

CHAPTER TWELVE

Introduction To The Preston Families

The primary focus of this Section is to follow the direct line of decedents from Joel Preston down through Carl Oliver Reinhold on Carl's mother's side of Carl's family.

Joel Preston, Sr. Family

Linnea B. Foster, CGRS said, I did an Ancestral File (admittedly not the most accurate of sources) search for this Samuel. This showed him to have been born in Scotland in 1753, died January 26, 1820 in Fayette, PA, married 1774 in Sussex Co., NJ to Mary Pugh. There is no Joel among the five children listed. Of course, this might not be a complete listing of the children. The 1880 Census entries for both Amasa Preston and Joel, Jr. state that the father was born in Connecticut. Amasa Preston is a name that appears in some CT records I've seen. The Morristown-Morris Twp. Library has a good collection of published material that might help. Linnea said, This is where I plan to start searching.

Linnea Foster said, Joel Preston is the earliest known Preston in America, but it is unknown where Joel was born. He is estimated to have been born about 1764-1790. His estimated birth date is based on the birth dates of his sons, especially his possible son, Amasa. In addition,.

Linnea Foster, explained that she searched the Tax Ratables for the years 1803 through 1822. Prior to and as of May 6, 1812, Joel Preston was living in Pequannock Township, Morris County, New Jersey.¹ He appears on the New Jersey County Tax Ratables 1778-1822 as a householder.² The designation householder means that Joel Preston had a house and less than 10-acres of land.³ Joel Preston's appearance on the Tax Ratables places Joel Preston in Pequannock before his service in the War with Great Britain, 1812-1815.

In the History of Morris County, New Jersey,⁴ the author wrote, "[w]hen the war of 1812 broke out . . . Recruiting was going on for the United States service, and Captain Scott of the new establishment had about sixty men. ."

¹ New Jersey County Tax Ratables 1778-1822- Pequannock Township 1810, p. 25.

² New Jersey County Tax Ratables 1778-1822- Pequannock Township 1810, p. 25.

³ New Jersey County Tax Ratables 1778-1822- Pequannock Township 1810, p. 25.

⁴ History of Morris County, New Jersey, New York: W.W. Minsell & Co., 1882, p.38.

Joel Preston enlisted in Captain John Scott's Company on May 6, 1812 for five years.⁵ He fought in the War of 1812 as a Private in Captain John Scott's Company, 15th Regiment Infantry and died on December 12, 1812 at the hospital in Plattsburg, New York.⁶ Joel Preston named Amasa and Joel Preston to be the recipients of his pension upon his death.⁷ Joel Preston's pension information is set forth below.⁸

Name: Joel Preston
Rank: Private
Description of service: 15th regiment infantry
Time of decease: December 12, 1812
Names of the heirs: Amasa and Joel Preston
Annual Allowance: 48 00
Sums Received: 240 00
When placed on the pension roll: March 23, 1818
Commencement of pension: February 17, 1815
Ending of pension: February 17, 1820

At some point, Joel and Jemima Preston were married,⁹ but their date and place of marriage is unknown. Joel and Jemima Preston must have married around 1808-1810 since Joel died in 1812 and their sons had to have been born prior to his death, or Jemima was pregnant with Joel, Jr. when Joel, Sr. died. Further, their boys, Amasa and Joel, had to have been about 1-2 years old when their father died which indicates Joel and Jemima could not have been married too long, unless Jemima was very young when she married, and the couple wait 4-5 years to have children.

Joel S. Preston's parents are Joel and Jemima Preston, and **probably** the parents of Amasa Preston.¹⁰ The marriage record for Joel Preston and Lydia A. Young identify Joel Preston's parents as Joel and Jemima.¹¹ Though no record conclusively establishes that Amasa Preston is the son of Joel Preston who fought in the War of 1812 as a Private in Captain John Scott's Company, 15th Regiment Infantry and died on December 12, 1812 at the hospital in Plattsburg, New York.¹² Joel Preston did name Amasa and Joel Preston as his heirs.¹³ It seems rather unlikely that there would have been another Joel Preston who had two sons named Amasa and Joel Preston in

⁵ Records of Officers and Men of New Jersey Wars 1791-1815 (Trenton, NJ: State in Gazette Publishing Co., 1909), p. 202. Publication can be found at the Morristown-Morris Township Library, Morristown, NJ.

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⁷ Joel Preston's pension information, The Pension Roll of 1835, Vol II, The Mid-Atlantic States (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc. 1992).

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⁹ Joel Preston and Lydia A. Young; August 18, 1870 Return of Marriages in the City of Hoboken, New Jersey Marriage Record BJ 351.

¹⁰ Joel Preston's pension information, The Pension Roll of 1835, Vol II, The Mid-Atlantic States (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc. 1992); Joel Preston & Lydia A. Young; August 18, 1870 Return of Marriages in the City of Hoboken, New Jersey Marriage Record BJ 351; 1880 Census, Kingston Township, Dekalb County, IL (1985)]; 1850 Census of Pequannock Township, Morris County, NJ, pages 267 & 268; 1860 Census of Pequannock Township, Morris County, NJ, pages 710 & 713.

¹¹ Joel Preston & Lydia A. Young; August 18, 1870 Return of Marriages in the City of Hoboken, New Jersey Marriage Record BJ 351.

¹² Records of Officers and Men of New Jersey Wars 1791-1815 (Trenton, NJ: State in Gazette Publishing Co., 1909), p. 202. Publication can be found at the Morristown-Morris Township Library, Morristown, NJ; Joel Preston's pension information, The Pension Roll of 1835, Vol II, page 27, The Mid-Atlantic States (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc. 1992).

¹³ Records of Officers and Men of New Jersey Wars 1791-1815 (Trenton, NJ: State in Gazette Publishing Co., 1909), p. 202. Publication can be found at the Morristown-Morris Township Library, Morristown, NJ; Joel Preston's pension information, The Pension Roll of 1835, Vol II, page 27, The Mid-Atlantic States (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc. 1992).

Morris County, New Jersey at the time. When Joel Preston died, Amasa, would have been about one year old and Joel's wife, Jemima, appears to have been pregnant with their son, Joel, Jr. or Jemima probably gave birth to their son, Joel, Jr. prior to Joel, Sr.'s death. It seems very unlikely that Joel, Sr. would have named an unborn child as his heir. Censuses for 1790, 1800, 1810, and 1820 do not exist for New Jersey, and therefore cannot be used to establish a family relationship between Joel, Sr. and Jemima Preston, or between Joel, Sr. and Jemima Preston and their son, Joel Preston, Jr., and their possible son, Amasa Preston.¹⁴

Amasa Preston was born about 1810-1811¹⁵ His date of birth is certainly not clearly established. There are some significant inconsistencies in the Amasa Preston's (a.k.a Amsey/Mosey Preston) vital statistics. First and foremost is the discrepancy in Amasa Preston's first name. Amasa Preston is identified as Amasa, Amsey Amzi and Mosey in a variety of documents. In addition, Amasa Preston's date of birth and age conflict. His Obituary says he was 71 years old in 1888 which means he was born in 1817¹⁶ Clearly, Amasa Preston could not have been 71 in 1888 if he was 75 years old in 1885 as indicated in the 1885 Census for Homer Township, Buchanan County, Iowa.¹⁷ The 1850 and 1860 Morris County, New Jersey Census indicate he was born in 1810.¹⁸ Further, the 1870 and 1880 Census for Dekalb County indicates Amasa was born in 1810-1811.¹⁹ These inconsistencies are rather significant and may indicate that Amasa and Mosey were two different men. The inconsistencies may also indicate that the censuses, obituary and death records are not reliable with respect to his age and date of birth.

Joel S. Preston was born about 1813-1814.²⁰ However, Joel S. Preston's date of birth is certainly not clearly established either. The 1850 Census indicates he was born in 1815.²¹ The 1860 Census indicates he was born in 1820.²² The 1870 Census indicates he was born in 1818 and the 1880 Census indicates he was born in 1814.²³ The Marriage Record for Joel S. Preston and Lydia A. Young indicates Joel S. Preston was born in 1813.²⁴ **Joel S. Preston could not have been born any time after 1812, except perhaps 1813 if his father was Joel Preston, the private, who fought in the War of 1812 as a Private in Captain John Scott's Company, 15th Regiment Infantry and died on December 12, 1812 at the hospital in Plattsburg, New York.**²⁵

¹⁴ Linnea B. Foster, CGRS, genealogical researcher.

¹⁵ Joel Preston and Lydia A. Young; August 18, 1870 Return of Marriages, City of Hoboken, New Jersey Marriage Record BJ 351; The Pension Roll of 1835, Vol. II, The

¹⁶ Amasa Preston's Obituary, Constitution, February 29, 1888, Buchanan County, Illinois

¹⁷ 1885 Census for Homer Township, Buchanan County, Iowa

¹⁸ 1850 Census of Pequannock Township, Morris County, NJ, pages 267 & 268; 1860 Census of Pequannock Township, Morris County, NJ, pages 710 & 713.

¹⁹ 1870 & 1880 Censuses for Kingston Township, Dekalb County, Illinois

²⁰ 1850 United States Census, District 15, Pequannac Township, Morris County, New Jersey, population schedule, p. 267; 1860 United States Census, Pequannock Township, Morris County, New Jersey, population schedule, p. 713; 1870 United States Census, Boonton Township, Morris County, New Jersey, population schedule, p. 43, NARA Roll 87; Marriage of Joel Preston and Lydia A. Young; August 18, 1870 Return of Marriages, City of Hoboken, New Jersey Marriage Record BJ 351; 1880 United States Census, Boonton Township, Morris County, New Jersey, population schedule, ED 114.

²¹ 1850 United States Census, District 15, Pequannac Township, Morris County, New Jersey, population schedule, p. 267.

²² 1860 United States Census, Pequannock Township, Morris County, New Jersey, population schedule, p. 713.

²³ 1870 United States Census, Boonton Township, Morris County, New Jersey, population schedule, p. 43, NARA Roll 87; 1880 United States Census, Boonton Township, Morris County, New Jersey, population schedule, ED 114.

²⁴ Marriage of Joel Preston and Lydia A. Young; August 18, 1870 Return of Marriages, Marriage Record BJ 35, City of Hoboken, Hudson County, New Jersey.

²⁵ Records of Officers and Men of New Jersey Wars 1791-1815 (Trenton, NJ: State in Gazette Publishing Co., 1909), p. 202. Publication can be found at the Morristown-Morris Township Library, Morristown, NJ. Joel Preston's pension information, The Pension Roll of 1835, Vol II, page 27, The Mid-Atlantic States (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc. 1992).

On October 20, 1818, Anthony Zeak and Elizabeth, his wife, of Pequannock Township conveyed to Jemima Preston of Pequannock Township land in Pequannock Township identified as part of tract of 90-acres released to Rinehart Grim by George Diffendorf and Betsy, his wife, and Christian Grim, mother of said Reinhart, November 20, 1798.²⁶ Mentioned in bounds: George Diffendorf 2 and 50/100-acres.²⁷ The sales price was \$120.²⁸ The Deed was signed by Anthony Zeak, Elizabeth (her X mark) Zeak.²⁹ The Deed was acknowledged October 21, 1818 and the witnesses were Silas Cook and Charlotte E. Cook.³⁰ The Deed was recorded April 1, 1819.³¹

There is no evidence which proves the Jemima Preston who purchased the 90-acres of land from Anthony Zeak and his wife in October 1818 is Joel Preston's wife. If she was Joel Preston's wife, it is quite possible that Jemima Preston used the money her sons received as the beneficiaries of their fathers pension to purchase the 90-acres of land. The pension started paying \$48.00 per year on March 23, 1818 and she bought the land on October 20, 1818.³² According to The Pension Roll of 1835, Amasa and Joel Pension received half of their fathers pay for five years in lieu of bounty land under the second section of the act of April 16, 1816.³³ Further, it seems doubtful that Jemima farmed the land since her boys would have been about 5-7 years old when she purchased the land. It seems more likely that she would have lived on part of the land and rented the remainder to support herself and her boys. Still, Ms. Foster did not find Jemima Preston listed in the Tax Ratables after she purchased the land in 1818

Joel S. Preston Family

Joel S. Preston's first wife was Catherine, but their date and place of marriage is unknown. Also unknown is Catherine's maiden name. Possibly, Catherine's maiden name was Van Riper.³⁴ Linnea B. Foster, CGRS noted while doing her research that Jacob Van Riper, 60, and Elizabeth Van Riper, 50, lived in the next household as shown on the 1850 Census and maybe they are Catherine's parents.³⁵ Also, John Vanriper maybe Catherine's brother. He is shown living with Joel S. Preston and his wife, Catherine, in the 1850 Census. Catherine and John's ages are very close.

