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### THE EDITORS' VIEW

When, after years of painstaking research, a genealogist discovers *the* definitive answer to a long-standing question and breaks through the proverbial brick wall, the choice to prepare the work for publication is clear. Readers of peer-reviewed journals such as *The Record* enjoy articles that highlight thorough research and sound conclusions, especially when those articles explain how a puzzle was solved. The value of an individual's work is multiplied many times over—and for decades to come—when findings are published. Others interested in the same families clearly benefit, while those working on the same geographical locations and time periods find new sources to explore, methodologies to employ, and historical context to put their ancestors' lives into focus.

But what if after those many years of research the question remains unanswered? What if many shreds of evidence point in the right direction, but never result in a clear conclusion? Does the work still merit an article when we remain uncertain of the answer?

Author Perry Streeter faced that decision. In this issue he shares with us his quest to learn more about Louisa, the second wife of Thomas Streeter of Steuben County, New York. Without knowing her maiden name, and with only an alleged date of birth and the likelihood that she was born in Connecticut, he began exploring possibilities in Connecticut town vital records. Step by step, he whittled the list down until only one woman remained: Louisa Beard, who was born in Salisbury, Connecticut, in 1774 to Aaron and Lucy ([?]) Beard.

Perry studied the Beard family in detail, amassing every piece of evidence, investigating the possibility that Louisa could be Thomas's second wife. Alas, Louisa Beard has not been found in any record other than her birth, but he can't rule her out entirely. Her parents and her brothers, Ai and Parks Beard, appear in numerous records, many in Chenango and Greene counties in New York—places that Thomas Streeter surely visited. Thomas had associates in areas where the Beards lived and where they had friends or family. Perry has identified numerous potential points of contact between these two families, any of which could have resulted in romance between Thomas and Louisa.

Did Thomas Streeter meet and marry Louisa Beard? Perry is not yet convinced he's found the answer. Does that mean he should wait before he writes? Absolutely not. The evidence he has pieced together on the Beards defines a previously unstudied branch of the family. Sharing his research—including his proposed solution, clearly identified as an open question—enables collaboration with others and preserves his work for future generations, which is more than enough reason to write.

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## WAS LOUISA, DAUGHTER OF AARON AND LUCY ([–?–]) BEARD OF CONNECTICUT, MASSACHUSETTS, AND CHENANGO COUNTY, NEW YORK, THE SECOND WIFE OF THOMAS STREETER OF STEUBEN COUNTY, NEW YORK?

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Thomas Streeter and his second wife, Louisa, were married say 1807, before their first child was born in the Town of Bath, Steuben County, New York, in 1808.<sup>1</sup> Louisa was most likely born in Connecticut;<sup>2</sup> handwritten loose papers in a descendant's Bible list her date of birth as 25 June 1773.<sup>3</sup> No record of her maiden surname has been found, but indirect evidence shows she may have been Louisa Beard, the only-known daughter of Aaron and Lucy ([–?–]) Beard, lastly of the Town of Greene, Chenango County, New York.

The family papers that list Louisa's birth date as 25 June 1773 show her husband's date of birth as 22 or 25 June 1753.<sup>4</sup> Although it is possible that they were born on or about the same date twenty years apart, it is also possible that one or both dates are incorrect. Assuming Louisa's age was recorded accurately within the brackets defined for the 1810, 1820, and 1830 censuses,<sup>5</sup> she was born no earlier than 1771 and no later than 1775.

Connecticut town birth records are fairly complete for the colonial era.<sup>6</sup> The probability that Louisa's birth was recorded by any town cannot be estimated with any confidence but, in general, of the vital records that were recorded in Connecticut, transcriptions of approximately 70 to 80 percent are found in the Barbour Collection.<sup>7</sup> Using the digitized version of the Barbour Collection to search for Louisa's birth within a range of

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<sup>1</sup> For full details see Perry Streeter, "Streeter Immigrants of Greene and Steuben Counties: The Common Origins of Elizabeth (Streeter) Faulkner, Thomas Streeter, and William Streeter, at Dunnings Farm, East Grinstead, Sussex, England," RECORD 142 (2011): 47–61, 117–132. The author has posted a revised and updated version of this article online at [www.perrystreeter.com/streeter.pdf](http://www.perrystreeter.com/streeter.pdf).

<sup>2</sup> Of Louisa's nine children, seven lived past 1880, when the census enumerations first include mother's birthplace. Only one of those children lived to be enumerated in 1900. Listings for five children show Conn. as Louisa's place of birth: Thomas Streeter household, 1880 U.S. census, Greenwood, Steuben Co., N.Y., Enumeration District [ED] 175, p. 2 [penned], dw. 16, fam. 16 (National Archives and Records Administration microfilm [NARA] T9, roll 933); Elizebeth Dunn in the Chas. M. Dunn household, 1880 U.S. census, Camp Branch Twp., Cass Co., Mo., ED 89, p. 23 [penned], p. 177 [stamped], [dw. not given], fam. 217 (NARA T9, roll 680); William C. Streeter household, 1880 U.S. census, Medina Twp., Medina Co., Ohio, ED 194, p. 10 [penned], dw. 76, fam. 83 (NARA T9, roll 1047); Sarah Porter in the Edwin Porter household, 1900 U.S. census, Ellsworth Twp., Meeker Co., Minn., ED 107, p. 1 [penned], dw. 13, fam. 13 (NARA T623, roll 775); R. Streeter household, 1880 U.S. census, Clinton, Rock Co., Minn., ED 236, p. 15 [penned], p. 477 [stamped], dw. 142, fam. 145 (NARA T9, roll 632). The mother's place of birth was left blank for Louisa's daughter Ruth (Ruth Kenfield in the Salmon Kenfield household, 1880 U.S. census, Town of Ischua, Cattaraugus Co., N.Y., ED 16, p. 17 [penned], dw. 181, fam. 188 [NARA T9, roll 812]). The place of birth for Mary A. (Streeter) Ellsworth's mother was listed as N.Y. (Mary A. Ellsworth in the A. K. Ellsworth household, 1880 U.S. census, Town of Prattsburgh, Steuben Co., N.Y., ED 186, p. 34 [penned], dw. 344, fam. 353 [NARA T9, roll 934]). The 1880 census lists the birthplace of Sarah (Streeter) Porter's mother as Vt. (Sarah Porter in the Danford Porter household, 1880 U.S. census, Ellsworth Twp., Meeker Co., Minn., ED 56, p. 16 [penned], dw. 116, fam. 119 [NARA T9, roll 626]).

<sup>3</sup> Kaye (Kenfield) Hall, research notes in reference to the Bible of Lewis Felton<sup>4</sup> Kenfield (Felton Taylor<sup>3</sup> Kenfield, Ruth<sup>2</sup> [Streeter] Kenfield, Thomas<sup>1</sup> Streeter), including photocopies (now in the possession of the author) of three penned documents found in the Bible: [Ruth (Streeter) Kenfield], "Reccord Of Ages," [Canisteo, 19 Jan. 1845]; "Reccord of Ages," [undated]; and an untitled, undated half-page record of dates of birth and death for Thomas and Lovica [sic] Streeter and the death of J. Streeter. Ruth (Streeter) Kenfield is tentatively identified as the creator of the 1845 record because the Bible in which it was found was later owned by her grandson and the record was written before Ruth's children were born.

<sup>4</sup> Hall, research notes (note 3).

<sup>5</sup> Thomas Streeter households: 1810 U.S. census, Town of Bath, Steuben Co., N.Y., p. 371 [penned], p. 41 [stamped] (NARA M252, roll 37); 1820 U.S. census, Canisteo, Steuben Co., N.Y., p. 217 [penned] (NARA M33, roll 74); 1830 U.S. census, Town of Canisteo, Steuben Co., N.Y., folio 473 (NARA M19, roll 107).

<sup>6</sup> Donald Lines Jacobus and Paul W. Prindle, "Connecticut," in *Genealogical Research: Methods and Sources*, Vol. 1, rev. ed., ed. by Milton Rubincam (Washington, D.C.: The American Society of Genealogists, 1980), 153–54, which reports that town vital records from the colonial period are "fairly complete." Helen Schatvet Ullmann, "Connecticut and Massachusetts Vital Records: A Little Statistical Survey," *Connecticut Nutmegger* 33 (2000): 367–68, cites a limited study in which 49.5 percent of births for one Connecticut family were found in vital records.

<sup>7</sup> David Lambert, Chief Genealogist, New England Historic Genealogical Society, phone calls to the author, 16 May 2013 and 2 May 2014.

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years and without specifying a surname,<sup>8</sup> forty-seven candidates were identified. To pare down the list, marriage and death records were sought for each candidate and any husband(s), bearing in mind that Louisa could have been a young widow when she married Thomas Streeter. Through a process of elimination, Louisa Beard, born in Salisbury, Litchfield County, Connecticut, 8 June 1774, to Aaron Beard and Lucy, his wife,<sup>9</sup> eventually emerged as the only possible match.

As mentioned above, Thomas and Louisa’s descendants thought that Louisa was approximately—perhaps even exactly—twenty years younger than Thomas, but Thomas was born probably in 1754, not 1753, as family records show. He was baptized at St. Swithun’s Church in East Grinstead, Sussex, England, 16 June 1754. His sister Elizabeth (Streeter) Faulkner was baptized at St. Swithun’s Church just three days after the birth date recorded in her family Bible.<sup>10</sup> If the parents followed the same pattern with Thomas, he would have been a few days old when he was baptized, therefore born in the first half of June 1754; and if Louisa were twenty years younger than Thomas, she was born probably about June 1774—the month and year in which Louisa Beard was born.

#### AARON AND LUCY ([–?–]) BEARD IN CONNECTICUT AND MASSACHUSETTS

Aaron and Lucy ([–?–]) Beard are not discussed in Catching’s *Baird and Beard Families: A Genealogical, Biographical, and Historical Collection of Data*<sup>11</sup> or in Sherwood and Falley’s *The New England Ancestry of Wyllys Warner Baird*,<sup>12</sup> but records of the couple and their children are found in Litchfield County, Connecticut, and Berkshire County, Massachusetts.

Just over three years after Louisa’s birth, Aaron and Lucy had another child, a son named Ai Frost Beard, who was born in Salisbury 11 August 1777.<sup>13</sup> The given name “Ai” (pronounced “ā”) is apparently derived from a Biblical place name meaning “heap of ruins,” in reference to a Canaanite royal city conquered by the Israelites.<sup>14</sup> “Ai frost,” as it is recorded in the original Salisbury vital records, has been concatenated and misspelled in transcriptions and indexes,<sup>15</sup> so others may have assumed that “Aifrost” and “Atrost” were errors intended for the use of the surname Alfrost as a given name. Ai’s middle name of Frost is revealed only in his birth record. As will be discussed, his middle name suggests a connection to Aaron and Susannah (Frost) Beard, whose son Aaron was born in 1742.<sup>16</sup>

Louisa’s father, Aaron, was probably not a native of Salisbury and there is no indication that he ever owned property there or was admitted as an inhabitant entitled to vote. Aaron “Bard” was explicitly identified as an addition to the 1772 Grand List for Salisbury, when he was assessed £18.<sup>17</sup> No tax list survives for 1771 and Aaron was not mentioned in 1769 or 1770. Aaron and Lucy may have married elsewhere, or Lucy may have

<sup>8</sup> Jacquelyn Ladd Ricker, compiler, *Ricker Compilation of Vital Records of Early Connecticut . . .* (Baltimore, Md.: Genealogical Publishing Co., 2006) CD-ROM, which includes the Barbour Collection of Connecticut Town Vital Records and other sources. Searching for women without maiden surnames in the Barbour Collection is also now possible via databases on [FamilySearch.org](#) and [AmericanAncestors.org](#). Abstracts, indexes, and databases may contain errors and omissions. Ricker’s compilation is an additional generation removed from Barbour’s typescripts.

<sup>9</sup> Salisbury Book of Records for Town Vo[ices][,] Marriage[s][,] Birth[s][,] Dea[aths][,] December 14th 1767, [rebound and labeled as “Births Deaths Marriages 1767–1796 Town Meetings 1767–1784 Salisbury”], p. 12, Salisbury Town Clerk, Salisbury, Litchfield Co., Conn.

<sup>10</sup> St. Swithun’s Church (East Grinstead, Sussex, England), Parish Registers, 1743–1823 (Family History Library microfilm [FHL] 919,114, items 2–8). Thomas<sup>2</sup> Faulkner (William<sup>1</sup>) family Bible records, 1750–1900, loose “Family Record” pages found by Sally Mosgrove among the belongings of her paternal grandmother Nelle (Faulkner) Mosgrove. Sally Mosgrove is a descendant of William<sup>1</sup> and Elizabeth (Streeter) Faulkner. The whereabouts of the Bible is unknown. Digital images of the family record are held by the author. Thomas and Elizabeth had other siblings, but none of their birth dates are known.

<sup>11</sup> Fermine Baird Catchings, *Baird and Beard Families: A Genealogical, Biographical, and Historical Collection of Data* (Nashville, Tenn.: Ward Publishers, 1918).

<sup>12</sup> Claire M. Sherwood and Margaret D. Falley, *The New England Ancestry of Wyllys Warner Baird and His Wife Olivia Pomeroy Green* (Strasburg, Va.: Shenandoah Publishing House, 1976).

<sup>13</sup> Salisbury Book of Records 1767–1796 (note 9), 12.

<sup>14</sup> The city of Ai is named in multiple books of the New King James Version of The Holy Bible and the fall of the city is detailed in Joshua 7:2–5; 8:1–3, 9–12, 14, 16–18, 20–21, 23–29; 9:3; 10:1–2; 12:9.

<sup>15</sup> Erroneous transcriptions include Salisbury Association (Conn.), *Historical Collections Relating to the Town of Salisbury, Litchfield County, Connecticut*, 2 vols. (Salisbury: The Association: 1913–1916), 2:42, which refers to “Aifrost (?)” and “Connecticut, Births and Christenings, 1649–1906,” index, *FamilySearch* ([www.familysearch.org](#)), citing FHL 1,509,740 (Salisbury births, deaths, marriages, and town meetings), which refers to Atrost Beard, born 11 Aug. 1777.

<sup>16</sup> Catchings, *Baird and Beard Families* (note 11), 61. Sherwood and Falley, *New England Ancestry of Wyllys Warner Baird* (note 12), 5.

<sup>17</sup> 1772 Grand List, Grand Lists 1746–1787, p. 143, Salisbury Town Clerk, Salisbury, Litchfield Co., Conn.

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been an existing resident of Salisbury. A 1773 unrecorded marriage would fit logically between Aaron Beard's probable arrival there about 1772 and Louisa's birth in 1774.

Given Aaron's small assessment relative to that of other residents and the lack of any deeds attributable to him, it seems likely that in 1772 Aaron was taxed only on personal property and owned no real estate. He was assessed a small amount again in 1774 and 1777. A lack of real estate may explain why he was omitted from the Grand List in 1773 and 1775; no list survives for 1776.<sup>18</sup>

By 1779 Aaron and Lucy were evidently in Canaan, Litchfield County, Connecticut, where the birth of their third-known child was recorded. The March 1779 birth of Parks Baird, son of Aaron Baird and Lucy his wife, was recorded by Abiel Fellows, Town Clerk.<sup>19</sup> There is no mention of Aaron in Canaan land or church records to approximate when he entered or exited the town,<sup>20</sup> but his movement from Salisbury may have been due to allegations he faced while residing there.

On 4 September 1777 "Aaron Beard of Salisbury" was charged with failing to serve in the American Revolution:

Aaron Beard being so draughted notified & ordered as aforesaid, did not muster, march & join s<sup>d</sup> Continental Army as afores<sup>d</sup> but the same utterly neglected and refused to do, in contempt of said Act & Orders and against the laws of the State.<sup>21</sup>

On 10 September 1777 in Salisbury, Sheriff Lynde Lord testified that "I read this information & Summon in the hearing of the within Named Aaron Beard."<sup>22</sup> Additional notes tally the prosecution's expenses at £3.4.6, which matches the amount charged to Aaron on 10 February 1779, in addition to a fine of £10.<sup>23</sup> There is no indication that Aaron Beard paid the fine and court costs, but there is no record of further prosecution either. Aaron's reputation in Salisbury may have been tarnished by these events, which may have been a factor in his relocation to the neighboring town of Canaan.

A broad search of the 1790 census has not yielded any potential matches for Aaron Beard, but, as will be shown below, in 1800 he was listed in Sheffield, Berkshire County, Massachusetts, adjacent to Salisbury and Canaan, as the head of a one-man-and-one-woman household, both age 45 or over, therefore born in or before 1755.<sup>24</sup> There is no mention of Aaron Beard in Sheffield land, tax, or church records to approximate when he entered or exited the town.

Louisa, Ai, and Parks Beard were ages 26, 22, and 21, respectively, in 1800. None have been found in the 1800 census, but, as discussed below, both Ai and Parks were in New York State by 1801, and Aaron was there by 1803.

#### PARKS BAIRD IN GREENE COUNTY, NEW YORK, AND PENNSYLVANIA

On 4 October 1801 Parks "Beard" and Sally "Lasly," both of Freehold, were married in the new meetinghouse of the Congregational Church of Greenfield (subsequently known as the Greenville Presbyterian Church) in the Town of Freehold (now Greenville),<sup>25</sup> Greene County, New York.<sup>26</sup> The marriage date matches that found in the Bible of Parks and Sarah (Lassley) Baird of Damascus Township, Wayne County, Pennsylvania. That Bible

<sup>18</sup> 1772, 1774, and 1777 Grand List, Grand Lists 1746–1787 (note 17).

<sup>19</sup> Canaan Vital Records, A:34, Canaan Town Clerk, Falls Village, Litchfield Co., Conn. Abiel Fellows made many other entries on the same page and always in the form of "Month Day Year," so he either did not know the day of birth or he omitted it in error.

<sup>20</sup> Pre-1843 tax lists for Canaan have not survived, according to Elizabeth Clark, Archivist and Curator, Falls Village-Canaan Historical Society, and Town Historian.

<sup>21</sup> Aaron Beard summons, 1777, Litchfield Co. [Conn.] American Revolutionary War-era court records (2010-373-0), Series 1, American Revolutionary War soldier records, 1777–1779, folder 3, item 4, Litchfield Historical Society, Helga J. Ingraham Memorial Library, Litchfield, Conn.

<sup>22</sup> Aaron Beard summons (note 21).

<sup>23</sup> Aaron Beard judgment and fine, Record Group 003, Records of the Judicial Department, Litchfield Co., County Court Records, vol. 6, p. 184, Connecticut State Library, State Archives, Hartford.

<sup>24</sup> Aaron Beard household, 1800 U.S. census, Sheffield, Berkshire Co., Mass., p. 231 [stamped] (NARA M32, roll 13).

<sup>25</sup> The Town of Greenfield, Greene Co., was formed from the towns of Coxsack and Freehold in 1803. The town was renamed Freehold in 1808, and Greenville in 1809 (J. H. French, *Gazetteer of the State of New York* . . . [Syracuse, N.Y.: R. Pearsall Smith, 1860], 332).

<sup>26</sup> Parks Beard–Sally Lasly marriage, New York Genealogical and Biographical Society (NYG&B), "Records of the Presbyterian Church in the town of Greenville, Greene County, N.Y.," ed. by Royden Woodward Vosburgh (typescript, 1920), p. 27 (FHL 533,479, item 4).

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also lists Parks’s birth date,<sup>27</sup> the month and year of which match those of Parks Baird, son of Aaron and Lucy, born in Canaan, Connecticut. Y-chromosome DNA test results of a documented descendant of Parks Baird of Damascus match those of a documented descendant of Ai Beard of Chenango County, New York (discussed below), on twenty-four of twenty-five markers.<sup>28</sup>

Parks Baird was not included in the 1800, 1801, or 1802 Freehold tax assessments or the 20 April 1803 Greenfield tax assessment.<sup>29</sup> He probably owned no real estate there until 29 April 1807, when Parks “Bard” purchased one acre from his Lassley in-laws in the Town of Greenfield, “where he now lives,” for \$13.75.<sup>30</sup> Parks was enumerated in the Town of Greenville in 1810.<sup>31</sup>

Parks “Bard” was accused of stealing hundreds of trees worth \$50 from the Greenville property of John V. D. S. Scott between 1 October 1809 and 11 May 1811. Parks failed to appear in court in May 1812.<sup>32</sup> The threat of legal action may explain his permanent relocation to Damascus Township, Wayne County, Pennsylvania. Damascus was a logical destination for the family. In 1798 Sarah’s father, John Lassley, owned 274 acres there.<sup>33</sup> The Lassleys migrated to Freehold (now Greenville), Greene County, by 1800.<sup>34</sup>

The first deed found for Parks Baird in Pennsylvania, dated 30 August 1816, by which he bought thirty acres of “land laying on the West Bank of the River Delaware” in Damascus for \$100, identified him as a cooper of Damascus Township.<sup>35</sup> He was enumerated in Damascus in censuses from 1820 through 1850,<sup>36</sup> and died there by 1 June 1852.<sup>37</sup>

#### AI BEARD AND HIS PARENTS IN CHENANGO COUNTY, NEW YORK

Approximately four months before Parks Beard married in Greene County, New York, his brother Ai was taxed in Chenango County, New York. On 8 June 1801 Ai Beard was taxed on real estate and personal property in the Town of Oxford; he was not included in the Oxford 1799 or 1800 lists. Ai was taxed again in the Town

<sup>27</sup> Parks Beard-Sarah Lassley family Bible records (1779–1823), family record pages only, digital images provided to the author by Beverly (Branning) Green from Karen Mae Branning, a descendant of Parks and Sarah (Lassley) Baird. With frequent use of the phrases “my son” and “my daughter,” the entries—all in the same hand—were either recorded by Parks or Sarah. The Bible was still intact as of 10 Apr. 1921, and had evidently been in possession of Keturah (Baird) Branning, Parks’s granddaughter through his son Parks Jr. After Keturah’s death, her granddaughter Jessie Branning wrote to Jessie’s uncle Chester Branning (Keturah’s son): “Mamma . . . is going to send you Grandmas bible. . . . All that you find in the bible was in there as Grandma left it, we didn’t take anything out” (Jessie Branning to Chester Branning, letter, 10 Apr. 1921). The current whereabouts of the Bible is unknown. Parks’s birth date is challenging to read. It appears to be 11 Mar. 1779, but may be 12 or 22 Mar.

<sup>28</sup> “Baird, Bard, & Beard FamilyTreeDNA Y Project,” database, *FamilyTreeDNA* (FamilyTreeDNA.com).

<sup>29</sup> New York (State) Comptroller’s Office, Tax Assessment Rolls of Real and Personal Estates, 1799–1804, Series No. B0950, Town of Freehold, Greene Co., box 18, folders 3 (1800), 7 (1801), and 11 (1802); and Town of Greenfield, Greene Co., box 18, folder 18 (1803), New York State Archives, Albany.

<sup>30</sup> Greene Co., N.Y., Deeds C:339–40 (John and Sarah Lassley to Parks Bard, dated 29 Apr. 1807, recorded 29 Aug. 1809). Willard I. Tyler Brigham and Calvin Cedric Tyler, *The Tyler Genealogy*, 3 vols (Plainfield, N.J., and Grand Rapids, Mich.: privately printed, 1912–1976), 3:8. The entry for #8269, Sarah<sup>5</sup> (Tyler) Lassley (Bezaleel<sup>4,3</sup>, Charles<sup>2</sup>, Roger<sup>1</sup>), includes her daughter’s marriage to Parks Baird and seven of the Baird children.

<sup>31</sup> Parks Beard household, 1810 U.S. census, Town of Greenville, Greene Co., N.Y., p. 154 [penned] (NARA M252, roll 27).

<sup>32</sup> John V. D. S. Scott vs. Parks Bard, Record of Judgment, filed 8 Jan. 1813, Court of Common Pleas, Greene Co., N.Y. The plaintiff was likely John Van der Spiel Scott, a non-resident taxpayer in the Town of Greenfield in 1803 (New York [State] Comptroller’s Office, Tax Assessment Rolls of Real and Personal Estates [note 29], Town of Greenfield, Greene Co., box 18, folder 18 [1803]).

