



from Patricia R Hulse  
Greenwood N.Y.

re: David Downing

M

Town Historian  
Angelica  
New York



A441  
JBC-PC to Leri Simons 12/14/1813  
91<sup>86</sup>/<sub>100</sub> acres

C 38  
PC to Leri Simons 12/19/1817  
91<sup>96</sup>/<sub>100</sub> acs

C-233  
PC to Hiram Aldrich 8/15/1822  
99.66 acres

C-52  
P.C. to Stephen Smith 8/12/1819  
EA 92.75 acres

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8,875" = 480 chairs

8,875	0.5409
480.000	
443.75	
36.250	
355.00	
7.500	

4 1" = 1 1/2 54M

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Abstract of a Deed

Marcia Abbott, Persis White, and  
Emerson Abbott

to

Ethie A. Pixley, heir of Hannah Abbott

Dated August 6 1862  
Recorded March 3 1863  
By Geo. W. Green, Co. Clk.  
In Liber of Deeds 58 at page 290  
Location of premises: T3 R2 MR Lot 18  
Acres 38.16  
Consideration \$100

Conveys part of the same lot deeded by Philip Church to David Downing, deceased, recorded Liber B at page 622, excepting there from the land sold by David Downing from the east end of said lot to the N.Y. & Erie R.R. Co.

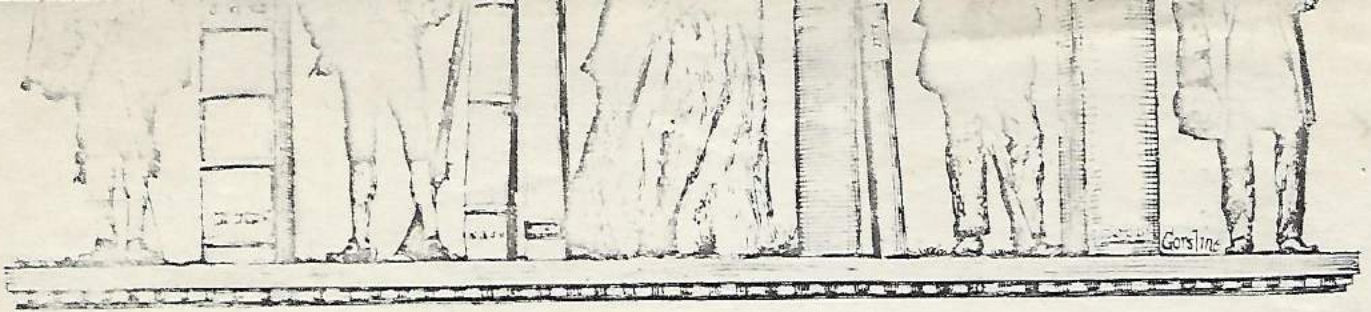
Beginning at a point on the east line of Prudence Norton's land, which point is the northwest corner of James Mapes lot and the southwest corner of the said Downing farm, running thence easterly 40.57 chains to west line said railroad, thence northerly on west line railroad 10.50 " " south line Ira Tracy, thence westerly on Tracy's south line 36.69 " " stone on Trac's line, NW corner Downing, southerly on Prudence Norton's 9.88 " " place of beginning,  
east line containing 38.16 acres of land.

It is the understanding that the Downing family, descendants of said David Downing, the original owner of said farm, have a right to be buried in the present fenced burying ground.

Note:

The Downings did not settle on the old Pixley farm: they settled on the Church Tract in Township 3 Range 2 Robert Morris Reserve, Lots 18, 19. The Downings sold to the Abbotts, the Abbotts to Mrs. Pixley, widow of John W. Pixley, killed 1862 at the battle of Antietam and buried in the John Hyde cemetery. The fact that the Downings had their own burying ground indicates ~~indicates~~ that none of the eight unmarked graves in the Hyde cemetery is occupied by a Downing.





# Reading, Writing, and History

## Time on the Cross:

*The Economics of American Negro  
Slavery*

by *Robert William Fogel and  
Stanley L. Engerman*

*Little, Brown and Co., 286 pp., \$8.95*

In his effort to reconstruct the past the historian is haunted by the knowledge that absolute, across-the-board certainty is hard to come by. Like the poet Whittier, who spoke of "believing where we cannot prove," he lays blind hands on such facts as he is able to get and lets the logic derived from their size and shape tell him what kind of building he is going to put up. If he has assembled enough facts and made the right deductions, he can be reasonably satisfied that his finished work is a good reproduction of the long-vanished original. By dint of hard work, logic, and the insights born of a creative imagination he has a truthful replica of the long ago and far away.

He hopes. He can be certain about little but the obvious. He may, for instance, be perfectly sure that the Battle of Gettysburg took place in and around a little Pennsylvania town early in July of 1863; but precisely why it happened then and there instead of at some other time and place, what really motivated the men who fought there, and what the whole business really meant then and now and in the future—these are matters about which he may have beliefs but no outright certainties. It is significant that although historians have written many millions of words about that battle, the final truth seems best embodied in

a few paragraphs written by Abraham Lincoln, who was no historian at all but simply a man who had done a power of brooding.

What we know of the past, in other words, depends pretty largely on who tells us about it. The dust of the years hangs in the air and lies deeply on the hills and valleys where our fathers walked, and the reality that once existed simply is not there any more. It left a haunting shadow in the drifting haze, a faint outline of paths on which we can no longer walk; it can be imagined, or logically deduced, but no one can actually touch it. There are times when the historian needs a streak of the poet, who can see around corners and under the crust of the past. This is bad, because poets always wind up by asking us to take something on faith, and we live in a generation that considers faith a crutch for the backward. We want hard facts that could if necessary be taken into court or that could at least be imparted

to the press by the staff of a congressional committee, and the historian cannot always come up with such things. His lot would be simpler (and he is bound to reflect on this once in a while) if history were a science.

It is an appealing thought. Science has to do with facts that are very hard indeed. The physical scientist can prove the accuracy of his findings. He can subject them to rigorous mathematical analysis, sustaining far-flung theorems by equations that can neither be understood by the vulgar nor refuted by the learned. The uncertainty principle haunts him only rarely, in an outlying province of physics—but it is central to everything the poor historian does. The scientist never has to say "It seems to me." He knows. The historian is bound to have moments of envy. If only he too could enjoy certainty! To see straight to the heart of things, instead of groping in the haunted twilight, would be pleasant indeed.

So, inevitably, the effort is being made. The social scientist has come into being, immaculately conceived in the realms of pure academic thought; and instead of dealing with the imperfect accounts written by men of biased mind and defective vision, he goes to the area where things can be infallibly measured and counted and classified. He assembles statistics—



tion of marvelous ingenuity. After this (or perhaps before—it is hard to be sure) the figures are fed into the receptive arms of that unfailing servant, guide, and master of modern man, the computer. What comes out, properly presented, must be hard fact.

The social scientist thus has devised a new tool for historians and a new name for the tool and for himself. He has invented the science of cliometrics, has in the process become himself a cliometrician, and has ushered in the cliometric revolution, whose tumbrels are waiting to carry off the conventionally minded leaders of the Old Regime.

What cliometric history looks like and where it takes you are made manifest in an outspoken book, *Time on the Cross: the Economics of American Negro Slavery*, written by the most notable of the cliometricians, Robert William Fogel and Stanley L. Engerman. The book is accompanied by a supplement subtitled *Evidence and Methods*, which is slightly thicker than the volume it supplements and infinitely more opaque, consisting largely of the equations, fact sheets, and graphs used in various steps of the cliometric process.

The authors claim that historians and economists "trained in the application of quantitative methods to historical problems" have at last uncovered "the main features of the actual operation of the slave economy." This requires revision and correction of the traditional characterization of that economy, and the revised version of historic truth must now include the following points:

Slavery was not dying on the vine economically in 1860. It made money for the slave owners and for the society that nurtured them. There is no reason to suppose that it would have died of natural causes if the Civil War had not taken place; on the contrary, it would probably have grown stronger, and slave owners were justifiably confident about the future of the institution.

Slavery was perfectly compatible with the industrial system, and slave labor employed in industry "compared favorably with free workers in terms of productivity and efficiency."

Stability of slave families encouraged under slavery, and "the belief that slave-breeding, sexual exploitation and promiscuity destroyed the black family" is a myth. Furthermore, the slave was about as well off, in a material sense, as the industrial worker in the North. To be sure, slaves were exploited "in the sense that part of the income they produced was expropriated by their owners," but over his lifetime their hand received about 90 per cent of the income he produced.

Far from stagnating, the economy of the slave-state area was thriving, and between 1840 and 1860 per capita income increased more rapidly in the South than in the rest of the country.

All these things being so, what (the authors ask) have the respected historians who framed the conventional picture of slavery been so wrong? The answer is clear: they ignore "the role of mathematics and statistics in historical analysis." Furthermore, the cliometrical picture is made even brighter by a series of "it must be remembered" warnings.

