

Whiting Family

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The Whiting Family first came to the New World in 1636 and by the time John Whiting III settled in Hartland around 1806, he brought with him a long and storied family history of early New England pioneers and revolutionists. His ancestor's reputations and influences were well known throughout the religious, political and revolutionary factors of the young expanding regions of New England.

Reverend Samuel Whiting, Sr
b. 20 Nov 1597 Boston, England
d. 11 Dec 1679 Lynn, Massachusetts
m. 6 Aug 1629 Boston, England (his 2nd marriage)
Elizabeth St. John
b. 1605 Cayshoe, England
d. 3 Mar 1677 Lynn, Massachusetts

He received degrees in England from Emmanuel College (1616) and Cambridge University (1620) with a Doctorate of Divinity. He arrived in Boston, Massachusetts from England on May 26, 1636 with his 2nd wife, their son Samuel Whiting, Jr and his daughter from his first marriage. He became the Pastor at the First Church of Lynn where he remained for 43 years until his death.

Ch. WHITING:

Reverend Samuel Whiting, Jr
b. 25 Mar 1633 Skirbeck, England
d. 28 Feb 1713 Billerica, Massachusetts
m. 12 Nov 1656 Lynn, Massachusetts
Dorcus Chester
b. Charlestown, Massachusetts
d. 1713

Reverend Samuel Whiting, Jr graduated from Harvard University in 1653. He moved to Billerica in 1758 and by 1763 was an ordained minister remaining there for almost 50 years until his death. They had 10 children; 7 sons and 3 daughters. Only 4 of his sons lived to adulthood.

Ch. WHITING:

1. Samuel Whiting III; b. 1662, d. 1715. (His son Samuel fought in Lovewell's War in Maine)
2. **Oliver Whiting**; b. 1665, d. 1736
3. John Whiting; b. 1664 (Graduated from Harvard University)
4. Joseph Whiting; b. 1669, d. 1701 (Graduated from Harvard University in 1690)

2. Oliver Whiting

b. 8 Nov 1665 Billerica, Massachusetts
d. 22 Dec 1736 Billerica, Massachusetts
m. 22 Jan 1691 Billerica, Massachusetts
Anna Danforth

d/o Captain Jonathan Danforth

b. 8 Mar 1668 Billerica, Massachusetts
d. 13 Aug 1737 Billerica, Massachusetts

They had 9 surviving children; 6 sons and 3 daughters. Their 4th son, Deacon Samuel Whiting of Billerica born in 1702, died in 1736. Samuel's grandson John Whiting became a Revolutionary War General.

Ch. WHITING:

John Whiting I

b. 14 Oct 1699 Billerica, Massachusetts
d. 8 Aug 1755 Tewksbury, Massachusetts
m. 9 Mar 1726 Billerica, Massachusetts
Sarah Hunt

b. 20 Nov 1709 Billerica, Massachusetts
d. 1745 Billerica, Massachusetts

John & Sarah had 7 known children; 3 sons and 4 daughters. John remarried after Sarah's death.

Ch. WHITING:

John Whiting II

b. 7 Jan 1727 Billerica, Massachusetts
d.

m. 25 July 1758 Billerica, Massachusetts
Lucy Farmer

b. 8 Sep 1736 Billerica, Massachusetts
d. 4 Feb 1768 Billerica, Massachusetts

Lucy had 8 children over the course of 8-1/2 years. She died soon after the birth of her last child.

Ch. WHITING: (All born in Billerica, Massachusetts)

1. **John Whiting III**; b. 1759, d. 1846 Hartland
2. Lucy Whiting; b. 1759, d. unknown Lovell, Maine; m. Daniel McCallister
3. Joshua Whiting; b. 1760, d. 1813 Lovell; m. Hannah Frye
4. Oliver Whiting; b. 1762, d. 1814 Lovell
5. Samuel Whiting; b. 1763, d. unknown
6. Isaac Whiting; b. 1766, d. 1850
7. Abigail Whiting; b. 1766, d. 1768 at 2yrs old
8. Elizabeth Whiting; b. 1767, d. 1768 at 1yr old

1. John Whiting III

Revolutionary War

b. 25 Jan 1759 Billerica, Massachusetts
d. 13 June 1846 Hartland (Fullers Corner Cemetery) at 87yrs
m1. 1 Jan 1806 Hartland/ Norridgewock (?)

