

THE ANCESTRY OF WILLIAM WILSON WAITE

Reuben Waite was born 13 Apr. 1779 in Manchester, Bennington, Vermont. He was the son of Jeremiah Waite and Hannah Matteson. Reuben died 21 Jul. 1845 in Black Creek, Ontario, Canada. (FWT) Reuben came first to Markham and then lived at Louth near Niagara Ontario, Canada. (EWT) He married (1) **Rebecca BAKER**. (EWT) She was the d/o Benjamin Baker. (EWT) Reuben married (2) **Abigail Patterson**. (FWT)

Known children of Reuben are:

- i. _____ Waite, born 1802. (EWT) She married Michael Ladner. (EWT)
- ii. Sarah Ann Waite, born 22 Apr. 1810. (FWT)
- iii. Levi Waite, born 14 Aug. 1811. (FWT)
- iv. Benjamin Waite, born 7 Sept. 1813 in Grand River, Canada. (EWT) He married (1) Marie Smith. (EWT) They had 3 children. Marie died 31 May 1843. (EWT) Marie was the d/o Fred Smith. (EWT) Benjamin married (2) Rebecca Seeley 1845. (EWT) They had 1 child. Benjamin died 9 Nov. 1895 in Grand Rapids, Michigan. (EWT) Benjamin was banished in 1838 to Van Dieman's land for political offenses in Canada. He was connected with the outbreak of the Patriot War in 1837, tried and condemned to death in Toronto but secured a new trial and was sent to England where he was condemned to penal service in Van Dieman's Land. His wife went to London to interview the Queen on his behalf. He escaped after four years imprisonment on an American whaler and found his way to Niagara Falls where his wife was teaching school. He wrote and published WAIT'S NARRATIVE telling of his adventures. He is called Maj. Waite in Robert B. Rose's publication on the Patriot War. Janet Carnochan wrote a book about Marie (Smith) Waite called A WIFE'S DEVOTION. (EWT) Benjamin is claimed to have been a "near" relative of Nathaniel Waite of Fairfield, Vermont. (See NOF)
- v. Hannah Waite, born 5 Oct. 1815. (FWT)

Known children of Reuben are:

- vi. Reuben Ariel Waite, born 25 Feb. 1825. (FWT)
- vii. Lois Ann Waite, born 11 Jan. 1827. (FWT)
- viii. Alexander Patterson Waite, born 11 Jul. 1828. (FWT)
- + ix. William Wilson Waite, born 22 Apr. 1830, died 3 Apr. 1902.
- x. Amarilla Waite, born 15 Dec. 1835. (FWT)

Jeremiah Waite was born 1 Apr. 1749 in West Greenwich, Rhode Island. (RIVR1PG7) He was the son of Thomas Waite and Tabitha Ellis. Jeremiah died 2 Apr. 1823 in Black Creek, Ontario, Canada. (NO) Jeremiah removed to Manchester Vermont in 1783. (EWT) Jeremiah was a Tory and moved to Black

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Creek, Ontario. (NO) NO claims that Jeremiah's brothers resided at Tonawanda, New York. He married **Hannah Matteson** 1772. (EWT) Hannah died 6 Mch. 1839 in Black Creek, Ontario, Canada.

Known children of Jeremiah are:

- i. Jonathan Waite, born 1773 in Manchester, Vermont, EWT His spouse has not been identified. Jonathan resided at Dunfreid Ontario, Canada. (EWT)
- ii. Sarah Waite, born 1775 in Manchester, Vermont. (EWT) She married Solomon Matteson. (EWT) They had 3 children. Solomon also married (1) Sarah or Susan Waite. (EWT) She was born 1768/1785. (EWT) She was the daughter of Maj. Yelverton Waite and Zipporah Colvin. Solomon was the s/o Thomas, Thomas and Henry. (EWT) EWT calls her the third wife of Solomon. However, earlier she has Solomon marrying Sarah or Susan the d/o Yelverton Waite. A handwritten note in the text refers to Mary Shippee and Hannah Parsons. These were presumably the other wives of Solomon according to the person who made the notation. The list of children, with the exception of Thomas, does not match.
- + iii. Reuben Waite, born 13 Apr. 1779, died 21 Jul. 1845.
- iv. Tabitha Ellice Waite, born 13 Feb. 1781 in Manchester, Bennington, Vermont.
- v. Levi Waite, born 9 Feb. 1783 in Manchester, Bennington, Vermont.
- vi. Thomas Waite, born 26 Mch. 1785 in Manchester, Bennington, Vermont. He married Susan _____. (WFRI) They had 6 children. She was born 6 Sept. 1786 in Manchester, Vermont. (EWT) Susan died 6 Mch. 1854 in Manchester, Vermont. (EWT) Thomas died 8 Jul. 1861 in Manchester, Vermont. (EWT) Thomas moved to Canada with his father. Jeremiah is said by some authorities to have been a Tory and is supposed to have had to leave for that reason. However, Vermont records give the names of both Thomas and Jeremiah as Revolutionary soldiers interred in Vermont. Descendants of Thomas say that he returned and lived his late years on the old homestead in Vermont. (EWT)
- vii. Stephen Waite, born 23 Oct. 1787 in Manchester, Bennington, Vermont.
- viii. Hannah Waite, born 9 Jan. 1790 in Manchester, Bennington, Vermont.
- ix. Elizabeth Waite, born 6 Feb. 1792 in Manchester, Bennington, Vermont.
- x. Amarilla Waite, born 27 Nov. 1794 in Manchester, Bennington, Vermont.
- xi. Mary Waite, born 1 May 1796 in Manchester, Bennington, Vermont.
- xii. Lucy Ann Waite, born 10 Feb. 1798 in Manchester, Bennington, Vermont.
- xiii. Benjamin Waite.

