

Joshua Pratt came to Plymouth in the Ann in 1623 and was allotted land among the old comers.

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His wife was Bathsheba. He was one of the original purchasers of Dartmouth

His daughter Hannah married William Sporne who came to Plymouth in 1637

WING

(1) John Wing (d 1659) came to America in 1632. In Boston for a time - then Saugus. In 1637 became one of the 10 proprietors of Saugus

SWIFT

(2) Daniel Wing (son of above 1698) born in England. Became a Quaker in 1657. He married Nov 5, 1641 Hannah d of William and Joan Swift

EWER

(3) John Wing (son of Daniel b 14 Nov 1656. d Aug 1, 1717) married as second wife - Anna d. of Thomas and Sarah (Pearl) Ewer

(4) Experience Wing (d of John b. Aug 4 1668) married Samuel Sporne

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The  
Ancestors  
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ELISHA PRATT  
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Turner, Maine

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The Ancestors  
of  
Elisha Pratt

1. Joshua Pratt was born in England and came to Plymouth probably in July 1623 on the ship Anne, the third ship to bring persons to the Plymouth colony. The one hundred and two people who came on the Mayflower, the thirty-five who came on the Fortune, and the ninety-six who came on the Anne -- a total of 233 -- constitute the group of early settlers at Plymouth known today as the Pilgrims -- known by their children and grandchildren as "the First Comers."

Joshua Pratt's father, it is believed, was Henry Pratt, an English nonconformist minister who was imprisoned for preaching the gospel contrary to the rules of the established Church of England, one of more than four hundred religious teachers who were confined in damp and gloomy jails in England for the same offense. While in prison he managed to communicate with his family by writing to them with the blood which he drew from his arm. Whether he died in jail as many of his fellow prisoners did, or was released and lived for a few years more is unknown.

Tradition relates that the father of Henry was John Pratt and that either John or his father was French and earlier bore the surname of Plat or Platt. He is supposed to have fled from France for political reasons and to have become an armor bearer to the monarch of England.

The name Platt appears in French, Danish, German, and Swedish and appears as Prado in Spanish and Portuguese. They are all derived from the Latin root word, pratum, meaning meadow. Pratt has been a common name in England from the earliest time. The Pratts were located largely in the southern part of England. The family motto was "The flowery meadows smile." Persons bearing the Pratt name lived in Rouen, Normandy, and came to England with William the Conqueror in 1066. Pratts are also found among the Crusaders.

The Pilgrim band that Joshua Pratt and his fellow passengers on the Anne joined had, three years before, as Bradford and Winslow recount in Mourt's Relation, on "Wednesday, the sixth of September, the wind coming East North East, a fine small gale,...loosed from Plymouth (England);...and, after many difficulties in boisterous storms, at length, by God's providence, upon the 9th of November following, by break of the day,...espied land, which we deemed to be Cape Cod, and so it afterward proved."

The Mayflower, 180 tons, was ninety feet long and twenty-four feet wide. It had a crew of eighteen men. The crew and storage space were in the forequarters and the 102 passengers lived in bunks and cabins aft. During the voyage there were usually two meals each day, mostly cold food. The little cooking that was done was on an open fire on a small area on the deck filled with sand.

After five weeks of exploring along Cape Cod for a location for the new colony, resulting in the selection of the former Indian settlement, Patuxet (Plymouth<sup>1</sup>), a party was sent out from the Mayflower on Thursday afternoon, December 28 (N.S.) "to measure out the grounds." A rough street was laid out running up the hill from the water's edge "about a cannon shot (800 yards) in length." It was known as "The Street", or First Street, nowadays called Leyden Street.

Nineteen house lots were laid out, on both sides of The Street, each family being allowed half a "pole" (rod) in breadth and three in depth for each member. Lots were drawn for the plots. The first winter only seven of the nineteen houses were built. All these, except Governor Bradford's house, were on the south side of Leyden Street and extended from near the water's edge up to Spring Street, which was laid out at a right angle with Leyden, having the Fort Hill for the corner of the angle, as a protection for both streets. The seven houses were finished at the end of March and at that time the last of the Pilgrims moved off the Mayflower.

The lots on the south side of Leyden Street, running from hill to bay, were allotted, in the following order, to Edward Winslow, Francis Cook, Isaac Allerton, John Billington, William Brewster, John Goodman and Peter Brown. They were allotted,

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<sup>1</sup>Plymouth was not named by the Pilgrims. The name had already been assigned to the spot by King Charles I on the basis of a map of the Massachusetts Bay region prepared by Captain John Smith on his 1614 trip. Charles River got its name at the same time.

however, only "for the erection of houses for common convenience and shelter." They remained for the first three years the property of the colony. In addition to the seven original dwellings, there were four buildings for the use of the plantation: one for the sick, the common house, and two store houses. During the second year the original plan was carried out and the remainder of the nineteen houses were built.

The houses were made from hand-squared logs, the spaces filled with clay. The floors were made of smoothed logs and the roofs of thatched swamp grass. The gardens were enclosed with hewn planks.

During the first three months, fifty-three of the 104 who came on the Mayflower died as a result of the rigors of living in winter weather on shipboard and in the rude dwellings. Of eighteen women in the group only four survived the first winter. Those who died were buried without markers on the little knoll known as Cole's Hill on the edge of the Bay.

Around the middle of July 1623 the ship Anne, 140 tons, arrived with sixty passengers. Some were wives and children of those who came on the Mayflower. Others were members of the group that had remained in Leyden. Others, probably including Joshua Pratt, had joined the ship in England.

Of the arrival of the Anne, Bradford says:

"These passengers when they saw their (the Pilgrims') low & poore condition ashore, were much danted and dismayed, and according to their diverse humors were diversely affected; some wished themselves in England againe; others fell a weeping, fancying their own miserie in what yey saw now in

others; other some pitying the distress they saw their friends had been long in and still were under; in a word, all were full of sadnes. Only some of their old friends rejoysed to see them, and y<sup>t</sup> it was no worse with them, for they could not expecte it should be better, and now hoped they should injoye better days togeather. And truly it was no marvell they should be thus affected, for they were in a very low condition, many were ragged in aparell, & some litle beter then halfe naked; though some y<sup>t</sup> were stord before, were well enough in this regard. But for food they were all alike, save some y<sup>t</sup> had got a few pease of y<sup>e</sup> ship y<sup>t</sup> was last year. The best dish they could presente their friends with was a lobster, or a peece of fish, without bread or anything els but a cupp of fair spring water."

Joshua's brother Phineas (or "Phinehas") had come to nearby Wessagusett (Weymouth) from England in May 1622 in the schooner Sparrow with a group of settlers financed by Thomas Weston of London. Weston had also headed the Company that furnished the funds for the Mayflower voyage. The Weymouth colony, after extreme hardship, was forced by famine to abandon its efforts and in the late spring of 1623 went to Piscataqua (Portsmouth, New Hampshire). Phineas wrote an account (Phineas Pratt's Narrative) of his experiences at Wessagussett and his escape through the snow and lurking hostile Indians to secure help from the Plymouth men. From Piscataqua Phineas came to Plymouth in the summer of 1623. Later Phineas moved to Charlestown and died in 1680, aged ninety. A third Pratt, Matthew, possibly a brother of Joshua and Phineas, settled in Weymouth a short time later.

Willison in Saints and Strangers says that Joshua came to Plymouth from the Weymouth company with Phineas. All other authorities (such as Davis, Goodwin and Savage) say



that he came in the Anne. There does not appear to be positive proof either way. Joshua's name is included in the 1624 division of lands at Plymouth as being among those who arrived in the Anne (this list being the only basis of our knowledge of the identity of the Anne's passengers). So, however, is Phineas' name. (The names of Joshua, Phineas and six others are written in another hand and ink than the rest of the list. These could not all have come from Weymouth, however, as two of them were a married couple and there were no women at Weymouth.) Phineas' Narrative makes no mention of Joshua nor do any of the other records of the Weymouth venture. The presumption is, therefore, that, in Joshua's case, the Plymouth record is correct and that he came in the Anne.

In 1624 the settlers were divided into twelve companies of thirteen persons each. Unmarried men were assigned to the various households and Joshua Pratt became a member of the company of Francis Cook. The town by this time contained thirty-two dwellings, all within the compass of about a half a mile.

The land was planted and tilled with heavy hoes. The two mile stretch of land at Plymouth running south from High Cliff had been cultivated by the Indians, quite possibly for centuries, but the area had been abandoned three years prior to the arrival of the Pilgrims as the result of a plague that had wiped out all the tribe -- except the invaluable Squanto.

