792, Mary Mather, daughter of Richard Mather of Lyme.

Children (so Stiles)

- a. Vincent⁷, M.D., b. 5 Feb. 1795; m. Feb. 1820, Susannah Mills of Canton, CT; resided West Granville, MA.

Children:

- α Hubert V. C.⁸, M.D., d.s.p. 14 Aug. 1874, res. Branford, Ct.

- β Clifford C., M.D., resided Lee, MA; m. twice, no living issue according to Stiles.

γ Elizabeth Phelps.

δ Susan Mills.

- b. Horace.

- c. Alvin.

- d. William M[ather?].

- e. Julia M[ather?], m. John Watrous of Broome Co., N.Y.

5. Jesse. 6. Asa. 7. Silas.

- x. Lydia, b. 1737, d. 27 Feb. 1822, m. Solomon Higley, identified by Stiles (*Wethersfield* 2:194) as son of Nathaniel and Abigail (Filer) Higley.

- xi. Ezekiel, b. 1738, d. 1805 at Granby; m. (1) ca. 1761, Elizabeth⁵ Gillett (Joseph⁴, Benjamin³, John², Jonathan¹), b. 14 Oct. 1743 d. 176-. Had son Ezekiel⁶, b. ca. 1762, d. 15 May 1836, Edinburgh, N.Y., m. 10 Dec. 1785, Susanna Griffin.

- xii. Jedediah, b. 1740, d. 27 Nov. 1779, m. Mary ---, but Stiles (*Wethersfield* 2:194) calls her Mercy. Though dead when his father's estate was distributed, there was a share for his heirs not named.

Children:

1. Jedediah⁶, 1st son, b. Simsbury, 2 Oct. 1767.

2. Almon, 2nd son, b. Simsbury, 7 June 1772.

3. Mary, 1st daughter, b. 9 Oct. 1774.

4. Martha, 2nd daughter, b. 8 May 1779.

- xiii. Eli, b. 3 April 1742. Stiles 2:396 says he went to Ulster, PA.

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812566. Milo [6] 1803- , m. _____ DeWolf
 812567. Hellen 1805-1826, ?m. Abel Dickinson in 1852 (GR)
 812568. Nahum Jr. 1809-1871, m. Sabra Holcomb in 1830 (GR)

81259. Orator Holcomb, born in 1770, married Hannah Terry. Weir states they had children;

812591. George m. Beulah Hostington, Caroline Hibbard, Harriett Stilwell
 812592.
 812593. Sylvannus m. Julia Jolysn, Betsey Adams
 812594.
 812595.
 812596. Flemming m. Louisa Stone
 812597. Seth m. Lucy Winslow

81263. Mehitable Topping, 1762-1846, married Seth Hayes #81612. Their children are listed under #81612.

81267. Zopher Topping, born in 1773, married Lois Roberts. She was born in 1774, died in 1847, the daughter of Lemuel and Ruth Woodford Roberts, sister of Ruth #22373. This family went to Ohio (Stiles/761. To the best of my recollection there is a road in Franklin County, Ohio near Hilliard named for the Roberts.

81271. Simeon Holcomb, born in 1777, married Melinda Andrews in 1799. She was the daughter of Ashel and Phebe Slater Andrews Jr. Seaver indicates they had children;

812711. Schuyler 1800-1870, m. Denizah Brown in 1820 (SR),
 Laura Bacon widow, Mary Hunter
 812712. Newton -1860, m. Jane Patterson Andrews

81281. Ezra Holcomb, born in 1790, married Lydia Handy. She was born in 1790, died in 1883. Ezra died in 1873 and is buried in North Afton New York. They had children listed incorrectly as decedents of #4568;

812811. Salmon J 1810- , m. Olive Walling
 812812. Oliver J 1815-
 812813. Horace Handy 1816-1904, m. Sarah Slade, Theda Moore
 812814. Luther 1820-
 812815. Clymena

6 81283. Levi Holcomb married Chloe Paisons. They had children listed in Weir;

812831. Betsey
 812832. Huldah
 812833. Rachel
 812834. Ezra

(compare to vol. 1 p. 104)

812834. Ezra
 812835. Asa
 812836. Levi II m. Hannah Marsh in 1816
 812837. ?William

81284. Alvin T. Holcomb, born in 1768, died in 1858, married Mary Mather in 1792. She was the daughter of Richard Mather. They had children listed in Weir and Stiles/666;

812841. Vincent 1795-1863, m. Susannah Mills
 812842. Horace 1799- , m. Eunice
 812843. Alvin II 1804- , m. Sally
 812844. William M
 812845. Julia m. John Watrous
 812846. Lewis 1810-

81285. Asa Holcomb, born in 1770, married Lucinda Miller. They moved to Crawford County, PA. They had children listed in Weir;

812851. Irene
 812852. Asa III 1803- , m. Fanny
 812853. Wealthy
 812854. Luman 1810- , m. Ashsah Saunders
 812855. William 1803- , m. Sarah Adeline Temple, dau of Robert and maria Flansbaugh Temple
 812856. Almira

