

**Pioneers**  
*of the town of*  
**Calais, Vermont**

**1781-1800**

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Part 1 of 4

In presenting these records of the pioneers of the town of Calais, Vt., it is not necessary to offer any apology, for by no stretch of imagination can one be accused of having any mercenary or ulterior motive for so doing, yet some explanation seems due the future reader if such there be.

The study of New England history, and the genealogy of its people has for many years been to me a very fascinating subject, and as this subject, as a hobby, is very adaptable to one suffering with my affliction of deafness, considerable of my play time has been devoted to its pursuit. Some years ago, in cooperation with my aunt, Alma D. Leonard, of Calais, we compiled a manuscript genealogy of the Wheelock family of Calais, Vt., and vicinity, which is now deposited with the Vermont Historical Society at Montpelier. In gathering material for that work, a great deal of material was also noted and saved concerning other early Calais pioneers, which seemed of too much interest and importance to be cast into the waste basket, consequently, with a little more study and research, this too has been put in manuscript form and here preserved.

No genealogical work is ever complete, and this one will prove no exception by any means. One objective has been to avoid repetition of a great deal of material which appears in so many of the authoritative Calais historical papers, but to work out new material. If one is interested in Calais history as a whole a search of the following books is recommended. Thompson's Vt. Gazetteer; Hemenway's Vt. Gazetteer, Vol. IV; and Child's Gazetteer of Washington County, Vt., all of which contain very well written articles of general historical interest. Not much of the material contained in those books is repeated here, partly because of the monotony of making copy, and partly because new fields are more interesting.

A complete copy of the second Federal census of the town of Calais, taken in the year 1800 was received from the files of the Census Bureau at Washington, D.C. This census proved exactly who was living in the time at that time, and as but few who had previously settled here had departed to other locations before that census was taken, it was decided to draw the line at that date, and to give what knowledge was possessed of all who had settled in town prior to and including this year 1800.

There are printed genealogies of several of the early Calais families, and these genealogies have been examined, and such information as they disclosed, has been accepted as correct, unless proved to be otherwise. For all families, the official town records have been searched for such material as could be found. Some private records have also been used. In all this I have been aided by my aunt A.D. Leonard, who has devoted a great deal of her time for many years to the study of Calais history. Both of us have been especially fortunate in having spent many seasons in the home of C.R. Dwinell, recent town clerk, where we have had free access to all town records. Doubtless, had we not been thus favored, these records would never have come into being.

#### EXPLANATIONS

All the usual abbreviations used in genealogical work are used in this book, as b. for born; bapt. for baptized; m. for married; d. for died etc. Another set of abbreviations is also used which perhaps should be more fully explained. This expression (VR) indicates that the statement which it follows is taken from the vital records of the place mentioned. (CVR) means Calais vital record. (GS) means gravestone, and (GS#?) means gravestone in cemetery of that number. (See list of cemeteries in Calais) Some places often repeated are abbreviated as Mont. for Montpelier, Char. for Charlton, Mass., Reh. for Rehoboth etc.

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In the following pages considerable stress is placed on the statements of Tucker (1806-1881) Mr. Amasa Tucker was born in Calais and lived here or in this vicinity nearly all his life. He had an intimate acquaintance among the people and personally knew most of the pioneers whose history we have attempted to give. Late in life he committed to writing his recollections of what those pioneers had told him concerning the early location of homesteads in Calais, and that article was published in one of the weekly papers at Montpelier. That newspaper clipping was fortunately saved and by comparing his description of those early homesteads with the land records of the town, a careful check has been made of what he wrote, and it is found that his record, which was probably written from memory, is very accurate, therefore a great deal of reliance is placed on his statements. A copy of his article is included in this work for such interest as it may be.

One very important item should be borne in mind, and that is, if the birth of a child is recorded in Calais vital records, that does not, by any means, prove that the child was actually born in Calais. When the town was organized in 1795 and a proper book procured in which to keep records, it appears that the town clerk (Peter Wheelock) rounded up as many of the early settlers as he could and made a record of their families. This record included children born before the parents came to town, those born here, and in some cases, those born after the parents had moved away to other locations. As an example, ten of Peter Wheelock's children were born in Charlton and are there recorded, five were born in Calais, and his youngest child was born after the parents moved to Marshfield, yet the entire family of sixteen children is of record in Calais. The same is true of marriages, several being recorded in town as having occurred long before the town was even chartered, much less settled. This may sometimes lead to confusion, but on the whole was an excellent thing to do, and had it not been so done, many family records would have been forever lost.

To determine the exact date at which each of the families located in Calais is another of the impossibilities. Some families are known to have lived in town several years before the acquired title to land, or at least title to land that is of record. Much land in Calais was bought and sold before the town was organized in 1795 and copies of all those deeds cannot now be found, either in proprietor's or town records. The date at which the various families actually located in Calais will have to be estimated upon their individual records such as they may be.

Two exceptions have been made of families that did not actually locate in Calais as early as 1800, viz; Capt. Samuel Robinson, an original proprietor, who established his son here previously, and who late in life came here himself, and Phineas Slayton, another proprietor, who, as far as can be learned, never actually established a homestead for himself in Calais, but lived in northern Montpelier, and is buried in the Shortt cemetery. To make a better record of both families, it seemed advisable to include both pioneers in this work.

If there were any other families who actually had homesteads in Calais previous to 1800, it is believed that their stay here was short, and their influence upon the town was of small consequence.

It is hoped that in future years, many may derive some interest and pleasure from these records, and if they get a small portion of the pleasure from their perusal as I have had in their compilation, then I shall consider myself duly rewarded.

M.W.W.



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Marcelle White

The Governor, Council, and General Assembly  
of the Freemen of  
Vermont

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To all people to whom these presents shall come - Greeting  
Know ye that whereas Col. Jacob Davis and Mr. Stephen Fay and their Associates, and our worthy Friends, have by Petition requested a grant of a Tract of unappropriated Lands within this State in ordre for settling a new Plantation to be erected into a Township - We Have therefore thought fit, for the due encouragement of their laudable Designs, and for other valuable Considerations, us hereunto moving; And do by these presents in the name and by the Authority of the Freemen of the state of Vermont, give and grant the Tract of Land hereafter described and bounded unto the said Jacob Davis, Stephen Fay and their several Persons hereafter named, their associates viz.; Ephraim Starkweather, Lemuel Kollock, Noah Goodman, Seth Washburn, Joseph Dorr, Justin Ely, Abel Goodell, Shubal Peck, Nathan Tyler, David Wheelock, Nehemiah Stone, Nehemiah Stone Jun., Phinehas Slayton, Phinehas Slayton Jun., Henry Fisk Jun., Daniel Bacon Jun., Peter Wheelock, Sarah Davis, Ezra Davis, Daniel Streeter, Eli Jones, Josiah Town, Peter Sleeman, Salem Town, Samuel Robinson of Charlton, Ebenezer White, Jun., Eli Wheelock, John Mower, David Hammond, Elisha Thomson, Caleb Ammidown, Nathaniel Wellington, Peter Taft, William Ware, David Fisk, David Fay, of Charlton, Thomas Foskett, Mervin Mower, Jeremiah Davis, Job Rutter, Jonathan Tucker, Richard Coburn, Jonathan Rich, Ebenezer Allen (Clark) Abijah Lamb, Ebenezer Lamb, Edward Woolcott, Lemuel Edwards, Abner Mellen, Job Merritt, William Cumins, Isaiah Rider, Samuel Fay, Elisha Town, Oliver Starkweather, John Starkweather, Bezaleel Mann and John Morey.- Which together with the five following Rights, reserved to the several uses in manner following, include the whole of said Township, viz., One Right for the use of a Seminary or Colledge, One Right for the use of County Grammar School in said State, Lands to the Support of the social Worship of God, in said Township, and Lands to the amount of One Right for the support of an English School or Schools in said Township- Profits arising therefrom shall be under the Control, Order, Direction and Disposal of the General Assembly of the said State forever. And the Proprietors of said Township are hereby authorised and empowered to locate said two Rights justly and equitably or quantity for quality, in such places of said Township as they or their Committee shall judge will least incommode the General Settlement of said Tract or Township. And the said Proprietors are further empowered to locate the Lands aforesaid amounting to three Rights assigned for the Settlement of a Minister, for their support; and for the support of English schools in said Township therein and in as many places as they or their Committee shall judge will best accommodate the Inhabitants of said Township when the same shall be fully settled and improved, laying the same equitably or quantity or quality. Which Lands amounting to the three Rights last mentioned when located as aforesaid shall together with their Improvements, Rights, Rents, Profits, Dues and Interests remain inalienably appropriated to the uses and Purposes for which they are respectively assigned and be under the Charge, Direction, and Disposal of the Inhabitants of said Township forever. Which Tract of Land hereby given and granted as aforesaid is bounded and described as follows, viz.- Beginning at the Northwesterly corner of Montpelier in the easterly line of Worcester to an angle thereof, then North thirty six degrees East so far as that to turn south fifty four degrees east six miles then south thirty six Degrees west to the North line of the Land Heretofore Granted, then North fifty four Degrees west in the line of the Lands heretofore granted to the bounds begun at as will encompass the Contents of six miles square.