During the first year the colony planted twenty acres of Indian corn (an estimated 90,000 hills, with two or three alewives for fertilizer in each hill), and six acres of wheat, rye, barley and peas -- no mean accomplishment for the twenty-one men and six boys who had also to build the dwellings. In addition each family had its own small vegetable garden about the house. By 1624, when there were 180 persons in the colony, all two hundred acres of the original cleared area of the Indians was under cultivation.

For three years corn was almost the only food. When that ran out, the colony lived on fish and water. The first cattle to be brought to Plymouth were the three heifers and a bull which came in March 1624 in the Charity. (There were, however, on the Mayflower two dogs, a spaniel and a mastiff.) To the Francis Cook company was later assigned one of the "four black heifers that came in the Jacob and two she-goats."

A notation in the Plymouth records under date of July 26, 1638 states that Joshua Pratt "had four shares in the black heifer which was Henry Holland's." A later entry says, "Joshua Pratt's black heiffer, her encrease is a three year old heiffer and 1 cove calf. Joshua had 40 d. and the cove calf and the stock had the heiffer."

Most of the Pilgrims had been farmers in England. Following their emigration it was necessary for them to take up trades. Joshua became a weaver.

Joshua Pratt's name appears frequently in the early Plymouth colony records. It is included in the various

Plymouth lists of freemen. He must have devoted a considerable portion of his time to various public offices. Among them was that of marshall of the colony and constable for the "town of New Plymouth", a position to which he was elected in 1633, when the office was created, and which he held for many years.

The town meeting, an institution now widely associated with New England, originally settled all questions of public interest in the Plymouth colony, and in criminal cases acted as both judge and jury. For fifteen years there were no criminal laws and no prison. There were, instead of prison, fines and forfeitures, the stocks and the whipping post.

Originally many of the duties which might properly belong to the office of constable had been performed by Miles Standish by virtue of his captaincy. In 1633 it was decided to create the office of constable, and Joshua Pratt was chosen. The oath that was taken by the constable contained the following:

"You shall diligently see that his Majestie's peace comanded be not broken but shall carry the pson or psons offending before the Governor of this corporacon or some one of his Assis<sup>t</sup>ants, and there attend the hearing of the case and such order as shall be given you. You shall apprehend all suspitious psons and bring them before the said Governor or some one of his Assistants as aforesaid. You shall duly and truly serve such warrants and give such sumons as shall be directed unto you from the Governor or Assistants before menconed, and shall labour to advance the peace and happiness of this corporacon and oppose any thing that shall seeme to annoy the same by all due meanes and courses. So help you God, who is the God of truth and punisher of falsehood."

The functions of the office are described by Davis in "Ancient Landmarks":

"The constable was an officer made necessary by new conditions growing out of the gradual development of the colony. The number of settlers had increased, and a demand arose for increased efforts to preserve the peace. The footpaths of the settlement became cart-ways, and needed repair. The freemen constituting the General Court became scattered, and some one must be delegated to warn them of its meetings....The General Court needed a messenger. Rates and fines must be collected, and executions served. To meet these wants, arising naturally in the evolution of government, the office of constable was established, bearing little or no resemblance to any office ever before bearing the name except in Massachusetts, and receiving the best appellation which the vocabulary afforded. Until 1638 the constable for Plymouth was the messenger of the court, the prototype of the sergeant-at-arms of the Massachusetts Legislature. His Duty was to attend the General Courts and the Courts of Assistants, to act as keeper of the jail, to execute punishment, to give warning of such marriages as shall be approved by authority, to seal weights and measures, and measure out such land as shall be ordered by the governor or government."

The salary was thirty bushels of corn a year, corn being the de facto currency of the colony. One would conclude from Goodwin's detailed enumeration of the misdoings of various members of the colony in his Pilgrim Republic that Joshua earned his pay.

Joshua Pratt also served with William Bradford, Edward Winslow, and John Holland as surveyor of the township of Plymouth. The compensation for this was one peck of corn for every share of land laid out. On September 3, 1693 the General Court ordered that "a Certain Aincient manuscript Called Joshua Pratts book now in ye Custody of the Towne Clerk of Plimouth Relating to the laying out &

bounding of sundery lands and Meadows within this County That said book after the same is entered or Transemitted in to sd plimouth Townes Brok by sd clerk shall be delivered by him to the Clerk of this County to be kept and preserved by him for the benefitt of such as are therein Concerned."

At various times Joshua was an assessor. He also served often as arbitrator and juror.

During the first two years the colony at Plymouth was run on a communal basis. In 1623, as previously stated, a first division of lands was made, granting garden lots on the basis of one acre to a person. The original record of this division, for the most part in the handwriting of Governor Bradford, is in the first book of the Colony Records in the Plymouth Registry of Deeds. Among the allotments is one of two acres on the "north side" of the town of Joshua Pratt and Phineas Pratt.<sup>1</sup>

Joshua's allotment, probably used by him originally for garden land and later as the location of his house, was at High Cliff, still called by that name, a mile and a half north of the center of the town. On the seaward side of "the Country Road" (now Route 3), reached by Atlantic Street, it is still an open field on the water's

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<sup>1</sup>The statement in Davis' Ancient Landmarks, p. 52, that Joshua Pratt's lots were on the south side of the town near Eel River is in error, as a reference to the original records will indicate.

edge, affording a superb view of the whole Plymouth Bay area. That this was the location of Joshua's lot is indicated by the wording of the 1623 allotment on the "north side" and also by two later deeds. A deed dated July 1637 from Edward Dotey to Richard Derby conveys "all those messuages, houses, and tenements at the heigh Cliffe or Skearts Hill together with the four lottes of land and three other acres purchased of Jushua Pratt, Phineas Pratt and John Shaw." In May 1642 Joshua Pratt sold to Edward Doty "one acre of upland lying at the heigh Cliffe".

An Indian burial ground was discovered in 1844 near High Cliff on the line of the Old Colony Railroad. This may have marked the northerly boundary of the early Indian settlement.

In 1637 Joshua (frequently spelled "Josuah" in the deeds) bought "for fourteene bushells of Corne" a house and lot at the center of town, on the south side of Summer Street (parallel to Leyden) at Spring Lane, bordering on Town Brook.

Other land that belonged to him included: "Two acres of Marsh Meddow at the wood Iland"; "a garden place about the house he hath bought of Thomas Savory at Squerrell"; "twelve acres of upland lying at Cedar Swamp and the meddow about a ponde beyond Triangle Ponde"; and "five acres of meadow in the South Meadows toward Aggawan, Colebrook Meadows (South Carver)".

The town records for January 14, 1642 state "The Towne granted XXX acres of the lands of Clarks Iland to the five that make salt for XXI yeares paying a bushell of salt yearely to Josuah Pratt dureing the said terme if it be demanded."

Joshua and Phineas both married in 1630. The first name of Joshua's wife was Bathsheba; her last name is believed to have been Fay.

Joshua and Bathsheba Pratt had seven sons and one daughter: Joshua, Joseph, John, Jonathan, Benajah, Eleaser, David, and Hannah.

Joshua died in October 1656. Besides real estate, he left among the personal items listed in the inventory of his estate: two beds, one bolster, one pillow, three blankets, one pair of sheets, one iron kettle, one iron pot, and pot hooks, one old cow, one heifer, a sheep, a weather lamb, a pig, two pewter dishes, a cupboard, two chests, a great Latin Bible, six pounds and a half of cotton wool, a spinning wheel, a frying pan, a spade, two axes, a sieve, two chisels, two augurs, two gouges, a hammer, two saws, a hoe, a smoothing iron, two waistcoats, and various similar items common to the household of that day.

Following Joshua's death, on August 29, 1667 Bathsheba married John Doggett of Martha's Vineyard.

Joshua Pratt's descendants have been remarkable for their longevity. His grandson, Ephraim Pratt of Shutesbury, lived to the age of 116.

2. Jonathan Pratt, the son of Joshua and Bathsheba Pratt, was born in Plymouth in 1639. He is recorded, on May 11, 1698, as owning land on "the Meadow" on the shore of Plymouth Bay and later "on the west side of the road to Lakenham Neere (Carver)". In 1675 he accepted the post of under-marshall on condition that he be excused from helping to execute criminals. He was surveyor of highways in 1681 and a selectman in 1687.

On November 2, 1664 he married Abigail (born August 1645), daughter of Deacon John Dunham (who arrived in Plymouth in 1633) and his wife, Abigail.

The children of Jonathan and Abigail Pratt were: Abigail, June 16, 1665; Bathsheba, February 20, 1666; Jonathan, March 20, 1668; Hannah, June 28, 1671; Jabez, November 1, 1673; Meletiah, December 11, 1676; Bethya, August 8, 1679; and Maria, 1684.

Jonathan's wife, Abigail, died in 1684. After her death he moved to Taunton and on March 3, 1689 married Elizabeth, daughter of Nicolas White and the widow of Samuel Hall.

