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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:

Ebenezer 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.
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 1785?; 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.

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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


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 Gilberths all appear.


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.”

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 Briggs, and had four children, Edward, Abiezer, Rhoda, and David Jr. 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. He is listed as a head of household in Township No. 4 in the 1790 US Census, 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.” He later served as Town Meeting moderator on a number of occasions and served on the

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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.

school committee for many years.\textsuperscript{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.\textsuperscript{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.\textsuperscript{24}

Although the 1810 US Census for Paris is lost,\textsuperscript{25} Darius was taxed there that year, with a portion abated.\textsuperscript{26} He was taxed again in 1816,\textsuperscript{27} and for a partial year in 1817.\textsuperscript{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.\textsuperscript{29} No. 2 was made up of

\textsuperscript{22} Lapham and Maxim, \textit{History of Paris, Maine}, see pp. 92, 93 and 95 as examples.
\textsuperscript{25} “Maine Census Guide: 1790-1850,” Maine Genealogy, MaineGenealogy.net, (https://www.mainegenealogy.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; \textit{FamilySearch}, United States Census, 1810>maine>Cumberland>Scarborough, image 2.
\textsuperscript{26} \textit{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.
\textsuperscript{27} Lapham and Maxim, \textit{History of Paris, Maine}, 132.
\textsuperscript{28} \textit{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.
\textsuperscript{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), \textit{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,\textsuperscript{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.\textsuperscript{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.\textsuperscript{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 1\textsuperscript{st} Oliver Canwell 2\textsuperscript{nd} John Redding  
Almon b m Mary J Lord  
2\textsuperscript{nd} Widow Damon

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


\textsuperscript{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.
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 Andrews was born about 1797. 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.mainegenealogy.net/forum/topics/turn-of-the-century-greenwood-fire : viewed 2 July 2020).

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)\textsuperscript{36}, Philena (b. 1805).

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

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(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.

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

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


No divorce or death record for Betsey has been found, and yet the marriage must have been short. In the Rumford town records, “Derius 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


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&personaUrl=%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.” 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.

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.

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.
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.”

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

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<th>Name</th>
<th>Age</th>
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<tr>
<td>Wm Allen</td>
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<td>Dorothea Allen</td>
<td>48</td>
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<td>Huldah</td>
<td>24</td>
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<td>Charity</td>
<td>9</td>
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<tr>
<td>Mercy Andrews</td>
<td>15</td>
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<tr>
<td>Freeland Q A</td>
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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 PensionFiles, 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.


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, Massachusetts\textsuperscript{57}; she married George DeMerritt in Roxbury, Massachusetts, October 19, 1854\textsuperscript{58} and the couple remained in Massachusetts.

Mercy Andrews married Stephen Prescott Wing in 1851\textsuperscript{59}; the couple resided in Leeds, Androscoggin County, Maine. Mercy (Andrews) Wing named a son Freeland Quincy Wing, likely after her brother.\textsuperscript{60} Her death record lists her name as Mercy B Wing, and her parents as “Dorothy Moore” and a scribbled “Tobin Andrews,”\textsuperscript{61} the latter of which seems to have been an informant error.

After having fought in the Civil War,\textsuperscript{62} Mercy’s brother Freeland married Annie N Sholes in 1870.\textsuperscript{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.\textsuperscript{64} In 1880, he and his family lived in Livermore, Androscoggin County, Maine,\textsuperscript{65} and they were in Norway, Maine, in 1890.\textsuperscript{66} For the last twenty years of his life Freeland was in and out of the Togus Veteran’s

\begin{itemize}
  \item \textsuperscript{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.
  \item \textsuperscript{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 \textit{FindAGrave}, (\url{https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/50650692/freeland-quincy-wing}: accessed 9 July 2020), memorial no. 50650692, Freeland Q Wing.
  \item \textsuperscript{62} Freeland Q Andrews (Pvt., Co. B, 32\textsuperscript{nd} 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.
  \item \textsuperscript{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, 32\textsuperscript{nd} 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.
  \item \textsuperscript{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.
  \item \textsuperscript{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.
\end{itemize}
Hospital in Augusta, Kennebec County, Maine. On his death record, Freeland’s father’s name is simply listed as “Andrews,” and his mother’s as “Dolley.” 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.

Dolly Allen was listed as a “Boarder” and “pensioner” living with Asenath Bennett in Poland, Maine, for the 1880 Census. She died 17 March 1882 and was buried in Norway, Oxford County, Maine, just west of Paris.

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.” With no feasible John Andrews in the region for whom this could be true, and with the record for Harriet (Andrews) Demerrit 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. 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. 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.


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.


74 Ibid., p. 271.

state that Almon Andrews married second, the Widow Damon. 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.

“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. **Darius**⁶ [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) Damon** in about September 1832, in Rumford, Oxford County, Maine.

   Children of Darius Andrews and Kezia (Caswell) Andrews:


   Children of Peres Andrews and Abigail (Keen) Andrews:


   Children:

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a. William G. b. 10 Apr 1855; d. 31 Jan 1929.
   b. Edith Eudora. b. 3 Mar 1865; d. 6 Jan 1877.
   Children:
   a. Ora Anner b. 20 Jan 1856; d. 21 Jan 1862.
   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.
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.
   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.
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.


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:
2. Carrie. b. abt 1858; m. Charles S. Kimball.
3. Charles Henry. b. 10 September 1866; m. Lillian McPhee.


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.
5. Francis Jefferson. b. 16 August 1861; m. Augusta R. Burnham.
7. Cordelia B. b. abt 1866; untraced after 1870.


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.