And that the same be and hereby is incorporated into a Township by the name of CALAIS. And the inhabitants that do or shall hereafter inhabit said Township are declared to be enfranchised and intitled to all the Priviledges and Immunities that the Inhabitants of other Towns within this State do, and ought by the Law and Constitution of this State to exercise and enjoy, To have and to hold the said patented Premises in equal shares with all Priviledges and Appurtenances thereto belonging and appertaining, unto them and their respective Heirs and Assigns forever, upon the following Conditions and Reservations, Viz: That each Proprietor in the Township of Calais, aforesaid, his Heirs and Assigns, shall plant and cultivate five acres of Land and build an House at least eighteen feet square on the Floor, or have one Family settled on each respective Right of Land in said Township not so improved or settled and the same to revert to the Freemen of this State, to be by their Representatives regranted to such persons as shall appear to settle and cultivate the same.

That all Pine Timber subject for a Navy be reserved for the use and Benefit of the Freemen of this State.

In Testimony whereof We have caused the Seal of this State to be affixed, In Council, this Fifteenth Day of August,

Anno Domini One Thousand seven Hundred and Eighty One, In the 5th. Year of the Independence of this, and Sixth of the United States.

Tho's. Chittenden.

By His Excellency's Command.

Joseph Fay, Secy.

This Charter was recorded in the first book of charters, pages 152-153-154-155 by Joseph Fay, Secy, word for word as above.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand at (worn) this twenty eighth day of July, eighteen hundred and one.

Ros Hopkins  
Secy. of State.

## THE PROPRIETORS.

Col. Jacob Davis of Charlton, Mass., was foremost in securing the charter, and founding the town of Calais. He was a man well qualified for the task, and possessed of sufficient energy and foresight to carry the proposition to a successful end. As much historical matter has already been written, concerning his part in the project, anything that I might add, or attempt to add, would not materially increase historical knowledge, or add to his fame. He chose as his principal associate, his friend and neighbor, Stephen Fay. An overwhelming proportion of the remaining fifty-eight proprietors were also men of Charlton and well known to Col. Davis. To give an historical sketch of each of these is rather a difficult task, yet a few notes may be of some interest.

**EBENEZER ALLEN.** A resident of Rochester, Mass. Clerk of the proprietors for a time. Jan. 16, 1787 he sold his rights in Calais to Francis West of Rochester.

**CALEB AMMIDOWN.** Bapt. in Uxbridge, Mass. 1732, son of Phillip and grandson of Phillip of Rehoboth. Married 1758, Hannah Sabin. After his death she married Ebenezer Davis. The records call Mr Ammidown "An able man of Charlton, contributor to Leicester Academy, Surveyor" Raised a large family in Charlton.

**DANIEL BACON Jr.** Born 1760. Married 1782, Anna Fay, dau. of Stephen, the proprietor. He died in Charlton 1834. He evidently spent some time in Calais, as at a meeting of the proprietors in 1788, held at the house of Peter Wheelock, Mr. Bacon was elected one of a committee of three to remove the proprietor's books, charter, and other papers from the home of Parley Davis in Montpelier, to that of Peter Wheelock in Calais.

**RICHARD COBURN.** Rev. soldier from Oxford, Mass. Married 1767, Sarah Edwards. He died 1818 at 74. Sold all his rights in Calais to Col. Davis, June 9, 1786.

**WILLIAM COMINS.** (Jacob, John) Married Margaret Hammond. 2nd. Hannah Hammond. Resident of Charlton. Sold all his rights to Col. Davis, June 9, 1786. His son Jonas came to Calais (See pioneers)

**EZRA DAVIS.** (Reuben, Edw, Samuel, John, Wm.) Born 1774. His father died about the time that the charter was granted, and Ezra appears to have had part of his inheritance invested in a right in Calais. He later was a merchant in Boston.

**COL. JACOB DAVIS.** (Edward, Samuel, John, Wm.) Born 1741 at Oxford, Mass. Married Rebecca Davis, (Dea. Thomas, Samuel, John, Wm.) Lived in Charlton and was the real founder of the town of Calais. Located his own home in Montpelier. Too well known historically to need further explanations.

**JEREMIAH DAVIS.** (Elisha, Samuel, John, Wm) Born 1753. Married Hannah Davis, a sister of Col. Jacob's wife. His sister Dolly, married Nathaniel Davis (Nath'l, Edw, Samuel, John, Wm.) and located in Montpelier, now the town of E. Montpelier. Jeremiah sold all his rights in Calais to Col. Davis June 9, 1786.

**SARAH DAVIS.** Probably the widow of Reuben, and the mother of Ezra. After Reuben's death she married Abel Waters and had son Reuben D. Waters who later came to Calais.

**JOSEPH DQRR.** A resident of Spencer, Mass. Wife's name, Catherine. Sold all rights to Joshua Lilley (see pioneers) Jan. 6, 1796.

**LEMUEL EDWARDS.** A resident of Charlton. Married Prudence Merriam. Sold all rights in Calais to Col. Davis, June 9, 1786.

JUSTIN ELY. Resident of W.Springfield,Mass. Commissioner for recruiting soldiers during the Rev.war. Abdial Bliss (pioneer) purchased some of his Calais land.

DAVID FAY. (Stephen, Capt.Stephen, John, John) Born in Charlton 1766. Married and located in Casenovia,N.Y.,where he was one of the early settlers. Nov.3, 1795 he sold his rights in Calais to Stephen and Samuel Fay (pioneers) at which time he gave his residence as N.Y.state.

SAMUEL FAY. Stephen, Capt.Stephen, John, John) See pioneers.

STEPHEN FAY. (Capt.Stephen, John, John) Born 1739. Married Susan Fisk,dau.of Lieut Henry Fisk of Sturbridge,and sister of Henry and David Fisk,proprietors. It would appear that the influence of Stephen Fay of Charlton,in procuring the charter,was of greater weight than is generally known. He was son of Capt. Stephen of Hardwick,Mass.,whose sons John,Jonas,Elijah,Benjamin,Joseph,and David together with his sons-in-law,Gov.Moses Robinson,Capt.David Robinson,and Maj. Billings.played such an important part in Bennington,Vt.,and consequently in the whole early history of the state of Vermont.

