

## PREFACE

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## Goals of this Newsletter

1. To further Woodworth family genealogical research,
2. To preserve Woodworth family genealogical records,
3. To compile Woodworth family histories for publication.

Each subscriber, and any other interested researcher, is encouraged to:

1. Submit queries on your Woodworth lines.
2. Submit your pedigree charts showing your Woodworth line,
3. Submit your Woodworth family group sheets.
4. Submit your biographies of Woodworth ancestors and/or personal biography as well.
5. Submit extracts from census or other civil records, church records, Bible and family records on the Woodworth surname.

The quality of the contents of The Woodworth Family Newsletter depends upon generous contributions of outside material. Please send your Woodworth material for publication.

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### A Word from the Historian's Corner

Word has reached me that some newsletters are arriving rather tattered in their journey through the mail. If this begins to be a continuous problem, I would appreciate hearing about it as protective envelopes could be used in the future.

Also, for those of you who are new subscribers and missed the first issue of the newsletter explaining the coding system used in the Woodworth genealogy, I will review it again. Walter Woodworth had four sons and six daughters. His four sons – Thomas, Joseph, Benjamin and Isaac (in order of birth) - are designated as WT, WJ, WB and WI respectively. In a family grouping, every son and daughter is given a Roman numeral and the sons who reach the age of 21 are given an additional Arabic numeral. These numbers are assigned in chronological order and by looking at the code, one can determine what generation a person belongs to, whether male or female, his place among his siblings, and can calculate his own relationship to any other descendant. If the male sibling marries and goes into the next generation in the genealogy, he will have an asterisk (\*) after his name and date of birth.

For Example: Using my own Cade Number WB-323 241 1-i, at a glance I know immediately I am of the Benjamin, son of Walter line (WB); by counting the places from "W" to "i" I know I am the 10th generation in this country and by the Roman numeral at the end, I am female (or in a small number of cases could be a male who didn't reach his 21st birthday). Furthermore by reading the code number backwards, I can establish that I am the first dau, of the first son of the first son of the fourth son and so forth.....down to Walter of 1630.

There has been some concern voiced about continuing to use speculation about Walter's origin and that it may be a disservice to the family in general because of the fact that descendants might think something has really been discovered. Contrary to this, altho I can see the reasoning behind not using speculative ideas, I also feel all sides should be presented so that a new researcher will know what has been delved into to date, what to throw out and what to keep. It avoids duplicating efforts. Also there is always the chance that speculation will indeed become fact. By putting the small pieces together, perhaps we can make a whole someday.

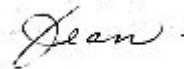
Regarding the "speculation" that Walter married an Elizabeth Rogers, dau. of Thomas Rogers of the Mayflower, the following is submitted by Barbara Crucheon 0411-.14 line) and is a reply received from Elizabeth Daniel who compiled Thomas Rogers, Pilgrim and Some of His Descendants in 1980, "Whether Thomas Rogers really had a daughter Elizabeth at all is a matter of theory. There are records in Leyden, Holland, that suggest that two daughters lived there with their mother, but I don't believe there has been absolute proof. Whether one or both of these possible daughters ever came to America, we don't know.

Barbara Crucheon goes on to say that the "Elizabeth Rogers (mentioned in Vol, 1, #1 of the newsletter - JWB), who married Jonathan Higgins, appears to be the dau. of Lieut. Joseph Rogers, who was a Son of Thomas Rogers,. Elizabeth was b, 29 Sept, 1639 and d. 1678."

Furthermore, she justifiably questions Walter's being on the Mary and John: "The notion that Walter was on the Mary and John seems to me to be another excellent story -- but I surely do not see the slightest reason to believe Walter was on that particular ship. There were a lot of ships, many of which had no passenger lists -- it's surely anybody's guess how and exactly when our Walter came to America! We can make a good guess, from the early records of Plymouth Colony---and nobody, has yet come up with any record of him elsewhere."

As a final note, a portion of this newsletter is devoted to Samuel Woodworth, the Poet. While visiting the yearly Labor Day book sales at our small town library last Sep.,, out of hundreds and hundreds of books, I happened to pick up "The Old Oaken Bucket" by Bellamy Partridge, Thomas Y. Crowell Company, NY, 1949. It is an hilarious story about an old, dilapidated house with a slightly spurious historical past. The music and words to this song are on the end sheets of the book. On the first page is the signature of Stuart Wilder, a well-known author and resident of Newtown indicating the book was probably in his personal collection. It seemed to be fate that my hands came to rest on this particular book; and, all for the grand price of \$1.00!!

Sincerely yours,



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And, following up on the origin of the name Woodworth/Woodward, here are two more versions:

1. From a letter of 9 Jan 1985 from Francis B. Woodworth of La Jolla, CA.

"Dear Mrs. Behan:-

I've enjoyed your Woodworth Family Newsletter and appreciate all the effort you've put into it. Like you, I corresponded with Maurice Woodworth and knew him as a tireless compiler and a fine man.