²⁶ Deed dated October 20, 1818; Recorded April 1, 1819, Morris County Deed Book H2-309, Morris County Clerk's Office, Morristown, New Jersey.

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³³ The Pension Roll of 1835, Vol II, page 25, The Mid-Atlantic States (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc. 1992).

³⁴ 1850 United States Census, District 15, Pequannock Township, Morris County, New Jersey, population schedule, p. 267.

³⁵ 1850 United States Census, District 15, Pequannock Township, Morris County, New Jersey, population schedule, p. 267.

The August 2, 1850 United States Census, District 15, Pequannac Township, Morris County, New Jersey indicates:³⁶

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>
Joel S. ³⁷ Preston	35	Laborer	NJ
Catherine	19		NJ
Jemima	2		NJ
John Vanriper	13		NJ

Based on the 1850 Census, it appears that Joel and Catherine probably were married sometime around 1845-1847 since they had a two-year-old daughter in 1850.³⁸

The July 7, 1860 United States Census, Pequannac Township, Morris County, New Jersey indicates:³⁹

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>PProp</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>
Joel S. Preston	40	Laborer	30. Pers. Estate	Morris Co., NJ
Catherine	30			Morris Co., NJ
Jemima	13			Morris Co., NJ
Thomas W.	9			Morris Co., NJ
Samuel	2			Morris Co., NJ
Sarah D.	8/12			Morris Co., NJ

On December 4, 1861, Edmund Duryea and Hetty, his wife, of Pequannock Township conveyed to Joel S. Preston of Pequannock Township 65/100 of an acre in Pequannock Township.⁴⁰ The property was in Joel's possession at the time it was conveyed to him.⁴¹ The sales price was \$5.00.⁴² The transaction was acknowledged on December 6, 1861 and the witness to the transaction was Wm. Mc Carty.⁴³ The Deed was recorded November 21, 1874.⁴⁴

J. Preston is also shown owning property in the upper portion of Taylortown, District No. 16, Montville.⁴⁵ Ms. Foster explained that the property on which J. Preston is shown living on in the upper portion of Taylortown, District No. 16, Montville is likely the property mentioned in Deed

³⁶ 1850 United States Census, District 15, Pequannac Township, Morris County, New Jersey, population schedule, p. 267. 1850 Census located at the Morristown-Morris Township Library.

³⁷ Linnea B. Foster, CGRS noted while doing her research that although Joel's middle initial could be read as "T," comparing it with an "S" in the name Steir above makes it more likely that it is that letter.

³⁸ 1850 United States Census, District 15, Pequannac Township, Morris County, New Jersey, population schedule, p. 267. 1850 Census located at the Morristown-Morris Township Library.

³⁹ 1860 United States Census, Pequannock Township, Morris County, New Jersey, population schedule, p. 713. 1860 Census located at the Morristown-Morris Township Library.

⁴⁰ Deed dated December 4, 1861; Recorded November 21, 1874, Morris County Deed Book B9-337, Morris County Clerks Office, Morristown, New Jersey.

⁴¹ Deed dated December 4, 1861; Recorded November 21, 1874, Morris County Deed Book B9-337, Morris County Clerks Office, Morristown, New Jersey.

⁴² Deed dated December 4, 1861; Recorded November 21, 1874, Morris County Deed Book B9-337, Morris County Clerks Office, Morristown, New Jersey.

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⁴⁴ Deed dated December 4, 1861; Recorded November 21, 1874, Morris County Deed Book B9-337, Morris County Clerks Office, Morristown, New Jersey.

⁴⁵ Beers, F.W., Atlas of Morris County, New Jersey (1868) Towns of Boonton and Montville - p. 28. The Atlas of Morris County can be found in the Morristown-Morris Township Library.

J. Preston is also shown owning property in the upper portion of Taylortown, District No. 16, Montville. Ms. Foster explained that the property on which J. Preston is shown living on in the upper portion of Taylortown, District No. 16, Montville is likely the property mentioned in Deed B9 337 dated December 4, 1861 that places the land in Pequannock Township. Ms. Foster further explained that Montville Township was formed from Pequannock Township in 1867.

On December 6, 1869, John Provost conveyed two acres in Boonton Township to Joel S. Preston.⁴⁶

The July 29, 1870 United States Census, Boonton Township, Morris County, New Jersey indicates:⁴⁷

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>RProp</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>
Preston, Joel S.	52	Laborer	\$40. real estate	New Jersey
Samuel	12			New Jersey
Nicholas	9			New Jersey
Sarah D.	10			New Jersey

Apparently, Catherine died between the birth of her son, Nicholas about 1861, and the 1870 Census which shows only Joel and his children.⁴⁸

On August 18, 1870, Joel Preston of Boonton married Lydia A. Young of Pompton Plains⁴⁹ Joel was a widower, aged 57 and his occupation was listed as laborer.⁵⁰ Joel Preston's parents were identified as Joel and Jemima, both deceased.⁵¹ Lydia was a widower, aged 42.⁵² Her parents were identified as John and Susan Riker⁵³ The wedding was performed in Denville by Rev. Wm. Tunison, a resident of Hoboken.⁵⁴

⁴⁶ Deed dated December 16, 1882; Recorded January 16, 1883, Morris County Deed Book Y10-92, Morris County Clerks Office, Morristown, New Jersey.

⁴⁷ 1870 United States Census, Boonton Township, Morris County, New Jersey, population schedule, p. 43, NARA Roll 87; 1870 Census located at the Morristown-Morris Township Library.

⁴⁸ 1870 United States Census, Boonton Township, Morris County, New Jersey, population schedule, p. 43, NARA Roll 87; 1870 Census located at the Morristown-Morris Township Library.

⁴⁹ Joel Preston and Lydia A. Young; August 18, 1870 Return of Marriages in the City of Hoboken, New Jersey Marriage Record BJ 351.

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Joel Preston appears on the 1880 Census with his new wife Lydia.⁵⁵ The June 4, 1880 United States Census, Boonton Township, Morris County, New Jersey indicates:⁵⁶

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>
46 48	46 48	Preston, Joel	66	laborer	NJ - parents born in NJ
		Lydia A.	52?	wife	housekeeping
		Nicholas	19	son	miner
					NJ - parents born in NJ

On December 16, 1882, Joel S. Preston and Lydia A., his wife, of Boonton Township conveyed two acres in Boonton Township to Richard H. Richards of Town of Boonton, same premises conveyed by John Provost to Joel S. Preston, December 6, 1869.⁵⁷ Mentioned in bounds: road from Boonton to Taylortown, Peter Van Ness, dec'd, Jacob R. Vreeland.⁵⁸ The property's sales price was \$250.⁵⁹ The Deed was signed by Joel S. Preston and Lydia A. Preston, X her mark.⁶⁰ The transaction was acknowledged December 16, 1882 and the witness was Newton S. Kitchell.⁶¹ The Deed was recorded January 16, 1883⁶²

Based on the 1880 Census and depending on his true date of birth, Joel S. Preston would have been about 68-69 years old when he and his wife, Lydia A., sold their property in Boonton Township on December 16, 1882. After the 1882 sale, Joel S. Preston could no longer be found in Morris County. Possibly, Joel moved to another county or out of New Jersey.⁶³ Joel Preston was not listed in Boyds Morris County Directory 1883-1884 for Boonton or Boonton Township.⁶⁴ Linnea Foster checked the New Jersey Vital Records - Deaths at the New Jersey Archives in Trenton, New Jersey, but did not find Joel Preston listed there either. Ms. Foster also noted that Joel Preston was not found in the 1900 Soundex of New Jersey. Therefore, a search of Death Records from 1882-1899 for Morris County was made, but no record was found for Joel Preston.⁶⁵ There is no statewide index to these records and each year must be search for each county.⁶⁶

⁵⁵ Marriage Record of Joel Preston and Lydia A. Young, New Jersey Marriages, City of Hoboken, Hudson County, BJ351, New Jersey Archives, Trenton, New Jersey.

⁵⁶ 1880 United States Census, Boonton Township, Morris County, New Jersey, population schedule, ED 114. 1880 Census located at the Morristown-Morris Township Library.

⁵⁷ Deed dated December 16, 1882; Recorded January 16, 1883, Morris County Deed Book Y10-92, Morris County Clerks Office, Morristown, New Jersey.

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⁶³ Linnea B. Foster, CGRS.

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Amasa Preston Family

Amasa Preston married Rachel Vanderhoof in Morris County, New Jersey on November 24, 1838.⁶⁷ Rachel Vanderhoof's parents are **possibly** Garrett and Elizabeth Vanderhoof. The 1860 Census of Pequannock Township⁶⁸ shows Garret Vanderhoof age 78, and Elizabeth Vanderhoof, age 80, on the line below the household of Amsey and Rachel Preston. Garrett Vanderhoof was recorded as having \$200 in real estate.⁶⁹ The below referenced Deeds **do not** prove that Garret and Elizabeth Vanderhoof were the parents of Rachel Vanderhoof. Instead, the deeds provide more information about Garret and Elizabeth Vanderhoof. Further research is required to prove who Rachel Vanderhoofs parents were.

On May 29, possibly 1820, Garret Vanderhoof and Betsy, his wife, of Pequannock Township to John Nix of same.⁷⁰

Consideration: \$50.

5 acres in Pequannock Township, part of 10 acres Joseph Scott Conveyed to Rhinehart [Crim/Grin?] by deed dated February 14, 1812 about 1 mile from Aaron Miller. Mentioned in bounds: road from Miller to Split Rock.

Signed:	Garret Vanderhoof	X his mark
	Betsy Vanderhoof	X her mark
Acknowledged:	June 13, 1820	
Recorded	November 9, 1847	

On November 13, 1855, Garret Vanderhoof and Elizabeth, his wife, of Pequannock Township to Peter Mead of same.⁷¹

Consideration: \$15.

5 acres in Pequannock Township, same as property conveyed from Conrad [Lines?] and Margaret, his wife, and Samuel Conrod and his wife to Garret Vanderhoof, 31 May 1842. Property at [Kay Kout?] Mountain where Garret Vanderhoof resided at that time.

Signed:	Garret Vanderhoof	X his mark
	Elizabeth Vanderhoof	X her mark
Witness:	Benjamin Crane	
Acknowledged:	February 11, 1856	
Recorded:	December 28, 1860	

⁶⁷ Morris County Marriage Records Book D, page 60.

⁶⁸ 1860 Census of Pequannock Township, Morris County, New Jersey, Population Schedule, p. 269, NARA Roll M432-459, Morristown-Morris Township Library, New Jersey.

⁶⁹ 1860 Census of Pequannock Township, Morris County, New Jersey, Population Schedule, p. 269, NARA Roll M432-459, Morristown-Morris Township Library, New Jersey.

⁷⁰ Deed Book M4-149, Morris County Clerks Office, New Jersey.

⁷¹ Deed Book X5-3 18, Morris County Clerks Office, New Jersey.