At the time that the town of Calais was chartered by the state of Vermont, Dr.Jonas Fay and Moses Robinson,brother and brother-in-law respectively of Stephen Fay of Charlton,were members of the Council,which shared with the Governor (Chittenden) the executive powers of the state. Joseph Fay,another brother was secretary to the Governor and Council,thus if influence counted for anything as it so often does in governmental affairs,the selection of Stephen Fay of Charlton as the principal associate of Col.Davis,doubtless carried considerable weight in procuring the charter. Stephen Fay placed three of his sons as actual pioneers in Calais,and some of his descendants are living here to this day.

DAVID FISKE ( Lieut.Henry, Nathan, Nathan, Nathan) Born 1759. A resident of Sturbridge,Mass. Married 1783,Eleanor Jones(Nath'l, Nath'l, Josiah, Lewis)

HENRY FISKE Jr. Brother of the preceeding. Born 1745. Married Sarah Fiske, a cousin. The Fiske brothers were also brothers of Mrs.Solomon Janes (see pioneers) and of Mrs.Stephen Fay (see proprietors)

THOMAS FOSKETT. A resident of Charlton in 1790. Wife's name Lucy. They had a family of children born in Oxford. In 1792,inaddition to his original three lots of land in Calais,he purchased others of Samuel Fay (proprietor and pioneer)

ABEL GOODELL

NOAH GOODMAN. A major in the Revolutionary war. Resided in Hadley. His 1st. division lot was sold for taxes Sept.19,1788,and Ephraim Starkweather bought the other two in 1796.

DAVID HAMMOND. A resident of Charlton in 1790. Married 1st.Rebecca Arms. 2nd.1767,Delight Merritt.

ELI JONES. (Nath'l.,Nath'l.,Josiah, Lewis) Born 1759. Married 1786 Lydia Lamb, dau.of Ebenezer the proprietor. Resided in Charlton where they raised a family of children. He died 1812.

LEMUEL KOLLOCK. Probably the Revolutionary soldier of that name from Wrentham, Mass. His 1st.div.lot was "pitched" for mill purposes,and his 3rd.div.lot was offered by the proprietors to Mrs.Dolly Putnam,if she would locate in Calais.

ABIJAH LAMB. (Ebenezer, Abial, Abial, Thomas) He was a Captain in the Rev. war and resided in Oxford, Mass. Married Betty Wheelock, a daughter of David the proprietor. He sold all rights in Calais to Col. Davis June 9, 1786.

EBENEZER LAMB Brother of the foregoing. Resident of Charlton. Served in the war in his brother's company. His daughter Lydia, married Eli Jones (proprietor) and two other daughters married Sampson Stone, son of Deacon Nehemiah (Proprietor) Mr. Lamb sold all his rights in Calais to Col. Davis June 9, 1786. In later years his son Aaron came to Calais (see pioneers)

BAZALEEL MANN. He is called Dr. Mann in deeds. Resided in 1790 in Attleboro, Mass. Abdial Bliss bought one-half of his rights in Calais.

JOB MERRITT. (see pioneers)

ABNER MELLEN. Son of James of Framingham. Died in Oxford, Mass. 1821. Married in Charlton 1771, Mary Merritt. Raised a family in Charlton. June 9, 1786 he sold his entire rights in Calais to Col. Davis.

JOHN MOREY. He and wife were living in Charlton in 1790.

JOHN MOWER. (Jonathan, Samuel, Samuel, Richard) Married in Charlton 1782, Elizabeth Edwards. Moved to Green, Maine, 1786. He was brother of Marshall Mower who resided in Calais, and the father of Jabez Mower, born 1789 who married Ruth Wheelock, dau. of Peter, the proprietor and pioneer.

MARVIN MOORE. (Richard, Richard) Born in Oxford, Mass. 1746. Married 1772 Lucy Davis (Thomas, Samuel, John, Wm) He died in Oxford, 1813. Sold all his Calais rights to Col. Davis June 9, 1786.

SHUBAEL PECK. A resident of Rehoboth, Mass., where he was an influential man. Married 1754, Huldah Carpenter who died 1761. Is believed to have married again.

JONATHAN RICH. (Samuel, Samuel) Born 1747. Married 1774, Mehitable Daggett, a sister of Arthur Daggett, pioneer of Montpelier. His nephew was Samuel Rich, another pioneer of Montpelier.

ISIAH RIDER. A resident of Charlton. Wife's name Mary. Accounts show that he assisted Col. Davis in moving from Charlton to Montpelier. Sold all his rights in Calais to Col. Davis Jan. 16, 1787.

SAMUEL ROBINSON. (See pioneers)

JOB RUTTER. A resident of Charlton. Wife's name Sarah.

NEHEMIAH STONE. Called Deacon in Charlton records. Wife's name Hannah. She died 1769. 2nd. wife named Martha. He died 1795. He was father of Nehemiah Jr. (proprietor), Moses (Pioneer), Sampson and others.

NEHEMIAH STONE Jr. Born 1759 Married 1783 Mrs. Lucy Bartlett. He is known to have been in Calais in the early days, but established no homestead here.

DANIEL STREETER (Samuel, Samuel, Stephen, Stephen) Bapt.1739-40. Married 1761.Mary Jones,daughter of Nath'l.Jr. He died in Charlton 1814 ae 75. He was father of Hannah,born 1765 who married Eli Wheelock,proprietor.

EPHRAIM STARKWEATHER. A resident of Rehoboth in 1790. James Jennings, pioneer,seems to have acquired his rights in Calais.

JOHN STARKWEATHER.

OLIVER STARKWEATHER. A resident of Rehoboth in 1790. His 1st.division lot was sold for taxes in 1788.

PHINEAS SLAYTON. (see pioneers)

PHINEAS SLAYTON Jr. Probably lived in northern Montpelier near the Calais line.

PETER SLEEMAN. Married in Charlton 1758,Lydia Drury,a sister of Mrs.Asa Wheelock. He moved from Charlton to Corinth,Vt. In 1831 his lot #1 of the 1st.division was sold by the administrator of his estate,and deed states that it was the last of his land in Calais.

PETER TAFT. A resident of Leicester in 1790. Some of the Taft family located in Barre Vt.

NATHAN TYLER. This name is believed to be an error for Nathan Taylor.

ELISHA THOMPSON. A resident of Charlton. Married 1770,Abigail Dresser. It was at his inn that the first public meeting of the proprietors was held. He sold one-half his rights in Calais to Bazaleel Wright,Apr.19,1784.

ELISHA TOWN. (Isaac, John, John). Rev.soldier. Resident of Leicester in 1790. Married Polly Watson in 1788. Later lived in Alstead,N.H.

JOSIAH TOWN (Jonathan, John) Born 1734. Rev.soldier. Married 1750 Susanna Rich. Resident of Charlton 1790.

SALEM TOWN. (Jacob, Jonathan, John) Married 1st.Elizabeth Mayo,who died 1772. Married 2nd.1774,Ruth Moore who died 1790. He was a tavern keeper in Charlton and the proprietors met several times at his tavern. Oct.5,1795 he sold his rights in Calais to Samuel Twiss (pioneer)

JONATHAN TUCKER. A resident of Charlton where he died 1789. Married 1768 Mary Hincer. Had a large family in Charlton,among them were Edward (pioneer); Jonathan Jr. (Pioneer);Prescilla who married Joshua Lilley (pioneer);Amasa married Sally Gibbs and lived in Calais; Sarah or Sally who married Aaron Lamb (pioneer);and Ruth who married Ebenezer Burnap,and whose descendants are now resident of Calais.

WILLIAM WARE. Married Elizabeth Hill of Pomfret,Conn. His son John,born 1779 was brought up by Gen.Spurr of Charlton,and married in Calais 1806 Eunice Bancroft.

SETH WASHBURN. Living in Leicester in 1790.

DAVID WHEELOCK (Benjamin, Benjamin, Ralph) A resident of Charlton. Born 1721. Married 1st. Lydia White who died 1759. Married 2nd. Rachel Jones, widow of Nathaniel, and daughter of Seth Chapin. He died 1789. She died 1805. Of his children, Betty married Abijah Lamb (proprietor); Olive married Peter Wheelock (proprietor and pioneer); Aaron married Ruth, dau. of Salem Town, while sons Abijah and Gideon were pioneers of Calais.