Margaret Fairbrother

d/o Lovell Fairbrother, Sr & Catherine Howe

b. 16 Mar 1782 Norridgewock
d. 12 Sep 1859 Hartland (FC)

John married Margaret in either Hartland or Norridgewock but by the birth of their 1st child in 1808, they were living in West Hartland and were listed there on the 1810 Census, still known then as Plantation #3. They remained in West Hartland the rest of their lives with John noted in the 1820, 1830 and 1840 Census Reports. John's birth record from Billerica, Massachusetts matches exactly to his age at the time of his death on his grave stone. The record also indicates his parents' names.

Following John's death, Margaret was living in the household of Samuel & Permelia Merrifield in West Hartland in C/1850 noted at 68yrs old and a "Pauper" along with her son Benjamin listed at 28yrs old and noted as "Pauper & Idiot". Margaret's father was an early settler of the area as noted below.

"Lovell Fairbrother (Sr) came to the Kennebec at an early day and explored this river and the Sebasticook; found choice intervale at or near the fork of that river, and abundance of fish in the river and game in the forest. He therefore pitched his tent a big camp near the forks of the river in 1775 and

*moved his family there being joined by two others and this commenced the settlement in what is now the prosperous town of Pittsfield, then called Sebasticook Plantation." Margaret's nephew Franklin Newall Fairbrother married Mary Withee, a daughter of Uzziel Withee. (See **Withee Family**)*

*It is difficult to determine with any certainty exactly what role John had in the Revolutionary War. The few indisputable documents include his Revolutionary War Pension Records showing he served as a Private for which he received \$96 annually (monthly \$8 payments) which began on April 10, 1818 and continued until his death in 1846. In a supplemental report based on the 1840 U. S. Census, John is listed as one of two surviving Revolutionary War Veterans in Hartland along with Uzziel Withee. No less than a dozen soldiers from Massachusetts named "John Whiting" appear throughout the war records but many details, such as age and hometown, are sketchy. We do know his cousin Timothy Whiting, Sr along with his sons Timothy, Jr and John, marched from Billerica to Concord on April 19, 1775 and fought in the infamous battle there and in Lexington which began the Revolutionary War. Cousin John was a Colonel at the time (eventually becoming a Lt.-General serving directly under George Washington) so it is **possible** the following information pertains to John Whiting III's service as a Private and not that of his famous higher ranking cousin.*

From the Report of Revolutionary War Service; Volume 17, Page 171:

Whiting, John; Billerica, Massachusetts

Private in Captain Jonathan Stickney's Company, Colonel Ebenezer Bridge's 27th Regiment of Minutemen, which marched on the alarm (at Concord) of April 19, 1775; service, 6 days.

also, Fifer, Capt. Stickney's Company, Col. Bridge's 27th Regiment; receipt for advance pay, signed by said Whiting and others, dated Cambridge, June 26, 1775.

also, Same Company and Regiment; muster roll dated Aug. 1, 1775; enlisted April 25, 1775; service, 3 mos. 14 days.

also, Company return dated Cambridge, Oct. 25, 1775.

also, Order for bounty coat or its equivalent in money dated Cambridge, Nov. 16, 1775.

also, List of men raised for Continental service from 7th Middlesex Co. Regiment, as returned by Capt. Edward Farmer; residence, Billerica; engaged for town of Billerica; joined Capt. Danforth's Co., Col. Brewer's Regt.; term, 3 years or during war.

*In 1774, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts General Court granted New Suncook Plantation in the Province of Maine to the officers and soldiers (or their heirs) who fought on May 8, 1725 during Father Rale's War (aka Lovewell's War) against the Sokokis Abenaki Natives at Pequawket (now Fryeburg, Maine). First settled in 1777, the community had 85 inhabitants by 1790. New Suncook Plantation was incorporated as the town of Lovell on November 15, 1800, renamed for Captain Jonathan Lovewell, the fallen expedition leader. **Samuel Whiting** (as noted above, the son of Samuel and nephew of Oliver) was wounded during the same engagement which killed Captain Lovewell but survived his wounds.*

*Following the end of the Revolutionary War, several members of the Whiting Family who were related to **Samuel Whiting**, as noted above, took advantage of the heir's land offering in New Suncook, Maine and removed there. Although the exact date they came there is unknown, the 1st U. S. Census of 1790 shows John III, his brothers Joshua and Oliver and his sister Lucy living there. They were all still living there in the newly incorporated town now known as Lovell in the 1800 Census with John noted as a Head of Household, single, between 25-44 years old. (He was 43 years old at the time.)*

Ch. WHITING: (Known; possibly more daughters?)

