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Children, it is my earnest desire that you should study these pages and endeavor to be worthy descendants of ancestors who laboured and suffered for the truth; who defied the intolerance of a persecuting government and church in the old country, and endured the privations and hardships of a pioneer life in the forest wilderness of a new Colony.

Maude Enslow Dunn.

Lincoln, Nebraska

1932

HOWARD

The name of Howard is another form of Haward or Hereward and is identified with the most brilliant achievements in various departments of knightly and honorable service in England, and is of the proudest families in that fair land.

The following from Burks "Heraldric Register" Howard-Duke of Norfolk:

"The illustrious house of Norfolk derives, in the male line, from William Howard, a learned judge" of the reign Edward I and with him the authentic pedigree begins.

The alliance of the judges descendants--Sir Robert Howard-Knight-with Margaret, elder daughter of Thomas DeMowbray, Duke of Norfolk, was the source whence flowed to after generations all the blood of all the Howards.

Margaret DeMowbray was great grand daughter of Thomas Plantagenet, eldest son of King Edward, by Margaret his second wife, daughter of Phillip the Hardy of France. This great alliance may be regarded as the foundation on which was erected the subsequent grandeur of the "House of Norfolk", but the brilliant Halo which encircles the the coronet of the Howards owes its splendor to the heroic achievements of the successive chiefs.

John Howard, Duke of Norfolk, fell at Bosworth, manfully adhering to Richard the III, his son, the Earl of Surrey, was the hero of Flodden and the latter's son is ever remembered as the first poet of his age.

In more recent times the hereditary gallantry of the race continues to shine conspicuously forth, and to a Howard was reserved the honor of overthrowing the mighty power of Spain and crushing the "Invincible Armada", the Spanish fleet sent against England in 1588.

As heroes, poets, politicians, courtiers, patrons of literature, State victims to tranny and feudal chiefs, they have been constantly before us for four centuries.

HOWARDS OF ENGLAND

Sir William Howard, chief Justice of the Common Pleas, temp. Edward I., the immediate founder of the noble house of Howard, was the son of John Howard, and grandson of Robert Howard, or Herward "filius Howardi," temp. King John. Gu. a bend between six crosses crosslet fitchee ar. Sir Robert Howard, fourth in descent from Sir William Howard, the Chief Justice, was summoned Parliament 1476. He married Lady Margaret Mowbray, daughter of Thomas, Duke of Norfolk, and was ancestor of the illustrious house of Howard, Dukes of Norfolk: The Barony is in abeyance between the Lords Stourton and Petre since 1777. Gu a bend between six crosses crosslets Fitichee or. William de Mowbray a Magna Charta surety, had by his wife, Lady Agnes d'Albin, a daughter or a sister of William, second Earl of Arundel and Susses: Roger de Mowbray died 1266, father of Roger, first Baron of Writ, died 1298, whose son John, second Baron, was executed in 1321, having issue: John, third Baron, died 1361, who had: John, fourth Baron, died 1368, married Lady Elizabeth, daughter of John de Sergrave, and his wife, Margaret Plantagenet, Duchess of Norfolk, only child of Thomas, Earl of Norfolk, a son of Edward I., King of England, and his second wife, Princess Margaret, daughter of Philip III, King of France, and had: Thomas de Mowbray, K. G., Earl of Nottingham, aforesaid. The Earl of Nottingham's second wife, the mother of Lady Margaret Howard, was Lady Elizabeth Fitz-Allan, daughter of Richard, Earl of Arundel and Surrey.

(Reference: Magna Charta Barons by Browning, Page 331-32).

Thomas de Mowbray, therefore, was fully recognized by the Crown as a Prince of the royal blood and it was probably on this account that the family of the Howards, descended from his daughter and eventual coheirress, and who, therefore, must have been regarded as Royal Princess (but far removed from the throne), suffered so terribly in the days of the Tudors. They represented the House of Lancaster as well as that of the House of York.

(Reference: The History of The House of Arundel by Yeatman, Book 11, Page 298).

EARLY HISTORY OF THE HOWARDS

If the earlier history of the Howard family is buried in obscurity, the part played by them since the acquisition of the Dukedom of Norfolk has been neither obscure nor unimportant. No family under the House of Tudor played so important a part as did the House of Howard, and if they had their full share of honours--and no family, perhaps, has founded so many peerages--they assuredly had their full share of sorrows, they suffered terribly from the jealousy and injustice of the Crown, as the direct descendants and heir-at-law of Thomas de Brotherton, Earl of Norfolk, the Duke of Norfolk stood before the Tudors in right of succession to the Crown, in so far as the Tudors could claim a right of succession from Elizabeth, Duchess of York. Her sister was the Duchess of Thomas. The Duke of Norfolk, who was, therefore, the uncle of King Henry VIII, did him the honour to sanction the marriage of two of his nieces, Anne Boleyn,

the daughter of his sister, and Catherine Howard, the daughter of his brother. Subsequently the King bestowed upon the Duke's daughter his own illegitimate and favourite son, Henry Fitzroy. Thomas, the Duke's younger brother, had the audacity to marry the King's niece without the royal sanction. As there was no Royal marriage act at that period to legalize subsequent bigamous marriages, Lord Thomas was sent to the scaffold; but with that execution, and with the exception of the Duke's two nieces who were necessarily executed as the King's wives, none of the Howard family were sent to the block by Henry VIII. Edward VI, however, beheaded the Earl of Surrey, his own cousin--german, and Sir Thomas Arundel of Wardour, his uncle by marriage, and Queen Elizabeth took care that every head of the family during her reign should be laid low. She executed Thomas Howard, the fourth Duke, in 1572, and kept Philip, his son and heir, in the Tower till he died; and it was not till four generations had passed away that the jealousy of the Crown permitted the full restoration to the family of the Dukedom of Norfolk with its full honours. In addition to the fact that the Dukedom of Norfolk is the premier Dukedom of England, and the Earldom of Arundel the premier Earldom, none other being in point of date comparable with the, the Duke of Norfolk combines in himself the representation of several of the greatest houses of antiquity. He is co-heir of the Earldom of Chester, an Earldom of such high rank, one possessing so many royal privileges, that upon the death of the last Earl in his reign, Henry II refused to give it to a subject, and annexed it to his own family, and it has ever since been enjoyed to the exclusion of the Howards, by the eldest son of the King. Indeed from every house (except from German ancestry) through whom the reigning family of England claims its descent by female heirs, the Dukes of Norfolk represent the Chiefship, a proud position and one so vast, so full of honour, that the mind is dazed in contemplation of it, and it requires a grasp of intellect only enjoyed by the few, fully to appreciate it, and yet what is the sum of all these honours? It is indeed a proud position; but it is one the weight of which the Duke who now enjoys it would assess as naught compared to the nobility of inner worth, the majesty which clothes the man with righteousness.

(Reference: History of the House of Arundel by Yeatman, Page 344-45).

ROYAL LINEAGE OF THE HOWARDS

1. Edward, King of England, had ^{by} his second wife, Queen Margaret, daughter of Philip, the Hardy, King of France:
2. Thomas Plantagenet, surnamed de Brotherton; Earl Marshall of England, and Earl of Norfolk, who married, first Lady Alice, daughter of Sir Richard (or Roger) Halys, of Harwick, Knt., and had:
3. Margaret, Duchess of Norfolk, died 1399, who married, first John, third Lord Sergrave and had:
4. Lady Elizabeth de Sergrave, who married John, fourth Lord

Mowbray, son of John, third Baron Mowbray, and his wife, Lady Joan Plantagenet, daughter of Henry, third Earl of Lancaster, son of Prince Edmund, the Crouch-back and his wife, Blanche, widow of Henry, King of Navarre, and grand-daughter of Louis VIII, King of France, and his wife, Blanche, daughter of Alphonse, King of Castile, and his wife, Lady Eleanor, daughter of Henry II, King of England, son of Henry III, King of England, and had:

5. Sir Thomas, sixth Lord Mowbray, Duke of Norfolk, Earl Marshall of England, died 1413, who married Lady Elizabeth Fitz-Allan, daughter of Richard, Earl of Arundel, and had:

6. Lady Margaret de Mowbray, who married Sir John Howard, son of Sir Robert Howard, Knt., and had:

7. Sir John Howard K. G. Baron Howard; Captain General of the King's forces at sea, and Earl Marshall: created Duke of Norfolk. He was attainted in 1485, when all of his honors became forfeited. He had by his first wife, Lady Catherine, daughter of William, Lord Molines:

8. Sir Thomas Howard, K. G. 1524, who was created in 1483 Earl of Surrey, and was attainted with his father, and lost his Earldom, and was imprisoned for three years in the Tower of London. In 1489 he was restored, and created Duke of Norfolk and Earl Marshall, in 1514. He had by his second wife, Lady Agness, daughter of Henry Tieney:

9. Lady Catherine Howard, who married Rice (or Ryx) Griffith, of Carew, born 1508, beheaded in public, on Tower Hill, 4 Jan. 1531-32 for a political offence, son of Sir Griffith Rhys, K. B., born 1478, died 1521.

(Reference: Americans of Royal Descent by Browning, Page 80).

"We spring from some one of the seven sons of the second Duke of Norfolk, who died about the year 1525, through certain emigrants who came from England about 1650. These were: Mathew Howard, John Howard, William Howard, James Howard, Thomas Howard, Frances Howard, Samuel Howard, Benjamin Howard. Two of these settled in New England, the rest in Virginia. Then they drifted and acattered."

HAYWARD--HOWARD. These are somewhat interchangeable names, of the same origin, and capriciously varied by the spelling. They are a compound of two words: the French word haie, hedge, and the Saxon waurd, a watchman, guard, or keeper. The old royal and noble families of Europe had officers whose duty it was to keep watch over, superintend, and keep in repair, the hedges that protected from cattle and other intruders their masters' grain-fields, grass-grounds, and gardens. These offices were styled haie-waurds, or, as the Danish descendants wrote it, how-waurds. Hence Haieward and Hoeward,--Hayward and Howard. It seems that the Howards of England were among its ancient nobles, as Pope implies, where he says,--

"What can ennoble sots, or slaves, or cowards?
Alas! not all the blood of all the Howards".

The office of haiewaurd was undoubtedly one of great honor in feudal times, especially in connection with the households of royal families. The name was, and I presume still is, quite common in England; as it has come to be in this country. And from time immemorial it has been ordinarily pronounced with a diphthongal sound variously broad as in aw, up to the more open and flat ow, as in now. The written orthography, as of many other names, has been according to each old scribe's fancy. At one time Haw-ard, at another How-ard, at another Haie-ward, then Hayward, etc. And whenever any head of a family took a notion to change the spelling from Haward or Hayward, to How-ard, he did so; and his posterity followed suit. This has been the case in Milford, Mass., since the beginning of the present century, in several instances. The ancestral name was Hayward; but, since the orthographical change was made, whole lineages have become Howards in all our records. This mixes things up so badly, that my only course must be to treat the names as synonymous, and run them along as they occur.

As nearly as I can trace them, our Haywards and Howards all descended from three brothers who came from Swanzey. Their ancestors were of Bridge-water; but farther back I had not the means of going without too much cost and trouble.* (*Since the foregoing was written, I have had the pleasure of an interview with Hon. Alphonso Taft, who, on one side of his ancestry, inherits the blood and traditions of these Haywards. It has been handed down to him, that the parents of the first Samuel in Mendon were William and Margery (Thayer) Hayward of Braintree. Perhaps this was so. But, if so, William and Jonathan certainly hailed from Swanzey at the dates by me specified in this connection.* The oldest of these brothers was Samuel Hayward. He planted himself in the town-seat of Mendon, by purchasing of Mrs. Mary Tapping and her son John a 20- acre lot, as an original Mendon proprietor. This made him a 40-acre lot owner, with all its rights to future divisions of common. The deed is dated April 6, 1672. At the same time, he was already seised of a 20-acre lot, as an original Mendon proprietor. This made

him a 40-acre lot owner, and of course entitled him to very large dividends of the common lands. Large tracts of these he had laid out to him on our territory, to the amount of between 500 and 1,000 acres. Most of this land lay in one general body, extending from Sherborn road, opposite the present Mansion House, easterly of Joseph Sumner's estate, all the way down southerly to the "Upper Mill Plain," then so called; that is, as far south as where Plain St. forks off from So. Main St. In width this tract must have been between one-third and half a mile wide, extending to the river eastward, and in places over the river. Elsewhere he took up numerous smaller parcels.

The next oldest brother was William Hayward. In 1700 and 1701 he, then being of Swanzey, bought several hundred acres of the Rawson land in No. Bellingham, adjacent to our territory. Some 3,000 acres of land were granted to Secretary Rawson, the first Edward, by Gen. Court, in consideration of his unrequited public services. He extinguished the Indian title to this tract, and took a deed. It was annexed to Mendon for government, and so remained till 1719, when it was made a part of Bellingham. The land William Hayward bought was a part of this Rawson tract, or "Farm" as then called. At the same time, Thomas Sanford of Swanzey and Thomas Burch of Bristol made large purchases, side by side with Hayward, of this Rawson land. It soon got the title of "The Farms," being then owned in a few large farms. There William Hayward settled himself and his children. Of course, being closely connected with our territory geographically and municipally, the cousins naturally commingled. I observed that in the Rawson deeds to William his name was written in one instance Howard, but wherever else it occurred Hayward.

The youngest of these brothers, was Jonathan Hayward. He came into this quarter while yet under age, and resided with Samuel Thayer, as appears from the following recorded entry: "Samuel Thayer gave Bond (Jan. 28, 1692) for Jonathan Hayward of Swanzey, resident with him." The bond was to hold the town harmless from cost for Hayward's maintenance. "January 3, 1707, there was laid out, of Samuel Hayward's fifth division, twelve acres, to his Brother Jonathan Hayward, on both sides of Sherborn road East of Bear Hill." Jonathan settled north-east of Bear Hill, near the "Great Meadow," so called, and there became a comparatively rich man.

