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AND

JOANNA BLESSING

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CHAPTER 1 – WILLIAM TOWNE LINE

CORRECTION: Chapter 1, Page 1 – last paragraph, line 3, regarding the marriage of John Towne and Elizabeth Clarke, should read "... who married **25 Sept. 1597 in Blundeston, Suffolk, England**, found in the *Blundeston Parish Register*". NRO: PD 109/56. (K. Johnsen/C. Farrow, 3rd Printing)

ADDITION: Chapter 1, Page 1 – Add, **John Towne, father of William (#1), was christened on 15 Dec 1570 Haddiscoe, Norfolk, England, son of Robert and Elisabeth**, found in the *Haddiscoe Parish Records, Norfolk, England*. NRO: PD 208/93. Add, **Elizabeth Clarcke, mother of William (#1), was baptized on 19 Aug. 1571 Blundeston, Suffolk, England**, found in *Blundeston Parish Register, Suffolk, England*. NRO: 109/56. (K. Johnsen/C. Farrow, 3rd Printing)

CHAPTER 4 – JACOB TOWNE LINE

CORRECTION: Chapter 4, Page 217 – Marriage of Mehitable Towne b. 1768, daughter of Jacob #147, was married in Keene by Rev. Aaron Hall, to William Balch on 12 Jan 1792. William Balch was the son of Esther Estey (#74) page 274, and David Balch. *The Balch Genealogy* and *The Essex Antiquarian* articles are incorrect. The marriage is found in *The Vital Statistics of Keene, New Hampshire* by Frank H. Whitcomb. There are no records of a marriage of William Balch and a Mehitable Townsend in Keene vital records. (L. Hoover, 2nd Printing)

CHAPTER 5 – MARY TOWNE LINE

CORRECTION: Chapter 5, Page 263, first paragraph, line 3 – regarding the wife of Jeffery Estey, should read "... son of Jeffery Estey and **Mary Salmon**, m. 1 Sept. 1624 in Old Newton Parish, Newton, Suffolk, England", copy found in *Old Newton Parish Archdeacons Transcripts*. (K. Johnsen/C. Farrow, 3rd Printing)

CHAPTER 6 – JOSEPH TOWNE LINE

CORRECTION: Chap. 6, p. 329, Phebe Nichols, #17 (daughter of Johannah Towne and Thomas Nichols), should read "...was baptized **27 July 1707, Salem, Essex, Massachusetts**" (not on "7 July 1707") (Source: *Salem VRs*, 2:107; Nichols, Phebe, d. Thomas, bp. July 27, 1707. [CR, Salem Village Church, Danvers]) (K. Johnsen, 3rd Printing)

CORRECTION: Chap. 6, p. 329, Susannah Cummings, #25 (daughter of Susannah Towne and John Cummings) John Whipple's death date should read "**between 15 Aug. 1740 and 17 Sep. 1740,**" not "before 4 Nov. 1740." (Source: *Worcester Co. Probate Records*, vol. 2:51,61. His will was dated 15 Aug. 1740 and his estate was inventoried 17 Sep. 1740.)

CORRECTIONS: Chap. 6, p. 330, Joseph Towne, #6 (son of Joseph Towne and Phebe Perkins)

1. Joseph Towne, should read "...was born **22 Mar 1673/74** in Topsfield, Essex, Massachusetts (not 22 Mar 1672/73) (Source: *Topsfield VRs*, 1:104; Towne, Joseph, s. Joseph, Mar. 22, 1673[-4]. [ECQCR]) (K. Johnsen, 3rd Printing)

2. In the fourth paragraph, change the last two sentences to read "**Edwin Eugene Towne in *The Descendants of William Towne (Newtonville, Mass.: by the author, 1901)*, identifies Abigail Curtis, born 21 Oct 1680 as the wife of Joseph Towne**". "**The Abigail Curtis, born on 21 Oct. 1683, is the daughter of Zaccheus and Mary (Blake) Curtis.**" (Sources: (1) Edwin Eugene Towne, *The Descendants of William Towne (Newtonville, Mass.: by the author, 1901)*, p. 25. (2) *Topsfield VRs*, 1:31; Curtis, Abigail, d. Zaccheus and Mary, Oct. 21, 1683. [ECQCR])

ADDITIONS: Chap. 6, p. 331, Jonathan Towne #42 (son of Joseph Towne and Margaret Case) (Note: Some additional information has been found on the children of **Jonathan Towne and Mary Dean**, and is included here because they are part of the first five generations of descendants of William Towne.)

