

Biography of Major Robert Douglass Jr. 1759-1833

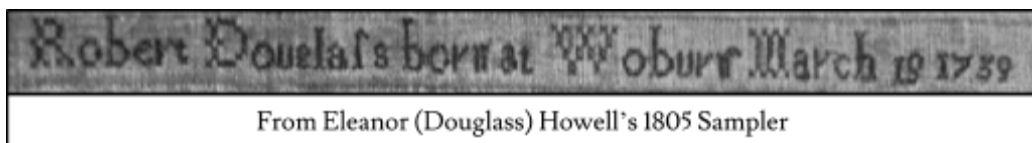
by Christopher Hurley

Submitted to the Lexington Minute Men, November, 2018

On that morning, about one hour before day-break, a man rode up to my father's door, and knocked loudly, and said 'There is an alarm; the British are coming out, and if there is any soldier in the house, he must turn out and repair to Lexington as soon as possible.'

–Robert Douglass Jr., May 3, 1827^{1,2,3}

Robert Douglass Jr. lived very near Lexington. His father's door was in the west part of Woburn Massachusetts on a large farm on the Cambridge road near Locust street, north of present day Four Corners. Robert, the middle child of five, was sixteen years old at the time of the Lexington Alarm. After serving in the American War of Independence he advanced to the rank of Major in the Massachusetts militia, married twice, moved to Portland Maine, prospered in business, and lived to see his family and the nation grow and change.



"Robert Douglass born at Woburn March 19, 1759"

We are led to believe Robert was born in Woburn because his eldest daughter, at age twelve, stitched it for posterity in a needlework sampler. However, Woburn's Congregational Church records don't list his birth; he was baptized on April 8, 1759 in Rutland, Massachusetts, where Robert's father then owned land. On the face of it, it makes little sense for the Douglasses to travel from Woburn all the way to the center of the province to have their three-week-old boy baptized. It's tempting to assume darling young Eleanor made an incorrect assumption or was misinformed. On the other hand, Robert's father was a Presbyterian, and that makes a difference. Few in number in New England, Presbyterians were then famous for transporting infants great distances to be baptised in their own churches during a regular Sunday service.^{5,6} So yes it's quite possible Robert Douglass Jr. was born in Woburn and baptized in Rutland. And I see no profit in arguing with a twelve year old girl.

Before Woburn

Robert's father (Robert Douglass Sr.) was an immigrant from northern England. It seems he arrived in Halifax, Nova Scotia in 1749 as a gardener with the Edward Cornwallis expedition.^{7,8} He married Eleanor Fales of Dedham, Massachusetts, whose ancestors were part of the seventeenth century Great Migration of Puritan religious dissenters to New England.⁹ A nineteenth century Douglass

¹ In this biography, 'Robert' and 'Robert Douglass', unadorned by title or qualifier, refer to Robert Douglass Jr. Also, although Robert had three sons named Robert, this biography refers to only the one born in 1822 as Robert Douglass III.

² Some footnotes have hyperlinks (↗) to source documents. Some sources require registration or are behind a paywall.

³ Robert Douglass Jr., his affidavit in Ezra Ripley, *A History of the Fight at Concord...* (Concord: Allen & Atwill, 1827), 52. ↗

⁴ Eleanor Howell, sampler, in Ethel Damon, *Father Bond of Kohala* (Honolulu: The Friend, 1927), 43. ↗

⁵ Systemic History Fund, Franklin P. Rice, Trustee, *Vital Records of Rutland, Mass...* (Boston: Stanhope Press 1905), 36. ↗

⁶ Jonas Reed, *A History of Rutland: Worcester County Massachusetts* (Worcester: Mirick and Bartlett, 1836), 83. ↗

⁷ Robert Douglass III, Portland, 17 March 1879, letter to Mr. Carpenter, Andover Phillips Academy Archives.

⁸ Nova Scotia GenWeb Project "Cornwallis Ships to Halifax – 1749, Surnames... "D," via Internet Archive (01 March 2017) ↗

⁹ De Coursey Fales, *The Fales Family of Bristol, Rhode Island* (Boston: T. R. Marvin & Son, 1919), 46-7. ↗

descendant wrote to the Daughters of the American Revolution that the marriage was in Halifax, Nova Scotia, about 1755.¹⁰ How Eleanor from Dedham would have wound up there is anyone's guess, especially considering Halifax, Massachusetts would have been much more convenient. Other sources denote just Halifax.¹¹ In any event, the newlyweds were soon living in Massachusetts.

Two older sisters preceded Robert. The first, born in 1756, was Deborah, perhaps the name of Mr Douglass' mother.¹² Or perhaps the couple was honoring Mrs. Douglass' paternal grandmother, Deborah Fisher.¹³ The next sister, born in 1757, was Eleanor, likely named for Mrs. Douglass'... well, for herself. This sister was baptized at the South Church in Boston.¹⁴ At this time the Douglass Family owned a newly purchased 0.2 acre lot of land near today's Downtown Crossing, and Mr. Douglass' occupation on the deed is a Tallow Chandler, a person making or selling candles made from the rendered beef fat of slaughtered cattle.¹⁵ His neighbors may have looked down upon the odorous occupation, but they would have seen the man was ambitious and had married well. Mr. Douglass mortgaged this Boston lot the next year and bought a 100 acre farm in Rutland.¹⁶ The land was cheap there, and perhaps a downwind Boston neighbor had hinted that there were many Presbyterians living in Rutland. There were actually.¹⁷

After Robert, the subject of this biography, was born, either in Rutland or Woburn, in 1759, brothers William and Barnard completed the family with their births in 1761 and 1763, both being baptized in Rutland.¹⁸ Or perhaps brother Barnard was baptized in the next town east, Holden, for their church records also show his baptism, along with a possible twin, Ebenezer, who likely died soon afterward.^{19,20} The family was definitely living in Rutland by 1760, as proven by Mr. Douglass advertising the liquidation of store goods in 'Old Rutland' and his being selected as a superior court jurymen in Rutland that year.^{21,22} His name also appears as a town assessor ('62), selectman ('64), and constable ('65).^{23,24} Robert Jr., the subject of this biography, still under 10 years old, would have grown up taking for granted that not only must a family work hard on the farm, but they also must take an active part in town affairs. [jurymen election box image²⁵]



Rutland's Jury Selection Box

The family continued to own land in Rutland for two more decades.^{26,27} However, they moved out of town sooner than that. In December 1767, Mr. Douglass bought a large farm of 233 acres from

¹⁰ D.A.R. *Membership Application of Lucy Mary Eveleth Bowditch (153375) on Robert Douglass, Sr. (A033827)*

¹¹ e.g. a bible in Barnard's family provides no province. Email exchange, descendant Dinah (Oakes) Thweatt, 05 Mar. 2010.

¹² Robert Douglass Sr.'s mother's name is unknown, but, by convention, first born daughters were named after the paternal grandmother.

¹³ Robert Douglass III, 1879 letter to Andover Phillips Academy.

¹⁴ Congregational Library, Records of the Old South Church in Boston, Baptisms 1669-1875. 147. 04 December 1757. Also baptized there that day was future United States congressman and Massachusetts Supreme Court justice Samuel Sewall, father of minister and Woburn historian Samuel Sewall. Small world.

¹⁵ Massachusetts Land Records 1620-1986, Suffolk County Deed Book 90:185, David Colson to Robert Douglass (R.D.). 05 August 1757; 1/5 acre for £266:13:4. ↗; Thanks to John Bell for information on the Tallow Chandler occupation.

¹⁶ Mass. Land Records, Worcester Deed Book 40:223, Eleazar Ball to R.D. ,26 July 1758; 100 acres for £413:6:8. ↗

¹⁷ Reed, *History of Rutland*, 7.

¹⁸ Systematic History Fund, *Vital Records of Rutland*, 36. ↗

¹⁹ New England Historical and Genealogical Register 58 [1904], "Baptisms of First Church Holden," 277. ↗

²⁰ Holden also records an Ebenezer[sic] Douglass baptized the same day, a possible twin who died young. ↗

²¹ The Boston-Gazette and Country Journal, 18 August 1760, Issue 281, 3. Sale advertisement.

²² Timothy C. Murphy, *History of Rutland in Massachusetts: 1713-1968* (Rutland: Rutland Historical Society, 1970), 151-163.

²³ Murphy, *History of Rutland*, 151-163

²⁴ J.H. Benton Jr., *Early Census Making in Massachusetts* (Boston Mass.: Charles H. Goodspeed 1905), 41. ↗

²⁵ Jury box image, courtesy Rutland Town Clerk, email exchange with Anita Carlson, 9 April 2018.

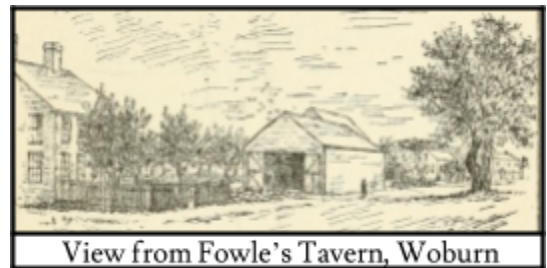
²⁶ Bettye Pruitt (ed.), *The Massachusetts Tax Valuation List of 1771*. Dataset 1978, via Instructional Computing Group, Harvard University ↗

²⁷ Mass. Land Records, Worcester Deed Book 80:403, Robert & Eleanor Douglass to Joseph Buckminster. 01 Dec. 1778. ↗

Thomas & Lydia Reed of Woburn.²⁸ Perhaps he wanted to move his agricultural means of production closer to the markets of the large town of Boston.

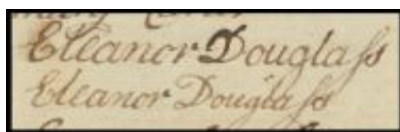
Pre-War Woburn

It was in Woburn that Robert Douglass Jr. grew into a young man, helping his parents and sisters and minding his younger brothers while teaching them farm chores. There were 4 oxen to help till 12 acres producing 100 bushels of grain a year. Although the 30 acres of pasture could keep 15 cows, the Douglasses had only 8 cows in 1771. This left much pasture that could be rented out to others. There were 29 acres of up-land and meadow, producing 14 tons of hay. And there were trees to climb—and from which to pick apples, enough to produce 40 barrels of hard cider every year. There were two pigs for ham and bacon, and there was one horse for work or travel.²⁹ The Douglasses were definitely *not* subsistence farmers. There would have been much left over to trade with neighbors and sell at markets. As a sign of the worth of the estate, the Douglasses were regularly among the high tax-payers in Woburn (everything has a downside).³⁰ [sketch image³¹]



On top of the busy life of a yeoman farmer, Mr. Douglass Sr. again took part in the public affairs of his town. He was never a selectman in Woburn (the old families held sway there), but in recognition of his acumen and probity he was named an assessor for the town and for some probate estates.^{32,33} In a pronounced display of confidence and respect, his fellow townsmen in early 1773 selected Mr. Douglass to Woburn's Committee of Correspondence, sharing the duties with two deacons, a doctor, and the esteemed Loammi Baldwin.³⁴ Later in the decade, the 'Presbyte' Douglass, letting convenience trump polity, sought and received admission to Woburn's Congregational church.³⁵ The family was firmly ensconced in Woburn.