Amasa Preston was 12 years older than his wife, Rachel.⁷² He was born in 1810-11⁷³ while Rachel was born in 1823-24.⁷⁴ Therefore, Rachel would have been 14-15 years old when they were married, and Amasa would have been 27-28. Amasa and Rachel (Vanderhoof) Preston had at least six children.⁷⁵ Their children are listed in the following table.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Rachel's Age</u>	<u>Amasa's Age</u>	<u>Childs Place of Birth</u>
Unnamed daughter	1835-1840	12-17	25-30	Unknown
Maragretta	1843-1844	20-21	33-34	Pequannock, Morris County, New Jersey
Hester	1845	21-22	34-35	Pequannock, Morris County, New Jersey
Joel	1847-1848	24-25	37-38	Pequannock, Morris County, New Jersey
Jacob	03/1847-04/1849	24-26	37-39	Pequannock, Morris County, New Jersey
William H.	1857	33-34	46-47	Pequannock, Morris County, New Jersey
Mary Ester	09/15/1865	41-42	54-55	Kingston, Dekalb County, Illinois
	1861	37-38		

Linnea B. Foster explained, Amasa Preston appears on the 1840 Census for Pequannock, Morris County, New Jersey, though the name shown on the 1840 Census appears to be “Amora Priston” or “Amosa Priston” or possibly “Amasa Priston” depending on one’s interpretation of the writing.⁷⁶ On the 1840 Census for Pequannock, Morris County, New Jersey, page 305, between Amasa’s first and last names it looks like there was the letter “S.” It is difficult to be sure if this was a middle initial or the start of a letter and then the enumerator continued on with Preston. It would be rather doubt the latter of the two, since one does not see “corrections” in these older censuses. The point is that if there was an initial “S,” it would still be wise to keep Samuel Preston open as an option for Amasa’s grandfather (the father of Joel). Remember also that Amasa’s son Jacob had a son Samuel Preston, so the name does appear in this family. Not to mention Amasa’s own brother Joel had “S” as his middle initial too.

The information in the 1840 Census is as follows:⁷⁷

Preston, Amosa/Amasa ⁷⁸		
Males	1	30-40
Females	1	under 5
	1	20-30

⁷² 1850 & 1860 Censuses for Pequannock Township, Morris County, New Jersey; and 1870 & 1880 Censuses for Dekalb County, Illinois.

⁷³ 1850 & 1860 Censuses for Pequannock Township, Morris County, New Jersey; and 1870 & 1880 Censuses for Dekalb County, Illinois.

⁷⁴ 1850 & 1860 Censuses for Pequannock Township, Morris County, New Jersey; and 1870 & 1880 Censuses for Dekalb County, Illinois.

⁷⁵ 1850 & 1860 Censuses for Pequannock Township, Morris County, New Jersey; and 1870 & 1880 Censuses for Dekalb County, Illinois.

⁷⁶ 1840 Census for Pequannock, Morris County, New Jersey, page 305.

⁷⁷ 1840 Census for Pequannock, Morris County, New Jersey, page 305.

⁷⁸ On the 1840 Census for Pequannock, Morris County, New Jersey, page 305.

Amasa would be the one male in the category 30-40 years old and Rachel would be the female in the category 0-30 years old.⁷⁹ It also appears that Amasa and Rachel Preston's daughter, Margaretta, was not their first-born child. It appears from the 1840 Census that Amasa and Rachel gave birth to a daughter born between 1835-1840,⁸⁰ about 5-6 years after Amasa and Rachel Preston's marriage.⁸¹ This girl may have died because she does not show up on any later census and there could have been other children after the first child, but prior to Margaretta's birth given the length of time.

The 1850 Census for Pequannock Township, Morris County, New Jersey shows Amasa Preston, age 40; Rachel, age 26; Margaret, age 7; Hester age 5; Joel age 3 and Jacob, age 1.⁸² The entire family is listed as being born in Morris County, New Jersey.⁸³ Of their children, only Margaret and Hester are listed as attending school.⁸⁴

Amasa and Rachel (Vanderhoof) Preston appear on the 1860 Census for Pequannock Township, Morris County, New Jersey. The Census shows Amasy Preston, age 50; Rachel, age 37; Margaret, age 17; Joel age 13; Jacob, age 11; and William H, age 3.⁸⁵ The entire family is listed as born in Morris County, New Jersey.⁸⁶ The value of Amasa's personal estate is listed as \$200.⁸⁷ Of his children, only Joel and Jacob are listed as attending school.⁸⁸ Margaretta either finished school or did not attend.⁸⁹ Further, it is not known what happened to Hester. She would have been 15 years old in 1860 and Hester could have married by then.

Margaretta Preston's year of birth is 1843 based on her age as identified in the 1850 & 1860 Censuses for Pequannock Township,⁹⁰ the 1880 Federal Census for Pawnee Township, Smith County, Kansas⁹¹ and the White Funeral Home Records, Independence, Iowa.⁹² Her birth year is 1842 based on her age as shown on the 1870 Census for Franklin Township, Dekalb County, Illinois.⁹³ The cemetery records of Wilson Cemetery indicate her birth date is 1844.⁹⁴ Margaret (Preston) (Decker) Fuller's headstone reads 1844-1906.⁹⁵

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| 79 | 1840 Census for Pequannock, Morris County, New Jersey, page 305. |
| 80 | 1840 Census for Pequannock, Morris County, New Jersey, page 305. |
| 81 | Morris County Marriage Records Book D, page 60. |
| 82 | 1850 United States Census, District 15, Pequannock Township, Morris County, New Jersey, population schedule, |
| p. 710. | |
| 83 | 1850 United States Census, District 15, Pequannock Township, Morris County, New Jersey, population schedule, |
| p. 710. | |
| 84 | 1850 United States Census, District 15, Pequannock Township, Morris County, New Jersey, population schedule, |
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| 85 | 1860 United States Census, District 15, Pequannock Township, Morris County, New Jersey, population schedule, |
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| 88 | 1860 United States Census, District 15, Pequannock Township, Morris County, New Jersey, population schedule, |
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| 89 | 1860 United States Census, District 15, Pequannock Township, Morris County, New Jersey, population schedule, |
| p. 710. | |
| 90 | 1850 Pequannock Township, Morris County, New Jersey; page 268; 1860 Pequannock Township, Morris County, New Jersey, page 710; and the Census of 1870 & 1880 Dekalb County, Illinois; William Deckers obituary, Constitution, July 29, 1951; William Deckers Death Certificate; Buchanan County Marriage Records |
| 91 | 1880 Federal Census for Pawnee Township, Smith County, Kansas. |
| 92 | White Funeral Home Records, Independence, Iowa. |
| 93 | 1870 Census for Kingston Township, Dekalb County, Illinois. |
| 94 | Margaret (Preston) Fuller Cemetery Card, Wilson Cemetery, Sumner Township, Buchanan County, Iowa. |

There are also significant inconsistencies in Jacob Preston's vital statistics. The 1895 Census indicates Jacob Preston was born April 1847 in New Jersey,⁹⁶ though his Obituary indicates he was born in 1846.⁹⁷ The 1900 Census also indicates he was born in 1847.⁹⁸ However, the 1850, 1860 and 1880 Censuses indicate he was born in 1849.⁹⁹ The 1885 Census shows Jacob Preston born in 1889 in New Jersey.¹⁰⁰

Amasa Preston supported his family by working as a laborer. The 1850 Census lists Amasa's occupation as laborer¹⁰¹ and the 1860 Census identifies Amasa's occupation as farm laborer.¹⁰² Amasa Preston was also a part owner of a church located in Unionville which he lost through foreclosure.¹⁰³ The defendants, Amzi Preston, Elijah Kayhart, William A. [Hill?], Abraham Lish, John D. [Pelin?] were indebted for \$290.82.¹⁰⁴ The property the defendants owned as of August 20, 1860 was a one story frame church on one acre in Pequannock Township on the road from Montville to Stony Brook at junction of the road leading to Bloomingdale near Elijah Kayhart.¹⁰⁵

The Sheriff's Sale involved Trustees of Wesleyan Church at Unionville.¹⁰⁶ The property in the sheriff's sale was bought by Elijah Kayhart and Abram Leach for \$300.¹⁰⁷ The sale was acknowledged on February 18, 1861 and recorded February 19, 1861.¹⁰⁸ Linnea B. Foster, CGRS explained that present day Stony Brook Road is near Taylortown. The deed to the property sold at the sheriff's sale indicates that Amasa Preston was a member of the Methodist Church.¹⁰⁹

⁹⁵ Margaret (Preston) Fuller Cemetery Card, Lot 15, Block 7, Addition 1, Wilson Cemetery, Sumner Township, Section 2, Buchanan County, Iowa.

⁹⁶ 1895 Census for Cono Township, Buchanan County, Iowa.

⁹⁷ Jacob Preston's Obituary; Quasquetonian, _____, 1906.

⁹⁸ 1900 Census for Homer Township, Buchanan County, Iowa.

⁹⁹ 1850 Pequannock Township, Morris County, New Jersey; page 268; 1860 Pequannock Township, Morris County, New Jersey, page 710; 1880 Census for Cono Township, Buchanan County, Iowa, Page 418B.

¹⁰⁰ 1885 Census for Homer Township, Buchanan County, Iowa.

¹⁰¹ 1850 United States Census, District 15, Pequannock Township, Morris County, New Jersey, population schedule, p. 710.

¹⁰² 1860 United States Census, District 15, Pequannock Township, Morris County, New Jersey, population schedule, p. 710.

¹⁰³ Sheriff's Sale involving Trustees of Wesleyan Church at Unionville.; Recorded February 19, 186, Morris County Deed Book Y5-132, Morris County Clerks Office, Morristown, New Jersey.

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CHAPTER THIRTEEN

Introduction to the Decker Families

The primary focus of this Section is to follow the direct line of decedents from Peter Decker down through Carl Oliver Reinhold on Carl's mother's side of Carl's family.

The search for William Decker married to Margaretta Preston rests on the operational theory that William married to Margaretta Preston may be a decedent of Andrew Decker married to Elisabeth Dulhagen. **THIS THEORY HAS NOT BEEN PROVEN, although there is some evidence which supports it.** Assuming William Decker married to Margaretta Preston is a decedent of Andrew Decker married to Elisabeth Dulhagen, then William's direct descent can be traced back to Peter Decker from Holland. The following is an excerpt from The Families of Crawford County, Ohio.¹¹⁰

Aaron M. Decker was a son of Peter Decker who came to America from Holland wearing wooden shoes and settled in Bedminster Twp., Somerset Co., then later in Morris Co. N.J. Peter and his wife had a large family, two of the children came to Crawford Co. by 1832, Aaron and his bro.: Peter Jr. m. Sarah Vanderhoof; Frederick; Andrew m. Elizabeth Dulhagen; John A., Jeremiah and William.

Proving that William Decker married to Margaretta Preston is a decedent of Andrew Decker married to Elisabeth Dulhagen starts with The Descendants of Peter Decker¹¹¹ and Andrew Decker's decedents as construed by Harold W. Schroeder and vouched for by George W. Decker.¹¹² Mr. Shroeder's work and The Descendants of Peter Decker¹¹³ indicate Andrew and Elisabeth Decker had seven children one of which was Andrew Decker born about 1843.¹¹⁴ Mr. Shroeder's work and The Descendants of Peter Decker¹¹⁵ indicate Andrew Decker married Phebe. Mr. Shroeder's work indicates that Andrew and Phebe Decker had three children: Susannah, William and Deborah.¹¹⁶ Mr. Shroeder's work further indicates that Susannah married Adam Trumboar;¹¹⁷ William married Margaret; and Deborah married Augustus Vanderhoof.¹¹⁸ Finally, Mr. Shroeder's work indicates that William and Margaret had three children: Rachel, Ursula and William; and Deborah Vanderhoof and her husband had two children: Peter and William.¹¹⁹

Using Harold Shroeder's chart of decedents of Andrew Decker married to Elisabeth Dulhagen, I tried to find evidence which proves that William Henry Decker married to Eliza Jane Hare is the same William referred to in Mr. Shroeder's chart as being the son of William married to Margaret, and that William married to Margaret are the same people as William Decker married to Margaretta Preston, the parents of William Henry Decker married

¹¹⁰ The Families of Crawford County, Ohio, 1977-1978, page 21.