1. Leonard M. Whiting, Sr

b. 11 Mar 1808 Hartland

d. after 1880 Nevada City, California

m. 1828 Hartland

Hannah Dyer

b. 1798

d. 24 Nov 1839 Hartland (FC w/John & Margaret)

Leonard moved to California in 1852 and settled in Nevada County where he mined for gold and operated lumber mills for many years. Leonard is last found in C/1880 in Nevada City living next to his son Silas noted as a Lumberman at 72yrs old and widowed.

Ch. WHITING:

A) James Dyer Whiting

b. 1829 Hartland

d. after 1880 Nevada County, California

m. Mary Elizabeth Wheeler (divorced)

He moved from Hartland in 1859 with his brother Silas where they were living in C/1860 in Cascade Township, California. Following his marriage in 1864, they were living in West Bear River, California in C/1870. He is last found living in Blue Tent, Nevada County, California in C/1880 at 50yrs old, divorced and a logger as one of several boarders in the household of George Cooper who operated a sawmill.

B) Hannah D. Whiting

b. 1832 Hartland

d. 25 Apr 1869 Canaan (Pittsfield Village Cemetery)

m. William B. Barnes

Civil War 16th Maine, Co. G

b. 30 July 1826 Canaan

d. 15 Aug 1901 Pittsfield (Pittsfield Village Cemetery) at 75yrs

*He married 2nd to Maria S. Worthing; d/o Moses Worthing, Jr & Hepsibath M. Dockham of West Hartland. (See **Worthing Family**)*

C) Lydia D. Whiting

b. 1833 Hartland

d. 10 Mar 1877 Pittsfield (Tilton Corner Cemetery, Pittsfield)

m. Joseph Simonds

D) Leonard M. Whiting, Jr

b. 1835 Hartland

d. after 1879 Nevada County, California

He moved from Hartland to California where he was living in West Bear River, California in C/1870 in the household of his cousin Elizabeth (Morrill) Oakley. His Aunt Elizabeth (Morrill) Whiting also lived in the household. He is last found noted in the 1879 California Voter Register noted as Leonard Whiting Jr, born 1835 in Maine living in Nevada County, California.

E) Silas Osoro Whiting

b. 14 Apr 1837 Hartland

d. 23 Dec 1918 Grangeville, Idaho (Prairie View Cemetery, Grangeville, Idaho)

m. 1864 Nevada City, California

Maria Buzzell

“Silas O. Whiting has mined in all the prominent camps on the Salmon and while he has property interests in various places especially around Florence, he has his permanent headquarters at Mt. Idaho. He was born in Somerset County, Maine on April 14, 1837, the son of Leonard and Hannah (Dyer) Whiting. The father, who was born in Maine in 1808, was a stone cutter and his father (John) was a native of Massachusetts, settling in Maine among the first pioneers and was also a patriot in the Revolution. Leonard Whiting came to California in 1852 and settled in Nevada County, where he mined and operated mills for many years. Silas was educated in his native place and worked on the farm until he was twenty-two (1859) when he came to Nevada County, California where he remained for thirty years, freighting and mining.

In 1889 he came to the vicinity of Cheney, Washington, then to Spokane and engaged in lumbering for three years. In 1895 he removed to Idaho County and went on mining in the Pierce District. Then he came to Canas Prairie and rented a farm near Grangeville. Two years later he came to Florence, where he has operated much of the time since. He was watchman of the Poorman Mine and was one year and a half at the Blossom. In the meantime he was interested in Bear Creek Country and had a share in the famous Kimberly and Jewell, which recently sold for \$65,000. He now owns independent claims in the Jewell group. He also has property on one of the best leads there, has a third interest in the Gold Lake placer in Florence.