The subject of this biography, young Robert, on the farm, at the dinner table, at church in the family pew, and in his interactions with neighbors and townsmen (when on errands or tagging along with his father) would have absorbed the pre-revolutionary talk and news knowing that not only his father, but his whole family was in the thick of it. 'It' being the resistance to Parliament's ongoing incursions upon the English liberties of Americans. As strong proponents of the Continental



Association's economic measures against the British administration, Mrs. Douglass and her daughter each proudly signed 'Eleanor Douglass' to 'The Petition of the Subscribers Female ~ Inhabitants of the Town of Woburn.' The petition suggested incentives to increase the quantity and quality of home-manufactured goods. It also decried excessive drinking of "rum and other spiritous liquors."³⁶ (There was a touch of the moral scold in the Douglass clan.)

That petition was dated Wednesday March 22, 1775. Everywhere in Massachusetts there was still hope that economic action and diplomacy would settle matters with the mother country—and everywhere there were preparations for a military response as well. Three days before the female

²⁸ Mass. Land Records, Middlesex Deed Book 68:153, Thomas & Lydia Reed to R.D., 11 June 1768, 233 acres for £933:6:8. ↗

²⁹ Pruitt, *Mass. 1771 Tax Valuation*. ↗

³⁰ Woburn Mass. Tax Lists 1769-1776, microfilm, Woburn Public Library.

³¹ Thompson, Albert, *View from Fowle's Tavern*, in Parker Converse *Legends of Woburn* (subscription 1892), 111. ↗

³² Woburn Mass. Tax Lists. of the 1770s, microfilm, Woburn Public Library.

³³ Middlesex County, MA: Probate File Papers, 1648-1871, via American Ancestors, ex: Benjamin Wyman 1774, 25842:12. ↗

³⁴ Samuel Sewall, *The History of Woburn, Middlesex County, Mass...* (Boston: Wiggen and Lunt, 1868), 359-60. ↗

³⁵ Woburn, Mass. *First Congregational Church Records, 1642-1931* Mass. Historical Soc. Ms. N-277 Microfilm ↗

³⁶ Loammi Baldwin Papers, 1768-1872 (MS Am 1811). Series IV, item 469, Houghton Library, Harvard University. images ↗

petition, Robert turned sixteen, and turning sixteen meant he became a militiaman in Samuel Belknap's company. In preparation he would have obtained a musket (or fowling piece) and its military accoutrements: a cartridge box, a bayonet or other edged weapon, and perhaps a knapsack, a blanket, and a powderhorn.^{37,38,39} With those, he would have learned his militia's military exercises.

April Nineteenth

On April 19th 1775, Robert Douglass Jr. did not initially form with his Woburn militia company, and his affidavit mentions nothing about the whereabouts of the rest of his family. Robert Douglass Sr. may have been helping to organize Woburn's response to an earlier and less insistent version of the alarm, perhaps having ordered Robert to stay at home for the time being. Whatever the case, the pre-dawn rider at the Douglass farmhouse door imparted an unmistakable urgency to go to Lexington, and Robert responded.

Robert Douglass Jr. "went in haste" more than three miles to Lexington in company with his older friend, Sylvanus Wood (who had heard the peal of the Lexington meetinghouse bell), the two of them entering Buckman's Tavern before sunrise, just minutes before Thaddeus Bowman brought word of the approaching British regulars.⁴⁰ They heard Captain Parker order drummer William Diamond to beat out 'to-arms.' Then, in response to a request from Captain Parker, Robert and his friend formed with the Lexington company of militia outside the tavern and marched toward the northern end of the common near the Bedford road.⁴¹

By and large, the fewscore Lexington men to his left and right were strangers to Robert. Though most Woburn families had kinship ties with the surrounding towns, that wasn't the case with the Douglasses. For Robert, there had been no social visiting of aunts or uncles in Lexington, or helping to reap an older cousin's harvest there. At just sixteen, he'd had no reason, and perhaps no permission, to be out and about on his own. Being a militiaman changed things. He was a comrade in arms on Lexington common. With the others, he and his friend were ordered to load their guns.

The redcoats arrived, and fired. Eight of the men around young Robert were killed and ten were wounded by the soldiers of King George III.

The redcoats marched on to Concord. When the Woburn militia arrived at Lexington common shortly afterward, they saw the wounded. In the meetinghouse, they saw the dead.^{42,43} Seeing his Woburn townsmen, and perhaps reuniting with his father, Robert could have described to them what the King's poorly disciplined troops had done.

Presuming Robert joined with his hometown militia company for the rest of the day, he would have marched with them through Lexington and Lincoln some four or five miles, moving to a hill within viewing distance of Concord. He could have seen smoke rising from that town's center. Maybe he saw the British column march out of Concord and head back his way. He likely heard the scattered musket fire that started at Merriam's Corner and increased even while he was again on the move. Under Major Loammi Baldwin's leadership, the three Woburn companies retraced their way to a favorable spot in Lincoln, a double bend in the road with wooded cover.⁴⁴ There, with the Billerica,

³⁷ Mass. General Court. An Act for Regulating of the Militia, *Acts and Laws...1693* (Boston: Kneeland and Green, 1743), 6. ↗

³⁸ Massachusetts Provincial Congress, Journals, 10 December 1774. Recommendations for Equipment, 71. ↗

³⁹ Alexander Cain, "A Review of the Militia Laws and Regulations on the Eve of Lexington and Concord", 2017. ↗

⁴⁰ "haste", Sylvanus Wood, his affidavit in Ezra Ripley, *A History of the Fight at Concord...* (Concord: Allen & Atwill, 1827), 54.

⁴¹ This paragraph and the next are from Robert Douglass Jr.'s affidavit.

⁴² Loammi Baldwin Papers, item 306

⁴³ Robert's friend Sylvanus had helped carry the dead. Sylvanus Wood, his affidavit.

⁴⁴ This spot on the Bay road is now known to historians as the 'bloody curve' or 'bloody angle'.

Reading, and Bedford militias, they attacked the redcoat army when it arrived. The Crown forces fought through this ambushade, but with many casualties.

Then the Woburn men joined in pushing the British column toward the Lexington town line, toward Captain John Parker and the waiting ... and ready, Lexington militia, who poured revengeful musket fire upon them.⁴⁵ The British troops fought and ran their way to the east of Lexington center and the safety of a relief column that was supported by artillery. The Woburn men were among those who then reached Lexington common, and there Robert may have for the first time in his life seen cannons firing. At him.⁴⁶

The King's soldiers eventually fought their way to Charlestown. Robert and his father are credited with fighting them all that day, and if they followed in the path of the British, they passed by houses put to the torch and passed by the dead and wounded from both sides.

The War for Independence

The whole of that day, and the eleven following, constitute Robert Douglass Jr.'s first service in the war. There were other stints as well. The following listing comes from the archives of the Massachusetts Secretary of State, much of it supplied to Robert's daughter Louisa as a pension applicant in the mid-nineteenth century.⁴⁷ Revolutionary records for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts contain seventeen spellings of Douglass, and it seems there was at least one other Robert in the records. Many of the records don't satisfactorily specify *which* Robert Douglass from *which* town served where and when. Inconveniently for his posterity, Robert himself did not leave a record of his service. In her application, Louisa appears to have optimistically cited every possible Massachusetts *Robert Douglass* service record. However, the U. S. pension office tended to disallow ambiguous records unless there was corroborating evidence. As a result, some of Louisa's claims about Robert's service were not calculated into the pension she and her siblings received.

Robert Douglass Jr.'s Revolutionary War Service Record ^{48,49} (Containing possible terms of service, and terms of service allowed for a pension)			
Time	Event	Commanders	Allowed
19 Apr. 1775 30 Apr. 1775	Lexington Alarm, 12 days, until formation of the Army.	Private under Capt. Samuel Belknap, David Greene's 2nd Middlesex Rgt.	No
30 Apr. 1775	On list of men of 1st Woburn Co.	Private under Capt. Josiah Johnson	No
01 May 1775	On list of men of Woburn.	Private under Capt. John Richardson.	No
14 Dec. 1776 01 Mar. 1777	Guarding stores in Boston, 3 months.	Private under Capt. Caleb Brooks, Col. Dike's regiment.	Yes
18 Aug. 1777 30 Nov. 1777	Expedition to the Northward. At the battle of Saratoga, in Maj. General Benjamin Lincoln's right wing.	Private under Capt. Abraham Foster, Col. Bullard's 5th Mass. Militia Rgt., General Jonathan Warner's Brigade.	Yes*

⁴⁵ Margaret Watters Wilkes, *Parker's Revenge Archaeological Project Minute Man National Historical Park Lexington, Massachusetts*, Concord: Friends of Minute Man National Park, 2016. ↗

⁴⁶ The Woburn militia's movements: Loammi Baldwin, diary, in Hurd, Duane H., *History of Middlesex County,...*, 447. ↗

⁴⁷ In 1844 Louisa, on behalf of herself and her living siblings, applied under the terms of the Pension Act of June 07, 1832.

⁴⁸ U.S.National Archives, Pension File. S.17931, Series M804, Douglass, Robert. Revolutionary War. ↗

⁴⁹ Mass. Secretary of State, *Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolution... vols. 4-5*, (Boston: Wright and Potter, 1896).

08 May 1781 04 Jun. 1781	27 days (40 days expedition) on an alarm to Rhode Island, per resolve of May 8, 1781.	In Capt. John Armstrong's company, detached from Col. Benjamin Gill's regiment.	No [‡]
13 Sep. 1781 01 Dec. 1781	To reinforce the Continental Army, 2 months, 20 days.	Corporal under Capt. Samuel Tay, Lt. Col. Joseph Webb's regiment.	Yes
17 Aug. 1782 25 Nov. 1782	Cruise of State Sloop <i>Winthrop</i> in Gulf of Maine, 3 mos., 18 days, paid 1 Jan. 1783.	Armorer under Capt. George Little.	No
Jan. 1784	Payroll list, unspecified service.	Corporal under Capt. Samuel Tay.	No
*Approved only after his brother Barnard deposed that Robert was present at the "taking of Burgoyne." ‡Mass. Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolution lists rank as Corporal, with a pay warrant of August, 1782.			
Pension service total: As a private, 6 months 24 days; as a corporal, 2 months 21 days. Amount: \$32.56/year, covering the last two years of Robert's life, and paid as a lump sum in 1845.			

His brother Barnard remembered Robert's service this way.