¹¹¹ Descendants of Peter Decker, page 1, Decker Family file, Morristown-Morris Township Library, Morristown, New Jersey.

¹¹² Harold W. Schroeder Collection MFLH 001.

¹¹³ Descendants of Peter Decker, page 1, Decker Family file, Morristown-Morris Township Library, Morristown, New Jersey.

¹¹⁴ Harold W. Schroeder Collection MFLH 001.

¹¹⁵ Descendants of Peter Decker, page 1, Decker Family file, Morristown-Morris Township Library, Morristown, New Jersey.

¹¹⁶ Harold W. Schroeder Collection MFLH 001.

¹¹⁷ Harold W. Schroeder Collection MFLH 001.

¹¹⁸ Harold W. Schroeder Collection MFLH 001; Application for Probate of Will dated April 14, 1890, Phebe Adkins, Deceased, Book D of Renunciations and Applications, Page 17; Phebe Adkin's Will [S 526] dated August 26, 1887, Petition to Probate Phebe Adkin's Will dated April 14, 1870, Documents filed 313-9, Morris County Clerk's Office, Morristown, New Jersey.

¹¹⁹ Harold W. Schroeder Collection MFLH 001.



NORA MELISSA DECKER'S BABY PICTURE
 BORN APRIL 13, 1892.
 ELIZA JANE AND WILLIAM HENRY DECKER'S DAUGHTER.



MARGARETTA ANN (PRESTON) (DECKER) FULLER
 THOUGHT TO BE BORN IN 1843-1844.
 WILLIAM HENRY DECKER'S MOTHER.



ELIZA JANE HARE, WILLIAM HENRY DECKER'S WIFE
 BORN SEPTEMBER 15, 1872.



WILLIAM HENRY DECKER
 BORN NOVEMBER 27, 1864.



**WILLIAM HENRY DECKER AND HIS WIFE,
ELIZA JANE (HARE) DECKER**



**(L) ELIZA JANE (HARE) DECKER
(R) NORA (DECKER) REINHOLD'S MOTHER**



**WILLIAM HENRY DECKER
NORA (DECKER) REINHOLD'S FATHER**



**ELIZA JANE (HARE) DECKER
NORA (DECKER) REINHOLD'S MOTHER**



ELIZA JANE (HARE) DECKER
SITTING, BERNICE (DECKER) SIGLIN STAND
HOLDER DAUGHTER, SHIRLEY. ELIZA IS
BERNICE'S MOTHER

to Eliza Jane Hare. However, immediately, difficulties occurred proving Mr. Shroeder's work regarding William married to Margaret and their three children: Rachel, Ursula and William.¹²⁰

The Descendants of Peter Decker¹²¹ indicates Andrew Decker married Elisabeth Dulhagen and gave birth to their son, Andrew Decker in about 1807. According to the Descendants of Peter Decker,¹²² Andrew Decker (b: about 1807) married Phebe as shown below.

Possibly Brothers Peter, John And Jacob Decker

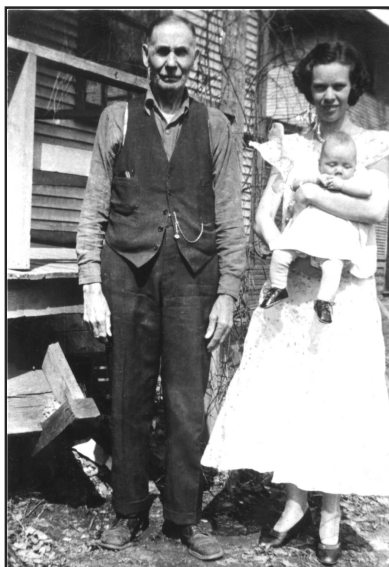
In Janet Bornhoeft's email to Linna Foster, dated October 29, 2003,¹²³ Janet wrote:

1. [DELETED INFO]

2. [DELETED INFO]

3. Here's the possible connection of Christopher Decker to my family (and possibly Lawrence Reinhold's) (bear with me, it's long):

My ancestor is Aaron M. Decker (m. Mary Vanderhoof 1808 Pomp PI RDC) and he lived on the land in Morris Co owned by Peter Decker who moved to Morris from Bedminister twp, Somerset Co in 1793 we are sure he was Peter's son but there are no church records. Aaron is the grandfather of the William who raised Ursula.



WILLIAM HENRY DECKE
WITH HIS DAUGHTER, BERNICE (DECKER)
SIGLIN HOLDING HER DAUGHTER, SHIRLEY

Peter Decker (above), whose wife was Stintje (1789 deed), was the only Decker in Somerset Co during the Revolutionary War period. There was no Peter Decker in Hunterdon during that time. The only other Decker in either county was John Decker (m. Sarah DeMott) from Readington, Hunterdon and Jacob Decker from Amwell, Hunterdon. The existent records from these Counties are meager (tax lists and deeds) especially Somerset where a fire at the town clerk's house (Aaron Longstreet) in abt 1845 burned lots of records and where the Lamington and Bedminister Church records don't start until the 1800's.

We think the above three Deckers were brothers and were the sons of Andries Decker and Diverdje Maule and that Christopher was their brother as well. This is based on a Record of Transfer dated May 19, 1777 (copied from County Clerk Records, Newton, NJ Deed Book N and appearing in Crawn Collection reel #1, Darrah to Drake at the Sussex Co library):

¹²⁰ Harold W. Schroeder Collection MFLH 001.

¹²¹ Descendants of Peter Decker, page 1, Decker Family file, Morristown-Morris Township Library, Morristown, New Jersey.

¹²² Descendants of Peter Decker, page 1, Decker Family file, Morristown-Morris Township Library, Morristown, New Jersey.

¹²³ Janet Bornhoeft's email to Linna Foster, cced Lawrence Reinhold, dated October 29, 2003, Subject Christopher Decker.

Grantors: Jacob Decker, Amwell, Hunterdon Co., executor of Father's estate: Andreas Decker, deceased: Johannes Decker and Peter Decker, Readington, Hunterdon Co, parties of the first part. Grantee: Christopher Decker (brother of parties of the first part), Montague twp, Sussex Co. N.J. Location of property: Montague twp, Sussex Co., NJ. Part of a 2000-acre tract returned to John Stephanson and Solomon Davis, in Burlington, and then conveyed to Lambert Brink, deceased and from thence to Andreas Decker, deceased, father of the above parties. Property begins at a black oak tree standing northerly of Evert Rose Westbrook's house....

Andris Decker wrote a will in 1760 in which he named his surviving children: Andreas Decker (killed by Indians in 1763), Christopher Decker, Casparus Fryonmoot Decker, Johannis Decker, Peter Decker, Jacob Decker and Phillipus Decker.

These children, and others, were baptized at Machackemeck, Orange County, NY. (Peter, Johannes, and Casparus Fryenmoet baptized May 7, 1749; Christopher baptized Dec 23, 1744).

An Admiral Benton Weaver Decker wrote that Andrie's Peter Decker m. Lea Beemer. But this Peter, it has been proven, was born in 1760 and was the son of Martinus Decker proof in Martinus' Revol. War file at the National Archives.

So, if the Christopher Decker whose records are in Passaic County is this Christopher Decker, it could give proof to what is so far circumstantial evidence about the connection between my Aaron and Peter Decker and Andries Decker going back in time....and possibly the connection with Lawrence's family if the genealogy goes forward in time.

By the way back to Lawrence's family: I am convinced that the Andrew Decker born to Andrew Decker and Elizabeth Fredericks Jan 23, 1808 (Pomp Pl RDC) is related to our family cuz of the Ursula connection. However, I am not so sure this Andrew belongs in the family tree of Andrew Decker and Elizabeth Dulhagen. This tree (written on graph paper) I believe was assembled by a man named Schroeder who used censuses for most of his information. George W. Decker is descended from Jacob Decker in this family, so he was most offended that I suggested that the Andrew m. Phebe and Peter and Catherine might have been mixed up with other families. If you want my line of reasoning on all this, let me know. But then again, I may be giving you a Decker headache.

Hope to hear from you soon. Janet

Lylia Hare's analyses: Beginning with Peter Decker (according to the Descendancy file that came from the Morris Library in Morristown, NJ), it showed that Peter had the following family:¹²⁴

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| 1) | William Decker | b- btw 1760-1770 |
| 2) | Jeremiah Decker | b- btw. 1770-1780 |
| 3) | ANDREW Decker | b- Bet. 1770-1780 (our line) |
| 4) | Frederick Decker | b- |
| 5) | AARON M. Decker | b-Feb. 2, 1786 (Janet and Kathleen's line) |
| 6) | James Decker | b- d- Apr. 4, 1849 |
| 7) | Peter Decker Jr. | b- Btw. 1790-1800 |

8) John A. Decker b-

Andrew married Elizabeth Dulhagen in 1795 and they had seven children. Their son Andrew Decker b- 1807 d- abt. 1843 md. Phebe. (Now we know his wife was Phebe DeMouth). These were the parents of our William Decker who married Margaret Preston.

Continuing on with the outline, it showed that Aaron M. Decker married Mary Vanderhoof and they had 11 children. Their son, JAMES A. DECKER, married Margaret Vanderhoof and these were the parents of William Henry Decker, the man who has the biographical sketch from Dekalb County, IL.

So once again, here is the descendancy outline from Peter:

PETER DECKER

sons: ANDREW AARON M.
their sons Andrew James A. (md Margaret Vanderhoof)
their sons William (md. Margaret Preston) William Henry (md. Eunice (Lizzie) Shorey)
their children Ursula, William & Rachel

Among other papers that you had sent me, I found a page that showed additional information about Andrew Decker.

Andrew Decker md. Elisabeth Dulhagen on Aug 6, 1795 at the First Reformed Church of Pompton Plains - Rev. Stephanus Ostrander.

Andrew Decker and Phebe DeMouth's Children:

Deborah Decker	b- Jan. 7, 1832	d- Feb 28, 1854
William Decker	b- Jan 7, 1832	d-
John Decker	b- Sep 21, 1835	d- Nov 26, 1916
Susan Decker	b- Nov 27, 1837	d-

Note: These children match the information on Phebe's heir list.

Andrew Decker passed away and Phebe DeMouth remarried to William Adkins. Phebe died March 16, 1999 (74 years). Their children were also listed with names and dates.

Ward Adkins	b- Nov 25, 1846	
Decater Adkins	b- Dec 10, 1848	d- Jan 13, 1858
Frederick Adkins	b- Feb 11, 1851	
Ersuly Adkins	b- Apr 14 1853	d- Dec 19, 1853
Rosella Adkins	b- Oct 31, 1854	d- Jan 20, 1888
Charles Adkins	b- May 29 1857	

Ursuly and Rosella Adins were NOT listed on Phebe's heir list at all.

Again, it is interesting that these names were the same as the names of William and Margaret's daughter/s born in NJ.

