

Legends of Little Jane

My neighbor Dorothy Sawyer has shared with me the family history scrapbook of her mother, Kate Meader, which includes the following stories of "Little Jane" - Jane Carleton of Bath, a sister of Dorothy's ancestor Isaac Carleton.

About 1820, the Carleton family was building a barn on their farm in Bath (a little ways below Rum Hill bridge). One day they ran out of nails, and little Jane was sent to Haverhill Corner for nails to finish the building.

She went on horseback, riding the old mare, who had a nursing colt at home. All went well until they reached the "Four Corners" not far from the top of Wiser Hill (probably by the present Woodsville Elementary School). There the old mare refused to go any farther, but wheeled and started back home. Jane tried once more and then a third time, but without success. Finally she gave up and burst into tears.

Just then, along came a fine-looking man on a big black horse and, seeing the child in distress, inquired what was the trouble. Little Jane (10 years old) told him all about it - how they must have the nails to finish up the barn, and the big boys were all busy so she must go to Haverhill Corner. The old mare had never acted so before, but now she simply wouldn't go a step farther, but wheeled around for home and her colt.

"I can manage the old mare, I guess," said the kind stranger. "We'll swap horses. I'll ride her and you ride my horse, for I too am headed for Haverhill Corner."

So the exchange was made. Jane proudly rode the big black horse, and the stranger's strong hands soon subdued the old mare. They galloped into the Corner in

fine style. After Jane bought her nails, the stranger politely assisted her to remount her own horse - who fairly FLEW over the road in her eagerness to get back to her baby colt.

Jane must have learned to be a pretty good horsewoman, as it is told of her that at one time she was visiting her older sister Rebecca in West Newbury, and decided she wanted to go home. There was no way for her to go unless she rode one of the unbroken colts - which she did.

Little Jane had a mind of her own, and when she was almost 11, she was insistent on going to the funeral of a local boy, Jacob Merrill, who had been killed at the mill in Bath when a pile of logs rolled onto him and crushed him. None of Jane's family could go to the funeral with her, and her mother thought Jane would be afraid to walk the four miles alone. Of course Jane was not afraid, so her mother helped her get ready - curled her long auburn hair, buttoned her pink print dress down the back, tied on her little white sunbonnet, and with many parting instructions bade her goodbye.

Jane set out for Bath, carrying her shoes and stockings in one hand, and in the other a few caraway cookies carefully wrapped in her clean handkerchief. How she enjoyed the walk that lovely April morning, although the road for the first mile was hardly more than a "bride path" - up past the deserted old Indian wigwams, across the Wild Ammonoosuc on the stepping stones, then on past the "Big Rock", where her aunt, Mercy Harriman, had long ago planted the first pumpkins and cucumbers ever raised in the town.

With many a backward look, Jane kept on past the grand Payson mansion and through the little settlement at Lower Bath. She did not loiter here, for the meeting house was two miles farther on. As she crossed the Big Ammonoosuc at Bath Village, she could not keep herself from stopping on the long bridge to look down into the millyard where poor Jacob had met his untimely death.

It made her feel so sad and mournful. She wished she were a grownup lady and could wear a black dress and veil, to show how much she mourned. As she went on, she kept thinking how hard it was to try to mourn properly in a pink dress and white sunbonnet.

But when she reached Widow Blank's, where she was to stop and put on her shoes, the Door of Opportunity suddenly opened - and little Jane walked bravely in.

Widow Blank, poor soul, had

twisted her ankle that very morning, and could hardly walk a step. "Oh," exclaimed Jane breathlessly, "if you are not going to the funeral, mayn't I wear your bonnet and veil? We all liked Jacob so much, and I want to do something to mourn."

"My bonnet and veil, child?" echoed the good woman in surprise. "Why, yes, and my gloves, too, if you want them." So the simple-minded, good-hearted widow brought out the coveted finery, albeit somewhat faded and worse for wear.

The church was full - all the big square pews, each with its own little door and with the benches on three sides, and all the seats in the long gallery overhead. How still everything was, and how saintly Rev. Sutherland looked, standing up there in the high pulpit with the great sounding-board over his head.

Yet at this solemn moment, nobody could help smiling at the quaint little figure which came demurely up the aisle, her sweet earnest face framed with golden curls and surmounted by the rusty crape bonnet, while the limp folds of the veil, nearly enveloping the slender form, hung several inches below the hem of the pink dress. Her little hands, encased in the faded black cotton gloves, were primly folded over her handkerchief.

But nothing could disturb Rev. Sutherland's sweet serenity. As he lifted his hand, a solemn silence fell upon the congregation and they sat there as if spellbound by his eloquence for almost two hours. It was a most dramatic and powerful discourse and little Jane listened, awestruck, and mourned sincerely, clad in all the "trappings of woe".

