

Appendix "H"

- FAMILY OF MARTHA WHEELER ROWELL -

LEMUEL ROWELL & HIS DESCENDANTS

Many descendants of **COMFORT ELLIOT** have obtained membership in the DAR through his father-in-law, LEMUEL ROWELL, - the father of Martha. My⁹ father, **Mark Elliott**, informed me several times that 'Lem's' mother was the daughter of **CHARLES CARROLL Of CARROLTON, Maryland, the signer of the Declaration of Independence** and the last survivor, passing on in 1832 at the age of 95. Twenty-five years ago I informed Dad [1967] that it could hardly be possible due to ages and no apparent records existing proving this to be so. Needless to say, Dad wasn't overwhelmed by my conclusions, having during his life informed many of his family tie to a Signer of the Declaration of Independence!

After reviewing bits of information over the past twenty-five years, I find no real concrete facts to agree with 'Pop' and 'cuzin' #840. **Ardis Ilene [PATRICK] NELSON** that CHARLES CARROLL was one of our ancestors. Ardis, her daughter [Marilyn (PATRICK)PURVIS], and Esther [NICHOLS] SUTTON have researched this line more extensively than this researcher. From their detective work and other bits of information **THIS WRITER HAS CONCLUDED THAT DESCENDANTS OF MARTHA [ROWELL] ELLIOT DID DESCEND FROM CHARLES CARROLL of Carrollton!**

Facts that make this connection very foggy:

1. No record of any daughter of Charles Carroll that could have married Lemuel's father. It could be possible that records of a Catholic child that married a Protestant were completely destroyed.
2. The age of birth's of Lemuel and Charles make this connection biologically impossible. Charles was born in 1737 while Lemuel was born in 1751. Charles could be his 'father' but not his 'grandfather'!
3. A number of other Carroll family members of apparently other lines existed in the New England and the connection could be to a different Charles Carroll. #230. Sila ELLIOT of Croydon married a Charles Carroll in Croydon in 1816. No connection has been made of this line to the Maryland line. A descendant of Sila [**Jeanne (Brown) BOLIN**] has thoroughly researched this latter line back to Robert Carriel born ca 1610.

⁹Dissertations of L.S.E.

Facts that point to some family connection to CHARLES CARROLL.

1. At least four of the children of Comfort ELLIOT maintained the connection. This included Charles, Lemuel, Martha, and Rev. S.A. They proudly related this information to the generations that followed.
2. In letter written 26 Jul 1923 by Rev. S.A. to his grand niece, #585. Mary Alice [FOWLES] NICHOLS that Grandfather Rowell's Mother was the daughter of CHARLES CARROLL of Maryland, one of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence - sister Martha had told him cousin CHARLES ROWELL had figured it out. NOTE: Their mother, Martha, had a brother, CHARLES CARROLL ROWELL 1782-1867, who lived many years in Allentown, NH. Her daughter, #310. Martha [ELLIOTT] McMILLAN, reported having a letter from him written in 1850. This Charles would have been the uncle and not his son, Charles, that **"figured it out"**.
3. Attention should be made to the fact that MARTHA was six years old when CHARLES CARROLL died. CHARLES CARROLL ROWELL would have been 50 years old and his son, CHARLES [Martha's cousin], would have been 22. The son, CHARLES, preceded his father in death by two years so he would have had his father available to **"figure it out!"** It would appear that Martha and Charles Rowell should have known who their great-grandfather was!
4. It also should be noted that sons of Lemuel were highly successful as might be expected of grandson's of CHARLES CARROLL of CARROLLTON. CHARLES CARROLL ROWELL served in many civil offices including Representative of the New Hampshire State Legislature. His son, Charles, studied medicine and was a doctor in Virginia. Edmund, oldest brother of Charles Carroll R., also studied medicine. Another son of Lemuel, Sherburne, had a son named Edmund that was a successful trader in New London, CT. Two Rowell's, natives of Croydon, were successful artists in Boston.

