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## HULDAH GROSS, WIFE OF JEHIEL GATES OF EAST HADDAM AND LITCHFIELD, CONNECTICUT

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Jehiel Gates was born in East Haddam, Conn., on 25 August 1758 to Judah and Abigail (Hurd) Gates.<sup>[1]</sup> During the Revolutionary War Jehiel served as a private in the Connecticut Line, from East Haddam, Conn.<sup>[2]</sup> In February 1780, just prior to his discharge from military service, he purchased land in Litchfield, Conn., from Ashbel Catlin and moved there.<sup>[3]</sup> Jehiel married and had “eleven children in the Litchfield records: Laura/Lura, James, Jehiel, Azel, Gross, Nabby, Alvah, Freeman, Henry, Gairy, and an unnamed daughter.”<sup>[4]</sup> The name of Jehiel’s wife was not given. Litchfield land records indicate that sometime between 1810 and 1815, Jehiel moved his remaining family, and his son James and his family, to Shoreham, Addison Co., Vt.<sup>[5]</sup> In 1816, Jehiel, sons James and Gross, and their families moved to Dansville, Steuben Co., N.Y., where Jehiel and his wife apparently lived the rest of their lives.<sup>[6]</sup>

### WHO WAS JEHIEL’S WIFE?

A search of previously recorded research consistently gave Jehiel’s wife the name of Huldah Gross who was “possibly” or “probably” the daughter of Thomas Gross and Huldah Seymour of Hartford, Conn., but without sources. A systematic search for Jehiel’s family produced little results. The records revealed only the marriages of two of their children: Lura Gates married Simeon Bissell in Litchfield on 20 March 1803<sup>[7]</sup> and Gross Gates married Abigail Ames in Shoreham, Vt., on 13 February 1812.<sup>[8]</sup> No marriage record was found for Jehiel Gates or Huldah Gross. They were members of the First Ecclesiastical Society of Litchfield until 1797, but the church records prior to the 1840s were destroyed in a fire.<sup>[9]</sup> Records of the children of Jehiel provided a few confirmatory items.

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1. Lorraine Cook White, *The Barbour Collection of Connecticut Town Vital Records* (Baltimore, 1996-2002) [hereafter *Barbour Collection*], 9 [East Haddam]: 243.
  2. National Archives, Revolutionary War Pension Application Files, #S44875. Jehiel, being in reduced circumstances in 1818, in Steuben Co, New York, successfully applied for a pension. In Jehiel’s declaration, he refers to “my wife” without ever stating her name.
  3. Litchfield, Conn., Deeds, 12: 207 [FHL #4747], dated 9 Feb. 1780. Note: Ashbel Catlin’s step-daughter was Huldah Gross.
  4. D. Williams Patterson, *George Gates of East Haddam, Connecticut, and His Descendants* (ms., 1865; Philadelphia, typ., 1934) [hereafter *Gates typ.*] [FHL #517148 it. 1], 22.
  5. 1810 Federal Census, Litchfield, Litchfield Co., Conn., M252-2, p. 31, lists both Jehiel and James Gates; Litchfield, Conn., Deeds, 27: 512 [FHL #4753], dated 14 Apr 1815. Note: James Gates sells his land in Litchfield to Solon Bishop.
  6. W. W. Clayton, *History of Steuben County, New York* (Philadelphia, 1879), 278.
  7. *Barbour Collection*, 23 [Litchfield]: 83.
  8. *Town Records of Shoreham, Vermont, Births, Marriages & Deaths, 1777-1852* [FHL #28960] [hereafter *Shoreham VR*], 102; Ann Theopold Chaplin, *Descendants of William Ames of Braintree, Massachusetts* (Boston, 2004), 116, names Gross Gates but not his ancestry – children listed from a bible record.
  9. Payne Kenyon Kilbourne, *Sketches and Chronicles of the Town of Litchfield, Connecticut* (Hartford, 1859), 261.

The early cemetery records of Shoreham, Vt., list the death of Clarry Gates, daughter of Jehiel and Huldah Gates, on 26 February 1815, age 12.<sup>[10]</sup>

Jehiel's daughter Abigail married Josiah Pond Jr. in Shoreham, Vt., on 10 December 1812<sup>[11]</sup> and moved to Jackson Co., Mich.<sup>[12]</sup> Abigail died in Liberty, Jackson Co., Mich., on 12 September 1875.<sup>[13]</sup> Her parents are listed on her death record as Jehiel Gates and Huldah Gross. Death and other records located for the remaining children do not name their parents.

### RESEARCH FINDINGS ON THOMAS AND HULDAH (SEYMOUR) GROSS

Was Jehiel Gates's wife Huldah Gross the daughter of Thomas and Huldah Gross of Hartford? Thomas Gross was the son of Freeman Gross and Susannah (Bunce) Deming.<sup>[14]</sup> Thomas married Huldah Seymour in Hartford, Conn., on 1 May 1763.<sup>[15]</sup> Huldah was the daughter of Richard and Elizabeth (Wadsworth) Seymour.<sup>[16]</sup> Thomas and Huldah were married just ten years when he died in Hartford on 26 August 1773.<sup>[17]</sup> He is buried in the Center Church Burying Ground.<sup>[18]</sup> The Hartford probate records for Thomas Gross show that his widow was given items from the personal estate to provide for her family, but the children are not named. Furthermore, the estate was declared insolvent and the widow was ordered to sell land to pay the creditors.<sup>[19]</sup> The deed of sale for this land was signed by Ashbel Catling and wife Huldah (formerly Huldah Gross) of Litchfield on 30 January 1783.<sup>[20]</sup>

Ashbel and Huldah Catlin died at Crown Point, Essex Co., N.Y., and were buried there in the Moses Townsend Cemetery. He died in 1821 at age 82 and she died in 1836 at age 91.<sup>[21]</sup> No probate or death records were found for either of them in Essex Co., N.Y.