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Thomas Waite was born 29 Feb. 1716 in Dartmouth, Massachusetts, recorded E. Greenwich. (RIVR1PG77) He was the son of Thomas Waite and Mary TRIPP. Thomas died in by 1790, West Greenwich, Rhode Island. (BAB) Thomas was made a Freeman 26 Feb. 1739 at East Greenwich. Thomas resided at West Greenwich Rhode Island. He served in Capt. Hopkin's Co. and Col. John Topham's Regt. in the Revolutionary War. His will was dated 17 Feb. 1786 and proved 31 May 1690. His children are mentioned by name. After Thomas' death Tabitha removed to Petersburg New York. This was @1791. (EWT) He married **Tabitha Ellis** 6 Jun. 1743 in West Greenwich, Rhode Island. (RIVR1PG10) She was born 1721. (EWT) Tabitha died 1813 in Petersburg, New York. (NO) Tabitha was the d/o Jeremiah (d. West Greenwich Rhode Island) & Judith (---) Ellis. (EWT)

Known children of Thomas are:

- i. Gideon Waite, born 3 Mch. 1745 in West Greenwich, Rhode Island. (RIVR1PG7) He married Lois Tripp 6 Apr. 1766 in West Greenwich, Rhode Island. (RIVR2PG16) They had 13 children. She was born 20 Aug. 1746. Lois died 21 Oct. 1824 in West Greenwich, Rhode Island. Lois was the d/o Peleg Tripp. Gideon died 1 Apr. 1808 in West Greenwich, Rhode Island. Gideon was appointed 3rd Justice Court Common Pleas Kent Co., Rhode Island May 1787 and 2nd Justice May 1789.
- + ii. Jeremiah Waite, born 1 Apr. 1749, died 2 Apr. 1823.
- iii. Thomas Waite, born 10 Apr. 1755 in West Greenwich, Rhode Island. (RIVR1PG7) He married Naomi Weeks 1 Jan. 1778 in West Greenwich, Rhode Island. (RIVR2PG142) They had 2 children. Naomi was the d/o Thomas Weeks. Thomas was an officer in the Continental Army.
- iv. Alice Waite, born 1756/1769. She married William Potter 1756. (EWT) Alice died 1828. Alice and William Potter removed to Vermont.
- v. Mary Waite, born 11 Feb. 1757 in West Greenwich, Rhode Island. (RIVR1PG7) She married Reuben Waite 11 May 1775. (WFRI) They had 5 children. He was born 23 Oct. 1757 in West Greenwich, Rhode Island. (RIVR1PG116) He was the son of Capt. William Waite and Thankful Matteson. Mary died 26 Jan. 1835. (WFRI)
- vi. Lydia Waite, born 19 Mch. 1759 in West Greenwich, Rhode Island. (RIVR1PG7) She married (1) Dake Moon 16 Oct. 1783 in West Greenwich, Rhode Island. (RIVR2PG179) They had 9 children. Lydia's spouse (2) has not been identified.
- vii. Peleg Waite, born 22 Oct. 1761 in West Greenwich, Rhode Island. (RIVR1PG7) He married Mary Greene 25 Dec. 1783 in West Greenwich, Rhode Island. (RIVR2PG187) They had 10 children. She was born 24 Mch. 1766 in East Greenwich, Rhode Island, DBW. Mary died 3 Feb. 1862 in Petersburg, Rensselaer, New York. (BAB) Mary was the d/o Benjamin (b. 1719) & Anna (Greene) (b. 1736) Greene. Anna was a widow at the time of their marriage in West Greenwich Rhode Island. Benjamin was the s/o Lt. John White (b. 1688 North Kingston Rhode Island d. 29 Mch. 1752) & Mary (Aylesworth) (b. 1688 d. by 1741) Greene. John White Greene