Jonathan died in 1729.

3. Jonathan Pratt, son of Jonathan and Abigail, was born in Plymouth, March 20, 1668. On January 8, 1691



he married Margaret Low, daughter of John Low who was killed by the Indians at Rehoboth in 1676. Her mother was Elizabeth Howland, daughter of Arthur (brother of John, of the Mayflower) and Margaret Howland. Jonathan and Margaret were married in Scituate and settled in the part of Scituate that later became Hanover.

The children of Jonathan and Margaret Pratt were: Abigail, 1692; Margaret, 1694; Jonathan, October 6, 1697; Martha, August 28, 1704; Deborah and Patience, baptized 1707; Othniel, born January 25, 1708.

Jonathan lived on a farm across the road from the one owned by his grandson Jonathan (see No. 5 below), and about 100 yards nearer Boston. It was the site of a house built by Martin Church in 1840, destroyed by fire a few years ago. A small bungalow now occupies the site.

Jonathan died June 28, 1728.

4. Othniel Pratt, son of Jonathan and Margaret, was born in Hanover, January 25, 1708. On April 2, 1738 he married Mary Pryor, daughter of Benjamin Pryor (Joseph<sup>2</sup>, Thomas<sup>1</sup>) and Bethia Pratt of Duxbury. The Pryors were descendants of John Prior, Sheriff of London in 1317. Joseph Pryor served in the company commanded by Captain Miles Standish.

The children of Othniel and Mary Pratt were: Jonathan, October 15, 1740; Othniel, March 7, 1743; Benjamin, March 4, 1745; Deborah, baptized May 8, 1747; Mary, 1750; Ruth

baptized April 1753; Jabez, baptized July 27, 1755; and Hannah baptized July 9, 1758.

Othniel lived on the farm formerly owned by his father. He died June 23, 1759. His wife, Mary, died March 12 the same year.

5. Jonathan Pratt, son of Othniel and Mary Pratt, was born in Hanover, October 15, 1740. On December 30, 1762 he married Lucy Church, born in 1742, the daughter of Nathaniel Church (Nathaniel<sup>3</sup>, Nathaniel<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>), and Mary Curtis. Richard Church was the third wealthiest man in Plymouth in 1632 (L1116). He was a carpenter and built the first church in Plymouth and the gun carriages for the fort. The church was built in 1648 on the north side of the town square (at the head of Leyden Street), next to Governor Bradford's house, and stood until 1683. Originally the common house (20 feet square) was used both for storage and public worship. When it burned in 1622, the Fort was built "with good timber," as Bradford wrote, "both strong and comly, which was of good defense, made with a flatte rooffe and batilments, on which their ordnance was mounted, and where they kepte constante watch, especially in time of danger. It served them also for a meeting house, and was fitted accordingly for that use." Richard Church is mentioned as five feet six in height, well-knit, strong, active; having a broad forehead, strong chin, and a firm but delicate nose; and as being blunt, intelligent and

conscientious. His wife was Elizabeth Warren, daughter of Richard Warren, signer of the Mayflower Compact and ancestor of Ulysses Grant and Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Jonathan Pratt was a soldier in the Revolutionary Army and fought at Bunker Hill.

He lived on a farm on Washington Street, Hanover, now part of Route 3 from Boston to Plymouth. The house stood a few feet north of a house, now standing, built by Samuel S. Church in 1832. The latter is a large white colonial house on the west side of the road, a short distance south of Assinnippi and a third of a mile north of the sign on Route 3 directing traffic to "Hanover business section." Mrs. W. S. Packard, a recent occupant of the farm, recalls talking with Mrs. Pearce, daughter of Samuel Church. Mrs. Pearce told her she remembered living in the Jonathan Pratt house while the new house (1832) was being built.

The children of Jonathan Pratt and Lucy Church were: Lucy and Jonathan, twins, baptized September 18, 1768; Jabez, 1769; Elisha, May 2, 1771; Mary, 1773; Sarah, 1776; Joanna, 1779; and Church and Deborah, twins, 1789. Of these nine children six later moved to Maine to live.

Lucy died August 23, 1789 and Jonathan married on April 15, 1790 Lydia Chamberlain. They had a child, Benjamin C., born November 23, 1790. Lydia died in November 1790 and Jonathan married on January 10, 1798 Desire Palmer.

Jonathan Pratt died November 28, 1813.

6. Elisha Pratt was born in Hanover May 2, 1771, son of Jonathan and Lucy Pratt. He left Hanover for Maine in 1790 as a carpenter apprentice to his older brother, Jonathan.

An old notebook in the possession of the Town Clerk of Turner which contains notations of events in Turner prior to the commencement of the town records has the following: "The intention of marriage between Elisha Pratt and Rebecah Keen, both of Turner, was published March the 10th, 1799." They were married April 1 that year. Rebecca Keen was born in Taunton, Massachusetts, July 11, 1775, the daughter of John Keen (John<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Josiah<sup>1</sup>) and Jerusha Blake (Captain Edward<sup>6</sup>, Samuel<sup>5</sup>, William<sup>4</sup>, William<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Humphrey<sup>1</sup> of Somerset, England). Captain Edward Blake married Annie Hanover, daughter of Grinfield Hanover, who was reputed to be connected with the House of Hanover, of England.

The children of Elisha and Rebecca Pratt were: Edward, December 28, 1799; Lucy, November 5, 1801; Rebecca, April 9, 1806; Mercy, June 1, 1807; Elisha, March 13, 1808 (died young); Deborah, May 22, 1810; Timothy, August 9, 1812; Elisha, January 3, 1815; Mahala, February 26, 1817.

Elisha purchased two lots (320 acres) in the north part of Turner. His home was a large square colonial type house on the east side of the North Parish Road, across from the present Pratt homestead. On the northwest slope of the highest hill in town, the farm bordering on a small

lake, Elisha's house looked fifty miles west to the Presidential Range and north to Mount Blue, and Mounts Abram and Bigelow. The house had wide clapboards and the floor was made of twelve-inch wooden squares. The doorsteps were fashioned of hewn rock. The rooms were large and the furniture "nice", according to the recollection of one of Elisha's granddaughters. The hall had woodwork resembling marble and a "huge" stairway. It was torn down around 1840, and replaced by a "modern cottage." The cottage burned down in 1856.

There are excellent oil paintings of Elisha and Rebecca Pratt, possibly by Samuel F. B. Morse, the inventor of the telegraph, who at one time travelled through the towns of northern New England painting portraits. Jeanette Pratt Jones, granddaughter of Elisha, said that she remembered the artist coming to the farm and living there with the family while he painted the two portraits. One has his choice between this account and a family tradition that after their children had grown up Elisha and Rebecca took a trip back to Hanover and to Boston, had their portraits painted, and bought a gold watch for each son and a gold necklace for each daughter. One of the gold necklaces is shown on Rebecca in her portrait. Jeanette Jones also recalled that on every May 2, Elisha's birthday, he used to walk with his grandchildren through the woods, past the Devil's Den (mentioned in "Guide Book to Maine" by the

Federal Writer's Project), down Winding Hill to the Lower Opening (Lower Barns) on the east part of the farm. The old ox-road can even today be followed through the woods, a treasure spot, in season, for mayflowers.

Turner, when Elisha went there, was, according to French's History, barely a clearing in the wilderness. The settlers carried their corn to New Gloucester, twenty-five miles away, to be ground. Each man took his grist on his back, following a spotted path through the woods.

The settlers were dependent upon their farms for the supply of their tables. Callers at tea time were likely to be served roasted potatoes and milk. The maple trees furnished sugar, the fields bread, and the pastures meat and products of the dairy. Clothing was manufactured at home, flax furnishing the material for summer wear and wool for winter. The housewife carded the flax, the tow, and the wool by hand and spun the rolls into yarn which she wove into cloth for the use of the family. She made the bedding and table linen. It was the practice of the farmer to carry the hides, taken from the cattle killed for beef, to the local tanners, and, when the leather was ready for use in the fall, call in the shoemaker and have the shoes made for the family.

The early houses were rude, a story and a half high. Later the houses were built larger and two stories and a half high. The inside of the house was frequently finished

by ceiling the walls with boards. Carpets were unknown and the floor was rarely painted. White sand was sprinkled on the floor and brushed with a broom into patterns. Each room was furnished with a brick fireplace, the one in the kitchen, or living room, being large and capable of holding a huge pile of wood. All the cooking for the family was done over the open fire or in the brick oven. A long seat made of boards, with a high back, called a settle, was a standard part of the kitchen furniture.

