Western Massachusetts Families in 1790 Sample Sketch

HAMMOND, ELNATHAN 3 – 4 – 5 –1 – 1 –
Lanesborough, Hampshire County

ELNATHAN4 HAMMOND was born at Newport, Newport County, Rhode Island, 16 December 1760, son of John Arnold and Mary (Scott) Hammond. He died at Middlebury, Addison County, Vermont, 10 September 1856.

Elnathan married at North Kingstown, Washington County, Rhode Island, 5 November 1790 DEBORAH CARR. She was born at North Kingstown 10 June 1790, daughter of John and Alice (Gardiner) Carr.

Elnathan’s mother, Mary (Scott) Hammond, was the daughter of Robert and Lydia (Franklin) Scott. Lydia was the sister of statesman Benjamin Franklin. Elnathan and Deborah resided at Lanesborough, Berkshire County, Massachusetts, for several years before relocating to Middlebury in 1794.

He removed from his first place of settlement in Middlebury to a larger farm, adding to it to create a sizeable property. He passed it onto his sons William S. and Edwin, who continued to enlarge and improve the farm.

Children of Elnathan4 and Deborah (Carr) Hammond, first born at Lanesborough and the rest at Middlebury:

i. LUCINDA5 HAMMOND, b. 8 May 1792; d.s.p. at Middlebury, Addison County, Vermont, 19 January 1853; m. as his fourth wife at Middlebury 10 July 1845 LEONARD WHEELER. Leonard was b. at Shrewsbury, Worcester County, Massachusetts, 27 August 1783, son of Artemus and Lucretia (Howe) Wheeler; d. at Bridport, Addison County, Vermont, 1 August 1872.

ii. JOHN ARNOLD HAMMOND, b. 18 July 1794; d. at Middlebury 29 February 1882; m. there 11 March 1824 FANNY B. KEELER. Fanny was b. in Vermont between April and August 1797.

Notes

1 Phillip Battell, Esq., “Descendants of Benjamin Hammond,” Register 30 [1876]:31, citing a family Bible record (hereafter Battell, Benjamin Hammond).
2 Vermont Vital Records to 1870 [FHL #27,571].
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5 Vermont Vital Records to 1870 [FHL #27,571].
7 Lucinda’s birth is recorded in Middlebury vital records, not at Lanesborough (Vermont Vital Records to 1870 [FHL #27,571]). According to the history of Middlebury, however, the family did not arrive there until 1794, indicating that she would have been born in Lanesborough.
8 Vermont Vital Records to 1870 [FHL #27,571].
10 Vermont Vital Records 1871 to 1908 [State of Vermont Film #S-12540].
11 Vermont Vital Records to 1870 [FHL #27,571].
12 Vermont Vital Records 1871 to 1908 [State of Vermont Film #S-12387].
13 Vermont Vital Records to 1870 [FHL #27,571].
14 The 1850 U.S. Census, enumerated August 15, gives Fanny’s age as 53 (Town of Middlebury, Addison County, Vermont, p. 157, line 14, accessed online at www.Ancestry.com [NARA Series M432, Roll 920]) while the 1870 Mortality Schedule gives her age as 72 when she died in April [see Note 15]. Calculating backwards results in a birth between April and August 1797.