42. x. Jonathan Towne, born 6 Sept. 1728, in Topsfield, Essex, Massachusetts, died July 1776 at Crown Point, Essex, New York. He married Mary Dean, 31 Oct. 1751 in Salem, Essex, Massachusetts; died 1784. Jonathan settled in Monson which later became Milford, Hillsborough, New Hampshire.

Children of Jonathan and Mary Dean:

i. **Jonathan Towne Jr.***, born **28 April 1754**, died before **3 Jan. 1843**, when his will was presented for probate in **Amherst, Hillsborough, New Hampshire**. (Source: *New Hampshire, County Probate Records, 1660-1973 / Hillsborough / Probate records 1839-1846 vol 48-49*, Vol. 48, pp. 219,220 (images 128,129), online at familysearch.org.) m. **Mary Blanchard****.

Jonathan Towne Jr. and Mary Blanchard had the following children, born in Amherst, surname Towne: Jonathan, born 6 Aug. 1784, m. Clarissa Hoyt 2 Nov. 1809 in Dunbarton, New Hampshire; David born 18 Jan. 1786, m. Elizabeth Cotton 22 Jan. 1817 in Milford; Mary, born 10 Nov 1787, died 4 April 1877 in Milford. (Source: *New Hampshire: Births to 1901, Deaths and Marriages to 1937*, online at americanancestors.org, New England Historic Genealogical Society.) (Source: *New Hampshire, Marriage Records, 1637-1947*, online at familysearch.org.)

ii. **Mary Towne***, born **23 Sept. 1756**, d. **1847 (unm.)**

iii. **Betsey Towne***, born **1758**

iii. **Aaron Towne***, born **14 March 1761**, died **26 Dec. 1854** in **Springfield, Windsor, Vermont**. (Source: *Vermont Births, Marriages and Deaths to 2008*, online at americanancestors.org, New England Historic Genealogical Society.) He married (1) **Abigail Johnson**, **10 Feb. 1788** in **Goffstown, Hillsborough, New Hampshire** (Source: *New Hampshire: Births to 1901, Deaths and Marriages to 1937*, online at americanancestors.org, New England Historic Genealogical Society), and he married (2) **Lois Stocker**, **17 Feb. 1814** in **Springfield**. (Source: *Vermont Births, Marriages and Deaths to 2008*, online at americanancestors.org, New England Historic Genealogical Society, 2013.)

Aaron Towne and Abigail Johnson had the following children, born in Amherst, Hillsborough, New Hampshire, surname Towne: Hannah, b. 19 Nov. 1788; Nabby, b. 22 Jan. 1791; Aaron, b. 20 Jan. 1794; Enoch Page, b. 5 Feb. 1796, m. Margaret Ward 23 Oct. 1825 in Andover; Polly, b. 1 May 1798; Susan (Sukey), b. 31 Aug. 1801, m. Freeman Lyon 16 April 1833 in Andover. (Source: *Vermont Births, Marriages and Deaths to 2008*, online at americanancestors.org, New England Historic Genealogical Society.) *The Descendants of William Towne*, p. 54, says Hannah died 23 May 1810, Abigail (Nabby) married Joseph Whiting, Aaron died July 1810, and Mary (Polly) married James Stocker, but no other records for these have been found.

iv. **Jane Towne***, born **1763**

v. **Phebe Towne***, born **13 Nov. 1765**, died **9 Jan. 1857** in **Lyndeborough, Hillsborough, New Hampshire**. She married Timothy Ordway 21 Nov. 1793 in Lyndeborough. (Source: *New Hampshire: Births to 1901, Deaths and Marriages to 1937*, online at americanancestors.org, New England Historic Genealogical Society.)

Phebe Towne and Timothy Ordway Towne had the following children, born in Lyndeborough, surname Towne: Enoch, b. 5 Aug. 1794; Timothy, b. 25 Oct. 1796, m. Susan McAlvin 23 March 1824 in Francestown, Hillsborough, New Hampshire; Phebe, b. 21 June 1802; Jonathan T., b. 6 Jan. 1810. (Source: *New Hampshire: Births to 1901, Deaths and Marriages to 1937*, online at americanancestors.org, New England Historic Genealogical Society.)

