

Pioneers
of the town of
Calais, Vermont

1781-1800

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BECKWITH.

Joshua, The Beckwith genealogy, written by Paul Beckwith and published in 1891, gives what purports to be a record of this family, but that entire work is known to be highly erroneous, and the record of this particular family has been proved by an able genealogist of this family to be wrong, so it is not deemed advisable to repeat it here.

The census of 1800 lists the family in Calais (see table) and they are believed to have lived here for a short time. The land records of Calais disclose nothing, and the vital records also yield no information.

An examination of the State vital records at Montpelier discloses the following concerning Joshua Beckwith of Kingston, Vt., now the town of Granville.

Ch. of Joshua Beckwith and wife Grace, born Kingston, Vt.

Esther, b. Jan. 18, 1784.

Probably the one who married Jan. 3, 1804, Thomas

Andrews of Montpelier.

Joshua Jr., b. Oct. 16, 1787.

Roswell, b. June 14, 1789.

Grace, b. Feb. 28, 1791.

Grace Beckwith, a married woman, died in Kingston, Vt., Mar. 11, 1791, and Joshua and wife Bethiah had the following children born there.

Martin, b. July 4, 1792.

Ransom, b. Feb. 17, 1794.

Betsey, b. June 12, 1796.

BLISS.

Aaron, (Noah, Daniel, Jonathan, Jonathan, Thomas) Born abt.1768. Married in Calais, Mar.29,1796 (CVR) Huldah, daughter of Asa Wheelock. This is the first marriage of record in Calais. He died Aug.19,1851 (GS #2) She died Jan.18,1863 ae 82-10- (GS #2)

June 4,1794,he bought of Peter Sleeman,original proprietor,lot #5 of the second division,and soon located there,although certain land transactions indicate that he may have first lived in the western part of the town.

At the organization of the town in 1795 he was elected lister and also hay warden,and in 1799 was collector and constable.

Family all born in C.and to 1809 recorded in book 1,page 24.

Amanda Augusta, b.Nov.7,1798 m.Samuel Wheeler,son of Comfort.

Axe Louisa, b.Jan.28,1804 d.unm.Feb.23,1882 (CVR)

Olive M.,b.Nov.14,1805. m.Geo.W.Bliss,son of Frederick. Both are buried in cemetery #2.

Chauncy Langdon, b.July 30,1807. Died young.

Caroline Wheelock, b.May 29,1809 m.June 8,1837,O.L.Metcalf of Morristown,Vt.

Elvira D., b.May 1811 m.Sumner Tucker. He d.Nov.2,1863 (GS #2)

Hiram, b.1814. m.Sophia Grennell and lived in Massachusetts.

Roxana, b.1816. m.Isaac Stanton and lived in Calais.
He died Dec.12,1903 (CVR) She died Dec.20,1898 (CVR)

BLISS.

Abdial, (Ephraim, Jonathan, Jonathan, Thomas) Born in Rehoboth, Mass., Dec. 15, 1740 (VR) Married in Rehoboth, Nov. 6, 1760 (VR) Lydia Smith. He died in Calais, June 10, 1805 (CVR). She born Apr. 8, 1739 (GS) Died Mar. 27, 1820 (GS)

Abdial Bliss was a Revolutionary soldier, and responded as a private on the alarm of Apr. 19, 1775. Was commissioned 1st. Lieut. in March 1776, in Capt. Israel Mix's 9th. Co., Col. Carpenter's Bristol Regt. Appears to have been in the service at various times from then until 1779, when he resigned his commission. Enlisted again on the Tiverton alarm July 28, 1780 for a brief service. His name is on the Soldier's Memorial at N. Calais.

In 1790 he was living in Rehoboth, Mass., with a family of 4-1-5.

He is said to have come to Calais about 1798, and was elected selectman in 1799, treasurer 1799-1800-1801, representative to the legislature 1800-1801.

Aug. 1, 1797 he bought of Peter Wheelock, lots #26 2nd #34 of the 2nd. division, and on Nov. 24, 1797 bought of Edward Tucker 50 acres of lot #33, 2nd division, all of which was his large farm and where he resided. He also had other extensive land transactions in town, a few of which are mentioned. In 1796 he bought 75 acres on the north side of lot #50, 1st. division, which before his death he gave to his daughter, Rachel Kent. In 1798 he bought one half the rights of Bazaleel Mann, original proprietor, and later gave 80 acres of lot #37, 1st. division, which was part of the Mann right, to his daughter Mary Perry. In 1798 he bought of Justin Ely, lot #63 of the 1st. division, which he later deeded to his son-in-law, Daniel Carpenter, and his home farm he divided between his sons Alpheus and Caleb. He also assisted his sons Joshua and David in procuring homesteads in Calais. His will is on file in the town clerk's office.

His original gravestone is in cemetery #6 where he was probably buried, but a more suitable memorial is now attached to a field boulder in the West Church cemetery, which states that in seven years he cleared seven farms for his seven son and sons-in-law..

Ch. All born in Rehoboth per vital records.

Abdial Jr., b. July 8, 1761. m. in Rehoboth, Jan. 20, 1785 (VR) Sybil Wheaton. Lived in Rehoboth and inherited his father's Rehoboth property.

Lydia, b. (twin with above) d. 1782.