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and Henry Greene (see below) were brothers and both sons of Benjamin and Humility Greene. Anna was the d/o Henry (b. 1696 Kingstown Rhode Island d. 21 Feb. 1752/53 West Greenwich Rhode Island) & Margaret (Rathbone) (b. 29 Nov. 1700) Greene. Henry and Margaret were m. 15 May 1724 at East Greenwich Rhode Island. She was the gd/o Benjamin (b. 1665) & Humility (Coggeshall) (b. 1670) Greene and the ggd/o John & Joan (ps. Tattersall) Greene. They were first cousins. (BAB) EWT gives Mary as the d/o Benjamin & Mary (Rogers) Greene. Benjamin being a cousin of Gen. Nathaniel Greene and having served in the Revolution. Peleg died 17 Oct. 1847 in Petersburg, New York. (BAB) "Capt. Peleg, a soldier of the Revolution, 23 Oct. 1761 - 17 Oct. 1847, age 85y 11m 24d." (TT) Deaths in Petersburg and vicinity from August 1841 to Oct. 1851, from a book purchased 28 Aug. 1841 and kept by Judge Silas Ward Waite and contributed by Ruth B. Keller. "Peleg Waite, New York, served Apr. 1776 under Capt. Elvin Waite, New York; served 2nd in 1778 for 20 days and 3rd served 1779 under Capt. Chancy Burlingame and Col. Christopher Green 6 mo.; b 22 Oct. 1761 West Greenwich, Rhode Island, d. 17 Oct. 1847 Petersburg, New York, m. 25 Dec. 1783 Mary Green b. 24 Mch. 1766 West Greenwich, Rhode Island d. 3 Feb. 1861." Peleg removed Mch. 1783 to Stephentown now Petersburg, New York where he exchanged household goods and a shotgun for a permit on the Van Rensselaer lands. 13 Mch. 1793 they secured a lease from Stephen Van Rensselaer for a farm. (EWT)

- viii. Rufus Waite, born 23 Apr. 1764 in West Greenwich, Rhode Island. (RIVR1PG7) He married Eunice HALL 2 Dec. 1784. (WFRI) They had 6 children. Eunice was the d/o Robert Hall. (EWT) Rufus was residing at Rensselaer Co., New York 1810 with four sons and three daughters. (EWT)

Thomas Waite was born 23 Apr. 1683 in East Greenwich, Rhode Island. (RIVR1PG77) He was the son of Reuben Waite and Tabitha LOUNDERS. Thomas died 1725 in Greenwich, Rhode Island. (BAB) Thomas was made Freeman 2 May 1732 at East Greenwich Rhode Island. He resided at East Greenwich and Dartmouth Massachusetts. 14 Mch. 1714/5 Thomas and wife mortgaged land there. In 1732 they were living in East Greenwich across the Narragansett Bay from Dartmouth. His property was located in that part of East Greenwich that was later set off as West Greenwich. Births of his children are recorded in both towns. On 26 Sept. 1741 Thomas again conveyed land, this time in West Greenwich to his son Thomas Waite Jr. He returned to Dartmouth 31 Dec. 1743 and he on that day conveyed to his son Thomas and names his residence as Dartmouth. (EWT) Death date from JSS, place from BAB. He married **Mary Tripp** 25 Jan. 1710/1711 in East Greenwich, Rhode Island. (RIVR1PG77) She was born 22 Aug. 1689 in East Greenwich, Rhode Island. (RIVR1PG1) Mary died after 1754. Mary was the d/o Joseph (b. 1644 Portsmouth Rhode Island d. 27 Nov. 1718 the s/o John Tripp) & Mehitable (Fish) Tripp. Joseph and Mehitable were m. 6 Aug. 1667 Dartmouth, Massachusetts. Mary was the gd/o John (b. 1610 d. 1678 Portsmouth Rhode Island) & Mary (Paine) (d. 12 Feb. 1687) TRIPP and the gd/o Thomas (d. 1684) & Mary (d. 1699) FISH. She was the ggd/o Anthony (d. 1650) & Rose (Grinnell) (d. aft 1673) Paine.