Thus: the slaves got a good diet whose energy value exceeded that of the average free man as late as 1860. It was long on sweet potatoes and corn to be sure, but from a nutritional standpoint these are fine foods, and sweet potatoes are actually much better than white potatoes. The typical slave cabin was a log or frame shanty measuring about twenty by eighteen feet, with unglazed windows and usually with a planked floor; palatial, but after all "much of the South America still lived in log cabins in the 1850's." Medical care did not always involve the service of regular physicians, but the brighter side here



John Hyde  
to  
Hiram Abbott

Apr 28 1876  
1877  
Ransom Lloyd  
Lebr D p 515  
Acres 63.71 ac  
Paid \$1,876  
T3 122 MR

Begin W Bank Men Riv at a course S 27°40' East  
30.50 ch from SW corner Silas Stephens 4/11/1803 Chise

W 50.00 ch  
S 12.50 "  
E 48.75 " to W. Bank  
Downstream to begin  
contains 63.71

Across pond bank  
Ann, wife of David Downing  
Apr 17 1828 in 73 yr of her age  
Ed Hanchett farm Barnyard

Hiram Aldrich 5-4

John Bennett - Grantee T3 R2 MR

1809 A-129

1830 G-2 Grove Lot 21

1836 P-143 Nunda Tusc. 10

John Abbott, Grantee T3 R2 MR  
None

Hiram Abbott, Grantee 3 2 MR 33

1839 53-608 from Abraham H. Noyes 3 2 MR 33

1827 D-515 from J. T. Hyde 3 2 MR 33

1830 G-112 " Leming Casot 3 2 MR 33

1838 5-159 " S. Noyes 3 2 MR 33

John Bennett, Grantor T3 R2 MR

John Abbott, Grantor  
None

Hiram Abbott, Grantor

~~1848~~ 13-160 to Erie R.R. 3 2 MR 33

1831 78-644 " " " "

1850 30-21 " " " "



Abstract of a Deed

David Downing, Jr. & Sarah, his wife  
of town of Amity, county Allegany

to

Hannah Abbott, wife of Hiram Abbott,  
of town of Amity

Dated March 30 1859  
Recorded 1859  
By J. W. Eldridge, County Clerk  
In Deeds Liber 54 at page 487  
Location of property: T3 R2 MR 18  
Acres 20.07  
Consideration \$900

Beginning at a stake in the west line of Downing's land and five chains south from its northwest corner, thence

East	17.34	chains to a stone on east side of highway, thence	"
East at a course N73°	2.82	"	"
East " " " N85°	3.50	"	"
East " " " S59°	2.85	"	"
East		to west line of N.Y. & Erie R.R.	"
Northwesterly along railroad	5.23	" to south line of Tracy farm	"
West on Tracy's south line	41.00	" to northwest corner Downings farm	"
South on Prudence Norton's	5.00	" to place of beginning, containing	"
		20.07 acres of land	

excepting and reserving

The Burying Ground as now formed and the right of passing to and from said burying ground for the purposes of burial and of fencing and of repairing fence so long as the same is occupied by the Downing family as a burying place and no longer.

.....  
August 24 1988

This burying ground is on the farm of Edward G. Hanchett, Belvidere Road (NY Route 19) Belmont, NY 14813, phone 716 268 7838. One name from this burying ground has been added to the Allegany County Cemetery File in the county historian's office on Table Knoll in Belmont. It is of Ann, wife of David Downing, died April 17 1828 in the 73rd year of her life. Mr. Hanchett was not at home today but Mrs. Hanchett says there are several headstones in the burying ground, near the barn. The house is on the east side of Route 19, a short distance north from Tuckers Corners, across the road from the Sundae Drive Inn.

The above described 20.07 acre lot is part of the 50.51 acre parcel conveyed to David Downing by Philip Church August 18 1819 and recorded in Allegany County Deeds Liber B at page 622.



Grantee Index

Pixley, John W. T312214R 18  
(d. 1867)  
When did he buy?

Bennett, John T312214R 18  
A 129 from JB & P Church  
Mar. 9 1809  
to whom did he sell and when  
to Ebenezer Hyde  
April 1817

(over)

John Bennett - Grantor  
When did he sell A 189?

Abstract

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to Ebenezer Hyde

	after Church First Grantee	Acres		Date	Length of West (N-S) Line	
✓ A 76	John Hyde	16.98 <sup>81</sup>	409 <sup>42</sup>	05/05/1807	27.00	Purchase May 1803 chains
A 159	Jacob Manning	74.	722 <sup>00</sup>	07/06/1807	11.11	
✓ A 73	John Hyde	63.71	125 <sup>52</sup>	07/14/108	12.50	May 1803
✓ A 35	John Hyde	119.88	239 <sup>76</sup>	04/20/07	20.00	May 1803
✓ A 370	John Cole	65.62	196 <sup>00</sup>	08/01/10	12.25	Aug 11 1805
✓ A 108	Abisha Cole	99.88	100	04/05/07	17.25	Aug 25 1804
✓ A 129	John Bennet	91.29	273 <sup>87</sup>	03/09/09	15.00	May 9 1804
B 622	David Downing	50.51	183 <sup>18</sup>	08/09/19	9.88	Apr 18 1805 18 44.60c 19 6.35
✓ A 456	Philip Fox <small>by admitt</small>	56.46	206 <sup>50</sup>	12/14/13	9.80	Apr 20 1805

From intersection County Road # 20  
20 and # 19

To  
Intersection of State road 19  
and Friendship road  
(by Allegany Situmons)

123.68 chains  
1.55 Miles

	First Grantor	Date	Consideration	Next Grantor	Consideration	Date
A 76	JBC - PC	05/05/07				18
<del>A 159</del>	John Hyde					
A 73	JBC - PC					
A 35	JBC - PC					
A 370	JBC - PC	08/01/10	\$196 <sup>00</sup>	Andrew Hawley	\$515 <sup>00</sup>	10/26/16
A 108	JBC - PC	04/05/07	\$100	Ebenezer Hyde	\$800 <sup>00</sup>	03/28/10
A 129	JBC - PC					
B 622	Philip Church					
A 456	JBC - PC					



Norman Abbott

Ernest S. Abbott

?

John Pickley

~~1774~~

?

?

Allegible connection

1 near R. B. D

South end of grounds  
border of 1780

1 south of street of John Pickley

✓ Urban

1 next to (street) of John T. Hyde

Allegible

1 " " (street) " of Alexander Abbott

"

"

1

"

"

"

"

"

"

1

"

"

"

Yellow?

"

1

"

"

Bara Manning (street)

Almanac

Almanac

John Kyle

Phyllis Kyle

Almanac

Almanac ?

Almanac 2 2



Broken Headstones

3 \_\_\_\_\_, Willard \_\_\_\_\_ ?

\_\_\_\_\_ ?

(next to John Pickley)

Headstones of shale rock with no marking

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

age 17 yrs

Headstone marking illegible (eroded)

- \_\_\_\_\_

Total 50 distinguishable graves

- 12 with legible headstones
- 2 " broken headstone, marking missing
- 1 " eroded marking, illegible
- 5 " shale rock ~~no~~ marking, if any eroded

Some of those in Allegheny Co  
 County Museum  
 of deposits in Allegheny Co  
 (some not complete)

C-7	1-1835	1907	C Cole
B-4	1881	75 yrs	Compans Cole
6-7	1907		Compans Cole
1-8	1885		Compans Cole
A W 50	1867	1927	Compans Cole



allegable

allegable

allegable

Alfred North Nelson Newman

Henry Aldrich

Rosa King (empty)

Harold Aldrich

- ✓ \_\_\_\_\_ ? Hyde?
- ✓ Hyde, John T d 1848 ae 81 yrs
- ✓ " Phelan, wife of John d 1855 ae 79 yrs
- ✓ Abbott, Hiram d 1877 ae 75
- ✓ " Hannah, wife of Hiram

- (B 14 METTS  
 ABBOTT  
 Died ?
- ✓ Abbott, Emmett S. d 1850
  - ✓ Purley, John W d 1867 at Centietam
  - \_\_\_\_\_ d 1812
  - \_\_\_\_\_ ?
  - \_\_\_\_\_ ?
  - \_\_\_\_\_ ?
  - \_\_\_\_\_ ?



# Downings in 1855 Census

Thomas Downing 54 Andover 322

None in Amity or any other town than Andover

## Downings in 1850 Census Amity

251	254	John Downing	26	6 NY	1546	
		Daphnia Downing	25	8 NY	1211	
		James H. "	5	NY	36	
		Ann S(?) "	3	NY	400	
		John "	1/12	NY	368	
					680	
257	255	David Downing Jr	55	M	Farmer	\$500 Delaware
		Eliza Downing	44	F		N.Y.
		Ann A. "	20	F		N.Y.
		Isabel S(?)	17	F		N.Y.
		Oliver H	13	M		N.Y.
		William H.	3	M		N.Y.
253	256	Abraham H. Downing	53	M	Farmer	\$500 Delaware
		Mariah S(?) Downing	49	F		N.Y.
		Walter C. "	15	M	Farmer	N.Y.
		Freastus W. "	10	M		N.Y.
		David Downing	80	M		\$900 Delaware
		Suzan Dayton	57	F		N.Y.
		John(?) A. Britton	20	F		\$250 N.Y.
		Sarah(?)				