Olive, b. May 29, 1763. m. Nov. 9, 1786 (VR) Abel Carpenter of Rehoboth.

Lucy, b. July 6, 1765.

David, b. Oct. 19, 1767. m. Rebecca Allen (continued)

Joshua, b. June 13, 1770. m. Lucy Ide. "

Alpheus, b. June 29, 1772. m. Rachel Allen "

Hannah, b. June 19, 1774. m. Daniel Carpenter "

Rachel, b. July 2, 1776. m. Remember Kent. "

Caleb, b. Oct. 26, 1778. m. in Rehoboth, Jan. 15, 1801 (VR) Esther Peck. He died July 30, 1857 (GS#7) She died Mar. 28, 1826 ae47 (GS#7)

Mary, b. Aug. 12, 1781. m. Sept. 10, 1801 (CVR) Lemuel Perry. He died Nov. 1, 1851

BLISS.

Alpheus⁶ (Abdiel⁷, Ephraim⁷, Jonathan⁷, Jonathan⁷, Thomas⁷) Born in Rehoboth, Mass., June 29, 1772 (VR). Married Nov. 20, 1794, Rachel, daughter of Vial Allen. He died Sept. 27, 1838 (GS#8). She died Mar. 1, 1865 at 94 (GS#8).

In Hemenway's Gazetteer there is a description of the early roads in Calais and the residents thereon in 1799, and Alpheus Bliss is not mentioned, which leads to the conclusion that at the time he was living with his father, and this is further indicated by land records of the town. On June 10, 1801 he received as a gift from his father, a farm in lots 33 and 34 of the 2nd. division.

Ch. recorded in Calais, book 1, page 12.

Rachel, b. Sept. 21, 1795. d. Dec. 23, 1811 (GS#6)

Hannah, b. Jan. 5, 1797. d. Dec. 31, 1803 (GS#6)

Almira, b. Dec. 25, 1799. m. Oct. 22, 1820 (CVR) Maj. Joshua Bliss. He died Feb. 26, 1883 (GS#8). She died Aug. 15, 1873 (GS#8)

Alpheus, b. Nov. 13, 1802. m. Lucy, dau. of Stephen Daggett. He died Feb. 1, 1844 (GS#8). She died Dec. 12, 1868 (GS#8)

Hermon, b. Oct. 2, 1807. m. Feb. 7, 1830 (CVR) Evorah Sparrow. He died Oct. 3, 1841.

Zenas, b. May 31, 1809. m. in Montpelier, Sept. 7, 1835 (VR) Rowena Wheelock. He died June 27, 1842 (GS#8)

Ira, b. Apr. 29, 1811. d. Jan. 22, 1812. (GS#6)

BLISS.

David, (Abdial, Ephraim, Jonathan, Jonathan, Thomas) Born in Rehoboth, Mass.
Oct. 19, 1767 (VR) Married Rebecca, daughter of Vial Allen. She died Feb. 27,
1806. Married 2nd. June 15, 1806, Lucy Blanding of Attleboro, Mass. He died
in Iowa 1853.

Aug. 24, 1796 he bought one hundred acres of land in lot #62 of the first
division, and on Nov. 7, 1798 bought of Abijah Wheelock, forty acres on the southern
side of lot #51 which adjoined his first purchase, and these two plots were
doubtless his farm and where he resided. Remained in Calais only a few years
and then moved to Marshfield, and still later went west.

Ch. First four recorded in book 1, page 9. balance from Bliss gen.
Lucy, b. Dec. 30, 1791. m. James Morse. He died Sept. 30, 1843. (GS#7)
She died June 26, 1830 (GS#7)

Rebecca, b. Apr. 12, 1794. m. Daniel Spencer of Plainfield, Vt.

Vial Allen, b. May 1, 1796. m. Lydia Edgerton. He died Feb. 12, 1872 (GS#2)
She died Nov. 8, 1884 ae 86 (GS#2)

Olive, b. July 3, 1798. d. Sept. 14, 1802 (CVR)

Horace, b. Mar. 8, 1802. m. Laura Hills and lived in Cabot, Vt.

Mirandy, b. Apr. 9, 1804. m. Oct. 20, 1836, Lyman Woodworth. 2nd. Oliver Howard.

David Jr. b. Apr. 25, 1807. m. Leonora Pitkin. 2nd. Clara Pitkin. Died in Iowa.

Mary, b. Nov. 16, 1810. Married a Mr. White of N.Y. state.

Albert, b. Dec. 26, 1811. Settled in Wisconsin

Hiram, b. Aug. 18, 1813. " "

David Bliss is not mentioned by Tucker as an early pioneer, but on a road
record made in 1799, he is mentioned as living between the homes of Joshua Bliss
2nd. and Rufus Green.

BLISS

Frederick, (Noah, Daniel, Jonathan, Jonathan, Thomas) Born Feb.23,1764.
 Married Apr.27,1785 (Reh.VR) Hannah, daughter of Simeon and Hannah (Daggett)
 Cole. She b.Sept.15,1768 (Reh.VR) d.Dec.3,1851 (GS #2) He died Dec.5,
 1841 (GS #2) In 1790 he was living in Rehoboth,Mass.,with a family of
 one male under sixteen,one male over sixteen,and two females.

Feb.17,1794 he bought lot #16 of the second division and soon located there.
 This homestead was in the hands of the Bliss family for many years. He was
 present at the organization of the town in 1795 and was elected highway surveyor.
 Keeper of the pound in 1797.