81286. Jesse Holcomb married Phebe Walters. She died in 1801 and he married Lucy Webb. Lucy was born in 1784. Jesse died in 1843 in Salem, Washington County, NY. Lucy moved to Ionia, Michigan. Weir indicates he had children;

812861. Daniel
 812862. Alvin 1807- , m. Ann
 812863. Almira. m. William Kitts
 812864. Lovina m. James H Post
 812865. Benoni 1812- , m. Lucy Wedge
 812866. Aditha m. Daniel Bates
 812867. Louisa 1815- , m. Aaron Bemis
 812868. Lehman, 1818-
 812869. Jesse 1819-1869, m. Amoula Kimball
 812860. Amountha (?Amorette m. Ambrose H Adams)

81288. Phebe Holcomb married Abner Waters, brother of Phebe Waters who married Jesse Holcomb #81286. They moved to Ashtabula County, Ohio. They had children listed in Weir;

812881. Lester m. Laura Hillyer in 1811

81201. Jemima Holcomb married Titus Barber. Weir states they had children;

Levi⁶ Holcomb

Levi 6, Ezra 5, David 4, Nathaniel 3,2, Thomas 1 Holcomb

6 — Levi⁶ Holcomb s/o Ezra and Phebe Gillet Holcomb
 b. 15 Jan 1763 Simsbury (now Granby) Hartford Co. CT (pension)
 d. 1854 Burnett, Dodge Co. WI (newspaper article) poss on 2 Apr

m. 1. unknown, mother of perhaps 7 of the children
 b. NY (dau Huldah census)
 d. before Oct 1798 Washington Co. NY

m.2. Chloe Poisson 16 Oct 1798 (FCh)
 b.
 d.

The Holcomb genealogy names 7 children without dates or proof. Census records indicate there could be as many as 9 children. At this point the names and birth order are just guesswork based on census records. It is very possible that James could be one of Levi's sons, but there is still no proof. Very little is known about the children. Provisional family only.

Children: all born in Washington Co. NY

1. Betsy	b. before 1790	
2. Rachel	b. before 1790	
7 — 3. Chloe	b.c. 1789?	m. Jonathan Wells
4. James	b.c. 1791	m. Olive Noble
5. Ezra	b. 1794-1800	m. Matilda Butterfield moved to Saratoga Co.
6. Levi Jr.	b. 1795	m. Laura Marsh
7. Huldah	b. 1796	m. Benjamin Grant
8. Asa	b. 1800-1810	
9. William	b. 1800-1810	

Looking at naming patterns, there are some possibilities. Levi had brothers named Ezra and Asa. He had a cousin named James (son of his uncle Ezekiel). Chloe is the name of his second wife, but she was born before he married a second time. William shows up in many of the Holcomb families. James named a son Levi and we don't know the names of many of his other children.

According to his pension, Levi served in the Revolutionary War as a substitute for his brother Enos and then as a substitute for his brother Ezra. Then he enlisted again on his own for 15 months. He was in PA on 4 Mar 1831 in Tioga Co. before he applied for his pension. By 4 Sept 1834, he was back in NY, in Steuben Co. Then in Fall 1845 he moved to WI with some of his children. Each time the pension payment source had to be changed. He was on the 1840 pension list in NY, age 74 (actually 77).

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Time line for Levi Holcomb

- 1763 born Simsbury (now Granby) Hartford Co. CT
- 1779 served in the army in the Revolutionary War
- ???? married unknown woman and three daughters were born
- 1790 Kingsbury, Washington Co. NY
- ???? first wife died
- 1798 returned to Granby, CT and married Chloe Poisson
- 1800 Westfield, Washington Co. NY
- 1810 Fort Ann, Washington Co. NY (Westfield name changed to Fort Ann)
- 1820
- 1830 Jasper, Steuben Co. NY
- 1831 Elkland, Tioga Co. PA
- 1833 applied for pension in PA
- 1834 Jasper, Steuben Co. NY
- 1840 Jasper, Steuben Co. NY
- 1840 on NY pensioner's list
- 1845 moved to WI with some of his children
- 1850 Burnett, Dodge Co. WI
- 1854 died in Burnett, Dodge Co. WI

Who was his first wife? A woman from Granby or New York? Daughter Huldah said NY. Why did he come back to Granby to marry a second wife? How did he know Chloe Poisson? Maybe he was married to her sister and that is why he has a daughter named Chloe??? Unfortunately, we have no information about Chloe Poisson. Where was he in 1820?

More questions than answers.

The children listed in Levi's census records also raise some problems. Only 4 sons are in 1810, but if James was the oldest son, he may have already moved to Granville in 1807 as stated in the 1855 census. Then there could be 5 sons. But the daughters raise another problem. There are 3 daughters in 1790. In 1800 there is a 4th daughter. But in 1810, there are 6 females listed with Chloe, 3 of them 26-45, 1 was 16-26 and 2 were 10-16. There were no daughters under ten in 1800, so the 2 who were 10-16 cannot belong. That leaves 4 possible daughters, although some of the older girls should have been married by this time. Maybe there were only 9 children. I am leaving Cynthia out, because I can't find any connection for her.

