

Research note: From an Internet search for John Knapp Hamblin, I came across a web site that proved fruitful in new data. Through this web site I corresponded with a descendant of John and Lois (née Knapp) Hamblin. Most interesting was their data had been “compiled by Maggie Thalimer and Sara McClelland;” Maggie Thalimer being my second-great aunt and the daughter of Mary Elizabeth Hamblin. Accessed 2005.

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Transcribed by Beverly Mabb-Morten, from a photocopy they sent to me, along with pictures of their Hamblin line (Samuel, brother of Mary Elizabeth). The original document was typed on a manual typewriter, which resulted in poor legibility of vowels. Transcribed as close to the photocopy as possible; any corrections made are noted as footnotes. The sources for the information gathered was not documented when the original compilation took place, so I do not know what sources Thalimer and McClelland used for the “original Hamblin family tree.”

ORIGINAL HAMBLIN FAMILY TREE

“These are the facts as compiled by Maggie Thalmer¹ [sic], d. 1903. Maggie Thalmer [sic] was a first cousin of my father, John K. McClelland.”

I. John HAMBLIN, b. 1746 m. 1767 to Lois Knapp, b. Wales².

Children were:

1. Daniel HAMBLIN
2. Reuben HAMBLIN
3. Simson³ [sic] HAMBLIN
4. Samuel HAMBLIN (1777-1839) m. to Rhoda (SMITH ?) (1785-1853)
5. Levi HAMBLIN⁴

II. Samuel HAMBLIN

Children:

1. Lois HAMBLIN...1801-1884
2. Willard HAMBLIN...1805-1842
3. Sarah HAMBLIN...1807-1834...m. Enos Jordan
4. Samantha HAMBLIN...1809-1841...m. Bamp
5. John Knapp HAMBLIN...1809-1894...m. Elizabeth HICKOK...1811-1846. 2nd to Eunice⁵ [sic] HUNSTABLE, d. 1888
6. Susan HAMBLIN...1812-1816

¹ THALIMER is the correct spelling for Maggie’s surname.

² Wales Center, Essex County, New York, not the country of Wales.

³ Simeon is the name in my data.

⁴ Levi HAMBLIN, unproven if he was the son of John and Lois HAMBLIN or Samuel and Rhoda HAMBLIN.

⁵ Eunice.

7. Susanna HAMBLIN...1816-1833
8. Samuel HAMBLIN...1819-1846
9. Lydia HAMBLIN...1821-1848...Samuel Stewart
10. Nancy HAMBLIN...1824- ...Caldwell
11. Lucien HAMBLIN...1828-1848
12. Henry HAMBLIN...1831-1870...Caroline Campbell...d. 1893

This was really a beginning to start a family history, but there is really not a lot of information to go on.

My cousin Edith Beard lived in Pittsburg, Pa. and I lived in Warren, Ohio. As you can see it did not mention Essex Co. NY.

So they always say, start with yourself. Fortunately [sic] my father, John K. McClelland, was living. He knew his mother was Emaline⁶ [sic] Hamblin, whose father was John K. Hamblin. My father's grandfather, and was a young man when his grandfather died in 1894 in Greenville, Pa. which is in Mercer county, Pa. J. K. Hamblin was well known in Greenville, and was written about in the Mercer County, Pa. History. His biography gave us quite a lot of information... which sent us to Essex County, NY.

Here we learned that the Hamblin's had been pioneers in the state of NY and we found the other brothers of Samuel Hamblin the father of our JK Hamblin.

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Samuel Hamblin – Rhoda Smith – New York State, parents of John Knapp Hamblin. Samuel was of English descent.

