

The Mary Lindall House 1755
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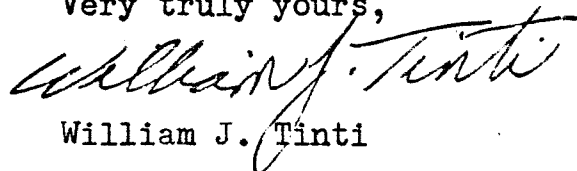
Mrs. James Bailey
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Dear Joan:

Enclosed please find documentation on the Mary Lindall House located at 314 Essex St., Salem, Mass., prepared by Sally Dee. I found everything in order and I think that Sally did an excellent job on her research. I would point out, however, that the date of 1755 must depend upon Kerwins List of Houses. The partition recorded in Book 102, Page 91 on July 5, 1755, refers only to parcels of land, so that it would appear there was no house located on this parcel of land as of that date. The deed in 1760 from Samuel Kerwin to Mary Lindall however, specifically mentions the house as being built. Thus from the records at the Registry of Deeds, the house was built by the year 1760. If the house could architecturally be dated as 1755, I think that we could agree to the earlier date.

I hope to have the remainder of the documentations returned to you by early next week.

Very truly yours,



William J. Tinti

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Enclosures

Story of the "Lindall House"

Although the date of the building of this house is quite certain, the family involved was so large with many repetitions of the same name among different members (see table of genealogy) that all strings of the skein are not completely untangled. The matriarch of the Lindalls was Mary Veren, born in 1648. She married Timothy Lindall in 1672 and in the 26 years before his death, they raised nine children. The widow Mary Lindall lived to the age of 83, and was listed as a "shopkeeper" even in her seventies. Of her children, her second son James married Elizabeth Corwin, daughter of Jonathan Corwin (of the "Witch House"). Elizabeth lived only four years after her marriage, and left her husband with three year old Elizabeth and one year old Mary. James Lindall married again in two years and subsequently he and his second wife added seven children to the family. The one most important to our history is little Mary, born in 1705, and who died, still single, in 1776 aged 70. Her sister Elizabeth married and died young, leaving a daughter Elizabeth Gray who was soon an orphan. Elizabeth Gray and her aunt Mary Lindall were the only members of the large Lindall clan who were Corwin descendants.

By 1720, the widow Lindall had already acquired a good-sized parcel of land bounded by the North River, Essex St., and the "Witch House" property. In 1726 she sold half of this property to her daughter and son-in-law, Rachel and Samuel Barnard. And a year later, the elderly widow sold them the other half. The widow Lindall never lived on this land: research has shown that she and her husband Timothy built their home and settled on land "near the Burying Point". Her daughter Rachel never had children. Her first husband was Thomas Barnard who died within 5 years, and a few years later she married Samuel Barnard. She and Samuel did a certain amount of buying and selling of land - much of it within the large Lindall family. However I can find no document (will or deed) by which Rachel and Samuel Barnard transferred ownership of this land to her niece the spinster Mary Lindall. (Rachel died in 1743, her husband in 1762.) In 1737 Mary and her sister Elizabeth had bought another piece of land on Essex St. and perhaps lived there. (Book 73 p.59) However Elizabeth in 1739 married Edward Gray of Boston.

By 1755 Mary Lindall, age 50, and her orphan niece Elizabeth Gray, age about 15, were joint owners of several parcels of land, including the piece on Essex St. that concerns us. This property was partitioned between them, and Mary retained the part fronting on Essex St. Samuel Curwen, a cousin of Mary's, owned the adjacent Curwen homestead. In his list of houses built in Salem is the notation "Mary Lindall, 1755." In 1760 he sold her a small triangle of land between their houses, retaining his right to "repair his house from Mary Lindall's yard."

