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Darius Andrews of Sumner, Maine: A Descent from Henry Andrews of Taunton, Massachusetts

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For researchers who suspect a descent from Henry Andrews of Taunton, Massachusetts, it is frustrating that so few lines have been definitively traced.¹ Outside of Josiah Drummond's and Almon Hodges's seminal articles from the 1890s,² it is challenging to find documentation for lines that trace back with clear evidence. This article, by resolving errors, identifying gaps in the records, and by reestablishing long-lost identities, proposes a descent from Henry Andrews, one of the proprietors of Taunton, Massachusetts, to the family of Darius Andrews of Sumner, Oxford County, Maine.

Ebenezer Andrews, Sr. to Darius Andrews

In 1897, Josiah Drummond traced the descendants of Henry Andrews of Taunton through several generations to Ebenezer Andrews, Sr. and his son Ebenezer Andrews, Jr. (Ebenezer Jr., Ebenezer Sr., Henry, Henry, Henry). Drummond states that:

Ebenezer⁴ witnessed a deed in 1720 and the will of Ebenezer Williams, September 8, 1727. He conveyed land in Hanover to his son Ebenezer, April 3, 1773, by deed witnessed by David Andrews, another son; perhaps Jedediah Andrews who served in the Continental Army was also his son. He died in 1785. Ebenezer Jr., married Sarah Elliott, June 26, 1770, and lived in Hanover.³

In examining the sources for these statements, the April 3, 1773 deed specifically names the parties as father and son,⁴ and Ebenezer Jr. and Sarah Elliot's 1770 marriage date can be found in the Taunton records.⁵

¹ The author would like to convey her thanks to Chris Dunham and Greg Childs for their interest in this line and for their help in identifying and evaluating sources, to Thomas W. Jones, PhD, CG, FASG, for his instruction in documentation, and to Prof. Kurk Dorsey for his support and enthusiasm in reading drafts.

² Josiah H. Drummond, "Henry Andrews of Taunton," *New England Historical and Genealogical Register*, 51 (1897): 453-459, and Almon D. Hodges, Jr., "Henry Andrews of Taunton and The Calves Pasture," *New England Historical and Genealogical Register*, 52 (1898): 16-23.

³ Drummond, "Henry Andrews of Taunton," 457.

⁴ "Deed Records, 1664-1900," *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/189525> : viewed 2 July 2020), film #7450660, image 566; Plymouth Co., Mass. 57: 266, Ebenezer Andrews to Ebenezer Andrews Jr., 3 Apr 1773.

⁵ "Andrews, Ebenezer Jr. and Sarah Elliot," marriage record, June 26, 1770, in *Taunton, Massachusetts: Vital Records, 1620-1850*, Taunton-V2 (Boston: New England Historic

A warning out from Hanover in the Plymouth County court records further establishes the family makeup at about this time:

Constable Israel Perry received warrant from selectmen Nathaniel Sylvester, Lemuel Curtis, and Joseph Cushing to warn Samuel Clay, “who came last from Boston in September last,” Samuel Bates, his wife Mercy and their children Mercy, Lemuel, and Eunice, “who came last from Pembroke in April last,” Ebenezer Andrews, his wife Faith and Ebenezer Andrews, Jr., and his wife Sarah and their children Darius, Joshua, and Seth, “who came last from the town of Taunton....April last”... 1 July 1773.⁶

This document is significant for providing both the name of Ebenezer Sr.’s wife, as well as a list of Ebenezer Jr. and Sarah’s children, notably Darius Andrews who, one might suppose, was born about 1771, based on his parents’ marriage date and his name listed first in the list of children. It is the only known document to list these names and so forms a bridge between the established lines of descent from Henry of Taunton and descendants of this line into the future.

The grandfather, Ebenezer Sr., died in Taunton, in 1785⁷; his wife Faith died in Berkley in 1787.⁸ Further records that specifically locate Ebenezer Jr. and his wife Sarah are scant,⁹ and no records have been found that specifically reference children Joshua and Seth. The son Darius, however, can be traced into adulthood and followed into the soon-to-be state of Maine.

Genealogical Society, 1928), 20. Sarah Elliott’s parentage has not been determined. Note that the Taunton records burned in 1838 and were reconstructed using church records and other sources.

⁶ [Warrants to Warn Persons from Hanover,] *Plymouth County, MA: Plymouth Court Records, 1686-1859*, 3: 275; digital image, *New England Historic Genealogical Society*, (<https://www.americanancestors.org/DB213/rd/7632/275/8883876> : accessed 10 July 2020), warning out to Ebenezer Andrews, his wife Faith and Ebenezer Andrews, Jr., and his wife Sarah and their children Darius, Joshua, and Seth.

⁷ “Ebenezer Andrews,” *Massachusetts: Vital Records, 1620-1850*, Taunton-V3 (Boston: New England Historic Genealogical Society, 1928), 16.

⁸ “Berkley, Births, Marriages and Death,” *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2495/> : viewed 2 July 2020), image 319, death record, Faith Andrews, 14 March 1787.

⁹ Only two deed records have been found. See “Deed Records, 1664-1900,” *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/189525> : viewed 2 July 2020), digital film 7450659, image 186, Plymouth Co., Mass., 58: 168, Ebenezer Andrews, Jr. to Israel Perry, 19 June 1774; and “Deed Records, 1664-1900,” *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/189525> : viewed 2 July 2020), digital film 7450658, image 116, Plymouth Co., Mass., 60: 104, Ebenezer Andrews, Jr. to Elijah Gilbert, 15 January 1776.

Darius Andrews of Taunton, Mass. and Oxford County, Maine

Darius Andrews, listed as “of Taunton” at the time, married Kezia Caswell of Middleborough, Massachusetts in Middleborough, on December 24, 1793.¹⁰ “Darius” was a fairly uncommon name, and no other Darius Andrews is in the region to be a feasible candidate for this individual. The Andrews and Caswell families of Taunton had known each other for some time,¹¹ most recently indicated by Darius and Kezia’s respective parents having had real estate dealings, specifically a sale of land, dated July 25, 1781, whereby Ebenezer Jr. sells to Jonathan Caswell, Kezia’s father.¹² The deed was witnessed by David Andrews, Ebenezer Jr’s brother; Jedediah Caswell, Jonathan’s brother; and Sarah Andrews, Ebenezer Jr’s wife.¹³

In looking for Darius Andrews in the 1800 US Census, there are similarly few contenders.¹⁴ Positive identity is impossible, but the Darius Andrews listed in Sharon, Norfolk Co., Massachusetts, could be this individual. The household makeup is:

- white males under 10 = 3
- white males 26-44 = 1
- white females 16-25 = 1
- household members under 16 = 3
- household total = 5

The tally would work if Darius and Kezia had, since their marriage in 1793, three male children, two of whom are heretofore untraced and perhaps died young, as well as Peres b. 1797, about whom more shortly.¹⁵ No other known Sharon

¹⁰ “Darius Andrews to Keziah Caswell,” 24 December 1793, *Massachusetts: Vital Records, 1620-1850, Middleborough 2*:160.

¹¹ Andrews and Caswell are both listed as early purchasers of the town of Cohannet, later renamed Taunton. See Samuel Hopkins Emery, *History of Taunton, Massachusetts: From Its Settlement to the Present Time* (Syracuse, NY: D. Mason & Company, 1893), 93, which lists the heads of families in Taunton in the year 1675. The list is alphabetical and Henry Andrews (Jr.), Thomas Caswell Sr. and Jr., and related families, the Briggses, Deans, and Gilberts all appear.