✓ Manning, Roxa wife of Horace Manning d 1818

✓ Aldrich, Hiram d 1810

✓ " Henry T. Son of Hiram d 1850

✓ Manning, Nelson d 1841

✓ Worden, Adeline wife of Samuel d 1846

✓ \_\_\_\_\_, Welland broken ?

age 77 yrs

✓ \_\_\_\_\_  
broken headstone

✓ \_\_\_\_\_  
headstone but eroded  
illegible

✓ \_\_\_\_\_  
headstone no marking

✓ \_\_\_\_\_  
headstone no marking

✓ Abbott, Almida, dau of H. & H. Abbott d 1833

✓ \_\_\_\_\_  
headstone no marking



Downing

Journey by Moses Van Campen  
Apr 16 1805 50.40 acres \*  
Twp 3 Range 2 NR Section 18  
Articled Apr. 18 1805. Conveyed  
Aug 9 1819. Survey book  
page 42 Recorded at  
Leber B p 622

\* Purchase price  
\$151 <sup>53</sup>

Minard P 444

The 1st town meeting was  
held at one of the 1st school  
houses on 6 day of Apr 1830  
The officers elected were:

Commissioners of Highways  
David Walworth  
David Downing Jr  
John Hood

\$750 was voted to be  
raised for Highways, to be  
distributed among 31  
road districts of the town.

(over)

David Downing Cemetery  
headstones?

Ann, wife of David  
died Apr. 17 1878 ae 73y8

? Eliza, wife of David Jr  
d Oct 15 1850

David d June 79 1855

Elice A. Pixley from  
Hannah Abbott heirs

1867 Leber 58 290 3x MR 18  
~~1865~~ 62 244 3x MR 17  
Aug 6 1867

50.51 183.18  
151.53  
316.50  
303.06  
134.40

50.51 15.00 15.00 56.46  
1.08 1.08  
9.50

10.58  
33.16  
74



Downing

Beers

p 170

David Downing settled on the Pirley farm and Jeffrey Horne on the site of Phelpsburg in 1810.

Beers p 178  
(cannot find)

The Meth. Episc. Society was organized Jan 5 1834. The edifice was erected in 1836. The Reg. Committee consists of the foll: Henry Doctore, Walter Church, Aaron E. May, Hiram B Whiteson and David Downing Jr.

Among the members of this Society at that early time we find the families names of B. Bartlett, J. Salora, B. Fitzsimmons, W. Doctore, J. Simons, D. Downing, A. B. Whiteson, W. Austin, H. Abbott, J. Deakins and others (over)

David Sn	Survey	Articles	Deeds	Last No	1st of Feb
Downing	4/16/05	4/16/05	2/19/19		
50.50					
4 1/2 1/53					

David Sn Downing





A 351 } JB x P church to  
A 4415 }

57.81



Abisha Cole

13-297  
P. Church to D. Downing  
15.00 ac Nov 19 1841  
50-350  
D. Downing to D.D. 85  
15.00 ac Mar 15 1841

60.00  
129 JBC+PC to John Bennet 91.29 ac Mar. 9 1809

12.30  
Simons 91.86 ac Aug 12 1812  
Residence Norton

57.00  
44.70  
44.00  
B 622 P. Church to David Downing 50.51 ac Aug 18 1819

58.25  
38.25  
A 456 JBC+PC to David Downing, Adm. 56.46 ac Dec. 14 1813

Tracy  
Hill  
Hill

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August 5, 1988

Dear

Town Historian,

Perhaps you will be able to help me a little in a search for the ancestry of my son.

Could you possibly give me names and addresses of anyone in your area that may be researching DOWNING or BENNETT family histories???

I am most interested in learning the parents of David Downing ? and where he was buried ?  
He died June 29, 1855, at 95 yrs, 5 mos and 5 days.

Where exactly is the old Pickley (Pixley) farm...  
District No. 3

See enclosed worksheets.

I am also interested in ancestry of Eliza Robertson.....

However I do not have funds for a real search, but if you could help in any way it would be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Pat Hulse

Patricia Robertson Hulse



WORKSHEET

DOWNING

Reference:

"Robertson Family Bible"

Compiled by Mrs. Leo Hulse, RD #1, Box 28 Greenwood, NY.,  
14839 phone 607-478-5777 AUG 1988

(1) DAVID DOWNING: Who were his parents?  
he was born Jan 24, 1760 1850 Census of Amity gives age as 80 not 90  
Where? 1850 Census of Amity says Delaware  
1855 Census of Amity says Delaware

He died June 29, 1855, at 95 yrs, 5 mos and 5 days. When was 1855 Census taken. Look in 1840 Census 1850 " (not index)

Where is he buried? In TB Rang 2 Maus Resare  
What Cemetery? Edward W Hanchett's overgrown baryard

David married ANN STRAN BENNETT:  
born ca 1775 Lieh Apr. 17 1828 in 13th year of her age  
where? 5  
who were her parents?  
died, March 17, 1898 Amity, NY  
where is she buried? on farm of Edu. Hanchett, Overgrown baryard

When and where did they marry?

Did they have other children besides David Downing, Jr. Perhaps John see census 1850 Amity

Amity, New York, Allegany Co., is located a little south of the center of the county.... Town of Amity was formed from Angelica and Seio in 1830.....

Anything anyone can tell me in regards to the <sup>above</sup> will be greatly appreciated.

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Sussex Co., in the State of Delaware

In Newburgh, Orange Co there was a David Downing assessed in 1785.  
In town of Newburgh, NY, Orange Co there in 1821 is mentioned an Dally Downing.....



(2) DAVID DOWNING JR., son of David and Ann Stran (Bennett)  
Downing was b March 5, 1795.

where ?

possibly Delaware, Sussex Co (see 1850 Census Town of Amity)  
d. Apr 28, 1891  
Ashland, Michigan, at his son's home,  
Oliver Hudson.

David m. Nov 12, 1826

Angelica, NY

to

Eliza Robertson, dau of Daniel (and Amelia) Jaynes  
Robertson

Aug 31, 1807

Paris, NY

d. Oct 15, 1850

Amity, N.Y. Allegany Co.

Who were her parents \*?

David Downing Jr settled at Amity, N.Y. in 1810 on the  
Pixley Farm. Lived a mile from Amity, N.Y., Allegany Co.

He left Amity after the death of Eliza and went to live with  
his son William who lived Grant, Mich. He married twice  
after the death of Eliza. *Vide Alleg. Co. Liber of Deeds 53 at page 624  
David Downing & Sarah n/w to H.W. Davis  
Mar. 26 1859*

(Note: I found the old Picksley farm in Dist. No 3, near  
Amity, NY., p.w.r.h., Aug 88)

Children of David and Eliza (Robertson) Downing:

1. Emily Cordelia Downing, b Nov 6, 1827, Angelica, NY; d  
Mar 23, 1925, Hastings, Mich; m Mar 1, 1848, Amity, NY  
to John Mellhenny, b Sep 8, 1820 Dryden, NY and d Jan  
7, 1884.
2. Ann Amelia Downing, b Sep 27, 1829, Amity, NY; d 1916,  
ae 87 yrs, burial RURAL CEMETERY, m Lyman Handy  
Chn:  
1. Platt Handy, unmarried  
2. Fance Handy, m Charles Gill, no issue, resided  
Hornell, N. Almond Valley, west of Bishopville, NY
3. ISABELLE SOPHRONIA DOWNING b Sep 7, 1833, Amity; m.  
Edwin Robertson of Almond, NY, m at Almond in 1862.  
(my son Harold Allen Robertson, descends from Edwin &  
Isabelle (Downing) Robertson.
4. Oliver Hudson Downing, b Feb 21, 1837, Amity, NY, d.  
Ashland, Mich Mar 1880, unmar., suicide.
5. William Howe Downing, b May 7, 1847 Amity NY; m. Ann  
Longour. Resided Grant, Mich, probably d. there.