"My brother was in the Lexington alarm in April 1775 and I have heard him say that he was on the green at Lexington when the British troops fired upon the militia there assembled. He was afterward in the service at the taking of Burgoyne and was in a militia company from Woburn Mass & that vicinity. I know that he was in the service two campaigns and I believe three. At the expiration of one of these times of his service he was taken sick on his return home and I went after him as far as the town of Douglass and brought him home."⁵⁰

During the time of the siege of Boston in the fall of 1775, Woburn death records indicate "a maid died at Mr. Douglass's" and this likely was Robert's eldest sister Deborah, though later family documentation states Deborah died in 1776, so if there is no date mix up, it is possible the woman who died in 1775 was a visitor, a servant, or a slave. There is no direct evidence that the Douglasses owned slaves, but slavery was around them. Three of Mr. Douglass's co-committeemen were slave owners, and Robert's brothers both married into slave holding families.^{51,52,53}

Later during the war, in the Spring of 1780, a midwife testified in court that during the greatest pains of labor Keziah Simonds of Woburn named Robert Douglass Jr. as the father of her infant boy. They did not marry. Woburn birth records list the child under the Simonds family as "Robert Douglas."⁵⁴ That autumn the court adjudged Robert to be the father and he was ordered to make child support payments. Mr. Douglass Sr. posted the surety.^{55,56} Years later, this first namesake child of Robert Douglass Jr. gained a step-father when Keziah married another man.⁵⁷ As an adult, Kezia's son didn't use the Simonds name. He lived as husband to Betsey Hadley of Lexington, going by the name of, confusingly enough, Robert Douglass. His family eventually settled in Cambridge and, after rough beginnings, prospered.^{58,59,60} There is no known further contact between father and son.

Child with Keziah
Robert Douglas Simonds 1780-1822

⁵⁰ U.S.National Archives, Pension File. S.17931. Deposition from Barnard 21 Sep. 1844.

⁵¹ Edward Johnson, *Woburn Records of Births, Deaths, and Marriages, v.2, Deaths* (Woburn: Andrews, Cutler, & Co. 1890), 58. ↗

⁵² D.A.R. *Bowditch*

⁵³ Pruitt, Mass. 1771 Tax Valuation, 'servants for life,' for Wyman, Winn, Baldwin, Pierce in Woburn; Abbot in Andover.

⁵⁴ Johnson 1890 *Woburn Records...*, v.1, *Births*, 238. The 'one ess' spelling is as published.

⁵⁵ Kelly Ryan, *Regulating Passion: Sexual Behavior and Citizenship in Massachusetts, 1740-1820* (Dissertation 2006), 446. ↗

⁵⁶ Massachusetts Judicial Archives *Middlesex General Sessions Record Book*, September 1780 sessions.

⁵⁷ Johnson 1890 *Woburn Records...*, v.3, *Marriages*, 58. To Daize Skilton, at Concord, so perhaps a civil ceremony.

⁵⁸ Charles Hudson, *Genealogical Register of Lexington Families...* (Boston: Wiggin & Lunt, 1868), 82. Hadley-Locke birth. ↗ As it happens, Betsey also appears to have been an out-of-wedlock child.

⁵⁹ Middlesex Co. Probate, Case 14212 Locke, Betsey, her will confirms the relationships. ↗

Post–War Woburn, Massachusetts

Robert Douglass Jr. ended the war only a corporal, but after the war he advanced both in rank and in his standing in town. During the war, his inconsistent service—and perhaps a practical wartime meritocracy—may have hindered his advancement. As the son in an influential family in post-war Woburn, those limitations no longer applied. By 1787, Robert was a militia captain in the 2nd Middlesex Regiment. In 1788, he achieved the rank of major.⁶¹ On January 01, 1789, at 29 years old and well established in the town (and presumably with his past irresponsible behavior either forgotten or forgiven), the Major joined closely with the prominent families of Woburn by marrying Martha (Patty) Johnson.⁶² The next month he was credited as a church member of Woburn's first parish.⁶³ The couple quickly had three children in Woburn: Robert (no surprise there), Isaac, after Patty's father, and Eleanor, after Robert's mother.⁶⁴

The 1790s was a time of transition in the Douglass family. Both of Robert's brothers married in 1791: William to Abigail Abbot of Andover, Barnard to local girl Hannah Pierce.^{65,66} The large Woburn farm proved too small for three ambitious families. William and Barnard quickly expanded their prospects by moving to Portland in the District of Maine.^{67,68,69} Robert stayed in Woburn until at least 1794 but then followed his brothers.⁷⁰ His father sold the Woburn farm in April 1794. Robert's older sister Eleanor was a witness on the deed (perhaps all three brothers were in Portland that day).⁷¹ Robert and Patty's next two children were born in Portland and named Frederick and Martha (of course).⁷² The immigrant patriarch Robert Douglass Sr. didn't live to see them arrive; he died at about age 74 in Portland on November 15, 1794. Young Robert—at 35, no longer so very young—became the oldest male. Matriarch Eleanor died on July 18 1798.^{73,74} With his parents deceased and the Woburn chapter in his life closed, Major Robert Douglass started the new century with a newly built home for his family in Portland.^{75,76}

Children with Patty
Robert 1789–1815
Isaac 1791–_____
Eleanor 1793–1827
Frederick 1795–1815
Martha 1797–1844

Decades earlier, when Robert Douglass Sr. obtained the large farm in Woburn, the deed declared his station in life as a yeoman; a humble, respectable designation. He prospered and lived to see land deeds that identified him in a position in life he likely aspired to, a gentlemen.⁷⁷ For his sons, success in life would now be measured in the framework of the new nation's mercantile economy, as traders and merchants.⁷⁸

⁶⁰ Douglass Gravestone inscriptions, Lime Path, Mt. Auburn Cemetery, Cambridge. These confirm the relationships.

⁶¹ T & J Fleet, *A Pocket Almanack, for the Year...for the Use of the State of Massachusetts-Bay*, (Boston: various years, c1793), 110. ↗

⁶² Johnson 1890 *Woburn Records...*, v.3, Marriages, 145.

⁶³ William Richard Cutter, *Woburn Historic Sites and Old Houses* (Woburn: 1892), 51. ↗

⁶⁴ Eleanor Howell sampler.

⁶⁵ Sidney Perley, *The Essex Antiquarian;...Vol. 1.* (Salem: The Essex Antiquarian, 1897), marriage 21 April 1791. 84 ↗

⁶⁶ Johnson, 1890 *Woburn Records...*, v.3. 210; Hannah was half-sister to Benjamin Thompson, later known as Count Rumford.

⁶⁷ Cutter, *Woburn Historic Sites...*51. (Douglasses move to Portland).

⁶⁸ Cumberland County [Maine] Registry of Deeds, Cumberland Real Property Records, Deed Book 18:160, John & Ann Rudberg to William and Barnard Douglass, 06 July 1791. ↗

⁶⁹ Smith and Deane, *Journals of the Rev. Thomas Smith, and the Rev. Samuel Deane...*, (Portland: J. S. Bailey, 1849), 409-10. ↗

⁷⁰ Sewall, *The History of Woburn*, 414 (Robert Douglass is included in Walker's Woburn school district in May of 1794.)

⁷¹ Mass. Land Records, Middlesex Deed Book 114:401, Robert and Eleanor Douglass to Jeduthan Wellington, 16 Apr. 1794. Eleanor Douglass Jr. is a witness. ↗

⁷² Eleanor Howell sampler.

⁷³ Johnson 1890, *Woburn Records...*, v.2 Deaths, 58.

⁷⁴ *Eastern Herald and Gazette of Maine*, 23 Jul. 1798, 3.

⁷⁵ U. S. Secretary of the Treasury, *Massachusetts and Maine Direct Tax Census of 1798* (NEHGS, 1978). Robert Douglass is living in Portland in a house owned by someone else.

⁷⁶ Smith and Deane Journals, Buildings Erected, 413.

⁷⁷ Mass. Land Records, Middlesex Deed Books: 80:403, 1796, R.D. Gentleman ↗; 108:86, 1792 Robert Douglass, Esq. ↗

⁷⁸ Cumberland Co. Deed Book 18:160. ↗

Portland, Maine

The Douglasses prospered in the burgeoning seaport of Portland. The three Douglass families built barns, shops, stores, a bark-house, and a slaughterhouse.⁷⁹ Robert's brothers started to buy timberland in the interior and held a license to sell foreign liquor.^{80,81} The three brothers owned the schooner *Raven*. Robert was shipping lumber to France. The bark by-product and cow hides could be sold to tanners.^{82,83} The older children were coming of age, and there were many Douglass cousins. Eleanor, daughter of Robert and Patty, attended the female academy of Sally Perry.^{84,85} All seemed to be going well, but the next decades would also bring heartache. [Portland map image⁸⁶]



Dedham's Elizabeth Fales, first cousin to Robert, was murdered in 1801. It's not known if the Portland Douglasses kept in touch with their Fales kin, but the gruesome crime was made inescapable by the newspaper frenzy of the accused's trial, escape, capture, and public hanging.^{87,88} Then on July 18, 1802 Robert's beloved wife Patty died.⁸⁹ The next year, Barnard's wife Hannah died.⁹⁰ And in 1805, in distant Cambridge, and perhaps unbeknownst to Robert, his first granddaughter, Keziah, died of malnutrition.⁹¹ [E. Fales mourning image⁹²]

Five months after Patty died, with five children under the age of thirteen to care for, grief did not stop Robert from marrying again. He wed Mary (Polly) Perry, the older sister of school mistress Sally.^{93,94} Polly was twenty years Robert's junior. She bore him three children in the first decade of the nineteenth century: Eliza, Albert, and Joseph.^{95,96} The Douglass clan was by then a civic presence, and had achieved standing and respect as a principle family of Portland. The strong influence of Robert Jr.'s parents to apply one's abilities in the civic arena came to the fore: In 1809 the town meeting chose the Major as a tithingman; in 1811, with others, he contributed land for the Baptist meetinghouse;⁹⁷ in 1812 (the moral scold showing through) he became a founding committeeman of the Society for Suppressing Vice and Immorality;⁹⁸ from 1814 to 1816 he was a town selectman, in 1816 an overseer of the poor.^{99,100}

Children with Polly
Eliza P. 1803-1817
Albert 1805-1829
Joseph 1807-1850
Louisa E. 1819-1890
Robert 1822-1885

⁷⁹ Smith and Dean Journals, year 1802

⁸⁰ Henry P. Warren, *The History of Waterford, Oxford County, Maine...* (Portland: Hoyt, Fogg & Donham 1879). 114, ↗

⁸¹ *Jenks' Portland Gazette*; Date: 24 February 1802; Volume: II; Issue: 96, 4.

⁸² The brothers sought remission of maritime duties charged on the schooner *Raven*. *Journal of the House of Representatives of the United States, 1801-1804*. Entries for 10 December 1802, and 18 January 1803. ↗ ↗

⁸³ *Chronicle Express*; Date: 14 April 1803; Issue: 41; 3. Robt Douglass & Tho. Webster lose brig *Amity* on Belle Isle France

⁸⁴ Leslie Rounds, *More Sorting Portland Samplers*, blog Plying Needle and Pen. Accessed 09 March 2018.

⁸⁵ Leslie Rounds, email communication, 26 March 2012.

⁸⁶ Wadsworth, Peleg. *Plan of Portland made by Peleg Wadsworth...1795*. Massachusetts Archives. Town Plans, 1794. ↗

⁸⁷ Dedham Hist. Soc., *A Massachusetts Mystery: ...Jason Fairbanks & Elizabeth Fales*, (Carlisle, MA: Applewood Press. 2009).

⁸⁸ De Coursey Fales, *The Fales Family...*, 46.