ELI WHEELOCK (Jonathan, Benjamin, Benjamin, Ralph) Born 1760. Married 1782 Hannah Streeter, dau. of Daniel (proprietor)

PETER WHEELOCK. (See pioneers)

EBENEZER WHITE Jr. A resident of Charlton. Married 1769-70 Christian Adams. He died 1827. He transferred his 1st. division lot, or the major part of it, to his son Ebenezer, and his 2nd. division lot he deeded to son Elijah (pioneer)

NATHANIEL WILINGTON. Married Peggy Taft in Charlton, 1784. He sold his rights to Amos Goodell, Nov. 1, 1783.

EDWARD WOOLCOTT. Col. Davis acquired his rights in Calais through a third party, Feb. 6, 1794.

The following persons are credited with drawing lots in Calais, although their names do not appear on the charter.

THOMAS EDWARDS. Drew lot #27 of the 1st division. This lot appears to have gone with the Lemuel Edwards lots to Col. Davis, as Thomas Davis was the next owner

THOMAS HAMMOND. Drew lot #49 of the 1st. division.

JACOB KIDDER. Drew lot #1 of the 3rd. division. A. D. L. reports that it is her opinion that the name of Jacob Kidder is an error for that of Isiah Rider, and this looks reasonable as Rider is not credited with a 3rd. div. lot.

DANIEL STREETER Jr. Drew lot #41, 3rd. division. This is apparently another error, as Dan'l Streeter, the proprietor, is not known to have had a son Daniel Jr.

JOHN STARK. This name appears to be an error for that of John Starkweather.

NATHAN TAYLOR. A resident of Charlton, where he married 1769. Huldah Curtis. This is apparently the correct name for the one appearing on the charter as Nathan Tyler.

JONATHAN TUCKER Jr. Apparently succeeded to his fathers rights as a proprietor (see pioneers)

Table showing lots drawn by proprietors.

Name	1st.Div	2nd.Div.	3rd.Div.
Ebenezer Allen Jr.	4	60	28
Caleb Ammidown	8	38	5
Daniel Bacon Jr.	56	55	12
Richard Coburn		37	34
Wm. Comins		61	39
Ezra Davis	64	22	51
Col. Jacob Davis	10	57	22
	19		
	25		
	28		
	31		
	38		
	46		
	48		
	51		
	55		
	65		
Jeremiah Davis		27	14
Sarah Davis	3	32	58
Joseph Dorr	40	6	52
Lemuel Edwards		53	11
Justin Ely	63	2	22
David Fay	35	12	17
Samuel Fay	32	52	48
Stephen Fay	24	64	65
David Fisk	14	51	57
Henry Fisk Jr	5	17	62
Thomas Foskett	30	21	21
Abel Goodell	53	9	30
Noah Goodman	26	59	55
David Hammond	7	58	36
Eli Jones		16	60
Lemuel Kollock	36	54	63
Abijah Lamb		65	38
Ebenezer Lamb		14	28
Bazaleel Mann	37	47	24
Job Merritt		56	45
Abner Millington		63	50
John Morey	41	62	31
John Mower	58	24	13
Marvin Mower		33	20
Shubael Peck	23	48	40
Jonathan Rich	47	20	43
Isiah Rider		36	
Samuel Robinson	44	13	6
Job Rutter	6	43	44
Nehemiah Stone	18	28	4
" " Jr.	57	46	53
Daniel Streeter	11	44	
	31		
E. Starkweather	9	25	54
J. "	33	41	
O. "	50	42	61

Phineas Slayton	59	30	47
" " Jr.	42	3	18
Peter Sleeman	1	5	23
Peter Taft		29	42
Nathan Tyler		34	64
Elisha Thomson	54	45	33
Elisha Town	12	39	10
Josiah Town		4	15
Salem Town	16	40	25
Jonathan Tucker	22		
Wm Ware	43	11	49
Seth Washburn	52	8	19
David Wheelock	15	1	29
Eli Wheelock	29	10	9
Peter Wheelock	13	26	59
Ebenezer White Jr.	34	19	46
N.Willington	62	7	7
Edw.Woolcott	2	31	27
College	17	49	32
Worship	39	50	56
Minister	45	15	37
Grammar School	60	35	26
Eng.School	61	18	16

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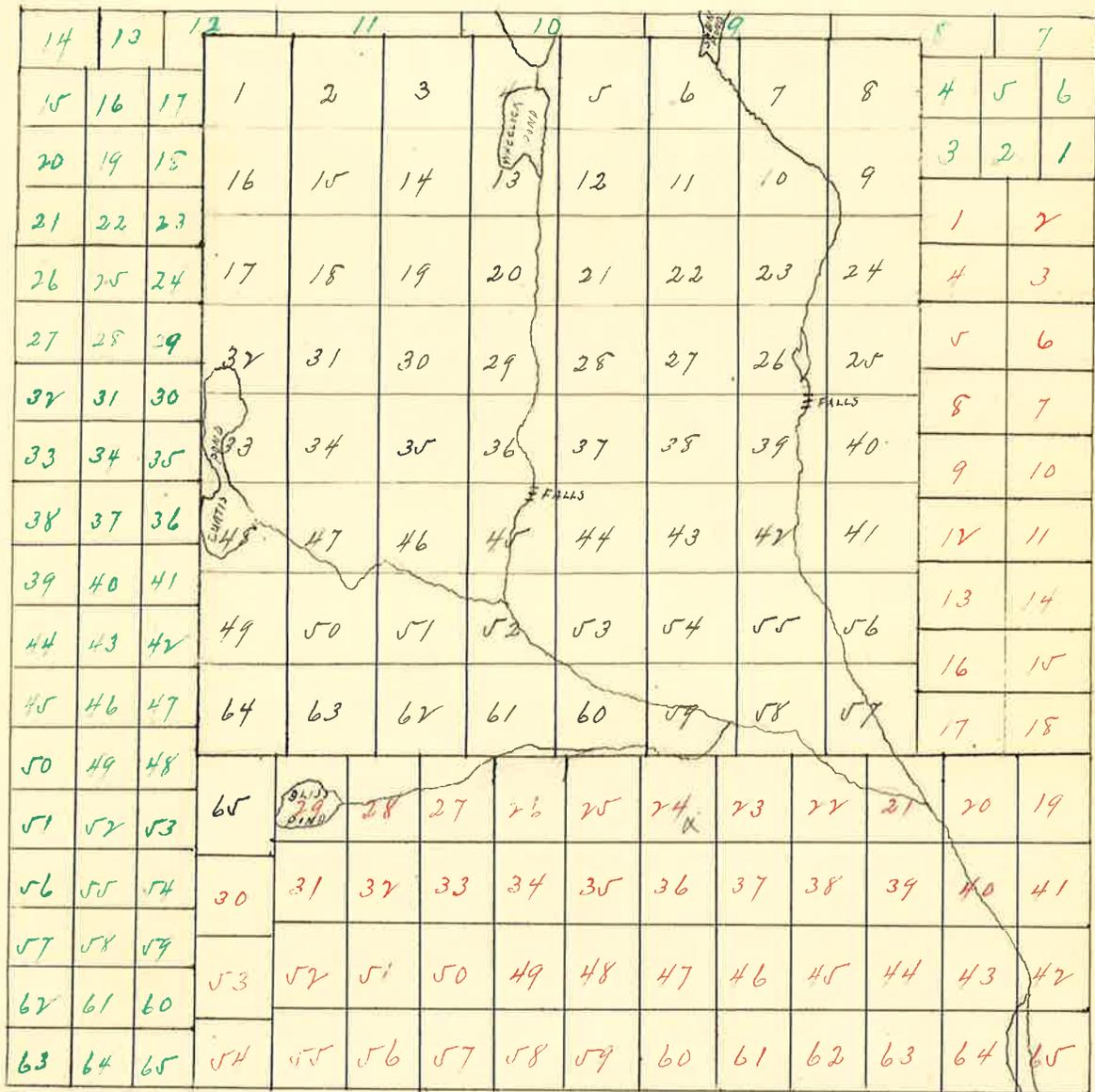
Thomas Edwards	27		
Thomas Hammond	49		
Jacob Kidder			1
Daniel Streeter Jr			41
John Stark			35
Nathan Taylor	20		
Jonathan Tucker Jr.		23	3

Of the above extras, both Daniel Streeter Jr. and Jonathan Tucker Jr. apparently succeeded their fathers, John Stark is doubtless an error for John Starkweather, and Nathan Taylor and Nathan Tyler were probably one and the same, with Taylor being correct, as Taylor was a resident of Charlton, while no trace of Tyler has been found. Perhaps Thomas Edwards drew a lot in the 1st. division in place of Lemuel Edwards.