[*Daniel F. Secomb, *Genealogies of Amherst New Hampshire Families*, Excerpted from *History of the Town of Amherst* (Baltimore, Md.: Genealogical Publishing Co. for Clearfield, 1999), p. 795]

[**Edwin Eugene Towne, *Descendants of William Towne*, p.54]

The History of the Town of Lyndeborough, Vol. 2, p. 812, says Phebe Towne's husband Timothy Ordway was the son of John and Mary Ordway, born 22 Nov. 1767, died 20 March 1853. It also says their son Enoch died 15 May 1833, and Jonathan T. died 5 Feb. 1829. (Source: D. Donovan and Jacob A. Woodward, *The History of the Town of Lyndeborough, New Hampshire, 1735-1905* (Lyndeborough, New Hampshire: Tufts College Press, 1906).)

The Descendants of William Towne, p. 34, also says Betsey Towne (born 1758) died unmarried, and Jane Towne (born 1763) married Jonathan Thompson of Marblehead, but no vital records have been found to confirm this.

CORRECTION: Chap. 6, p. 339, William Stockwell, #75 (son of Elizabeth Nichols and William Stockwell) **Rhoda Knapp's baptism date should read "20 March 1748,"** not "1 May 1748." (Source: *The First Congregational Church, Thompson, CT 1730-1930*, received from the Killingly Historical Society; 1748 March 20 – Baptized Rhoda, dau.: of Jon. Knap.)

ADDITION: Chap. 6, pp. 342, 343, Jacob Cummings, #84 (son of Joseph Cummings and Abigail Estie) **Jacob's daughter Anna died 4 Oct. 1794.** (Source: *Sutton VRs*, p. 412; Cummings, Anna, d. Jacob and Mary, Oct. 4, 1794, in 37th year. [GR, Center Cemetery])

CORRECTION: Chap. 6, p. 343, Daniel Cummings, #86 (son of Joseph Cummings and Abigail Estie) **His marriage should say "intentions 6 Feb. 1746/47 in Ipswich and 8 Feb. 1746/47 in Topsfield,"** not "intentions 8 Feb. 1746/47 in Ipswich." (Sources: (1) *Topsfield VRs*, 1:133; Cummings, Daniel and Mary Williams of Ipswich, int. Feb. 8, 1746-47. (2) *Ipswich VRs*, 2:130; Cummins, Daniel of Topsfield, and Mary Williams of Ipswich, int. Feb. 6, 1746.)

CORRECTION: Chap. 6, p. 345, Reuben Cummings, #92 (son of John Cummings and Marcy Larrabee) **Marriage (1) should say "Hannah Booth, intentions 1 Sept. 1747 in Salem, Essex, Massachusetts,"** not "Hannah Booth, about 1748." (Source: *Salem VRs* 3:264; Cummings, Reuben, of Middleton, and Hannah Booth, int. Sept. 1, 1747.)

CORRECTION: Chap. 6, p. 346, Isaac Cummings, #22 (son of Susannah Towne and John Cummings) The second paragraph should read "... **states Isaac bought land in Douglas ...**", not "... states Isaac died in Douglas ..." (Source: Moorar, "The Cummings Memorial," p. 38; We read of an Isaac of Douglas as buying lands in that town, April 23, 1752.)

CORRECTION: Chap. 6, p. 347, Rebecca Cummings, #100 (daughter of Isaac Cummings and Hannah Easty) **Parentage of Ichabod White should read "son of John White and Rachel Benson,"** not "son of John and Rachel White." (Source: Frank G. Lesure, "When the Vital Records Are Misleading: John White and His Wife Rachel Benson of Uxbridge, Massachusetts," *New England Historical and Genealogical Register*, Vol. 153, No. 4 (Oct 1999), pp. 443-447.)

ADDITIONS: Chap. 6, pp. 347, 348, David Cummings, #105 (son of David Cummings and Anna)

1. For the undocumented children listed in the second paragraph, p. 348, David Cummings's will dated 9 May 1799 confirms that **Stephen Cummings, Sarah Winchester, and Susanna Moore were his children. The will also names an additional son, David.** (Source: *Middlesex County, MA: Probate File Papers, 1648-1871*, Case 5410, online at americanances-tors.org, New England Historic Genealogical Society.)