I must now endeavor to trace the lineages of these three patriarchs, at least so far as Milford is concerned. This is rendered somewhat difficult by the number of Williams, Jonathans, Johns, and Samuels, who lived contemporaneously. But I will endeavor to distinguish them as well as I can.

⁽²⁾
HAYWARD, SAMUEL, of Mendon, by wf. Mehetabel, had--

William, birth-date not found; m. Priscilla Marsh,
⁽³⁾May 6, 1708.

Mehetabel, birth-date not found; 2d wf. Nicholas
Cook.* (* She was the wid. of Abraham Staples
when m. to Cook.)

Mary, birth-date not found; m. Joseph Rockwood, 1688 or
1689.

Huldah, birth-date not found; m. ----Butterworth.

Margery, birth-date not found; m. Jacob Aldrich.

Sarah, birth-date not found; m. Benjamin Thayer, Dec. 20,
1712.

Hannah, b. Aug. 18, 1680; m. Peter Aldrich.

Deborah, B. Nov. 9, 1682; m. Seth Aldrich.

Samuel, Jun., b. Febr. 7, 1683; d. unm. May 16, 1708,
a. 24 yrs.

Jonathan, b. Oct. 10, 1686; m. Elizabeth Warfield, about
1706 or 1707.

Experience, b. March 1, 1688; untraced.

Benjamin, b. Febr. 14, 1689; m. Anna---, about 1711 or '12.

Bethiah, birth-date not found; untraced.

REFERENCE:

"THE HISTORY OF MILFORD, MASS.--

BALLOU

The history we have differs somewhat from the above as
we have Samuel, who married Mehetable, a son and not a brother
of William the Immigrant.

Our branch of the family have two lines tracing back to
William the Immigrant, who sailed from England for the Barbadoes
1634, and died in Braintree, Mass.

One line traces back through Mehetable (Hayward³) Staples-
daughter of Samuel Hayward² son of William¹.

The other through Ferdinando Thayer, who married Hulda²
daughter of William¹.

Maude E. Dunn

38 Wilmarth Road
Braintree, Mass.
Town Historian
Genealogist.

Jan. 29, 1935.

Mrs. Lee James Dunn
Lincoln, Nebraska.

My dear Mrs. Dunn:

Your letter of Jan. 23 fell into the hands of my old cousin Miss Annah Hayward, 84 years old who is still living on the original Hayward lands which William Hayward, the first, bought in 1648. She and her cousin Lemuel, 80 years old, are the last of their generation to live there, but there are some of the next two generations to keep the possession in the hands of the family, as they live there also.

Miss Annah is a delightful, sprightly person, genial in manner and very active; lives alone in her part of her house, goes to church and its activities; to D.A.R. and to the meetings of our Historical Society. But - she has no head for genealogy and knows but little besides her immediate family history. So she asks me to write you and your dear mother a little of the history I have with a friend, collected. This friend, Mrs. Mabel Hope Kingsbury has compiled a large genealogy of the Hayward-Howard family, hoping to secure the funds for publication, but the times, and the fact that her most helpful millionaire died before he could do anything, has hindered her from making any progress. But she still desires to learn all she can and wishes me to ask you to send me your line, as you did not do so in your letter.

1

We find that William Hayward was in Boston before 1649; was a boatman or seaman and lived on what is now Elm street in Boston near Dock Square. He bought 20 acres in Braintree in 1648 and added many more to those afterwards. When he died he owned land, in Weymouth, and as we find the name in the Rev. Samuel Newman's early records, before 1643, as an abuttor, in Weymouth, it has been thought he may have come there with Weston and gone later to Charlestown as did Phineas Pratt and then to Boston, but there is no proof of this, only the name appears in Charlestown, also. He married Margery ~~last~~ - name not proved, who when he was drowned, sold his property in Boston without the signatures of her children, and the children made trouble later so that the property was not settled until 1701.

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The children of William Hayward and Margery were Jonathan William, Samuel and Huldah. Jonathan was the only one who remained in Braintree, the others removing to Swansea and Mendon. I have a straight line and so does Miss Annah, from Jonathan 2 and have much interesting history about our branch. An old Hayward highboy, the lower part of which is beside me as I write, dates from 1720, a number of old chairs, chests etc. that have come down through the family.

2

William Hayward was living in Swansea in 1672 to 1700 when he removed to Bellingham. He died in Braintree Dec. 17, 1717 "while on a visit". He married Sarah Butterworth, b. in Rehoboth May 28, 1653, dau. of John and Sarah. He married (2) May 16, 1708 Priscilla (Tompkins) Marsh who married after his death. His will made Nov. 10, 1712, was

probated in 1718; property to be divided among five sons and five daughters. Names of sons given; daughters not named.

Children born in Swansea:

- i. JONATHAN³, Apr. 8, 1672; d. 1734 in Ashford, Conn.
- ii. MARGERY, Sept. 10, 1673; m. Jan. 30, 1695/6 John Childs.
- iii. SARAH, Mar. 3, 1675/6; m. Dec. 31, 1696 A. Pierce.
- iv. MARY, 1678; d. before 1712.
- v. WILLIAM, Jan. 20, 1680; d. 1736 in Bellingham.
- vi. MERCY, 1681; d. Oct. 11, 1710; m. Nov. 10, 1701 John Martin.
- vii. SAMUEL, June 19, 1683; d. Feb. 24, 1755 in Bellingham.
- viii. HULDAH, Mar. 13, 1685; m. (int) in Mendon Dec. 10, 1710 Ebenezer Cooke.
- ix. OLIVER, Mar. 17, 1687;
- x. HANNAH, Mar. 11, 1689; m. Dec. 20, 1712 Benjamin Thayer, son of Ferdinando & Huldah (Hayward) daughter of William 1.

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JONATHAN HAYWARD (William³) born in Swansea Apr. 8, 1672; died in Ashford, Conn. in 1734. He lived in Bellingham or Mendon between 1692 & 1727 when he went to Ashford, Conn.; married Trial Rockwood, b. 1676/7; d. before 1717, dau. of John & Joanna (Ford). He married (2) Grace --- who died in Bellingham Aug. 28, 1720. He may have married a third time.

Children, by first wife, born in Mendon, except the first, which was born in Swansea:

- 4
- i. SARAH, Dec. 17, 1694;
 - ii. WILLIAM, Jan. 30, 1696/7; died in Surry, N.H. Aug. 10, 1768
 - iii. JONATHAN⁴, Apr. 8, 1699; d. Nov. 24, 1751.
 - iv. DAVID, July 8, 1701; d.
 - v. ELIZABETH, June 30, 1704; m. in Mendon Aug. 9, 1727 David Wood.
 - vi. JOSEPH, Mar. 5, 1706; d.
 - vii. By 2nd wife, born in Mendon:
 - viii. JOHN, Feb. 4, 1709;
 - ix. BENJAMIN, 1714; d.
 - x. SAMUEL, Mar. 11, 1716; d.
 - xi. SARAH, Apr. 25, 1718; d.

This seems to cover what you wish to know. Your record claims my Jonathan, does it not? I am sorry but I cannot part with him for he lies in the old churchyard in the part of old Braintree that is now Quincy, his headstone still standing.

Will you please tell us where you saw that his son William was in the expedition against Canada? I suppose you mean William's son William³ as Jonathan⁴, son of Jonathan³ was born after 1690. We have no such record. William³ would be too young, also

Now may I ask for one piece of information which relates to our town history upon which Mrs. Kingsbury (by the way, she lives in Surry, N.H., is here for the winter, only) and I are working?

Can you get for me the date Gov. John Milton Thayer died? I have been told that he died and is buried there.

Shall be glad to help you more if necessary. Yours sincerely,

(Miss) Marion S. Arnold

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9 ASHBURTON PLACE, BOSTON, MASS.

November 15th, 1932.

Mrs. Maude Dunn,
1615 South 20th Street,
Lincoln, Nebraska.

Dear madam:

It would seem that a Howard family of Dartmouth should be easily traced, but beyond the births of the children of William and Mary, which are given below, we have failed to trace backwards.

*deborah Pope
pg 26*
William, b. Feb. 27, 1724.
Hannah, b. Sept. 9, 1727.
Zephaniah, b. Sept. 10, 1731.
Mary, b. Feb. 18, 1742.
Meribah, b. Oct. 26, 1744.

Matthew
It is probable that a search through wills and deeds at the Plymouth and Bristol County seat will give clues to the parents of William and his wife Mary.

We must suggest that a professional genealogist be employed to make the search which is outside of our province.

Very truly yours,

Florence Conant Howes

(Mrs. Joseph Curtis Howes)
Assistant Secretary.

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Holdredge Homestead,
Garrattsville N. York.

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To Mr L. J. Dunn,
3205 So. 48th St.,
Lincoln,
Nebraska

Copy from Wilbur Bible Records

Edward Woolley in Dutchess County 1790 said to be son of
Emmanuel of Newport or grandson.

Children of Edward Woolley and Lydia Bills, daughter of
William Bills and Hester Borden

Lydia - 1731 born North East Town, later Milan,
Dutchess County, N. Y.
Born, Milan, Stephen 1732 married Neomi Wilbur (County, N. Y.)

Edward 1734 born New Jersey
Elizabeth 1736 Born New Jersey
Hester 1737 born New Jersey
Peter 1739 Dutchess County, N. Y.
Ruth - died infancy

Stephen died March 16 - 1818, buried Clinton Corners Dutchess,
County, N. Y.

Peter married - Tilton daughter of Peter Tilton, noted Quaker
see the Tilton Gene.

Hester married a white, see Borden Gene.

Quaker Records in the
Quaker Meeting House.
N. Y.

Millbrook, New York.

Oct. 6th - 1931

Dear Mrs Dunn.

This record I am sending you of the Howard Family, is taken from a book I have, known as a comparative record of Dutchess County including Biographies of the old time families forming the general population of the county for years past and present, and I trust it will help you much in your work of tracing the Howard family.

The Cronk family of which I am one, consisted of Father, Mother, and TEN children, five boys and five girls. I am sorry to say that Father, Mother, and nine of the ten children have passed away to the great beyond, I being the only one left of the family. There were 12 grand children, but only four of them are living. I will go no farther on the Cronk side of the family and will copy the records as written in the book above referred to and also make a copy ver-betern of the books as written.

My Mother Emeline Howard:--

Emeline Howard married Geo. W. Cronk, my father, & I will refer to her as Mrs. Cronk.

Zebaniah Howard the Grand Father of Mrs Cronk, was a native of the town of Dover, Dutchess County, and engaged in the youth until his death, conducting a good farm on what known as chestnut ridge, and owned by him. In religion he was a "Friend", married Miss Lidia:-(last name unknown), and they became the parents of the following children; John, Charles, Sylvester, Valirie, Pontius, Edward, and Silas.

Silas Howard was my Mothers Father, my grand father, The birth of Silas Howard the father of Mrs Cronk, occurred in the town of Amenia but the most of his life was passed in Fishkill, and throughout his life he followed the profession of Teaching, he being one of the very able instructors of the whole county. By birthright he was a member of the "Friends" church, was united in marriage with Miss Amelia Cash, of Columbia County, N. Y. They became the parents of nine children, viz:-William born Aug. 15th 1809 married Paulina Storms, Rachel, born May 28th 1811, married Isaacson Harrington, Aaron born March 26th 1813, married Harriet Sweet. David born Feb. 21st 1815, married Caroline Sweet. Silas born Dec. 21st 1816, married Catherine Odell. Asa, born Sept. 24th 1819, married Jane Northrup. Lydia, born August 29th 1821, married John Ulrich. Emeline, my Mother, born April 26th 1824. Elizabeth, born Feb. 28th 1828.

This concludes the history of my Mothers family, including her Grand Father and his family and her Father and his family, so far as I can trace them in any books that I now have.

There are other Howard families recorded in this book, and I will copy all Howard records, and mail them to you later as my time will allow me to work on the subject. I had sealed this letter to you, but in as much as I have had time to copy this section from the book above referred to, will open the letter and enclose this section.

May God bless you in your good work.

Hope yo hear from you again, and may you have many happy years before you.

C. E. Cronk, Archt'

Millbrook, N. Y.



FAMILY RECORD OF ZEPHANIAH HOWARD

Zephaniah Howard	Born	Oct. 6, 1731.	
Valariah (WOOLEY) Howard	"	March 17, 1737.	
William Howard	"	Nov. 20, 1751.7	
Elizabeth Howard	"	Feb. 9, 1759.	
Joseph Howard	"	July 16, 1760.	
Pontus Howard	"	Feb. 7, 1762.	
Lydia Howard - - - - -	"	Mch. 21, 1765. m	Soule
John Howard	"	Feb. 20, 1767.	
Elihu Howard	"	Feb. 10, 1769	
Hannah Howard	"	Nov. 7, 1770.	
x Sylvester Howard My Grand father	"	June 15, 1772.	
Edward Howard	"	June 22, 1774.	
Silas Howard	"	Mch. 5, 1776. m	Amelia Cask
Ann Howard	"	Oct. 20, 1778.	

THE FAMILY CAME FROM ENGLAND

Valariah (Wooley) Howard	Died	April 25, 1813.
Zephaniah Howard	"	Oct. 16, 1813.

FAMILY RECORD OF SYLVESTER HOWARD.