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Patricia Washburn Robertson Hulse  
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To Mrs. P. R. Hulse 08/15/88

Downing Grantees

Deed Recorded	Grantee	Grantor	Libel	Page	Twp	Range	Tract	Section
1814	David Downing, Administrator	P. & J. B. Church	✓ A	456	3	2	MR	
1820	David Downing	Philip Church	✓ B	622	3	2	MR	
1828	David Downing, Jr.	L. Simons	✓ E	344	3	2	MR	
1842	David Downing	Philip Church	✓ 13	397	3	2	MR	17,18
1850	David Downing	Philip Church	✓ 29	247	3	2	MR	33
1858	David Downing, Jr.	David Downing	✓ 49	505	3	2	MR	33
1858	David Downing, Jr.	David Downing	✓ 50	350	3	2	MR	17,18
1859	David Downing	A. H. Downing	✓ 54	494	3	2	MR	18

Downing Grantors

	Grantor	Grantee	Libel	Page	Twp	Range	Tract	Section
1841	David Downing & Phebe, his wife	N.Y. & Erie R.R. Co.	✓ 11	822	3	2	MR	18,19
1844	David Downing & Phebe, his wife	John T. Hyde	✓ 17	116	3	2	MR	
1850	David Downing	N.Y. & Erie R.R. Co.	✓ 30	11	3	2	MR	18,19
1858	David Downing & wife	David Downing, Jr.	✓ 49	505	3	2	MR	33
1858	David Downing & wife	David Downing	✓ 50	350	3	2	MR	17,18
1859	David Downing & wife	Henry W. Davis	✓ 53	624	3	2	MR	33
1859	David Downing & wife	Hannah Abbott	✓ 54	487	3	2	MR	18
1860	David Downing	David H. Norton	✓ 56	167	3	2	MR	17,18
1859	David Downing & wife	Abram H. Downing	✓ 58	16	3	2	MR	18
1836	Abram H. Downing	David Downing	✓ 54	494	3	2	MR	18
1836	Abram H. Downing	William T. Howell	✓ 0	257	3	2	MR	31
1837	Abram H. Downing	Hiram Aldrich	✓ 1	380	3	2	MR	31
1859	Absalone H. Downing	Ira Tracy	✓ 51	268	Water		Priviledges	
1859	Abram H. Downing	Hiram Abbott	✓ 53	608	3	2	MR	33

All of the above conveyances of land were in the third sixmile square township north of the New York-Pennsylvania boundary in the second (west) range of townships of the Robert Morris Reserve of the Massachusetts Preemption Lands of western New York state. Before Feb. 22 1830 these lands were in the town of Angelica; after that date in the town of Anity. Of T3 R2 MR sections 18 and 19 are on NY Route 19, section 17 on the road west from Tucker's Corners (Friendship Hill road), and section 33 on Cemetery Hill road west from village of Belmont.



	<u>Granted</u>	<u>Adm.</u>	<u>Grantee</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Acres</u>
12/14/1813	A-456	to David Downing	** from TB = P Church	18, 19	56.46
08/18/1819	B-642	to David Downing	** " P. Church	18	50.51
03/18/1818	E-344	to David Downing	Trustee " Levi Simons	18	22.5
05/12/1836	0-757	to William Howell	" Abram H. Downing	31	49.46
12/30/1836	1-380	to Hiram Aldrich	* " Abram H. Downing	31	49.46
10/15/1841	50-350	to David Downing Jr	" David Downing Sr. & Phebe h/w	17, 18	15.00
06/13/1841	11-822	to NY = Erie R.R.	" David Downing Sr. & Phebe h/w	18, 19	1.08
11/19/1841	13-397	to David Downing	" Philip Church	17, 18	15.00
05/31/1844	17-116	to John T Hyde	** " David Downing Sr. & Phebe h/w	18, 19	56.46
09/30/1850	30-11	to NY = Erie R.R.	" David Downing	18, 19	9.50
07/29/1850	49-505	to David Downing Jr.	" David Downing Sr.	33	25.00
06/19/1850	29-247	to David Downing	" Philip Church & wife	33	54.37
03/20/1858	53-668	to Hiram Abbott	* " Abraham H. Downing	33	29.37
03/26/1859	53-624	to Henry W Davis	" David Downing Jr. & Sarah h/w	33	25.00
03/30/1859	54-487	to Hannah Abbott	* " David Downing Jr. & Sarah h/w	18	20.07
03/30/1859	54-494	to David Downing	" Abram H. Downing & Maria h/w	18	20.07
03/30/1859	58-16	to Abram H Downing	" David Downing & Sarah h/w	18	20
04/06/1859	51-218	to Ira Tracy	(water privileges) " Abram H. Downing		Water Privileges
10/05/1859	56-167	to David H. Norton	" David Downing Jr. & Sarah h/w	17, 18	15.00
	<del>50-350</del>	to			

\* In Hyde Cemetery T3 R2 MR Lot 2  
 \*\* In Downing Burying Ground T3 R2 MR Lot 18



Abstract of a Deed

Marcia Abbott, Persis White, and  
Emerson Abbott

to

Ethie A. Pixley, heir of Hannah Abbott

Dated August 6 1862  
Recorded March 3 1863  
By Geo. W. Green, Co. Clk.  
In Liber of Deeds 58 at page 290  
Location of premises: T3 R2 MR Lot 18  
Acres 38.16  
Consideration \$100

Conveys part of the same lot deeded by Philip Church to David Downing, deceased, recorded Liber B at page 622, excepting there from the land sold by David Downing from the east end of said lot to the N.Y. & Erie R.R. Co.

Beginning at a point on the east line of Prudence Norton's land, which point is the northwest corner of James Mapes lot and the southwest corner of the said Downing farm, running thence easterly 40.57 chains to west line said railroad, thence northerly on west line railroad 10.50 " " south line Ira Tracy, thence westerly on Tracy's south line 36.69 " " stone on Tracy's line, NW corner Downing, southerly on Prudence Norton's 9.88 " " place of beginning, east line containing 38.16 acres of land.

It is the understanding that the Downing family, descendants of said David Downing, the original owner of said farm, have a right to be buried in the present fenced burying ground.

Note:

The Downings did not settle on the old Pixley farm; they settled on the Church Tract in Township 3 Range 2 Robert Morris Reserve, Lots 18, 19. The Downings sold to the Abbotts, the Abbotts to Mrs. Pixley, widow of John W. Pixley, killed 1862 at the battle of Antietam and buried in the John Hyde cemetery. The fact that the Downings had their own burying ground indicates ~~that~~ that none of the eight unmarked graves in the Hyde cemetery is occupied by a Downing.



John Bennett Grantor

1821 to Ebenezer Hyde    C 178    3 2 MR  
1827 to S. Britton        3 278    Nunda  
1837 to E. Rowley        3 279    Nunda Tuse

Abstract of a Deed

John Bennett of Town of Friendship  
and Jane H W

Dated April 1817

Rec. Apr 5 1822

By E. Rowley

to

Ebenezer Hyde of Town Angelica In Liber C at page 178  
Loc. 7312 & 14R Lot 18

Connd. \$1,100

Acres 91.29

Same parcel as conveyed Mar 9 1809  
by J. B. & P. Church to John Bennett



# John Bennett Gantee

1809	from Church	A 129	3	2	MR	
1830	" Jehiel Smith	G 2	6	50	re	
1836	" Daniel Ashley	O 753			Munda June 10	
1837	" William Chat	I 542	6	2	MR	21
1837	" " "	I 544	6	2	MR	21
1837	" James Wilcox	I 546	6	2	MR	21
1841	John L Bennett from James Loan	9 474	7	1	HC	26
1841	from P. C. & wife	11 844	6	2	MR	27
1841	James Bennett from P. C. & wife	11 845	6	2	MR	26
1841	John Bennett from P. C. & wife	11 846	6	2	MR	23

JDC and PC  
to  
John Bennet

3/9/1809 Dated  
3/11/1809 Recorded  
By J du Pont  
In Liber A at 179  
Consideration \$273<sup>27</sup>  
Acres 91<sup>29</sup>/<sub>100</sub>

Deed

Begin west bank Geneva  
S 76° 20' east 31.50 from  
SE corner J. T. Hyde 6/3/1803

Twp 3 (Amity) Range 2

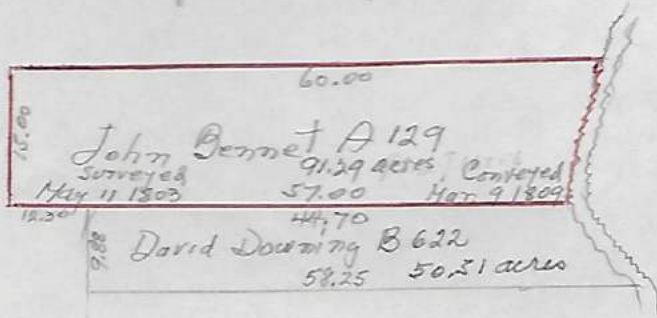
WEST 60.

SOUTH 15.