Family recorded in book one,page twenty four.

Charles, b.July 16,1786. m.Lucy Wheelock. He died Aug.8,1842. She died
 June 21,1853. Both buried in cemetery #2.

Simeon, b.Oct.27,1788 m.Oct.14,1818 (CVR) Almada Powers. He d.Mar.21,
 1824 (GS #2) No children

Aruna, b.Dec.26,1790. m.Nov.8,1818 (CVR) Anna Olmstead. He died in
 Worcester,Mass.

Lucy, b.May 12,1794. m.Mar.27,1817 (CVR) Welcome Cole of Marshfield

Lewis, twin with Lucy m.Feb.17,1833 (CVR) Mary L.Bailey.

Polly, b.June 17,1796. m.May 3,1818 (CVR) Jehiel Gilman. He d.July 13,
 1852 ae 60.(GS #2) She d.June 25,1869 (GS #2)

Geo.Washington, b.Sept.18,1798. m.1832 Olive Bliss. He d.June 11,1866. She d.
 Mar.25,1871. Both GS #2

Nancy, b.Oct.16,1800. m.Mar.27,1817 (CVR) Seth Pattee. d.Wisconsin 1873

Cyrus, b.Jan.23,1803. Lived in Poultney,Vt.,Granville,N.Y.,&Janesville
 Wis.

Pliny, b.Apr.29,1805. d.1839 unm.

Alonzo C.,b.Dec.26,1807. Lived in Louisville,Ky.

Celinda, b.Mar.29,1810. m.Aaron Lilley of Calais. No issue.

Wm.Riley, b.July 16,1812. m.Sophia Chase. Moved away from Calais.

BLISS.

Joshua, (Noah, Daniel, Jonathan, Jonathan, Thomas) Born in Rehoboth, Mass. Jan. 1, 1757 (VR) m. in Rehoboth, July 19, 1781 (VR) Sybil Peck, daughter of Israel Peck. She died May 1, 1820, ae. 58 (GS#1) He died 1831.

Joshua Bliss served in the Revolutionary War, responding on the alarm of April 19, 1775, and was with the Continental army from Aug. 1777 to Dec. 1779. At enlistment, age 20, stature 5ft. 8in.

He came to Calais in 1793, clearing land and erecting his log house, and the following winter brought his family to town, making the trip from Rehoboth on an ox sled. He owned lots #41 and #42 of the second division, and on one of these was doubtless his homestead. At the organization of the town in 1795, he was elected moderator and selectman, and was almost continuously in public office for many years. Deming's Vermont Officers, shows Joshua Bliss as the third Calais representative to the legislature, and gives his birth and death dates as 1770-1856, which dates belong to the other Joshua of Calais, who was always called Joshua Bliss 2nd. Without definite proof one way or the other, it would appear that possibly Deming is in error, and that the above Joshua was the representative from Calais in 1802.

Ch. Birth recorded Book 1, page 23, but several born before he came to Calais. Jemima, b. Apr. 15, 1782. d. Nov. 9, 1824 ae 42. (GS#1) Unm.

Sylvester, b. Sept. 2, 1783. m. Rebecca Simmons, and lived in Hardwick and Wolcott, Vt.

Galen, b. May 3, 1787. m. Alynda Southgate.

Allinda, b. June 1, 1789. d. in C., unkm. Nov. 21, 1815 ae. 27, (GS#1)

Lemuel, b. Aug. 15, 1791. m. 1817, Deborah Herrick, and died in Jericho, Vt. 1859. (They had a daughter buried in cem. #1.)

Maj. Joshua Jr., b. Sept. 6, 1793. m. Oct. 22, 1820 (VR) Almira Bliss. He died Feb. 26, 1883 ae 89 (GS#8) She d. Aug. 15, 1873 ae 73 (GS#8)

Otis Peck, b. Mar. 12, 1796. m. Jane Bruce and is said to have left home and to have been heard from no more.

Chester, b. Mar. 27, 1798 m. Laura Eaton. m. 2nd. Hannah Merritt. Lived in Calais and East Montpelier, Vt.

Sally, b. July 28, 1800. m. July 15, 1824, Elihu Miles of Barre, Vt.

BLISS.

Joshua 2nd. (Abdial, Ephraim, Jonathan, Jonathan, Thomas) Born in Rehoboth, Mass., June 13, 1770 (VR) Married May 6, 1792, Lucy Ide. She died in Calais, Nov. 22, 1803 (CVR) He m. 2nd. Feb. 12, 1804, Nancy Waldron. He died Mar. 12, 1856, ae. 85-9 (GS#7)

He bought on Oct. 13, 1798, lot #28 of the 2nd. division, and 60 acres in lot #62 of the 1st. division adjoining, where he established his homestead. He was elected keeper of the pound in 1799, grand juryman in 1800, and treasurer in 1804-5-6-19-20-21. He was deacon of the Baptist Church Society of Calais.

Deming's list of Vermont officers lists Joshua Bliss (1770-1856) as representative to the legislature from Calais in 1802, but there is considerable reason for believing that it was the other Joshua Bliss (1757-1831) who was the early representative.

Ch. all but first recorded in CVR.