2. A family register compiled by John A. Boutelle in 1850, published in William R. Cutter and Edward F. Johnson, *Transcript of Epitaphs in Woburn First and Second Burial-Grounds* (Woburn, Massachusetts: Andrews, Cutler & Co., 1890), pp. 93-95, also includes **Stephen, Sarah, and Susannah as children of David Cummings and Joanna Jones, and says: (1) Stephen, married Mary Coburn 22 Jan. 1795, died 12 April 1804; (2) Sarah married Aaron Winchester of Brookline 22 April 1787; and (3) Susannah married Calvin Moore. It also lists two other children in addition to those named in the book: Elizabeth, born 19 Sept. 1747, and David.**

ADDITIONS: Chap. 6, p. 353, Samuel Cummings, #121 (son of Samuel Cummings and Susanna Hood)

1. **Samuel Cummings died 23 Sept. 1811, and is buried at the Cummings Cemetery, Manchester, Kennebec, Maine.** (Source: Samuel Cummings gravestone, Cummings Cemetery, Manchester, Kennebec, Maine (Find A Grave Mem. #38331897); In memory of Mr. Samuel Cummings, Consort of Mrs. Elizabeth Cummings, who died Sept. 23, 1811 AE 77 Years.
2. **Elizabeth Fisher died 30 June 1819, and is buried at the Cummings Cemetery, Manchester, Kennebec, Maine.** (Source: Elizabeth Cummings gravestone, Cummings Cemetery, Manchester, Kennebec, Maine (Find A Grave Mem. #38331930); In memory of Mrs. Elizabeth Cummings, Relict of Mr. Samuel Cummings, who died June 30, 1819 aged 86 years.)
3. **Son Samuel married (1) Priscilla Rankin, intentions 2 Dec. 1786 in Hallowell, Kennebec, Maine; (2) Mrs. Rachel White 22 Dec. 1818 in Freedom, Waldo, Maine.** (Source: *Maine, Marriage Records, 1713-1937*, online at *ancestry.com*.)

ADDITIONS: Chap. 6, p. 354, Mary Cummings, #127 (daughter of Samuel Cummings and Susanna Hood)

1. Add child of Mary Cummings and Ezekial Capen: **John Capen, b. 21 Oct. 1778.** (Sources: (1) Jay Holbrook and DeLene Holbrook, compilers, *Massachusetts, Town and Vital Records, 1620-1988*: Sharon / Births, Marriages and Death, p. 20 (image 684), online at *ancestry.com*; lists John Capen, died 12 Apr 1871 in Sharon, Norfolk, Massachusetts, age 92 years 5 months 22 days, son of Ezekial Capen and Mary Cummings. Age at death gives birth date of 21 Oct. 1778. (2) *West Bridgewater VRs*, p. 26; Capen, John, Oct. 21, 1778.) He m. Tyle Dunbar 24 March 1807 (int. 4 March 1807) in Bridgewater, Plymouth, Massachusetts. (Sources: (1) *Sharon VRs*, 1:82; Capen, John and Tyle Dunbar of Bridgewater, int. Mar. 4, 1807; (2) *Bridgewater VRs*, 2:72; Capen, John [int. Capen of Sharon] and Tyle [int. Tiley] Dunbar Mar. 24, 1807.)

Comment: John Capen's death record says he was born in Sharon, Massachusetts, while his birth is recorded in vital records of West Bridgewater, Massachusetts.

2. The birth date of Mary Cummings and Ezekial Capen's daughter Nancy Capen is uncertain. *Sharon VRs*, pp. 16, 156, lists her **baptism in Oct. 1784, and the burial of a child of Ezekial on 5 April 1785.** But *West Bridgewater VRs* (where the birth of at least four of their other children were recorded, in addition to in Sharon), pp. 26,189, lists a **Nancy Capen born 18 Dec. 1784, and died 4 April** (year not listed).

CORRECTION: Chap. 6, p. 358, Archelaus Towne, #142 (son of Joseph Towne and Jemima Bixby) In his list of children, **the reference to Rev. War pension S32020 should be associated with William, not Isaac.** (Source: William Town pension file, No. S32020; Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty-Land Warrant Application Files; Record Group 15, Records of the Department of Veterans Affairs; Microfilm Publication M804, Roll 2404, National Archives and Records Administration, Washington, D. C.)

