

## WHO WERE THE PARENTS OF LUCIEN MAXFIELD (B. NEW HAMPSHIRE ABT 1814-5)?

### 1. What do we know about Lucien?

According to census records his birth date and place are as follows:

Census	birth date	birth place
1840	1810-20	
1850	1814-5	ME
1860	1814-5	NH
1870	1813-4	N H
1880	1815-6	NH

Lucien was born probably in 1814-5, possibly in 1813-6. It is not unusual for a census taker to record as a person's birth state the state in which they have lived for a long time, possibly not even asking the question. So we will conclude that Lucien was probably born in New Hampshire.

Lucien married (first) at Carmel, Penobscot County, Maine, Maria Spearin, who died in November 1859. He married (second) at Exeter, Penobscot County, on 8 February 1860 Harriet (Joslyn) Hayes.

As Lucien was recorded in the 1880 Census but not in 1900, we assume he died sometime between those dates. Harriet appeared in the 1910 Census as a widow. Lucien had at least five children by his first wife and at least 2 by his second wife..

The only Maxfields known to be in New Hampshire in that period of time were descendants of John Maxfield of Salisbury, Massachusetts. When we look at 1820 and 1830 census records we find the name of the head of household, and numbers of persons in various age and sex categories. We know (1) Not everyone in a household was a child of the given parent (2) Some households were missed or recorded inaccurately (3) Census takers may have guessed ages. However, this is all we have to go on.

*Review the 1820 and 1830 censuses for any male child in a Maxfield family in the appropriate age group not otherwise accounted for:*

Dudley<sup>4</sup> (Samuel<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2-1</sup>) 1820 Census no male children

Ezra F.<sup>5</sup> (John N.<sup>4</sup>, Michael<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2-1</sup>) moved to Vermont

John<sup>5</sup> (John N.<sup>4</sup>, Michael<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2-1</sup>) moved to Vermont  
 Benjamin F.<sup>5</sup> (John N.<sup>4</sup>, Michael<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2-1</sup>) married in 1814, died in 1816, one son, Benjamin, b. 1815  
 Robert C.<sup>4</sup> (Michael<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2-1</sup>) 1820 Census no male children, moved to Maine, children listed in pension record, no Lucien  
 Richard <sup>4</sup> (Michael<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2-1</sup>) will lists children, no mention of Lucien.  
 Jonathan <sup>5</sup> (Richard <sup>4</sup>, Michael<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2-1</sup>) moved to Quebec; in 1825 Census one male child in age range: Truman  
 Samuel <sup>4</sup> (Michael<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2-1</sup>) not reported in 1820, 1830 censuses; wife age 47 in 1814  
 Samuel <sup>5</sup> (Samuel <sup>4</sup>, Michael<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2-1</sup>) m. 1816, son Daniel b. 1816  
 Timothy<sup>2</sup> (John<sup>1</sup>) moved to Massachusetts, all his descendants in Dartmouth area.  
 David <sup>4</sup> (Eliphlet<sup>3</sup>, Nathaniel<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) moved to Vermont  
 Stephen <sup>5</sup> (Nathaniel <sup>4</sup>, Eliphlet<sup>3</sup>, Nathaniel<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) 1820 Census no male children under 10  
 Eliphalet <sup>5</sup> (Nathaniel <sup>4</sup>, Eliphlet<sup>3</sup>, Nathaniel<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) 1820 Census 1 male child under 10: Oren, Rufus  
 James B.<sup>5</sup> (Nathaniel <sup>4</sup>, Eliphlet<sup>3</sup>, Nathaniel<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) 1820 Census 3 male children under 10: James, Josiah, William  
 Joseph R.<sup>5</sup> (Nathaniel <sup>4</sup>, Eliphlet<sup>3</sup>, Nathaniel<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) 1820 Census 1 male child under 10: Joseph  
 Nathan N.<sup>5</sup> (Nathaniel <sup>4</sup>, Eliphlet<sup>3</sup>, Nathaniel<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) 1820 Census no male children under 10  
 Eliphalet <sup>5</sup> (Eliphalet <sup>4-3</sup>, Nathaniel<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) moved to Maine; 1820 Census 1 male child under 10: James Q., Asa  
 Jacob <sup>5</sup> (Eliphalet <sup>4-3</sup>, Nathaniel<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) no record in 1820 or 1830 census. Served in War of 1812, committed suicide in 1833. 2 sons identified by other records:  
     Josiah b. 1812 child of Jacob according to 2d marriage record  
     Thomas b. 1820 child of Jacob and Rachel according to death record  
 Joseph <sup>5</sup> (Eliphalet <sup>4-3</sup>, Nathaniel<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) 1830 Census 1 male 10-20: Jones  
 Joseph <sup>4</sup> (Joseph<sup>3-2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) 1820 Census 2 male under 10: Levi, Samuel  
 Richard <sup>4</sup> (Joseph<sup>3-2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) 1820 Census 1 male under 10: Jesse, George  
 Benjamin <sup>4</sup> (Joseph<sup>3-2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) moved to New York; 1820 Census 4 male under 10: Jonathan, Joseph, Isaac, \_\_\_\_\_; 1830 Census 2 male 10-14: Joseph, Isaac; 1 male 15-19: Jonathan  
 Amos <sup>4</sup> (Joseph<sup>3-2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) probate record 1816, widow married William Henry;

1820 Census 1 male under 10: Stephen  
Thomas <sup>4</sup> (Joseph<sup>3-2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) no further record after birth of daughter 1812  
John <sup>4</sup> (Joshua<sup>3</sup>, Joseph<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) 1820 Census no male child under 10  
Joshua <sup>4</sup> (Joshua<sup>3</sup>, Joseph<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) moved to Vermont; 1820 Census 2 male  
children under 10: Ira, Mitchell  
Currier <sup>4</sup> (Joshua<sup>3</sup>, Joseph<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) 1820 Census 3 male children under 10:  
Nathan, Russell, Currier

Of the above families, the three that could be possibilities are:

Jacob <sup>5</sup> (Eliphalet <sup>4-3</sup>, Nathaniel<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>)

Benjamin <sup>4</sup> (Joseph<sup>3-2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>)

Thomas <sup>4</sup> (Joseph<sup>3-2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>)

Looking at these three:

Thomas - no record beyond 1812. Perhaps he died or moved away.

Benjamin - could have had another son not yet identified. One son b. in  
Massachusetts about 1812-3, another son b. in New York 1815, yet  
another son b. at New York 1818. Those are fairly close age gaps. As  
they moved to Massachusetts by 1812-3 and from there in New York,  
it is unlikely that Lucien was of this family

Jacob - The family does not appear in census records. As the two known  
children were born in 1812 and 1820, there could have been another  
child born in between.

Of the possibilities, Jacob would appear to be the most likely candidate for  
a parent to Lucien. However, this is little more than a guess.