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FINDING ANOTHER LOST MOTHER

We so seldom find another wife and mother to these Broad Bay Germans that it is really exciting to "stumble" across another. And here we have actually found the second wife of David Rominger "The widow whose children gave him a hard life." And we found the widow's daughter who was the unknown wife of Erasmus "Asmus" Lash or Loesch. We didn't have the name of his wife until I read Deed Book 84, pp 44 and 48. "Asmus Lash, of W., yeo & his wife Regina, for \$600 sold to John Lash of W., land in W. on SE corner of John Procht - 89 acres I only convey 1/2 of sd bounded to John Lash" - 26 Jan 1807. [We also did not have John as Asmus' son.] 27 Apr 1811, Asmus Lash & Regina sold the other 1/2 to John for "future maintenance of me & my wife, all that moiety in the other 1/2" + 1 yoke of oxen, two cows, 1 yearling heifer, 11 sheep, 4 lambs, one hog, and 1 horse." A quick check of my data base for Reginas showed only one possibility: Regina Kuebler, ch 13 Nov 1749 in Oberderdingen, Wuertt., Germany and died after 11 Apr 1811 in Waldoboro, [dau of Hans Michael Kuebler and Catherine Barbara Fridrich], who married Erasmus Lash. "In 1752, after his first wife 'passed out of time', David Rominger married a widow, whose children by her first marriage gave him a hard life." David married the widow Catherine Barbara Fridrich Kuebler. "This is to certify that I David Rominger with the consent of my wife have given that lot of land above forementioned I bought of Jacob Ulmer unto David Kibler, my step-son - free" [Deeds 23:207.] So we have 2 others.

Children of Erasmus Loesch and Regina Kuebler: [1790 c. 1-3-4]

1. George Lish b abt 1771, md 8 Apr 1793 Mary Polly Handley
2. Jacob Lash b 1777, md 31 Dec 1804 Mary Moody
3. Catherine Lash b 1778, md 16 Feb 1799 John Currier
4. Mary Polly Lash b Jan 1780, d 1 Sep 1869, md abt 1805
Thomas Dockendorff
5. John Lash b abt 1783, died aft 11 Apr 1811
6. Margaret Lash 28 Nov 1785, d 25 Mar 1840, New Castle, md
abt 1809 John Noyes

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There were many of you who paid their subscriptions at the Reunion and many others who have sent their subscriptions to me. I take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you. If you haven't heard from me, please accept my thanks at this time. Each is greatly appreciated. Your enthusiasm has buoyed me up and if you wish me to continue, I'd like to continue publishing *Bund und Blatt* for another year. New material is coming in frequently and I have boxes of material to print about these Broad Bay Germans and their families. Thank you for all who have paid their subscriptions and those who additionally sent extra contributions. Because of you, I have been able to meet expenses this year, and can begin a New Year. This is great!

I would again appeal to those who have an interest in these Broad Bay German ancestors. Send a contribution of what you can afford, that is a good way to express your interest and willingness to help in this project. Right now I am looking for anecdotes, pictures, family stories, anything that will shed a little light on the personal lives of our German ancestors.

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1996 OBBFHA REUNION

THIS IS THE YEAR
 MAKE YOUR PLANS EARLY
 FIRST WEEKEND IN AUGUST
 LET'S PLAN ON SEEING EACH OTHER THERE
 I'm working hard on being ready to
 work with everyone I can

1996 is the Year!

As we were enjoying the Christmas Holidays with my wife's family, we learned that our brother-in-law came from a traditional German family, that enjoyed following the old traditions in their home. This article is the result of a request I made.

OUR GERMAN HOLIDAYS

by
Ralf Lorenzen

Now that the Holidays are over, it's nice to reflect on the traditions that make them special to our family. These special events help focus our attention on the meaning of the Holidays and to show caring and love for one another. A thoughtful conversation, warm smile, gentle touch, a nice fire and the smell of someone peeling a tangerine is what I remember most.

Nikolaus - December 6th was a special day. Nikolaus was coming! All the children would polish their shoes and place them at the foot of their bed. If you had been good the past year, a treat is what you could expect. But, if you had been naughty, a **RUTE** (switch) would await you in the morning. Anxious children could usually find nuts, candy, a tangerine, chocolate or a small toy stuffed into their little shoes. It paid to be good!

Advents Kranz - Four Sundays prior to Christmas, we would get out our Advents Kranz. This was a wooden, circular candle holder that we decorated with pine branches to form a wreath. Four large red candles were placed in the holder. On each Sunday before Christmas, beginning four Sundays before, a new candle would be lit, along with the previously lit candles. With all the lights out, the flicker of the candles and soft Christmas music would help direct our thoughts to the love we shared with the ones around us, just as Jesus loves us.

Egg nog, soft cookies, tangerines and nuts made the night special. The best nuts, however, were the filberts. We would crack these nuts one after the other, looking for a **vieliiebchen**. This is when two whole nuts, not broken, were in the same shell. These "lovers" were good luck. You would now find someone special to lock little fingers with, and as each person put one of the nuts in their mouth, say "**vieliiebchen**." The contest was then, the next day, to see who would remind the other first by saying "**vieliiebchen**" once again.

Finally, Christmas Eve arrived. The tree, which just recently was put up, looked beautiful. As darkness arrived, all the children had to go to their rooms. We did some last minute rehearsal of the song or **gedicht** (poem) we all would recite prior to opening any presents. We were excited. We couldn't wait. Then we heard it! The bells rang as Santa left, leaving behind all our presents. This was our cue to come out of our rooms and hurry to the living room. Our eyes were as wide as they could be as we gazed at the many presents. All the children would recite "**Oh Tannenbaum**" together and then wish our parents a Merry Christmas. The actual opening of the presents didn't take long. Even though it was the culmination of all the activities the past month, it's the traditional celebration with a loving family that I always remember.

BUND UND BLATT GENEALOGICAL QUERY

Seeking info. on the parents and origin of **John LEVAR/LEVER** who was born Feb 1796 (Grave) possibly in Waldoboro, Maine (Ludwig Gene.). He md **Catherine REED**, dau of **Michael** and **Catherine (LUDWIG) REED** and was born 13 May 1799 (grave) and died 20 Feb 1837 in St. David, New Brunswick (grave). They were md 30 Dec 1819 in Waldoboro (Ludwig Gene.) and had ten children and lived in St. David, New Brunswick. **John LEVER** died 23 Oct 1873 (Grave) in St. David, New Brunswick. Sent by Thomas W. Bentum, P. O. Box 313, Fairfield, ME 04937-1313

n.b. by Will: There are other families that moved into Canada, notably one of the Achorn families. Let me know if you know of other families there.

Another Genealogical Inquiry:
SCHUMMAN/SHUMAN

Searching for parents of:
HELENA E. SHUMAN BUTLER

"LENA"
BORN 25 APRIL 1845 (Gravestone)
Either Waldoboro or Jefferson
DIED 7 JANUARY 1933, Aged 78
Center, ME (Seal Cove on Mount Desert Island, ME)

MARRIED

ANDREW JACKSON BUTLER

31st Regt. Co. D Infantry Maine Volunteers
BORN 18 AUGUST 1838
Bartlett's Island, ME - son of Jacob Butler and Sarah (Sally) Ann Dawes
DIED 26 MAR 1922
Center, ME

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BROAD BAY QUIZ

Have you been reading each *Bund und Blatt* carefully for your ancestors or references to them? As I am a soon-to-be-retired [!] school teacher by profession, I thought it was time to give a TEST to see if you have been paying attention. Answers will be found on page 120. All Right. Let's begin.

1. What was the name of the first known ship to bring settlers to Broad Bay?
2. In what year did this first ship come?
3. What tragedy occurred in Langensteinbach in Germany that makes it most difficult to find records in this lovely old city?
4. From what city in Germany did the School Master John Ulmer come?
5. Who were the dissident Lutherans of 1772? Are your ancestors among these?
6. What was the name of the ship that brought immigrants to Broad Bay in 1751?
7. What were the three religions in Waldoboro before 1770?
8. What were the German Manumission records?
9. Margaret Catharine Reid married first Matthias Eichorn. Who were her two subsequent husbands? This is kind of a trick question, but she is Margaret _____.
10. Last question. Was one of your ancestors one of the Germans living on the West side of Medomac river who had to repurchase their land from Drowne and the Pemaquid Proprietors?
11. Extra Credit. What was the name of the ship that came in 1752?
12. Extra, Extra Credit. What was the name of the ship that came in 1753?

