

## THE SEEKELLS OF SOUTHEASTERN NEW ENGLAND

### **Question:**

***Who were the parents of William Seekel who married Delena Pittsley at Freetown, Bristol County, Massachusetts, on 29 June 1829?***

### ***What do we know about this William Seekell?***

1. William Seekel and Polly Pittsley, both of Freetown, published their intentions to marry at Freetown on 12 January 1828.<sup>1</sup>
2. William Seekel and Delena Pittsley, both of Freetown, married there on 29 June 1829.<sup>2</sup>
3. William Sekell was reported in Freetown in the 1840 census. The household consisted of 1 female 30-39, 1 male 20-29, 2 females 5-9, and 2 females 0-4. William was engaged in agriculture.<sup>3</sup>
3. William W. Cekiel was reported in the 1850 Census in Fairhaven, Bristol County, age 40, fisherman, born in Massachusetts, with real estate valued at \$100. With him were:<sup>4</sup>
  - Delenia Cekiel, 46
  - Lucy A. Cekiel, 19
  - Lydia Cekiel, 17
  - Alice H. Cekiel, 13
  - Emeline Cekiel, 10
  - Ezekiel Cekiel, 8
  - William W. Cekiel, 4

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<sup>1</sup>Freetown, Bristol County, Massachusetts, Town Clerk Jay and Delene Holbrook, "Massachusetts Vital and Town Records", "Freetown, Massachusetts, Vital Records," digital images, *Ancestry* (ancestry.com : accessed 27 August 2020), Marriage Intentions, p. 229.

<sup>2</sup>Freetown, Massachusetts, Vital Records," digital images, *Ancestry*, Marriages, 1686-1844, p. 125.

<sup>3</sup>Sixth Census of the United States: 1840, , population, Freetown, Bristol County, Massachusetts, roll 177, p. 277, William Sekell; digital images, *Ancestry* (ancestry.com : accessed 29 September 2020); NARA microfilm publication M704, Record Group 29. National Archives, Washington, D.C.

<sup>4</sup>Seventh Census of the United States: 1850, , population, Fairhaven, Bristol County, Massachusetts, roll 308, p. 181B, household 358, William W. Cekiel family; digital images, *Ancestry* (ancestry.com : accessed 28 August 2020); NARA Microfilm Publication M432; Record Group 29; National Archives, Washington, D.C.

- Thomas R. Cekiel, 2

4. William Seekel was reported in the 1855 Massachusetts State Census at Fairhaven, age 45, laborer: his household included:<sup>5</sup>

- Seekel, Delina, 54
- Seekel, Emeline, 15
- Seekel, Ezekiel, 13
- Seekel, William, 10
- Seekel, Thomas 6

5. I cannot find William or Delina Seekell in the 1860 Census, which reported the following family in Fairhaven:<sup>6</sup>

- Joseph Chace, 44, farmer
- Lucy Ann Chace, 30
- Elijah Pittsley, 77, farmer
- Rebecca Pittsley, 82
- Ezekiel Sekill, 18, mariner
- Wm. W. Sekill, 14
- Thomas R. Sekill, 11

Lucy Ann was the daughter of William and Delina; Elijah and Rebecca were the parents of Delina.

6. The 1865 Massachusetts State Census reported the following household in Fairhaven:<sup>7</sup>

- Sekell, Delany, 64, widow
- Sekell, Ezekiel, 24, single, U.S. Navy
- Sekell, William W., 20 single, U.S. Navy

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<sup>5</sup>1855 Massachusetts State Census, , population, Fairhaven, Bristol County, Massachusetts, v. 5, p. 231, household 118, William Seekil family; digital images, *American Ancestors* (americanancestors.org : accessed 29 August 2020); Massachusetts State Archives, Boston, Massachusetts.

<sup>6</sup>Eighth Census of the United States: 1860, , population, Fairhaven, Bristol County, Massachusetts, p. 355, household 18, Joseph Chace family; digital images, *Ancestry* (ancestry.com : accessed 15 September 2020); NARA microfilm publication M653; Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration.

<sup>7</sup>1865 Massachusetts State Census, , population, Fairhaven, Bristol County, Massachusetts, v. 5, p. 212, household 75, Delany Sekeell family; digital images, *American Ancestors* (americanancestors.org : accessed 15 September 2020); Massachusetts State Archives, Boston, Massachusetts.

- Sekell, Thomas R., 17 single U.S. Navy
- Chase, Lucy A. ,33 widow
- Pittsley, Rebecca, 87, widow

These records suggest that William Seekell was living in 1855 and had died by 1865.

7. William W. Seekell purchased a lot of land on Sconticut Neck Road, Fairhaven, on 22 November 1855, and sold (perhaps mortgaged) the property on 7 March 1870.<sup>8</sup> This presents a problem. If Delany was a widow in the census of 1 May 1865, the William W. Seekell involved in this land transfer must have been the son William W. Seekell, who was only nineteen years old when he acquired the property.

7. According to the death record of the younger William Seekell, in 1900, his father, William W., was born in Middleboro, Plymouth County, Massachusetts, and his mother Delany (Pittsley) was born in Freetown.<sup>9</sup>

*Summary:* We have very little information on William W. Seekell. He was probably born in Middleboro about 1809-10. He lived in Freetown where he farmed, and in Fairhaven, where he worked as a fisherman and a laborer. He died some time between 1855 and 1865.

***Can we identify any Seekell families in Middleboro about 1810 who could possibly be William's parents?***

The census indexes at ancestry.com for 1810 and 1820 do not report anyone with the surname Seekell or Seekins.

***Can we identify the parents of William Seekell by tracing all of the Seekell families of Southeastern Massachusetts?***

Tracing Seekell ancestry is complicated by the variety of spellings of the name, which can be summarized as follows:

Initial consonant sound	usually S, rarely Sc, C or Z
First vowel sound	ee, e, i, or ea. Some indexes have u, which I believe to be a misreading of ee

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<sup>8</sup>New Bedford, Ma., Bristol County (South District) Registry of Deeds, v. 66, p. 296.

<sup>9</sup>Massachusetts Archives, "Vital Records of Massachusetts, 1841-1910," digital images, *American Ancestors* (americanancestors.org : accessed 23 August 2020), v. 504, p. 194, e. 88; Deaths, Fairhaven, 1900.

Middle consonant sound	<i>k, kk, or ck</i>
Second vowel sound	<i>e, i, ie or a</i>
Final consonant sound	<i>ll, l, ns, ngs, rarely ms</i>

The names *Seekell* and *Seekins* are often treated by genealogists as two distinct names. However, the cases where the same person is called *Seekell* and *Seekins* in different records are too numerous to discount. The earliest records use *Seekins*, and a branch of the family that moved to Maine<sup>10</sup> uses *Seekins*, but *Seekell* is the form of the name that became standard in southeastern Massachusetts.

This family should not be confused with the *Van Sickle* family (sometimes the *Van* is dropped) of Dutch origin, or with the *Segall/Seagall* family of Ashkenazi origin. Nor should it be confused with the family of George David Seckel, of German origin, who arrived in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in 1739.<sup>11</sup> There could be a connection to the American Indian family of southeastern Massachusetts, with the surname *Sachamus*, *Sochenus* or with other variant spellings. I have not been able to make a connection.

The earliest reference to a *Seekins* in southeastern Massachusetts is in a history of Middleboro, written in 1794:<sup>12</sup>

*Ketehiquut (or Titicut) mentioned as a place of praying Indians, is in this precinct. A baptist church was formed among them; and Nehemiah, Abel, Thomas Sekins, Thomas Felix, and John Symonds, are mentioned as teachers among them. When I came into this place in 1747, John Symonds was minister of*

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<sup>10</sup>Brenda J. Seekins, "Descendants of Aaron Seekins," *The Maine Seekins Homepage*, accessed 20 September 2020, updated 25 July 2014. [genealogy.com/ftm/s/e/e/Brenda-J-Seekins/GENE2-0001.html](http://genealogy.com/ftm/s/e/e/Brenda-J-Seekins/GENE2-0001.html)

<sup>11</sup>J. Granville Leach, "The Record of Some Resident in the Vicinity of Middle Ferry, Philadelphia, During the Latter Half of the Eighteenth Century," *Pennsylvania Genealogy Magazine*, v. 9, pp. 60-66 (full article pp. 38-73).

<sup>12</sup>Isaac Backus, "An Historical Account of Middleborough: in the County of Plymouth," *Collections of the Massachusetts Historical Society*, series 1, v. 3 (1794): p. 150.

*that church . . .*

The Titicut Church (which was Congregational, not Baptist) was organized in 1674, but may have been a place of worship before it was organized. So this article places Thomas Seekins at Titicut some time between 1674 and 1747. It is not clear if Thomas was Indian or English. I find no other reference to this Thomas Seekins.

The next records we find are three marriage records:

1708, November 21	Bridgewater, Plymouth County	Isaac Runels + Dorothy Seeker of Middleboro <sup>13</sup>
1717, November 7	Middleboro	Moses Seekens of Middleboro : & Damaris Thrasher of Taunton (Bristol County) <sup>14</sup>
1724/5, January 12	Middleboro	Aaron Seekins and Lydia Hayford : both of the town of Middleborough <sup>15</sup>

Moses Sekel is of record in Bristol County Court in March 1737/8 when Job Caswell sued Moses Sekel of Taunton for failing to deliver 3500 shingles to him at Newport (Newport County, Rhode Island).<sup>16</sup>

Aaron Seekins is of record when he purchased land in Middleboro on 31 July 1724, sold half of this land on 17 August 1725, and sold more of

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<sup>13</sup>*Vital Records of Bridgewater, Massachusetts: to the Year 1850* (Boston, Massachusetts: New England Historic Genealogical Society, 1916), v. 2, p. 333.

<sup>14</sup>Barbara Lambert Merrick and Alicia Crane Williams, *Middleborough, Massachusetts, Vital Records* (Boston, Massachusetts: Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants, 1986), v. 1, p. 25.

<sup>15</sup>*Middleborough, Massachusetts, Vital Records*, v. 1, p. 27.

<sup>16</sup>George Freeman Sanborn Jr., "Thomas Caswell of Taunton and His descendants," *Mayflower Descendant*, v. 35-40 (1985-90): v. 38, p. 125.

this property on 25 April 1737.<sup>17</sup>

The next information on this family is a series of marriage records for persons who *could be* children of Moses or Aaron:

1746, April 17	Middleboro	Aaron Seekins + Hannah Westcoat, Jr., both of Middleboro <sup>18</sup>
1754, June 6	Taunton	Robert Sekin + Abigail Townsend, both of Taunton <sup>19</sup>
1759, February 9	Taunton	Silas Sekin; Mary Ferguson, both of Taunton <sup>20</sup>
1760, April 10	Taunton	Joshua Sekin of Taunton + Sibile Makepeace of Raynham (Bristol County) <sup>21</sup>

In addition, there was a Moses Sekell reported in the 1790 Census in Taunton (1 male over 16 and 1 female),<sup>22</sup> and a Moses Seakings who died at Taunton on 6 May 1803, one of the “towns poor.”<sup>23</sup> These could be the same person.

Any of these five men could be a son of either Moses (m. 1717) or

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<sup>17</sup>Plymouth County, Massachusetts, Land Records, v. 31:p. 62; v. 32: pp. 55-56; Plymouth County Registry of Deeds, Plymouth, Plymouth Co., MA (familysearch.org).

<sup>18</sup>*Middleborough, Massachusetts, Vital Records*, v. 1, p. 103.

<sup>19</sup>*Vital Records of Taunton, Massachusetts: to the Year 1850* (Boston, Massachusetts: New England Historic Genealogical Society, 1929), v. 2, p. 426.

<sup>20</sup>*Ibid.*

<sup>21</sup>*Ibid.*

<sup>22</sup>First Census of the United States: 1790, , population, Taunton, Bristol County, Massachusetts, roll 4, p. 623, Moses Sekell; digital images, *Ancestry* (ancestry.com : accessed 27 August 2020); NARA microfilm publication M637; Record Group 29. National Archives, Washington, D.C.

<sup>23</sup>*Vital Records of Taunton, Massachusetts*, v. 3, p. 180.

Aaron (m. 1724/5). I have not been able to make a connection. The Seekins Genealogy places Aaron and Robert as children of the first Aaron. By default I could place Silas, Joshua and Moses as *possibly* the children of the first Moses.

For the next generation I find the following marriage records:

1771, March 3	Dartmouth. Bristol County	Sarah Seekins + Ezra Gonsay (on marriage intentions she is called Mary Sceakins) <sup>24</sup>
1771, May 3 (intentions)	Plymouth, Plymouth County	Aaron Sekins and Tabitha Raymond, both of Plymouth <sup>25</sup>
1774, October 13	Berkley, Bristol County	John Seekel of Taunton and Phebe Briggs of Berkley <sup>26</sup>
1775, July 2	Dartmouth	Lydia Seekings and Timothy Jenne both of Dartmouth <sup>27</sup>
1776, January 15	Middleboro	Elijah Caswell of Middleboro and Mrs. Marcy Seekens of Raynham <sup>28</sup> (marriage took place in Bristol county according to Middleboro record)
1776, June 20	Berkley	Moses Seekel of Taunton and Hannah Briggs of Berkely <sup>29</sup>
1778, March 6 (intentions)	Dartmouth	Mary Seekins and Noah Ball, both

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<sup>24</sup>*Vital Records of Dartmouth, Massachusetts: to the Year 1850* (Boston, Massachusetts: New England Historic Genealogical Society, 1930), v. 2, p. 418 (church record, Church of Christ, First Congregational of Dartmouth).