A further providential search was made in the Hartford records. The Hartford, Conn., land index for 1639-1839 listed two deeds, both dated 16 May 1797, quit

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10. Vermont Vital Records Card Index to 1870, g.s. entry.
  11. Susan Holt MacIntire and Sanford Stowell Witherell, *A Genealogical Register of Early Families of Shoreham, Vermont, 1761-1899* ([Shoreham, Vt.], 1984) [hereafter *Shoreham Fam.*], 180; *Shoreham VR*, 86.
  12. Helen F. Lewis, *Southeastern Michigan Pioneer Families, Especially Jackson County and New York Origins* (Rhinebeck, N.Y., 1998), 308; Not found in *Cemetery records of the township of Hampton, Washington County, New York* (Queensbury, N.Y., 1993).
  13. Jackson Co., Mich., Deaths, A: 115, #46 [FHL #941628], as Nabby Pond.
  14. Lucius Barnes Barbour, *Families of Early Hartford, Connecticut* (Baltimore, 1977) [hereafter *Early Hartford Fam.*], 288.
  15. First Church Records, Hartford, Conn. [FHL #4660], 1: 253.
  16. *Early Hartford Fam.*, 506-507.
  17. Death notice in *Hartford Curreant*, issue 31 Aug. 1773.
  18. *Early Hartford Fam.*, 288.
  19. Hartford Dist., Conn., Probate, 23: 2-3, 78, 127, File #2479.
  20. Hartford, Conn., Deeds, 16: 118, dated 30 Jan. 1783: Ashbel Catling and wife Huldah (formerly Huldah Gross), of Hartford but now of Litchfield, administrators of the estate of Thomas Gross of Hartford, to Ezra Hide of Hartford, for £20. Description: land in Hartford Twp, bounded North by Ezra Hide, South by heirs of said Thomas Gross, West by highway, East by land distributed to Susannah Bunce. The North line runs within 1½ feet of said Ezra Hides well to the southwest corner of Jonathan Bull's home lot. This small piece of land said Thomas Gross bought of William Hooker of Hartford.
  21. Essex Co, N.Y., Cemetery Records (copied from the records at the Essex County Historical Center) at <[www.rootsweb.com/~nyessex/a\\_b.html](http://www.rootsweb.com/~nyessex/a_b.html)>.

claiming land by F. Gross, J. Gates, and others to Amos Parmelee Jr.<sup>[22]</sup> The Litchfield, Conn., town records show a marriage on 27 May 1786 between Elizabeth Groce and Amos Parmelee Jr.<sup>[23]</sup>

The first deed is a quit claim by Jehiel Gates and wife Huldah, with Solomon Kilbourn Jr. and wife Nabby (Abigail), all of Litchfield, releasing their one equal half of a piece of land to Amos Parmelee Jr.<sup>[24]</sup> The second deed is a quit claim by Freeman Gross releasing his one fourth part of a piece of land to Amos Parmelee Jr.<sup>[25]</sup> The description of the land is the same, “land in the city of Hartford, bounded North by Ezra Hyde’s land, East by Jonathan Bull’s land, South by Consider Burt’s land, and West by the highway.”

These deeds introduced the surname Kilbourn to the search. Litchfield records had identified three potential children. Could Abigail be the missing fourth child to go with the “fourth part” stated in the deeds?

The Kilbourn genealogy lists a marriage in Litchfield for Solomon Kilbourn and Abigail Gross “of that town.” The list of their children includes Huldah, Thomas, and Freeman.<sup>[26]</sup> Their Litchfield marriage record was not found, but has been calculated to be about 1784 based on the list of children and Abigail Gross’s reported death date of about 1800.

Deeds quit claiming lands in fractional parts are usually dealing with land inherited and distributed to heirs. Although these deeds do not specifically state that, could this be their inheritance from their father, Thomas Gross?

### AN EIGHTEENTH CENTURY CHAIN OF TITLE SEARCH

Freeman Gross first bought land in Hartford, Conn., in 1731. Since there is no description of the land’s specific location in Hartford, a chain of title search must follow all the surrounding neighbors of the land, from the distribution to heirs in 1777 to the final sale out of the family in 1804.

In 1777, the estate of Freeman Gross of Hartford is distributed to his heirs, named as the heirs of Thomas Gross, Susannah Bunce, Experience Ensign, and the heirs of Jonathan Gross.<sup>[27]</sup> The heirs of Thomas Gross are to receive the north portion of the home lot, next to land Thomas purchased from William Hooker in 1770.<sup>[28]</sup> For that portion distributed to the heirs of Thomas Gross, the north

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22. Database at <[www.newenglandancestors.org/research/database/hartfordct/](http://www.newenglandancestors.org/research/database/hartfordct/)>.

23. *Barbour Collection*, 23 [Litchfield]: 101.

24. Hartford, Conn., Deeds, 20: 637, dated 16 May 1797 [FHL #4520]: Jehiel Gates and wife Huldah, Solomon Kilbourn Jr. & wife Nabby, all of Litchfield, release and quit claim their one equal half of a piece of land to Amos Parmelee Jr. for \$120. Description: land in city of Hartford, bounded North by Ezra Hyde’s land, East by Jonathan Bull’s land, South by Consider Burt’s land, West by highway, together with the one equal half of a dwelling house thereon standing.