Known children of Thomas are:

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- i. John Waite, born 30 Nov. 1711 in Dartmouth, Massachusetts, recorded E. Greenwich. (RIVR1PG77) He married Elizabeth SULLIVANT 21 Oct. 1733 in West Greenwich, Rhode Island. (RIVR1PG35) They had 7 children. John and Elizabeth's marriage was also recorded at East Greenwich Rhode Island (V3PG164) They were both listed as being from East Greenwich. John was the 5th Justice of the Supreme Court of Rhode Island May 1787. He was Capt. of the Independent Company May 1777 - 1779 and Col. May 1777.
- ii. Reuben Waite, born 7 Feb. 1713/1714 in Dartmouth, Massachusetts, recorded E. Greenwich. (RIVR1PG77) He married (1) Rebecca SOULE. (GMF) They had 2 children. Rebecca was the d/o Jacob SOULE of Dartmouth who in his will of 12 Aug. 1747 mentioned his grandchildren Phoebe and Jeremiah Waite. (GMF) Reuben married (2) Rebecca TRIPP 7 Mch. 1745. (GMF) They had 3 children. She was born 7 Jul. 1713. Reuben died in by 1757.
- + iii. Thomas Waite, born 29 Feb. 1716.
- iv. Mary Waite, born 5 Apr. 1718 in Dartmouth, Massachusetts, recorded E. Greenwich. (RIVR1PG77) She married Capt. William Tripp 13 Nov. 1743 in West Greenwich, Rhode Island. (MSB) They had 3 children. He was born 10 Oct. 1719. (MSB) William also married (1) Mary Wolcox 12 Jul. 1739. (MSB) William was the s/o Job TRIPP Jr. He was a Capt. in the 4th North Kingston Co. Kings County.
- v. Maribee Waite, born 20 Jul. 1720 in Dartmouth, Massachusetts, recorded E. Greenwich. (RIVR1PG77) She married Benjamin Soule 16 Sept. 1742. (EWT)
- vi. Mehitable Waite, born 18 Nov. 1722 in Dartmouth, Massachusetts, recorded E. Greenwich. (RIVR1PG77) She married Henry Reynolds 28 Apr. 1746 in West Greenwich, Rhode Island. (RIVR1PG1) They had 7 children.
- vii. Martha Waite, born 5 Apr. 1725 in Dartmouth, Massachusetts, recorded E. Greenwich. (RIVR1PG77) She married John Wightman.
- viii. Alice Waite, born 22 Apr. 1729 in Dartmouth, Massachusetts, recorded E. Greenwich. (RIVR1PG77)

Reuben Waite was born 1647 in Portsmouth, Newport, Rhode Island. (BAB) He was the son of Thomas Waite and Eleanor _____. Reuben died 7 Oct. 1707 in Dartmouth, Massachusetts. (BAB) "In 1685 Reuben and others appeared in Plymouth Court as proprietors of Dartmouth; on 11 Oct. 1707 his will was proved and on 5 Nov. 1707 his executor was his wife, Tabitha. He gave his son, Thomas half the farm; to wife, 20 acres, dwelling house and orchard for life, and movable forever; to four sons Benjamin, Joseph, Reuben, and Jeremiah, rest of land in Dartmouth, and at death of wife, the house and land that she occupies to go to them; to daughters Eleanor, Abigail, and Tabitha, each 3 pounds. The inventory gave 271 pounds 10s 4d; viz. lands 150 pounds, 7 cows, 2 oxen, 2 steers, 4 yearlings, 20 sheep, 24 lambs, horse, half a yearling mare, 14 swine, 4 calves, 9 geese, 2 stacks of bees, 7 barrels of cider, 4 beds, warming pan, gun, pair of cards, books, etc." As they often do, inventories of items mentioned in wills