<sup>25</sup>Lee D. van Antwerp, *Vital Records of Plymouth, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* (Camden, Maine: Picton Press, 1993), p. 259.

<sup>26</sup>*Vital Records of Taunton, Massachusetts*, v. 2, p. 425.

<sup>27</sup>*Vital Records of Dartmouth, Massachusetts*, v. 2, p. 418.

<sup>28</sup>*Middleborough, Massachusetts, Vital Records*, v. 2, p. 133.

<sup>29</sup>*Vital Records of Taunton, Massachusetts*, v. 2, p. 425.

1779, February 3	Rehoboth, Bristol County	of Dartmouth <sup>30</sup> James Sekin [Seekings on intentions] of Taunton and Hannah Lamberth of Rehoboth <sup>31</sup>
1781, January 15	Rehoboth	Olive Goff and Thankful Seakins <sup>32</sup>
1781, September 6	Taunton	Abner Dean, Jr., and Miss Hannah Seekens both of Taunton <sup>33</sup>
1783, June 5	Taunton	Joshua Lincoln and Elizabeth Seekins both of Taunton <sup>34</sup>
1783, October 24 (intentions)	Pelham, Hampshire County, Massachusetts	Abner Ramsdell and Susanna Sekiel <sup>35</sup>
1785, December 22	Freetown	Ephraim Braley and Margaret Seekins <sup>36</sup>
1786, February 9	Freetown	Job Seekell and Hepsibath Clark both of Taunton <sup>37</sup>
1787, February 2	Berkley	Silas Seekell, Jr., of Taunton, and Jerusha Briggs of Berkley (a private record calls hin Silas

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<sup>30</sup>*Vital Records of Dartmouth, Massachusetts*, v. 2, p. 418.

<sup>31</sup>*Vital Records of Taunton, Massachusetts*, v. 2, p. 426 (church record, Lakeville and Taunton Precinct Congregational Church).

<sup>32</sup>James N. Arnold ed., *Vital Record of Rehoboth, 1642-1896* (Providence, RI: Narragansett Historical Publishing Co., 1897), p. 335.

<sup>33</sup>*Vital Records of Taunton, Massachusetts*, v. 2, p. 426 (church record, Lakeville and Taunton Precinct Congregational Church).

<sup>34</sup>*Ibid.*

<sup>35</sup>*Vital Records of Pelham, Massachusetts: to the Year 1850* (Boston: New England Historic Genealogical Society, 1901), p. 142.

<sup>36</sup>“Freetown, Massachusetts, Vital Records," Marriages, 1686-1844, p. 125.

<sup>37</sup>*Vital Records of Taunton, Massachusetts*, v. 2, p. 425.



Seekin, Jr.)<sup>38</sup>

Others, without marriage records, who probably belong to this generation:

Abiathar Seekell, born at Taunton on 28 November 1762, died 24 September 1835; in Canterbury, Windham County, Connecticut in the 1800 Census, Seneca County, New York in 1820 and 1830 censuses and buried there.<sup>39</sup>

Caleb Sekel, in Dartmouth in the 1800 Census, age between 26 and 44 (therefore born between 1755 and 1775) (1 male and 1 female between 26 and 44, 2 females under 10).<sup>40</sup>

Martin Seekins in Thetford, Orange County, Vermont, in the 1790 Census, Strafford, Orange County, in the 1800 Census (1 male and 1 female between 26 and 44, 1 female 16-25, 1 female 10-15, 3 males and 3 females under 10).<sup>41</sup>

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<sup>38</sup>*Vital Records of Taunton, Massachusetts*, v. 2, p. 426.

<sup>39</sup>Commonwealth of Massachusetts Office of the Secretary, *Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors in the Revolutionary War* (Boston: Wright L. Potter, 1902), v. 13, p. 969. Traver Cemetery, Seneca Falls, Seneca County, New York, *Find a Grave*, digital images (findagrave.com : database 24 September 2020), Abiathar Seekell; Created by: D. Zimmerman. Second Census of the United States: 1800, population, Canterbury, Windham County, Connecticut, roll 2, p. 698, Abiathar Seekell; digital images, *Ancestry* (ancestry.com : accessed 28 August 2020); NARA microfilm publication M32; Record Group 29. National Archives, Washington, D.C. Fourth Census of the United States: 1820, population, Junius, Seneca County, New York, roll 75, p. 390, Abiathar Seckle; digital images, *Ancestry* (ancestry.com : accessed ); NARA microfilm publication M33, Record Group 29. National Archives, Washington, D.C. Fifth Census of the United States: 1830, population, Seneca Falls, Seneca County, New York, roll 109, p. 27, Abiathar Seckell; digital images, *Ancestry* (ancestry.com : accessed 28 August 2020); NARA microfilm publication M19; Record Group 29. National Archives, Washington, D.C.

<sup>40</sup>1800 Census, Population, Dartmouth, Bristol County, Massachusetts, roll 19, p. 650, Caleb Seekell.

<sup>41</sup>1790 Census, population, Thetford, Orange County, Vermont, roll 12, p. 90, Martin Seekins. 1800 Census, Population, Strafford, Orange County, Vermont, roll 51, p. 571, Martin

Paul Seekins, died at Barton, Orleans County, Vermont, on 1810.<sup>42</sup>

The Seekins genealogy lists Aaron, Mary, Caleb, Lydia, Martin and Paul as children of Aaron and Hannah Seekins; and Mercy, James, Thankful and Elizabeth as children of Robert and Abigail Seekins.

Of the males of this generation who could have carried on the Seekell/Seekins surname:

Aaron moved to Maine by way of Vermont

John resided in Taunton and had children

Moses resided in Taunton and had children

James resided in Taunton in the 1800 Census, no children at home at that time.

Job resided in Taunton and had children

Silas, Jr., reported in Ashfield, Hampshire County, in the 1810 Census, which reported children in the household

Abiathar settled in Seneca County, New York, and had children

Caleb resided in Dartmouth at the time of the 1800 Census, with 2 children in the household

Martin lived in Vermont and had children

Paul lived in Vermont and had a child.

***Our William Seekell could be a child or grandchild of one of the nine Seekell/ Seekins men of this generation known to have children.***

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## AARON SEEKINS

**AARON<sup>3</sup> SEEKINS** (*Aaron<sup>2-1</sup>*) was born about 1750, a child of Aaron Seekins and Hannah Westcoat, and died before 1840 at Swanville, Waldo County, Maine. He married, after they published their intentions to marry at Plymouth on 3 May 1771 **TABITHA RAYMOND**, born on 1771, and died

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<sup>42</sup>Seekins, "Descendants of Aaron Seekins," generation 3.

before 1830 at Swanville.<sup>43</sup>

Aaron Seekins grew up in Middleboro. He migrated to Strafford where he was reported in the 1790 Census, then to Sharon, Windsor County, Vermont, where he was reported in the 1800 Census. In the 1820 and 1830 censuses they lived at Swanville.<sup>44</sup>

Aaron and Tabitha had the following children:

1. **JOHN SEEKINS**<sup>45</sup> b. between 1775 and 1785, m. at Sharon on 2 July 1794 **NANCY PIGSLEY**. living in Sharon in the 1800 Census. Children:
  - a. **John Seekins, Jr.** b. at Sharon on 15 January 1795, d. on 1884, m. at Bethany, Genesee County, New York, on 23 March 1817 **Bathsheba Judd** b. at Vermont on 1795, d. on 1872.
  - b. **Daniel Seekins** b. at Sharon on 4 September 1796.
  - c. **Ezekiel Seekins** b. at Strafford on 7 July 1798, d. at Leon, Chautauqua County, New York on 10 October 1865; m. **Sylvia Judd**, b. at Middlebury, Genesee County, on 1 January 1803.
2. **EZEKIEL SEEKINS**<sup>46</sup> b. between 1776 and 1784; m. (intentions published at

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<sup>43</sup>Seekins, Brenda J. "Descendants of Aaron Seekins." *Vital Records of Plymouth, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850*, p. 259.

<sup>44</sup>1790 Census, population, Thetford, Orange County, Vermont, roll 12, p. 84, Aaron Seekins. 1800 Census, Population, Sharon, Windsor County, Vermont, roll 52, p. 415, Aaron Seeken. 1820 Census, population, Swanville, Hancock County, Maine, roll 34, p. 528, Aaron Sekins. 1830 Census, population, Swanville, Waldo County, Maine, roll 50, p. 324, Aaron Seepings.

<sup>45</sup>Information on the John Seekens family is from: Seekins, "Descendants of Aaron Seekins," generation 4. Vermont State Archives and Records Administration, Vermont Births, Marriages and Deaths to 2008, no. 3935, Marriage: Seakins-Pigsley, 1794; no. 3950, Births: John Seekins, Jr., 1795. no. 3949, Births: Daniel Seekins, 1796. digital images of index cards, New England Historical and Genealogical Society, *American Ancestors* (americanancestors.org : accessed 27 August 2020).

<sup>46</sup>Information on Ezekiel Seekins family is from: Seekins, "Descendants of Aaron Seekins," generation 3. Third Census of the United States: 1810, population, Plymouth, Plymouth County, Massachusetts, roll 21, p. 141, Ezekiel Sechins; digital images, *Ancestry* (ancestry.com : accessed 28 August 2020); NARA microfilm publication M252; Record Group 29. National Archives, Washington, D.C. 1820 Census, population, Freetown, Bristol County, Massachusetts, roll 47, p. 404, Ezekiel Seekings. *Vital Records of Plymouth, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850*, p. 287. "Vital Records of Massachusetts, 1841-1910," v. 129, p. 79, e. 32; Deaths

- Plymouth on 18 July 1798) **ANNA RAYMOND**. They lived in Plymouth in 1810, in Freetown in 1820.
- a. **Isaac R. Seekins** b. at Plymouth about 1804-5, d. at New Bedford, Bristol County, on 7 February 1859; m. at Freetown on 24 September 1827 **Sarah Braley** b. at Freetown about October-November 1808, d. at Fairhaven on 8 July 1877.
  - b. **Harvey H. Seekell** b. at Plymouth about 1808-9, d. at New Bedford on 13 April 1854; m. at New Bedford on 29 May 1832 **Hannah Raymond** b. at New Bedford about December 1811-January 1812, d. at New Bedford (as Mrs. Joseph Nash) on 6 May 1898.
  - c. **Herman Seekell** b. at Freetown about 1809-10, d. at New Bedford on 24 September 1859; m. at Freetown on 13 December 1852 **Charity Haskell** b. at Freetown about 1806-7, d. there on 29 December 1880
  - d. **Henry Seekell** b. at Plymouth about 1817-8, d. at New Bedford on 26 November 1861; m. **Hannah** \_\_\_\_\_.
  - e. **Lucy Ann Seekell** b. at Massachusetts about 1818-9; m. on 9 May 1840 **Peter Bennett** b. at France about 1807-8.
3. **BENJAMIN SEEKINS**<sup>47</sup> b. at Freetown on 15 October 1779, d. at Enfield, Penobscot County, Maine, on 15 May 1856; m. at Belfast, Waldo County, on 11 January 1807 **ABIGAIL TYLER**. Children:
- a. **Ruel Seekins** b. about 1808
  - b. (daughter) **Seekins** b. about 1809
  - c. **Martha Seekind** b. about 1811.
  - d. **Mary Seekins** b. about 1812
  - e. **John Seekins** b. at Strafford on 1815; m. about 1840 **Elizabeth Trash**
  - f. (daughter) **Seekins** b. on 1817
  - g. **Sally Seekins** b. on 1819

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New Bedford 1859; Isaac Seekins; v. 292, p. 116, e. 203; Deaths, New Bedford, 1877; v. 84, p. 78, e. 100; Deaths, New Bedford, 1854; 481, p. 290, e. 409; Deaths New Bedford 1898; Hannah Nash; v. 60, p. 78, e. 16; Marriages, Freetown, 1852; v. 129, p. 86, e. 324; Deaths, New Bedford, 1859; v. 319, p. 121, e. 25; Deaths, Freetown, 1880; v. 147, p. 126, e. 44; New Bedford Deaths 1861 Henry Seekell. "Freetown, Massachusetts, Vital Records," Marriages, 1686-1844, p. 125. *Vital Records of New Bedford, Massachusetts: to the year 1850* (Boston, Massachusetts: New England Historic Genealogical Society, 1932, 1932, 1941), v. 2, p. 470. 1850 Census, population, New Bedford, Bristol County, Massachusetts, roll 309, p. 319A, household 1752, Henry Seekell family.

<sup>47</sup>Information on the Benjamin Seekins family is from: Seekins, "Descendants of Aaron Seekins," generation 4.