That night, Jane gave her family a complete account of the funeral - who were there and what they wore, as well as what the minister said - but carefully neglected to mention the borrowed bonnet.

A few days later, however, a neighbor who had more curiosity than manners, asked Mrs. Carleton WHY DID little Jane wear Widow Blank's bonnet to Jacob Merrill's funeral?

"Widow Blank's bonnet! Indeed, she did NOT. She wore her own little ruffled sunbonnet."

"Ah, but she did, for I sat directly behind her and I should know those big brass pins anywhere."

So little Jane was called upon to give an account of herself and obliged to "fess up".

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Carlton

There were at least 4 Ebenezers
J. Ebenezer m. Mary Heath
settled in 1810 at top of cemetery hill
Ch John L. 1811 - 1859

Old Mr Ebenezer m. Eva Russell
(young Mr) Ch Crossman Van Buren m. 1917 Bernice
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A. Ebenezer
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[58 on 80] => b. ab. 1818
CARLETON, EDWIN
d. 1876, age 68. => b. ab. 1808

Ran hotel, 23 story brick building standing just above the
present town hall. Picture at EPL. Buried Bath village

CARLETON, ISAAC

father of Chester Carleton. Drafted during war of 1812 at age

Lived on farm known as the Deming place

m. Abigail Merrill

CARLETON, JEREMIAH

CHILDREN: Chester 1811

Susan 1822

Maryann 1813

George 1825

Israel E. 1815

Caroline 1829

Sally 1817

CARLTON, JESSE

Moved to Bath from Boxford, Mass.

m. Nancy Harriman and had 5 sons and 5 daughters

His son John moved to Michigan and married. One of his sons was
Will Carleton, the poet, who resided in Brooklyn, N.Y. Another son was
Isaac, an 1812 soldier, enlisting at 19.

Jesse enlisted at age 15 in the Revolution.

children: Sally b. 1791

Rebecca b. 1793

Isaac b. 1797

Jesse is buried in Bath Village Cemetery but no dates are given.

CARLETON, JOHN L.

b. in Bath, son of Ebenezer. Graduated from Dartmouth, 1831.

Came to Bath and began practice Nov. 1831. Lived between Mrs.
Ellen Chase's house and Porter Hill Road. m. Lucretia, dau. of
Ira Goodall. ¹⁸⁴⁰ GCC, p. 63

ch.: London 1841-60

Edward 1843-62

Sydney 1847-49 5 more d. young

Edward fell in battle of Fredericksburg

Taken from tombstone in Bath Village Cemetery

CARLTON, ORVILLE

Had general store. The WMRJ for May 15, 1879 says: The loafer's
platform in front of Orville Carlton's store was removed Monday.
Three loads of tobacco juice were taken from beneath it.

d. Lancaster, 1897. Buried Bath Village.

WMRJ, Nov. 7, 1878: Orville Carlton is selling out his store, having
had a store here for 37 years.

*Hubbard
Co. Clerk
Margaret Lamarres
Notes @ Town Clerk
Office Bath
1940's - 1990's
Compiled much on Town's
residents
Type Script for
TOWN HIST 1966's*

JESSE CARLETON, son of Samuel and Rebecca (Goodridge) Carleton, born in Boxford, Mass., Jan. 15, 1762; died in Bath, N. H., Aug. 1, 1827, and buried in the Village Cemetery. He married Aug. 25, 1789, Nancy Agnes, daughter of Jassiel and Mary (Davis) Harriman (See), born in Chester June 12, 1771, died in Haverhill Aug. 23, 1859. Served as a private in Col. Rufus Putnam's Massachusetts Regiment from April 1781 to June 1783. After the close of the Revolutionary War he came to Bath and lived on the farm on the Ammonoosuc, about one half mile below Rum Hill, later known as the Abiel Deming place, and still later as the Leonard place.

Children born in Bath:

- i. Sarah, b. May 20, 1791; d. Dec. 25, 1876; m. Ebenezer Stocker.
- ii. Rebecca Goodridge, b. June 6, 1793; m. Daniel Putnam of Newbury, Vt., Dec. 26, 1816.
9. iii. Isaac, b. May 1, ~~1795~~ 1795.
- iv. Martha (Pattie), b. Feb. 6, 1797; d. July 1, 1872; m. Nathan Swett, Dec. 28, 1820.
- v. Samuel, b. May 7, 1799; m. first, Dec. 23, 1824, Dorcas Cleveland; m. second, Sarah Baron.
- vi. John Hancock, b. Oct. , 1801; d. 1872; m. Cilesta E. Smith. Parents of the Poet Will Carleton.
- vii. James Harriman, b. Oct. 2, 1803; m. Nancy Smith.
- viii. George Washington, b. Sept. 1, 1805; m. Jan. 1, 1833, Betsey Hunt of Bath.
- ix. David Carr, b. Feb. 16, 1807; d. March 21, 1894; m. Deborah Gregory.
- x. Nancy Jane McKinley, b. July 29, 1810; d. Sept. 10, 1890; m. James S. Morse.
- xi. Mary Annette, b. Nov. 3, 1812; d. March 23, 1890; m. John Hunkins.

