

Whiting Family

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John Whiting III is one of Hartland's early settlers around 1806. He brought with him a long and storied family history of early New England pioneers and revolutionists. The Whiting Family first came to the New World in 1636 and by the time John was born in 1758 he was already part of the 6th generation of Whitings who had lived here. His ancestor's reputations and influences were well known throughout the religious, political and revolutionary factors of the young expanding regions of New England. His ancestral line in America begins with his Great-Great-Great Grandfather, Reverend Samuel Whiting, Sr.

Reverend Samuel Whiting, Sr.

b. 20 Nov 1597 Boston, England
d. 11 Dec 1679 Lynn, Massachusetts
m. 6 Aug 1629 in Boston, England (his 2nd marriage)
Elizabeth St. John
b. 1605 Cayshoe, England
d. 3 Mar 1677 Lynn, Massachusetts

He received degrees in England from Emmanuel College (1616) and Cambridge University (1620) with a Doctorate of Divinity. He arrived in Boston, Massachusetts from England on May 26, 1636 with his 2nd wife, their son Samuel Whiting, Jr. and his daughter from his first marriage. He became the Pastor at the First Church of Lynn where he remained for 43 years until his death.

Ch. WHITING:

Reverend Samuel Whiting, Jr.

b. 25 Mar 1633 Skirbeck, England
d. 28 Feb 1713 Billerica, Massachusetts
m. 12 Nov 1656 in Lynn, Massachusetts
Dorcus Chester
b. Charlestown, Massachusetts
d. 1713

Reverend Samuel Whiting, Jr graduated from Harvard University in 1653. He removed to Billerica in 1758 and by 1763 was an ordained minister remaining there for almost 50 years before his death. They had 10 children, 7 sons and 3 daughters. Only 4 of his sons lived to adulthood.

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1. Samuel Whiting III 1662-1715 his son Samuel fought in the Lovewell War in Maine in 1725
2. **Oliver Whiting** 1665-1736
3. John Whiting 1664 graduated from Harvard University.
4. Joseph 1669-1701 graduated from Harvard University in 1690.

2. Oliver Whiting

- b. 8 Nov 1665 Billerica, Massachusetts
- d. 22 Dec 1736 Billerica, Massachusetts
- m. 22 Jan 1691 in Billerica, Massachusetts
- Anna Danforth
d/o Captain Jonathan Danforth
- b. 8 Mar 1668 Billerica, Massachusetts
- d. 13 Aug 1737 Billerica, Massachusetts

They had 9 surviving children, 6 sons and 3 daughters. Their 4th son, Deacon Samuel Whiting of Billerica born in 1702, died in 1736. Samuel's grandson, John Whiting, would become a General in the Revolutionary War.

Ch. WHITING:

John Whiting I

- b. 14 Oct 1699 Billerica, Massachusetts
- d. 8 Aug 1755 Tewksbury, Massachusetts
- m. 9 Mar 1726 in Billerica, Massachusetts
- Sarah Hunt
- b. 20 Nov 1709 Billerica, Massachusetts
- d. 1745 Billerica, Massachusetts

John & Sarah had 7 children, 3 sons and 4 daughters. John remarried after Sarah's death.

Ch. WHITING:

John Whiting II

- b. 7 Jan 1727 Billerica, Massachusetts
- d. ????
- m. 25 Jul 1758 in Billerica, Massachusetts
- Lucy Farmer
- b. 8 Sep 1736 Billerica, Massachusetts
- d. 4 Feb 1768 Billerica, Massachusetts

Lucy had 8 children over the course of 8-1/2 years. She died soon after the birth of her last child.

