



The Story of a Mid-19th Century Friendship Quilt from Haddam, Connecticut



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For Prudence Jane (Wightman) Sloane Christmas 2009 Thanks for the puzzle!

You come of the Lord Adam and the Lady Eve, and that is both honor enough to erect the head of the poorest beggar, and shame enough to bow the shoulders of the greatest emperor in earth.

- C.S. Lewis

To be real you need to celebrate your own history, humble and tormented as it might be, and the history of your own parents and grandparents, howsoever that history be marked by scars and mistakes. It is the only history you will ever have; reject it and you reject yourself.

— John Taylor Gatto

Honor thy father and thy mother.

- Exodus 20:12



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Introduction

The Quilt

Prudence found it in a trunk: an old, handmade quilt. Each block was inscribed with a name, often a city, and sometimes a Bible verse. The cities and many of the surnames were familiar, but no name was identifiable as that of someone in the family. Who were these people? Whose quilt was it, and when was it made? And how did it end up in Prudence's trunk?

What Is a Friendship Quilt?

During the mid-19th century the friendship quilt enjoyed great popularity, particularly in New England. Quilt blocks, in a "Friendship" block pattern, were created by family members and friends, signed with their names and sometimes places, dates, verses, or sketches, then sewn together into a quilt. In later years the signatures would often be embroidered, but at this time they were usually written in indelible ink. Sometimes a person with good handwriting was chosen to inscribe the blocks, which is true of most of the squares in this quilt. Men and children were sometimes represented as well as women, and that is the case here.

The Owner

Thanks to helpful notations on some of the squares, such as "My Mother" and "From a Sister," this quilt can confidently be identified as belonging to Phoebe L. Scovil, the daughter of Sylvester and Phoebe (Burr) Scovil of Haddam, Connecticut.

The Signers

Those whose names grace Phoebe's quilt range in age from 2 to 62. Nearly all are from Haddam or Middletown, Connecticut. They are family, friends, neighbors, members of the same church, and others whose relationship is still mysterious. Most are women, but men are there also. A significant number of young children whose mothers are not also signers leads to the speculation that perhaps they were members of a Sunday School class that Phoebe taught. More than a third of the signers are Phoebe's immediate family or near neighbors: In the 1850 census, Mrs. Esther M Scovil, Susan V. Scovil, Sarah A. Scovil, Willoughby F. Burr, Mrs. Flora B. Burr, Mrs. P. Scovil, Cynthia Scovil, Louisa Dewy, Esther M. Scovil, Susan M. Flagg, Eliza A. Smith, Mrs. Clarissa Harris, Frances L. Bonfoey, Susan C. Bonfoey, Mrs. Eliza Bonfoey, Mrs. Clarissa Brainard, and Amelia M. Bonfoey (squares A4, A6, B4, C2, D3, D4, E4, G3, G5, A3, A5, A7, B3, B7, C4, D6, and G2) share the same page with Phoebe L. Scovil.

On Spelling

Spelling was not well standardized in the earlier days of our country, and names were no exception; the same person might spell his name differently from his father's, or from his own at another time.

Relationships

Each signer's relationship to Phoebe, as best as I could determine, is listed in the entry's subheading. Although many of these people were related indirectly (e.g. fifth cousin once removed), only the more direct relationships are listed, and "neighbor" was probably a more significant connection than distant kinship. Those with no other obvious relationship are designated "friend."

Dating the Quilt

Quilts are not made in a day, and sometimes not in a year, and it is impossible to fix an exact date for Phoebe's quilt. Based on birth, marriage, and death dates, however, it is clear that this quilt was created within a year or two of 1849—which is conveniently close to the U. S. Federal Census date of 1850. This quilt would have been a treasured possession that Phoebe brought with her when she married in 1852; likely it was created for that purpose.

The Trunk

Phoebe and Prudence are not unrelated: they are first cousins four times removed. This alone is not sufficient, however, to explain how the quilt came into Prudence's hands. Anyone with a number of early New England ancestors is related to a large percentage of the American population; as it turns out, Phoebe is also my own fourth cousin four times removed.

When Phoebe died at age 83, she had outlived all her siblings, their spouses, and some of their children. Her only child was a son who had never married. The descendants of her cousin, Fanny Scovil, inherited many of the family treasures; Phoebe's quilt was probably among them. The beautiful old house on Candlewood Hill Road in Higganum may be lost, but the quilt made its way safely from Fanny to her son Wallace Porter, to his son Whitney, to his daughter Alice, and finally to her daughter, Prudence.

Family Note

Phoebe had another cousin, Hezekiah Scovil, who married Caroline Anne Bonfoey, the youngest sister of three of the signers of this quilt. Hezekiah was the "H" of the D & H Scovil Hoe Company in Haddam (maker of the "Scovil hoe"). Oil portraits of another cousin, Josephine Scovil, Hezekiah's sister, and of Whitney Daniel, Hezekiah and Caroline's only son—who died when he was five years old—are other family treasures that survived the journey to the 21st century.