Lucy Ide, b. in Rehoboth, May 5, 1793 (VR) died there Jan. 15, 1794 (VR)

Joshua, b. in Reh. Jan. 12, 1795 (VR) m. Jan. 31, 1819 (VR) Prescilla Lamb.

He died Sept. 8, 1833 ae 38-7-26 (GS#7)

Lucy, b. Feb. 4, 1797.

d. Feb. 14, 1802 (GS#6)

Mary, b. Oct. 5, 1799.

d. Sept. 19, 1802 (GS#6)

William Ide, b. Aug. 1, 1801.

m. Polly Comins, Feb. 24, 1823 (CVR) Went to Arkansas

Sybil, b. Aug. 12, 1803.

d. Nov. 28, 1803. (CVR)

Nancy, b. Mar. 23, 1806.

d. Apr. 1, 1806 (GS#6)

Harriet, b. Apr. 2, 1807.

m. Mar. 30, 1826 (CVR) Lewis Wood. He died June 4, 1881 (GS#7) She died Mar. 15, 1830 (GS#7)

Salina, b. Jan. 23, 1810.

d. Feb. 5, 1810 (GS#6)

Irena, b. May 2, 1811.

m. Mar. 15, 1830 (CVR) Chas. Kelton. She died Sept. 24, 1869 (GS#7)

Joseph W.E., b. Mar. 17, 1813.

m. Sept. 13, 1836, by Rev. Jared Green to Fanny Rich, dau. of Samuel of N. Montpelier. She d. Sept. 8, 1859 (GS#7) He m. 2nd. Marilla H. Perry. He d. Sept. 21, 1897 (GS#7) She d. Aug. 3, 1906 ae 68 (GS#7)

Lavinia, b. Sept. 1, 1816.

m. Oct. 10, 1855, Archibald Bates and moved to Kentucky

Nancy, b. Feb. 22, 1819.

d. Apr. 13, 1820. (GS#6)

Julia Ann, b. July 2, 1823.

m. Jan. 16, 1849 (CVR) Dr. W.S. Schenck. Lived Ohio.

BLISS.

Noah, (Noah, Daniel, Jonathan, Jonathan, Thomas) Born Nov.13,1759. Married in Rehoboth,Mass.,Apr.15,1792 (VR) Mary Carpenter,daughter of Asahel. She died in Calais,June 12,1803. He m.2nd.in Calais,Sept.12,1804 (VR) Betsey Martin of Montpelier. He died in Whiting,Vt.Feb.28,1840.

On Nov.29,1798 he bought of Joshua Lilley,about 100 acres of lot #6 of the second division,which agrees with Tucker's location of Noah Bliss' first settlement. He was elected fence viewer in 1800. Left town about 1810.

Ch. All but first two recorded in Book 1,page 5,CVR.
Zilpha, b.in Reh.Mar.16,1794.(VR)

Lovenna, b. in Reh.Aug.31,1796.(VR)

Asena, b.Oct.22,1800. m.S.S.Carpenter and lived in Attleboro,Mass.

Addelly, b.Sept.3,1805. Lived in N.Y.state.

Fatima, b.Feb.26,1807. d.1846 unm.

Calista, b,July 11,1808. m.1829,Jas.Pratt. 2nd.Jos.Morgan.

Anson, b.Nov.5,1809. Ateacher and died in Louisiana,1854.

CARPENTER.

Daniel, (Josiah, Obediah, William, William) Born Oct.21,1772. Married in Rehoboth,Mass.Feb.1,1795 (VR) Hannah Bliss,daughter of Abdial.

Little has been learned about Mr.Carpenter except what is contained in the Carpenter genealogy,and a few items of history from his connection with the Bliss family. Mar.8,1800,his father-in-law,Abdial Bliss,deeded to him lot #63 of the 1st.division,where he established a homestead according to Tucker. Apr.10,1805 he sold this lot,with small exceptions,to Medad Wright,and the genealogy says went to Litchfield,Ohio.

He was lister of Calais in 1801.

Ch.per genealogy

Daniel,

Josiah,

Henry.

The census of 1800 indicates that there was a girl in the family under ten years of age,but she is not mentioned in the genealogy.

At the time of Mr.Carpenter's marriage,he was a resident of Attleboro,Mass.

On June 12,1812,Mr.Carpenter,by a writ of execution,again came into possession of his original Calais homestead,at which time he gave his residence as Seneca, Ontario Co.,N.Y. Nov.24,1812,he sold to Caleb Bliss.

CLARK.

Noah, (ancestry unknown) Born about 1772. Married in Calais, Mar. 14, 1799 (VR)
Prudence Allen. He died Nov. 11, 1847 ae 75 (GS#2) She died Apr. 25, 1861
ae. 81-6- (GS#2)

He bought at vendue June 20, 1799, land in lots nos. 6 and 7 of the third div.
where he located his home about that time. He was elected hay warden in 1800,
and lister in 1806/7.

Ch. recorded in Calais, book 1, page 26.

Horace, b. Apr. 19, 1800. m. Jan. 15, 1826 (CVR) Sophia Foster, daughter of
Artemas. She died July 6, 1871 (GS#2)

Martin, b. Feb. 19, 1803. m. Naomi Carver, daughter of Jabish, who came to
Calais from Taunton, Mass.

Prudence, b. Feb. 19, 1803.

Rocksey, b. June 7, 1806.