⁸⁹ *Jenks' Portland Gazette*; Date: 26 July 1802; Volume: V; Issue: 222; Page: [3];

⁹⁰ *Jenks' Portland Gazette*; Date: 29 July 1803; p.3

⁹¹ Thomas W. Baldwin, *Vital Records of Cambridge, Massachusetts, to...1850*. (Cambridge, MA.: Wright and Potter. 1914). ↗

⁹² Boston Athenaeum Digital Collections, Call# Bro. 10.40 *Biography of Mr. Jason Fairbanks and Miss Eliza Fales...* 1801, ↗

⁹³ D.A.R. *Membership Application of Marion Gertrude Parker Baker (106065) on Robert Douglass Jr. (A033828)*.

⁹⁴ Mary Lewis, her sampler, *More Sorting Portland Samplers*, Leslie Round's blog Plying Needle and Pen. shows sisterhood.

⁹⁵ Eleanor Howell sampler.

⁹⁶ D.A.R., *Baker*, Joseph b. 25 September 1807.

⁹⁷ Cumberland Co. Deed Book 63:214, ↗

⁹⁸ American Board of Commissioners, *The Missionary Herald at Home and Abroad*, Volume 7. May 1812, 379 ↗

⁹⁹ Smith and Deane Journals, 106, 466

Major Robert Douglass Jr.'s son Robert, Patty's child, married at the age of twenty-three. Two years later in 1815, his wife Fanny Douglass, née Gates, gave birth to a grandson, named Robert.¹⁰¹ The next offspring to marry was Eleanor, in 1815. At the age of twenty-two, she was joined in matrimony to merchant John Howell by Congregational minister Elijah Kellogg.¹⁰² Not much is known about this Eleanor. Even her son-in-law, Elias Bond, limited his observation, rather unhelpfully, to her being "above the average height."¹⁰³ Eleanor Howell gave birth to three granddaughters for Robert Douglass Jr. in the next four years: Martha, Ellen, and Caroline.^{104,105,106} Robert and Polly were far from finished themselves. Right before granddaughter Caroline was born, Polly gave birth to Louisa.¹⁰⁷ As sometimes happens in large families, Louisa had a nephew and nieces older than herself.

Three of Robert Douglass Jr.'s children died in the eighteen teens. Like his father before him, Fanny's husband went to war, but he didn't start out as a private. In 1813, The Major's son was commissioned an army captain in the second war with Great Britain.¹⁰⁸ Although Captain Douglass spent most of his time recruiting, he saw action in the 1813 Chateaugay campaign, and finished his service close to home and family at Ft. Preble in South Portland.^{109,110,111} It must have given the Major comfort to know his son survived the war, and to have him stationed close by. Ten months after leaving the army, Captain Robert Douglass was in business. Just weeks after Fanny gave birth to their son in the summer of 1815, he and his brother Frederick, along with men the Captain knew from the army, were delivering a load of plaster to Baltimore, Maryland. They never arrived. The story of the shipwreck appeared in newspapers up and down the coast.

PORTLAND, September 6.

Distressing shipwreck -- On Wednesday last the schr. Armistice, Robert Douglas[sic], master, cargo plaister, belonging to this place, sailed hence for Baltimore.--

On Sunday the melancholy tidings were received that the vessel on Thursday night about 11 o'clock, struck on Cohasset Rocks near Boston harbor, and in a few minutes sunk. The first sea after she struck carried the boat away and washed one of the crew from the deck. The masts being out of water, the crew endeavored to save themselves by getting upon the rigging ; in a short time the foremast was carried away and with it three of the crew. Three others lashed themselves to the mainmast. The next morning the situation of the wreck was discovered by the people of Cohasset, from whence a boat proceeded and took off Mr. Newbury Morse, mate, and Reuben Mason, seaman. One of the persons who had lashed himself to the mast, perished in the night. There were seven persons on board the Armistice ; those lost are capt. Robt. Douglass and Frederic[sic] Douglas, sons of Major Robert Douglas, and George Gates, son of Mrs. Gates, and Lieut. Sabin, all of this town, and a French gentleman--the two latter were passengers. Capt. Douglas and Lt. Sabin were late officers in the 34th regt. U.S. infantry, had recently established themselves in business, and

¹⁰⁰ *Jenks' Portland Gazette*; Date: 09 April 1816.

¹⁰¹ Maine Delayed Returns for Vital Records 1670-1891, FamilySearch. 06 Jul 1813, Accessed 19 April 2018. ↗

¹⁰² Maine Vital Records, 1670-1921, Vital records prior to 1892, Familysearch, m. 15 Oct. 1815, Accessed 19 April 2018. ↗

¹⁰³ Elias Bond, extract of a letter in Ethel Damon's, *Father Bond of Kohala*, 39. ↗

¹⁰⁴ Find a Grave, accessed 20 April 2018, page for Martha D. Howell (-14 Aug. 1838), age 22, Memorial ID 39521022. ↗

¹⁰⁵ Hawaiian Mission Children's Society, *Portraits of...Missionaries...* (Honolulu: Hawaiian Gazette, 1901), b. 29 Dec. 1817. 72. ↗ (Ellen twenty-two years later would marry a missionary and live out her life in Hawaii.)

¹⁰⁶ Maine Births and Christenings, 1739-1900, via Familysearch, 29 July 1819 ↗

¹⁰⁷ D.A.R., *Baker*, Louisa b. 12 Apr. 1819.

¹⁰⁸ American State Papers, Senate, 13th Congress, 2nd Session. Military Affairs: vol. 1. *Register of the Army for 1813*. 415. ↗

¹⁰⁹ U.S. National Archives, Publication M233, *Records of Men Enlisted in the U.S. Army Prior to...May 17, 1815*, #3089, 243 ↗

¹¹⁰ *Extract of a Letter Received in Portland, Dated, Chateaugay, 2d Oct. 1813*. The War (newspaper) New York, New York.Date: 10-26-1813; Volume: II; Issue: 19; Page: [77] "Captain Douglass and his Spartans" pushed back the enemy

¹¹¹ U.S. National Archives. Publication M566. *Letters Received by the Adjutant General 1805-1821*. Letters from Ft. Preble. ↗

were industrious and enterprising citizens. Their sudden death, to their relatives and friends, is a most distressing event.¹¹²

The deceased's sister Eleanor's wedding to merchant John Howell was just a few weeks later. Fannie's little boy, Robert IV, is untraced after appearing in Boston church records in the 1820s.¹¹³

Two years after the loss of the brothers, their half-sister Eliza died at age thirteen, of hydrocephalus, with the funeral at the Baptist meetinghouse, perhaps an indicator of her mother Polly's religious preferences.¹¹⁴ Post-independence Christian diversity was strong in Portland. By the 1820s the several Congregational parishes were augmented by other denominations: Episcopal, Quaker, Baptist, Free Will Baptist, Methodist, Universalist, the free black Abyssinian Meeting House, Roman Catholic, and Swedenborgian.¹¹⁵ For someone who grew up on the farms of rural Massachusetts feeding his spirit on two flavors of Calvinism—Presbyterian and Congregational—this must have seemed quite the exotic diversity to Robert Douglass Jr. [Congress St. sketch image¹¹⁶]



With the Missouri Compromise of 1820, the District of Maine separated from Massachusetts and entered the union as a free state (wherein black men and women could not be enslaved). Portland was the first capitol. It was in this thriving city that the Douglass families continued to grow.

In February 1822, Polly gave birth to a boy. It was the Major's first male child after the tragic shipwreck. Predictably, he was named Robert.¹¹⁷ This child, Robert Douglass Jr.'s last child, was born nearly 42 years after his first child (who, as it happened, died a mere few weeks later in Cambridge).¹¹⁸ The third son named Robert grew up with a father who was an older man, but still active in business as a butcher. Published directories of Portland in the 1820s list the three brothers, Robert, Barnard, and William, as butchers.¹¹⁹ At this point Robert Douglass Jr. would have been teaching his son Joseph the butcher's trade.¹²⁰ Perhaps, like Robert Douglass Sr., they also made tallow candles, or sold the fat to someone who did. Having a place in the city market, the Douglasses would have been civic fixtures, known to hundreds of citizens, and, as the town grew into a city, thousands. A mother might send her son to the Douglasses' to buy, say, a round of beef. While there, the boy might cadge an ox bladder to use as a football:

"I don't have no good times now, Mr. Lenox, same as I used to."

"Why so, Johnnie?"

"'Cause just when I'm having a good time something happens. I went up to the slaughter-house, and Mr. Robert Douglass give me a great big ox-bladder, and I put it in my pocket and was going to blow it up in the morning for a football, and mother found it after I was asleep in my pocket and flung it out of the winder, and the cats got it. I'll kill Shackford's cat, I know 'twas her got it."

121

¹¹² *Alexandria Herald*, 18 September 1815; Volume: V; Issue: 619; p2; Location: Alexandria, Virginia. Via Newsbank.

¹¹³ Ogden Codman, *Hollis Street Church, Boston : Records...* (Boston: New England Historic Genealogical Society, 1998). 5

¹¹⁴ Eliza died on 22 March 1817, per *Portland Gazette* of 25 March 1817, email from George Quintal Jr. 08 February 2014

¹¹⁵ Smith and Deane Journals, 451.

¹¹⁶ Charles Goodhue. Congress Street in the early nineteenth century, sketched from memory in 1894.

¹¹⁷ D.A.R., *Baker*, Robert b. 04 Feb. 1822.

¹¹⁸ Robert Douglass (Simonds) died at Cambridge, Mass. 1822, *Boston Daily Advertiser* 25 Mar. 1822 p2 via Infoweb Newsbank.

¹¹⁹ Nathaniel Jewett *The Portland Directory & Register, Containing the Names Professions...*, (Portland: Todd & Smith, 1823) 17. ↗

¹²⁰ An 1834 directory shows Joseph to be a butcher with a house on Main St. Robert's widow and other Douglasses are listed as well. Arthur Shirley, *The Portland directory containing the names of the inhabitants, their occupations...*, (Portland: Arthur Shirley, 1834). ↗

¹²¹ Elijah Kellogg, *A Strong Arm and a Mother's Blessing* (Boston: Lee Shepard 1880), 246, ↗.

Memories of Lexington and Woburn would have been strong for Major Robert Douglass Jr. in 1827. That year, old Woburn acquaintance Josiah Pierce Jr. (an in-law to brother Barnard), performing in his office as Justice of the Peace, took Robert's oath for the affidavit about the battle of Lexington.¹²² Perhaps remembering the alarm rider knocking at the door brought back memories of the farmhouse and of his brothers and sisters when they were young. Nearly sixty years earlier they'd all been children on the Woburn farm...before the Boston Tea Party, before Yorktown and the Federal Constitution, before the move to the growing town of Portland, and before their transformation into an elder generation that lived separate lives close together. Before the year was out, his sister Eleanor and his brother William died.^{123,124} Of his siblings, only Barnard lived on alongside Robert. Barnard, who had brought him home from the war when Robert was ill. Now they could console each other. And do so again soon after, for Robert Douglass Jr.'s son Albert died of pleurisy in 1829.¹²⁵

End of Life

Brothers Robert and Barnard put their names to a petition in 1832. It was published as a broadside addressed to the People of Maine. They were not happy with the prospect of Andrew Jackson returning to the White House. Along with hundreds of co-signers they urged their fellow citizens not to vote for him. It went for naught. Jackson won handily. This may have been Robert Douglass Jr.'s last mark upon the public record during his life.¹²⁶

Robert Douglass Jr. died on February 3rd, 1833.¹²⁷ Five of his children had preceded him.¹²⁸ His wife Polly died on January 21st, 1836.¹²⁹ The two are buried together in Portland's Western Cemetery. [epitaph¹³⁰ photo¹³¹]

*Hear what the voice from Heaven proclaims,
For all the pious dead:
Sweet is the savour of their names,
And soft their sleeping bed.*



Robert Douglass Jr.'s children mostly stayed in Maine after his death. His brother William's wife died in 1841.¹³² In Cambridge, Keziah, the mother of Robert's first child, was buried in 1842.¹³³ Barnard moved to Conway, New Hampshire to live near his daughter Margaret and son-in-law.¹³⁴ In 1844, Barnard was able to do service to his brother Robert's memory by writing depositions in support of his niece Louisa (Douglass) Tukey's application for a pension.¹³⁵ Barnard died in 1849 and his second wife Betsey died in 1860.¹³⁶ Of all the siblings and spouses of that generation, she was the last to go.