Quilt Map

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
A	Laura Prior Middletown Conn.	Mrs. Elizabeth Burr Haddam Conn.	Susan M. Flagg Haddam Conn.	He will not suffer thy foot to be moved. He that keepeth thee will not slumber. Mrs. Esther M Scovil Haddam Conn.	Eliza A. Smith Haddam Conn.	Susan V. Scovil Haddam Conn.	Mrs. Clarissa Harris Haddam Conn.
В	Phebe Harris Middletown Conn.	Mrs. George W. Guy Middletown Conn.	Frances L Bonfoey Haddam Conn.	Keep thy heart with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life Sarah A. Scovil Haddam Conn. From a Sister	Albertie Tryon Middletown Conn.	Mrs. A. M. Hyde Middletown Conn.	Susan Clarke Bonfoey Haddam Conn.
с	Mrs. Edwin Priest Middletown Conn.	Willoughby F. Burr Haddam Conn.	Aron Burr Haddam Conn.	Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding. Mrs. Eliza Bonfoey Haddam Conn.	Jane A. Tryon Middletown Conn.	Joanna L. Burr Haddam Conn.	Mrs. Phebe Scovil Haddam Conn.
D	Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. Col. 3:2 Amelia B. Gay	Jane W. Miller Middletown Ct.	Mrs. Flora B Burr Haddam Conn.	My soul wait thou only upon God, for my expectation is from him. Mrs. P. Scovil Haddam Conn. My Mother	Almira Hubbard Middletown Conn.	Mrs. Clarissa Brainard Haddam Conn.	Lucretia Hubbard Middletown Conn.
E	Mrs. Sarah Burr Middletown Conn.	Thankful Hubbard Middletown Conn.	Ana Brainard Haddam Conn.	In all thy ways acknowledge him and he shall direct thy paths. Cynthia Scovil Haddam Conn. From my Sister	Sarah Wilcox Haddam Conn.	Mary A. Hyde Middletown Conn.	Elenora F. Bidwell Middletown Conn.
F	Abba Holmes Middletown Conn.	Elizabeth G. Hyde Middletown Conn.	Charlotte Spencer Haddam Conn.	Mrs. Rebecca Burr Haddam Conn.	Julia Miller Middletown Conn.	Ann T. Wright Middletown Conn.	Adelaide Holmes Middletown Conn.
G	Hannah A. Cory Middletown Conn.	Amelia M. Bonfoey Haddam Conn.	Louisa Dewy Haddam Ct.	Mrs. Sarah Thomas Haddam Conn.	Esther M. Scovil Haddam Conn.	Teach me thy way O Lord; I will walk in thy path; with our heart we fear thy name. Ps. 86:11 William Gay	Adeline F Cory Middletown Conn.



Quilt Owner, age 20 in 1850; she lived in Haddam.



Phoebe L. Scovil was born August 10, 1828, the daughter of Sylvester and Phoebe (Burr) Scovil. On May 19, 1852 she married Horace Andrew Bonfoey, who was probably the son of Horace and Susannah (Smith) Bonfoey. He was a blacksmith and a farmer, and probably worked for the D & H Scovil Company. His family, like that of the other Bonfoeys associated with this quilt, was from Connecticut, but Horace was born in New York and lived in Michigan before returning to Connecticut. He died September 10, 1901; Phoebe died June 1, 1912. Both are buried, along with their one child, Willis A., in the New Higganum Cemetery in Haddam.

Sources: Census, Haddam Barbour, Scovils, New Higganum, Ancestry Tree



Phoebe's friend, age 20 in 1850; she lived in Middletown.



Laura Jane (Prior) Baldwin was born in Connecticut about 1830, the daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth (Skinner) Prior. On October 23, 1853 she married Oliver E. Baldwin, possibly the son of Bela and Betsey (Hibbard) Baldwin. He was born in Connecticut about 1830, was a Civil War veteran, died 16 May 1883, and is buried in Indian Hill Cemetery in Middletown. Their children were Sarah J., Ella E., Walter E., Arthur, and Eliza.

Laura is possibly related to Daniel H. Prior, husband of Joanna Lane (Burr) Prior (C6), though no connection has yet been established.

Sources: Census, Middletown Barbour, Indian Hill, LDS IGI

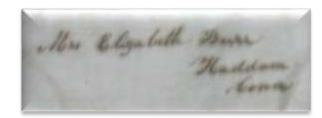


Az Mrs. Elizabeth Burr

Wife of Phoebe's first cousin, William H. Burr; age 32 in 1850; she lived in Haddam.

Elizabeth (Brainerd) Burr was born February 12, 1818 in Haddam, Connecticut, the daughter of Heber and Martha (Tyler) Brainerd. On February 28, 1843 she married William Hollis Burr, born July 2 1817, the son of William and Sarah (Johnson) Burr. He died March 6, 1875 and she died less than a month later on April 1, 1875. Both are buried in Beaver Meadow Cemetery, Haddam. They had three children, Catherine Elizabeth, Martha Clarissa, and Anna Chadwick.





Elizabeth is the daughter-in-law of Sarah (Johnson) Burr (E1), and the sister-in-law of Aaron Burr (C3), Joanna L. Burr (C6), and Sarah (Burr) Thomas (G4).

Sources: Census, Brainerd, Burr, Johnson

A3 Susan M. Flagg

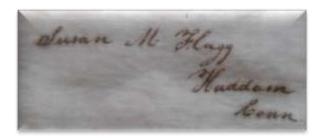
Phoebe's friend and neighbor; age 21 in 1850; she lived in Haddam.



Susan M. Flagg was born about 1829, the daughter of George and Dolly (Smith) Flagg. She died, unmarried, on September 11, 1861, at the age of 32, and is buried in the Old Higganum Cemetery in Haddam. Her father died when she was 15, and her mother five years later. In 1850 she is living in Haddam with William and Zeruah Smith, near Phoebe.

There are several Smiths connected in one way or another with the quilt, but how Susan might be related to them is still a mystery.

Sources: Census, First Congregational, Old Higganum, Haddam Barbour



A4 Mrs. Esther. M. Scovil.