EAST 57. To west bank

Down to begin

Survey page 31



91<sup>29</sup>/<sub>100</sub> acres

Twp 3

Lot

Church Deed  
Book —

Surveyed for Bennet  
page 31 Mar. 9 1809

A 129



1869 County Atlases for the price of one Eagle.

Genealogies:

- Maxon F. Greene, 42 Coventry Road, Delaware, Ohio 43015  
 Re: Capen family of East Rushford area. Descendants of Danel and Lydia (Capen) Knight, married 1825 in Rushford. Also Descendants of Joshua and Susana (Capen) Delano. Descendants of Aaron and Hannah Capen, pioneer settlers in East Rushford.
- Edward G. Scherman, Box 426, Univ. Of Louisville, Louisville, Kentucky 40208  
 Re: Stephen Pollard. Belmont.
- Mrs. James Russell, Box 166, Cavalier Estates, Langdon, N.D. 58249  
 Re: James Russell.
- Mrs. Charles C. Reynolds, 106 Dawn Drive, Linwood, N.J. 08221  
 Re: Charles C. Reynolds b. Belfast 1832 also Asa Reynolds of Belfast b. 1803 (1830?)
- Ferris E. Hillyard, 2016 Wyoming St., Salt Lake City, Utah 84108  
 Re: Thomas Miles b. 1782 lived in Genesee. Children: Adrian and Admira b. 1809 and 1810.
- Jane Wordell Mason, Box 532, Norwich, NY 13815  
 Re: Elizabeth Baer b. Feb. 15, 1816
- Mrs. Clarence Garver, 245 W. Earl Way, Hanford, Calif. 93230  
 Re: Wedding of Rachel Baker and Loami Ashley, first m. in Amity 1807.



To His P. R. House  
08/15/88

Philip Church  
to  
David Downing

Dated August 9 1819  
Recorded July 20 1820  
By Amos Peabody, Clerk  
In Liber of Deeds B at page 622  
Consideration \$183.18  
Location Township 3 Range 2 Morris Reserve  
Sections 18 and 19

Beginning at post standing on the west bank of the Genesee river at the southeast corner of a lot of land surveyed and returned for John Bennet May 11 1803, conveyed to John Bennet March 9 1809, and recorded in Allegany County Liber of Deeds March 11 1809 by Victor duPont, Clerk at A 129, q.v., thence

West on Bennet's south line 44.70 chains, thence  
South on Levi Simon's east line 9.88 chains, thence  
East on Philip Fox's north line 58.25 chains to west bank  
Genesee river, thence  
Down said stream the various courses thereof to place of  
beginning, containing 44.16 acres in  
section #18 and 6.35 acres in section #19

Surveyed for David Downing April 16 1805  
Articled to David Downing April 18 1805 50.51 acres \$151.53  
Recorded in Church Book of Deeds at page 131  
Recorded in Allegany County Liber of Deeds B at page 622



Abstract of a Deed

Murphy Abbott, Peris White x  
Emerson Abbott  
to

Ethel A Pixley, heir of  
Elizabeth Abbott

Dated Aug. 6 1862

Rec Mar 1863

By Geo W Green

In Liber 58 at 290

Loc 73 DE & MR 18

Acres 38.16

Cont'd \$100

Same lot deeded by PC to David Downing  
Dec. Aug. 11 1869 Recorded Liber B page 672

excepting therefrom the part sold  
by David Downing from east end to  
N<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> x E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> of R<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> bounded N<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> by

at pt on E line Prudence Norton when pt  
is NW corner James Mapes and SW corner  
of said Downing farm running N<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> by  
E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> 40.57 leads to R.R.

N<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> <sup>W line</sup> 10.50 to S line of said

W<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> 36.69 to stone on Mapes S line

when pt is also NE corner

Prudence Norton and NW

corner Downing farm

S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> on P. Norton's E line <sup>9.88 chains to begin</sup>

It is the understanding that the Downing family  
descendants of said David Downing, the original  
owner of said farm have a right to be buried  
in the present fenced private burying ground



David Downing Sr. b 1870 <sup>deceased of 02/29/1855 Family N.Y. m</sup>  
 1873 456 56.46 acres from J. B Church T3 R2 MR 18, 19  
 1844 17 116 56.46 " to John Hyde  
 1819 B 622 50.41 acres from P. Church T3 R2 MR

01/19/1841 13 397 15.00 ac from P. Church T3 R2 MR 17, 18  
 01/18/41 1841 50 350 15.00 ac to David Downing Jr " " " "  
 06/19/1850 29 247 54.37 ac from P. Church T3 R2 MR 33  
 03/20/1858 53 668 29.37 to Hiram Abbott " " " "  
 03/26/1859 53 624 25.00 to Henry Davis " " " "  
 54.37

David Downing Jr. b 1795 <sup>Delaware</sup> of 4/23/1891 Michigan m

~~1844~~  
 1850 49 505 25. acres from David Downing Sr T3 R2 MR 33  
 1859 53 624 25 " to Henry W Davis T3 R2 MR 33  
 1841 50 350 15 acres from David Downing Sr T3 R2 MR 17, 18  
 1859 56 167 15 acres to David H Norton T3 R2 MR 17, 18  
 1859 58 16 20 acres to Abram H Downing 18

Abram H. Downing b. <sup>circa</sup> 1797 d

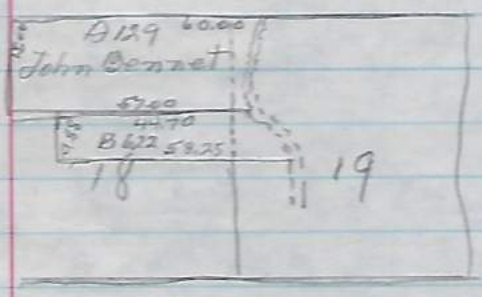
			Lot
03/30/1859	58-16	20 acres from David Downing Jr + Sarah M	18
03/30/1859	54-494	20.07 acres to David Downing	18



P. Church  
to  
David Downing

Date Aug 18 1819  
Rec Jul 20 1820  
By A Peabody  
Consid \$183.18 Acres 50.51  
Loc: T3 R2 MR

Begin: W bank Gen. Riv. being SE corner of  
lot surv for John Bennet May 2 1803  
thence W on Bennets Line 44.70 cu  
" S 9.88 "  
" E 58.75 to W bank Gen Riv  
" down Gen. Riv v e thereof to begin  
contain 50.51 ac





Dated Dec 14 1813

Rec June 12 1814

By E. Van W

Consid #260<sup>50</sup>

Loc: T3 R2 MR 18, 19

Deed

J B & P Church

to

Administrators Estate of Peter Canfield,  
(Admin. of estate of Philip Fox)

(over)

Begin W Bank Gen. Riv at SE corner of David Downing Survey 4/16/1805 thence

W 58.25 ch to hemlock post thence

S 9.88 ch to post, thence

E 55.00 ch on line of Philipburg Reservation <sup>near</sup> to W bank river  
Downstream N 18° E 10.25 ch to begin

Containing 56.46 acres

next conveyance David Downing <sup>Sen</sup> & Peter R/W to John T. Hyde  
May 31 1844 Liber 17 page 116

Land Survey by Moses Van Campen  
for Philip Fox

Sir:

Angela, Apr 7 1805

I have surveyed on this tract of lands belonging to John B Church, Esquire of New York at the request of Philip Fox all that certain part of land lying and being situate in the County of Genesee, State of N.Y. being in Township 3 of second range of townships in the Robert Morris Reserve, being a part of the Massachusetts Preemption Lands of western N.Y. State

Begin a willow post standing on west bank Genesee River being the SE corner of a lot of land surveyed and returned for David Downing Apr. 16 1805 thence

West 58.25 ch to hemlock post, thence

South 9.88 " to a beach side post, thence

East 55.00 " to line of Philipburg Reservation to add sapling on W. bank of Genesee Riv thence

down said stream N 18° E 10.25 ch to place of beginning

Containing 56.46 acres strict measure



A-456

This indenture made Dec 14 1873 between

Philip Church & John Banker Church Esq of City of N. Y.  
by his atty Philip Church of first part  
and

Mary Banfield, Administratrix and  
David Downing, Administrator of Estate of  
Peter Banfield, deceased



54 West Main Street  
Angelica NY 14709  
August 14 1988

Mrs. Patricia Robertson Hulse  
R D #1, Box 28  
Greenwood NY 14839

re David Downing

Dear Mrs. Hulse:

Apparently you have seen the 1869 Beers Atlas of Allegany County showing Mrs. Picksley's place in Section 18 or Township 3, Range 2, Morris Reserve, the present town of Amity. In the records of the Church Tract to 1810 there is no mention of a Pixley's having bought land. The spot on the map marked Mrs. Picksley was surveyed by Moses VanCampen, the Church surveyer, for Philip Fox Apr. 17 1805 and conveyed to Peter Banfield Nov. 24 1812; that surveyed for David Downing Apr. 16 1805 was conveyed to David Downing by Church Aug. 19 1819. David Downing was administrator for the estate of Peter Banfield. These two parcels are shown on the enclosed sketch as A456 and B622. If you take NY417 to Wellsville, then NY19 to Belmont and continue on past Tucker's Corners you will cross both parcels.