Lucretia, b. Aug. 1, 1808.

Noah Jr., b. Oct. 14, 1817. m. Sarah White, daughter of John and Sally (Kendall)
White. He died June 14, 1890 (GS#2) She d. Jan. 1, 1892 (GS#2)

COMINS.

Jonas, (William, Jacob, John) Born in Charlton, Mass. Sept. 28, 1761 (VR)
Married in Charlton, June 26, 1786 (VR) Abigail Tucker. No record of her
death found. He married 2nd. in Calais, Feb. 22, 1801 (VR) Martha, daughter
of Stephen Pearce. She died Dec. 22, 1823 in 46th. year (GS#2)
During the Revolutionary War, Jonas Comins served in Capt. Abijah Lamb's Co.,
Col. Jacob Davis' Regt., enlisting July 29, 1780 for an expedition to Tiverton,
R.I., and his name is on the soldiers' memorial at N. Calais.
He came to Calais at an early date and probably made a settlement at, or near
where Joshua Bliss 2nd. later located, and on Nov. 10, 1798, bought of Backus Pearce
land in lot #2 of the 3rd. division, where he lived for many years. Late in
life he moved to Maine.
At the organization of the town in 1795, he was elected selectman, constable,
and collector. Was moderator of town meetings 1796/7 and was elected to some
public office during all the early years of the town's history.

Ch. Three recorded in Calais, book 1, page 20.
Calvin, b. Nov. 7, 1801

Martha, b. Dec. 21, 1802. m. in C. Feb. 24, 1823 (VR) Wm. Ide Bliss. They
moved to Arkansas.

Abigail T., b. May 18, 1811

In 1790, Jonas Comins was living in Charlton, Mass., with a family of one male
over 16, two males under 16, and two females. This indicates that there were
children by the first wife, and perhaps one of them was
Jeremiah, b. m. Mar. 29, 1832, Mrs. Polly Tobey White. He died
Nov. 6, 1863 (GS#2) She died July 19, 1855 (GS#2)

CRANE.

John, (supposed son of Lemuel) born Oct.3,1783. Married in Oxford,Mass.,
Mar.22,1789 (VR) Ruth Humphrey. In 1790 was living in Oxford,Mass.with
a family of one male over 16,one male under 16,and one female.
In February 1795,Lemuel Crane bought at vendue lot #1 of the 2nd.division,
and John Crane located there about that time. In 1795 he was elected
tythingman. In 1798 John Crane sold out his Calais property and moved to
Maine.

Ch.recorded book 1,p.3,but doubtless born before he came to Calais.

John, b.Oct.13,1789. Oxford records also show child born this date
but without name.

Calvin, b.Feb.29,1792

Hannah, b.June 26,1794

CURTIS.

Caleb, (Rev. Caleb, ^{John} Aeph, Thomas, Widow Elizabeth) Born in Charlton, Mass. Mar. 12, 1770 (VR) Married Feb. 12, 1794, Polly, daughter of Capt. Levi Davis of Charlton. She died Jan. 4, 1801. He married 2nd., in Calais, Oct. 12, 1801 Anna Robinson, daughter of Capt. Samuel. She died Apr. 28, 1814 (GS#8) He married 3rd., Mrs. Mary Daggett, widow of Stephen. She died Mar. 14, 1855 at 73 (GS#8) He died Jan. 1, 1836 (GS#8)

Tucker says that Caleb Curtis settled near the head of the pond that now bears his name, and this agrees with his first land purchase which was on Nov. 7, 1797, for \$428, nearly all of lot #32 of the first division. Jedediah Fay was the owner from whom purchased. In 1804 he bought of Jacob Ainsworth all of lot #30 of the 3rd. division, which would adjoin his first purchase. He was collector and constable in 1798, lister 1800, representative to the state legislature 1818/20, and treasurer 1822/5. He was brother of Mrs. Marshall Mower, who later located in Calais.

Ch. recorded in Calais, book 1, page 7.

Pliny, b. Nov. 14, 1795. (recorded in Charlton) m. in Montpelier, Dec. 17, 1818, Relief Boyden. Owned a big farm at the other end of Curtis pond, lot #49 and lived here several years, later moving west.

Ruth, b. Jan. 11, 1799. m. May 27, 1819 (CVR) Dr. John Gilman. 2nd.
Nathaniel Eaton.

Polly, b. July 6, 1804. m. Ira Kent.

Stillman H., b. Dec. 20, 1808. d. unm. Mar. 27, 1844 (GS#8) Lawyer.

Amanda, b. July 9, 1810. m. June 13, 1832 (CVR) Lebus H. Chase. She died
Mar. 22, 1837 (GS#8)

Anna Minervia, b. Apr. 14, 1813. m. Ezekiel Kent.

Deborah Dauphina, b. Aug. 13, 1816. m. Rev. S. H. Tabor, Universalist minister.

Laura A., b. Aug. 28, 1819. m. J. V. R. Kent.

Fanny H., b. July 24, 1822. m. Abdial Kent.

Another Calais tradition that has come down through the ages, is to the effect that in the early days the fish were so numerous in Curtis pond that Mr. Curtis used to get great loads of them and use them on his farm for fertilizer. Please note that this is written as tradition

DAGGETT.

