

French, John Jun^f 58a 1-3-3-0-0 Andover, Windsor Co.

JOHN FRENCH, son of John⁴ (*Thomas*,³ *Ebenezer*,² *Thomas*¹) and Mary (Wilcox) French, was born in Guilford, Conn., on 10 October 1760 [*Barbour Collection*, 16:136] and died in Mt. Holly, on 17 March 1847 at age 86 yrs. 5 mos. [Gs: Mt. Holly Cem.] John married **REBECCA HAYWARD** in Dummerston on 22 November 1781 [TR, 1: 18, by Rev. Joseph Farrar]. Rebecca, daughter of James (*Jonathan*,⁴ *Jonathan*,³ *William*,² *William*¹) and Lois (Parmenter) Hayward, was born in Mendon, Mass., on 23 July 1758 [VR, 96] and died in Andover, on 27 December 1829 at age 71 yrs. [Gs: North Windham Cem.]

John was of Dummerston when he purchased the south half of Lot 2 in the 3rd Range in Andover on 15 March 1784 from his brother in-law Solomon Hayward (*later*) Howard [LR, A: 180]. "John French Jr." is first listed on the Andover grand list in 1785, with the tax of £6:0:0 [TR, 1: 23]. On 31 October 1797, he sold all the land east of the road which "leads from Solomon Howard's direct to Thomas French's" to his brother in-law Joseph Howard [LR, C: 224]. On 5 February 1798, he sold the remaining 28 acres to his brother Reuben French [LR, C: 332].

On 31 October 1797, his brother in-law Jonathan Howard of Upton, Mass., sold him 82½ acres off of the west end of Lot 1 in the 2nd Range in Andover [LR, C: 222]. This property is east of the previous mentioned land. On 3 March 1815, John sold his farm in Andover to his son in-law Marquis Edson with a life lease that was discharged on 29 September 1837 [LR, E: 437-439].

On 5 September 1825, John purchased from Ebenezer Farnsworth and Eben Farnsworth one acre located on the west side of the road leading from Chester to Manchester in Lot 2 in the 5th Range in Andover. This deed includes "a house built by John French" [LR, F: 337]. On 26 January 1826, he leased this property to his daughter Jemima Crossman and her heirs as her portion of his estate for a period of 60 years [LR, G: 412-413].

Children of John and Rebecca (Hayward) French born Dummerston (1) [TR, -:] and Andover (2-6) [TR, 2: 509]:

- i. HOWARD FRENCH, b. 13 Aug. 1783, d. Grafton, N.Y., 27 June 1852, age 64 yrs., of smallpox [Ludlow1, 22]; m. NANCY GOOLD in Windham, 13 Oct. 1808 [TR, 1: 54, by Richard Kelley Jr., J. P.]; Nancy, dau. of John and Nancy (Graves) Goold, b. Westminster, 9 Sept. 1786, d. Ludlow, 9 Oct. 1860, age 74y. 1m., of cancer of menstrual glands. [VR, 2: 42; Gs: Pleasant View Cem.]

Children of Howard and Nancy (Goold) French b. Andover [TR, 2: 509]:

1. *Parnel Graves French*, b. 15 Feb. 1810.
2. *Nancy Gould French*, b. 5 Dec. 1811.
3. *Fanny Prentis French*, b. 21 Jan. 1815.
4. *Melvin Howard French*, b. 3 Feb. 1818.
- ii. ELIAS FRENCH, b. 25 Mar. 1785, d. Windham, 8 June 1826, age 42 yrs. [TR, 1:31; Gs: North Windham Cem.]; m. JULIA TWITCHELL in Andover, 12 June 1803 [TR, 2: 171, by Moses Warner, J.P.] Julia, dau. of Stephen and Lucy (Norcross) Twitchell, b. Dublin, N. H., 6 Oct. 1782 [Twitchell, 99; Dublin2, 925], d. Windham, 9 Sept. 1847, age 65 yrs. [Gs: *op. cit.*]

Children of Elias and Julia (Twitchell) French b. Andover (1-3)

[TR, 2: 509], b. Windham (4, 5, 7-10) [TR, 1: 31], (6) [unrecorded]:

1. *Rebecca French*, b. 12 Dec. 1803.
2. *Persis French*, b. 5 Dec. 1804.