9. ISAAC CARLETON, son of Jesse and Nancy A. (Harriman) Carleton, born in Bath May 1, 1795; died in Haverhill Sept. 23, 1883; married first, Dec. 22, 1822, Abigail, daughter of David and Dorothy (Clark) Merrill of Haverhill, born Feb. 14, 1801, died Nov. 27, 1843; married second, Nov. 29, 1844, Ruth B., daughter of Jeremiah and Fanny (Abbott) Clough, born in Bath Aug. 28, 1807, died at Haverhill Aug. 25, 1889. Served for 60 days or more in Capt. John Bassett's Co. of the Third Regiment of Detached Militia, which was stationed at Portsmouth, N. H. in the Fall of 1814; credited to Bath. He lived in Bath until his marriage in 1822, then moved to a farm in Newbury, Vt, where he remained until about 1837, when he purchased a farm in Haverhill, where he died. 9 ch. by 1st and 1 by 2nd marriage.

MOSES F. CARLETON - grandson of Peter the younger gr gr grandfather of Gene Rankin

The lineage of the subject of this review is one of distinguished and most interesting order, touching in America the early settlement of New England, where the family was founded in 1638, while in England the family genealogy is consecutively and clearly traced to Baldwin de Carleton, of 1066, the family seat having been at Chirtsey, near London. Edward Carleton came to Rowley, Massachusetts, in 1638, with Roger Williams' colony. The subject has compiled a family tree showing over two thousand seven hundred names, the name occurring in very many counties in the United States. The subject is one of the honored pioneers of St. Clair county, where he has been an important factor in public affairs and in the civic life of the community. He has passed practically his entire life in this community, where the name which he bears has been one of prominence from the early epoch when was instituted the work of reclaiming the sylvan wilds to the uses of cultivation, career, concerning which it is our privilege to offer a brief resume in a work which has to do with those who have been the founders and builders of this favored division of the Peninsular state.

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Moses F. Carleton was born in North Haverhill, Grafton county, New Hampshire, on the 27th of January, 1831, being a son of William H. Carleton, who was born in the same town on the 22d of July, 1811. Edward Carleton, the original progenitor of the family in America, had married, in England, Miss Eleanor Denton, and upon their emigration was accompanied by their son John, the other children having been born in this country. **William H. Carleton, father of the subject, was reared to maturity in the old White Mountain state, where he was married and where Moses F. was born. In 1831 he emigrated to St. Clair county, Michigan, where he took up eighty acres of government land about two and a half miles southwest of the present village of St. Clair, while later in life he removed to the village and served for several years as deputy sheriff of the county.** When he located on his farm it was covered with the native timber, though he reclaimed the greater portion of the tract and developed a farm which is now one of the valuable places of the county. **His father, Peter Carleton, in company with his brothers, Edward, Jeremiah and Israel, settled in this county in 1830, being among the first to establish a permanent residence in the county, and Israel built and operated the first tannery**

in this section of the state. **William H. Carleton** did not fully attain the success which would undoubtedly have attended his efforts had his life been spared, for he passed away in 1849, at the early age of thirty-eight years. He was a Whig in his political proclivities and was quite active in the party ranks, while he was called upon to serve in various offices of local trust and responsibility, as was also his father, **Peter Carleton, who was born in Bath, Grafton county, New Hampshire, in 1781, and who died in 1847.** The maiden name of the subject's mother was **Lavina Willoughby**, and she also was born in New Hampshire, a representative of an old and honored New England family. She survived her husband several years, her death occurring in this county, in 1864, at the age of fifty-three years. She was a member of the Baptist church, while the husband was inclined to be a Universalist, and both held the unqualified confidence and esteem of the community. **Of their five children brief mention is made as follows: Moses F. is the subject; Martha P. first became the wife of L. Lynn, to whom she bore two children, and after his death she became the wife of Benjamin R. Mallory, eight children being born to this union; she was born in 1832 and her death occurred in 1894; Myron B. was born in 1836 and died at the age of thirteen years; Mary E., born in 1838, is the widow of Horace Dickinson, and Miles H., born in 1840, is a teacher in the public schools of the state of Nebraska, having previously taught for many years in Michigan.**