In 1864, in Nevada City, California, Mr. Whiting married Miss Maria Buzzell, who was born in Penobscot County, Maine. Four children were born to this union, two of whom are still living; Bertrand D. and Nellie Everland, both in San Francisco. Mr. Whiting is a master Mason, joining the lodge in 1864, and is a Republican. Mr. Whiting has had much experience in the various camps of California and he believes the Bear Creek District is ahead of any of them.” ~ An Illustrated History of North Idaho - 1903

F) Ephraim F. Whiting

b. Feb 1839 Hartland

d. 6 Sep 1910 Garland (Pine Grove Cemetery, Dover-Foxcroft w/Francina)

m1. Francina A. Spearin (widowed 1883) **(See below)**

d/o Sarah B. Whiting & Reuben Spearin

m2. Lucy Margaret Burrill

He moved to Garland following his marriage to Francina living there by the birth of their 1st of 5 children in 1861 and listed there in C/1870 with 4 of their children.

2. Bryce McClellan Whiting

b. 2 Apr 1812 Hartland

d. 20 July 1874 Nevada City, California

m. 1835 Hartland

Elizabeth H. Morrill **(See Morrill Family)**

d/o James Morrill & Olive Hayden

b. 10 Feb 1817 Hartland

d. 19 Dec 1875 California

Bryce & Elizabeth left Hartland soon after C/1860 for California with some of their surviving younger children. He was committed by a Judge to Stockton, California State Insane Asylum in 1870 for “abnormal and extravagant actions and homicidal tendencies” but was released in 1872. She was living in West Bear River, Yuba, California C/1870 in the household of her daughter Elizabeth (Morrill) Oakley.

Ch. WHITING:

A) Thomas J. Whiting
b. 25 May 1836 West Hartland
d. 17 Oct 1891 Burns, Oregon (Burns Cemetery, Burns, Oregon)
m. Ione Elizabeth McClintock

B) Helen M. Whiting
b. 13 Sep 1838 West Hartland
d. 7 Mar 1900 Wheatland, California (Wheatland Cemetery)
m1. Joseph W. Aderton (widowed 1864) **Civil War 29th Maine, Co. I**
m2. _____ Carpenter

C) Olive M. Whiting
b. 13 Aug 1841 West Hartland
d. Nov 1859 West Hartland (Unknown Burial Location) at 18yrs of Typhoid Fever

D) Elizabeth Ellen Whiting "Lizzie"
b. 27 Apr 1844 West Hartland
d. 13 Sep 1906 Wheatland, California (Wheatland Cemetery)
m. Amasa Wilder Oakley

E) Frances Hannah Whiting
b. 1846 West Hartland
d. 28 July 1857 West Hartland (FC w/her grandparents John & Margaret) at 11yrs

F) Florilla Whiting
b. 1849 Hartland
d.
As noted with the family in Hartland in C/1850 at 1yr old.

G) Herbert Bryce Whiting
b. 25 May 1852 West Hartland
d. 25 Aug 1904 Wheatland, California (Wheatland Cemetery)
m. Nora Lena Towle

H) Lydia A. Whiting
b. 2 Dec 1856 West Hartland
d. 21 May 1941 Norridgewock (Old Oak Cemetery, Norridgewock)
m. Albert Longley **Civil War 19th Maine, Co. G**

I) Unnamed Infant Whiting
b. 1859 West Hartland
d.
As noted with the family in Hartland in C/1860 at 1yr old.

3. Sarah B. Whiting
b. 15 Feb 1815 Hartland
d. 27 May 1882 Garland (Hathaway Cemetery, Garland)
m1.
Reuben Spearin **(See Spearin Family)**
s/o John Spearin II & Mary Kendall

b. 1808 Hartland
d.

Ch. SPEARIN:

A) Francina A. Spearin
b. 1836 Garland
d. 30 Jan 1883 Garland (Pine Grove Cemetery, Dover-Foxcroft w/Ephraim)
m. Ephraim F. Whiting (**See above**)
s/o Leonard M. Whiting, Sr & Hannah Dyer

m2.
Alden B. Ellis
b. 1822
d.