The roads were poor and wagons did not come into use until later. The people rode on horseback, the man seated on a saddle and the woman on a pillion behind him. People going to church would frequently "ride and tie" or "hitch and hike": a couple would mount the horse and ride a portion of the way, when they would dismount and tie the horse by the roadside and proceed on foot. When the next couple came up to the horse they would mount and ride on past their companions and then in turn tie the horse and proceed on foot.

A notice of Elisha Pratt's death on January 25, 1858, in the Gospel Banner, the Maine Universalist periodical, written by George Bates, minister of the Universalist church in Turner, reads:

"In North Turner, Jan. 25, Elisha Pratt, in the 87th year of his age. Father Pratt was a native of Hanover, Mass., but came to Turner at the age of 19 as an apprentice to an older brother. After serving his time he settled in Turner, where he has

remained ever since. He has probably erected and finished more dwelling houses and other buildings than any man in town, and has contributed liberally to the construction of roads, bridges, school-houses, and three houses of public worship, owning a share in each. By great industry, and yet with a truly liberal spirit, he obtained a competency in this world's goods, and while the poor were never turned empty away, he brought up a large family, and provided amply for their wants in after life. His worthy companion preceded him to the spirit-land about ten years, since which time he has lived with his children, six of whom he has left, not to mourn that he has entered into his eternal rest, but to cherish his memory and imitate his virtues."

Although it cannot now be definitely known, it may be supposed, from the foregoing and other evidence, that buildings which were built by Elisha Pratt include the present town hall and Universalist church at Turner Center, the school house at Howe's Corner, and a number of the older farmhouses in Turner.

Rebecca Pratt died June 21, 1847. She and Elisha are buried at the Howe's Corner Cemetery in Turner.



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Phineas Pratt's Narrative

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History of Turner, Maine

THE DESCENDANTS  
OF  
ELISHA PRATT

Children of Elisha and Rebecca Pratt:

- I. Edward Pratt; born December 28, 1799; died December 27, 1850.
- II. Lucy Pratt, born November 5, 1801; died February 27, 1888.
- III. Rebecca Pratt, born April 9, 1806; died August 16, 1849.
- IV. Mercy Pratt, born June 1, 1807; died February 11, 1884.
- V. Elisha Pratt, born March 13, 1808; died May 26, 1813.
- VI. Deborah Pratt, born May 22, 1810; died April 10, 1887.
- VII. Timothy Pratt, born August 9, 1812; died June 23, 1906.
- VIII. Elisha Pratt, born January 3, 1815; died September 11, 1880.
- IX. Mahala Pratt, born February 26, 1817; died July 25, 1866.

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- II. Edward Pratt, born December 28, 1799; died December 27, 1850; lived at Strickland's Ferry, Me.; mar. Nov. 7, 1827, Louisa Merrill, d. April 16, 1852, at 47.

Children:

- A. Persis H. Pratt, b. 1829; d. June 30, 1850.  
B. Mary J. Pratt, b. 1832; d. July 17, 1852; mar. Geo. H. Keith.

Child:

1. Emma T. Keith  
C. Edward Pratt, b. Sept. 23, 1837; d. May 12, 1915; mar. 1st Ora Baker, b. Oct. 18, 1835; d. Feb. 9, 1881.

Children:

1. Caroline Louisa Pratt, b. Apr. 27, 1860; d. Apr. 19, 1894; mar. William R. Soper, South Livermore, Me., Nov. 17, 1855; d. Nov. 14, 1927.

Child:

- (a) Chester A. Soper, Livermore Falls; b. Aug. 27, 1890; mar. Apr. 4, 1915 Myrtle Verrill, b. Nov. 25, 1894, d. Dec. 26, 1959.

Children:

- (i) Dorothy Louise Soper; b. Aug. 3, 1916; mar. Alvin Bradbury, Apr. 25, 1942; Florida.

Child:

- (a) Charles Alton Bradbury, b. Mar. 31, 1945.

- (ii) Caroline Beatrice Soper, b. May 4, 1922; mar. Wallace Sanford Dunmore, Nov. 15, 1943; Livermore Falls.

Child:

- (a) Gregory William Dunmore, b. Apr. 26, 1945.

- (iii) Harold William Soper, b. Dec. 23, 1926;  
mar. Pauline E. Hooper, Apr. 3, 1948.  
Printer, Gardiner, Me.

Children:

- (a) Jane Elise Soper, b. May 19, 1950.  
(b) Carol Ann Soper, b. Oct. 6, 1951.  
(c) Gail Jean Soper, b. Sept. 10, 1955.  
(d) Russell Harold Soper, b. Nov. 6, 1956.

- (iv) Robert Edward Soper, b. July 6, 1929; mar.  
Jean Messchin, June 16, 1951.

2. Edward Hartwell Pratt, b. Nov. 4, 1861; d. Aug. 24,  
1934; East Poland, Me.; mar. Grace L. Pulsifer, b.  
Feb. 17, 1872; d. Mar. 25, 1922.

Child:

- (a) Hartwell Lemont Pratt, b. Feb. 27, 1909; mar.  
June 29, 1952 Katherine Rose Yebas.

3. Persis Pratt, b. Oct. 26, 1864; d. Feb. 26, 1917;  
mar. Abram J. Anderson, Leeds Point, N.J., b.  
May 12, 1861; d. June 12, 1948.

Children:

- (a) Clara Ana Anderson, b. Mar. 14, 1889; mar.  
Delwyn M. Sooy, b. Dec. 20, 1883.

Child:

- (i) Delwyn M. Sooy, Jr., b. Aug. 7, 1914;  
mar. Mary Katherine Savage, Nov. 26, 1939.

- (b) Edward Earl Anderson, b. July 25, 1897; mar.  
Jessie A. Jordan, June 24, 1922; d. Dec. 1961.  
May's Landing, N.J.

Child:

- (i) Marion Jessie Anderson, b. May 24, 1925;  
mar. Jesse Dale Reitmeier, Jr. May 14, 1949.

Children:

(a) Jesse Dale Reitmeyer, 3rd, b. Aug. 9, 1951.

(b) Sharon Lee Reitmeyer, b. Mar. 19, 1954.

(c) Marion Ora Anderson, b. May 24, 1901; teacher, Pleasantville, N.J.

Mar. 2nd Elva M. Reed, b. May 15, 1849; d. Jan. 3, 1924.

Child:

4. Charles Harvey Pratt, b. Oct. 15, 1885; mar. Aug. 26, 1914 CarJlyn Roberta Kemp, b. Apr. 3, 1887, d. Oct. 3, 1958; West Minot, Me. School superintendent in Maine and Massachusetts.

Child:

(a) Deborah Louise Pratt, b. Aug. 2, 1919. Nursing superintendent in Maine and Connecticut. Waterville, Me.

D. Rhoda Pratt, b. 1840; d. 1904; mar. Jason B. Dicker.

E. Seriah Merrill Pratt, carpenter, Turner Village, b. Oct. 18, 1842; d. Nov. 17, 1916; mar. 1874, Mary E. Foot, b. Aug. 11, 1853, d. Nov. 13, 1920.

Child:

1. Dr. Ralph D. Pratt, Harrisburg, Pa.; b. Apr. 28, 1876; mar. 1st Mary Tarbell (d. 1915); mar. 2nd 1920 Edna Lester (d. Feb. 1932); mar. 3rd Corrine Davis; d. Apr. 1, 1946.

Children:

(a) Alfred Foote Pratt, Middleburg, Pa.; mar. Nov. 1931 Laura Oak.

Children:

(i) Ralph D. Pratt, 2nd, b. Jan. 11, 1933; d. July 16, 1937.

(ii) Miriamme Louise Pratt, b. July 1934; mar. Alexander Shirkovich; Windsor Locks, Ct.

(iii) Laurel Jean Pratt, b. May 24, 1937.

(iv) Thomas Oak Pratt, b. Dec. 30, 1945.

(b) Maxa Louise Pratt, b. Oct. 6, 1911; mar. 1st  
Claude Richards; mar. 2nd Philip Watson.

F. Thomas M. Pratt, b. May 25, 1845; d. Feb. 4, 1924; mar.  
Dec. 23, 1881 Osca Bigelow, b. Jan. 2, 1848; d. Mar. 1,  
1926.

Children:

1. Warren Bigelow Pratt, b. June 30, 1883; mar. Elva  
May Alden, Aug. 14, 1904; d. Mar. 19, 1963.

Child:

(a) Alden Bigelow Pratt, b. Feb. 20, 1916; mar.  
Madelyn Carson

Children:

(i) Richard Perry Pratt, b. June 24, 1939;  
mar. Oct. 25, 1957 Margaret E. Hammond.

Children:

(a) Tracy Elizabeth Pratt, b. Aug. 1,  
1959.

(b) Richard Perry Pratt, Jr., b. June 9,  
1961.

(ii) Norine Ann Pratt, b. Apr. 7, 1941; mar.  
Sam Hill.