Moses F. Carleton was but nine months of age when his parents removed to Michigan, and his boyhood days were passed on the pioneer farm, to the work of which he early began to contribute his quota, while he secured such education as was afforded in the public schools of the locality. That he duly profited by his opportunities in this line is evident when we revert to the fact that at the early age of sixteen years he became a teacher and for nineteen winters successfully followed teaching in the district schools in St. Clair and Macomb counties, while he was similarly employed in the state of Illinois during one winter, that of 1854. In the intervals of his school work he devoted his attention to farming, having become the owner of a tract of land, the old homestead, two and a half miles from the present village of St. Clair. In September, 1864, he enlisted as a private in Company I, Fourth

Peter's father did not come from Haverhill Mass until 1784. Landaff tax records

⇒ moved Sep/Oct 1831

Regiment Michigan Volunteer Infantry, at its reorganization, the regiment being assigned to the Army of the Cumberland. In June, 1865, he was granted a furlough and later rejoined his regiment in Texas, where he remained until June, 1866, when he received an honorable discharge. He was early made orderly sergeant and in September, 1865, was promoted to the office of second lieutenant. He was ever at the post of duty and participated in much skirmishing and in a number of spirited engagements of more general nature, including the battles of Decatur and Murfreesboro.

After his discharge from the army Mr. Carleton returned to his home in St. Clair county and continued to devote his attention to the cultivation and improvement of his farm until the autumn of 1872, when, as a candidate on the Republican ticket, he was elected to the office of county clerk, whereupon he removed to the county seat, Port Huron, where he has since resided. He had previously for two years, 1870-1, served as drain commissioner of St. Clair county, discharging the duties of that position in a most efficient manner. He held the office of county clerk for three consecutive terms, giving a most careful and discriminating administration of the official duties devolving upon him and placing the records and manifold details of the office in first class order, so that he gained the universal commendation of the public, and especially of the bar. He then served as deputy for his successor for one term and also he held for one term the position of deputy treasurer of the county under E. C. Recor. During the time of his incumbency as clerk he read law and was admitted to practice in 1878, but confined his professional efforts largely to the pension business. For four years he was deputy postmaster under Alexander R. Avery, who transferred to him all the responsible duties of the office, and he also acted in the same capacity for a time under the succeeding postmaster, John Murray. He had earlier served as township clerk and school inspector and has ever been signally faithful to the duties devolving upon him in public capacities. He is an independent Republican and the part cause has ever been a matter of distinctive interest to him, and he, being a close observer and careful student, is strongly fortified in his convictions. He was one of those prominently concerned in the organization of the St. Clair County Pioneer Society, in which he has taken an active interest, serving it as president, secretary and treasurer. **He is now living virtually retired**, though he is still often called upon to assist in handling pension business, while he also acts as counsellor (sic) for many of his old clients in other branches of his profession. He was at one time sent to Lansing to assist in settling a claim of the state against the county regarding taxes, the matter being amicably adjusted.

He is an authority on the early history of the county and has a remarkable memory in regard to dates and other pertinent points, while he retains his mental and physical vigor in a notable degree and gives slight evidence of the fact that he has passed the psalmist's span of three score years and ten. He is well known throughout St. Clair county and it may be said without fear of contradiction that his friends are in number as his acquaintances.

On the 27th of September, 1851, Mr. Carleton was united in marriage to Miss Mary Latham, who was born in Greenwich, Washington county, New York, on the 16th of April, 1831, being a daughter of Thomas and Esther (Hammond) Latham, both of whom were natives of the Empire state, whence they came to St. Clair county in the autumn of 1832. Mr. Latham located on a tract of government land near the village of St. Clair. His wife died in this county at the age of sixty-five years, while he passed the closing years of his life in Illinois, where he died at a venerable age. In politics he was originally a Democrat, but later became a Republican, and he and his wife were zealous members of the Baptist church. They became the parents of several children and two of their sons sacrificed their lives upon the altar of their country's freedom during the war of the Rebellion. **To the subject and his wife were born the following children:** William H. resides at Cooperstown, North Dakota, where he is now serving as county judge. He was admitted to the bar at Port Huron and was a pioneer of North Dakota. Lura (sic) L., the second born, is the wife of James Rankin, of Thompson, Minnesota, and is the mother of six children. Cora A. is the wife of S. Edgar Johnson, of St. Clair, Michigan. Mrs. Carleton passed into the silent land on the 12th of April, 1902, but a few months after the celebration of their golden wedding anniversary. The subject is not a member of any church, but regularly attends religious services and is a liberal supporter of all movements having for their object the elevation of the moral standing of the community. Fraternally he is a member of the William Sanborn Post No. 98, G. A. R., in which he has held the office of commander, and he has also served as senior vice-commander of the department of Michigan. In the Knights of Pythias he has been active for twenty-five years, having served as chancellor commander of Charter Lodge No. 18, and he has also been a delegate to the grand lodge, of which he was elected a trustee. He took an active part in the Patrons of Husbandry, holding membership in Grove Grange in St. Clair county, and also in the county grange, of which he was secretary for a number of years.