Phoebe's sister-in-law and second cousin; age 32 in 1850; she lived in Haddam.

Esther Maria (Burr) Scovil was born June 2, 1818, the daughter of George and Esther (Spencer) Burr. On October 8, 1839, she married Atwood Scovil, Phoebe's brother, who was born September 2, 1816 in Haddam, the son of Sylvester and Phoebe (Burr) Scovil. He died May 30, 1876 in Middletown, and she died November 4, 1906 in Guilford. They had two children, both signers of the quilt: Esther Maria and Susan Virginia.



He will not suffer thy foot to be moved He that keepeth thee will not slumber



Esther was the mother of Susan V. (A6) and Esther M. (G5) Scovil, the daughter-in-law of Phoebe (Burr) Scovil (D4), and the sisterin-law of Cynthia Scovil (E5).

Sources: Census, Scovils, Burr



Pheobe's friend and neighbor; age 25 in 1850; she lived in Haddam.



Eliza Ann (Smith) Smith was born April 16, 1825 to John and Barbara (Johnson) Smith. On November 28, 1854, she married Jesse Smith, who was born about 1823, the son of Jesse and Zeruah (----) Smith. Eliza died August 10, 1857, at age 32, just three years after their marriage. He married, second, a woman named Margaret, who died November 12, 1912. He died September 26, 1896. All three are buried in the New Higganum Cemetery, Haddam.



Sources: Census, Johnson, New Higganum

A6 Susan V. Scovil

Pheobe's niece; age 2 in 1850; she lived in Haddam.

Susan Virginia (Scovil) Stone was the daughter of Esther Maria (Burr) Scovil and Phoebe's brother, Atwood Scovil. She was born about 1848, and on October 15, 1872 married Robert E. Stone, born about 1849 in Rhode Island, son of Asa and Phoebe (----) Stone. They had at least three children: Myron A., Elmer B., and Ruby V. Apparently both Susan and Robert had died by 1900, when Ruby is living with her Aunt Esther (Scovil) Leete.





Susan was the daughter of Esther (Burr) Scovil (A4), the sister of Esther M. Scovil (G5), the granddaughter of Phoebe (Burr) Scovil (D4), and the niece of Cynthia Scovil (E4).

Sources: Census, Scovils



Pheobe's friend and neighbor; age 20 in 1850; she lived in Haddam.



Clarissa C. (Loveland) Harris was born in April of 1830, and on December 10, 1845 married William H. Harris, who was born July 1823. Their children were Charles J., Frederick W., Eleanora, Kate, Emma, Elizabeth, Mary E., William H., and Edward or Edgar L.



Sources: Census, Middletown Barbour



Phoebe's friend; age 10 in 1850; she lived in Middletown.

This is probably Phoebe A. (Harris) Newton, daughter of Daniel and Huldah H. (Coe) Harris, found on the same 1850 census page as other signers Hannah (G1) and Adeline (G7) Cory, and Elnora Bidwell (E7). This Phoebe Harris is only 10 years old in 1850, but that does not eliminate her—the other three girls were 16, 12, and 6. This Phoebe Harris was born October 12, 1840, and later married Abner Newton, who was born May 19, 1835 and died Aug. 28, 1876. Phoebe died Apr. 19, 1913; both are buried in Indian Hill Cemetery in Middletown.

Another possibility, however, is that she is Phoebe Ann (Smith) Harris, 30 years old in 1850, who was the wife of Henry C. Harris of East Haddam.





Phoebe was a neighbor of Jane Miller (D2), Elnora Bidwell (E7), and Hannah (G1) and Adeline (G7) Cory.

Sources: Census, Middletown Barbour, Indian Hill

B2 Mrs. George W. Gury

Pheobe's friend; age 33 in 1850; she lived in Middletown.



Nancy Smith (Brainerd) Guy was born February 26, 1817, to Daniel and Fanny (Smith) Brainerd. She married George Washington Guy on November 20, 1844, in Haddam. He was born September 21, 1813, in Meriden, the son of Orchard and Lois (Hall) Guy. He died January 13, 1882. They had two children, James Knox (named for President Polk) and Frances Emma.

Nancy was a neighbor of Laura Prior (A1), Mary (Wright) Hyde (B6), Mary A. Hyde (E6), Elizabeth G. Hyde (F2), and Cynthia Priest (C1).

Sources: Census, Middletown Barbour, Indian Hill, Brainerd



B3 Frances L. Bonfeey

Phoebe's sister-in-law and neighbor, age 20 in 1850; she lived in Haddam.

Frances L. (Bonfoey) Scovil, the daughter of Benanuel and Eliza (Burr) Bonfoey, was born September 7, 1830, died January 12, 1897, and is buried in the New Higganum Cemetery in Middletown. On June 7, 1854 she married Sylvester Scovil, Phoebe's brother, who was born November 20, 1821. Sylvester left home one day when their son, Sylvester W. Scovil (born November 12, 1855) was a baby, and was never heard from again. If he died by mischance or foul play, his body was never found; if he ran off to find a new life, he assumed a new name as well, unless he is the 57-year-old Sylvester Scovil from Connecticut who in 1880 is in the Washington State Insane Asylum in Steilacoom (near Tacoma), Washington.





Frances was the daughter of Eliza (Burr) Bonfoey (C4), and the sister of Amelia (G2) and Susan (B7) Bonfoey.

Sources: Census, Middletown Barbour, Indian Hill



Phoebe's sister, age 26 in 1850; she lived in Haddam.