J. K. Hamblin, 1809-1893, married....Hickoc⁷ [sic] in New York State. They came to Pennsylvania. Tall, 6 feet, fair-haired, light eyes, very spare. Thrown from a horse, both shoulder blades broken. His wife died at 35 in childbirth when fifth child was born. May have had red hair⁸. Set up foundry and machine shop – sawmills, steam engines, casing, own pattern-makers, blacksmith shop. Kept his command until his death. Contributed land for church. Well to do founder and deacon of Methodist church although originally a Congregationalist. Wrote a beautiful hand, bookkeeper and excellent businessman. Five children.

⁶ Emeline.

⁷ HICKOK

⁸ My note, Ruth Thalimer, great-granddaughter of JK Hamblin had red hair.

Henry Morton – lawyer, practiced in Boston, came back to Greenville, entered the family business, not much of a businessman; married twice. First time Nellie Gray, Boston woman, son Walter; second Ada Powers, Boston woman, children: Grace and Henry (Hal). Talked well, lawyerish.

Walter – learned machinest [sic] trade, went to Boston, entered grocery business, married Boston girl.

Grace – musical, Landis, Instructor at Thiel college, went to Carlisle Pennsylvania and then to Boston.

Hal – lawyer – east to school; lived to be seventy something; died of diabetes; was 5 feet 8 inches, weight 170 pounds.

Mary – married David Thalmier⁹ [sic]. Children: Charlie, Alvie, John, Ed, Maggie (Margaret), Arthur. She was blue-eyed, red-haired, meek, mild, medium sized, rather spare.

Charles (sandy) – machinist

Alive (blond) – architect, New Castle and Cal., handsome, big

John – machinist – now grocer

Ed – machinist – St. Oil Company

Margaret – drafting in architect's office, artistic, very neat; never married, injured knee, developed tuberculosis, amputated leg, died very young

Arthur – shoe business in Washington, Pennsylvania

Harriet – married Nelson Donaldson; she died in 1863 – he died from wounds in war 1864. No children. She was a sweet amiable woman with auburn hair.

Emma – Mrs. Robert McClelland, Warren, Ohio, husband in the woolen mill business, owner. He was tall and thin, 5 feet 8 inches. She had carrot hair, a spit- [sic]

William – Clarksburg, Pennsylvania, S. O. Company, machinist

John – Bookkeeper, Steel Co., Warren

Clara

Samuel, sandy hair, blue eyes, deaf from childhood, scarlet fever after effect. Because of deafness, not much education, but was a machinist. Entered family business – foreman of the whole plant. Very capable mechanic, but business dealings hampered by deafness. Easy going, let brother and father run him, but did the actual work. Employed 35 to 40 men. Bought timber lands in Kentucky, sent down machinery for sawmill, had sales agency in North Carolina.

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By 1847 or '48 J. K. Hamblin had remarried, Eunice Brooks, a widow with a family.

Charles – died at 50 – son in North Carolina, a lawyer

Albert – died at 50 – never married

⁹ THALIMER. David THALIMER changed the spelling from THALLHIMER.

Alice – married Adam T. Kreps of West Newton, Pennsylvania; he joined up in the firm. Children: John, Charles, Adam, Alice, Willie.

About 1892 during panic business slipped, closed up and sold off shop. Went to work at Dessamor (or Bessamor) shops. Stomach and kidney trouble chronic. Recovered; died of pneumonia at 78. Clubby, social but felt deafness was handicap. Had smoked but stopped very young. Didn't drink. Married Elizabeth Jane Kyle 17 years old in 1860; he was 20. Children: Mary, born April 3, 1803, John, March 30, 1835, Maud, May 21, 1870, and Ralph, July 6, 1877.

John Kyle: His mother apprenticed him to stone mason as little boy and he lived with him until grown, about 18. He was Irish and red-haired, stone mason, Pennsylvania Dutch. Born in 1806 and died at 84. He married Mary Bowerman (difficult to read) in 1810 – Pennsylvania Dutch, her father died when Mary was very young, her mother was a midwife – Holland Dutch. Famous as midwife, rode little black horse, covered country. Mary had one sister, no brothers. Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, near Halifax; had family:

William died before they came to Mercer County. (In 1855 moved to Mercer County, owned farm north of Greenville. Very successful farmer.)