Sylvester Howard	Born	June 15, 1772
Lydia (Sweet) Howard	"	Mch. 30, 1775.
Matilda Howard	"	July 3, 1794. Died in Infancy
Amina x Anna Howard Uncle Phil's Mother	"	Oct. 29, 1795. - M. Christopher Jenkins
Catherine Howard - - - - -	"	Jan. 1, 1797. Chancy Smith
Eliakin Howard - - - - -	"	Oct. 3, 1798. Sarah Sweet
Malinda Howard - - - - -	"	Feb. 9, 1800. Joel Robinson
Stephen Howard - - - - -	"	Dec. 13, 1803. m Lamira Sweet
x Palmer Howard Ely Howard's father	"	Aug. 8, 1805. m
Jordan Howard. - - - - -	"	Oct. 27, 1808. m Eveline Ryder.
Alanson Howard. - - - - -	"	Feb. 17, 1810. m Elizabeth Sweet Sweet
Deidamia Howard - - - - -	"	Aug. 13, 1813. -
x Tilton Howard My father mae.	"	Mch. 31, 1814. m Temperance Sweet
Jane Howard. Mother of M J Cross	"	Dec. 3, 1817. m Dr John Cobb

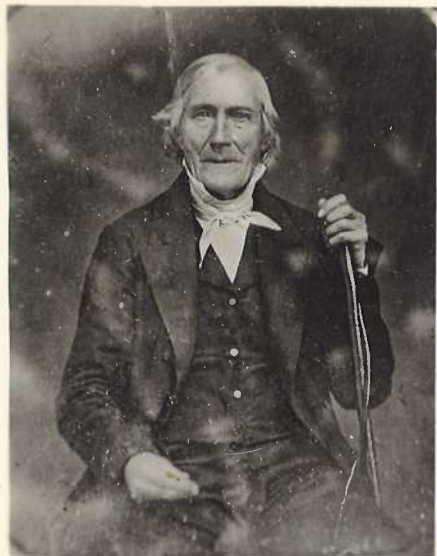
Our Great-Grand Mother Sweet's name was
Elizabeth Bosworth.

Temperance - Elizabeth - Lamira Sarah Sweet
Daughters of Peleg Sweet Sister of Peleg

Grand father of
M. A. Enslow

SYLVESTER HOWARD,

Died February 18th, 1858. Aged 85 years,
7 months and 27 days.



He was born ¹⁷⁷² in the town of Paulding, Dutchess County, N. Y. He married Lydia Sweet, December 13th, 1793, with whom he lived until her decease, November 13th, 1855. In the year 1809, he removed to Cazanovia, Madison County, N. Y. In 1826, he removed again to Morgan County Ill., where he remained until his death. Father Howard, with his wife, united with the Diamond Grove Baptist Church, of which he constituted one of its brightest lights. They had 7 sons and 6 daughters; two died in infancy, one in her 7th year, and one after maturity. He was mild and placid in temperament, an affectionate husband and devoted father. He encouraged all the ~~har~~violent movements of the age, and was loved by all that knew him. He had a presentiment of his dissolution. One week before he died, he dreamed he met a host of brethren who pressed upon him so fast that it was impossible to greet them all with his hand; among whom was his wife. The night before he died, after he retired, he sang a hymn, which was very unusual.

His last sickness was very short, being only about 24 hours. When he was taken ill, he said to his friends, "I am sick unto death." Truly he was ripe for heaven, and the Lord took him home. His funeral was preached by Geo. W. Pendleton, pastor of the Baptist Church, in Jacksonville; after which his remains were deposited by the side of his wife, there to rest quietly until the morning of the resurrection. Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord—from henceforth, yea saith the spirit, they rest from their labors and their works do follow them. "Asleep in Jesus."

WARREN HOWARD IS OFFICERS' CLUB HEAD

Omaha Neb

Winner of Several Cadet Medals Is
Chosen President of High School
Organization.

Warren Howard was elected president of the Cadet Officers' club of the High school cadet regiment yesterday.

The other officers elected were: Clarence Patton, vice president; Charles Hoffert, secretary; Robert McCague, treasurer; Frederick Fernald, sergeant-at-arms.

Howard is one of the best known



Warren Howard.

members of the senior class. In the competitive drill last year he was the winner of the M. & R. gold medal for merit in the individual drill, and in the same year he won the silver company medal for drill. Two years ago, while only a sophomore, he carried off the company gold medal for the best driller in Company B.

This was the first meeting held this year of the Cadet Officers' club, which is composed of all the commissioned officers in the battalion.

TILTON HOWARD,

*Died at his residence, in Fairbury, March
24th, 1878, at half-past 3 o'clock.*

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Mr. Howard, was born March 18, 1814, in Cazanovia, Madison County, N. Y. He was in his 64th year. In 1826, he removed to this State, and was one of the first settlers of Morgan, and afterwards, Woodford Counties. In 1834, he was married to Miss Temperance Sweet, who died, March 24th, 1875, exactly three years before his death.

By this marriage he had 6 daughters and 3 sons, of whom three are dead, three are living in Nebraska, the others, near Fairbury.

About two years ago, he married Mrs. Cool, who survives him. He leaves four brothers: Stephen and Alanson, living near Chenoa; Eliakim, near Carlinville; Jordan, in Carrollton; and a sister, Mrs. Cobb, whose home is in Brownville, near Nebraska, to mourn his loss.

Deceased had been confined to his room two weeks, suffering from an attack of rheumatism and neuralgia; but the cause of his death is not known. Tuesday morning, the funeral sermon was preached at the Baptist Church, in Fairbury, by Elder C. D. Merret, from the text, "I know that my Redeemer liveth." The body was then brought to this city and taken to the Baptist Church. The Elder read the 23rd psalm and a portion of the Sermon on the Mount; after which, followed by a large number of relatives and friends, all that remained of Tilton Howard was consigned to the grave. He was a member of the Baptist Church, and had been for years.

Father of Warren Howard

*Grandson of Tilton Howard.
Son of Warren Howard*

Record of Zephthamar Howard
May 13 1821

May 13 1821 Morning Raining
Afternoon cold cold at Night -
beginning to snow

May 14 continued cold dreadful
Snow storm till noon. Snow
ten to twelve inches deep

May 15 Snow shoe deep & froze
hard. May 16 Snow Drifts 2 feet
Deep. Try to hear a mare

May 17 Snow not gone cold &
Cloudy May 18 some Snow Drifts
& cold May 22 planted Corn
on snow May 25 - to 30 Heavy

Frost. June 14-15-16-17 the
coldest Days that I ever remember
in my life Time in June so

late. 1825 May the Driest
Month that I ever remember.
June 3 1825 / small Shower June 4 a
fine Shower

A Brief History of the Sweets in America.

Some records say that the immigrant John Sweet came from Wales, indicating that he was Welsh. Tradition calls him English. One descendant who has searched widely for Sweet history believes that the family was English but sailed from a port in Wales. If one can judge at all from appearance, personality and characteristics gained from history and from the present descendants, this seems much more in accordance with reason and judgment than the first statement.

It is agreed that they came to America in company with Roger Williams. Later facts will seem to prove this. History says that Roger Williams was a Welshman. Though Welsh he obtained his education, at least in part, at Oxford, England, and he was, no doubt, the most highly educated man in America at that time.

It is easy to see that being friends with this man because they shared his beliefs, would give rise to the impression that they were Welsh and this impression would naturally soon be history in the records of the family, in a new country.

The writer believes that they were English. The reader may accept or reject it or search and decide for himself. One descendant has been to England to obtain information and another expects to go. We may learn much from them.

The dealings of these people with the Indians prove that they held with Roger Williams the belief that the King had no right to give the land to the settlers because it first belonged to the Indians. It is something that this family were contemporaries with Roger Williams in working out that set of laws (1647) which resulted in "The first legal declaration of liberty of conscience ever adopted in Europe or America."

Many records of the Sweets are to be found in Rhode Island today among the old historic documents preserved there. One Rhode Island record says: "The Sweets have been numerous in Narragansett for several generations--a remarkably innocent people with clairvoyant sight."

History tells us that the Sweet family was gifted by nature with a faculty for setting bones. A physician once asked me if I was related to the Bonesetter Sweets and related the following story. The father and mother of one Sweet household were obliged to be away from home for a short time and charged the children to take good care that the geese did not stray far from home. They took good care in this way. When the parents were gone they caught the geese and put their legs out of joint leaving them to rest on the grass till near time for the folks to come back when they put the geese right again.

Job Sweet the great bonesetter, was called to Newport during the Rev. War to reduce the dislocated bones of some of the French officers. After the war, he was, on one occasion called to New York City to set the dislocated hip of Theodosia Burr, daughter of Colonel Aaron Burr. He made the journey in a sailing vessel and

visited his patient when other physicians were not present. He successfully treated the young woman much to the chagrin of the New York surgeons who had not been able to reduce the dislocation.

There are practicing today many bonesetters who are in direct line from this Job Sweet.

Chenoa Ill. 1893

The Sweet Family Reunion at Chenoa.

Gracie, Lola, and Earl Taylor attended the reunion of the Sweet Family, held at the residence of Isaac Sweet, in Chenoa, Saturday, April 1st.

There were 69 representatives of the family present, and a pleasant time enjoyed.

These reunions were first instituted in 1851, and the first one was held April 2d of that year at Stringtown, afterward called Uniontown, but now known as Washburn, Ill., to celebrate the birthday of Abigail Bardean Sweet, the wife of the Rev. Peleg Sweet, who died in August, 1851.

This family located in what is now known as Washburn, in 1847, and their family of children, consisting of eight daughters and four sons, had all gathered in and about Washburn by 1851, and held their first reunion. As the families were located within a radius of 4 miles, these annual meetings were kept up by the entire family until 1865, when they began to scatter, some locating in and about Chenoa, Ill. This exodus was continued until 1887, when the family was again concentrated in and about Chenoa, and the reunions were again complete.

These annual meetings were continued until 1870, when there were gathered at Ebenezer Dunham's, (a son in law), 86 members of the family, consisting of children, grand children, and one great great grand child.

Late in 1870 the old mother and grandmother died, and the children, who were still all living, agreed to continue their reunions in commemoration of her noble and well spent life, so long as they lived, which has been done up to this time, although the family is now widely separated, the general breaking up commencing in 1875.

There are now living six daughters, three sons, Isaac, living in Chenoa; Abiad, Mrs. Catharine Dunham, and Mrs. Ann Owen, near Chenoa; Mrs. Abigail Taylor, Eureka; Solon Sweet and Mrs. Lamira Howard, Cherry Vale Kans.; Mrs. Elizabeth Howard and Malinda Jenkins, near Alexandria, Neb. The grand children living in the state are: A. B. Scrogin, Ballard, Ill., H. L. Scrogin, Solon C. Dunham, Wm. and Cora Sweet, Chenoa; Oscar Sweet, Mrs. Eva Osburn, near Chenoa; Mrs. Hattie E. Englis, Eureka, and Dr. J. A. Taylor, Gridley. The remaining grand children are scattered over the states of Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska and Iowa. What is a remarkable fact concerning so large a family, there is not a scallawag among them.

It is good for families, be the members ever so widely separated, to observe the custom of gathering together at least once a year, thus keeping alive and well cemented the kindly personal remembrances of the delightful past, and renewing pledges for the future. We know of many such bright oases in the family circles, but have no record of any who can date back their fraternal family organization to a period covering forty-two years, as can the family who have just met together in Chenoa.

1907
The morning of April 2nd dawned bright and fair, to the many relatives of Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Howard who met with them to observe the annual reunion and birthday of Mrs. Abigail Sweet, grandmother of B. D. Howard of this city. Invitations had been extended to many states where relatives resided, and forty happy hearts responded some from as far distant as La., and Wyoming. It was a joyous meeting of young and old. Families were re-united, brothers and sisters, uncles, aunts and cousins both known and unknown clasped hands, and held such a rejoicing as has not been known in Fairfield in years. A sweet and pathetic sight was that of Mrs. Elizabeth Howard age ninety (90) years of age as she greeted and recognized dear ones whom she had not met for a half century, recalling pleasing instances of the long ago which she remembered with such clear intelligence. Another delightful remembrance was the repast prepared by Mrs. Howard. Never was a table more heartily laden. It fairly groaned with its weight of delicacy's and substantial, from fruit to rich deserts. The table decorations were brides-roses sent by Oscar Enslow of Lincoln, Nebr. great-grandson of Mrs. Abigail Sweet. Our kind photographer, Miss Linsey, arranged the group and a clear, fine picture was the result, which will ever be a tender reminder of the happy day in years to come when time shall

make its many changes. Mrs. Elizabeth Howard was arranged in an easy chair, and a splendid photograph procured. In Chenoa, Ill., a similar reunion was being held by the Howard, Sweet, families. Greetings were exchanged by telegraph as each were partaking of their bounteous repast. The next reunion will be held at E. B. Baughn, Udonville, Wyo. Invitations were also extended to all present to attend the silver anniversary of Mrs. Abbie Carson Freeman, Omaha, Nebr., August 20th, 1909. The following list were present: Mrs. Elizabeth Howard, Fairfield, Nebr., Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Howard, Fairfield, Nebr., Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Duncan Alexandria, Nebr., Mrs. Andrew D. Duncan, Davenport, Nebr., Mrs. Abbie Carson, Freeman, Omaha, Nebr., Mrs. Martha A. Enslow, Lincoln, Nebr., Mrs. Theodosia Tripp, Ohio, Nebr., Fred R. Howard, De Ridder, La., Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Howard, Omaha, Nebr., Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Bailey, Fairfield, Nebr., Mrs. Floye Morrow Martin, Lincoln, Nebr., Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Jenkins, Byron, Nebr., Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Baughn, Monville, Wyo., Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Jenkins, Byron, Nebr., Della M. Pielstick, Fairfield, Nebr., Rose Riddle, Beatrice, Nebr., Mrs. Thos. G. Freeman, Omaha, Neb., Maurice L. Jenkins, Byron, Nebr., Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Howard, Fairfield, Nebr., C. H. Pielstick, Omaha, Nebr., E. S. Freeman, Omaha, Nebr., John E. Freeman, Omaha, Nebr., Max Duncan, Davenport, Nebr., Irene and Elmore R. Bailey, Fairfield, Nebr., Russell and Howard, Pielstick, Emma Fay, Edna Mae, Robert O., and Ransom Howard, Fairfield, Nebr., and Mrs. A. D. Pielstick, Fairfield, Nebr.