¹² Bowman, George Ernest, comp., “Middleborough, Mass., Vital Records: A List of the Births of the Children of Jonathan Caswell, & Tabitha, his wife,” *The Mayflower Descendant*, 33 (1935), 76.

¹³ “Deed Records, 1664-1900,” *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/191284> : viewed 2 July 2020), digital film 7442229, image 167, Bristol Co., Mass., 60-61: 295, Ebenezer Andrews to Jonathan Caswell., 17 March 1780.

¹⁴ Don’t confuse Darius Andrews with the Darius Antrim of Rehoboth, Massachusetts, see 1800 U.S. census, Bristol County, Massachusetts, town of Rehoboth, p. 797, line 13, Darius Antrum; NARA microfilm publication M32; Roll: 19, database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:XHRZ-KVP> : accessed 3 February 2022), (Washington D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, n.d.); FHL microfilm 205612.

¹⁵ 1800 U.S. census, Norfolk County, Massachusetts, town of Sharon, p. 32 (stamped), line 3, “Darrus Andrew”; NARA microfilm publication M32; Roll: 18, database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:XHRM-DQZ> : accessed 3 February

records reference this family, perhaps because they weren't there long. Darius moved his family north to Maine, and was already listed as being "of Paris," by March 1805, when he purchased from Jacob Gurney "the easterly half of the 100 acre lot no. 22 in the 9th range."¹⁶

Other Andrews families settled early in Paris, now in Oxford County, in the western part of Maine, notably David Andrews, brother of Ebenezer, Jr. and thereby Darius's uncle. David was a Revolutionary War veteran, married to Naomi Briggs¹⁷, and had four children, Edward, Abiezer, Rhoda, and David Jr.¹⁸ David Sr. is listed as "of Bakerstown" (later Poland, Maine, now in Androscoggin County) when, on April 10, 1784, he bought of settler Lemuel Jackson in Township No. 4 (later Paris), Lot 21 in the 8th range, and also one-fourth of Lots 19-20 in the 7th.¹⁹ He is listed as a head of household in Township No. 4 in the 1790 US Census,²⁰ and mentioned in the proprietors' records as early as 1792 when he petitioned with others to not yet incorporate as a town, as "many of us being new beginners and laboring under many embarrassments, are hardly able to support ourselves and families, being yet involved in debt for our land and have no resource but the subduing of the rough and uncultivated wilderness."²¹ He later served as Town Meeting moderator on a number of occasions and served on the

2022), (Washington D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, n.d.); FHL microfilm 205616.

¹⁶ "Jacob Gurney to Darius Andrews," 4 March 1805, Cumberland County, Maine, Deeds 48:261; digital image, US Land Records (<https://i2a.uslandrecords.com/ME/Cumberland/D/Default.aspx>; accessed 25 June 2020) > Volume search. Oxford County was formed from Cumberland and York Counties on March 4, 1805, the same day this deed was signed. There isn't a clear relationship between receiving title and settling in a town. See William Berry Lapham and Silas P. Maxim, *The History of Paris, Maine, from its settlement to From Its Settlement to 1880, with a History of the Grants of 1736 & 1771, Together with Personal Sketches, a Copious Genealogical Register and an Appendix*, (Paris, ME: printed privately, 1884), 68.

¹⁷ "David Andrews to Naomi Briggs," 24 May 1767, *Massachusetts: Vital Records, 1620-1850*, Taunton, 165; digital image, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2495/images/40143_268905_0004-00088 : viewed 2 July 2020), image 1669.

¹⁸ "Maine, Wills and Probate Records, 1584-1999," *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/8994/images/007147801_00077 : viewed 2 July 2020), image 76-77, David Andrews, 27 August 1811.

¹⁹ "Lemuel Jackson to David Andrews," 10 April 1784, Cumberland County, Maine, Deeds 17:71; ; digital image, US Land Records (<https://i2a.uslandrecords.com/ME/Cumberland/D/Default.aspx>; accessed 25 June 2020) > Volume search; see also "Samuel Morgan to David Andrews," 24 March 1784, Cumberland County, Maine, Deeds 17:72, witnessed by David's sons Edward and Abiezer Andrews; ; digital image, US Land Records (<https://i2a.uslandrecords.com/ME/Cumberland/D/Default.aspx>; accessed 25 June 2020) > Volume search. See also Lapham and Maxim, *History of Paris, Maine*, pp. 69-70.

²⁰ 1790 U.S. census, Number 4 Plantation, Cumberland Co., Maine, Page: 10 (penned), col. 1, line 14, David Andrews; NARA microfilm publication M637, roll: 2.

²¹ Lapham and Maxim, *History of Paris, Maine*, 47-48.

school committee for many years.²² It is unclear how close Darius was to this extended family, but a February 1809 land sale for mortgage between Darius and presumed first cousin Abiezer Andrews would seem to prove familiarity at least.²³ A deed for land in Paris, recorded on June 19, 1809, is witnessed by Darius's wife "Keziah." Darius and Keziah both sign their name with marks.²⁴

Although the 1810 US Census for Paris is lost,²⁵ Darius was taxed there that year, with a portion abated.²⁶ He was taxed again in 1816,²⁷ and for a partial year in 1817.²⁸ The land and tax records therefore support Darius being in or near Paris for the period 1805-1817.

In a deed dated December 27, 1817, Darius purchased Lot No. 13, in No. 2 Plantation, from Ezekiel Thompson of Lisbon, Maine.²⁹ No. 2 was made up of

²² Lapham and Maxim, *History of Paris, Maine*, see pp. 92, 93 and 95 as examples.

²³ "Darius Andrews to Abiezer Andrews," 3 Feb 1809, Oxford County, Maine, Deeds 4:123; digital image, IQS Solution Web (<https://www.searchiqs.com/MEOXE/InfodexMainMP.aspx> : accessed 2 July 2020) > Early Books > Go To Document; the mortgage was paid 22 June 1809 per a note on the same document.

²⁴ "Darius Andrews to Simeon Walton," 19 June 1809, Oxford County, Maine, Deeds, 4: 323-4, witnessed by Keziah Andrews; digital image, IQS Solution Web (<https://www.searchiqs.com/MEOXE/InfodexMainMP.aspx> : accessed 2 July 2020) > Early Books > Go To Document.

²⁵ "Maine Census Guide: 1790-1850," *Maine Genealogy*, MaineGenealogy.net, (https://www.maine-genealogy.net/census_guide.asp?censusyear=1810&county=oxford : viewed 2 July 2020). "The state recapitulation indicates that the lost schedules were for Paris, Buckfield, Hebron, Sumner, Plantation No. 3 (later Woodstock), Plantation No. 4 (later Greenwood), Fryeburg, Waterford, Norway, Denmark, Brownfield, Lovell, Hiram, and Porter." Note that there is a Darius Andrews recorded in Scarborough, Maine, in 1810, but the household tally indicates that the Darius in question would be 25 or younger; the Darius under consideration in this article would be nearly 40. See 1810 U.S. census, Cumberland County, Maine, town of Scarborough, p. 327 (stamped), line 4, Darius Andrews, NARA microfilm publication M252 Roll: 11; *FamilySearch*, United States Census, 1810>Maine>Cumberland>Scarborough, image 2.

²⁶ *Town of Paris 1757-1906*, Picton's Original Record Series, CD 2 of 2, (Rockland, ME: Picton Press, 2005), image 517, record of town meeting, March 2, 1812, to abate taxes collected for 1810: Darius Andrews for \$2.65. Of the nine accounts abated, Darius Andrews's is the largest.

²⁷ Lapham and Maxim, *History of Paris, Maine*, 132.