<sup>33</sup> John Lassley entry, U.S. Direct Tax of 1798, Damascus, Wayne Co., Pa., [unpaginated], digital image, *Ancestry.com* (www.ancestry.com), citing NARA M372, [roll not identified]. Alfred Mathews, *History of Wayne, Pike and Monroe Counties, Pennsylvania* (Philadelphia: R. T. Peck and Co., 1886), 456–57.

<sup>34</sup> John Lassley household, 1800 U.S. census, Town of Freehold, Greene Co., N.Y., p. 40 [penned] (NARA M32, roll 22).

<sup>35</sup> Wayne Co., Pa., Deeds 4:491–92 (George and Eleanor Brown to Parks Baird, recorded 27 Sept. 1817).

<sup>36</sup> Parks Bard households: 1820 U.S. census, Damascus Twp., Wayne Co., Pa., p. 48 [penned] (NARA M33, roll 112); 1830 U.S. census, Damascus Twp., Wayne Co., Pa., p. 191 [penned] (NARA M19, roll 160). Parks Baird household, 1840 U.S. census, Damascus, Wayne Co., Pa., p. 266 [stamped] (NARA M704, roll 493). Parks Baird in the Aaron Baird household, 1850 U.S. census, Damascus Twp., Wayne Co., Pa., p. 75 [stamped], p. 149 [penned], dw. 217, fam. 218 (NARA M432, roll 835).

<sup>37</sup> Parks’s son Cornelius was appointed administrator of his father’s estate 1 June 1852 (Wayne Co., Pa., Administration File 385). Parks’s marker in Overlook Cemetery is too weathered to read (Parkes [sic] Baird marker, Overlook Cemetery, Damascus Twp., Pa., memorial #15,897,893, digital image of worn, illegible stone, *Find A Grave* [www.findagrave.com]). A 1990 transcription of Parks’s marker in Overlook Cemetery shows the date of death as 5 Apr. 1853 (Burlin Abbey and Richard O. Eldred, transcribers, “Overlook Cemetery, Damascus Twp., Wayne Co., PA,” in “Cemeteries of Wayne County” [typescript, Wayne Co. (Pa.) Historical Society, ca. 1990], section C-27, p. 1). Chester I. Branning family history notebook, transcription by Evalyn (Branning) Tygret, undated, copy provided by Beverly (Branning) Green, which includes two incorrect dates for Parks’s death (4 Apr. 1859 and 5 Apr. 1853). Chester I. Branning’s mother was Keturah (Baird) Branning, Parks’s granddaughter through his son Parks Jr.

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of Oxford on 25 May 1802 and 17 May 1803. In 1803 Ai was listed just after “Aron Baird”; Aaron had no real estate.<sup>38</sup>

Ai and Aaron Beard were enumerated in close proximity in the Town of Oxford in 1810. Aaron’s household consisted of one free white male and one free white female, both age 45 and over,<sup>39</sup> consistent with Aaron’s household in Sheffield, Massachusetts, in 1800.

Ai Beard moved from the Town of Oxford to the adjacent Town of Greene, Chenango County, about 1814. On 1 March 1814 Ai was identified as “late of Oxford” when he and his wife quitclaimed to Samuel Balcom rights, title, and interest to sixteen acres that were part of lot 13 in the fourth Township of the Chenango Triangle, along with mills and associated privileges, all of which were already in Balcom’s possession.<sup>40</sup> On 15 November 1814 Ai Beard was identified as a resident of the Town of Greene, Chenango County, when he bought property there.<sup>41</sup> It is likely that Aaron and Lucy accompanied Ai in his move. The 1820 census entry for Aaron “Baird” in Greene, which immediately follows the entry for Ai “Baird,” is the last record found of Aaron.<sup>42</sup>

Neither Ai nor his parents were enumerated in Chenango County in 1830. Ai was probably the “A. I. Beard” found that year in Barton, Tioga County, New York, with a household consisting of one male age 50–59, three males age 20–29, and one female age 20–29.<sup>43</sup> The Town of Barton is approximately 60 miles west of the Town of Greene, by way of the Chenango and Susquehanna rivers.

Aaron may have died between 1820 and 1830. Ideally the New York state census of 1825 would enable the timeframe of Aaron’s death to be narrowed, but that census has been lost for Chenango County.<sup>44</sup> Fortunately, Lucy ([–?–]) Beard’s grave marker in Tillotson Cemetery, Town of Greene, was transcribed in 1933. It reveals that Lucy Beard, “wife of Aaron,” died in August 1828, aged 83 years.<sup>45</sup>

By 1933 Tillotson Cemetery was only in “fair condition.”<sup>46</sup> In 1981 it was abandoned and neglected,<sup>47</sup> and Lucy’s marker could no longer be found.<sup>48</sup> It is likely that Aaron Beard died in the Town of Greene during the 1820s and was buried with Lucy. His grave marker—if he had one—probably did not survive to be transcribed.

About 1830 Ai Beard migrated to Michigan, where records of him are found in St. Clair County.<sup>49</sup> He died in Port Huron, Michigan, “on or about” 24 October 1852.<sup>50</sup>

#### ARA FITCH: BEARD FAMILY ASSOCIATE

The distinctive given name of Aaron Beard’s eldest son, Ai, and Ai and Aaron Beard’s appearances together in records in Chenango County, New York, are indicators that the Beards of Chenango County are the same people who had been in Salisbury. Strengthening the link between Aaron of Salisbury with Aaron of Sheffield,

<sup>38</sup> New York (State) Comptroller’s Office, Tax Assessment Rolls of Real and Personal Estates (note 29), Town of Oxford, Chenango Co., box 7, folders 8 (1799), 18 (1800), 28 (1801), and box 8, folders 8 (1802), 18 (1803). The first deed found for Ai (dated 21 June 1804), by which he purchased 100 acres in the Town of Greene, identified him as a resident of the Town of Oxford (Chenango Co., N.Y., Deeds G:395–96 [Platt and Eliza Brush to Ai Beard, consideration \$300, recorded 9 Aug. 1805]). No earlier deeds have been found for Ai Beard in Greene or Chenango counties, or in the counties that lie between or adjacent to them—Delaware, Otsego, Broome, and Tioga. In 1803 Aaron was taxed only twenty-one cents on personal property valued at \$115. The names in the tax lists are grouped by the first letter of the surname. People whose names are listed together on the list may or may not have lived near one another.

<sup>39</sup> Aaron Bard and Ai Bard households, 1810 U.S. census, Oxford, Chenango Co., N.Y., p. 300 [stamped], p. 1025 [penned] (NARA M252, roll 26).

<sup>40</sup> Chenango Co., N.Y., Deeds R:389–91 (Ai and Peggy Baird to Samuel Balcom, consideration \$1000, quitclaim, dated 1 Mar. 1814, recorded 22 Mar. 1814). This quitclaim refers to the same property and rights granted by Jonathan and Charity Phelps to Ai Beard and Samuel Balcom by deed dated 6 Aug. 1813 (Chenango Co., N.Y., Deeds Q:404–7 [consideration \$1346.65, recorded 8 Oct. 1813]).

<sup>41</sup> Chenango Co., N.Y., Deeds S:486–88 (Andrew and Jemima Ackhorn to Ai Beard, consideration \$2600, recorded 28 Jan. 1815).

<sup>42</sup> Aaron and Ai Baird households, 1820 U.S. census, Greene, Chenango Co., N.Y., p. 191 [penned] (NARA M33, roll 66).

<sup>43</sup> A. I. Beard household, 1830 U.S. census, Barton, Tioga Co., N.Y., p. 167 [penned] (NARA M19, roll 109).

<sup>44</sup> William Dollarhide, *New York State Censuses and Substitutes* (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 2005), 3.

<sup>45</sup> “Tillotson Family Plot on State Road Below Brisben,” in “Chenango County—Greene Township,” *New York DAR Genealogical Records Committee Report*, series 1, vol. 46 (1933): 26.

<sup>46</sup> “Tillotson Family Plot” (note 45), 26.

<sup>47</sup> Thomas F. Lloyd, *Gone but not Forgotten: Greene Burial Grounds* (n.p.: privately printed, May 1981), 6; courtesy of Chenango Co. Historian.

<sup>48</sup> Lloyd, *Gone but not Forgotten* (note 47), 63.

<sup>49</sup> *Biographical Memoirs of St. Clair County, Michigan . . .* (Logansport, Ind: B. F. Bowen, 1903), 398–99. William Lee Jenks, *St. Clair County, Michigan: Its History and Its People . . .* 2 vols. [paginated continuously] (Chicago: The Lewis Publishing Co., 1912), 1:365–66.

<sup>50</sup> Petition for letters of administration, 7 Dec. 1852, in Ai Beard administration file, St. Clair Co., Mich., Probate Office, calendar 1, file 270.

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Massachusetts, and Chenango County, New York, is the fact that a man named Ara Fitch was associated with Aaron and Ai Beard in both of those places. Ara Fitch was born probably in Salisbury, Connecticut.

- In 1800 “Ari” Fitch was enumerated in Sheffield, Massachusetts, immediately after Aaron Beard.<sup>51</sup>
- “Ari” Fitch was taxed in the Town of Oxford, Chenango County, New York, 25 May 1802, and taxed there again (as Ara Fitch) 17 May 1803. Ai Beard was taxed in that town in 1802 and 1803, and Aaron Beard in 1803.<sup>52</sup>
- Ara Fitch witnessed a deed dated 17 March 1809 by which Ai Beard and his wife Margaret disposed of property and rights in the “Township of Fayette” in Oxford.<sup>53</sup>
- Ara “Fich” was enumerated in the Town of Oxford in 1810, immediately after Aaron “Bard.”<sup>54</sup>

Ara has not been found in the 1820 census, but a man by the same name was enumerated in Franklinville, Cattaraugus County, New York, in 1830,<sup>55</sup> and an Ara Fitch was imprisoned as an insolvent debtor in the Town of Ellicottville, Cattaraugus County, in 1837.<sup>56</sup> No land or probate records have been recorded for Ara Fitch in Chenango or Cattaraugus counties.

Ara Fitch of Sheffield, Massachusetts, and the Town of Oxford, Chenango County, New York, was probably Ara<sup>5</sup> Fitch (Joshua<sup>4,3</sup>, Nathaniel<sup>2</sup>, James<sup>1</sup>), born in Salisbury, Litchfield County, Connecticut, on 20 October 1778, son of Joshua<sup>4</sup> Jr. and Rebecca “Rebe” (Rood) Fitch.<sup>57</sup> Beyond his unusual given name, this identification is further supported by the fact that “Ara Fitch of Canaan in Litchfield County” quitclaimed his share of the real estate of his “Hon<sup>d</sup> Father Joshua Fitch late of Salisbury” on 1 December 1801,<sup>58</sup> not long before Ara was first taxed in the Town of Oxford.

Members of the Beard and Fitch families resided in close proximity for decades in New England and New York, which suggests possible kinship, but research has not yielded further evidence.

#### THE CATSKILL TURNPIKE: A ROAD TO ROMANCE?

Louisa Beard’s brother Parks was living in Greene County, New York, and her father and brother Ai were living in Chenango County, New York, in the years immediately preceding Thomas Streeter’s marriage to his second wife, Louisa. If Louisa Beard was the woman he married, where might they have met? The Catskill Turnpike may have provided that opportunity.

From 1794 until 1813 Thomas Streeter was a resident primarily of the area that in 1796 became the Town of Bath, Steuben County, but from about 1800 until as late as 1807, he also owned property in the Town of Windham (first Ulster County, later Greene County), now the Town of Lexington, Greene County. After his sister and her family became permanent residents of the Town of Windham, Thomas built a home there between 1800 and 1801.<sup>59</sup> He probably travelled between Bath and Windham on the Catskill Turnpike many

<sup>51</sup> Ari Fitch household, 1800 U.S. census, Sheffield, Berkshire Co., Mass., p. 231 [stamped] (NARA M32, roll 13).

<sup>52</sup> Tax Assessment Rolls of Real and Personal Estates, 1799–1804, Series No. B0950, Town of Oxford, Chenango Co. (note 38).

<sup>53</sup> Chenango Co., N.Y., Deeds M:247–49 (Ai and Margaret Beard to Russell Rood, consideration \$3000, recorded 7 June 1809).

<sup>54</sup> Aaron Bard and Ara Fich households, 1810 U.S. census (note 39).

<sup>55</sup> Ara Fitch household, 1830 U.S. census, Franklinville, Cattaraugus Co., N.Y. p. 164 [penned] (NARA M19, roll 85). Presuming Ara was the eldest male in the household, he was between age 50 and 60, therefore born between 1770 and 1780.

<sup>56</sup> “To exonerate from Imprisonment,” *Cattaraugus Republican* (Ellicottville, N.Y.), 30 Mar. 1837, p. 3, col. 5. Ara had probably been imprisoned since at least 23 Feb. 1837, when the notice was first published.

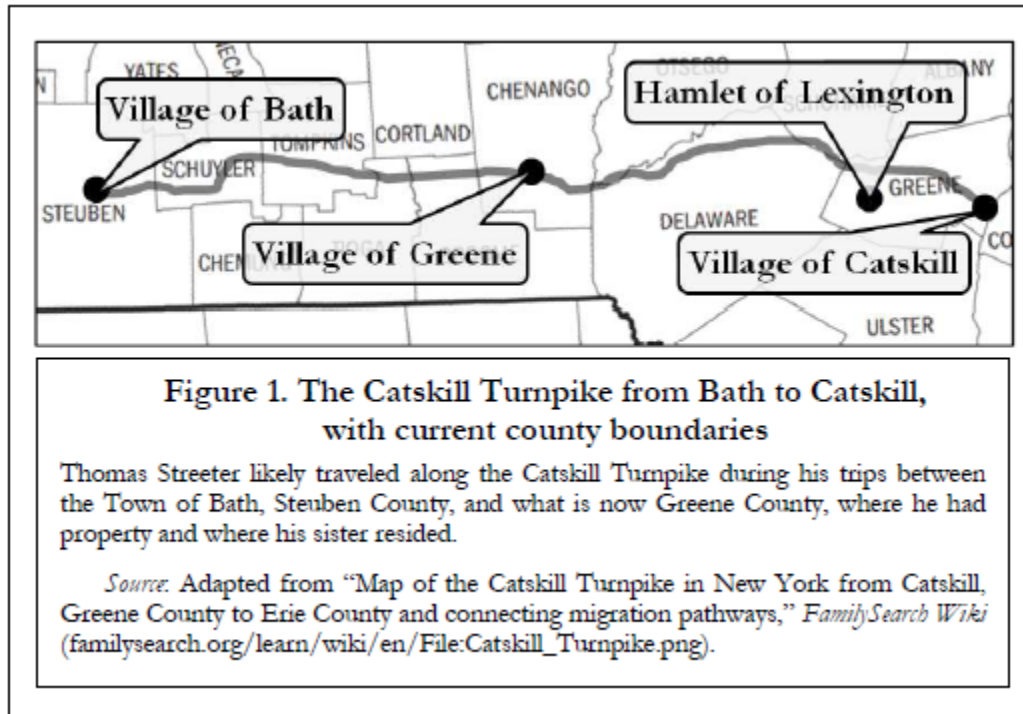
<sup>57</sup> Ara’s given name is revealed in the original vital and land records of Salisbury (Ara Fitch birth, Salisbury, Litchfield Co., Conn., Records of births, deaths, marriages, and town meetings, 1740–1848, 2:27 [FHL 1,509,740]; and Salisbury, Litchfield Co., Conn., land records 11:116 [Ara Fitch to Robert Rood, quitclaim, consideration \$30, dated 1 Dec. 1801, recorded 22 Feb. 1803]), but he has been consistently misrepresented as Asa in transcriptions and authored works. For example, John T. Fitch, *Descendants of the Reverend James Fitch 1622–1702*, 3 vols. (Camden and Rockport, Me.: Picton Press, 1996–2002), 1:184, presents his name in error as Asa. Ara is also presented as Asa in “Salisbury Vital Records,” p. 43, Barbour Collection, digital image, NEHGS ([www.americanancestors.org](http://www.americanancestors.org)). For Ara’s parents’ marriage see *Historical Collections Relating to the Town of Salisbury, Litchfield County, Connecticut* (note 15), 2:99.

<sup>58</sup> Ara Fitch to Robert Rood (note 57).

<sup>59</sup> Streeter, “Streeter Immigrants of Greene and Steuben Counties” (note 1), 48–50, 54–58, 121–22. Charles Williamson, Ledger A, Steuben County Historical Society, Magee House, Bath, N.Y. The last-known reference to Thomas Streeter’s brother-in-law William Faulkner in Steuben Co. is dated 30 July 1796. The Faulkners permanently removed to the Town of Woodstock (later Windham, now Lexington), sometime thereafter. Thomas Streeter acquired property there by 10 June 1800. See Streeter, “Streeter Immigrants of Greene and Steuben Counties” (note 1), for details. French, *Gazetteer of the State of New York* (note 25), 329, 334, 668.

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times. The turnpike crossed the Chenango River in what is now the village of Greene, Chenango County.<sup>60</sup> See Figure 1.



#### BEARD-STREETER NODES IN A BAPTIST SOCIAL NETWORK

The churches attended by Aaron, Lucy, Ai, and Louisa Beard have not been discovered, but Parks Baird was evidently a Baptist. He and his wife Sarah were buried in the Baptist cemetery in Damascus, Wayne County, Pennsylvania.<sup>61</sup> Sarah Baird was listed among the church members attending a covenant meeting in the Damascus Baptist Church 11 August 1838, where several of Parks and Sarah’s children were later members.<sup>62</sup> Thomas Streeter was also a Baptist and served as a minister in Bath.<sup>63</sup> Streeter and Beard associates affiliated with the Baptist Church—nodes in a social network—may have introduced Thomas Streeter to Louisa Beard.

<sup>60</sup> Hamilton Child, *Gazetteer and Business Directory of Chenango County, N.Y. for 1869–70* (Syracuse, N.Y.: Hamilton Child, 1869), 97, which states in the section of the gazetteer for Greene that the “Susquehanna and Bath Turnpike, which passed east and west through the town, was made in 1807. The first bridge over the Chenango was built the same year.” The Susquehanna and Bath Turnpike was an alternate name for the segment of the Catskill Turnpike between the Susquehanna River and Bath, Steuben Co., and it was also the name of the company created to build it. “Lands for Sale,” *Republican Crisis* (Albany, N.Y.), 2 Apr. 1807, p. 4, col. 3: “The Susquehannah and Bath Turnpike Road . . . [will soon enable] safe and easy communication to Kingston on the Hudson river. Roads are already opened and mills erected.”

<sup>61</sup> Abbey and Eldred, “Overlook Cemetery” (note 37), 1. The contents listing for the typescript identifies Overlook Cemetery as Baptist. Karlyn Shedlowki to author, email, 12 May 2014, in which Ms. Shedlowki reported a telephone conversation with the historian of the First Baptist Church of Damascus earlier in the day; the historian confirmed that Overlook Cemetery is for members of the Baptist Church of Damascus and their extended families.

<sup>62</sup> Members present at the covenant meeting, 11 Aug. 1838, First Baptist Church of Damascus (Damascus, Pa.), covenant book, unpaginated, church office, Damascus; digital images provided by Karlyn Shedlowski. Parks had a daughter and a daughter-in-law named Sarah/Sally Ann, but both were baptized in 1840 (see the covenant book entries for 7 June 1840 and 5 July 1840). The woman who was a member and attended the meeting in 1838 was likely Parks’s wife. As will be discussed in the genealogical summary, Parks and Sarah’s children Parks Jr., Cornelius, John L., and Sarah Ann are among those listed in the church’s account book, covenant book, and day book.

<sup>63</sup> Streeter, “Streeter Immigrants of Greene and Steuben Counties” (note 1), 49–52.



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- Thomas Streeter was a resident of Bath as early as 1794<sup>64</sup> and was preaching there probably in the late 1790s.<sup>65</sup> In November 1808 he was identified as a licentiate serving the First Baptist Church of Bath,<sup>66</sup> and in 1813 he was called an “unordained” minister there, serving alongside Amos Eggleston,<sup>67</sup> who was ordained the first minister of the church at Bath in June 1797.<sup>68</sup> Thomas Streeter undoubtedly was acquainted with Eggleston from that time.
- Amos Eggleston was born in Middletown, Connecticut, in 1751 and raised in **Northeast North East** Precinct (later the Town of **Northeast North East**), Dutchess County, New York.<sup>69</sup> **North East borders Salisbury, Connecticut so it possible that members of the Eggleston family were acquainted with members of the Beard family long before Amos Eggleston became acquainted with Thomas Streeter.** He probably knew Deacon Obed Hervey, whose family was from Northeast. In 1788 Hervey settled in what later became the Town of Durham, Greene County, New York, and founded the Hervey Street Baptist Church.<sup>70</sup> Elder Hervey was of Freehold in 1790, when the Baptist Church was formed in what was then the Town of Woodstock, Ulster County (later the Town of Windham, Greene County, and now the Town of Lexington, Greene County).<sup>71</sup> A “Bro. Hervey” joined the Windham Baptist congregation in 1802, at the same time that Thomas Streeter’s sister and brother-in-law joined.<sup>72</sup> There is no record that Thomas ever joined that church, but he probably attended services there during the years he resided in the area on a part-time or seasonal basis.
- Thomas Streeter attended the meeting of the Chemung Baptist Association in November 1808, as did Elder Jesse Hartwell. Two months earlier Hartwell preached in Freehold, Greene County,<sup>73</sup> where Parks Baird resided.<sup>74</sup>
- Also in attendance at the November 1808 meeting of the Chemung Association were ministers Roswell Goff, Ebenezer Green, and Thomas Smiley.<sup>75</sup> These three men knew Elder Jacob Drake, also of the Chemung Association.<sup>76</sup>
- Elder Jacob Drake was acquainted with Baptist ministers Nathaniel Kellogg and Jeduthan Gray.<sup>77</sup> In 1795 Nathaniel Kellogg founded the first Baptist church in what was later the Town of Greene, Chenango County.<sup>78</sup>

<sup>64</sup> Streeter, “Streeter Immigrants of Greene and Steuben Counties” (note 1), 48.

<sup>65</sup> Rev. James Harvey Hotchkiss, *A History of the Purchase and Settlement of Western New York, and of the Progress, and Present State of the Presbyterian Church in That Section* (New York: M. W. Dodd, Brick Church Chapel, 1848), 478.

<sup>66</sup> “Minutes of the Chemung Baptist Association, Held by Appointment, at Newtown, Now Called Almyra [Elmira]. On November 3d and 4th, 1808,” p. 2, American Baptist-Samuel Colgate Historical Library, Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School, Rochester, N.Y. [The library has moved to the American Baptist Historical Society, Mercer University, Atlanta, Ga.]

<sup>67</sup> David Benedict, *A General History of the Baptist Denomination in America and Other Parts of the World*, 2 vols. (Boston: the author, 1813), 2:516.

<sup>68</sup> Records of the Chemung Baptist Church at Wellsburgh, N.Y., vol. 1 (2 Sept. 1789–1833), p. 38 (FHL 534,225, item 4), which indicates that on 20 June 1797 “Elder [Roswell] Goff [and] Justice Bennitt [were] appointed to visit the Church at Bath to assist the ordination of Amos Eggleston according to the request of that Church by a Letter to us.”