The Annual Sweet Re-Union

Attended - 1909

Held in Chenoa, Friday April 2nd—
Clans Gathered—Enjoyable Time—
Best of Refreshments—Letters Read
From Members of the Family From
Different Parts of the Land.

EDITOR CHENOA CLIPPER:—

There comes an annual report to your office of the coming together of the relatives and friends of the Sweet family who met as usual on April 2d in Chenoa at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Sweet and mother. This reunion day is fixed upon the birthday of grand-mother Sweet, long since deceased, whose family of twelve sons and daughters with their families once lived in and near Chenoa, but are now to be found in ten different states of the union. Of these twelve children five daughters still live and three of the five Mrs. Catherine Dunham, Mrs. Ann Owen and Mrs. Taylor were present with members of their own families and with the families of two other sisters and of three brothers. There were in all sixty-four of us to partake of the bounteous dinner prepared from the overfilled baskets which are always in evidence.

While the first tables were interesting those surrounding them instead of an entertainment of music we were listening to the reading of letters and telegrams of greetings from those far away. Letters from Nebraska, Tennessee, a letter from Idaho telling of the assembling there of a company of forty-four relatives and friends, from Kansas two letters, from Louisiana one, and from California one. A telegram from B. G. Scrogin, of Wallas, Texas, another from Mrs. E. H. Sweet, of DeRidder, Louisiana, sending greeting from the twenty-three relatives there. Also a telegram from Fairfield, Nebraska, from the thirty-five who were there collected from within the Nebraska borders. To us who are called "The Remnant" these greetings are highly prized. We publish but two of them, but we prize them all.

Those from away were Mr. and Mrs. Michels, of Goodland, Indiana; Mrs. Carrie Davidson, Cherry Vale, Kansas; A. L. Sweet, Chicago; Ross Sweet and mother of North Liberty, Indiana; E. D. Sweet and wife, of Momence, Illinois; Mrs. Maggie Sweet and daughter, Miss Elsie, Pontiac; Lester Conn and wife, Mrs. Jennie Burt and Mrs. Walter Burt, Fairbury, Ill.; Mrs. Hattie Englis and family, Eureka; Mrs. A. C. Taylor, of Gridley, with Miss Appa Taylor and Mrs. Chas. Kirk and family; A. B. Scrogin, wife, granddaughter, Mrs. H. S. Bruffy and Miss Nellie Holmes, of Lexington.

For more than thirty years Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Brown, have met with us whenever possible and on this occasion they were with us again. Among the pleasant remembrances for this occasion were a fine assortment of carnations and roses from Mrs. M. A. Enslow and family of Lincoln, Nebraska, and a crate of strawberries from H. E. Sweet for the DeRidder friends, picked from their experimental farm at that place.

Since last we met in reunion several have been called to the home beyond; but those who remain are of one mind, in favor of thus gathering together as the years come and go.

A. B. SCROGIN,
O. A. Sweet.

And now may the God of Abraham and Moses, Washington and Lincoln, the God that brought our fathers into the goodly land of Illinois and gave it to them for an inheritance, whose hand surely doth uphold and guide—bring us all in His own good time and way to our glorious reunion that shall know no dissolution in that City that passeth not away—whose builder and maker is God.

Fairfield, Neb., March 29, 1909.

To the Honorable Committee of the Tribe of Peleg and Abigail Sweet, and to all the elect assembled to do honor to same in feasting and mirth, and above all, to do homage to God, who has kept us and kept you, we send greetings.

When the notice of the contemplated meeting of the decedents of Peleg and Abigail reached us, we said with one accord we will go and meet our kin folk in the land of our nativity, and perchance dwell with them for a season. And then we confer one with the other, and some say it is a long distance between thee and us, and the great rivers of water are to cross, and we have no ships that might carry us. And other some say we cannot go for Elizabeth, our mother, eldest living daughter of Peleg and Abigail is compassed about with many years being four score and ten years of age, and is also afflicted with a very great affliction so that she can neither walk nor ride. So we say we will remain within our own borders and send out notice to all of the tribe within reach of us, to assemble ourselves together in like assemblage to yours, in the same month and same day of month, at the place where Elizabeth dwells, and there recount the blessings that have followed you and us, and lengthen the tables as you have done, that we may be filled, and we shall give ourselves over to merriment and singing, but not to wine, for we are a sober people given to strict temperance, in so much that none of us become drunken and thereby bring reproach upon the name of our tribe.

And now, I, B. D. Howard, and Rebecca, his wife, who is of the tribe of James and Lydia, send greetings in much love to you all. FAREWELL.

Following are two of the letters received.

To the assembled remnant of the Clan Wa Sweet, which yet remaineth at Chenoa. Greetings by the hand of Uncle Samuel from Thomas, son of Solon, which was the son of Peleg, of the House of Sweet. And from all the wandering sons and daughters of the House of Sweet which are gathered together at De Ridder, which is by the River Sabine as it goeth down to the sea; and the number of souls that are numbered with us is two score and one, including Congdon, the husband of May, which is a democrat.

Peace be unto you, and may your days be days of joy. May prosperity attend you according to your ability to bear it; much happiness, and enough sons and daughters to prevent your incurring the curse that is upon him that dieth possessed of many shekels.

Behold now! and hearken, and let me speak, for the Lord hath wonderfully blessed us in all our wanderings. And in all our sojournings His hand hath strengthened us and His power hath made the Philistines round about us to say:—Lo, what manner of people is this, that waxeth fat and are clothed in fine linen, where aforetime we and our fathers chewed ribbon cane, and were arrayed in sunshine.

For the pine tree hath yielded them lumber and much rosin and turpentine and even the waste lands of the piney woods do give up gold bearing gravel bands. And they began to say among themselves; "Behold this people is become greater than we, let us hasten, therefore, and entreat them kindly and perchance they will show mercy to us and our little ones and permit us to dwell among them in the land of our fathers."

Moreover the angels of the Lord encampeth about us and the dreadful pestilence is restrained from doing us hurt. Our sons thrive and our daughters are fair to look upon and our tables are spread daily with the fat of the land.

And now we are come, from the least to the greatest to join you, purposing in our hearts together mightily to strive against all the enemies of our God and all them that deal craftily with the House of Sweet, and all the false counselors of our Uncle Samuel.

And let us further resolve together that the feast to Abigail shall be forever to us and our children a memorial to her life of loving service and thus keep her memory forever green.

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Service

ORGANIZATION OF THE WASHBURN BAPTIST CHURCH.

Guide Rock, Nebraska. December 3rd, 1924.

This is a copy of the Minutes of the Organization of the Washburn Baptist Church. When the Church was organized it was called and went by the name of the Half Moon Prairie Baptist Church of Woodford County, Illinois.

Woodford County, Illinois. October 27, 1851.

Brethren met agreeable to appointment. First chose E. J. Freeman, Chairman. Second, chose Tilton Howard, Clerk. Third, motion. Adopted Constitution, Articles of Faith and Covenant. Fourth, Chose and appointed Ebenezer Dunham, Deacon. Adopted Constitution by Brown.

CHARTER MEMBERS.

Francis Sweet	Demaras Sweet
I. W. Carson	Diadema Cushing
A. D. Cushing	Harrison Simpson & Wife
Solon Sweet	Louisa Howard
E. A. Sweet	T. Vaughan
D. P. Smith	Sarah J. Vaughan
Ebenezer Dunham	Mary Carson
Edwin Dunham	Margaret Debolt
I. N. Sweet	Enoch Sweet
Alanson Howard	Sarah Carson
Tilton Howard	Cortez Sweet
Temperance Howard	Atigal Sweet
Ann Sweet	Melinda Jenkins
## **	Melvia Cushing

Elder E. S. Freeman was the first Pastor, and Moderator at the Organization of the Church. C. D. Meritt became Pastor of the Church in March, 1853, and continued pastor for several years. It seems by the Minutes that the Church was organized in October, 1851, but was not recognized by Council until January, 1852. In a little Book of Record of the Organization of the Churches composing the Association, it speaks of Peleg Sweet** being a great factor in the Organization of the Washburn Church, but his name does not appear in the Minutes of the Church, and so he must have died before the Church was Organized.

The above is all that appears in the Minutes in regard to the Organization of the Church.

Frank N. Ireland, now living there, has been writing at different times about the History of the Baptist Church, and in general notes about its history, he mentions Peleg Sweet as one of the Promoters of the Church, but his name, as I said, does not appear in the Church Minutes. If you remember anything in regard to it I would like to hear from you.

Chas. E. Vaughan. "

Martha Howard not old enough to appear on this list.
** Peleg Sweet dies 1850.

A PAGE OF BAPTIST HISTORY

A recent visit to Diamond Grove Baptist Church, near Jacksonville, Ill., has opened to the writer a new page of Baptist history in Illinois. In Dr. Smith's sermon in memory of Joel Sweet, preached at Canton in 1859, it is said that our father, "Rev. Jonathan Sweet," we have only an imperfect record. Since that time his grandson, Rev. D. D. Holmes, has prepared and incorporated in the records of the church, an account of his life. Having read the memoir with great interest, I am glad to give a few of the facts to the readers of The Standard.

Jonathan Sweet was born in Rhode Island, April 29, 1761. He made his profession of religion in 1794, when he was thirty-three years old, at Burlington, N. Y., and the same year, united with others in the organization of the 2nd Baptist church in that place. Not long after, he began, by request of the church, the public reading and expounding of the scriptures. It was not, however, until 1812, when he was fifty-one, that he was ordained. He remained pastor of the church until February 1822, thus publicly serving it more than a quarter of a century.

Four of his nine children had removed to Illinois and their hearts were so set on having their father near them that in the winter of 1822-23, his eldest son, Peleg, made a long journey from Illinois to New York to aid in removing the family to the prairie state. When their pastor left them, his people gathered about him with all the demonstrations of love manifested by the Ephesian elders of Paul, sorrowing most of all that they should see his face no more. Here is the old-time letter, dismissing a pastor:

Church Letter to Elder Jonathan Sweet

This may certify whom it may concern, that Elder Jonathan

Sweet is a member in good standing in the 2nd Baptist Church in Burlington, and has had the pastoral care of the church for a number of years, and has given universal satisfaction in that capacity. But as Providence seems to render it necessary for him to remove from us, we do therefore, recommend him as a worthy minister of the gospel, wherever his lot may be cast; and when joined to any church of our faith and order, we shall consider him dismissed from us.

Done by order and in behalf of the church.

Richard Harrington,

Feb. 16-1822.

Church Clerk.

The immigrants began their journey in February. Two hundred miles they traveled to Olean Pt., ^{in New York} the head of navigation on the Ohio, where they waited for the building of a family boat, on which they partly floated with the currents and partly rowed, a tedious and perilous journey, to a point near Shawneetown, Illinois. Grandfather Sweet remained in Hamilton County about a year, preaching almost every Sunday in log-houses in different places, there being no meeting houses and no frame dwellings.

In 1823, he made his way by wagon across prairies to Morgan County - 5 miles south-east of where the city of Jacksonville was afterwards built. Within a month after his arrival, the Diamond Grove Church was organized. In the minutes, I find this record, "Elders Aaron Smith and Jonathan Sweet acted as the presbytery."

After the business of organizing was concluded, Elder Sweet and his wife, Temperance, handed in their letters and became members. At the regular meeting, the church called Elder Sweet to the pastorate, a pastorate continuing nearly fifteen years, and closing with his death, December 20, 1857, in his 77th year. He preached his

last sermon only a week before his death, from 2nd Cor. 4:3-4, speaking with unusual earnestness and passed to his reward in the midst of a most gracious revival. His son, well known and highly honored in Illinois, father of Joel Sweet, wrought during this revival by the side of the aged patriarch, and was immediately called to the pastorate.

Among the converts of the revival was D. D. Holmes, a grandson of Jonathan Sweet, and who was now been pastor of the church for twelve years, a brother beloved, working largely at his own charges, and pushing his labors out into destitute fields.

Grandfather Sweet was a Missionary Baptist. At the organization of the church, he found the Morgan Assistant ^{Association?} anti-mission, and refused to take his church into it until its constitution was changed to accord with the spirit of the gospel. Patience and perseverance were characteristic of his life. He united a warm Christian heart and great stability of mind with soundness in doctrine and unusual zeal in Christian work. He preached the gospel by example as well as precept. He was distinguished for implicit confidence in God and in the triumph of his cause. He was not discouraged under apparent adversity nor exalted in times of prosperity. He is buried in the church yard, and the marble bears the simple inscription, "He was a faithful pioneer minister of Christ."

The last of April, the Diamond Grove church celebrated its 54th anniversary. Father Joel Sweet was twice pastor of the church. There are two members who united fifty years ago, Perris Holmes, father of the pastor and Mrs. Holmes, a daughter of the first pastor, Jonathan Sweet. The father has been a deacon in this church forty-eight years. Is there another man in the West who has been a deacon in one church for so long a time?

PART III
THE SWEET LINE

BARDEEN
COOKE
HOLDREDGE
TENNANT
TOY

SWEET

1. JOHN SWETE of England inherited Trayne or Trainee in Modbury, Devonshire, England, about 1540. The Sweets had been living in that neighborhood since 1438. Among his children were Adrian and ROBERT (2). Adrian Sweet had a son, John, who came to Boston, so that John of Boston and JOHN¹ (3) of Rhode Island were cousins. According to a genealogy given in the Visitation of Devon in 1620, JOHN SWEET'S wife was MARY PERIAM, daughter of JOHN PERIAM (who was the son of WILLIAM PERIAM), and of MARGARET HONE of Ottery St. Mary, who was the daughter of ROBERT HONE.