David, (David, Thomas, Ebenezer, William) Born in Charlton, Mass., Jan. 31, 1778 (VR) Married in Oxford, Mass., Nov. 29, 1798 (VR) Hannah Moffett, daughter of Isaac. David and his brother Lyman were left orphans by the death of their father in the Revolutionary War, and were given aid by their uncle, Peter Wheelock. Lyman is known to have come to Calais in the family of Peter Wheelock, and perhaps David did also. David's wife Hannah died Jan. 31, 1810, and he married 2nd. Apr. 2, 1812 (CVR) Elizabeth, daughter of Zoeth Tobey. He died 1861.

Feb. 5, 1801 he bought part of lot #39 of the 2nd. division, which was directly north of where his brother Lyman located in lot #44. In 1813 there were three children attending school from this family in the S.E. district. As late as 1835 he was living in the village of "Moscow" as account books of Capt. Samuel Rich show.

Ch. First five are from Calais VR., and balance from Hemenway's Gaz.
Sally, b. Apr. 13, 1799 m. Mar. 11, 1821 (CVR) Thomas Pray. He died
Jan. 12, 1876 ae. 75 (GS#8)

Azubah, b. Mar. 8, 1802.

Erasmus, b. Mar. 13, 1804.

Asahel, b. Feb. 15, 1807.

Reuphemia, b. Oct. 19, 1809.

Eli, b. 1815.

d. young.

Polly, b. 1818.

m. Isaac Chapman.

Maria K., b. 1820.

m. Thomas Muldoon.

Lyman, b. 1822.

m. Mary Belding.

Avery, b. 1824.

m. Mary Corwin.

David, b. 1827.

m. Kate Reddy.

Delia, b. 1831.

m. John R. Cooley.

Lizzie, b. 1833.

m. John R. Gunnison.

DANFORTH.

Samuel, (William, Jonathan, Samuel, Jonathan) Born in Billerica, Mass., Aug. 30, 1772 (VR) Married May 19, 1800, Mercy Southgate, dau. of Stewart Southgate. He died Apr. 12, 1812.

The parents of Samuel Danforth moved from Billerica to Vermont, and the father died in Hartland, Vt. 1814. Sept. 20, 1800, Samuel Danforth bought of Abdial Bliss for \$248 the western part of lot #45 of the 2nd. division, and this is believed to have been his homestead during his lifetime in Calais. He was the first physician to locate in town, and the only one in town to the time of his death.

In 1811 there were five children attending school from this home.

Ch. recorded in Calais VR.
Euphemia, b. Jan. 31, 1801.

Ancus, b. Oct. 21, 1802.

Arc, b. Feb. 2, 1804.

Betsey, b. Dec. 30, 1805.

Isaac Carmi, b. Aug. 29, 1807.

Horatio Seymore, b. June 15, 1809.

Joanna, b. June 27, 1811.

After the death of the doctor, the family disappeared from Calais. Some of the children are said to have located in Ohio.

Dr. Danforth's wife was sister of the wife of Galen Bliss of Calais.

DAVIS.

Phineas, (Ancestry unknown) The Davis families of Calais are the most baffling of any of the early pioneers of the town. They are not believed to be connected with the Davis family of Charlton that played such an important part in the founding and settlement of Calais, and their connection with any other Davis family of New England has not been determined.

Phineas Davis of Woodstock, Vt., bought of Salmon Davis, lot #43 of the 2nd. division, (less 15 acres in the S.E. corner which had been attached) for \$ 200, on Sept. 12, 1796. This purchase agrees with Tucker's statement that he settled on the Jeremiah Carnes place. He also bought of Oliver Palmer, lot #40 of the 2nd. division on June 29, 1797.

In 1800 he was living in Calais with a family of one male over 26, three males under 10, one female over 26, one female over 10 and under 16, and two females under 10. From the above we conclude that he had a wife and several children but no mention of them is found in the vital records of the town.

He was lister of Calais in 1799, 1801 and 1805.

In later years he lived in the town of Montpelier, where he signed a petition to the town of Calais for aid for Hannah Davis "who had been left by her husband in destitute circumstances".

DAVIS.

Salmon, (Ancestry unknown) Bought of Col. Jacob Davis, lot #43 of the 2nd. div. Mar. 21, 1795, which he later sold to Phineas Davis of Woodstock, Vt.

It is probable that Salmon and Phineas Davis were brothers, and as Tucker says settled on the Jeremiah Carnes farm.

In 1790 Salmon Davis was living in Woodstock, Vt., with a family of one male over 16, one male under 16, and one female. In 1800 he was living in Calais with family of one male over 26, one male over 10 and under 16, four males under 10, one female over 26, and one female under 10.

It is not improbable that he is the "husband who left his wife in destitute circumstances".

No vital records of the family found.

DAVIS.

Simon, (Ancestry unknown but called Simon Jr. in Woodstock records)

From family records kept by the late Mrs. Newton of East Calais, it is learned that he was born Sept. 1759, and that his wife's name was Mary. He died in Jericho, Vt. Mar. 25, 1842 ae. 82-6 (VR) Wife Mary died there July 24, 1844 ae. 85 (VR)

He came to Calais at a very early date, locating just west of where Phineas and Salmon Davis lived. Was elected lister in 1798, and is listed as being on the road passing there in 1799. He soon moved to Jericho, Vt., and an account of him is given in the history of that town in which he is called a Welsh immigrant.

