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## THE TURNER FILES

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### GEORGE AND MARY (ROBBINS) TURNER AND THEIR FAMILY

*(Continued from the Winter, 2008 Newsletter)*

#### FIFTH GENERATION

5.1 BATHSHEBA TURNER, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Phillips) Turner, born at Bridgewater, Massachusetts on 14 Oct 1747, m. ISAAC DRAKE on 8 Sep 1785 at Easton, Massachusetts. Isaac was the son of Richard and Tamer Drake, born 20 Jan 1755 at Easton.

The 1790 U. S. Census for Easton notes Isaac Drake as head of a household consisting of one male over age 16 and two females.

The 1800 U. S. Census for Easton notes Isaac Drake as head of a household consisting of one male, age 26 to 44; one female, age 10 to 15; and one female, age 26 to 44.

This family may have removed to Sharon, Massachusetts in later years. There is a record of death for "Mrs. Bathsheba Drake, age 93, on 23 Mar 1841" in the Sharon vital records.

Notes and Sources: (EBDM): Birth and parentage of Isaac Drake; Marriage of Isaac Drake and Bathsheba Turner; (VRSH): Death of "Mrs. Bathsheba Drake"; (VRBR): Birth and parentage of Bathsheba Turner; (1790) and (1800) U. S. Censuses.

5.2 LEMUEL TURNER, son of John and Elizabeth (Phillips) Turner, born at Bridgewater, Massachusetts on 29 Aug 1749, m. (1) MARY FULLER on 14 Dec 1769 at Bridgewater. No further information on this couple or any children they may have had was found. It

seems likely they lived in Easton, Massachusetts, as a town history of that place indicates that "Lemuel Turner of Easton" served in the Continental Army during the American Revolution as a member of Ephraim Burr's Company, Col. John Bailey's Massachusetts Bay Troops and was with that unit when they were encamped at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania in January, 1778, "...where they underwent terrible privations and hardships, insufficiently supplied, half clothed, some without shoes...devoted to Washington and an ardent love of liberty...". Mary (Fuller) Turner had apparently died by 1782. On 21 Mar 1782 Lemuel m. (2) Mrs. SARAH RANDALL of Easton. Sarah may have been married previously as an undocumented source notes her as Sarah Drake, born August 4, 1746 at Easton. No further information on this couple or any children they may have had was found. Perhaps Sarah had died by 1799. According to his Revolutionary War pension records, he m. (3) ADA GAYLORD on 1 Feb 1799 at Plattsburg, New York. Ada was born in Plattsburg on 5 Oct 1782. After Lemuel died on 6 Mar 1817, Ada filed a widow's application in which she noted that four of his eight children were still living. Those noted were:

6.1 Enos Turner, born in New York, date uncertain

6.2 Adelia (or Aurelia) Turner, born in 1808 in New York, married Jonathan Larabee before 1850

6.3 Deborah Turner, born in 1809 in New York, married Leander Dunham before 1850

6.4 Lucy Turner, born in New York, date uncertain, married Hiram Crawford before 1850

Notes and Sources: (EBDM): Lemuel Turner/Sarah Randall marriage; (GARP): Lemuel Turner's American Revolution service; Lemuel Turner/Ada Gaylord marriage; Lemuel Turner death; Enos Turner birth; Adelia (or Aurelia) Turner birth and marriage; Deborah Turner birth and marriage; Lucy Turner birth and marriage; (HOTE): Lemuel Turner American Revolution service; (VRBR): Lemuel Turner birth and parentage; Lemuel Turner/Mary Fuller marriage.

5.3 ELIJAH TURNER, son of John and Elizabeth (Phillips) Turner, born at Easton, Massachusetts c. 1751, m. EASTER ANDREWS on 24 Aug 1773 at Easton. An Easton town history says Elijah Turner of Easton served in Capt. Frederick Pope's Company as a sergeant during the early years of the American Revolution and later as a member of Capt. Joseph Franklin's Company on a march to Rhode Island in 1779. The only child found for Elijah and Easter was:

6.5 Asaph Turner, born 13 Jul 1774 at Easton

First wife Easter likely died before 14 Jul 1782 when marriage intentions were published at Norton, Massachusetts for Elijah and (2) HANNAH AUSTIN of Norton. Elijah continued to reside in Easton with second wife Hannah after their marriage. The 1800 Federal Census for Easton lists Elijah as head of a household consisting of 2 males under 10 years of age, 1 male age 26-45, 2 females under 10, 2 females age 10-16, 1 female age 16-26 and 1 female age 26-45. Elijah's American Revolution pension file says Elijah and his family moved to Berkshire County, Massachusetts around 1800. The following children are noted for Elijah and Hannah in Easton records:

6.6 Polly Turner, born 1 Mar 1783 at Easton

6.7 Jedson Turner, born 26 Jan 1785 at Easton, who died young there on 20 Apr 1786

6.8 Sally Turner, born 16 Feb 1787 at Easton

6.9 Hannah Turner, born 10 Mar 1789 at Easton

6.10 Elijah Turner (Jr), first, born 20 Apr 1791 at Easton, who died young there on 18 Nov 1792

6.11 John Turner, born 22 Feb 1793 at Easton

6.12 Elijah Turner (Jr), second, born 30 Mar 1795 at Easton

6.13 Liva Turner, born 20 Sep 1797 at Easton

According to his American Revolution pension file, Elijah Turner (Sr) died at Savoy, Berkshire County, Massachusetts on 27 Nov 1843. It appears that Hannah survived him but no further record of her was found.

Notes and Sources: (EBDM): Elijah Turner/Easter Andrews marriage; Births of Asaph, Polly, Jedson, Sally, Hannah, Jr., Elijah (Jr), first, John, Elijah (Jr), second, and Liva Turner; Deaths of Jedson and Elijah Turner (Jr), first; (GARP): American Revolution pension record; Birth and death of Elijah Turner; Relocation of Elijah Turner and family from Easton to Savoy, Massachusetts; (HOTE): Elijah Turner Revolutionary War service; (VRNT): Elijah Turner/Hannah Austin marriage intentions publication; (1800): Family composition, birth data and residency.

5.4 WILLIAM TURNER, son of John and Elizabeth (Phillips) Turner, born c. 1753 at Easton, Massachusetts, m. MOLLY NILES on 4 Oct 1770 at Easton. Both William and Molly were noted as "of Easton" in marriage record. No further record of her was found. An Easton town history says William Turner of Easton served in Capt. Matthew Randall's Company in 1776, engaging the British in the Boston area, encamped at Hull and later Castle Island. No further record of this couple found.

Notes and Sources: (EBDM): William Turner/Molly Niles marriage; William and Molly residency at time of marriage; (HOTE): William Turner Revolutionary War service.

5.5 JOHN TURNER (IV), son of John and Elizabeth (Phillips) Turner, was born c. 1755 at Easton, Massachusetts. An Easton town history says John Turner of Easton enlisted in Capt. Francis Luscomb's Company in May, 1775 at the outbreak of the American Revolution. He marched with his unit to the Boston area and was engaged there in various battles with the British before being killed in action on 30 Jul 1775. It is believed he was buried there near the Loring Mansion with other American soldiers killed in the siege of Boston.

Notes and Sources: (HOTE): John Turner residency prior to the American Revolution; John Turner Revolutionary War service, death and possible burial place.

5.6 SIHON TURNER, son of John and Elizabeth (Phillips) Turner, born 4 Apr 1756 at Easton, Massachusetts, m. JANE RANDALL on 4 May 1780 at Easton. Jane was the daughter of Nehemiah and Mercy (Drake) Randall, born 23 Nov 1751 at Easton. An Easton town history says Sihon Turner of Easton served in Capt. Matthew Randall's Company with

his brother William in a campaign in the Boston area, where they were encamped at Hull and later Castle Island. The following children are noted for Sihon and Jane in Easton records:

6.14 Jephthah Turner, born 23 Dec 1780 at Easton

6.15 Jesse Turner, born 11 Apr 1782 at Easton

6.16 Carmi Turner, born 24 Sep 1784 at Easton

6.17 Jane Turner, born 29 Aug 1786 at Easton

6.18 Sihon Turner (Jr), born 24 Nov 1788 at Easton

6.19 Ruth Turner, born 11 May 1791 at Easton

Notes and Sources: (EBDM): Birth and parentage of Sihon Turner; Sihon Turner/Jane Randall marriage; Births of Jephthah, Jesse, Carmi, Jane, Sihon (Jr) and Ruth Turner; (HOTE): Sihon Turner Revolutionary War service; (RRAD): Jane Randall birth and parentage.