How did you do?

12 correct, you can take my place.
10 correct, super A.
8 correct, a great big B.
6 correct, you are doing well, an average C.
4 correct, you may want to re-read the old *Bund und Blatt*.
Less than 4 correct, are you sure you descend from these Germans?
No. Just kidding. Keep up the good work.

**EARLY DAYS IN
DAMARISCOTTA,
BROAD BAY
AND
ST. GEORGES**

The more one studies the early days of the St. Georges River, Muscongus and Medomack Rivers and the Penobscot, and Damariscotta Rivers, the more one is impressed with the great amount of activity going on along these rivers and the sea coast. Spurred on by the great fishing activities from the very earliest times on the Grand Banks and off the shore and among the islands of Maine, first - summer settlements were made and then - eventually, year-round fishing lodges and villages grew up to support the fishermen, who began to bring their families and left them on-shore to dry the fish while they worked the fisheries.

It was here in Maine that the Indians first became acquainted with the white man, who first took several Indians back to England to show them off, to acquaint the English with these "Savages", where Indians, including Tahenedo, Samoset (from his home on Muscongus Island¹) and many others, learned to speak English and when the Pilgrims came to Massachusetts, it was Samoset and his friends who were able to speak the language and come to the aid of those first settlers.

In fact, the Pilgrims, then the Puritans applied for and received aid from the farms along the Maine sea coast from the earliest times of settlement, when their own supplies were almost depleted. And though the Puritans could soundly renounce the May-pole and irreligious activities of many of the Mainers, they could gratefully receive their needed maize and vegetables and other supplies from their Maine brethren. And any truck garden commodities would not come easily!

As Captain John Smith essayed

. . . but all this coast to Penobscot, and as farre as I could see eastward of it is nothing but such high, craggy, cliffy rocks and stoney iles that I wondered such great trees could growe upon so hard foundantions . . . It is a countrie to affright rather than to delight one.²

THE ST. GEORGES RIVER AREA:

There seems to have been little controversy over Samuel Waldo's claims on the St. Georges river. There his earliest settlers enjoyed the "peaceable settlement and possession" of their claims. There were many deeds given in this area to the Scotch-Irish settlers as recorded in old York County deeds.

It was with a great deal of interest that I found the following deposition of Margaret Rivers, wife of Joseph Rivers, of Cushing, daughter of Dr.³ Moses

¹ Stahl, J. J. *History of Old Broad Bay and Waldoboro*. I:52. Samoset, from his home at Muscongus Island (Loud's), had had so much intercourse with white men and over so long a period as to be able to talk in English with the Pilgrims at Plymouth on that Friday morning, the fifteenth of March, 1621.

² Smith, John, Capt. *Generall Historie of Virginia, New-England . . . 1616*. As William Cullen Bryant stated it in his *Popular History*, "They (the fishermen) stepped from the deck of a fishing smack and began the work of founding a republic by tending the rude stages where the fish were dried."

³ It has been surmised by some that "Dr." was more of an honorary title for Moses Robinson than for actually being a Doctor. In the absence of a certificate or diploma of graduation, one would have to surmise that it was indeed, an honorary title. However, on at least three occasions, "Dr." Moses Robinson performed major surgery upon wounded soldiers. Again, this may have been spur of the moment and acting under immediate need, and he may have been the one most qualified. But he did

Robinson of Lower Town (Cushing), who then moved to Upper Town (Warren) along the St. Georges River.

RIVERS' DEPOSITION

28 June 1809

I, Margaret Rivers, aged almost eighty six years do testify and say, that when I was a girl & lived with my father, Moses Robinson, in St. Georges upper town, so called, my said father was engaged with a Capt. Robinson, then of Cape Ann, in building a Saw Mill on the stream then called the Bay stream, now in Thomaston, that my father was then very desirous to have a way made in the Dam for the fish to go up the stream, but Capt. Robinson was against it, and I understood that the way was not made, & further saith not, Margaret X Rivers.⁴

This statement puts Margaret's birth as 1723, several years earlier than previously thought. Moses Robinson⁵ had first received land from Samuel Waldo, possibly as early as 1733, by the "Narrows" on the St. Georges river, in St. Georges lower town (Cushing) along with his father-in-law (reputed) Daniel Fitzgerald, which Daniel Fitzgerald sailed to Louisbourg with Waldo and died there in the hospital.⁶ Leaving some of his sons on the "Lower town" property, Moses Robinson moved to St. Georges upper town, where they took up a lot on the west side of the St. Georges river, still (1996) in the possession of his descendants. Moses Robinson was a most versatile man, able to erect a cabin, a barracks, a dam, and raise herbs and vegetables, extract a bullet from a soldier's stomach, set a leg broken by shrapnel, claimed, by some, to have started the first Sunday School on the Eastern Coast, all in all a real asset to his community and country. He and his sons served in some of the Indian Wars and some of his sons in the Revolutionary War of their adopted country. His sons were noted Indian fighters, scouts, and hunters.

Moses Robinson was engaged with Captain Andrew Robinson of Cape Ann in building a saw mill and a dam on the "Bay Stream" then in Thomaston. It appears that Moses Robinson stood on the side of "Ecology" as he wanted a "way" built into the dam that would allow the fish to continue up the river to their spawning grounds. Captain Andrew Robinson, probably for financial reasons, was against it and it appears his hard-headed approach to money matters prevailed.

For some time, family descendants had assumed that Captain Andrew Robinson was a brother of Moses Robinson, but early research of this writer has established that Andrew Robinson (Abraham, Abraham) was from Cape Ann and Gloucester, Essex,

petition the Massachusetts Legislature for surgery accomplished, his patients lived, and he was paid for his work!

⁴ Lincoln County, Maine, Deeds FHL#11394. 73:41 Lincoln Town of Cushing this twenty eighth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & nine personally appeared before us the Subscribers, two Justices of the Peace for the County of Lincoln, Quorum Unus, the aforesaid Deponent, & also being carefully examined & duly cautioned to testify the whole truth & nothing but the truth, made oath that the foregoing Deposition by her subscribed is true... Taken at the request of Samuel Rankin, John Spear, Samuel Lindsey, Robert Jamison, David Jenks, William M. Davis and Jacob Eichorn, fish Wardens for Thomaston to be preserved in perpetual remembrance of the things ... And we duly notified all persons living within twenty miles of this place of Caption we knew to be interested in the property of which the aforesaid Deposition relates particularly - Mason Wheaton, Esqr; James P. Wheaton & Aaron Mosman, who we suppose interested, but no person attended.
David Fales Joseph Ingraham Rec September 21, 1809. & entered & examined, by Warren Rice - Regr.

⁵ In 1763, Dr. Moses Robinson, of Warren, Me., made his will and among others, made this bequest: "Item. I leave to my son Moses Robinson all my right and Title, which I received by Will from Daniel FitzGerald, deceased, of that lot which he now enjoys." This lot was sold by Waldo to Fitzgerald.

⁶ Whitaker, W. W. *Bund und Blatt*. April-May 1994. Vol. 3, Number 2. p. 186. 18 Oct 1745. Morning Citadel . . . (dyd) . . . and one daniell FitzGerald - of Brigadier [Samuel] Waldos Regiment.

Mass., and had a large family there and was well-established, and a member of the Massachusetts Legislature. He died unexpectedly and the state owed his estate quite a bit of money for the building projects he was engaged in and around St. George, one of them building and enlarging upon the Fort at St. George. There seems to have been no family connection between the two energetic builders of St. George, Captain Andrew Robinson and Dr. Moses Robinson.

