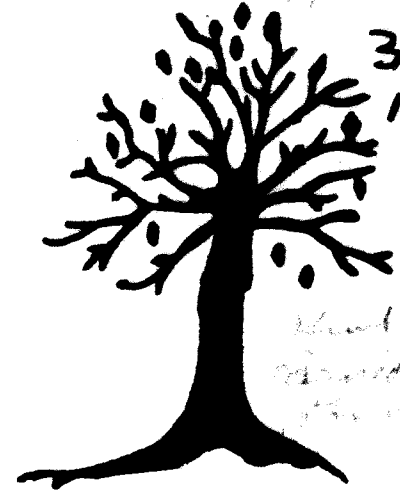


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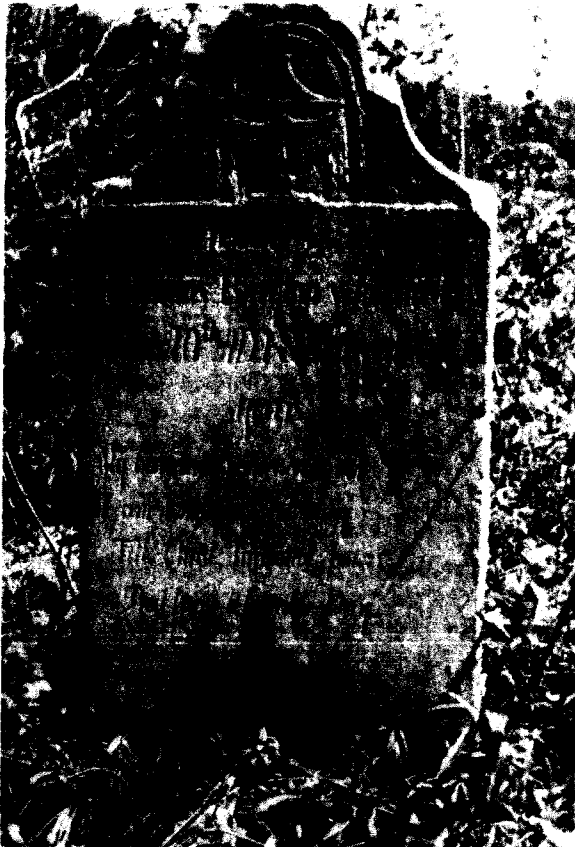


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Thomas Brayton

Jane - his wife

See page 137 for description.

BUDDING OUT:

Joseph M Lee III of 1444 Iroquois Path N.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30319 has sent copies of several documents for the GSV Archives relating to the FERRIN-FLETCHER-KENYON families. The FERRIN documents were compiled by Dr Orlin Kenyon FLETCHER (b VT 1873 d Ga 1937) whose paternal grandmother was Rachel FERRIN. Rachel was the sister of Dr Chester Manning FERRIN (b VT 1837 d VT 1932). Mr Lee would be pleased to hear from anyone researching any of these families.

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In the Vol 3 #2 (Spring) issue p 42 we asked about people born out of wedlock or adopted children. So far we've had 2 answers. The 1st from Mrs Dorothy Tucker, 829 Wilson St, Manitowoc Wisc. 54220. At the risk of bringing a storm upon my head from the purists, my very strong feeling are that a child who is born by chance without the usual legally organized family relationship has an inalienable right to belong somewhere, and that is, with the family he grows up with.

So much of what we become depends upon the opportunity and stimulation provided by our environment, that even though we may not be the blood child of someone who raises us, we are that person's child nevertheless.

In my family history gathering and writing up, I am not making note of those persons I know of who have adoption proceedings as their way of coming in to the family. There are some in my family who were born in wedlock but left orphaned at an early age, some that I assume may have been born to unmarried parents.