There is one point on which I must differ with you and Maurice and that is the origin of our name. The prevailing opinion has always been that it come from Woodward, meaning "wood warden," "wood guard," "forest ranger," in French, "du Boisgarde." In your

first newsletter, as I recall, it was stated that Woodward was changed to Woodworth in America. Yet later on in the same letter, it says that there were many Woodwards and Woodworths in England long before the emigration to America. This latter statement would appear to be true.

I wonder why we should not assume that the name Woodworth means what it says: Wood plus Worth. The Oxford English Dictionary, pre-eminent authority on the English language, defines "worth" in one of its rarer senses as follows:

Worth (from Old English)...an enclosed place, a homestead .... Probably the 'worths' were farms or clearings made later than the original settlements.

Thus Woodworth would signify 'homestead in the woods.' This simple, direct derivation seems more acceptable to me than the traditional one claiming an affinity with Woodward. The suffix 'worth' graces a number of well-known English names such as Bosworth, Chatsworth, Farnsworth, Kenilworth, Wentworth, Woolworth, etc.

This is all conjecture, of course, and likely to remain so. What do you think of the 'house in the woods' theory?"

Signed:- Francis B. Woodworth

I personally feel that the above is a very sensible theory; and, the English are very sensible people!! I also think it great that Francis took the time to write and give us yet another view. One purpose of this newsletter is to get the flow of communication going so that we all can benefit. (JWB)

2. From the "Genealogical and Family History of the State of New Hampshire" ed. by Ezra H. Stearns (4 Vols., 1908) - Vol. 3, p. 1273; submitted to the newsletter by C. Alan Royce.

"WOODWARD" This frequent surname is borne by persons of several different lineage, in no way connected by sanguinity. The surname is from an officer in England, whose duty it was to protect the wood, and was sworn to present all offenses against vert and venison (i.e., all plant and animal life in the forest) at the forest courts."

#### Q U E R I E S

WOODWORTH HEWITT Am searching for my Woodworth ancestry. My Father was George Hunter Woodworth, b. 11 Feb 1916, and d. 9 Nov 1973, Columbus, OH; My Grandfather was George Hewitt Woodworth who d. 1921, bur. Zanesville, OH. His Mother was Mary Hewitt.

George Hunter Woodworth, Jr., 318 So. Columbia Ave., Columbus, OH 43209

WOODWORTH Am searching for my Woodworth ancestry, My Father's name was Hugh Gershom Woodworth and my Grandfather's name was William Woodworth. Any help would be appreciated.

W. Woodworth, 1319 Redbud Lane, Iola, KS 66749

## WOODWORTH

WB BENJAMIN 2 WOODWORTH,. son of Walter 1 of Scituate; Born ca 1648, Scituate, MA. Died 22 April 1729 Lebanon, CT.

Benjamin m/1 before 1682 DEBORAH (Possibly Benjamin); m/2 before 1589 RANNAH (Possibly Damon). Death dates of his wives are unknown.

On the 23rd day of June 1692, Benjamin sold his land at Scituate, his second wife Hannah signing the deed with him and he removed to Little Compton, where his brother Isaac had preceded him.

In 1703, Benjamin removed again to Lebanon, CT and bought a large tract of land from Phillip Smith on 25 Feb 1703, and was admitted as inhabitant of the town on 22 Dec 1704.

In Lebanon land records 2:469 we find: "Moses Woodworth of Norwich sold to Benjamin Woodworth of Lebanon five acres in Little Compton, Bristol Co., Colony of Nassachusetts Bay, land being one-third of a 15-acre tract which was originally Walter Woodworth's,

Benjamin deeded land to his eldest son Benjamin in Dec., 1712; to sons Ichabod and Ebenezer 13 Feb 1717/13; to son Amos, 6 May 1720; to son Ezekiel who was "to care for his honored father and mother" 6 May 1723; to youngest son Caleb, 21 Jan 1726/27.

On 4 Nov 1714 Benjamin is said to have received land for service rendered in King Phillip's War. It is believed this account may have become confused with a Benjamin Woodward who was killed in that war.

His WILL is dated 21 Jan 1726/7 at Lebanon, CT; proved 3 July 1729.

Children by first wife:

- i ELIZABETH, bap. Scituate 15 July 1682 with sister Deborah. Elizabeth d, 18 June 1713, Little Compton, R.I.; m. 18 Dec 1701, Little Compton, Benjamin Southworth; 3 ch.
- ii. DEBORAH, bap. Scituate 16 July 1682; m. ca 1704, Capt. Ephraim Sprague of North Parish, Lebanon, CT. Re.b. 15 Mar 1684/5, Duxbury, MA and d. ca 1754, Lebanon, CT. Children as listed by Jean Sprague in 1976: SPRAGUE
  - i. Perez, b, 22 July 1705, Lebanon, CT
  - ii. Peleg, b. 15 May 1707. Lebanon; m. Hannah Marsh
  - iii. Ephraim, b. 13 Mar 1709

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- iv. Deborah, b. 2 Apr 1712
- v. Betty, b, 28 Oct 1714
- vi. Irene, b, 9 Feb 1717
- vii. Mary, b. 20 Dec 1721; d.y.
- viii. Mary, b. 18 Mar 1725
- iii. MARY, b, ca 1683 and d. 11 July 1725, Lebanon;  
She m. 29 Dec 1707, Lebanon, Benjamin Sprague;  
7 ch.