The catching of alewives was a very necessary occupation of the early settlers, and a back-breaking job of the young boys and girls, who had to carry the fish up from the river, as alewives were a staple in their food diet, and supplied an important ingredient to the poor land, as the settlers used alewives as an early fertilizer for their crops, putting a fish or two around each hill of corn as it was planted. And alewives are still caught and smoked as my grandson Ben and I discovered a few years ago when visiting the St. George river area. We thought them very good, but had a ways to go to beat the smoked salmon of our Washington state days.

Major Haunce (Hanse, Hans) Robinson, b abt 1735 at Cushing, died 20 Sep 1802/03 at Cushing, [son of Dr. Moses Robinson and Mary, [probably dau of Daniel Fitzgerald] and a younger brother of Margaret Robinson Rivers], was the first of the Scotch-Irish to persuade one of the German girls to marry him. He married a young girl of the 1742 migration, Brisca Priscilla Hyler, dau of Hans Conrad Heyler, a Calvinist, and Maria Barbara Renck, of Woessingen, Wuertt., Germany.

From then on, the Hylers and Robinsons of Cushing and Warren were closely intertwined. Haunce and Brisca's children who md Hylers were: Simeon md Hannah Hyler; Haunce Jr., md Lucy M. Hyler; Elizabeth md Cornelius Hyler; Moses Robinson md Priscilla Hyler, and children of Simeon & Hannah Robinson who md Hylers were Barbara md Capt William Hyler; but our ancestor Capt John Robinson md Abigail Parsons; and Margaret Robinson md Capt Henry H. Ulmer of Cushing and Thomaston.

FURNESS' DEPOSITION

Lincoln County Deeds. FHL# 11394. 73:42-43. 28 Jun 1809.

I, Richard Furness, aged more than one hundred years, do testify, & say, that sixty or seventy years ago (abt 1740 - 1750) I was up on that branch of St. Georges' River now called the Mill River in Thomaston & saw a Mr. Lithgow⁷ who then an armourer at St. Georges Fort with several other men a catching the fish called Alewives, the said Alewives were very plenty, where they were fishing, for them, but could not go any further up the stream on account of a dam that had been erected across said stream where the frame of an old Saw mill was standing, that appeared to have been improved before that time, but was then out of repair and some decayed & further saith not. Richard X FURNESS.⁸

⁷. Eaton, Cyrus. *Annals of Warren*. 2nd Ed. 1877. p. 86. 1751-52. Two trading-houses were opened and well supplied; Wm. Lithgow being appointed, in 1752, truckmaster at Richmond fort, and Capt. Bradbury at St. George's; and a confidence began to be strongly entertained in the future safety of the settlers. p. 150. The regiment, at this time, extending to the Kennebec and including the settlements there, was commanded by Col. Lithgow, of Hallowell; [1770]. p. 165. ... new officers of the county of Lincoln were Wm. Lithgow of Georgetown, ...

⁸. COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Lincoln, Town of Cushing, this twenty-eighth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & nine, personally appeared before us the subscribers two Justices of the Peace for the County of Lincoln, Quorum Unus, the aforesaid Deponent & after being carefully examined & duly cautioned to testify the whole truth & nothing but the truth made oath that the foregoing Deposition by him subscribed is true. Taken at the request of Samuel Rankin, John Spear, Samuel Lindsey, Robert Jameson, David Jenks, William M. Dawes & Jacob Eichorn, Fish Wardens for Thomaston, to be preserved in perpetual remembrance of the thing. And we duly notified all persons living within twenty miles of this place of Caption, we knew to be interested in the property to which the aforesaid Deposition relates, particularly Mason Wheaton Esqr. James D. Wheaton & Aaron Mosman, who we suppose interested but no person attended. David Ingraham Recd September 21, 1809. & entered & examined by Warren Rice, Regr.

Richard Furness was born in Ireland sometime before 1709 and was one of the first settlers on the St. Georges River. He purchased Cushing Lot #55 from Gen. Waldo on 26 Jan 1743. He was on the circa 1754 list of early Cushing settlers. As Richard Fornis, he is found on the John North List. He was a centinel in April and May, 1748 for Capt Thomas Henderson at Fort Lucy. In 1758 he was a centinel at Henderson's garrison at Pleasant Point in Cushing, for 24 shillings per month [along with my ancestor Lawrence Parsons].⁹ We don't know his wife, but he had at least two daughters, Christinana Furness, b 15 Jun 1752, at Cushing, md. abt 1775, to James Kirby; and Katie Furness, b abt 1765, who married Thomas Rivers, son of the above Margaret Robinson and Joseph Rivers. It is possible that Richard Furness had a son Richard and Katie & Christina could be daughters of the son.

The position of Fish Warden in the sea coast towns of Maine was taken quite seriously and often given to the town's leading citizens. These depositions were taken at the instance of the Fish Wardens of Thomaston in 1809, who may have been trying to find out who were the legal owners of the dam and saw mill. They may have been considering the possibility of tearing out the dam to allow the alewives access to their spawning grounds. The Fish Wardens of Thomaston in 1809 were Samuel Rankin, John Spear, Samuel Lindsay, Robert Jamison, David Jenks, William M. Davis and Jacob Eichorn.

Samuel Rankin, b 4 May 1776, at Rockland, d 7 Apr 1842, at Rockland, md 15 Nov 1802 at Thomaston to Betsey Elizabeth Jameson, b. 13 May 1776, at Friendship, dau of Robert Jameson and Deborah Morton. Samuel Rankin was the son of Constant Rankin and Mary Tolman. His dau Elizabeth md Ephraim Ulmer and his dau Mary md Mark Lindsay, possibly son of Samuel Lindsay.

John Spear (there are 4 or 5 who could be the Fish Warden), a Major and Esqr is my vote for Fish Warden, son of Captain Jonathan Spear and Margaret M. Dougle, b 22 Sep 1775 at Thomaston, d 6 Jan 1848, md abt 1836 as his 3rd wife Sally Susan Ulmer Butler, b 8 Aug 1814 at S. Thomaston, dau of Phineas Butler III, and Catherine Ulmer. Major John Spear, Esqr. and Susan Ulmer Butler had three children, all born at Thomaston: Leonard J. Spear, b 22 Jul 1836, d 28 Dec 1836; Isora D., b 17 Feb 1838; and Freeman H. Spear b 29 Jan 1840.

Samuel Lindsay is not found in my data base, but may be the father of Mark Lindsay, husband of Mary Rankin.

Robert Jameson is Robert Sampson Jameson, [s/o Paul Jameson and Elizabeth Pebbles] b abt 1750 at Friendship, d bef 9 Nov 1830 at Thomaston, and md 30 Dec 1780 at Friendship to Martha Porterfield, b 7 May 1748 at Thomaston, dau of Patrick Porterfield and Martha Jameson.

ELIZABETH JAMESON'S DEPOSITION

I Elizabeth Jameson, widow, being upward of 80 years dau of Charles Pebbles & Jane his wife, my said parents had 7 children: Mary, Myself, Patrick, Diana, Jane, Nancy & Charles. My father came to St. Georges in the fall of the year 1736 & built a house on the lot lately occupied by my brother Patrick Pebbles near to St. Georges River and lived there sometime & afterwards he built another house on the same lot - further from the River upon the hill ... he lived on that lot till the spring of 1745 when the french war broke out, he then removed into the block house and tarried there till the fall of that year, in the spring of the year following my mother with her children went to Boston and some time after

⁹ Beckett, Bradley. *Settlers and Soldiers of Cushing, Maine Before 1760 and their Descendants Today*. Rockland, Maine. 1986. p. 21. Also on the John North List.

my father came there and died in Boston in the year 1746 & left all his children mentioned living - who were afterwards respectively married - my sister Mary md David McCoy, had 2 daus, Mary md. Wm. Newell and died in childbed with her first child; the other name Elizabeth md Samuel Johnson of Cape Elizabeth; my brother Patrick Pebles told me he had purchased the right of several heirs to my father's estate & had a deed to them. He asked me to sign the deed but I declined to do so. 1 Feb 1811. Taken at the request of Robert Jameson. Daniel Prior & John Storer attended.