2. ROBERT SWEET married JOHANNA. Their son JOHN¹ (3) was born in Devonshire, probably at Modbury, in 1579.

3. JOHN¹ SWEET, the immigrant ancestor, married MARY in England. He came to America, probably in the *Mary and John*, in 1630, together with his wife, his two sons, JOHN² and James, and his daughter, Meribah, later renamed Renewed, who later married Jan Gereardy of New York. They first settled at Salem. In Felt's Annals of Salem, Vol. 2, p. 456, it is stated that "June 6th, 1637, John Sweet is fined for killing a wolf dog of Gov. Endicott's in the yard of the latter." It is said that in the same year JOHN removed to Providence with Roger Williams. He must have died about 1638, in which year his widow married Ezekiel Holliman. She died in 1681. JOHN'S land in Providence is said to have been where the present State House now stands. That MARY'S husband was JOHN and not Isaac, as is commonly said, is proved by a deed of their younger son, James, given in Kingston, R. I., Nov. 8, 1686, in which he speaks of "my father, John Sweet, deceased, who was one of the first pur-

chasers of Providence." See *The Owl*, Vol. 2, No. 2. His elder son was

4. JOHN² SWEET, who was born in England about 1620. He appears to have been a law-abiding, respected and frequently honored member of the towns of Providence and Warwick, R. I. He and his younger brother James are included among 31 persons, who were admitted with the 12 original purchasers of Warwick previous to June 5, 1648. On June 2, 1651, and again on June 1, 1658, he was appointed Sergeant. In 1655, at Warwick, he was taxed for having in his possession "an anker," ten gallons, "of liquor." In 1655 he was made a freeman and on Oct. 18, 1660, he was a Commissioner from Newport. In 1660 he bought lands at Narragansett (Kingstown), and in 1671 he was living at Acquidnessett (Wickford). He had a grist mill and other works on the Potowomut and was burnt out by the Indians during King Philip's war, 1675. He died in 1677, after July 16. His will is dated 1677 at Newport. He is said to have married, about 1651, ELIZABETH JEFFREY, who was born in 1629 and died 1684. They had the following children:

- i. John, m. Deborah Reynolds. *B. Feb 17-1658*
- ii. Daniel, m. Eleanor Carpenter.
- iii. James, m. Jane Browning.
- iv. (5) HENRY (of further mention), b. 1657, at Warwick, R. I.
- v. Richard, m. (1) Mehitabel Larkin; (2) Priscilla Carpenter.
- vi. Benjamin, m. Susannah.
- vii. William, m. Thankful Hamilton.
- viii. Jeremiah, m. Mary.
- ix. A daughter.

5. HENRY³ SWEET married MARY GRIFFIN at Newport, R. I., on _____ He died _____

(Note) Deborah Reynolds was a dau of James Reynolds & Deborah

at Attleboro, Mass., on . They
had the following children, who were born at East Greenwich, R. I.:

- i. Henry, b. Mar. 11, 1682.
- ii. John, b. Mar. 24, 1684.
- iii. Joseph, b. Mar. 7, 1687.
- iv. (6) BENJAMIN (of further mention), b. Mar. 29, 1690.
- v. Mary, b. Feb. 10, 1692.
- vi. Johannah, b. Feb. 13, 1695.
- vii. William, b. Aug. 1, 1698.
- viii. Eals (daughter), b. July 10, 1700.
- ix. Ruth, b. July 10, 1700.
- x. Elizabeth, b. Feb. 25, 1704.
- xi. Susanna, b. May 17, 1706.
- xii. Griffin, b. Sept. 15, 1709.
- xiii. Hannah, b. Feb. 8, 1711-2.

6. BENJAMIN⁴ SWEET is described as "CAPTAIN" and he married SUSANNA GREENE. They had the following children, all of whom were born at East Greenwich, R. I.:

- i. Robert, b. June 28, 1718.
- ii. Ruth, b. May 8, 1720.
- iii. Benjamin, b. Feb. 6, 1721-2.
- iv. Henry, b. November 10, 1723.
- v. (7) FRANCIS, b. Mar. 8, 1725-6 (of further mention).
- vi. Theodosha, b. Oct. 30, 1727.
- vii. Susannah, b. July 25, 1729.
- viii. Amey, b. Apr. 22, 1731.
- ix. Welthian (daughter), b. Feb. 3, 1732-3.
- x. Hannah, b. Nov. 19, 1734.
- xi. Theophilus, b. December 16, 1736, m. Elizabeth Bosworth. See footnote.

Note: Theophilus⁵ signed the Association in Beekman's Precinct, Dutchess County, N. Y., on July , 1775. The 1790 census shows him

- xii. David, b. Dec. 2, 1738; will probated in Otsego County, N. Y., Feb. 12, 1812.

7. FRANCIS⁵ SWEET married SARAH (HERRINGTON?). The birth of their first five children is recorded in the Vital Records of Rhode Island. Their sixth child also appears to have been born there, while their seventh child was born at Hancock, Mass., so it seems clear that they removed from West Greenwich to Hancock between 1761 and 1763. In the Revolution FRANCIS was a royalist and was therefore imprisoned in the Berkshire County jail at Great Barrington, Mass. The Hancock town records contain this entry under date of September 8, 1777: "22. Voted that Francis Sweet be continued in confinement." When he was liberated does not appear, but it was probably in December, 1777, as a committee from the town was appointed to go to Great Barrington

as living at Pawling, N. Y. His wife was a Mayflower descendant. His son, Theophilus⁶, Jr., was one of the early settlers of Sangamon County, Ill., and had nine children. Theophilus⁵, Senior, also had a daughter, Lydia⁶, who married Sylvester Howard, and three of their sons married three of PELEG⁷ SWEET'S daughters. The Howard line is as follows:

ZEPHANIAH HOWARD, son of WILLIAM HOWARD and Mary, was b. Oct. 6, 1731, and d. Oct. 16, 1813. He married Valeria Wooley, b. Mar. 17, 1737, d. Apr. 25, 1813.

Children:

- i. William, b. Nov. 20, 1757.
- ii. Elizabeth, b. Feb. 9, 1759.
- iii. Joseph, b. July 16, 1760.
- iv. Pontus, b. Feb. 7, 1762.
- v. Lydia, b. Mar. 21, 1765.
- vi. John, b. Feb. 20, 1767.
- vii. Elihu, b. Feb. 10, 1769.
- viii. Hannah, b. Nov. 7, 1770.
- ix. SYLVESTER, b. June 15, 1772, of further mention.
- x. Edward, b. June 22, 1774.
- xi. Silas, b. Mar. 5, 1776.
- xii. Ann, b. Oct. 20, 1778.

SYLVESTER HOWARD, b. June 15, 1772, in Dutchess County, N. Y., died Feb. 18, 1858, in Morgan County, Ill.; he married Dec. 13, 1793, in Dutchess County, N. Y., LYDIA⁶ SWEET, born March 30, 1775, in Dutchess County, N. Y., died Nov. 13, 1855, in Morgan County, Ill. LYDIA⁶ was the daughter of THEOPHILUS⁵ SWEET.

Children:

- i. Matilda, b. July 3, 1794.
- ii. Anna, b. Oct. 29, 1795.
- iii. Catherina, b. Jan. 1, 1797.

"there to Examine the Prisoners who belong to this Town" and also "to Liberate said Prisoners if they will." At any rate Francis was soon restored to the good graces of his neighbors, because he was elected one of the surveyors of highways on March 27, 1780. The Federal Census of 1790 shows FRANCIS living side by side with his son JONATHAN at Cambridge, then in Albany County (now in Washington County), in New York State, and legal documents show that FRANCIS was still in Cambridge in 1792. A search has been made for his will or for any record of his estate in the six southern counties of Vermont, in the nearby counties of New York and in Otsego County, to which his son JONATHAN removed, but without result. It is, therefore, difficult to say when or where FRANCIS died. FRANCIS

- iv. EMALIM, b. Oct. 3, 1798.
 - v. Malinda, b. Feb. 9, 1800.
 - vi. STEPHEN, b. Dec. 13, 1803, m. LAMIRAS SWEET, a daughter of PELEG⁷ SWEET.
 - vii. Palmer, b. Aug. 8, 1805.
 - viii. Jordan, b. Oct. 27, 1808.
 - ix. ALANSON, b. Feb. 17, 1810, m. ELIZABETHS SWEET, a daughter of PELEG⁷ SWEET.
 - x. Deidamia, b. Aug. 13, 1813.
 - xi. TILTON, b. Mar. 31, 1814, m. TEMPERANCES SWEET, of further mention.
 - xii. Jane, b. Dec. 3, 1817, m. Dr. John Cross.
- TILTON HOWARD, born Mar. 31, 1814, in Cazenovia, Madison County, N. Y., died Mar. 24, 1878. He married, May 8, 1834, in Morgan County, Ill., TEMPERANCE, daughter of PELEG⁷ SWEET, born Feb. 21, 1815 (in Washington County, N. Y.?), died Mar. 24, 1875, in Fairbury, Ill.

Children:

- i. Louisa, b. Feb. 7, 1836, d. 1922; m. Joseph Phillips.
 - ii. Peleg, b. June 2, 1838, d. 1854.
 - iii. Albert Warren, b. Dec. 28, 1840, d. 1884; m. Tamar Burson.
 - iv. MARTHA ANN, b. Feb. 3, 1843, m. CHARLES CALVIN ENSLOW, of further mention.
 - v. Katherine, b. June 11, 1847, d. 1890; m. Harvey Enslow.
 - vi. Cyrus, b. Dec. 8, 1849, d. 1851.
 - vii. Mary, b. July 2, 1853, d. 1914; m. Charles Duncan.
 - viii. Jessie, b. June 14, 1856, d. 1889; m. Dr. Samuel Morrow.
 - ix. Abigail, b. , d. in infancy.
- CHARLES CALVIN ENSLOW, b. Aug. 26, 1836, Logan County, Middletown, Ill., d. Sept. 4, 1900, in Chenoa, Ill.; m. Jan. 1, 1862, in Washburn, Ill., to MARTHA ANN HOWARD, b. Feb. 3, 1843 in Morgan County Ill.

Children (surname ENSLOW):

- i. MAUDE, b. Mar. 26, 1867, Fairbury, Ill., m. LEE JAMES DUNN, of further mention.

and SARAH had the following children, and perhaps others (the first five born at West Greenwich, R. I.):

- i. Joanna, b. Nov. 14, 1750.
- ii. Henry, b. Aug. 5, 1752.
- iii. Alice, b. Feb. 22, 1754.
- iv. Robert, b. Dec. 8, 1755.
- v. Peleg, b. Jan. 21, 1758.
- vi. (8) JONATHAN, b. Apr. 29, 1761, in Rhode Island (of further mention).
- vii. Jesse, b. 1763, at Hancock, Mass.
- viii. Samuel.
- ix. Joseph.
- x. Elee.

8. The REV. JONATHAN⁶ SWEET married TEMPERANCE HOLDREDGE (see the HOLDREDGE line) at Hancock, Mass., on , 1782. For some time after his marriage he lived at Hancock. When the boundary dispute between New York and Massachusetts was settled in 1786 part of Hancock fell into Stephentown, New York. JONATHAN must have lived in this section, for he was taxed in the Stephentown county tax on June 20, 1789, at 7s. 3d. On the next tax list of May 22, 1790, his name does not appear, which pretty definitely fixes the date of his removal to Cambridge, N. Y. In 1790 he is listed in the First Census as living at Cambridge, New York, beside his father, and at that period

- ii. Ivie or Ivy, b. Feb. 22, 1869, d. May 16, 1878, Alexandria, Nebr.
 - iii. Blanche, b. Sept. 26, 1872, d. Jan. 3, 1929; m. Wesley Ewing.
 - iv. Temperance, b. June 6, 1874, Weston, Ill., married Ewin Adams Howard, b. Apr. 26, 1876, Weston, Ill. *Margaret Pillsbury*
- MAUDE ENSLOW, b. Mar. 26, 1867, in Fairbury, Ill., m. at Alexandria, Nebraska, Mar. 15, 1886, LEE JAMES DUNN, born Dec. 4, 1861, in McKean, Pa. He is the son of James Dunn, b. July 27, 1819, in McKean, Pa., died Dec. 7, 1887, in Erie, Pa., who married Feb. 18, 1851, Sarah Gray, born Dec. 2, 1824, died July 31, 1893, in Erie, Pa.

Children (surname DUNN):

- i. Neil Harrison, b. Oct. 31, 1888, Alexandria, Nebr., m. Gratia Green.
- ii. Neta, b. July 30, 1890, St. Joseph, Mo., m. George McHenry Seeman.
- iii. Howard James, b. Feb. 24, 1898, Lincoln, Nebr., m. Dorothy Ryons.

and place one male over 16, one male under 16, and two females were living with him, beside his wife, although the census unfortunately does not classify them according to relationship. He apparently continued at Cambridge until 1794, in which year he removed to Burlington in Otsego County, New York, where he is variously described in legal documents as "Yeoman" and "Farmer." In 1794 he made a profession of faith at Burlington, and united in organizing the Second Baptist Church there.

It is said that soon afterwards he commenced the public reading and expounding of the Scriptures by request of the members of the church. Unfortunately the records of this church were destroyed by fire about 1915. In 1812 JONATHAN was ordained, and he was the pastor of the Second Baptist Church until February, 1822. In the Otsego Association minutes his name appears as messenger as early as 1801 and continues to 1821. The records of the First Baptist Church at Burlington contain the following entries:

"June 29, 1820. * * * Met agreeable to adjournment and chose Elder Jonathan Sweet moderator for the time being * * *."