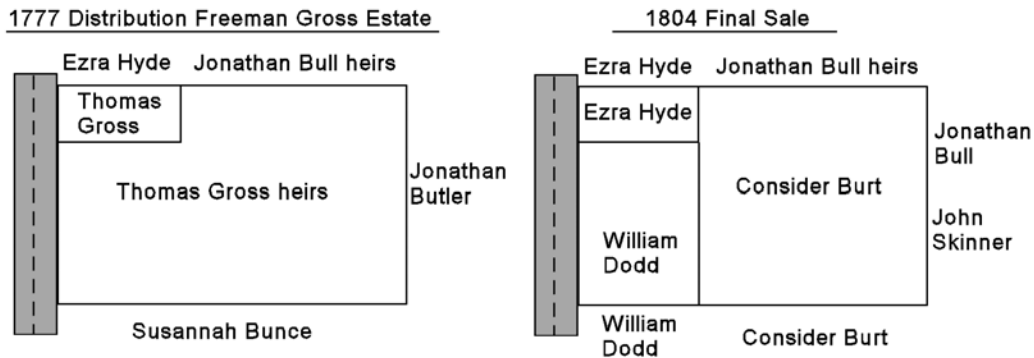
25. Hartford, Conn., Deeds, 20: 638, dated 16 May 1797 [FHL #4520]: Freeman Gross of Litchfield, release and quit claim his one fourth part of a piece of land to Amos Parmelee Jr. of Litchfield, for \$60. Description: land in city of Hartford, bounded North by Ezra Hyde’s land, East by Jonathan Bull’s land, South by Consider Burt’s land, West by highway, together with the one fourth of a dwelling house thereon standing.

26. Payne Kenyon Kilbourne, *The History and Antiquities of the Name and Family of Kilbourn* (New Haven, 1856) [hereafter *Kilbourn Gen.*], 171.

27. Charles William Manwaring, *A Digest of the Early Connecticut Probate Records* (Hartford, 1902; rep. Baltimore, 1995), 3: 276-277.

28. Hartford, Conn., Deeds, 13: 102, dated 10 Aug. 1770. [FHL #4516]: William Hooker of Hartford, to Thomas Gross of Hartford, for £30. Description: land in Hartford Twp bounded

neighbors are listed as Ezra Hyde and the heirs of Jonathan Bull. Jonathan Butler is the neighbor to the east. Susannah Bunce is the southern neighbor, and the west border is the highway (said to be the road to Wethersfield.)



**North Neighbors**

Between 1777 and 1804, the north neighbors remain the same, except that Ezra Hyde purchases the small northwest piece of the land from widow Huldah Seymour Gross in 1783 by order of the Probate Court.<sup>[29]</sup>

**South Neighbors**

In 1781, Susannah Bunce sells the eastern part of her portion to James Seymour. His eastern neighbor is stated to be John Skinner.<sup>[30]</sup> In 1798, Lucy Seymour, heir to James Seymour, sells the land her father bought from Susannah Bunce, to Consider Burt.<sup>[31]</sup> By 1804, William Dodd acquired the western part of Susannah Bunce’s portion.

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South by Freeman Gross heirs, East by Freeman Gross heirs, extends North on Hooker’s land from above mentioned south bounds, West on highway, extends North to within 1½ feet of said Hooker’s well and then to run a straight line East to the Northwest corner of said Gross’s barn or the Southwest corner of the heirs of the late Dr. Jonathan Bull.

29. Connecticut Probate Records, Hartford District, 23: 2-3, 78, 127, file #2479, Estate declared insolvent and Widow Huldah Gross ordered to sell land to satisfy creditors; Hartford, Conn., Deeds, 16: 118, dated 30 Jan. 1783 [FHL #4518]: Ashbel Catling and wife Huldah (formerly Huldah Gross), of Hartford but now of Litchfield, administrators of the estate of Thomas Gross of Hartford, to Ezra Hide of Hartford, for £20. Description: land in Hartford Twp, bounded North by Ezra Hide, South by heirs of said Thomas Gross, West by highway, East by land distributed to Susannah Bunce. The North line runs within 1½ feet of said Ezra Hides well to the southwest corner of Jonathan Bull’s home lot. This small piece of land said Thomas Gross bought of William Hooker of Hartford.
30. Hartford, Conn., Deeds, 16: 226, dated 25 July 1781 [FHL #4518]: Susannah Bunce of Hartford to James Seymour of Hartford for £10. Description: land in Hartford lately distributed to me of my late Father’s estate containing 16 rods beginning at the Southeast corner of land distributed to the heirs of Thomas Gross and to John Skinner’s land, then Westerly with South line of said heirs land, 2 chains and 15 links, then Southerly 46 lengths, then Easterly 2 chains 15 lengths, then Northerly 46 lengths to the first mentioned corner, bounded North on Thomas Gross’s heirs land, West upon my own land, South upon Jonathan Gross’s heirs land, East upon John Skinner’s land.
31. Hartford, Conn., Deeds, 21: 368, dated 25 Apr. 1798 [FHL #4520]: Lucy Seymour of Hartford to Consider Burt of Hartford for \$20. Description: land in Hartford containing 16 rods, part of a lot formerly belonging to Freeman Gross dec’d, conveyed by Susanna Bunce,