On Phebe's heir list it listed these surviving children:

John Decker - son
Charles Adkins -son
Ward Adkins -son
Frederick Adkins -son

(Children of deceased son William On Phebe's heir list it listed these surviving children:

John Decker son
Charles Adkins son
Ward Adkins son
Frederick Adkins son

(Children of deceased son, William Decker)

Zulah Decker grand daughter
William Decker grand son
Rachel Decker grand daughter

(Children of deceased daughter, Deborah, wife of Augustine Vanderhoof [sp])

Peter grandson
William grandson

(Children of deceased daughter, Susan, wife of Adam Trumbower)

Rose Trumbower grand daughter
George
Lizzie
Charles
Katie
Annie

According to Janet Bornhoeft, there is definitely more proof than the newspaper article that William is James' son and James is Aaron's son. In Janet Bornhoeft's email to Lawrence Reinhold, December 19, 2002, Janet wrote:

Hi There is definitely more proof than the Newspaper article that William is James son and James is Aaron's son. I don't have it all with me now all I have is a sheet of notes I took trying to integrate all the data. But I've been to the Sycamore and Ogle Co Courthouses etc. So, in train of consciousness here are some tidbits for you:

1. Dec 3, 1858 indenture at Ogle Co Courthouse, Illinois Joseph P. Cotton and wife to "James Decker, Frederick Decker, Mahlon Decker, Alexander Decker, heirs of Aaron M. Decker".

2. from Voters and Taxpayers of Dekalb Co, Ill 1876: South Grove Township: p 280:

"Decker, Margaret Mrs. widow of James; P>O> Dustin; Meth; from New Jersey."

"Decker, Warren, Farmer; P.O. Dustin; value of property \$2,000; Rep; Meth; Ohio" "Decker, WM. Farmer; P.O. Dustin; value of property \$2,000; Rep; Meth; Ohio."

3. The South Grove Cemetery Memorial Booklet talks about James and Margaret coming to Stingy Slough and then South Grove and bought land from the govt for 1.25 an acre and they had thirteen children. (I don't have the booklet in front of me but they named kids in Civil War service, so I'm sure it has William). I think it says Warren and William came home after the war and owned farms south of town hall but that's from memory.

4. Will I think it's James. but it's not in front of me. Anyway, William was given the full share of Jame's estate to be divided when the youngest child turns 21. Others named in will were Urville Kendricks (they went to Nebraska), Elizabeth Decker, Minerva (Decker) Mason, Warren Decker, Matthais Decker, Angeline (Decker) Miller, Charles Decker (from my notes have to look at will when I unearth it again). I found 10 kids am missing 3.

5. The Williams family raised a cousin Ursula....Peg Ellis and I hypothesized it was the one in the graph at Morristown under Andrew's line, but there's a chance it could be a maternal cousin, I suppose. (By the way, the name William may come through the wife of Peter Decker, Stintje she's descended from a William Williamson an old Dutch family (of course in a convoluted way it took lots of \$\$\$ and a great NJ researcher to figure that one out) Also, by the way, Peter Decker supposedly had 13 kids I don't think we have all of them; I suspect there's a Christopher for sure.

6. Peg Ellis (by the way, you should include her in your e mails I've been forwarding stuff to her and she's the expert on Ohio; she's descended from Aaron M's son Mahlon: PegEllis@aol.com.) Anyway, we think Aaron M. Decker's brother, James who married Jane Luke is the Jacobus Vanderver Decker who married Jane Decker Oct 24, 1807 at Pompton Plains Church. There were Lukes who took the name Decker after Revol. War.

7. Be sure to check every single piece of genealogy data from Morristown about Andrew Decker's line. The researcher, Schroeder in the 30's liked to get first names from censuses and then make assumptions about last names. A current researcher, George Decker, has taken this data at face value. Also, some Decker graves were moved from a Decker farm (where they just assume who was there) to the Pompton Plains church, where all of a sudden, they are "sure" of them. One example of "divergent" thinking on this is the marriage of Peter Decker, Jr to Sarah Vanderhoof. In a "Families of Crawford Co (Ohio)" blurb is states that among the sons of Peter Decker were Aaron M. married Mary, James m. Jane and Peter Jr who m. Sarah Vanderhoof. The Morristown info says that this James is Andrew's son; death/birth dates cited as sources these gotten, I believe, from those moved graves and census data using first names. I tried to research Sarah Vanderhoofs back then and there were at least five. You have your work cut out for you with Andrew in NJ. If you want a copy of the 100 plus page booklets on Peter and Stintje his wife that Fred Sisser researched for me, let me know once you're sure of the relationship to us. Fred also thought Peter Jr who m. Sarah was Peter's (not Andrew's son) cuz of the way land was transferred in Pequannack Co, NJ.

Enough for now. I'm trying to get my direct line documented so I can apply to DAR via Peter Decker, Somerset Co, NJ (he moved to Morris in abt 1793)

Please keep me, and Peg Ellis, posted. Also, there's another researcher, Larry Beck who is the descendent of Aaron M's brother, James who is another crackerjack researcher I am on a "guest" computer so I can't give you his address it's on my home address book, not this one.

Well, I'm excited you are probably my cousin, and I can't wait to have you help puzzle out the Dulhagens, Vanderhoofs, and Millers who will meet. Please trust me, William is the son of James and Margaret, son of Aaron M. the proof is here.... somewhere.

Andrew Decker Married to Elisabeth Dulhagen Family

According to Harold W. Schroeder's work, Andrew and Elisabeth (Dulhagen) Decker had the following children.¹²⁵

Andrew Decker married Elisabeth Dulhagen on August 6, 1795 in the First Reformed Church of Pompton Plains.¹²⁶ In Paula Castaldo's email to Janet Bornhoeft, dated October 31, 2000, Paula wrote:

I am sure of the information from John Decker and Mary Jane VanDine forward to this date. Much of the information was done by Charles Marshall, a descendant of John Decker as you will see. He is the caretaker of the Rockaway Valley Cemetery and has been for approximately 50 years now. He is 80 years old.

I have found nothing yet on Vanderhoof. Still looking. You will see that Phebe DeMouth married into the Decker family.

The information in the following Table came from Janet Bornhoeft's research at the Pompton Plains DRC.¹²⁷ Ms. Bornhoeft obtained the following names and birth or baptism dates for the children of Andrew Decker and Elisabeth Dulhagen from actual baptism records on microfilm.¹²⁸ The records were not specific with respect to whether the dates were a birth or a baptism.¹²⁹ There was no Andrew Decker in the baptism records for this couple and three of the other children claimed have discrepant dates and one with a discrepant name when compared to the same information set forth by Mr. Schroeder on the handwritten genealogy on graph paper.¹³⁰ Although it is known that _____ are related through Andrew Decker (b. 1807), one cannot assume he was the child or Andrew Decker married to Elisabeth Dulhagen, nor can one assume that Cathy and Jacob are their children either.¹³¹

In addition, according to Mr. Schroeder's work, Andrew Decker and Elisabeth Dulhagen gave birth to their son, Andrew in about 1807.¹³² However, Mr. Schroeder's work may not be correct with respect to Andrew, son of Andrew Decker married to Elisabeth Dulhagen.¹³³ Pompton Dutch Reformed Church's records shows that Andrew Decker was born January 23, 1808 and was baptized July 3, 1808.¹³⁴ This is somewhat in line with 1807 birth of Andrew Decker, son of Andrew Decker and Elisabeth Dulhagen shown on Mr. Schroeder's chart.¹³⁵ In addition,

¹²⁵ Andrew Decker married to Elisabeth Dulhagen Chart, Harold W. Schroeder Collection, Morristown-Morris Township Library; Genealogy sheet handwritten on graph paper.

¹²⁶ Paula Castaldo's email dated October 31, 2000 to Janet Bornhoeft, including attachments.

¹²⁷ Janet Bornhoeft's email to Lawrence Reinhold dated October 22, 2003, Subject Andrw Decker, born 1807 m. Phebe.

¹²⁸ Janet Bornhoeft's email to Lawrence Reinhold dated October 22, 2003, Subject Andrw Decker, born 1807 m. Phebe.

¹²⁹ Janet Bornhoeft's email to Lawrence Reinhold dated October 22, 2003, Subject Andrw Decker, born 1807 m. Phebe.

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¹³¹ Janet Bornhoeft's email to Lawrence Reinhold dated October 22, 2003, Subject Andrw Decker, born 1807 m. Phebe.

¹³² Andrew Decker married to Elisabeth Dulhagen Chart, Harold W. Schroeder Collection, Morristown-Morris Township Library.

¹³³ Janet Bornhoeft's November 13, 2001 email to Lawrence Reinhold.

¹³⁴ Pompton Dutch Reformed Church's records, _____, New Jersey. _____ Schroeder's chart indicates Andrew Decker was born about _____.

¹³⁵ Linnea B. Foster's email dated March 22, 2002 to Lawrence Reinhold.

the Pompton Dutch Reformed Church's records shows Andrew's mother to be Elizabeth Fredericks, not Dulhagen.¹³⁶ If the church records are correct, then Andrew Decker married to Phebe would be Andrew Decker and Elizabeth Fredericks' son, but Elisabeth Dulhagen's stepson, or there are two Andrew Deckers. In which case, one Andrew Decker is married to Elisabeth Dulhagen and the other Andrew Decker is married to Elizabeth Fredericks. If that is true, then, Andrew Decker born January 23, 1808 could be the son of Andrew Decker married to Elizabeth Fredericks and **NOT** the son of Andrew Decker married to Elisabeth Dulhagen.

In Janet Bornhoeft's email to Lawrence Reinhold, November 13, 2001,¹³⁷ Janet wrote:

Hi Interesting info from Linnea. I will have to digest it and go through my many Decker folders. A few quick comments:

1. We need to beware of assuming Andrew Decker m. Phebe DeMouth is the son of Andrew Decker m. Elizabeth Dulhagen. We do know Andrew m. Elizabeth Dulhagen Aug 6, 1795 PPDRC. And there is a baptism record for Andrew in 1808 PPDRC, but the records (I read a microfilm copy of the original Dutch copy) list ELIZABETH FREDERICKS as the mother of Andres b. 1808. That in itself is weird cuz the other entries for Andrew Decker show wife as Elisabeth Dulhagen: Peter 1796; John 1801; William 1803; Frederick 1813. So, my contention is there were two Andrews one married to Elizabeth Dulhagen and one married to Elizabeth Fredericks. (see #2)

As an aside, about the other kids: 1. Peter A. is listed as being born 1796 1872 and his wife Sarah Vanderhoof as 1800. Seeming proof are tombstones in the PPDRC cemetery, but these graves were transferred there from the old Decker cemetery which was flooded; in fact, the graves for the same people with the same dates are listed in both cemeteries on some lists. What's wrong with these dates? No other old dates are so clear in either cemetery in fact, the descendants aren't quite sure who was buried in the Decker cemetery and no other Decker graves that old are recorded in the PPDRC cemetery.... I asked the keeper of the cemetery and there is no list (what a crime). I bet if it's researched, it will be found that Schroeder provided the dates. (By the way, I think either Peter Jr who m. Sarah Vanderhoof in I think 1817 (that's from memory) and Peter A. Decker are either two people or that they are one and if so, the brother of Andrew and my Aaron M., not Andrew's son. Also note, Caty is listed at PPDRC on date 12 18 1798 and Schroeder has her born in 1800.

2. For what it's worth, there's an inventory for Andrew Decker proved Dec. 31, 1831 (Trenton Archives) in which Peter A. Decker (mark), John Decker (mark) and Andries Decker signed; no wife was mentioned. There is also an inventory made June 15, 1838 of Andrew Decker, Pequannack, with John Decker (mark) administer. So, there were two of them besides Andrew m. Phebe; Peter A. is associated with the Andrew who died in 1831 not 1838....

3. To add to the headache, there's an Ann Ryerson b. 16 Sept 1764 who m. Abram Luke "who subsequently changed his name to Abraham Decker. Ann was daughter of Joris (George) F. Ryerson descended from Frans, Martin) (The Ryerson Genealogy, Trenton, p. 30) My Peter Decker bought land that had belonged to George L. Ryerson. Also, another Ryerson was associated with the Van Rippers whose land Peter Decker ended up on as well.