In 1776 Mary Lindall died, aged 70 years. No will was filed, and no document could be found transferring ownership of her property. As late as 1811, deeds concerning adjacent properties described their land as bounded by land "formerly of Mary Lindall now occupied by Mercy Gibbs" or "occupied by heirs of Mercy Gibbs." (Book 168 p. 77, Book 194 p. 91) The inventory of the estate of John Appleton who died in 1817 listed this house and land. This 41 year interval between 1776 and 1817 has defied efforts to find the title. By 1785 at least, Henry and Mercy Gibbs were living there, perhaps earlier. Mercy Gibbs ran a little shop in one of the front rooms. They were a rather tragic family: in a short seven year span, Mercy lost her husband aged 45 and three of their six children. She herself died in 1809 aged 54, leaving 3 sons 16, 19, and 24 who continued to live there, perhaps for many years.

Samuel Curwen lists John Appleton as building a "brick house in 1772". This was the Appleton mansion and was on land farther up on Essex St. Now to sketch John Appleton, who at the time of his death in 1817 aged 78 was a wealthy prominent Salem merchant. He was born in Cambridge, son of the Rev. Nathaniel Appleton. He married Jane, daughter of the Rev. John Sparhawk of Salem, and settled here. Jane died in 1790 of "consumption" only 41 years old, having had 10 children, of which 6 were living. A 20 year old daughter followed her mother into the grave within a few months also with "consumption". In four years, John Appleton took a 2nd wife: 39 yr. old Priscilla Greenleaf of Boston and they had one son. Appleton had many dealings in real estate, and held numerous mortgages. The Rev. William Bentley in his "Diaries" mentions Appleton many times, and also knew his father the minister. In Vol. IV p. 440 Bentley notes John Appleton's death, and describes the large funeral.

His will, after a few bequests, decreed that the remainder of his estate real and personal be divided into six parts for his wife and five remaining children. As inventoried in his will, the "Lindall house" was valued at \$4,000. Nevertheless in settling the estate two years later it was sold at public auction for only \$418.33!

William Nichols, a Salem merchant, was the buyer in 1819 of the Lindall property. In six years the house changed hands again. William and Sarah Nichols sold it for \$3,600 to William Osgood, a Master Mariner of Salem. For almost a century and a quarter the house remained in the Osgood family.

Capt. William Osgood was born in 1785, into a family of four brothers who all followed the sea. He married a Salem girl, Elizabeth Felt, in 1817, and raised a family of three sons and four daughters in the next 17 years. After his death in 1834, aged 49, his family, including the one year old Susan, stayed on in the house. He also left his widow and children shares in four ships and two shares in the East India Marine Hall Corporation. Many years passed: Susan the "baby" never married. She lived on at 314 Essex Street and died in 1920 aged 87. One of her brothers, Joseph B.F. Osgood was Mayor of Salem in 1865, and later a judge. He bought in 1858 (Book 570 p. 1) the property next door to his family's house. (312 Essex St. known as the "Bowditch House")

Susan Osgood outlived almost all the rest of her family. The property went to three nieces. Of these, Elizabeth C. Cook obtained the sole title by 1929. She herself lived in Marblehead however. In 1911 she had received from her elderly uncle Judge Osgood title to all his real estate in Salem and Marblehead (Book 2096 p. 87) which included the "Bowditch House". She mortgaged to the Naumkeag Trust Co. both properties on Essex Street #312 and #314 in 1943. All her property went to her son Osgood Cook at her death, and in 1945 he paid off the mortgages to part of the property and sold the "Bowditch House" to Historic Salem Inc. and a small plot on Eaton Place to the City of Salem (thereby paving the way for the City to acquire the Bowditch House and move it from Essex St. to the City-owned plot).

Osgood Cook died in 1946, and his wife Martha Howard Cook inherited all his property. In 1947 the widowed Mrs. Cook of Marblehead sold to the Chestnut Street Associates the land and house at 314 Essex St. Thus after 122 years the venerable "Lindall House" finally passed from the hands of the Osgood family. A few months later, the American Red Cross purchased the house from the Chestnut Street Associates for its Salem Chapter House and moved in on Dec. 31, 1947.

