

Ancestors of Elizabeth Ann CARSON (nee CHAMBERS)

The STEVENS:

JONATHAN STEVENS and his two brothers David and William emigrated from England in the early part of the 18th century. David settled in Connecticut, William in Hoboken N.J., and JONATHAN in Monroe, Orange County, N.Y. then called Cornwall. William's descendants founded the Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken, N.J. There is a write up on Robert Livingston STEVENS (1787-1856) of Hoboken, N.J. in the Books of Knowledge. Perhaps this is a relative.

JONATHAN STEVENS died in the early part of January 1795, leaving his estate to his wife Jamima and their children. His will is recorded in the surrogate court in Goshen, Orange County, N.Y., dated "Near Walton Lake in Sugar Loaf Valley, Dec. 28, 1794" and probated Jan. 14, 1795. His executors were Patrick Cassidy and his son ELISHA STEVENS. His remains were interred and still lie in the family plot on the farm on which he lived and which has been in possession of his descendants ever since.

JONATHAN STEVENS' sons ADAM and JUSTUS were in some of the battles of the Revolution. The Revolutionary War began in April of 1775 and lasted eight years. It gave birth to the new nation The United States of America with the signing of The Declaration of Independence on July 4th, 1776. Thirteen colonies won their freedom from Britain. The British were known as the redcoats, the colonist were called patriots. About a quarter of the colonist remained loyal to Britain. Many of the Loyalists including ADAM and JUSTUS STEVENS moved to Canada. George Washington was a General in this war. He later became the 1st President of the United States (1789-1797) The famous battle of Bunker Hill took place near Boston in 1775.

Jonathan's son, ELISHA STEVENS was born in Orange County, N.Y. on Feb. 28, 1759. In 1790 he married Miss Rachel DeMott and settled on the homestead. He had ten sons and four daughters, Sarah, Catherine, Joel, William D., Finley, Benjamin R., Ellis, George, Westlake, Issac, Jacob, Malinda, Elisha, and Polly Ann. Elisha and his wife Rachel are buried in the family plot.

The FREDERICKS:

CATHERINE FREDERICK, Mother of PollyAnn Farrell, drew a pension as the widow of Jacob Frederick, soldier in Capt. Horton's Co., N.Y. Militia, in the War of 1812. Claim 6756, Act of Congress, Feb. 14, 1871. This war was with Great Britain. The French under Napoleon were allies of the Americans. In 1813 the Americans captured York (now Toronto). That fall a campaign to take Montreal failed. The British recaptured Fort Niagara and burnt Buffalo, N.Y. to the ground. This was the last attempt to invade Canada.