¹²² See [Appendices](#) for the full affidavit.

¹²³ D.A.R. *Bowditch*, Eleanor's death in 1827

¹²⁴ *Eastern Argus*, 07 December 1827; Volume: IV; Issue: 332; Page: [3]; Location: Portland, Maine. William's death on 04 Dec.

¹²⁵ D.A.R., *Baker*, Albert d. 11 Feb. 1829.

¹²⁶ Citizens of Portland, Maine, *Address to the people of Maine*, broadside 1832 ↗

¹²⁷ United States Treasury Dept., Pension Payment Records for Payments made Semi-annually

¹²⁸ If son Isaac, whose death date is unknown, also predeceased Robert, then six children predeceased Robert.

¹²⁹ U.S.National Archives, Pension File. S.17931. 8.

¹³⁰ Gravestone epitaph for Robert Douglass Jr., transcribed by Chris Hurley, 11 November 2014.

¹³¹ Gravestone photograph, Chris Hurley, 11 Nov. 2014

¹³² Sidney Perley, *The Essex Antiquarian;...Vol. 1.* (Salem: The Essex Antiquarian, 1897), 84 ↗

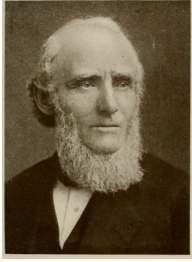
¹³³ Baldwin, *Vital Records of Cambridge*, 738 ↗

¹³⁴ Email exchange with descendant Dinah (Oakes) Thweatt, 05 Mar. 2010.

¹³⁵ U.S.National Archives, Pension File. S.17931, Series M804, Douglass, Robert. Revolutionary War. 6

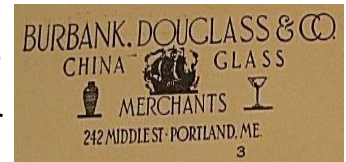
¹³⁶ Find a Grave, pages for Barnard & Betsey Douglass Memorial IDs 43145157 & 43145599 ↗

Epilogue



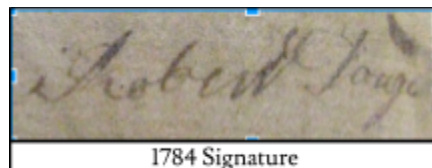
Two of Robert Douglass Jr.'s descendants carried on the name Robert Douglass until their deaths in 1885. In Cambridge, Robert Douglass, a grandson by the child with Keziah Simonds, married twice, started a confectionery business, a cigar business, and a clothing store. He was a solid citizen, an owner of much real estate, a bank director, a bank president and an unsuccessful mayoral candidate.^{137,138,139,140} Many Cambridge Douglass descendants lived in the Cambridgeport area and were socialites, often mentioned in the newspapers.

In Portland, Robert Douglass III, Polly's child, married twice and went into the crockery and houseware business, first clerking for Eben Steele, his cousin by marriage.^{141,142} He afterwards was in business with Steele's ex-partner under the name Hayes and Douglass, then finally as a partner of Burbank, Douglass, & Co., a firm that lasted well into the 20th century.^{143,144}



It appears that neither of those two Roberts had sons that carried on the name, but some descendants from another Cambridge grandson, Royal, bear the Douglass name today. And there is a profusion of descendants from Robert Douglass Jr.'s daughters and granddaughters.

Robert Douglass Jr.'s last-born Portland grandchild, Fannie E. Douglass married on April 19th, 1893—one hundred eighteen years to the day after her grandfather fought on Lexington common. She died at Portland, Maine in 1935, one hundred sixty years after the battle and one hundred seventy six years after Robert Douglass Jr. was born in Woburn.^{145,146} Woburn, not Rutland, for we believe his darling daughter, Eleanor.



147

End.

¹³⁷ Samuel Atkins Eliot, *A history of Cambridge, Massachusetts, 1630-1913* (Cambridge: Cambridge Tribune 1913), 190a-b w/photo, ↗

¹³⁸ Mayoral candidate, *Cambridge Chronicle*, Volume I, Number 45, 11 March 1847, p2; Number 48, 1 April 1847, p2, ↗ ↗

¹³⁹ Massachusetts Deaths, 1841-1915, FamilySearch, 19 February 1885 ↗

¹⁴⁰ Sketch of life, *Cambridge Chronicle*, Volume XL, Number 8, 21 February 1885, pl. ↗

¹⁴¹ Marriages: Caroline C. Perry 20 February 1853; Frances Alba Capen Small 17 Feb. 1856. Maine Delayed Returns for Vital Records 1670-1891, FamilySearch ↗ ↗

¹⁴² U. S. 1860 Census shows RDIII to be a crockeryware clerk at a time when the firm of Steele & Hayes existed. ↗

¹⁴³ Bangor Daily Whig & Courier (Bangor, Maine), Monday, March 09, 1885; Issue 59 confirms names of the firms and death at North Waterford ME on 09 March 1885.

¹⁴⁴ eBay item number: 232969903572, 1952 postmark on envelope from Burbank, Douglass & Co. ↗

¹⁴⁵ "Maine, Marriages, 1771-1907," index, FamilySearch.com. ↗

¹⁴⁶ Find a Grave, page for Fannie E Jackson (unknown–9 Jun 1935), Memorial ID 118561699 ↗

¹⁴⁷ Payroll of Samuel Tay's militia company, January 1784, Massachusetts Archives, Columbia Point, Boston, Mass. The rightmost edge of the name is obscured by binding tape.

Appendix I. 1827 Affidavit of Robert Douglass Jr.¹⁴⁸

PREFATORY NOTE: This 1827 affidavit exists due to the early nineteenth century push-pull between Lexington and Concord regarding supremacy over where the revolution started. Depositions taken in 1775 emphasized that the British troops, unprovoked, fired at the Lexington militia—and avoided mentioning that Lexington men fired back. Things changed in 1825 when Elias Phinney published “History of the Battle of Lexington” which named Lexington men who returned fire. Ezra Ripley in 1827’s “A History of the Fight at Concord” cast aspersions on Phinney’s work and, oh dear, things have never quite quieted down since. Lexington’s resistance was still on the q.t. when Robert Douglass Jr. moved from Woburn to Portland in the 1790’s—and from then on who was around to tell him differently? -C.H., November 2018

52

“I, Robert Douglass, of Portland, in the county of Cumberland in the State of Maine, aged sixty eight years,—do testify and say, that on the morning of the 19th of April, 1775, I was at my father's house in Woburn, in the county of Middlesex and colony of Massachusetts Bay. On that morning, about one hour before day-break, a man rode up to my father's door, knocked loudly, and said "there is an alarm,—the British are coming out, and if there is any soldier in the house, he must turn out and repair to Lexington as soon as possible." Who that man was I never knew. I immediately arose, took my gun and equipments, and started for Lexington. In going by Deacon Obediah Kendall's house, (about half a mile from my father's) I saw a light, and went into the house ; I there found a Mr. Sylvanus Wood nearly ready to go ; we then went to Lexington together, where we arrived about half an hour before sun rise ; we went into Buckman's tavern and inquired the news about the alarm. Some said the British were coming, others said they were not coming. In about fifteen minutes after we entered the tavern, a person came to the door, and said the British were within half a mile. I then heard an officer (who I afterwards learned was Capt. Parker) call his drummer and order him to beat to arms. I paraded with the Lexington company between the meeting house and the tavern, and then marched to the common, near the road that leads to Bedford, there we were ordered to load our guns. Some of the company observed, " there are so few of us, it would be folly to stand here." Capt. Parker replied, "the first man who offers to run shall be shot down." The British soon came in sight, with a field officer in front, having his sword drawn ;—the British troops then gave three cheers and ran towards us. The Lexington company began to break off on the left wing, and soon all dispersed. I think no American was killed or wounded by the first fire of the British, unless Capt. Parker might have been. No one of Capt. Parker's company fired on the British, to my knowledge, that morning, and I think I should have known it, had they fired. I knew but two men of Lexington company, and I never heard any person say that the Americans fired on the British that morning at Lexington.

“I, ROBERT DOUGLASS, of Portland, in the county of Cumberland in the State of Maine, aged sixty eight years,—do testify and say, that on the morning of the 19th of April, 1775, I was at my father's house in Woburn, in the county of Middlesex and colony of Massachusetts Bay. On that morning, about one hour before day-break, a man rode up to my father's door, knocked loudly, and said "there is an alarm,—the British are coming out, and if there is any soldier in the house, he must turn out and repair to Lexington as soon as possible." Who that man was I never knew. I immediately arose, took my gun and equipments, and started for Lexington. In going by Deacon Obediah Kendall's house, (about half a mile from my father's) I saw a light, and went into the house ; I there found a Mr. Sylvanus Wood nearly ready to go ; we then went to Lexington together, where we arrived about half an hour before sun rise ; we went into Buckman's tavern and inquired the news about the alarm. Some said the British were coming, others said they were not coming. In about fifteen minutes after we entered the tavern, a person came to the door, and said the British were within half a mile. I then heard an officer (who I afterwards learned was Capt. Parker) call his drummer and order him to beat to arms. I paraded with the Lexington company between the meeting house and the tavern, and then marched to the common, near the road that leads to Bedford, there we were ordered to load our guns. Some of the company observed, " there are so few of us, it would be folly to stand here." Capt. Parker replied, "the first man who offers to run shall be shot down." The British soon came in sight, with a field officer in front, having his sword drawn ;—the British troops then gave three cheers and ran towards us. The Lexington company began to break off on the left wing, and soon all dispersed. I think no American was killed or wounded by the first fire of the British, unless Capt. Parker might have been. No one of Capt. Parker's company fired on the British, to my knowledge, that morning, and I think I should have known it, had they fired. I knew but two men of Lexington company, and I never heard any person say that the Americans fired on the British that morning at Lexington.

After the British marched toward Concord, I saw eight men who had been killed, among whom were Capt. Parker* and a Mr. Porter of Woburn.

ROBERT DOUGLASS.”

Cumberland ss. May 3d, 1827. Then the above named Robert Douglass personally appeared, and subscribed and made oath to the truth of the above written affidavit.

Before me, JOSIAH PIERCE, Jr. Justice of the Peace.

* It is presumed the witness meant Jonas Parker, as the Captain was not killed.