In 1969, 22 years later, the handsome gray wooden house, decked now with the world-famous white flag and red cross is a prominent landmark in Salem. Its setting is greatly enhanced since the moving of the "Bowditch house", the restoration of the "Witch House", the landscaping and Capt. William Driver flagpole across the street. With its lovely staircase and panelling intact, the "Lindall House" is a priceless 18th Century part of our historic heritage.

DOCUMENTATION

Book 37 p. 175 July 16, 1718

Joseph Putnam of Salem for ~~£~~ 100 sells to his sister Mrs. Mary Lindall his house (now "in poss. of" Philip Gavet) and "full half of 2 acres and $\frac{3}{4}$ acre land. Land purchased from Philip Veren by Mary Veren, mother of above named. Land hereby sold being western half of land purchased of Philip Veren being $2\frac{3}{4}$ acres, see deed 1665, bounded W. by land formerly of Hilliard Veren, dec. since of Joseph Porter; E. on land formerly of Capt. Davenport, now Jonathan Corwin, and partly by land of Sibley, S. on Main St. and ranging down to path that goes over bank to the North River.

Book 38 p. 75 July 11, 1720

Mrs. Mary Lindall's land is divided with Benj. Gerrish and surveyed. Her land is bounded on W. by land of Porter from Main Street N. 2° E. to the North River; along bank of North River, 7 poles wide, S. along Main St. 5 poles $2\frac{1}{4}$ " wide here, E. by land of Gerrish, from street N. 3° W. 4 poles and $\frac{7}{8}$, N. 73° E. 1 pole $\frac{1}{2}$, N. 10° W. to river. (Gerrish's part of the land is bounded on E. by land of Curwin and land of Sibley. His front on the Main Street is 5 poles, 2').

Book 37 p. 194 January 12, 1720

Mrs. Mary Lindall buys from George Bixby $\frac{3}{4}$ acres of land (formerly estate of Joseph Porter) lying between other land of Mary Lindall and land of the late Wm. Hirst, on the Main Street, down to North River.

Book 47 p. 203 Feb. 20, 1726

Mary Lindall of Salem, widow, shopkeeper for 150 ~~£~~ sells to Samuel and Rachel Barnard " $\frac{1}{2}$ part of message"; land in Salem containing about 2 acres 20 poles, bounded N. by North River, on S. by the Main Street, E. by house and land of Benj. Gerrish, W. on land belonging to heirs of William Hirst, (dec.). When this land is divided, the aforesaid portion will lie on the easternmost side.

Book 51 p. 10 Feb. 6, 1727

Mary Lindall of Salem, widow shopkeeper sells for 150 ~~£~~ to Samuel Barnard the remaining half of parcel of land (described above) also 2 rights to common pasture.

Book 102 p. 91 July 5, 1755

Partition between Mary Lindall and Elizabeth Gray (Mary Lindall, spinster, granddaughter of Jonathan Curwen; Elizabeth Gray, minor great-granddaughter of Jonathan Curwen, daughter of Edward Gray, dec. and Elizabeth Lindall Gray, dec.) (These two are sole heirs of Elizabeth Corwin Lindall, dec.) Henry Gibbs, Esq. as guardian of minor Elizabeth Gray represented her interest. The parcels of land include salt marsh on North River, lot in North fields. The description is very complicated: pertinent items as follows - set off for Mary Lindall: beginning 50' E. of the S.W. corner of the (Jonathan Curwen) homestead running by the Main St. that distance to said corner, then butting W. on land formerly Sibley's in part and partly on Gerrish's land to the rail fence: then E. where fence formerly stood to locust tree then E. on the lane upward 12 poles, then W. 110' 8" or $\frac{2}{3}$ breadth of the whole lot, then S. on a straight line to street aforesaid so as to cut the front line at 50' distance easterly from the S.W. corner aforesaid. (The rest of the lengthy description I omit. Elizabeth Gray had the "piece of land lying on the highway to Marblehead").

Vol. 58 p. 292 E.I.H.C.