5.7 BETHUEL TURNER, son of John and Elizabeth (Phillips) Turner, born c. 1757 at Easton, Massachusetts, m. ABIGAIL AUSTIN on 23 Dec 1784 at Easton. Both Bethuel and Abigail were noted as "of Easton" in marriage record. An Easton town history says Bethuel Turner of Easton served in the American Revolution in 1781 as a member of Capt. Josiah Keith's Company during a campaign in Rhode Island. The same town history says Bethuel and his family lived in North Easton in a house built by Bethuel around 1785. The house stood for 100 years, close by a pine grove and just east of the Old Meeting House Road. The 1800 Federal Census for Easton lists Bethuel as head of a household consisting of 1 male under 10 years of age, 2 males ages 10-16, 1 male age 26-45, 3 females under 10 years of age, 1 female age 10-16, and 1 female age 26-45. No further record of this couple and their children was found in Easton town records. An undocumented family record lists their children as follows: (Warning: List may not be complete or accurate.)

6.20 Bethuel Turner (Jr), born c. 1787 at Easton. The 1850 Census lists Bethuel Turner (Jr) as a farmer residing in Dartmouth, Massachusetts with wife, Olive

6.21 Salmon Turner, born c. 1788 at Easton. The 1850 Census lists Salmon Turner as a grocer residing in New Bedford, Massachusetts with wife, Clarissa

6.22 Ruth Turner, born before 1800 at Easton. New Bedford, Massachusetts vital records list a marriage of Ruth Turner to John Hammond on 10 Jun 1821 at New Bedford

6.23 Abigail Turner, born before 1800 at Easton.

6.24 Louisa Turner, born before 1800 at Easton.

6.25 Daniel Turner, born c. 1803 at Easton. The 1850 Census lists Daniel Turner as a shoemaker residing in Dartmouth, Massachusetts with wife, Ruby

6.26 Calvin Keith Turner, born c. 1804 at Easton. The aforementioned family record says Calvin resided in the Dartmouth/New Bedford area and died there on 9 Aug 1887

Notes and Sources: (EBDM): Bethuel Turner/Abigail Austin marriage and residency at time of marriage; (HOTE): Bethuel Turner Revolutionary War record; Bethuel Turner residence in North Easton; (KKFR): Children of Bethuel and Abigail (Austin) Turner; (VRNB): Ruth Turner/John Hammond marriage; (1800) and (1850): Family composition, birth data, residency and occupation.

5.8 HANNAH TURNER, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Phillips) Turner, born c. 1758 at Easton, Massachusetts, m. LOT DRAKE on 4 May 1782 at Bridgewater, Massachusetts. Lot was the son of Robert and Susan Drake, born 20 Apr 1761 at Easton. An Easton town history says Lot Drake served in the American Revolution as a member of Capt. Ebenezer Dean's Company on a march to Rhode Island in 1777 and again in 1780 with Capt. Matthew Randall's Company on a Rhode Island alarm. Lot Drake was a farmer. About 1801 Lot and Hannah and their family moved to Chesterfield, Hampshire County, Massachusetts, where they were to remain the rest of their lives. Hannah died in nearby Worthington, Massachusetts on 22 Aug 1842, at age 84. Lot followed on 16 Jun 1848 at age 86. The children recorded to Lot and Hannah (Turner) Drake were:

i. Melinda Drake, born 6 Feb 1783 at Easton, who died unmarried at Worthington on 14 Mar 1855

ii. Stimson W. Drake, born 28 Jan 1786 at Easton, who married Abigail Joslyn at Chesterfield on 13 Jan 1809. Stimson died at Chesterfield on 30 Aug 1839

iii. Lot Drake (Jr), born 6 Jun 1788 at Easton, who married Nancy Cole at Worthington on 2 Jan 1814. Lot (Jr) died at Chesterfield on 8 Jan 1861

iv. Jotham Drake, first, born 2 Feb 1791 at Easton, who died young there on 2 May 1791

v. Eliakim Drake, born 27 Apr 1792 at Easton, who married Margaret Cotter in New York State on 30 Nov 1817. Eliakim died at Newfane, New York on 28 Dec 1870

vi. Theodore Drake, born 13 Oct 1794 at Easton, who married (1) Roxana Spelman in Worthington on 23 Jan 1822 and (2) Mary Mayhew in Worthington on 17 Nov 1844

vii. Patty Drake, born 9 Feb 1797 at Easton, who died young there on 27 Oct 1800

viii. Jotham Drake, second, born 28 Oct 1799 at Easton, who married Mary Sanderson on 3 Dec 1843 at Worthington. Jotham died at New Bern, North Carolina on 10 Jun 1863

Notes and Sources: (HGCM): Lot Drake birth and parentage; Lot Drake/Hannah Turner marriage; Births of Melinda, Stimson, Lot (Jr), the first Jotham, Eliakim, Theodore, Patty, and the second Jotham Drake; Stimson Drake/Abigail Joslyn marriage; Eliakim Drake/Margaret Cotter marriage; Deaths of Melinda, Lot (Jr), the first Jotham, Eliakim, Patty and the second Jotham Drake; Lot Drake and family resettlement in Chesterfield; (HOTE): Lot Drake service in the American Revolution; (VRWN): Lot and Hannah deaths and ages at death; Hannah Turner estimated birth year; Lot Drake (Jr)/Nancy Cole marriage; Theodore Drake/Roxana Spelman marriage; Theodore Drake/Mary Mayhew marriage; Jotham Drake/Mary Sanderson marriage.