### Children by second wife:

- 1. iv. BENJAMIN, b. ca 1689 \*
- 2. v. ICHABOD, b. 12 Mar 1691, Little Compton; twin \*
- 3. vi. EBENEZER, LI, 12 Mar 1691, Little Compton \*
- vii. HANNAH, b. ca 1693; m. Samuel Walter of New  
London, CT
- viii. RUTH, b. 1695; m. as. second wife Joseph Owen;  
11 ch., as named In Owen Gen. (possibly all  
not born to Ruth). See Note 1.
- 4. ix. AMOS, b. ca 1697 \*
- ...5. x. EZEKIEL, b. ca 1699
- xi. JUDITH, b, ca 1701; m. 17 Jan 1720, Lebanon, CT  
as second wife of Thomas Newcomb. While in  
Lebanon he became a merchant with large  
interests; They removed to Salisbury in 1739  
and he was one of the original proprietors.  
In the Fall of 1746, he removed to 'Crum Elbow  
Precinct" or "Little Nine Partners," a large  
tract of land granted by the Government. He  
lived in the town of Pleasant Valley and is  
buried in.the Washington Hollow church yard  
where his gravestone reads "T N 1761." There  
is no mention of Judith's death, but it is  
probable that she died at Pleasant Valley also.
- xii. MARGARET, b. ca. 1703, Little Compton or Lebanon;  
m. 5 Nov 1718, Lebanon, CT to Joshua Owen,  
son of Joshua and Esther Owen. Ch: OWEN -  
all b. Lebanon, as listed by Janet Pease in  
1975.
  - i. Jemina, b. 26 July 1719; m, 20 Feb 1751,  
John Knickerbocker
  - ii. Leonard, b. 13 Dec 1720; m. Experience....
  - iii. Elijah,. b. 2 Jan 1722; m. 10 Nov 1756,  
Salisbury, Olive Beeman

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- iv. Kerziah, b. 27 June 1723 and d. 10 Apr 1790; m. 15 June 1744, Lebanon, Charles Brewster
- v. Joshua, b. 7 Feb 1724; m. Hannah.....
- vi. Eliphalet, b. 26 June 1727, Lebanon; m. Eunice .....
- vii. Esther, b. 3 Sept 1730; m. 1 Aug 1749, Lebanon, Johanthan Bill(s)
- viii. Althea, b. 1734; m. Claudius Brittle
- ix. Martha,, b. 1736
- x. John, b. 1738; m. 4 Mar 1762, Deborah Williams; removed to Milton, VT
- xi. Samuel, b. 26 May 1742; m. Lois Calkins in 1762
- xii. Naomi, b. 15 Sept 1744 and d. 2 Sept 1745, Lebanon
- 6. xiii CALEB, b. 22 May 1704, Lebanon, CT
- xiv PRISCILLA, b. ca 1706, Lebanon; 29 June 1721, Lebanon, Amos Fuller, Family moved from Lebanon to Salisbury in 1741. Ch: FULLER - all b. Lebanon except last three.
  - i Judith, C. 22 Oct 1721; d.y.
  - ii Hannah, b. 19 July 1724
  - iii Joseph, b. 22 Sept 1726
  - iv James, b. 21 Oct 1728
  - v Priscilla, b, 21 Sept 1730
  - vi Sybil, b. 1 May 1732
  - vii James, b, 11 Oct 1737
  - viii Amos, b. 5 Apr 1739; d.y.
  - ix Judith, b, 2 Feb 1740
  - x Isaiah, b. 15 Kay 1742, Salisbury, CT
  - xi Amos (again), b. 10 May 1744, Salisbury
  - xii Eleanor, b. 28 July 1746, Salisbury, CT

Note 1: In 1982 G, Alan Royce (WB -611 descendant) of Erdenheim, PA analyzed the problem of too many Caleb Fitch'S married to too many Ruth Woodworth's; "WB-viii Ruth Woodworth is in some sources stated to have married Caleb Fitch. Unless there were two or three Caleb Fitches (which I doubt, since I can find only one) who married a Ruth Woodworth according to the records, I do not believe this Ruth ever married Caleb Fitch. From the Waterman Family



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by Jacobus and Waterman, Vol. 1 p. 655: Children of Nathaniel and Ann (Abel) Fitch, b. at Lebanon (12) (youngest), Caleb, b. 17 Jun 1725 and d, 19 Mar 1750, Lebanon; m. there (other records all say Bozrah), 4 Apr 1747, Ruth Woodworth.

According to some sources, there were two other Ruth Woodworths who also married Caleb Fitch: (1) Ruth, dau. of WI-6} Joshua, b. 27 Apr 1730, Norwich, CT , They were married at Bozrah so for geographical reasons as much as anything, it is my belief that it is this Ruth who m. Caleb Fitch. (2) Ruth, dau. of WJ-11, Joseph, b. 23 Jan 1728 at Little Compton. This family later lived at Lebanon, and she may be the right Ruth.