4. **WILLIAM SEEKINS**<sup>48</sup> b. at Strafford on 1780; m. at Windsor, Kennebec County, Maine, on 1808 **LYDIA HALLOWELL**. Children:
- a. **Lucy Seekins** b. at Windsor on 13 April 1809
  - b. **Nancy Seekins** b. at Windsor on 22 June 1810
  - c. **William Seekins, Jr.** b. at Windsor on 15 June 1811, d. there on 28 December 1856; m. there on 28 October 1832 **Hannah Scates** b. at Berwick, York County, Maine, on 2 August 1814, d. at Windsor on 8 March 1911.
  - d. **Hannah Seekins** b. on 1812; m. on 23 December 1839 **Samuel Ward**
  - e. **Margaret Seekins** b. on 1816; m. **Samuel Ward** (who married Hannah after Margaret's death.
  - f. **Sarah Seekins** b. on 1819
  - g. **Charles Seekins** b. about 1825, d. about 1881.
5. **JOSIAH SEEKINS**<sup>49</sup> b. at Freetown on 1786, d. at Swanville on 1878; m(1). at Augusta, Kennebec County, on 19 March 1803 **SARAH SMITH** d. about 1820; Josiah m(2). at Swanville on 16 July 1829 **ADELIA KNOWLTON** b. on 14 July 1804, d. at Swanville before 1870. Children of Josiah and Sarah:
- a. **John Seekins** b. on 1803, d. on October 1873; m(1). On 1823 **Maria Knowlton** b. on 1802; John m(2). On 1867 **Nancy** \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. **Jane Seekins** b. about 1805, d. about 1824.
  - c. **Alice Seekins** b. on 1807; m. on 25 October 1826 **Seth Robbins**.
  - d. **Martha Ann Seekins** b. about 1808; m. on 12 June 1828 **Jonathan Crowell Nickerson**.
  - e. **Lois Seekins** m. at Swanville on 17 October 1839 **Moses Curtis**.
  - f. **Mary Seekins** b. about 1811; m. on 16 September 1830 **Charles Bragdon**.
  - g. **Sarah Seekins** b. on 1812, d. about 1831-2.
  - h. **Reuel Seekins** b. on 1812; m(1). **Lorena** \_\_\_\_\_; Reuel m(2). **Diana Seekins**.
  - i. **Josiah Seekins** b. at Swanville on April 1813, d. there on 7 November 1875; m(1). **Mary E.** \_\_\_\_\_; Josiah m(2) at Waldo County on 1838 **Julia Ann Curtis** b. on 1821, d. at Swanville on 27 April 1862; Josiah m(3) on 30 July 1866 **Sally (Knowlton) Peavey** b. at Waldo, Waldo County, on 1832, d. at Swanville on 25 August 1871.

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<sup>48</sup>*Ibid*

<sup>49</sup>Information on the Josiah Seekins family is from: Seekins, "Descendants of Aaron Seekins," generation 4. Maine State Board of Health, Division of Vital Statistic "Maine Vital Records, 1670-1921," digital images of cards, *Family Search* (familysearch.org : accessed 22 September 2020), Deaths 1902; Aaron Seekins; Deaths 1904; Isaac B. Seekins; Deaths 1918; Elizabeth. Seekins; Deaths 1913; William Seekins.

- j. **Abigail Seekins** b. about 1815, d. before 1866; m. about 1833 **John K. Curtis**.
- k. **Lucy Seekins** b. on 1818, d. on 25 November 1855; m. **Moses Curtis** (who had previously been married to Lois Seekins).  
Children of Josiah and Adelia:
  - l. **Elijah Seekins**
  - m. **Enoch Seekins**
  - n. **Aaron Seekins** b. on February 1819, d. at Belfast on 4 September 1902; m(1). On 19 September 1846 **Phebe Ann Elwell**; Aaron m(2). before 1850 **Lydia** \_\_\_\_\_ b. on 1815.
  - o. **Isaac B. Seekins** b. at Swanville on 15 February 1828, d. there on 4 December 1904; m(1). at Swanville on 1851 **Eliza A. Jackson** b. on 1834, d. at Swanville on 10 May 1872; Isaac m(2), **Elizabeth May West** b. at Searsport, Waldo County, on 12 July 1837, d. at Swanville on January 1918.
  - p. **William Seekins** b. at Swanville on June 1833, d. there on 23 April 1913; m(1). **Ella N.** \_\_\_\_\_; William m(2). **Eliza Seekins**; William m(3). **Nora Rolerson**.
  - q. **Andrew J. Seekins** b. on 1836.
  - r. **Oren Seekins** b. at Swanville on 1842, d. about 1862.
  - s. **David Seekins** b. at Swanville on October 1843, d. there on 31 January 1923; m. there on 1868 **Abigail Seekins** b. about 1842, d. at Swanville on 1 May 1881.
  - t. **Nathan Seekins** b. at Swanville on 1845, d. there on 25 November 1878.
- 6. **THOMAS SEEKINS**<sup>50</sup> b. at Strafford on 1788; m. at Windsor County on 1811 **PHILO MATTHEWS** b. at Lowell, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, d. on 1842. Children:
  - a. **Milo Seekins** b. at Bethany on 12 December 1812, d. at Nunda, Livingston County, New York, on 8 November 1877; m. on 12 September 1836 **Phebe Jane Mills** d. 7 January 1888.
  - b. **Miranda Seekins** b. about 1813.
  - c. **Lucinda Seekins** b. about 1814, m. **Enos Morgan**
  - d. **Maria Seekins** b. about 1815; m. **Ambrose McCulloch**
  - e. **Erastus Seekins** b. about 1816
  - f. **Hiram Seekins** b. about 1818
  - g. **Julia Ann Seekins** b. about 1820, d. 1902; m. **Warren Streeter**
  - h. **Eli Seekins** b. about 1823
  - i. **Mary Seekins** b. about 1825, m. **Edd Streeter**
  - j. **Henry Seekins** b. on 1827; m(1). **Mary McKinley** d. 1860; Henry m(2).

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<sup>50</sup>Information on the Thomas Seekins family is from: Seekins, "Descendants of Aaron Seekins," generation 4.

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k. **Josiah Seekins** b. on 18 August 1829, d. on 8 November 1913; m.  
**Sarah Smith**

l. **James Seekins** b. on 1830; m. **Synthia Bentley**  
m. **Eliza Seekins** b. on 1831.

7. **CHARLES SEEKINS**<sup>51</sup> b. at Strafford on 1792; m. about 1820 **HELEN**  
\_\_\_\_\_ b. at Vermont on 1794. Children:  
a. **Samuel Seekins** b, on 1827  
b. **Orange T. Seekins** b. on 1832
8. **HEBER T. SEEKINS**<sup>52</sup> b. at Strafford on 1794, d. after 1873; m(1). at Bethany  
on 1815 **LOIS** \_\_\_\_\_ d. at Elyria, Lorain County, Ohio, on 29 August  
1836; Heber m(2). at Elyria on 1837 **MARIE** \_\_\_\_\_ b. at New York on  
1801, d. at Columbia Township, Lorain County, on 8 February 1873.  
Children of Heber and Lois:  
a. **Ira Seekins** b. at Bethany on 1816, d. on 24 February 1883; m. at  
Elyria on 22 September 1836 **Arvilla Griffith** b. at New York on  
1819, d. on 1881.  
b. **Mary Ann Seekins** b. at Bethany on 1817; m. at Elyria on 20 January  
1836 **Elijah Northrup**  
c. (daughter) **Seekins** b. on 1819  
d. **Eliza Seekins** b. on 1822; m. at Elyria on 20 March 1839 **Thomas**  
**Child** d. before 1880  
e. (daughter) **Seekins** b. about 1825  
f. **Heber Gilbert Seekins, Jr.** b. at Elyria on 1831, d. before 1870; m. at  
Elyria on 21 May 1859 **Nellie Louise Kent** b. at Elyria on 1841, d.  
on 20 June 1920  
g. **Louisa Seekins** b. on 1833; m. on 20 January 1853 **Frederick H.**  
**Hitchcock.**
9. (Girl) **SEEKINS** b. at Strafford on 1796.<sup>53</sup>
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**JOHN SEEKELL**

**JOHN**<sup>3</sup> **SEEKELL** (*perhaps Silas*<sup>2</sup>, *perhaps Moses*<sup>1</sup>) died before 11  
April 1783 (probate record). He married at Berkley on 13 October 1774

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<sup>51</sup>*Ibid.*

<sup>52</sup>*Ibid.*

<sup>53</sup>*Ibid.*

## **PHEBE BRIGGS.**<sup>54</sup>

John and Phebe had the following children:

1. **JOHN SEEKELL**<sup>55</sup> b. at Taunton on 3 August 1777, d. there on 31 May 1866; m(1). there on 20 December 1799 **POLLY DOUGLAS** b. about 1783-4, d. at Taunton on 20 January 1807; John m(2). Before 1809 **SARAH SEEKELL**, b. at Taunton on 26 April 1786, daughter of Job and Hepzibah (Clark) Seekell, d. at Taunton on 7 August 1865..
  - a. **Phebe Seekell** b. at Massachusetts about 1801-2, d. at Taunton on 19 January 1838; m. at Middleboro on 17 June 1821 [Apollos Seekell](#), born at Taunton on 7 June 1798, a son of Job Seekell and Hepzibah Clark, d. on 28 January 1880
  - b. **Polly Seekell** b. on 5 November 1803, d. at Taunton on 20 March 1806.

Children of John and Sarah:

- c. **Polly Seekell** b. at Taunton on 20 November 1809; m. there on 4 October 1832 **William Clark**
- d. **John Seekell, Jr.** b. at Taunton on 23 May 1811, d. there on 25 January 1880; m. there on 4 October 1832 **Almira Snow** b. at Taunton on 28 March 1812, d. there on 25 September 1892.
- e. **Lavina Seekell** b. at Taunton on 29 January 1813; m. there on 1 December 1836 **Thomas Terry, Jr.**
- f. **Lydia Seekell** b. at Taunton on 13 April 1814; m. there on 14 November 1833 **Apollos Anthony**
- g. **Levi Mccollister Seekell** b. at Taunton on 11 August 1822, d. at Providence, Providence County, Rhode Island, on 16 July 1845.

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<sup>54</sup>Bristol County, Massachusetts, Probate case files, Lavina Seekell, Taunton, 1787; digital images, New England Historic Genealogical Society, *American Ancestors* (americanancestors.org: accessed 6 September 2017); file 22528. *Vital Records of Taunton, Massachusetts*, v. 2, p. 425.

<sup>55</sup>Information on the John Seekell family is from: *Vital Records of Taunton, Massachusetts*, v. 1, p. 381 (gravestone record, Staples Street Burying Ground); v. 2, p. 425; v. 3, p. 181 (gravestone record, Staples Street Burying Ground); v. 1, p. 381; v. 2, p. 425 (church record, Lakeville and Taunton Precinct Congregational Church); v. 1, p. 381 (grave stone record, Mayflower Hill Cemetery); v. 2, p. 425. "Vital Records of Massachusetts, 1841-1910," v. 192, p. 122, e. 67; Deaths, Taunton, 1866; v. 319, p. 146, e. 17; Deaths, Taunton, 1880 v. 427, p. 284, e. 501; Deaths, Taunton, 1892. *Middleborough, Massachusetts, Vital Records*, v. 2, pp. 291,294. Edwin M. Snow and Charles V. Chapin, *Births, Marriages and Deaths, Recorded in Providence* (Providence, Rhode Island: Sidney S. Rider; Snow & Farnham Co., 1880–1908), v. 1 , p. 552.



2. **DIADEMA SEEKELL**<sup>56</sup>.
  3. **LAVINA SEEKELL**<sup>57</sup>
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## **MOSES SEKELL**

**MOSES SEKELL** (*perhaps Moses*<sup>2-3</sup>) was born about 1752-3. He died at Taunton on 22 July 1825. He married at Berkley on 20 June 1776 **HANNAH BRIGGS**, who was born about 1752-3 and died at Middleboro on 18 September 1841.<sup>58</sup>

Moses Seekell was reported in Taunton in every census from 1790 to 1820. The 1840 Census reported a female aged 80-89 as part of the household of Moses Seekell, Jr., their son, in Middleboro, which could be Hannah.<sup>59</sup>

Moses and Hannah had the following children:

1. **JAMES SEEKEL** b. at Taunton about 1783-4, d. there on 26 July 1869, single.<sup>60</sup>

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<sup>56</sup>Bristol County, Massachusetts, Diadama John, Lavina Seekell, Taunton, 1787.

<sup>57</sup>*Ibid*

<sup>58</sup>"Died," Death notices, *New Bedford (Massachusetts) Mercury*, 25 August 1825; *Genealogy Bank* (genealogybank.com : accessed 10 October 2020). v, 19, issue 4, p. 3. *Vital Records of Taunton, Massachusetts*, v. 2, p. 425. Middleboro, Massachusetts, Town Clerk, Holbrook Research Institute (Jay and Delene Holbrook), "Massachusetts Vital and Town Records," Births, Marriages and Death, p. 17; digital images, *Ancestry* (ancestry.com : accessed 30 September 2020).