Sarah – married Rutter, moved to Kansas. Children: John, George, Boy, Susan.

Katie (Catherine) scarlet fever, deaf, went to school at Philadelphia for deaf and dumb; could talk but need sign language except with her mother. Wrote beautifully; never married; want to marry boy at school but father vetoed it; very peppy; very humorous and keen sense of humor. Her mother could talk Dutch or English and she understood perfectly. Dutch preferred by family. She had chestnut hair, brown eyes, medium sized, good looking.

Emanuel, 1840, stone mason, went to war '61, served through '65; in Libby prison for months, scurvy victim; color bearer, came back in poor health, worked as stone mason, saloon keeper and restaurant, cream of trade, elegant meals, accumulated a lot. Married 1866 or later, big, buxom gal, lost her looks as she got older; finally divorced. Never in good health, lived to be 84. Prohibition in 1890 killed a good business; lost money owning racing horses. Always kept a beautiful driving horse. Had a flat over store that he owned – eventually lived with Elizabeth.

Elizabeth Jane Kyle, 1843, black hair, brown eyes, medium. Very amiable, easy going, lived in country. Came to Greenville at 12. Came in wagons in 1852. Prosperous farmers, worked as stone masons.

Mary Bowerman Kyle died in 1886 or 1887; Katie died before this about 1834; then John Kyle went to live with Elizabeth Jane Kyle Hamblin. Full of life, good sense of humor, slight, her hair was dark brown and never changed. Kyle had red hair as young man, eventually came in black, iron grey when he died, heavy head of hair, very quiet.

John – machinist, work for his father, went to Little Washington, Turtle Creek, then to Texas. Worked at his trade. Married Emma Reichert, New Hamburg, Pennsylvania; innumerable offspring. John was never contented,

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always unsettled. He had light eyes, black hair, and small 5 foot 8 inches or less, and weighed 145 pounds; was something like his father in looks.

Mary – apprenticed to dressmaker, refused to go to school.

Maude – high school 1888; worked Emery dry goods store; bookkeeper/clerk on the side.

Ralph – machinist, unsettled, hated to be inside, but couldn’t do anything else.

4 boys

Kenneth – lawyer

Paul – business school – salesman

Dick – high school.

Separate paper from the C. L. Kuzma Research Files.

Samuel Hamblin – Rhoda Smith – New York State – contributed land for Methodist church.

John Knapp Hamblin – Elizabeth¹⁰ Hickoc¹¹ [sic] –New York State
1806 – 1893 at Greenville, Pa. Five children: Henry, Mary, Harriet, Samuel, and Emma.
Wife born in 1810 and died 1845.

Samuel Hamblin – Elizabeth Jane Kyle – Dauphin County, Pa. Four children: Mary, John, Maud, Ralph at Greenville; he lived from 1840 to 1915 at Greenville.

Duran S. Cassitt¹² – Maud H. Cassitt¹³. Four children: Charlotte, Ruth, Elizabeth, Lois, at Conneant [sic], Ohio

Silas Cossit¹⁴, father of Henry, born in Granby, Connecticut in 1757 – (James Henry)

Henry Cassitt¹⁵ – father of Duran S. born in Granby, Connecticut, 1800. Died in West Salem near Greenville, 1876. Married Elizabeth MacClemens about 1858 or ’59, too old to go to war, held captaincy and drilled troops; Went to Bellevue Hospital and Rush Medical School. Children: Henry, Saidee, Will, Duran, Fred, Carrie.

Duran S. born in West Salem Township near Greenville, died in Conneant [sic], Ohio, October 8, 1831.

¹⁰ Handwritten in “Elizabeth.”

¹¹ Hickok.

¹² Preferred surname spelling is COSSITT.

¹³ Ibid.

¹⁴ Ibid.

¹⁵ Ibid.