By now, it is apparent that I do not think that Ruth, dau. of WB-Benjamin ever married a Caleb Fitch. At least she didn't marry the one I found, because he wasn't born until 1725. I believe Joseph Owen was her only husband. The 11 children shown were taken from the Owen Genealogy; how many of them were by his first wife and how many by Ruth isn't known at this point.

I think that this is one of those errors made years ago that has been perpetuated over the years and is difficult to get rid of."

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WI ISAAC 2 WOODWORTH, son of Walter 1 of Scituate. Born ca 1658, Scituate, MA and d. 1 April 1714, Norwich, CT, leaving his wife and nine children,

Isaac m. ca 1684 LYDIA STANLICK. dau. of Richard and Lydia Standlick (Plymouth Colony Records (Deeds) dated 2 April 1701).

He is mentioned as "Isaac Woodward of Little Compton in Ye County of Bristol," in the New England Historical and Genealogical Register.

In 1705 he was admitted as a Freeman by a note of Norwich inhabitants. He was a carpenter and built the second meeting house in Norwich.

He made his Will 5 Jan 1713 and was proved 13 April 1714. The ages of the children are given in the probate file. Children:

- i LYDIA, b. ca 1685, Scituate, MA; m. 13 Jan 1717/18 at New London Congregational Church to William Minard
- 1 ii ISAAC, b, ca 1687, Scituate \*
- 2 iii MOSES, b. ca 1689, probably Scituate \*
- iv JOANNA, b. ca 1692. Little Compton, R.I.
- v GRACE, b. ca 1694, Little Compton; bap. there 3 Nov 1700; ant 10 Oct 1733, Colchester First Church, Thomas Corlett
- 3 vi DAVID, b. 18 May 1696 (another record states b. 10 March) Little Compton \*
- 4 vii DANIEL, b. 10 Oct 1698, Little Compton \*
- 5 viii STEPHEN, b. 19 April 1701, Little Compton
- 6 ix JOSHUA, b. Sept 1704, probably Norwich, CT \*

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# WOODWORTH

## FAMILY NEWS

BERTHA AMELIA (WOODWORTH) DIXON (WB-316 311-I), dau, of Orlandus and Lucia (Forbes) Woodworth (Cyril 7, Horatio 6, Ezra 5, Ebenezer 4,3, Benjamin 2 and Walter 1); Born 9 April 1879, Wayne, Ohio; m. 31 March 1920, J. Allen Dixon who d. 12 Feb 1959. Bertha will celebrate her 106th birthday in April of 1985!!

The above from Bertha's niece Alta Woodworth Cassady (WS-316 311 1-iv) of Sacramento, CA

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W E L C O M E !!

NEW MEMBERS LIST 2/85

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WJ-111 431 1-ii Glasby, Maurine (Woodworth),. 211 So. Gary, Tulsa; OK 74104  
Marshall, Marjorie, 4900 Buckley Avenue, Apt. 914.  
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-- New England Genealogical Society, 101 Newbury Street  
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WI-143 322 prob. Woodworth, G. S., Chase Circle, P.O. Box 264, Center Harbor  
NH 03225  
Woodworth, James A. 13915 White Street, Springville, NY 14141  
WB-227 31 line Woodworth; R. F. 2337 Osbourne Cresc. SW, Alberta., Canada T2T OY7  
WJ-123 153 11 Woodworth, Robert Pl, Thornton, RFD #1, Campton, NH 03223  
WB-6J5 514 Woodworth, Sue, 1009 Catalpa, Naperville, IL 60540  
WB-343 41 line Woodworth-Renner. Shirley Myra, Seven Robinwood Ave., Dover  
(Prob.) NH 03820

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## CHUCKLE FOR THE DAY

Mr. G. A. Royce (WB-611) in his research through old books sends these tidbits.  
From: Pioneer, and Patriot Families of Bradford Co., PA 1770-1825 by Clement F. Heverly (2 Vols., 1913,1915):

1822: "At Burlington, Sunday, August 4, by Justice David Soper, Eliphalet Gustin, bordering on 70 years of age, and Miss Sally Mills, aged about 16 years. after a courtship of full half an hour, both of Burlington Twp."

1811: "Lately, by Justice Charles Brown, Moses Rowley, aged 35, to Miss Nancy Youngs, aged 11 years and months, all of Towanda (Susquehanna Democrat 4 Oct 1811).

SAMUEL WOODWORTH  
"THE POET"

WJ-211 2 SAMUEL 6 WOODWORTH, son of Benjamin 5 and Abigail (Benjamin 4,3, Joseph 2 and Walter 1); Born 13 Jan 1784, Scituate, MA and d. 9 Dec 1842, New York City.. His body removed to San Francisco and bur. Laurel Hill Cem there.

He m. 23 Sept 1810, LYDIA REEDER, dau. Of William and and Julia (Smith) Reeder, b. 22 Feb 1792 and d. 21 Oct 1860, San Francisco, CA.

