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Relating to Bangor.

Bangor Histl Magazine, Vol. 1, page 62:

Bangor was originally claimed by the Waldo proprietors who caused a survey to be made by Joseph Chadwickin 1773, and in 1776 another exploration by Jonathan Stone was made by order of Gen. Knox whose wife was one of the Waldo heirs.

A part of the report was as follows; No. 1 in the second range contains twenty three thousand and eight hundred and ninety five acres, is bounded on the east and southeast by Penobscot river &c.

This township comprehends the head of navigation on this river at the mouth of the Kendiskeig; is the principal anchorage where about 2 1-2 fathoms at low water.

The great falls at the head of the tide afford an excellent shad and alewife fishery, and the mouth of the Kendiskeig is the most convenient landing for rafts of lumber which come down of any place on the river.

These advantages, joined to its pleasant situation and the vast country above, to which it must serve as a seaport, must make it a place of considerable trade, in a short time -- but those advantages will be the property of a few individuals if the first settlers who have taken up the farms along the river are allowed to hold them.

There are some tolerable farming lands along the Kendiskeig stream and toward the the northerly part; it has likewise large quantities of open meadows.

First Settlers' names

Abram Freeze, Isaac Freeze, Archd McPheters, Jonathan Lowder, Silas Harthorne, Joseph Page, Robert Treat, widow Harthorne, Levi Bradley, Andrew Webster, William Hasey, Nathaniel Mayhew, William Tibbetts, Thomas Howard, Jacob Russell, Elisha Nevers, ----- Brown, John Smart, James Budge, Widdow Dunning, Jacob Dennett, Ebenezer Mayhew, Simon Crosby. The foregoing settlers were before the war ----- Benjamin Rollins, 2 years; Benjamin Low, 3 years; William Holt, 2 years; Peter Burgess, 2 years. New settlers ----- Daniel Spencer, James Mayhew, Amos Mann, George Tibbetts, Abner Tibbetts, James Campbell, Timo Crosby.

The First settlers in Bangor and their lots. Bangor Hist. Magazine, Vol. 1, page 119. The original settlers in Bangor were squatters. The state owned the township, but in a compromise with the Waldo proprietors gave actual settlers prior to Feb. 17, 1798 one hundred acres each and the balance to the Waldo proprietors.

Bangor Hist. Mag., Vol. 1, page 3. Early settlement of Bangor. William Tibbetts from Gouldsborough, Maine, whose sons, William, Jr., Daniel, George and Abram came with him (Note: The name Abram is intended for Abner. Daniel was not a son, but but may have been a brother or nephew of William Tibbetts).

Bangor Hist. Mag., Vol. 1, page 4. The municipal history of Bangor. In the first volume of Bangor Town Records is pasted some old records of plantation meetings. March 27, 1787 Officers chosen for the town: William Tibbetts and Jacob Dennett surveyors of roads. Daniel Campbell and Abner Tibbetts committee on roads to Crosby Meadow Brook. Voted Simon Crosby, Jeremiah Colburn and John Tibbetts fish committee.

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Penobscot is the Indian name of the river.

The Town Clerks of Bangor for several years after its incorporation
persisted in calling it Condeeskeag Plantation or Kenduskeag
Plantation.

A relative, Capt. Isreal Snow lived at the lower end of Broadway,
then Oak street, on the west side of the street. He previously
lived in the Patten house near Hammond Street Church.

Old Tibbets Record.

As far as we have any record of the name of Tibbets they were emigrants from England in the first settling of America. The first name which we have any record of was Benjamin Tibbets, and his grandfather came from England. The first family that we can learn the names of were Benjamin, Paul, Edward, Sampson and Susanna. Benjamin of this family had six sons, viz., Solomon, William, Benjamin, Daniel, James, Ebenezer and - Abigail. William Tibbets of this family married Laurana Young. They had eight children, their names were: Mary, Abner, George, Sarah, William, Jr., Benjamin and Abigail (twins) and Mary the second. Abner lived in Corinth, married Sarah Davis and had sixteen children. Their names were: William, John, Joseph and Mary (twins), Rebecca, Abner, David, Sarah, Olive and Sophia (twins), Theodore, -----, -----, -----, -----, -----, Abner married secondly widow Crane and had four children: Elisha, Eliza, Priscilla, Elias.

George married Lucretia Doe and had children: Sarah, Elizabeth, Robert, Susan, Seth, Samuel, Lucretia. This family moved from Charleston, Maine to Indiana in 1916 and settled near Covington, Ky.

Sarah Tibbets' first husband's name was Osgood. He was drowned in the Penobscot River. They had one son, Stephen. Sarah married secondly, David Mann. They had eight children: Sally, Polly, Nabby, David, Jacob, Nancy, Joseph and Eunice. David Mann was one of the original grantees of the town of Orrington. His homestead was on Mann's Hill, of what is now Holden, still owned by his descendants.