### East Neighbors

In 1798, Amos Parmelee and wife Elizabeth own the entire portion inherited by Thomas Gross's heirs (due to the quit claims of 1797.) They sell the eastern portion of this land to Consider Burt.<sup>[32]</sup> (This is actually the same date that Consider Burt bought the land to the south from Lucy Seymour.) In 1804, Amos Parmelee and wife Elizabeth sell the last piece of Thomas Gross's estate to William Dodd of Boston.<sup>[33]</sup>

By following the land title sales and distributions of the neighbors, it can be concluded that the land quit claimed in 1797 to Amos Parmelee by Jehiel Gates and wife Huldah, Solomon Kilbourn Jr. and wife Nabby, and Freeman Gross, is the same land that Amos and Elizabeth Parmelee sold in 1798 and 1804. Since this land was originally distributed to the heirs of Thomas Gross, it can therefore also be concluded that Huldah Gross (wife of Jehiel Gates), Abigail "Nabby" Gross (wife of Solomon Kilbourn), Freeman Gross, and Elizabeth Gross (wife of Amos Parmelee), are siblings, and the four children of Thomas and Huldah (Seymour) Gross. An outline of the family of Freeman Gross, a sixth generation *Mayflower* descendent of Elder William Brewster, follows.

### SUMMARY

1. **FREEMAN GROSS**, son of Thomas and Experience<sup>5</sup> (*Edmund Freeman*,<sup>4</sup> *Mercy Prence*,<sup>3</sup> *Patience Brewster*,<sup>2</sup> *William*<sup>1</sup>) Gross, was born in Eastham about 1710 and died in 1742 in Hartford, Conn.<sup>[34]</sup> Freeman married **SUSANNAH BUNCE** in Hartford on 7 January 1731/2.<sup>[35]</sup> Susannah, daughter of Jonathan and Sarah (Sanford) Bunce, was baptized in the Wethersfield Church, Wethersfield, Conn.,

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one of the heirs of said Freeman, to my late father, Mr. James Seymour, deceased, as per deed dated 25 July 1781, bounded East on land of late Capt. John Skinner, North on part of lot distributed to Thomas Gross's heirs, West on land distributed to said Susannah Bunce, South on land distributed to heirs of Jonathan Gross, and now lies in common and undivided with the other heirs of said James Seymour.

32. Hartford, Conn., Deeds, 21: 406, dated 25 Apr. 1798 [FHL #4520]: Amos Parmelee Jr. and wife Elizabeth of Litchfield to Consider Burt of Hartford for \$100. Description: a piece of land situated in Hartford and is part of the real estate of Thomas Gross late of said Hartford, deceased, bounded East on land late the property of Capt. John Skinner, deceased, North on land of Jonathan Bull Esq., West on land of Ezra Hyde in part, West on land of heirs of Thomas Gross, South on land distributed to Susannah Gross, and contains all the land that was distributed to said heirs east of said Hyde's land together with all right thereto except the Widow's right of Dower.
33. Hartford, Conn., Deeds, 22: 356, dated 3 July 1804 [FHL #4521]: Amos Parmelee and wife Elizabeth of Litchfield to William Dodd of Boston, Mass., for \$260. Description: land in Hartford, beginning at the Southwest corner of Ezra Hyde's land, run East to end of Hyde's land, then South 24 links to land conveyed by us to Consider Burt, then West by land of said William Dodd to the main street, then North 24 links to the beginning – it being part of the estate distributed to Thomas Gross deceased in the distribution of Freeman Gross's estate.
34. *Early Hartford Fam.*, 288; Susan E. Roser, *Mayflower Births & Death* (Baltimore, 1992), 1: 227.
35. *Early Hartford Fam.*, 288; *Barbour Collection*, 18 [Hartford]: 140.

on 19 November 1704,<sup>[36]</sup> died in Hartford on 18 June 1776,<sup>[37]</sup> and buried there in the Center Church Cemetery.<sup>[38]</sup>

Children of Freeman and Susannah (Bunce) Gross:

- i. FREEMAN GROSS, b. 5 Sept. 1732, bp. in First Church, Hartford, 15 Oct. 1732,<sup>[39]</sup> d. Guadaloupe, West Indies, 17 Aug. 1764;<sup>[40]</sup> m. SARAH WHITE, dau. of John and Elizabeth (Boardman) White, b. 16 Jan. 1743, d. 25 July 1774.<sup>[41]</sup>
- ii. SUSANNAH GROSS, b. 8 May 1734 Hartford, Conn.<sup>[42]</sup>; m. JOSEPH BUNCE, son of James and Sarah (King) Bunce, bp. 29 Aug. 1725 Hartford, Conn.<sup>[43]</sup>
- 2 iii. THOMAS GROSS m. HULDAH SEYMOUR.
- iv. JONATHAN GROSS d. Hartford, Conn., bef. 14 Mar. 1777;<sup>[44]</sup> m. HULDAH SEYMOUR, dau. of Zachariah and Sarah (Steele) Seymour, b. 5 Jan. 1744/5, d. 25 Aug. 1796.<sup>[45]</sup>
- v. EXPERIENCE GROSS, b. ca. 1735, d. bef. 1810; m. THOMAS ENSIGN in Hartford, Conn., in 1756.<sup>[46]</sup>

2. **THOMAS GROSS**, son of Freeman and Susannah (Bunce) Gross, was born in Hartford, Conn., about 1738<sup>[47]</sup>, died there on 27 August 1773, and was buried at the Center Church Cemetery.<sup>[48]</sup> Thomas married **HULDAH SEYMOUR** in Hartford on 1 May 1763.<sup>[49]</sup> Huldah, daughter of Richard and Elizabeth (Wadsworth) Seymour, was born in Hartford on 14 January 1745,<sup>[50]</sup> died in Crown Point, Essex Co., N.Y., on 1 March 1836,<sup>[51]</sup> and was buried there in the Moses

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36. *Early Hartford Fam.*, 288.