Samuel learned the printer's trade at Boston. In 1809 moved to New York City and established a weekly newspaper with George F. Morris and afterward with N. F. Willis. They began publication of the New York Mirror. Samuel wrote operettas ("The Forest Rose" being his most successful) and lyrics, of which "The Old Oaken Bucket" is his best. Some years ago his numerous poetic stanzas were published by Scribner and Company. The elder son collected these poems after Samuel's death and had them published but the volume became mostly a library and historical collection.

An apoplexy attack in 1837 resulted to paralysis, and he lingered in a crippled state until his death at his New York home. Despite all, he was amiable and had a reputation of great honesty. In religion he was an ardent Swedenborgian.

His father's home In Scituate long remained in the possession of the Northey Family. Children:

- 1 i. SAMUEL SMITH HAINES, b. 12 Aug 1811, New York City
- ii HARRIET MANSFIELD, b. ca 1813, New York; d. unm. ca 1852, San Francisco
- 2 iii SELIM EDWARD, b. 27 Nov 1815, New York City
- 3 iv FREDERICK AUGUSTUS, b. 12 Jan 1818, Hew York City
- v GEORGIANA LOUISA, b. 1820, New York; m. Isaac Ratts Beebe in 1840. He d. in 1861 leaving 2 daus. She m/2 Theodore Schell who d. in 1877; 7 ch. She d. 1904.
- vi CAROLINE MATILDA, b. 14 Nov 1822, New York; unm,; d. in CA 19 Mar 1885, bur. Laurel Hills Cem., San Francisco
- vii LYDIA HUNTLEY, b. 14 July 1826, New York; m. 22 Nov 1844, William Cullen Locke, b. 21 Dec 1817, Salem. 4 ch. She d. ca 1852.
- 4 viii BENJAMIN RUSSELL, b. 1824, New York; unm. embarked for San Francisco in 1861 from Hong Kong and never heard from again. The vessel was lost at sea
- ix MARY JOSEPHINE, b. 10 Oct 1827, New York; d. 4 Dec 1911, Berkeley, CA; m. 21 Aug 1860, San Francisco to James Sykes Wethered; 4 ch.
- ..x MaRIA JULIANA, b. 25 Jan 1829, New York m. 16 duly 1851, Fishkill, NY to Joseph McArthur, a graduate of West Point who served in the Civil War and was retired as Major. She d. 7 Feb 1874, Chicago, leaving 4 ch.

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From "American Folk Art Exhibit" at Hirschl-Adler Galleries, 21 East 70th Street, New York City (11/26/77 - 12/29/77)

AMERICAN

25. Samuel Woodworth

Oil on canvas, 30 x 24 inches

Inscribed (on back of canvas): The author of "The Old Oaken Bucket"

Samuel Woodworth, the son of a Revolutionary soldier, was born in Scituate, Massachusetts, January 13, 1783. An interest in publishing led him in 1809 to New York where he was editor of many journals, such as the *New York Mirror*. He also wrote operettas, "The Forest Rose" being his most successful, and lyrics, of which "The Old Oaken Bucket" is his best work.

Because of the stylistic affinity of the *Portrait of Samuel Woodworth* to such works by Ammi Phillips of the 1817-1819 period as *Portrait of N. B. Buel*, 1818 (Private Collection, New Jersey), it has been suggested that this canvas is also by the artist.



"Old Oaken Bucket" Greenbush, Mass. Well made famous by Samuel Woodworth's poem.



# Old Oaken Bucket

SAMUEL WOODWORTH

*Andante*

Tune Use  
A D F# B

How dear to my heart are the scenes of my child-hood, When  
The dear old church the mead-ow the deep tangled wild-wood, And

fond re-col-lection pre-sents them to view! The wide spread-ing pond and the  
ry loved spot which my in-fan-cy knew. The eat of my fath-er the

mill that stood by it, The bridge and the rock where the cu-ta-tract fell,  
dai-ry house nigh it, And dec the rude buck-et that hung in the well.

**Refrain**

The old oak-en buck-et, The i-ron bound buck-et, The moss cov-ered buck-et that hung in the well.

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## Scituate Historical moves to save Woodworth's Old Oaken Bucket home

Extra stanzas to "The Old Oaken Bucket"

3. The moss cover'd bucket I hail  
as a treasure,  
For often at noon when return'd  
from the field,  
I found it the source of an  
exquisite pleasure,  
The purest and sweetest that  
nature can yield.

How ardent I seized it with hands  
that were glowing,  
And quick to the white pebbled  
bottom it fell;  
Then soon with the emblem of  
health overflowing,  
And dripping with coolness it  
'rose from the well.

4. How soon from the green mossy  
rim to receive it,  
An pois'd on the curb it reclin'd  
to my lips,  
Not a full flowing goblet could  
tempt me to leave it  
Tho' fill'd with the nec-tar  
that Jupiter sips.

And now far remov'd from the  
lov'd situation,  
The tear of regret will intrusively  
swell;  
As fancy reverts to my father's  
plantation,  
And sighs for the bucket that  
hung in the well.