<sup>69</sup> James H. Smith, *History of Dutchess County, New York . . .* (1882; reprint, Interlaken, N.Y.: Heart of the Lakes Pub., 1980), 239, referring to the Town of Northeast: “Among the earliest settlers was Samuel Eggleston, who located in the vicinity of what is now known as Spencer’s Corners, and who was the ancestor of all the families in North East who bear that name. . . . he married Abigail Ribbins [*sic*, Bevins] and moved to Salisbury, (now North East, as the boundary line was changed,) and there reared . . . [many children including] Amos.” Frank J. Doherty, *The Settlers of the Beekman Patent*, 11 vols. (Pleasant Valley, NY: Doherty, 1990–), 4:681, which identifies Amos as a child of Samuel<sup>4</sup> and Abigail (“Bibbins”) Eggleston without citing specific sources for the identity or relationship. Elsewhere Doherty lists Abigail’s maiden name as Bevins (*Settlers of the Beekman Patent*, 4:671), which is similar to the spelling given in at least one transcription of the marriage record [“Middletown Vital Records,” p. 161, Barbour Collection, digital image, NEHGS (www.americanancestors.org)]. For Amos’s birth, see “Middletown Vital Records,” p. 160, the date of which matches that listed by Doherty.

<sup>70</sup> *History of Greene County, New York, with Biographical Sketches of its Prominent Men* (1884; reprint, Cornwallville, N.Y.: Hope Farm Press, 1969), 279. Hervey Street is approximately 5 miles from where Parks Baird resided from 1801 until 1811.

<sup>71</sup> *History of Greene County* (note 70), 356. French, *Gazetteer of the State of New York* (note 25), 334, 668.

<sup>72</sup> 1802 Membership List, Lexington Baptist Church Records, Jennie Haines Dunn Collection: Greene County Historical Notes, 1950–1979, Collection #149, New York State Historical Association Library, Cooperstown, N.Y.; courtesy of Elder Robert Webb. The Baptist church at Windham was organized in 1790 and later was known as the Lexington Baptist Church. See “Church and Family History Research Assistance for Greene County, New York,” *Primitive Baptist Library of Carthage, Illinois* (www.carthage.lib.il.us/community/churches/primbap/FamHist-GreeneNY.html). “Bro. Hervey” may have been Samuel Harvey of Windham, who nominated his brother Abed [*sic*, Obed] Harvey of Freehold one of the executors of his will dated 20 Feb. 1804 (Samuel Harvey will, Greene Co., N.Y., Wills A:119–21).

<sup>73</sup> “Minutes of the Chemung Baptist Association” (note 66),” p. 2.

<sup>74</sup> “Extract from Elder Hartwell’s Missionary Journal, dated New-Marlborough, January 11, 1810 . . .,” *Massachusetts Baptist Missionary Magazine* 2 (1810): 304, which states that Hartwell had “preached . . . 2 [sermons] in Litchfield, in Connecticut,” traveled through “Sharon, to North-east Town in York State,” and “visited Elder Stewart’s people at Freehold.” Elder Stewart of Greenville, Greene Co., N.Y., was probably directly acquainted with Parks Baird, who resided there from 1801 to 1811: “Elder Stewart who was one of the early pastors of the first Baptist church of the town, kept a hotel for a number of years during his pastorate on the premises now occupied by George C. Weeks” (*History of Greene County, New York* [note 70], 300). Parks bought property in the Town of Greenfield in 1807 (note 30) and was enumerated in the Town of Greenville in 1810 (note 31).

<sup>75</sup> “Minutes of the Chemung Baptist Association . . . at Newtown” (note 66), p. 2.

<sup>76</sup> Benedict, *A General History of the Baptist Denomination in America, and Other Parts of the World* (note 67), 1:596–97.

<sup>77</sup> Benedict, *A General History of the Baptist Denomination in America, and Other Parts of the World* (note 67), 1:549, which states that “In New-Canaan [N.Y.] a church was planted over forty years ago by Elder Jacob Drake, from which many others originated. Mr. Drake removed from Windsor, Connecticut, and settled in this town in 1769 . . . [After 1770] he embraced the Baptist principles, and formed a church of baptized believers only . . . besides its pastor, eleven Teachers and Ruling Elders . . . [including] . . . Jeduthan Gray . . . [and] . . . Nathaniel Kellogg.”

<sup>78</sup> James Hadden Smith, *History of Chenango and Madison Counties, New York . . .* 2 vols. (Syracuse, N.Y.: D. Mason and Co., 1880), 1:196.

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- Nathaniel Kellogg and Jeduthan Gray were likely acquainted with Aaron and Ai Beard. Nathaniel built a hotel in the small hamlet of Brisben, Chenango County,<sup>79</sup> which was near the Greene-Oxford border and in close proximity to Ai Beard’s saw mill.<sup>80</sup> In 1820 Nathaniel Kellogg’s household was enumerated on the page following Aaron “Baird,”<sup>81</sup> while Nathaniel’s brother-in-law and fellow Baptist minister Jeduthan Gray resided nearby.<sup>82</sup>
- Nathaniel Kellogg and Jeduthan Gray may have also known Amos Eggleston. Nathaniel’s sister-in-law (Sarah Gray) and Amos’s niece (Martha Eggleston) both married men named Barnes, possibly brothers.<sup>83</sup>
- Nathaniel Kellogg relocated to Steuben County about 1820.<sup>84</sup> He died in the Town of Jasper in 1846;<sup>85</sup> Jasper is adjacent to the Town of Canisteo, where Thomas and Louisa ([–?–]) Streeter resided from 1818 until their deaths.<sup>86</sup>

If Thomas Streeter was not already acquainted with Baptists in Chenango County via formal communication or the missionary ministers, he may have introduced himself to Baptists there as he travelled between Steuben and Greene counties, either for opportunities to worship together or simply for like-minded companionship. Thomas may have stayed overnight in the hotel owned by Nathaniel Kellogg or Nathaniel’s nephew Jeduthan Gray [Jr.]; the latter was located directly on the Catskill Turnpike in Greene.<sup>87</sup>

It is possible—if not probable—that Thomas may have been introduced to Louisa Beard through Baptist contacts in Chenango or Greene County.

#### BEARD-STREETER NODES IN A COMMERCIAL SOCIAL NETWORK

In addition to being a Baptist minister, Thomas Streeter was identified during the course of his life as a wheelwright, sawyer, and wagon shop owner.<sup>88</sup> Members of the Beard family were involved in related occupations. Ai Beard was a sawyer;<sup>89</sup> Parks Baird was a wheelwright,<sup>90</sup> cooper,<sup>91</sup> and wagon maker.<sup>92</sup> The Beard family’s Fitch associates were engaged in far-flung lumbering enterprises that extended to Chautauqua County, New York,

<sup>79</sup> J. Harvey Lenderson, “History of Brisben” (manuscript, undated), p. 7, Chenango Co. Historian, Norwich, N.Y. Lenderson’s history is not documented.

<sup>80</sup> Eli Bartoo (1825–1917), “Chronicles of Brisben” (manuscript, undated but thought to be 1892–1910), unpaginated, Moore Memorial Library, Greene, N.Y.

<sup>81</sup> Aaron Baird household, 1820 U.S. census (note 42). Nathaniel Kellogg household, 1820 U.S. census, Greene, Chenango Co., N.Y., p. 192 [penned] (NARA M33, roll 66).

<sup>82</sup> Jeduthan Gray household, 1820 U.S. census, Greene, Chenango Co., N.Y., p. 195 [penned] (NARA M33, roll 66). Timothy Hopkins, *The Kelloggs in the Old World and the New*, 3 vols. (San Francisco: Sunset Press and Photo Engraving Co., 1903), 1:122, 250, which identifies Nathaniel’s wife as Annice Gray, daughter of Joseph. For the relationship between the Jeduthan Gray and Nathaniel’s wife Anice, see Marcuis Denison Raymond, *Gray Genealogy: Being a Genealogical Record and History of the Descendants of John Gray, of Beverly, Mass., and also including Sketches of Other Gray Families* (Tarrytown, N.Y.: privately printed, 1887), 100.

<sup>83</sup> The 1 Jan. 1808 will of Samuel Eggleston “of North East town in the County of Dutchess” includes “my beloved daughter Martha wife of Aaron Barnes” (Samuel Eggleston will, codicil, and proofs, Dutchess Co., N.Y., Wills, F:276–83). Raymond, *Gray Genealogy* (note 82), 100, which indicates that Sarah Gray married Reuben Barnes. That Reuben and Aaron Barnes were brothers is proposed in Don Barnes, “All Family Tree from Don Barnes,” database, *RootsWeb.com’s WorldConnect Project* ([wc.rootsweb.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?op=GET&db=donbam&id=18317](http://wc.rootsweb.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?op=GET&db=donbam&id=18317)), entries for Thomas and Sarah ([–?–]) Barnes and their children, updated 26 June 2011; the entries are weakly documented and conclusions have not been verified by the author. Mr. Barnes also suggests that Thomas Barnes, brother of Aaron and Reuben, married Mary Tyler, a great-granddaughter of Bezaleel and Abigail (Johnson) Tyler of Sharon, Conn.; Bezaleel and Abigail were also the great-grandparents of Sarah (Lassley) Baird, wife of Parks Baird.

<sup>84</sup> Smith, *History of Chenango and Madison Counties* (note 78), 196.

<sup>85</sup> Henry J. Galpin, *Annals of Oxford* (Oxford, N.Y.: the author, 1906), 240.

<sup>86</sup> Streeter, “Streeter Immigrants of Greene and Steuben Counties” (note 1), 121–22.

<sup>87</sup> Smith, *History of Chenango and Madison Counties* (note 78), 197, which states that Amos Gray and Elder Jeduthan Gray were brothers, and that Amos’s son Jeduthan 2d moved to Greene Village about 1807 and had a hotel “on the site of Chenango House.” The Sherwood Hotel, at 25 Genesee St., Greene, near the bridge over the Chenango River, “is the third hotel to stand on the site of Greene’s first tavern (and first frame building), Wattles Tavern (1803). The original tavern was moved in 1836 . . . to make room for a larger inn, The Chenango House, which was destroyed by fire in 1905” (“Walking Tour of Historic Greene,” *Greene Chamber of Commerce* [[greenenys.com/about/walking\\_tour.html](http://greenenys.com/about/walking_tour.html)]).

<sup>88</sup> Streeter, “Streeter Immigrants of Greene and Steuben Counties” (note 1), 49, 55, 57.

<sup>89</sup> Chenango Co., N.Y., Deeds K:316–17 (Ephraim Fitch to Ai Bard, dated 12 Apr. 1806, recorded 4 Dec. 1807), in which Ephraim gave Ai permission to keep a road to accommodate a planned sawmill. *Biographical Memoirs of St. Clair County, Michigan* (note 49), 398–99 [David Beard sketch], which states “While a resident of the state of New York, Ai Beard was a mill owner and followed that business for years.” Jenks, *St. Clair County, Michigan: Its History and Its People* (note 49), 1:365–66, which states “In 1830 Ai Beard, who had come from Chenango county, N.Y., and bought pine land along Black River, in Clyde township, put up a water mill at Ruby, with a capacity of 800,000 feet yearly.”

<sup>90</sup> “Local News. . . Hawley, Pa., Dec. 7,” *The Citizen* (Honesdale, Penn.), 8 Dec. 1911, p. 5, col. 2, which states that D. J. Branning possessed a milk bench used by his great-grandfather Parks Baird 100 years earlier, and that Parks was “the only wheelwright at that time in the northeastern part of Pennsylvania.”

<sup>91</sup> George and Elinor Brown to Parks Baird (note 35).

<sup>92</sup> Parks Baird in Aaron Baird household, 1850 U.S. census (note 36).

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where Ara Fitch’s cousin Ephraim Fitch settled in 1816.<sup>93</sup> About 1828 another cousin of Ara Fitch, Daniel Perry Fitch, with “Eli Haynes, and other lumberman” from Chenango County, went “up the Canisteo for the purpose of running lumber down the rivers to the head of the Chesapeake bay to a market in Baltimore.”<sup>94</sup> They probably passed through or by Thomas Streeter’s property in the Town of Canisteo, which was bounded by the Canisteo River.<sup>95</sup> To the extent that a social network was established by 1807 (the approximate year that Thomas married Louisa) within lumber-related industries along the New York-Pennsylvania border, Thomas Streeter may have been introduced to Louisa Beard through her brothers’ commercial contacts.

#### CONNECTIONS OF THE STREETER CHILDREN

Several of Thomas and Louisa ([?–]) Streeter’s children had ties to places in which Beard family members and their associates resided.<sup>96</sup>

- Thomas Streeter, the couple’s eldest child, married Elizabeth “Betsey” Burseson, whose probable maternal grandparents, Ichabod and Sybil ([?–]) Tubbs, were buried in Tremain Cemetery in the Town of Greene, Chenango County.<sup>97</sup> Tremain Cemetery lies less than 2 miles away from Tillotson Cemetery, where Lucy ([?–]) Beard was buried.<sup>98</sup>
- Thomas and Louisa’s youngest daughter, Ruth (Streeter) Kenfield, and her descendants created and preserved family records, as discussed above.<sup>99</sup> Ruth named her only daughter Lucina Ruth Louisa Kenfield,<sup>100</sup> evidently in honor of the mother (Ruth) and maternal grandmother (Louisa) of the baby. Did the genealogically-minded Ruth also intend to honor her own maternal grandmother with Lucina?
- Ruth and her husband, Salmon Kenfield, were buried in Fitch Cemetery, Town of Ischua, Cattaraugus County.<sup>101</sup> Fitch migrants from Chenango to Cattaraugus County included Ephraim Fitch,<sup>102</sup> who resided in the Town of Franklinville, Cattaraugus County, in 1850 and 1855.<sup>103</sup> Was the 1852 migration of Solomon and Ruth (Streeter) Kenfield from Steuben County to Ischua<sup>104</sup> influenced in any way by the long history of association between the Beard and Fitch families in New England and Chenango County?

<sup>93</sup> Michael A. Leeson, *History of the Counties of McKean, Elk and Forest, Pennsylvania, with Biographical Selections* (Chicago: J. H. Beers and Co., 1890), 521, which includes a sketch on Ephraim<sup>1</sup> Fitch Jr., “farmer and lumberer,” born in Cattaraugus Co., N.Y., in 1817, the year after his parents, Ephraim<sup>6</sup> and Athalia (Smith) Fitch, moved there. Franklin Ellis, *History of Cattaraugus County, New York* (Philadelphia: L. H. Leverts, 1879), 311, which refers to a seven-year period (1817–1824) of heavy immigration to the region, with Franklinville receiving “its share of the influx,” naming Ephraim<sup>6</sup> Fitch, who settled “upon what is known as East Hill,” as one of the newcomers. Fitch, *Descendants of the Reverend James Fitch 1622–1702* (note 57), 1:309, which identifies Ephraim<sup>6</sup> as the son of Ara’s first cousin John<sup>3</sup> (son of Ara’s uncle Ephraim<sup>1</sup>), making Ephraim<sup>6</sup> Ara’s first cousin once removed.

<sup>94</sup> “An Old Time Compositor. . . Interesting Reminiscences of People Who Were Born Before the Republic Came Into Existence, From the Pen of Daniel P. Fitch . . . The City of Elmira Sixty Years Ago,” *Elmira Morning Telegram*, 8 July 1888, p. 6, col. 4, in which Daniel stated “I was born in the town of Oxford, N.Y., April 23, 1804” and “My grandfather, Ephraim Fitch, settled in Oxford in its early days, and cleared up a farm, where I was born.” Fitch, *Descendants of the Reverend James Fitch 1622–1702* (note 57), 1:312, which identifies Daniel Perry<sup>6</sup> Fitch as the son of Ara’s first cousin John<sup>3</sup> (son of Ara’s uncle Ephraim<sup>1</sup>), making Daniel Perry<sup>6</sup> Ara’s first cousin once removed.

<sup>95</sup> Streeter, “Streeter Immigrants of Greene and Steuben Counties” (note 1), 50n23.

<sup>96</sup> For information about the Streeter children, see Streeter, “Streeter Immigrants of Greene and Steuben Counties” (note 1), 121–30.

<sup>97</sup> Streeter, “Streeter Immigrants of Greene and Steuben Counties” (note 1), 122–23, which establishes that Betsey’s mother’s maiden name was Tubbs. Sybil Tubbs widow’s claim, Ichabod Tubbs (Pvt., Willet’s N.Y. Regt., Revolutionary War), file W22460, Case Files of Pension and Bounty-Land Warrant Applications Based on Revolutionary War Service (NARA M804, roll 2418), digital image, *Fold3* ([www.fold3.com](http://www.fold3.com)), which establishes that Ichabod and Sybil were husband and wife and that they had a son Ichabod Jr., likely the same man discussed in “Streeter Immigrants,” 122–23n92. Sybil Tubbs marker and Ichabod Tubbs memorial, Tremain Cemetery, Greene, Chenango Co., N.Y., digital image of Sybil’s marker, memorials #109,771,209 and #109,771,766, *Find A Grave* ([www.findagrave.com](http://www.findagrave.com)). Ichabod Tubbs marker transcription, Tremain Cemetery, Coventry, Town of Greene, Chenango Co., N.Y., *USGenWeb* ([www.usgenweb.info/~nychenango/cemetery/tremain.htm](http://www.usgenweb.info/~nychenango/cemetery/tremain.htm)).

<sup>98</sup> “Tillotson Family Plot” (note 45), 26.

<sup>99</sup> Hall, research notes (note 3).

<sup>100</sup> Lucina Kenfield in the Salmon Kenfield household, 1880 U.S. census (note 2). Melvin Kenfield family Bible records, 1847–1946, *The Holy Bible, containing the Old and New Testaments* . . . (Philadelphia: A. J. Holman Co., 1875), digital images provided by Terri (Clouston) Batt, great-great-granddaughter of the original owner. The records include a list of the children of the children of Salmon and Ruth (Streeter) Kenfield, one of whom was listed as Lucina Ruth Louisa [or Lovisa?].

<sup>101</sup> Salmon and Ruth Kenfield shared marker, Fitch Cemetery, Ischua, Cattaraugus Co., N.Y., digital images, memorials #74,849,841 and #74,849,910, *Find A Grave* ([www.findagrave.com](http://www.findagrave.com)).

<sup>102</sup> Leeson, *History of the Counties of McKean, Elk, and Forest, Pennsylvania* (note 93), 521. Ellis, *History of Cattaraugus County, New York* (note 93), 311.

<sup>103</sup> Ephraim Fitch households: 1850 U.S. census, Franklinville, Cattaraugus Co., N.Y., p. 385 [stamped, *verso*], dw. 112, fam. 116 (NARA M432, roll 480); 1855 N.Y. state census, Town of Franklinville, Cattaraugus Co., p. 280 [stamped], dw. [92], fam. 98.

<sup>104</sup> Cattaraugus Co., N.Y. Deeds, 26:207 (Theodore and Sarah E. Smith and Truman R. and Sophia Colman to Salmon Kenfield, consideration \$175, dated 6 Feb. 1852, recorded 20 Mar. 1852).

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- Mary Ann Streeter married say 1839 Alanson R. Ellsworth,<sup>105</sup> and the couple named their eldest son Aaron D. Ellsworth.<sup>106</sup> Alanson was born in Greene County in 1812.<sup>107</sup> His father, Joshua Ellsworth, was in the Town of Greenville, Greene County, by 1803,<sup>108</sup> and was enumerated there in 1810 and 1830.<sup>109</sup> He settled in Italy, Yates County, by 1840.<sup>110</sup> In 1810 Parks Beard was enumerated in Greenville approximately ten lines before Joshua “Alsworth.”<sup>111</sup> Italy, where Alanson’s father resided in 1840, is approximately 34 miles from Canisteo, where the widowed Louisa ([?]) Streeter then resided.<sup>112</sup>

These shared ties in Cattaraugus, Chenango, Greene, and Steuben counties may indicate ongoing relationships between members of the Beard and Streeter families and their associates.

#### ASSESSING THE LEAN LEGACY OF AARON AND LUCY ([?]) BEARD

It is not surprising that Aaron and Lucy ([?]) Beard have escaped detection by their descendants when one considers all of the things that they did not do. They do not appear in land records and they did not have more than three known children. Aaron did not muster for service in the American Revolution, he was not enumerated in the first United States census, and he never held public office. The only indication of any occupation found to date is that he was engaged in agriculture in 1820.<sup>113</sup> Aaron does not have a grave marker, nor is there any other record of his death. Neither Aaron nor Lucy left a will or had an estate settled in court.

Perhaps the most significant thing that Aaron and Lucy ([?]) Beard did do—which greatly offsets all of the things that they did not do in their otherwise thinly documented life together—was to give their two sons wonderfully distinctive names. Without the evidence yielded by researching the social networks of Ai Frost Beard and Parks Baird, it would not be possible to conclude much about Aaron and Lucy after their brief time in Litchfield County, Connecticut, with any confidence. The revelation of Ai Frost Beard’s middle name also provides an invaluable clue towards identifying Aaron’s origins.

#### CONCLUSION

Little is known about Louisa ([?]) Streeter prior to her marriage to Thomas. By using abstracts and indexes to identify candidates in Connecticut birth records and then systematically trimming the list, Louisa, daughter of Aaron and Lucy ([?]) Beard, emerged as the only possible match. No information has been found about Louisa Beard beyond her birth record, but records of her parents, her unusually-named brothers, and of Thomas Streeter and his associates, reveal intriguing links to support the hypothesis that Louisa Beard married Thomas Streeter sometime before 1808.

<sup>105</sup> Streeter, “Streeter Immigrants of Greene and Steuben Counties” (note 1), 127–28.

<sup>106</sup> [Felton Taylor Kenfield (1850–1924)], “Mary Ellsworths family,” undated single sheet, photocopy provided to the author by Kaye (Kenfield) Hall, Felton’s descendant. Felton’s mother was Ruth (Streeter) Kenfield.

<sup>107</sup> Streeter, “Streeter Immigrants of Greene and Steuben Counties” (note 1), 127–28.

<sup>108</sup> New York (State) Comptroller’s Office, Tax Assessment Rolls of Real and Personal Estates (note 29), Town of Greenfield, Greene Co., box 18, folder 18 (1803), which lists his surname as Alesworth.

<sup>109</sup> Joshua Alsworth household, 1810 U.S. census, Greenville, Greene Co., N.Y., p. 155 [penned] (NARA M252, roll 27). Joshua Ellsworth household, 1830 U.S. census, Greenville, Greene Co., N.Y., folio 161 (NARA M19, roll 110).

<sup>110</sup> Joshua Ellsworth household, 1840 U.S. census, Italy, Yates Co., N.Y., p. 88 [penned], p. 297 [stamped] (NARA M704, roll 351).

<sup>111</sup> Parks Beard household, 1830 U.S. census (note 31).

<sup>112</sup> Streeter, “Streeter Immigrants of Greene and Steuben Counties” (note 1), 121–22.

<sup>113</sup> Aaron Baird household, 1820 U.S. census (note 42).

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## GENEALOGICAL SUMMARY

### AARON AND LUCY ([–?–]) BEARD, THEIR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN

1. **AARON<sup>1</sup> BEARD/BARD/BAIRD**<sup>114</sup> was born before 1755,<sup>115</sup> likely before 1744–1745 (birth of wife). He died probably in the Town of Greene, Chenango County, New York, between the 1820 and 1830 censuses.<sup>116</sup> Aaron married say 1773 (first-known child), perhaps in Salisbury, Litchfield County, Connecticut, **LUCY** [–?–],<sup>117</sup> who was born about 1744–1745, died August 1828, aged 83, probably in the Town of Greene, and was buried there in Tillotson Cemetery.<sup>118</sup>

Following the births of their children in Litchfield County, Connecticut, by 1800 the Beards moved to Sheffield, Berkshire County, Massachusetts.<sup>119</sup> By 1803 they followed their son Ai to New York, first to Oxford, Chenango County, then to the adjacent Town of Greene about 1814.<sup>120</sup>

The middle name of Aaron and Lucy’s eldest son was Frost, which suggests that Aaron may have been identical with Aaron, son of Aaron<sup>3</sup> and Susannah (Frost) Beard of Tewksbury, Middlesex County, Massachusetts. Aaron<sup>3</sup>, son of John<sup>2</sup> and Hannah ([–?–]) Beard, was married in the Congregational Church of Tewksbury on 21 April 1742 to Susannah<sup>4</sup> Frost, daughter of Edmund<sup>3</sup> and Hannah (Kittredge) Frost.<sup>121</sup> Aaron<sup>3</sup> and Susannah (Frost) Beard spent nearly all of their lives in Tewksbury;<sup>122</sup> however, less than four months after they married, the 4 August 1742 birth of their first child, a son “Aron,” was recorded in the adjacent town of Wilmington.<sup>123</sup> When Aaron<sup>3</sup> made his will on 28 May 1790 he left his “well beloved son Aaron” five shillings, which “with what he has formerly had” made up his full portion of the estate. Aaron did not mention where his son resided. When the will was proved in 1796 Aaron<sup>4</sup> was not named in any of the other papers that were filed with it.<sup>124</sup>

In 1760 “Aaron Beard, Jun., age 18 years,” of Tewksbury was recorded in “A Return of men enlisted in his Majesty’s Service for the total Reduction of Canada” during the French and Indian War.<sup>125</sup> He was only a teenager when he began serving as a “Soldier in the Pay of the Province in Col<sup>o</sup> Saltonstalls Regiment in 1760.” Unfortunately “he brought the Small pox home with him, and it was forty eight days before he was clear of the

<sup>114</sup> Research to document Aaron’s surname-line lineage is still in progress, and therefore numbering begins here with Aaron as the first generation.