The name Millington, should be Mellen.

Plan of the surveys of the town of Calais, Vermont.

woodbury



Montpelier

1st. division lots (marked in black, are of 160 acres each  
 2nd. " " " " red " " about 112 acres each  
 3rd. " " " " green " " 77

## TUCKER'S HISTORY OF THE EARLY CALAIS PIONEERS.

More than fifty years ago, Mr. Amasa Tucker, son of Edward, the pioneer, committed to writing his recollections of what he had been told by the pioneers themselves concerning the early days of Calais. This interesting document is worthy of preservation, and is here given in full.

As it has been customary in some towns to give a history of the early settlers I will now give you a little history of the first settlers in Calais, and their hardships previous to 1800, as it was told to me by the early settlers themselves. They commenced in the woods and carried their provisions on their backs from Brookfield and other towns until they could raise their own, and then went to Brookfield to mill with ox teams.

Moses Haskell felled the first tree in 1787 on the farm where Chas. Bennett now lives. The same year Francis West began on the adjoining lot lying west of him, formerly known as the David Fuller farm. Abijah Wheelock began the same year where Benjamin Wheeler now lives. The next year Peter Wheelock began on the farm now owned by A.S. Bliss, and lived there about eight years, then sold to Capt. Abdial Bliss. He then began where Sylvester Fuller now lives, and then sold to Daniel Nealy, when he removed to Marshfield and settled on the farm now owned by J.B. Pike. There he lived until his death in June 1820.

Asa Wheelock began the same year on the farm where Isaac Stanton now lives. About the same time William Abbott began on the farm where A.D. Sparrow now lives. Jonas Cummings began on the farm where J.W.E. Bliss now lives, sold to Moses Stone, and then began again on a lot of land in the north-eastern part of the town, where Norman Bliss now resides. Edward Tucker began in 1791 on the farm where William Kelton lives. James Jennings began on the land now owned by Caleb Bliss and E.L. Burnap. Gen. John Peck began on the farm in front of the old west church now owned by J.W.E. Bliss and Asbury Sanders. Daniel Carpenter began on the present town farm. Rufus Green began where Lewis Wood now lives. Remember Kent began where Kent's Corner now is. Caleb Curtis began on the farm at the head of Long Pond, now owned by A.J. Mower. Thomas Hathaway began where Chas. Watson now lives. William Thayer where Joseph Slayton lives. Moses Blanchard began on land now owned by Joseph Slayton and Benjamin King. Reuben Waters on the farm now owned by Orson Putnam, then began on the farm where Andrew Haskell now lives, formerly known as the Enoch McCloud farm. He built the sawmill now owned by H.O. Marsh. He, in company with George Holbrook built a carding machine and spinning works on the brook running near Andrew Haskell's barn. Ethel Steward began on the present William White farm, formerly known as the James Morse farm. Job Merritt began where Q.A. Good now lives. Jonathan Eddy began where E.H. Slayton now lives. Shubael Shortt began where Truman LeBarron now lives. Reuben Doane began on the farm now owned by Jerry Slayton, formerly known as the Serenus Shortt farm. James Jennings Jr., began on the farm owned by J.S. Daggett. Jesse Slayton began where Jerry Slayton now lives. Simeon Slayton began where ----- now lives. Isaac Kendall began where E.L. Burnap now lives. A Mr. Pitts began where Derius Slayton now lives. Oliver Palmer began where Luther Converse now lives. Gersham Palmer on a part of the same farm. Caleb Mitchell began where Ephraim Pray now lives. Elnathan Hathaway, where L.M. Cate now lives. Lyman Daggett commenced where Willard Bugbee now lives. Simon Davis on part of the same lot. Phineas and Salmon Davis began on the farm now owned by Jeremiah Carnes. Joshua Bliss began on the Ira Converse farm. Elijah White where George Holmes now lives. Nathan (should be Solomon) Janes on the farm owned by Charles Gray. John Eddy where Pearle Witcher now lives. Frederick Bliss where Byron Bliss now lives. Edmund Eddy on the Aaron Lilley farm. Gideon Hicks where Ira Ide now lives, sold to Ezra Bliss, and began again where Alfred Hicks now lives. Samuel Fay began where Palmer Paine now lives. Amasa Tucker on the farm where Isaac and Henry Wells now live.

Noah Bliss where Chas. French now lives. Aaron Bliss began on the Elias Smith farm. Jonathan Tucker began on the Marcus Waite farm Avery Tobey where Dr. Asa George now lives. Levi Wright on the north-east corner lot where Aleck Durant now lives. He sold to Noah Clark, and then began where Otis Reckard now lives. He lived there until his death which occurred in June 1825. Edward Goodenough began where Charles Marsh now lives. Moses Ainsworth where W.C. Peck now lives. Francis LeBaron where Willard Rideout lives. Artemus Foster where Marcus Kenaston now lives. Gideon Wheelock began first on the Harrison Bancroft farm, and began again on the farm now owned by J.W. Hall; he also erected the first framed house in town. Jedediah Fay began on the Almon Gurnsey farm. Samuel Twiss where Janus Laird lives. He, in company with Col. J. Davis built the first saw-mill in town in 1793, on the site of the present saw-mill near S.O. Robinson's Amos Jennings began where Mrs. Balentine lives. Joshua Lilley where L.G. Dwinell now lives. He built the saw-mill in East Calais, and erected the first trip hammer shop built in town. Joshua Macrus began on the Oscar White farm.

In later years among the early settlers, Jacob Ainsworth began where Silas Parker and John Ainsworth now live. Asahel Pearce began where Willard Lilley now lives. Stephen Pearce where Loomis Pearce now lives. Noah Pearce where Lemuel Goodell lives. Bachus Pearce where Zalmon Pearce now lives. Aaron Lamb on the farm owned by his heirs. A Mr. Gilman on the Loan Hathaway farm. Joel Robinson began where Harvey Ainsworth now lives. Amos Wheelock where Azro Nelson lives. Preserved Wright where O.H. Leonard lives. John Hicks where W.V. Herrick lives. Mr. Sprague where Ira Morse lives. Geo. Kelton where James Martin lives. George Brown where Oramel Stewart lives. John Martin where John Callison now lives. Enoch and Olney Kelton began and built a saw and grist mill where G.A. Andrews lives. Holden Wilbur where J.Q. Haskell now lives. Other settlers took up lots until every lot was taken.