Sarah A. Scovil, the daughter of Sylvester and Pheobe (Burr) Scovil, and Phoebe's sister, was born August 9, 1824, and died, unmarried in May 1855. She is buried in the Old Higganum Cemetery in Haddam.

Sarah was the daughter of Phoebe (Burr) Scovil (D4) and the sister of Cynthia Scovil (E4).

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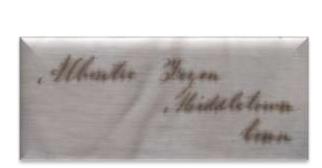
Sources: Census, Scovils, Old Higganum



Phoebe's friend; age 7 in 1850; he lived in Middletown.

Albertie Tryon was probably the son of Franklin B. and Jane E. (----) Tryon, born about 1843, died April 1, 1888 and buried at New Farm Hill Cemetery in Middletown.





Albertie is probably the brother of Jane A. Tryon (C5). He was known as "Albertie" even in his 40's.

Sources: Census, Middletown Directory, New Farm Hill

B6 Mrs. A. M. Hyde

Phoebe's friend, age 42 in 1850; she lived in Middletown.



Mary S. (Wright) Hyde, was born about 1808, possibly the daughter of William and Sarah (Crosley) Wright. On March 12, 1829 she married, in East Haddam, Alphonso M. Hyde. Their children were Mary Ann, William W., Elizabeth G., James C., and George M.

Mary was the mother of Mary Ann (E6) and Elizabeth G. (F2) Hyde, and neighbor of Laura Prior (A1), Nancy Smith (Brainerd) Guy (B2) and Cynthia (----) Priest (C1).

Sources: Census, East Haddam Barbour, LDS IGI



B7 Susan C. Bonfoey

Phoebe's friend and neighbor; age 22 in 1850; she lived in Haddam.

Susan Clarke Bonfoey was born about 1828, the daughter of Benanuel and Eliza (Burr) Bonfoey. She died, unmarried, on December 19, 1883, and is buried in the New Higganum Cemetery in Haddam.





Susan was the daughter of Eliza (Burr) Bonfoey (C4), the sister of Amelia M (G2). and Frances Louisa (B3) Bonfoey.

Sources: Census, New Higganum, First Congregational

C1 Mrs. Edwin Priest

Phoebe's friend, age 32 in 1850; she lived in Middletown.



Cynthia (----) Priest was born February 15, 1818 in Massachusetts. She married, before signing her quilt square, Edwin Priest of Middletown, who was born in February of 1810, and was probably the son of Daniel and Lucretia (Sizer) Priest. Cynthia died January 19, 1887, and Edwin died May 17, 1890. Both are buried in the Indian Hill Cemetery in Middletown. Their children included Cyrus S., Daniel W., John W., Charles S., Henry L, and Emma L.

Cynthia lived not far from Laura Prior (A1), Mary (Wright) Hyde (B6), Mary A. (E6) and Elizabeth G. (F2) Hyde, and Nancy (Brainerd) Guy. Her son, Daniel W., later married Frances Elizabeth Scovil, daughter of Phoebe (Spencer) Scovil (C7).

Sources: Census, Indian Hill





Phoebe's neighbor and first cousin once removed; age 2 in 1850; he lived in Haddam.

Willoughby F. Burr was born October 26, 1848, the son of Sylvester and Flora Betsey (Burr) Burr. He married someone named Emma between 1870 and 1880; apparently they had no children.





Willoughby was the son of Flora Betsey Burr (D3), the grandson of Sarah (Johnson) Burr (E1), and the nephew of Joanna (C6) and Aaron (C3) Burr and , Sarah (Burr) Thomas (G4).

Sources: Census, Burr



Phoebe's first cousin, age 18 in 1850; he lived in Haddam.



Aaron Burr was born May 2, 1832, the son of William and Sarah (Johnson) Burr. He was a farmer, and married Jane E. Spencer, who was born about 1830 and died December 2, 1914. Aaron died September 10, 1876, and both are buried in the Burr District Cemetery in Haddam. They had two children, Estella P. and William E.

Aaron was the son of Sarah (Johnson) Burr (E1), the brother of Joanna Lane Burr (C6) and Sarah (Burr) Thomas (G4), the uncle of Willoughby Burr (C2), and the brother-in-law of Elizabeth (Brainerd) Burr (A2) and Flora Betsey Burr (D3).

Sources: Census, Burr, Johnson



C4 Mrs. Elixa Bonfoey

Phoebe's neighbor; age 47 in 1850; she lived in Haddam.

Eliza (Burr) Bonfoey was born December 10, 1803 and died July 1, 1886. On January 18, 1825 she married Benanuel Bonfoey, the son of Benanuel and Concurrence (Smith) Bonfoey, who was born September 28, 1802 and died October 10 1894. Both are buried in the New Higganum Cemetery, Haddam. Their children were Amelia M., Susan Clarke, Frances Louisa, James, Caroline Anne, and Watson.



Trust in the Lord with all thine heartand lean not unto thine own understanding

Fuel in the Lord with all thing heart and lean not unto this own understanding Abre Eliza Benjoeg Raddam

Eliza was the mother of Amelia (G2), Susan (B7) and Frances (B3) Bonfoey.

Sources: Census, Haddam Barbour, Scovils



Phoebe's friend; age 5 in 1850; she lived in Middletown.



Jane A. (Tryon) Smith was probably the daughter of Franklin B. and Jane E. (----) Tryon of Middletown, born about 1845, died in 1870 and buried in the New Farm Hill Cemetery in Middletown. In November 1869 she married Joseph Smith, a Canadian.