²⁸ *Town of Paris 1757-1906*, Picton's Original Record Series. CD 2 of 2, (Rockland, ME: Picton Press, 2005), image 602, town meeting, March 16, 1818, to abate taxes as presented by Benj. Chesley: Darius Andrews for \$5.73.

²⁹ "Ezekiel Thompson to Darius Andrews," 26 December 1817, Oxford County, Maine, Deeds, 14:275-76; digital image, IQS Solution Web (<https://www.searchiqs.com/MEOXE/InfodexMainMP.aspx> : accessed 2 July 2020) > Early Books > Go To Document. The Oxford County plantations at this time corresponded to later towns as follows: Number One – Peru, Number Two – Milton Plantation and Franklin Plantation, Number Three -- Woodstock, Number Four – Paris; after Paris incorporated, the "Number Four" designation changed to the area that became Greenwood; Number Five – Bucktown, later Buckfield. See Historical Records Survey (Maine), *Counties, Cities, Towns, and Plantations of Maine: A Handbook of Incorporations, Dissolutions, and Boundary Changes* (Portland, ME: Maine State Archives, 1940).

several smaller parcels, including Buxton, Bartlett, and Milton Academy Grants,³⁰ and was adjacent to a parcel of land called Usher's Grant, being a gore of land that was later annexed to No. 2 Plantation. Some of this land was later annexed to Sumner.³¹

Shifting boundary lines is one reason why searching for records of this family in neighboring communities is essential. No. 2 had no formal record keeping prior to being split and organized as Franklin and Milton Plantations in 1842. Franklin Plantation records exist from 1842 to 1899 when the Plantation was dissolved; however, no early records for Milton Plantation have been located even though the plantation existed until 1939.³² Land in Franklin Plantation was annexed to Sumner in 1838, 1844, and 1863; and when dissolved the plantation land was divided between Peru and Rumford. Andrews family activity was recorded in nearby towns, including Sumner, Greenwood, Woodstock, Paris, Peru, and Rumford, but there is no consistent place of recording, and some records of genealogical importance may not have been recorded at all.

The nearby town of Greenwood's vital records contain a reconstructed listing of Darius Andrews's known family and history in No. 2 according to the following transcription:

Darius Andrews son of
Was born
M

Came to No. 2
s[ettled] on L[ot] 13 U S G before 1817

Children:
Perez b m
Serena
Salmon
Filena b m 1st Oliver Canwell 2nd John Redding
Almon b m Mary J Lord
2nd Widow Damon

³⁰ Stuart Martin, *New Pennacook Folks: A Historical Record of the Town of Rumford, Maine*, (Rumford, ME: privately printed, 1980), 44.

³¹ Samuel Titcomb, "Township Number II Plan," November 1787, Cumberland County, Maine; digital image, *Digital Maine* (https://digitalmaine.com/planbook_1/61/; viewed 2 July 2020). Note that Digital Maine erroneously misidentifies this plan to "Poland" in Androscoggin County. See also "Plan of Franklin Plantation. Showing how set off into Towns of Sumner, Peru, and Rumford." Oxford County Registry of Deeds, Old Reference Plan Book B, Page 46; digital image, *MaineGenealogy*, (<https://archives.maine-genealogy.net/2020/01/plan-of-franklin-plantation.html>; accessed 15 July 2020).

³² Samuel N. Howes, Archivist III, Maine State Library, email to author, 18 November 2020. Mr. Howes indicates that the only Milton records known to be extant are those from 1892 to about 1940.

Mercy b m Stephen P Wing³³

The lot number and date of settlement corresponds to the Thompson deed earlier referenced, and although birth dates are not included, census, marriage, and other evidence can be used to verify these children. Peres Andrews³⁴ was born about 1797.³⁵ A daughter Serena, listed to suggest being born about 1800 but who was

³³ Town of Greenwood, "Town and Vital Records, 1797-1920," *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-C34Y-V34X-X?i=272&cat=349881> : viewed 2 July 2020), image 273, Darius Andrews. A note at the beginning of the volume (image 228), dated March 22, 1971, by Greenwood Town Clerk Rowena Dunham indicates that "The enclosed papers are Vital Statistic records not recorded in the Town of Greenwood books. I think they were compiled around the turn of the century by the town officials to replace the records lost in the fire which destroyed much of the then business district of town"; however, Rowena's nephew and local historian Chris Dunham of *MaineGenealogy.net* says that Rowena was probably mistaken and no records were lost. See, "Turn of the Century Greenwood Fire?" *MaineGenealogy* (<https://network.maineancealogy.net/forum/topics/turn-of-the-century-greenwood-fire> : viewed 2 July 2020).

³⁴ Town of Greenwood, "Town and Vital Records, 1797-1920," *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-C34Y-V34T-V?i=273&cat=349881> : viewed 2 July 2020), image 274, Perez Andrews. The record lists him as a "son of Darius +" with the mother's name unlisted as unknown; the page lists all known children without birthdates or spouses.

³⁵ 1850 U.S. census, Oxford County, Maine, population schedule (pop. sch.), Franklin Plantation, pg. 165 (stamped), dwelling (dwell.) 29, family (fam.) 34, "Perez Andrews," NARA microfilm publication M432, roll 263; age is listed as 53 (b. abt 1797); birthplace is listed as Massachusetts. 1860 U.S. census, Oxford County, Maine, pop. sch., Franklin Plantation, pg. 355 (penned), dwell. 100, fam. 103, "Periz Andrews," NARA microfilm publication M653, roll 444; age is listed as 64 (b. abt 1796); birthplace is listed as Massachusetts. 1870 U.S. census, Oxford County, Maine, pop. sch. Sumner, pg. 414 (stamped), dwell. 162, fam. 191 "Peres Andrews," NARA microfilm publication M593, roll 551, in household of son T. J. Andrews; age is listed as 73 (b. abt 1797); birthplace is listed as Massachusetts. 1880 U.S. census, Oxford County, Maine, pop. sch., enumeration district (ED) 139, pg. 349A (stamped), dwell. 136, fam. 156, "Peres Andrews," in household of Thomas J. Andrews, NARA microfilm publication T9, roll 484; age is listed as 83 (b. abt 1797); birthplace is listed as Massachusetts. Peres died 11 September 1889, see Town of Sumner, "Vital records, 1798-1891," *FamilySearch*, (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS65-WW4F-7?i=329&cat=349876> : accessed 7 July 2020), "Peris Andrews." The notice in the newspaper lists date 17 September 1889, see *Oxford [County, ME] Democrat*, 24 September 1889, p. 2, col. 1. His name is spelled "Peres" on his tombstone; see *FindAGrave*, (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/97279749/perez-andrews> : accessed 7 July 2020), memorial no. 97279749, "Perez Andrews," and each wife's stone lists his name differently; see *FindAGrave*, (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/97279771/abigail-andrews> : accessed 7 July 2020), memorial no. 9729771, "Abigail wife of Perez Andrews," and *FindAGrave*, (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/97279794/mary-andrews> : accessed 7 July 2020), memorial no. 97279794, "Polly wife of Peres Andrews." Peres's son Thomas Jefferson "Jeff" Andrews had a biographical article published that affirmed that Peres was the son of Darius;³⁵ *Biographical Review: This Volume Contains Biographical Sketches of Leading Citizens of Oxford and Franklin Counties, Maine*, (Boston: Biographical Review Pub. Co., 1897), 546; digital image, *Google Books*,

perhaps born as late as 1810, is untraced after 1820 and is presumed to have died young. Other children, all born in Maine, are Salmon (b. abt 1804)³⁶, Philena (b.