The town was organized in March 1794 (should be 1795) by John Taplin, who was appointed Justice of the Peace by the Courts of New York. Peter Wheelock was first Town Clerk, first Representative, and first Justice of the Peace. Joshua Bliss was the first Selectman, and Jonas Cummings first Constable. The town meeting was held at the house of Peter Wheelock. The first school house was built of logs, and stood near Peter Wheelock's house. It was burned in 1807. James Jennings froze to death in going home from Montpelier in a snow storm, March, 1794, near where Hersey Slayton now lives. Col. Stanley lost his foot by frost in June of the same year. Twenty-five men voted at the first town meeting whose names were as follows. Joshua Bliss, Samuel Fay, Asa Wheelock, Jonas Cummings, Samuel Twiss, Abijah Wheelock, Moses Stone, William Abbott, Edward Tucker, Peter Wheelock, Jonathan Eddy, Job Merritt, Shubael Shortt, Reuben Doane, Moses Haskell, Simeon Slayton, Jesse Slayton, Isaac Kendall, Jonathan Tucker, Gideon Wheelock, Thomas Hathaway, James Jennings.

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#### Note.

Mr. Tucker says that there were twenty-five voters at the first town meeting, but only gives twenty-two names. It would appear that both Mr. Stone and Mr. Twiss had left town by that time, while the list of officers elected at that first meeting gives us these names which Mr. Tucker has apparently missed. Jedediah Fay, Aaron Bliss, Amos Jennings, Frederick Bliss, Goddard Wheelock, John Crane, Abraham Howland, and Jennison Wheelock, all of whom were elected to office. It is also extremely doubtful if Gideon Wheelock was in Calais as early as 1795.

TOWN OFFICERS

	1795	1796	1797
Moderator	Joshua Bliss	Jonas Comins	Jonas Comins
Selectmen	Joshua Bliss Edw. Tucker Jonas Comins	Joshua Bliss Abijah Wheelock asa Wheelock	Jonas Comins Abijah Wheelock Oliver Palmer
Town Clerk	Peter Wheelock	Peter Wheelock	Peter Wheelock
Town Treasurer	Samuel Fay	Peter Wheelock	Peter Wheelock
Listers	Jedediah Fay Abijah Wheelock Aaron Bliss	Samuel Fay Jonas Comins Goddard Wheelock	Gershom Palmer G. Wheelock Jonathan Tucker
Collector	Jonas Comins	Jonas Comins	Jonas Comins
Constable	Jonas Comins	Jonas Comins	Jonas Comins
G. Juryman	Amos Jennings	Moses Haskell	Shubael Shortt.
Highway	Edward Tucker	Deavis	Duncan Young
Surveyors	Fred'k Bliss Goddard Wheelock	Edw. Tucker Jonathan Tucker Abijah Wheelock	Joshua Bliss El Nathan Hathaway Amos Jennings
Sealer of Leather	Amos Jennings	none	Amos Jennings
K. of Pound	Moses Haskell	Edw. Tucker	Edward Tucker
Tythingman	John Crane	none	none
Fence Viewers	Abijah Wheelock Stephen Fay A. Howland	Shubael Shortt Duncan Young Solomon Janes	Joshua Bliss Shubael Shortt Jonathan Eddy
Hay Wardens	Aaron Bliss James Jennings Samuel Fay Jennison Wheelock	El Nathan Hathaway	Gideon Wheelock Gershom Palmer Salem Wheelock Thomas Hathaway Joel Robinson Aaron Bliss
Sealer of W. & M.	J. Tucker	Jesse Slayton	

TOWN OFFICERS

	1798	1799	1800
Moderator	Jonathan Eddy	Joshua Bliss	Joshua Bliss
Selectmen	Joshua Bliss Jonathan Eddy Shubael Shortt	Joshua Bliss Abdial Bliss Shubael Shortt	Joshua Bliss Shubael Shortt Gershom Palmer
Treasurer	r	Abdial Bliss	Abdial Bliss
Town Clerk	Peter Wheelock	Peter Wheelock	Peter Wheelock
Listers	Simon Davis Levi Wright Abijah Wheelock	Abijah Wheelock Rhineas Davis S.Fay	Joshua Lilley Alnathan Hathaway Peter Wheelock Jonathan Eddy Caleb Curtis Samuel Fay
Collectors	Caleb Curtis	Aaron Bliss	Samuel Fay
Constables	"	"	"
G. Juryman	Holden Wilbur	Oliver Palmer	Joshua Bliss 2nd.
Highway	Edw. Tucker	Isaac Kendall	James Jennings
Surveyors	Jennerson Wheelock S. Fay Levi Wright Joshua Lilley	Asa Wheelock Oliver Palmer Joel Robinson Noah C. Clark	Asahel Pearce Gershom Palmer Aaron Bliss Gideon Wheelock Stephen Alvord
Sealer of Leather	Elisha Doane	Elisha Doane	none
K. of Pound	Edw. Tucker	Joshua Bliss 2nd	Joshua Bliss 2nd.
Tythingman	Asa Wheelock	Asa Wheelock	Asa Wheelock
Fence Viewers	Caleb Curtis Stephen Fay Gideon Wheelock Fred'k Bliss Holden Wilbur	Shubael Shortt Rufus Green Samuel Fay Gershom Palmer	Edmund Willis Noah Bliss Edw Tucker Alnathan Hathaway
Hay Wardens	James Jennings Simeon Slayton Gideon Wheelock Asahel Pearce Jonathan Tucker	Elijah White	Remember Kent Noah C. Clark Jedediah Fay Levi Wright
Sealer of W. & M.	Jesse Slayton	Jesse Slayton	Jesse Slayton

First Federal Census of the town of Calais, Vt., commonly called the census of 1790, but not actually taken in Calais until after the admission of Vermont to the Union in 1791

Key

1st column, males over sixteen years of age  
 2nd. " " under " " " "  
 3rd. " females of all ages

Moses Haskell	1	0	3	
James Jennings	3	0	1	
Shubael Shortt	1	3	3	
Samuel Twiss	1	1	1	
Francis West	1	1	2	
Abijah wheelock	1	1	3	
Asa Wheelock	4	3	2	
reter wheelock	2	2	5	Total population 45.

Federal census of the town of Calais, County of Caledonia, State of Vermont  
A.D.1800.

Key.

First column, Males under 10.

Second " " over 10 and under 16

Third " " " 16 " " 26

Fourth " " " 26 " " 45

Fifth " " " 45

Females same as males

	Males	Females
Wm. Abbott	0-1-1-0-0	1-0-0-1-0
Moses Ainsworth	0-0-1-0-1	0-1-1-0-1
Stephen Alvord	2-0-0-1-0	3-0-0-1-0
Frederick Bliss	3-2-0-1-0	3-0-0-1-0
Noah Bliss	0-0-0-1-0	4-0-0-1-0
Joshua Bliss	3-2-0-1-0	1-1-1-1-0
Joshua Beckwith	4-1-0-1-0	1-1-1-1-0
Alpheus Bliss	0-1-1-1-0	3-0-0-1-0
Abdial Bliss	0-1-1-0-1	0-0-1-0-1
Joshua Bliss 2nd.	1-1-0-1-0	2-0-0-1-0
David Bliss	1-0-0-1-0	4-0-0-1-0
Aaron Bliss	0-0-0-1-0	1-0-1-0-0
John Beatis	0-0-0-1-0	2-0-0-1-0
Daniel Carpenter	2-0-0-1-0	1-0-1-0-0
Caleb Curtis	1-0-0-1-0	1-0-0-1-0
Noah C. Clark	1-0-0-1-0	0-0-1-0-0
Jonas Comins	1-0-0-1-0	0-0-1-0-0
Salmon Davis	4-1-0-1-0	1-0-0-1-0
Alisha Doane	3-0-0-1-0	2-0-0-1-0
Simon Davis	2-0-3-1-0	1-2-0-1-0
Phineas Davis	3-0-0-1-0	2-1-0-1-0
David Dagget	0-0-1-0-0	1-0-1-0-0
Samuel Danforth	0-0-0-1-0	0-0-1-0-0
Jonathan Eddy	0-0-0-1-0	3-0-1-0-0
John Emerson	1-0-0-1-0	3-0-0-1-0
David Fuller	1-1-0-0-1	1-2-0-1-0
Samuel Fay	1	
Jedediah Fay	0-0-0-1-0	1-0-1-0-0
Rufus Green	3-2-0-1-0	2-0-0-1-0
Ebenezer Woodenough	1-1-2-1-0	2-0-1-1-0
David Goodell	2-0-1-0-0	0-2-1-1-0
Thomas Hathaway	0-0-0-1-0	1-0-0-1-0
Moses Haskell	3-0-0-1-0	1-1-0-1-0
Silas Hathaway	0-0-1-0-1	0-1-1-0-1
Elnathan Hathaway	0-0-0-1-0	2-0-1-0-0
Widow Howland	2-0-0-0-0	1-1-0-1-0
Amos Jennings	0-0-0-1-0	0-0-0-2-0
James Jennings	0-0-1-0-0	1-0-1-0-0
Solomon Janes	1-1-1-0-1	1-1-2-1-0
Remember Kent	1-0-0-1-0	1-0-1-0-0
Isaac Kendall	0-0-0-2-0	2-2-0-1-0
Joshua Lilley	2-0-1-1-0	2-0-1-1-0
Aaron Lamb	0-0-0-1-0	1-0-0-1-0
Francis LeBarron	1-1-0-1-0	3-0-0-1-0
Job Merrit	1-2-2-0-1	0-1-1-1-0
Jason Marsh	2-0-1-2-0	1-0-0-1-0