Curwen's List of Houses built in Salem from 1750-1760 lists
Mary Lindall 1755.

Book 108 p. 258 March 5, 1760

Samuel Curwen sells to Mary Lindall for 5 s. a small piece of land on the Main Street, beg. at a stake 12' from the S.E. corner of Mary Lindall's house, running W. from stake 6'7" toward her house, then running N. 20'6" parallel to wall of house then E. to bound first mentioned. Curwen retains right to repair his house from Mary Lindall's yard.

Map of Salem about 1780

based on researches of Sidney Perley, etc. and assembled by James Duncan Phillips & Henry Noyes Otis (1937).

This map shows the land in question as "estate of Samuel Curwen, Eliz. & Mary Lindall", (does not differentiate between properties).

Probate #799 John Appleton (of Salem) merchant died Mar. 4, 1817, will drawn 1803, bequeaths to: wife Priscilla: \$1000; Son Henry: all the lands in Lincoln County, inherited from his father; Children: Henry, Margaret Peele, John, Nathaniel and Alfred Greenleaf: \$1500 each. Decrees that all remaining of his estate real or personal be divided into 6 equal parts, for his wife and 5 children. Inventory of estate includes: brick mansion house on Essex St. and outbuildings \$6,000; wooden house on Essex St. and land \$4000; 2 pews in Rev. Prince's mtghouse; personal estate includes many notes on money loaned his 3 oldest sons and son-in-law.

Book 230 p. 15, 16, 17 June 15, 1819, and May 18, 1819

Henry Appleton and John Sparhawk Appleton exec. of will of the late John Appleton for \$418.33 sell to William Nichols. Also Henry Appleton, merchant, Willard Peele, merchant, Margaret, his wife, and John Sparhawk Appleton, merchant, (all of Salem) for \$1255, sell to William Nichols. Also Priscilla Appleton, widow (of Dorchester) guardian of Alfred Appleton for \$418.33, sells to William Nichols. Also, Henry Appleton of Salem as guardian of Elizabeth, William Ward and Henry Appleton, Jr. sell for \$418.33 to William Nichols the following land and dwelling house in Salem, bounded: on W. partly by land of Nathaniel Ropes, dec. and partly by land of James Bott 177' as fence now stands; N. by land of John D. Treadwell about 54' as fence now stands; E. by land of Nathaniel Bowditch about 170' as fences and buildings now stand; and on S. by Essex St. 54'; together with the right to repair the dwelling house in the adjacent yard which was formerly Mary Lindall's. This right was conveyed by deed from Samuel Curwin March 25, 1760 in Book 108 p. 258. (This land and house was sold at public auction).

Book 238 p. 1 March 30, 1825

William Nichols, merchant (of Salem) Sarah, his wife, for \$3600 sell to William Osgood, master mariner (of Salem) land, dwelling house and other bldgs. bounded as follows: on W. by land late of Nathaniel Ropes, now of William W. Oliver and partly by land of James Bott about 177' as fences now stand; N. by land of John D. Treadwell about 54' as fence stands; E. on land now of William Proctor about 177' as fences and buildings stand; and S. on Essex St. 54'.

Probate 20293 May 20, 1834

William Osgood will: real estate, house and land on Essex St, val. \$5000; cash in bank \$10,159.80. In 1834 he had also shares in 4 ships, 2 shares East India Marine Hall Corp. His will dated Feb. 1834 bequeaths: to wife Elizabeth^c (Betsy) all household goods and furniture. He appoints Michael Shepard and John B. Osgood executors to administer and/or sell any part of estate real or personal and give whole net income thereof to his widow for her use and his children's.

Book 500 p. 130 August 28, 1854

Heirs of William Osgood notify Proprietors of the North Meeting House that they intend to disrute the fence and privilege of passing over on Osgood property by Proprietors of North Church.