THE HISTORY OF MONROE

NEW HAMPSHIRE

1761 - 1954

FRANCES ANN JOHNSON

1955

PEOPLE WHO HAVE LIVED IN MONROE

CARLETON

Ebenezer Carleton,¹ son of Peter and grandson of Edward, was born in Haverhill, Mass., and d. in Bath, Oct. 21, 1849, age 76. He m. 1st. Mary Heath, dau. of Solomon Heath of Bow and granddaughter of Bartholomew Heath of Plaistow. She d. in Bath, 1846, age 67. He m. 2nd. June 8, 1847 Mrs. Eleanor (Heath) Emery, widow of Caleb Emery.

Children 1st. m. Mary, Ebenezer, Jr., Abiah, Hannah, Eliza, Emovenna, John L., Horace, Orville, Edwin, Frederick C.

Frederick, C.,² b. Feb. 25, 1813. Lived in Monroe village in house recently purchased by Frank Carlisle. He was injured by falling timber while at work in a logging camp in Brunswick, Vt., and died the next day, Feb. 21, 1857. m. Freeloove, dau. of John and Anna Hall Hyndman, b. Barnet, Vt. July 6, 1813; d. Mar. 10, 1859. Both are buried in Monroe Cemetery.

Children:

I. Lucy Ann,³ b. Dec. 15, 1837; d. July 24, 1920; m. 1st. 1871, Joseph Dexter of Lisbon who died July 24, 1900. 2nd. Jesse Richardson of Lisbon, died in 1905. Lucy Ann Carleton and Mary Duncan of Monroe were in the first class to graduate from McIndoes Academy.

II. Charles C.,³ b. Sept. 23, 1839; d. July 1877 in Arizona.

III. Sophia M.,³ b. Monroe, Sept. 22, 1843; d. May 1918. She was a teacher in the schools of Grafton Co. for 20 yrs. Member of the W. R. C. #30. m. Milo G. Little of Lyman, b. Aug. 1, 1833; d. Feb. 8, 1903. Civil War Veteran, Co. B. 12th Mass. Reg.

Children:

1. Eva F.,⁴ b. Aug. 4, 1866; d. Nov. 9, 1874.

2. Edna Lucy,⁴ b. Sept. 27, 1867; m. 1st. Edson Houck. 2nd. George Wilton. She became a noted public reader in Boston and New York City and appeared before Queen Victoria of England. She died Jan. 1917. All are buried in Center Cemetery in Lyman.

IV. John P. H.,³ b. Nov. 7, 1846; d. May 4, 1892, Lowell, Mass.; m. Fannie E. Crossfield of Abbotsford, P. Q., July 29, 1882.

Children:

1. Maybelle,⁴ b. Sept. 3, 1883; d. Mar. 10, 1884.

2. Lena May,⁴ b. Aug. 6, 1885; m. Dec. 31, 1906, Dwight C.⁴ Marshall, b. West Burke, Vt.

Children:

a. Merriam,⁵ b. Dec. 22, 1907.

b. Priscilla,⁵ b. Mar. 18, 1909.

c. Ruth,⁵ b. Mar. 17, 1916.

3. Lucy Frances,⁴ b. June 29, 1890.

4. Charles Frederick,⁴ (twin to above), m. Oct. 12, 1920, Eliza M. Vine, res. Oneida, N. Y.

a. Alice Frances, b. Aug. 5, 1921.

V. Horace M.,⁵ b. Sept. 30, 1852; d. Oct. 7, 1852.

VI. Mary J.,³ b. Aug. 16, 1853; m. June 30, 1877, George C. Chase of Providence, R. I. She d. Jan. 1907. No children.

1922 BATH.

Van Buren Carleton.

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Van Buren Carleton died December 16 and was buried Tuesday in the village cemetery, which joins his estate. He was one of Bath's oldest and respected citizens, having been a resident of the town all his life. He was born in 1837 on the farm which has been in the Carleton family since 1810, having been owned by both his father and grandfather. Mr. Carleton was a farmer, but learned surveying when a young man and did considerable of that work at different times in his life. He was one of the surveyors who ran the lines for the Boston and Maine railroad from Littleton to Groveton. Mr. Carleton was unique in his age and generation for the fact that he had never had a sick day in his life, and was able to read without glasses, taking books regularly from the public library. Until the last few days he was able to be about as usual. When weakness overtook him and he died of old age. He is survived by one son, Ebenezer, one grandson, Van Buren, Jr., and a great-granddaughter, Evengeline Carleton.

