



# Middlesex Genealogical Society

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## **A MGS History Lesson!!!**

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[the article continues listing sources available at NEHGS on this area.]*

### **Sources at NEHGS [New England Historic Genealogical Society] for the "Old Northwest"**

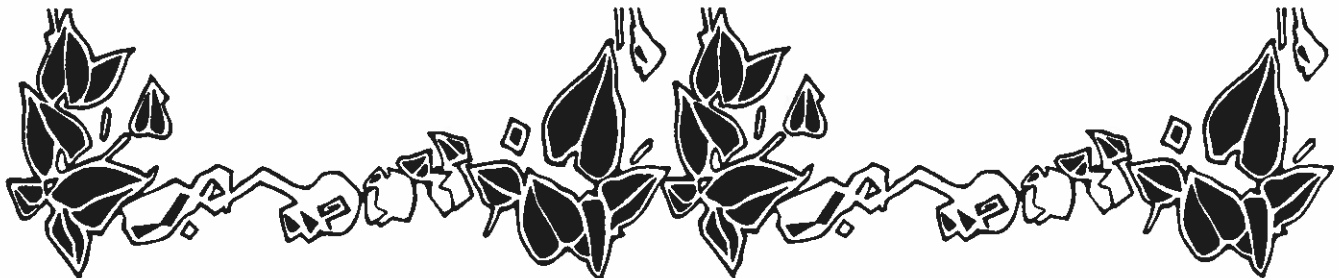
*by Jane Bramwell*

The Northwest Territory, or the "Old Northwest" — now the states of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin and part of Minnesota — was first opened to European settlement by the French in the seventeenth century. In the decades immediately before the Revolution this region was a bloody battleground among the native Americans, the French, and the British colonies of North America. In 1783, by the Treaty of Paris, the land west of the Ohio River was ceded by Great Britain to the new United States. In 1787 the Congress of the Confederation created the Northwest Territory.

In the aftermath of the Revolution, people from the crowded eastern states poured by the thousands into the Old Northwest. The next fifty years was a time of constantly shifting territorial, state, and county boundaries. Land was purchased from private land companies as well as from the federal government and the infant states. Research must thus often be conducted in several archives. For example, before Wisconsin became a state in 1838, it had been part of the Northwest Territory, the Indiana Territory, the Illinois Territory, the Michigan territory, and its own Wisconsin Territory — each with a different center of government and record keeping. As in all frontier areas, registration of births, deaths, and marriages, complete church records and intact tombstones with clear inscriptions were a rarity. Fortunately the frontier period in the Old Northwest passed at about the same time that the Civil War and the issues leading to it crystallized our national consciousness.

Ohio, the first state born of the Old Northwest, was admitted to the Union in 1803. It is rightly regarded as the crossroads of the future United States — parts of it were settled primarily by settlers from New England, New York and Pennsylvania (and many from the latter two states were New England - derived), while other areas bear the influence of people who moved north from Virginia, Kentucky and North Carolina especially.

Indiana, also a crossroads, became a state in 1816. As happened in Ohio, many settlers migrating from the Northeast and Southeast moved into Indiana for a generation or two, then headed further west. Illinois gained statehood in 1818, shortly after Indiana. Almost two decades passed before Michigan became a state in 1837. Except for a small part of present-day Minnesota the remainder of the Old Northwest became the state of Wisconsin in 1848.



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The Middlesex Genealogical Society was established for the purpose of helping those interested in genealogy to pursue the investigation of their family heritage and to provide guidance in research to that end. The Society holds at least four meetings with a program and speaker during the year, has established a Genealogy section at the Darien Public Library, provides research assistance on Saturday mornings (10-12) at the Library and publishes a quarterly Newsletter. Annual membership dues are \$10/individual and \$15/couple or family.

Original articles, notices of genealogical interest, and queries are welcomed for the newsletter.

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## Library Update

by Pat Flowers

We thank the Darien Good Wife's River Chapter of The National Society of the Daughters of the Revolution for a most welcome addition to our Connecticut collection at the Darien Library: *The Ancestors and Descendants of Chief Justice Oliver Ellsworth and His Wife Abigail Wolcott and the Story of Elmwood, Their Holmstead*, by Donna Holt Siemiatkoski. Elmwood, two hundred years ago called "the pleasantest place in Windsor", has been designated "A National Historic Landmark". Oliver Ellsworth served the national, colonial and state governments as well as being a leader in town and church affairs.

Other acquisitions that have recently been shelved are:

*Volume One: John Howland of the Mayflower through Desire Howland*  
by Elizabeth Pearson White.