William Tibbets, Jr., married Sarah Thom and had children: Priscilla, Elisha, Nancy, Thomas, Hiram, Jane, Mary, Elizabeth (called Betsey), Susan, William, George. This family lived in Corinth, Maine.

Family of William⁵ and Lurana (Young) Tibbetts

William⁵ Tibbetts (Benjamin⁴ (No.). Henry,³ Jeremy² Henry¹) was born 21 April 1731 in Dover New Hampshire. The Bangor, Maine Historical Magazine is wrong in stating that he was born in England. He died after 1807 and before 1816 near Corinth, Penobscot Co., Maine. He was son of Benjamin⁴ and Abigail Tibbetts who removed from Dover, N.H. to Rochester, N.H. and later removed to Lebanon, Maine.

He was baptized in the Congregational Church at Rochester, 29 Aug. 1742 (see page 588, Hist. of Rochester, N.H., by Franklin McDuffee, giving baptisms and marriages from the Rochester Church Book of Records). He married about 1755-6 Lurana Young probably at Rochester, Dover or Berwick.

He was a tanner and after his marriage had a part of his father's home place in South Lebanon, Maine, near the Berwick line.

He and his wife were members of the Congregational Church of Lebanon, whose first settled pastor was Rev. Isaac Hasey.

In an address by Rev. Charles N. Sinnett (pub. 1903) on "Historic Lebanon, Maine, and the great work of the Congregational Church in one hundred and thirty-eight years", he speaks of the provisions of the original Town Charter for the support of the minister, the ministry and the schools, and says: "How well these first settlers held to these rules is suggested by the names of those among them whose descendants through so many generations have done much for the church and town: Farnham, Copp, Door, Hussey, Rives, Stevens, Blaisdell, Tibbetts, Kenny, Wallingford, McGrelis, Perkins, Corson, Burrows, Hoodwin, Yeaton, Furbush and Cowell. The town from which these settlers came also gives good proof of firm integrity and honor, for Berwick, Kittery, Somersworth, Dover and York were the places from which the sons and daughters of sturdish stock came.

The first name of the town was "Towow", but Lebanon it has been since the incorporation in 1767 and the good old Bible name may have been given at the suggestion of the Rev. Isaac Hasey.%"

Rev. Isaac Hasey graduated at Harvard College in 1762 and was ordained on the 23rd of June 1765, the date when the church of Lebanon was organized and was its minister for 47 years.

He kept a series of diaries which cover a period of over forty years, from 1765 to 1812, the year in which he died. Among them are to be found the following notes which, though unimportant, mentions William Tibbetts and his wife.

- "Jan. 9, 1766. At Mrs. Tibbetts ~~and~~ & Dean Blaisdells.
- June 5, 1766 Mr Tibbetts, Husseys, Kennys, Doors, Doors, Doors, Husseys, Lord worked for Mr Farnham.
- Feb. 24, 1768 at Rt Furbishes P.M. This evening gave Mr Blaisdell an order for Five dollars for which Wm Tibbetts promised to Deliver me 10 Bushl corn.
- May 26, 1768 at Mrs Tibbetts with Mrs Hasey and sister Hannah.
- Aug. 17, 1768 x x x x roasting pig by William Tibbetts.
- March 24, 1769. Walked to Mr Tibbetts and Saml Kings with Mrs Hasey."

William⁵ Tibbetts sold his Lebanon estate aug. 7, 1769 as will be seen by the following abstract:

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Aug. 7, 1769. Deed from "William Tibbetts of Lebanon in the county of York and Province of the Massachusetts Bay "Yeoman", Anigail Tibbetts mother to said William Tibbetts and Luranay Tibbeys wife to sd William Tibbetts released their right of dower

to
Stephen Evans of the town of Dover in the Province of New Hampshire In consideration of one hundred and fifty pounds :
Conveys two Home or first Division Lots lying and being in Lebanon aforesd Range ~~xxxxxx~~ ~~xxxxxx~~ which ~~is~~ being the two home lots which is No six and No seven in the Second Range of home Lots in said Lebanon which sd two Lots contain thirty acres in each Lot more or less on the Southwest side of ye main Road Leading from Berwick through sd Lebanon & being the same Lots which was heretofore my fathers Benjamin Tibbetts Late of sd Lebanon Deed & the same whereon my said father for a number of years lived on and Improved and where he last Lived & fell to me as a Child and heir to my said Father in the Division with mu Brethren of my said fathers Estate and is the same fam or Lotts that I now Live on and Improve all which Land together with all the Edifices & Buildings of any kind whatsoever Standing or being on said Land & I the said William Tibbetts Do also hereby convey and confirm to said Evans & unto his heirs & assigns forever, the one third Part of a whole Proprs Right or share in said Lebanon or two half Rights (being exclusive of ye First Division being the same that I purchased of Danl Horn and Ephr^m Ham of said Dover which they heretofore Purchased of John Janveyn & all that I Purchased of said Horn & Ham be the same more or Less".