Detective work of #840. Ardis [PATRICK] NELSON brings out the following:

1. Rev. S.A evaded stating the real connection to Charles Carroll by saying, "Cousin Charles Rowell figured it out." The Rev. had a very inquisitive mind and wouldn't have accepted that broad an answer himself so it can be sure that he knew the facts. One also can be sure that he would try to not reveal that Lemuel Rowell was the illegitimate son of Charles Carroll.
2. Ardis recalls as a school girl, she came home from school for lunch one day and a relative and her mother were discussing the **"Alcocks"**. She said to her mother, **"Who on earth are the 'Alcocks'?"** Her mother said they were relatives on Grandpa Elliott's side of house. [Readers should bear in mind that Grandfather Rev. S.A. was a "traveling grandpa" and could well have had several opportunities to discuss this with her mother.]

3. In researching the book, "CHARLES CARROLL OF CARROLLTON", came across a passage [page 44] where while attending school in France at age 13/14 had a serious romance with the daughter of a Mr. Alcock, an Englishman, and owner of a button factory in Chante. In a letter he wrote home a passage states, "Translated from the French which Charles occasionally showed off to Papa and Mama, it became startling clear that their cherished only son, who had never given them a moment's anxiety in his life, had been ready to make up for lost time. Although **Miss Alcock** was dower less except for intangibles, he had fully intended to marry her even without paternal consent - punctiliousness going overboard along with practicality. The only thing that stopped him was the fact that the young lady proved unwilling."
4. Ardis' research also indicates that many members of the 'ALCOCK Family' were already in the New England States in 1751. It would have been common practice to ship an unmarried pregnant daughter to be sent to live with relatives in the New World and save embarrassment at home. Many ROWELLS were also coming to New Hampshire at this time. She could have met one on the boat or after arrival and married him.¹⁰
5. Ardis also points out that apparently no one wished to record Lemuel's parents which is another indication her analysis is likely to be correct.
6. **LATER REPORT [1992]** Just received material on "Descendants of THOMAS ROWELL, [1594-1662]", from H.W. Hildebrand, 2217 Westlawn Drive, Kettering, OH 45440. He obviously has devoted much time to the research of the Rowell line for his wife. He places our Lemuel as a son of **Benoni ROWELL, Jr.**, born ca 1728 in Haverhill, MA, who died after 1797 (??) in Salem, NH. Lem's mother was placed as **Mary YOUNG** who Benoni, Jr., married 26 Apr 1742 (?). She was born 20 Aug 1725 in Amesbury, MA, and died after 1820 (?). Question marks are Herbs. He listed the following as children of Benoni, Jr.; Asa, Phillip, Jacob, Mary, Lemuel, Israel, James, Phoebe, and Hannah. Compare these names to the siblings of our Lemuel; Lemuel, Edmund Randolph, Charles Carroll, Sherburne, Clarissa, Nancy, Martha Wheeler, Lydia, Mary, and Lois. **NOTE: Mary and Lemuel are the only common names in the two families!** Children of our Lemuel faithfully carried the names of siblings of Lem forward! The door is still open to the likelihood that Miss Alcock, carrying the child of CHARLES CARROLL of Carrollton, Maryland, married Benoni, Jr., ca 1751 and this is the wife that lived after 1820 - more plausible than first Mary living to be more than 95. The former Miss Alcock would have been ca 84 in 1820. Mary was an extremely common name so it could also have been the given name of Miss Alcock.

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¹⁰ Military career of Samuel Rowell, son of John and Elizabeth, born in 1754 in Chester, NH, paralleled Lemuel's in the Revolutionary War.