This book was donated in memory of our former President, Doris "Nicki" Hollander, by Jane Merchant and Linda Kerr.

*Supplement to Torrey's New England Marriages Prior to 1700*  
by Melinde Lutz Sanborn.

*A Fitch Family History*  
by John T. Fitch.

*Index to Records of the Methodist Episcopal / Community Church, Pound Ridge, New York.*

Our four volume set on Massachusetts genealogy is being rebound.

Our wish list is long ranging from \$5 to \$875!!! Should anyone be interested in making a tax-deductible contribution to our book fund, do let us know!

Please send in your Ancestor Chart for the Surname Index if you have put it aside "to do later". The more names in the file, the more help we can be to all.

### OCTOBER MEETING

featuring

**"Modern Genetics**

**&**

**Old Genealogy"**

Anita A. Lustenberger

Genealogists & Records Researcher  
Irvington, NY

**Marianne Sheldon  
Updates the Records of the  
Old Burying Grounds of Darien**

Shortly after the Darien Historical Society was established in 1953, the many small family cemeteries became a concern. Most were not being cared for at all and many were subject to vandalism. The Society purchased photostatic copies of records of all the gravestones in Darien cemeteries from the Connecticut State Library. These records had been compiled by a Public Works Administration project in 1934 and 1935. The copies were bound in three volumes and exist today in the DHS library.

A large committee of DHS members was formed and each cemetery visited. The location and condition of each was noted in a report made to First Selectman, Thomas Kerrigan, in late 1959 with a request for better cemetery upkeep from the Dept. of Public Works. In most cases, no attempt was made by the committee members to verify the 1934 PWA records.

About two years ago, Marianne Sheldon began visiting each of these cemeteries to check their condition and verify the PWA records. Unfortunately, she found that more than 30 years later, the condition of most of these cemeteries has not improved. In fact, some of them have, thus far, been impossible to even find and may be lost forever. Even if found, many are overgrown with brush and stones are askew and, in many instances, the PWA records have been found to be less than accurate.

In the Summer 1989 MGS Newsletter, the Platt Cemetery - Property #30, and the Bell Cemetery - Property #8 were published. Beginning in this issue of the newsletter, we will again publish Marianne's findings on these cemeteries. This was both a labor of love and frustration for Marianne as she attempted to find these cemeteries and document her findings. We all appreciate these original records she has verified.



**Waterbury  
Cemetery #1**

Property #10

West side of Hoyt Street, opposite Briar Brae Road. Very well kept. Some of the stones have sunk into the ground since the 1934 readings so that data is taken from those records.

1.

In memory of  
**ETHEL HATTIE**  
daughter of  
**JOHN I. and ELIZABETH  
WATERBURY**  
wife of  
Lt. Col. **DUNCAN CAMPBELL**  
of Inverneill  
mother of  
**JOHN, CHARLES, COLIN and GEORGE**  
Nov. 19, 1881 - Nov. 16, 1967.

2.

In memory of  
**CHARLES CAMPBELL**  
son of Lt. Col. **DUNCAN CAMPBELL**  
of Inverneill and  
**ETHEL WATERBURY CAMPBELL**  
Died 5th March 1932  
at Merano, Italy  
aged 23 years and 4 days.  
"By his own wish  
his ashes were brought here  
so that they could  
rest near his grandmother  
**ELIZABETH F. WATERBURY**  
to whom he was devoted.  
He has a new life."  
(all on a brass plate on stone)

3.

**ELIZABETH F. MOLLER**  
wife of  
**JOHN ISAAC WATERBURY**  
entered into rest  
February 25, 1933.

**JOHN ISAAC WATERBURY**  
September 29, 1850  
March 4, 1929.  
(large square crypt)

4.

**ISAAC NELSON WATERBURY**  
ship-builder  
born  
December 28th, 1816  
died  
June 28th, 1889.  
"Closing a life of steadfast purpose  
and of sterling integrity."

5.  
ABIGAIL S.  
wife of  
ISAAC N. WATERBURY  
died  
January 12th, 1884  
aged 63 years,  
10 months & 5 days.  
"In loving memory of  
our dear mother

No single (illegible) could most commend  
Whether the wife, the mother or the friend  
For she was all in that supreme degree  
That as one prevailed so all (illegible)  
She lived for others."