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BARRON

CAPT TIMOTHY BARRON¹ born in Groton or Westfield, Mass., about 1740; married Olive Moore, widow of Col. Russell. Came to Haverhill about 1774; died Nov. 7, 1797. He took an active part in the Revolution. He was one of the committee chosen at the annual town meeting in Mar. 1775 "to see that the results of the Continental Congress were observed in town." He held a captain's commission in Col. Bedel's regiment for the defence of the frontier in 1778 and 1779. He also served in Capt. Joseph Hutchins company of 34 men that went from Haverhill to the Northern Army under Gen. Gates in 1777. His son, Jonathan, served in Gen. Stark's brigade from July 24 to Sept. 27, 1777, and also in Col. Bedel's regiment for the defence of the frontier from Apr. 1778 to Apr. 1779. He was selectman in 1780. He lived at Horse Meadow, and gave the plot of land which was the nucleus of the Horse Meadow Cemetery. There are none bearing the name of Barron now living in town though he still has descendants both in Haverhill and Bath. Five children:

1. JONATHAN² b. June 30, 1760, soldier in Revolution; m. Jan. 29, 1784, Thankful Miner.
2. DEBORAH² b. Nov. 25, 1763; m. Jan. 21, 1784, Edward Pickett.
3. HANNAH² b. June 14, 1766; m. Aug. 22, 1784, Jacob Hurd of Bath.
4. PRISCILLA² b. Oct. 6, 1768; m., 1st, May 24, 1784, Nathan Clough; 2nd, Apr. 7, 1787, Noah Moulton of Lyman.
5. SARAH² b. Nov. 12, 1771; m. Dec. 28, 1799, Ezekiel Tewksbury.

The town records show other marriages: Mary Barron to Herman Pennock May 31, 1821. William Barron to Sophia Morse Apr. 24, 1836. Mrs. Hannah Barron to David Northey of Franconia Feb. 22, 1785. Timothy Barron of Bath to Susanna White Jan. 29, 1809.

In the Barron lot in Horse Meadow Cemetery, there are besides the Capt. Timothy Barron monument, headstones with inscriptions as follows: Capt. Moses Barron died Mar. 7, 1841, in his 86th year. Rhoda, wife of Capt. Moses Barron, died Aug. 4, 1833, aged 71 years. Mary, daughter Fletcher and Mary Barron, died Mar. 1832, aged 1 year 2 months.

KNOW all Men by these Presents,

THAT We *Azubah Carleton Widow & Ebenezer Carleton & Ira Goodall Esquires* all of Bath in the County of Grafton State of New Hampshire the first as principal & the two last as surities

are holden and standeth bound and obliged unto the Judge of Probate for the County of Grafton, in the sum of *five hundred* dollars, to be paid to said Judge; to the true payment whereof, we bind ourselves our respective heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents; sealed with our seals, and dated the *26* day of *August* Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and twenty eight

26 August 1828

The Condition of the present obligation is such, that if the above bounden *Azubah Carleton* who is appointed administratrix to *Peter Carleton Esquire's* Estate who was late of said Bath deceased intestate

do make or cause to be made, and perfect inventory of all and singular goods, chattels, rights, credits and effects of the said deceased, which shall or shall come to the hands, possession or knowledge of the said administratrix, or into the hands and possession of any other person or persons for *her*, and the same so made, do exhibit, or cause to be exhibited into the Register's Office of said Court, within three months: And the said goods, chattels, rights, credits and effects, and all other the goods, chattels, rights, credits and effects of the said deceased at the time of his death, which at any time hereafter shall come to the hands and possession of the said administratrix, or into the hands and possession of any other person or persons for *her*, do well and truly administer according to law: And further, do make or cause to be made a just and true account of *her* said administration, upon oath, within one year, and all the rest and residue of the said goods, chattels, rights, credits and effects, which shall be found remaining upon the account of the said administration (the same being first examined and allowed of by the said Judge of Probate) and shall deliver and pay unto such person or persons respectively as the said Judge of Probate by his decree or sentence, pursuant to law, shall find and appoint; and if it shall hereafter appear, that any last Will and Testament was made by the said deceased, and the executor or executors therein named do exhibit the same into the Court, making request to have it allowed and approved, and the same being allowed and approved accordingly. And if said administration being thereunto required, do render and deliver the said letter of administration into the said Court, then the before written obligation to be void and of none effect; or else to abide and remain in full force and virtue.

Azubah Carleton

Signed, sealed and delivered, }
in presence of us, }

*Hannah Carleton**Mary Carleton**Edith Carleton**Edith Carleton**Ebenezer Carleton**Ira Goodall**John Goodall**John Goodall*

The total value of his estate per inventory is \$92.03; of this the 3 most valuable items are: 1 cow \$15; 2 swine @ \$12 ea; there is no Real Estate mentioned.