There is an abandoned cemetery on the east side of NY19 about 1 1/2 miles north of Belmont. Of the 20 distinguishable graves there none has a marking David Downing, Ann Stran Downing, David Downing, Jr. or Eliza R. Downing. In the county historian's office in Belmont there is a 3x5 card file of decedents in Allegany county cemeteries. This file is far from complete but if any of the Downings are in Forest Hills cemetery west of the village of Belmont they are quite likely in this file. I will check to see.

The two above mentioned parcels, A456 and B622 are in sections 18 and 19. The grantor-grantee indexes indicate that David Downing also acquired land in T3 B2 MR sections 17 and 33. Section 17 is on the Friendship Hill road running west from Tucker's Corners and Section 33 is on Cemetery Hill road running west from Belmont. I will abstract Liber 50 page 350 and 54 at 494 X to determine the location of these two other parcels of David' land.

I am perplexed by the conveyance recorded at Liber 11 at 822 in which the grantor is David Downing and Phebe, his wife.

Yours truly

Alan T. Stone  
Angelica Town Historian

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08/15/08

20 distinguishable graves total.

12 of 20 graves with legible headstones.

2 " " " " broken headstones, marking missing.  
 1 " " " " eroded and illegible marking.  
 5 " " " " headstones of shale rock, marking, if any, eroded.

## Graves with legible headstones

Manning, Roxa	d 1818	wife of Horace Manning
Aldrich, Henry T.	d 1850	son of Hiram
Aldrich, Hiram	d 1810	?
Worden, Adelia	d 1846	wife of Samuel
Manning, Nelson	d 1841	?
?, Willard		
Abbott, Almedia	d 1833	daughter of H. and H. Abbott
Hyde, John T.	d 1848	ae 81 yrs
Hyde, Phebe R.	d 1855	wife of John ae 75 yrs
Abbott, Hiram	d 1877	ae 75 yrs
Abbott, Hannah	?	wife of Hiram
Abbott, Emmett S.	d 1850	?
Pixley, John W.	d 1862 at Antietam	

	Grantee	Date of Deed	Acres	Length of West Line
A35	John Hyde	Apr. 20 1807	119.88	20.00 chains
A73	John Hyde	Jul. 14 1808	127.52	12.50
A76	John Hyde	May 5 1807	169.81	27.00
A108	Abisha Cole	Apr. 5 1807	99.88	17.25
A129	John Bennet	Mar. 09 1809	273.87	15.00
A370	John Cole	Aug. 1 1810	65.62	12.25
A456	David Downing, Admin. Mary Banfield, "	Dec. 14 1813	56.46	9.80
B622	David Downing	Aug. 9 1819	50.51	9.88
				123.68 chains
				or
				1.55 miles

To Mrs. P. R. Hulsey  
08/15/88

Land Survey by Moses VanCampen for Philip Fox

Angelica, Apr. 17 1805

Sir:

I have surveyed on this instant of lands belonging to John B. Church, Esquire, of New York at the request of Philip Fox all that certain piece or parcel of land lying and being situate in the county of Genesee, state of New York, being in township 3 of the second range of townships in the Robert Morris Reserve, being a part of the Massachusetts Preemption Lands of western New York state.

Beginning at a willow post standing on the west bank of the Genesee river, being the southeast corner of a lot of land surveyed and returned for David Downing on April 16 1805, thence

west 56.25 chains to a hemlock post, thence

south 9.88 chains to a beach(sic) post, thence

east 55.00 chains on the line of Philipsburg Reservation to an alder sapling on the west bank of the Genesee river, thence

down said stream north 18° east 16.25 chains to the place of beginning, containing 56.46 acres strict measure.

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On April 20 1805 Philip Fox signed articles to purchase the above 56.46 acres of land from John B. Church for \$169.30. Articles cancelled. Land sold to Peter Banfield Nov. 24 1812. Acres 56.46, consideration \$169. Recorded Liber A at page 349.

On Dec. 14 1813 same acreage conveyed to Mary Banfield, executrix and David Downing executor of estate of Peter Banfield, deceased. Recorded Liber A at page 456.



Re: DOWNING

Mrs. Patricia R. Hulse  
R.D.#1, Box 28  
Greenwood, NY., 14839  
August 18, 1988

Mr. Alan T. Stone  
Angelica Town Historian  
54 West Main St.,  
Angelica, NY., 14709 (14709)

Dear Mr. Stone:

In response to your letter of Aug 14th, and all the wonderful information you sent to me, which is greatly appreciated. Now if I could figure it all out.....

I note: Your perplexity by the conveyance recorded at Liber 11 at 822 in which the grantor is David Downing and Phebe, his wife.....

The only reference I have so far in regards to David Downing is that which I sent to you from The "Robertson Family Bible".

I can see by my notes that my birth and death record of ANN STRAN BENNET, cannot be right, b. 1775 and d. Mar 17, 1898 at Amity, New York. The birthdate I have would make her ca 123 years old. How about that?

Maybe PHEBE (-----), WAS a first wife of my David Downing?

Grantor, 1836 Abram H. Downing, 1837, Abrah H. Downing, and 1859, Absalone H. Downing. I wonder if these were brothers or Uncles of my David Downing?

I also see Grantee A129, John Bennet, March 9, 1809. and Grantee A456, David Downing, Admin..

Could the above mentioned John Bennet have been the father of ANN STRAN BENNET? It seems possible.....

How can I find out if David and Abram H. Downing were brothers? or what, ~~in any way~~... As I only have David Downing, Jr., who settled at Amity, in 1810 listed as a child of David and Ann Strann (Bennet) Downing, it seems like he must have had brothers and sisters?

If David Downing Sr., was 33 yrs old when David Downing, Jr., was born, then maybe the Sr. was married first to Phebe (-----), and had children by that marriage. I am just speculating?

Enclosed please find a check for \$5.00 which might help you a little, also a self-addressed and stamped envelope for your convenience.

Thank you so very much,

*Patricia Hulse*  
Sincerely,  
Patricia R. Hulse

*I found Tuckers Corners on a big map!*  
Am enclosing Robertson worksheets, so you can see my interest in David Downing!



Reference:

Mr. Alan T. Stone, Angelica Town Historian, 54 West Main St., Angelica, NY, 14709, August 1988.

(1) DAVID DOWNING, b Jan 24, 1760, where ?  
He d. June 29, 1855, ae 95 yrs 5 mos and 5 days.  
Where did he die?  
where was he buried ?

David m. Ann Stran Bennett, b ca 1775, and d Mar 17, 1898, at Amity, NY, Allegany Co.  
(My dates must be wrong. If Ann was b ca 1775 and d 1855, she would have been 123 yrs old.....fun?)

John Bennett, possible father of Ann Stran Bennett?????  
John Bennet was elected overseer of the poor at the first town meeting of Angelica in 1805.....

There was also a John Bennett who resided on lot No. A129, next to David Downing's Lot Nos. B622 and A456, near Tucker's Corners, between Belmont and Amity, NY., Allegany Co.

There might be a connection between this John Bennett and Ann Stran Bennett who married David Downing, Sr.....

Conveyances of Land: From 1814 to 1859, several in regards to David Downing, David Downing, Jr; David Downing & Phebe, his wife; David Downinh & Wife; Abram H. Downing; Absalone H. Downing.....

In the Records of the Church Tract:----that conveyed for David Downing Apr 16, 1805 was conveyed to David Downing by Church Aug 19, 1819...David Downing was administrator for the estate of Peter Banfield.....  
If you take NY 417 to Wellsville, then NY 19 to Belmont and continue on past Tucker's Corners, you will cross the lands of David Downing, and 4John Bennett next to him.

Indexes indicate that David Downing also acquired land on the Friendship Hill Road running west from Tucker's Corners, and on Cemetery Hill Road running west from Belmont, NY.

Before Feb 22, 1830 these lands were in the town of Angelica; after that date in the town of Amity.

Amity, NY., Allegany Co. located a little south of the center of the county. Town of Amity was formed from Angelica and Scio in 1830.

Did David and Ann Stran (Bennett) Downing have other children besides David Downing Jr who married Eliza Robertson????

It seems likely?

A lot of questions.....