6.  
JOHN WILLIAM  
son of  
ISAAC N. & ABIGAIL S.  
WATERBURY  
died  
August 20, 1851  
aged 4 years 2 months & 24 days.  
"Our dear little John  
(rest illegible)"

7.  
STEPHEN N.  
son of  
ISAAC N. & ABIGAIL S.  
WATERBURY  
died September 30th 1855  
aged 2 years & 10 months.

8.  
CHARLES B.  
son of  
ISAAC N. & ABIGAIL S.  
WATERBURY  
died  
September 22nd 1857  
aged 1 year & 4 months.

9.  
JASON V.  
son of  
ISAAC N. & ABIGAIL S.  
WATERBURY  
Died  
December 21st 1858  
aged 2 days.

10.  
FLORA A.  
WATERBURY  
wife of ALBERT W. SCOTT  
and daughter of  
ISAAC N. & ABIGAIL S.  
WATERBURY  
died  
April 17, 1917

11.  
JAMES E.  
died  
Jan. 16, 1840  
AE 7 mo & 2 D's.

EMMA JANE  
died  
July 7, 1850  
AE 25 D's.  
Son & Daughter of  
CYRUS &  
FRANCES L. JOHNSON.

12.  
CYRUS JOHNSON  
died  
[Dec. 14, 1860 AE 48 yrs. 5 mo. 22 days.]  
(stone sunk in ground, only top shows)

13.  
(only base is there; probably:  
[FRANCES LOCKWOOD JOHNSON,  
wife of CYRUS JOHNSON,  
died Feb. 14, 1895,  
aged 79 years, 6 months & 22 days.]

14.  
CHARLOTTE B.  
LOCKWOOD  
born [Oct. 1, 1817,  
died Apr. 12, 1889]  
(stone sunk in ground)

15.  
CHARLES MOSES  
BRANDAGER  
[born Feb. 21, 1860., died Apr. 11, 1886]  
(stone sunk in ground)

16.  
CECELIA EMELINE  
LOCKWOOD  
[born Mar. 15, 1810, died June 21, 1883]

17.  
MARTHA J.]  
wife of HANFORD MEEKER  
[died Nov. 13, 1860, aged 30 years 10 mo.]  
(top is broken, rest is sunk in ground)

18.  
Sacred to  
the memory of  
JOSIAH LOCKWOOD  
who departed this life  
Sept. 8, 1846  
aged 69 yrs.  
10 mo. & 9 d's.  
(epitaph illegible)

19.  
 Sacred to  
 the memory of  
 MARY, wife of  
 JOSIAH LOCKWOOD  
 who died  
 Aug. 1, 1837  
 aged 57 yr. 10 M's & 26 d's.  
 (epitaph illegible)

20.  
 In memory of  
 JAMES EBENEZER  
 son of  
 JOSIAH &  
 MARY LOCKWOOD  
 who died  
 July 11. 1835  
 AE 12 years 9 mo. & 16 d's.  
 Adieu to earth with all its work  
 Its sufferings, grief and (illegible)  
 I go where purest pleasure flows  
 unsoiled by (illegible).

21.  
 In Memory of  
 JEANETT AUGUSTA  
 wife of  
 LEVI P. LITTEL  
 who died Sept. 5, 1834.  
 Aged 21 years 4 mo. & 20 days.  
 (epitaph illegible)

22.  
 In Memory of  
 HENRY LOCKWOOD  
 son of  
 LEVI P. &  
 JENNET A. LITTEL  
 Who died  
 June 17, 1835  
 AE 9 mo & 17 d's.  
 (epitaph illegible)

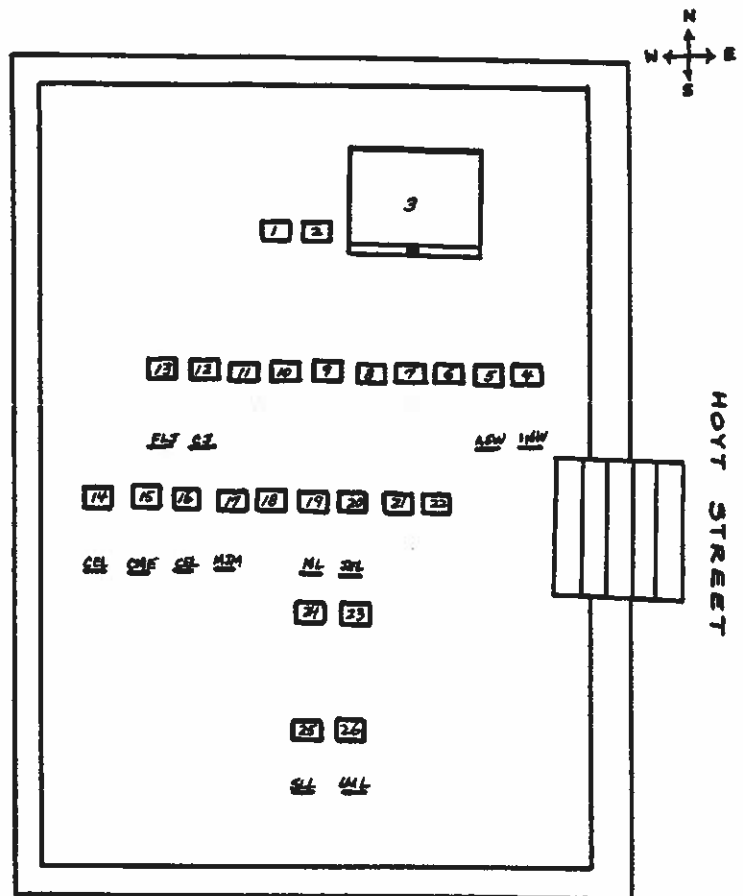
23.  
 In Memory of  
 [BENJAMIN STARR  
 died July 18, 1845]  
 aged 3 mo. & 26 d's.  
 (epitaph illegible)