<sup>59</sup>1790 Census, population, Taunton, Bristol County, Massachusetts, roll 4, p. 623, Moses Sekell Jr. 1800 Census, Population, Taunton, Bristol County, Massachusetts, roll 19, p. 573, Moses Seekell Jr. 1810 Census, population, Taunton, Bristol County, Massachusetts, roll 17, p. 383, Moses Seekins. 1820 Census, population, Taunton, Bristol County, Massachusetts, roll 47, p. 281, Moses Seekell. 1840 Census, population, Middleboro, Plymouth County, Massachusetts, roll 194, p. 68, Moses Seekell.

<sup>60</sup>"Vital Records of Massachusetts, 1841-1910," v. 220, p. 147, e. 79; Deaths, Taunton, 1869.

2. **JOSHUA SEEKEL**<sup>61</sup> b. at Taunton on 21 August 1874, d. there on 27 August 1867; m. before 1810 **NANCY** \_\_\_\_\_ b. at Massachusetts on 6 December 1787, d. at Taunton on 8 August 1867. Children:
  - a. **William Seekell** b. at Freetown on 30 March 1809, d. at Grand Lodge, Eaton County, Michigan, on 2 September 1892; m. at New Bedford on 13 November 1839 **Mary Ann Pierce** b. at Taunton about 1812.
  - b. **Hannah B. Seekell** b. at Massachusetts on 1814, d. on 1860; m. after 1850 **John Cushing** b. on 1809, d. on 1898
  - c. **Joshua T. Seekell** b. at Taunton about May 1820, d. at Fairhaven, Bristol County, on 15 April 1901; m. (intentions at Taunton on 27 November 1847) at Fairhaven on 13 December 1847 **Lydia F. Tripp** b. at Fairhaven on 6 March 1823, d. at Englishville, Kent County, Michigan, on 27 December 1891
  - d. **Phebe Seekell** b. at Taunton about 1830; m. at Taunton on 21 December 1854 **Horace Hathaway** b. at Freetown about 1824-5
  - e. **Curtis N. Seekell** b. at Massachusetts on 1834.
3. **JOHN SEEKELL**<sup>62</sup> b. at Massachusetts on 5 September 1786, d. at Myricks,

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<sup>61</sup>Information on the Joshua Seekell family is from: "Vital Records of Massachusetts, 1841-1910," v. 202, p. 122, e. 122; Deaths, Taunton, 1867; v. 516, p. 166, e. 35; Deaths, Fairhaven, 1901; v. 78, p. 117, e. 122; Marriages, Taunton, 1854. 1810 Census, population, Freetown, Bristol County, Massachusetts, roll 17, p. 471, Joshua Seekins. Staples Street Burying Ground, Taunton, Mercy Seekell; Created by: D. Zimmerman. Michigan Department of Community Health, Death Records, 1867-1950, p. 245, e. 272, Wm. Sekell; Eaton Co., 1892; digital images, *Ancestry* (ancestry.com : accessed 2 October 2020); Division for Vital Records and Health Statistics, Lansing, Michigan. *Vital Records of New Bedford, Massachusetts*, v. 2, p. 471. Mayflower Hill Cemetery, Taunton, Bristol County, Massachusetts, *Find a Grave*, digital images (findagrave.com : accessed 18 September 2020), John-Hannah Cushing; Created by: jtb. *Vital Records of Taunton, Massachusetts*, v. 2, p. 425; v. 1, p. 381 (gravestone record Mayflower Hill Cemetery). Woodside Cemetery, Fairhaven, Bristol County, Massachusetts, *Find a Grave*, digital images (findagrave.com : accessed 23 September 2020), Joshua-Lydia Sekell; Created by: D. Zimmerman, Photo added by Suzanne Kowal.

<sup>62</sup>Information on the John Seekell family is from: "Vital Records of Massachusetts, 1841-1910," v. 165, p. 136, e. 62; Deaths, Taunton, 1863; v. 174, p. 144, e. 134; Deaths, Taunton, 1864; v. 409, p. 94; Deaths Berkley 1890; v. 126, p. 115, e. 11; Marriages, Taunton, 1859; v. 337, p. 119; Deaths, Freetown, 1882; v. 126, p. 116, e. 19; Marriages, Taunton, 1859. "Freetown, Massachusetts, Vital Records," Marriages, p. 155. Providence, Rhode Island "Providence, RI: Alphabetical Index of Births, Marriages and Deaths, 1636-1930," database, *American Ancestors* (americanancestors.org : accessed 14 April 2015). Orestes T. Doe, *The Record of Births, Marriages and Deaths in the Town of Franklin from 1778 to 1872* (Franklin, MA: Franklin Sentinel, 1898), p. 112. North Burial Ground, Providence, Providence County, Rhode Island, *Find a Grave*, digital images (findagrave.com : accessed 23 September 2020), James-Lucy

Berkley, on 6 November 1863; m. at Freetown on 2 May 1816 **LUCY GRINNELL** b. at Freetown on 16 July 1796, d. at Taunton on 31 December 1864. Children:

- a. **Benjamin G. Seekell** b. at Massachusetts about 1819, d. at Providence on 22 February 1871; m. at Franklin, Norfolk County, Massachusetts, on 7 July 1844 **Jane Eliza Pond** b. at Franklin on 1824, d. at Providence on 21 March 1899.
  - b. **John A. Seekell** b. on 10 January 1825, d. on 21 December 1851.
  - c. **Lucy A. Seekell** b. at Massachusetts about 1827-8.
  - d. **Oliver Francis Seekell** b. at Berkley on 4 March 1833, d. there on 12 March 1890; m. at Taunton on 20 March 1859 **Eliza H. Clark** b. at Freetown on 8 April 1831, d. there on 2 August 1882.
  - e. **Hannah B. Seekell** b. at Taunton about 1837-8; m. at Taunton on 8 May 1859 **John T. Townsend** b. at Berkley about 1831-2.
4. **CHARITY SEEKELL** m. at Freetown on 18 December 1811 **NOAH HATHAWAY**.<sup>63</sup>
  5. **MERCY SEEKELL** b. at Taunton on 28 January 1792, d. there on 15 March 1848; m. at Freetown on 25 February 1813 **WILLIAM SEEKELL**, son of Job Seekell and Hepzibah Clark, b. at Taunton on 13 January 1788, d. on 6 October 1856.<sup>64</sup>
  6. **MOSES SEEKELL, JR.** <sup>65</sup>b. at Taunton on 11 March 1796, d. at Berkley on 8

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Lesterl; Created by: D. Zimmerman; Photo added by Beth Hurd. Assonet Burying Ground, Freetown, Bristol County, Massachusetts, *Find a Grave*, digital images (findagrave.com : accessed 23 September 2020), John A. Seekell; Created by: Freetown Cemetery Commission, Photo Added by jtb; Oliver F. Seekell; Created by: Freetown Cemetery Commission, Photo Added by jtb; Eliza Seekell; Created by: Freetown Cemetery Commission, Photo Added by jtb. 1850 Census, population, Taunton, Bristol County, Massachusetts, roll 307, p. 253B, household 1765, John Seekell 2d family.

<sup>63</sup>"Freetown, Massachusetts, Vital Records," digital images, *Ancestry*, Marriages, 1686-1844, p. 125.

<sup>64</sup>*Vital Records of Taunton, Massachusetts*, v. 1, p. 381 (gravestone record, Staples Street Burying Ground); v. 1, p. 381. "Vital Records of Massachusetts, 1841-1910," v. 32, p. 69, e. 77; Deaths, Taunton, 1847-8. "Freetown, Massachusetts, Vital Records," Marriages, 1686-1844, p. 125. Staples Street Burying Ground, Taunton, Bristol County, Massachusetts, *Find a Grave*, digital images (findagrave.com : database 19 September 2020), William Seekell; Created by: Chris and Susanne Eliassen.

<sup>65</sup>Information on the Moses Seekell, Jr., family is found at: "Vital Records of Massachusetts, 1841-1910," v. 247, p. 178, e. 57; Deaths, Taunton, 1872; v. 436, p. 139, e. 3; Deaths, Berkley, 1893; v. 69, p. 153, e. 74; Marriages, Taunton, 1853; v. 427, p. 280, e. 342;

March 1872; m(1). at Fairhaven on 12 December 1821 **LYDIA TRIPP** b. at Fairhaven about 1798, d. at Taunton on 19 June 1833; Moses m(2). (intentions at Taunton on 19 October 1833) **HULDAH T. TRIPP** b. at Fairhaven on 11 April 1811, d. at Berkley on 13 March 1893. Children of Moses and Lydia:

- a. **Mary Russell Seekell** b. at Taunton about 1822-3; m(1). **Frederick A. Seekell** b. at Taunton on 23 January 1817, d. on 9 October 1851; Mary m(2). at Taunton on 28 July 1853 **Isaac N. Horton** b. at Dighton, Bristol County, about 1823-4.
- b. *perhaps* **Moses Henry Seekell** b. *perhaps* at Fairhaven on 10 August 1824, d. before 6 June 1851 (probate).
- c. *perhaps* **Benjamin Tripp Seekell** b. at Middleboro on 28 September 1828, d. on 30 November 1828
- d. **Abby Albert Seekell** b. at Massachusetts about 1810-1 ( at Fairhaven on 12 August 1830 according to a Public Member Tree).  
Children of Moses and Huldah:
- e. **Benjamin Tripp Seekell** b. at Taunton on 15 November 1834; d. there on 4 July 1892; m. there on 26 November 1856 **Abby L. Hawkins** b. at Taunton on 1835, d. on 1920.
- f. **Ebenezer Tripp Seekell** b. at Massachusetts about 1835-6 (on 1

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Deaths, Taunton, 1892; v. 220, p. 146, e. 1; Deaths, Taunton, 1869; v. 427, p. 278, e. 265; Deaths, Taunton, 1892; v. 162, p. 72, e. 2; Marriages, Dighton, 1863; Deaths 1906, v. 85, certificate 537; Taunton; v. 504, p. 407, e. 180; Deaths, Taunton, 1900; v. 199, p. 130, e. 11; Marriages, Rehoboth, 1867; v. 147, p. 145, e. 200; Deaths, Taunton, 1861. Leonard H. Smith Jr. and Dorothy Marvelle Boyer, *Vital Records of Fairhaven, Massachusetts: to 1850* (Baltimore, Maryland: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1993), p. 64. Public Member Trees, "dutra Family Tree," by Marjorie Dutra. *Ancestry* (ancestry.com accessed 11 October 2020). *Vital Records of Taunton, Massachusetts*, v. 2, p. 426; v. 1, p. 381 (Gravestone record, Mayflower Hill Cemetery); v. 99, p. 122, e. 89; Marriages, Taunton, 1856; v. 1, p. 380 (Gravestone record, Mayflower Hill Cemetery). 1850 Census, population, Taunton, Bristol County, Massachusetts, roll 307, p. 251A, household 1722, Frederick A. Seekell family; Middleboro, Plymouth County, Massachusetts, roll 333, p. 243A, household 843, Moses Sekell family. Public Member Trees. "clement family 2\_2013" database. *Ancestry* (ancestry.com accessed 2 October 2020). Bristol County. Probate File Papers, 1686-1880. f. 22537: 1-17. Public Member Trees, "sarah nevada tripp" *Ancestry* (ancestry.com accessed 2 October 2020). Public Member Tree "Bardan Family Tree." Public Member Tree "Murphy Family Tree," Jessica Murphy Paxton *Ancestry* (ancestry.com accessed 3 October 2020). Massachusetts Archives, "Massachusetts Vital Records, 1911-1915," digital images, *American Ancestors* (americanancestors.com : accessed 27 August 2020), Deaths 1914 v. 4, certificate 473; Berkley. Mayflower Hill Cemetery, Taunton, William-Elizabeth Seekell; Created by: D. Zimmerman, Photo Added by Chris and Susanne Eliassen. 1860 Census, population, Taunton, Bristol County, Massachusetts, p. 358, household 2783, Moses Sekell family.

- February 1836, d. at sea near Celebes [Sulawesi], Dutch East Indies, on 21 February 1858 according to a Public Member Tree).
- g. **Charles Leonard Seekell** b. at Middleboro about 1838/9, d. at Taunton on 7 January 1869.
  - h. **George Leonard Seekell** b. at Taunton on 6 June 1841, d. there on 1 May 1892; m. at Dighton on 17 January 1863 **Mercy Ann Chace** b. at Westport, Bristol County, on 29 April 1845, d. at Dartmouth,
  - i. **Lydia Elizabeth Seekell** b. Middleboro on 30 September 1843, d. at Myricks, Berkley, on 10 January 1914.
  - j. **William Henry Seekell** b. at Middleboro on 1 May 1845, d. at Taunton on 1 April, 1900; m. at Rehoboth on 18 August 1867 **Elizabeth F. Bosworth** b. at Rehoboth on 7 September 1848, d. on 28 July 1929.
  - k. **Lucy Jane Seekell** b. at Middleboro on 17 November 1846, d. at Taunton on 2 August 1861.
  - l. *perhaps* **Moses Henry Seekell** b. *perhaps* on 19 January 1850, but not reported in census in 1 June 1850.
  - m. **Abby Priscilla Seekell** b. at Massachusetts about 1852-3.
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## JOB SEEKELL

**JOB SEEKELL** was born at Taunton on 29 October 1766, and died there on 26 December 1821. He married at Freetown on 9 February 1786 **HEPZIBAH CLARK** born at Freetown on 7 December 1769, a child of Theophilus Clark, and died at Taunton on 30 October 1859.<sup>66</sup>

Job Seekell appeared in Taunton in the 1790, 1800, and 1820 censuses. An entry in the 1810 Census in Wareham, Plymouth County, could also be this Job Seekell. These early censuses list the head of household, and the composition of the family with the numbers in age and sex categories. The following tables list the categories in the census, with possible identification from what we know of the family:

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<sup>66</sup>Staples Street Burying Ground, Taunton, Bristol County, Massachusetts, *Find a Grave*, Job Seekell; Created by: D. Zimmerman. *Vital Records of Taunton, Massachusetts*, v. 2, p. 425. "Vital Records of Massachusetts, 1841-1910," v. 129, p. 102, e. 237; Deaths, Taunton, 1859.