Patricia R. Hulse

R.D.#1, Box 28

Greenwood, NY, 14839... August 18, 1988



1850 U.S. Census    Town of Amity    County of Allegany    State of New York

Number of Dwelling	Family	Name	Age	Sex	Occupation	Value of Property	Born In
#251	#254	John Downing	26	M			New York
		Sophia Downing	25	F			" "
		James H. Downing	5	M			" "
		Ann S. Downing	3	F			" "
		John Downing	1/12	M			" "
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#252	#255	David Downing, Jr.	55	M	Farmer	\$500	Delaware
		Eliza Downing	44	F			New York
		Ann A. Downing	20	F			" "
		Isabel S. Downing	17	F			" "
		Oliver H. Downing	13	M			" "
		William H. Downing	3	M			" "
.....							
#253	#256	Abraham H. Downing	53	M	Farmer	\$500	Delaware
		Maria S. Downing	49	F			New York
		Walter C. Downing	15	M	Farmer		New York
		Erastus W. Downing	10	M			New York
		David Downing	80	M		\$900	Delaware
		Susan Dayton	57	F			New York
		Sarah(?) Britton	20	F			New York

1855 New York Census    Town of Amity    County of Allegany

Dwelling	Constr.	Family	Name	Age	Sex	Relationship	Born In	Years Here	Occupation
# 91	Log	#99	John D. Downing	32	M		Allegany Co.	32	Farmer
			Sophia Downing	29	F	Wife	Allegany Co.	29	
			James H. Downing	10	M	Child	Allegany Co.	10	
			Ann S. Downing	8	F	Child	Allegany Co.	8	
			Sylvanus A. Downing	4	M	Child	Allegany Co.	4	
			Levi L. Downing	1	M	Child	Allegany Co.	1	
.....									
#119	Frame	#131	Abraham Downing	58	M		Delaware State	50	Farmer
			Maria S. Downing	53	F	Wife	New Jersey	37	
			Walter C. Downing	20	M	Child	Allegany County	20	
			Erastus W. Downing	15	M	Child	Allegany County	15	
			David Downing	84	M	Father	Delaware	50	Farmer
			Huldah Britton	7	F	Adopted	Allegany County	7	
.....									
#121	Frame	#133	David Downing, Jr.	60	M		Delaware	50	Farmer
			Sarah Downing	47	F	Wife	Allegany County	47	
			Oliver Downing	18	M	Child	Allegany County	18	
			William Downing	8	M	Child	Allegany County	8	
			Ann Newton	12	F	Stepchild	Allegany County	12	

(Census taken    June 1855)



## John Bennett in Beers

page 297 Cranger There was quite an influx of settlers in 1830, John Bennett being among the newcomers. Bennett was the father of Jesse Bennett a well known resident of Short Point

page 298 Cranger Jesse Bennett's father, John Bennett was a native of England and came to America in 1830

## John Bennett in French's Gazetteer

page 173 Cuba Cuba Summit is a R.R. Station. Settlement commenced in 1817 by Salmon Abbott etc. John Bennett Andrew Hawley & Stephen Cole came about same time

John Bennetts Survey Made May 11 1804 by M. Van C  
Articles dated May 9 1804.

John Bennetts Deed Dated March 9 1909 91.29 acres  
Consid. #273<sup>37</sup>  
Location T3 R2 M1E Gr. Lot 18

Bounded on south by David Downing  
B 622



## John Bennett in Minard

page 407 Angelica - Freeholder in 1808

Overseer of highways Apr '80s

" 520 Granger - Mr. Jesse Bennett, late of Hume, where he is now Justice of Peace, is a son of John Bennett, the pioneer.

" 524 Granger - Jos. Bennett came in 1831 and bought what is now the John

" 525 Granger → Bennett farm for \$1,125 an acre. John J. Bennett was son of Robt. Bennett (b 1834) and Eliza Fennison Bennett, who had 8 children.

" 528 Granger - Leah, dau. of John Bennett of Granger, married Geo. Voss in 1844

" 814 Cuba - About the same time (1812) Comm. sent in a delegation, Andrew Hawley, John Bennett, Stephen Cole and others (Hall and Frier)

## John Bennett in Peers

page 147 Alfred - John Bennett was born in Milo Yates Co. in 1820. 1842 he married Jane Ackley & removed to Alfred.

page 197 Angelica at 1st Twp. Mt. elected as one of overseers of highways.

page 208 Cuba John Bennett came about 1812 (over)



1812 Peter Banfield from J. B. Church Liber A p 349  
Mary Banfield, widow from J. B. Church A 456

Dood

J. B. & P. Church  
to  
Peter Banfield

Dated Nov 24 1812  
Rec Nov 24 1812  
By J. O. Robbins  
In Liber A page 349  
Location T3 P22 MK  
Cont. \$169.38

Begin millow-pit on W bank Ken. Riv being SE  
corner of lot across for Dana Downing 4/16/1805 then  
W 58.75 cw to landmark post line  
S 9.38 cw to head (sic) post, line  
E 55.00 cw on line Philipburg River to add on  
downstream N 18° E 10.25 cw to begin corner  
52.46 acres

Dood

Dana Downing  
to  
Dana Downing Jr

Dated July 29 1850  
Rec Sept 4 1858  
By Wm B Alley  
In Liber 49 p 505  
Cont \$50  
Lec



# Grantee Index to 1928

Wheeler, Wellington Peter  
No entries for WP Wheeler

Benton, Frank  
No entries for F. Benton

## Acres Downing, David, Grantee

12/14/1818	56.46 ac	1814	David Downing Admin from J.B. Church	17	454	3 2	MR	
08/18/1819	50.51 ac	1810	" " from P. Church	18	622	3 2	MR	
03/28/1838	22.5 ac	1838	" " Jr " L. Simons	E	344	3 2	MR	
11/19/1841	15 ac	1841	" " " P. Church	3	397	3 2	MR 17	
06/19/1850	54.37 ac	1850	" " " " "	4	247	3 2	MR 33	
07/29/1850	25 ac	1858	" " Jr " David Downing Sr	1	49	3 2	MR 33	
03/15/1841	15 ac	1858	" " Jr " " " Sr	1	50	3 2	MR 17, 18	
03/30/1859		1859	" " " A.H. Downing		54	494	3 2	MR 18

above along H. Downings  
Abraham H. Downings

## Acres David Downing, Grantee

1/30/1841	108 R.R. way	1841	David Downing & Phebe H/w 2/4, Erie R.R Co	11	822	3 2	MR 18, 19	
05/31/1844	56.46 ac	1844	" " " Phebe H/w to John T. Hyde	1	17	3 2	MR 18, 19	
05/30/1850	9.5 ac	1850	" " 2 " " to N.Y. & Erie R.R	30	11	3 2	MR 18, 19	
7/29/1850	25 ac	1858	" " of Ten of Amity to David Downing Jr.	49	505	3 2	MR 33	
1/15/1841	15 ac	1858	" " " Phebe H/w to David Downing Jr.	3	50	3 2	MR 17, 18	
3/26/1859	25 ac	1859	" " " Fr. & Sarah H/w to Henry W. Davis	1	53	3 2	MR 33	
1/30/1859	20.07	1859	" " " to Hannah Abbott		54	487	3 2	MR 18
05/1/1859	15.00	1860	" " " Fr. Sarah H/w only to David H. Downson	2	56	3 2	MR 17, 18	
1/30/1859	20.00	1859	" " " & wife to Abraham H. Downing		58	16	3 2	MR 18
3/30/1859	20.07	1859	Abraham H. Downing of Amity to David Downing		54	494	3 2	MR 18
05/12/36	49.46 ac	1836	" " " " to Wm. Howell	0	257	3 2	MR 31	
1/30/36	one half	1837	" " " " to Hiram Abbe (died 1810)	1	380	3 2	MR 31	
04/06/1859	Water Privileges	1859	Abraham H. Downing to Ira Tracy, agt. of Tracy	51	268		Water Privileges	
03/10/1858		1859	Abraham H. Downing to Hiram Abbott (died 1827)	53	668	3 2	MR 33	



# 1855 Census Amity

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					Age	Sex	Occupation
John D Downing	37	M	born Alleg. Co	Married	37		Farmer
Daphnia "	29	F	wife "	"	29		
Jessie H "	10	M	child "	"	10		
Annie A "	8	F	" "	"	8		
Pyronus A "	4	M	" "	"	4		
Lewis L "	1	M	" "	"	1		

119 Frame # 200 131

Abraham (sic) Downing	58	M	Delaware State	M	50		Farmer
Maria S "	53	F	wife N. Jersey	"	37		
Walter C Downing	20	M	child Alleg. Co	-	20		
Erastus W "	15	M	"	-	15		
David Downing	84	M	Father Delaware	Married	50		Farmer
Huldah Britton	7	F	adopts Alleg. Co		7		

121 Frame # 100 133

					Age	Sex	Occupation
David Downing Jr	60	M	born Delaware	Married	50		Farmer
Parake Downing	47	F	wife Alleg. Co	"	47		
Oleau "	18	M	child "	"	18		
William "	8	M	" "	"	8		
Ann Newton	17	F	step child "	"	17		

Taken June 18 55



# 1850 U.S. Census Town of Amity, Allegany Co. N.Y.

Number of Dwelling	Family	Name	Age	Sex	Occupation	Value of Property	Born In
*251	*254	John Downing	26	M			New York
		Sophia Downing	25	F			" "
		James H. Downing	5	M			" "
		Ann S. "	3	F			" "
		John "	1/2	M			" "
*252	*255	David Downing Jr.	55	M	Farmer	\$500	Delaware
		Eliza Downing	44	F			New York
		Ann A. Downing	20	F			" "
		Isabel S. "	17	F			" "
		Oliver H. "	13	M			" "
		William H. "	3	M			" "
*253	*256	Abraham H. Downing	53	M	Farmer	\$500	Delaware
		Mariah S. (?) Downing	49	F			New York
		Walter C. "	15	M	"		New York
		Erastus W. "	10	M			New York
		David Downing	80	M		\$900	Delaware
		Susan Dayton	57	F			New York
		Sarah (?) A. Britton	20	F			New York

Town of Amity

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Amos Goodspeed, Stephen Cole, Nathaniel Goodspeed, Harry Davis, Arnold Hill, Jacob Manning became settlers along from 1805 and 1806, and, from that time to 1812 Nathan Wright, John Galt, David Downing, Jeffrey Horne, Abram Aldrich and Levi Simons became permanent settlers.