<sup>115</sup> Aaron Beard household, 1800 U.S. census, Sheffield, Berkshire Co., Mass., p. 231 [stamped] (National Archives and Records Administration [NARA] microfilm M32, roll 13). Aaron Bard household, 1810 U.S. census, Oxford, Chenango Co., N.Y., p. 300 [stamped], p. 1025 [penned] (NARA M252, roll 26). He was listed as age 45 or older in 1800 and 1810.

<sup>116</sup> Aaron Baird household, 1820 U.S. census, Greene, Chenango Co., N.Y., p. 191 [penned] (NARA M33, roll 66). He has not been found listed in the 1830 U.S. census. See the discussion in Part 1 of this article (RECORD 145:91).

<sup>117</sup> Salisbury Book of Records for Town Votes[,] Marriages[,] Births[,] Deaths[,] December 14th 1767, [rebound and labeled as “Births Deaths Marriages 1767–1796 Town Meetings 1767–1784 Salisbury”], p. 12, Salisbury Town Clerk, Salisbury, Litchfield Co., Conn.

<sup>118</sup> “Tillotson Family Plot on State Road Below Brisben,” in “Chenango County—Greene Township,” *New York DAR Genealogical Records Committee Report*, series 1, vol. 46 (1933): 26. The month and year of her death and age at death were inscribed on her marker, which can no longer be found.

<sup>119</sup> Aaron Beard household, 1800 U.S. census, Sheffield, Berkshire Co., Mass. (note 115). For evidence that Aaron of Litchfield Co., Conn., was the man in Sheffield, see the discussion in Part 1 of this article (RECORD 145:91–92).

<sup>120</sup> New York (State) Comptroller’s Office, Tax Assessment Rolls of Real and Personal Estates, 1799–1804, Series B0950, Town of Oxford, Chenango Co., box 8, folder 18 (1803). In 1803 Aaron was taxed only twenty-one cents on personal property valued at \$115. Aaron Bard and Ai Bard households, 1810 U.S. census, Oxford, Chenango Co., N.Y. (note 115).

<sup>121</sup> Claire M. Sherwood and Margaret D. Falley, *The New England Ancestry of Wyllys Warner Baird and his wife Olivia Pomeroy Green* (Strasburg, Va.: Shenandoah Publishing House, Inc., 1976), 5–6. That Aaron<sup>4</sup> Beard, born 4 Aug. 1742, was probably a great-grandson of Andrew<sup>1</sup> Beard was perhaps first suggested in Henry A. Hazen, *History of Billerica, Massachusetts, with a Genealogical Register* (Boston: A. Williams and Co., 1883), pp. 9–10 of “Genealogical Register,” and the lineage was repeated in Fermin Baird Catchings, *Baird and Beard Families: A Genealogical, Biographical, and Historical Collection of Data* (Nashville, Tenn.: Baird–Ward, 1918), 60–61.

<sup>122</sup> Harold J. Patten, “Ask now of the days that are past”; *A History of the Town of Tewksbury, Massachusetts, 1734–1964* ([Tewksbury]: privately printed, 1964), 187, *Tewksbury Historical Society* ([tewksburyhistoricalsociety.org/Archives/books/pattons.pdf](http://tewksburyhistoricalsociety.org/Archives/books/pattons.pdf) [sic, author’s surname is Patten]), which includes a photo of the homestead of Zephaniah Clark, “purchased in 1797 from the heirs of Aaron Beard. The Beard Family was prominent in Tewksbury from 1744–1835. This Homestead probably dated from 1750–60.”

<sup>123</sup> Aron Beard birth record, Wilmington, Mass., Town Records, Births, Intentions, Marriages, 1716–1851, 4 Aug. 1742, p. 15, digital image, *FamilySearch* ([familysearch.org](http://familysearch.org)), citing Family History Library (FHL) microfilm 761,324.

<sup>124</sup> Aaron Beard original will and probate papers, file 1429, First Series, Middlesex Co., Mass., Probate Court (FHL 386,016).

<sup>125</sup> D. Hamilton Hurd, *History of Middlesex County, Massachusetts*, 3 vols. (Philadelphia: J. W. Lewis and Co., 1890), 3:293.

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Infection.” Aaron’s father petitioned for reimbursement of the “great expence” incurred in getting his son well and was allowed £10.2 from the “publick Treasury” of Massachusetts.<sup>126</sup>

Children of Aaron<sup>1</sup> and Lucy ([–?–]) Beard/Bard/Baird, born in Litchfield County, Connecticut:

- i. **LOUISA<sup>2</sup> BEARD**, born in Salisbury 8 June 1774.<sup>127</sup> ~~She may be the woman who died 12 January 1844, probably in the hamlet of Adrian, Town of Canisteo, Steuben County, New York, and who married say 1807 (first known child), as his second wife, Baptist minister THOMAS STREETER.~~<sup>128</sup>
- ii. **AI FROST<sup>2</sup> BEARD/BARD/BAIRD**, born in Salisbury 11 August 1777; died in Port Huron, St. Clair County, Michigan, 23 or 24 October 1852; married first probably in the Town of Oxford, Chenango County, New York, say 1803 **MARGARET “PEGGY” [BEARD?]**; married second in the Town of Greene, Chenango County, about 1817–1818 **HARRIET BELKNAP**; married third in St. Clair County 9 July 1841 **MARTHA HAVENESE**; married fourth in Port Huron 4 May 1847 **ELIZABETH NEVIT**.
- iii. **PARKS<sup>2</sup> BEARD/BARD/BAIRD**, born in Canaan 11 March 1779; died in Damascus Township, Wayne County, Pennsylvania, by 1 June 1852; married in the Town of Freehold (now Greenville), Greene County, New York, 4 October 1801 **SARAH/SALLY LASSLEY**.

2. **AI FROST<sup>2</sup> BEARD/BARD/BAIRD** (Aaron<sup>1</sup>) was born in Salisbury, Litchfield County, Connecticut, on 11 August 1777,<sup>129</sup> and died intestate in Port Huron, St. Clair County, Michigan, 23 or 24 October 1852.<sup>130</sup> He was buried in Ruby Cemetery, Ruby, Clyde Township, St. Clair County.<sup>131</sup> Ai married first<sup>132</sup> probably in the Town of Oxford, Chenango County, New York, say 1803 (first-known child) **MARGARET “PEGGY” [BEARD?]**,<sup>133</sup> who was born probably in New York or Massachusetts<sup>134</sup> about 1782–1783, died 22 May 1817, aged 34, probably in the Town of Greene, Chenango County, New York, and was buried in Tillotson Cemetery, Town of Greene.<sup>135</sup> Ai married second in the Town of Greene about 1817–1818 **HARRIET BELKNAP**.<sup>136</sup> Harriet was

<sup>126</sup> *The Acts and Resolves, Public and Private, of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: To which are Prefixed the Charters of the Province . . .*, vol. 17 (Boston: State of Massachusetts, 1910), 156, Chapter 358, Petition of Aaron Beard of Tewksbury. During 1760, Richard Saltonstall “commanded the garrison at Crown Point” (Scott Campbell Steward, *The Descendants of Dr. Nathaniel Saltonstall of Haverhill, Massachusetts* [Boston: Newbury Street Press, 2013]), 78, as the “Lieutenant Colonel of the fourth Regiment of Militia in the County of Essex [Mass.]”

<sup>127</sup> Salisbury Book of Records (note 117), 12.

<sup>128</sup> For more information on Thomas<sup>1</sup> and Louisa ([–?–]) Streeter and their children, see Perry Streeter, “Streeter Immigrants of Greene and Steuben Counties: The Common Origins of Elizabeth (Streeter) Faulkner, Thomas Streeter, and William Streeter, at Dunning’s Farm, East Grinstead, Sussex, England,” *RECORD* 142 (2011): 47–61, 117–132. A revised and updated version is online at [www.perrystreeter.com/streeter.pdf](http://www.perrystreeter.com/streeter.pdf).

<sup>129</sup> Salisbury Book of Records (note 117), 12.

<sup>130</sup> Ai Beard estate, St. Clair Co., Mich., calendar 1, file 270, St. Clair Co. Probate Court, Port Huron, in which Ai’s son John Beard swore on 6 Nov. 1852 that Ai Beard died “on or about the Twenty third day of October A.D. 1852,” and also swore, on 7 Dec. 1852, that Ai died “on or about the 24<sup>th</sup> day of October A.D. 1852.” James Beard-Isabella Lockwood family Bible records (1845–1946), family record pages only, digital images provided to the author by Sarah (Guthrie) Melvin, Ai Frost Beard’s great-great-granddaughter, which includes on the list of deaths, “Ai Beard on the 24<sup>th</sup> October 1852 Aged 80 years.” The Bible was in possession of James Beard’s descendant Mary (Asman) Pagel in 1966. She wrote to Sarah (Guthrie) Melvin 25 Mar. 1966 that the Bible “fell apart from former rough handling, so I took out the record pages.” A Beard marker, Ruby Cemetery, Ruby, Clyde Twp., Mich., memorial #36,751,436, digital image, *Find A Grave* ([www.findagrave.com](http://www.findagrave.com)), which erroneously states that he died 22 Oct. 1853, aged 80 years.

<sup>131</sup> A. Beard marker (note 130).

<sup>132</sup> Public family trees posted online and Beard family message forums refer to the possibility that Ai married a total of five times (for example, see Judy Jones, “A. I. [was] married 5 times,” “Re: Beard, Ai 1772 Mass,” Message 2295, 12 Nov. 2000, Beard Family Genealogy Forum [[genforum.genealogy.com](http://genforum.genealogy.com)], and David Keating, “Re: Beards in Columbia [etc.] Co., NY, around 1730s,” Message 3437, 3 Nov. 2001, Beard Family Genealogy Forum [[genforum.genealogy.com](http://genforum.genealogy.com)]). No evidence has been found to indicate that Ai Frost Beard had a wife before Margaret, mother of his eldest-known children. An erroneous fifth marriage may be explained by the incorrect identification of Ai Frost Beard as Andrew<sup>5</sup> Beard (Andrew<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Andrew<sup>1</sup>), due to a likely misinterpretation of Ai as “A. I.” or “Andrew Isaiah.”

<sup>133</sup> Two sources list Beard as her maiden name. Her son’s death record (James Beard death record, Mich., 1882, p. 126, #3948, digital image, *FamilySearch* [[familysearch.org](http://familysearch.org)]), citing FHL 2,363,671), identifies his parents as Ai Beard and Margaret Beard, but all entries on the page repeat the surname of the deceased’s father for the mother’s surname. An account of John Beard’s son lists John’s parents as Ai Beard and his wife, whose “maiden name was Martha Beard” (*Biographical Memoirs of St. Clair County, Michigan* [Logansport, Ind.: B. F. Bowen, 1903], 398–99 [David Beard sketch]), confusing the given name of John’s mother with that of Ai’s third wife. It is doubtful that Margaret’s maiden surname was actually Beard, but the possibility cannot be ruled out.

<sup>134</sup> Margaret’s birthplace is listed in the 1880 census entries for three of her children: David Beard household, 1880 U.S. census, Greene, Chenango Co., N.Y., Enumeration District (ED) 94, p. 18 [penned], p. 88A [stamped, *verso*], dw. 165, fam. 176 (NARA T9, roll 818), which lists his mother’s birthplace as N.Y.; “Adibal” Lovelock in the Charles Lovelock household, 1880 U.S. census, Brockway Twp., St. Clair Co., Mich., ED 366, p. 26 [penned], p. 27A [stamped, *verso*], dw. 241, fam. 263 (NARA T9, roll 604), which lists the birthplace of Adibal’s mother as N.Y.; James Beard household, 1880 U.S. census, City of Port Huron, Ward 6, St. Clair Co., Mich., ED 389, p. 30 [penned], p. 424A [stamped, *verso*], dw. 262, fam. 268 (NARA T9, roll 605), which lists James’s mother’s birthplace as Mass. As their father’s birthplace is stated inaccurately in all three censuses (Vt., N.Y., and Mass., respectively), the accuracy of the places stated for Margaret is also questionable.

<sup>135</sup> Mrs. Margaret Beard marker, Tillotson Cemetery, Greene, N.Y., memorial #66,084,072, digital image, *Find A Grave* ([www.findagrave.com](http://www.findagrave.com)).

<sup>136</sup> Perney Kingsley deposition, 12 Nov. 1834, in Ai Beard v. Harriet Beard, Mich. Supreme Court, box 19, folder 1406, Record Group (RG) 2013-32, Archives of Mich., Lansing, in which Perney (Ai’s daughter) stated that her father had been married to Harriet about sixteen years. Ai Beard estate (note 130), in which Harriet Beard attested on 9 Aug. 1855 that she married Ai Beard in Greene, Chenango Co., N.Y., 17 July 1816, and that her former name was Harriet Belknap. That marriage date is likely incorrect, as it predates the death of Ai’s first wife.

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born in Vermont or possibly New Hampshire<sup>137</sup> about 1799–1800.<sup>138</sup> She was found guilty of adultery with Calvin E. Comstock (among others) and the divorce between Harriet and Ai was decreed by the Supreme Court of Michigan in the June Term 1834 in response to Ai’s petition.<sup>139</sup> She died after 9 August 1855, when she claimed to be a resident of St. Clair County, Michigan, during the settlement of Ai’s estate.<sup>140</sup> Ai married third in St. Clair County 9 July 1841 **MARTHA HAVENESE** of Port Huron.<sup>141</sup> Martha was born in England about 1821–1822,<sup>142</sup> and died “just after the [Civil] war,” perhaps in Danville, Hendricks County, Indiana,<sup>143</sup> but she and Ai must have divorced sometime before 4 May 1847, when Ai married fourth in Port Huron to **ELIZABETH NEVIT** of Port Huron.<sup>144</sup> Elizabeth was born in England about 1813–1815;<sup>145</sup> no record of her after the 25 October 1854 final accounting of her husband’s estate has been found.<sup>146</sup>

Ai Beard was in Chenango County, New York, by 1 June 1801, when he was taxed in the Town of Oxford.<sup>147</sup> He was involved in land transactions in Chenango and Broome counties between 1804 and 1814. In the earliest of record, dated June 1804, as a resident of the Town of Oxford, he purchased 100 acres in the Town of Greene from Platt Brush, and he sold the property the following May to Francis Balcom.<sup>148</sup>

A number of other real estate dealings were related to Ai’s occupation of sawyer. On 12 April 1806 Ai “Bard” received from Ephraim Fitch the “full power and lawful authority to erect a Mill Dam across the Cheningo River and joyn the same” to Fitch’s lands. Ai intended to build a sawmill, and Ephraim stipulated that “all damages arising in consequence of flooding land within mentioned is to be paid in good merchantable

<sup>137</sup> Harriet Comstock in the Calvin Comstock household, 1850 U.S. census, Newark, Dist. 21, Rock Co., Wisc., p. 782 [penned], p. 391 [stamped, verso], dw. 259, fam. 271 (NARA M432, roll 1005), in which her place of birth was listed as Vt. Harriet may have been born in Sunapee, N.H., 23 Dec. 1798, daughter of Thomas and Anne ([?–]) Belknap (Harriet Belknap birth record, N.H., 23 Dec. 1798, digital image, *FamilySearch* [familysearch.org], citing FHL 4,243,708). Thomas Belknap married Anne Hawkins in Wendell (now Sunapee), N.H., 22 Aug. 1798 (Thomas Belknap-Anne Hawkins marriage record, 22 Aug. 1798, “New Hampshire, Marriage Records, 1637–1947,” index and digital images, *FamilySearch* [familysearch.org], citing FHL 4,242,889). This identification is supported by the Beards’ association with James and Celestia (Belknap) Haynes. Celestia’s maiden name is revealed in George W. Hotchkiss, *History of the Lumber and Forest Industry of the Northwest* (Chicago: George W. Hotchkiss and Co., 1898), 54. Celestia died in Port Huron, Mich., 25 Nov. 1880. Her death record identifies her birthplace as N.Y. and her parents as Thomas Belknap and Anna Belknap (C. R. Haynes death record, 25 Nov. 1880, St. Clair Co., Mich., p. 145, #3170, digital image, *FamilySearch* [familysearch.org], citing FHL 4,207,951). According to the 1850 census, Celestia was born in Vt. (“Elista” Haynes in the James Haynes household, 1850 U.S. census, Village of Port Huron, St. Clair Co., Mich., p. 188 [stamped], p. 375 [penned], dw. 110, fam. 110 [NARA M432, roll 362]). Her *Find A Grave* memorial indicates she was born in N.H. (Celestia Haynes marker and memorial, Lakeside Cemetery, Port Huron, Mich., memorial #50,420,622, digital image, *Find A Grave* [www.findagrave.com]), but that information is not on the marker and no source is stated.

<sup>138</sup> Ai Beard estate (note 130), in which Harriet attested on 9 Aug. 1855 that she was then age 55.

<sup>139</sup> Ai Beard *v.* Harriet Beard (note 136), in which witnesses testified to being aware of Harriet’s relationship with several different men during her marriage to Ai. William Wirt Blume, *Transactions of the Supreme Court of the Territory of Michigan, 1805–1836*, 6 vols. (Ann Arbor, Mich.: University of Michigan Press, 1935–1940), 5:136, Calendar of Cases, referring to Case 1406, Ai Beard *v.* Harriet Beard.

<sup>140</sup> Ai Beard estate (note 130).

<sup>141</sup> Ai Baird-Martha Havenise [*sic*] marriage record, St. Clair Co., Mich., marriages 1:38, digital image, *FamilySearch* (familysearch.org), citing FHL 976,870, which indicates they were married by Justice of the Peace R. Hamilton, witnessed by James Haynes and Andrew Belknap, “both of the State of New York.”

<sup>142</sup> Ai Baird-Martha Havenise marriage record (note 141), in which she was listed as age 19. A. I. Beard [Martha’s son] household, 1880 U.S. census, Dist. 4, Polk Co., Tenn., ED 97, pp. 20–21 [penned], pp. 40–41 [stamped, verso and recto], dw. not recorded, fam. 200 (NARA T9, roll 1275), in which Ai’s mother’s birthplace is listed as England.

<sup>143</sup> Cynthia Beard deposition, 28 Dec. 1898, p. 8, in Cynthia Beard widow’s pension application no. 640,888, certificate no. 485,417, service of Ai Beard, Pvt., Co. A, 7th Ind. Inf. (Civil War), Case Files of Approved Pension Applications . . . , 1861–1934, Civil War and Later Pension Files, Dept. of Veterans Affairs, RG 15, National Archives (NA), Washington, D.C. The general index shows the claim number as 531,635, but that number is listed on only one document in the file (an 1892 abstract of the record of Ai’s military service). The correct claim number appears to be 640,888. Cynthia’s statement indicates that Martha died in Mich., but she was living in Danville, Hendricks Co., Ind., in 1860, with her son Ai Jr. and her probable husband (Michael Long household, 1860 U.S. census, Center Twp., Danville post office, Hendricks Co., Ind., p. 50 [penned], dw. 364, fam. 365 [NARA M653, roll 265]).

<sup>144</sup> Ai Baird-Elizabeth Nevit marriage record, St. Clair Co., Mich., marriages 1:120, digital image, *FamilySearch* (familysearch.org), citing FHL 976,870, which indicates the marriage, by J. G. Shurtleff, “Minister of the Gospel,” was witnessed by Frederick Miller and Harriet Miller, presumably Ai’s daughter and son-in-law.

<sup>145</sup> Ai Baird-Elizabeth Nevit marriage record (note 144), in which she was listed as age 32. Ai Beard household, 1850 U.S. census, Village of Port Huron, St. Clair Co., Mich., p. 182 [stamped], p. 363 [penned], dw. 19, fam. 19 (NARA M432, roll 362), in which she was listed as age 36, born in England.

<sup>146</sup> Ai Beard estate (note 130), in which her name appears on the final accounting, dated 25 Oct. 1854, as having received \$900.

<sup>147</sup> New York (State) Comptroller’s Office, Tax Assessment Rolls of Real and Personal Estates, 1799–1804, Series B0950 (note 120), Town of Oxford, Chenango Co., box 7, folder 28 (1801).

<sup>148</sup> Chenango Co., N.Y., Deeds G:395–96 (Platt Brush and Eliza, his wife, to Ai Beard, dated 21 June 1804, recorded 9 Aug. 1805, consideration \$300). Chenango Co., N.Y., Deeds G:322–23 (Ai Beard and Peggy, his wife, to Francis Balcom, dated 22 May 1805, recorded 13 June 1805, consideration \$400).

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Boards at market prices.”<sup>149</sup> In March 1809 Ai and his wife sold their half of parts of lot 90 in the “Township of Fayette” in Oxford along with half of the mills and water works.<sup>150</sup> On 1 January 1811 Ai Beard and two others, all residents of the Town of Oxford, purchased properties in the Town of Chenango, Broome County (adjacent to the Town of Greene), including three acres with a grist and sawmill and a thirteen-acre island in the Chenango River.<sup>151</sup> Ai and his wife sold their share of this Chenango property to John Park of Chenango on 15 October 1811, along with one third of a 1.22 acre lot in the Village of Binghamton.<sup>152</sup> About a year later, on 19 October 1812, John Park sold his interest in the same collection of properties and rights back to Ai Beard,<sup>153</sup> and the following December Ai Beard and John Stratton sold their two-thirds interest in the properties, along with the lot in Binghamton adjacent to the mill, back to the man from whom they had purchased it.<sup>154</sup>

Ai moved from the Town of Oxford to the Town of Greene probably in early 1814.<sup>155</sup> The death of his wife Margaret in 1817 left him with several small children to raise. He soon married again, his second wife being Harriet Belknap, but the marriage was troubled. Harriet was unfaithful and the couple separated, but Harriet convinced Ai that “her conduct should be better for the future” and Ai agreed to reconcile. He decided to take his wife to Michigan in an attempt to put distance between her and her lover.<sup>156</sup>

Ai moved to St. Clair County, Michigan, about 1830 and soon built and operated a water-powered sawmill on the Black River in Clyde Township.<sup>157</sup> On 5 March 1831 Harriet Baird, “late of Greene in the County of Chenango,” quitclaimed lots 69 and 70 in the Town of Greene (with exceptions) and “the privileges of butting the Grist and Saw Mill dam to the east shore of the Chenango River” to Eli Haynes Jr. of Greene, all being the same deeded by Ai Baird to David Baird, and then by David to Haynes. Harriet Beard appeared in court in Broome County on the same day to confirm this conveyance.<sup>158</sup> On 11 October 1831, at a New York State Court of Chancery held in Greene, Chenango County, Joseph Tillotson successfully sued Ai Beard, who “resides out of this state,” for \$5,000, after Ai sold property in Greene and left there without having paid his \$1,000 mortgage for the same.<sup>159</sup>

Marital problems between Ai and Harriet continued after the move to Michigan and their union ended in divorce in 1834.<sup>160</sup> After Harriet was gone, Ai focused on expanding his business in association with his sons. James and David had arrived in St. Clair County in October 1833 and worked for some time in their father’s

<sup>149</sup> Chenango Co., N.Y., Deeds K:316–17 (Ephraim Fitch to Ai Bard, dated 12 Apr. 1806, recorded 4 Dec. 1807, consideration \$1 and “divers other causes and considerations hereunto especially moving”). Ephraim also gave Ai permission to keep a road to accommodate the planned sawmill. The statement about damages was added at the end of the deed, after Ephraim’s signature, and signed separately.