The Scituate Historical Society has assumed purchase of the 17th century Old Oaken Bucket Homestead in the Greenbush section of the historic town of Scituate. In accepting the challenge, the society, ever alert to preservation of the town's landmarks, will bestow on generations to come a farm and homestead owned and intertwined in the history of two of Scituate's finest families — the Woodworths and the Northys — whose members occupied the homestead from 1675 until recently when it was willed to the town by a descendant, Marie Murray, to be held in trust, the income to be used in a scholarship fund.

Commonwealth statutes made this legally impossible.

The town was obliged to dispose of the property in order to set up the trust fund.

Led by its intrepid president Kathleen Laidlaw, the Scituate Historical Society forged ahead to assume the mighty task of finding funds to make an immediate purchase.

The sum raised for the purchase — some \$82,000 — will be met by the society and its preservation friends throughout the nation. Already contributions are coming in from all sections of the country, for the words and music of the famed Samuel Woodworth poem seem to touch a nostalgic chord wherever they are repeated. They appeared in song and text books in the late 19th and early 20th century, and were well known to school children of those days, and even to their children and grandchildren.

"The orchard, the meadow, the deep-tangled wildwood

And every loved spot which my infancy knew"

is still there and Scituate townspeople are determined it will always be there in its simple, appealing beauty.

Woodworth, 1784-1842, knew whereof he wrote when

he penned the immortal words — "How dear to this heart are the scenes of my childhood."

He was born in Scituate, a farm boy with little education, early apprenticed as a printer in Boston. His love of poetry led him to New York where he turned to the writing side of the printed word.

There he published a paper, "The War," wrote plays, light opera, jotted down his verses. In 1825 he wrote a play, "The Forest Rose," which ran longer than any other play up to the time of the Civil War.

His fame, however, rests on the beautiful lyrics of "The Old Oaken Bucket," written on a hot summer day in 1817 in New York City. The poem eventually blossomed into print, and was later set to music.

Upon his death, Woodworth was eulogized by such men of letters as Sir Walter Scott, Daniel Webster, Elvery Channing, Washington Irving.

The Old Oaken Bucket Homestead becomes another landmark in Scituate's circle of historic sites known to the thousands of visitors who come into the town not only in summertime but throughout the year.

It is the society's hope that persons and organizations, statewide and nationwide, interested in preservation of national landmarks will want to be a part of the Old Oaken Bucket purchase. As a memento of participation the society will present each donor of \$10 or more a parchment certificate, bearing a sketch of the Old Oaken Bucket. This certificate will bear the donor's name and a word of appreciation for helping to preserve the Old Oaken Bucket homestead for posterity.

Contributions are tax-deductible, and checks may be made payable to The Old Oaken Bucket Fund, c/o Scituate Federal Savings & Loan Association, 18 Front St., Scituate, MA 02066.

# Good-by to All That

July 1937

## Famed Troubador's Tomb to Be Moved

### 'How Dear... Are the Scenes of My Childhood'

"...the rude bucket, the iron-bound bucket,  
...the moss covered bucket, which hung in the well....  
And now far removed from the beloved habitation....."

"Far from the beloved habitation," far from his old home that inspired the verse that reached the heart cords of all the world, "The Old Oaken Bucket," the last visible memory in this city of Samuel T. Woodworth, lyrical poet of the last century, will soon be removed.

The moss-covered bucket, of which the beloved singer wrote, is matched by the green moss of the time stained stone crypt in Laurel Hill Cemetery in San Francisco, where the remains of the printer-poet had lain for half a century.

Over the sandstone tomb, smothered with ivy and climbing rose, fog and wind now sing a sad refrain as if again bidding good-by to the songster who made bygone scenes of childhood in Scituate, Mass., a heart picture for all, and whose story of the well and its welcome drink has been translated into all civilized tongues.

#### BODY CREMATED

Thirty-seven years ago members of the family of the poet removed his body from the tomb, crowded with vines and flowers. Like the "deep tangled wildwood" of the poem, had it cremated and took the ashes away.

And the lovers of the memory of the poet, who had worn a path to the last home of him who longed again for the sweet scenes of childhood, came no more.

The vines grew thicker and more fancied, the iron grill went of the fence surrounding the tomb rusted with the years. The rock coping started to crumble. Marble facings cracked and neglect laid its careless hand on all as if the sweet song of the poet had echoed for the last time in heart memory.

Crowded near the graves of early day pioneers now resting in the silent city of the dead. The pioneers who came to found a new empire and a new home in the West, and who now will again be seeking another last home if the removal of the cemeteries is voted at the city elections now.

Just to the west of the poet's tomb is the crowded children's plot with wind blown laurel near it. They, too will be passing away when the speakers and preachers diggers get busy.



W. H. Fieldhouse places bouquet at tomb of Samuel T. Woodworth.

San Francisco Paper  
July, 1937

"Of late years the souvenir hunters have not been plucking at the ivy over the grave," William H. Fieldhouse, office manager for the old cemetery said. "There used to be a path, worn in the turf, leading to the grave. But now...."

The poet who sang for the bucket that hung in the well, "the bridge and the rock where the cataract fell," died in New York December 9, 1842. In 1865 his son, Selim E. Woodworth, stationed in San Francisco as commander, in the United States Navy, had his father's body brought to Laurel Hill, for, it was hoped, a last resting place. But at the start of the new century, the city passed drastic cemetery regulation ordinances.