¹³⁶ Linnea B. Foster's email dated March 22, 2002 to Lawrence Reinhold.

¹³⁷ Janet Bornhoeft's November 13, 2001 email to Lawrence Reinhold.

In relationship to the Lukes, Aaron M's brother, James Decker m. Jane Luke; we think this is the Jacobus Vanderveer Decker who m. Jane Decker at PPDRC. So, is it possible that Ursula is a cousin through the Lukes/Deckers and not the Decker/Deckers? Supposedly the Ryersons were neutral during the Revolution and got grief for it after the war.... maybe that's why they changed their name. Anyway, I have a note that Abraham Decker had a son Peter A. Decker b 1797. James Decker who m. Jane Luke had a child Charlie...so that's precedent for that as a family name. (Did I send you a copy of his family tree or just Aaron's?)

5. There is a researcher who is descended from John Decker and Mary Jane VanDyne who thinks here John is the son of Andrew Decker and Phebe DeMouth, thus making him William's brother. Last I contacted her she couldn't prove further back than the Van Dyne generation. I'll fax you her sheet if you want. I'm also going to e mail her hope her address is the same.

Andrew Decker married Phebe DeMouth,¹³⁸ though her death record indicates her maiden name was Demoth.¹³⁹ Phebe Decker was born June 14, 1814 and died March 16, 1888.¹⁴⁰

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¹³⁸ Wilson, Lois Wells, ed., *Family History of the Ancestors of Lois Eleanore Wells*, (Typescript, 1989), pp. 85, 89, 90, 68.

LBF note: It would appear that this genealogy gives the family line of Phebe. The names of parents, Frederick and Susannah, agree with those given on Phebe's Death Certificate. However, her birth date, 14 Jun 1814, as shown on her gravestone, does not jibe with the statement in the genealogy that Frederick Demouth was killed in the War of 1812.

¹³⁹ Phebe Adkins' Death Certificated, New Jersey Vital Records
- Death Certificate, Morris County, 75 -A10 New Jersey Archives, Trenton, New Jersey

¹⁴⁰ Harold W. Schroeder Collection MFLH 001.

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Descendants of Andrew Decker and Elisabeth Dulhagen Married August 6, 1795, First Reformed
Church of Pompton Plains Reverend Stephanus Ostrander

Andrew Decker and Phebe DeMouth

Children: Deborah Decker	b 1/7/1832	d 2/28/1854
William Decker	b 9/21/1833	
*John Decker	b 10/26/1835	d 11/26/1916
Susan Decker	b 11/27/1837	

Andrew Decker passed away and Phebe Demouth Decker then married William Adkins. Phebe died 3/16/1888 (74 years)

William Adkins and Phebe DeMouth Decker

Children: Ward Adkins	b 11/25/1846	
Decater Adkins	b 12/10/1848	d 1/13/1858
Fredrick Adkins	b 2/11/1851	
Ersuly Adkins	b3/14/1853	d 12/19/1853
Rosella Adkins	b 10/31/1854	d 1/20/1 888
Charles Adkins	b 5/29/1857	

WARNING: ALL THE INFORMATION REGARDING ANDREW DECKER AND ELISABETH DULHAGEN AND ANDREW DECKER AND PHEBE DEMOUTH HAS NOT BEEN PROVEN!

*John Decker (b 10/26/1835 - d 11/26/1916) and Mary Jane VanDyne (VanDine) (b. 9/12/1842 - d 2/18/1880) (Married 3/17/1860)

Children: Charles b 11/30/1861 d 9/26/1935

*Ida b 7/17/1863 d 4/5/1905 Married Samuel Struble in 1881 or 1882.

Samuel died 1891.

Ida then married George Peer)

William	b 3/1/1865	d 12/1934	Married Hanna Cole – 5 children
Leah	b 10/19/1864	d 5/25/47	Married Emmonds Decker – cousin children
Sarah	b 10/24/1872	d?	Married William Beresford – 1 child
Ruth	b 7/23/1847	d?	Married Johnson Young – 1 child
John W.	b 5/7/1876	d?	Married Rose? – 4 children

Mary Jane VanDyne passed away on 6/18/1881 and John Decker then married Charlotte Taylor Miller (b 10/1/1836 - d 11/26/1902)

Charles Decker married Evelyn Beattie (b 10/18/1870 - d 4/13/1958) on 8/27/1890 --(Paterson, NJ

Children:

Viola May b 5/27/1891 d? Married Abram Taylor (b 3/22/1879-d 9/4/1960) on 10/23/1912.

Abram was the son of Nick & Delia Stickle Taylor

Hazel Maud b 4/30/1894 d 12/12/1964 Married George Miller (b 11/18/1894) on 11/24/1915

George was the son of Phenius and Adeline Shaw Miller

Children: Evelyn Merle b 8/24/1918 Married Donald J. Pearce 11/16/1940. Son of Percy and Edna Ward

Children: Elizabeth Merle b 11/16/1941 Married Stanley Topolenski 8/7/1962. Son of Stanley and Alice

Donna Faye b 12/15/1947

Beatrice Ruth b 1/28/1899 Married Hobart Henry Marshall (b 5/1896) on 9/17/19
Hobart was the son of John J. and Mary Alice

Children: Alice May b 9/19/1920 Married George W. Ackerman 6/28/1942 -- Divorced 5/15/1956

Married Harry Parliament 5/18/1956

Charles Hobart b 7/18/1927 Married Mary Ellen Bartholomay 9/25/1952

Children: John Charles b 10/6/1953

James Robert b 4/17/1956

Thomas Henry b 2/24/1960

Ida Decker married Samuel Struble in 1881 or 1882. Samuel Struble's parents were Charles Struble and Mary VanDerhoff

Children: *Carrie Struble b 4/21/1885 d 1/10/1965

William Struble

Arthur Struble

Charles Struble

*Carrie Struble married Jesse Provost (b 1879 or 1880 d 6/24/1950). I believe Jesse's parents were John Provost and Isabelle Jacobus. I have not confirmed this yet.

Children: Helen Mae b 6/1904 d 6/8/1966 Married Frank Cosgrove - divorced. Married John Norvis -- annulled.

Children: Frank III b 6/1/1922

Ida LaBerne 7/17/1923 d 12/28/1999 Married Grant Roberts -- divorced

Children: Archie b 5/5/1951

Children: Katrina b 1983

Dee Lin b 9/20/1953 Married Dean

Children: Sean

Ian

Jason

Jennifer

Stanley Eugene b 1/15/1906 d 03/19/1964 Married Louise Toscan
Children: Ernestine

Jessie Elizabeth b 10/10/1909 d 3/19/1964

Children: Neva Carol Provost b 3/19/1937

Children: Marcia b 4/26/1957

Children: Jonathan

John

Viola Ruth b 10/2/1917

Children: Michele

Children: Brian Patrick b 3/19/1974

Married John Sidorowich

Married Richard Hamblton

b 1/4/1982

Married Elizabeth Herbert

Married Angelo Venturini

Married Gary MacNamara

Sean Michael Louis	b 4/7/1978		
Kevin Gary Norman	b 10/31/1979		
*Doris Evelyn	b 6/10/1922	Married Paul Boccafogli	6/9/1940
Children: Eleanor Ruth	b 4/8/1945	d 9/22/1999	Married Stanley Radomski
10/26/1963			
Children:	Glen	b 5/24/1965	
	Greg	b 5/19/1970	
*Paula Eugenia	b 7/24/1947	Married Thomas Castaldo	8/30/1969
Children:	Scott Andrew	b 5/3/1972	Married Catherine Kendrick
7/8/2000			
Eric Thomas	b 8/16/1974		
Neal Cary	b 1/12/1977		
Karen Delores		Married Charles Scordo	8/24/1968
Children: Kenneth	b 7/18/1969	Married Tina Silva	6/8/1999
Children: Desiree	b 1/10/2000		
Heather	b 1/18/1972	Married Joseph Clark	
Children: Brandon	b 1/6/1993		
Wesley	b 9/24/1996		
Kristy		Married Joel Amar	
Children: Milan	b 7/28/2000		
Paul	b 11/21/1952	Married Deirdre Jamison	
Children: Thomas Jamison	b 7/15/1990		
Audren Rand	b 10/28/1991		
Arnold	b 11/21/1952		

In Paula Castaldo's email to Janet Bornhoeft, dated November 15, 2001, Paula wrote:

Yes, I know for sure about John Decker and Mary Jane VanDuyne. I actually met someone from the VanDuyne side of the family and she had everything all the way back to the 1600's. Evidently, someone in her family had been researching for quite a number of years. As far as John Decker goes, nothing is for sure. I know that John was born October 26, 1835 and died November 26, 1916. He was born and died in Taylortown and is buried in Rockaway Valley Cemetery. He married Mary Jane VanDuyne on March 17, 1860 in Montville. He had two sisters and one brother. Deborah b. 1832, Susan b. 1837, and William b. Sept. 21, 1833. Could William's death in 1865 prompted John to name his son William b. 1865 after his brother?

In Paula Castaldo's email to Linnea B. Foster, dated November 18, 2001, Paula wrote:

Linnea,

Everything I have came from the caretaker at Rockaway Valley Cemetery. Evidentially, his son did the research some years ago. He had William's date of birth only. I also have both his sisters, Deborah and Susan. I have been all thru the Rockaway Valley Cemetery. There is a William Decker buried there 1834-1922. Charles Marshall (the caretaker) could be wrong about William's birth by one year. Charles is a distant cousin and a very hard man to talk to. I actually brought my 84-year-old aunt with me to the cemetery the day I met Charles. He remembered my aunt (his mother and my aunt were cousins and lived close to each other) Unfortunately, he's not very friendly. This William is buried

with Martha A. Decker 1838-1922. The Marshall's also say that these Deckers are descendant=s of Andrew Decker and Elisabeth Dulhagen. I'm sorry I can't help more. If there is any more information I can provide, don't hesitate to ask.

Andrew and Phebe Decker are thought to have had the following children.¹⁴¹

The 1840 Census for Pequannock Township, Morris County, New Jersey shows Phebe (De Mouth) Decker as head of household.¹⁴²

Phebe Decker - 1 male under 5	1 female under 5
1 male 5-10	1 female 5-10
1 male 20-30	1 female 20-30

The 1840 Census appears to confirm that Phebe (De Mouth) Decker's son, William Decker, was born in 1833, based on the information regarding Andrew and Phebe (De Mouth) Deckers children which has **NOT BEEN PROVEN**. The 1840 Census says 1 male under five which probably was John Decker, 1 male

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William and Sarah Ann Adkins were received into the First Presbyterian Church in May 1842.¹⁴³ However, Sarah Ann Adkins died March 1845.¹⁴⁴ On May 19, 1853, after William married Mrs. Phebe (De Mouth) Decker, he was suspended from the Church for various offenses.¹⁴⁵

The Morris County Marriages Book lists the marriage of Mr. Wm. Aakins to Mrs. Phebe Decker on December 25, 1845.¹⁴⁶ They were married at Boonton Falls and at the time they were married, both lived in Boonton.¹⁴⁷

¹⁴¹ Harold W. Schroeder's work, Harold W. Schroeder Collection MFLH001, _____; Paula Castaldo's email dated October 31, 2000 to Janet Bornhoeft, including attachments; Paula Castaldo's November 15, 2001 email to Janet Bornhoeft; Paula Castaldo's November 18, 2001 email to Linnea B. Foster.

¹⁴² The 1840 Census, US Population Schedule, Pequannock Twp., Morris Co., NJ, page 18.

¹⁴³ Church Register, 1832-1967, First Presbyterian Church, Boonton, New Jersey, MFLH 0012-1.

¹⁴⁴ Church Register, 1832-1967, First Presbyterian Church, Boonton, New Jersey, MFLH 0012-1.