<https://play.google.com/books/reader?id=XfMgAQAAMAAJ&hl=en&pg=GBS.PA546>, image 540.

³⁶Salmon has a page in the “old Greenwood records” that names him as a “son of Darius +” with the mother’s name unlisted as unknown; lists wife as Clara Redding and all known children without birthdates or spouses; see Town of Greenwood, “Town and Vital Records, 1797-1920,” *FamilySearch*, (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-C34Y-V34T-V?i=273&cat=349881> : viewed 2 July 2020), image 275, Salmon Andrews. In 1850, Salmon lists age as 50 (b. abt 1800); 1850 U.S. census, Oxford County, Maine, pop. sch., Franklin Plantation, pg. 163B (stamped), dwell. 22, fam. 25, “Salmon Andrews,” NARA microfilm publication M432, roll 263. In 1860, he lists age as 58 (b. abt 1802); 1860 U.S. census, Oxford County, Maine, pop. sch., Franklin Plantation, pg. 357 (penned), dwell. 75, fam. 76, “Solomon Andrews,” NARA microfilm publication M653, roll 444. In 1870, he is 66 (b. abt 1804); 1870 U.S. census, Oxford County, Maine, pop. sch. Sumner, pg. 414 (stamped), dwell. 164, fam. 198 “Salmon Andrews,” NARA microfilm publication M593, roll 551, in household of G. W. Andrews. Salmon died after 1870; no death or burial record found. His mother Keziah (Caswell) Andrews had a brother named Solomon (1769-1857); see Bowman, “Middleborough, Mass., Vital Records,” 76–77. Salmon and Clarissa had a daughter named Serena, likely named for his sister, who died young; see *FindAGrave*, (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/211060216/serena-andrews> : accessed 6 July 2020), memorial no. 211060216, “Serena Andrews.”

abt 1805)³⁷, and Almon (b. abt 1814 but possibly as late as 1816).³⁸ The record then lists Darius's second marriage to "Widow Damon" and their daughter Mercy

³⁷ Philena's listing in the "old Greenwood records" is on her father Darius's page, where it lists her first marriage to Oliver Canwell and her second to John Redding. See Town of Greenwood, "Town and Vital Records, 1797-1920," *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-C34Y-V34X-X?i=272&cat=349881> : viewed 2 July 2020), film #8625112, image 273, Darius Andrews. In 1850, Philena, aged 44 (b abt 1806) is with second husband, John Reding; 1850 U.S. census, Oxford County, Maine, pop. sch., Peru, pg. 140B (stamped), dwell. 113, fam. 124, "Philena Reding," in household of John Reding, NARA microfilm publication M432, roll 263. In 1860, she is 54 (b abt 1806); 1860 U.S. census, Oxford County, Maine, pop. sch., Peru, pg. 426 (penned), dwell. 85, fam. 87, "Philena Reading," in household of John Reading, NARA microfilm publication M653, roll 444. In 1870 she is 65 (b. abt 1805); 1870 U.S. census, Oxford County, Maine, pop. sch. Franklin Plantation, pg. 137B (stamped), dwell. 26, fam. 27 "Paulina Reading," in household of John Reading, NARA microfilm publication M593, roll 550. In 1880, Philena is 75 (b. abt 1805), 1880 U.S. census, Oxford County, Maine, pop. sch., ED 139, pg. 348D (stamped), dwell. 129, fam. 147, "Philena Redding," in household of John Redding, NARA microfilm publication T9, roll 484. An agreement between "Filena Readin" and Salmon Andrews states that, instead of the \$400 she owes him and his wife Clarissa, Philena agrees to take care of and house them for their remaining years. She signs her name with a mark. Oxford County Maine Deeds 144:467-68; digital image, IQS Solution Web (<https://www.searchiqs.com/MEOXE/InfodexMainMP.aspx> : accessed 2 July 2020) > Early Books > Go To Document.. Philena died 21 November 1889, see Town of Sumner, "Vital records, 1798-1891," *FamilySearch*, (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS65-WW4F-7?i=329&cat=349876> : accessed 7 July 2020), film #8006710, image 330, "Philena Redding." She was buried besides her first husband, Oliver Canwell in the Franklin Plantation [a.k.a. Child] Cemetery, Peru, Maine; see Harold C. Perham, *Maine Families*, Book 3, (West Paris, ME: privately printed, 1974), p 187. By 2000, her tombstone had worn completely smooth and in 2018 it was missing; see *FindAGrave*, (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/147176482> : accessed 2 July 2020), memorial no. 147176482, "Philena Andrews Canwell." Darius's daughter Mercy Andrews is listed with Philena Canwell's family in the Peru records; Town of Peru, "Town and Vital Records, 1812-1892" *FamilySearch*, (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-C9BJ-X3PF-9?i=112&cat=348020> : accessed 8 July 2020), film #7724804, image 113, Family of Oliver B and Philena Canwell.

³⁸ Almon has a page on the "old Greenwood records" that names him as "son of Darius +" with the mother's name unlisted as unknown; lists wife and children's names with some spouses, Town of Greenwood, "Town and Vital Records, 1797-1920," *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-C34Y-V375-3?i=269&cat=349881> : viewed 2 July 2020), film #8625112, image 270, Almon Andrews. Census records consistently list ages consistent with being born about 1814, except the Maine Special Census in 1837, which suggests 1816. Maine, "1837 Census of Number Two Township, Oxford Co., Maine." *Digital Maine*, (https://digitalmaine.com/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1012&context=state_census_1837 : accessed 7 July 2020), pg 3, "Darius Andrews." In 1850 he lists age as 36 (b abt 1814), 1850 U.S. census, Oxford County, Maine, pop. sch., Franklin Plantation, pg. 163B (stamped), dwell. 20, fam. 23, "Almon Andrews," NARA microfilm publication M432, roll 263; in 1860 he was 46 (b abt 1814), 1860 U.S. census, Oxford County, Maine, pop. sch., Franklin Plantation, pg. 352 (penned), dwell. 82, fam. 84, "Almond Andrews," NARA microfilm publication M653, roll 444; in 1870 he is 56 (b abt 1814), 1870 U.S. census, Oxford County, Maine, pop. sch. Franklin Plantation, pg. 136B (stamped), dwell. 15, fam. 15 "Almon Andrews," NARA microfilm publication M593, roll 550; in 1880 he is 66 (b abt 1814), 1880 U.S. census, Oxford County, Maine, pop. sch., enumeration district 135, pg. 301B (stamped), dwell. 12, fam. 15, "Almon Andrews," NARA microfilm publication T9, roll 484. Almon named a daughter Serena [records also spell name

(b. 1835), who married Stephen Prescott Wing, about all of whom more shortly. Although this reconstructed record is incomplete, it serves as an important connection between the Paris records and later documentation.

The 1820 US Census named the place “No. II South of Rumford,” and listed Darius and his family as tallied below:

Free white males under 10 = 1 (Almon))
Free white males 16-25 = 2 (Salmon and Peres)
White males 45+ = 1 (Darius)
Females 10-15 = 2 (Philena and Serena if the latter were born about 1805-1810)
Females 45+ = 1 (Kezia)
Total = 7.³⁹

Kezia (Caswell) Andrews apparently died sometime before 1826. It seems she should have died in No. 2 Plantation, although no death record has been located or gravesite identified in Paris, in the area encompassing No. 2, Peru, Rumford, or in Sumner.

