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## HISTORY OF BARNET, VERMONT.

### RIDER.

At least two children of Capt. Benjamin Rider, Jr. and Betty Bartlett of Plymouth, Co. Mass. settled in Barnet; it is not known whether or not the parents came also. Betty descended from eight Mayflower Pilgrims, including John Alden, Priscilla Mullins, William Brewster, and Richard Warren [Mayflower Index].

Children all born in Plimouth, Massachusetts Bay Colony [Plimouth VRbk1p218]:

- (1) I. Stevens, b. Apr. 16, 1750; d. Nov. 11, 1829.
- II. Betty, b. Apr. 15, 1752; m. Plimouth Dec. 26, 1770 as 2nd wife of Nathaniel Churchill Jr. [mc] (b. Plimouth March 29, 1748; d. Kingsclear, N. B. Dec. 8, 1820); she d. Yarmouth, N. S. Jan. 7, 1794 [MD 7:178, 16:90, 26:189].
- III. Mary, b. Mar. 25, 1754.
- IV. Priscilla, b. Feb. 7, 1756; m. Moses Redding q. v. (p. 586).
- V. Jessie, b. June 8, 1758.

(1) STEVENS [bapt rec] (Stephen [birth rec]) b. Apr. 16, 1750; baptized May 19, 1761; m. Hannah {ADVANCE \D 3.0}———{ADVANCE \U 3.0} (b. ab. 1752; d. Barnet Apr. 17, 1816 Æ 63 [DW]); he d. Nov. 11, 1829 [gs] and is buried in the Stevens Cem. If his wife is buried there, no stone.

One of the first settlers of Barnet, coming here before 1773, he was the first town clerk and constable. Samuel Stevens relates in his journal of the survey of the town, "Stevens Rider returned [Nov. 29, 1773] from his journey to Plymouth with my horse. On the 26<sup>th</sup> ... I sold him 200 acres ... for two hundred dollars", q. v. (p. 299). On an old survey he is mentioned as living at the north end of the McIndoe plain and when he d. his real estate was still located as, "on lots No. 12 & 13".

In the Revolutionary War he joined the Newbury "Minute Men" May 16, 1775; served as ensign in Capt. Daniel Hall's Co. of local militia; corporal [p. 51] in Capt. Frye Bayley's Co., which marched to Saratoga in Sept. 1777; and served in Capt. Timothy Barron's Co. of Bedel's Regiment from Apr. 18, 1778 to Apr. 1, 1779, guarding and scouting 47 days.

According to Orange County court records, Hannah was attacked and beaten on May 8, 1785 while alone in the Rider home. The names of the attackers, other than an Elizabeth Wilson, and the reason for the incident are not given. She apparently recovered.

In 1795 Stevens Rider filed a certificate of membership in the Baptist Church at Danville. Little is known of his family, but he had several daughters, some of whom married in Barnet.

Children (known):

- I. Sally, m. bef. 1787 Hugh<sup>1</sup> Gammell, q. v. (p. 418).
- II. Betsy (adopted) b. ab. Feb. 1798 [gs]; m. Barnet Jan. 8, 1828 David Morrison of Barnet [mc/fath.will]; d. Dec. 27, 1831; bur. next to her father in the Stevens Cem. [gs].
- III. James (adopted) [fath.will]; b. bef. 1775 [1791 census].
- IV. Laura\* (adopted) [fath.will]; m. Barnet Feb. 3, 1833 David Hawes of Barnet [mc].
- V. Simeon\* (adopted) [fath.will]; b. aft 1775 [1791 census].

\* "only children of dec<sup>d</sup> at home" when the administrator of the estate was dismissed and replaced at their request May 13, 1830.

Stevens' will dated Oct. 2, 1829, probated Dec. 1829, lists one additional heir: beloved friend - Ann Hadlock.

WILL OF STEVENS RIDER.  
Recorded Probate Vol. 11 Pg. 254

In the name of God. Amen. I Stevens Rider of Barnet in the County of Caledonia and State of Vermont being weak in body. but of sound and perfect mind and memory do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say. I give to my beloved friend Ann Hadlock one of my cows to wit the one which she may choose also give One sheep out of my lot of sheep to wit such as she may choose. I also give to her the use of the lower kitchen and bed room adjoining and one equal and undivided third of the celler in my now dwelling house during her natural life  
I also give to my adopted daughter Betsey Rider now the wife of David Morrison one hundred dollars  
I also give to my adopted daughter Laura Rider one hundred dollars  
I also give to my adopted sons James Rider and Simeon Rider one hundred dollars each. Which said several legacies above mentioned I will and order shall be paid to the said legatees within one year after my decease  
I also give to Ann Hadlock one feather bead underbead bedstead and cord and bedding. I also give to my adopted daughter Laura Rider one feather bead and bedding underbead bedstead and cord. Lastly as to all the rest residue and remainder of my estate either real or personal of whatever kind or nature soever (After paying my funeral charges and all just debts)  
I give to my adopted sons James & Simeon Rider including my home farm buildings & except the grant which I have made to Ann Hadlock during her natural life

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I hereby appoint Henry Stevens as my sol executor of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills by me made. In witness whereof I do hereunto set my hand and seal this 2<sup>d</sup> day of October in the year of our Lord A One thousand eight hundred and twenty nine

*Steven s R ider*

Signed sealed published and declared  
by the above named Stevens Rider  
to be his last will and testament  
in the presence of us. who have hereunto  
subscribed our names as witnesses in  
the presence of the testater

*John Gilman*

*Barber Chamberlin*

*Sarah* <sup>her</sup> **X** *Gofs*  
mark

Presented for probate 20 November 1829

Proved and ordered recorded 24 December 1829  
by Benj F. Deming, Judge