<sup>150</sup> Chenango Co., N.Y., Deeds M:247–49 (Ai Beard and Margaret, his wife, to Russell Root, dated 17 Mar. 1809, recorded 7 June 1809, consideration \$3000). Beard and Root may have been business partners, as the deed mentions that Root would be obligated to fulfill “agreements to the owners of the [adjoining] land which said Beard, or Beard and Root together, were to fulfill . . . this deed being nearest as a quit claim of those privileges & as a warranty deed of all said Ai Beards right and title to the mills and the land.” Russell Root was enumerated near the Beards in 1810 (see note 115).

<sup>151</sup> Broome Co., N.Y., Deeds 2:467–68 (Marshall Lewis and Polly, his wife, to Ai Baird, John Stratton, and Tyler Smith, dated 1 Jan. 1811, recorded 10 Jan. 1811, consideration \$4500).

<sup>152</sup> Broome Co., N.Y., Deeds 3:275–76 (Ai Beard and Peggy, his wife, to John Park, dated 15 Oct. 1811, recorded 24 Oct. 1811, consideration \$2220). Ai signed and Peggy made her mark.

<sup>153</sup> Broome Co., N.Y., Deeds 3:297–99 (John Park to Ai Beard, dated 19 Oct. 1812, recorded 10 Dec. 1812, consideration \$2000).

<sup>154</sup> Broome Co., N.Y., Deeds 3:302–3 (Ai Beard and John Stratton to Marshall Lewis, dated 14 Dec. 1812, recorded 21 Dec. 1812, consideration \$3000). Ai’s wife Peggy and John’s wife Charlotte released their dower rights to this property.

<sup>155</sup> Chenango Co., N.Y., Deeds R:389–91 (Ai Baird and Peggy, his wife, to Samuel Balcom, quitclaim, dated 1 Mar. 1814, recorded 22 Mar. 1814, consideration \$1000), in which Ai and Peggy were identified as late residents of Oxford, Chenango Co., N.Y., Deeds S:486–88 (Andrew Ackhorn and Jemima, his wife, to Ai Beard, dated 15 Nov. 1814, recorded 28 Jan. 1815, consideration \$2600), in which Ai was identified as a resident of Greene.

<sup>156</sup> Perney Kingsley deposition, 12 Nov. 1834, in Ai Beard *v.* Harriet Beard (note 136).

<sup>157</sup> *Biographical Memoirs of St. Clair County, Michigan* (note 133), 398–99 (David Beard sketch). William Lee Jenks, *St. Clair County, Michigan: Its History and Its People* . . . 2 vols. [paged continuously] (Chicago: The Lewis Publishing Company, 1912), 1:365–66, which states that after his arrival in 1830, Ai Beard bought land along Black River in Clyde Twp., built a watermill in Ruby, and began to manufacture lumber that was sent down the river in rafts to be shipped to its final destination. Although local histories in Michigan indicate he moved from Chenango Co., N.Y., about 1830, he was probably the A. I. Beard enumerated in Barton, Tioga County, N.Y., in 1830 (A. I. Beard household, 1830 U.S. census, Barton, Tioga Co., N.Y., folio 167 [NARA M19, roll 109]), which included three free white males 20–29, one free white male 50–59, and one free white female age 20–29).

<sup>158</sup> Chenango Co., N.Y., Deeds PP:134 (Harriet Beard to Eli Haynes Jr., quitclaim, dated 5 Mar. 1831, recorded 25 Mar. 1831, consideration \$1).

<sup>159</sup> Chancery notices, *Albany* [N.Y.] *Argus*, 11 Oct. 1831, p. 4, col 6, which indicates that Ai lived out of state. Among the other defendants named in the suit were David Beard, “Perna Beard,” Eli Haines Jr., and Jacob Haines. Eli Haines Jr. and Jacob Haines were probably brothers of James Haynes, who witnessed Ai’s 1841 marriage in Port Huron, Mich. (see note 141). Sylvia Hasenkopf to the author, email, 14 Mar. 2013; Ms. Hasenkopf examined the court records related to the case and reported the details, but did not provide copies.

<sup>160</sup> Ai Beard *v.* Harriet Beard (note 136).



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mill. David returned to New York, but James remained.<sup>161</sup> James and his brother John eventually bought out their father's interest in a mill in Clyde.<sup>162</sup>

On 1 April 1837 Ai Beard of St. Clair County received two patents for land in the Michigan-Toledo Strip in Michigan, acquiring the SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> (forty acres) in Township 7N, Range 16E, Section 6, and the SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> (forty acres) in Township 8N, Range 16E, Section 32.<sup>163</sup>

In 1840 Ai resided in Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan,<sup>164</sup> about 60 miles downriver from Port Huron. He was last enumerated in 1850 as a resident of the Village of Port Huron, along with his fourth wife, Elizabeth, and his youngest son.<sup>165</sup> Ai died in October 1852, and on 7 December 1852 his son John petitioned the St. Clair County Probate Court to initiate the settlement of Ai's estate.<sup>166</sup>

Although Ai and his second wife, Harriet, were divorced in 1834, on 9 August 1855 Harriet Beard, a resident of St. Clair County, swore she was his surviving wife and that she had "never received any assignment of any portion of the personal estate . . . nor any assignment of dower of in and to any real estate," claiming "her said marriage as ever remained valid and she is now the widow of said deceased."<sup>167</sup> There is no indication that she was successful in acquiring her dower or other assets from Ai's estate.

Children of Ai Frost<sup>2</sup> and Margaret/Peggy [Beard?] Beard:

- i. **PARNEL<sup>3</sup> BEARD**,<sup>168</sup> born in New York,<sup>169</sup> probably in the Town of Oxford, Chenango County,<sup>170</sup> 16 August 1804 (calculated); died of dropsy in Clyde Township, St. Clair County, Michigan, 25 June 1879, aged 74 years, 10 months, 9 days,<sup>171</sup> and was buried in Ruby Cemetery, Ruby, Clyde Township;<sup>172</sup> married probably in Clyde Township 9 July 1833 **SALMON/SOLOMON KINGSLEY**,<sup>173</sup> born in Addison County, Vermont, 10 March 1807,<sup>174</sup> died of pleurisy in Clyde 2 March 1880, aged 72 years, 11 months, 22 days,<sup>175</sup> and was buried in Ruby Cemetery,<sup>176</sup> son of Jason and Parnel (Abel) Kingsley.<sup>177</sup> Salmon Kingsley was employed by Ai Beard from sometime after 1830 until 1838.<sup>178</sup> Salmon's household

<sup>161</sup> *History of St. Clair County, Michigan* (Chicago: A. T. Andreas and Co., 1883), 557.

<sup>162</sup> *Biographical Memoirs of St. Clair County, Michigan* (note 133), 398 (David Beard sketch).

<sup>163</sup> Ai Beard, cash sale patents, Mich., vol. 280, pp. 433–34, nos. 13913 and 13814, Detroit, Mich., Land Office, Michigan-Toledo Strip, digital image, General Land Office Records, *Bureau of Land Management* ([www.glorerecords.blm.gov](http://www.glorerecords.blm.gov)), issued 1 Apr. 1837. He received patents for additional land in 1837 and 1838 (vol. 290, pp. 123 and 131, nos. 14107 and 14115, issued 10 Apr. 1837 [E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> (80 acres), Twp. 7N, Range 16E, Section 9, and W<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> (80 acres), Twp. 7N, Range 16E, Section 4]; vol. 630, pp. 189–90, nos. 16168 and 16169, issued 20 Apr. 1838 [W<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> (80 acres), Twp. 7N, Range 15E, Section 6, and E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> (80 acres), Twp. 7N, Range 15E, Section 7]; vol. 640, p. 197, no. 16685, issued 1 May 1837 [E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> (80 acres), Twp. 7N, Range 16E, Section 7]; vol. 820, p. 124, no. 25768, issued 21 Aug. 1837 [NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> and SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> (320.28 acres), Twp. 7N, Range 16E, Section 3]. The land entry files have not been examined.

<sup>164</sup> Ai Beard household, 1840 U.S. census, Detroit, Wayne Co., Mich., folio 196 (NARA M704, roll 212). Form for Examining a Recruit, 6 Nov. 1862, in Ai Beard compiled service record (Pvt., Co. A, 4th Ind. Cav.), Carded Records, Volunteer Organizations, Civil War, Records of the Adjutant General's Office, 1780s–1917, RG 94, National Archives (NA), Washington, D.C., in which Ai's son, Ai Jr., reported that he had been born in Detroit and that he was age 20 (therefore born about 1841–1842).

<sup>165</sup> Ai Beard household, 1850 U.S. census, Village of Port Huron, St. Clair Co., Mich. (note 145), which incorrectly states Ai was born in Mass.

<sup>166</sup> Ai Beard estate (note 130).

<sup>167</sup> Ai Beard estate (note 130).

<sup>168</sup> James Beard-Isabella Lockwood family Bible records (note 130), which lists in the record of deaths "Parnel Kingsley a daughter of Ai & Margret Beard 25<sup>th</sup> June 1879."

<sup>169</sup> Solomon/Salmon Kingsley households: 1850 U.S. census, Clyde Twp., St. Clair Co., Mich., p. 225 [stamped, *verso*], p. 449 [penned, *verso*], dw. 607, fam. 607 (NARA M432, roll 362); 1860 U.S. census, Clyde Twp., St. Clair Co., Mich., p. 193 [penned, top right], dw. 527, fam. 502 (NARA M653, roll 559); 1870 U.S. census, Clyde Twp., St. Clair Co., Mich., p. 22 [penned], p. 122 [stamped, *verso*], dw. 155, fam. 165 (NARA M593, roll 698).

<sup>170</sup> The probable location is based on her parents' residential history.

<sup>171</sup> Parnell Kingsley death record, St. Clair Co., Mich., deaths in the year ending 31 Dec. 1879, p. 107, #2784, digital image, *FamilySearch* ([familysearch.org](http://familysearch.org)), citing FHL 4,207,950. James Beard-Isabella Lockwood family Bible records (note 130). Parnel Kingsley entry, 1880 U.S. census, mortality schedule, Clyde Twp., St. Clair Co., Mich., ED 371, p. 1, line 6 (NARA T1164, roll 77). An 1804 year of birth is supported by her ages as listed in the 1850, 1860, and 1870 censuses (note 169).

<sup>172</sup> Parnel Kingsley marker, Ruby Cemetery, Ruby, Clyde Twp., Mich., memorial #19,895,376, digital image, *Find A Grave* ([www.findagrave.com](http://www.findagrave.com)).

<sup>173</sup> William Arthur Kingsley, *Kingsley Family of America* . . . (Baltimore: Gateway Press, 1980), 222.

<sup>174</sup> *Biographical Memoirs of St. Clair County, Michigan* (note 133), 417 (Henry Kingsley sketch), which provides Solomon's birth date and refers to him as being of Addison Co., Vt. His birth date is supported by his age as stated in the 1850, 1860, and 1870 censuses (note 169).

<sup>175</sup> Salmon Kingsley death record, Mich., 1880, p. 142, #3096, digital image, *FamilySearch* ([familysearch.org](http://familysearch.org)), citing FHL 2,363,668. Salmon Kingsley entry, 1880 U.S. census, mortality schedule, Clyde Twp., St. Clair Co., Mich., ED 371, p. 1, line 5 (NARA T1164, roll 77). James Beard-Isabella Lockwood family Bible records (note 130). *Biographical Memoirs of St. Clair County, Michigan* (note 133), 417 (Henry Kingsley sketch).

<sup>176</sup> Salmon Kingsley memorial, Ruby Cemetery, Ruby, Clyde Twp., Mich., memorial #19,895,368, digital image, *Find A Grave* ([www.findagrave.com](http://www.findagrave.com)).

<sup>177</sup> Kingsley, *Kingsley family of America* (note 173), 141. Salmon Kingsley death record (note 175), which identifies his parents as Jason Kingsley and Parnell Kingsley.

<sup>178</sup> *Biographical Memoirs of St. Clair County, Michigan* (note 133), 417 (Henry Kingsley sketch).

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was in Clyde Township in 1840, 1850, 1860, and 1870.<sup>179</sup> When Salmon died he was in possession of lots within the McNeil Tract in the City of Port Huron.<sup>180</sup>

- ii. **DAVID<sup>3</sup> BEARD**, born in Chenango County, New York, probably the Town of Oxford, about 1807–1808,<sup>181</sup> died in Greene, Chenango County, 19 February 1881, aged 73,<sup>182</sup> and was buried in Sylvan Lawn Cemetery, Greene,<sup>183</sup> married probably in Chenango County say 1843–1844 (first-known child) **SARAH SMITH DICKINSON**,<sup>184</sup> born in Whately (then Hampshire County, now Franklin County), Massachusetts, 30 April 1810,<sup>185</sup> died 31 December 1865, aged 56, probably in Greene, and was buried in Sylvan Lawn Cemetery,<sup>186</sup> daughter of Alpheus and Martha (Murphy) Dickinson.<sup>187</sup> As discussed above, David worked in his father’s mill in St. Clair County, Michigan, during the 1830s, but he eventually returned to New York.<sup>188</sup> In 1850 David and Sarah “Baird” resided in her father’s household in Greene.<sup>189</sup> David’s household was in Greene in 1855, 1860, 1865, 1870, 1875, and 1880.<sup>190</sup>
- iii. **JOHN<sup>3</sup> BEARD**, born in Chenango County, probably in the Town of Oxford, 11 May 1811,<sup>191</sup> died intestate of stomach cancer at his residence in Ruby, Clyde Township, St. Clair County, Michigan, 1 June 1879, aged 68 years, 17 days,<sup>192</sup> and was buried in Ruby Cemetery, Ruby;<sup>193</sup> married in Norfolk County, Ontario, Upper Canada, 19 November 1837 **HANNAH FICK**,<sup>194</sup> born in Port Rowan, (now South) Walsingham, Norfolk County, Ontario, Upper Canada,<sup>195</sup> about July 1816 (age at death) or on 15 August 1817, died probably in Clyde Township 13 January 1889, aged 72 years, 6 months, and was buried in Ruby Cemetery,<sup>196</sup> daughter of Frederick and Elizabeth (Becker) Fick.<sup>197</sup> In 1839 John and his brother James began a lumbering business in Michigan known as J. & J. Beard. Two years later they bought out their father’s share in his mill and expanded their operations. The brothers worked together until 1856, when they parted

<sup>179</sup> Solomon/Salmon Kingsley households: 1840 U.S. census, Clyde Twp., St. Clair Co., Mich., p. 210 [stamped] (NARA M432, roll 210); 1850 U.S. census, Clyde Twp., St. Clair Co., Mich. (note 169); 1860 U.S. census, Clyde Twp., St. Clair Co., Mich. (note 169); 1870 U.S. census, Clyde Twp., St. Clair Co., Mich. (note 169).

<sup>180</sup> Solomon Kingsley estate file, St. Clair Co., Mich., Probate Court, calendar 14, file 272. His daughter filed a petition in 1919 requesting that the court determine Solomon’s heirs at the time of his death. He had died intestate.

<sup>181</sup> David Baird in the Alpheus Dickinson household, 1850 U.S. census, Town of Greene, Chenango Co., N.Y., p. 316 [stamped, *verso*], p. 631 [penned, *verso*], dw. 44, fam. 49 (NARA M432, roll 109). David Beard households: 1855 New York state census, Town of Greene, Elect. Dist. 1, Chenango Co., [not paginated], dw. 93, fam. 97; 1865 New York state census, Town of Greene, Elect. Dist. 1, Chenango Co., p. 275 [stamped], dw. 34, fam. 34; 1870 U.S. census, Town of Greene, Chenango Co., N.Y., p. 4 [penned], p. 95 [stamped, *verso*], dw. 24, fam. 24 (NARA M593, roll 916); 1875 New York state census, Greene, Chenango Co., p. 17, dw. 169, fam. 180; 1880 U.S. census, Greene, Chenango Co., N.Y. (note 134). David “Byed” household, 1860 U.S. census, Greene, Chenango Co., N.Y., pp. 317–18 [penned], p. 430 [stamped, *recto* and *verso*], dw. 2576, fam. 345 (NARA M653, roll 734). The 1855, 1875, and 1875 state censuses provide the county of birth. The probable location within Chenango Co. is based on his parents’ residential history.

<sup>182</sup> James Beard-Isabella Lockwood family Bible records (note 130).

<sup>183</sup> David and Sarah S. (Dickinson) Beard marker, Sylvan Lawn Cemetery, Greene, N.Y., memorial #70,119,967, digital image, *Find A Grave* (www.findagrave.com).

<sup>184</sup> David Beard household, 1855 New York state census, Town of Greene, Elect. Dist. 1, Chenango Co. (note 181), which includes daughter Margaret, listed as age 11. David and Sarah S. (Dickinson) Beard marker (note 183).

<sup>185</sup> Sarah Smith Dickinson birth record, 30 Apr. 1810, Whately, Mass., Town Clerk’s Record of Births, Marriages, and Deaths, 1749–1856, p. 98, digital image, *FamilySearch* (familysearch.org), citing FHL 770,462.

<sup>186</sup> David and Sarah S. (Dickinson) Beard marker (note 183).

<sup>187</sup> Sarah Smith Dickinson birth record (note 185). James M. Crafts, *History of the Town of Whately, Mass. . . . 1661–1899* (Orange, Mass.: Town of Whately, 1899), 448–49.

<sup>188</sup> *History of St. Clair County, Michigan* (note 161), 557 (his brother James Beard’s sketch).

<sup>189</sup> David Baird in the Alpheus Dickinson household, 1850 U.S. census, Town of Greene, Chenango Co., N.Y. (note 181).

<sup>190</sup> David Beard households: 1855 New York state census, Town of Greene, Chenango Co. (note 181); 1865 New York state census, Town of Greene, Chenango Co. (note 181); 1870 U.S. census, Town of Greene, Chenango Co., N.Y. (note 181); 1875 New York state census, Greene, Chenango Co. (note 181); 1880 U.S. census, Greene, Chenango Co., N.Y. (note 134). David Byed [*sic*] household, 1860 U.S. census, Greene, Chenango Co., N.Y. (note 181).

<sup>191</sup> *Biographical Memoirs of St. Clair County, Michigan* (note 133), 398–99 (his son David Beard’s sketch). The location within the county is based on his parents’ residential history.

<sup>192</sup> John Beard death record, Mich., 1879, p. 107, #2785, digital image, *FamilySearch* (familysearch.org), citing FHL 2,363,667. John “Berret” entry, 1880 U.S. census, mortality schedule, Clyde Twp., St. Clair Co., Mich., ED 371, p. 1., line 16, which indicates he died June 1879 of cancer, aged 68, a lumberman. James Beard-Isabella Lockwood family Bible records (note 130). *History of St. Clair County, Michigan* (note 161), 314–15. “Death of John Beard,” clipping from *Daily Times* (Port Huron, Mich.), 2 June 1879, [page and column numbers not provided], courtesy of Sarah (Guthrie) Melvin. John’s death date was stated as 12 June 1879 in *Biographical Memoirs of St. Clair County, Michigan* (note 133), 399 (David Beard sketch).

<sup>193</sup> John Beard marker, Ruby Cemetery, Ruby, Clyde Twp., Mich., memorial #14,965,583, digital image, *Find A Grave* (www.findagrave.com).

<sup>194</sup> *Biographical Memoirs of St. Clair County, Michigan* (note 133), 398 (David Beard sketch), which provides the marriage date but no information about the place. Her maiden name is listed on death certificates for three of her children (Fred Albert Beard death cert., Mich., 1917, #77, and David Beard death cert., Mich., 1920, #79, which identify her as Hannah Fick, and H. E. Beard death cert., Mich., 1920, #329, which identifies her as Hannah “Fitch,” digital images, *Seeking Michigan* [seekingmichigan.org]). Sarah (Guthrie) Melvin to author, email, 18 May 2013, with attached “Outline Descendant Report for Aaron Beard,” which provides the place of the marriage but without documentation. Sarah is a great-great-great-granddaughter of Ai Frost Beard.

<sup>195</sup> David Beard death cert. (note 194), which lists her place of birth as “Pt. Rowan, Ont.”

<sup>196</sup> Hannah Beard marker, Ruby Cemetery, Ruby, Clyde Twp., Mich., memorial #14,965,597, digital image, *Find A Grave* (www.findagrave.com), which lists her date of death as 13 Jan. 1889 and the age at death as 72 years, 6 months. *Biographical Memoirs of St. Clair County, Michigan* (note 133), 399 (her son David Beard’s sketch), which lists her birth date as 15 Aug. 1817 and her death date as 13 Jan. 1890.

<sup>197</sup> John Becker, *Becker, a Genealogy: From Johann Ludwig Becker’s Birth in the Palatinate in 1728 to John Adams Becker’s Birth in Ontario in 1932* (Concord, Ontario, Canada: Becker Associates, 1992), 12.

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ways. John remained in Clyde,<sup>198</sup> where his household was enumerated in 1850, 1860, and 1870.<sup>199</sup> He died indebted to the Port Huron and Northwestern Railway Company; his assets were reportedly worth at least \$10,000.<sup>200</sup> His widow, Hannah, was in Clyde in 1884.<sup>201</sup>

- iv. **ABIGAIL<sup>3</sup> BEARD**, born in Oxford, Chenango County,<sup>202</sup> about 1812–1814;<sup>203</sup> died probably in Port Huron, St. Clair County, Michigan, 3 May 1886,<sup>204</sup> and was buried in Lakeside Cemetery, Port Huron, 4 May 1886;<sup>205</sup> married first probably in St. Clair County, in the area that later became Brockway Township, say 1843 (first-known child) **LEWIS BROCKWAY**,<sup>206</sup> born in New York about 1812–1814,<sup>207</sup> died in Brockway 10 March 1866,<sup>208</sup> son of David and [–?–] Brockway;<sup>209</sup> married second in Brockway Township 12 May 1873, as his second wife, **CHARLES LOVELOCK** of Armada, Macomb County, Michigan,<sup>210</sup> born in England 9 June 1820, died in Armada 3 February 1887, aged 66 years, 8 months, 4 days, son of William Lovelock.<sup>211</sup> Abigail and Charles appear to have divorced after 1880.<sup>212</sup> The entry for their marriage record has a line drawn through it,<sup>213</sup> Abigail was buried under the surname of her first husband,<sup>214</sup> and Charles shares a marker in Willow Grove Cemetery, Armada, with Mary Lovelock,<sup>215</sup> whom he had married first, probably in Michigan, say 1845 (first-known child<sup>216</sup>), and apparently divorced,<sup>217</sup> probably before Charles’s marriage to Abigail.

Brockway Township was presumably named in honor of Lewis Brockway.<sup>218</sup> Lewis and Abigail Brockway were living in Port Huron in 1850 and in Brockway Township in 1860.<sup>219</sup> The inventory of Ai Beard’s estate included four \$200 notes signed by Lewis Brockway 25 August 1852.<sup>220</sup> In his own will of 6 March 1866, Lewis Brockway mentioned his wife Abigail, father David Brockway, brother Elliott T. Brockway, and cousin Abel Brockway, in addition to his children. Lewis desired that his executors “maintain and keep up the Brockway House,” and “carry on and run the Grist & Saw mills near my said Hotel.”<sup>221</sup>

<sup>198</sup> *History of St. Clair County, Michigan* (note 161), 315.

<sup>199</sup> John Beard households: 1850 U.S. census, Clyde Twp., St. Clair Co., Mich., p. 226 [stamped], p. 451 [penned, top right], dw. 612, fam. 612 (NARA M432, roll 362); 1860 U.S. census, Clyde Twp., St. Clair Co., Mich., p. 183 [penned], dw. 435, fam. 436 (NARA M653, roll 559); 1870 U.S. census, Clyde Twp., St. Clair Co., Mich., p. 121 [stamped], p. 19 [penned], dw. 136, fam. 144 (NARA M593, roll 698).