Jane was most likely the sister of Albertie Tryon (B5).



Sources: Census, New Farm Hill

Co Joanna L. Burr

Phoebe's first cousin; age 24 in 1850; she lived in Haddam or Middletown.*

Joanna Lane (Burr) Prior, born April 26, 1826, was the daughter of William and Sarah (Johnson) Burr. Sometime after 1852, she married Daniel Harris Prior, who was the son of William and Sarah (Harris) Prior. Joanna was his second wife, he having previously married Chloe Hubbard, who had died in 1852. Daniel and Chloe had two children, Emma and Martha; Daniel and Joanna one, Daniel.

Joanna was the daughter of Sarah (Johnson) Burr (E1), the sister of Sarah (Burr) Thomas (C6) and Aaron Burr (C3), the aunt of Willoughby Burr (C2), and the sister-in-law of Elizabeth (Brainerd) Burr (A2), Rebecca (Wilcox) Burr (F4) and Flora Betsey Burr (D3).





*Her square says Haddam, but she is in the Middletown census.

Sources: Census, Middletown Barbour, Burr, Johnson, CT Biography

C7 Mrs. Phele Sconil.

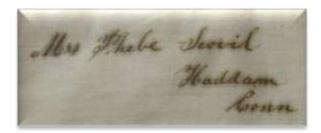
Phoebe's sister-in-law, age 34 in 1850; she lived in Haddam.



Phoebe (Spencer) Scovil was born in 1816, the daughter of Ezekiel and Fanny (Bailey) Spencer. On June 28, 1828 she married William Scovil, who was born August 10, 1814 in Haddam, the son of Sylvester and Phoebe (Burr) Scovil. He died May 24, 1850, and Phoebe (Spencer) Scovil died two years later, on April 8, 1852. Both are buried in Haddam's Old Higganum Cemetery. Joseph (b. 1839), Frances Elizabeth (b. 1842), and Whitney (b. 1847), were thus orphaned, and are living with their maternal grandparents in the 1860 census.

Phoebe's daughter, Frances, later married Daniel W. Priest, the son of Cynthia (C1). Phoebe was also daughter-in-law to Phoebe (Burr) Scovil (D4) and sister-in-law to Cynthia Scovil (E4).

Sources: Census, Scovils, Haddam Barbour, Old Higganum



D1 Amelia B. Garj

Phoebe's friend; age 28 in 1850; she lived in Haddam.

Amelia Bullock (Abrahams) Gay was born about 1821 in England, and married there in 1843 William A. Gay. They immigrated to the United States on October 17, 1843 on the ship *Europe*. Their children included William, Maria M., Marietta A., Elizabeth, and James W. By 1860 the family had moved to Illinois.

Amelia was the wife of William Gay (G6). He was a Methodist clergyman, and Phoebe and most of the others represented in this quilt attended Haddam's First Congregational Church, so other than living in Haddam (though not obviously near any of the others), their connection with Phoebe is unknown.





Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. Col. 3:2

Sources: Census, LDS IGI, FreeBMD, Immigration



Phoebe's friend, age 12 in 1850; she lived in Middletown.



Jane was the sister of Julia Miller (F5) and the neighbor of Phoebe Harris (B1), Elnora Bidwell (E7), and Hannah (G1) and Adeline (G7) Cory. Jane W. Miller was the daughter of Caleb and Mary B. (Hendly) Miller. She was born about 1838.



Sources: Census, Miller

D3 Mrs. Flora B. Burr

Wife of Phoebe's first cousin, Sylvester Burr; age 25 in 1850; she lived in Haddam.

Flora Betsey (Burr) Burr was born about 1825, the daughter of Asa and Flora Betsey (Kelsey) Burr. On April 7, 1847 she married in Middletown Phoebe's brother Sylvester Burr, born April 3, 1822, the son of William and Sarah (Johnson) Burr. Flora died in November of 1888; he followed two years later on September 12, 1890. Both are buried in the Burr District Cemetery in Haddam. They had one child, Willoughby F.

A case could be made that the signer of this square was instead her mother, Flora Betsey (Kelsey) Burr. However, the presence of a square for Willoughby makes it more likely that this was done by his mother, not his grandmother.





Flora is the mother of Willoughby Burr (C2), the daughter-in-law of Sarah (Johnson) Burr (E1), and the sister-in-law of Joanna L. (C6), Sarah (G4) and Aaron (C3) Burr.

Sources: Census, Burr, Burr District



Phoebe's mother, age 56 in 1850; she lived in Haddam.



Phoebe (Burr) Scovil, Phoebe's mother, was the daughter of David and Joanna (Lane) Burr. She was born October 23, 1794, and on June 17, 1813 married Sylvester Scovil, born February 8, 1786, the son of Joseph and Sarah (Spencer) Scovil. He died April 26, 1850; she died October 15, 1886; both are buried in Haddam's Old Higganum Cemetery. They had seven children: William, Atwood, Esther, Sylvester, Sarah A., Phoebe L., and Cynthia.

My soul wait thou only upon God For my expectation is from him

Phoebe is the mother of Phoebe the quilt owner, and also Cynthia Scovil (E4), grandmother of Esther (G5) and Susan (A6) Scovil, and the mother-in-law of Phoebe (Spencer) Scovil (C7), Frances (Bonfoey) Scovil (B3) and Esther (Burr) Scovil (A4).

Sources: Census, Burr, Scovils, Old Higganum

My soul waity then early upon ... God For my expectation is from him 10 y Mother



Phoebe's friend; age 11 in 1850; she lived in Middletown.