We don't know where he was in 1820. 1830 has the wrong ages and no children. The children in 1840 must be a son and granddaughters. Chloe must have died between 1840 and 1850.

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Census records for Levi Holcomb and some of his children:

Levi Holcomb

1790 Kingsbury, Washington Co. NY

Levi 27	wife who died before Oct 1798, childbirth?
	F
	F
	F

1800 Westfield, Washington Co. NY (now Fort Ann)

Levi 37	Chloe 26-45
M 10-16	F 16-20
M under 10	F 16-20
M under 10	F 10-16
	F 10-16

daughter of Chloe?

my notes

that comes

1810 Fort Ann, Washington Co. NY

Levi 47	Chloe over 45 (Levi listed as 26-45)
M 16-26	F 26-45
M 10-16	F 26-45
M under 10	F 26-45
M under 10	F 16-26
	F 10-16
	F 10-16

1820 not found

m 20-26 f 26-36

m 10-16 + 30-40 are could be gone!

m 10-20 f 20-26

1830 Jasper, Steuben Co. NY

Levi 50-60 (67)	Chloe 50-60 (should be 60-70)
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1840 Jasper, Steuben Co. NY

Levi 70-80	Chloe 70-80
M 30-40	F 15-20
	F 15-20

1850	Burnett, Dodge Co. WI			
	Benjamin Grant	56	farmer	b. VT
	Huldah	54	d/o Levi ⁶	b. NY b.c. 1796
	Samuel	17	farmer	b. NY
	Jonathan	15		b. NY
	Levi Holcomb	86		b. CT

Levi Holcomb died in 1854.

Chloe Holcomb d/o Levi ⁶

Chloe married Jonathan Wells c. 1810

children: Leonard, Lucy Shelly, Mary Rogers, Levi Holcomb, Allen Clinton, William, Milo

She died 1829/30 probably in Washington Co. NY

Jonathan Wells m. 2nd Lois Louisa Lamphier

child: Harriet

moved to Lorain Co. OH c. 1830

1850 Wellington, Lorain Co. OH

Jonathan Wells	62	farmer	b. NY
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Louisa	58?		b. CT
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Harriet E.	15		b. OH
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Jonathan Wells 10 June 1786 NY – 25 May 1877 OH

Lois Louisa Lamphier Wells 9 Aug 1797 – 17 Jan 1890

both bur in Greenwood Cemetery, Wellington, OH

3 sons moved to Portage Co. WI

This was found on the internet, I have no idea if it is accurate.

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Ezra Holcomb s/o Levi ⁶

Ezra probably moved into his father's house in 1820, because he was right next to his uncle Asa Holcomb, as Levi had been in 1810. Levi and family had moved to Steuben Co.

1820 Fort Ann, Washington Co. NY

Ezra 16-26	F over 45 (poss Matilda's mother, Abigail Butterfield 65)
M 10-15	Matilda 16-26
	F 16-26
	F under 10

1810 census? look @ Co-10

1830 Milton, Saratoga Co. NY

Ezra 30s	F Matilda 30s
M 70s	F 5-10
M 5-10	F under 5
M under 5	F under 5
	F under 5

There is speculation that the elderly male may be an error and should be female as above.

1840 Galway, Saratoga Co. NY

Ezra 40s	F 15-20
M 15-20	F 10-15
M 10-15	

Matilda probably died.

The Butterfield information came from the internet without proof.

The following names were found in Saratoga Co. NY land records from 1824 on:

Ezra Holcomb – prob s/o Levi ⁶ he moved from Washington to Saratoga Co.
 Isaac Holcomb
 William K. and Susan Holcomb
 Dennis F. Holcomb
 Philetta Holcomb
 Orasmus and Catharine Holcomb
 Charlotte, George and Sarah Holcomb – grandchildren of Zalmon Wakeman

Saratoga Co. Grantee index 1791-1899 Vol. 1 and 2 H – K

1 May 1824	Ezra Holcomb from Elizabeth Green for \$600	M-432
1830	Isaac Holcomb from John Perry	S – 135
1831	William K. Holcomb from William Bates Jr. etal	W – 245
1841	Dennis F. Holcomb from Amos Hunt	MM – 802
1841	Isaac Holcomb from Dennis Holcomb	NN – 76
1862	Philetta Holcomb etal from Charlotte M. Given	92 – 215
1864	Orsamus Holcomb from Warren Collamer etal	96 – 386
1864	Catharine Holcomb from FrancesA. Brock	97 – 466