37. *Early Hartford Fam.*, 288.

38. *Early Hartford Fam.*, 288; *Barbour Collection*, 18 [Hartford]: 140-141; Albert C. Bates, *Hartford, Connecticut Land Records: 1639-1688 and Births, Marriages and Deaths: 1644-1730* (Hartford, 1912), 2: 618.

39. *Early Hartford Fam.*, 288; First Church of Christ, *Historical Catalogue of the First Church of Hartford, Connecticut, 1635-1885* (Hartford, 1885) [hereafter *Hartford 1<sup>st</sup> Ch.*], 201; *Barbour Collection*, 18 [Hartford]: 140.

40. Correspondence with Linda Hagedorn, 2002, citing *The Cromwell First Congregational Church Records 1715-1875* at the Connecticut State Library (1954), 54, of yellow fever.

41. Charles Collard Adams, *Middletown Upper Houses: a history of the north society of Middletown, Connecticut, from 1650 to 1800, with genealogical and biographical chapters on early families and a full genealogy of the Ranney family* (New York, 1908), 660, 718-719.

42. *Barbour Collection*, 18 [Hartford]:141.

43. *Early Hartford Fam.*, 111.

44. Charles William Manwaring, *A Digest of the Early Connecticut Probate Records* (Hartford, 1902; rep. Baltimore, 1995), 3: 276-277, est. of Freeman Gross.

45. Donald Lines Jacobus, *A History of the Seymour Family: Descendants of Richard Seymour of Hartford, Connecticut for Six Generations*, (New Haven, 1939), 88.

46. Martha Eunice Ensign Nelson, *Record of the Descendants of James Ensign and His Wife Sarah Elson, 1634-1939-1960 (S.I., 1960)*, 30.

47. *Early Hartford Fam.*, 288.

48. *Early Hartford Fam.*, 288; Seymour Morris, "Richard Seymour of Hartford and Norwalk, Conn., and Some of His Descendants" in the *New England Historical and Genealogical Register*, 73 [1919]: 10 [hereafter *Seymour Desc.*]; Death notice in *Hartford Currant*, issue 31 Aug. 1773.

49. *Early Hartford Fam.*, 288, 507; *Hartford 1<sup>st</sup> Ch.*, 253; *Seymour Desc.*

50. Donald Lines Jacobus, *A History of the Seymour Family: Descendants of Richard Seymour of Hartford, Connecticut for Six Generations*, (New Haven, 1939), 79.

51. Essex Co, N.Y., Cemetery Records (copied from the records at the Essex County Historical Center) at <[www.rootsweb.com/~nyessex/a\\_b.html](http://www.rootsweb.com/~nyessex/a_b.html)>.

Townsend Cemetery.<sup>[52]</sup> Huldah married second **ASHBEL CATLIN** in Litchfield, Conn., about 1779.<sup>[53]</sup>

Children of Thomas and Huldah (Seymour) Gross, probably b. Hartford, Conn.:

- 3 i. HULDAH GROSS b. ca. 1764; m. JEHIEL GATES.
- ii. ABIGAIL GROSS, b. ca. 1766, d. prob. Litchfield, Conn., ca. 1800;<sup>[54]</sup> m. SOLOMON KILBORN in Litchfield ca. 1784;<sup>[55]</sup> Solomon, son of Solomon and Anna (Palmer) Kilborn, b. Litchfield, 17 Dec. 1764,<sup>[56]</sup> d. Hampton, Washington Co., N.Y.<sup>[57]</sup>
  - Children of Solomon and Abigail (Gross) Kilborn:<sup>[58]</sup>
    - a. *Clarissa Kilborn.*
    - b. *Benjamin Kilborn.*
    - c. *Catharine Kilborn.*
    - d. *Solomon Kilborn.*
    - e. *Huldah Kilborn.*
    - f. *Thomas Freeman Kilborn.*
    - g. *Abigail Kilborn.*
    - h. *Maria Kilborn.*
- iii. ELIZABETH GROSS, b. ca. 1768, d. Litchfield, Conn., 10 Apr. 1813;<sup>[59]</sup> m. AMOS PARMELEE in Litchfield, 27 Mar. 1786;<sup>[60]</sup> Amos, son of Amos and Sarah (Kilborn) Parmelee, d. Litchfield, 1 Aug. 1837;<sup>[61]</sup> m.(2) BETSEY CARTER in Litchfield, 12 Sept. 1814.<sup>[62]</sup>
  - Children of Amos and Elizabeth (Gross) Parmelee b. Litchfield, Conn.:<sup>[63]</sup>
    - a. *Heman Parmelee*, b. 25 Sept. 1786.
    - b. *Polly Parmelee*, b. 1 Apr. 1792; m. *Luther Johnson.*
    - c. *Howell Parmelee*, b. 24 Mar. 1794.
    - d. *Lucy Parmelee*, b. 27 Dec. 1796; m. *James Trowbridge.*
    - e. *Lynde Parmelee*, b. 12 Apr. 1799; m. *Irene Tompkins.*
    - f. *Abby Parmelee*, b. 29 Apr. 1801.
    - g. *Asa Parmelee*, b. 23 Apr. 1803.
    - Child of Amos and Betsey (Carter) Parmelee b. Litchfield, Conn.:<sup>[64]</sup>
      - h. *Jenett Parmelee*, b. 20 Sept. 1816.
  - iv. THOMAS FREEMAN GROSS, d. Litchfield, Conn., Nov. 1846;<sup>[65]</sup> m. LYDIA MASON; Lydia d. July 1864.<sup>[66]</sup>