That We Azubah Carleton Widow & Ebenezer Carleton & Ira Goodall, Esquire all of Bath in the County of Grafton & State of New Hampshire. The first as principal & the two last as surities.

. . . above bounden Azubah Carleton who is appointed administratrix to Peter Carleton Esquire's Estate who was late of said Bath deceased intestate.

To the Hon the Judge of Probate of Hills &
in & for the County of Grafton

Respectfully represents Azubah
Coulton a widow administratrix to the estate
of Peter Coulton Esq late of ~~the~~ in
said County her late husband that she
was left poor & destitute at his death
therein incurred some debts whereby to
live & now needs something to enable her
to get along - Wherefore she prays your
honour to make her a reasonable allow-
ance out of the ^{inventory of the} estate of her late husband
for her present & comfortable support
her husband well pray - Azubah Coulton

State of New Hampshire
Petitioners - Let a Court of Probate holden at 12 o'clock in
said County, on the third Tuesday of,
November 1830 - third Tuesday of
November

Upon the foregoing petition, it is on examina-
tion ordered that the said Widow be allowed out
of the ^{inventory of the} personal estate of said ^{deceased} in any articles the money
amounting to the appraised value, the sum of one hundred
dollars for her present comfort & support

This ~~Warrant~~ Judge's Protest

To the Hon the Judge of Probate of Hill, &
in Sfar County of Grafton

Respectfully represents Azuba
Carleton widow & administratrix to the estate
of Peter Carleton Esqr late of Bath in
said county her late husband the she
was left poor & destitute at his death
& has incured some debts already to
live & now needs something to enable her
to get along -- Wherefore she prays your
honor to make her a reasonable allow-
inventory of the
ance out of the^estate of her late husband
for her present comfort & support
& as bamd will pray -- Azubah Carleton

*Also among the probate papers was a petition stating
Peter was entitled to a small pension and Azuba was
asking if he granted her signed "Azuba Carleton by
her attorney, Ira Goodall". The ^[last] payment of \$100 or \$200
was awarded to her by the judge. - This ink was
so faded I could not make out how many
"hundred dollars" was awarded ~~not~~ ^{did not} get a
photo copy that was legible. - It did NOT say
WHAT the pension was for.*

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LANDAFF

NEW HAMPSHIRE

IT'S PEOPLE
1770-1880

by

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PREFACE

During the years I served as town clerk of Landaff many people asked for information about their ancestors who had lived here in the past. Finding that information was often difficult and time consuming. Births, marriages and deaths were all hand written and not systematically recorded. The old records are too fragile for general research. I have endeavored to search out and record here information on every person who lived in Landaff up to 1880. After then vital statistics are systematically recorded.

Information was obtained from Landaff Town Records; notes made by Billie Gate from the Town Records; U.S. Census of 1790, 1850, 1860, 1870 and 1880; Bath, Easton and Landaff cemeteries; records of Dr. John French, loaned by George C. Minot; Grafton Co. Gazetteer and Flanders Genealogy, loaned by Genevieve Tewksbury; Grafton Co. Biography, Titus Genealogy and Whitcher Genealogy, loaned by Herman Titus; Noyes Genealogy, loaned by Arthur Allbee; Young Genealogy, loaned by Gerald Young~ Clark Family letters, loaned by Ray Lobdell; Taylor Family information provided by Dorothy Presby.

Space is provided in the back of the book for notes and corrections.

CARLETON

Edmund came to Landaff about 1784. Town Clerk, 1768-1792.

Children: I. Peter May 5., 1781; II. Jeremiah July 29, 1783;
(twin) III. Edmund Jr. July 29, 1783; IV. hannah Nov. 17,
1786; V. Israel Mar. 7, 1788. Edmund Sr. d. Oct. 6, 1792.

I. Peter, son of Edmund, tax., 2nd. Dis., through 1821. He

m., Mar. 8, 1801, Azuba, widow of Caleb Stone. Children:
Edmund Edward Apr. 9, 1808; Moses Redding Sep. 20, 1809;
William Hutchins July 22, 1811; Frederick Cleveland Feb. 25,
1813; Abigail Priscilla Dec. 7, 1814; Lucy Johnson Sep. 26,
1820.

II. Jeremiah, son of Edmund, m. May 31, 1810, Susanna
Emerson & moved to Bath.

III. Edmund Jr., tax., 1st. Dis., through 1823. He m. Martha
Jackman. Children: Albert Apr. 15, 1811; William Osgood Feb.
24, 1813, Esther Ann Apr. 16, 1815; George Jackman Aug. 22,
1817; Female Jan. 4, 1820; Female Sep. 24, 1825; Female Sep.
27, 1827.