**1790<sup>67</sup>**

male 16+	Job, 23
male 16-	William, 2
female	Hepzibah, 20
female	Sarah, 4
female	<i>unidentified</i>

**1800<sup>68</sup>**

male 45+	<i>unidentified</i>
female 45+	<i>unidentified</i>
male 26-44	Job, 33
female 26-44	Hepzibah, 30
female 10-15	Sarah, 14
male 10-15	William, 12; <i>or</i> Job 10
male 0-9	Abiathar, 8
male 0-9	Thomas, 13
male 0-9	Apollos, 2

**1810<sup>69</sup>**

female 45+	<i>unidentified</i>
male 26-44	Job, 43

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<sup>67</sup>1790 Census, population, Taunton, Bristol County, Massachusetts, roll 4, p. 623, Job Sekell.

<sup>68</sup>1800 Census, Population, Taunton, Bristol County, Massachusetts, roll 19, p. 573, Job Seekell.

<sup>69</sup>1810 Census, population, Wareham, Plymouth County, Massachusetts, roll 21, p. 302, Job Sekiel.

female 26-44	Hepzibah, 40
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**1820**<sup>70</sup>

male 45+	Job, 53
female 26-44	Hepzibah, 50 ??
male 26-44	Abiathar, 27
male 16-25	Apollos, 22
male 0-9	George, 7
male 0-9	<i>unidentified</i>
male 0-9	<i>unidentified</i>

We must keep in mind that the persons in a household are not necessarily all family members, and some family members may be in another household. Also, census takers sometimes make mistakes. The above information suggests that an older couple was living with Job and Hepzibah in 1800. Perhaps her parents or his parents? The female of this couple was still with them in 1810. Somehow, the children's presence is not indicated in 1810! In 1820 Hepzibah's age was underestimated by the census taker (or else a different woman was present). Although possible, it is unlikely that a woman of 50 would have three children under 10. Although Hepzibah lived for thirty-eight years after her husband's death, I cannot identify her in the census records until 1850, when she was living with her son William.

Job and Hepzibah had the following children:

1. **SARAH SEEKELL** b. at Taunton on 26 April 1786, d. there on 7 August 1865; m. before 1809 **JOHN SEEKELL** b. at Taunton on 3 August 1777, d. there on 31 May 1866.<sup>71</sup>

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<sup>70</sup>1820 Census, population, Taunton, Bristol County, Massachusetts, roll 47, p. 281, Job Seekins.

<sup>71</sup>*Vital Records of Taunton, Massachusetts*, v. 1, p. 381. "Vital Records of Massachusetts, 1841-1910," v. 183, p. 138, e. 174; Deaths, Taunton, 1865. Staples Street

2. **WILLIAM SEEKELL**<sup>72</sup> b. at Taunton on 13 January 1788, d. there on 6 October 1856; m(1). at Freetown on 25 February 1813 **MERCY SEEKELL** b. at Taunton on 28 January 1792, d. there on 15 March 1848; William m(2). at Berkley on 4 December 1855 **SINAI (PAUL) WITHEREL** b. at Berkley on 5 February 1805, d. there on October 13, 1882. Children of William and Mercy:
- a. **Abiathar Seekell** b. at Taunton on 1 October 1815, d. at Providence on 5 May 1871
  - b. **Silas Seekell** b. at Taunton on 29 October 1817, d. at Providence on 24 June 1867; m. at Providence on 10 January 1850 **Abby Angeline Tripp** b. at Fairhaven on 6 January 1827, d. at Providence on 13 October 1853.
  - c. **William Bradford Seekell** b. at Taunton on 28 April 1819, d. at Providence on 5 September 1890; m. at Taunton on 2 January 1842 **Eliza Clark** b. at Massachusetts on 5 August 1817, d. at Providence on 9 April 1881.
  - d. **Job Seekell** b. at Taunton on 14 August 1821, d. at Providence on 24 November 1900; m(1). Before 1850 **Isabella Hunt** b. at

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Burying Ground, Taunton, Bristol County, Massachusetts, *Find a Grave*, John Seekell; Created by: D. Zimmerman.

<sup>72</sup>Information on the family of William Seekell is found in: *Vital Records of Taunton, Massachusetts*, v. 1, pp. 380-81; v. 2, p. 425-26. Staples Street Burying Ground, Taunton, William Seekell; Created by: Chris and Susanne Eliassen; Mercy Seekell; Created by: D. Zimmerman. "Freetown, Massachusetts, Vital Records," Marriages, 1686-1844, p. 125. "Providence, RI: Alphabetical Index of Births, Marriages and Deaths, 1636-1930," (database). Snow, *Births, Marriages and Deaths, Recorded in Providence*, v. 3, p. 514; v. 1, p. 317; v. 8, p. 541; v. 12, p. 719. *Vital Records of Fairhaven, Massachusetts*, p. 140 (Woodside Cemetery). Swan Point Cemetery, Providence, Providence County, Rhode Island, *Find a Grave*, digital images (findagrave.com : accessed 23 September 2020), William-Eliza Seekel; Created by: D. Zimmerman, Photo added by Kevin Casey; Thomas-Sarah Seekel; Created by: D. Zimmerman, Photo added by Kevin Casey. "Vital Records of Massachusetts, 1841-1910," digital images, *American Ancestors*, v. 397, p. 142, e. 3; Marriages, Mansfield, 1889; v. 45, p. 70, e. 9; Marriages, Freetown, 1850; v. 78, p. 111, e. 10; Marriages, Taunton, 1854; v. 69, p. 153, e. 76; Marriages, Taunton, 1853. Betty Church, "Queries: Champlin/Seekell," *Rhode Island Roots*, 18 (1992): 31. Princes Hill Burial Ground, Barrington, Bristol County, Rhode Island, *Find a Grave*, digital images (findagrave.com : accessed 24 September 2020), Franklin-Esther Medbury; Created by: D. Zimmerman, Photo added by Karen Beck. Tenth Census of the United States: 1880, population, Providence, Providence County, Rhode Island, enumeration district (ED) 28, roll 1212, p. 462C, household 290, Isaac Sherman family; digital images, *Ancestry* (ancestry.com : accessed 11 October 2020); NARA microfilm publication T9; Record Group 29. National Archives, Washington, D.C.



- Massachusetts about 1816-7, d. at Providence on 8 September 1878; Job m(2). At Mansfield, Bristol County, on 20 March 1889
- Mary Frances (Chaplin) Knowles** b. at Exeter, Washington County, Rhode Island, on 11 May 1834, d. on 1930.
- e. **Elizabeth J. Seekell** b. at Taunton on 16 December 1823; m. there on 5 August 1841 **Joseph P. Haskins** b. at Massachusetts about 1814-5.
- f. **Thomas Seekell** b. at Taunton on 15 May 1826, d. at Providence on 24 August 1863; m(1). at Freetown on 14 November 1850 **Abby W. Eaton** b. at Freetown about May-June 1824, d. at Taunton on 6 August 1855; Thomas m(2). **Sarah Jane Pinkerton** b. at Rhode Island on 14 December 1835, d. at Providence on 25 July 1893.
- g. **Almira Seekell** b. at Taunton on 22 January 1828; m. there on 16 January 1854 **Sullivan B. Jones** b. at Montpelier, Washington County, Vermont, about 1825-6, d. before 1869.
- h. **Nancy A. Seekell** b. at Taunton on 18 May 1830; m(1). there on 25 July 1853 **George L. Clarke** b. at Taunton about 1828-9; Nancy m(2). Before 1880 **Isaac A. Sherman** b. at Rhode Island about 1819-20.
- i. **Apollos Seekell** b. at Taunton on 26 October 1835, d. at Providence on 28 August 1885.
3. **JOB SEEKELL, JR.**<sup>73</sup> b. at Taunton on 25 March 1790, d. at Providence on 19 March 1873; m. at Providence on 6 December 1812 **SUSAN JONES** b. at Rhode Island on 1789, d. at Providence on 23 July 1860. Children:
- a. **Job Seekell** b. at Providence on 24 January 1819, d. there on 18 August 1819
- b. **Thomas H. Seekell** b. at Providence on 21 August 1823, d. at Berkley on 29 January 1900; m. at Providence on 1 October 1846 **Mary Caroline Butts** b. at Providence on 29 June 1827, d. at Taunton on 15 April 1901.
- c. **Sarah Maria Seekell** b. at Rhode Island about 1825-6; m. at

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<sup>73</sup>Information on the Job Seekell, Jr. Family is from: *Vital Records of Taunton, Massachusetts*, v. 1, p. 381. "Providence, RI: Alphabetical Index of Births, Marriages and Deaths, 1636-1930," database. Snow, *Births, Marriages and Deaths, Recorded in Providence*, v. 1, p. 317; v. 3, p. 514. North Burial Ground, Providence, Susan Jones Seekell; Originally Created by: Superkentman, Maintained by: Find a Grave. James N. Arnold, *Vital Record of Rhode Island 1636-1850: First Series: births, marriages and deaths: a family register for the people* (Providence, Rhode Island: Narragansett Historical Publishing Company, 1891–1912), v. 19, p. 114 (Providence Phoenix - Deaths); v. 2, pt. 1, p. 166. "Vital Records of Massachusetts, 1841-1910," v. 504, p. 177, e. 3; Deaths, Berkley, 1900; v. 516, p. 365, e. 186; Deaths, Taunton, 1901. 1850 Census, population, Providence, Providence County, Rhode Island, roll 845, p. 372B, household 1376, Seth Weinch family.

Providence on 8 March 1841 **Seth F. Winch** b. at Massachusetts about 1824-5

4. **ABIATHAR SEEKELL** b. at Taunton on 13 May 1792.<sup>74</sup>
5. **THOMAS SEEKELL**<sup>75</sup> b. at Taunton on 19 September 1796, d. at Providence on 5 May 1869; m. at Providence on 29 July 1819 **FREELove FIELD** b. at Rhode Island on 21 March 1798, d. at Providence on 1 February 1868. Child
  - a. **Almira Seekell** b. on 1821, d. at Providence on 7 March 1828.
6. **APOLLOS SEEKELL**<sup>76</sup> b. at Taunton on 7 June 1798, d. on 28 January 1880; m(1). at Middleboro on 17 June 1821 **PHEBE SEEKELL** b. at Massachusetts about 1801-2, daughter of John Seekell and Polly Douglas, d. at Taunton on 19 January 1838; Apollos m(2). at Providence on 24 December 1846 **LYDIA (BURGESS) MATHEWSON** b. at Cranston, Providence County, about 1803, d. at Berkley on 8 March 1891. Children of Apollos and Phebe:
  - a. **Harriet Seekell** b. about 1821-2, d. at Taunton on 22 November 1837.
  - b. **Apollos Seekell** b. at Rhode Island about 1824-5, d. at Providence on 4 June 1880; m(1). **Elizabeth A.** \_\_\_\_\_; Apollos m(2). At Providence on 9 November 1871 **Linda (Case) Bacon** b. at Rhode Island on 7 June 1821, d. at Providence on 12 May 1898.
  - c. **Mary Ann Seekell** b. at Providence on 23 July 1930, d. at Warwick, Kent County, Rhode Island, on 21 December 1920; m. **Nathan**

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<sup>74</sup>*Vital Records of Taunton, Massachusetts*, v. 1, p. 381.

<sup>75</sup>Information on the Thomas Seekell family is from: *Vital Records of Taunton, Massachusetts*, v. 1, p. 381. Snow, *Births, Marriages and Deaths, Recorded in Providence*, v. 3, p. 514; v. 1, p. 317; v. 3, p. 514. North Burial Ground, Providence, Freelove Seekell; Created by: D. Zimmerman; Almira Seekell; Created by: D. Zimmerman.