There are two births recorded to this family in Calais and the wife's name is there called Lucy, but an examination of the original record discloses that the place on the page where the wife's name appeared has been torn out and some one has written in in later years the name Lucy. This, I believe was an error, and should have been Mary. Probably confused with Simon Jr. who married Lucy Drew.

The following family record is doubtless incomplete as the census of 1800 would indicate.

Ch.

Isaac, b. Jan. 20, 1782. (Woodstock VR) m. June 12, 1803 (CVR) Esther Kendall.

He died Sept. 8, 1832. Simon Davis was adm. of his estate, and as such sold his pew #3 in the Calais church to Jesse White Jan. 15, 1834. Esther died Dec. 7, 1851 (GS#8)

Mary, b. Apr. 5, 1787 (Woodstock VR) m. Jan. 1, 1806 (CVR) Jared Wheelock.

Simon, b. Aug. 1, 1798 (CVR) m. Jan. 13, 1823 (CVR) Lucy Drew.

He died Nov. 22, 1863 ae 65 (Jericho VR)

Hiram, b. Jan. 14, 1800 (CVR) m. 1st. Minerva Martin. 2nd. Oct. 27, 1839 Anna Joy (Jericho VR) Lived in Jericho, Vt.

There are several descendants of Simon Davis now resident in Calais.

DOANE.

Elisha, (Elisha, Jonathan, David, John, John,) Born in Brookfield, Mass., Jan. 7, 1770. Died in N.Y. state May 9, 1827. Married at Brookfield Feb. 7, 1790, Ebiel, daughter of Phineas Slayton. She died in Michigan Jan. 25, 1850.

He bought, Nov. 23, 1796, 50 acres in the southern part of lot #34 of the first division, but no tradition has been found as to whether this was his homestead or not. He was elected sealer of leather in 1798/9.

This family is believed to have moved to N.Y. state about 1811 or 1812.

Ch. Nine recorded in Calais VR.

Charlotte, b. Aug. 16, 1790.

Simeon, b. Nov. 11, 1792. d. Mar. 6, 1804. (CVR)

Elisha, b. June 28, 1795. d. California 1871

Hiram, b. May 12, 1798. d. Michigan 1841

Folly, b. June 25, 1800. d. abt. 1880 unkn.

Hannah, b. Mar. 20, 1802. d. July 14, 1803. (CVR)

Benjamin Page, b. Oct. 28, 1804. He is said to have been the first captain of a steamboat on the Erie Canal.

Orison, b. Feb. 12, 1807. d. California 1886.

Greene, b. 1809.

Asenath,

EDDY.

Jonathan, (David, Ebenezer, Ebenezer, John of Taunton) Born in Rehoboth, Mass. Jan. 20, 1766 (VR) Married at Brookfield, Mass., Sept. 26, 1793 (VR) Chloe Richardson. Married 2nd. at Montpelier, Vt., Dec. 5, 1805, (VR) Mrs. Lydia (Moses) Kingsley. She born May 1786, daughter of Samuel Moses of Royalton, Vt. Jonathan died at Montpelier Mar. 11, 1827.

Tucker in his history says that Jonathan Eddy settled on the "E.H. Slayton place" which would be near Adamant. He was selectman in 1798, and lister in 1800. He was brother of Mrs. Rufus Green of Calais. The following family is taken from the Eddy genealogy published in 1930.

Ch.

Esther, b. Sept. 14, 1794. (CVR)

Harriet, b. May 22, 1798. (CVR) m. at Montpelier, Apr. 2, 1820, Stephen C. Jacobs.

Myra, b. May 30, 1800 (CVR) m. at Montpelier, Mar. 10, 1822, Samuel Jacobs.

David, b. died at two years.

James Madison, b. at Mont. Nov. 6, 1808 (VR)

Lauriston, b. at Mont. Aug. 24, 1811 (VR)

Samantha, b. twin with above.

There was another Eddy family in Calais at a slightly later date, which was not closely related to the above Jonathan Eddy family.

EMERSON.

John, son of Joseph and Margaret, was born in Rehoboth, Mass., Oct. 4, 1760 (VR)
Marriage intentions published in Rehoboth, Oct. 27, 1785 to Polly Jennings. (In
Arnolds printed Vital Records, this name appears as "Jenkins")
In 1790 this family was living in Rehoboth, Mass., with family recorded in census
as 1-1-1. He died in Calais Dec. 16, 1809 and is buried in the pasture near
where stood his log house in lot #9 of the first division. Mrs. Emerson is buried
beside him but the date of her death has not been learned. There are no grave
stones.

Nov. 14, 1796 he bought of the estate of his father-in-law, James Jennings, lot
#54 of the 3rd. division, and on June 4, 1798, bought at vendue, lot #9 of the 1st.
division, where he is known to have established a homestead.

Ch. recorded in Rehoboth vital records.
Parley, b. Sept. 16, 1789.

John, b. May 11, 1791 m. Oct. 19, 1823 (CVR) Jerusha Sloan. He died
Jan. 5, 1866 (GS#2) She died Mar. 18, 1872 ae 72 (GS#2) People now living
can recall when he was living in a log house on the old homestead, probably
the last log house in Calais used as a dwelling.

Polly, b. June 9, 1793.

Nancy, b. Feb. 11, 1795 (CVR)

FAY.