100. **Lemuel ROWELL [2]** was born about 1751 in Salem, Rockingham Co, NH. No concrete evidence exists but information handed down makes this writer believe that he is the son of a *Miss ALCOCK* and *CHARLES CARROLL* of *Carrollton, Maryland*, signer of the Declaration of Independence. He served in the War of Independence and married on 2 Jan 1780 to *Sarah HOOKER* in Hartford, Hartford Co, Connecticut.¹¹ Records indicate they may have had three children with one dying as a child. One child, Lemuel, was still living in 1838 as was Sarah, his mother, who filed for pension as the widow of Lemuel. She died 17 May 1844. Apparently Lemuel led a double life after the War as at the end of the War ca 1782, he married *second* to *Mary SEVERANCE*, born 12 Aug 1755 and the daughter of *Jacob* and *Sarah SEVERANCE*. One of Sarah HOOKER's brothers testified that Lemuel made several trips back to Salem to visit friends! Lemuel and Mary made their home in Croydon Twp, Sullivan Co, NH, where both died. Lemuel died 29 Mar 1808 and Mary on 11 Apr 1811. Attention should be made that the **Croydon Twp Clerk, Dana S. Gross**, felt that Lemuel may have listed himself as 'Samuel' on some of their records. Many descendants of Lemuel and Mary became some of New Hampshire's leading citizens. The first son's mother was *Sarah HOOKER*. It is believed they had two additional children;

101. i. Lemuel Rowell b. 1781 d. 1867

Children of Lemuel and **Mary Severance**;

104. ii. Edmund Randolph Rowell b. 1782 d. 16 Dec 1826
 105. iii. Charles Carroll Rowell b. 2 Feb 1785 d. 11 Jan 1867
 106. iv. Sherburne B. Rowell b. 5 Apr 1788 d. 15 Mar 1859
 107. v. Clarissa P. Rowell b. ca 1790 d. 7 Apr 1863
 108. vi. Nancy Rowell b. May 1792 d. Apr 1835
 109. vii. **MARTHA WHEELER ROWELL** b. 7 May 1794 d. 6 Feb 1862
 110. viii. Lydia Rowell b. ca 1796 d. 1808
 111. ix. Mary S. Rowell b. 17 Mar 1799 d. 4 Nov 1855
 112. x. Lois Rowell b. 1801 d. 26 Dec 1845

104. **Dr. Edmund Randolph ROWELL [2] [100. Lemuel 1]** was born ca 1782 in Salem, Rockingham Co, NH, and died in 1827 in Fisherfield [now Newbury], NH. He married 9 Jul 1823 to *Joanna COCHRANE*. He studied medicine in Merrimac and settled in Merrimac Co.

105. **Hon. Charles Carroll ROWELL [2] [100. Lemuel 1]** was born 2 Feb 1785 in Salem, Rockingham Co, NH. He lived at Ryders Corner in Croydon Twp, NH. He moved to the village of Pembroke on 28 Aug 1810. In April 1816 the family removed to Allenstown "within the Leavitt neighborhood with 4 children, lived there on one farm 26 years and sold out and bought a farm of Capt Farnum near Buckstree Mills and moved on to it March the 29, 1842." He died in Allenstown, Merrimack Co, NH, 11 Jan 1867. He married *Mary [Polly] DAVIS* on 9 Feb 1809. She was born 21 Nov 1782 and died 25 Jun 1859. Her mother died on 4 Feb 1827 at the age of 67. Her father died on 31 Dec 1830 at the age of

¹¹ History of WASHINGTON CO, NY, mentions **Lemuel Rowell** who built and operated a pottery at the foot of Bald Mountain, Greenwich "Suburbia".

"82". Charles was a selectman of Allenstown for 24 years, justice of peace for the same number of years, member of the Legislature six years, and county treasurer during the years 1847-8. He was an earnest and consistent member of the Methodist E. Church for 58 years.