<sup>200</sup> John Beard estate, St. Clair Co., Mich., calendar 3, file 719, St. Clair Co. Probate Court, Port Huron. An agent of the railway company petitioned for administration of John’s estate.

<sup>201</sup> Hannah Beard household, 1884 Michigan state census, Clyde Twp., St. Clair Co., p. 42[?] page number is faded], dw. 176, fam. 183, Archives of Michigan, roll 2070, digital image, *Seeking Michigan* ([www.seekingmichigan.org](http://www.seekingmichigan.org)). She has not been found listed in the 1880 U.S. census.

<sup>202</sup> Charles Lovelock-Abigail Beard marriage record, St. Clair Co., Mich., marriages 3:173, #2252, digital image, *FamilySearch* (familysearch.org), citing FHL 4,207,574. *Biographical Memoirs of St. Clair County, Michigan* (note 133), 398 (Abigail’s brother David Beard’s sketch), which indicates that Abigail married Lewis Brockway.

<sup>203</sup> Lewis Brockway households: 1850 U.S. census, Village of Port Huron, St. Clair Co., Mich., p. 393 [penned, verso], p. 197 [stamped, verso], dw. 245, fam. 245 (NARA M432, roll 362), in which she was listed as age 36; 1860 U.S. census, Brockway Twp., St. Clair Co., Mich., pp. 86–87, dw. 702, fam. 646 (NARA M653, roll 559), in which she was listed as age 47. Charles Lovelock household, 1880 U.S. census, Brockway Twp., St. Clair Co., Mich. (note 134), in which she was listed as age 67. Melvin, “Outline Descendant Report for Aaron Beard” (note 194), which indicates Abigail was born 17 Apr. 1812. Abigail was not found listed in the 1870 U.S. census or the 1884 or 1894 Mich. state censuses.

<sup>204</sup> Melvin, “Outline Descendant Report for Aaron Beard” (note 194). No record of Abigail’s death has been located.

<sup>205</sup> Abbie Brockway burial, “Lakeside Cemetery Records Search,” *City of Port Huron* ([www.porthuron.org/cemetery\\_search.aspx](http://www.porthuron.org/cemetery_search.aspx)), which indicates she was buried 4 May 1886.

<sup>206</sup> Lewis Brockway household, 1850 U.S. census, Village of Port Huron, St. Clair Co., Mich. (note 203), which includes the first-known child, Charles, listed as age 6. The likely place of marriage is based on Lewis Brockway’s residence from about 1836 in the area later known as Brockway Twp. (*History of St. Clair County, Michigan* [note 161], 755).

<sup>207</sup> Lewis Brockway households: 1850 U.S. census, Village of Port Huron, St. Clair Co., Mich. (note 203), in which he was listed as age 36; 1860 U.S. census, Brockway Twp., St. Clair Co., Mich. (note 203), in which he was listed as age 47.

<sup>208</sup> Lewis Brockway estate, St. Clair Co., Mich., calendar 2, file 239, St. Clair Co. Probate Court, Port Huron, in which Wm. Mitchell petitioned 12 Mar. 1866 for admission of the will, saying Brockway died in Brockway 10 Mar. 1866.

<sup>209</sup> Lewis Brockway estate (note 208). He mentioned his father David Brockway in his will.

<sup>210</sup> Charles Lovelock-Abigail Beard marriage record (note 202), which is crossed out.

<sup>211</sup> Charles Lovelock death record, Mich., 1887, p. 193, #1, digital image, *FamilySearch* (familysearch.org), citing FHL 2,363,633, which identifies him as a married man, born in England, with father named Wm. Lovelock. Charles Lovelock marker, Willow Grove Cemetery, Armada, Mich., #119,229,648, digital image, *Find A Grave* ([www.findagrave.com](http://www.findagrave.com)), which includes the dates of birth and death. The age at death yields a birth date of 30 May 1820.

<sup>212</sup> Charles Lovelock household, 1880 U.S. census, Brockway Twp., St. Clair Co., Mich. (note 134).

<sup>213</sup> Charles Lovelock-Abigail Beard marriage record (note 202).

<sup>214</sup> Abbie Brockway burial (note 205).

<sup>215</sup> Charles Lovelock marker (note 211). Mary Lovelock marker, Willow Grove Cemetery, Armada, Mich., memorial #119,229,653, digital image, *Find A Grave* ([www.findagrave.com](http://www.findagrave.com)).

<sup>216</sup> Delilah [sic] E. Powers death cert., Mich., 1916, [no state cert. number], digital image, *Seeking Michigan* ([seekingmichigan.org](http://seekingmichigan.org)), which identifies her parents as Charles Lovelock and Mary Kimball. In 1850 her age was reported as 5 years (Delilah E. Lovelock in the Charles Lovelock household, 1850 U.S. census, Washington, Macomb Co., Mich., p. 80 [penned], p. 276 [stamped], dw. 465, fam. 479 [NARA M432, roll 357]).

<sup>217</sup> Mary Lovelock household, 1880 U.S. census, Armada, Macomb Co., Mich., ED 198, p. 7 [penned], p. 278 [stamped], dw. 69, fam. 73 (NARA T9, roll 592), in which Mary was listed as divorced.

<sup>218</sup> *History of St. Clair County, Michigan* (note 161), 755, which states that “The first permanent settlement in this district was made by Lewis Brockway, John Grinnell and James Haines, who purchased lands there in 1836, twelve years before its organization as a township.”

<sup>219</sup> Lewis Brockway households: 1850 U.S. census, Village of Port Huron, St. Clair Co., Mich. (note 203); 1860 U.S. census, Brockway Twp., St. Clair Co., Mich. (note 203).

<sup>220</sup> Ai Beard estate (note 130).

<sup>221</sup> Lewis Brockway estate (note 208).

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Charles Lovelock and his first wife, Mary, were in Washington, Macomb County, in 1850, and in the Village of Armada in 1870, but in 1860 Charles Lovelock was a “Loafer” residing in the Town of Armada with Benjamin Kimble (a probable in-law) and James Lockwood (probably Charles’s son). Mary was not with Charles in 1870.<sup>222</sup> In 1873 Charles was identified as stock dealer in Armada,<sup>223</sup> and in 1877 he was a justice of the peace in Brockway.<sup>224</sup> In 1880 Mary Lovelock, listed as divorced, was the sole member of her Armada household.<sup>225</sup> Charles and Abigail Lovelock were in Brockway Township that year.<sup>226</sup>

- v. **JAMES<sup>3</sup> BEARD**, born in Greene, Chenango County, New York, 22 May 1815;<sup>227</sup> died of cancer as a lumberman in Port Huron, St. Clair County, Michigan, 29 April 1882, aged 67 years, 11 months, 11 days,<sup>228</sup> married first 9 September 1845, perhaps in Detroit, **ISABELLA LOCKWOOD**,<sup>229</sup> born about 1826–1827, died 2 April 1847, aged 20, and was buried in Ruby Cemetery, Ruby, Clyde Township;<sup>230</sup> with all parties residents of Detroit, James married second “at the house of Henry Decker,” Detroit, 8 April 1850 **MARY A. DECKER**,<sup>231</sup> born in New York about 1825–1832,<sup>232</sup> died in Port Huron 30 August 1860, aged 28,<sup>233</sup> probably the daughter of Henry Decker, in whose home she was married,<sup>234</sup> married third in Port Huron 22 October 1867 **AGNES BALMER**,<sup>235</sup> born in White Bridge, Scotland, 5 April 1837,<sup>236</sup> died in Flint, Michigan, 17 April 1918, of bronchial pneumonia, and was buried in Lakeside Cemetery, Port Huron, 29 April 1918,<sup>237</sup> daughter of Alexander and “Aplonia” ([–?–]) Balmer.<sup>238</sup>

James and his brother John operated a lumber business together between 1839 and 1856, after which time James took over the mill in Port Huron.<sup>239</sup> James Beard’s household was in Detroit in 1850,<sup>240</sup> and in Port Huron in 1860, 1870, and 1880.<sup>241</sup> His widow, Agnes, was head of a household in Port Huron in 1884.<sup>242</sup> In 1860 his household included E. R. Haynes,<sup>243</sup> probably the Elijah R. Haynes with whom James operated a business, Haynes and Beard.<sup>244</sup> In his will

<sup>222</sup> Charles Lovelock households: 1850 U.S. census, Washington, Macomb Co., Mich. (note 216); 1870 U.S. census, Village of Armada, Macomb Co., Mich., p. 3 [penned], p. 300 [stamped], dw. 20, fam. 21 (NARA M593, roll 688). Benj. Kimble household, 1860 U.S. census, Town of Armada, Macomb Co., Mich., p. 168 [penned, top left], p. 601 [penned, top right], dw. 1168, fam. 1191 (NARA M653, roll 553).

<sup>223</sup> *Bradstreet’s Reports for the State of Michigan*, vol. 33 (New York: Bradstreet Press, 1873), 18.

<sup>224</sup> *History of St. Clair County, Michigan* (note 161), 755.

<sup>225</sup> Mary Lovelock household, 1880 U.S. census, Armada, Macomb Co., Mich. (note 217).

<sup>226</sup> Charles Lovelock household, 1880 U.S. census, Brockway Twp., St. Clair Co., Mich. (note 134).

<sup>227</sup> James Beard-Isabella Lockwood family Bible records (note 130), which lists his birthplace and date and the names of his parents. James Beard-Agnes Balmer marriage record, St. Clair Co., Mich., marriages 1:176, #101, digital image, *FamilySearch* (familysearch.org), citing FHL 4,207,954.

<sup>228</sup> James Beard death record (note 133). *History of St. Clair County, Michigan* (note 161), 315 (which states that he “died at his residence in Port Huron April 30 [sic], 1882”) and 557 (which states that he “died April 29, 1882”). His burial place has not been determined.

<sup>229</sup> James Beard-Isabella Lockwood family Bible records (note 130). *History of St. Clair County, Michigan* (note 161), 315, which indicates that he had a lumber yard in Detroit between 1845 and 1853.

<sup>230</sup> James Beard-Isabella Lockwood family Bible records (note 130). Isabella Beard marker, Ruby Cemetery, Ruby, Clyde Twp., Mich., memorial #36,751,450, digital image, *Find A Grave* (www.findagrave.com).

<sup>231</sup> James Beard-Isabella Lockwood family Bible records (note 130), which provides the marriage date. James Beard-Mary A. Decker marriage record, 8 Apr. 1850, “Michigan, Marriages, 1822–1995,” index [no digital image], *FamilySearch* (familysearch.org), citing Wayne Co., Mich., marriages 1:99 (FHL 927,488); the record has not been examined. James Beard entry, “Wayne County Marriages, 1837–1870, Surnames A-BROWN, Joseph,” transcription, *Wayne County, MI, Local History and Genealogy* (www.reocities.com/genealogy/mi/marriages.html), which shows they were wed at the home of Henry Decker by H. D. Kitchel, Minister of the Gospel, with witnesses Henry Decker and Robert Whitney.

<sup>232</sup> James Beard households: 1850 U.S. census, City of Detroit, Wayne Co., Mich., p. 235 [stamped], p. 267 [penned], dw. 1403, fam. 1404 (NARA M432, roll 365), in which she was listed as age 23; 1860 U.S. census, City of Port Huron, Ward 4, St. Clair Co., Mich., p. 216 [penned], dw. 1629, fam. 1564 (NARA M653, roll 359), in which she was listed as age 34. James Beard-Isabella Lockwood family Bible records (note 130), which lists her age at death as 28, yielding a year of birth in the range 1831–1832.

<sup>233</sup> James Beard-Isabella Lockwood family Bible records (note 130).

<sup>234</sup> Henry may be the man enumerated in Detroit in 1850 (Henry Decker household, 1850 U.S. census, City of Detroit, Wayne Co., Mich., p. 198 [penned], p. 230 [stamped, verso], dw. 1337, fam. 1337 [NARA M432, roll 365]), listed as age 43, born in N.Y. The household also included Henry Decker, age 22, born in N.Y., and Robert Whiting, a possible match for a witness to the Beard-Decker marriage (note 231).

<sup>235</sup> James Beard-Isabella Lockwood family Bible records (note 130). James Beard-Agnes Balmer marriage record (note 227).

<sup>236</sup> James Beard-Isabella Lockwood family Bible records (note 130), which states that Agnes Balmer was the daughter of Alexander and Aplonia [sic], born in White Bridge, Scotland, 5 Apr. 1837. Her marriage record indicates she was born in Kelso, Scotland (note 227).

<sup>237</sup> Agnes Beard death cert., Mich., 1918, #32866, digital image, *Seeking Michigan* (seekingmichigan.org). Agnes Beard burial, “Lakeside Cemetery Records Search,” *City of Port Huron* (www.porthuron.org/cemetery\_search.aspx), which indicates she was interred 29 Apr. 1918, aged 81.

<sup>238</sup> James Beard-Isabella Lockwood family Bible records (note 130). Agnes Beard death cert. (note 237), which lists her father’s name as Alexander.

<sup>239</sup> *History of St. Clair County, Michigan* (note 161), 557

<sup>240</sup> James Beard household, 1850 U.S. census, City of Detroit, Wayne Co., Mich. (note 232), which included Laura Decker, age 20, perhaps Mary’s sister.

<sup>241</sup> James Beard households: 1860 U.S. census, City of Port Huron, St. Clair Co., Mich. (note 232); 1870 U.S. census, City of Port Huron, Ward 4, St. Clair Co., Mich., p. 48 [penned], p. 390 [stamped, verso], dw. 385, fam. 373 (NARA M593, roll 699); 1880 U.S. census, City of Port Huron, St. Clair Co., Mich. (note 134).

<sup>242</sup> Agnes Beard household, 1884 Michigan state census, City of Port Huron, Ward 6, St. Clair Co., [page number illegible], dw. 347, fam. 368, Archives of Michigan, roll 2071, *Seeking Michigan* (www.seekingmichigan.org).

<sup>243</sup> E. R. Haynes in the James Beard household, 1860 U.S. census, City of Port Huron, St. Clair Co., Mich. (note 232). E. R. was listed as age 20, born in N.Y.

<sup>244</sup> Jenks, *St. Clair County, Michigan: Its History and Its People* (note 157), 1:368, which states that about 1856 Elijah R. Haynes and James Beard purchased a mill on the St. Clair River, the firm being called Haynes and Beard, remaining in business until about 1863.

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dated 7 July 1881, James identified himself as a lumberman of Port Huron and made Agnes his executrix. His assets were worth \$5,570.<sup>245</sup>

Child of Ai Frost<sup>2</sup> and Harriet (Belknap) Beard:

- vi. **HARRIET<sup>3</sup> E. BEARD**, born about 1824–1829, probably in Greene, Chenango County, New York;<sup>246</sup> died 13 January 1877, aged 50, probably in Adel Township, Dallas County, Iowa, and was buried in Oakdale Cemetery, Adel;<sup>247</sup> married first in St. Clair County, Michigan, 14 January 1840 **FREDERICK MILLER**,<sup>248</sup> born in New York<sup>249</sup> 28 June 1817 (calculated), died intestate in Port Huron 17 June 1864, aged 46 years, 11 months, 20 days, and was buried in Lakeside Cemetery, Port Huron;<sup>250</sup> married second evidently prior to 1 June 1860,<sup>251</sup> perhaps in Iowa, **WILLIAM EZRA FORRESTER**,<sup>252</sup> born in New York about 1828–1829,<sup>253</sup> died in Adel “on or about” 10 May 1868, aged 40, and was buried in Oakdale Cemetery,<sup>254</sup> son of Chester and Sarah (Adams) Forrester.<sup>255</sup>

In 1840 the household of Frederick Miller was enumerated in Clyde Township near that of Harriet’s brother-in-law Salmon Kingsley.<sup>256</sup> In 1847 the Millers witnessed the remarriage of her father in Port Huron,<sup>257</sup> where Frederick was identified a sawyer in 1850.<sup>258</sup> By 1860 Harriet and her children Jane, Ellen, and Frederick were in the Brooklyn, Poweshiek County, Iowa, household headed by W. E. Forrester.<sup>259</sup>

Frederick Miller died 17 June 1864, but as Harriet appears to have remarried by 1860, the couple probably divorced.<sup>260</sup> In the settlement of Frederick’s estate, his sister-in-law Henrietta Miller (widow of his brother Jacob) testified on 18 January 1865 that when Frederick was about to leave St. Clair County “he left children for whom he was to provide with Jacob Miller, his brother, who at his request, furnished Board, Schooling and some clothing for them, and, that subsequently he sojourned and traveled in the States of Iowa and California. Also, in Australia and the Sandwich Islands, and that more recently, as she is informed, he was with the Army of the United States, and for some time was employed in the Quarter Masters Department.”<sup>261</sup> Henrietta valued Frederick’s assets at \$2,100 and identified his heirs, including Mrs. Harriet Forrester (formerly Mrs. Harriet Miller, wife of Frederick), Eliza Jane Miller, Helen M. Miller, and Fred F. Miller, all of Dallas County, Iowa, and Jacob’s heirs, to whom Frederick’s estate was indebted.<sup>262</sup>

William E. Forrester of Adel, Dallas County, Iowa, made his will 3 January 1868 and it was proved 6 July 1868; he left his entire estate to his wife Harriet Forrester and made her executrix.<sup>263</sup> In 1870 Harriet was living in Adel

<sup>245</sup> James Beard estate, St. Clair Co., Mich., calendar 3, file 1049, St. Clair Co. Probate Court, Port Huron.

<sup>246</sup> Frederick Miller household, 1850 U.S. census, Village of Port Huron, St. Clair Co., Mich., p. 18 [penned], p. 189 [stamped, *verso*], dw. 131, fam. 131 (NARA M432, roll 362), in which Harriet was listed as age 25. W. E. Forrester household, 1860 U.S. census, Brooklyn, Poweshiek Co., Iowa, p. 77 [penned, top left], p. 515 [penned, top right], dw. 556, fam. 538 (NARA M653, roll 339), in which she was listed as age 31. Hattie Forrester household, 1870 U.S. census, Town of Adel, Dallas Co., Iowa, p. 1 [penned], p. 516 [stamped], dw. 1, fam. 1 (NARA M593, roll 385), in which she was listed as age 44. Frederick Miller-Harriet Beard marriage, St. Clair Co., Mich., marriages, 1:19, 14 Jan. 1840 (FHL 976,870), in which Harriet was listed as age 16.

<sup>247</sup> Harriet Forrester probate file, calendar B, p. 31, box F-7, file 176 (1870), Dallas Co. Courthouse, Adel, Iowa, which includes the date of death. “Harriett wife of W. E. Forrester” marker, Oakdale Cemetery, Adel, Iowa, memorial #9,766,135, digital image, *Find A Grave* (www.findagrave.com).

<sup>248</sup> Frederick Miller-Harriet Beard marriage (note 246), which indicates both Frederick (age 21) and Harriet were residents of Clyde Twp., that they were married by Justice of the Peace John W. Westbrook, and that witnesses were Hiram Whitcomb and Desmond Stockwell, both of Clyde Twp.

<sup>249</sup> Frederick Miller household, 1850 U.S. census, Village of Port Huron, St. Clair Co., Mich. (note 246).

<sup>250</sup> Frederick Miller marker, Lakeside Cemetery, Port Huron, Mich., memorial #83,343,527, digital image, *Find A Grave* (www.findagrave.com). Frederick Miller estate, St. Clair Co., Mich., calendar 2, file 137, St. Clair Co. Probate Court, Port Huron.

<sup>251</sup> W. E. Forrester household, 1860 U.S. census, Brooklyn, Poweshiek Co., Iowa (note 246), which included Harriet and children Jane, Ellen, and Frederick with the Forrester surname indicated as a ditto from W. E.’s entry.

<sup>252</sup> Steve Forester, “The Michigan Foresters—from New York to Canada to Michigan . . .,” database, *RootsWeb.com* (wc.rootsweb.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?op=GET&db=steveforester&id=10039), which states that W. Ezra Forester “migrated to Iowa and there married a widow (previously a Mrs. Miller) of Dexter, Iowa. They lived in Dexter and had no children.” Forester cites a genealogy compiled by Nash Herndon, which has not been examined. Harriet Forrester marker (note 247). Henrietta Miller petition for appointment of administrator, 19 Jan. 1865, Frederick Miller estate (note 250), which identifies Frederick Miller’s former wife as Mrs. Harriet Forrester.

<sup>253</sup> W. E. Forrester household, 1860 U.S. census, Brooklyn, Poweshiek Co., Iowa (note 246), in which he was listed as age 31.

<sup>254</sup> William E. Forrester probate file, will book 1, pp. 172–73, calendar box 1, Dallas Co. Courthouse, Adel, Iowa, which includes his widow’s petition for administrator dated July 1868, in which she indicated William died in Adel on or about 10 May 1868. W. E. Forrester marker, Oakdale Cemetery, Adel, Iowa, memorial #9,766,137, digital image, *Find A Grave* (www.findagrave.com), which includes the age at death and states he died 13 June 1868.

<sup>255</sup> Steve Forester, “The Michigan Foresters” (note 252). W. E. may have been the William Forester (age 22, born in Canada [*sic*]) in Lexington, Sanilac Co., Mich., in 1850 (Benjamin Luce household, 1850 U.S. census, Lexington, Sanilac Co., Mich., p. 15 [penned, *verso*], p. 8 [stamped, *verso*], dw. 237, fam. 237 [NARA M432, roll 363]). Lexington lies on Lake Huron about 22 miles north of Port Huron. Steve Forester’s database (note 252) indicates that William had siblings who were born in Canada, and who resided in St. Clair Co., Mich. (in Lexington, Clyde Twp., and Port Huron) and Dallas Co., Iowa.

<sup>256</sup> Frederick Miller household, 1840 U.S. census, Clyde Twp., St. Clair Co., Mich., folio 210 (NARA M704, roll 210).

<sup>257</sup> Ai Baird-Elizabeth Nevit marriage record (note 144).

<sup>258</sup> Frederick Miller household, 1850 U.S. census, Village of Port Huron, St. Clair Co., Mich. (note 246).

<sup>259</sup> Brooklyn lies over 100 miles east of Dexter, where William and Harriet are believed to have married.

<sup>260</sup> A search for divorce records has not yet been conducted.

<sup>261</sup> A search for military records to substantiate Henrietta’s claim of military service was unsuccessful.

<sup>262</sup> Henrietta Miller petition for appointment of administrator, 19 Jan. 1865, Frederick Miller estate (note 250).

<sup>263</sup> William E. Forrester probate file (note 254).