<sup>76</sup>Information on Apollos Seekell family is from: *Vital Records of Taunton, Massachusetts*, v. 1, p. 381. Ethel Savage Chase, and Elizabeth Fuller Staples, ed., *Cemetery Records, Taunton, Massachusetts* (<http://genweb.net/~blackwell/ma/tauntonce>), 10. [no longer accessible]. Williams, *Middleborough, Massachusetts, Vital Records*, v. 2, p. 291. Staples Street Burying Ground, Taunton, Phebe Seekell; Created by: D. Zimmerman, Photo added by Chris and Susanne Eliassen; Harriot Seekell; Created by: jtb. "Vital Records of Massachusetts, 1841-1910," v. 418, p. 125, e. 3; Deaths, Berkley, 1891. Arnold, *Vital Record of Rhode Island 1636-1850*, v. 2, pt. 1, p. 166. "Providence, RI: Alphabetical Index of Births, Marriages and Deaths, 1636-1930," database, *American Ancestors*. 1850 Census, population, Providence, Providence County, Rhode Island, roll 845, p. 378A, household 59, Apollos Seekell family. North Burial Ground, Providence, Lucinda Seekell; Created by: D. Zimmerman. Newell Burying Ground, Attleboro, Bristol County, Massachusetts, *Find a Grave*, digital images (findagrave.com : accessed 23 September 2020), Nathan-Mary Pierce; Created by: Deborah A Smith.

**Darling Pierce** b. at Wrentham, Norfolk County, on 1 December 1824, d. at Warwick on 20 May 1899

7. **GEORGE B. SEEKELL**<sup>77</sup> b. at Rhode Island about 1812-3, d. at Logan, Harrison County, Iowa, on 17 March 1890; m. before 1848 **MARTHA M. WILLIAMS** b. at Cambridge, Washington County, New York on 20 September 1827, d. at Omaha, Douglas County, Nebraska, on 19 December 1906. Child:
- a. **Sarah Martha Seekell** b. at Rhode Island on 5 March 1850, d. on 19 July 1920; m. **Robert Purvis** b. on 17 October 1848, d. on 4 January 1921.

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## SILAS SEEKELL, JR.

**SILAS SEEKELL, JR.** (*perhaps Silas<sup>2</sup>, Moses<sup>1</sup>*) married at Berkley on 22 February 1787 **JERUSHA BRIGGS**. He died at Franklin County, Massachusetts, after 25 September 1819 (will) and before 29 March 1820 (will filed).<sup>78</sup>

Silas Seekell was reported in Taunton in the 1790 and 1800 censuses, but in Ashfield in 1810. The 1790 census reported a male over 16, and three females. The 1800 Census reported a male over 45, a female 26-44, and five female children, one over 10 and four under 10. The 1810 Census reported a male and female over 45, two females between 16 and 25, two females between 10 and 15, and a boy and a girl under 10.<sup>79</sup> His will, written in 1819, named his wife and five daughters,

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<sup>77</sup>Information on George B. Seekell family is from: Logan Cemetery, Logan, Harrison County, Iowa, *Find a Grave*, digital images (findagrave.com : accessed 29 September 2020), George-Martha Seekell; Created by: Alvin Poole. Prospect Hill Cemetery, Omaha, Douglas County, Nebraska, *Find a Grave*, digital images (findagrave.com : accessed 29 September 2020), Martha Purvis; Created by: Ren; Robert Purvis; Created by: Ren

<sup>78</sup>*Vital Records of Taunton, Massachusetts*, v. 2, p. 426. Franklin County, Massachusetts, Probate File Papers, 1812-1915, Silas Seekell 1819; digital images, New England Genealogical and Historical Society, *American Ancestors* (americanancestors.org: accessed 3 October 2020); case 4083.

<sup>79</sup>1790 Census, population, Taunton, Bristol County, Massachusetts, roll 4, p. 623, Silas Sekell Jr. 1800 Census, Population, Taunton, Bristol County, Massachusetts, roll 19, p. 571, Silas Seekell Jr. 1810 Census, population, Ashfield, Hampshire County, Massachusetts, roll 19,

two of whom were married.<sup>80</sup>

Children of Silas and Jerusha:<sup>81</sup>

1. **JERUSHA SEEKELL** m. at Ashfield on 4 July 1816 **DAVID TAYLOR**
2. **PHEBE SEEKINS/SEEKELL** m. at Stamford, Bennington County, Vermont,  
on 24 May 1815 **ALVIN BLISS**
3. **DAMARIS SEEKELL**
4. **DIADAMA SEEKELL**
5. **MELANCA SEEKELL**

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## **ABIATHAR SEEKELL**

**ABIATHAR SEEKELL** was born at Taunton on 28 November 1762, and died at Tyre, Seneca County, New York, on 24 September 1835. He married **MARTHA MARY PARKE** who was born on 6 May 1883, and died at Tyre on 6 January 1835.<sup>82</sup>

One on-line genealogy state that Abiathar and Martha were married at Rutland, Vermont ,on 1798, but I have not found any documentation to support this claim.

Abiathar Seekell fought in the Revolutionary War. Massachusetts records report his service as follows:<sup>83</sup>

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p. 272, Silas Seckill.

<sup>80</sup>Franklin County, Massachusetts, Probate file papers, Silas Seekell 1819.

<sup>81</sup>Franklin County, Massachusetts, Probate file papers, Silas Seekell 1819. *Vital Records of Ashfield, Massachusetts: to the Year 1850* (Boston, Massachusetts: New England Historic Genealogical Society, 1942), p. 208. Vermont Births, Marriages and Deaths to 2008, no. 3936, Marriage: Bliss-Seakins, 1815.

<sup>82</sup>Traver Cemetery, Seneca Falls, Abiathar Seekell; Created by: D. Zimmerman. Spring Brook Cemetery, Seneca Falls, Seneca County, New York, *Find a Grave*, digital images (findagrave.com : database 24 September 2020), Martha Seekell, Created by: D. Zimmerman.

<sup>83</sup>*Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors in the Revolutionary War*, v. 13, p. 969.

Seekell, Abiathar, Taunton. Private, Capt. Jacob Haskin's co., Col. John Jacob's regt.; enlisted June 22, 1778; service 5 mos. 18 days at Rhode Island; enlistment to expire Jan. 1, 1779; roll dated Tiverton

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Capt. Jacob Haskin's (Light Infantry) co., entered service Oct. 5, 1779; discharged Jan 31, 1780; service 3 mos. 28 days; co. raised to join Col. John Jacob's regt. and serve until April 1, 1780, unless discharged sooner, but formed into a separate corps for above service.

That source shared almost identical information under the name Abiathar Seckins, indicating he was known by both names. However most of Abiathar's service was in units of the Rhode Island state troops. In his pension application, made in 1832, he made the following declaration:<sup>84</sup>

#### Declaration

In order to obtain benefit of the Act of Congress of the seventh of June 1832

State of New York, Seneca County

Abiathar Sekel of the town of Seneca Falls in the said county of Seneca and state of New York aged seventy years personally appeared before the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Seneca this sixth day of October in the year 1832 who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to gain the benefit of the pension made by the Act of Congress passed the 7th day of June 1832. that he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1777 in the month of March as he believes with Lieutenant Gabriel Allen, in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Stanton, in the Rhode Island state troops. The corps was called fifteen months [?] but about three months of their time had expired when he enlisted. He continued to serve in said troops for a few days more than one year when he was discharged on the

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<sup>84</sup>United States, "Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty-Land Warrant Application Files," digital images, , *Fold 3* (fold3.com : accessed 8 October 2020), Abiathar Seekell; S 23,901; NARA M804

sixteenth day of March. Soon after he enlisted the company was commanded by Captain Tappin. He enlisted at Howland's Ferry in the state of Rhode Island where he and the company to which he was attached continued to remain until he was discharged. He [?] when he enlisted in the town of Taunton in the county of Bristol in the state of Massachusetts, when the time of his enlistment closed he was dismissed and written discharges were given, and he has no documentary evidence. He was engaged in no battle being only doing Garrison duty. The place called Howland's Ferry is opposite Newport in Rhode Island. In the year 1778 about the first of June he again enlisted in the nine months service in the Rhode Island state troops in the company commanded by Captain Haskins whose Christian name he has now forgotten. He was stationed at Slade's Ferry across Taunton River. For some time the Corps of Captain Haskins joined General Sullivan's Army in the attempt to capture Newport. When he arrived at Howland's Ferry he was annexed to [?] Brigade. He was with this Brigade but a short time and does not recollect his Captain's name. When the siege of Newport was raised he was marched to Little Compton where he remained until the fore part of winter when he was discharged, having served seven months or thereabouts. He believes that he served some more than seven months but cannot be perfectly sure of the precise time. Afterwards the same Captain Hoskins raised a company of volunteers in which, he said he belonged, for three months to go and protect the town of Providence in the said state of Rhode Island where he remained three months. There was stationed at that place at that time four companies of troops, but he does not recollect who commanded the whole. He cannot recollect what year this was. Afterwards he again volunteered under the same Captain Hoskins for six months, he cannot now recollect the year, but he well remembers that he went soon after he was mustered on to Rhode island, and took possession of Newport when it was evacuated by the British troops and he remained there on Garrison duty until the spring following, when on the expiration of the said six months for which he was enlisted he was again

honorably discharged. He cannot recollect who commanded the port.

Declarant says that he was born in the town of Taunton in the county of Bristol and in the state of Massachusetts in the year one thousand seven hundred and sixty-two, that he does not to his knowledge have any record of his age; that he lived at each time he was called as above stated in the town of Taunton in the county of Bristol in the state of Massachusetts and that he has since lived in the state of Connecticut for about fifteen years since which he has lived in Seneca County aforesaid. He kindly relinquishes [?] claims whatever to a pension or annuity except this present and the laws his making is not on the pension role of the Agency of any state.

I apologize for any misreading of the penmanship, and for words I could not decipher, which are marked with [?]. Abiathar was struggling with his memory. During most of the Revolutionary War, the British occupied the port city of Newport. Abiathar was part of forces stationed around Newport, to prevent the British from breaking out. He served for most of the time from 1777 to early 1780.

According to the above declaration, Abiathar lived in Connecticut for fifteen years before moving to New York. However, census records after 1850 indicated the state or country of birth of each person; his first child, born in 1795, gave his birthplace as Connecticut; the second child, born about 1797-8 reported his birthplace as Vermont; the third child, born about 1799-1800, gave his birthplace as Vermont in the census, but was reported born in Connecticut in the census mortality schedule. Perhaps Abiathar lived in Vermont for a brief period about 1799 but did not consider it a significant enough stay to mention it in his pension declaration. I have not found Abiathar in the 1790 or 1810 censuses. In the 1800 Census he was reported at Canterbury. The family consisted of a male 26-44 (Abiathar was 37), a female 16-25 (Martha was 27), and three males under 10 (Horace was 4, Julius about 2, and Simeon newborn).<sup>85</sup>

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<sup>85</sup>1800 Census, Population, Canterbury, Windham County, Connecticut, roll 2, p. 698, Abiathar Seekell.

The 1820 Census reported the family in the town of Junius, Seneca County. The listing of age and sex categories, with a possible identification of persons, follows:<sup>86</sup>

male 45+	Abiathar, 57
female 45+	Martha, 47
male 16-25	Julius, 22 <i>or</i> Simeon, 20
female 16-25	Lucy, 20
male 16-18	Abiathar, 17
female 10-15	<i>unidentified</i>

Three persons were engaged in agriculture. Their son Wheaton, who would have been 8, is not noted. Perhaps Wheaton was not a child of Abiathar. I have listed him as a possible child because he appeared next to Simeon in the 1850 Census.

By the 1830 Census, most of the children had married. Sons Horace and Julius were reported in nearby Tyre, son Abiathar in Seneca Falls, Seneca County. The elder Abiathar was also reported at Seneca Falls; his family consisted of a male 60-69 (Abiathar, 67), a female 50-59 (Martha, 57), a female 20-29 (Lucy, 30), a male 10-14 (unidentified) and a male 5-9 (unidentified).<sup>87</sup>

Abiathar and Martha Seekell had the following children:

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<sup>86</sup>1820 Census, population, Junius, Seneca County, New York, roll 75, p. 390, Abiathar Seckle.

<sup>87</sup>1830 Census, population, Tyre, Seneca County, New York, roll 109, p. 34, Horace Seekell; Tyre, Seneca County, New York, roll 109, p. 34, Julius Seekell; Seneca Falls, Seneca County, New York, roll 109, p. 27, Abiathar Seckell Jr.; Seneca Falls, Seneca County, New York, roll 109, p. 27, Abiathar Seckell; Tyre, Seneca County, New York, roll 597, p. 255A, household 1886, Horace Seekell family.



1. **HORACE SEEKELL**<sup>88</sup> b. at Connecticut on 5 December 1795, d. on 16 July 1874; m. on 26 September 1819 **CONTENT ELLIS STANDISH** b. at New London, New London County, Connecticut, on 19 May 1803, d. at Seneca Falls on 12 September 1884. Children:
  - a. **Caroline Frances Seekell** b. at New York on 7 September 1820, d. at Flint, Genesee County, Michigan, on 5 May 1909; m. on 1838 **William Witham** b. an 1816, d. at Genesee County on 7 October 1887.
  - b. **William H. Seekell** b. at New York about 1821-2, d. on 21 October 1862; m. before 1849 **Mary Ellen Cairns** b. at Geneva, Ontario County, New York, on 17 February 1829, d. at Three Rivers, Saint Joseph County, Michigan, on 29 November 1892.
  - c. **Charles W. Seekell** b. at Seneca County on 19 August 1824, d. on 16 August 1910; m(1). Before 1858 **Harriet** \_\_\_\_\_ b. on 10 September 1828, d. on 6 May 1858; Charles m(2). After 1858 **Almira** \_\_\_\_\_ b. at New York on 1 January 1840, d. on 21 January 1907.
  - d. **George Phelps Seekell** b. at New York on 24 October 1826, d. on 30 July 1914; m. between 1 June 1849 and 31 May 1850 **Elizabeth M. Woodworth** b. at New York on 2 August 1826, d. on 16 April 1888.
  - e. **Rhoda Ann Seekell** b. at New York on 23 March 1829, d. on 14 January 1903; m. before 1857 **Asa E. Beadle** b. on 20 February 1821, d. on 27 July 1902.
  - f. **Nelson Horace Seekell** b. at Seneca County on 1833, d. at Tyre on 11 November 1897; m. before 1864 **Mary Ellen Burch** b. at Waterloo, Seneca County, on October 1843, d. there on 29 March 1934.