24.  
 Sacred to the memory of  
 HANNAH M. STARR  
 wife of  
 BENJAMIN A. STARR  
 who departed this life  
 May 14, 1845,  
 AE 37 yrs. 8 mo. & 23 d's.  
 (epitaph illegible)

25.  
 Sacred to the memory of  
 SAMUEL L. LOCKWOOD  
 who died July 21, 1851  
 AE 46 y's 5 mo & 12 d's.  
 (epitaph illegible)

26.  
 In memory of  
 LEWIS M. LOCKWOOD  
 who departed this life  
 January 25th, 1853  
 aged 20 years 1 month and 7 days.  
 (epitaph illegible)

WATERBURY #1



## **Scofield Family Bible**

located at the Darien Historical Society

### **Parents' Register**

Father: William Rufus Scofield

Born: Sept. 5th, 1807

Mother: Hannah Elisabeth Scofield

Born: July 21st, 1809

### **Births**

Oscar Scofield

May 22nd, 1835

Albert Hoyt Scofield

Oct. 20th, 1837

William Henry Scofield

Oct. 5th, 1839

Franklin Howard Scofield

July 9, 1841

### **Albert's Children**

Edith Mary Scofield

Born August 2, 1871

Helen Louise Scofield

Born July 29, 1873

### **Marriages**

Albert Hoyt Scofield

married

Sarah Louisa Mather

November 18, 1869

### **Deaths**

William Rufus Scofield

Died Dec. 29, 1887

Hannah Elizabeth Scofield

Died May 30, 1888

Oscar Scofield

Died March 10, 1864

Albert Hoyt Scofield

Died (no date entered)

Franklin Howard Scofield

Died August 11, 1864

William Henry Scofield

Died an infant

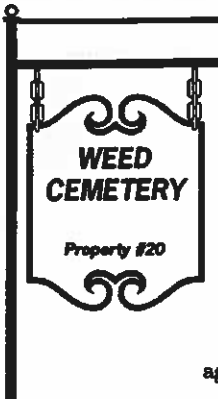


## **THE RESEARCHER'S CORNER**

### **Determining Family Relationships With Deeds**



1. Related families in a county can be targeted through deed information.
2. Identify and list those individuals of the same surname who purchased property in the same geographical vicinity of the individual who is the target of your research. Use a land mark, such as a creek or river, a town site, common neighbors, land description in either metes and bounds, quadrangle, lots, etc.
3. Prepare a deed index that lists all the land transactions in a county by a given surname, starting with the first transaction of that surname and inclusive of the time period that is relevant to the search objective.
  - a) Include Grantee, Grantor, date of deed, date of recordation, Volume and page location in Deed Book, number of acres, description of property.
  - b) If you have a computer this can be done with a database that gives you a sort option. In addition to previously mentioned fields, it can be beneficial to create a field for cost of property, names of witnesses, names of adjoining landowners as mentioned in the deed 4. Organize the deed index chronologically; note those transactions that took place between two census years. This provides clues to the names listed on the census, as well as their relationships.
5. Compare a chronological time-line of deed information to the information listed on the census, starting with the earliest entry of that surname.
6. Compare the deed information to vital records information found on marriage, birth, death, and probate information, include other court records.
7. Read each of the deeds for that surname thoroughly and abstract important facts.
8. It is usually necessary to re-read the deeds after this analysis process has been done. You will find clues that you did not notice on the first go-around. You are more familiar with the activity of the family and will pick-up additional clues.
9. Compile a family pedigree, documenting all known information in chronological format.