Jedediah, (Stephen, Stephen, John, John) Born Feb, 7, 1770 (probably in
Charlton, but not of record there) Married in Calais, Aug. 11, 1799 (VR)
Polly Jennings, daughter of Peleg. He died July 21, 1843 (GS#8) She died
Oct. 7, 1850 ae 72 (GS#8)

Sept. 9, 1795, he purchased the westerly part of lot #52 of the 1st. division
which with additional adjoining land acquired later, constituted his homestead,
which agrees with Tucker's statement that he "Began on the Almon Gurnsey farm".

At the first town meeting he was elected lister, and in later years was town
treasurer.

Ch. recorded in Calais, book 1, page 17.

Calista, b. Aug. 3, 1800 (or 1801) d. Aug. 13, 1802 (CVR)

Polly, b. Aug. 1, 1802. m. July 15, 1827 (CVR) Daniel Remick. He died
1857 (GS#4) She died 1847 (GS#4)

Susan, b. Dec. 28, 1803. m. July 15, 1827 (CVR) Squire Jennings, son of
Nathan

Henry, b. Oct. 5, 1805. m. Nov. 27, 1825 (CVR) Saraphina Bancroft, dau. of
Benjamin. He died Oct. 27, 1890 (GS#8) She died Dec. 31, 1884 (GS#8).

Samuel, b. Nov. 23, 1808.

Louisa Maria, b. Feb. 27, 1811. d. Apr. 27, 1874. (CVR)

Sally, b. May 1, 1817. d. Apr. 5, 1824 (CVR).

FAY.

Samuel, (Stephen, Stephen, John, John) Born in Charlton, Mass., May 2, 1768 (Fay genealogy) Died unmarried, Nov. 29, 1850 age 83 (GS#2) He was son of Stephen, "clark" of the proprietors, and brother of Stephen Jr. and Jedediah, pioneers. He came to Calais at an early date and established a homestead on lot #10 of the 2nd. division, and was elected town treasurer at the first town meeting in 1795. Lister 1796 and 1799, collector and constable in 1800, representative to the state legislature, and delegate to the constitutional convention in 1814.

In the census of 1800, he is listed as living alone. After his death, his nephew, David Boyden Fay, lived for a time on his homestead.

FAY.

Stephen, (Stephen, Stephen, John, John) Born, probably in Charlton, Mass., Oct. 31, 1771. Married in Charlton, Jan. 25, 1807 (VR) Alice Boyden, at which time he gave his residence as Casenovia, N.Y. He was son of Stephen, an original proprietor. (See charter and proprietors)

He came to Calais at an early date, and received as a gift from his father, lots #64 of the 2nd. division, and #65 of the 3rd. division, and on the former is believed to have started a settlement. He is placed there by Tucker, and also on a list of roads of Calais made in 1799. (see Hemenway)

He was elected fence viewer in 1795 and 1798, and as he is not included in the census of 1800, we conclude that he left town about 1799 or 1800.

Ch.

Asa,

A daughter

David Boyden, b. in N.Y., Dec. 27, 1819. m. Nov. 5, 1852 (CVR) Melissa Wheelock, daughter of Brittain. He died 1895 (GS#2) She died Apr. 5, 1910 (GS#2) He came back from Casenovia, N.Y., and settled on the farm where his uncle Samuel Fay had previously lived in lot #10 of the 2nd. division, and still later lived in the village of E. Calais, in the house now used as a post office. He was one of the very few sons of these pioneers whom the writer personally remembers.

FULLER.

David, son of Samuel Fuller, was born in Rehoboth, Mass., Oct. 20, 1744 (VR)
Married in Rehoboth, July 28, 1765 (VR) Lydia, dau. of Joseph Emerson. David was
a Revolutionary soldier and saw service in Capt. Paine's Co., at the siege of
Boston, spring of 1776 and had various other short term enlistments. Was also
in the Continental army in Rhode Island for three months in 1780. He died
May 28, 1809 (GS#5) Mrs Fuller died Sept. 8, 1825 ae 66-7- (GS#5)
Sept. 9, 1797 he bought of Moses Haskell, the same parcel of land that Mr. Haskell
had previously bought of F. West, in Lot #60, second division, and Mr. Haskell calls
it "the place where I now live".
Census of 1790 shows this family living in Rehoboth, with one male over sixteen,
one male under sixteen, and four females.

Ch. born in Rehoboth, Mass., per VR

David, b. Jan. 6, 1786. m. Nov. 9, 1813, Martha, dau. of Daniel Fuller.
He died May 12, 1850.

Betsey, b. Jan. 16, 1788. m. Dec. 8, 1808 (CVR) Stephen Davis. He died July
10, 1815 (GS#5) m. 2nd. Simeon Slayton. She died Oct. 30, 1876 ae 88 (GS#5)

Susannah, b. Oct. 2, 1789.

Margaret, b. July 2, 1792

Sarah, b. Aug. 26, 1793. d. May 23, 1885 (GS #7).

Samuel, b. Dec. 20, 1795. m. Maria Wakefield. She d. Oct. 31, 1830 ae 27 (CVR)
m. 2nd. Saphronia Wakefield Dec. 1, 1831 (Mont. VR) She d. July 11, 1856 ae 54
(CVR) He died Sept. 1880. All buried in cem. #7.