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52. Essex Co, N.Y., Cemetery Records (copied from the records at the Essex County Historical Center) at <[www.rootsweb.com/~nyessex/a\\_b.html](http://www.rootsweb.com/~nyessex/a_b.html)>.
  53. *Shoreham Fam.*, 180; *Early Hartford Fam.*, 288; Essex Co, N.Y., Cemetery Records (copied from the records at the Essex County Historical Center) online at <[www.rootsweb.com/~nyessex/a\\_b.html](http://www.rootsweb.com/~nyessex/a_b.html)>.
  54. *Kilbourn Gen.*, 171.
  55. *Kilbourn Gen.*, 171.
  56. *Barbour Collection*, 23 [Litchfield]: 133.
  57. *Kilbourn Gen.*, 171.
  58. *Kilbourn Gen.*, 171.
  59. *Barbour Collection*, 23 [Litchfield]: 183.
  60. *Barbour Collection*, 23 [Litchfield]: 101.
  61. Death announcement, *Connecticut Courant*, issue 5 Aug. 1837, p. 3; *Kilbourn Gen.*, 111.
  62. *Barbour Collection*, 23 [Litchfield]: 183.
  63. *Barbour Collection*, 23 [Litchfield]: 182-183; George C. Woodruff, *A Genealogical Register of the Inhabitants of the Town of Litchfield, Connecticut 1720-1800* (Hartford, 1900), 169 (inc. mar.).
  64. *Barbour Collection*, 23 [Litchfield]: 183.
  65. *Mayflower Descendant* [hereafter **MD**], 39: 2: 135, affidavit of John Mason Gross.
  66. **MD**, 39: 2: 135, affidavit of John Mason Gross.



Child of Thomas F. and Lydia (Mason) Gross b. Litchfield, Conn.:<sup>[67]</sup>  
 a. *Mason Gross*, b.5 Apr. 1809; m. *Cornelia Barnard*.

3. **HULDAH GROSS** was born in Hartford, Conn., about 1764.<sup>[68]</sup> Huldah married **JEHIEL GATES** about 1780 probably in Litchfield, Conn.<sup>[69]</sup> Jehiel, son of Judah and Abigail (Hurd) Gates, was born in East Haddam, Conn., on 25 August 1758.<sup>[70]</sup> Huldah and Jehiel both probably died between 1830-1835, in Dansville, Steuben Co., N.Y.<sup>[71]</sup>

Children of Jehiel and Huldah (Gross) Gates prob. b. Litchfield, Conn.:<sup>[72]</sup>

- i. LURA GATES, b. ca. 1782, d. Huron, Wayne Co., N.Y., 24 Dec. 1868;<sup>[73]</sup> m. SIMEON BISSELL in Litchfield, Conn., 20 Mar. 1803;<sup>[74]</sup> Simeon, b. Conn., ca. 1777, d. Huron, 10 Jan. 1851.<sup>[75]</sup>
- ii. JAMES GATES, b. ca. 1784, d. Spring, Crawford Co., Pa., 23 Jan. 1870;<sup>[76]</sup> m. MARTIA WESTOVER probably in Litchfield, Conn., ca. 1809;<sup>[77]</sup> Martia, dau. of Joseph and Rebecca (Kilborn) Westover, b. Litchfield, 24 Mar. 1789,<sup>[78]</sup> d. prob. Dansville, Steuben Co., N.Y., 24 June 1817;<sup>[79]</sup> James m.(2) CYNTHIA \_\_\_\_; Cynthia, b. Conn., ca. 1794,<sup>[80]</sup> d. Spring, 22 Mar. 1863.<sup>[81]</sup>  
 Children of James and Martia (Westover) Gates.<sup>[82]</sup>
  - a. *Mary Ann Gates*, b. 2 Oct. 1810; m. *Thomas J. Dimick*.
  - b. *George Gates*, b. 24 Dec. 1812, m.(1) *Clarissa Foote*; m.(2) *Elizabeth Woodson*; m.(3) *Mary Smith*; m.(4) *Elizabeth Webster*; m.(5) *Maria Liversedge*.
  - c. *daughter Gates*, b. bet. 1810-1820.
  - d. *Ira Gates*, b. ca. 1817; m. *Marietta Bowman*.