York County, Maine Deeds. Book 41, p. 263.

About that time many of the Tibbetts families went "down east" and William⁵ Tibbetts with the others and settled in Gouldsborough, Maine, where he lived for about ten years, during which time he served in the Revolution, enlisting from Gouldsborough, Maine. Maine was then, and until 1820, a District of Massachusetts. His Revolutionary record and also that of his son Abner is to be found in Vol. 15, page 726, "Mass. Soldiers and Sailors in the War of the Revolution", as follows:
"William Tibbetts of Fouldsborough, Maine, Private, Capt. Francis Shaw Jr.'s Co.; enlisted Sept. 11, 1776; service 3 mos., 3 weeks, 6 days; company stationed at Gouldsborough No. 4 Garaguagus and Pleasant River for defense of seacoast; also Capt. Samuel Libby's co., in a detachment from Col. Benjamin Foster's (Lincoln Co.) regt.; enlisted Sept. 15, 1777; discharged Oct. 1, 1777; service 16 days at Machias when British ships lay in that harbor."

After the Revolution William Tibbetts and his wife Lurana removed with their family from Gouldsborough to Bangor, Maine, and were among the earliest settlers. The History of Penobscot County states that "there were not more than a dozen buildings in the place at the time he arrived, and there was not a church in Penobscot County." He had lots No. 17 and 87 in Bangor as an old Settler.

Settlers.

He and his four sons were voters and tax payers of Bangor at the time it was incorporated Feb. 25, 1791. Vol. 1, page 4, Bangor Hist. Magazine states that in the first volume of Bangor Town Records is pasted some old records of plantation meetings, among which are the following:

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In 1787 a petition sent to the General Court to incorporate the town of Sunbury on a tract of land in the county of Lincoln on the western side of Penobscot river, signed by Robert Treat, Jacob Dennett, George Tibbetts, Abner Tibbetts and others.

In the U.S. Census of 1790 William Tibbetts appears as the head of a family of three males over sixteen years, no males under sixteen years, and four females. In this Census the numbers of males over sixteen years of age listed in a family, included the head of the family himself, and those over age of his white servants or other males as well as his sons, who were living in his family). His residence in 1790 is given as Condukeag Pl., Hancock County (now Penobscot Co.), Maine.

The Bangor Historical Magazine, edited by Joseph W. Porter, (1885 to 1891), Vol. 4, page 21 and Vol. 6, page 294 give some records of William and Lurana (Young) Tibbetts and family and state that they removed to Bangor from Gouldsborough in 1779.

There are some errors in these records which are greatly to be regretted, especially the statement that William Tibbetts was born in England; and the statement that his son Benjamin married Hannah Rose. (Benjamin Tibbetts married Hannah Snow). Vols. 4 and 6 both state that Daniel who married widow Margaret Potter Aug. 13, 1789 was son of William and Lurana (Young) Tibbetts; this is wrong; Daniel was brother of William Tibbetts and came with him from Gouldsborough to Bangor.

William⁶ Tibbetts spent the last years of his life in Kenduskeag Plantation, Penobscot County, near Corinth, Maine, where he died venerated and respected by all who knew him. His wife Lurana survived him several years, removed with her children to Indiana in 1816 and died at the home of her son Benjamin in Manchester, Dearborn County.

Of those who left Bangor at this time were four of the children of William and Lurana (Young) Tibbetts, namely: the family of Benjamin and Hannah (Snow) Tibbetts from near Corinth, Maine and who settled in Manchester township, Dearborn County; the family of Elisha and Abigail (Tibbetts) Mayhew from Levant, near Bangor, who settled in Shelbyville, Indiana; the family of George and Lucretia (Doe) Tibbetts who moved from Charleston, Maine, and settled near Covington, Kentucky but later settled in Union township, Rush County, Indiana; and the family of Jonathan and Mary (Tibbetts) Snow from near Corinth, Maine, who settled in Campbell

County, Kentucky, just across the Ohio River from a place called California, Ohio but now known as Coney Island and is about 28 miles from Cincinnati. Their descendants moved to Greenfield, Indiana.

There are many Tibbetts records in the office of Register of Deeds in Ellsworth, Maine. Penobscot County was at one time a part of Hancock County, and all the old records, which are very complete, are at Ellsworth.

The following abstracts show the disposition of some of the property of William⁵ Tibbetts:

Records from office of Register of Deeds, Ellsworth, Maine.
Vol. 15, page 190:

William Tibbetts of Kenduskeag Plantation to Robert Lapham, a Lot in Bangor, containing 100 acres, being Lot No. 87 on Park Holland Plan, 1804.