Census of 1800 continued

Winslow Pope	1-0-0-1-0	2-0-1-0-0
Ashal Peirce	1-0-0-1-0	0-0-0-1-0
Noah Peirce	1-0-1-2-0	0-0-1-0-0
Oliver Palmer	1-0-1-1-0	2-1-torn for others
Gershom Palmer	0-0-0-1-0	2-0-0-1-0
Joel Robinson	1-0-0-1-0	1-0-1-0-0
Simeon Slayton	1-0-0-1-0	1-0-0-1-0
Jesse Slayton	2-1-1-1-0	3-1-1-1-0
Shubal Short	2-1-2-1-0	3-2-0-1-0
James Sprague	2-0-0-1-0	0-2-1-1-0
Mathel Stewart	4-1-0-1-0	1-0-0-1-0
Edward Tucker	3-1-0-1-0	2-0-0-1-0
David Thayer	0-0-2-0-1	0-2-1-0-1
Zoath Tobgy	2-0-0-1-0	3-0-0-1-0
Jonathan Tucker	0-0-0-2-0	0-0-2-0-0
John Thomas	0-0-0-1-0	0-0-0-0-0
Holden Wilbur	0-1-2-1-0	1-0-0-1-0
Elijah White	0-0-0-1-0	1-0-1-0-0
Goddard Wheelock	1-0-0-1-0	1-0-1-0-0
Peter Wheelock	2-1-0-0-1	2-4-0-1-0
Asa Wheelock	0-1-1-0-1	0-0-0-0-1
Abijah Wheelock	2-1-0-1-0	2-2-0-1-0
Nevi Wright	1-0-1-1-0	0-0-1-0-0
Gideon Wheelock	0-0-0-1-1	2-0-1-1-0
Jennison Wheelock	1-0-0-2-0	2-0-0-1-0
Edmund Willis	0-0-0-0-1	0-2-1-1-1
Samuel White	3-1-0-1-0	2-1-2-1-0
Luncan Young	1-1-1-0-1	3-1-0-1-0

Recapitulation

Males under 10		84	
" over 10 and under 16		28	
" " 16 " "	26	30	
" " 26 " "	45	63	
" " 45		12	Total males 217
Females under 10		99	
" over 10 and under 16		35	
" " 16 " "	26	37	
" " 26 " "	45	49	
" " 45		6	Total females 226

Total population 443

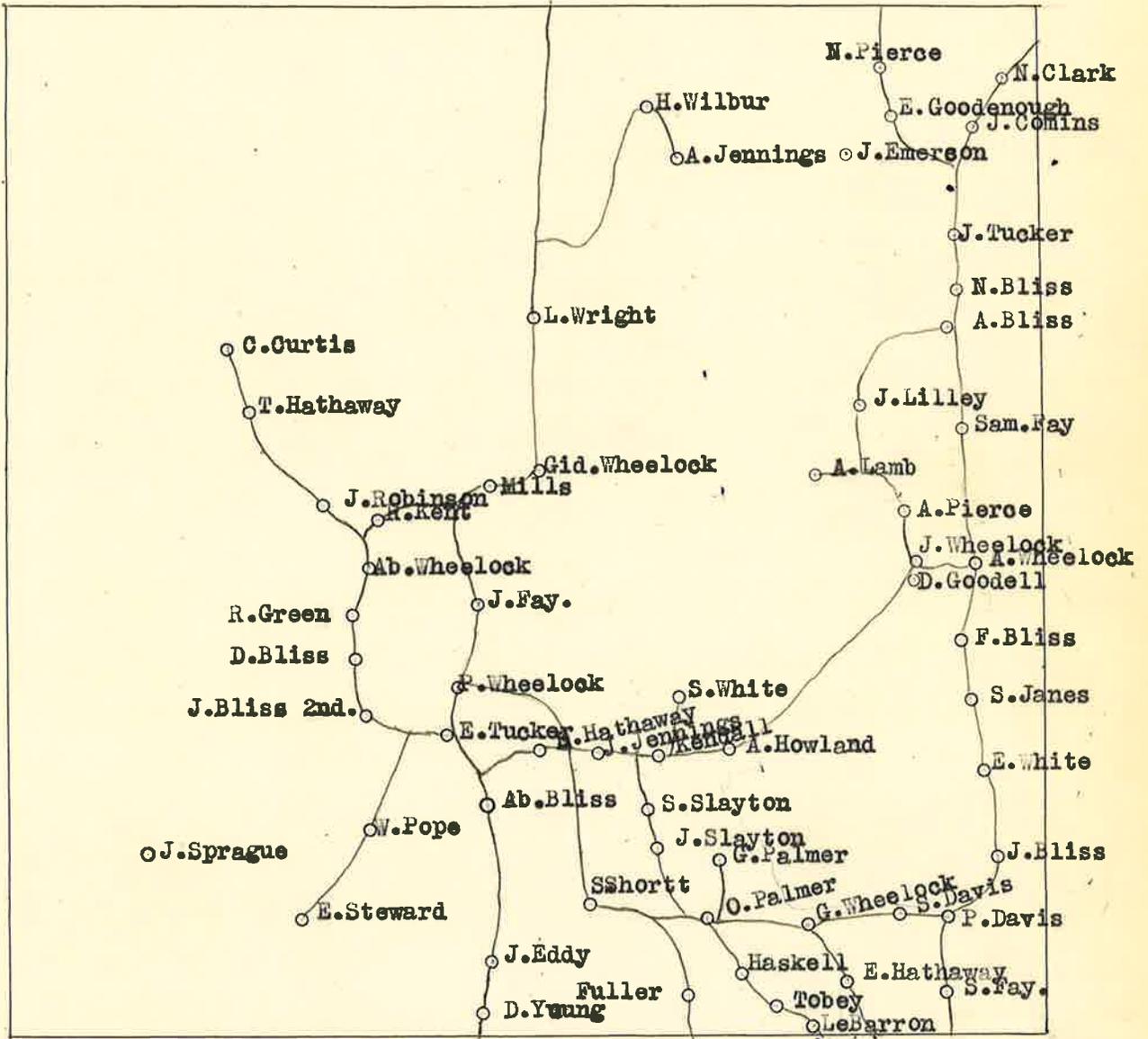
## THE CEMETERIES of CALAIS.

For the purpose of saving space, and duplicate explanations, the cemeteries of the town have been arbitrarily numbered as follows.