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67. MD, 39: 2: 135, affidavit of John Mason Gross.
  68. *Early Hartford Fam.*, 288, 507; *Hartford 1<sup>st</sup> Ch.*, 253; *Seymour Desc.*; Note: birth date based on marriage date of parents.
  69. Death Records, Jackson Co, Michigan [FHL #941628], A: 115, lists Jehiel Gates and Huldah Gross as parents of Nabby Pond.
  70. *Barbour Collection*, 9 [East Haddam]: 243; *Gates typ.*, 22.
  71. 1830 U.S. Federal Census, Dansville, Steuben Co., N.Y., M19-107, p. 406; 1835 New York State Census, Dansville, Steuben Co. [FHL #512419 it. 5], not found.
  72. *Gates typ.*, 22.
  73. Evergreen Cem., Huron, Wayne Co., N.Y., at <wayne.nygenweb.net>, age 86y.
  74. *Barbour Collection*, 23 [Litchfield]: 83.
  75. Evergreen Cem., Huron, Wayne Co., N.Y., at <wayne.nygenweb.net>, age 73y 5m 23d.
  76. *Gates typ.*, 22; Spring Cem., Spring, Crawford Co., Pa., at <users.stargate.net/~cvahs/cem/Spring/G.html>, age 85y 9m 6d.
  77. *Kilbourn Gen.*, 194; 1810 U.S. Federal Census, Litchfield, Litchfield Co., Conn., M252-2, p. 31.
  78. *Kilbourn Gen.*, 194; *Barbour Collection*, 23 [Litchfield]: 259.
  79. *Kilbourn Gen.*, 194; *Barbour Collection*, 23 [Litchfield]: 259. Listed as Martha.; *George Gates of East Haddam*, 22; George C. Woodruff, *A Genealogical Register of the Inhabitants of the Town of Litchfield, Connecticut 1720-1800* (Hartford: Case, Lockwood & Brainard, 1900, from manuscript dated 1845.); Litchfield, Connecticut, Town Records, 1701-1881, Book 2:149. – Westover family. [FHL #1516502]
  80. 1850 U.S. Federal Census, Spring, Crawford Co., Pa., M432-770, p. 17, age 56; 1860 U.S. Federal Census, Spring, Crawford Co., Pa., M653-1100, p. 948, age 66.
  81. Spring Cem., Spring, Crawford Co., Pa., at <users.stargate.net/~cvahs/cem/Spring/G.html>.
  82. Buchanan County Genealogical Society, Buchanan Co., Ia., Obituaries and Cemetery Records (card file) [FHL #1530489]; Nora F. Carter, *Spanish Fork, Utah Co., Utah, Cemetery Records* (Salt Lake City, 1944), 104; Genealogical Society of Utah, *Cemetery Records of Utah* (Salt Lake City, 1953), 8:7; 1820 Federal Census, Dansville, Steuben Co., N.Y., M33-74, p. 201.

Children of James and Cynthia Gates:<sup>[83]</sup>

- e. *Lucia Gates*, b. 4 May 1821; m. *Jonathan Sheldon*.
- f. *William Gates*, b. ca. 1823, d. 19 Feb. 1842.
- g. *daughter Gates*, b. bet. 1820-1825.
- h. *Cynthia Jane Gates*, b. 29 Dec 1830, m. *Asa S. McCoy*.
- iii. JEHIEL GATES, b. ca. 1786, d. Royalton, Niagara Co., N.Y., bef. 1840;<sup>[84]</sup> m. ABIGAIL \_\_\_\_\_ in Shoreham, Vt., ca. 1805;<sup>[85]</sup> Jehiel m.(2) LEONA WRIGHT ca. 1819.<sup>[86]</sup>
  - Child of Jehiel and Abigail Gates:<sup>[87]</sup>
    - a. *Abigail Gates*, b. 24 Oct. 1809; m. *Theron Barbour*.
- iv. AZEL GATES.
  - v. GROSS GATES, b. Litchfield, Conn., 4 Feb. 1789,<sup>[88]</sup> d. Ruggles, Huron Co., Ohio, 8 Feb. 1841;<sup>[89]</sup> m. ABIGAIL AMES, in Shoreham, Vt., 13 Feb. 1812;<sup>[90]</sup> Abigail, dau. of Barnabas and Electa (Noble) Ames, b. Shoreham, 22 Sept. 1793, d. Ruggles, 13 June 1835 or 1836.<sup>[91]</sup>
    - Children of Gross and Abigail (Ames) Gates:<sup>[92]</sup>
      - a. *Huldah M. Gates*, b. 8 Dec. 1812; m. *Lorton Holiday*.
      - b. *son Gates*, b. 30 Aug. 1814, d. 11 Sept. 1814.
      - c. *Nora Gates*, b. 6 Aug. 1816; m. *Cyrus S. Beach*.<sup>[93]</sup>
      - d. *Jane Gates*, b. 28 May 1818.
      - e. *Helen M. Gates*, b. 29 Jan. 1820; m. *Enos Holiday*.
      - f. *Charles Gates*, b. 18 Oct. 1824, d. 25 Jan. 1825.
      - g. *Humphrey S. Gates*, b. 18 Apr. 1826, d. 2 Aug. 1828.
      - h. *Abigail Gates*, b. 31 Dec. 1827.
      - i. *Thomas Franklin Gates*, b. 8 Dec. 1829, d. 13 July 1830.
      - j. *Cordelia Gates*, b. 7 Feb. 1832.
      - k. *William Gates*, b. 23 Sept. 1833.
      - l. *Alfred Ames Gates*, b. 7 May 1836.
      - m. *Thomas Alva Gates*, b. 20 July 1838, d. 6 Sept. 1839.
  - vi. ALVAH GATES.
  - vii. ABIGAIL (NABBY) GATES, b. ca. 1794, d. Liberty, Jackson Co., Mich., 12 Sept. 1875;<sup>[94]</sup> m. JOSIAH POND in Shoreham, Vt., 10 Dec. 1812;<sup>[95]</sup> Josiah, son of