MARTHA BRADFORD'S DEPOSITION

Martha Bradford, dau of Paul Jameson & Elizabeth his wife about the year 1758 my father lived at Cape Elizabeth in the house with my grandmother Jane Jameson, who as I have ever been informed was formerly the wife of Charles Pebles and that my aunt - Mary McCoy, the reputed dau of my grandmother Jane Jameson by her marriage with Charles Pebles lived there at the same time. She the sd Mary McCoy had two daus Mary & Elizabeth - It was reported afterward that Mary was married & died without issue & sd Elizabeth McCoy md Samuel Johnson & reported to have lived at Kittery - Where I have been to their house & living together. 1 Feb 1811. Taken at the request of Robert Jameson. Daniel Prior and John Storer attended.

MATTHEW KELLOCH'S DEPOSITION

I Matthew Kelloch of lawful age I was acquainted with Charles Pebles and his family - sd Pebles lived in St. George now Warren, on lot lately occupied by Patrick Pebles, Esqr. dec'd. That Charles Pebles lived on sd lot several years before the taking of Louisbourg the first time. He had 7 children: Mary, Elizabeth, Diana, Jane, Nancy & Charles. Elizabeth md Paul James, the father of Robert who now resides in Thomaston & further saith not. Matthew Kelloch. 22 Feb 1811. Thomaston - Daniel Prior John Storer & Henry Winchenbach attended.

Matthew Kelloch [s/o Finley Kelloch & Mary Margaret Young] b 29 mar 1737, Philadelphia, PA, d 22 Mar 1824, md 3 May 1758 at St. Georges, Knox, Mary Robinson, dau of Dr. Moses Robinson & Mary Fitzgerald] b 31 Jan 1739 at St. Georges, died 11 Aug 1808 at St. Georges. Their son Matthew, Jr. md Hannah Snowdeal, a 2nd generation German.

Henry Winchenbach was probably Henry Peter Winchenbach, [s/o Johan Friederich Philips Winchenbach and Maria Catharina Koehler], b 1762 at Broad Bay, died 16 Mar 1831, at Warren, Knox County, md abt 1785, prob in Warren, Mary Margaret Waltz (d/o Andreas Waltz, Sr. & Barbara] b 1763 at Broad Bay and died 14 Oct 1822, at Warren.

David Jenks, b 1758, came from Nova Scotia, d 26 Feb 1825 at Thomaston, md abt 1782 at Lower St. George [Cushing] to Deborah Rhoades, [dau of Johann Georg Rhoades (Roth) and Anna Elizabeth], b abt 1756, prob in Waldoboro, d 26 Dec 1821 at Thomaston. They had at least six children.

William M. Davis is not found in my data base, though he could be through John Davis of Friendship or William Davis of Medumcook.

Jacob Eichorn, [son of Johann Jacob Eichorn and Jane] b 14 Mar 1761 at Broad Bay, d 19 Sep 1836 at Rockland, md abt 1784 at Waldoboro to Margaret Peggy Ulmer [dau of Captain Johannes John Ulmer, Jr. and Mary Katharine Remilly] b 16 Sep 1765, at Broad Bay, d 25 Apr 1849 at Rockland. They had 10 children who married into the Rockland - Thomaston area families.

How pervasive were our Broad Bay German Ancestors? I don't know if this one small area is typical though I think it very well could be, but in two generations they have intermarried into some of the leading families of these towns and have become leaders in their own right. We have the Ulmers, already

a leading family, marrying into the Rankin, Spear, Butler, and, of course, into the Eichorn family. The Rhoades (Roth) girl married into the Jenks family which then married into the Robinson, Hancock and French families. The Eichorns married into the Tolman, Porter, French, Gregory, Brown, Holmes and Currier families. All of this by 1810 or there-a-bouts.

THE SHEEPSCOTT - DAMARISCOTTA RIVER AREAS:

William Vaughan appears to have been one of the first, and the largest landholder in this area.

JAMES FORESTER'S DEPOSITION

Lincoln Count Deeds. FHL# 11394. 73:283

The Deposition of James Forester of Pownalborough of lawful age testifieth and saith the declarant lived with William Vaughan about twenty-eight years ago and helped to make for Vaughan a fence from the fresh meadow to the Bay and now adjoining Doctor Winslow's fence, near where Christopher Hopkins now lives and we mowed the meadows from Winslow's all upon the west side of the great fresh Pond as far as the brook parting the meadow between Dumascotty and Sheepscut and Vaughan cut all the Northward meadows westward of said Pond aforesaid by the name of burn cam meadow and Deer Meadows, and the Declarant helped to cut the meadows on both sides of the aforesaid fresh Pond of Damariscotty from the mills almost to the Northward of said Pond and Vaughan [one line missing here] . . . the declarant understood by Vaughan that said lands aforesaid was his own and sd land and meadows was improved under said Vaughan as long as he lived, and since his death I understood that Elliot Vaughan his brother and James Noble, Esqr has held the aforesd Mills land and meadows aforsd to this day, the Declarant never heard of any persons whatever disturb the said Vaughan or his Heirs in the quiet possession of said lands nor did I ever till within a few years Hear the name of the Plymouth Company so called of late and knew for the time I have lived here knew any of the Plymouth Squires settle or improve any of the lands any where near said Damariscotty River or fresh Pond to my knowledge, and sd Vaughan cut the salt meadows on the head of Oyester Creek and quietly possessed ye same. James III [his mark] Forester Lincoln Fs Pownalborough June 5th 1765.
Received June 6, 1810, and entered and examined by Warren Rice, Regr.

JOHN HISCOCK'S DEPOSITION

Lincoln County Deeds. FHL# 11394. 73:284

The Deposition of John Hiscock of a place called Walpole of lawful age testifieth and saith that the Declarant knew William Vaughan who built the Mills at Damariscotty fresh falls about thirty years ago and about two miles above the great salt water falls and that the declarant knew Vaughan by his people crost the great fresh water lying about North North West of the said salt water falls and the Declarant was knowing that the meadows are the West or North West side of the great fresh Pond was always sent as the place Declarant understood on the said Vaughans right the Declarant never knew the said Vaughan nor the people who worked for him ever disturbed in their cutting the said fresh meadows on either side of the aforesaid fresh Pond nor in cutting timber and the Declarant heard Vaughan cut the said salt meadow? at the head of the Oyster Creek, it was generally called Vaughans interest and since said Vaughan's death have been improved under Elliot Vaughan Esqr and James Noble Esqr. [line missing here] . . . claiment so called ever possess or improve any lands any where on said River or Pond aforesaid, nor never heard of the name till about the year 1730 and the Declarant knew a fence which was built from the southern end of the salt bay and said fence ran as far as Doctor Winslow's fence, which went Southward of the great Salt water falls on Damaiscotty River aforesaid, and the said enclosed land was generally said to be the aforesaid Vaughan's pasture. John Hiscock
Lincoln Fs Pownalborough June 2 1765,
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ELISHA CLARK'S DEPOSITION

Lincoln County Deeds. FHL# 11394. 73:285

The deposition of Elisha Clark of New Castle in the County of Lincoln of lawful age testifieth and saith that he the Deponent has lived at & near Damascotty Sawmills for about twelve years & improved with others by Lease all the land and meadow on both sides of said River and fresh Pond and to the Northward thereof under James Noble Esqr, except what lots of land on each side of sd River and Pond Noble sold to any person and never was disturbed in sd possession by any person whatsoever till Jun last 1760, one Jonathan Cook, Jonathan Jones, John Jones and Antoney Chapman with a great number of men entered on sd premises, which was held under sd Noble as aforesd and built a Saw Mill, fenced in a large tract of land, and gives out that they will hold the same, that is to say, I heard Cook say he had made a fence & run it out, and that he had built a mill and would hold it, & further saith not. dated New Castle Octob. 3d 1763.
Elisha Clark Lincoln October 3d 1763. [line missing here]

ICHABUD LINSCUTT'S DEPOSITION

The Deposition of Ichabod Linscott of New Castle, county of Lincoln, aged fifty-six years testifieth and saith, that he lived at Damariscotty near where the Saw Mill stands about thirty years past and was well knowing that myself with others improved all the land and meadow on both sides of Damascotty River and fresh Pond from the lower falls Northward of Kenelon Winslows fence to the Northward of sd Pond about one mile, and about half way to Sheepscot River on the West side of sd fresh Pond, and also improved all the land and meadows Northward of said fresh Pond as aforesd and on the Easterly side as far East as Pemmaquid fresh Pond under William Vaughan Esqr & ---- and ---- also well knowing that all the lands and meadows described have been for about thirteen or fourteen years last past improved and possessed by me and others under James Noble, Esqr except what lots of land within the above described premises Noble has sold to sundry persons, and that the above premises have been ever since to this day held and quietly possessed by lease from said Noble till about June last past I heard that one Jonathan Cook, Jonathan Jones, John Jones, and Antony Chapman with others have entered on sd land & in the Easterly side of said fresh Pond aforesd, built a Saw mill and run a brush fence round a large tract of land possessed by Noble as aforesaid, gives out they will hold said mill and lands with strong hand by violence; and further saith not,
dated at New Castle October 3d, 1763 Ichabud [his mark] Linscutt
Received June 6 1810 and entered and examined by Warren Rice Regr.