After the British marched toward Concord, I saw eight men who had been killed, among whom were Capt. Parker* and a Mr. Porter of Woburn.

ROBERT DOUGLASS.”

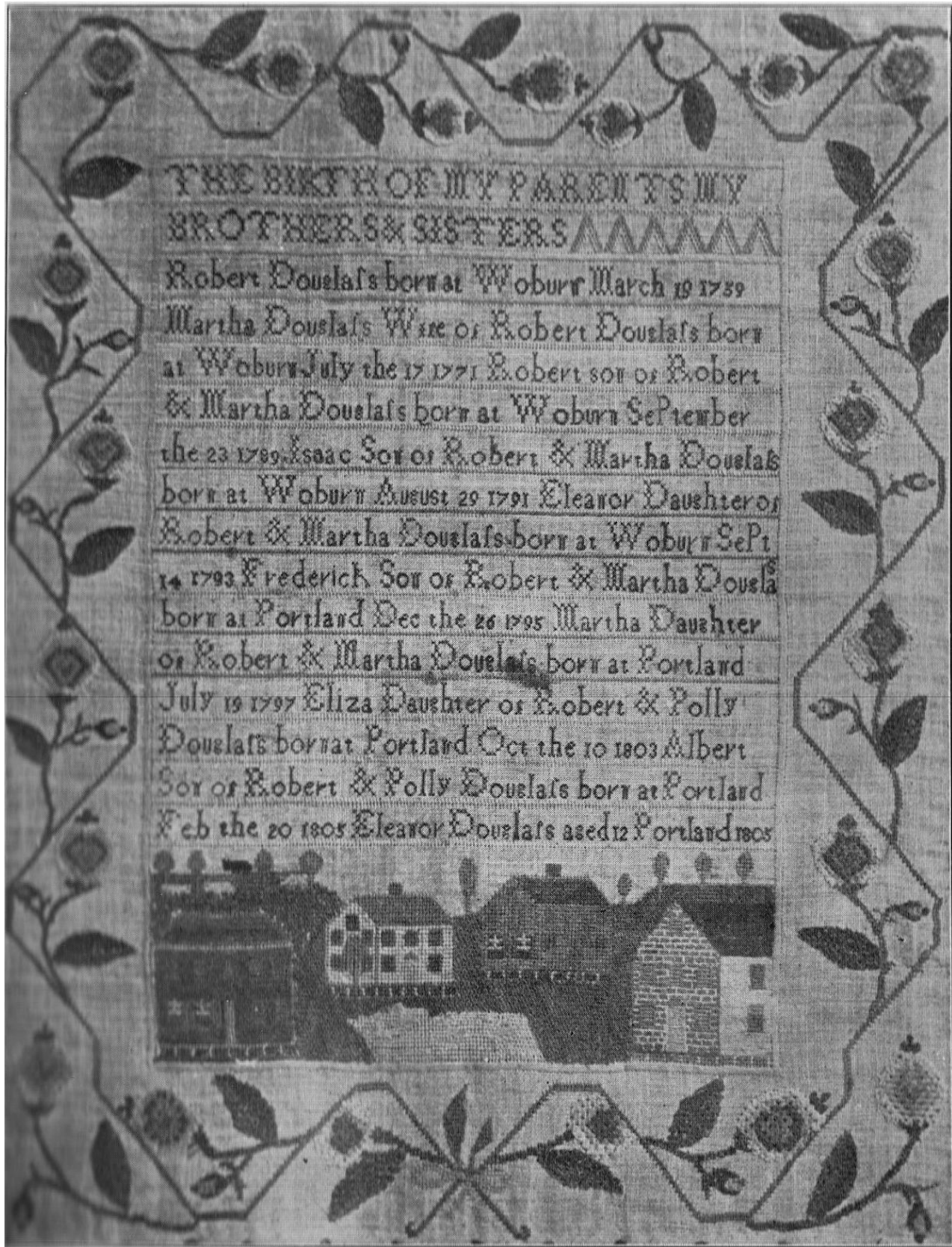
Cumberland ss. May 3d, 1827. Then the above named Robert Douglass personally appeared, and subscribed and made oath to the truth of the above written affidavit.

Before me, JOSIAH PIERCE, Jr. Justice of the Peace.

* It is presumed the witness meant Jonas Parker, as the Captain was not killed. [footnote by E. Ripley]

¹⁴⁸ Ripley, 1827, *A History of the Fight at Concord*, 52. Transcribed from the book by the author. The * footnote about Jonas Parker is in the original. ⁷

Appendix II. Daughter Eleanor (Douglass) Howell's Sampler¹⁴⁹



¹⁴⁹ Eleanor Howell, sampler, in Ethel Damon, *Father Bond of Kohala* (Honolulu: The Friend, 1927), 43. ↗

Appendix III. Wives, Children, and Grandchildren

Wives, Children and Grandchildren of Major Robert Douglass Jr. (19 March, 1759– 03 Feb., 1833)		
Wives	Children	Grandchildren
<p>Keziah Simonds b. in Woburn, Mass. d. in Cambridge, Mass. 28 Jan. 1758–06 Feb. 1842</p> <p>non-married relationship in 1779</p>	<p>Robert Douglass [Simonds] (13 Apr. 1780–22 Mar. 1822) b. in Woburn, d. in Cambridge m. 180? Betsey Hadley (11 Apr. 1784–24 Oct. 1860) b. in Lexington, d. in Cambridge</p> <p>They eventually settled in Cambridge, their children becoming businesspeople and socialites in Cambridgeport.</p>	<p>Betsey (08 Mar 1803–21 Oct 1896) b. Lexington, d. Cambridge, single Keziah (___ ___ 1805–15 Dec 1805) d. Cambridge, Robert (07 Jun 1806–19 Feb 1885) b. & d. in Cambridge m. 13 Nov 1832 Adeline Welch (12 Sep 1812–28 Jan 1857) m. 18 Aug 1860 Anna E. Dexter (14 Feb 1834–26 Oct 1913) Caira (___ ___ 1808–03 Aug 1877) b. & d. in Cambridge, m. 24 Apr 1834 Levi Hawkes (1811–24 Aug 1853) Royal (11 Dec 1811–27 Feb 1879) b. & d. in Cambridge m. 1835 Eliza M. Fairbanks (11 Sep 1815–18 Dec 1837) m. 1840 Sarah F. Pond (13 May 1819–17 May 1889) Anna C. (13 Jan 1813–30 Mar 1862) b. in Monson, MA d. in Cambridge m. 10 Nov 1833 John Edwards Jr. (25 Jun 1814–20 Feb 1860) Mary Ann (13 Feb 1815–10 Feb 1881) b. in Amherst, d. in Cambridge m. 24 Sep 1835 James W. Greenwood (22 Feb 1811–15 May 1877) Maria L. (14 Mar 1818–09 May 1886) b. & d. in Cambridge, m. 24 Aug 1846 William W. Dennis (28 Feb 1809–13 May 1884)</p>
sources: cemetery gravestones, Cambridge vital records and newspapers, probate records.		
<p>Martha Johnson known as Patty b. in Woburn, Mass. d. in Portland, Maine 17 July 1771 – 18 July 1802</p> <p>m. 01 Jan. 1789</p>	<p>Robert (23 Sep. 1789–31 Aug. 1815) He was a Captain in the U.S. Army. b. Woburn, d. at sea, in a shipwreck on Cohasset Rocks, with his brother and three others—one, George Gates, perhaps being a relative of his wife. m. 06 Jul. 1813 Fanny Gates</p>	<p>Robert, (29 Jun 1815–unknown) baptized at Hollis Street Church in Boston 20 Feb 1825</p>
	<p>Isaac (29 Aug. 1791–?) b. Woburn</p>	<p>Unmarried? Died between 1805 sampler and 1844 pension application</p>
	<p>Eleanor (14 Sep. 1793–16 Jul. 1858) b. Woburn, Mass., d. Augusta, Me. m. 15 Oct. 1815 John Howell, he was lost at sea prior to 1824.</p>	<p>Martha D. (c1816–14 Aug 1838) buried in Portland at age 22. Ellen Mariner (29 Dec 1817–12 May 1881) m. 29 Sep 1840, Elias Bond (19 Aug 1813–24 Jul 1896), Missionaries to Hawaii Caroline (29 Jul 1819–10 Apr 1854) m. 27 Oct 1842, William Kingman Jr. (1816–09 Jan 1854)</p>
	<p>Frederick (26 Dec. 1795–31 Aug. 1815) b. Portland, d. at sea.</p>	<p>Unmarried</p>
	<p>Martha (19 Jul. 1797–25 Jun. 1844) b. Portland, d. Waterford, Me.</p>	<p>Unmarried and childless per Louisa Tukey's pension application.</p>
sources: sampler by Eleanor Douglass, pension application, vital records, newspapers.		
<p>Mary Perry known as Polly b. in Mendon (Milford), Mass. d. in Portland, Maine 12 Dec. 1779 – 21 Jan. 1836</p> <p>m. 12 Dec. 1802</p>	<p>Eliza P. (10 Oct. 1803–22 Mar. 1817) b. & d. Portland</p>	
	<p>Albert (20 Feb. 1805–11 Feb. 1829) b. Portland, d. Boston.</p>	
	<p>Joseph (25 Sep 1807–18 Oct. 1850) b. & d. at Portland, d. of dropsy</p>	<p>A butcher in Portland in the 1830s. Living in Boston in 1844 at the time of Louisa's pension application. No known children.</p>
	<p>Louisa (12 Apr. 1819–22 May 1890) b. & d. Portland, m. Rufus Tukey.</p>	<p>Clarence Douglass (09 Apr 1845–after 1869) William Rufus (13 Nov 1850–20 Nov 1904) forte piano maker</p>
	<p>Robert (04 Feb. 1822–07 Mar. 1885) b. Portland, d. N. Waterford, Maine m. 20 Feb. 1853 Caroline C. Perry m. 17 Feb. 1856 Frances Alba Capen Small (04 Mar. 1835–24 Jun. 1901)</p>	<p>Ella Caroline (15 Jan 1857–27 Jul 1925) m. Rufus Lamson (1844–1928) Annie F. (May 1858–04 Sep 1858) d. of cholera infantum. Alice Louisa (12 Jan 1860–~1926) m. Willis G. Parker (1857–1891) Fannie Evelyn (07 Feb 1871–09 Jun 1935) m. 19 Apr 1893, Herbert A. Jackson (1855–26 Mar 1943)</p>
sources: Sampler by Eleanor Douglass, D.A.R. application of Marion Baker, vital records, newspapers.		