5.9 JOSIAH TURNER, son of George and Desire Turner, born on 28 Feb 1754 at Bridgewater, Massachusetts, m. LYDIA PETTINGILL on 12 Dec 1776 at Easton, Massachusetts. Lydia was the daughter of Benjamin and Judith Pettingill, born at Easton on 8 Feb 1752. His Revolutionary War pension records note that Josiah served in the Massachusetts Line. His wife Lydia was living in Leeds, Maine, when she applied for a widow's pension in 1838. That pension records also notes that Josiah died on 22 Apr 1814 at Leeds. While no further record of this couple was found in Easton or Bridgewater, an undocumented family record suggests they moved to Maine after the American Revolution and gives the following detailed listing of their children and spouses:

6.27 Cynthia Turner, born 15 Feb 1779 in Massachusetts, married Stephen Welcome in Leeds, Maine, no date given.

6.28 Joseph Turner, born 19 Mar 1781 in Massachusetts, married Deborah Gilbert in July, 1803 at Leeds, Maine.

6.29 George Turner, born 2 Jan 1783 in Massachusetts, married Betsey Gilbert in September, 1801 at Leeds, Maine.

6.30 Lewis Turner, born 15 Nov 1784 in Massachusetts, married Hannah Collier in July, 1808 at Leeds, Maine.

6.31 Josiah Turner (Jr), born 1 Jan 1789 at Leeds, Maine, married Masey Sylvester, no date or place given.

6.32 Desire Turner, born 31 Mar 1791 at Leeds, Maine, married Caleb Wing in August, 1812 at Leeds, Maine.

6.33 Benjamin Turner, born 6 Apr 1793 at Leeds, Maine

6.34 Hannah Turner, born 10 Jul 1797 at Leeds, Maine, married Moses Collier on 31 Jul 1816 at Leeds, Maine.

6.35 Diana Turner, born 18 Oct 1799 at Leeds, Maine, married Almond Smith on 30 May 1824 at Leeds, Maine.

Notes and Sources: (EBDM): Josiah Turner/Lydia Pettingill marriage; (GARP): Josiah Turner American Revolution service and widow's pension application; Josiah Turner death; Lydia Pettingill birth and parentage; (JLFR): Births and marriages of Cynthia, Joseph, George, Lewis, Josiah (Jr), Desire, Benjamin, Hannah and Diana Turner; (VRBR): Birth and parentage of Josiah Turner (Sr).

5.10 MARY TURNER, daughter of George and Desire Turner, born on 20 May 1755 at Bridgewater, Massachusetts, m. DANIEL LATHROP (JR) on 1 Sep 1785 at Bridgewater. Daniel was the son of Daniel and Rhoda (Willis) Lathrop, born 10 Dec 1745 at Bridgewater. A profile of the Daniel Lathrop family in a Maine history says Daniel served in his father's artillery company during the American Revolution and that following the war Daniel and his family relocated with his father to Maine. This family profile also notes that Daniel was married twice before Mary and by those two previous wives had seven children. Daniel died at Wilton, Maine in 1837. No record of death for Mary was found. The children noted to Daniel and Mary (Turner) Lathrop in the aforementioned family profile were:

- i. Lydia Lathrop, born in Maine, date uncertain, who married Stillman Howard
- ii. Polly Lathrop, born in Maine, date uncertain, who married Luther Cary
- iii. Rhoda Lathrop, born in Maine, date uncertain, who married Nathan Richmond
- iv. Aslon Lathrop, born in Maine, date uncertain, who married Huldah Richmond

Notes and Sources: (GFHM): Daniel Lathrop (Jr) Revolutionary War record and relocation to Maine; Previous marriages and children of Daniel Lathrop (Jr); Births and marriages of Lydia, Polly, Rhoda and Alson Lathrop; Daniel Lathrop (Jr) death; (VRBR): Mary Turner birth and parentage; Daniel Lathrop (Jr) birth and parentage; Mary Turner/Daniel Lathrop (Jr) marriage.