¹⁴⁵ Church Register, 1832-1967, First Presbyterian Church, Boonton, New Jersey, MFLH 0012-1.

¹⁴⁶ Marriage Record for Mr. Wm. Aakins to Mrs. Phebe Decker, Morris County Marriages Book E, page 90.

It may seem premature to copy this information. However, I was looking for some mention of William Decker, and did not feel this genealogy should be ignored.

First Presbyterian Church, Boonton, NJ, Church Register 1832 -1967 MFLH 0012-1 Session Book MFGE 0012-2]

LBF note. These records are not indexed. I scanned pages looking for information about the Decker and Adkins families, since the minister of this church married William Adkins and Phebe Decker.

Wm. Aakins and Phebe (De Mouth) Decker were married by Daniel E. Megie, Pastor, Presbyterian Church, Boonton Falls.¹⁴⁸ Most likely, Wm Aakin's name was misspelled. Probably, his name should have been spelled William Adkins as shown in the 1850 Census.

The 1850 Census for Pequanan Township, Morris County, New Jersey was taken September 5, 1850 and shows the following.¹⁴⁹

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>RProp</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>
390 403	William Adkins	40	Farmer \$1000. [real estate]		NJ
	Phebe	36			NJ
	William Adkins, Jr.	16	Laborer		NJ
	John	14			NJ
	Susan	12			NJ
	Morris	13			NJ
	Nicholas	10			NJ
	Abraham	8			NJ
	Ward	3			NJ
	Decatur	1			NJ

The 1850 Census most likely identified William and Phebe (De Mouth) (Decker) Adkins' children from both of their prior marriages in addition to their own children. Undoubtedly, only Ward and Decatur were William and Phebe (De Mouth) (Decker) Adkins' children. The children identified as William, Morris, Nicholas and Abraham are most likely William Adkins' children from his first marriage. The three children identified on the 1850 Census as William, John and Susan are mostly Phebe (De Mouth) (Decker) Adkins' children from her marriage to Andrew Decker. Based on the information regarding Andrew and Phebe (De Mouth) Decker's children, **THOUGH NOT PROVEN**, John Decker was born October 26, 1835 and Susan Decker was born November 27, 1837. Therefore, since John's birthday was not until October 1850, John would have been 14 years old when the 1850 Census was taken and Susan would have been 12 years old when the 1850 Census was taken since her birthday was not until November 1850. Further, William and Phebe (De Mouth) (Decker) Adkins did not have a son name John Adkins or a daughter name Susan Adkins.¹⁵⁰ The Proof of Heirship filed in Phebe (De Mouth) (Decker) Adkins probate proceedings identified one of Phebe's son as John Decker and one of her deceased daughters as Susan married to Adam Trumbown.¹⁵¹

According to the Register William Adkins and Sarah Ann, his wife, were received into the church in May 1842. She died in March 1845. William was suspended from the church, 19 May 1853 for various offences.

These records may not be of any significance now, but since they would be difficult to find again, I copied them.

The Morris Co. Marriage records show the marriage 25 Dec. 1845 of Mr. Wm. Aakins [Adkins?] and Mrs. Phebe Decker, both of Boonton, by Daniel E. Megie, Pastor, Presbyterian Church, Boonton. If Andrew Decker died in 1843, this could be the marriage of his widow.

Note the William E. Vanderhoof in the Adkins household and that Deborah Decker Vanderhoof had a son William.

¹⁴⁷ Marriage Record for Mr. Wm. Aakins to Mrs. Phebe Decker, Morris County Marriages Book E, page 90.

¹⁴⁸ Marriage Record for Mr. Wm. Aakins to Mrs. Phebe Decker, Morris County Marriages Book E, page 90.

¹⁴⁹ 1850 Census, US Population Schedule, District No. 15, Pequanan Twp., Morris Co., NJ, page 290.

¹⁵⁰ Application for Probate of Will dated April 14, 1890, Phebe Adkins, Deceased, Book D of Renunciations and Applications, Page 17; Phebe Adkins' Will [S 526] dated August 26, 1887, Petition to Probate Phebe Adkins' Will dated April 14, 1870, Documents filed 313-9, Morris County Clerk's Office, Morristown, New Jersey.

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The Executor of Phebe (De Mouth) (Decker) Adkins' Will, indicated in the Proof of Heirship filed in Phebe's probate proceedings that Susan Decker was married to Adam Trumbown and identified Susan and Adam Trumbown's children as Rose, George, Lizzie, Charles, Katie & Amie Trumbown.¹⁵² The 1870 Census for Boonton Township, Morris County, New Jersey identifies Adam and Susanna Trumboer and their family.¹⁵³ The information in the 1870 Census is as follows:¹⁵⁴

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>RealP</u>	<u>PerP</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>
Trumboer, Adam	40	M	White	Tack Manufacturing	\$135	\$30	Pennsylvania
Susanna	32	F	White	Keeping House			New Jersey
George	14	M	White	Nails Factory?			New Jersey
Rosella	13	F	White	House Keeping			New Jersey
Elizabeth	9	F	White				New Jersey
Annie	6	F	White				New Jersey
Charles	3	M	White				New Jersey

Adam Trumbboer was a citizen of the United States.¹⁵⁵ In addition, apparently, none of the children were in school.¹⁵⁶

Most likely the child identified on the 1850 Census as William Adkins, Jr. age 17,¹⁵⁷ was Phebe (De Mouth) (Decker) Adkins' son, William Decker, from her marriage to Andrew Decker. It seems very likely that the William Adkins, Jr. living with William and Phebe (De Mouth) (Decker) Adkins is the same person as the William A. Decker who appears on the 1860 Census living with William and Phebe (De Mouth) (Decker) Adkins. In the 1850 Census, the person listed as William Adkins, Jr., was probably identified as such because William was the child where the census taker split the family and William was continued to the next page.¹⁵⁸ Therefore, it is believed that the census taker tagged William with the last name Adkins from William and Phebe (De Mouth) (Decker) Adkins family on the bottom of the previous page. Further, since William appears to be the William Adkins' son, William was probably further identified as Jr.

If the information regarding Andrew and Phebe (De Mouth) Decker's children, **THOUGH NOT PROVEN**, is correct, Phebe (De Mouth) (Decker) Adkins' sons (William Decker's) birth date is September 21, 1833. William Decker would have been 17 on September 21, 1850.

If the information regarding Andrew and Phebe (De Mouth) Decker's children, **THOUGH NOT PROVEN**, is correct, Phebe (De Mouth) (Decker) Adkins' son's (William Decker's) birth date is September 21, 1833. William Decker would have been 17 on September 21, 1850. (1850 - 1833 years = 17.) The 1850 Census was taken September 5, 1850, so William Decker would have been 16 when the Census was taken. The person identified as William Adkins, Jr. was shown as 16 years old on the 1850 Census. Further, William and Phebe (De Mouth) (Decker) Adkins did not have a son named William Adkins, Jr. The Proof of Heirship filed in Phebe (De Mouth) (Decker) Adkins' probate proceedings did not show any surviving next of kin and heirs at law, by the name William Adkins, Jr. Of course it is possible that if William and Phebe (De Mouth) (Decker) Adkins did have a

Schroeder, Harold W. Schroeder Collection MFLH 001.

¹⁵² Application for Probate of Will dated April 14, 1890, Phebe Adkins, Deceased, Book D of Renunciations and Applications, Page 17; Phebe Adkins' Will [S 526] dated August 26, 1887, Petition to Probate Phebe Adkins' Will dated April 14, 1870, Documents filed 313-9, Morris County Clerk's Office, Morristown, New Jersey.

¹⁵³ 1870 Census for Boonton Township, Morris County, New Jersey, Page 42.

¹⁵⁴ 1870 Census for Boonton Township, Morris County, New Jersey, Page 42.

¹⁵⁵ 1870 Census for Boonton Township, Morris County, New Jersey, Page 42.

¹⁵⁶ 1870 Census for Boonton Township, Morris County, New Jersey, Page 42.

¹⁵⁷ 1850 Census, US Population Schedule, District No. 15, Pequannac Twp., Morris Co., NJ, page 290.

¹⁵⁸ 1850 Census, US Population Schedule, District No. 15, Pequannac Township, Morris Co., NJ, page 290.

son named William Adkins, Jr., the young man could have died without decedents prior to Phebe's death. The Proof of Heirship did indicate that Phebe (De Mouth) (Decker) Adkins had a deceased son named William Decker.

Finally, Andrew and Phebe (De Mouth) Decker's daughter, Deborah Decker, would have been 18 years old when the 1850 Census was taken and therefore, she probably was on her own or married.

The 1860 Census for Pequannock Township, Morris County, New Jersey shows that William and Phebe (De Mouth) (Decker) Adkins are immediate neighbors of Amsey and Rachel Preston and Margaret Preston.¹⁵⁹ The information in the 1860 Census for William and Phebe (De Mouth) (Decker) Adkins' household is set forth below.¹⁶⁰

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>RProp</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>
396 07	Adkins, William	M	53	Farmer	\$1000 \$400	Morris County, NJ?
	Phebe	F	46			Morris County, NJ?
	William A. Decker	M	26	Laborer \$50		Morris County, NJ
	Maod? Adkins	M	13			Morris County, NJ
	Fredrick	M	10			Morris County, NJ
	Charles	M	3			Morris County, NJ
	William E. Vanderhoof	M	9			Morris County, NJ

Possibly, the William A. Decker, age 26, born in Morris County who appears in the household of William and Phebe (De Mouth) (Decker) Adkins is Phebe's son from her marriage to Andrew Decker.¹⁶¹ The probate petition filed in the probate Phebe (De Mouth) (Decker) Adkin's proceedings includes a Proof of Heirship which shows Phebe (De Mouth) (Decker) Adkin's had a son named as William Decker who predeceased her.¹⁶² Further, William's middle initial probably stands for Andrew, his farther's first name.

The information regarding Andrew and Phebe (De Mouth) Decker's children, **THOUGH NOT PROVEN**, seems to indicate the William A. Decker, age 26, living in the William Adkins household in 1860 could very well be Andrew & Phebe (De Mouth) Decker's son, William. The ages match. The 1860 Census was taken in July. William's birthday was in September, so he would have been 27 in September 1860. Now 1860 - 27 years = 1833; and 1833 + 26 years = 1859.

Possibly, the William E. Vanderhoof shown on the 1860 Census living with William and Phebe (De Mouth) (Decker) Adkins is Phebe's grandson, i.e., the son of her daughter, Deborah (Decker) Vanderhoof.¹⁶³ The probate petition filed in the probate Phebe (De Mouth) (Decker) Adkin's proceedings includes a Proof of Heirship which shows Phebe (De Mouth) (Decker) Adkin's had a grandson identified as William Van Droof.¹⁶⁴ William Van Droof is shown in the Proof of Heirship to have been the son of Phebe's daughter, Deborah, married to Augustus Vanderhoof.¹⁶⁵ Therefore, William Van Droofs last name appears to be a misspelled version of Vanderhoof,

¹⁵⁹ 1860 Census, US Population Schedule, Pequannock Township, Morris Co., NJ, pages 709 and 710.

¹⁶⁰ 1860 Census, US Population Schedule, Pequannock Township, Morris Co., NJ, pages 709 and 710.

¹⁶¹ 1860 Census, US Population Schedule, Pequannock Township, Morris Co., NJ, pages 709 and 710.

¹⁶² Application for Probate of Will dated April 14, 1890, Phebe Adkins, Deceased, Book D of Renunciations and Applications, Page 17; Phebe Adkins' Will [S 526] dated August 26, 1887, Petition to Probate Phebe Adkins' Will dated April 14, 1870, Documents filed 313-9, Morris County Clerk's Office, Morristown, New Jersey.

¹⁶³ 1860 Census, US Population Schedule, Pequannock Township, Morris Co., NJ, pages 709 and 710.