Probate 135841 April 15, 1920

Susan E. Osgood will (dated 1918) bequeaths to brother Joseph B. F. Osgood \$5000, to Osgood Cook \$5000 (he is grand nephew), to niece Elizabeth C. Cook bonds, and rights to house at 314 Essex St. house contents to Nieces Elizabeth C. Cook, Kate C. Stackpole, Emily L. Osgood. If Eliz. C. Cook is not living, all of her inheritance goes to her son Osgood. She also had a house and land on Norman and Creek St. Her interest in 314 Essex St. was one undivided quarter.

Book 2832 p. 101 January 20, 1921

Emily L. Osgood, single (of Lincoln) grants to Elizabeth C. Cook (of Salem) all her undivided interest in land and building heretofor occupied by Susan E. Osgood, bounded on W. by land of North Church Corp; N. by Eaton Place; E. by other land of grantee; and S. by Essex St.

Book 2832 p. 101 December 27, 1929

Katharine C. Stackpole, widow (of Boston) grants to Elizabeth C. Cook (of Marblehead) all her undivided interest in land and building heretofor occupied by Susan E. Osgood, bounded on W. by land of First Cong. Soc.; N. by Eaton Place; E. by other land of grantee, and S. by Essex St.

Book 3353 p. 78 October 29, 1943

Elizabeth C. Cook, widow (of Marblehead) mortgages to Naumkeag Trust Co. (of Salem) the land and bldgs (312 Essex: Bowditch House) also a certain parcel of land with buildings thereon numbered 314 Essex St. bounded on S. by Essex St.; W. by land of First Cong. Soc.; N. on Eaton Court, E. by other land of Cook.

Probate #216952 Osgood Cook (of Marblehead) died May 19, 1946. Will drawn 1944. Bequeaths all estate, real and personal to wife Martha Howard Cook.

Book 3510 p. 177 March 4, 1947

Martha Howard Cook, widow (of Marblehead) sells to Chestnut St. Associates (of Salem) land and bldgs. She received this property by inheritance. Probate 216952 (same as above)

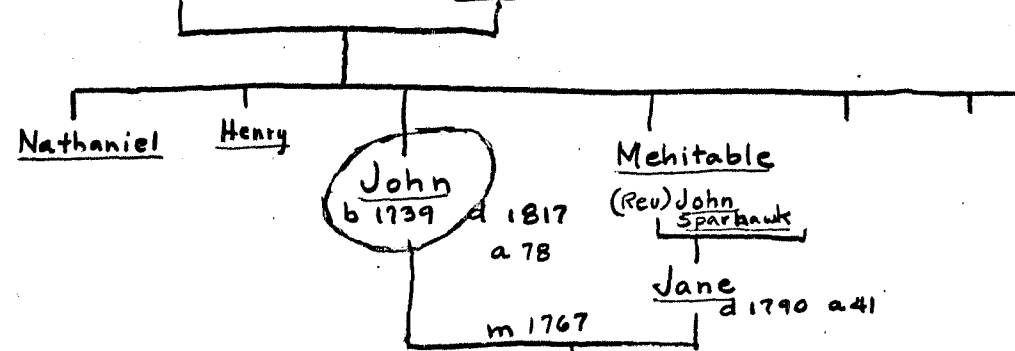
Book 3533
p.241

September 29, 1947 Chestnut St. Associates (Inc. of Salem) sell to the American National Red Cross (of Wash. D.C.) land and buildings described as follows: beginning at S.W. corner thereof on Essex St. running N. $7^{\circ}46'50''$ W. by land of First Cong. Soc. 32.75'; then N. $1^{\circ}32'50''$ E. by land of said Soc. 63' to other land of Society; then N. $89^{\circ}54'20''$ E. by this land of said Society 51.42' to land of Historic Salem Inc; then S. $2^{\circ}37'40''$ W. by said land of H.S.I. 62.26'; then S. $15^{\circ}17'40''$ E. by said land 20.94' to Essex St. then S. $75^{\circ}4'30''$ W. by Essex St. 51.14' then S. $72^{\circ}8'30''$ W. by Essex St. 2.07' to said land of First Cong. Soc. and point of beginning.

