

## **SUMMARY AND COMMENTARY**

## **SUMMARY**

At this juncture I believe it is necessary to offer a short summary of what the facts appear to show.

**JOHN BRUNDAGE, JR.** was b. 1733; he was the son of John Brundage, Sr. b.c. 1709 of North Castle, Westchester County, NY and the grandson of John Brundage b.c. 1686. John Jr. definitely came to Wallkill, Orange County, NY from North Castle. His sons **GILBERT** and **JOSEPH BRUNDAGE** resided in Orange County, NY; his son **WILLIAM BRUNDAGE** apparently moved “back” to North Castle; his son **ABIJAH BRUNDAGE** resided in Orange County, NY and later in Sullivan County, NY; IF he had a son **REUBEN BRUNDAGE**, Reuben likely moved “back” to North Castle.

**GILBERT BRUNDAGE’S** son **REUBEN** was located at LaFayette, Onondaga County, NY in 1830.

John Jr. located in Orange County prior to 1778, likely after 1768.

**JEREMIAH BRUNDAGE** was b.c. 1745 or before; he was the son of John Brundage, Sr. b.c. 1709 of North Castle, Westchester County, NY, the grandson of John Brundage b.c. 1686, and the brother of John Brundage, Jr. Jeremiah definitely came to Newburgh, Orange County, NY from North Castle.

Jeremiah located in Orange County prior to 1790, likely after the Revolution.

**JONATHAN BRUNDAGE** was b. btwn. 1729 and 1733; he was possibly the son of Jonathan Brundage b.c. 1700-1710 of North Castle, Westchester County, NY and the grandson of John Brundage b.c. 1686. If true, Jonathan would have been a 1<sup>st</sup> cousin of John Brundage, Jr. and Jeremiah Brundage. Jonathan likely came to Newburgh, Orange County, NY from North Castle. He was possibly the father of **URIAH (JARIAH) BRUNDAGE** and **KEZIAH ANN BRUNDAGE**.

Jonathan located in Orange County prior to 1775; possibly after 1768.

**JAMES BRUNDAGE (SR.)** was b. 1734; he was the son of David Brundage b.c. 1700-1710 possibly of North Castle, Westchester County, NY and the grandson of John Brundage b.c. 1686. If true, James would have been a 1<sup>st</sup> cousin of John Brundage, Jr., Jeremiah Brundage, and of Jonathan Brundage. His sons **ISRAEL**, **ABRAHAM**, and **STEPHEN BRUNDAGE** located in northern NJ after the Revolution; his son **REUBEN BRUNDAGE** located in northern NJ, moved to Minisink, Orange County, and later to Cairo, Greene County, NY; his son **JAMES BRUNDAGE, JR.** located at Mamakating, Sullivan (then Ulster) County, NY and later moved to northern NJ.

Two likely sons of Reuben Brundage, **JAMES** and **SIMEON/SIMONS BRUNDAGE** located at Pompey/LaFayette, Onondaga County, NY circa 1820 to 1840.

**BENJAMIN BRUNDAGE** was b. 1737; there is no indication of his father or grandfather, there is no indication of his original location, and there is no indication of any relationship(s) to other Brundage families in Orange County, NY. His sons **JAMES** and **ABRAM BRUNDAGE** later located at Bath, Steuben County, NY; it is possible that his son **SAMUEL BRUNDAGE** moved “back” to Orange County, NY; it is likely that his sons **SOLOMON** and **JOHN BRUNDAGE** died during childhood.

Benjamin located at Warwick, Orange County prior to 1775; there is no indication of exactly when he located there. Benjamin moved to Northumberland County, PA likely around 1781 or 1782, and possibly located at Pompton, Sussex County, NJ likely around 1799.

**WILLIAM BRUNDAGE** was b. 1741; his father was Nathaniel Brundage b. 1726 of North Castle, Westchester County, NY; his grandfather was Joseph Brundage b.c. 1698 of Rye, Westchester County, NY and Greenwich, Fairfield County, CT. William definitely came to Ulster County from North Castle. His sons **WILLIAM, NATHANIEL, STEPHEN, THOMAS,** and **JOHN BRUNDAGE** located in Marion or Delaware County, OH.