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Township.<sup>264</sup> “Harriett Forrester” of Adel made her will 29 December 1876; it was proved 21 May 1877 and included bequests to Martha Jane and Margaret Beard, both of Greene, Chenango County, New York.<sup>265</sup> Margaret and Martha were daughters of Harriet’s brother David Beard.<sup>266</sup>

Child of Ai Frost<sup>2</sup> and Martha (Havenese) Beard:

- vii. **Ai<sup>3</sup> BEARD JR.**, born in Detroit, Michigan, about 1842–1843,<sup>267</sup> died in Polk County, Tennessee, 7 November 1880, after suffering with consumption for two years;<sup>268</sup> married in Cisco, Murray County, Georgia, in her father’s house, 22 June 1866 **CYNTHIA ELIZABETH (GRAVES) LEA**,<sup>269</sup> born in Tennessee about 1836–1841,<sup>270</sup> became paralyzed on 5 June 1910, died in Leadill (now Old Fort), Polk County, Tennessee, 15 July 1910, and was buried in Liberty Baptist Cemetery, Murray County, Georgia,<sup>271</sup> daughter of Isaac and Elizabeth ([–?–]) Graves.<sup>272</sup> Cynthia was married first in Murray County, Georgia, 28 July 1856 to Stephen E. Lea, who died of consumption in November 1859.<sup>273</sup>

Ai was in Port Huron, St. Clair County, Michigan, with his father and step-mother in 1850.<sup>274</sup> By 20 July 1853, after the death of his father, Ai Jr.’s stepmother Elizabeth Beard petitioned for the appointment of a guardian for him,<sup>275</sup> and Duthan Northrop of Port Huron was appointed on 6 October 1853, with James Beard of Port Huron acting as surety on the guardian’s bond. Northrop resigned as guardian on 1 April 1854,<sup>276</sup> and by about 1856 Ai Jr. was in Indiana.<sup>277</sup> In 1860 he was living with his biological mother, Martha (Havenese) (Beard) Long and Martha’s husband Michael Long in Center Township, Hendricks County, Indiana.<sup>278</sup>

On 20 April 1861, 18-year-old Ai enrolled as a private in Company A, 7th Regiment, Indiana Infantry, in Danville and mustered in the following day in Indianapolis.<sup>279</sup> On 30 April 1862 he was discharged as a musician, third class.<sup>280</sup> He re-enlisted in Indianapolis on November 1862 in Company A, 4th Indiana Cavalry Regiment. He was absent from the muster rolls between September and October 1863 through November and December 1864. During this period he was hospitalized in Murfreesboro, Tennessee, in January and February 1864. On 22 March 1864 he was appointed a recruiting officer for the 4th Regiment, East Tennessee Cavalry, but ended up as a patient in Nashville, Tennessee, from July through October 1864. He mustered out in Edgefield (now within Nashville, Davidson County), Tennessee, on 29 June 1865.<sup>281</sup>

Before he married Cynthia (Graves) Lea in 1866, Ai resided on the farm owned by her father, Isaac Graves, for six months while prospecting for oil.<sup>282</sup> On 29 June 1867 Ai was a voter in Murray County, Georgia.<sup>283</sup> Ai was included in

<sup>264</sup> Hattie Forrester household, 1870 U.S. census, Town of Adel, Dallas Co., Iowa (note 246), which included Fred Miller, probably her son.

<sup>265</sup> Harriet Forrester probate file (note 247), which includes receipts signed 11 June 1877 by Margaret and Martha Jane indicating that Margaret had received Harriet’s “gold Watch & Chain with pin” and Martha Jane had received “one Fur Muff & Cape.”

<sup>266</sup> David Beard households: 1855 New York state census, Town of Greene, Chenango Co. (note 181); 1875 New York state census, Town of Greene, Chenango Co. (note 181); 1880 U.S. census, Greene, Chenango Co., N.Y. (note 134).

<sup>267</sup> Form for Examining a Recruit, Ai Beard compiled service record (note 164).

<sup>268</sup> Cynthia E. Beard deposition, 28 Dec. 1898, p. 5, in Cynthia Beard widow’s pension application no. 640,888, certificate no. 485,417 (note 143).

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<sup>270</sup> Ai Beard household, 1870 U.S. census, 1011th Militia Dist., Murray Co., Ga., p. 5 [penned], p. 539 [stamped, *verso*], dw. 37, fam. 37 (NARA M593, roll 167), in which she was listed as age 29. A. I. Beard household, 1880 U.S. census, Dist. 4, Polk Co., Tenn. (note 142), in which she was listed as age 41. Cynthia Beard household, 1900 U.S. census, Alaculsa Dist. 1011, Murray Co., Ga., ED 70, p. 13 [penned], p. 56A [stamped], dw. 222, fam. 225 (NARA T623, roll 213), which indicates she was born in Feb. 1838. Cynthia Beard in the Jesse Harris household, 1910 U.S. census, Civil Dist. 14, Monroe Co., Tenn., ED 151, p. 19 [penned], p. 152 [stamped], dw. 354, fam. 360 (NARA T624, roll 1514), in which she was listed as age 73.

<sup>271</sup> Application for Reimbursement, 17 Aug. 1910, Cynthia Beard widow’s pension application no. 640,888, certificate no. 485,417 (note 143).

<sup>272</sup> Cynthia E. Beard deposition, 28 Dec. 1898, p. 9, in Cynthia Beard widow’s pension application no. 640,888, certificate no. 485,417 (note 143).

<sup>273</sup> Stephen E. Lea-Sinthey E. Graves marriage record, Murray Co., Ga., Court of Ordinary, Marriages 2:46, digital image, *FamilySearch* (familysearch.org), citing FHL 382,546. Widow’s Declaration for Pension, 28 Sept. 1891, and Cynthia E. Beard deposition, 28 Dec. 1898, p. 6, both in Cynthia Beard widow’s pension application no. 640,888, certificate no. 485,417 (note 143).

<sup>274</sup> Ai Beard household, 1850 U.S. census, Village of Port Huron, St. Clair Co., Mich. (note 165).

<sup>275</sup> Order for a hearing related to Elizabeth Beard’s petition for a guardian for her stepson, 20 July 1853, Ai Beard estate (note 130).

<sup>276</sup> Ai Beard guardianship, St. Clair Co., Mich., Probate Court, calendar 1, file 287.

<sup>277</sup> Deposition of Cynthia E. Beard, 28 Dec. 1898, p. 8, in Cynthia Beard widow’s pension application no. 640,888, certificate no. 485,417 (note 143).

<sup>278</sup> A.I. Baird in the Michael Long household, 1860 U.S. census, Center Twp., Hendricks Co., Ind. (note 143), in which his birthplace is erroneously listed as Canada. Two depositions in support of his widow’s pension application reveal that Ai lived in Danville, Ind., from the time he was young. A. H. B. Lingenfetlin, a resident of Danville, said Ai’s “parents lived here.” A. Alfred Wilshams, also of Dansville, said Ai “lived at Danville Ind. and I knew him when he was a quite a young boy . . . his Mother lived here . . . his father was dead before he and his mother came here” (Depositions of A. H. B. Lingenfetlin and A. Alfred Wilshams, 19 Oct. 1899, in Cynthia Beard widow’s pension application no. 640,888, certificate no. 485,417 [note 143]).

<sup>279</sup> Ai Beard compiled service record (Pvt., Co. A, 7th Ind. Inf.), Carded Records, Volunteer Organizations, Civil War, Records of the Adjutant General’s Office, 1780s–1917, RG 94, NA, Washington, D.C.

<sup>280</sup> Ai Beard compiled service record (3rd class musician, Field and Staff [Band], 7th Ind. Inf.), Carded Records, Volunteer Organizations, Civil War, Records of the Adjutant General’s Office, 1780s–1917, RG 94, NA, Washington, D.C.

<sup>281</sup> Ai Beard compiled service record (Pvt., Co. A, 4th Ind. Cav.) (note 164).

<sup>282</sup> Deposition of Cynthia Elizabeth Beard, 28 Dec. 1898, p. 7, in Cynthia Beard widow’s pension application no. 640,888, certificate no. 485,417 (note 143).

<sup>283</sup> Ai Beard entry, Returns of Qualified Voters, Precinct 1013, Murray Co., Elect. Dist. 43, #479, 29 June 1867, digital image, *Ancestry.com* (www.ancestry.com).

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the tax digests for Militia District 1011, Murray County, in 1868, 1869, 1874–1878, and 1879–1883.<sup>284</sup> He was enumerated there in 1870.<sup>285</sup> In 1880 Ai was in District 4, Polk County, Tennessee, with a birthplace of Michigan.<sup>286</sup> In 1898 Ai Jr.’s widow deposed that “my husband corresponded with his people [family] in Michigan after I married him but just before he died our house was burned and with it all of my husband’s letters.”<sup>287</sup>

3. **PARKS<sup>2</sup> BEARD/BARD/BAIRD**<sup>288</sup> (Aaron<sup>1</sup>) was born in Canaan, Litchfield County, Connecticut, 11 March 1779.<sup>289</sup> He died intestate in Damascus Township, Wayne County, Pennsylvania, by 1 June 1852,<sup>290</sup> and was buried in Overlook Cemetery, Damascus.<sup>291</sup> Parks married in the Congregational Church of Greenfield (subsequently known as the Greenville Presbyterian Church) in the Town of Freehold (later Greenfield, now Greenville), Greene County, New York, 4 October 1801 **SARAH LASSLEY**.<sup>292</sup> Sarah was born 5 April 1785,<sup>293</sup> probably in Damascus Township,<sup>294</sup> died 30 May 1840, aged 55 years, probably in Damascus, and was buried there in Overlook Cemetery.<sup>295</sup> She was the daughter of John and Sarah (Tyler) Lassley.<sup>296</sup>

Parks “Bard” purchased one acre in the Town of Greenfield (now Greenville), Greene County, New York, on 29 April 1807.<sup>297</sup> In 1812 legal problems may have pushed him to relocate.<sup>298</sup> He and his family moved to Damascus, Wayne County, Pennsylvania, where Parks’s wife’s family had lived during the latter part of the eighteenth century.<sup>299</sup> Parks worked as a cooper,<sup>300</sup> a wheelwright,<sup>301</sup> and a wagon maker.<sup>302</sup>

On 5 September 1831 Parks purchased 415 acres in the Township of Berlin, adjacent to Damascus, for \$56 from his eldest son, John L. Baird, and John’s wife, Keturah.<sup>303</sup> As residents of Damascus, Parks and his wife, Sarah, sold this same acreage on 23 May 1834.<sup>304</sup> Still residents of Damascus, on 17 October 1838, Parks and Sarah sold an additional 163 acres in Berlin Township.<sup>305</sup>

Parks, Sarah, and several of their children were members of the First Baptist Church in Damascus. Sarah Baird, evidently Parks’s wife, was listed among the church members attending a covenant meeting in the Damascus Baptist

<sup>284</sup> Ai Beard entries, Georgia Property Tax Digests, Murray Co., Militia Dist. 1011, 1868, 1869, 1874–1878, 1879–1883, digital images, *Ancestry.com* ([www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com)).

<sup>285</sup> Ai Beard household, 1870 U.S. census, 1011th Militia Dist., Murray Co., Ga. (note 270).

<sup>286</sup> A. I. Beard household, 1880 U.S. census, Dist. 4, Polk Co., Tenn. (note 142).

<sup>287</sup> Deposition of Cynthia E. Beard, 28 Dec. 1898, p. 9, in Cynthia Beard widow’s pension application no. 640,888, certificate no. 485,417 (note 143).

<sup>288</sup> This family generally used the spelling Baird, rather than Beard.

<sup>289</sup> Canaan Vital Records, A:34, Canaan Town Clerk, Falls Village, Litchfield Co., Conn., which indicates that Parks was born in Mar. 1779. Parks Beard-Sarah Lassley family Bible records (1779–1823), family record pages only, digital images provided to the author by Beverly (Branning) Green from Karen Mae Branning, a descendant of Parks and Sarah (Lassley) Baird. Parks’s birth date is challenging to read. It appears to be 11 Mar. 1779, but may be 12 or 22 Mar. For further information on this source, see Perry Streeter, “Was Louisa, Daughter of Aaron and Lucy ([–?–]) Beard of Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Chenango County, New York, the Second Wife of Thomas Streeter of Steuben County, New York?” *RECORD* 145 (2014): 89n.27.

<sup>290</sup> Parks Baird estate, Wayne Co., Pa., administration file 385, copy provided by Wayne Co. Historical Society. Parks’s son Cornelius was appointed administrator 1 June 1852.

<sup>291</sup> Parks’s marker in Overlook Cemetery is too weathered to read (Parkes [*sic*] Baird marker, Overlook Cemetery, Damascus Twp., Pa., memorial #15,897,893, digital image of worn, illegible stone, *Find A Grave* [[www.findagrave.com](http://www.findagrave.com)]). Burlin Abbey and Richard O. Eldred, transcribers, “Overlook Cemetery, Damascus Twp., Wayne Co., PA,” in “Cemeteries of Wayne County” [typescript, Wayne Co. (Pa.) Historical Society, ca. 1990], section C-27, p. 1, which shows his death date as 5 Apr. 1853.

<sup>292</sup> Parks Beard–Sally Lasly marriage, New York Genealogical and Biographical Society [NYG&B], “Records of the Presbyterian Church in the town of Greenville, Greene County, N.Y.,” ed. by Royden Woodward Vosburgh (typescript, 1920), p. 27 (Family History Library microfilm [FHL] 533,479, item 4).

<sup>293</sup> Parks Beard-Sarah Lassley family Bible records (note 289).

<sup>294</sup> Willard I. Tyler Brigham and Calvin Cedric Tyler, *The Tyler Genealogy*, 3 vols. (Plainfield, N.J., and Grand Rapids, Mich.: privately printed, 1912–1976), 3:8.

<sup>295</sup> Sarah, wife of Parks Bard, marker, Overlook Cemetery, Damascus Twp., Pa., memorial #29,610,035, digital image, *Find A Grave* ([www.findagrave.com](http://www.findagrave.com)).

<sup>296</sup> Brigham and Tyler, *Tyler Genealogy* (note 294), 3:8. The entry for #8269 Sarah<sup>5</sup> (Tyler) Lassley (Bezaleel<sup>4-3</sup>, Charles<sup>2</sup>, Roger<sup>1</sup>), includes her daughter’s marriage to Parks Baird and seven of the Baird children.

<sup>297</sup> John and Sarah Lassley to Parks Bard, dated 29 Apr. 1807, recorded 29 Aug. 1809, Greene Co., N.Y., Deeds C:339–40.

<sup>298</sup> See discussion in Part 1 (Streeter, “Was Louisa, Daughter of Aaron and Lucy ([–?–]) Beard . . .” (note 289)).

<sup>299</sup> John Lassley entry, U.S. Direct Tax of 1798, Damascus, Wayne Co., Pa., [unpaginated], digital image, *Ancestry.com* ([www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com)), citing National Archives and Records Administration [NARA] M372, [roll not identified]. Alfred Mathews, *History of Wayne, Pike and Monroe Counties, Pennsylvania* (Philadelphia: R. T. Peck and Co., 1886), 456–57.

<sup>300</sup> George and Eleanor Brown to Parks Baird, dated 30 Aug. 1816, recorded 27 Sept. 1817, Wayne Co., Pa., Deeds 4:491–92.

<sup>301</sup> “Local News . . . Hawley, Pa., Dec. 7,” *The Citizen* (Honesdale, Pa.), 8 Dec. 1911, p. 5, col. 2.

<sup>302</sup> Parks Baird in the Aaron Baird household, 1850 U.S. census, Damascus Twp. Wayne Co., Pa., p. 149 [penned], p. 75 [stamped], dw. 217, fam. 218 (NARA M432, roll 835).

<sup>303</sup> John L. Baird and Keturah, his wife, to Parks Baird, dated 5 Sept. 1831, recorded 9 Nov. 1832, Wayne Co., Pa., Deeds 7:579–80.

<sup>304</sup> Parks Baird and Sarah, his wife, to Bulkley Beardslee, dated 23 May 1834, recorded 12 Sept. 1838, Wayne Co., Pa., Deeds 10:429–30.

<sup>305</sup> Park Baird and Sarah, his wife, to Albert G. Cookinham, dated 17 Oct. 1838, recorded 27 Oct. 1838, Wayne Co., Pa., Deeds 10:449–50.

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Church 11 August 1838.<sup>306</sup> An undated entry in the church's account book refers to "Tylers and Bardes Sawing," likely referring to Parks, and his sons John L. "Bard" and Parks [Jr.] are listed in account entries in 1833.<sup>307</sup> The church's covenant and day books include records of baptism, membership, and death for several of Parks's children and their spouses, as discussed below.

On 10 August 1841 Daniel Burrell conveyed two-fifths of a 240-acre tract along the Delaware River in Damascus to Parks "Beard" in exchange for \$550.<sup>308</sup> Parks conveyed this same property to his sons James and Cornelius on 6 June 1845.<sup>309</sup> The property was the subject of litigation and appeals that lasted for more than a decade.<sup>310</sup>

In 1850 Parks Baird resided in Damascus in his son Aaron's household, although he still had \$2,000 worth of real estate.<sup>311</sup> He died in Damascus by 1 June 1852, when Cornelius Baird, Jonathan Dexter, and Alanson Lillie posted a \$400 bond for Cornelius to administer Parks's estate. An inventory of his assets amounting to only \$65.53 was filed on 24 June 1852, and the accounting was filed 7 July 1853.<sup>312</sup> On 28 November 1854 Cornelius Baird, as administrator of the estate, held an auction to cover his father's debts. He sold multiple parcels in Damascus totaling about 301 acres to Charles P. Waller for \$1,000.<sup>313</sup> From this same property, on 30 July 1855 Waller and his wife, Harriet, of Honesdale sold a ninety-four acre and a 125-acre lot in Damascus back to Cornelius Baird for \$600. The deed included a clause to protect Cornelius's sister Hester.<sup>314</sup>

Children of Parks<sup>2</sup> and Sarah (Lassley) Baird, the first five born probably in the Town of Greenville, Greene County, New York, and the remainder in Damascus Township, Wayne County, Pennsylvania:<sup>315</sup>

- i. **JOHN LASSLEY<sup>3</sup> BAIRD**, born 14 November 1803;<sup>316</sup> died 5 December 1849,<sup>317</sup> probably in Damascus Township, Wayne County, Pennsylvania;<sup>318</sup> married 1825, probably in Damascus Township, **KETURAH YOUNG**,<sup>319</sup> born 29 September 1806, died 25 April 1843,<sup>320</sup> probably in Damascus Township.<sup>321</sup> John "Bayrd" was in Damascus Township near Parks "Bard" in 1830,<sup>322</sup> and in 1840 John L. Beard was enumerated in Damascus.<sup>323</sup> He and "Caturah" Baird, evidently his wife, were baptized and received as members in the First Baptist Church in Damascus in 1840.<sup>324</sup>

<sup>306</sup> Members present at the covenant meeting, 11 Aug. 1838, First Baptist Church of Damascus covenant book, unpaginated, digital images provided by Karlyn Shedlowski, First Baptist Church, Damascus, Pa. Parks had a daughter and a daughter-in-law named Sarah/Sally Ann, but both were baptized in 1840 (see the covenant book entries for 7 June 1840 and 5 July 1840). The woman who was a member and attended the meeting in 1838 was likely Parks's wife.

<sup>307</sup> Bard entries, First Baptist Church of Damascus account book, unpaginated, digital images provided by Karlyn Shedlowski, First Baptist Church of Damascus, Damascus, Pa.

<sup>308</sup> Daniel Burrell to Parks Beard, dated 10 Aug. 1841, recorded 6 June 1845, Wayne Co., Pa., Deeds 14:96–97.

<sup>309</sup> Parks Beard to James and Cornelius Beard, dated 6 June 1845, recorded 6 June 1845, Wayne Co., Pa., Deeds 14:97–98.

<sup>310</sup> *Pennsylvania State Reports* . . . Vol. 17 (Philadelphia: Pa. Supreme Court, 1852), 462–66 (Baird vs. Corwin).

<sup>311</sup> Parks Baird in the Aaron Baird household, 1850 census, Wayne Co., Pa. (note 302).

<sup>312</sup> Parks Baird estate (note 291).

<sup>313</sup> Cornelius Baird, admr., to Charles P. Waller, dated 1 Jan. 1855, recorded 1 Nov. 1855, Wayne Co., Pa., Deeds 24:73–75. Charles P. Waller was an attorney in Wayne Co. See the Charles P. Waller sketch in *History of Luzerne, Lackawanna, and Wyoming Counties, Pa., with Illustrations and Biographical Sketches* . . . (New York: W. W. Munsell and Co., 1880), between pp. 200 and 201.

<sup>314</sup> Charles P. Waller and Harriet, his wife, to Cornelius Baird, dated 30 July 1855, [recorded date not stated], Wayne Co., Pa., Deeds 23:748–50. The deed stated that Hester would have a life interest in the said real estate to cover half of her necessary support and clothing, to be paid to the person who would take care of her.

<sup>315</sup> Birthplaces have been inferred from the parents' residential history.

<sup>316</sup> Parks Beard-Sarah Lassley family Bible records (note 289).

<sup>317</sup> William Gerrard Menner [descendant of John Lasly] application, New Jersey Society of the Sons of the American Revolution [SAR], National #69520, State #4448, "Sons of the American Revolution Membership Applications, 1889–1970," digital image, *Ancestry.com* (www.ancestry.com). He is not found in the 1850 mortality schedule for Damascus Twp.

<sup>318</sup> The likely place of death is based on his residence in 1840 (John L. Beard household, 1840 U.S. census, Damascus Twp., Wayne Co., Pa., p. 267 [stamped] [NARA M704, roll 493]).

<sup>319</sup> William Gerrard Menner application, SAR (note 317). The likely place of marriage is based on their residence in the 1830 and 1840 censuses.

<sup>320</sup> William Gerrard Menner application, SAR (note 317).

<sup>321</sup> The likely place of death is based on her husband's residence in 1840 (John L. Beard household, 1840 census, Wayne Co., Pa. [note 318]).

<sup>322</sup> John Bayrd and Parks Bard households, 1830 U.S. census, Damascus Twp., Wayne Co., Pa., folio 191 [stamped] (NARA M19, roll 160).

<sup>323</sup> John L. Beard household, 1840 census, Wayne Co., Pa. (note 318).

<sup>324</sup> First Baptist Church of Damascus covenant book (note 306), unpaginated, in which Caturah Baird was received for baptism 14 Mar. 1840, John L. Baird requested membership after baptism 12 Apr. 1840, John was baptized 26 Apr. 1840, and both "received the right hands of fellowship" 5 July 1840.



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- ii. DENNIS<sup>3</sup> BAIRD, born 12 March 1805;<sup>325</sup> died in Orion, Oakland County, Michigan, in 1840;<sup>326</sup> married about 1835–1836 (eldest-known presumed child)<sup>327</sup> ELIZA JANE CHAPEL, born in Burford, Brant, Ontario, Canada, 29 June 1818, died in Ada, Kent County, Michigan, 3 October 1865, and was buried in Findlay Cemetery, Ada, was daughter of Guerdon and Rachel (Landon) Chapel.<sup>328</sup> On 1 May 1837 Dennis Baird of Oakland County, Michigan, received two patents, each for forty acres in Oakland County in the “Michigan-Toledo Strip.”<sup>329</sup> A few months later, on 16 August 1837, Eliza J. Baird of Oakland County, Michigan, probably Dennis’s wife, also received a patent for forty acres in the “Michigan-Toledo Strip.”<sup>330</sup>
- iii. JAMES<sup>3</sup> BAIRD, born 6 September 1806.<sup>331</sup> He was unmarried and living in the Town of Delaware, Sullivan County, New York, in 1880.<sup>332</sup> His date and place of death are unknown. James was living in the households headed by James Ross in Cohecton, Sullivan County, in 1850, 1855, and 1860. Later, in 1870, 1875, and 1880, he was a member of the household headed by James Ross’s daughter Eunice Ross, in the Town of Delaware (formed from Cohecton in 1869 and adjacent to Damascus), Sullivan County. Between 1850 and 1880 James was identified as a farm laborer, boarder, carpenter, and servant.<sup>333</sup>
- iv. PARKS<sup>3</sup> BAIRD JR., born 19 September 1807;<sup>334</sup> ~~died after 8 February 1853 and probably before the 1860 census, probably in Damascus~~ “Mr. Parks Baird, a well known lumberman on the Delaware, residing at Hale’s Eddy [Town of Deposit, Delaware County, New York] shot himself with a pistol on [23 March 1861], causing death in fifteen minutes,<sup>335</sup> and was buried ~~probably~~ possibly in Overlook Cemetery, Damascus;<sup>336</sup> married say 1832 (first-known probable child)<sup>337</sup> SARAH ANN YOUNG,<sup>338</sup> born about 16 August 1810 (calculated), died 26 March 1844 or 29 March 1849, aged 38 years, 7[?]

<sup>325</sup> Parks Beard-Sarah Lassley family Bible records (note 289).

<sup>326</sup> Eliza Jane Chapel Richmond memorial, Findlay Cemetery, Ada, Mich., memorial #8,835,862, [no digital image], *Find A Grave* (www.findagrave.com), which includes undocumented statements about Dennis and his alleged wife Eliza, including that Dennis died in Orion, Oakland Co., Mich., in 1840.