SAMUEL GOODWIN'S DEPOSITION

Lincoln County Deeds. FHL# 11393. 70:80.

Samuel Goodwin, age 83, [deposition]. In 1751 I was employed by the Kennebec Company to survey their patents, that I engaged John North, Esqr. as surveyor, Jonathan Rand, Jr., Adam Richardson, John Tufts and John Malone as Chainsmen in their business and caused them all to be sworn. - That with them, I surveyed the said patent from the sea as high up as Cushanoe? Island - keeping the distance as we supposed of fifteen miles from the River Kennebec on each side there of - the line was actually run, measured and marked by us and I verily believe that the plan on which this deposition is written contains a true representation of the lines then so run by us. - That I was attending on the said surveyor and chainmen through the whole business - having the direction under the said Company. Samuel Goodwin. 14 Aug 1800.

WILLIAM NORTH'S DEPOSITION

I, William North, of Duanesburgh, [Schenectady County], New York, do testify and say that I am well-acquainted with the hand writing of my father John North,

formerly of Georges (St. George) in Lincoln county, and that I have not any doubt the above certificate dated 16 Dec 1751 is written and subscribed by hand quite similar to the writing of his last will and in other papers in my possession, which have always been considered as his hand writing. William North. 16 Sep 1808.

LYDIA STANWOOD'S DEPOSITION

Lincoln County, Maine, Deeds FHL# 11394. 73:36. Stanwood's Deposition.

Lidia Stanwood of Gloucester in the County of Essex aged about eighty two years testifieth & says yt she was brought up in Sheepscott in ye Eastern parts of ye and lived at the house of her father, Thos. Messer, on ye Western side of sd Sheepscott River & lived on ye North West side on the Head of Plce? Cove next North West of the Salt Water Falls of the sd Sheepscott River, that she lived in her said father's house till she was seventeen years old and married, which time was before the first Indian Wars in ye Eastern parts which began ye year after King Philips Indian Wars, only excepting one year that she lived at Dumariscotta in ye house of John Taylors of sd Dumariscotta, who sd Taylor lived between the house of Walter Phillips of sd Dumeriscotter & the lowest & great salt water falls of Sd Dumariscotta River on the west side thereof - Further says, that sd Taylor help insides then the largest improvements in sd Dumariscotta River that she saw, one improved house the same in his own right as she understood & he heard of and that Wat Walter Phillips then lived & improved on ye hill below John Taylors down the river were & she never heard in that only that sd Phillip is claimed down the river were & she never heard in that only that sd Phillip is claimed or improved any lands further up the River Northward than the great falls of the great gully next to his House which was situated between his & the sd Taylor's house = that there were none other inhabitants near that place on the west side of sd River - further says, that at the sd time & opposite the sd Taylor & Phillips one John brown lived on the East side of Dumariscotta River & made considerable improvements to there which she understood to be in his own right, also that she well knew the said Brown & that he was esteemed by all in those days as far side ever She heard to be the son of John Brown of Pemaquid whom she well knew. Further says that said John Taylor had a son named Isaac, who since lived at Boston further says that at many times besides the year that she lived at John Taylors as aforesaid she went over from Sheepscut a visiting to Taylors & testifies & found all things there as usual & aforesd & further saith not. her Lidia | Steinwood Essex FS. Gloucester Jul 17. 1742. Rec'd November 28 1809, & entered & examined by Warren Rice, Regr.

WILLIAM BLACKSTONE'S DEPOSITION

Lincoln County Deeds. FHL# 11394. 73:282

The Deposition of William Blackstone of New Castle in the County of Lincoln, of lawful age testifieth and saith that he has lived at Damariscotta Saw Mills for about twenty six years and improved with others who work at sd mills all the lands and meadows on both sides of said River and fresh Pond to the Northward then under William Vaughan, Esqr deceased, and since his death has? with sundry others have held and improved said land and meadows for about thirteen years under James Noble Esqr --- what lots of land on each side of sd River and Pond any persons and have ever since improved land and meadows under sd Noble the whole length of sd Pond .. on ye west side of said pond about halfway to Sheepscut River, and on the Easterly side of said pond as far as Pemaquid fresh Pond. and never was disturbed in sd possession by any claimer whatsoever till June last seventeen hundred and sixty three when one Jonathan Cook, Jonathan Jones, John Jones and Antoney Chapman have with a great number of men although forbid as I heard entered on the premises which was held under sd Noble and built a Saw Mill, fenced in a large tract of land possessed under Noble as aforesd, and gives out that they will hold the same by a strong hand as I have heard - The Deponent further testifies that he with other paid the yearly rent for the above

described land and premises to the above named Vaughan and Noble during the above mentioned term and further saith not. Dated at New Castle October 3d 1763.
Lincoln Fs October 3d, 1763. William Blackstone
Received June 6 1810 and entered and examined. by Warren Rice, Regr.

ROBERT HODGE'S DEPOSITION

Lincoln County Deeds. FHL# 11394. 73:282

The Deposition of Robt Hodge of New Castle in the County of Lincoln, of lawful age, testifieth and saith, that the deponent came to Sheepcut so called about the year 1731, and knew William Vaughan Esqr who lived at that time Damariscotty fresh falls, was where is Saw Mill stood, that Declarant well remembers the that said Vaughan cut the fresh meadow about West from the great salt water falls near where Mr. James Brown now lives, and that declarant have helped the said Vaughan to Mow said meadow and knew said Vaughan fenced from where old Cornelius Jones lives along the side of the hill till it comes to Mr. Winslow Southward of Christopher Hopkins house starids? and the declarant knew Vaughan cut the meadows West wd of the great fresh Pond to the creek between the Pond and Sheepscut River and also Burn Camp meadow and part of Deer meadow so called well towards the Northwd of Vaughan's Pond so called on the West side of said Pond and his people cut timber as well as the meadow and I always understood by Vaughan that it was his cetids? and I never heard any claimer whatever disturb said Vaughan or his people in such improvements except a lawsuit Mr. Hopkins commenced for said mills and I heard Vaughan got the case; the declarant never heard the name of any of the Kennebec proprietors ever improving any of the lands in the country near Damariscotta nor no where else till about the year 1750 I heard a settler was making up Kennebec River wch occasioned a great deal of disturbance in the country among the inhabitants ever since 1750. till which time their names was never known in Sheepscut and Damariscotta. Robert [R H. his mark] Hodges.
Lincoln Fs Pownalborough June 5 1765.
Received June 6, 1810 and entered and examined, by Warren Rice Regr.

BROAD BAY AND MEDOMACK RIVER AREA:

Isn't it interesting to surmise that this area, the very center of the German Migration to Maine, may have been 'settled' by "pale faces" even before the 1607 Jamestown settlement in Virginia? That this is not well-known can be attributed to the fact that the area just did not have a good publicity agent. No one to sing its praises and encourage settlement. Thus, permanent settlement was not made for some years after the first attempted settlement in 1607 by the Popham expedition ended in failure. But Maine had its settlers. Like the "snow birds" of today, they just didn't stay to enjoy the Maine winters!