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| 120. | i. Charles T. Rowell | b. 15 Jun 1810 | d. 26 Mar 1865 |
| 121. | ii. Sherburne B. Rowell | b. 16 Sep 1811 | d. |
| 122. | iii. Cynthia K. Rowell | b. 10 Feb 1813 | d. |
| 123. | iv. Mary Jane Rowell | b. 17 Jun 1814 | d. |
| 124. | v. Edmund R. Rowell | b. 21 Jun 1817 | d. 14 Aug 1853 |
| 125. | vi. Warren Rowell | b. 28 Dec 1818 | d. |
| 126. | vii. Franklin B. Rowell | b. 14 Nov 1820 | d. |
| 127. | viii. Lucy Ann Rowell | b. 21 Oct 1823 | d. |
| 128. | ix. Lois Rowell | b. 30 Jul 1826 | d. |
| 129. | x. Martha Ann Rowell | b. 26 Jul 1830 | d. 28 Apr 1831 |

106. **Sherburne B. ROWELL, Esq. [2] [100. Lemuel 1]** was born in Salem, Rockingham Co, NH, 5 Apr 1788. He died in Croydon, Sullivan Co, NH, on 15 Mar 1859 and is buried in cemetery in Sunapee, NH, near Croydon. He married **Anna WITHERSPOON**. He was a selectman of Croydon from 1838-42 as was his son Edmund in 1849. Edmund was a successful trader at New London, CT.

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| 130. | i. Edmund R. Rowell | b. ca 1814 | d. |
| 131. | ii. Sherburne B. Rowell, Jr. | b. ca 1825 | d. |
| 132. | iii. Lydia Rowell | b. ca 1830 | d. |

107. **Clarissa P. [ROWELL] HAZELTINE [2] [100. Lemuel 1]** was born ca 1790. She died in Fall River, Bristol Co, MA. On 4 Jul 1825 at Allenstown, NH, she married **Johnathan HAZELTINE**.

108. **Nancy [ROWELL] MERRILL [2] [10. Lemuel 1]** was born in May 1792. She married **Johnathan MERRILL** and died April 1835 in Stanstead, Quebec, Canada.

109. **MARTHA WHEELER [ROWELL] ELLIOT [2] [100. Lemuel 1]** was born 7 May 1794 in Croydon Two, Sullivan Co, NH. She married **Comfort ELLIOT** with wedding published 8 Dec 1823. **SEE #160. Comfort ELLIOT** for their family and additional information.

111. **Mary S. [ROWELL] LAKE [2] [100. Lemuel 1]** was born ca 1799 and died in Boston, MA, on 4 Nov 1855. She married a **WELLS**.

112. **Lois [ROWELL] THORN [2] [100. Lemuel 1]** was born ca 1801 and died 26 Dec 1845 at Stanstead, Quebec, Canada. She married on 13 Feb 1822 to **Nathan THORN, Jr.**, in Candia, Rockingham Co, NH.

120. **Dr. Charles T. ROWELL [3] [105. Charles C. 2, Lemuel 1]** was born 15 Jun 1810 and died at Winchester, Virginia, with congestion of the lungs on 26 Mar 1865. He married on 10 Sep 1834 to **Lovey TRIPE**.

121. **Sherburne B. ROWELL [3] [105. Charles C. 2, Lemuel 1]** was born 16 Sep 1811. He married on 25 May 1843 to Nancy WEST.
122. **Cynthia K. [ROWELL] WOODS [3] [105. Charles C. 2, Lemuel 1]** was born 10 Feb 1813. She married on 25 May 1843 to *Jacob WOODS*.
123. **Mary Jane [Rowell] WORSTER [3] [105. Charles C. 2, Lemuel 1]** was born on 17 Jun 1814. She married on 2 Aug 1835 to *George WORSTER*.
124. **Edmund R. ROWELL [3] [105. Charles C. 2, Lemuel 1]** was born on 21 Jun 1817. He died at Calis, VT, on 14 Aug 1853. He married on 16 Feb 1849 to *Lucinda B. WHEELOCK*.
125. **Warren ROWELL [3] [105. Charles C. 2, Lemuel 1]** was born on 28 Dec 1818. He married on 9 Jun 1844 to *Ruth M. COGGSWELL*.
126. **Franklin B. ROWELL [3] [105. Charles C. 2, Lemuel 1]** was born on 14 Nov 1820. He married on 8 Nov 1846 to *Mary Ann JENKINS*.
128. **Lois ROWELL [3] [105. Charles C. 2, Lemuel 1]** was born on 30 Jul 1826. She married on 30 Jul 1846 to *David W. HAYNES*.