Child:

(a) Sam Ray Hill, b. Apr. 1, 1962.

(iii) Elva Louise Pratt, b. May 13, 1942; mar.  
William Sawyer Norris; East Livermore, Me.

Child:

(a) Duane Lewis Norris, b. Mar. 9, 1959.

(iv) Thomas Warren Pratt, b. Nov. 17, 1946.

2. Harold Bradford Pratt, Auburn, Me.; b. Sept. 22, 1884; mar. Aug. 31, 1907 Ethel Smith (b. July 16, 1882); d. Feb. 16, 1960.
3. Irma L. Pratt, b. Mar. 3, 1886; mar. Aug. 30, 1913 Russell M. Chase, b. Dec. 27, 1877; d. Jan. 1961. Fayette, Me.

Child:

- (a) Arthur Thomas Chase, b. Dec. 29, 1928; mar. June 3, 1951 Patricia Arlene Enstedt. Fayette, Me.

Children:

- (i) Roberta Louise Chase, b. Mar. 5, 1952.
  - (ii) Ilse Belle Chase, b. July 29, 1955.
4. Celia Mae Pratt, b. Aug. 20, 1891; mar. Aug. 20, 1919 Fred E. Young (b. May 7, 1891; d. Aug. 25, 1952). Searsport, Me.

Child:

- (a) Evelyn Osca Young, b. Aug. 6, 1923; mar. Carl B. Robbins.

Children:

- (i) Rebecca Celia Robbins, b. Feb. 17, 1952.
  - (ii) Deborah Ann Robbins, b. May 12, 1954.
  - (iii) Cynthia Rae Robbins, b. Dec. 20, 1957.
- II. Lucy Pratt, b. Nov. 5, 1801; d. Feb. 27, 1888; mar. Jan. 1, 1826, Branch Leavitt.

Children:

- A. Mercy M. Leavitt, b. May 3, 1829; d. Dec. 6, 1910; mar. Charles Berry, Turner, Me.

Children:

1. Clara M. Berry, b. Aug. 20, 1854; d. Dec. 29, 1933; mar. Benjamin Jones, b. Dec. 28, 1851; d. Jan. 3, 1903; Turner, Me.

Children:

- (a) Julia Ada Jones, b. Dec. 31, 1878; mar. June 6, 1906 Lewis Monroe Irish, Rumford Falls, b. May 27, 1879. Bank executive.

Child:

- (i) Benjamin Jones Irish, b. Oct. 13, 1909, mar. Oct. 2, 1933 Mary Kathleen Farrell; b. Nov. 30, 1910. Bank manager, Canton, Me.
- (ii) Horace Mason Irish, b. Feb. 20, 1912; mar. June 24, 1935 Lillian Falardeau, b. Apr. 14, 1916. Grocery store, Rumford.

Children:

- (a) Lewis Mason Irish, b. June 2, 1936.
- (b) Dennis Jones Irish, b. June 19, 1940.
- (c) Julie Ann Irish, b. June 3, 1943.
- (d) Andrea Jane Irish, b. Nov. 18, 1952.
- (e) Stephen John Irish, b. Nov. 17, 1954.
- (iii) Maynard Monroe Irish, b. Jan. 19, 1916; mar. Oct. 9, 1943 Shirley M. Woolaver, b. Dec. 1, 1919. Dentist, Brunswick, Me.

Children:

- (a) Allen Monroe Irish, b. Nov. 28, 1945.
- (b) Margaret Ellen Irish, b. Apr. 14, 1949.
- (c) Norman Lewis Irish, b. Apr. 8, 1953.
- (b) Lucy Leavitt Jones, b. Feb. 22, 1885; d. Feb. 27, 1933; mar. June 23, 1908 Elisha Leslie Stetson, Rumford Falls, b. Mar. 7, 1883, d. July 17, 1960.

Children:

- (i) Clara Martha Stetson, b. July 13, 1909; mar. Sept. 5, 1932 Raymond D. Howard (b. July 8, 1907). Dry goods store, Dixfield, Me.



Child:

(a) Lucy Linnet Howard, b. Feb. 20, 1942.

(ii) Robert Stetson, b. June 3, 1914. Oil distributor, Dixfield.

2. Ada Marr Berry; b. Aug. 24, 1863; d. Aug. 15, 1933; mar. Elisha Pratt, Rumford Falls, b. Oct. 23, 1856; d. Feb. 1, 1937 (son of Timothy Pratt).

B. James Madison Leavitt, b. Sept. 2, 1826; d. Feb. 19, 1903 (founded Leavitt Institute); mar. 1857, Clara Bates (daughter of Rev. George Bates); d. Nov. 2, 1902.

C. Lewis Leavitt, b. May 11, 1834; mar. 1st Nov. 30, 1856, Persis Berry (b. Feb. 26, 1836; d. Oct. 3, 1860); d. July 26, 1904.

Children:

1. Abbie Berry Leavitt, b. June 16, 1859; d. Nov. 3, 1933; mar. 1880 Asa M. Gilman, b. Sept. 6, 1857.

Children:

(a) Fred Lewis Gilman, b. June 23, 1885; d. Mar. 31, 1898.

(b) Madison Leavitt Gilman, b. Apr. 26, 1893; mar. June 16, 1915 Edith Pattangall (b. July 22, 1893). Augusta, Me.

Children:

(i) Jane Gilman, b. Mar. 29, 1919; mar. 1st \_\_\_\_\_ Carr.

Child:

(a) Abbie Carr.

Mar. 2nd Robert D. Whitney.

(ii) William Pattangall Gilman, b. Aug. 1, 1917. World War II hero.

2. Frederic Augustus Leavitt, b. Aug. 2, 1860; mar. 1st Sept. 14, 1890 Ada Ella Barker (d. Mar. 21, 1909); mar. 2nd Mar. 1, 1910 Annie Louise Fitts; mar. 3rd Anna Nichols; d. 1955.

Mar. 2nd Oct. 21, 1861 Betsy Jane Bisbee, b. Sept. 15, 1838; d. Oct. 15, 1903.

Child:

3. Adoniram Judson Leavitt, b. Apr. 15, 1876; mar. Oct. 4, 1899 Mary Herelda Wallace (b. Jan. 28, 1874). Lived in California.

Children:

- (a) Thelma Arline Leavitt, b. May 4, 1905.  
(b) Ramona Edessa Leavitt, b. Mar. 11, 1907.  
(c) Ruth Evelyn Leavitt, b. Mar. 15, 1910.  
(d) Edna Bernice Leavitt, b. Nov. 11, 1914.

D. Rebecca Leavitt, b. Mar. 13, 1836; d. May 11, 1856; mar. Wallace Copeland.

Child:

1. Rebecca Copeland, b. May 11, 1856.

III. Rebecca Pratt, b. Apr. 9, 1806; d. Aug. 16, 1849; mar. Apr. 1, 1830 Alanson Richmond, Turner, Me.

Child:

A. Elisha Richmond, mar. Nellie Prescott.

Child:

1. Walter Elisha Richmond.

IV. Mercy Pratt, b. June 1, 1807; d. Feb. 11, 1884; mar. May 30, 1850, \_\_\_\_\_ Packard.

V. Elisha Pratt, b. Mar. 13, 1808; d. May 26, 1813.

VI. Deborah Pratt, b. May 22, 1810; d. Apr. 10, 1887; mar. 1st  
Thomas McCollister, Jr., Canton, Me.; d. Oct. 20, 1844, ae. 36.

Children:

A. John T. McCollister; b. Feb. 1843; d. Feb. 1844.

B. Lewis A. McCollister; b. May 1842; d. Mar. 12, 1848.

Mar. 2nd Harvey Reed, d. Oct. 24, 1857, ae. 46 yrs., 4 mos.

Child:

C. Elva Mahala Reed; b. May 15, 1849; d. Jan. 3, 1924; mar.  
Edward Pratt II, Keen's Mills, Me.; b. Sept. 23, 1837  
(q.v.)

Mar. 3rd Charles Hartwell Baker, Livermore Center, Me.; d.  
July 21, 1890. ae. 83 yrs., 9 mos.

VII. Timothy Pratt, of Turner, b. Aug. 9, 1812; d. June 23, 1906.  
Built in 1836 the Pratt homestead on North Parish Road presently  
standing. Mar. Apr. 24, 1835 Betsey Jones (Hira<sup>2</sup>, Benjamin<sup>1</sup>),  
b. Apr. 28, 1814; d. Jan. 7, 1896. Betsey's mother was  
Elizabeth Allen whose mother was Polly Whitman (William<sup>5</sup>,  
Thomas<sup>4</sup>, Nicholas<sup>3</sup>, Thomas<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>, of Weymouth, Mass.,  
ancestor of Abraham Lincoln).