William located at Marlborough, Ulster County, NY after the Revolution but before 1790. He moved to Marion or Delaware County, OH prior to 1800.

**NATHANIEL W. BRUNDAGE** b. 1756 and **SOLOMON BRUNDAGE** b. 1763 were likely brothers; their father was possibly Nathaniel Brundage b. 1726 of North Castle, Westchester County, NY; their grandfather was then Joseph Brundage b.c. 1698. If true, then William Brundage b. 1741 was their uncle, his sons William, Nathaniel, Stephen, Thomas, and John Brundage were their 1<sup>st</sup> cousins. Nathaniel W. and Solomon came to northern NJ during the Revolution then to Orange County from North Castle. Nathaniel W. and Solomon came to Pompton, Sussex County, NJ between 1777 and 1779; Solomon resided at Warwick, Orange County in 1782 and removed to the Newburgh area by 1787; Nathaniel W. moved to the Newburgh area after 1790 but before 1792.

Solomon Brundage’s son **JOHN BRUNDAGE** located at LaFayette, Onondaga County, NY before 1830; his son **BENJAMIN BRUNDAGE** located at Bath, Steuben County, NY prior to 1830 and then moved to Greenwood, Steuben County, NY by 1830 where he was joined by his brother John prior to 1840.

**ANDREW BRUNDAGE** was b.c. 1730 – 1735; there is no indication of his father or grandfather. Andrew came to Plattekill, Ulster County, NY from North Castle. His possible sons **JOSIAH, JACOB, DANIEL,** and **OLIVER BRUNDAGE** resided at Plattekill, Ulster County, NY (although Josiah was earlier located at Newburgh, Orange County in 1790).

Andrew located at Plattekill, Ulster County, NY after 1790 but before 1800.

**REVOLUTIONARY WAR SERVICE**

Dutchess County Militia 2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment and Dutchess County Militia 7<sup>th</sup> Regiment  
James Brundage, Jr.

Orange County Militia 4<sup>th</sup> Regiment (1778)  
John Brundage, Jr. Jonathan Brundage

Ulster County Militia 2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment  
Gilbert Brundage William Brundage

Ulster County Militia 2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment Exempts  
Jonathan Brundage

Westchester County Militia 2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment (1776, 1777, 1778)  
Israel Brundage Jeremiah Brundage Josiah Brundage Nathaniel W. Brundage

New Jersey Levies (1780)  
Nathaniel W. Brundage Solomon Brundage

New York Levies (1782)  
Solomon Brundage

**CAME FROM NORTH CASTLE WESTCHESTER COUNTY, NY**

John Brundage, Jr. (sons Gilbert, William, Joseph, Abijah, perhaps Reuben)	Before 1778	Wallkill, Orange County, NY
Jonathan Brundage (possible son Uriah/Jariah, possible daughter Keziah)	Before 1775	Newburgh, Orange County, NY
James Brundage, Jr. (son of James, Sr.)	Before 1790 After 1800	Mamakating, Sullivan County, NY Caldwell, Essex County, NJ
Israel Brundage, Stephen Brundage, Abraham Brundage (sons of James, Sr.)	Before 1788 After 1783 After 1790	Orange Township, Essex County, NY Caldwell, Essex County, NJ Caldwell, Essex County, NJ

Reuben Brundage James, Sr.)	After 1783 Before 1800 Before 1810	Mendham/Hanover, Morris County, NJ (son of Minisink, Orange County, NY Cairo, Greene County, NY
Andrew Brundage (sons Jacob, Josiah, Oliver, Daniel)	Before 1800	Plattekill, Ulster County, NY
Nathaniel W. Brundage (brother Solomon)	1777-1779 About 1791	Pompton, Sussex County, NJ Newburgh, Orange County, NY area
Solomon Brundage (brother Nathaniel W.)	1777-1779 By 1782 Before 1787	Pompton, Sussex County, NJ Warwick, Orange County, NY Newburgh, Orange County, NY area