In fact, they may be somewhat like many of their descendants here, they had a good thing and they knew it and didn't want a lot of new comers to come and drive up prices. Years before the Pilgrim's stepped off the *Mayflower* in 1621, Broad Bay and the islands off-shore, had their summer inhabitants who lived on shore and dried the tons of fish that were being caught daily in the waters off-shore.¹⁰

¹⁰. Stahl, J. J. *History of Old Broad Bay and Waldoboro*. I:24 ... fishing expeditions to the coast on the part of both the English and the French started shortly after the Cabot voyage of 1497. Spanish vessels, too, were engaged in this business (fishing) as early as 1517. In 1527 twelve French fishing vessels are known to have been on the coast. And in the next twenty years their number increased in excess of two hundred and fifty. By 1600 England was sending annually more than a hundred fishing to the North Atlantic coast. At first, they frequented the Grand Banks, but by the close of the sixteenth century their voyages included Maine waters, and they were thoroughly established on the Maine coast.

It's exciting to think that before the Puritans unloaded their supplies in 1627 that there were permanent settlers from Pemaquid to Broad Bay, who were able to survive the Indian raids and depredations, probably by making friends with the Indians, and helping the Indians when they could, by not encroaching upon the Indians' rights, as we find that white men were prone to do, especially a hundred years later.

Among the earliest settlers of this area, the leading spirit was Abraham Shurte, who may have descendants down to the present day. One of these early settlers was Humphrey Farrell (1673) who lived at Broad Bay. Another was Morrice Chalmes (1673), who claimed land in the very heart of Waldoboro, whose dau Margaret md James Stetson. (See Ruth Barnaby's Deposition) And from these depositions we learn that "John Brown's widow remarried" (to whom?), that one William Bristol lived here, and Edward Ewin or Euin? lived near Bristol's Harbor. Richard Peirce lived at Miscongus. In 1738 Thomas Botkins lived adjoining "a place called Round Pond."

And perhaps the earliest settler was John Brown (at New Harbor as early as 1623) and his family who still may have descendants in the Broad Bay-Waldoboro area. First at Pemaquid and New Harbor, he was the "first to push up the sound toward the more fertile valley lands and the falls of the Medomak."¹¹ I caution the reader to use this material with caution. I have not proved it and it may contain "surmises" that are not correct. Treat it as a rough outline!

"Old" John Brown, Mason, b abt 1601 in England, [s/o Richard Brown, of Barton Regis, Gloucester, Eng], md Margaret Hayward. Child., prob. b at New Harbor

1. Margaret Brown, md Alexander "Sanders" Gould;
 1. Margaret Gould, md James Stilson
 1. Margaret Stilson, b abt 1683, of Broad Cove, md William Hilton, "the elder".
 2. Elizabeth Gould, md Mr. Homan
 3. Mary Gould
 2. Elizabeth Brown md Richard Pearce, carpenter;
 1. Elizabeth Pearce, of Round Pond, md Richard Fulford
 2. John Pearce, of Round Pond, d. Marblehead

I have found the following who claim inheritance from John Brown & Richard Pearce: Ebenezer Stickney, [Tabitha Chandler, listed at beginning of deed, but didn't sign], Mary Stickney, Robert Gardner, Rope-maker, Abigail Gardner, all of Newburyport, Essex, Ma., sold to George Choate of Ipswich, also John Pearce of Beverly, Essex, Nathaniel Dodge & Sarah his wife, both of Gloucester, Essex, also George Pearce & Elizabeth his wife, both of Ipswich, also Moses Dodge & Anna, his wife, of Gloucester, and Sarah May of Manchester, all sold to George Choate. [Lincoln County Deeds 81:125-128]

3. John Brown, Jr., md, wife unknown
 1. John Brown, md, wife unknown, drown abt 1746 at BB
 1. John Brown of Ipswich

William Hilton "the elder" of Pemaquid, died 1723 at Exeter, Rockingham, NH, md prob at Muscongus, abt 1703 to Margaret Stilson (above). Children were:

1. Samuel Hilton, b abt 1705, of Boston, Suffolk, Ma, d Mar 1756, Luneberg, Worcester, md abt 1731, wife unknown.
 1. Sarah Hilton, md Samuel Whitney
2. Joshua Hilton
3. William Hilton, Sr., b abt 1709, of Muscongus, killed by Indians abt 1746, at Broad Cove. Married Mary Lee. Children born at Muscongus:
 1. Capt James Hilton, of Bristol, d bef 2 Jul 1799, md Sarah Yeates

¹¹. Stahl. I:53.

2. Richard Hilton
3. William Hilton, Jr., md abt 1763 at Pownalboro, to Hepsebah Boynton. Children b at Wiscasset:
 1. Ebenezer Hilton, b 25 Oct 1753
 2. John Hilton, b 11 May 1756
 3. William Hilton, b 5 Aug 1759
 4. Joseph Hilton, b 20 Sep 1763
 5. Samuel Hilton, b 19 Sep 1764, at Pownalboro
 6. Anna Hilton, b 23 Dec 1767, at Pownalboro
4. John Hilton, b 1742, Muscongus, d bef 18 Dec 1773, Pownalboro, md Rebecca.
5. Ebenezer Hilton
6. Jean Jenney Hilton, md Mr. Cleaveland abt 1768 at BB
7. Ruth Hilton
8. Elizabeth Hilton, chr 12 Aug 1750 at Manchester, Essex, MA, md abt 1767 at BB Johann Conrad Cornelius Roth.
9. Joseph Hilton, b abt 1752 at Muscongus
10. Matthias Hilton, b 1754, Muscongus, Lincoln County, Maine
11. James Hilton, b 27 Jun 1757, at Muscongus, md wife unknown
 1. Jane, b abt 1789, of Bristol, md 3 Sep 1815 at Nobleboro to Henry Charles Helmershausen.
4. Benjamin Hilton
5. Amos Hilton

These families married into the Ulmer, Seider, Winchenbach, Eichorn, Hoch, Benner, Havener, Reed, Roth, and other German families. I am corresponding with descendants who are directly related to some of these, the earliest families in the Broad Bay area! If you have some of these names on your pedigree chart, you too, may have a direct connection to these early settlers.

THOMAS BOTKINS' DEPOSITION

Lincoln County, Maine, Deeds FHL# 11394. 73:36.

The Deposition of Thomas Botkin aged seventy five, agrees testifieth & saith that in the year 1738 I lived in the Eastern parts near adjoining to a place called Round Pond on Broad Bay so called now in the County of Lincoln, and the Deponent knew William Hilton who lived at Broad Cove on the westward most parts of Broadbay, who had lived there some time & who was reputed to be of the Heirs of Alexander or Saunders Gould & Margaret his wife whose right the Deponent understood said Hilton possessed by virtue of the aforesaid right and lived there on as the Indians had drove their families away in the war and I never heard of any person pretend to claim any of said lands there within said Saunders golds rights, but golds heirs; and which right the Deponent understood was by conveyance from John Brown of New Harbour so called the Deponent did employ Hilton & sons to haul hay for him when said Deponent lived at Round Pond, and I heard that the Indians killed said Hilton, and the family now lives on the old farm, & the Deponent is well knowing that there never was any who lived on that right but the reputed Heirs of said Alexander Gold as aforesaid & further saith not. Boston, Aug 31, 1764 Thos. Bodkin
 Rec November 28 1809 & entered & examined by Warren Rice, Regr.

SARAH WHITNEY'S DEPOSITION

Sarah Whitney of lawful age do testify & say that Samuel Hilton formerly of Boston who died in Lunenburg in county of Worcester in Mar 1756 was my father and that his brothers names were Joshua, William, Benjamin, and Amos & I have frequently heard my father say his father's name was William Hilton who lived in Exeter, New Hampshire & that I have often heard say that my uncle William Hilton was killed by Indians at Broad Bay. 13 May 1812. Taken at the request of Samuel

Whitney to be preserved in perpetual remembrance.