NOTE: There were many Rowells around Croydon. Dennis Howard, the owner of the John Elliot farm in 1992, inherited a quilt that was autographed by many and quilted ca 1895-1900. Among the autographs are the following names; Mrs. Ella Rowell, Mrs. Maria H. Rowell, Mrs. Eugene A. Rowell, Mrs. Mary Rowell, Mrs. William Wheeler, and Mrs. Nancy Wheeler.

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Letter from the Revolutionary War Files of LEMUEL ROWELL

May 9, 1936

Mrs. H. P. Hammond
22 Vanderbilt Road
West Hartford, Connecticut.

NA-J/ILL
Daniel Hooker
S. 31780
Lemuel Rowell
W. 17563

Dear Madam:

You are furnished herein, as requested, data found in the Revolutionary War claims for pension based upon service of Daniel Hooker and Lemuel Rowell, both pensioners.

DANIEL HOOKER-S. 31780

Daniel Hooker was born August 18, 1760, in West Hartford, Hartford County, Connecticut; the names of his parents were not given. His father resided in West Hartford at the time Daniel served in the Revolutionary War.

Daniel Hooker, while a resident of West Hartford, Connecticut, enlisted and served as private in the Connecticut troops, shown as follows: in September and October 1777 in Captain Charles Seymour's company, Colonel Hosakish Wyllys' regiment: from May 1778, between six and seven months in Captain Oslos Bissell's company, Colonel Roger Emos' regiment: from Jul 1779, two months in Captain Abraham Sedgwick's company, Colonel Hosakish Wyllys' regiment and from December that same year, three months in Captain Samuel Granger's company, under General Waterbury; during which period he was engaged in a skirmish near Horseneck. He served also from May 1781, six months as a teamster under John Watson, conductor of teams.

The soldier resided in West Hartford, Connecticut, about fifty years, then in Ohio for five years, then in Windsor, Connecticut, for seven years, after which he moved to Hartford, Connecticut.

Daniel Hooker was allowed pension on his application executed August 25, 1832, at which time he resided in Hartford, Connecticut.

Daniel Hooker made no reference to wife or children.

In 1832, Nathaniel Hooker, soldier's brother, was a resident of Hartford, Connecticut, aged sixty-five years.

LEMUEL ROWELL-W. 17563.

Lemuel Rowell, while a resident of Salem, Rockingham County, New Hampshire, enlisted in April 1775, served eight months as a private in Captain Elisha Woodbury's company, Colonel John Stark's New Hampshire regiment and was in the Battle of Bunker Hill, in which

engagement he was wounded, nature of said wound not stated. He enlisted in the spring of 1776, in Captain Elisha Woodbury's company. Colonel John Stark's New Hampshire Regiment, sent on the expedition to Canada, was in the battle of White Plains, in which he was wounded, was in the battle when Burgoyne was taken, went on General Sullivan's Expedition against the Indians, after which he was stationed near Hartford, Connecticut, length of service three years. He enlisted in the spring of 1780, served as private in the Connecticut troops, a part of the time in Captain David Olmstead's company in the vicinity of Horseneck, and returned in April 1781; he served afterwards a tour of three months in the Connecticut troops, officers names not stated.

The soldier died Mar 29, 1808.

Lemuel Rowell married January 2, 1780, in Hartford, Connecticut, Sarah Hooker; their marriage was recorded on the records of the Congregational Church of West Hartford, by Rev. Nathan Perkins. He was of said West Hartford, and he was then of the State of New Hampshire.

Sarah Rowell, the soldier's widow, was allowed pension on her application executed Mar 19, 1838, at which time she aged seventy- nine years; the date and place of her birth and names of her parents were not stated. **Sarah Rowell resided then with her son, Lemuel Rowell,** in Greenwich, Washington County, New York. She collected in early 1839 a lump sum of \$640 for period back to 1831 and a \$40 semi-annual payment or \$80 per year.