CORRECTION/ADDITION: Chap. 6, p. 359, Thomas Towne, #148 (son of Israel Towne and Grace Gardner)

1. **Thomas Towne died 1 Oct. 1808, and is buried at Old Hopkinton Cemetery, Hopkinton, Merrimack, New Hampshire.** (Source: Thomas Towne gravestone, Old Hopkinton Cemetery, Hopkinton, Merrimack, New Hampshire (Find A Grave Mem. #58842039); Thomas Towne died Oct 1 1808 in the 77 year of his age.)
2. **For his wife Hannah Boutelle, her birth date should read "about 1735," not "about 1734."** (Source: Secomb, *History of Amherst, N.H.*, p. 793; She d. 23 November 1779, aged 44.)

CORRECTIONS: Chap. 6, p. 362, Bartholomew Towne, #157 (son of Elisha Towne and Mercy Foster)

1. **Bartholomew Towne's wife's name was "Mary Cummings," not "Mercy Cummings."** (Source: Andover VRs, 2:328; Town, Bartholomew, of Amherst (N.H.) and Mary Cummins, Oct. 3, 1771.)

(Source: The published Andover vital records (Vol.1, p. 114) list the birth of "Marcy Cumings" as a twin, but doesn't list her twin sibling. However, original handwritten records from *Massachusetts, Town and Vital Records, 1620-1988* (online at *ancestry.com*) make it clear that there were twin daughters, Mary and Marcy. Further, the Andover vital records list Mary as the one who married Bartholomew Towne, not Marcy.)

2. For Mary Cummings birth, in the listing of source #511 on p. 390, **change "Mercy" to "Mary."** On p. 362, eliminate the citation to source #512. (Additional source for birth: Jay Holbrook and DeLene Holbrook, compilers, *Massachusetts, Town and Vital Records, 1620-1988: Andover Births, 1649-1801* (image 68), online at *ancestry.com*; 1745 December 28, Mary and Marcy, twin daughters of John & Mary Cummings.)

CORRECTION/ADDITION: Chap. 6, p. 364, Mercy Cummings, #167 (daughter of Mary Towne and John Cummings)

1. Her name should read "**Mary Cummings,**" not "Mercy Cummings". For her birth, in the listing of source #541 on p. 390, **change "Mercy" to "Mary."** On p. 364, **eliminate the citation to source #542.** (Additional Source for birth: Jay Holbrook and DeLene Holbrook, compilers, *Massachusetts, Town and Vital Records, 1620-1988: Andover Births, 1649-1801* (image 68), online at *ancestry.com*; 1745 December 28, Mary and Marcy, twin daughters of John & Mary Cummings.)

(Source: The published Andover vital records (Vol.1, p. 114) list the birth of "Marcy Cumings" as a twin, but don't list her twin sibling. However, original handwritten records from *Massachusetts, Town and Vital Records, 1620-1988* (online at *ancestry.com*) make it clear that there were twin daughters, Mary and Marcy. Further, the Andover vital records list Mary as the one who married Bartholomew Towne, not Marcy.)

2. Add Mercy as an additional child of Mary Towne and John Cummings.

Mercy Cummings, born 28 Dec. 1745 in Andover, Essex, Massachusetts; died 14 Jan. 1840 in Stoddard, Cheshire, New Hampshire. She married Nathaniel C. Barrett, 4 June 1772 in Petersham, Worcester, Massachusetts (intentions 17 May 1772 in Templeton, Worcester, Massachusetts). He died 13 Oct. 1828 in Nelson, Cheshire, New Hampshire. (Sources: see below.)

Nathaniel served during the Revolutionary War, first enlisting about 1 May 1775 in Capt. Josiah Crosby's Company, Col. Read's Regiment. He was at the Battle of Bunker Hill on 17 June 1775 and was discharged after eight months. He again enlisted in Feb. 1881, and served until the end of the war in 1783, when he was in Capt. Isaac Haye's Company, 2nd (7th?) New Hampshire Regiment. (Source: *Nathaniel Barrett pension file, No. W24627; Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty-Land Warrant Application Files; Record Group 15, Records of the Department of Veterans Affairs; Microfilm Publication M804, Roll 158, National Archives and Records Administration, Washington, D. C.*)

Children of Mercy and Nathaniel born in Nelson, surname Barrett: Hannah, b. 10 July 1773; Nathaniel, b. 15 July 1775; Nabby, b. 23 Aug. 1777; John, b. 22 June 1780; Phineas, b. 7 Dec. 1782; William, b. 23 April 1791. (Sources: (1) Nathaniel Barrett pension file, No. W24627. (2) *New Hampshire, Birth Records, Early to 1900*, online at *familysearch.org*.)