- #1 A small but old cemetery on the East Hill near the present Southwick farm. this was the earliest burial place in the eastern part of the town, and contains many unmarked graves, the identity of which can not now be determined
- #2 The present well kept East Calais Cemetery.
- #3 The N. Montpelier Cemetery, a private yard, but north of the town line in Calais.
- #4 The Center Cemetery, near where the old town house formerly stood.
- #5 The so called "Shortt Cemetery" in the southern part of the town. This yard also contains many unmarked graves. The oldest gravestone in town, as far as the writer knows is here located, and is on the grave of a child of Isaac Kendall who died Sept. 8, 1798
- #6 A now abandoned burial place on the present farm of Ray Leonard. This is probably the oldest cemetery in Calais, but has not been fenced in for years, and what gravestones are left are lying flat on the ground.
- #7 Cemetery in the rear of the "Old West Church", still well cared for.
- #8 The so called "Robinson Cemetery" near Kent's Corner.

Recently the town has been left quite a sum of money for the perpetual care of its cemeteries. It is hoped that improvements will be made from time to time in the old yards which have heretofore been sadly neglected.

WOODBURY



MONTPELIER

The above map represents the town of Calais as the writer conceives it to have appeared about the year 1799, and is drawn entirely from descriptions of early roads, early locations of the pioneers etc. As far as the writer knows no actual road map of the town was made for more than fifty years after the above date. This is submitted for whatever interest it may be, and is doubtless not thoroughly accurate.

In the following sketches of the pioneers of the town of Calais, it has been my intention to show as far as possible the ancestry of the pioneer, the place from whence he came to Calais, his previous military records, the site of his early homestead, a brief mention of his activities in town, and an account of his family.

Little effort has been made to give much historical matter concerning the second generation, even though they lived their lifetime in Calais. To do that would be almost an endless task and one might as well try to write the genealogies of all families in Calais from the beginning to the present time. Perhaps in years to come some one will do that, as I believe it ought to be done, but it has not been my intention to attempt it in this brief work.

Many of the pioneers left good records of their families in the vital records of the town, while others left none at all. Most of the following material is from official sources, and although dates sometimes conflict with private records, I have deemed it advisable to adhere to the official vital records rather than accept others.

Mistakes in copying have doubtless been made, for which I make my sincere apologies, and hope that in future years these notes may be of interest to searchers for genealogical information concerning these sturdy pioneers who made the town of Calais the high type of township it is.

ABBOTT.

William, (Nathaniel, Nathaniel, Nathaniel, Thomas) The date of his birth is not of record, but he is believed to have come to Calais from Brookfield, Mass., and probably at an early date. Tucker says that he was a voter in 1795. His marriage record has not been found, but tradition shows his wife to have been Polly Ainsworth.

His first homestead was in Lot #32 of the second division, near Bliss pond, and later he lived in Lot 44 of the first division.

The vital records of the town are silent concerning this family, but they were doubtless the parents of the following.

William Jr., b.

Polly, b. m. Welcome, son of Moses Ainsworth. He died Oct. 7, 1870. She died June 20, 1883.

The above record agrees with the census of 1800, when the family is listed as having one male over ten and under sixteen, one male over sixteen and under twenty six, one female under ten, and one female over twenty six. Apparently Mrs. Abbott was somewhat older than her husband.

In the death record of Mrs. Welcome Ainsworth, she is called the daughter of William and Polly (Abbott) Abbott, which indicates that her mother's maiden name may have been Abbott.

## AINSWORTH

Moses, (Thomas, Edward) Born probably in Brookfield, Mass. Married Margaret McKnowland (or Nowland). He died in Calais 1834 (GS#4) She died Oct. 1831 ae 93.

Moses Ainsworth of Sturbridge, Mass., was a private in Capt. Sylvanus Walker's Co., Col. Danielson's Regt. Muster roll dated Aug. 1, 1775. Enlisted May 6, 1775, service 3 mos. 3 d.

In 1790 he was living in Brookfield, Mass. with a family of 3 males over 16, 2 males under 16, and 3 females.

Dec. 21, 1799 he bought of Simeon Slayton, the original Phineas Slayton Jr. lot or lot #42 of the first division, and according to Tucker began his first settlement here. In 1800 he was one of the few men in Calais who were over forty five years of age.

Ch. per Ainsworth genealogy, all probably born in Brookfield, but not recorded there.

Moses, b. 1771.

Lived in Petersham, Mass.

Edward, b. 1772.

Lived in various places in Mass., Vt., and N.H.

Amasa, b. Mar. 12, 1775

m. in Petersham, Mass. Feb. 27, 1803, Hannah Bancroft

He died 1814. She married 2nd. and as a second wife, Samuel Perry of C.

Samuel, b. Mar. 15, 1777.

m. in Petersham, Feb. 20, 1799 Elizabeth Hammond.

Reuben, b. abt. 1779.

Lived in Plattsburg, N.Y.

Welcome, b. the "Dark Day" May 19, 1780. m. Polly Abbott, dau. of Wm. He was a soldier in the War of 1812 and lost an arm at the battle of Lundy's Lane. He d. Oct. 7, 1870. She d. June 20, 1883.

Azubah, b. 1767.

m. Peter Rice of Brookfield, Mass.

Sally, b. 1783.

m. 1st. --- Jocelyn. m. 2nd. 1810, Cyrenus Shortt.

She died May 29, 1856.

Cynthia, b. abt. 1783.

m. Sept. 17, 1803, John Howland of E. Montpelier.

Rosanna, b. abt. 1785.

m. in Barre, Vt., Dec. 3, 1812 (VR) Noah Holt of C.

He d. June 22, 1844 (GS#4) She d. Sept. 29, 1859 (GS#4)

ALVORD.

Stephen W., (Stephen, Joseph, Ebenezer, Alexander) bapt.in Charlestown, N.H. July 26, 1778, at which time several of the children of Stephen and Abigail (Davis) Alvord were baptised. Married Polly Thomas who is said to have been born in Vermont 1769. He died at Mt. Morris, N.Y. 1823 and she died at same place Oct. 5, 1838.

They came to Calais about 1799 from Woodstock, Vt., and acquired lot #65 of the second division, which was doubtless their home. This lot is on the eastern side of No. Montpelier pond, and a road at one time ran from there northerly to the East Hill in Calais. He was elected Highway Surveyor in 1800 and is duly listed as a resident of Calais in the census of 1800. There is no record of his family in town and he probably remained here only a short time. It is probable that he was a relative of the Davis family that had previously located a short distance north of him.

The Alvord genealogy gives the following children.

Ch.

Philaney, b. in Vermont.

Stephen, d. at Mt. Morris, N.Y. unm.

Parthenia, b. in Vermont.

Mary, b. in Vermont.

Sally, b. "near Montpelier, Oct. 8, 1795"

Isaac, b. "near Montpelier"

Phineas, b. "near Montpelier 1800"

Mercy, b. "near Montpelier, Aug. 8, 1802" m. Silas Engle of N.Y. state.

Lucia,

After leaving Calais the family moved to Canada, and later to E. Bloomfield, N.Y. and still later to Mt. Morris, N.Y.

## BEATIS

John, (Ancestry unknown) born ----- married Eunice, daughter of Elder Ephraim Ainsworth who was an early settler of Woodbury, Vt.

John Beatis is said to have been a Revolutionary soldier and his name is on the Soldiers Memorial at N. Calais, but no record of his service has been found. There is tradition that he deserted from the British army, yet there is some evidence that he was of the Beatis family that lived in Brookfield, Mass., previous to the war.

In 1800, he was living in Calais with a family composed of himself and wife, both over 26 and under 45, and two girls both under 10.

Vital records and land records are silent concerning him.

There was another John Beatis in Calais at a somewhat later date, called John 2nd. who married Mar. 9, 1823, Sophia, daughter of Prince and Rebecca Sears of Calais, and who followed the Sears family to Ludlow, Vt. where he died Aug. 30, 1836 at 36. Relationship between the two Johns, if any, is unknown to me.