West side of Pasture Lane. The cemetery is in fair condition, probably because the overhead foliage is so dense in the summer that weeds and grass won't grow high.

1.  
In Memory of  
**NATHAN WEED**  
who departed this life  
December 19th 1802  
aged 76 Year 11 months and 7 days.

2.  
In Memory of  
**DEBORAH WEED**  
Wife of Nathan Weed  
who departed this Life  
July 30th 1800  
in the 73d Year of her Age.

3.  
.../NATHAN WEED  
died Oct. 20, 1819, aged 59 yrs. 22 ds  
(lying face up on ground; almost all eroded)

4.  
IN MEMORY OF  
**MARY WEED**  
WHO DIED AUG. 4, 1842  
AE. 77 YEARS 9 MO. & 6 DAYS.

5.  
In memory of  
Nathaniel, son of  
Nathan and Mary Weed  
who died Oct. 12th 1798  
in the 5th year of his Age.

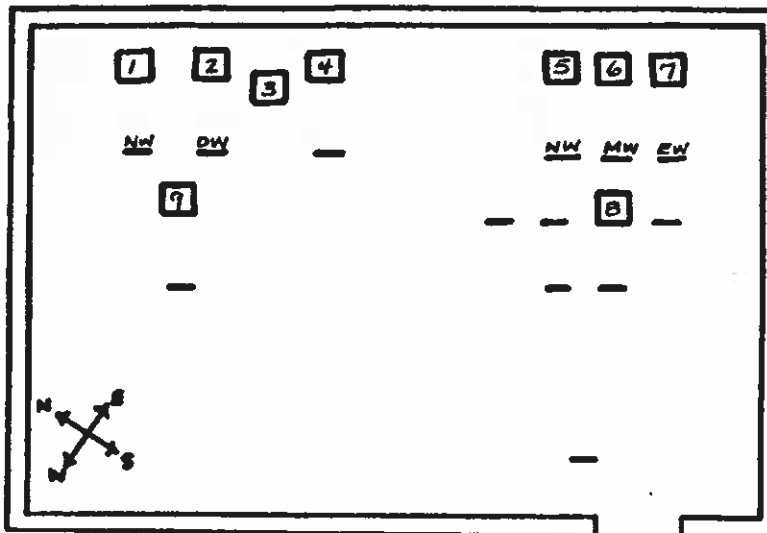
6.  
[MARY WEED,  
daughter of Nathan and Mary,  
died Oct. 19, 1798, aged 8 yrs.]  
(stone is made of sandstone and the face has been totally eroded.)

7.  
[EVELINA WEED,  
daughter of Nathan and Mary,  
died Aug. 22, 1817, aged 21 yrs.  
(stone is made of sandstone and the face has been totally eroded.)

8.  
In memory of  
**ALVAH**  
son of  
Joseph & Louisa Weed,  
who died Dec. 27, 1838  
AE. 5 yrs 10 mo & 9 days.

9.  
IN MEMORY OF  
**LOUISA**  
wife of  
Joseph Weed  
who died  
March 1, 1831  
Aged 30 years.  
Farewell."  
(stone is broken across and lying face-up on the ground)

## PASTURE LANE



## The Laws of Genealogy

from The Sunny Side of Genealogy

- .. The document containing evidence of the missing link in your research will invariably be lost due to fire, flood or war.
- .. The keeper of the vital records you need will just have been insulted by another genealogist.
- .. Your great, great grandfather's obituary states that he died, leaving no issue of record.
- .. The Town Clerk you wrote to in desperation, and finally convinced to give you the information you need, can't write legibly and doesn't have a copy machine.
- .. The will you need is in the safe on board the "Titanic".
- .. The spelling of your European ancestor's name bears no relationship to its current spelling or pronunciation.
- .. That ancient photograph of four relatives, one of whom is your progenitor, carries the names of the other three.
- .. Copies of old newspapers have holes which occur only on last names.
- .. No one in your family tree ever did anything noteworthy, always rented property, was never sued, and was never named in wills.
- .. You learned that great aunt Matilda's executor just sold her life's collection of family genealogical materials to a flea market dealer "somewhere in New York City".
- .. Yours is the ONLY last name not found among the three billion in the world-famous Mormon archives in Salt Lake City.
- .. Ink fades and paper deteriorates at a rate inversely proportional to the value of the data recorded.
- .. The 37 volume, sixteen thousand page history of your county of origin IS NOT INDEXED.
- .. The critical link in your family tree is named "SMITH".

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### Application for Membership

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