Records then show that Darius married Betsey Lathesby.⁴⁰ He was listed as being “of Sumner” in his marriage intentions, which were recorded November 25, 1826, in the Gardiner, Kennebec County, Maine, records,⁴¹ and the marriage presumably took place in the spring of 1827, as stated in the Windsor, Kennebec County, Maine records.⁴² No record for this marriage has been located in the records of relevant Oxford County towns.

Serenia and Cyrena], likely for his sister; see “Maine Births and Christenings, 1739-1900,” *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:F47L-DYL> : accessed 7 July 2020), Serenia Jane Andrews. Almon died 20 Dec 1886; see Franklin Plantation, “Town and Vital Records, 1842-1899,” *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/film/007595543?i=127&cat=336538> : accessed 7 July 2020), film #7595543, image 128, Almon Andrews. Tombstone in Franklin Plantation Cemetery lists 1816-1886, *FindAGrave* (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/25572603/almon-andrews> : accessed 7 July 2020), memorial no. 25572603, Almon Andrews. In 1877, the town of Canton tried to establish a legal settlement for Charles Andrews through his father Almon. Not finding one, they moved back a generation to his grandfather Darius. Apparently, the town of Paris was a candidate as Sumner/Franklin Plantation had provided for Charles and Della Andrews’s welfare and the effort was to get reimbursed from the town where they had their legal settlement; Town of Canton, Oxford County, Maine, “Overseers of the Poor,” unpaginated ledger, 1877, entries for Sept. 14-19, and Oct. 13-26, image in author’s files.

³⁹ 1820 U.S. census, Oxford County, Maine, pop. sch., No. II South of Rumford, p. 107 (penned), “Darius Andrews,” NARA microfilm publication M33, roll 37.

⁴⁰ No one by either of these surnames are listed in either Gardiner or Windsor. Her family name may have been Latherby, Larrabee or Labree, but no likely families or individuals have been identified.

⁴¹ Town of Gardiner, “Vital Records 1800-1894,” *FamilySearch*, (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSVL-88PH?i=100&cat=332928> : accessed 8 July 2020), film # 8128212, image 101, “Darius Andrews of Sumner and Miss Betsey Lathesby of Gardiner,” 24 Mar 1827.

⁴² Town of Windsor, “Town and Vital Records, 1809-1891,” *FamilySearch*, (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QS7-99FP-F9JT-V?i=288> : accessed 8 July 2020),

No divorce or death record for Betsey has been found, and yet the marriage must have been short. In the Rumford town records, “Darius Andrews” records his intention to marry Miss Dolly Dammon, “both of Township No. 2,” September 14, 1832.⁴³

Dolly Dammon was born Dolly Moor on September 21, 1797 to Thomas and Sarah (Dennen) Moor in Hebron, Oxford County, Maine.⁴⁴ She first married Samuel Dammon, intentions filed in Sumner, April 2, 1825,⁴⁵ and recorded in both Sumner and Buckfield, April 16 and 17, 1825.⁴⁶ Samuel and Dolly had a daughter, Lorinda, born May 12, 1825.⁴⁷ However, in 1828, Samuel accused Dolly of adultery with a man from Township No. 2, The divorce was granted in May 1829.⁴⁸ Perhaps her relationship with Darius started before her marriage to Samuel ended.

And Dolly apparently bore Darius a child before their marriage. “Harriet Andrew,” at the time of her marriage to George Demeritt, named her birthplace as Rumford, Maine, and her father as “Josiah Andrews.”⁴⁹ No contender for Josiah

film #7592463, image 289, “Darius Andrews of Sumner and Mrs. Betsey Lathesby of Gardiner,” Nathan Newell, Justice of the Peace and Town Clerk of Windsor, lists that they were among those he married since 9 April 1826 as attested 24 April 1827.

⁴³ Town of Rumford, “Town and Vital Records, 1802-1892,” *FamilySearch*, (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QS7-89N4-KSCL?i=57&cat=348181> : accessed 9 July 2020), film #7596438, image 58, Darius Andrews to Miss Dolly Dammon, 14 Sept 1832.

⁴⁴ Town of Hebron, “Town and Vital Records, 1786-1893,” *FamilySearch*, (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QS7-99L1-WCH3?i=43> : accessed 9 Jul 2020), film # 4255378, image 44, Dolly Moor, 21 Sept 1797.

⁴⁵ Town of Sumner, “Vital Records, 1798-1891,” *FamilySearch*, (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS65-WW4S-F?i=100&cat=349876> : accessed 9 July 2020), film # 8006710, image 101, Samuel Dammon of Buckfield to Dolly Moore of Sumner, 2 Apr 1825.

⁴⁶ Town of Buckfield, “Vital Records, 1803-1898,” *FamilySearch*, (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QS7-L9N7-67L?i=339&cat=342523> : accessed 9 July 2020), film #7595320, image 340, Samuel Dammon of Buckfield and Miss Dolly Moores of Sumner, 16 Apr 1825; Town of Sumner, “Vital Records, 1798-1891,” *FamilySearch*, (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS65-WW4S-F?i=100&cat=349876> : accessed 9 July 2020), film # 8006710, image 127, Samuel Dammon of Buckfield to Dolly Moore of Sumner, 17 Apr 1825.

⁴⁷ Town of Buckfield, “Vital Records, 1803-1898,” *FamilySearch*, (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QS7-99N7-DXNG?i=54&cat=342523> : accessed 19 Aug 2020), film #7595320, image 55, Offspring of Samuel Dammon and wife: Lorinda born May 12, 1825. The children listed ahead of Lorinda are the first four by Samuel’s second wife, Caroline Shurtleff, and were born between 1837 and 1842.

⁴⁸ Maine, Supreme Judicial Court, Oxford, Maine, vol. 1 Sep 1821-May 1836, pg. 296; “Sam’l Damon Pet. For Divorce,” May Term 1829, State Archives, Augusta; digital image, *FamilySearch*, (<https://familysearch.org/pal:MM9.3.1/TH-1942-24038-1286-36?cc=1877829&wc=9XJ8-RM9:174575201%2c174554702%2c175204801> : accessed 7 July 2020) Maine, Oxford County > Court Records > Supreme Judicial Court records, image 299. Daughter Lorinda is not listed in the court testimony and is untraced; perhaps she died young.

⁴⁹ Massachusetts, “Births, Marriages (1841-1895), and Deaths (1841-1899),” *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HY-62B9-4FP?i=76&cc=1469062&personUrl=%2Fark%3A%2F61903%2F1%3A1%3ANW5F-4ZD> :

Andrews in or near Rumford has been identified, but “Josiah” feasibly could be an error for “Darius.” Harriet’s death record lists her birthdate as July 5, 1832 and her parents “John Andrews of Maine” and “Dolly Moore of Buckfield.”⁵⁰ Here, her mother’s name is specific, but it’s likely that Harriet’s husband, the informant, didn’t remember Harriet’s father’s name (if he ever knew it). If Harriet is a daughter born out of wedlock, it’s unclear why Darius would have delayed his marriage to Dolly until after their child was born, but perhaps Betsey (Latherby) Andrews was still alive until near that time.

Darius and Dolly had other children together. The next, Mercy B, was born May 15, 1835, and although her birth was noted as being “in No. 2,” it was recorded in Peru, under the list of children for Philena (Andrews) Canwell, Darius’s daughter, and her husband Oliver B Canwell.⁵¹

Darius and his family were enumerated in No. 2 Township in the Special Maine Census of 1837. The family makeup is consistent with the family as we know it, with the possible exception of Almon: Mercy (1 person under 4), Harriet and Almon (2 persons 4-21, if Almon were born abt. 1816), and the parents Dolly and Darius (2 persons over 21). Darius’s grown children “Perez” and Salmon are listed as living nearby.⁵²

Darius is not listed as a head of household on the 1840 US Census in either No. 2 Township where his other adult male children are listed, in Peru, where his daughter Philena (Andrews) Canwell lived, or in Sumner. Nor does he appear to be living with any of his near relations judging by the number and ages of people in the households.