Ch. WHITING: (all born in Billerica, Massachusetts)

- 1. John Whiting III:** b 1759, d 1846 Hartland, Maine
2. Lucy Whiting: b 1759 d unknown Lovell, Maine (married Daniel McCallister)
3. Joshua Whiting: b 1760, d 1813 Lovell, Maine (married Hannah Frye)
4. Oliver Whiting: b 1762, d 1814 Lovell, Maine
5. Samuel Whiting: b 1763, d unknown
6. Isaac Whiting: b 1766, d 1850
7. Abigail Whiting: b 1766, d 1768 at 2 years old
8. Elizabeth Whiting: b 1767, d 1768 at 1 year old

1. John Whiting III

Revolutionary War

b. 25 Jan 1759 Billerica, Massachusetts
d. 13 Jun 1846 Hartland (Fullers Corner Cemetery) at 87 yrs 4 mos 19 days
m1. Jan 1806 Hartland (?)
Margaret Fairbrother
d/o Lovell Fairbrother, Sr & Catherine Howe
b. 16 Mar 1782 Norridgewock
d. 12 Sep 1859 Hartland (FC)

John Whiting III removed to Hartland soon after 1800. He married Margaret on January 1, 1806 in either Hartland or Norridgewock and by the census of 1810 they are living in Hartland, still known then as Plantation #3. He then appears living in Hartland in the 1820, 1830 and 1840 Census Reports. These early census reports only list the Head of Household with no further details on family members other than their general age ranges and gender. So far, little is known of their daughters. It is quite possible their daughters married other Hartland residents but marriage records were not found. None of the children are buried with their parents at Fuller's Corner Cemetery under the Whiting name. John's birth record from Billerica, Massachusetts matches exactly to his given age at the time of his death on his grave stone. The record also indicates his parents names.

“Lovell Fairbrother came to the Kennebec at an early day and explored this river and the Sebasticook; found choice intervals at or near the fork of that river, and abundance of fish in the river and game in the forest. He therefore pitched his tent a big camp near the forks of the river in 1775 and moved his family there being joined by two others and this commenced the settlement in what is now the prosperous town of Pittsfield, then called Sebasticook Plantation.” Margaret's nephew, Franklin Newall Fairbrother, married Mary Withee (daughter of Uzziel Withee)

*It is difficult to determine with any certainty exactly what role John had in the Revolutionary War. The few indisputable documents include his Revolutionary War Pension Records showing he served as a Private for which he received \$96 annually (monthly \$8 payments) which began on April 10, 1818 and continued until his death in 1846. Also, in a supplemental report based on the 1840 US Census, John is listed as one of two surviving Revolutionary War Veterans in Hartland along with Uzziel Withee. No less than a dozen soldiers from Massachusetts named “John Whiting” appear throughout the war records but many details, such as age and hometown, are sketchy. We do know his cousin Timothy Whiting, Sr. along with his sons Timothy, Jr. and John, marched from Billerica to Concord on April 19, 1775 and fought in the infamous battle there and in Lexington which began the Revolutionary War. Cousin John was a Colonel at the time (eventually becoming a Lt.-General serving directly under George Washington) so it **possible** the following information pertains to John Whiting III's service as a Private and not that of his famous higher ranking cousin.*

From the Report of Revolutionary War Service; Volume 17, Page 171:

Whiting, John; Billerica, Massachusetts

Private in Captain Jonathan Stickney's Company, Colonel Ebenezer Bridge's 27th Regiment of Minutemen, which marched on the alarm (at Concord) of April 19, 1775; service, 6 days.
also, Fifer, Capt. Stickney's Company, Col. Bridge's 27th Regiment; receipt for advance pay, signed by said Whiting and others, dated Cambridge, June 26, 1775;
also, Same Company and Regiment; muster roll dated Aug. 1, 1775; enlisted April 25, 1775; service, 3 mos. 14 days;
also, Company return dated Cambridge, Oct. 25, 1775;
also, Order for bounty coat or its equivalent in money dated Cambridge, Nov. 16, 1775;

also, List of men raised for Continental service from 7th Middlesex Co. Regiment, as returned by Capt. Edward Farmer; residence, Billerica; engaged for town of Billerica; joined Capt. Danforth's Co., Col. Brewer's Regt.; term, 3 years or during war.