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William's father's last name.

The 1870 Census for Boonton Township, Morris County, New Jersey shows the following information.¹⁶⁶

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>RealP</u>	<u>PerP</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>
134 149	Adkins, William	63	Laborer	\$1000	\$100	NJ
	Phebe	55	Keeping House			NJ
	Ward	23	Nail Cutter			NJ
	Fred	19	Nail Cutter			NJ
	Charles	13				NJ

Ms. Foster was unable to find Phebe (De Mouth) (Decker) Adkins on the 1880 Census.

Phebe (De Mouth) (Decker) Adkins is buried in the Rockaway Valley Church Cemetery. Her stone says she was born June 14, 1814 and died March 16, 1888.¹⁶⁷ Phebe (De Mouth) (Decker) Adkin's death record indicates Phebe lived her entire life in New Jersey.¹⁶⁸ Her death record indicates the following information and probably has Phebe (De Mouth) (Decker) Adkin's name misspelled.¹⁶⁹

Phoebe Atkins
Age: 73 Yrs. 9 mo.,
Color: white
Occupation: Housekeeper
Birthplace: Rockaway Valley, NJ
Residence and place of death: Taylortown, NJ
Father: Frederick Demoth, born in US
Mother: Susan Demoth, born in US
Died: 16 March 1888, Heart Disease
Buried: Rockaway Valley

Documents filed 313-9, Morris County Clerk's Office, Morristown, New Jersey.

¹⁶⁶ 1870 Census, US Population Schedule, Boonton Township, Morris Co., NJ, page 18.

¹⁶⁷ Additional Rockaway Valley Church Cemetery dated July 9, 1960, Schroeder Collection, LH 0001-3, Morristown-Morris Township Library, Morristown, New Jersey. All the following names and information is on one stone.

John Decker	26 Oct 1835- 26 Nov 1916	[Phebe Adkin's son]
Mary J. his wife	12 Sep 1842 - 26 Feb 1880	
Ruth	23 Jul 1874 - 26 Feb 1895	[John Decker's daughter]
Charles Decker	30 Nov 1861 - 26 Sep 1935	[John Decker's son]
Evelyn Beattie his wife		18 Oct 1870 - 13 Apr 1958
Phebe Adkins		14 Jun 1814 - 16 Mar 1888
Ida wife of Samuel E. Strubel, wife of George W. Peer		17 Jul 1863- 17 Apr 1905

Wilson, Lois Wells, ed., Family History of the Ancestors of Lois Eleanore Wells, (Typescript, 1989), pp. 85, 89, 90, 68.

LBF note: It would appear that this genealogy gives the family line of Phebe. The names of parents, Frederick and Susannah, agree with those given on Phebe's Death Certificate. However, her birth date, 14 Jun 1814, as shown on her gravestone, does not jibe with the statement in the genealogy that Frederick Demouth was killed in the War of 1812.

LBF note: A note in the typed record indicates that Phebe Adkins inscription is on the same stone as John Decker, Mary J., his wife; Ruth; Charles Decker, Evelyn Beattie, his wife; Ida, wife of Samuel E. Struble, wife of George W. Peer.

¹⁶⁸ Phebe Adkins' Death Certificated, New Jersey Vital Records
- Death Certificate, Morris County, 75 -A10 New Jersey Archives, Trenton, New Jersey.

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On August 26, 1887, Phebe (De Mouth) (Decker) Adkins made her Last Will & Testament.¹⁷⁰ She sign her Will with an X.¹⁷¹ In her will, Phebe left her house and about two acres of land in Boonton, Morris County, New Jersey to her sons, Ward Adkins, Frederick Adkins and Charles Adkins “to be divided between them share and share alike.”¹⁷² At the time she prepared her Will, Phebe was living in Boonton.¹⁷³

The probate petition filed by Ward Adkins on April 14, 1890 shows that Phebe (De Mouth) (Decker) Adkins of Boonton Township, Morris County, New Jersey died on March 16, 1888 and that Phebe made and executed a last Will and Testament dated August 26, 1887.¹⁷⁴ The probate petition also includes a Proof of Heirship which shows Phebe (De Mouth) (Decker) Adkin’s surviving next of kin and heirs at law, including their relationship to Phebe as follows.¹⁷⁵

Phebe (DeMouth) (Decker) Adkins is thought to have given birth to at least the following children during her lifetime.¹⁷⁶

In the information provided by Paula Castaldo, Ersuly Adkins (b 03/14/1853 - 12/19/1853) and Rosella Adkins (b 10/31/1854 - d 01/20/1888) are identified as William and Phebe (De Mouth) (Decker) Adkins’ children.¹⁷⁷ However, Ersuly Adkins (b 03/14/1853 - 12/19/1853) and Rosella Adkins (b 10/31/1854 - d 01/20/1888) are not mentioned in Phebe’s Proof of Heirship.¹⁷⁸ Based on the information in from Paula Castaldo, both Ersuly Adkins (b 03/14/1853 - 12/19/1853) and Rosella Adkins (b 10/31/1854 - d 01/20/1888) predeceased their mother, Phebe (De Mouth) (Decker) Adkins, with Rosella dying in January 1888 and her mother dying in March 1888. Apparently, neither Ersuly Adkins (b 03/14/1853 - 12/19/1853) nor Rosella Adkins (b 10/31/1854 - d 01/20/1888) left heirs.¹⁷⁹

¹⁷⁰ Application for Probate of Will dated April 14, 1890, Phebe Adkins, Deceased, Book D of Renunciations and Applications, Page 17; Phebe Adkins’ Will [S 526] dated August 26, 1887, Petition to Probate Phebe Adkins’ Will dated April 14, 1870, Documents filed 313-9, Morris County Clerk’s Office, Morristown, New Jersey.

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¹⁷⁶ Harold W. Schroeder’s work, Harold W. Schroeder Collection MFLH001, _____; Paula Castaldo’s email dated October 31, 2000 to Janet Bornhoeft, including attachments; Paula Castaldo’s November 15, 2001 email to Janet Bornhoeft; Paula Castaldo’s November 18, 2001 email to Linnea B. Foster.

¹⁷⁷ Paula Castaldo’s email dated October 31, 2000.

¹⁷⁸ Application for Probate of Will dated April 14, 1890, Phebe Adkins, Deceased, Book D of Renunciations and Applications, Page 17; Phebe Adkins Will [S 526] dated August 26, 1887, Petition to Probate Phebe Adkins’ Will dated April 14, 1870, Documents filed 313-9, Morris County Clerk’s Office, Morristown, New Jersey.

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During the probate of Phebe Adkin's Will in 1890, the Executor of her will, Ward Akins, set forth Phebe's next of kin in a Proof of Heirship.¹⁸⁰ Among those identified were the children of Phebe Adkin's deceased son, William Decker.¹⁸¹ William Decker's children were identified as [Zulah?] Decker, granddaughter; William Decker, grandson and Rachel Decker, granddaughter.¹⁸² Zulah Decker may be a misspelled version of Rossella Decker's name. Rossella Decker may have also been known as Ursula or Ersula, and therefore, Zulah may have been a misspelled version of Ursula or Ersula. If William Decker died, then he may be Andrew and Phebe Decker's son, William, born September 21, 1833.¹⁸³

¹⁸⁰ Application for Probate of Will dated April 14, 1890, Phebe Adkins, Deceased, Book D of Renunciations and Applications, Page 17; Phebe Adkins Will [S 526] dated August 26, 1887, Petition to Probate Phebe Adkins Will dated April 14, 1870, Documents filed 313-9, Morris County Clerk's Office, Morristown, New Jersey.

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Paula Castaldo writes on October 31, 2000: . . . I am sure of the information from John Decker and Mary Jane VanDine forward to this date. Much of the information was done by Charles Marshall, a descendant of John Decker as you will see. He is the caretaker of the Rockaway Valley Cemetery and has been for approximately 50 years now. He is 80 years old.

I have found nothing yet on Vanderhoof. Still looking. You will see that Phebe DeMouth married into the Decker family.

Paula Castaldo writes on November 15, 2001: Yes, I know for sure about John Decker and Mary Jane VanDuyne. I actually met someone from the VanDuyne side of the family and she had everything all the way back to the 1600's. Evidently, someone in her family had been researching for quite a number of years.

As far as John Decker goes, nothing is for sure. I know that John was born October 26, 1835 and died November 26, 1916. He was born and died in Taylortown and is buried in Rockaway Valley Cemetery. He married Mary Jane VanDuyne on March 17, 1860 in Montville. He had two sisters and one brother. Deborah b. 1832, Susan b. 1837, and William b. Sept. 21, 1833. Could William's death in 1865 prompted John to name his son William b. 1865 after his brother?

Paula Castaldo writes on November 18, 2001: Linnea, Everything I have came from the caretaker at Rockaway Valley Cemetery. Evidentially, his son did the research some years ago. He had Williams date of birth only. I also have both his sisters, Deborah and Susan. I have been all thru the Rockaway Valley Cemetery. There is a William Decker buried there 1834-1922. Charles Marshall (the caretaker) could be wrong about Williams birth by one year. Charles is a distant cousin and a very hard man to talk to. I actually brought my 84-year-old aunt with me to the cemetery the day I met Charles. He remembered my aunt (his mother and my aunt were cousins and lived close to each other) Unfortunately, he's not very friendly. This William is buried with Martha A. Decker 1838-1922. The Marshall's also say that these Deckers are descendant's of Andrew Decker and Elisabeth Dulhagen. I'm sorry I can't help more. If there is any more information I can provide, don't hesitate to as.

CHAPTER FOURTEEN

Introduction To The Crane De Mouth -De Mott Families

In the Family History of The Ancestors of Lois Eleanore Wells,¹⁸⁴ Lois Wells Wilson wrote the following:

We do not know the name of his wife nor of his children other than the one son, Jacob.

Second Generation JACOB II was born about 1725 and apparently lived all his life in the New Foundland area where his father had settled. We have no record of his wife and children except for his namesake Jacob.

Third Generation JACOB III was born in 1763. He married Deborah who was born in 1767 and died on September 14, 1833. They settled in Somerset, at the southern end of the Rockaway Valley area and he fought with the Continental Army in the Revolutionary War.* At his father's death, Jacob fell heir to "the old stone house" and he and Deborah moved there with their children. Jacob died on March 22, 1835, two years after the death of his wife.

Fourth Generation FREDERICK DE MOUTH (1787 1812), son of Jacob, married SUSANNAH CRANE who was born in 1784. She was the eighth child of Sarah Hill Crane and Elijah Crane who lived at Cranetown in Essex County, N.J. [See Crane chapter]

Frederick and Susannah and their seven children lived first in Somerset and later in the old stone house on Beacon Hill by the Clinton Reservoir. Frederick gave land for a cemetery, which was called De Mouth Cemetery, at the foot of De Mouth Hill. Many of the De Mouths are buried there as were Frederick and Susannah. Frederick served and was killed in the War of 1812. Susannah survived him for many years, dying on April 28, 1863. Their children were:

Fifth Generation Elizabeth who never married but lived with her widowed mother.

Joseph.

Decatur married, had a son, John, who lived in Boonton, New Jersey.

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Family History of The Ancestors of Lois Eleanore Wells, page 89, Lois Wells Wilson, 1989.

- * In Lois' text she says that Joseph fought with the Continental Army throughout the Revolutionary War. Her Grandmother, in her notes, states that Jacob fought in the Revolutionary War. Lois was apparently in error and I have chosen to use her Grandmother's version. WEW

In the Family History of The Ancestors of Lois Eleanore Wells, Lois Wells Wilson identified the following people in the Crane genealogical diagram.¹⁸⁵

Insert graphic De Mouth – De Mott Family Tree

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Family History of The Ancestors of Lois Eleanore Wells, page 68, Lois Wells Wilson, 1989.