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- 83. 1830 Federal Census, Dansville, Steuben Co., N.Y., M19-107, p. 407; 1825 State Census, Dansville, Steuben Co., N.Y. [FHL 512419, it. 2], 102.; Spring Cem., Spring, Crawford Co., Pa., at <users.stargate.net/~cvahs/cem/Spring/G.html>; Samuel Penniman Bates, *History of Crawford County, Pennsylvania* (Chicago, 1885), 1033.
  - 84. *Gates typ.*, 22.
  - 85. Robert Cady Gates, *George Gates of East Haddam Connecticut and Some of His Descendants* (Hudson, Fla., 2002) [hereafter **George Gates**], 78.
  - 86. *George Gates*, 78.
  - 87. *George Gates*, 79-80.
  - 88. Gates-Ames Family Bible in *The Southern Genealogist's Exchange Quarterly* (Jacksonville, Fla.), 15 [1974], iss. 71, 8 [hereafter *Gates-Ames Bible*].
  - 89. *Gates-Ames Bible*; Ruggles Cem., Ruggles Twp., Huron Co. [now Ashland Co.], Ohio, online at <files.usgwarchives.org/oh/ashland/cemeteries/rugglestwp.txt>.
  - 90. *Shoreham Fam.*, 180; *Gates-Ames Bible*; *Shoreham VR*, 102.
  - 91. Ann Theopold Chaplin, *Descendants of William Ames of Braintree, Massachusetts* (Boston, 2004), 116, citing letter from son.
  - 92. *Ibid.*, 116-117, citing old bible record, more data on some children.
  - 93. 1850 U.S. Federal Census, Ruggles, Ashland Co., Ohio, M432-658, p. 499, adds his name.
  - 94. Death Records, Jackson Co., Mich., A: 285, #123; *Gates typ.*, 22; *Jackson County, Michigan, Liberty Township Burials 1838 to 1975* (Clark Lake, Mich., 1976) [hereafter **Liberty Twp. Burials**], 29.
  - 95. *Gates typ.*, 22; *Shoreham VR*, 102.

- Josiah and Olive (Merrill) Pond, b. Shoreham, 16 Sept. 1791,<sup>[96]</sup> d. Liberty, 20 Apr. 1855.<sup>[97]</sup>
- Children of Josiah and Abigail (Gates) Pond:<sup>[98]</sup>
- a. *Constant C. Pond*, b. ca. 1823.
  - a. *Gross G. Pond*, b. 6 Jan. 1828.
  - b. *Laura Pond*, b. ca. 1831.
  - c. *Ambrose Pond*, b. ca. 1833.
  - d. *Trafton Pond*, b. ca. 1837.
- viii. FREEMAN GATES.
- ix. GARRY GATES.
- x. HENRY GATES, b. 25 Sept. 1799,<sup>[99]</sup> d. Liberty, Jackson Co., Mich., in 1891,<sup>[100]</sup>
- m. HARRIET JEANETTE BROWN in New York, ca. 1828.<sup>[101]</sup>
- Children of Henry and Harriet J. (Brown) Gates b. New York:<sup>[102]</sup>
- a. *Harry Gates*, b. ca. 1829.
  - b. *Urial Gates*, b. ca. 1830.
  - c. *Matilda Gates*, b. ca. 1833.
  - d. *Permelia Gates*, b. ca. 1835.
  - e. *Ellen Gates*, b. ca. 1837.
  - f. *Sophia Gates*, b. ca. 1839.
  - g. *Alva Gates*, b. ca. 1843.
- xi. CLARA GATES, b. ca. 1803, d. 26 Feb. 1815, bur. East Shoreham Cem., Vt.<sup>[103]</sup>
- xii. GEORGE GATES, b. ca. 1805, d. Jackson, Jackson Co., Mich., 22 Jan. 1885,<sup>[104]</sup>
- m. CHARLOTTE \_\_\_\_\_; Charlotte b. New York, ca. 1813,<sup>[105]</sup> liv. 1870.<sup>[106]</sup>
- Known children of George and Charlotte (\_\_\_\_\_) Gates:<sup>[107]</sup>
- a. *Catherine Gates*, b. N.Y., ca. 1835.
  - b. *Mary Gates*, b. Mich., ca. 1843.
  - c. *Porter Gates*, b. Mich., ca. 1848.

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96. Susan Holt MacIntire and Sanford Stowell Witherell, *A 1992 Supplement to the 1984 Genealogical Register of the Early Families of Shoreham, Vermont 1761-1899: Additions and Corrections* ([Shoreham, Vt.], 1992), 402.
  97. *Liberty Twp. Burials*, 28; Death Records, Jackson Co, Michigan, A: 115, #46. [FHL #941628]
  98. 1850 Federal Census, Liberty Twp., Jackson Co., Mich., M432-352, p.403; *Portrait and Biographical Album of Jackson County, Michigan* (Chicago, 1890), 438-439; Death Records, Jackson Co., Mich., C: 85, #292.
  99. *Gates typ.*, 22; *History of Jackson County, Michigan* (Chicago, 1881) [hereafter **Jackson Co. Hist.**], 942.
  100. *Liberty Twp. Burials*, 20.
  101. *Jackson Co. Hist.*, 942.
  102. 1850 Federal Census, Liberty Twp., Jackson Co., Mich., M432-352, p. 406.
  103. *Shoreham Cemetery Records, Early to 1870* [FHL #28961].
  104. Death Records, Jackson Co., Mich., A: 285, #123.
  105. 1850 Federal Census, Liberty Twp., Jackson Co., Mich., M432-352, p.401.
  106. 1870 Federal Census, Ward 2, Jackson, Jackson Co., Mich., M593-678, p. 182.
  107. 1850 Federal Census, Liberty Twp., Jackson Co., Mich., M432-352, p.401.