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<sup>88</sup>Information on the family of Horace Seekell is from: Spring Brook Cemetery, Seneca Falls, Horace-Content Seekell, Created by: D. Zimmerman, Photo Added by Kenneth546; Charles-Harriet-Almira Seekell, Created by: D. Zimmerman; Asa-Rhoda Beadle; Created by: D. Zimmerman, Photo added by Carol Darling; Nelson Horace Seekell; Originally Created by: Mike Duffy, Maintained by: Find a Grave; Edwin-Lucy Barret; Created by: D. Zimmerman, Photo added by Paul G. Healy; Cornely Munson; Created by: D. Zimmerman. Avondale Cemetery, Flint, Genesee County, Michigan, *Find a Grave*, digital images (findagrave.com : accessed 28 September 2020), Caroline F. Witham; Created by: Bob Walls; William Witham; Created by: Bob Walls. Traver Cemetery, Seneca Falls, William H. Seekell; Created by: RjS. Riverside Cemetery, Three Rivers, Saint Joseph County, Michigan,, *Find a Grave*, digital images (findagrave.com : accessed 28 September 2020), Mary Ellen Seekell; Originally Created and Photo by: Kenneth J. Baker, Maintained by: D. Zimmerman. 1850 Census, population, Tyre, Seneca County, New York, roll 597, p. 257B, household 1928, G. P. Seekell family. Fox Cemetery, Seneca Falls, Seneca County, New York, *Find a Grave*, digital images, (findagrave.com : accessed 24 September 2020), Spencer-Charlotte White; Created by: Kenneth546, Photo Added by Jeff247.

- g. **Charlotte Ellis Seekell** b. at Tyre on 30 April 1835, d. there on 25 October 1922; m. **Spencer H. White** b. on 5 May 1835, d. on 3 July 1921.
- h. **Lucy Seekell** b. at New York on 20 August 1837, d. on 8 March 1908; m. before 1870 **Edwin Barret** b. at New York on 10 August 1837, d. on 30 August 1870.
- i. **Eunice Cornelia Seekell** b. at New York about September 1839, d. on 23 November 1875; m. **William Wurt Munson**
- 2. **JULIUS SEEKELL**<sup>89</sup> b. at Vermont about 1797-8; m. **RACHEL BADGLEY**.  
Children:
  - a. **Eliza Seekell** b. at New York on 20 January 1830, d. at Leoni, Jackson County, Michigan, on 10 May 1905; m. **Jesse Cozier** b. at New York on 1825, d. at Leoni on 15 January 1892
  - b. **Mary Seekell** b. at New York about 1832-3
  - c. **Isaac Seekell** b. at New York on 1836, d. on 1916; m. before 1866 **Fannie M. Updyke** b. at Michigan on 29 August 1847, d. on 16 August 1933.
  - d. **Alice Seekell** b. at Michigan on 1842, d. on 1925; m. **Fred Lantis** b. on 1836, d. on 1897.
  - e. **Caroline Seekell** b. at Michigan on 5 October 1842, d. at Jackson County on 6 April 1916; m. \_\_\_\_\_ **Rose**
  - f. **William Seekell** b. at Michigan on 1845, d. on 1926; m. **Adelaide** \_\_\_\_\_ b. on 1855, d. on 1942.
- 3. **SIMEON SEEKELL**<sup>90</sup> b. at Connecticut on 1800, d. at Saline, Washtenaw

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<sup>89</sup>Information on the Julius Seekell family is from: 1860 Census, population, Leoni, Jackson County, Michigan, p. 313, household 1909, Julius Seckiel family. Leoni Cemetery, Leoni, Jackson County, Michigan, *Find a Grave*, digital images (findagrave.com : accessed 27 September 2020), Jesse-Eliza Cozier; Created by: Deb Hayes-Wolfe; Isaac-Fannie Seekell; Created by: Deb Hayes-Wolfe; William Seekell; Created by: Deb Hayes-Wolfe, photo by Jackson County Genealogical Society - Michigan. 1850 Census, population, Leoni, Jackson County, Michigan, roll 352, p. 372B, household 870, Julius Zekills family. Mount Evergreen Cemetery, Jackson, Jackson County, Michigan, *Find a Grave*, digital images (findagrave.com : accessed 27 September 2020), Fred-Alice Lantis; Created by: Linda Page. Woodland Cemetery, Jackson, Jackson County, Michigan, *Find a Grave*, digital images (findagrave.com : accessed 27 September 2020), Caroline Rose; Created by: Deb Hayes-Wolfe, Photo added by Vernon W. Goodrich.

<sup>90</sup>Information on the family of Simeon Seekell is from: Union District Cemetery, Saline, Washtenaw County, Michigan,, *Find a Grave*, digital images (findagrave.com : accessed 28 September 2020), Simeon Seekell; Created by: Sharon Brevoort; Nancy Seekell; Created by: Sharon Brevoort. Eighth Census of the United States: 1860, mortality schedule, Saline, Washtenaw County, Michigan, roll 15, p. 1, e. 31, Simeon Seekell; digital images, *Ancestry*

County, Michigan, on 13 May 1860; m. **LOIS McDONNELL** b. at New York on 16 March 1811, d. at Washtenaw County, Michigan, on 29 March 1850. Children:

- a. **Nancy Seekell** b. at New York about 1827-8, d. on 24 July 1891; m. **F. Bliss**.
- b. **Martha Seekell** b. at New York about 1832-3.
- c. **Ruth Ann Seekell** b. at New York about 1834-5.
- d. **Phebe Seekell** b. at New York about 1835-6.
- e. **Horace Seekell** b. at Michigan on 11 May 1839, d. on 21 June 1910; m. before 1868 **Josephine Salisbury** b. at Michigan on 14 December 1850, d. on 16 August 1926.
- f. **Lyman Seekell** b. at Michigan on 1840, d. at Grass Lake, Jackson County, on 7 August 1911; m. at Grass Lake on 26 December 1867 **Martha Maria Lamb** b. on 3 April 1842, d. at Albion, Calhoun County, Michigan, on 17 May 1916.
- g. **Almira Seekell** b. at Michigan on 3 July 1842, d. at Clinton, Lenawee County, Michigan, on 1 April 1928; m. **George C. Lindsley** b. at Saline on 11 September 1840, d. at Clinton on 3 March 1918.
- h. **Ellen N. Seekell** b. at Michigan about 1848-9; m. at Saline on 4 Juny 1855 **Jacob Reed**.b. about 1840-1.

4. **LUCY SEEKELL** b. about 1799-1800; d. at Grass Lake on 5 October 1871; m. at Tyre on 1821 **MOSES WINANS** b. about 1797-8, d. on 16 March 1874.<sup>91</sup>

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<sup>91</sup>Grass Lake West Cemetery, Grass Lake, Moses-Lucy Winans Created by: Deb Hayes-Wolfe.

5. **ABIATHAR SEEKELL**<sup>92</sup> b. at New York on 15 January 1803, d. at Seneca County on 15 February 1880; m. before 1839 **THANKFUL LAY** b. at New York on 1811, d. at Seneca County on 1 September 1887. Children;
- a. **George W. Seekell** b. at New York on 1830, bur. at Auburn, Cayuga County, New York, on 28 March 1909; m. before 1849 **Lucinda Marie Chase** b. at New York on 1832, bur. at Auburn on 14 April 1916.
  - b. **Janet Seekell** b. at New York about 1832-3.
  - c. **Samuel Seekell** b. at New York on 27 September 1833, d. on 1 July 1895; m. before 1860 **Mary A.** \_\_\_\_\_ b. at New York on 30 September 1825, d. on 8 February 1888.
  - d. **Loren Seekell** b. at New York on 15 April 1835, d. at Seneca Falls on 12 December 1887; m. about 1859-60 **Lucinda M.** \_\_\_\_\_ b. at New York on 1842, d. at Seneca County on 1905.
  - e. **Theodore Seekell** b. at New York on 26 January 1842, d. at Bay City, Bay County, Michigan, on 1 April 1916; m. on October 1869 **Helen Potter** b. at New York on 21 January 1834, d. at Bay City on 29 January 1906.
  - f. **Chauncy Seekell** b. at New York about 1842-3.
  - g. **Harrison Seekell** b. at New York on 1 February 1851, d. at Seneca County on 15 June 1867.
  - h. **Martha Seekell** b. at New York about 1852-3.
6. *probably* **WHEATON SEEKELL**<sup>93</sup> b. at New York about 1811-2; m. **Harriet**

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<sup>92</sup>Information on the Abiathar Seekell family is found at: Spring Brook Cemetery, Seneca Falls, Abiathar Seekell, Created by: D. Zimmerman; Loren Seekell, Created by: D. Zimmerman; Lucinda Seekell, Created by: D. Zimmerman; Harrison Seekell, Created by: D. Zimmerman. Fort Hill Cemetery, Auburn, Cayuga County, New York, *Find a Grave*, digital images (findagrave.com : accessed 24 September 2020), George W Seekell; Created by: Peter Newman, Photo added by Doug Nightingale, Jr.; Lucinda M. Seekell; Created by: Peter Newman, Photo added by Doug Nightingale, Jr. 1850 Census, population, Tyre, Seneca County, New York, roll 597, p. 250A, household 1801, Abiathar Seekell family. New Troy Cemetery, New Troy, Berrien County, Michigan, *Find a Grave*, digital images (findagrave.com : accessed 28 September 2020), Samuel-Mary Seekell; Created by: carol woods. 1860 Census, population, Tyre, Seneca County, New York, p. 175, household 1278, Loren Seekell family. Elm Lawn Cemetery, Bay City, Bay County, Michigan, *Find a Grave*, digital images (findagrave.com : database 28 September 2020), Theodore C. Seekell; Created by: Rosalie; Hellen Potter Seekell; Created by: Rosalie, Photo added by Heather Passariello; 1870 Census, population, Seneca Falls, Seneca County, New York, roll 1093, p. 236A, household 1046, Theodore Seekell family.

<sup>93</sup>Information on the Wheaton Seekell family is found at: 1850 Census, population, Lodi, Washtenaw County, Michigan, roll 364, p. 506B, household 160, Wheaton Seekell family.

- a. **Wesley Seekell** b. at Michigan about 1837-8.
  - b. **Maria Seekell** b. at Michigan about 1840-1.
  - c. **Lemuel Seekell** b. at Michigan about 1844-5.
  - d. **Chester Seekell** b. at Michigan about 1845-6.
  - e. **Jane Seekell** b. at Michigan about March 1850.
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## CALEB SEEKELL

**CALEB SEEKELL** (*Aaron*<sup>2-1</sup>) was born between 1755 and 1775; he married **JANE CLAGHORN**, who was born about 1762-3 and died at Little Compton, Newport County, on 20 March 1844.<sup>94</sup>

Caleb Seekell may have been born at Middleboro, where his father owned property in 1755. He appears in the 1800 Census in Dartmouth with a household of a man and a woman between 26 and 44, and two girls under ten.<sup>95</sup> Perhaps, Lavina, who was probably twelve, was miscounted as under ten. I cannot identify the other daughter.

Jane Seekell appeared in the 1840 Census in Dartmouth, with no indication of family members.<sup>96</sup>

Caleb and Jane Seekell had the following child, and probably at least one other daughter.

1. **LAVINA SEEKELL** b. at Dartmouth about 1787-8, d. on 21 November 1847, m. at Dartmouth on 31 October 1805 **MICHAEL MOSHER** b. on 27 September 1781,

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<sup>94</sup>1800 Census, Population, Dartmouth, Bristol County, Massachusetts, roll 19, p. 650, Caleb Seekell. Old Commons Burial Ground, Little Compton, Newport County, Rhode Island, *Find a Grave*, digital images (findagrave.com : accessed 24 September 2020), Jane Claghorn Seekell; Created by: D. Zimmerman, Photo Added by Roger Guillemette.

<sup>95</sup>1800 Census, Population, Dartmouth, Bristol County, Massachusetts, roll 19, p. 65 , Caleb Seekell.