*In 1774, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts General Court granted New Suncook Plantation in the Province of Maine to the officers and soldiers (or their heirs) who fought on May 8, 1725 during Father Rale's War (aka Lovewell's War) against the Sokokis Abenaki Indians at Pequawket (now Fryeburg, Maine). First settled in 1777, the community had 85 inhabitants by 1790. New Suncook Plantation would be incorporated as the town of Lovell on November 15, 1800, renamed for Captain Jonathan Lovewell, the fallen expedition leader. **Samuel Whiting** (as noted above, the son of Samuel and nephew of Oliver) was wounded during the same engagement which killed Captain Lovewell but survived his wounds.*

*Following the end of the Revolutionary War, several members of the Whiting Family who were related to **Samuel Whiting**, as noted above, took advantage of the heir's land offering in New Suncook, Maine and removed there. Although the exact date they came there is unknown, the 1st US Census of 1790 shows John III, his brothers Joshua and Oliver and his sister Lucy living there. They are all still living there in the newly incorporated town now known as Lovell in the 1800 Census. John is a single head of household and is between 25-44 years old according to the census. (He was 43 years old at the time.)*

Ch. WHITING:

1. Leonard Whiting

b. 11 Mar 1808 Hartland

d. after 1880 Nevada City, California

m.

Hannah Dyer

b. 1798

d. 24 Nov 1840 Hartland (FC) (buried with John & Margaret)

It appears Leonard moved West soon after Hannah's death which would explain why she is buried alone at Fullers Cemetery. Their sons James & Silas moved west by 1860. Leonard appears as a neighbor to Silas in C/1880.

Ch. WHITING:

I. James Dyer Whiting

b. 1829 Hartland

d. Nevada City, California

II. Hannah D. Whiting

b. 1832 Hartland

d.

III. Lydia D. Whiting

b. 1833 Hartland

d.

IV. Lusard M. Whiting

b. 1835 Hartland

d.

V. Silas Osoro Whiting

b. 1837 Hartland

d. after 1900 Nevada City, California

VI. Ephraim F. Whiting
b. 1839 Hartland
d. 1910 Garland

2. Nancy Whiting
b. 5 Oct 1806 Hartland
d. 20 Apr 1809 Hartland

3. Lucy Whiting
b. 22 Feb 1810 Hartland
d.

4. Bryce Whiting
b. 2 Apr 1812 Hartland
d. 1874 Nevada City, California ?
m. 1835 Hartland
Elizabeth H. Morrill
b. 10 Feb 1817 Hartland
d. 19 Dec 1875 California

Like his brother Leonard, it appears Bryce & Elizabeth left Hartland with some of their younger children for California sometime after C/1860. His name appears on a California Voter's list in 1871 with the correct age and noting he was born in Maine however documentation, such as a death certificate, has not been found.

Ch. WHITING:

I. Thomas J Whiting
b. 1836 Hartland
d. 1891 Oregon

II. Helen Whiting
b. 1839 Hartland
d. ?

III. Olive Whiting
b. 1841 Hartland
d. ?

IV. Elizabeth Whiting
b. 1844 Hartland
d. ?

V. Frances Hannah Whiting
b. 1846 Hartland
d. 1857 Hartland (FC) (*buried with her grandparents, John & Margaret*)

VI. Florilla Whiting
b. 1849 Hartland
d. ?

VII. H. W. Whiting
b. 1852 Hartland
d. ?

VIII. A. Whiting
b. 1856
d. ?

IX. Infant Whiting
b. 1860
d. ?

5. Sarah Whiting
b. 15 Feb 1815 Hartland
d.

6. Elizabeth Whiting "Betsey"
b. 26 Apr 1818 Hartland
d. 1897 Abbott

7. John Whiting IV
b. 5 Apr 1820 Hartland
d. 15 Oct 1880 Garland
m. c1836 Garland
Tryphosa Ellen Stewart
b. 4 Sep 1821 Alton, New Hampshire
d. 2 Oct 1890 Garland

John removed to Garland at the age of 15. He remained there his entire life as a farmer and a merchant.

Ch. WHITING:

I. Bryce Whiting
b. 1838 Garland
d. 1840 Garland

II. Mary J. Whiting
b. 1843 Garland
d. 1883 Garland
married _____ Libby

III. Francis E. Whiting
b. 1845 Garland
d. ?

IV. Andrew B. Whiting
b. 1848 Garland
d. ?

V. Charles H. Whiting
b. 1850 Garland
d. 1895 Garland

VI. Hannah Elizabeth Whiting

b. 1855 Garland

d. 1896 Garland

married _____ Clough

8. Benjamin French Whiting

b. 8 Jun 1822 Hartland

d.