Darius and Dolly’s last child was their son, Freeland Q. Andrews, born September 13, 1844.⁵³ While this is a child born late in Darius’ and Dolly’s life—

accessed 9 July 2020), film #4279748, image 77, item 314, George S Demeritt and Harriett Andrew, 19 Oct 1854.

⁵⁰ “Massachusetts Deaths, 1841-1915,” *FamilySearch*, (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HY-68FQ-7Y3?i=188&personUrl=%2Fark%3A%2F61903%2F1%3A1%3AN474-YLV> : accessed 9 July 2020), film #4284118, image 178, Harriet A Demeritt,” 15 Sept 1912.

⁵¹ ; Town of Peru, “Town and Vital Records, 1812-1892” *FamilySearch*, (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-C9BJ-X3PF-9?i=112&cat=348020> : accessed 8 July 2020), film #7724804, image 113, Family of Oliver B and Philena Canwell. Mercy is listed here as being born “in No. 2,” but it is unclear why she wasn’t accounted for with her parents. Recall that Mercy is listed correctly as a child of Darius in the “old Greenwood records” where her mother is rather spuriously listed as “Widow Damon.”

⁵² Maine, “1837 Census of Number Two Township, Oxford Co., Maine.” *Digital Maine*, (https://digitalmaine.com/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1012&context=state_census_1837 : accessed 7 July 2020), pg 3, “Darius Andrews;” Peres and Solomon are on pg. 2. The incorporated towns & cities where done on the local level; the return for Peru, where Philena (Andrews) Canwell was living has not been located.

⁵³ No local birth record has been found. His death record lists birthplace as Sumner, see “Maine Death Records, 1761-1922,” *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/1962/images/31515_204087-02586 : accessed 9 July 2020); “Freeland L Andrews,” 25 July 1920.; but his Civil War pension record listed his birthplace as Paris. See Freeland Q Andrews (Pvt., Co. B, 32nd Me. Inf., Civil War),

he was 73, she was 47—this is not an impossibility, and no documents disprove this connection.

Darius apparently died between 1844 and 1847; no will, probate file, or burial site has been located, just as no gravesite has been located for either of his first two wives: graves marked with wooden crosses or simple fieldstones would soon be lost to obscurity. Two sites in contention would be the “Redding Road Cemetery” in Sumner near the property of Peres Andrews and later Jeff Andrews (Peres Andrews and his two wives are buried here) or the “Franklin Cemetery” formerly known as the Childs Cemetery, in Peru, in the section formerly in Franklin Plantation where Philena (Andrews) (Canwell) Redding lived. These two locations are across an expanse of undeveloped land originally called “Winthrop’s Tract” that is adjacent to land in Sumner owned by Perez Andrews and his son Jeff, and land in Peru, where Philena Canwell lived, that had been part of No. 2. These areas were joined by a farm track called “Notch Road.”⁵⁴

Tracing the Andrewses further, Dolly married William Allen (b. 1789) on 19 April 1847, in Sumner, Maine.⁵⁵ The blended family is listed on the 1850 US Census for Sumner as follows:

Wm Allen ae 61
Dorotha Allen ae 48
Huldah “ ae. 24
Charity “ ae. 9
Mercy Andrews ae. 15
Freeland Q A “ ae. 6⁵⁶

Darius and Kezia’s children remained in the area encompassing Sumner and Peru. Darius and Dolly’s daughter Harriet is listed on the 1850 census for

pension no. Inv. 504736, Case Files of Approved Pension Applications..., 1861-1934, Civil War and Later Pension Files, Record Group 15; Records of the Department of Veterans Affairs; National Archives, Washington, D.C. He is often mistakenly listed as Freeland L. Andrews, where the cursive L and Q look similar.

⁵⁴ Hubert E Redding, “North Sumner-Redding, and Baseball,” in Harold C. Perham, *Maine Families, Book Three: Perham, Pratt, Fogg, Nelson, Williams* (West Paris, published privately, 1975), pp. 205-207, details the track of Notch Road from Jeff Andrews’s property in the Redding part of Sumner across “the hilly pasture” and “down the grade to Dickvale and into West Peru.” Parts of Notch Road are identified on the Franklin Plantation map listed above.

⁵⁵ Town of Sumner, “Vital Records, 1798-1891,” FamilySearch (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS65-WWWP-R?i=139&cat=349876> : accessed 9 July 2020), film #8006710, image 140, William Allen of Sumner marries Miss Dolly C Andrews of Franklin Plantation, 9 May 1847; See also Franklin Plantation, “Town and Vital Records, ca. 1801-1894,” FamilySearch (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QS7-89NW-331Y?i=15&cat=343752> : accessed 9 July 2020), film #7595543, image 16, William Allen and Mrs. Dolly C. Andrews intend marriage, April 19, 1847. Of note: Peres’s son Greenleaf Andrews was Town Clerk of Franklin Plantation at the time and certified the marriage of his step-grandmother.

⁵⁶ 1850 U.S. census, Oxford County, Maine, pop. sch., Sumner, pg. 159B (stamped), dwell. 179, fam. 197, “Wm Allen,” NARA microfilm publication M432, roll 263.

Dedham, Massachusetts⁵⁷; she married George DeMerritt in Roxbury, Massachusetts, October 19, 1854⁵⁸ and the couple remained in Massachusetts.

Mercy Andrews married Stephen Prescott Wing in 1851⁵⁹; the couple resided in Leeds, Androscoggin County, Maine. Mercy (Andrews) Wing named a son Freeland Quincy Wing, likely after her brother.⁶⁰ Her death record lists her name as Mercy B Wing, and her parents as “Dorothy Moore” and a scribbled “Tobin Andrews,”⁶¹ the latter of which seems to have been an informant error.

After having fought in the Civil War,⁶² Mercy’s brother Freeland married Annie N Sholes in 1870.⁶³ On the 1870 US Census for Poland, Androscoggin County, Maine, he is listed as “Frank Andrews,” living with his wife and his mother, Dolly Allen.⁶⁴ In 1880, he and his family lived in Livermore, Androscoggin County, Maine,⁶⁵ and they were in Norway, Maine, in 1890.⁶⁶ For the last twenty years of his life Freeland was in and out of the Togus Veteran’s

⁵⁷ 1850 U.S. census, Norfolk County, Massachusetts, pop. sch., Dedham, pg. 232B (stamped), dwell. 167, fam. 188, “Harriet Andrews,” in household of Catherine Kennard, NARA microfilm publication M432, roll 330.

⁵⁸ Massachusetts, “Births, Marriages (1841-1895), and Deaths (1841-1899),” *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HY-62B9-4FP?i=76&cc=1469062&personUrl=%2Fark%3A%2F61903%2F1%3A1%3ANW5F-4ZD> : accessed 9 July 2020), film #4279748, image 77, item 314, George S Demerritt and Harriett Andrew, 19 Oct 1854.

⁵⁹ Franklin Plantation, “Town and Vital Records, 1842-1899,” *FamilySearch*, (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QS7-89NW-33BN?i=19> : accessed 9 July 2020), film #7595543, image 20, Stephen P Wing to Mercy Andrews,” 2 Nov 1851.