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1835	Isaac Holcomb to Simon Scroll	S – 132
1835	Ezra Holcomb and wife to A. Heald etal	V – 553
1835	Ezra Holcomb and wife to William Hunt etal	V – 503
1838	William K. and Susan Holcomb to John W. Tenant	FF – 248 Edinburg
1841	Dennis Holcomb to Isaac Holcomb	NN – 76 Day
1843	Charlotte, George and Sarah Holcomb etal to Abijah N. Curtiss	QQ – 66
1844	Charlotte, George and Sarah Holcomb etal to Asenath Wakeman	RR – 533 Ballston
1846	Isaac Holcomb to Loren C. Baker	XX – 142 Day
1859	Philetta Holcomb etal to Luther Gates	83 – 434 Half Moon
1864	Catharine and Orsamus to Frances A. Brock	96 – 381 Milton
1866	Catharine and Orsamus to Arnold Harris	105 – 208 Milton

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Levi Holcomb s/o Levi ⁶ (this may not be the correct Levi)

This info came from Holcomb genealogy. All of Levi's children seem to have been born in OH, Which means he was living in OH in 1815 or earlier. He married Laura Marsh in Medina Co. in 1816.

1820 Harrisville, Medina Co. OH

Levi 25	Laura 23
	F over 45
	F under 10
	F under 10

1830 Harrisville, Medina Co. OH

Levi 35	Laura 33
M under 5	F 10-15
	F 5-10
	F 5-10

1850 Spencer, Medina, OH

Levi Holcomb	55	farmer	b. VT c. 1795
Laura	53		b. VT
Andrew J.	15	farmer	rest b/ OH
Elizabeth Reed	19		
Rollin D. Reed	1		
Rosea H. Loomis	3	male	

1860 Ionia, Ionia Co. MI

Levi Holcomb	64	farm larboer	b. NY c. 1796
Laura	61		b. VT
Elizabeth Reed	29	poss widowed dau	b. OH
Francis	4		b. MI
Porter Holcomb	45	farm laborer	all b. OH
Sarah	41		
Perry	13		
Semantha	10		
Benjamin	7		

Also living in Ionia was Levi ⁷'s son Porter age 45 b. OH and Levi's cousin Jesse ⁷ s/o Jesse ⁶
 Jesse is probably the correct family, but I am not sure about this Levi.
 note that Porter stayed the same age as 1860 and Sarah only gained 2 years

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1870	Leavitt, Oceana Co. MI			
	Porter Holcom	45	farmer	b. OH s/o Levi and Laura
	Sarah	43		b. OH
	Benjamin	16		b. MI
	Delia	9 months		b. MI
	Levi Holcom	76	farmer	b. NY

living next door to:

	Andrew J. Holcom	33	farmer	b. OH s/o Levi and Laura
	Almira	21		b. MI

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Huldah Holcomb Grant d/o Levi ⁶

1850	Burnett, Dodge Co. WI				
	Benjamin Grant	56	farmer	b. VT	
	Huldah	54	d/o Levi ⁶	b. NY	b.c. 1796
	Samuel	17	farmer	b. NY	
	Jonathan	15		b. NY	
	Levi Holcomb	86		b. CT	
1860	Burnett, Dodge Co. WI				
	Samuel N. Grant	27	farmer	b. NY	
	Huldah Grant	60		b. NY	b.c. 1800
1870	Black Brook, Polk Co. WI				
	Joseph Gallup	51	farmer	b. NY	
	Angeline	44		b. NY	
	Lafayette	24	farmer	b. NY	
	Eva	16		b. PA	
	Emily	6		b. WI	
	Huldah Grant	70		b. NY	
1880	Black Brook, Polk Co. WI				
	Joseph Gallup	60	farmer	b. NY	
	Angeline	53		b. NY	
	Lafayette J.	33		b. NY	
	Eva	23		b. PA	
	Emily	16		b. WI	
	Huldah Grant	85	mother in law	b. NY	father b. CT mother b. NY
					if this is correct, she is a daughter of the first wife and b.c. 1795/6

William Holcomb (poss s/o Levi⁶) ?

1860	Floyd, Floyd Co. IA			
	William Holcomb	50	farmer	b. NY c. 1810
	Julia	38		b. NY
	Franklin	14		all children b. WI
	David	12		
	Margaret	10		
	Julia	8		
	Elias	7		
	William	2		

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Levi B. Holcomb who is this??

1830 Jasper, Steuben Co. NY
 Levi B. Holcomb 20-30

1840 Jasper, Steuben Co. NY
Levi Holcomb 30-40 wife 20-30
 M 5-10 F 5-10
 M 5-10 F 5-10
 F under 5
 F under 5

Levi B. Holcomb got 40A of land in Dodge Co. WI on 1 Aug 1849
 He may have married Susan Jane Rader.

Poplar Hill Cemetery Elmwood, Pierce Co. WI
 Levi Holcomb 1806 – 1888 could this be Levi⁷?

- 5 — Ezra ⁵ Holcomb s/o David and Mehitabel (Buttolph) Holcomb
 b. 1735
 d. 23 Apr 1813 (FCh) controversy, see below Rev War
 m. Phebe Gillet d/o Nathaniel and Phebe () Gillet
 bpt. 18 May 1735 in Suffield (SuffCh)
 d. 4 July 1802 (FCh)

Children: poss all born in Salmon Brook

Granville, MA VR say a child of Ezra Holcomb died in 1768.

