

The WOOD FAMILY

of ANDOVER

The WOOD families of Andover seem to descend from three brothers, Richard, Israel and John, who were here in town in the 1760's.

Richard(1) Wood and his wife, Sally, had two children who died here. Sally died July 3, 1761. Richard joined the church in 1774; he died after 1783. There probably were other children born elsewhere.

Sarah (2), d. June 29, 1761.
Bethia (2), d. July 4, 1761.

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Israel Wood married Sarah Stevens here, May 13, 1762. They had :-

Israel (2), b. Jan. 22, 1763; m. widow Phebe Parker, Aug. 17, 1803.
Richard (2), b. Mar. 11, 1764.
David (2), b. Feb. 1, 1765; m. Anna Abbott; moved to Hancock, N.H.; he d. Dec. 19, 1834.
Abiel (2), b. March 6, 1767.
Sarah (2), b. June 7, 1769.
Lydia (2), b. April 21, 1771.
Joseph (2), bpt. Nov. 7, 1773.
Jacob (2), b. Mar. 30, 1774.
Bethia (2), b. March 7, 1777.
Moses (2), b. May 16, 1779; graduated from P.A. Academy, 1804; m. Betty Abbott of Wilton, N.H.; she was b. Aug. 21, 1778; he was a Capt.; built the "Governor Berry" house on Salem St, was for a time assistant in the old Shipman store, (later Deacon Albert Abbott's); lived in the so called "Farnell House", later the residence of Mr. Remmes; left Andover about 1835; he d. in Newark, N.J. April 5, 1867. He was one of the tything-men of this section and his signature is on the appeal "To the Public", written in 1814. This contains an abstract of the laws "relative to the Observation of the Lord's Day," especially "rude or indecent behaviour, within or without any house of public worship," and "all games, play or recreation," or "travelling upon secular business between sun-rising and sun-setting." These things were forbidden "under a penalty from 50 cents to 6 dollars."
Samuel (2), bpt. May 19, 1782.
(Israel (1) Wood and wife, Sarah, went to Thetford, Vt., 1788.)

John(1) Wood and wife, Mary (possibly PALMER), had:-

Ben (2) b. perhaps in Bradford; m. Ruth Bailey, Oct. 17, 1779; she was dau. of Richard; they went to Methuen, Weare, N.H. and Dunbarton.
Patty (2), b. in Bradford, June 16, 1757; m. Enoch Merrill.
Molle (2), b. in Andover, Aug. 7, 1759.
Elinor (2), b. " " Mar. 14, 1761; m. Jos. Keyes of Andover, int. Mar. 31, 1785. She d. a widow, Dec. 15, 1836.

Children of John (1) Wood and wife, Mary, (cont.) :-

- John(2), b. Mar. 27, 1764; m. Esther Nickerson, a widow, (nee McCoy or Malcoy), Mar. 13, 1786; lived in West Parish about 1/2 mile from Sam Bailey's, near Haggett's Pond.
- Richard (2), b. Jan. 22, 1766; helped build Andover Bridge; moved to Concord, N.H.
- Daniel (2), b. Nov. 10, 1767; went to Stowe and Waterford, Me.
- Andrew Palmer (2), b. Aug. 28, 1769; m. Hannah Lovejoy of Andover, May 23, 1790; went to Weare, N.H.
- Jesse (2), b. April 24, 1776; a farmer of Strafford, Vt.

John(2) Wood (John (1) and wife, Esther Nickerson, had:-

- John(3), bpt. Sept. 24, 1795; went to N.Y. state; d. there.
- Polly (3), b. April 13, 1790; m. Benj. Abbott, Mar. 1, 1809; he was b. Dec. 22, 1780; they went to Windham, N.H. 1820; returned 1830; he d. July 9, 1846 by falling from a load of hay; she d. Aug. 20, 1860.
- Esther(3), bpt. Sept. 24, 1795; m. a cousin, Mudgett, of Weare, N.H.
- Rhoda (3), b. -- ; m. Zeb. Mears, Feb. 21, 1819.
- Sarah (3), bpt. Nov. 10, 1802; m. Zeb. Mears, Nov. 18, 1821.
- Lucinda (3), b. March 3, 1796; m. Joseph Wardwell, 1813.

1864.

(John (2) Wood lived on the place owned/by widow of Jos. Bailey)

Moses(2) Wood (Israel(1) and wife, Betty Abbott, had:-

- Moses(3), b. June 13, 1812; joined Church from Norridgewock, Me., 1830; discharged to Essex St. Ch., Boston, July 2, 1835; m. 1st, Mary Porter Converse of Lyme, N.H.; 2nd., m. Maria Augusta Turner; m. 3rd., Mrs. Frances Ann Rice.
- Betsy (3), b. May 15, 1814; m. Charles E. Morse.
- David(3), b. Aug. 31, 1816; (father then "Lieut."); m. Jan. 2, 1843, Frances Hurd Nichols; she was b. Aug. 7, 1823; he d. Oct. 18, 1877.
- Catherine(3), b. Jan. 1, 1819; (father then "Capt."); joined Ch. 1831; discharged to Garden St. Church, Boston, 1841; d. April 28, 1843.
- Betsy Emily (3), b. Dec. 9, 1821; d. Feb. 16, 1839.
- (Moses (2) and wife Betty, joined church here from Norridgewock, Me., 1830; moved away again. Her death not given in Abbott book.

EASTER WOOD, possibly a sister to the three Wood boys, married Richard Fowler of Tewksbury; int. published in Andover, March 5, 1762.

OBEDIAH WOOD of Chester, N.H., married Deborah Osgood of Andover, Jan. 2, 1759. Deborah d. Sept. 11, 1794, age 63 years. They had:-

Susanna, b. Nov. 5, 1759.

An Obadiah Wood married Lydia (Jenkins) widow of Josiah Blanchard, May 8, 1794. She m. for a 3rd husband, Luther Bailey in his old age. Records indicate that Obadiah was a Revolutionary soldier, and always attended the musters. He was on his way to one on Boxford, when his horse stumbled and threw him, and he died from a broken neck.

.. Moses Wood of Bradford married Sally Barker of Andover, Dec.31,1778: They had:-

Sally, / b. Dec.26, 1784; / who m. Major Joseph L. Lowe of Andover; joined church, 1826.

Lucy , " m. Ben (8) Abbott, son of Bixby Abbott, b. here 1798. Lucy d. in Goshen, Ind. about 1867; Ben d. in Providence, 1839.

Pamela, b. March 21, 1790.

Pamela Wood, a relative to Sally, wife of Major Jos. Low, was b. Dec.17, 1813. / (Error, I think; b. Mar.21, 1790, dau. Moses and Sally. (Lam.) She d. in the old home in Abbott Village, March 29, 1858.

She set herself afire- I recall it well. Just a little while before her accident, she joked at a Ladies' Sewing Society meeting, about the old-fashioned Hell of the old church, and said that she would burn well, as she was so old and dry. She was trying to start a fire in the fireplace, later, and her neckerchief caught fire from a lamp she carelessly held. Fearing to spoil the house, she dragged herself to the bricks before the chimney place and so created a draft which fanned the flames. She lived for several days, and was able to tell how the accident occurred.

She was an attendant of the Universalist Church and sat at the front, always, as she was a little deaf. Her sight was good to the end and she could read without glasses. Her remains were taken to Boxford for burial.