Sarah Rowell stated that she first became acquainted with Lemuel Rowell in the winter 1778-1779, when, because of sickness while stationed near Hartford, he was confined to the hospital in that town; she lived then with her father in Hartford. After their marriage, they lived with her father for some years.

In 1838, Lemuel Rowell, the soldier's son, stated that his mother had come about the year 1807, from "Old Hartford" and had resided with him most of the time since then.

In 1838, Sarah Rowell's brothers, Daniel Hooker, then aged seventy-eight years, and Nathaniel Hooker, then aged seventy-one years, were residents of Hartford, Connecticut.

Very truly yours,
A. D. Hilter,
Executive Assistant
to the Administrator

Pay slip in manuscript file - signature traced

Rec of James Blanchard, PM, fifty two pound eight shillings for my wages from June 1779 to 30th May 1780.

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Other ROWELLS Listed in Revolutionary War from Salem, NH.

ISRAEL ROWELL of Salem, NH, Co of Rockingham [Capt. Robinsons Company, NH Militia]

JAMES ROWELL of Salem, Rockingham Co, NH. Enlisted in his 13th year Feb 1775 and served in Col. Stark's Regt., NH. Lived in Orange Co, VT, 1820, age 57. Wife was Elsea Rowell age 42. Daughters; Elsia McCallam 18, Polly Rowell 14, Elisabeth Rowell 10.

THOMAS ROWELL resident of Pofslin in Co of Rockingham, NH, when enlisted in Militia of Volunteers commanded by Capt. Nathan Brown. He was a Pvt 9 months in Capt Sanborn's Company, Col. Stark's Regt. NH. About age 85 in 1832 living in Chester, NH. He also resided in Grafton, Plymouth Co, NH.

WILLIAM ROWELL resided in Salem, NH, when he enlisted 22 April 1775 and discharged 1 Feb 1776. Served as Pvt. in Col. Stark's Regt, NH, under Capt. Reid of Windham, Rockingham Co, NH. He was in the Battle of Bunker Hill. He was age 83 in 1832.

Other New Hampshire Rowells in Revolutionary War

CAPT. WILLIAM ROWELL of Epping, Rockingham Co, NH. May have been promoted to Benet Major 30 Sep 1783. His wife was Mary or Molly and may have had a previous wife by the name of Hannah. The following is his son DANIEL.

DANIEL ROWELL [Father Capt. William ROWELL] enlisted at North River near West Point Feb 1781 in General Poor's Brigade [2nd Regt NH]. In 1818 he lived in Athens Co, OHIO. He was 55 in 1818 and wife was Nancy Neal, dau of Capt. James Neal of Parkensburg. His wife was 50 [?] in 1880 [probably 50 in 1830]. They had 12 children - 4 M & 8 F. One son's name was John S. and the second son age 23 was William. The other children were age 21, 20, 18, 16, 14, 12, 10, 8, 5, and 3. [Year assumed to be 1830.]

CAPT. ENOCH ROWELL enlisted in Massachusetts from Chesterfield, NH. Later lived in Plainfield, Sullivan Co, NH. He died 20 Aug 1840. His wife **Rachel** applied for pension in 1843. They were married prior to 1 Jan 1794. Witnessed by probable daughter, **Mary A. Rowell**. Also a witness was **John B. Rowell** in 1829 pension claim.

MOSES ROWELL served under Capt. Potter, Col. George Reed of the NH Militia. He was 53 in 1818 and died in 1830 in Bradford, VT. He married 10 Sep 1799 to **Betsy Mann** - both of Windsor, VT. She was living in Cambridge, ME, in 1854.

SAMUEL ROWELL of Chester, NH. Lived in Barnet, VT, 1840. Had three children including a daughter. Wife was **Sarah Dustin**. Both of Weare, they married 27 Nov 1777 [both lived in MA.] He died 11 Jun 1830. He was 70 in 1818 and wife 58. He served with John Blanchard and John Folsom. In 1820 he had been a farmer and hampered by a foot broken sometime before. He sold property to a **James C. Rowell** and **John P. Rowell** about 1818.