Appendix IV. Douglass and Fales Ancestry

GGG Grandparents	GG Grandparents	G Grandparents	Grandparents	Parents	Siblings
		Anne Thompson 1675–1716	iMary Carew 1697–1735	Eleanor Fales 1721/2–1798	Deborah b. 15 May 1756 d. 1775-6 Eleanor b. 24 Nov 1757 d. 1827 ROBERT b. 19 Mar 1759 d. 03 Feb 1833 William b. 26 Mar 1761 d. 04 Dec 1827 Barnard b. 17 Feb 1763 d. 21 Sep 1849 Ebenezer b. 17 Feb 1763 bp. 24 Apr 1763 (Presumed twin to Barnard, this inferred from a baptismal record.)
		Thomas Carew cl672			
iJoane Fawdry 1603–1680 iThomas Faxon 1601–1680	iJoanna Faxon 1628–1694	Deborah Fisher 1661–1742	Nehemiah Fales 1692–1776		
iMary Alice Buckingham cl592 – 1663 iAnthony Fisher 1591–1671	Anthony Fisher 1623–1670	James Fales 1656–1741/2			
Elizabeth _____ Henry Brock, unkn.–1688 Stradbroke England	iAnne Brock unknown–1712				
	iJames Fales cl618–1708				
			Deborah _____ (Supposition based upon naming conventions)		
			Robert Douglass, gardener, near Newcastle on Tyne, England (supposition based upon occupation and naming conventions)*	iRobert Douglass, from northern England cl1720–1794	

i=immigrant. Sources: Fales Family of Bristol Rhode Island. Fisher, Faxon, Carew, Thompson familysearch.org, D.A.R.

* A 1734 Newspaper advertisement from gardener Robert Douglass near Newcastle might be Robert Douglass Sr.'s father.

Appendix V. 1823 in Portland

Portland in the 1820s	
Snapshot: 1823 Portland Directory ¹⁵⁰	
Dodge Benjamin innholder and potter, green, h. cor. maine and green	Potter Benjamin Dodge married Sally Perry, so is Robert's brother in-law.
Douglass Barnard butcher, maine, Douglass Martha instructress, cumberland Douglass Robert butcher, maine Douglass William maine	The brothers all live on the same street. Robert's daughter Martha is an instructress.
Farley Charles jeweller, union row middle, h. cor. brown and cumberland	Jeweller Charles Farley is a niece's husband. Future missionary Ellen Howell lived with them as a child.
Hall Moses (& Purrington) grocer, no. 1 columbian	Grocer Moses Hall is a niece's husband.
Howell Eleanor widow, cumberland	Robert's daughter Eleanor lives on the same street as her sister Matha, perhaps in the same house.
Kellogg Elijah minister of the gospel, cumberland, near brown	Congregational Minister Elijah Kellogg lives nearby.
Steel Ebenezer (& Everett) grocer, maine, near green	Merchant Eben Steele, future husband of a niece.
Ware Ashur judge district court for Maine, at mrs. Dana's, congress	Judge Ashur Ware would later attest to facts on Douglass pension documents.

Robert and Barnard are listed as butchers, but William is not active in the butchers' trade at this point in time. Robert's sister Eleanor is not listed, but might be living with William or Barnard, as a woman older than 44 was in each of their households in the 1820 census. Robert's daughters Martha and Eleanor live on Cumberland Street, with Eleanor listed as a widow, her merchant husband John Howell having been lost at sea.

Also from the directory we learn that if anyone in Portland has business to do in Boston, they can take the 8 A.M. stagecoach that arrives in Boston at 5 P.M that same day. It *is* the nineteenth century after all and the roads are very good.

¹⁵⁰ Jewett, 1823 Portland Directory and Register. ↗

Sources

Source Notes. Where public domain print sources are freely available online I have used, in order of preference, archive.net, Hathitrust Digital Library, and Google Books, then others. Some internet resources (e.g. familysearch.org) link to records freely available, but require an account registration. Other internet resources (e.g. fold3.com, for military records, jstor.org for journal articles) are normally behind a paywall, but are freely available from some institutions (National Archives locations and/or some libraries.) Still other internet resources (e.g. ancestry.com) are normally behind a paywall, but occasionally have free access periods.

Alexandria Herald. Date: 09-18-1815; Volume: V; Issue: 619; p2; Location: Alexandria, Virginia.

American Board of Commissioners *The Missionary Herald at Home and Abroad, Volume 7*. May 1812, 379.
<https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=chi.12502935;view=1up;seq=398> Accessed 20 September 2018.

American State Papers, Senate, 13th Congress, 2nd Session. Military Affairs: Volume 1. *Register of the Army for 1813* 415. <https://memory.loc.gov/cgi-bin/ampage?collId=llsp&fileName=016/llsp016.db&recNum=420> Accessed 29 July 2018.

Baldwin, Thomas W. *Vital Records of Cambridge, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850*. Cambridge, Mass.: Wright and Potter. 1914. <https://archive.org/details/vitalrecordsofca01cambr>
<https://archive.org/details/vitalrecordsofca02cambr> Accessed 29 July 2018.

Baldwin, Loammi, Loammi Baldwin Papers, 1768-1872 (MS Am 1811). Houghton Library, Harvard University.

Bangor Daily Whig & Courier (Bangor, Maine), Monday, March 09, 1885; Issue 59.

Bell, John, conversations and email exchanges.

Benton Jr., J.H. *Early Census Making in Massachusetts*. Boston Mass.: Charles H. Goodspeed, 1905.
<https://archive.org/details/earlycensusmakin00bent> Accessed 29 July 2018.

Bond, Elias, writings cited in Ethel Damon's *Father Bond of Kohala*.

Boston Athenaeum Digital Collections, Call# Bro. 10.40 Biography of Mr. Jason Fairbanks and Miss Eliza Fales... 1801.
<http://cdm.bostonathenaeum.org/cdm/singleitem/collection/pl6057coll37/id/1335/rec/1> Accessed 20 September 2018.

Boston Daily Advertiser. 25 Mar. 1822. 2. via Newsbank, Infoweb.

Boston-Gazette and Country Journal, 18 August 1760, Issue 281. 3. Sale advertisement.

Cain, Alexander. "*The Improvement of the Militia in General in the Art Military Has Been Therefore Thought Necessary*"; *A Review of the Militia Laws and Regulations on the Eve of Lexington and Concord*. Minuteman National Historical Park Training Presentation, Winter 2017.
<https://www.nps.gov/mima/getinvolved/supportyourpark/upload/The-Improvement-of-the-Militia-in-General-in-the-Art-Military-Has-Been-Therefore-Thought-Necessary.pdf> Accessed 13 Apr. 2018.

Cambridge Chronicle. Accessed via Cambridge Public Library.
<https://cambridge.dlconsulting.com/cgi-bin/cambridge> Accessed 2014-2018.

Chronicle Express. New York, New York. 14 Apr. 1803. Issue: 41. 3.

Citizens of Portland, Maine. "Address to the People of Maine." broadside 1832.
<http://www.eldreds.com/auctions/detail/item/238560/sale/882/dept/116> Accessed 29 July 2018.

Codman, Ogden. *Hollis Street Church, Boston: Records of Admissions, Baptisms, Marriages, and Deaths, 1732-1887*. Boston : New England Historic Genealogical Society, 1998

Congregational Library, *Records of the Old South Church in Boston, Baptisms 1669-1875*. New England's Hidden Histories, Colonial Era Church Records. <http://www.congregationallibrary.org/nehh/main> Accessed 12 Apr. 2018.

Converse, Parker. *Legends of Woburn*. Woburn: by subscription 1892.
<https://archive.org/details/legendsofwoburn02conv> Accessed 29 July 2018.

- Cumberland County [Maine] Registry of Deeds, Cumberland Real Property Records, Land Record. Search. <https://i2a.uslandrecords.com/ME/Cumberland/D/> Accessed 20 September 2018.
- Cutter, William Richard. *Woburn Historic Sites and Old Houses*. Woburn: "The News", 1892, 51. <https://archive.org/details/woburnhistoricsi00cutt> Accessed 28 July 2018.
- D.A.R. Membership Application of Lucy Mary Eveleth Bowditch (153375) on Robert Douglass, Sr. (A033827)
- D.A.R. Membership Application of Marion Gertrude Parker Baker (106065) on Robert Douglass, Jr. (A033828)
- Damon, Ethel M. *Father Bond of Kohala*. Honolulu. The Friend, 1927. <https://catalog.hathitrust.org/Record/001414294> Accessed 11 Apr. 2018.
- Dedham Historical Society. *A Massachusetts Mystery: The 1801 Tragedy of Jason Fairbanks & Elizabeth Fales*. Carlisle, MA: Applewood Press. 2009.
- Douglass, Robert III. 17 March 1879, letter to Mr. C. C. Carpenter, Phillips Academy Andover. Archives and Special Collections, Phillips Academy Andover. As email attachment 15 June 2013.
- Douglass, Robert Jr. his affidavit in Ripley's *A History of the Fight at Concord*, on the 19th of April, 1775... *Eastern Argus*, 07 Dec 1827; Volume: IV; Issue: 332; Page: [3]; Location: Portland, Maine. *Eastern Herald and Gazette of Maine*. Portland, Maine. via NEHGS Newsbank, America's Historical Newspapers eBay.com. Item number: 232969903572. https://www.ebay.com/itm/1952-Portland-Me-Post-Mark-BURBANK-DOUGLASS-Co-China-Glass-/232969903572?nordt=true&orig_cvip=true&rt=nc&_trksid=p2047675.m43663.l10137 Accessed 26 October 2018.
- Eliot, Samuel Atkins. *A history of Cambridge, Massachusetts, 1630-1913*. Cambridge: Cambridge Tribune, 1913. <https://archive.org/details/historyofcambrid00elio/page/n202> Accessed 24 October 2018.
- Extract of a Letter Received in Portland, Dated, Chateaugay, 2d Oct. 1813*. The War (newspaper) New York, New York. Date: 26 Oct 1813; Volume: II; Issue: 19; p. 77.
- Fales, De Coursey. *The Fales Family of Bristol, Rhode Island*. Boston: T. R. Marvin & Son, 1919. <https://archive.org/details/falesfamilyofbri00fale> Accessed 29 July 2018.
- Find A Grave, database and images (<https://www.findagrave.com>) Accessed 2015-2018.
- Fleet, T. & J. *A Pocket Almanack, for the Year...for the Use of the State of Massachusetts-Bay*. Boston: various years. <http://www.archive.org/stream/pocketalmanackfol793amer#page/110/mode/1up> Accessed 13 Apr. 2018.
- Goodhue, Charles. *Congress Street Portland 1800*. Maine Historical Society. Low resolution image used by permission. <https://www.mainememory.net/artifact/14879> Accessed 28 July 2018.
- Hawaiian Mission Children's Society. *Portraits of American Protestant Missionaries to Hawaii*. Honolulu: Hawaiian Gazette, 1901. <http://www.archive.org/stream/portraitsofameri00hawarich#page/72/mode/2up/search/mariner> Accessed 28 July 2018.
- Hudson, Charles. *Genealogical Register of Lexington Families from the First Settlement of the Town*. Boston: Wiggin & Lunt, 1868. <https://catalog.hathitrust.org/Record/009587898> Accessed 29 July 2018.
- Hurd, Duayne Hamilton. *History of Middlesex County, Massachusetts: With Biographical Sketches of Many of Its Pioneers and Prominent Men, Volume I*. Philadelphia: J. W. Lewis & Company, 1890. <https://books.google.com/books?id=m74TAAAYAAJ> Accessed 28 July 2018.
- Instructional Computing Group, Harvard University. *1771 Massachusetts Tax Inventory*. Interactive interface for dataset created by Bettye Hobbs Pruitt, housed at University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR 7734). <http://sites.fas.harvard.edu/~hsb41/masstax/masstax.cgi> Accessed 2016-2018.
- Jenks' Portland Gazette*. Portland Maine. 24 Feb. 1800. 4; 26 Jul. 1802. 3; 29 Jul. 1803. Accessed via newsbank
- Jewett, Nathaniel. *The Portland Directory & Register, containing the Names, Professions and Residence of all the Heads of Families And Persons of Business with other Useful Information Accompanied with a New and Correct Plan of the Town*. Portland: Todd and Smith, 1823.