Children:

A. Hira Jones Pratt, Turner, Maine, b. June 28, 1836; d.  
June 8, 1913; mar. June 9, 1864 Amanda Leavitt, b. Dec. 2,  
1839; d. Dec. 16, 1936.

Children:

1. Sarah Ranstead Pratt, b. Mar. 8, 1868; mar. Apr. 28,  
1894 Elwin B. Tinkham, Turner, Me. (b. Dec. 17,  
1869; d. Feb. 21, 1938); d. May 21, 1952.

2. Susan Leavitt Pratt, b. Mar. 22, 1871; d. Feb. 6,  
1920; Turner, Me.

B. Harrison Merrill Pratt, b. June 22, 1840; d. July 17, 1889;  
mar. 1st Aug. 13, 1866 Sarah Ranstead, d. Dec. 1867;  
Auburn, Me.

Mar. 2nd Mary Parsons.

Child:

1. Harrison Merrill Pratt II, b. Aug. 18, 1875; mar. Oct. 5, 1897 Laura Beaumont, b. Oct. 19, 1877.

Child:

- (a) Laura Beaumont Pratt, b. Mar. 2, 1902; mar. May 27, 1924, Benjamin Strong, Jr. (Chairman of Board, United States Trust Company of New York), b. Aug. 3, 1896.

Children:

- (i) Benjamin Strong, b. Mar. 23, 1925; mar. Shirley Kent Feb. 26, 1949.

Children:

- (a) Benjamin Strong III and Shirley Strong, twins, b. Aug. 21, 1953.

- (b) David Strong, b. Apr. 6, 1961.

- (ii) John Erwin Strong, b. May 5, 1931; mar. Katherine Gaillard, Apr. 11, 1959.

Child:

- (a) John Erwin Strong, Jr., b. June 11, 1961.

- (iii) Laura Guitton Strong, b. Apr. 25, 1934; mar. Harry Chester Butterfield (of Bermuda) Dec. 9, 1961.

Mar. 3rd Feb. 2, 1885 Anna Charlotte Boothby, b. Mar. 20, 1861; d. July 14, 1898.

- C. Sarson Chase Pratt, Turner, Me.; lived on Pratt homestead, North Parish Road; fought in 16th Maine Regiment in Civil War; b. Sept. 21, 1842; d. June 26, 1918; mar. Sept. 21, 1868 Harriet Alma Bonney, b. Jan. 5, 1847; d. Mar. 15, 1901 (ancestors: William Brewster, Stephen Hopkins, John and Priscilla Alden, Gov. William Bradford).

Children:

1. Alice Bonney Pratt, b. Mar. 3, 1872; mar. June 18, 1902, William Bradford, farmer, Turner, Me. (b. Feb. 25, 1870; d. June 13, 1940); d. Dec. 7, 1951.

Children:

- (a) Charles Pratt Bradford, Manchester, Me.; b. Aug. 20, 1904; mar. 1st Aug. 3, 1940 Rosa H. Hodgkins (d: 1951); mar. 2nd Violet Videlia Kinney Dec. 19, 1952.
- (b) Harriett Bradford, b. Apr. 19, 1906; mar. Naaman Barnes.

Children:

- (i) Betsey Alice Barnes, b. Dec. 17, 1934; mar. Aug. 24, 1962 Beston Cazden.

Child:

- (a) Audrey Susan Cazden, b. June 9, 1963.

- (ii) Lois Carol Barnes, b. Dec. 28, 1937.

- 2. Edith Belle Pratt, b. Feb. 24, 1875; d. Apr. 4, 1958; mar. Sept. 10, 1902 James Porter Russell, lawyer, Newton, Mass.; b. May 11, 1877; d. Sept. 28, 1932.

Children:

- (a) Francis Henry Russell, lawyer, U.S. Ambassador; b. Oct. 1, 1904; mar. June 16, 1932 Ruth Alene Libbey, b. Jan. 27, 1908.

Children:

- (i) Dr. Paul Libbey Russell, Boston, b. Dec. 13, 1934; mar. Oct. 7, 1961 Jane Virginia Anderson, dau. of Robert and Virginia Anderson.

- (ii) Alene Julia Russell, b. Jan. 15, 1940.

- (b) Portia Russell, b. Aug. 21, 1906; mar. Oct. 11, 1931 Richard Austin Winslow, lawyer, Auburndale, Mass.; d. Oct. 5, 1951.

Child:

- (i) Russell Austin Winslow, lawyer, Manchester, N.H., b. Oct. 27, 1934; mar. Carolyn Elizabeth Jacob, Aug. 27, 1960.

- (c) Robert Pratt Russell, Melrose, Mass., b. Oct. 28, 1909; mar. July 2, 1932 Ruth Jeannette Lowry. Executive, New England Tel. & Tel. Co.

Children:

- (i) Ann Russell, b. July 3, 1933; mar. Feb. 20, 1960 Wilfred Foster Leach. Melrose, Mass.

Child:

- (a) Russell Foster Leach, b. Aug. 24, 1961.

- (b) Sharon Jean Leach, b. Feb. 10, 1963.

- (ii) James Porter Russell, b. Sept. 1, 1936; mar. Oct. 19, 1963, Elizabeth Janet Marsh.

- (iii) George Lebaron Russell, b. Dec. 5, 1941.

- (d) Elizabeth Russell, b. Apr. 3, 1912; Turner, Me.; mar. July 24, 1961 Carl Shaw.

- D. Timothy Lloyd Pratt, b. Dec. 7, 1845; d. May 1, 1921; mar. 1st May 26, 1872 Jennette Jones, b. Dec. 13, 1849; d. Apr. 22, 1876; Lewiston, Me. Store proprietor, Lewiston.

Children:

1. Jennie May Pratt, b. Feb. 13, 1874; d. Sept. 4, 1943; mar. June 12, 1916 Ned Prince Willis, Auburn, Me., b. July 3, 1870; d. Apr. 26, 1947.
2. Gertrude Ella Pratt, b. Apr. 8, 1876; d. Feb. 19, 1956, Lewiston, Me.

- Mar. 2nd Dec. 15, 1880 Elizabeth F. Metcalf, b. May 3, 1845; d. Dec. 25, 1919.

3. Grace Whitman Pratt, Lewiston, Me., b. June 30, 1884; mar. Aug. 28, 1907 Albert Garfield Johnson, b. Jan. 6, 1882; d. Oct. 19, 1918. School principal.

Children:

- (a) Myron Lloyd Johnson, b. June 21, 1908; mar. June 27, 1933 Barbara Rose McCullough, b. Sept. 11, 1908. Manager of International Steel Wool Corp., Springfield, Ohio.

Children:

- (i) Nancy Marilyn Johnson, b. Aug. 19, 1934;  
mar. June 30, 1958 Ronald Leon Wiegel  
of Cleveland, b. Jan. 10, 1934.

Children:

(a) Christopher Douglas Wiegel, b. Aug. 25,  
1959.

(b) Andrea Lauren Wiegel, b. Feb. 18,  
1962.

- (ii) Patricia Ann Johnson, b. June 5, 1937;  
mar. Apr. 8, 1961 John C. Waidner, Jr.

Child:

(a) Elizabeth Susan Waidner, b. Nov. 8,  
1962.

- (iii) Philip Frederick Johnson, b. June 18,  
1938. Lawyer, Chicago, Ill.

- (b) Margaret Elizabeth Johnson, b. Apr. 15, 1911;  
mar. Sept. 9, 1936, Rev. Wilfrid John Maclean,  
b. Apr. 6, 1910; Norwich, Conn.

Children:

(i) David Douglas Maclean, b. Feb. 27, 1941.

(ii) Mary Elizabeth Maclean, b. May 3, 1944.

E. Charles Clifford Pratt, b. June 19, 1848; d. Jan. 25,  
1927; mar. May 2, 1874, Edith Briggs, b. Apr. 2, 1853,  
d. Apr. 8, 1949.

F. Elisha Pratt, Rumford Falls, Me., b. Oct. 23, 1856;  
d. Feb. 1, 1937; mar. May 1, 1884 Ada Marr Berry, b.  
Aug. 24, 1863; d. Aug. 15, 1933. President of Rumford  
Falls Trust Co.

G. Rebecca Pratt, Kenosha, Wis., b. Oct. 23, 1856; d. Jan. 4,  
1944; mar. May 1, 1876, Perkins C. Torrey, b. Oct. 3,  
1842; d. Apr. 25, 1925.

Children:

1. Lossie Ethel Torrey, b. Sept. 27, 1877; mar. June 27, 1901 Edward A. de Diemar; Cincinnati, Ohio (b. May 13, 1876; d. July 14, 1956); d. Feb. 23, 1963.