"May 5th, 1821. Voted that Bro. George W. Leonard should write a letter * * * to the second church in Burlington for Elder Jonathan Sweet" to "attend with us on our next communion season."

Meanwhile four of JONATHAN'S nine children had moved to Illinois and wished to have him there. In the winter of 1821-22 his eldest son, PELEG, returned to help him move.

The following is a copy of JONATHAN'S letter of dismissal:

"Church Letter to Elder Jonathan Sweet.

"This may certify whom it may concern, that Elder Jonathan Sweet is a member in good standing in the Second Baptist Church in Burlington, and has had the pastoral care of the church for a number of years, and has given universal satisfaction in that capacity. But as Providence seems to render it necessary for him to remove from us, we do therefore recommend him as a worthy minister of the gospel, wherever his lot may be cast; and when joined to any church of our faith and order, we shall consider him dismissed from us.

"Done by order and in behalf of the church.

"Feb. 16, 1822. "RICHARD HARRINGTON,
Church Clerk."

Their journey commenced in February, 1822, and they travelled about two hundred miles by wagon to Olean Point in New York, the head of navigation on the Allegheny, which flowed into the Ohio river. There they waited for the building of a family boat on which they partly rowed and partly floated down with the current to Shawneetown, Illinois. JONATHAN remained in the neighborhood for about a year, preaching almost every Sunday in log houses at various places, there being no churches or frame houses.

In 1823 he went by wagon across the prairies to Diamond Grove in Morgan County, Illinois, about five miles southeast of where Jacksonville was built afterwards. Within a month after his arrival, on April 26, 1823, the Diamond Grove Society of Baptists, one of the oldest in Illinois, was constituted. At the next business meeting he was called to be pastor. He was also the first moderator of the Springfield Baptist Association of Churches. On January 18, 1825, JONATHAN SWEET, Sr., was chosen the first Public Administrator of Morgan

County. He died on December 20, 1837, and was buried in the churchyard, his stone being inscribed, "He was a faithful pioneer Minister of Christ." He preached his last sermon, only a week before his death, from II Cor. 4:3-4, speaking with unusual earnestness, and passed to his reward in the midst of a revival. TEMPERANCE died in November, 1842. The graves remain today, although the church was torn down several years ago. The marriage register kept by JONATHAN from 1812 to 1830, was published in the New York Genealogical and Biographical *Record* for January, 1930. A list of the children of JONATHAN and TEMPERANCE, possibly not complete, follows:

- i. (9) PELEG (of further mention), b. May 3, 1786, probably at Hancock, Mass.
- ii. (10) Joseph (of further mention), b. March 15, 1789, probably at Stephentown, N. Y.
- iii. Job. b. , 1790.
- iv. (11) Robert (of further mention), b. 1791, at Cambridge, N. Y.
- v. (12) Joel (of further mention), b. 1794, probably at Burlington, N. Y.
- vi. Anna, probably died young.
- vii. Joanna, probably died young.
- viii. Alva, b. , 1800, at Burlington, N. Y.
- ix. Sarah, b. 1802, at Burlington, N. Y., m. Elekam Howard at Morgan County, Ill., on Jan. 2, 1825.
- x. Lois, b. , 1805, at Burlington, N. Y., m. Peris Holmes at Morgan County, Ill., on Nov. 2, 1823.

- xi. (13) Francis (of further mention), b. 1808, at Burlington, N. Y.

9. PELEG⁷ SWEET married ABIGAIL COOK BARDEEN (see the BARDEEN line) at N. Y., on July 3, 1808. Soon after his marriage he began to think of trying his fortune in the West, but he did not leave New York for several years. Immediately before 1812 he had been living at Burlington, N. Y., because his name and his father's and that of his brother Joseph appear as witnesses on the will of his great uncle, David Sweet, which was admitted to probate in Otsego County, N. Y., on February 12, 1812. In 1812 he spent several months in Ohio. He then returned to his family and told them that he was going West, receiving much opposition. In 1812 he and his family removed to Ohio.

In 1818 he went to the Territory of Illinois. It then took three months to make the journey. He and his family first settled at or near Shawneetown in Gallatin County in the southern part of the Territory, as the northern part was under the control of the Indians and unsafe for white men. Here they endured the privations of a frontier life, living on hominy and deer meat for months; their shelter a log hut, floorless and doorless. They were surrounded by wild beasts and their nearest neighbor was six miles away. The few citizens made their own laws and were sometimes obliged to tie up and whip the offenders.

As the danger from the Indians decreased he and his family moved northward and settled at Diamond Grove, southeast of Jacksonville. He undoubtedly moved to Morgan County at the same time as his father, JONATHAN, because he and his brother Robert signed together the constitution of the Morganian Society, an anti-slavery society, which is supposed to have been constituted in 1823. Not far from his signature

appears that of another brother, Joseph Sweet. In any case he was there before 1830, according to the county records.

In 1843 he traded for a large tract of land at Washburn in Woodford County, to which he removed in 1846. Here he called all his children to him and settled them around him, which was a great pleasure to him in his declining years. At Washburn he was active in the affairs of the Baptist Church, as he had been elsewhere.

In the History of the Baptist Churches of Woodford County, Ill., by A. F. Marshall, n. p., 1913, it is said at page 13, with reference to the Washburn Baptist Church:

“* * * One of the principal founders of the church was PELEG SWEET, a brother of Elder Joel Sweet. He had a family of twelve children, four sons and eight daughters, all members of the church, the husbands of the daughters all having been baptized, and nine of the grandchildren, all on profession of faith, making over thirty in his family belonging to the church. The membership at that time was seventy-five.”

PELEG died at Washburn on Sept. 8, 1850. ABIGAIL died on Nov. 13, 1870.

CHILDREN:

- i. Lamira, b. Jan. 10, 1810, married Stephen Howard Mar. 29, 1832, and d. May 8, 1899. He was b. Dec. 18, 1802, and d. July 4, 1884.
- ii. Mary, b. Feb. 9, 1813, m. Isaac W. Carson, Apr. 5, 1838, and d. Oct. 19, 1881. He was b. Apr. 29, 1816, and d. Aug. 21, 1896.
- iii. Temperance, b. Feb. 21, 1815, m. Tilton Howard (brother of Stephen) May 8, 1834, and d. Mar. 24, 1875. He was b. Mar. 30, 1814, and d. Mar. 24, 1878. He was a deacon in the Washburn Baptist Church in 1854.

- iv. Elizabeth, b. Sept. 18, 1817, m. Alanson Howard (brother of Stephen) Oct. 18, 1838, and d. . He was b. Feb. 17, 1810, and d. Oct. 9, 1880.

- v. (14) Isaac Newton (of further mention).

- vi. Catharine, b. Apr. 25, 1823; m. E. Dunham on Jan. 26, 1846. He was b. Oct. 13, 1814, and d. Jan. 5, 1891.

- vii. Anna E., b. Apr. 16, 1825; m. John M. Scrogin, Apr. 6, 1843. He was b. Nov. 24, 1819, and d. , 1852.

- viii. Abigail Cook, b. Mar. 2, 1826; m. John W. Taylor Dec. 28, 1843. He was b. Oct. 24, 1824, and d. Mar. , 1865.

- ix. Malinda, b. May 2, 1828; m. Philip Jenkins Feb. 1, 1846. He was b. Dec. 6, 1821.

- x. Abiud Eliachim, b. Apr. 18, 1830; m. Jane M. Spawr Oct. 7, 1852. She was b. Nov. 11, 1833.

- xi. (15) Solon Alva (of further mention).

- xii. (16) ENOCH JONATHAN^s (of further mention).

10. Joseph^r Sweet married Abigail Neal in Otsego County, N. Y. She was born at Hartford, Conn., on Oct. 30, 1793. Their first eight children were born in Otsego County. Then the family removed to Sangamon County, Ill., settling at Lebanon, now Loami, in the autumn of 1830, where the two last children were born. In 1852, Joseph moved to Scyene, Dallas County, Texas, and soon afterwards he became postmaster there. He died in office in 1864 and Abigail died the same year.

CHILDREN:

- i. Asenath, b. Nov. 11, 1813, m. John Kinney, had

children and moved to Linden, Osage County, Kan.

- ii. Manasseh, b. Aug. 10, 1815, m. three times, had children and d. 1872 at Canton, Mo.
- iii. Eunice, b. Sept. 9, 1817, m. Jacob Markle, had children and moved to Omaha, Neb.
- iv. Francis, b. March 13, 1819, m. Phebe Morton and m. again; had children and moved to Lewis County, Mo.
- v. Cordelia, b. June 14, 1822, m. Jacob Weidner and had ten children; moved to Lewis County, Mo.
- vi. Joseph, b. March 25, 1824, m. Lola Hinman in Sangamon County and moved to Chatham, Ill.
- vii. Ira, b. May 2, 1826.
- viii. Vermelia A., b. Feb. 5, 1828, m. in Sangamon County to Washington Clawson, who d.; she then m. Theodore Watson; had children by each husband and moved to Waverly, Ill.
- ix. Arabella L., b. March 18, 1831, m. Ebenezer B. Watson at Springfield, Ill., on Aug. 22, 1848; had ten children and moved to Waverly, Ill.
- x. Sarah T., b. Sept. 25, 1833; m. Samuel Brown and moved to Texas.

11. Robert⁷ Sweet married Sarah Parker in Otsego County, N. Y., and their first five children were born there. They embarked at Olean Point in a family boat and floated down to Shawneetown, Ill., in May, 1820. There they engaged in farming until the spring of 1824, when they moved to Diamond Grove. From there they moved to what was called Sweet's Prairie, in consequence of their being the first settlers: it is about five miles west of Manchester, Scott County, Ill. In 1830 they moved back to Diamond Grove and in 1837 they moved to Loami in Sangamon County, Ill. Robert died July , 1861, and Sarah died Nov. 22, 1846, both in Sangamon County.

CHILDREN (the last four born in Ill.):

- i. Daniel, b. June 19, 1809, m. Elcey Sweet, had four children and moved to Chenoa, Ill.
- ii. Alvy A., b. July 1, 1811, m., had fourteen children and moved to Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
- iii. Morris, b. April 8, 1813, m. in Sangamon County to Olivia Barger, May 2, 1839; had nine children and lived at Loami. His son Sylvester, b. 1841, d. 1861 in the Civil War.
- iv. Jonathan, b. March 1, 1815, m. Phebe Weaver, had one child and moved to Chenoa, Ill.
- v. Lodasca M., b. April 5, 1817, m. in Sangamon County to Adna P. Colburne.
- vi. Lorentine, b. Jan. 21, 1821, near Shawneetown, Ill.; m. Sarah A. Sweet. He d. in 1851, at Waverly, Ill., where his widow and their one child also died.
- vii. Mary J., b. Dec. 2, 1854, m. Benjamin Fry, had three children and moved to Hinsdale, Ill.
- viii. Hiram K., b. Feb. 25, 1828, m. Julia A. Ayers, had four children and moved to Forest, Livingston County, Ill.
- ix. Caroline A., b. Aug. 5, 1831, m. Joseph S. Snell, had five children and moved to Winchester, Ill.

12. Joel⁷ Sweet was pastor of the Diamond Grove Baptist Church in immediate succession to his father JONATHAN⁶. He had the following children:

- i. Edmond
- ii. Catherine
- iii. Daniel
- iv. J. Gilbert
- v. Edmond
- vi. Galusha

- vii. Albert
- viii. Sarah, m. her cousin Lorentine Sweet
- ix. Jonathan

13. Francis⁷ Sweet married Ann Caudell in 1833. He died in 1876.

Children:

- i. Demaris
- ii. Courtez
- iii. Leonides
- iv. Elizabeth
- v. Malisse
- vi. Richard
- vii. Dock
- viii. Thomas
- ix. Eva
- x. Eunice
- xi. Philip

14. Isaac Newton⁸ Sweet was born at Morgan County, Ill., on February 2, 1821. On March 9, 1864, he married Louisa Abbott at Washburn, Ill. He died at Chenoa, Ill., on May 14, 1900. She was born at , Ill., on June 3, 1836, and died at Weiser, Idaho, on March 4, 1922.

Children:

1. William A., born at Chenoa, Ill., on December 2, 1865. He married Ida Crow at Chenoa, Ill., on April 2,

2. Cora J., born at Chenoa, Ill., on July 30, 1869. She married C. M. Patten at Chenoa, Ill., on November 22, 1903. He was born at Mexico, Mo., on Nov. 15, 1872, and was the son of James Patten and Dudley.

Children (the first born at Chenoa, Ill., surname *Patten*):

- i. Mildred Bernardine, b. Sept. 16, 1904; d. Mar. 20, 1905.
- ii. Helen Elizabeth, b. Nov. 4, 1906.
- iii. Florence Louise, b. Sept. 22, 1908.
- iv. Frederick Denham, b. Apr. 2, 1911.
- v. Arthur Sweet, b. at Wilder, Idaho, May 12, 1913.

15. Solon Alva⁸ Sweet was born at Jacksonville, Ill., January 26, 1833, and died at Chicago, Ill., June 18, 1895. He is buried at Chenoa, Ill. On March 9, 1856, at Washburn, Ill., he married Elizabeth Gill Toy (sister of Emily Hunter Toy), who was born near New Holland, Ohio, on January 24, 1839. She is now living at Coloma, Mich.

Children:

1. Ross James, born at Washburn, Ill., July 3, 1858; married on Nov. 29, 1899, at Chicago, Ill., Margaret Wooley, who died at Kitchell, Ind., on January 23, 1909. He then married on February 2, 1910, at Liberty, Ind., Lorella Gordon. They have no children. He d. on at

2. Medora Lydia, born at Washburn, Ill., October 8, 1860, who died at Cherryvale, Kan., on March 13, 1893. On September 3, 1884, at Cherryvale, Kan., she married William Graham.