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|-------------|---|
| 1. Ezra Jr. | b.c. 1756 (gravestone) |
| 2. Phebe | b.c. 1758 (gravestone) |
| 3. Enos | b.c. 1760/1? |
| 6 — 4. Levi | b. 15 Jan 1763 (pension) |
| 5. Alvin T. | b. 11 Nov 1768 |
| 6. Asa | b. 1778 (census) |
| 7. Jesse | b. 17__ |
| 8. Silas | b. 17__ d. 27 Dec 1821 "burnt to death" (FCh) unmarried |

When did Ezra Sr. die? In his case, there are too many vital records, a rarity in this family. The Holcomb genealogy says he died in Granville in 1811. The First Church records in Granby have a date of 23 Apr 1813 and he would have been 78 years. The Granville, MA church records list the deaths of two Ezra Holcombs, one after 8 Dec 1809 (age 76 so born c.1733) and one after 23 Sept 1816. The date here has a strikeover and could be age 51, born 1765 or age 31, born 1785. The Granville Vital Records have Ezra dying of old age in 1809, age 76 and read the other Ezra as dying in 1816 age 81, born 1735.

The Granville VR for Ezra are taken from the church records, not gravestones, which did not have dates with the names and may not have been transcribed correctly. If we believe all these entries, at least three men named Ezra died within a few years. However, in that time period the only Ezra Holcombs in the area were Ezra and his son. The son moved to Granville, OH and died there. Ezra had his farm on both sides of the CT and MA boundary. I think he continued to attend the First Church in Granby. The death of his wife and his son Silas are in the First Church records. **It is likely that the death of Ezra found in the First Church is correct.** I can't explain either the 1811 genealogy date or the two dates in the Granville Church records. There are other examples of Granville Church records differing widely from gravestones and other records. It seems safe to assume the Granville Church may be inaccurate.

Granville, MA Church Records

child of Ezra Holcomb d. 1768

Mary Holcomb, d/o Alvan H. d. 6 Oct 1803, age 4, dysentery

Alvan Holcomb (prob s/o Alvan H.) d. 7 Oct 1803, age 2, dysentery

Ezra Holcomb d.c. 8 Dec 1809, age 76, old age

Richard Holcomb, s/o Alvan H. d. 16 May 1813, age 4, "by ardent spirits"

Ezra Holcomb d.c. 23 Sept 1816, age 31 or 51

Polly Holcomb w/o Alvan d. 3 Sept 1842, age 71 (aka Mary)

The marriage date of Ezra and Phebe is not known, but it must be around 1755. Their first child was born in 1756 and they joined the church the same year. Many researchers are led astray about this marriage date by a court case Ezra was involved in concerning a will Phebe's father, Nathaniel Gillet, signed 24 Apr 1773. Nathaniel signed everything to his son John for taking care of his parents until they died. In April 1781, Ezra Holcomb made a reciprocal agreement with John Gillet, assuming John's parental responsibilities and receiving the benefits. Nathaniel Gillet agreed to this change. In return, Ezra signed his farm in Granby and Granville over to John Gillet. Another Gillet son persuaded his father Nathaniel to sign another will so Ezra went to court. At one point he testified that he was married to Phebe Gillet **before** 24 Apr 1773, to prove he was part of the family long before the will was written. That does not mean he married Phebe in 1773, which many researchers assumed, causing all sorts of problems with the children born before that date. The Holcomb genealogy omits the word "before" but the original document was researched and the genealogy is wrong. Ezra won the case.

Ezra Holcomb and wife were members of the First Church 8 Aug 1756. Ezra served in the Revolutionary War. According to the Holcomb genealogy, Ezra lived in a gambrel roofed house on the west road in Granby before moving to Granville, MA. The west road is now Barn Door Hills Road and the gambrel roofed house at #31 is lived in by a Society member.

Census – Granby, Hartford Co. CT

1790	Ezra Holcomb	5-2-2
1800	Ezra Holcomb	00001-00001 all in a row
	Ezra Holcomb Jr.	01001-00010
	Jesse Holcomb	11010-01100
	Asa Holcomb	10100-10100

1792 – Ezra Holcomb tithingman (GTR)

Children:

1. Ezra Holcomb Jr.

b.c. 1756 m. Lucy () b.c.1780
 moved to Granville, Licking Co. OH
 d. 3 Sept 1835, age 79, bur Old Colony Burying Ground, Granville, OH
 Lucy d. 12 Aug 1827, age 47, bur Old Colony Burying Ground, Granville, OH
(Northwest Quarterly 1905 Granville, OH issue)

1796 – Ezra Holcomb Jr. fence viewer (GTR)

1801 – Ezra Holcomb Jr. fence viewer (GTR)

1800 census – Granby, Hartford Co. CT Ezra Holcomb Jr. 01001-00010

1810 not found

1820 census Granville, Licking Co. OH Ezra Holcomb (Ezra Sr. is dead)

1M over 45, 2 M 16-26, 1M 16-18, 1M under 10 1F 26-45, 1F 10-16

1830 census Granville, Licking Co. OH Ezra Holcomb 001020-00010

2. Phebe Holcomb

b.c. 1758 d. 28 June 1810, age 52 (FCh) bur Lee Cemetery, Granby 11 children

m. **Abner Waters** (17 Apr 1758 Hebron – 11 Dec 1838 Gustavus, OH) Rev War

s/o Abner Waters and Lydia Root

Abner m. 2nd 17 June 1811 Mrs. Phebe Thorington in Granville, MA (GranVR)

and moved to Gustavus, Trumbull Co. OH in 1813

(Phebe must be the second born, not the last, as genealogy says.)

