

## CHILDS FAMILY PAPERS

Biographical Notes and Description of Manuscripts taken from Sheldon's *History of Deerfield* and *Vital Records of Deerfield, Mass.*

**Samuel Childs**<sup>3</sup>, son of Richard, born 1679, died Mar 28, 1756. Came to Deerfield where he was a blacksmith. Became prominent in town and church affairs and served as deacon. Married Hannah Barnard in 1709; married Experience ----- in 1729; married Sarah Mattoon in 1750. Had 8 children, 2 of whom (Samuel and Asa) are represented below.

His papers consist of deeds.

**Timothy Childs**<sup>4</sup>, son of Richard. Born 1686, died Feb 26, 1776. Lived on Lot 15 [Champney house]. He was a scout in Queen's War, a Lieutenant in Father Rasle's War, and later a Captain in Deerfield. Received 300 acres of land for his war losses. Owned land in Shelburne and Peskeompskut, now Turners Falls. Married Hannah Chapin in 1719; they had 2 children, one of whom is represented below.

His papers consist of promissory notes, writs and one deed.

**Samuel Childs**<sup>5</sup>, son of Samuel<sup>3</sup>. Born 1712, died Jan 15, 1786. He lived on Lot 24, where he was a tailor, a deacon, and a Lieutenant in command of Fort Pelham in 1747-48. Married Sarah Wright in 1739; they had 6 children, 2 of whom are represented below. His papers consist of several deeds, an indenture, and legal documents, one re: estate division.

**Timothy Childs**<sup>10</sup>, son of Timothy<sup>4</sup>. Born 1720, died Dec 12, 1781. Settled in Turners Falls where he became a surveyor. Served as a Captain in the French and Indian War and a Captain in the Revolutionary War, serving from 1776-1780. Married Mary Wells in 1744; they had 7 children. His papers consist of 2 surveys. (see Box 2, fol. 1)

**Amzi Childs**<sup>11</sup>, son of Samuel<sup>5</sup>. Born 1740, died Nov 2, 1817. Lived in Wapping. He was a soldier in the French and Indian War. Married Submit Wright in 1767; they had 14 children, 2 of whom are represented below.

**Simeon Childs**, son of Amzi<sup>11</sup>. Born June 9, 1772, died January 24, 1834 at 61 years of age. Married Hannah Paine in 1805. The line is not followed in Sheldon's *History of Deerfield*. His papers consist of receipts, appraisal and an inventory. Hannah's papers consist of a will, an account, a petition, agreements, receipts, bills, and an auction sale.

**Amzi Childs**, son of Amzi<sup>11</sup>. Born Oct 1, 1772, died Feb 10, 1842 in Princeton. Married Rhoda Snow of Goshen in 1804. The line is not followed in Sheldon's *History of Deerfield*. His papers consist of 4 deeds.

**Samuel Childs**<sup>12</sup>, son of Samuel<sup>5</sup>. Born 1745, died Oct 27, 1808. Lived on the "Old Ware lot" at south end of The Street. He was known as "Brigadier Childs". Married Mary Nims in 1720; they had 11 children, one of whom is represented below. His papers consist of 4 deeds and a receipt.

**Asa Childs**<sup>13</sup>, son of Asa<sup>6</sup>. Born 1738, died Jan 22, 1832. Removed to Shelburne. Married Elizabeth Hawks in 1768; took an unknown woman for his second wife; his third wife was Mercy Childs, whom he married in 1778. From these three unions, 6 children were born. His papers consist of 1 writ and 2 deeds.

**Samuel Childs**<sup>15</sup>, son of Asa<sup>6</sup>. Born 1742, died Mar 1, 1814. Settled at Wapping where he was a weaver by trade and known as "Jimmy Shuttle." Married Eunice Wright in 1768; they had 12 children, four of whom are represented below.

His papers consist of many deeds and receipts, a few writs, one judgement, 2 wills, 1 inventory, and a copy of embroidery sampler of his family tree in the DAR museum.

**Israel Childs**<sup>28</sup>, son of Samuel<sup>12</sup>. Born 1779, died May 5, 1821. Sold the Old Ware lot and removed to Shelburne. He was a deacon and a schoolmaster. Married Sidney Hawks in 1805; they had 8 children.

His papers consist of 11 complaints against young men he accused of stealing watermelons, 3 deeds, and 1 guardian appointment.

**Noah Childs**<sup>30</sup>, son of Samuel<sup>15</sup>. Born 1769, died Oct 4, 1825. Removed to New York after 1804. He served in the army at Buffalo as sergeant. Married Mary Graves in 1791; they had 11 children.

His papers consist of writs, promissory notes, receipts and a judgment.

**Samuel Childs**<sup>32</sup>, son of Samuel<sup>15</sup>. Born 1784, died Nov 3, 1867. Lived in Wapping where he farmed and was know as "Lawyer Childs." Married Electa Gates in 1813; they had 3 children.

His papers consist of many deeds, bills, orders, and a receipt and writ.

**Cephas Childs**<sup>33</sup>, son of Samuel<sup>15</sup>. Born 1787, died Apr 14, 1831. Settled at the Meadow Mills and was a blacksmith. Married Eleanor Roots in 1809; they had 6 children, one of whom is represented below.

His papers consist of 2 promissory notes and 2 writs.

**Jonathan Root Childs**, son of Cephas<sup>33</sup>. Born May 10, 1822, died Mar 2, 1857. Lived most his life in Chicopee where he was a clerk, paymaster, editor and prominent in political, military and church affairs. Married Frances Stearns in 1846.

His papers consist of a criminal docket 1853-54 with a diary and a clipping of his death notice.

**David W. Childs**<sup>39</sup>, son of David W.<sup>23</sup>. Born 1809, died May 16, 1879. Lived at Wapping and was a farmer and insurance agent. Late in life he moved to Braintree. Married Jane Childs in 1832; later married Clarissa Hayward of Braintree. These unions produced 4 children.

His papers consist mainly of deeds, and 1 letter, 1 lease, and 2 promissory notes.

**Henry S. (Seymour) Childs**, son of David W.<sup>39</sup>. Born Sept 4, 1844. Married Lucy Grout in 1865.

His papers consist of insurance papers and a poem.

**Dexter Childs**<sup>45</sup>, son of Henry<sup>25</sup>. Born 1822. Settled in Wapping where he was a farmer and Selectman for many years. Married Elizabeth Briggs in 1860.

His papers consist of a deed and a marriage certificate mounted in a book about marriage.

**Miscellaneous Childs**: Various Childs Family members who have 1 or 2 documents:

**Alfred H.** (lease); **Caroline** (deed); **Ebenezer** (receipt); **Eliphaz?** (receipt); **Erastus** (2 deeds); **Herrick, David W. & Eunice** (deed); **Israel, Sophia, & Clarissa** (bond); **Josiah** (2 receipts); **Lebeus** (promissory note, writ); **Lemuel** (will); **Mary** (deed); **Rebekka** (receipt); **Rhoda** (writ); **Robert** (deed); **Samuel, David, & Dexter** (deed)