Vol. 22, page 155: William Tibbetts of a place called Ohio (Penobscot County) to Abner Tibbetts, William Tibbetts Jr. and Benjamin Tibbetts of same Ohio for \$10. to me paid and more especially for my maintenance together with the maintenance of my wife for ten years last past, Lot in Bangor on the Penobscot River 100 acres. 1807.

William and Lurana (Young) Tibbetts had eight children, as follows: all born in Lebanon, York Co., Maine, except Mary, the youngest, who was born in Gouldsborough, Maine:

- i. Mary,⁶ who died in infancy.
- ii. Abner⁶ Tibbetts, b. 1 March 1759; m. first 6 March 1783, Sarah Davis; m. second, 12 March 1811 widow Mary (Fisher) Crane.
- iii. George⁶ Tibbetts, b. 1761; m. Lucretia Doe 21 Oct. 1786.
- iv. Sarah⁶ Tibbetts, b. 1764; m first ----- Osgood and secondly 25 Nov. 1788, David Mann.
- v. William Tibbetts, Jr., b. 3 April 1765; m. Sarah Thomas 25 Dec. 1792.
- vi. Benjamin⁶ Tibbetts, b. 17 May 1769; m. Hannah Snow.
- vii. Abigail⁶ Tibbetts, b. 17 May 1769; m. 28 June 1792 Elisha Mayhew.
- viii. Mary⁶ Tibbetts, the second, m. Jonathan Snow.

Ancestry of Lurana Young, Wife of William Tibbetts

(Copy of a letter from the late Charles Wesley Tibbetts, Esq., of Moody, Maine to Mrs. Walter Chester Jarvis of Indianapolis, Ind.

Moody, Maine May 10, 1919

Mrs. May T. Jarvis.

My Dear Friend:

I wrote you that the next time I went to Dover I would continue the search. I have had to be in Dover on several days lately. One day I looked over the Deeds of Strafford County and another day the Strafford County Wills and probate records, but found nothing to help you, either day.

Yesterday I looked over the Wentworth Genealogy you spoke about but that had nothing about Abner Young. I then looked through the old Provincial and State Papers and I found something that will help you.

You and I both have thought that the father of Lurana Young who married William Tibbetts was named Abner Young, and that the Norwich Abner Young who served in the Revolution must have been a brother.

In Vol. 18, on page 47 of N.H. State Papers I found an Abner Young in the year 1727 who must have been your Abner Young. Notice the date - 1727 - or fifty years before the Revolution - and he was living in Dover and must have been a store keeper. Living right down near where Henry Tibbetts, the grandfather of William Tibbetts lived before he moved to Rochester, N.H.

I have copied a part of the record and give it within notation points, as follows:

"Theodore Atkinson Account of Powder Monty)"

"An Acct of Powder money recd by Theodore Atkinson according to an act of the Generall Assembly In May 1727"

"1727. To cash y^d Mr Ben^r Wentworth for Powder 160"

(There were nine other items I did not copy, bringing the account up to "1 307.04.11½"

"By John Parsons L 10."

(There were thirty-five other names I did not copy, and another as follows:

"By Abner Young 110.10."

(The whole number bringing the amount up to 1307.04.11½."

(May 17, 1732 Sworn to in the house of Representatives"
James Jeffrey Clr. Assⁿ"

New Hampshire State Papers Vol. 18, p. 47.

The above Theodore Atkinson lived at Portsmouth. The thirty-seven

persons the powder was sold to must have been store keepers.

You will notice that the quantity sold to Abner Young came to £10.10 or about fifty-two dollars' worth.

The record does not tell where Abner Young lived at the time - 1727 - but the following in quotation fixes that.

" (Taxes in Dover 1741) "

"(Farmer's Me. Town Papers, iv, 299) "
"The Countefin of Dover Parish"

(There are 104 names on the list. I copied one as follows:)
"Abner Younr - 7.4." N H. State Papers Vol. 24, p. 697."

In 1741 there were two parishes in Dover, one, the above, was called the Dover Parish, and the other the Cocheco Parish. The Dover Parish was down to Dover Neck and Dover Point where the Tibbetts family settled.

You will notice that Abner Young in 1741 lived in the Dover Parish and paid a Parish tax of seven shillings and four pence. This was mostly for the support of the minister.

Abner Young was a man grown, in 1727, and probably was born near 1700. Lurana Young was born about 1727 probably, and I think was married before 1760, and was probably married at Dover, if Abner Young continued to live there.

Now we have located the old Mr. Abner Young at Dover, I will the next time I go to that city look over the old Dover land grants and perhaps I may find something there. If not, then the next place would be the old Provincial Deeds which are at Concord, N.H., and perhaps on the old Provincial Probate Records we may find his will or some record of his death.

Sincerely yours

(Signed) C. W. Tibbetts.