<sup>96</sup>1840 Census, population, Dartmouth, Bristol County, Massachusetts, roll 178, p. 314, Jane Seekell.

d. on 2 May 1865.<sup>97</sup>

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## MARTIN SEEKINS

**MARTIN SEEKINS** (Aaron<sup>2-1</sup>) was born before 1765. He married about 1783 **GEDIDA** \_\_\_\_\_.<sup>98</sup>

Martin Seekins, of Dartmouth, served in the Revolutionary War. His record follows:<sup>99</sup>

Seekin, Martin. Descriptive list of men raised to reinforce the Continental Army for the term of 6 months, agreeable to resolve of June 5, 1780, returned as received of Justin Ely, commissioner, by Brig. Gen. John Glover, at Springfield, July 13, 1780; age, 18 yrs.; stature 5 ft. 2 in.; complexion, dark; engaged for town of Dartmouth; marched to camp July 13, 1780, under command of Capt. Thomas Pritchard.

Seekins, Martin, Dartmouth. List of men raised for the 6 months service and returned by Brig. Gen. Paterson as having passed muster in a return dated Camp Totoway, Oct. 25, 1780.

Martin Seekins was reported at Thetford in the 1790 Census. The family consisted of two males over 16 and five females.<sup>100</sup> He was in Strafford in 1800. At that time the household of ten consisted of a couples aged 26-44, a young woman between 16 and 25, a girl between 10 and 15,

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<sup>97</sup>Old Commons Burial Ground, Little Compton, Lavina Mosher; Originally Created by: George Mosher, Maintained by and photo aded by: Scout.; Michael Mosher; Originally Created by: George Mosher, Maintained by: Scout. *Vital Records of Dartmouth, Massachusetts*, v. 2, p. 419.

<sup>98</sup>1810 Census, population, Hartford, Windsor County, Vermont, roll 65, p. 497, Martin Seekins. Seekins, "Descendants of Aaron Seekins," generation 3.

<sup>99</sup>*Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors in the Revolutionary War*, v. 13, pp. 970,971.

<sup>100</sup>1790 Census, population, Thetford, Orange County, Vermont, roll 12, p. 90, Martin Seekins.

and three boys and three girls under 10.<sup>101</sup> The 1810 Census found this family at Hartford, Windsor County with ten persons, but a different composition: a man over 45, a woman between 26 and 44, three young adults, one male and two female, between 16 and 25, one boy and one girl between 10 and 15, and three girls under 10.<sup>102</sup>

The Seekins genealogy adds more information:<sup>103</sup>

In 1785, he and his wife, Gedida, and two daughters migrated to Orange Co., Vermont with his brother Aaron. . . . In 1793, he moved to Strafford where he was one of nine men who formed the first Free-will Baptist Church west of the Connecticut River in the green hills of Vermont. . . . About 1808, he and his nephew, John, first son of Aaron (3), with their families, migrated to Batavia, Genessee Co., New York. . . . When his youngest son, Joseph, moved to Ellington, Chautauqua, Co., N.Y. in 1827, he and his wife, presumably, moved there. They both died bef. 1830.

Martin and Gedida Seekins had the following children:<sup>104</sup>

1. **VIRTUE SEEKINS** b. about 1785; m. at Tunbridge, Orange County, on 27 May 1804 **BENJAMIN PENUM**.
2. **SARAH SEEKINS** b. about 1788.
3. **ZENAS SEEKINS** b. about 1793
4. **HARMON SEEKINS** b. at Vermont about 1794.
5. **POLLY SEEKINS** b. on 1796; d. about 1872; m. at Bethany on 1815 **JOHN MILLER** b. at New York on 11 August 1793, d. on 11 June 1873.

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<sup>101</sup>1800 Census, Population, Strafford, Orange County, Vermont, roll 51, p. 571, Martin Seekins.

<sup>102</sup>1810 Census, population, Hartford, Windsor County, Vermont, roll 65, p. 497, Martin Seekins.

<sup>103</sup>Seekins, "Descendants of Aaron Seekins," generation 3.

<sup>104</sup>Vermont Births, Marriages and Deaths to 2008, no. 6360, Marriage: Penum-Seakin, 1804. Seekins, "Descendants of Aaron Seekins," generation 3.

6. **JOSEPH SEEKINS** b. at Strafford on 1798, d. at Ellington, Chautauqua County on 5 June 1880; m. on 1819 **BETSY HUTCHINSON** b. at Vermont on 1803, d. at Ellington on 8 June 1865.
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### **PAUL SEEKINS**

**PAUL SEEKINS** was born at Dartmouth about 1759, and died at Barton on 1810.<sup>105</sup>

The Seekins genealogy reported the following:<sup>106</sup>

Paul may have been in Kennebec County, Maine in the 1790 census, but soon after he was a resident of Bennington, Vt.; was listed there in the 1800 census, having a son 10 to 15 years of age and five daughters ( not of record). About 1803 4, he moved to Barton, Vt., where he was on the tax list in 1804. Both he and his wife died there in 1810.

Paul Seekins had the following child, perhaps others:<sup>107</sup>

1. **JOHN SEEKINS** b. about 1784. Child:
    - a. **Ebenezer Seekins** b. at German Flats, Herkimer County, New York, on 1808; m. about 1828 **Debarah** \_\_\_\_\_ b. at New York on 1819.
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***So, from which line of the Seekell/Seekins family could our William Seekell have come?***

The two censuses in which his name and age appear, place his birth about 1809-10 at Massachusetts. A son's death record places his birth in Middleboro. This should not be taken too seriously. Middleboro and Taunton were adjoining towns with a long border. Many Seekell records

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<sup>105</sup>Seekins, "Descendants of Aaron Seekins," generation 3.

<sup>106</sup>*Ibid.*

<sup>107</sup>*Ibid.*



point to the eastern part of Taunton, near Middleboro. Several Seekells of Taunton owned land in Middleboro. Also, this area is not far from the Berkley town line.

Let's look at these family lines:

Aaron Seekins. Aaron and most of his children moved to northern New England. The one exception, Ezekiel Seekins, returned from Vermont to Plymouth. Ezekiel had two sons born about the time of William's birth: Harvey, whose death record identifies his parents and age; and Hermon, whose marriage record identifies his parents and whose death record indicates his age. With one son born about 1808-9 and another 1809-10, it is unlikely that William could have also been born to this family.

John Seekell had one known son, John, who had a daughter born 20 November 1809 and a son born 23 May 1811. The Taunton vital records appear thorough with regard to this family. There appears little room for the birth of William here.

Moses Seekell had three sons old enough to be William's father. First son James remained single according to his death record. Third son John did not marry until 1816. Second son Joshua had a son William born at Freetown on 30 March 1809. This William is well documented marrying Mary Ann Pierce at New Bedford on 13 November 1839. The family was reported at Taunton in census records for 1840, 1850, 1855, 1860, and 1870, and in Michigan in 1880. This is not our William.

Job Seekell had six children whose births were recorded at Taunton, the last, Apollos, being born on 7 June 1798. I have placed a seventh child, George, in this family, born about 1812-3, because he appeared with Apollos in the 1850 Census. According to the 1820 Census, this family had 3 boys under 10. If these boys were children of Job and Hepzibah, it is possible that our William, age 10, could be one of these boys. Hepzibah would have been 43 years old when George was born.

Silas Seekell, Jr. moved to the Connecticut Valley section of Massachusetts. The names of his children are known from his will. There is no William.

Abiathar Seekell lived in Connecticut in 1800 and soon after moved to New York state. It is unlikely that he could have had a child born in Massachusetts about 1809-10.

Caleb Seekell left very little record. He was living in Dartmouth in 1800; his widow was reported there in 1840. She would have been 46 years old in 1809. It is possible that William could have come from this family, but unlikely.

Martin Seekins and his sons were soon far away from Massachusetts.

Paul Seekins and his known son were also soon far from Massachusetts.

**Conclusion.** There is no proof of anything. The least unlikely family of origin of William W. Seekell was the family of Job and Hepzibah (Clark) Seekell. However, there could be other lines I have not found.

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## THE FAMILY OF WILLIAM SEEKELL AND DELANY PITTSLEY

**WILLIAM W. SEEKELL** was born at Middleboro about 1809-10, and died sometime between 1855 and 1865. He married at Freetown on 29 June 1829. **DELANY PITTSLEY**, who was born at Freetown on 13 May 1805, a child of Elijah and Rebecca Pittsley. She died at Freetown on 29 November 1888.<sup>108</sup>

For information on the life of this family see the beginning of this article.

William and Delany Seekell had the following children:

1. **LUCY ANN SEEKELL** b. at Massachusetts about 1831; m. before 1855

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<sup>108</sup>1850 Census, population, Fairhaven, Bristol County, Massachusetts, roll 308, p. 181B, household 358, William W. Cekiel family. "Freetown, Massachusetts, Vital Records," Marriages, 1686-1844, p. 125; Births 1686-1844, p. 51. "Vital Records of Massachusetts, 1841-1910," v. 391, p. 91, e. 37; Deaths, Fairhaven, 1888.

- JOSEPH CHACE** b. at Massachusetts about 1815-6, d. before 1865.<sup>109</sup>
2. **LYDIA SEEKELL** b. at Massachusetts about 1832-3.<sup>110</sup>
  3. **ALICE H. SEEKELL** b. at Massachusetts about 1836-7<sup>111</sup>
  4. **EMALINE SEEKELL** b. at Freetown on 28 February 1838, d. at Fairhaven on 6 June 1915; m. at New Bedford on 14 November 1863 **PHILIP W. REED** b. at Dartmouth on 1808, d. at New Bedford on 5 January 1874.<sup>112</sup>
  5. **EZEKIEL SEEKELL**<sup>113</sup> b. at Fairhaven on 27 November 1843; m. **NANCY BORCHER**. Child:
    - a. **Ida Seekell** b. at Fairhaven about 1868-9; m. at Newburyport, Essex County, Massachusetts, on 13 March 1895 **John Janvin** b. at Seabrook, Rockingham County, New Hampshire, about 1858-9.
  6. **WILLIAM W. SEEKELL**<sup>114</sup> b. at Fairhaven on July 1846; d. there on 6 December 1900; m. there on 24 March 1870 **EMMA A. BRALEY** b. at Fairhaven (Acushnet) on March 1850. ChildrenL
    - a. **Mabel F. Seekell** b. at Fairhaven about 1870, d. before 1900; m. at New Bedford on 4 January 1894 **Frank Spooner** b. at New Bedford

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<sup>109</sup>1850 Census, population, Fairhaven, Bristol County, Massachusetts, roll 308, p. 181B, household 358, William W. Cekiel family. 1860, , population, Fairhaven, Bristol County, Massachusetts, p. 355, household 18, Joseph Chace family.

<sup>110</sup>1850 Census, population, Fairhaven, Bristol County, Massachusetts, roll 308, p. 181B, household 358, William W. Cekiel family.

<sup>111</sup>*Ibid.*

<sup>112</sup>"Massachusetts Vital Records, 1911-1915," Deaths 1915, v. 21, certificate 13. "Vital Records of Massachusetts, 1841-1910," digital images, *American Ancestors*, v. 162, p. 99, e. 232; Marriages, New Bedford, 1863. Grave Marker. Nasketucket Cemetery, Fairhaven, Bristol County, Massachusetts, Philip Reed

<sup>113</sup>Information on the family of Ezekiel Seekell is from: "Vital Records of Massachusetts, 1841-1910," v. 4, p. 53; Births, Fairhaven, 1843; v. 451, p. 493, e. 17; Marriages, Newburyport, 1895

<sup>114</sup>Information on the family of William Seekell is from: Twelfth Census of the United States: 1900, population, Fairhaven, Bristol County, Massachusetts, enumeration district (ED) 104, p. 288A, household 379, Warren Damzell family; digital images, *Ancestry* (ancestry.com : accessed 15 September 2020); NARA microfilm group T623; Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration. "Vital Records of Massachusetts, 1841-1910," v. 504, p. 194, e. 88; Deaths, Fairhaven, 1900; v. 226, p. 88, e. 16; Marriages, Fairhaven, 1870; v. 442, p. 197, e. 13; Marriages, New Bedford, 1894;v. 397, p. 100, e. 27; Marriages, Fairhaven, 1889; v. 554, p. 165, e. 4; Marriages Fairhaven 1905; v. 313, p. 96, e. 25; Births, Fairhaven, 1880; v. 328, p. 90, e. 25; Deaths, Fairhaven, 1881; v. 331, p. 100, e. 26; Births, Fairhaven, 1882.

- about 1855-6.
- b. **Lottie F. Seekell** b. at Fairhaven on May 1874; m(1). at Fairhaven on 25 December 1889 **William A. Butman**, b. at Fairhaven about 1868-9; Lottie m(2). at Fairhaven on 10 January 1905 **Henry A. Gifford** b. at Fairhaven about 1872.
  - c. **William H. Seekell** b. at Massachusetts on April 1877
  - d. **Harriet A. Seekell** b. at Fairhaven on 26 March 1880, d. there on 7 June 1881.
  - e. **Lucy M. Seekell** b. at Fairhaven on 4 September 1882
7. **THOMAS R. SEEKELL** b. at Fairhaven about 1847-8, d. there on 17 July 1892; m. at New Bedford on 2 January 1879 **CHARLOTTE M. FOLGER** b. at Nantucket, Nantucket County, Massachusetts, about 1848, d. at Fairhaven on 14 September 1895<sup>115</sup>.
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