Almira T. (Hubbard) Hubbard was born June 25, 1839, to Asa and Sarah Anne (Tryon) Hubbard. In 1860 she married Samuel Birdsey Hubbard. He was the son of Charles and Delia S. (Birdsey) Hubbard, and was born June 13, 1833 in Wadesboro, North Carolina. They had eight children: Carrie, Miriam, Marie Louisa, Myra Tryon, Samuel Birdsey, Archer Stanford, Albert Tryon, and Thomas Rowland.





Almira is the first cousin of Lucretia (D7) and Thankful (E2) Hubbard.

Sources: Census, Hubbard

D6 Mrs. Clarissa Brainard

Phoebe's neighbor, age 57 in 1850; she lived in Haddam.



Clarissa (Thomas) Brainerd was born February 14, 1793, the daughter of Ebenezer and Elizabeth (Bailey) Thomas. She married, on September 14, 1834, Alvin Brainerd, born August 15, 1792, the son of Asa and Elizabeth (Welsh) Brainerd. She was his second wife, he on October 16 1814 having married Betsey Pelton, who died May 12, 1834. Alvin died April 16 1862 and Clarissa died October 1, 1866; all three are buried in Haddam's Old Higganum Cemetery. All of Alvin's children were apparently by his first wife.

Sources: Census, Haddam Barbour, Brainerd, Old Higganum

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Phoebe's friend; age 15 in 1850; she lived in Middletown.

Lucretia Hubbard was born about 1835, the daughter of Elisha Sears and Lucretia (Bidwell) Hubbard.

It's possible, though less likely, that this signer could instead be her mother, Lucretia (Bidwell) Hubbard, born July 25, 1807, married May 20, 1828 Elisha Sears Hubbard, the son of Asa and Sally (Sears) Hubbard. Elisha died March 4, 1881, and Lucretia January 7, 1892. Their children were Daniel Bidwell, Sarah Sears, Lucretia, Thankful, Lucy Maria, Rosa, Elisha, George Nelson, Frederic Goodwin, and Walter Raleigh.



Lucretia was the sister of Thankful Hubbard (E2).



Sources: Census, Hubbard

El Mrs. Sarah Burr

Phoebe's aunt, age 57 in 1850; she lived in Haddam or Middletown.*



Sarah (Sally) (Johnson) Burr was born April 7, 1793, the daughter of Didymus and Ruhama (Stephens) Johnson. She married William Burr, the son of David and Joanna (Lane) Burr. He died May 3, 1833, and Sally died November 6, 1865. Both are buried in the Burr District Cemetery in Haddam. Their children were Martin Lane, David Chauncey, William Hollis, Nelson, Sylvester, a girl who lived less than two weeks, Joanna Lane, Sarah, and Aaron.

Sally was the mother of Joanna L. (C6) and Aaron (C3) Burr and Sarah (Burr) Thomas (G4), the grandmother of Willoughby F. Burr (C2), and the mother-in-law of Flora (Burr) Burr (D3) and Elizabeth (Brainard) Burr (A2).

*Her square says Middletown, but she is in the Haddam census.

Sources: Census, Burr, Johnson, Burr District



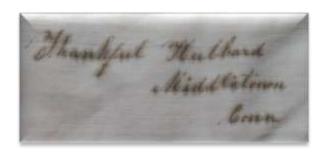


Phoebe's friend; age 12 in 1850; she lived in Middletown.

Thankful Hubbard was born about 1838, the daughter of Elisha Sears and Lucretia (Bidwell) Hubbard.



Thankful was the sister of Lucretia Hubbard (D7).



Sources: Census, Hubbard



Phoebe's friend, age 86 or 13 in 1850; she lived in Haddam.



Brainerds are common in Haddam, as are Annas, so the identification of this signer is difficult. The second is most likely, but the first has not been ruled out.

Anna (Brainerd) Brainerd, the daughter of Nehemiah and Sarah (Brainerd) Brainerd, was born August 14, 1764. On October 12, 1786 she married Frederic Brainerd, the son of Ezra and Jerusha (Smith) Brainerd. He was born January 24, 1763, and died November 10, 1843. Anna died February 14, 1850, and both are buried in the Old Rock Landing Cemetery in Haddam Neck. They had eight children: Alfred, Jared, Dorothy, Mary, Anna, a girl who lived only three hours, Amelia, and John.

OR

Anna Colton Brainerd (Smith), the daughter of Ansel and Sarah (Day) Brainerd, was born November 24, 1837 and died January 15, 1903 in Mt. Vernon, New York. She married on October 30, 1861 Simon Gardiner Smith, the son of Oliver Phelps and Phoebe H. (Childs) Smith. He was born December 16, 1835. Their children were Willis, Ansel, Oliver, Cornelia, and Arthur.

Sources: Census, Brainerd, Old Rock Landing



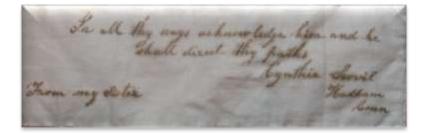


Phoebe's sister; age 17 in 1850; she lived in Haddam.

Cynthia Scovil, Phoebe's younger sister and the daughter of Sylvester and Phoebe (Burr) Scovil, was born November 10, 1833 and died unmarried at age 26, on March 10, 1860. She is buried in Haddam's Old Higganum Cemetery.