### **CAME FROM GREENWICH, FAIRFIELD COUNTY, CT**

William Brundage (sons William, Nathaniel, Stephen, Thomas, John)	Before 1790 Before 1800	Marlborough, Ulster County, NY Marion or Delaware County, OH
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### **CAME FROM UNKNOWN LOCATION**

Benjamin Brundage (sons James, Abram, Samuel)	Before 1775 About 1782 Likely 1799	Warwick, Orange County, NY Northumberland County, PA Pompton, Sussex County, NJ
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## **COMMENTARY**

The reason for the inclusion of this section was to explore the ancestry of Solomon Brundage and perhaps find the “missing link” that would connect him to one of the four sons of John Brondig of Rye, and thus to Thomas Brundish of County Suffolk, England.

In 1894 some of the descendants of Solomon Brundage from the Andover, NY area attended a reunion picnic at Bath, NY held by the descendants of James and Abram Brundage, the sons of Benjamin Brundage. Within the picnic notes recorded by the secretary Lizzie F. Brundage is the line “but nothing is known definitely except two sons, Solomon and John, went to Orange or Sullivan County, NY, and settled.”

Therefore, during my first foray into genealogical research (1975–1990) it seemed established that Solomon Brundage of Orange County, NY was the son of Benjamin Brundage of Northumberland County, PA and a brother to James and Abram Brundage who settled at Bath, NY in 1803.

After a nearly decade-long hiatus from genealogy I returned to the hobby to find that an apparent Bible record of the Benjamin Brundage family was located which listed his son Solomon as born in 1777 and died in 1790. That fact established that Benjamin was definitely not the father of Solomon of Orange County, NY.

Since documentation showed that Solomon was not connected directly to the family of John Brundage, Jr. of Wallkill, NY, I turned my attention to the only other individual in Orange County who seemed to be of an appropriate age to be the father of Solomon – Jonathan Brundage of Newburgh, NY. I was focused on the question of how if Jonathan was Solomon’s father, could Solomon have first been documented at Pompton, NJ while Jonathan apparently never left the Newburgh area?

During the research for this section I located the Revolutionary War pension claim for the service of Nathaniel W. Brundage filed by his widow Rebecca Brundage. As I read the document the allusion to Nathaniel’s service in the NJ Levies under Capt. Harker in 1780 “jumped off of the page”, for here was a direct connection to Solomon Brundage.

When two (or more) individuals with the same surname are noted at the same location at approximately the same time, it can be mere coincidence. When two (or more) individuals with the same surname are of a reasonable age to be close relatives, it can be mere coincidence. And when two (or more) individuals serve in the same militia company at the same time, it can be mere coincidence. But when all three elements are present, it seems that it has to be something other than mere coincidence.

According to the pension claim filed by his widow and supported by Roberts’ New York in the Revolution as Colony and State, Nathaniel W. Brundage served the patriot cause in 1776 as an enlisted man in the 4<sup>th</sup> Regiment Westchester County Militia and was a participant in the Battle of White Plains.

Additionally the pension application filed by Rebecca Brundage for her then deceased husband Nathaniel W. noted that as a resident of Pompton, NJ he enlisted in the NJ Levies in 1780 serving for eight or nine months in Captain Harker's Company.

The pension application filed by Mary Collins Brundage for the service of Solomon Brundage stated that as a resident of Pompton, NJ he enlisted in the NJ Levies in 1780 or 1781 serving for nine months in Captain Harker's Company.

Information concerning the Revolutionary service of Captain Joseph Harker was researched and provided by Robert Davenport. It showed that Joseph Harker was a Captain of the NJ "State Troops" (Levies) for nine months in 1780 and that he had no further record of service during the Revolution. Therefore, Nathaniel W. and Solomon Brundage had to have been residents of Pompton, NJ at the same time (1780), and that they had to have served in the same militia company (Captain Joseph Harker's Company, Colonel Rosenkrantz's Regiment of NJ Levies). Surname, location, militia company all the same – too many coincidences to be merely "coincidental".