My convictions about including legally or emotionally adopted children in the family tree, without making any note which separates them in any way from those born in wedlock, comes out of a number of yrs as a social worker, some of those years in child welfare work, and the last 14 in a mental health center. We all need to belong somewhere, and to feel that a family belongs to us. We would have a healthier, stronger, better-operating country and society if we did not have so many persons who feel alienated from society and are trying to get even with society, or garner up power to make up for empty spots in our feelings of self-worth.

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A 2nd letter on the subject came from Mrs Julia M. Greene, 2038 Highland Ave, Wilmette Ill. 60091 who says: A lot of people will be interested in information on how to get parent or parents of illegitimate births - Considering that the 'cities' were much smaller in the old days, considering that everyone in the town knew about these "carry-ings-on", it is simply appalling that any such evidence is so completely covered. In looking for one, I find the cemetery plot map has 3 'no name' plots. the cemetery itself has 3 field rock markers with, of course no marking on them. It has always seemed pretty sad that even in death, they could receive no recognition of the love they must have given to the child. Since there were 2 older cemeteries in the town, it is probably so that their parents were from the town. Would it have been so degrading to the living to have marked these graves 'Mother'? Poor gals - they are buried close to outside fences - eternal payment - most resemblant of the situation of our friend whose grave was dug on a slant from inside the cemetery

but whose bones reside outside the fence.

Mrs Greene also writes that as an added bit of information, you might be interested to know that future genealogists will have another problem - illegal marriages. Some lawyers are putting through records of marriages which do not in actuality take place. This, of course, is to give the unborn child a father's name. There seems to be, fairly soon after, a record of divorce also put through. Sometimes the 'marriages' are to hit or miss names, and sometimes they are actual men who never do learn that they have been recorded as fathers who have a record of marriage and divorce. However a friend of mine who is a lawyer says he had a difficult time proving a client of his never did marry a girl and could not have fathered her child - seems she was suing for child support and alimony!!

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Mrs Marion Springer #817, works in the STEUBEN NY County Clerk's office and would be willing to do reasonable searching of the available records for our members enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope. Her address is 15 Fairview Drive, Bath, New York 14810

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Mrs Wilbur L Swift, 1235 E. Lynn Drive, Waukesha, Wisc 53186, will search the HAKES, PREVOST, PREVOST genealogy for a SASE.

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I am doing all of the women on the "Putnam" "Stevens" and "Nourse" lines, also the Rice family and trying to compile stories of the 4 families, writes Mrs Lee M Davis, 61 Elm St, Springfield VT 05156.

Even though these records are not complete, I thought that just maybe someone reading "B&T" may have a connection & possibly help by sending some of the missing information. I have "A Genealogical Register of Edmund Rice Descendants" with the 2 accompanying books; the Putnam line back to 1086, but very incomplete for dates, etc...

My "Seth Putnam's" sister, Ann, daughter of Thomas and Ann Carr Putnam was responsible for the hanging of my early grandmother, Rebecca Towne Nourse! Am real proud of my background-- The Stevens boys were Green Mountain Boys-- I only go back to 1700 on that family to date. (Ed. note: Mrs Davis has submitted charts on these families for the Ancestry Service.)

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Mr Alexis A Praus, director of the Kalamazoo Public Museum, 315 South Rose, Kalamazoo Mich 49006 has the following: Some time ago I acquired a silver cup with the following inscription:

Lucien Proctor, died in
California Jan 25 1850

Issac Brown

Research has revealed that Proctor & Brown were from Proctorsville VT & that they went to Calif. during the Gold Rush of '49. Lucien died at the Mormon Island diggings. His remains were brought back by Brown, probably solered in a tin box filled with alcohol, for burial in Proctorsville. The cup was given, I am sure, to Brown in gratitude for his arduous task. Brown came to Kalamazoo in 1862 & died here in 1904.

I have lots of data on the Proctor & Brown families. What I am hoping to find is some contemporary newspaper accounts of the Proctor-Brown gold rush adventure & particularly on the return of Proctor's remains. Also letters & photographs may be hidden