Children:

- (a) Edmonston Pratt de Diemar, b. Apr. 28, 1905; d. Apr. 29, 1905.
- (b) Torrey Mills de Diemar, b. Oct. 23, 1909; d. Aug. 19, 1911.
- (c) Ruth Rosemary de Diemar, b. Dec. 24, 1911; mar. Dec. 28, 1937 Leighton Winthrop Mitchell, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Children:

- (i) Torrey Leighton Mitchell, b. Feb. 17, 1942.
- (ii) Douglass de Diemar Mitchell, b. Feb. 29, 1948.

2. Charles Torrey, b. Oct. 30, 1882; d. Sept. 5, 1927; mar. Nov. 14, 1907 Myrtle Esme Williams, b. Apr. 6, 1885; d. Apr. 13, 1958.

- VIII. Elisha Pratt, Turner, Me.; b. Jan. 3, 1815; d. Sept. 11, 1880; mar. May 2, 1839 Susan Jones, b. 1820; d. Mar. 22, 1897. Farmer, Merrills Hill, Turner, Me.

Children:

- A. Jeanette Jones Pratt, b. Jan. 28, 1840; d. July 18, 1926; mar. Aug. 8, 1861 Joseph D. Jones, b. Nov. 14, 1837, d. 1904.

Children:

1. Clarence E. Jones, b. July 9, 1862; d. June 7, 1930; mar. Jan. 15, 1891, Winona Hale.

Children:

- (a) Linus Hale Jones, b. Dec. 25, 1893; mar. Ethelyn Streeter, Oct. 1, 1927.



Children:

- (i) Freeman Streeter Jones, b. Oct. 27, 1928.
- (ii) Miles Hale Jones, b. Sept. 17, 1932.
- (b) William Bartlett Jones, b. Mar. 14, 1895.
- (c) Clarence Hale Jones, b. Apr. 23, 1899; mar. Mabel Clark, May 19, 1923.

Child:

- (i) Priscilla Louise Jones, b. Jan. 12, 1925.
- (d) Elmer Jones, b. Mar. 28, 1903; mar. Anna Rush, Oct. 1924.

Child:

- (i) William Bartlett Jones, b. Feb. 17, 1929.
- (e) Ruth Jones, b. Apr. 1, 1908; mar. June 17, 1933 Joseph S. Schmidt.

Child:

- (i) John Joseph Schmidt, b. May 17, 1938.

- 2. Alice E. Jones, b. July 30, 1868; mar. Oct. 12, 1892 Levi P. Churchill, Myricks, Mass., b. May 24, 1864. Mill owner.

Child:

- (a) Phoebe M. Churchill, b. May 11, 1894; mar. Bion Pierce.

Child:

- (i) Estelle May Pierce.

- 3. Benjamin Cliver Jones, b. July 28, 1882; mar. 1914 Grace Haskins.

Children:

- (a) Jeannette Estelle Jones, b. Apr. 18, 1915.

(b) Eleanor Mary Jones, b. Nov. 25, 1920; mar.  
Oct. 2, 1943 William Robert Sechrist.

(c) Rossa Pratt Jones, b. Feb. 17, 1923.

4. Daniel Jones, b. Mar. 14, 1885; d. Mar. 1962.

B. Rossa Jones Pratt, b. 1844; d. Apr. 6, 1882; mar. William  
O. Jones, b. Feb. 4, 1835, brother of Joseph, her  
sister's husband.

Children:

1. Harry Edes Jones, b. July 3, 1869; d. Apr. 1889.

2. Claude P. Jones, b. June 2, 1875; d. Dec. 1922.

C. Julia E. Jones Pratt, b. July 15, 1855; d. Apr. 26, 1894;  
mar. 1873 Crawford Humphrey, b. Dec. 30, 1849; d.  
Nov. 17, 1928.

Children:

1. Forest B. Humphrey, b. 1875; d. Feb. 11, 1934;  
mar. Louise Chapin, Oct. 19, 1910.

Child:

(a) Horace Chapin Humphrey, b. Mar. 13, 1922;  
mar. Mary Souza.

Children:

(i) Carol Humphrey, b. Nov. 3, 1944.

(ii) Patricia Humphrey, b. Dec. 2, 1947.

(iii) Joyce Humphrey, b. Nov. 14, 1948.

2. Susie Bernice Humphrey, b. 1879; mar. Clifford  
Archer, 1902. Taunton, Mass.

Children:

(a) Maurice C. Archer, M.D., b. Jan. 14, 1905;  
mar. Alethea Chappel. Radiologist, Fort  
Worth, Texas.

Children:

- (i) Dorothy E. Archer, b. Mar. 22, 1934;  
mar. William Parker.

Children:

- (a) James Young Parker, b. June 28,  
1955; d. Dec. 17, 1959.  
(b) Timothy Maurice Parker, b. July 11,  
1956.  
(c) Daniel Thomas Parker, b. July 15,  
1957.  
(d) Eliza Joy Parker, b. Dec. 21,  
1960.

- (ii) John Maurice Archer, b. 1937; mar.  
Frances Anglen.

Child:

- (a) John Christopher Archer, b. Oct. 14,  
1959.

- (b) Julia Martha Archer, b. Sept. 2; 1907; mar.  
mar. Edward Currie. New Haven, Conn.

Child:

- (i) Edward Archer Currie, b. Jan. 11, 1934;  
mar. Barbara Trickey.

- (c) Susan Bernice Archer, b. Aug. 6, 1909. Registered  
nurse. Morton Hospital, Taunton, Mass.

- (d) Crawford Errol Archer, b. Dec. 2, 1910; mar.  
Harriet Doherty. Taunton, Mass.

- (e) Elwood Elisha Archer, b. Sept. 4, 1912; mar.  
Gertrude Wetmore. Dairy farmer. Farmington,  
Me.

Children:

- (i) Cynthia Archer, b. Apr. 22, 1936; mar.  
David Galen.

Children:

- (a) Lynn Marie Galen, b. Sept. 30, 1957.
  - (b) Cathi Ann Galen, b. Jan. 28, 1962.
- (ii) David Clifford Archer, b. May 8, 1939; mar. Marie Kenney.

Children:

- (a) Terri Ann Archer, b. Mar. 16, 1959.
  - (b) John Eugene Archer, b. Mar. 2, 1960.
  - (c) James Allen Archer, b. Aug. 8, 1961.
  - (d) Cindi Lou Archer, b. Oct. 3, 1962.
3. Mary M. Humphrey, b. Oct. 7, 1881; d. 1936; mar. 1904 William S. Marquis, b. Apr. 11, 1877.

Child:

- (a) Lorette Estelle Marquis, b. Sept. 2, 1908; mar. 1936 Ethan Pearson.
4. Edith P. Humphrey, b. July 2, 1885; mar. Guy Patterson, Great Pond, 1906.

Children:

- (a) Isabel Winona Patterson, b. 1908; mar. 1st 1937 James E. Toole, d. 1941.

Child:

- (i) Guy Joseph Toole, b. May 2, 1938.
- Mar. 2nd John Bracey.

- (b) Marjorie Louise Patterson, b. July 19, 1911; mar. June 1934 George William Baker, East Eddington, Me.

- IX. Mahala Pratt, b. Feb. 26, 1817; d. July 25, 1866; mar. Feb. 26, 1834 Sarson Chase.

Children:

- A. Deborah Chase, b. May 7, 1839; d. June 1919; mar. Silas T. McKenney, Boston, Mass.

Child:

1. Charlotte J. McKenney, b. Nov. 12, 1863; d. 1932; mar. Charles Worth Cartwright, Boston, Mass.

Children:

- (a) Charles Worth Cartwright, Jr., Washington, D.C., b. Oct. 26, 1893; mar. Nov. 20, 1920 Lena L. Adams.

Child:

- (i) Lois Cartwright, b. Aug. 17, 1921; mar. James Gutzwiller, Dec. 1942.

Children:

- (a) James E. Gutzwiller, Jr., b. Dec. 28, 1944.

- (b) Peter J. Gutzwiller, b. Apr. 18, 1947.

- (b) Richard Chase Cartwright, b. May 15, 1902, Milton, Mass.; mar. Sept. 1927 Florence Kinsley.

Children:

- (i) Jane Cartwright, b. Sept. 1, 1928 (cover of Life, Jan. 12, 1948); mar. Feb. 1949 Byron Leslie Carlson.

Children:

- (a) Gary C. Carlson, b. Sept. 25, 1949.

- (b) Douglas L. Carlson, b. Sept. 13, 1952.

- (c) Wesley B. Carlson, b. July 2, 1956.

(ii) Patricia Cartwright, b. Sept. 25, 1932;  
mar. June 27, 1953 Frank Beekes.