V. Israel, son of Edmund, A dau. b. Apr. 29. 1823.

Peter b. Sep. 19. 1755, Haverhill, Ma. Came to Landaff before
1790. Lived, 1st. Dis. U.S. Congressman, 1807-1808. He m.
Jan. 6, 1782, Abigail Hazelton. Children: I. Zelinda June 12,
1790, II. Louisa Sep. 24, 1796; III. George July 2, 1801; IV.
Hannah Mar. 13, 1809; (twin) V. James Madison Mar. 13. 1809,
Peter d. Apr. 29, 1828, age 73.

I. Zelinda, dau. of Peter, m. Oct. 25, 1810, Caleb, son of Samuel Noyes.

III. George, son of Peter, m. Jan. 1, 1833, Betsey Hunt; moved to Bath.

IV. Hannah, dau, of Peter, m. Feb. 15, 1830, Asa Oakes Jr.

Ebenezer, tax., 1st. Dis., 1811-1847. Wife, Mary b. Mar. 26, 1779. Children: I. Mary M. about 1801; II. Ebenezer Jr.?; III. Eliza about 1806. Mary d. Aug. 30, 1846, age 67. Ebenezer m. (2) June 8, 1847, Eleanor Emery. Ebenezer d. Oct. 21, 1849, age 76; bur., Bath Cem.

I. Mary M., dau. of Ebenezer, m. Thomas Hall,

II. Ebenezer Jr., tax., 4th. Dis., through 1878,

III. Eliza, dau. of Ebenezer, m. John A. Law.

STONE

Benjamin, tax., 1790-1808.

Caleb P., tax., 1792-1795. He m. Nov. 8, 1792, Azuba Taylor.

Children: Simeon Alden Aug. 27, 1795. Caleb d. Apr. 3, 1795.

Azuba m. Mar. 8, 1801, Peter Carleton.

S. Alden, son of Caleb, tax., 1st. Dis., through 1819.

A dau. b. Jan. 18, 1818.

Stephen, tax., 1807-1808. A son b. Oct. 8, 1808.

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LAWYERS, JUDGES, and DOCTORS

Like Isaac Patterson, John L. Carleton (1811-1899) was a distinguished scholar rather than a successful lawyer--perhaps he might best be described as one of the town's "characters." The son of Ebenezer Carleton, he prepared at Exeter, graduated from Dartmouth with highest honors in 1831; studied law in the office of Henry Morris of Buffalo and at the Yale Law School; and practiced law in Bath for some years before retiring "to live in his books."

He married Lucretia, daughter of Ira Goodall, by whom he had eight children - his son Edward was killed in 1862 at the battle of Fredericksburg. The Carletons lived for years in the Payson-Smith house at the foot of Porter Hill. He was in a newspaper account described/as "jurist, litterateur, and friend of Washington Irving." He read seven languages. Mrs. Lillian Carpenter Streeter records that when his younger relatives went to call on him the conversation was chiefly concerned with Socrates, Euripides, Horace and Virgil.

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TOWN CHARACTERS

One of these, we have already said, was John L. Carleton. The Carletons are certainly to be numbered among the first families, and there were many of them - at least four of them were named Ebenezer. Perhaps they might all be described as "characters", chiefly in the sense that theirs was a typical Yankee family. ¶ The first Ebenezer settled ^{in 1810} on the farm at the top of Gun House Hill (so named because in the early 1800's there was a gun house there). This farm remained in the family for over a hundred years--until 1929, in fact. (Occupied from 1936 to 1950 by Burns Bedell--note the extra "l"--it is now the home of Clarence Williams.)

The last male owners of the farm were another Ebenezer and his son, Van Buren (named for his grandfather, who in turn must have been named for President Van Buren). The last of the male Carletons were known to everybody as Eb and Van and were certainly "characters"--rough and ready and outspoken.

The Carleton family, at one time, owned large tracts of land in Grafton County, as well as in Bath. (Young Van used **p.40** to say that the Old Man of the Mountain was at one time in one of their lots.) This Carleton love of real estate was celebrated by Isaac. Patterson in his jingle about the first Ebenezer:

Of Carletons, one who in his day
Called Old Squire Eb, bore mighty sway
And no small share of Bath Village
He owned besides his land and tillage.

Of other Carletons, Edwin (1806-1876) ran the Bath Hotel,

have said
as we ~~neglected to say~~, and lived in a house on the site
of the present Harry Whitcomb house. Orville, who owned the
store adjacent to the hotel, ~~and~~ lived on the opposite
corner in a house which was torn down in 1957 after the
twister of that year ^{blew down a tree} ~~fell~~ on it and damaged it beyond re-
pair. His chief eccentricity seems to have been that alone
of all the Carletons he spelled the name without the "e".