Granville, MA VR

two infants of Abner Waters died in 1784 (taken from church records, no date)

First Church Granby records

child of Abner Waters died c. Aug 1803

poss children: Abner Jr. 1782, Lester 1790, Solomon? 1793, Hiram?, 3 died young

1790 Granville, Hampshire Co. MA Abner Waters 1-2-3 (called Walters)

1800 Granby, Hartford Co. CT Abner Waters 30110-32010

1810 Granby, Hartford Co. CT Abner Waters 01101-03100 (Phebe is dead)

1820 Gustavus, Trumbull Co. OH Abner Waters 00011-00011

also sons Abner Jr., Hiram, Solomon

1830 Gustavus, Trumbull Co. OH Abner Waters 1M 80-89? (was 72y) 1F 60-69

also sons Abner Jr., Lester, Solomon

3. Enos Holcomb was probably unmarried. Researcher says his will lists only parents and siblings.

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4. Levi Holcomb

b. 15 Jan 1763 (pension)

d. 1854 Burnett, Dodge Co. WI (newspaper article)

m. 1st unknown

If the ages of his children in the Holcomb genealogy are anywhere near correct, Levi must have married someone else first and they had at least three daughters in the 1780s before his marriage to Chloe Pison (Poison/Poisson) in 1797. The census indicates three daughters in the family in 1790. Some or all of his four sons may also be from the first marriage.

Children Betsey, Huldah, Rachel, Ezra, Asa, Levi Jr., William

7 James, m. Olive Noble

m. 2nd Chloe Pison 16 Oct 1797 (FCh)

Levi served in Rev. War in place of his brothers Enos and Ezra.

7 children poss all from 1st marriage?

1790 census Kingsbury, Washington Co. NY Levi Holcomb 1-0-4

moved to Ft. Ann, Washington Co. NY about 1810

5. Alvin T. Holcomb

b. 11 Nov 1768 d. 8 May 1858 prob in Colesville, NY
 m. Mary Mather 9 children born in Granville, MA
 b.c.1771 d. 3 Sept 1842, age 71 (GranVR) called Polly

Granville, MA VR – children of Alvin and Mary Holcomb

Vincent	b. 5 Feb 1795	
Horace	b. 14 Jan 1797	
Mary	b. 7 Mar 1799	d. Oct 1804, dysentery
Alvin Jr.	b. 27 Apr 1801	d. 7 Oct 1804, dysentery
Alvin Jr.	b. 10 Oct 1804	
William M.	b. 8 Jan 1806	
Lewis	b. 5 Dec 1808	
Richard M.	b. 19 July 1810	d. 15 May 1814, "by ardent spirits"
Julia M.	b. 7 Mar 1812	

The Granville Church has different dates for some of the above deaths and Granby has another:
 child of Alvin Holcomb d. 18 May 1813, age 6 (FCh)

Census – Granville, Hampshire Co. MA

1800	Alvin Holcomb	20010-10010
1810	Alven Holcom	41011-00001
1820	Alvin Holcomb	021101-10010

1850 census Colesville, Broome Co. NY

Alvin Holcomb	45, b. MA, s/o Alvin T.
Sally	35
6 children	
Alvin T. Holcomb	81
Lewis Holcomb	39, s/o Alvin T.

son Horace Holcomb 50, b. CT also in Colesville with wife and 8 children

6. Asa Holcomb

b.c. 1778 (census) m. Lucinda Miller 10 children? gen says 6

Children – Rene, Asa Jr., Wealthy, Luman, William, Almira (Holcomb gen)

Granby, Hartford Co. CT

1800 Asa Holcomb	10100-10100	to NY by 1806, lived next to brother Levi
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Fort Ann, Washington Co. NY census

1810 Asa Holcomb	21110-02131
1820 Asa Holcomb	111110-11110

Ezra ⁵ Holcomb

1830 Asa Holcomb 1M 60-69?, 1M 15-19, 1M 11-14, 1F 40-49?, 1F 10-14

1840 Springs, Crawford Co. PA census 1M 60-69 1F 60-69 also sons Luman and William

1850 Springs, Crawford Co. PA

Asa Holcomb 46 s/o Asa Sr.

Fanny 33

7 children

Asa Holcomb 72 b. CT c.1778 Asa Sr. blind

Lucinda 71 b. MA c.1779 w/o Asa Sr.