RUTH BARNABY'S DEPOSITION

Lincoln County, Maine, Deeds FHL#11394. 73:37

The Deposition of Ruth Barnaby of Boston age one hundred years of age testifieth & saith that she lived with her father at New harbour Eastward of Pemaquid Port in the Eastern part of this province when the Deponent was ten years old and lived there many years until drove off by the Indians and the Deponent remembers Hua'd ? it was always said that John Brown of New Harbor was one of the first Settlers there, & after his death his widow married & built a house at New Harbour & lived there several years on Browns' old place: and the Deponent remembers one Richard Fulford, who lived at _____? near Round Pond The Deponent remembers where Mr. William Bristol lived & was frequently at his house and also where Edward Euin? lived near Bristol's? harbor: and the Deponent remembers James Stetson who married Margret Chamles & where lived on Miscongus Later and was acquainted with Richard Peirce who lived at Miscongus and the Deponent at the time I lived in that country which was for eleven years never heard of any claimer whatsoever pretended to lay claim to any of the land Eastward of New harbor only the persons aforesaid who was said to live on their own inheritance, some by purchase from the Indians & others from the English as I heard whilst I lived there till we were drove off by the Indians and further saith not, Boston the 6 day of September 1764. Ruth X (her mark) Barnaby. Suffolk Boston Sept. 6 1764.

Rec'd November 28, 1806. & entered & Examined by Warren Rice, Regr.

JONAS JONES' DEPOSITION

Lincoln County Deeds. FHL# 11394. 73:37. 5 Jun 1809.

The Deposition of Jonas Jones of George Town of lawful age testifieth & saith that I was acquainted at Broad bay near Misconkis so called in the County of Lincoln. I knew William Hilton who lived there & hear Hilton say he was one of the Heirs who owned a part of land part of which he lived on of eight miles square, & in one thousand Seven hundred & sixty, three I was employed by James Noble to run next the aforesaid tract of land of eight miles square, part of which Hilton's improvement was included, which I the Declarant understood was by the order of the other Heirs claiming, said eight miles. I ran the course accordingly, as by said Deed from John Brown to Sanders Gould 1660, as was shown me, & which eight miles square took in the Saw Mill said to be built by Capn Cooke on the Eastern side of Damariscotta fresh Pond, the said William Hilton has lived on said part of Land for several years & made the good improvements, & his widow told me he was wounded by the Indians on or near ye said premises, and said Hilton's son told me their father was wounded by the Indians & died of his wound & had a brother killed on the premises the same time. Jonas Jones.....

Lincoln Pownalborough June 5, 1805, the above named Jonas Jones made oath to the above Deposition by him Subscribed before us taken in perpetuum reimemorium.

William Lithgow John Stinson Quorum Unus

Recd November 28 1809 & entered & examine by Warren Rice, Regr.

WILLIAM JONES' DEPOSITION

Lincoln County Deeds. (by George Dow, *Lincoln County News*, Aug 2, 1984. William Jones of Bristol, age 83. I came to Walpole with my parents in 1730 and settled under David Dunbar. I became a colonel of the third Lincoln County Regiment and was granted 54 pounds for retaking the mast ship *Gruel* in Sheepscot river. He died in 1811, two years after making his deposition. His testimony covered a number of land holdings in the same general area as did Hiscoc's, from Oyster Creek down the River to th ledge that was three miles below the Walpole Meeting House.

JOHN PEARCE'S DEPOSITION

Lincoln County Deeds. FHL# 11394. 73:37. 20 Nov 1764.

The Deposition of John Pearce of Marblehead, aged more than seventy five years who testifieth & saith, that about fifty years ago he was well acquainted in the Eastern parts of this Province, his the Deponents father living at a place called Miscongus, the Deponent knew a pine tree in the westernmost part of Broad Bay which stood in a Cove of said Bay lately called Broad Cove & was called Sanders Goulds' bound tree of a large tract of land the Deponent understood was by Deed from old John Brown of New harbour to said Goulds' & his wife, which Deed I the Deponent have since seen & I never heard any person claim that land but Goulds Heirs Also I the Deponent knew William Hilton who was one of the Heirs of Sanders Gould lived there many years and as I understood till killed by the Indians and I knew the three daughters of Sander Gould viz. - Margaret, Mary and Elizabeth and I the Deponent was well acquainted with John Brown, son of old John Brown of New harbour who owned a large tract of land there and I the Deponent understood by a Deed from the Indians and I have since seen the Indian Deed to Old John Brown of ancient date on which land at New harbour his son John Brown lived whom I well knew, and I the Deponent never heard any person whatever claim any of said land but Browne whose title in that day was always esteemed good & when the War with the Indians broke out, I the Deponent took a vessel & thirty men and brought my father's family away from thence, & the Deponent saith that he understood that the Indian Deed above mentioned conveyed all the land at New harbor & Broad bay that the said Gould & Brown claimed and that about forty years age I the Deponent assisted at the survey of the land as aforesaid, the lines being then run according to the Indian Deed aforesaid, and I remember well that the said tract was twenty five miles long on a North & by East course, but the breadth I do not remember.

John Pearce

Essex So. November 20, 1764.

Rec November 28 1809 & Entered & Examined by Warren Rice, Regr.

ROBERT WARREN'S DEPOSITION

Lincoln County Deeds. FHL#11394. 73:38

The Deposition of Robert Warren of Manchester in the County of Essex aged upwards of an hundred years testifieth & saith that he was born at Monhegan, that he lived at New harbour more than Seventy years ago, that he well knew old Mr. Elbridge's farm at Pemaquid falls, and that his land did lie on the West side of Pemaquid River & also West of old Mr. John Gyles his land, which was bounded on the Western side of Pemaquid falls, and he also knew old Mr. John Brown's farm or tract of land which was always reputed to be bounded on the East of Pemaquid falls and he never knew or heard that the afsd Elbridge had improved or claimed any lands to the East of Pemaquid falls and the Deponent well knew James Stilson who lived on Miscongus Island in Broad bay, who he always understood possess the Island as his property and the Deponent also knew William Hilton of Manchester afsd who went to the Eastward about forty years ago & built a house at Miscongus afsd who also married the daughter of James Stilson afsd that lived on the Island afsd & that a son of the afsd William Hilton whose name was likewise William & that this William son of the afsd William moved his family about twenty years ago to Broad bay, where the Deponent saith he lived till killed by the Indians.

Robert * M* Warren Essex Lct Manchest 24//22 Nov 1764.

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SARAH ELWELL'S DEPOSITION

The Deposition of Sarah Elwell of the District of Cape Elin in the county of Cumberland widow aged about fifty seven years This Deponent testifies and says that she formerly lived at a place in the Eastern County called New harbor where she well knew and became acquainted with one John Brown of the place before mentioned called New harbor - that this John Brown was always reputed by the

People thereabouts to be the grandson of John Brown of the said New Harbor who first came into the country and as grandson and Heir to the John Brown that first came into the Eastern Country claimed a large tract of land his said grandfather purchased of the Indians more than an hundred years ago, that this John Browne with whom the Deponent was acquainted as aforesaid lived till he was well towards Seventy, and twas commonly reported that he was drowned at or near broad bay about 17 or 18 miles from New harbor aforesaid, about twenty years ago - that this Deponent understood from the said John Brown that he had conveyed his interest that descended to him from his grandfather aforesd to one Wm. Vaughn. Sarah [X her mark] Elwell Cumberland FS Falmouth June 27 1766.
Received June 6 1810 and entered and examined by Warren Rice, Regr.

Robert Warren was born at Monhegan about 1664 (age upwards of 100 in 1764), and in 1694 lived at New Harbor. He knew old Mr. Elbridge at Pemaquid Falls, and Old John Gyles (could this be a father or grandfather of Capt Gyles at St. Georges Fort? He knew old Mr. John Brown, who lived east of Pemaquid Falls. James Stilson lived on Miscongus Island in Broad Bay.

NOBLEBORO AREA:

JAMES LITTLE'S DEPOSITION

Lincoln County Deeds. 71:38

James Little of New Castle, [Deposition 8 Feb 1809], age 67. I was born on a lot of land adjoining South and East on Oyster Creek in Nobleboro, then possessed by my father Henry Little and that my father possessed five lots, 100 acres each - adjoining said creek, now occupied and improved by Benjamin Plummer, David Dennis, Daniel Hiscock, Isaac Teague, and Abner Plummer. James Little. 8 Feb. 1809.