3. *Silence French*, b. 18 Feb. 1806.
 4. *Mary Wilcox French*, b. 5 Sept. 1807.
 5. *Stephen Twitchell French*, b. 3 Feb. 1809.
 6. *Marquis Edson French*, b. 1811.
 7. *Julia French*, b. 18 Nov. 1812.
 8. *Roswell A. French*, b. 8 June 1814.
 9. *Naomi Adeline French*, b. 24 Jan. 1817.
 10. *Sybil French*, b. 6 Oct. 1819.
- iii. RACHEL FRENCH, b. 13 June 1789, d. Andover, 18 Aug. 1846, age 58 yrs. [Gs: North Windham Cem.]; m. MARQUIS EDSON in Chester, 26 May 1808 [TR, C:161, by Rev. Aaron Leland]. [See *RUFUS EDSON of Thomlinson*]
- iv. JEMIMA FRENCH, b. 24 May 1794, d. Andover, 19 July 1842, age 44 yrs. [Gs: North Windham Cem.]; m. BENJAMIN CROSSMAN in Andover, 1 Mar. 1819 [TR, 2: 190, by Rev. Rufus Bruce]. Benjamin, son of Benjamin and Tamesin (Austin) Crossman, b. Taunton, Mass. 15 Mar. 1791 [VR, 108], d. Windham, 5 July 1869, age 78 yrs., "found dead" [VR, 4:1; Gs: *op. cit.*]
 Children of Benjamin and Jemima (French) Crossman b. Andover [all unrecorded]:^[1]
1. *Reuben Almon Crossman*, b. 1820.
 2. *Rebecca H. Crossman*, b. 1821.
 3. *Zaramann Crossman*, b. 1823.
 4. *Nancy L. Crossman*, b. 3 Apr. 1826.
 5. *Horace A. Crossman*, b. 1 Nov. 1828.
 6. *Lydia A. Crossman*, b. 1829.
- v. REUBEN FRENCH, b. 17 Feb. 1795, d. Londonderry, 28 Feb. 1876, age 82 y. 8 m. 5 d., of inflammation of bladder [VR, 6: 1876; Gs: Riverside Cem.]; m. ELIZABETH DERBY in Grafton, 15 Sept. 1822 [TR, 1B: 59, by Thaddeus Taylor, J.P.]. Elizabeth, dau. of Joseph and ---- (----) Derby, b. Leominster, Mass., abt. 1797, d. Londonderry, 15 Aug. 1868, age 71 y. 8 m. 18 d., of numb palsy [VR, 6: 1868; Gs: *op. cit.*]
 Children of Reuben and Elizabeth (Derby) French b. Windham (1) [TR, 2: 179], (2) date figured from death:
1. *Reuben Edwin French*, b. 5 Apr. 1825.
 2. *Amanda A. French*, b. 2 Aug. 1831.
 3. *Martin Willard French*, b.
- v. JOHN FRENCH, b. 13 May 1797, d. Chester, 6 Mar. 1816, age 18 yrs. [Gs: Simsbury Cem.]

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1. On 27 Sept. 1847, the heirs of Jemima Crossman, deceased, being Benjamin Crossman, Rebecca Crossman of Andover, Nancy L. Crossman of Chester and "Zary M." Crossman of Mt. Tabor deeded to Reuben A. Crossman of Chester, two parcels of land in Andover, which had been the property of Jemima Crossman. The first purchased from John Thomas on 17 Nov 1824, the second purchased from her father, John French on 28 Jan. 1826. [LR, I: 376]. On 24 Sept. 1853, Reuben Almon Crossman and his wife Sarah A. P. (Sargeant) Crossman, sold the property to Sylvanus L. Marsh of Andover. [LR, I:377]