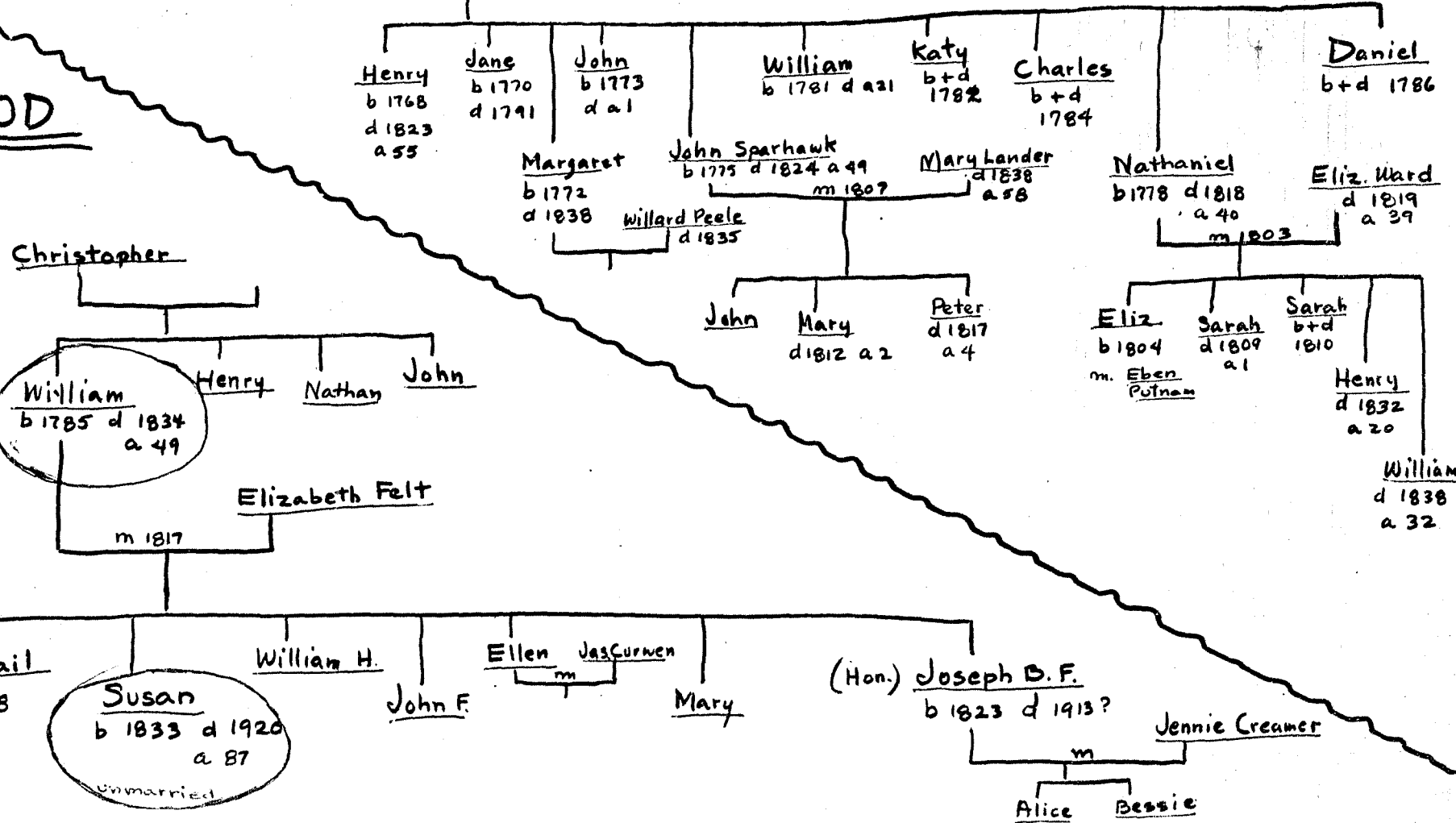
The APPLETON Family

(Rev.) Nathaniel
b 1693 d 1784