⁶⁰ 1860 U.S. census, Oxford County, Maine, pop. sch., Franklin Plantation, pg. 350 (penned), dwell. 71, fam. 71, Freeland Q Wing in household of Stephen P Wing, NARA microfilm publication M653, roll 444; see also *FindAGrave*, (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/50650692/freeland-quincy-wing> : accessed 9 July 2020), memorial no. 50650692, Freeland Q Wing.

⁶¹ “Maine Vital Records, 1670-1921,” *FamilySearch*, (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:939K-RT9S-SV?i=2403&cc=1803978&personUrl=%2Fark%3A%2F61903%2F1%3A1%3AKC6Q-P6S> : accessed 9 July 2020), film #4703990, image 2404, Mercy B Wing, 1 Aug 1894.

⁶² Freeland Q Andrews (Pvt., Co. B, 32nd Me. Inf., Civil War), pension no. Inv. 504736, Case Files of Approved Pension Applications., 1861-1934, Civil War and Later Pension Files, Record Group 15; Records of the Department of Veterans Affairs; National Archives, Washington, D.C.

⁶³ Declaration for Widow’s Pension, Annie N Andrews, widow’s pension certificate number 906863, in pension file for Freeland Q Andrews (Pvt., Co. B, 32nd Me. Inf., Civil War), pension no. Inv. 504736, Case Files of Approved Pension Applications., 1861-1934, Civil War and Later Pension Files, Record Group 15; Records of the Department of Veterans Affairs; National Archives, Washington, D.C. Record states marriage date of 3 April 1870 in Mechanic Falls, Androscoggin Co., ME.

⁶⁴ 1870 U.S. census, Androscoggin County, Maine, pop. sch. Poland, pg. 400B (stamped), dwell. 292, fam. 302, Frank Andrews, NARA microfilm publication M593, roll 537.

⁶⁵ 1880 U.S. census, Androscoggin County, Maine, pop. sch., ED 18, pg. 398D (stamped), dwell. 35, fam. 39, Freeland Andrews, NARA microfilm publication T9, roll 475.

⁶⁶ 1890 U.S. census, Oxford County, Maine, Veterans Schedule, ED 148, pg. 3, dwell. 230, fam. 233, Freeland Q Andrews, NARA microfilm publication M123, roll 6.

Hospital in Augusta, Kennebec County, Maine.⁶⁷ On his death record, Freeland's father's name is simply listed as "Andrews," and his mother's as "Dolley."⁶⁸ It's little surprise that the informant at the Togus Veterans' Hospital in Augusta, wouldn't know the full names of Freeland's parents. Freeland was buried in Paris, Maine.⁶⁹

Dolly Allen was listed as a "Boarder" and "pensioner" living with Asenath Bennett in Poland, Maine, for the 1880 Census.⁷⁰ She died 17 March 1882⁷¹ and was buried in Norway, Oxford County, Maine, just west of Paris.⁷²

Besides the vagaries of the extant documentation, local historians and genealogists created further ambiguity and confusion with this family. In *The History of Peru*, Hollis Turner lists Salmon and Almon Andrews as being fathered by a "John Andrews."⁷³ With no feasible John Andrews in the region for whom this could be true, and with the record for Harriet (Andrews) Demerit also listing "John Andrews" as her father, one begins to wonder whether Darius used John as an alias. Turner further stated that Philena Andrews was a daughter of "John" in one place (pg. 95) and a daughter of "Abias" in another (pg. 271). He further notes that Stephen P. Wing married Mercy Andrews "dau. of Abias Andrews," which is correct if in both cases "Abias" is a simple error for Darius.⁷⁴ Local historian Harold C. Perham, who treated many of the old families of the Sumner region, relied on Turner's *History of Peru*, and so continued the errors into his 1970s volumes.⁷⁵ In the 1980s, John Alva Titus misread the Greenwood note to

⁶⁷ 1900 U.S. census, Kennebec County, Maine, pop. sch., ED 267 [Eastern Branch National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers], dwell. 18, fam. 18, pg. 2A (stamped), Freeland Q Andrews, NARA microfilm publication T623, roll 593; 1910 U.S. census, Oxford County, Maine, pop. sch. ED 202, pg 12B, Freeland Andrews in household of John W Webber, NARA microfilm publication T624, roll 543; here he is listed as married but a roomer; 1920 U.S. census, Kennebec County, Maine, pop. sch. ED 48 [Eastern Branch National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers (known as Togus)], pg. 1A, Freeland Andrews, NARA microfilm publication T625, roll 643.

⁶⁸ "Maine, Death Records, 1761-1922," *Ancestry*, (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/1962/images/31515_204087-02586 : accessed 10 July 2020), Oxford > 1920> A, image 31, Freeland L Andrews, 25 July 1920.

⁶⁹ FindAGrave, (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/41675918/freeland-q-andrews> : accessed 10 July 2020), memorial no. 41675918, Freeland Q Andrews.

⁷⁰ 1880 U.S. census, Androscoggin County, Maine, pop. sch., ED 19, pg. 438A, dwell. 430, fam. 458, Dolly C Allen, NARA microfilm publication T9, roll 475.

⁷¹ Town of Norway, "Vital Records, 1837-1892," *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q57-L9NW-H9MJ?i=69> : 10 July 2020), Dolly C. Allen, 17 March 1882.

⁷² FindAGrave, (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/116402358/dolly-c-allen> : accessed 10 July 2020), memorial no. 116402358, Dolly C Allen. Her tombstone lists her birth year erroneously as 1802.

⁷³ Hollis Turner, *History of Peru in the County of Oxford and State of Maine from 1789 to 1911* (Augusta, ME: Press of the Maine Farmer, 1912), pp. 56 and 95.

⁷⁴ *Ibid.*, p. 271.

⁷⁵ Harold C. Perham, *Maine Families* Books 1-6, (West Paris, ME: Printed Privately, 1973-1978). He looked specifically at the Canwell, Redding, and Cole families in Book 3, which references the Andrews family treated here.

state that Almon Andrews married second, the Widow Damon.⁷⁶ Almon married only once to Mary J. Lord, who survived him. Further confusion resulted from the conflation of two men named “Perez Andrews,” one being Darius’s son and the other of unknown connection who lived in Poland, as well as nearby Minot, and Buckfield; untangling these two will be the subject of a future article.⁷⁷

“Darius” was apparently a very slippery name, one with which many had trouble. With so much confusion and misattribution, coupled with the scant number of extant vital records and shifting land designations and boundaries in rural areas, it’s no surprise that Darius Andrews and his connection to Ebenezer Jr. and to Henry Andrews of Taunton has been lost. I hope this reconstruction will prove persuasive in reestablishing the line. I also hope this will lead to more research in this rich area in the western region of Maine.

Genealogical Summary

1. **DARIUS⁶ [EBENEZER⁵, EBENEZER⁴, HENRY³ HENRY², HENRY¹] ANDREWS**, born supposedly in Taunton, Massachusetts, about 1771. He died about 1845 likely in Franklin Plantation, Oxford County, Maine. He came from Massachusetts to Paris, Maine about 1805. In 1817, he bought land in No. 2 Township, in the area that later became Franklin Plantation.

Darius Andrews married first in Middleborough, Massachusetts, 24 December 1793, **KEZIA CASWELL**, daughter of Jonathan and Tabitha (Keith) Caswell. She was born 14 April 1775, and died about 1826, likely in No. 2 Township. He married second **BETSEY LATHERBY**, 24 March 1827, in Windsor, Kennebec County, Maine and presumably died before September 1832. He married third, **DOROTHY “DOLLY” (MOOR) DAMMON** in about September 1832, in Rumford, Oxford County, Maine.