Child:

- i. Lottie, b. at Cherryvale, Kan., Nov. 29, 1885. At Paris, Ill., on Nov. 28, 1914, she m. Dr. Howard J. Maloney.

3. Thomas Peleg, born at Washburn, Ill., May 3, 1863. On September 15, 1886, at Thornton, Ill., he married Carrie May Wooley. He died at De Ridder, La., on Feb. 16, 1926.

Children:

- i. Clara Elizabeth, b. at Cherryvale, Kan., on Aug. 4, 1888. She m. Walter Sailor at De Ridder, La., on Sept. 12, 1913.

Children (surname *Sailor*):

- I. Catherine Elizabeth, b. Dec. 24, 1914, at De Ridder, La.
- II. Marion Edith, b. Sept. 17, 1918, at De Ridder, La.
- ii. Edith Hannah, b. at Chicago, Ill., on Dec. 24, 1892. She m. James Tigner at De Ridder, La., on May 3, 1916.

Child (surname *Tigner*):

- I. James Thomas, b. at Shreveport, La., on Feb. 26, 1928.
- iii. Merrill Solon, b. at Chicago, Ill., on Oct. 22, 1896. He m. Helen Lanning at Northville, Mich., on Sept. 19, 1924.
- iv. Ralph Thomas, b. at Momence, Ill., on Oct. 17, 1903. He m. Fay Simmons at San Francisco, Cal., on Oct. 9, 1926.

Children (born at Longview, Wash.):

- I. Susanne, b. Apr. 6, 1928.
- II. Mary Elizabeth, b. Nov. 10, 1929.
- 4. Martha Abigail, born at Chenoa, Ill., on March 9, 1866. She married Charles Luther Wooley at Cherryvale, Kan., on Dec. 13, 1891.

Children (all born at Chicago, surname *Wooley*):

- i. Howard Toy Wooley, b. on Jan. 10, 1894; m. at New Troy, Mich., on July 22, 1922, Dorothea Daniels.

Children (born at Coloma, Mich.):

- I. Richard Daniels, b. Sept. 7, 1923.
- II. George Edwards, b. Feb. 23, 1925.

(1) Abigail (Bardson) Sweet - B 1798
 (2) Frances (Sweet) Howard - B 1815-
 3 Martha Howard Euslow B. 1848

(4) Maude (Euslow) Dunn B 1867
 (5) Melä (Dunn) Seemann B. 1890
 6 Lee .. B 1920



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- 1- Abigail Bardeen Sweet Born 1790
- 2 Temperance Sweet Howard Born 1813
- 3 Martha Havard Enslaw Born 1843
- 4- Maude Enslaw Dunn - Born 1867
- 5- Netie Dunn Seemann .. 1890
- 6- Lea Dunn Seemann .. 1920

The group are all children of Peleg & Abigail Sweet

Lincoln, Nebraska,
June 10, 1933.

Mary Baumgart Cannon, Secretary,
Old School Association,
Washburn, Illinois.

Dear Mrs. Cannon:

I am a daughter of Martha Howard Enslow, and wish to acknowledge the kind invitation for the Old School Renunion on June 15. After reading it, mother said "I think we had better try to attend;" and we were very happy looking forward to it. But the weather is getting so very hot, I am afraid the trip would be too much for mother.

It is one of the regrets of my life that I had not been interested in any family history early in life, and had not visited Washburn with my parents.

In 1843 my great grandfather, Peleg Sweet, traded for a large tract of land in Woodford County. In 1846, he and his wife Abigail and his family moved there. They had four sons and eight daughters; each and all of them married and settled near their parents. They married into the Howard, Jenkins, Toy, Dunham, Carson, and Owen families.

At one time when the membership of the Baptist Church in Washbutn was 75, thirty of that number were Peleg Sweet's descendants.

We have an obituary taken from the Metamora newspaper of Peleg Sweet's grandson, Peleg Howard, who died August, 1854. Washburn was then called Union Town.

My parents, Charles C. Enslow and Martha Howard were married January 1, 1863, near Washburn. Father and many of the relatives enlisted at Low Point in the Civil War. Is it any wonder that I love and have interest in Washburn and vicinity? I have about one hundred letters written by father and mother during the Civil War. I have been working on them for several months, selecting parts of each letter and having them typed in one book. There is a copy now at the library at Springfield, Illinois, and I think it is quite interesting to Illinois people, as well as having historical value.

Mother is now ninety years of age, has all of her faculties, hears well, reads without glasses, is in Sunday School and church almost every Sunday. Her memory is beginning to fail some, but we spend many happy hours talking of her early life at Washburn. So sorry she cannot be there to meet the few who are left, but she will be with you in spirit, and sends loving remembrance to each.

Sincerely yours,

Maudie Enslaw Durrin
(Mrs L. J.)

P. S. I forgot to tell you that Mother, when a girl of 15, heard Abraham Lincoln speak in a grove at Metamora in 1858. Do wish that her name and picture might be included among those who heard him. By the way, do you have a history of Woodford County? If so, I wish that this good and numerous family were mentioned.

Diamond Grove BAPTIST CHURCH FOUR MILES FROM Jacksonville ILL. 1822.

The Baptist Church of Christ have adopted the following article of faith.

- 1st. We believe in our self-existant Independant and Eternall God who is a spirit manifest to us by the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost Infinite in Knowledge Power, Howliness Justice Godliness and truth who hath made all things for his own Glory and exerciseth a righteous Government over all his works.
- 2nd. We believe that God hath revealed his character and will to us in the Scriptures of the old and new Testament which contains a perfect rule of our duty both to God, Man, and which we must be tried at the day of Judgment.
- 3rd. We believe that in consequence of the Apostacy of our first Parents all their posterity are by nature in state of opposition to emitting against God, and under the curse of his holy Law.
- 4th. We believe that God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son the Lord from Heaven to redeem and save lost sinners but the seed of Abraham and by his obedience and suffering magnified the divine Law, atoned for sin and opened a way for the honorable exercise of Mercy, to the guilty and perishing children Of Men.
- 5th. We believe that in consequence of the mediation of Christ the Holy Ghost is sent to convince those who were chosen to be heirs of salvation of their native enmity against God their just desert of his wrath and the impossibility of pleasing or enjoying them in an unregenerate state and to renew and santify their harts, and influence them to exercise repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and that true believers are justified freely by grace through the redemption of Christ and kept in a state of holiness by the power of God through faith unto Salvation.
- 6th. We believe that all mankind under the light of the Gospel are called upon to repent and believe Jesus Christ and their opposition to God and the method of his Grace being the only Obstacle in the way of their performing their duty is so far from excusing them from blame that it is the great thing in which their sin consists and therefore, all unbelieving are without excuse and justly Condemned.

We believe that there will be a general resurrection of the body both of the Just and the Unjust, and that all the Human race shall stand before the judgment seat of Christ whom God hath ordained the Judge of quick and dead who will receive the righteous into Eternal Life and sentence the wicked to endless Punishment.

CHURCH COVENANT.

We do now in the presence of the omniscient God of elect Angels and men avouch the Lord Jehovah to be our only Lord and sovereign and give up ourselves to his service without reserve taking his holy work, for the rule of our conduct, and the assistance of divine Grace promising to observe all the commandments and institutions enjoined on us therein as far as we shall understand them that we will as far as divine providence admits constantly attend the public worship of God, and the ordinances of the Gospel in this church and extend a faithful watch over all its members also in each private relation use our influence to promote the piety and family religion by reading the Scriptures, prayer and Christian conversation and submitting to the laws of Christ in the discipline of his house.

We promise to abstain from and watch against all covetousness, defraud, silliness, foolish jesting, revenge and evil speaking with whatsoever is unbecoming the Christian profession, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts. That we will live soberly, righteously, and Godly in this present world. Seeking the advancement of the Kingdom of God in the general good humbly trusting in the righteousness of our glorious Redeemer, for the pardon of all our sins. And the indwelling of the Holy spirit to sanctify and enable us to persevere in holiness to the coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ to whom be honor and power, everlasting.

Amen.

THE ARTICLES OF PRACTICE.

1st. That we will receive none into our community as members of this Church but such as give a satisfactory evidence of a work of grace on their hearts, and whose lives appear as far as we know and are able to judge to correspond with their profession, and who submit to the ordinance of Baptism by Immersion.

2. That we will meet together for the public worship of God on every first day of the week which we esteem the Lord's day and also frequent stated meetings for prayer and conversation upon spiritual subjects unless prevented by providence in which case we hold ourselves bound to a satisfactory account to the Church for any omission.

3. The door of the church is to be opened for the improvement of gifts therein whether for the prayer exertation or doctrine and the church are to judge of the improvements whether it be edifying or not and approve or disapprove accordingly.

4. That in all cases of offence not committed before the church, the rule in the 18th Chapter of Math. ought to be attended to in the first and second steps (yet not excluding other parts of Scripture) before a complaint is brought to the Church, and when any matter comes before the Church, the Voice of a majority of the Members present is to be considered the act of the Church, the right of admission and excommunication of members also of calling and setting apart officers such as elders and deacons and deposing them from office in case of offence being committed to the church so that councils are only advisory.

5. That we will not sue each other in the law in any ordinary case respecting temporal interest if such should arise but settle all controversies by the submitting to the judgment of particular brethren, or the church or judicious neighbors.

SEPTEMBER 14, 1822.

Met in conference according to previous appointment. Opened meeting by singing and prayer. Proceeded to business. Br Bristol and Br. Thomas being present requested Br Bristol to act as mod. The members being so few proposed to adjourn to the 4th Saturday in October, next to meet at the house of Mr. _____ voted that we send to Richland Church, Indian Creek and Apple Church for assistance to sit in counsel with us on the 4th Sat. in Oct. next to look into our situation and if thought best to acknowledge us a church of Christ in Gospel order, voted to send to Br. _____ and Br. _____ with Br. _____ to attend with us for the above purpose, and that Br. Clark prepare the letters to send to the above churches and persons. Letter to Apple Crk Church and Br. Smith by Br. Adams to Richland and Ind Crk Churches by Br. _____ and Br. _____ voted to receive the record of the present meeting and to adjourn to the time before mentioned Closed by Prayer.

THIRD SAT. IN SEPT, 1829.

The Chh met according to there appointment and opened meeting by singing and prayer proceeded to choose a Clerk, Br. Bray was chosen.

Took up the reference of the book and read the Itims presented by Elder Clark in which he declared he had been overruled and had desented from the proceedings of the church and in composing them with recordes we find his name Identified declaring himself satisfied with the act of the church that his first Itims refered to. He denied that he had even agreed to any such thing the record refered to was read in his hearing

and again he pointedly denied in further comparing the items with the record. It does not appear that he has desented in any instance but in the fifth and the last which refers to the proceedings of the church in saying him under any admonition for stating the age of a yoke of oxen he sold to Mr. Wing to be nine years old when he afterwards told _____ and others the honest age of the oxen was fourteen or would be fourteen in the spring.

(THE CONFESSION THAT A. CLARK OFFERS TO THE CHURCH FOR THEIR SATISFACTION AND ON WHICH HE WANTS TO BE RESTORED NAMELY.)

That in taking an active part against the church in their labours with his father that he was actuated by prejudices and did charge the church wrongfully, and that he is heartily sorry for his faults and that he holds no difficulty against them for what is past.

7th. After mature deliberation voted to restore him to the fellowship of the Church.

8th. Br. _____ being present and knowing himself to be guilty of the same crime that his Brother was and being convinced that he was in duty bound to make the same confessions as above for himself and humbly asked the forgiveness of the Church.

9th. On hearing the above Confession, the Church voted to restore him to their fellowship and closed as usual.

JULY 17, 1830.

1. Met in Church meeting opened meeting by Dive Service.
2. Visiting Brethering invited to take a seat with us.
3. Enquired after fellowship and found the Church in Union.

4. Brother ^{Williston} Morrison came before the Church and acknowledged that he had been overtaken in a fault and that he had wounded the cause of Christ in mingling with the men of the world in their vain amusements in getting in angor.

5. The Church voted satisfied with Br. _____.

6. Br. _____ came forward and made acknowledgement to the Church in the following language, that he is convinced that he had been left to do wrong in bringing an accusation against the Church which he now considers to be groundless.

7. The Church voted satisfied with Br. _____.

8. Br. _____ requested a letter of dismissal. Voted to answer the request.

THIRD SATURDAY IN AUG. 1830.

The Church met agreeable to adjournment.

1. Opened meeting by divine service.
2. Invited visiting Brethering to a seat with us.
3. Found the Church to be in Union.
4. Br. _____ being present with the Church stated that he had been overtaken in a fault in getting into a quarrel and fiting at our election and also in playing marbles on the publick square. The Church after making some inquiry into the matter thought it best to put the matter over to our next meeting.
5. Appoint Elder ^{Jonathan}~~Sweet~~ and Brethern ^{Joel}~~Sweet~~ and ^{John}~~Smith~~ to bear our letter and represent us in the association.

THIRD SATURDAY IN SEPT. 1830.

The Church met agreeable to adjournment.

1. Opened meeting by Divine Service.
2. Found the Church to be in union.
3. Took up the matter of Br. _____. The question was asked him if he did not make use of profane language at the same time of the other difficulty. He states that he did not. He also was asked if he did not state that he strove to get away from Brown and could not. He said that he did. The Church after some consideration on the matter thought best to put the matter over to the next meeting.

THIRD SATURDAY IN OCTOBER, 1830.

The Church met agreeable to adjournment.

1. Opened meeting by divine worship.
2. Invited visiting Brethering to a seat with us.
3. Found the Church in Union.
4. Took up the matter of Br. _____. The Church voted un-
anamously in withdrawing the hand of fellowship from him.

THIRD SATURDAY IN APRIL, 1831.

The Church met agreeable to adjournment. Opened meeting with divine worship.