1860 Springs, Crawford Co. PA

Asa Holcomb 50 b. CT (s/o Asa Sr.)

Fanny 45

7 children

Asa Holcomb 82 Asa Sr. b. CT c.1778

7. Jesse Holcomb

b. 1772? or maybe 1780? d. 1843 in NY says Holcomb genealogy

m. 1. Phebe Waters possibly married c.1799/1800

b.c.1781

d. 5 Aug 1801, in Granby, age 20, consumption (FCh)

*Phebe Waters is not the sister of Abner Waters who married Jesse's sister Phebe.
see letter from Mr. Packer 25 Sept 1981*

2. Lucy Webb in Otis, MA 1805

10 children

Jesse Holcomb m. Lucy Webb of Bethlehem int. 24 Mar, pub. cert. 10 Apr 1805 (OtisVR)

b.c.1783

d. 2 Sept 1856, age 73, bur Oakhill Cem Ionia, Ionia Co. MI

Children – unknown child, Alvin A., Benoni 1812-1893, Lucy 1815-1867, Jesse Jr. 1817, Leaman or Philemon 1819, Lovinia, Almira 1823, Aditha, Lovisa. Some of the children are buried in cemeteries in Ionia, Ionia Co. MI – Highland Park Cemetery and Oak Hill Cemetery. The Holcomb gen also lists a daughter Amarinthe, but Jesse Jr. m. Amarintha.

Jesse Holcomb lived on his father's farm in the north end of Granby, CT

Granby, Hartford Co. CT

1800 Jesse Holcomb 11010-01100

Fort Ann, Washington Co. NY census

1810 Jesse Holcomb 20010-20010

1820 Jesse Holcomb 400001-12010

1850 census Ionia, Ionia Co. MI

William Kitts	35	
Almira	27	b. NY d/o Jesse and Lucy b.1823
2 children		
Lucy Holcomb	67	b. CT wid/o Jesse, b.c.1783
Philemon	31	b. NY Leaman s/o Jesse b. 1819
Lucy	32	b. NY d/o Jesse, b. 1818 (1815 on gravestone)

8. Silas Holcomb b.c.1782? d. 27 Dec 1821 "burnt to death" (FCh) unmarried

The birth order of Ezra's children is unknown and the dates found in the Holcomb genealogy are incomplete. The only dates with proof are Ezra Jr., Phebe, Levi and Asa. Alvin has a complete date of birth, but no documentary source.

Land Records

Ezra Holcomb lived in North Granby near the MA border. He lived on Granville Road or Rt. 189. He ended up owning a farm on both sides of the Colony line. He was always said to be "of the Wedge" which was a much disputed area of North Granby. Claimed at first by both MA and CT, it was kind of a "no man's land" where people could avoid paying taxes to both colonies.

I could not find where Ezra first acquired land in the Wedge, but he was selling some to his brother-in-law, Dr. Josiah Topping, in 1764. Next is the confusing deed mentioned under Reuben. In 1772, for only 50 pounds, Ezra's brother Reuben sold him 50 acres bordering on the Colony Line. The deed included his dwelling house and barn on the west side of Granville Road. However, there is no record of Reuben ever living in the Wedge. He seems to have always lived in West Granby. Ezra, his wife and children lived there for nine years.

In 1781, Ezra made a reciprocal arrangement with John Gillet, his wife's brother. John was named in his father Nathaniel's 1773 will to inherit everything for taking care of his parents until they died. Ezra agreed to take responsibility for their care and then receive the farm after their death. Nathaniel Gillet agreed to this arrangement. In return, Ezra signed over his farm on the Colony line to John Gillet. The farm consisted of 48 acres, dwelling house and barn in Granby, along with 60 acres across the line in Granville, MA.

Ezra received a share in his father David's estate in 1782, when David disposed of all of his property in Salmon Brook. The sons probably did not pay 400 pounds for this and their parents, no doubt, continued to live in the homestead. This may have just been a paper transaction to avoid creditors or paying any taxes when David died. Ezra sold part of his share to Dr. Topping. The money indicated on deeds was not always paid.

After his father, David, died in 1784, Ezra sold the rest of his inheritance to his son Ezra Jr. The same day, he also sold his son an additional 45 acres in North Granby. A few months later, Ezra Jr. sold part of the inheritance (the intervale land) to his uncle David. In 1785, Ezra Jr. sold his share in his grandfather's home lot to Pliny Hillyer. Ezra Jr. sold more of his grandfather's land in 1789, to his uncle Ezekiel.

Ezra ⁵ Holcomb

There may have been more land transactions between Ezra and his sons, but if so, they are lost with the missing Granby land record books from the 1790s.

The 1800 census shows Ezra living next to sons Ezra Jr., Jesse and Asa. In 1806, Ezra, Jesse and Asa mortgaged "the south part of our farm" in Granby to Daniel Hays 3rd and Jonathan Barlow. On the same day, Ezra quitclaimed the rest of his Granby farm to his son Asa for a bond of \$1000. It included 70 acres and buildings.