In all thy ways acknowledge him and he shall direct thy paths



Cynthia was the daughter of Phoebe (Scovil) (Burr) Scovil (D4), and the sister-in-law of Frances Bonfoey (D3), Esther (Burr) Scovil (A4) Phoebe (Spencer) Scovil (C7).

Sources: Census, Old Higganum, Scovils



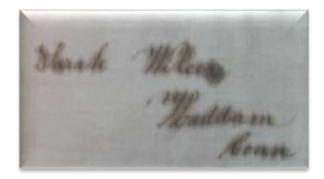
Phoebe's friend, age 22 in 1850; she lived in Haddam.



Sarah (Sally) Maria (Wilcox) Wilcox was born about 1828, the daughter of Ebenezer and Sally Maria (Smith) Wilcox. She married, May 1, 1850, Noah Post Wilcox, who was born about 1825, the son of John and Rachel Florilla (Post) Wilcox. He died June 3, 1890 and she December 30, 1904; both are buried in the Burr District Cemetery in Haddam. They had three children: Charles, Jenny, and a son who lived only eight days.

Sally was the sister of Rebecca (Wilcox) Burr (F4).

Sources: Census, Haddam Barbour, Wilcox, Burr District





Phoebe's friend; age 19 when she died in 1849; she lived in Middletown.

Mary Ann Hyde was probably the daughter of Alphonso M. and Mary S. (Wright) Hyde, born January 10, 1830 in East Haddam, and died September 2, 1849 at the age of 19.





Mary was the daughter of Mary (Wright) Hyde (E6), sister of Elizabeth G. (F2) Hyde, and neighbor of Laura Prior (A1), Nancy Smith (Brainerd) Guy (B2) and Cynthia (----) Priest (C1).

Sources: Mortality, LDS IGI

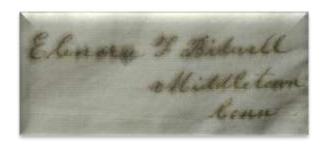


Phoebe's friend, age 7 in 1850; she lived in Middletown.



Elnora (Ella) F. (Bidwell) Roberts was born August 15, 1843, the daughter of Ashbel and Lucy Ann (Johnson) Bidwell. She married Jasper A. Roberts, who was born about 1839. Ella died on October 6, 1870, at the age of 27. Jasper then married Ella's younger sister, Mary J. Bidwell, who was born December 30, 1847. Jasper died March 22, 1882, and Mary on June 29, 1929. All three are buried in Middletown's Pine Grove Cemetery. Jasper and Mary had one child, a daughter they named Ella F.

Elnora was a neighbor of Phoebe Harris (B1), Jane Miller (D2), and Hannah (G1) and Adeline Cory (G7),



Sources: Census, Johnson, Pine Grove



Phoebe's friend; age 11 in 1850; she lived in Middletown.



Abba was the sister of Adelaide Holmes (F7), and a neighbor of Sarah (Burr) Thomas (G4), Lucretia (D7) and Thankful (E2) Hubbard, and Almira Hubbard (D5).

Sources: Census

Abba E. (probably Abigail) Holmes was born about 1841, the daughter of Lathrop and Mabel (Tryon) Holmes.





Phoebe's friend, age 16 in 1850; she lived in Middletown.



Elizabeth G. (Hyde) Kelsey was the daughter of Alphonso M. and Mary S. (Wright) Hyde, likely born October 11, 1834 in East Haddam, married on November 28, 1855, Jarvis Eli Kelsey, who was born November 25, 1831, the son of Harmon J. and Mehitable (Burrows) Kelsey. He probably died December 3, 1914 and Elizabeth in 1922. Their children included Harmon J., George H., Elizabeth G., Grace E., Arthur N., and Mabel V.

Elizabeth was the daughter of Mary (Wright) Hyde (E6), sister of Mary Ann (E6) Hyde, and neighbor of Laura Prior (A1), Nancy Smith (Brainerd) Guy (B2) and Cynthia (----) Priest (C1).

Sources: Census, LDS IGI record, Ancestry Tree





Phoebe's friend; age 28 in 1850; she lived in Haddam.

Charlotte (Spencer) Redfield was probably born in June 1822, the daughter of Joseph and Martha (Tibbals) Spencer. She married about 1840 Frederick Redfield, who was born about 1811 and died August 5, 1877. Charlotte died October 10, 1902, and both are buried in the Old Higganum Cemetery in Haddam. They had no children.





Sources: Census, Burr, Old Higganum, LDS IGI

F4 Mrs. Rebecca Burr

Wife of Phoebe's first cousin, Nelson Burr, age 28 in 1850; she lived in Haddam.



Rebecca S. (Wilcox) Burr was born about 1822, the daughter of Ebenezer and Sally Maria (Smith) Wilcox. She married, September 22, 1842, Nelson Burr, born March 19, 1819, the son of William and Sarah (Johnson) Burr. He died August 17, 1861 or 1866. She most likely remarried someone named Clark, and died July 1, 1892. Rebecca and Nelson had at least one child, Sarah M.

Rebecca was the sister of Sally (Wilcox) Wilcox (E5).

Sources: Census, Haddam Barbour, Wilcox, Johnson





Phoebe's friend; age 18 in 1850; she lived in Middletown.



Julia Miller was the daughter of Caleb and Mary B. (Hendly) Miller. She was born about 1832.



Julia was the sister of Jane Miller (D2) and the neighbor of Phoebe Harris (B1), Elnora Bidwell (E7), and Hannah (G1) and Adeline (G7) Cory.