1. Invited visiting Brethering to a seat with us.
2. Found the Church in union.
3. Br. _____ came before the Church and confessed that he

had been guilty of breaking his Covenant obligation with his Brethering by attending to his secular concerns on the Sabbath for which he wished to have the Church forgive him.

4. The Church voted Satisfied.

THIRD SATURDAY IN JUNE, 1831.

The Church agreeable to adjournment and opened meeting by Divine Worship.

1. Invited visiting Brethering to a seat with us.
2. Took up the reference on the Book as it respects Br. _____ and Br. _____ being absent several church meetings. Heard their excuses and voted satisfied with them.
3. Inquired and found the Church in Union.
4. Asked for a contrabution and received Two Dollars and Sixty two and a half cents and paid the money into the hands of the Treasurer.

5. Received a letter from _____ in which he countermands the acknowledgement he made to the church upon which he was restored. The Church then voted to withdraw the hand of fellowship from him and send him a letter in answer to his which letter is copied here below.

Samuel
To Clark Fulton County State of Illinois.

The third Saturday in June the Church read your letter and on examining its contents it evidently appears that you ment to deceive the Church, we judge from your own statements that you had and did still believe that the charges contained in your items were true, and you further stated that if you stated anything to the contrary or in anywise to justify the Church in their prosedings against you that you are heartily sorry and ask forgiveness. The nature of your crimes are such that we must address you in the language of Peter to Ananias Why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost. Thou hast not lied unto man but unto God, and to him we would direct you to ask pardon that you may possess an honest heart. For one of your age we think you have made rapped progress in the practice of fraud, you say that you cannot join society under these circumstances. We would ask with such a charactor what society are you fit to join. Surely it cannot be a religious one, in view of your conduct through the whole process. We are led not only to rattify our former proceedings against you in your exclusion from the Church, but for your additional crimes, we unanimously do declare our non-fellowship with you as not fit for Religious Society. Done by order of the Church at our same meeting 1831.

Eliziam Howard Chh Clerk.

LETTER TO _____ BAPTIST CHURCH.

October 19th, 1832.

This is the first I have written or mailed to you since I left you. The trials have been great with weight and distress upon my mind. When difficulties take place we are inclined to look at people through the mirror as represented in the dialouge of ----- . The Lord has enabled me to say it clear. I think I have been sensible of my wrong with you and feel the pardoning love of God for the same of love to you. And his cause should influence you to seperate me and my wife who joins in the sentiment of this letter. You will please write and be assured of the Prayers of John and Anne

Second Saturday in November, 1838.

Met, opened meeting as usual by Divine Worship.

Took up the case of Malville after mature deliberation withdrew the hand of fellowship from him for the following reasons: For getting into dispute on the Sabbath and for falsly giving the lie and for other improper language and justifying himself in them all. The Church took up the subject of extending the invitation in our Communion. The Church passed the following resolution unanimously: That we invite to our communion all persons that have been immersed on a profession of their faith in Christ who are members in good standing in the evangelical demominations holding the fundamental truths of the gospel.

Taken from minutes Diamond Grove
Baptist Church - near Jacksonville Ill.

Jonathan Sweet & wife Temperance
(Holdrege) rec'd by letter April 26 - 1823

Abigail Sweet (wife of Peleg) received
by letter 3rd Sat in Febr 1823

Theophilus Sweet & wife of Hannah
rec'd by letter 3rd Sat in Febr 1823

Temperance Sweet - (daughter of Peleg & Abigail)
Baptized 3rd Sunday in Nov 1827

Elyseus Howard & wife (Lydia Sweet)
Baptized & reunited Sept 12 - 1840

Zilston Howard

reunited 1840

LETTER FROM JOHN _____ TO THE CHURCH.

_____ County _____ December 5th, 1841.

Mr. Holmes we read your letter concerning some things have taken place in the Church there. The manner that we have been treated in the Church by some members belonging to the same society that we do belong to and knowing the character of them persons that have talked so we do not wish to belong to any society that keeps such persons as characters in it. Therefore we wish to be excluded with any further ceremony about it. We never heard till lately the manner that we have been dealt with in the church or we would have made this demand before this time. We do consider ourselves treated in a shameful manner by the Church or if not by the Church, by some individuals belonging to the same when it appears have have no more conscience than to be. therefore we wish to have our names erased from amongst such a set nothing more.

P. S. We want to pay no more postage on letters from the Church.

Signed by
John Carson
Margaret Carson.

AUGUST 1848.

The Church met in conference and after mature consideration resolved:

1. That we are in greater need of a minister of the Gospel to labor with and go in and out before us.

2. Resolved therefore that we call our Beloved Brother Thomas Taylor to labor with us one fourth of the time for one year for which we pledge our selves to give him fifty dollars.

3. Resolved therefore that Peris Holmes and Daniel Holmes be a committee to visit Brother _____ and extend to him that call and deserve of the Church.

4. Resolved that it is our duty to represent ourselves to the Springfield Association of which we are branch. Appointed Daniel _____ to write the corresponding letter.

5. Appointed Peris _____ and William Haines as delegates to bear our letter and set in counsel with them. Closed by singing and prayer.

Daniel _____ Clerk Br.

MARCH 3RD, 1856.

The church took up the case of Bro. William *Wyatt* in relation to some reports such as do not correspond with the Christian character.

And Bro. John and Stephen was appointed a committee to enquire into the nature of those reports and report at our next church meeting in March, Saturday before the fourth Sabbath in that month.

The Church adjourned till Saturday, 2 O'clock before the 4th Sabbath in March.

I. M. Moderator.

MARCH 22nd. 1856. SATURDAY.

The church met according to previous appointment and after Divine Service by Brother I. M. proseded to business. The committee report that was approved to visit Brother . Report received and committee discharged. The Church then voted to take in the hand of fellowship for immoral conduct and refusing to give satisfaction to the Church closed by singing and prayer.

SATURDAY BEFORE THE FOURTH SABBATH IN MARCH, 1866.

The church met according to adjournment. Preaching by Brother . The committee referred to in the last minutes made a report relative to and wife and sisters Mary and Cally there being unfavorable reports about them. Also the report of the committee satisfied the Church that further forbearance toward Mr. and wife would be a detriment to the cause of Christ and a reproach to the Church. A motion was made and also carried to withdraw the hand of fellowship from them for the following reasons: Long neglecting to fill their place in the meetings of the church and immoral conduct unbearing a Christian such as tolerating dancing in their house. As to the sisters Mary and Cally the Church felt that forbearance and kindness was necessary toward them and for the present passed by their offence. On motion, Brothers , , and were appointed trustees for this church for the ensuing year.

S. W. .

SABBATH BEFORE THE FOURTH SABBATH IN APRIL, 1866.

The church met pursuant to adjournment. Preaching by Bro. D. D. . There being no business the brethren spent a season in conference and prayer and adjourned.

S. W. Clerk.

On the following Sabbath the Church commemorates the Lord's Supper.

SATURDAY BEFORE THE 4TH SAT. IN MAY, 1866.

There was no meeting of the church in consequence of a hard rain coming at the time appointed to meet.

SATURDAY BEFORE THE 4TH SAT. IN JUNE, 1866.

The church met for business and the solemn worship of God. Preaching by Brother _____. Spent a season in conference and prayer after which the church adopted the following resolution--In view of our spiritual wants and also of this entire community and in view of the lost condition of so many neighbors and friends and almost the entire number of youth and children around us, and that we can only expect a happy change from this bad state by the special power and work of the holy spirit in answer to prayer.

Therefore resolved that we feel it our duty and privilege to observe the last week of June coming as a week of special prayer for God to come and pour out his spirit in the good of his people and the conversion and salvation of the lost around us and we recommend the observance of the same time for the same object to the entire township.

Adjourned.

_____ Clerk.

The following extracts are taken from the Minute book of the Diamond Grove Baptist Church. The book is dated 1822 to 1873. This church was located four miles from Jackson, Illinois.

THE DIAMOND GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

3^d Saturday in Feb 1823

Met in Church meeting opened by singing and prayer, proceed to renew Covenant a union among the Brethren and sisters, the door was opened for the reception of members Elder Thophilus Sweet and Anna his wife presented their letters to the Church with a desire to join with them and was recd accordingly, also Abagal Sweet with her letter with a desire to unite with the Church and was recd accordingly closed by singing and prayer

Abagal Sweet - great great grandmother of Maud E. Dunn

The following extracts are taken from the Minute book of the Diamond Grove Baptist Church. The book is dated 1822 to 1873. This church was located four miles from Jackson, Illinois.

THE DIAMOND GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

3^d Sat in Nov 1827
The church met and opened meeting by
divine worship. Enquired and found a hap-
py union. Appointed Br T. L. Clark as assist-
ant. Rec Sisters. Sally Westrop Nancy
Westrop Lois Holmes and Brethren Wm
Norton John Westrop and Lewis Holmes
Sister Temperance Sweet by Experience
3^d Sunday in november the before nam-
ed were Baptised by Eld Clark.

Temperance Sweet.- grandmother of Maud E. Dunn

The following extracts are taken from the Minute book of the Diamond Grove Baptist Church. The book is dated 1822 to 1873. This church was located four miles from Jackson, Illinois.

THE DIAMOND GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

1st
2^d
3^d
4th
Third Saturday in August 1830
the Church met agreeable to adjournment
opened meeting by Divine Service
invited visiting Brethren to a seat with us
found the Church to be in union
Brother William Morton being present with the
Church stated that he had been overtaken in a fault
in getting into a quarrel and fighting at our Election
and also in playing marbles on the Publick Square
the Church after making some inquiry into the matter
thought it best to put the matter over to our next meeting
Appoint Elder Jonathan Sweet and Brethren
Joel Sweet and John Smith to bear our letter
and Represent us in the Association

1st
2^d
3^d
Third Saturday in September 1830
the Church met agreeable to adjournment
opened meeting by Divine Service
found the Church to be in union
Took up the matter of Brother William Morton

38 The question was asked him if he did not make use of profane language at the same time of the other difficulty he states that he did not. he also was asked if he did not state that he strove to get away from Brown and could not. he said that he did. the Church after some conversation on the subject thought best to put the Matter over to the next meeting

Third Saturday in October 1830

The Church met agreeable to adjournment
opened meeting by Divine worship

1st Enquired ~~and~~ invited visiting Brethren to a seat with us

2^d found the Church in union

3^d took up the matter of Br William Morton

4th the Church after mature deliberation on the matter motion was made to withdraw the hand of fellowship from Brother William Morton The Church voted unanimously in withdrawing the hand of fellowship from him +

John Howland - Elizabeth Tilley

Our Mayflower Ancestors.

m.e.2.

6541. Howland.M.T.G., Jan. 4, 1928. Boston Evening Transcript
John Howland, born 1592, in England, Died in Plymouth, Mass.

March 5, 1673. married at Plymouth Mass. before 1624, Elizabeth
Tilley, Dau. of John Tilley of the Mayflower. He came in the May-
flower and lived at what was called Rocky Nook, in the town of
Plymouth. He was in "the first encounter" Dec. 18, 1620. He was
representative in 1641, 46, 47, 49, 50, 52, 53, 54, 55, 58, 61, 63, 67,-
71, and an assistant to the governor in 1633-34, 35, and was a prominent
man in the Colony. He was in command of the Kennebec Trading Post
1634. In 1627 he was one of the eight undertakers who assumed the
debts and management of the Colony. Assisted in the inter-position
of hands upon the Rev. John Cotton Jr., when he was ordained pastor
June 30, 1669. Elizabeth Tilley Howland died Dec. 21, 1687. Children
(order of births not certainly known.)

- I. Desire
- II. John,
- III. Hope.
- IV. Elizabeth
- V. Lydia
- VI. Joseph.
- VII. Hannah married July 6, 1661. Jonathan Bosworth (3) of Swansea.
- VIII. Ruth,
- IX. Jabez
- X. Isaac

M.C.H. Boston Transcript. Aug. 27, 1930.

John Howland born ~~1584~~¹⁵⁹² Essex England Died Febr. 23, 1672

at Plymouth, Married August 14, 1623 Elizabeth Tilley born 1607
England Died Dec. 31, 1687. Swansea Dau of John Tilley-Sailmaker born
1582 England died Dec. 21, 1620-I Plymouth. married March 3, 1605
At Pieterskirk, Opposite Rev. John Robinsob's house, Prizntgen (Eli-
sabeth) Vander Veldt, died Jan. 1620 at Plymouth, Dau of Abrham and
Maujoken (Bridget) (Tay) Vander Velt, who were married June 27, 1591
John Tilley was accompanied by his father Paulus Tilley and the
bride by her mother. John Tilley, his wife and Elizabeth came in
the Mayflower.

Los Angeles. Cal. May. 18. 1932.

Mrs. Lee. F. Dunn.

1615 So 20th St.
Lincoln. Neb.

Dear Cousin;

Referring to your letter written mother
under date of May fifth.

The book to which you refer was made up by
Elliott Moore of Cherryvale Kans. The information
as to birth place of Peleg Sweet was furnished from
letters found among Fathers effects, those that pas-
sed at an early date, from Vermont, which led us to
believe that he was a resident of that state.

While we have always understood his birth pla-
ce was Vermont, we do not have direct evidence, such
as would permit mother to make an affidavit to the
effect, that she knew he was from that state.

In addition to the evidence of letters, there
is a book once written by father in which he said
Peleg Sweet was born in state of Vermont, giving
date of birth and death, but not the exact location
in Vermont, which has not been found.

We have always had the understanding that the
Sweet family were originally residents of Vermont,
not knowing the exact location, and the number of
years that have passed, the tracing of births etc
has not so far been located.

You are at liberty to use this letter, if you
desire.

Yours Very Truly.

O B Sweet

Decendent of Peleg Sweet family.

549 - S. Lucerne Ave