(Sources for Mercy Cummings's birth: (1) Clark, Towne, Cummings, Dow, "Isaac Cummings" HCTHS, 5 (1899):20; **Mercy, b. Dec. 28, 1745, in Andover;** (2) *Andover VRs*, 1:114; Cummings, Marcy, d. twin, John and Mary, Dec. 28, 1745; (3) Jay Holbrook and DeLene Holbrook, compilers, *Massachusetts, Town and Vital Records, 1620-1988: Andover Births, 1649-1801* (image 68), online at *ancestry.com*; 1745 December 28, Mary and Marcy, twin daughters of John & Mary Cummings.)

(Sources for Mercy Cummings and Nathaniel Barrett's marriage: (1) *Templeton VRs*, p. 100; Cummings, Mercy and Nathaniel C. Garrett [Barrett?], int. May 17, 1772; (2) Nathaniel Barrett pension file, No. W24627; Deposition dated 7 Dec. 1838 by Mercy Barrett, "aged ninety-one years last January ... she is the widow of Nathaniel Barrett ... declares that she was **married to the said Nathaniel Barrett on the fourth day of June in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred and seventy two at Petersham in the State of Massachusetts** ... her maiden name was Mercy Cummings.")

(Source for Mercy Cummings's death: Nathaniel Barrett pension file, No. W24627; deposition dated 6 April 1852 by John Barrett, "only surviving child of Marcy Barrett, widow of Nathaniel Barrett ... **her death which was on the fourteenth day of January AD 1840.**")

(Source for Nathaniel Barrett's death: Nathaniel Barrett pension file, No. W24627; "her husband the aforesaid Nathaniel Barrett died at Nelson in the County of Cheshire aforesaid on the thirteenth day of October AD eighteen hundred and twenty-eight.")

ADDITIONS: Chap. 6, p. 368, Archelaus Balch, #193 (son of Sarah Towne and Joshua Balch)

1. Archelaus Balch **died before 8 July 1777**, when his estate was submitted for probate in Bradford, Essex, Massachusetts. The administrator was his brother Joshua's widow Hannah Balch, who was also the administrator for Joshua's estate, submitted for probate on the same date. (Source: *Essex County, MA: Probate File Papers, 1638-1881*, Case 1522, online at *americanancestors.org*, New England Historic Genealogical Society.)

2. Archelaus Balch responded to the Lexington Alarm on 19 Apr. 1775 as a member of Capt. Nathaniel Gage's Company, Col. James Frye's Regiment, and was also listed on a Company roster in Cambridge on 6 Sept. 1775. (Source: *Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolutionary War*, Vol. 1 (Boston, Massachusetts: Wright & Potter Printing Co., 1896), p. 510.)

ADDITION: Chapter 6, Page 369, #196, William Towne (son of John Towne and Mercy Towne) Second to last paragraph, his second wife, Sarah Sherman, **Add, she d. 5 July 1795 Royalston, Worcester, Massachusetts.** (K. Johnsen, 3rd Printing)

CORRECTION/ADDITION: Chap. 6, p. 369, #196, William Towne Last paragraph, child with his first wife Catherine Waite, **Correction:** "...Mary, b. 11 April 1767, Royalston, Worcester, Massachusetts, d. 1775, Royalston, Worcester, Massachusetts, and buried in Olde Centre Cemetery, Royalston, Worcester, Massachusetts, 8 years old." **Addition:** (missing child) "...Mary, b. 1775 Royalston, Worcester, Massachusetts, died 1775, at age 9 months, and is buried in Olde Centre Cemetery, Royalston, Worcester, Massachusetts (Source: *Cemetery Inscriptions of Royalston And South Royalston Massachusetts* (Central Massachusetts Genealogical Society: Jan. 2004), p. 125) (K. Johnsen, 3rd Printing)

CORRECTION/ADDITION: Chap. 6, p. 371, Hannah Town, #206 (daughter of Bartholomew Towne and Hannah Fitts)

1. **The birth date of probable daughter Meriam should read "6 June 1762,"** not "6 June 1761." (Source: *Sutton VRs*, p. 168; Stone, Meriam, d. Daniel and Hannah, June 6, 1762.)