#### ASHES PRESERVED

His surviving relatives, fearing the poet's rest would be disturbed, removed the body and preserved its ashes, leaving the tomb, now the sport of winds, in the cemetery to await the wreckers if the removal ordinance is voted.

But for a few months yet the iris and the ivy will nod to the breeze as if in rhythm to the immortal lines:

"How dear to this heart are the scenes of my childhood . . . when fond recollection presents them to view..."

"For a few months yet visitors may come and muse with bared heads over the vault garlanded with ivy, a spot not unlike the "loved spot, which my infancy knew."



## WOODWORTH

This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> installment of the Unplaced Woodworth Family of Canada continued from The Woodworth Family Newsletter, V01., #2, and Vol. 1, #3.

69 JOSEPH, son of Erod and Sarah (George 3, William 2, and -----); Born 18 March 1872, New Germany, NS; m. IDELLA ERNEST. She b. 1880 and d. 1941. He d. 1943. Resided Nova Scotia but at one time worked in Lynn, Mass.  
13 Children:

- 123 EUGENE PORTER, b. n Fla') 1900; res. Redford, NS
- 124 LEOTA, b. 21 March 1902; m. Harold Rice; res. Berwick, NS
- 125 EDWARD, b. 9 May 1904; res. Kapiskasing, Ontario, Canada
- 126 ELLA, b. 19 Jan 1910; m. M. Meldume/Medley/Meldrum
- 127 CHARLES, b. 12 Nov 1911; res Halifax, NS
- 128 JENNIE, b. 10 March 1914.; m. William McGinnis; Res. Annaoplis Royal
- 129 VIOLET, b. 11 April 1920; m. Colin Campbell; res. Bridgetown, N.S.
- 130 RUBY, b. 5 Dec 1921; m. Stan Morton; res. Toronto
- 131 MURIEL, b. 4 Mar 1923; m. Charles Stevens; res. Fort Erie, Ontario
- 132 CARMON, b.
- 133 DOUGLASS, b.
- 134 FLORENCE, b.
- 135 PANE, b. 18 April 1896

REFERENCES: Information on family above from Mrs. Leota (Woodworth) Rice of Berwick, N.S.; Clayton Woodworth's note to Jean Behan.

70 REUBEN/RHEUBEN, son of Erod and Sarah (George 3, William 2 and -----); Born 29 Dec 1873, New Germany, NS; m. CLARA MAILMAN on 9 July 1896. He d. 12 April 1926 Hartford, CT; She d. 1926. Both bur. St. John's in the Wilderness Anglican Church Cem. Children:

- 136 MYRTLE, b. 27 April 1897; m. Stephen Fancy, a carpenter in 1917; Res. Bridgewater, NS except for a few years in Somerville, Mass. No ch.; She d. 6 Mar 1961, bur, Bridgewater, NS
- 137 VAUGHN, L. 7 March 1899, New Germany, NS
- 138 FRANK, b. Nov 1901, New Germany, NS
- 139 AUBREY, b, 15 Jan 1905, New Germany. NS
- 140 WALTER, bi ?5 June 1907, New Germany
- 141 ORAN RANDOLPH, b, Feb 1910, New Germany

REFERENCES: Clayton Wooduorth's notes; St.. John's Anglican, Church Cem.; M/M Aubrey Woodworth of North Billerica, Mass, family notes.

71 JASON,. son of Erod and Sarah (George 3, William 2 and -- ); Born 1 July 1875; m. ABBIE VARNER on 23 Dec 1896 by Rev. Norse; Res. 45 years in Lynn, Mass. In express business; Mason; no children. He d. 2 Feb 1944, cremated in Salem, Mass.

REFERENCES: Erod's family data from Bible in 1969 in possession of Bruce A. Veinot of New Germany, NS (Grandson of Letitia (Woodworth) Arenburg. Clayton Woodworth's notes.

## W O O D W O R T H

72 TITUS, son of Silas and Bridget (George William 2 and -----);  
Born ca 1863, New Germany, NS. Listed in Fleming family age 5, Lutheran,  
b. New Germany, NS in 1871 Census, Lunenburg Co. - listed as "Titus  
Woodworth." Later lived with a family in the United States. Name and  
location of this family unknown and it is not known whether he retained  
the Woodworth name. He married and had at least one daughter.

REFERENCES: 1871 Lunenburg Census; Clayton Woodworth's notes.

73 MILLEDGE, son of Silas and Bridget (George 35 William 2 and-----);  
Born 1865; m. SUSANNAH WOODWORTH, dau. of John and Ann (Tilbert) Woodworth -  
a cousin. Milledge was adopted by the Burn's family and took that surname.  
BURNS:

- i dau. B, 1889; d. July 1979
- ii Lillian, b, 1902/3; m/1 George Acker - he 1. d. 1963 and she m/2  
Thomas Flanagan; one son.
- iii Ralph, b.