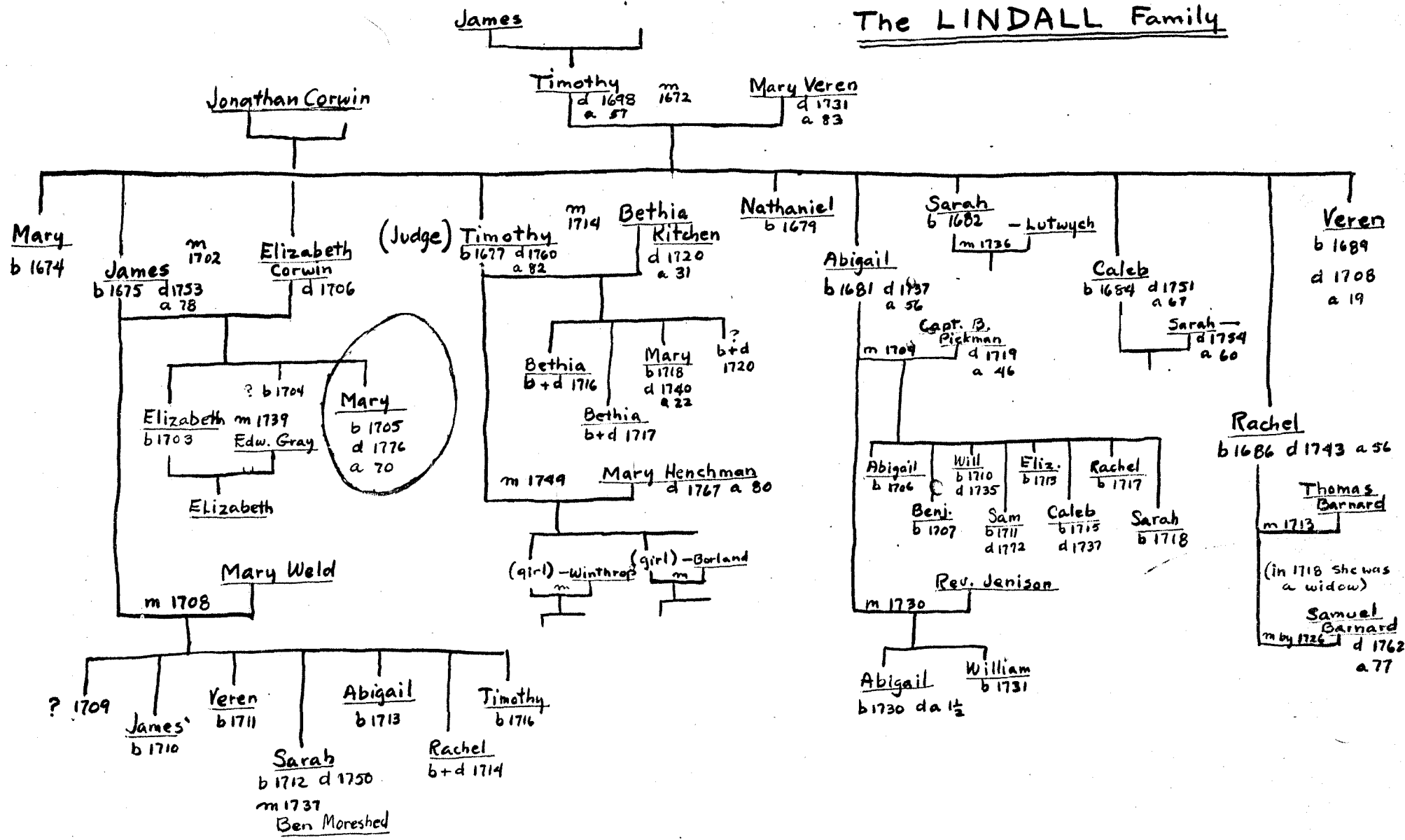
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