- <https://archive.org/stream/portlanddirecto00unkngoog#page/n3/mode/2up> Accessed 20 September 2018.
- Johnson, Edward F. *Woburn Records of Births, Deaths, and Marriages*. Volumes I-X. Woburn: Andrews, Cutler, & Co. 1890-1919 Accessed 28 July 2018.
- Journal of the House of Representatives of the United States, 1801-1804*. Entries for 10 December 1802, and 18 January 1803. http://memory.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/D?hlaw:1:/temp/~ammem_CwLF::
http://memory.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/D?hlaw:2:/temp/~ammem_CwLF:: Accessed 28 July 2018.
- Kellogg, Elijah. *A Strong Arm and a Mother's Blessing*. Boston: Lee Shepard, 1880.
<https://archive.org/details/astrongarmandam00kellgoog> Accessed 28 July 2018.
- Leslie Rounds, email communication, 26 March 2012.
- Maine Births and Christenings, 1739-1900. Familysearch.
<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1674856> Accessed 28 July 2018.
- Maine Registers of Deeds Association. Official Land Records Website.
<http://www.maineregistryofdeeds.com/> Accessed 28 July 2018.
- Maine Vital Records, 1670-1921, Vital Records Prior to 1892.
<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q57-L974-HTTP?i=1038&cc=1803978> Accessed 28 July 2018.
- Maine Vital Records, 1670-1921. Delayed Returns For Vital Records 1670-1891. Familysearch.
<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q57-L979-5ZBZ?i=4328&cc=1803978> Accessed 28 July 2018.
- Maine, Marriages, 1771-1907. Familysearch Index.
<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1674915?collectionNameFilter=false> Accessed 28 July 2018.
- Massachusetts Archives, Revolutionary War Rolls, 1784. Accessed at Massachusetts Archives at Columbia Point, Boston.
- Massachusetts Deaths, 1841-1915. Images. FamilySearch.
<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HY-DHF3-X7H?i=75&cc=1463156> Accessed 26 October 2018.
- Massachusetts General Court. *Acts and Laws of His Majesty's Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England 1763*. Boston: Kneeland and Green, 1743. <https://archive.org/details/chartergrantedby00mass> Accessed 13 Apr. 2018.
- Massachusetts Judicial Archives. Middlesex General Sessions Record Book. September 1780. Accessed at Massachusetts Archives at Columbia Point, Boston
- Massachusetts Land Records, 1620-1986. Images. FamilySearch.
<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q57-99Z3-QBD?owc=waypoints&wc=MCB5-DZ4%3A361613401%2C362174601&cc=2106411> Accessed 28 July 2018.
- Massachusetts Office of the Secretary of State. *Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolutionary War. A Compilation from the Archives, vols. 4-5*. Boston: Wright and Porter. 1896.
<https://archive.org/stream/massachusettsolcdrymass#page/905/mode/1up> Accessed 28 July 2018.
- Massachusetts Provincial Congress. *The Journals of each Provincial Congress of Massachusetts in 1774 and 1775, and of the Committee of Safety*. Boston: Dutton and Wentworth, 1838.
<https://archive.org/details/journalsofeachprma00mass> Accessed 28 July 2018.
- Middlesex County, MA: Probate File Papers, 1648-1871. Online database. AmericanAncestors.org. New England Historic Genealogical Society, 2014. (From records supplied by the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court Archives. Digitized images provided by FamilySearch.org)
<https://www.americanancestors.org/search/databasesearch/536/middlesex-county-ma-probate-file-papers-1648-1871>. Accessed 28 July 2018.
- Mt. Auburn Cemetery. Gravestone inscriptions. Cambridge, Mass. Viewed 2015.
- Murphy, Timothy C. *History of Rutland in Massachusetts: 1713-1968*. Rutland: Rutland Historical Society, 1970.
- Newcastle Courant. Newcastle on Tyne, England: 26 Oct. 1734, p.4. Advertisement. "Robert Douglass, Gardener"
- New England Historic Genealogical Society. *NEHGS Register 58* [1904]. Baptisms of First Church Holden. Boston: NEHGS.

- Nova Scotia GenWeb Project. "Cornwallis Ships to Halifax - 1749, Surnames..." "D," via Internet Archive Wayback Machine for 01 March 2017. Also available at <http://sites.rootsweb.com/~canns/cornwallis3.html> Accessed 28 July 2018.
- Perley, Sidney. *The Essex Antiquarian; a Quarterly Magazine Devoted to the Biography, Genealogy, History and Antiquities of Essex County, Massachusetts Vol. I.* Salem: The Essex Antiquarian, 1897. p. 84. <https://archive.org/stream/essexantiquarian01perluoft#page/n103/mode/1up/> Accessed 28 July 2018.
- Phinney, Elias. *History of the battle of Lexington, on the morning of the 19th April, 1775.* Boston: Phelps and Farnham, 1825. <https://archive.org/details/historyofbattleo01phin/page/n7>
- Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Association, Deerfield MA. Online images of Preface and Introduction to Pruitt's *Massachusetts Tax Valuation List of 1771.* <http://www.memorialhall.mass.edu/collection/itempage.jsp?itemid=5849&level=advanced&transcription=0&img=0> Accessed 28 July 2018.
- Pruitt, Bettye Hobbs. *The Massachusetts Tax Valuation List of 1771.* Boston: G.K. Hall, 1978. Compiled from records in Massachusetts Archives, Volumes 132-134.
- Quintal, George. email communications.
- Reed, Jonas, *A History of Rutland: Worcester County Massachusetts.* Worcester, Mass.: Mirick and Bartlett, 1836. <https://archive.org/details/historyofrutland02reed> Accessed 11 Apr. 2018.
- Ripley, Ezra, *A history of the fight at Concord, on the 19th of April, 1775, with a particular account of the military operations and interesting events of that ever memorable day; showing that then and there the first regular and forcible resistance was made to the British soldiery, and the first British blood was shed by armed Americans, and the Revolutionary War thus commenced.* Concord, MA: Allen & Atwill, 1827. <https://archive.org/stream/historyoffightat00ripl#page/52/mode/1up> Accessed 11 Apr. 2018.
- Rounds, Leslie. *More Sorting Portland Samplers.* Posting in the blog "Plying Needle and Pen." <http://plyingneedleandpen.blogspot.com/2012/07/more-sorting-portland-samplers.html> Accessed 28 July 2018.
- Rutland, Office of the Town Clerk. Photos attached to email exchange with Anita Carlson, 9 April 2018.
- Ryan, Kelly Alisa. 2006. *Regulating Passion: Sexual Behavior and Citizenship in Massachusetts, 1740-1820.* Doctoral Dissertation. 446. Retrieved from <https://drum.lib.umd.edu/handle/1903/4122> Accessed 28 July 2018.
- Sewall, Samuel. *The History of Woburn, Middlesex County, Mass. from the Grant of its Territory to Charlestown, in 1640, to the Year 1860.* Boston: Wiggen and Lunt, 1868. <https://archive.org/details/historyofwoburnm00sewa> Accessed 28 July 2018.
- Shirley, Arthur. *The Portland Directory Containing the Names of the Inhabitants, their Occupations, Places of Business, and Dwelling Houses, and the City Register, with Lists of the Streets, Courts and Wharves.* Portland: Arthur Shirley, 1834. http://digitalcommons.usm.maine.edu/por_directories/3 Accessed 28 July 2018.
- Smith and Deane, *Journals of the Rev. Thomas Smith, and the Rev. Samuel Deane....* Portland: J. S. Bailey, 1849.
- South Portland. *Dedication Program for the New South Portland High School 1924.* via South Portland Historical Society. <http://sphistory.pastperfectonline.com/archive/C03BCAFB-A972-444B-B1B2-312713937017> Accessed 28 July 2018.
- Systemic History Fund, Franklin P. Rice, Trustee. *Vital Records of Rutland Massachusetts to the End of the Year 1849.* Boston, MA: Stanhope Press, F.H. Gilson Co., 1905. <http://www.archive.org/stream/vitalrecordsofru00rutl#page/36/mode/1up> Accessed 20 September 2018.
- Thweatt, Dinah (Oakes), descendant of Barnard Douglass, email exchanges, 2010.
- Thompson, Albert, sketches. See Parker Converse's *Legends of Woburn.*
- United States Census, 1860. <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33SQ-GBS3-B35?i=8&wc=73BR-HGG%3A1589428278%2C1589425020%2C1592326171&cc=1473181> Accessed 24 October 2018.
- United States National Archives. Pension File S17931. Douglass, Robert. Revolutionary War.

<https://www.fold3.com/image/16979640> Series M804 Accessed 28 July 2018.

United States National Archives. Publication M566. *Letters Received by the Adjutant General 1805-1821*.

<https://www.fold3.com/image/272971369> Accessed 28 July 2018.

United States National Archives. Publication M233. *Records of Men Enlisted in the U.S. Army Prior to the Peace Establishment, May 17, 1815. Vol. 8. 1798-May 17, 1815, D, 1815.*

<https://www.fold3.com/image/310974107> Accessed 28 July 2018.

United States Secretary of the Treasury. *Massachusetts and Maine Direct Tax Census of 1798*. New England Historical and Genealogical Society, 1978.

United States Treasury Dept. *Pension Payment Records for Payments Made Semi-Annually*. Microfilm Publication T718, Ledgers of Payments, 1818–1872, to U.S. Pensioners Under Acts of 1818 through 1858, from Records of the Office of the Third Auditor of the Treasury. Accessed via Fold3.com, 2018.

Warren, Henry P. *The History of Waterford, Oxford County, Maine, Comprising Historical Address*, by Henry P. Warren; *Record of Families*, by Rev. William Warren, D.D.; *Centennial Proceedings*, by Samuel Warren, Esq. Portland: Hoyt, Fogg & Donham 1879 [published together].

<https://archive.org/details/historyofwaterfo00waterich> Accessed 28 July 2018.

Wadsworth, Peleg. *Plan of Portland made by Peleg Wadsworth, dated May 1795*. Massachusetts Archives. Town Plans, 1794. <https://ark.digitalcommonwealth.org/ark:/50959/2227np233> Accessed 28 July 2018.

Wilkes, Margaret Watters. Parker's Revenge Archaeological Project Minute Man National Historical Park Lexington, Massachusetts. Concord: Friends of Minute Man National Park, 2016.

<http://www.friendsofminuteman.org/Parker's%20Revenge%20Archaeological%20Report.pdf> Accessed 01 Nov 2018.

Woburn Massachusetts. *Woburn Massachusetts First Congregational Church Records. 1642-1931. (without disciplinary entries)* held at Massachusetts Historical Society. Ms. N-277.

Woburn Massachusetts. Tax Lists and Early Town Records. Microfilm reels held at Woburn Public Library.

A bouquet of Thank Yous to my wonderful wife, Clare Louise O'Connor Hurley, for moral support, and for editing assistance extraordinaire.