<sup>327</sup> Guerdon “Band” in the Chas. F. Richmond household, 1850 U.S. census, Ada, Kent Co., Mich., p. 530 [penned], dw. 1461 fam. 1461 (NARA M432, roll 353), in which Guerdon is listed as age 13.

<sup>328</sup> Eliza Jane Chapel Richmond memorial (note 326), which identifies Eliza Jane Chapel as Dennis’s wife and provides dates and places for her birth and death and the names of parents; none of the information includes documentation. The year of death appears to be incorrectly stated, as her second husband was probably remarried by 1860 (Chas. F. Richmond household, 1860 U.S. census, Town of Ada, Kent Co., Mich., pp. 184–85 [penned], dw. 1537, fam. 1375 [NARA M653, roll 550]).

<sup>329</sup> Dennis Baird, Cash Sale Patents, Mich., vol. 640, p. 294, no. 16783, and vol. 650, p. 189, no. 17185, Detroit, Mich., land office, Michigan-Toledo Strip, digital image, General Land Office Records, *Bureau of Land Management* (www.glorecords.blm.gov), both issued 1 May 1837. Cert. no. 16783 was for SE ¼ SE ¼, Twp. 4N, R. 10E, Sect. 10, and cert. no. 17185 was for SW ¼ SW ¼, Twp. 4N, R. 10E, Sect. 11.

<sup>330</sup> Eliza J. Baird, Cash Sale Patents, Mich., vol. 790, p. 271, no. 24365, Detroit, Mich., land office, Michigan-Toledo Strip, digital image, General Land Office Records, *Bureau of Land Management* (www.glorecords.blm.gov), issued 16 Aug. 1837. Cert. no. 24365 was for NE ¼ SE ¼, Twp. 4N, R. 10E, Sect. 10.

<sup>331</sup> Parks Beard-Sarah Lassley family Bible records (note 289), which is torn where his name is recorded, leaving only the date of birth visible. James Baird in the James Ross household, 1855 N.Y. state census, Town of Cohecton, Sullivan Co., [unpaginated], dw. 193, fam. 204, in which he is listed as age 40, born in Pa. The 1865 census of Sullivan Co. has not been located. James “Bard” in the Eunice Ross household, 1875 N.Y. state census, Town of Delaware, Election District [Elect. Dist.] 1, Sullivan Co., p. 4 [penned], dw. 22, fam. 22, in which he is listed as age 68, born in Greene Co., N.Y. His ages as reported in the 1850, 1855, 1860, 1870, 1875, and 1880 censuses indicate he was born between 1804 and 1815. James Ross households: 1850 U.S. census, Town of Cohecton, Sullivan Co., N.Y., p. 270 [penned], dw. 1902 fam. 1918 (NARA M432, roll 603); 1860 U.S. census, Town of Cohecton, Sullivan Co., N.Y., p. 146 [penned], dw. 1075, fam. 1086 (NARA M653, roll 866). Eunice Ross households: 1870 U.S. census, Town of Delaware, Sullivan Co., N.Y., p. 41 [penned], p. 431 [stamped], dw. 307, fam. 307 (NARA M593, roll 1102); 1880 U.S. census, Town of Delaware, Sullivan Co., N.Y., Enumeration District [ED] 90, p. 21 [penned], p. 80 [stamped], dw. 156, fam. 161 (NARA T9, roll 936).

<sup>332</sup> Eunice Ross household, 1880 census, Sullivan Co., N.Y. (note 331).

<sup>333</sup> James Ross households: 1850 census, Sullivan Co., N.Y. (note 331); 1855 N.Y. state census, Sullivan Co. (note 331); 1860 U.S. census, Cohecton, Sullivan Co., N.Y., p. 146 [penned], dw. 1075, fam. 1086 (NARA M653, roll 866). The head of the 1860 household appears to be James Ross Jr. of the 1855 household. Eunice Ross households: 1870 census, Sullivan Co., N.Y. (note 331); 1875 N.Y. state census, Sullivan Co. (note 331); 1880 census, Sullivan Co., N.Y. (note 331).

<sup>334</sup> Parks Beard-Sarah Lassley family Bible records (note 289), which is torn where the last digit of the year is recorded. The date of birth is noted with the day of the week (Saturday), and as this birth is recorded between those in 1806 and 1809, the year was likely 1807. Parks Baird household, 1850 U.S. census, Lackawaxen Twp., Pike Co., Pa., p. 75 [penned, verso], p. 38 [stamped, verso], dw. 39, fam. 40 (NARA M432, roll 825), in which he was recorded as age 42.

<sup>335</sup> “Shot Himself,” *Republican Watchman and Jeffersonian Democrat* [Monticello, N.Y.], 10 Apr. 1861, p. 2, col. 2, citing the *Port Jervis Union*; the brief article concludes with the statement that “Domestic difficulties are assigned as having led to the act.” Chester I. Branning family history notebook, undated, copy provided by Beverly (Branning) Green, which is a transcription, reportedly made by Evalyn (Branning) Tygret, of information in Chester’s scrapbook, “in care of Bill Branning,” date unknown. Annotations have been made by several people, and there are unexplained inconsistencies, including conflicting information about Parks’s death date. Four dates are provided for Parks Jr.’s death: 4 Apr. 1859, 30 Mar. 1861, 5 Apr. 1861, and 30 Mar. 1859. Undocumented family records indicate he died aged 51 years, 6 months, 16 days, which yields a death date of 30 Mar. 1859, a date also mentioned in Branning’s notes. Parks has not been located in the 1860 census or the mortality schedule for that year, and no grave marker or burial record has been found for him. Chester I. Branning’s mother was Keturah (Baird) Branning, Parks’s granddaughter through his son Parks Jr. ~~The likely place of death is based on the last-known residence (Parks Baird to Cornelius Baird, quitclaim, dated and recorded 8 Feb. 1853, Wayne Co., Pa., Deeds 21:235).~~

<sup>336</sup> Chester I. Branning family history notebook (note 335), which includes near an entry for his death a cropped note showing “Overloo–,” possibly Overlook Cemetery, where Parks Baird Sr. was buried.

<sup>337</sup> Parks Baird household, 1850 census, Pike Co., Pa. (note 334), in which the oldest apparent child is age 17.

<sup>338</sup> Sarah Ann Young Baird marker and entry, Glen Cove Cemetery, Narrowsburg, N.Y., memorial #49,272,848, digital image of worn, illegible stone, *Find A Grave* (www.findagrave.com). This entry includes the undocumented statement that Sarah Ann Young was married to Parks Baird Jr.

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months, 10 days, and was buried in Glen Cove Cemetery, Narrowsburg,<sup>339</sup> daughter of Peter and Ann (Emerson) Young.<sup>340</sup> In June 1840 Mrs. Sally Ann Baird, Parks’s wife, joined the First Baptist Church in Damascus after baptism. On 5 July 1840 Parks Baird Junr. “received the right hands of fellowship” at the church, and on 3 April 1842 he and his wife Sallyann were dismissed to the newly-formed church in Honesdale.<sup>341</sup> Parks Baird was enumerated as a farmer in 1850 in Lackawaxen Township, Pike County, Pennsylvania.<sup>342</sup> On 8 February 1853 Parks quitclaimed his interest in his father’s estate to his brother Cornelius for \$200.<sup>343</sup>

- v. **SARAH ANN<sup>3</sup> BAIRD**, born 13 September 1809;<sup>344</sup> died 28 April 1884, probably in Damascus;<sup>345</sup> married probably in Damascus about 1832 (first-known child)<sup>346</sup> **JOHN C. BUSH**, born in Pennsylvania about 1801–1802,<sup>347</sup> died in Brattleboro, Windham County, Vermont, 10 September 1864, aged 63,<sup>348</sup> probably while a patient of the Vermont Asylum for the Insane,<sup>349</sup> and was buried in Hillside Cemetery, Damascus,<sup>350</sup> son of Simeon and Hannah (Smith) Bush (not William Bush).<sup>351</sup> On 26 November 1832 Simeon and Hannah Bush deeded just over 331 acres in Damascus to John C. Bush for \$80,<sup>352</sup> and in February 1833 his parents deeded an additional three tracts in Damascus to John for \$2,900 and their maintenance.<sup>353</sup> In 1850 several children were living in the Damascus household of John and Sarah Bush, including “Weity,” “Amus,” and “Lamena.”<sup>354</sup> The 1852 tax assessment for John C. Bush does not indicate that he owned a house, but his assets included 2 oxen, 2 cows, 41 acres of “Improved Land” and 120 acres of “Unimproved Land.”<sup>355</sup> On 27 March 1852, at a public sale on the premises, the “Committee of the Estate of John C. Bush of Damascus . . . a Lunatic” sold John’s “one equal half” of the property along the Delaware River, which was part of the property he bought from his father, Simeon.<sup>356</sup> In his will dated 30 July 1855, Sarah’s brother Cornelius bequeathed to her \$100.<sup>357</sup>

<sup>339</sup> Sarah Ann Young Baird memorial and marker (note 338), which lists an undocumented date of death as 29 Mar. 1849, but indicates that the difficult-to-read stone shows a date of death of 26 Mar. 1844, aged 33 or 38 years, 7[?] months, 10 days. She has not been found in the 1850 mortality schedule.

<sup>340</sup> Sarah Ann Young Baird marker and entry (note 338), which identifies her parents as Peter and Annie Young, but does not include the source of that information.

<sup>341</sup> First Baptist Church of Damascus, covenant book (note 306), unpaginated. A Sallyann Baird was baptized 5 July 1840 and received the “right hands of fellowship” on the same day, but it is unclear if this refers to Parks’s wife or to his sister. The church’s day book connects the 5 July 1840 baptism with Sally Ann Baird (Bush), but in most cases it appears the church records list women’s married surnames and by 1840 Parks’s sister Sarah was already married. See below.

<sup>342</sup> Parks Baird household, 1850 census, Pike Co., Pa. (note 334).

<sup>343</sup> Parks Baird to Cornelius Baird, quitclaim (note 335).

<sup>344</sup> Parks Beard-Sarah Lassley family Bible records (note 289).

<sup>345</sup> First Baptist Church of Damascus (Damascus Pa.), day book, church office, Damascus; digital images provided by Karlyn Shedlowski, which indicates “Sally Ann Baird (Bush)” was baptized July 1840, died 28 Apr. 1884. The covenant book (note 306) refers to the 5 July 1840 baptism and reception of “the right hands of fellowship” of Sallyann Baird, and this daybook entry infers that the baptism was for Sarah Ann (Baird) Bush, but those two entries come soon after the June 1840 record for “Mrs. Sally Ann Baird (wife of P. Baird Junr.)” in which she expressed a desire to join the church after baptism. Other entries seem to reflect married surnames for women, and by 1840 Sarah Ann (Baird) Bush was already married. It is unclear to which Sarah/Sally Ann these 1840 entries pertain.

<sup>346</sup> John Bush household, 1850 U.S. census, Damascus Twp., Wayne Co., Pa., p. 154 [penned], dw. 252, fam. 253 (NARA M432, roll 835).

<sup>347</sup> John Bush household, 1840 U.S. census, Damascus Twp., Wayne Co., Pa., p. 267 [stamped] (NARA M704, roll 493), in which he is age 30–39. John Bush household, 1850 census, Wayne County, Pa. (note 346), in which he is listed as age 48. John C. Bush death notice, clipping from *The Republic* (Honesdale, Pa.), 22 Sept. 1864, [page and column not provided], photocopy provided to the author by the Wayne Co. Historical Society, in which he died aged 63. His age is listed as 63, born in Pa., in 1860 (John C. Bush entry, Insane Asylum, 1860 U.S. census, Brattleboro, Windham Co., Vt., p. 211 [stamped], p. 57 [penned], dw. 1138, fam. 1208 [NARA M653, roll 1325]), a probable error.

<sup>348</sup> John C. Bush death notice (note 347). John C. Bush marker, Hillside Cemetery, Damascus, Pa., memorial #9,183,824, digital image of worn, difficult-to-read stone, *Find A Grave* (www.findagrave.com).

<sup>349</sup> John C. Bush entry, Insane Asylum, 1860 census, Windham Co., Vt. (note 347), which lists his age as 63, his birthplace as Pa., and indicates he was “Insane.” His wife and children have not been found in the 1860 census. For more on the Vermont Asylum for the Insane, see *The Vermont Asylum for the Insane: Its Annals for Fifty Years* (Brattleboro: privately printed, 1887).

<sup>350</sup> John C. Bush marker (note 348).

<sup>351</sup> Simeon Bush will, written 8 Aug. 1825, probated 29 Mar. 1836, Wayne Co., Pa. Wills 1:105. Simeon appointed his wife Hannah, along with sons George C. Bush, John C. Bush and Eli C. Bush, Executors. A local history written in 1900 mistakenly named John’s father as William (William S. Lawyer, *Binghamton: Its Settlement, Growth and Development, and the Factors in Its History, 1800–1900* [Binghamton, N.Y.: Century Memorial Publishing Co., 1900], 915–16 [Amos J. Bush sketch]), which indicates that Amos was a native of Damascus, identifies his parents as John C. and Sarah Ann (Beard) Bush, and his grandfather as William Bush, “a Hollander by birth”).

<sup>352</sup> Simeon Bush and Hannah, his wife, to John C. Bush, dated 25 Nov. 1832, recorded 29 Jan. 1833, Wayne Co., Pa., Deeds 8:47–48.

<sup>353</sup> Simeon Bush and Hannah, his wife, to John Bush, dated 26 Feb. 1833, recorded 6 Mar. 1833, Wayne Co., Pa., Deeds 8:76–77.

<sup>354</sup> John Bush household, 1850 census, Wayne Co., Pa. (note 346).

<sup>355</sup> John C. Bush entry, 1852 Damascus Tax Assessment, photocopy courtesy of Wayne County Historical Society. Assessments for George Bush, Eli C. Bush and Simeon Bush were recorded on the same page. John C. Bush was not included in the 1850 Damascus Tax Assessment, which includes Eli C. Bush, Walter Bush and Simeon Bush.

<sup>356</sup> “Public Sale,” *Wayne County Herald* (Honesdale, Pa.), p. 3, col. 1.

<sup>357</sup> Cornelius Baird will, Wayne Co., Pa., Wills: 2:63. The associated estate file #618 at the Wayne Co. courthouse exists, but is empty (Kay Stephenson, Wayne Co. Historical Society, to author, email, 7 Mar. 2014).

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- vi. **ITHEMAR<sup>3</sup> BAIRD**, born 18 November 1811;<sup>358</sup> died 12 August [1813],<sup>359</sup> probably in Damascus Township.
- vii. **AMOS<sup>3</sup> BAIRD**,<sup>360</sup> born 16 September 1813.<sup>361</sup>
- viii. **ESTHER/HESTER<sup>3</sup> BAIRD**, born 18 March 1816;<sup>362</sup> died 20 February 1890, unmarried,<sup>363</sup> probably in Damascus. In 1850, 1870, and 1880 Esther resided in Damascus in a household headed by her brother Aaron.<sup>364</sup>
- ix. **CORNELIUS<sup>3</sup> BAIRD**, born 12 April 1818;<sup>365</sup> died unmarried “at his residence” in Damascus 1 September 1855, in his 38th year.<sup>366</sup> On 6 June 1840 Cornelius requested baptism and membership in the First Baptist Church of Damascus. He was baptized 5 July 1840 and received the “right hand of fellowship” the same day.<sup>367</sup> In 1850 Cornelius resided in Damascus Township in a household headed by his brother Aaron.<sup>368</sup> On 8 February 1853 Cornelius was grantee in a quitclaim deed from his brother Parks, who gave up his interest in their father’s estate for \$200.<sup>369</sup> Cornelius’s will dated 30 July 1855 names his sister Sarah Ann Bush; his niece [*sic*, nephew] Clinton Baird, son of John L. Baird, deceased; Peter C.[?] Baird; his sister Easter [*sic*] Baird; Amos Baird, son of Aaron Baird; and Purny Baird, daughter of Aaron Baird. Cornelius’s brother Aaron Baird petitioned for probate on 13 September 1855. The will was filed on 5 November 1855 and a sale of property occurred on 3 January 1855 [*sic*, probably 1856].<sup>370</sup>
- x. **AARON<sup>3</sup> BAIRD**, born 24 March 1820;<sup>371</sup> died a resident of Damascus 27 August 1887<sup>372</sup> and was buried in Overlook Cemetery, Damascus;<sup>373</sup> married 9 December 1840, probably in Damascus, **EMILY JANE JACOBUS**, born in Pennsylvania 24 January 1824,<sup>374</sup> died in Damascus 19 February 1905,<sup>375</sup> and was buried in Overlook Cemetery.<sup>376</sup> In June 1863 Aaron

<sup>358</sup> Parks Beard-Sarah Lassley family Bible records (note 289).

<sup>359</sup> Parks Beard-Sarah Lassley family Bible records (note 289), in which the year of death is illegible, but the day of the week is listed as Thursday. The Branning notebook shows the year as 1813, which is consistent with Thursday, 16 Sept. (Chester I. Branning family history notebook [note note 335]).

<sup>360</sup> He may be the Amos Baird who was reportedly born in Pa. on 16 Sept. 1816; died in Cook Co., Ill., 9 Feb. 1888 (death cert. not located); and married in Wheaton, DuPage Co., Ill., 2 Aug. 1855 Caroline Coborn (see Carol Holmstrom post, “Amos Baird—1816 or 1839?” 2 Oct. 1998, *Baird-L@RootsWeb.com*, [archiver.rootsweb.ancestry.com/th/read/baird/1998-10/0907364858]). Amos was enumerated in Wheaton, DuPage Co., Ill. in 1860 (Amos Beard household, 1860 U.S. census, Wheaton, DuPage Co., Ill., p. 200, dw. 1494, fam. 1534 [NARA M653, roll 175], in which he was listed as age 43, born in Pa.), in Chicago, Cook Co., Ill., in 1865 (Amos Baird entry, 1865 Ill. state census, Chicago, Wards 12–16, Cook Co., Ill., folio 606 [FHL 972,761], in which he was age 40–49), and 1880 (Amos Baird household, 1880 U.S. census, Chicago, Cook Co., Ill., ED 121, p. 307, dw. 349, fam. 416 [NARA T9, roll 194], in which he was age 62, with Pennsylvania-born parents). He was a carpenter, an occupation related to that of Parks Baird Sr. (census). Furthermore, other descendants of Parks and Sarah (Lassley) Baird also settled in Cook Co. His wife, Caroline, died in Chicago in 1913 (Caroline F. Baird death cert., Chicago, Cook Co., Ill., 3 July 1913, [no cert. # given], *FamilySearch* (www.familysearch.org), citing Cook County Deaths 1878–1922 (FHL 1,287,706), which indicates she was born in N.Y. 27 Aug. 1837, died in Chicago 3 July 1913, and was buried in Forest Home Cemetery, daughter of Beny and Elizabeth (Anthony) Coborn. In 2018, *Autosomal DNA comparisons between known descendants of Amos Baird and his father, Parks Baird, confirmed this identification.*

<sup>361</sup> Parks Beard-Sarah Lassley family Bible records (note 289).

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<sup>363</sup> Chester I. Branning family history notebook (note note 335).

<sup>364</sup> Aaron Baird/Biard households: 1850 census, Wayne Co., Pa. (note 302); 1870 U.S. census, Damascus Twp., Dist. 2, Wayne Co., Pa., p. 109 [stamped] p. 12 [penned], dw. 84, fam. 87 (NARA M593, roll 1464); 1880 U.S. census, Damascus Twp., Elect. Dist. 1 [?] number is unclear, Wayne Co., Pa., ED 8, p. 9 [penned], p. 119 [stamped] dw. 87, fam. 90 (NARA T9, roll 1202).

<sup>365</sup> Parks Beard-Sarah Lassley family Bible records (note 289).

<sup>366</sup> Cornelius Baird death notice, clipping from *Wayne County Herald* (Honesdale, Pa.), 6 Sept. 1855, [page and column not provided], photocopy provided to the author by the Wayne Co. Historical Society.

<sup>367</sup> First Baptist Church of Damascus (Damascus Pa.), covenant book (note 306).

<sup>368</sup> Aaron Baird household, 1850 U.S. census, Damascus, Wayne County, Pa. (note 302).

<sup>369</sup> Parks Baird to Cornelius Baird, quitclaim (note 343).

<sup>370</sup> Cornelius Baird will (note 357).

<sup>371</sup> Parks Beard-Sarah Lassley family Bible records (note 289). Aaron Baird marker, Overlook Cemetery, Damascus Twp., Pa., memorial #15,827,511, digital image, *Find A Grave* (www.findagrave.com), which indicates he was born 24 Mar. 1823.

<sup>372</sup> Aaron Baird will, Wayne Co., Pa., Wills 4:513 (FHL 954,312), which indicates that on 29 Aug. 1887 Delilah Kessler, Aaron’s daughter, swore that Aaron had died 27 Aug. 1887. Aaron Baird marker (note 371), which indicates he died 23 Aug. 1887. The Bairds and Kesslers were enumerated in neighboring households in 1870 (Aaron Biard [*sic*] household, 1870 census, Wayne Co., Pa. [note 364]; Augustus Kessler household, 1870 U.S. census, Damascus Twp., Wayne Co., Pa., p. 109 [stamped] p. 12 [penned], dw. 85, fam. 88 [NARA M593, roll 1464]).

<sup>373</sup> Aaron Baird marker (note 371). First Baptist Church of Damascus, day book (note 341), includes his name as a member, indicating his connection to the church was formed by “Experience.” The day book entry lists only his year of death: 1887.

<sup>374</sup> Chester I. Branning family history notebook (note note 335), which includes the date of marriage, Emily Jane’s date of birth, and her maiden name (Jacobus). The couple is noted as having married within the year in 1870, but all couples on that page are so noted (Aaron Biard [*sic*] household, 1870 census, Wayne Co., Pa. [note 364]). Emily J. Baird in the Augustus Kessler household, 1900 U.S. census, Damascus Twp., Elect. Dist. 2, Wayne Co., Pa., ED 114, p. 4A [penned], p. 75A [stamped], dw. 29, fam. 82 (NARA T623, roll 1495), which indicates she was born in Pa. in Jan. 1824. Emily Jane Baird marker, Overlook Cemetery, Damascus Twp., Pa., memorial #15,827,511, digital image, *Find A Grave* (www.findagrave.com), which identifies her as the wife of Aaron Baird and lists her date of birth as 24 Jan. 1824. The likely place of marriage is based on the belief that he was a life-long resident of Damascus. Her maiden name is shown as “Emily Jacoba” on her son’s death certificate (Amos Baird death cert., Pa., 1930, file #62479, digital image, *Ancestry* [www.ancestry.com]).

<sup>375</sup> Emily Jane Baird estate, affidavit of death, Wayne Co., Pa. probate file 4718, Wayne Co. Historical Society, Honesdale, Pa. First Baptist Church of Damascus, day book (note 341), lists the death of Mrs. Aaron Baird, 19 Feb. 1905. According to research and correspondence in the files of Beverly (Branning) Green, Emily was the daughter of Zephyr ([–?–]) (Jacobus) (James) Holbert by her otherwise-unknown first husband, [–?–] Jacobus. Ms. Green cites correspondence dated 2 Mar. 2009 with a descendant of Emily’s brother Thomas David James, whose surname was changed after being adopted by Zephyr’s second husband, Israel James. Documentary sources have not been found to verify these family records.

<sup>376</sup> Emily Jane Baird marker (note 374).

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Baird, laborer, registered for military duty.<sup>377</sup> There is no evidence he served in the Civil War. Aaron was enumerated in Damascus in 1850, 1860, 1870, and 1880.<sup>378</sup> Emily was last enumerated in Damascus in 1900.<sup>379</sup>

- xi. CATHERINE<sup>6</sup> BAIRD, born 2 August 1823,<sup>380</sup> died 30 October 1823,<sup>381</sup> probably in Damascus.

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<sup>380</sup> Parks Beard-Sarah Lassley family Bible records (note 289).

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