Children:

(a) Richard P. Beekes, b. Apr. 6, 1956.

(b) Wayne A. Beekes, b. Mar. 12, 1959.

B. Eliza Chase, mar. William Thompson, Abington, Mass.

Child:

1. Albert Thompson

C. Rebecca Chase, b. Oct. 10, 1845; d. Feb. 18, 1923; mar.  
James Cooper, Brockton, Mass.

Children:

1. Charles Cooper, b. Nov. 13, 1869; d. June, 1934;  
Brockton.

2. Harriet Cooper, b. July 7, 1871; Brockton, Mass.

3. Hazel Cooper, b. July 12, 1881; mar. Joel E. McNatt;  
Pasadena, Cal.

Child:

(a) Colleen Rebecca McNatt, b. Mar. 9, 1928.

D. Clara Chase, mar. George Freeman, Res. Plymouth, Mass.

Children:

1. Charles Freeman, d. Oct. 7, 1935.

2. Mabel Freeman, d. Nov. 3, 1937.

(Please send any additional information or corrections to  
Francis H. Russell, Turner, Maine.)

Pratt

Walter Pratt,

died Feb 6 1869

aged 73

Maria Dickenson Pratt

died Jan 6 1876

aged 84

Patty Dickenson died

Aug 31 1882

aged 93

John Dickenson died

Feb 15 1883 aged 87

David Dickenson died

May 28 1883 aged 84



Myra E. Pratt. ~~born~~ his wife  
his wife, born May 7. 1827  
died. Aug. 6, 1902 41

Charles Wesley, son of Chas. L.  
and Myra E. Bradley,  
born March 28, 1859 66

Myra Elizabeth<sup>2d</sup> Pratt was  
married to  
Charles L. Bradley<sup>of New Haven</sup> on  
Sept 29 1853.

The children were

Maria Louise born July 24 1854

Florence Irene " " 6 1856

Charles Wesley " Mar. 28 1859

Elizabeth Kate " Apr 8 1861

(Charles Wesley died May 3 1903  
aged 43)

Chas L. Bradley died in 1889

Myra E " " 1902

Pratt.

6-

Walter Pratt was son of Ozias  
and

born Apr 22 1783-

Twice married.

First to Emma Hall Dec 17 1812

Second to Maria Dickenson.

Sept 1 1824. They were six  
children -

Eunice Abigail born June 23/1825.

Mary Elizabeth " May 7 1827

Catherine Millard " Dec 11 1828

John Wesley " July 23 1830

Whitfield " Nov 22 1831

and Apr 22 1832.

Geo Whitfield " Feb 13 1833

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ministers. The names of his sons  
show his ideals.

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## Griswold House

Essex, Conn.

In 1191 William de Poatelles accompa-  
nied King Richard to the Holy Land.

King Richard went out hunting with  
a small escort. Fatigued with his  
ride he fell asleep and a body of Turks  
rushed upon him. The king defended  
himself bravely, and the enemy drew  
back tho he would still have been  
captured if the Turks had known who  
he was. But in the midst of the  
conflict William de Poatelles called  
out that he was the "Melick" the  
king and the Turks led him off  
captive to their own army.

King Richard could not leave the  
Holy Land without ransoming the  
gallant friend who had saved his  
life at such a cost.

He was released the following

year when he was exchanged for  
ten emirs. He was knighted  
for his valor, pg 20

The Pratt Family of  
Descendants of Lieut Wm Pratt  
pub 1864.

Anthony Du Prat  
Cardinal Legate Chancellor of France  
and Prime Minister of Francis I  
born 1465 - after studying at the  
bar became successively Advocate Gen-  
eral to the Parliament of Toulouse,  
and President a Mortier, to the Parliament  
of Paris in 1507.

He was an active and violent opponent  
of the Reformation and died Archbishop  
of Sens in 1535. A devotion to the  
personal interests of his royal master  
was the ruling passion of his life.

Pratt a meadow -

WINTER HOUSE  
OAKS HOUSE  
DAYTONA BEACH, FLA.

BOYD DECKER, PROP.

(Du Roc) (pre) <sup>meadow</sup>  
name Pratt occurring frequently in  
the Norman rolls, prove the  
Norman origin of the family.

THE MADISON BEACH HOTEL  
MADISON-ON-THE-SOUND  
CONNECTICUT

Arms of Pratts of Baldock -  
a fesse dancette in chief, two lions  
rampant.

(great grandfather of Lieut. Hon. Pratt).

Thomas Pratt of Baldock married Joan  
by whom he had four children as ap-  
pear by his will dated 1539.

Andrew son of Thomas Pratt of Baldock.  
3 children.

Rev. William Pratt, son of Andrew baptized at  
Baldock Oct 1562. Inducted into the  
office of Rector of the parish of Stevenage  
Hertfordshire Dec 6 1598. 6 children  
died 1629 aged 67.

Name of Pratt is prevalent at this  
time in the British Empire, not a few  
of the stock occupying situations of  
power & influence.

Memorial of the Rev. Wm Pratt of  
Stevenage.

Here lies Wm Pratt, Bachelor of Sacred The-  
ology, and most illustrious rector of this  
church during thirty years. at length  
the course of his life being run, and his  
age becoming burdensome, he emigrated  
to the celestial country in the year of  
salvation, 1627 aged 67.

Lieut Wm Pratt son of Rev Wm Pratt of  
Stevenage

The parish records of Stevenage and the  
will offices of Hertfordshire were found  
to contain all the information requisite  
to establish the parentage and birth  
place of John and Wm. Pratt, and also  
to trace their pedigree back to a date  
previous to 1400 of the Christian Era.

A Pratt ancestor is buried at  
Tunbridge Wells. a place  
frequented by pilgrims—  
Flora.

Pratt!

Lieut. Wm. Pratt came  
with Rev. Thos. Hooker to  
Cambridge Mass. in 1633.

From there he moved to  
Hartford Conn.

He married Elizabeth Clark  
He came from Munden in  
Wentfordshire Eng.

He attended General Court  
as Deputy <sup>which met annually</sup> the 2<sup>nd</sup> and  
last time at Hartford  
May 1678 - He died near this  
date

as Deputy for 23 years



Dea. Nathaniel Pratt, young  
est child of Deid. Wm. Pratt  
was born 1660.

Thrice married.

His homestead was on  
Essex Point near the  
Union House site.

He was a large landowner  
He followed merchantile  
pursuits.

Wesleyah Pratt, son of  
Dea. Nathaniel Pratt and  
Sarah Pratt was born  
Jan 9. 1701

He succeeded his father in  
merchantile pursuits.

He was deacon of Second  
Church Saybrook, called  
Church Paictapaug. Now

Centerbrook. He was dean  
of Poutapang Luanter  
and held other important  
offices in church and  
town.

He had 8 children.

He died Oct-4, 1784 aged 89.

Oyas Pratt, son of Degekeah  
and Ann Pratt was born  
1737. He was twice married.  
He resided in Esset Corn.  
He married Elizabeth Barker  
May 7 1797.

They had 7 children.

Walter Pratt was the son  
of Cyrus and Elizabeth  
Pratt, born Apr 22, 1780.  
He was twice married.  
His second wife was  
Maria Dickerson. They  
were married Sept 1, 1824.  
There were 6 children.

Emmie Abigail born June 22, 1824  
Myra Elizabeth born May 7, 1827  
Catherine Millard " Dec 11, 1828  
John Wesley  
Whitfield " July 23, 1830  
" Nov 22, 1831

Geo. Whitfield born Feb. 13, 1833  
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His home was headquarters for  
the visiting Methodist ministers.

The names of his sons shown  
who were his ideals.

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Ben Nathaniel Pratt, son of William was born in 1660. His home-stead was on Essex Point near the Union House site.

He was a large landowner and followed merchantile pursuits. He was thrice married.

Hezekiah Pratt son of Nathaniel and Sarah Pratt was born Jan.9, 1701.

He succeeded his father in merchantile pursuits.

He was deacon of the Second Church Saybrook called Church Pautapang, now Centerbrook. He was clerk of Pautapang Quarter and held other important offices in church and town.

He died Oct.4, 1784 aged 87

Ozias Pratt son of Hezekiah and Ann Pratt was born in 1737. He was twice married. He resided in Essex, Conn.

Walter Pratt was the son of Ozias and Elizabeth Pratt, was born Apr. 22, 1785.

He was twice married

His second wife was Maria Dickenson, married Sept.1, 1824.

The children were;

Junice Abigail born June 22, 1825.

Myra Elizabeth " May 7, 1827.

Catherine Willard" Dec. 11, 1828.

John Wesley " July 23, 1830

Whitfield " Nov. 22, 1831. (died Apr.22,1832.)

Geo. Whitfield " Feb. 13, 1833.

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