JOHN REED'S DEPOSITION

Lincoln County Deeds. 71:39

John Reed, of Bristol, age 78, [Deposition, 8 Feb 1809]. I lived on the lot now owned and improved by Capt Ebenezer Flint in Nobleboro, in 1751 and lived on the same 18 or 20 years - One Pearman had taken up the lot some years before and when I went on it there was a large garden and some plumb trees; that I purchased sd lot of one Vaughan who, as I understood, had bought the same of sd Pearman - There were on the lot when I bought it, the ruins of a chimney and cellar of a house which was burnt before - sd lot runs back about 1 1/4 mile from Damariscotta River.

JOHN CLARK'S DEPOSITION

Lincoln County Deeds. 71:39

John Clark, of Nobleboro, age 69 (Deposition 8 Feb 1809). In the year 1750 my father purchased and possessed a lot of land in Nobleboro between Oyster Creek and the Upper Falls where the toll bridge is over Damariscotta River which said lot he sold to one Moody - now in possession of Capt Francis Tufts - also the lot now occupied and improved by Stephen Hogdon of Nobleboro was purchased by Stephen Hogdon's father and by him possessed in 1750.

RICHARD HISCOCK'S DEPOSITION¹²

Richard Hiscock, in his testimony, gave the following interesting details. "My father (who came to Bristol in about 1732,) lived on one of the two acre lots in said Bristol at Jones' Point so called, about a half a mile below where the lower falls are, and where the toll bridge now is, that my father lived at said point

¹². Dow. Op. Cit.

on said two acre lot, about two years, and then moved up the River about a mile and a half above said falls or bridge on to a forty acre lot, which lot lies in what is now Nobleborough, but that my said father extended his said lot, last above said, back to about a mile and a quarter of a mile from the Damariscotta River, the same lot being forty rods on the River, which said lot is still occupied and possessed by Samuel Hiscock and William Hiscock, sons of my deceased brother John, that my said father moved away in the year 1743, on account of the Indian War, and that my brother John returned in the fall of the same year and possessed and occupied the said lot from and after that time. I further say that the tract of land between the ledge so called about three miles below Walpole meeting house in said Bristol, and Oyster Creek so called in Nobleborough was generally settled and possessed as long ago as 1748, and that those who went off on account of the Indian War in 1743, returned and either lived on said lots or sold their possessions to other people who did possess and improved the same. I further say that one John Kent lived on a lot or tract of land adjoining said Oyster Creek on the Southern and Southeasterly side thereof, some years before my father went off in 1743; and that one Henry Little lived there after said Kent, and that the same lot is now possessed and occupied by Caapt. Benjamin Plummer, that said Little went on to said lot the same year that Kent left it and that said Little lived there in 1743. I further say that the lot, now owned and possessed by George and Benjamin Barstow was taken up and occupied by me in 1748, and that my father had claimed a part of the same several years before.

The Hiscock line [roughly laid out] could look something like this. William Hiscock, b 1638 in Newport, Rhode Island, died 24 May 1704. He had, by his wife Rebecca, at least one son Thomas, b bef 1685 in Westerly, Washington, Rhode Island, and died 20 May 1772. Thomas md in Westerly, 31 Oct 1703, Bethiah Clarke, dau of Joseph Clarke and Bethiah Hubbard. Thomas & Bethia's children:

1. Richard Hiscock, the Pioneer, b abt 1700, lived at Bristol. Md, wife not known. They had the following children, presumably born at Bristol:

1. Richard Hiscock, the Deponent, b 14 Feb 1727, d 23 Mar 1809 at Bristol, md abt 1760 Jane McFadden, d of Daniel McFadden and Margaret Stinson.
 1. Daniel Hiscock, b 18 Nov 1761, Nobleboro
 2. William Hiscock, b 4 Aug 1763, Nobleboro
 3. Molly Hiscock, b 6 Feb 1766, Nobleboro
 4. Pagey Margaret, b 29 Aug 1768, Nobleboro, md William Huston
 5. James Hiscock, b 15 Dec 1770, Nobleboro
 6. Mary Hiscock, b 24 Jan 1773, Nobleboro
 7. Richard Hiscock, b 18 Jul 1777, Nobleboro, md Experience Hatch
 8. John Hiscock, b abt 1779, Waldoboro, md Margaret Waltz
2. William Hiscock, b abt 1729, md Martha Rollins, d of John Rollins & Anna Hiscock.
3. John Hiscock b abt 1731, md abt 1751, Hannah
 1. Thomas Hiscock, b 25 Oct 1753, Nobleboro, md Anna Knowlton (5 c.)
 2. Samuel Hiscock, b 7 Jun 1766
 3. William Hiscock b abt 1768, md Eunice, (1 children)
 4. James Hiscock, b 19 Apr 1772, at Phippsburg.

2. Anna Hiscock, b abt 1702, md John Rollins. Children:
 1. Nathaniel Rolings, b 1732, Nobleboro, died aft 1809, Jefferson?
 2. Martha Rollins, b abt 1733, of New Castle, md abt 1755, William Hiscock, s/o Richard Hiscock, the Pioneer.
3. William Hiscock, b 31 May 1705, Westerly, Washington, Rhode Island, died 20 May 1772, md at Westerly, 11 Jan 1727, Susanna Burdick.

These families married into our Broad Bay German families, though the Germans are beginning to spread into the out-lying areas. Families such as the Waltz, Benner, Seiders, Vannah, Ulmer and the Broad Bay families of Stinson and Hall.

Much more could be written about these various families but this will suffice to show that there was an active pioneer community throughout this region. I again caution the reader to use this information with care. I have not taken the time

to prove it and it may contain "surmises" that are not correct. This is more a working copy. Much of the data was obtained from the IGI files.

NATHANIEL ROLLINGS' DEPOSITION

Lincoln County Deeds. 71:39

Nathaniel Rollings, age 77, [Deposition 8 Feb 1809]. In 1741, I lived with Henry Little, on a lot laying on South East side of Oyster Creek, now occupied by Benjamin Plummer of Nobleboro and assisted said Little to plough and plant on said lot of land further saith not. [He further states that in 1737 my father came to Damariscotty and to the mills where Capt. John Borland now lives, and further say that William Vaughn and also John Campbell lived on the same lot of land where the said John Borland now lives and I came there with my father John Rollings, and further say that said lot has been in peaceable possession ever since.¹³

This was a lot more work that I imagined when I first started this project, and It's not nearly complete. I hope it may be a starting point for some who may have their German ancestors and these Puritan descendants. Good Luck.

ANSWERS TO FIRST QUIZ

1. The first ship to bring German immigrants to Broad Bay was the *Lydia* [p. 27]
2. The year was 1742. [p. 27]
3. The minister's records were burned in 1769.
4. Captain John Ulmer came from Enzberg Parish, Wuerttemberg, Germany.
5. The Dissident or "Reformed" Lutherans list [p. 95]
6. The *Priscilla* arrived in Boston 28 Oct 1751 with about 200 Palatines [p: 84]
7. The Lutherans, the Reformed Lutherans and the Moravians [p. 161 ff.]
8. The Manumissions were official permissions to immigrate. [p. 173]
9. Margaret Catharine Ried md 1) Matthias Eichorn, 2) Jacob Umberhind and 3) Daniel Feilhauer.
10. The Drowne or Pemaquid Proprietors' Settlement of Claims List. [p. 103]
11. The "Ship at Germantown" or *St. Andrew*.
12. The ship *Elizabeth*, Capt. Pendock Neale.

¹³ Dow, Dr. George. "Nobleboro History" Lincoln County News. 2 Aug 1984. Correspondence with W W Feb 1996. Dr. Dow has had a column in the *News* many years. Much data on Nobleboro history is in these interesting, well-written articles. "The Capt. Borland mentioned in Roling's testimony was living on the Newcastle side of Damariscotta Mills. He died in 1814, and his son John Jr. acquired the water power rights at Damariscotta Mills. His brother Samuel acquired the large land holdings of 442 acres east of the mill stream, which included the present Borland Hill area in Nobleboro."

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