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reveal as much about the life style and situational circumstances of the deceased as do written reports. The seven barrels of cider speaks for itself. (BAB) Reuben's house was one of the oldest in Dartmouth and was still standing at the time EWT wrote her book. The earliest parts were thought to have been built as early as 1669 and to have escaped the destruction that overtook the town during King Philip's War. It is called the Waite-Potter house. It is an interesting example of early Rhode Island architecture. The house is down a lane not far from the main road in Westport. The survey of the farm was made 21 Jun. 1712. 'Homestead of Reuben Waite deceased beginning at a stake at edge of salt marsh on bounds between said homestead of James Tripp thence south 3 degrees 218 rods thence West 3 degrees north 7 rods thence South 7 degrees East 28 rods thence West 7 degrees South thence North 5 degrees 40 rods these ranges to find what land lies in the neck thence south 25 degrees West 62 rods to ye south between said homestead and Stephen Willcocks thence East 3 degrees and 7 rods to the white oak where we began survey for Stephen Wilcocks' This land had been settled fifty years before the survey was made. This is the original Waite farm purchased by Thomas Waite from William Earle in 1661 and contained 20 acres and was bounded on the east by the Noquochoke River. It remained in the Waite family until 1827 when Benjamin Waite sold the part between the river and the main road to Robert Kirby. (EWT) He married **Tabitha Lounders** 2 Jul. 1681 in Dartmouth, Greenwich, Rhode Island. She was born 1662 in BAB. Tabitha died in aft 1707. (BAB) Tabitha was the d/o John L & Jane (KIRBY) Lounders of Sandwich, Massachusetts. Jane was the d/o Richard KIRBY Sr. The will of her brother mentions kinsman Joseph Weight, son of my sister Tabitha. She d. aft 11 Oct. 1707. (BAB)

Known children of Reuben are:

- + i. Thomas Waite, born 23 Apr. 1683, died 1725.
- ii. Eleanor Waite, born 4 Jan. 1688 in Dartmouth, Rhode Island. (EWT) She married Capt. Abiel Tripp 3 Jan. 1703/1704 in Portsmouth, Rhode Island. (RIVR1PG199) They had 10 children. He was born 22 Jun. 1684. Abiel died 1753. Abiel was the s/o Abiel & Deliverance (HALL) TRIPP. He was made a Freeman at Portsmouth Feb. 1723/4. Capt. in the 2nd Regiment of Mainland Militia May 1728. JSS gives date of birth as 5 Jan. 1686 at Newport.
- iii. Benjamin Waite, born 12 Jan. 1690 in Dartmouth, Massachusetts (EWT) d.s.p. by 1772, Dartmouth, Massachusetts. (EWT) Benjamin was a carpenter and a member of the Friends. He was declared 'non compos' 14 Jun. 1749. Guardians were William Davol and Edward Cornell. Benjamin d. by 24 Feb. 1772.
- iv. Joseph Waite, born 24 Jun. 1693 in Dartmouth, Massachusetts. (EWT) He married Elizabeth Wolfe 30 Nov. 1715 in Dartmouth, Massachusetts. They had 8 children. Elizabeth was a near relative of Gen. James WOLF. (BB) Joseph died 1774. Joseph's will was dated 15 Sept. 1761 and was proved 15 Aug. 1774. A deed dated 1774 states that Joseph was in fact dead. Joseph was a blacksmith who resided in Dartmouth pb. near Westport Massachusetts. On 4 Sept. 1714 he sold his interest in his father's estate to his brother Benjamin. On 15 Oct. 1772 he bought land in Dartmouth Massachusetts. Apparently he was having trouble with his son Samuel as on 14 Nov. 1763 he revoked a power of attorney previously given to him. Quoting

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John C. Waite "Joseph Waite, yeoman of Dartmouth Bristol Co. 'Whereas I, Joseph Waite, upon trust and confidence which I had and am firmly in my son Samuel WEIGHT of ye Town, and County and Province aforesaid, laborer or alias sea-faring man, did by my letter attorney constitute and make ye said Samuel WEIGHT my full and lawful attorney, and whereas ye said Samuel WEIGHT hath by coullor of said authority to him given , behaved himself great to my hindrance and damage, contrary to ye truth and confidence reposed by me in him, have revoked, countermanded and made void.'" Joseph conveyed the homestead which he had purchased in 1722 to his son Stephen on 26 Apr. 1764. On 30 Jan. 1773 Joseph sold land at Dartmouth. (BB)

- v. Abigail Waite, born 24 Jun. 1693 in Dartmouth, Massachusetts. (EWT) Abigail never married and was a member of the Friends.
- vi. Tabitha Waite, born 15 Jan. 1695 in Dartmouth, Massachusetts (EWT) died 12 Jan. 1756. Tabitha never married and was a member of the Friends.
- vii. Reuben Waite, born 15 Jan. 1695 in Dartmouth, Massachusetts. (EWT) He married Elizabeth HATHAWAY 2 Aug. 1720 in Dartmouth, Massachusetts. They had 4 children. Reuben died 1757.
- viii. Jeremiah Waite, born 16 Jun. 1698 in Dartmouth, Massachusetts (EWT) d.s.p. 16 Sept. 1754 Dartmouth, Massachusetts.