74 SILAS, JR., son of Silas and Bridget (George 3, William 2 and -----);  
Born 9 Sept 1867, New Germany,, NS; m. at Hemford, NS, in 1889, CERETHA L.  
MAILMAN, dau. of David and Sarah ( ) Mailman. She b. 1868 and d. 1947.  
He d. 1948. Lutheran. In 1871 Census, Silas age 4, b, NS listed with  
Simpson Family. He retained the Woodworth name. Child:

142 OREN SILAS, b. 4 March 1898

REFERENCES: 1871 Lunenburg Census; Clayton Woodworth notes; Lillian Burns  
Flanagan family info - 1979 res. Kentville,, NS. Index to marriages R 32,  
Lunenburg, #31,, p. 51.

77 DANIEL ALEXANDER, son of Isaac 4 and Abigail (John 3, William 2 and -----);  
Born 31 May 1861, Dayspring, NS; m. license - Lutheran Church Bridgewater -  
8 Oct 1887 by Rev. Kohler, CATHERINE RAMEY, age 24,, b. Waterton., living  
Lakeville. Farmer. Res. Lakeville.

REFERENCES: Marriage records St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Bridgewater, NS

78 JOSEPH ANGUS, son of Isaac 4 and Abigail (John 3, William 2 and -----);  
Born 1 June 1863  
m. 1891 IDA M. SARTY. Nothing further at this time..

79 WILLIAM HENRY, son of Isaac 4 and Abigail (John 3, William 2, and -----);  
Born 10 Feb 1865, Bridgewater, Lunenburg Co., N.S.; m. 11 Dec 1886,  
HARRIET M WOODIN,, dau. of Charles and Margaret Woodin. She b. 1863 Moser  
River and both bur. there. Employed in mining at time of marriage. He d.  
18 July 1941, Moser River and she d. 14 June 1951 there. Children:

- 143 OLIVE MINARA, b. 23 Jan 1883 Moser River; d. 14 Dec 1949
- 144 ELIZABETH MARTHA, b. 27 May 1887; d, 1 Nov 1962
- 145 SARAH MATILDA, b. 10 Oct 1889; d. 1 Dec 1981
- 146 JAMES RICHARDS, b, 25 Nov 1891; d, 5 Jan 1967

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## WOODWORTH

### 79 WILLIAM HENRY (Continued)

- 147 JOHANNA CATHERINE, b. 9 Oct 1893; d. 1 March 1960
- 148 MARY ALICE, b. 5 Apr 1896; res. 1979 Moser's River
- 149 ABIGAIL JANE, b. 18 Sept 1898; living 1979
- 150 MINNIE IDA, b. 11 Dec 1900; res. Dartmouth, NS in 1979
- 151 HAZEL BEATRICE, b. 21 Sept 1903; res. Sheet Harbour, NS in 1979
- 152 CHARLES WILLIAM, b. 16 Aug 1907, Moser's River

REFERENCES: Family record from desc.; xeroxed article "Where Broad Atlantic Surges Roll" by Philip L. Hartling. 1980 ltr from Irene F. Oickle of Calgary, Alberta, Canada to J. Behan

### 80 JAMES ELIAS (k/a Elias) son of Isaac James 4 and Abigail (John 3, William 2 and ----); Born 15 Jan 1867, Waterloo; m. SIVA DURLING. Res. Bridgewater. NS, Children:

- 153 JEAN
- 154 STANFORD ST. CLAIR
- 155 DENNIS

REFERENCES: Family record of descendants.

### 81 MORRIS RULOVE, son of Isaac 4 and Gusanda (John 3, William 2, and -----); Born 10 July 1880, Waterloo, NS; m. BERNICE LETETIA HEBB. Res. Chelsea, NS. Children:

- 156 FRANK MORRIS, b. 21 July 1915; d. 18 Jan 1974
- 157 WALLACE STEPHEN, b. 20 Nov 1916; res. Pleasantville, R. R. #1, NS in 1980
- 158 IRENE BEATRICE ROSE ANN, b. 4 May 1918; m. Lewis Heim
- 159 CLINTON LEROY, b. 30 Oct 1923. Chelsea, NS
- 160 MERVIN WILLIS, b. 6 March 1926, Chelsea. NS

REFERENCES: Family record of Clinton Leroy in 1979. Mervin resided 1975 at Jubilee Rd., Bridgewater, NS; Mrs. Lewis Heim res. Bridgewater, NS in 1979.

### 82 ASHER, son of Isaac 4 and Gusanda (John 3, William 2 and -----); Twin. Born 30 July 1881, Hew Germany. NS; m. ELLEN SARTY. Child:

- 161 JOHN, b.

REFERENCES: St. John's Anglican Church Records.

### 85 JAMES ISAAC, son of Isaac 4 and Gusanda (John 3, William 2 and -----); Born 7 Nov 1883, New Germany. NS; m. LETTY WILE. Child:

- 162 LORETTA (adopted); m, Theodore Bush

### 87 JOHN EDMUND, son of Isaac 4 and Gusanda (John 3, William 2 and -----); Born 25 Aug 1890, New Germany. NS; m. HILDA MOSHER. Child:

- 163 CARLETON, res. 1979, Chelsea, NS

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