Sources: Census, Miller

Fo Ann T. Wright

Phoebe's friend, age 26 in 1850; she lived in Middletown or East Haddam.*



Ann T. (Wright) Gardner was born about 1824, and on March 11, 1851 married Henry F. Gardner of East Haddam.

*Her square says Middletown, but she is in the East Haddam census, staying with her sister, Lucy P. (Wright) Silliman.

Sources: Census, East Haddam Barbour





Phoebe's friend; age 6 in 1850; she lived in Middletown.

Adelaide (Holmes) Robinson was born in February 1844, the daughter of Lathrop and Mabel (Tryon) Holmes. She married Alpheus Robinson in 1868, died in 1922, and is buried in Middletown's Old Farm Hill Cemetery.





Adelaide was the sister of Abba Holmes (F1) and a neighbor of Sarah (Burr) Thomas (G4), Lucretia (D7) and Thankful (E2) Hubbard, and Almira Hubbard (D5)

Sources: Census, Old Farm Hill



Phoebe's friend, age 16 in 1850; she lived in Middletown.



Hannah A. Cory was born about 1834, the daughter of William and Lucy (Clark) Cory.

Hannah was the sister of Adeline Cory (G7).

Sources: Census, Indian Hill

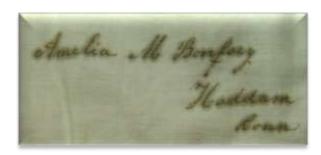


G2 Amelia M. Bonfoey

Phoebe's friend and neighbor; age 24 in 1850; she lived in Haddam.

Amelia M. (Bonfoey) Burr was born July 29, 1826, the daughter of Benanuel and Eliza (Burr) Bonfoey. She married, after 1863, as his second wife, Noah Burr. Noah was the son of Noah P. and Rebecca (Bulkley) Burr. He had married his first wife, Polly Kelsey, on April 12, 1846, and she died December 17, 1863. Noah died January 27, 1892; Amelia died April 26, 1905. All three are buried in the Burr District Cemetery in Haddam. Noah and Amelia had one child, James A.





Amelia was the daughter of Eliza (Burr) Bonfoey (C4), and the sister of Susan and Frances (B3) Bonfoey.

Sources: Census, Burr, Burr District



Phoebe's neighbor, age 23 in 1850; she lived in Haddam.



Louisa (Bailey) Dewey was probably born December 1, 1828. She married Milton B. Dewey, probably on September 20, 1846. He was probably born August 10, 1822, and died December 12, 1865. She died September 26, 1862 and is buried in Haddam's New Higganum Cemetery.

Sources: Census, New Higganum, LDS IGI



G4 Mrs. Sarah Thomas

Phoebe's first cousin; age 21 in 1850; she lived in Haddam or Middletown.*

Sarah (Burr) Thomas, the daughter of William and Sarah (Johnson) Burr, was born July 21, 1829. She married, as his second wife, Halsey Thomas, who was born about 1814. His first wife, Martha, died March 18, 1847. Sarah died July 15, 1885, and Halsey followed two months later on September 27, 1885. All three are buried in Middletown's Mortimer Cemetery.





Sarah was the daughter of Sarah (Johnson) Burr (E1), the sister of Joanna (C6) and Aaron (C3) Burr, the aunt of Willoughby Burr (C2), and the sister-in-law of Elizabeth (Brainerd) Burr (A2), Rebecca (Wilcox) Burr (F4) and Flora Betsey Burr (D3).

*Her square says Haddam, but she is in the Middletown census.

Sources: Census, Burr, Johnson, Mortimer

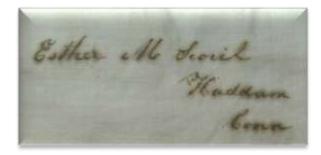


Phoebe's niece and neighbor, age 10 in 1850; she lived in Haddam.



Esther Maria Scovil (Leete), born in August of 1840, was the daughter of Atwood and Esther (Burr) Scovil. She married Gilbert Leete, who was probably the son of Willis and Emma (Buell) Leete.

Esther was the daughter of Esther (Burr) Scovil (A4), the sister of Susan V. Scovil (A6), the granddaughter of Phoebe (Burr) Scovil (D4), and the niece of Cynthia Scovil (E4).



Sources: Census, Scovils



Phoebe's friend; age 33 in 1850; he lived in Haddam.

William Gay was born about 1817 in England, and married there in 1843 Amelia Bullock Abrahams. They immigrated to the United States on October 17, 1843 on the ship *Europe*. Their children included William, Maria M., Marietta A., Elizabeth, and James W. By 1860 the family had moved to Illinois.

William was the husband of Amelia Gay (D1). He was a Methodist clergyman, and Phoebe and most of the others represented in this quilt attended Haddam's First Congregational Church, so other than living in Haddam (though not obviously near any of the others), their connection with Phoebe is unknown.



Teach one thy away & Lowth and will worth in this trather much and hered Walliam

Teach me thy way O Lord; I will walk in thy path; with our heart we fear thy name. Ps 86.11

Sources: Census, LDS IGI, FreeBMD, Immigration



Phoebe's friend, age 13 in 1850; she lived in Middletown.



Adeline F. (Cory) Elliot, the daughter of William and Lucy (Clark) Cory, was born May 4, 1837. She married Benjamin P. Elliot, who was born September 26, 1829 and died September 6, 1870. He was the son of Clark and Almira (Gillett) Elliot. They had no children, and she did not remarry. Adeline died January 25, 1918; she and Benjamin are buried in Middletown's Indian Hill Cemetery.

Adeline is the sister of Hannah Cory (G1).



Sources: Census, Indian Hill

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