Children of Darius Andrews and Kezia (Caswell) Andrews:

- i. **PERES ANDREWS**. b., perhaps Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts, 1797, d. Sumner, Oxford County, Maine, 17 September 1889, bur. Redding Rd. Cemetery, Sumner, Oxford County, Maine. Married first Abigail Keen, 26 March 1820. Married second Polly (Shurtleff) Allen 10 October 1859. Both wives buried adjacent to Peres in Sumner, Maine.

Children of Peres Andrews and Abigail (Keen) Andrews:

3. *Greenleaf Andrews*. b. 25 August 1820; m. Britannia Josephine (Foy)

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Children:

⁷⁶ See John Alva Titus, *Saga of Two North American Families: Andrews – Titus*, (Baltimore: Gateway Press, 1987), p. 212 and following.

⁷⁷ See *FindAGrave*, (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/25572603/almon-andrews> : accessed 15 July 2020), memorial no. 25572603, Almon Andrews; and *FindAGrave*, (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/25572631/mary-jane-andrews> : accessed 15 July 2020), memorial no. 2557263, Mary Jane Andrews.

- a. William G. b. 10 Apr 1855; d. 31 Jan 1929.
- b. Edith Eudora. b. 3 Mar 1865; d. 6 Jan 1877.
- 4. *George Washington Andrews*. b. 7 January 1822; m. Keziah Canwell.
Children:
 - a. Ora Anner b. 20 Jan 1856; d. 21 Jan 1862.
 - b. George Washington. b. 21 Oct 1857; d. 24 Jan 1930.
 - c. Infant. b. abt 1859; d. abt. 1859.
 - d. James Wallace. b. 21 My 1862; d. 23 Feb 1942.
- 5. *James H. Andrews*. b. 30 August 1826; m. Angelia Robbins.
Children:
 - a. Frank. b. 12 Dec 1856; d. 29 Apr 1914.
 - b. Nancy. b. abt 1857
 - c. Minnie. b. abt 1858; d. aft 1932.
 - d. Lillian. b. Apr 1866; d. 1919.
- 4. *Unnamed daughter*. b. after 1826, d. before 1830.
- 5. *Arvilla K*. b. 1 October 1820; m. 1. George Washington Turner Canwell, m. 2 Addison F. Bowker.
- 6. *Thomas Jefferson "Jeff" Andrews*. b. 12 August 1835; m. Mary Evelyn Canwell.
- ii. SERENA ANDREWS. b., abt 1805; d. aft 1820. Presumed died young.
- iii. SALMON ANDREWS. b. abt 1804, d. aft 1870, likely in Peru, Maine. Married Clarissa "Clara" Redding, 6 March 1826, Rumford, Oxford County, Maine.

Children of Salmon and Clara (Redding) Andrews.

- 1. *Serena*. b. 30 March 1829, d. 16 October 1847, bur. Franklin Cemetery, Peru, Oxford County, Maine.
- 2. *John R*. b. 10 January 1833; m. 1. Lydia Augusta Hammon, m. 2. Emily C Scales.
- 3. *Almon*. b. 27 May 1835; m.1. Silence King Hopkins.
- iv. PHILENA ANDREWS. b. abt 1805, d. 21 November 1889, bur. Franklin Cemetery, Peru, Oxford County, Maine. Married first Oliver B Canwell 2 December 1826; married second, John Redding, 19 August 1849, Peru, Oxford County, Maine.

Children of Oliver B and Philena (Andrews) Canwell.

- 1. *Sabrina S*. b. 28 May 1829, d. 24 February 1845, bur. Franklin Cemetery, Peru, Oxford County, Maine.
- 2. *William*. b. 29 July 1831; m. 1. Hannah Lord, m. 2. Abigail Ellen Shackley.
- 3. *George Washington*. b. 20 June 1833; m. Arvilla K Andrews.
- 4. *Keziah*. b. 21 June 1837; m. George Washington Andrews.
- 5. *Nancy Ola*. b. 26 July 1839; m. George Washington Wing.
- 6. *Oliver Billings*. b. 26 June 1841; m. Isabella Holt.
- 7. *Charles Bean*. b. 19 May 1844, d. 18 May 1845.
- v. ALMON ANDREWS. b. 1816, d. 20 December 1886, bur. Franklin Cemetery, Peru, Oxford County, Maine. Married Mary J. Lord 27 November 1838.

Children of Almon and Mary J (Lord) Andrews.

1. *James H.* b. 6 August 1839, d. 1862.
2. *Reuben Lovejoy.* b. 2 January 1842; m. 1. Mandana Howe, m. 2. Mrs. Susan G. Morse, m. 3. Georgie Kenniston, m. 4. Mary Wing.
3. *William Wallace.* b. 18 November 1843, d. 1862.
4. *Charles.* b. 30 January 1846; m. 1. Ardella Child, m. 2. Nellie J. Bowker.
5. *Olive J.* b. abt 1848, d. bef 1860.
6. *Serena.* b. 21 August 1849; m. Winfield Scott Farrar.
7. *Henry Herbert.* b. 20 June 1854; m. Mary Etta Elizabeth "Lizzie" Wing.

Children of Darius Andrews and Dolly (Moors) Dammon Andrews.

- i. HARRIET ANDREWS. b., Rumford [or Hebron], Oxford County, Maine, 5 July 1832, d. Peabody, Essex County, Massachusetts, 15 September 1912. Married George Demerritt, 19 October 1854, Roxbury, Suffolk County, Massachusetts.

Children of George and Harriet (Andrews) Demerritt:

1. *Ada.* b. February 1857; m. Edward A Blaney.
2. *Carrie.* b. abt 1858; m. Charles S. Kimball.
3. *Charles Henry.* b. 10 September 1866; m. Lillian McPhee.
- ii. MERCY B ANDREWS. b. 15 May 1835, Peru, Oxford County, Maine, d. 1 August 1894, Leeds, Androscoggin County, Maine. Married Stephen Prescott Wing, 2 November 1851, Franklin Plantation, Oxford County, Maine.

Children of Stephen P. and Mercy B (Andrews) Wing.

1. *James Sullivan.* b. 9 December 1853; m. Ellen F Hallowell.
2. *Mary Etta Elizabeth.* b. 3 February 1854; m. Henry Herbert Andrews.
3. *Freeland Quincy.* b. 15 September 1857; m. 1. Sophie Ann Burgess, m. 2. Nellie F McCulla.
4. *Zelma "Della".* b. abt 1859; m. Charles F Haynes.
5. *Francis Jefferson.* b. 16 August 1861; m. Augusta R. Burnham.
6. *Eliza D.* b. abt 1864; m. James Monroe Haynes.
7. *Cordelia B.* b. abt 1866; untraced after 1870.
8. *Alfred Stephen.* 14 November 1872; m. Carrie M. Higgins.
- iii. FREELAND Q. ANDREWS. b. 13 September 1844, Sumner, Oxford County, Maine, d. 25 July 1920, Augusta, Kennebec County, Maine, bur. Norway Pine Grove Cemetery, Paris, Oxford County, Maine. Married Annie N Sholes 3 April 1870, Minot, Androscoggin County, Maine.

Children of Freeland and Annie (Sholes) Andrews.

1. *Nellie.* b. 19 November 1871; m. William Albert Blake.
2. *Atha Golderman.* b. 6 February 1875; m. Freeman S Richardson.
3. *Ethel Annie.* b. 10 October 1876; m. 1 Mellen Whitman Rickards, m. 2. John Bent Vail.
4. *Annie.* b. December 1878, d. bef 1880.