The following year, 1807, Alvin, son of Ezra, mortgaged his land in Granville to his father for \$700. Ezra had tried to help at least four of his sons with land. Ezra Jr. received the land Ezra had inherited from his father David. Jesse was sharing the family homestead and Asa was given a large part of the homestead. Alvin was helped financially to buy land in Granville.

Ezra Sr. probably thought his children were all getting settled either in North Granby or Granville, MA. But it seems that the urge to move West was affecting these Holcombs. In 1809, Ezra Jr. was selling and buying land, perhaps in preparation for his departure.

1810 was a year of tremendous change for Ezra's children. Levi had been living in Washington Co. NY before 1790. Perhaps he encouraged his brothers to emigrate. Asa moved to Fort Ann, Washington Co. NY in 1806 and Jesse was there by 1810. Ezra Jr. went to Granville, OH and the husband of his deceased daughter Phebe, Abner Waters, moved to Gustavus, OH with his 2nd wife.

Four of Ezra's eight children were gone. Phebe was dead, Enos probably never married according to his will and Silas would die, unmarried, burned to death, in 1821. The only son who stayed in the area and raised a large family, was Alvin. And even Alvin moved to NY after his wife died. He went to live with his son Alvin Jr. in Colesville, Broome Co. NY.

The grandchildren of David and Mehetible Holcomb are part of the Westward Movement.

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There are too many James Holcombs in Granby. We are looking for the parents of a James ~~—~~⁷ Holcomb born in MA or NY in the early 1790s. He married Olive Noble d/o Joel Noble and Naomi Loomis and they had perhaps 11 children.

1. James s/o Ozias was b. 1767 and m. Mary Holly in 1792. Their son James H. born 1809 and m. Mary Foote. They all stayed in Granby. No
2. James 5, Jonathan 4,3, Nathaniel 2, Thomas 1 was b. 1764 in Sheffield, MA and died in IL. The genealogy says he m. Irene Williams and the sons James and Frank were b. 1805 in Richmond, MA. No
3. James 7, John G. 6, Consider 5, 4, Thomas 3, Joshua 2, Thomas 1 was b. 1786 in CT and m. Electa Eno. No
4. James m. Eather Ganyard (b. 1763 and d. 1841 in Vernon, Trumbull Co. OH). James is called a Revolutionary War soldier who d. 1806/7 in Trumbull Co. Researcher said they moved to OH about 1802 and if James was their son, he would have moved to OH with them. No
5. James A. s/o Ezekiel 5 was b. 1782 in Granby. No
6. James 5, Consider 4, Thomas 3, Joshua 2, Thomas 1 was b. 1746 in Granby. I did not find him in 1790, but researcher says that there were only adults in his household and he was 44 years old. He may have started his family late in life. Jim Holcombe (online book) has no wife for James, but gives him a son James b. 1792 in Westfield, MA who m. Olive Noble. No records supporting this found in Westfield. James does not leave a paper trail in the census and that bothers me. Probably No
7. James^{7?}, Ezekiel 6, 5, David 4, Nathaniel 3, 2, Thomas 1 Ezekiel Jr. was born 1762. He married Susanna Griffin in 1783. He moved to NY by 1792. Census records show at least 6 sons and 4 daughters. His pension shows that he lived in Stephentown, NY, Dorset, Bennington Co. VT, Mayfield, Montgomery Co. NY, Edinburg, Saratoga Co. NY. Other records put him in other towns in Saratoga Co. He was a Revolutionary War pensioner and died in Edinburg in 1837. We don't know the names of any of his children, although a few possibilities have been found in census records. He did have a half brother named James.

In the pension records the town of Day in Saratoga Co. is also mentioned. Ezekiel is found in census records in Concord, Saratoga Co. NY. Day, Edinburg and Concord are all names for the same area as borders were changed and new towns formed.

The known children of James and Olive Noble Holcomb are in Washington Co. NY, which is not far from Saratoga Co., but there is no proof of any connection. Ezekiel 6 was probably James' cousin. Possible, but most likely No

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7 — 8. James 7, Levi 6, Ezra 5, David 4, Nathaniel 3, 2, Thomas 1 Holcomb Census and land record research is leading to this probable family line for James Holcomb. All the early records for Levi are in Washington Co. NY. His children were born in Washington Co. Some of his children, including James, stayed in the area. Levi didn't move on until he was in his 50s or 60s when he moved with one or more of his children.

Much of the information found for Levi came from the internet. Some is accurately sourced and some is very questionable.

There are still many unanswered questions about both Levi and James. Who was Levi's first wife? Why did he come back to Granby to marry his second wife? What is Chloe Poisson's background? That is not a common Granby name. Nothing is known about her.

We don't really know how many children Levi had or all their names or birth order. The same is true of James' family. The Holcomb genealogy and the Gillet genealogy miss James and other relatives completely. And the Holcomb genealogy has many errors. The lack of vital records and church records is frustrating. A family Bible would be a treasure, if one exists.

So for Levi, a qualified Yes is the most likely answer.

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