Ch. ELLIS:

B) Paulina M. Ellis
b. 1841 Garland
d.
m. Paul Towle

C) John Quincy Adams Ellis
b. Sep 1845 Garland
d. 22 Dec 1943 Alton (Alton Village Cemetery)
m. Lovina Hatch

D) Abbie F. Ellis
b. 1848 Garland
d. 24 Oct 1868 Garland (Hathaway Cemetery, Garland)

E) Edward M. Ellis
b. 28 Dec 1850 Garland
d. 24 Oct 1929 Garland (Evergreen Cemetery, Garland)
m. Jane E. Merrill

F) Horatio Boynton Ellis
b. 1853 Garland
d. 16 Mar 1925 Garland (Evergreen Cemetery, Garland)
m1. Adella A. Stinneford
m2. Vesta B. Jepson

4. Elizabeth H. Whiting "Betsey"
b. 26 Apr 1818 Hartland
d. 9 Sep 1897 Abbot Village (Blanchard Cemetery, Abbot)
m. 25 Dec 1837
John Quincy Adams, Sr
b. 2 May 1816 Wales, Maine
d. 21 June 1902 Abbot Village (Blanchard Cemetery, Abbot)
They were living in Pittsfield in C/1850, Mayfield in C/1860 and Abbot Village in C/1870 & C/1880.

Ch. ADAMS: (Birth locations are unconfirmed)

A) Margaret Adams

b. 1838 Pittsfield

d. 25 Dec 1874 Abbot Village (Blanchard Cemetery, Abbot)

m. John Delano

B) Meriam S. Adams

b. 25 Aug 1840 Pittsfield

d. 9 Jan 1929 (Blanchard Cemetery, Abbot)

C) Samuel Clark Adams

b. 1842 Pittsfield

d. 1925 Abbot Village (Blanchard Cemetery, Abbot)

m. Mary M Leeman

D) Jane Collamore Adams

b. 9 July 1844 Pittsfield

d. 28 Nov 1930 Montesano, Washington (Wynoochee Cemetery, Montesano, WA)

m. Asa Laughton Foss

E) Elizabeth W. Adams

b. 1847 Pittsfield

d. 1862 Abbot Village (Blanchard Cemetery, Abbot) at 20yrs

F) John Quincy Adams, Jr

b. 17 Nov 1851 Pittsfield

d. 17 Oct 1872 Abbot Village (Blanchard Cemetery, Abbot)

m. Mary Ella Mitchell

G) Medora Adams

b. 1855 Pittsfield

d. 11 Dec 1862 Abbot Village (Blanchard Cemetery, Abbot) at 6yrs

H) Hannah W. Adams

b. 1858 Mayfield Corner

d. 28 Nov 1862 Abbot Village (Blanchard Cemetery, Abbot) at 3yrs

I) Harry P. Adams

b. 1862 Mayfield Corner

d. 18 Nov 1862 Abbot Village (Blanchard Cemetery, Abbot)

J) Charles LaForest Adams

b. 16 Mar 1863 Mayfield Corner

d. 21 Feb 1938 Bangor (Blanchard Cemetery, Abbot)

m1. Ada H Farnham

m2. Mary Jane Cox

5. John Whiting IV

b. 5 Apr 1820 Hartland

d. 15 Oct 1880 Garland (Evergreen Cemetery, Garland)

m. c1842 Garland

Tryphosa Ellen Stewart

b. 4 Sep 1821 Alton, New Hampshire

d. 2 Oct 1890 Garland (Evergreen Cemetery, Garland)

John moved to Garland in 1835 at the age of 15. He remained there his entire life as a farmer and a merchant.

Ch. WHITING:

A) Mary J. Whiting

b. 1843 Garland

d. 1883 Garland (Evergreen Cemetery, Garland w/Leander)

m1. Leander Libby (widowed 1873)

m2. Warren C. Stocker

B). Frances E. Whiting “Fannie”

b. 23 Jun 1845 Garland

d. 21 Feb 1894 Exeter (Exeter Center Cemetery)

m. Asa M. Stevens

C) Andrew Bryce Whiting

b. 10 Feb 1848 Garland

d. 3 Aug 1840 Garland (Evergreen Cemetery, Garland w/parents) at 2yrs

D) Charles H. Whiting

b. 15 Mar 1850 Garland

d. 1895 Garland (Evergreen Cemetery, Garland)

m. Emma J. Brown

E) Hannah Elizabeth Whiting “Lizzie”

b. 1855 Garland

d. 1896 Garland (Evergreen Cemetery, Garland)

m. Herbert D. Clough

6. Benjamin Whiting

b. 1822 Hartland

d. after 1850 Hartland

He was living in the household of Samuel Merrifield in West Hartland in C/1850 with his mother noted at 28yrs old and as “Pauper & Idiot”.