2. Hannah Town and Daniel Stone had another child, **Nabby, b. 28 Dec. 1760 in Sutton**, although this is almost three weeks before their marriage. (Source: *Sutton VRs*, p. 168; Stone, Nabby, d. Daniel and Hannah, Dec. 18, 1760.)

ADDITION: Chap. 6, p. 372, Robert Town, #212 (son of Bartholomew Towne and Hannah Fitts) **Elizabeth Hawes died 19 May 1841, and is buried at Volney Rural Cemetery, Fulton, Oswego, New York.** (Source: Elizabeth Town gravestone, Volney Rural Cemetery, Fulton, Oswego, New York (Find A Grave Mem. #38714708); Elizabeth Town died 19 May 1841 in the 84th year of her age, wife of Robert.)

ADDITIONS: Chap. 6, p. 373, David Town, #213 (son of Bartholomew Towne and Hannah Fitts)

1. His wife Elizabeth Southworth was the daughter of Thomas and Sarah Southworth, and **was born 11 Jan. 1762 (not June)** in Freetown, Bristol, Massachusetts. (Source: Jay Holbrook and DeLene Holbrook, compilers, *Massachusetts, Town and Vital Records, 1620-1988*: Freetown Records, 1759-1795 Number 2 (image 169), online at *ancestry.com*; Elizabeth ye Forth Daughter to Said Parents [Thomas and Sarah Southworth] was born Monday ye 11th of January 1762.)

2. He is the David Town, "late of Litchfield," Herkimer, New York, who **died intestate in 1806**. (Source: *New York, Probate Records, 1629-1971 / Herkimer / Letters of administration 1792-1850 vol A-E*, Vol. B, p. 62 (image 138), online at *familysearch.org*. Betsy Town and Eli Town were appointed administrators of his estate on 8 Oct. 1806.)

3. David Town and Elizabeth Southworth **had at least two children born in Sutton**, surname Town: **Eli, b. 16 Dec. 1780; David, b. 10 June 1782**. (Source: *Sutton VRs*, p. 173; Eli, s. David and Elisebeath, Dec. 16, 1780; Town, David, s. David and Elisebeath, June 10, 1782.)

CORRECTIONS: Chap. 6, p. 374, Joseph Larrabee, #48 (son of Martha Towne and Isaac Larrabee, Jr.)

1. The **date of his will should read "2 Oct. 1774,"** not "7 Oct. 1774." (Source: Will of Joseph Larrabee, Essex Co. Probate Records, Case 16414, online at *americanancestors.org*; I have hereunto set my hand & seal this second day of October Anno Domini 1774.)

2. Eliminate second marriage, to Sarah, and "Children of Joseph Larrabee are" **should read "Children of Joseph Larrabee and Elizabeth Trask are..."** (Source: Will of Joseph Larrabee, Essex Co. Probate Records, File 16414, online at *americanancestors.org*; I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Elizabeth ...)

Comment: The text in the book cites this will (dated the same month he was buried), says that his wife was Sarah when it was written, and that it's unknown whether Elizabeth or Sarah was the mother of his children. And an *Essex Genealogist* article (Marcia W. Lindberg, "The Larrabee Family," Vol. 20, No. 2 (May 2000), p. 112) even quotes the will as "I bequeath to my beloved wife Sarah ..." But the will itself clearly says "I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Elizabeth" with no mention of a Sarah.

CHAPTER 7 – SARAH TOWNE LINE

ADDITION: Chapter 7, Page 425 – Children of Edmond Bridges #131 and Lucy Bartlett. **Add, Sarah b. 22 Oct. 1772 and Hosea b. 29 May 1774** as found on page 11 of *Records of Births, Deaths, Publishments & Marriages Copied from the Earliest Records of the Town of Spencer*, James Draper, 1838. Hosea m. Charlotte Wilcott in Warren, Worcester, Mass., recorded in Brookfield vital records. (L. Hoover, 2nd Printing)