Thomas W. Brundage listed an ancestral "line" of Thomas Brundish (b. circa 1560), John Brundish (b. circa 1593), John Brondig (b. circa 1635/6), Joseph Brondage (b. circa 1671), Joseph Brundage (b. circa 1698), and Nathaniel Brundage (b. 1726). Thomas W. Brundage noted of that Nathaniel that he was perhaps the father of Nathaniel W. Brundage (b. 1756), and that he was documented in records at North Castle, Westchester County, NY from 1754 until 1779.

I believe that it is highly probable that Nathaniel W. and Solomon were brothers, and that they both settled at Pompton, Sussex County, NJ between 1777 and 1779. With the elder Nathaniel Brundage of North Castle being last documented in 1779, it is likely that he died in that year. That "fact" may have provided the impetus for Nathaniel W. and Solomon to have left North Castle for northern NJ. The move could have resulted from a sense of patriotic duty in the face of the British invasion of New Jersey in June 1780. Or it could have been necessitated by an older brother inheriting the property in North Castle.

And it is difficult to accept that some connection between Nathaniel W. and Solomon Brundage and the family of Benjamin Brundage did not exist. The ages, the locations, the times, the naming of children – once again they could be just coincidence, but it appears "too coincidental".

Benjamin Brundage (b. 1737) was of an age to have been an uncle to Nathaniel W. and Solomon. Solomon and Benjamin are both recorded at Warwick, NY and perhaps at Pompton, NJ with all references there between 1775 and perhaps 1805; Benjamin's sons James and Abram settled in Steuben County, NY and Solomon's sons Benjamin and John settled in Steuben County, NY. Benjamin Brundage had sons named Solomon and John, and Solomon Brundage had sons named Benjamin and John.

Thomas W. Brundage also listed an ancestral "line" of Thomas Brundish (b. circa 1560), John Brundish (b. circa 1593), John Brondig (b. circa 1635/36), Daniel Brundage (b. circa 1664), Benjamin Brundage (b. circa 1700), and Nathaniel Brundage (b. ?). Of this Nathaniel, Thomas

W. Brundage notes that he “m.? Comfort?” and it is unclear whether Comfort was a given name or a surname. No other information is included, although it seems that this Nathaniel must have been born prior to 1740, and there would have been “room” for a possible son named Benjamin who could have been born in 1737 (although the Will of Benjamin Brundage (b. circa 1700) does not name a son Benjamin).

If there was indeed a pattern of naming a son after the father and naming other sons after grandfathers, uncles, fathers-in-law, or brothers that could mean that Nathaniel W. and Solomon were sons of a Nathaniel Brundage; Nathaniel W. named for his father and Solomon perhaps named for a grandfather, uncle, or father-in-law. (Although the religious revival known as the “Great Awakening” that began during the 1730’s and peaked during the early 1760’s caused a renewed interest in Biblical names, especially Old Testament names.) With there being no apparent use of the name Solomon Brundage prior to the 1760’s, it appears obvious that Solomon was not their father’s name.

Although my research has not (yet) resulted in definitively documenting Solomon Brundage’s father, it has I believe identified his brother as Nathaniel W. Brundage and identified that Solomon came to northern New Jersey between 1777 and 1779 from Westchester County, NY, quite probably from North Castle. I also think that perhaps either the Nathaniel Brundage of North Castle, son of Joseph Brundage, or the Nathaniel Brundage of Phillips Upper Patent, son of Benjamin, are good “candidates” for the father of Solomon. However, this is contingent upon the concept that fathers named one of their sons after themselves, a concept which may or may not be borne out by the facts.

The 4<sup>th</sup> Regiment Westchester County Militia that participated in the Battle of White Plains in 1776 was definitely comprised of many soldiers from North Castle, which may signify that Nathaniel W. Brundage was from North Castle. On that basis it would seem that Nathaniel Brundage of North Castle, born in 1726 and likely deceased in 1779, would have a “stronger candidacy” as the father of Nathaniel W. and Solomon Brundage.

Hopefully in the not-too-distant future I may be able to amend this section by positively identifying the father of Solomon Brundage and thus establishing the missing “link” to one of the four sons of “Stout Old John” Brondig or Rye, and thus make the complete connection to Thomas Brundish of County Suffolk, England. Research may yet locate the critical puzzle piece that connects Solomon to the larger puzzle picture.