5.11 WILLIAM TURNER, son of George and Jane (Lindsey) Turner, born at Bridgewater, Massachusetts on 2 May 1760, m. JOANNA PETTINGILL on 27 Jun 1782 at Bridgewater. Joanna was the daughter of Joseph and Lydia (Phillips) Pettingill, born at Bridgewater on 10 Feb 1762. William enlisted in the American Revolution in 1776 and served as a member of Capt. Howard's Company. After the war William and Joanna relocated to Maine. According to William's Revolutionary War pension file, Joanna applied for a widow's pension in 1838 while a resident of Greene, Maine. That file also notes that William had died at Leeds, Maine on 4 Mar 1829 and that in addition to Joanna, he was also survived by a son, Edwin. Finally, the file notes that Joanna relocated from Greene, Maine to Dover, Maine, where she was still living in 1848. The (1850) Federal Census for Dover, Maine, lists Edwin Turner, farmer, age 50, as head of a household consisting of himself, wife Anna S., age 45, and sons H. B. Turner, age 21 and Charles H. Turner, age 16, all born in Maine.

6.36 Edwin Turner, born about 1800 in Maine, married Anna S. \_\_\_\_\_, probably before 1829, the estimated birth year of son, H. B. Turner

Notes and Sources: (GARP): William Turner's death; William Turner's American Revolution pension file and Joanna (Pettingill) Turner's widow's application; Edwin Turner named as William Turner's surviving son; (SSPM): William Turner's Revolutionary War service; (VRBR): Birth and parentage of William Turner; Joanna Pettingill birth and parentage; William Turner/Joanna Pettingill marriage; (1850): Family composition, birth data, residency and occupation.

5.12 DESIRE TURNER, given name sometimes shown as KEZIAH, daughter of George and Jane (Lindsey) Turner, born on 21 Aug 1761 at Bridgewater, Massachusetts, m. OLIVER HARVEY on 4 Jul 1793 at Bridgewater. Oliver was the son of David and Content (Byram) Harvey, born 5 Mar 1768 at Bridgewater. This couple resided in Bridgewater following marriage. Only two children found in Bridgewater records. They were:

- i. Oliver Harvey (Jr), born 18 Feb 1794 at Bridgewater, Massachusetts
- ii. Abiezer Harvey, born 15 Sep 1798 at Bridgewater, Massachusetts

Notes and Sources: (VRBR): Desire (Keziah) Turner birth and parentage; Oliver Harvey birth and parentage; Desire Turner/Oliver Harvey marriage; Births of Oliver Harvey (Jr) and Abiezer Harvey.

5.13 GEORGE TURNER (JR), first, son of George and Jane (Lindsey) Turner, born on 6 Jun 1763 at Bridgewater, Massachusetts and baptized at West Bridgewater, Massachusetts on 10 Jul 1763. He died young at Bridgewater on 11 Jun 1765.

Notes and Sources: (VRBR): Birth, parentage and early death of George Turner (Jr), first. (VRWB): Baptism of George Turner (Jr), first.

5.14 ISAIAH TURNER, first, son of George and Jane (Lindsey) Turner, born on 13 Feb 1764 at Bridgewater, Massachusetts and baptized at West Bridgewater, Massachusetts on 16 Jun 1765. It appears he died young as a second by that name was born five years later.

Notes and Sources: (VRBR): Birth and parentage of Isaiah Turner, first. (VRWB): Baptism of Isaiah Turner, first.

5.15 GEORGE TURNER (JR), second, son of George and Jane (Lindsey) Turner, baptized at West Bridgewater, Massachusetts on 23 Sep 1770, the same day his brother, Isaiah Turner, second was baptized. No further records found.

Notes and Sources: (VRWB): Baptism of George Turner (Jr), second.

5.16 ISAIAH TURNER, second, son of George and Jane (Lindsey) Turner, baptized at West Bridgewater, Massachusetts on 23 Sep 1770, the same day his brother, George Turner (Jr), second was baptized. No further records was found.

Notes and Sources: (VRWB): Baptism of Isaiah Turner, second.

5.17 JENNY TURNER, daughter of George and Jane (Lindsey) Turner, was born at Bridgewater, Massachusetts on 9 Nov 1776. No further records found.

Notes and Sources: (VRBR): Birth and parentage of Jenny Turner.

5.18 ALPHEUS TURNER, son of George and Jane (Lindsey) Turner, was born at Bridgewater, Massachusetts on 9 Aug 1779. No further records found.

Notes and Sources: (VRBR): Birth and parentage of Alpheus Turner.

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