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The Methodist Episcopal Society was organized Jan. 15 1834. The edifice was erected in 1836. The building committee consisted of the following: Henry Sortore, Walter Church, Aaron E. May, Hiram B. Whitcomb, and David Downing Jr.



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		Ann S. "	3	F			" "
		John "	1/2	M			" "
#252	#255	David Downing Jr. <sup>b 3/5/1795</sup>	55	M	Farmer	\$500	Delaware
		Eliza Downing <sup>b 8/31/07</sup>	44	F	d. 1/15/50 <sup>in town of Amity, NY</sup>		New York
		Ann A. Downing <sup>b 9/27/29</sup>	20	F			" "
		Isabel S. " <sup>b 9/7/33</sup>	17	F			" "
		Oliver H. " <sup>b 2/21/37</sup>	13	M	d. 3/180 in Ashland, MI		" "
		William H. " <sup>b 5/1/47</sup>	3	M			" "
#253	#256	Abraham H. Downing	53	M	Farmer	\$500	Delaware
		Mariah S. (?) Downing	49	F			New York
		Walter C. "	15	M	"		New York
		Erastus W. "	10	M			New York
		David Downing	80	M		\$900	Delaware
		Susan Dayton	57	F			New York
		Sarah (?) A. Britton	20	F			New York



Ancestor Chart

Name of Compiler Patricia Hulse  
 Address R.D.#1, Box 28  
 City, State Greenwood, NY., 14839  
 Date August 1988

Person No. 1 on this chart is the same person as No. \_\_\_\_\_ on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_.

Chart No. \_\_\_\_\_

b. Date of Birth  
 p.b. Place of Birth  
 m. Date of Marriage  
 d. Date of Death  
 p.d. Place of Death

4 Oliver Robertson

(Father of No. 2)  
 b. July 10, 1812  
 p.b. Paris, NY  
 m. May 8, 1836  
 d. Oct 10, 1847,  
 p.d. buried Burns ??

2 Edwin Wiltse Robertson

(Father of No. 1)  
 b. Sept 5, 1838  
 p.b. South Dansville, NY  
 m. Mar 23, 1862, Almond  
 d. July 2, 1886  
 p.d. Waldo, Florida

5 Amy Wiltse

(Mother of No. 2)  
 b. Mar 14, 1814  
 p.b. Hannibal, NY  
 d. Dec 1878  
 p.d. Canaseraga, NY

1 Charles Arthur Robertson

b. Oct 8, 1863  
 p.b. South Dansville, NY  
 m. Jan 7, 1891  
 d. July 25, 1945  
 p.d. Hornell, NY

6 David Downing

(Father of No. 3)  
 b. Mar 25, 1795  
 p.b. Sussex Co., Delaware  
 m. Nov 12, 1826  
 d. Apr 28, 1891  
 p.d. Ashland, Mich.

3 Isabelle Sophronia Downing

(Mother of No. 1)  
 b. Sept 7, 1835  
 p.b. Amity, NY  
 d. June 19, 1914  
 p.d. Hornell, NY

7 Eliza Robertson

(Mother of No. 3)  
 b. Aug 31, 1807  
 p.b. Paris, NY  
 d. Oct 15, 1850  
 p.d. Amity, NY

Jennie Amelia Bailey

(Spouse of No. 1)

8 Daniel Robertson Jr

(Father of No. 4)  
 b. July 22, 1775 (?)  
 p.b. Coventry, Conn.  
 p.b. Apr 10, 1796  
 m. ca 1850, near  
 d. Weedsport, NY  
 p.d.

9 Amelia Jaynes (Janes)

(Mother of No. 4)  
 b. (My bible and cemetery  
 records of Burns don't  
 match, the Robertson  
 Bible.)  
 p.b.  
 d.  
 p.d.

10 Benjamin Wiltse

(Father of No. 5)  
 b. I have a goodly portion  
 of the Wiltse Genealogy, p.w.r.h.  
 p.b.  
 m.  
 d.  
 p.d.

11 Rebecca Vorhes

(Mother of No. 5)  
 b.  
 p.b.  
 d.  
 p.d.

12 David Downing Sr

(Father of No. 6)  
 b. Jan 24, 1760  
 p.b.  
 m. June 29, 1855  
 d.  
 p.d.

13 Ann Stran Bennett

(Mother of No. 6)  
 b.  
 p.b. My dates can't be right...  
 d.  
 p.d. Amity, NY

14 Daniel Robertson

(Father of No. 7)  
 b. July 22, 1775  
 p.b. Coventry, Conn  
 p.b. Apr 10, 1796  
 m. ca 1850  
 d. Weedsport, NY  
 p.d.

15 Amelia Jaynes (Janes)

(Mother of No. 7)  
 b.  
 p.b.  
 d.  
 p.d.

Daniel Robertson

b. OF (Father of No. 8,  
 Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)  
 m. Coventry, Conn

17 Susannah Roberts

(Mother of No. 8,  
 Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)  
 b.  
 d.

18 Amelia Jaynes (Janes)

(Father of No. 9,  
 Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)  
 m.  
 d.  
 (Mother of No. 9,  
 Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)

19 Benjamin Wiltse

(Father of No. 10,  
 Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)  
 b.  
 m.  
 d.  
 (Mother of No. 10,  
 Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)

22 Rebecca Vorhes

(Father of No. 11,  
 Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)  
 m.  
 d.  
 (Mother of No. 11,  
 Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)

24 David Downing Sr

(Father of No. 12,  
 Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)  
 b.  
 m.  
 d.  
 (Mother of No. 12,  
 Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)

26 Ann Stran Bennett

(Father of No. 13,  
 Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)  
 m.  
 d.  
 (Mother of No. 13,  
 Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)

28 Daniel Robertson

(Father of No. 14,  
 Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)  
 b. 1721-  
 m. 1755- 1793  
 d. Susannah Roberts

30 Amelia Jaynes (Janes)

(Father of No. 15,  
 Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)  
 m.  
 d.  
 (Mother of No. 15,  
 Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)

with lists and full descriptions of many genealogical aids.



ROBERTSON

(3) DANIEL ROBERTSON, JR. (Daniel-2 Daniel-1) son of Daniel and Susannah (Robertson) Robertson, was b. July 22, 1775, at Coventry Town, Conn., d. ca 1850 ca 74 yrs old, probably buried near Weedsport, NY.

Daniel m. Apr 10, 1796, at First Church, Coventry, Conn., to Amelia Jaynes (Janes) of Pittsfield, Mass. She was b. Jan 17, 1774 (Vermont or Connecticut ??). She d. 1848 at Arkport, NY.

In Burns Cemetery records:--

AMELIA, wife of Daniel Robertson,  
b. 1748  
d. Feb 28, 1818, ae 70 yrs.

*something wrong abt  
Amelia's birth date?*

Amelia was about 18 when she married Daniel. She probably belonged to the Janes family of Coventry.

In 1796, they resided at Oswego, then Scholarie (Scholarie was not organized till 1847- probably Oneida Co.); and possibly in Marcellus.

In 1821 the family came to Arkport, NY. Resided for a short time with William Howe on North Hill, Almond.

Removed to Amity, NY for about 5 yrs and abt 1810 back to Oswego Co.

Adeline, a daughter recalls going to school in the Adel District.

Deeds in Abstract Form.

Oneida County Clerk's Office, Utica, NY:--

Deed dated Dec 27, 1813 - Daniel Robertson & Amelia his wife of Paris, Oneida Co., N.Y. to Peter Weber of Paris, Oneida Co.

Deed dated Dec 27, 1813 - Daniel Robertson & Amelia his wife of the town of Paris, Oneida Co., to Stephen Savage of same place.....

Children of Daniel and Amelia (Jaynes) Robertson:--

1. Daniel, b 1796; m. Eliza Tilden
2. Phimelia, b 1798; m. William Howe
3. Susan, b. \_\_\_\_\_, m. (1st) Nathan Nelson, (2nd) Nathan Drury
4. Theodosia, m. (1st) Joseph Perry; m. (2nd) David Chambers.
5. Nathan, m. Matilda Jones
6. Eliza Robertson, b 8-31-1807, Paris, NY; m. DAVID DOWNING.
7. Clarissa m. Michael Delaney on Howe Hill (North Hill). moved to Michigan and had three sons.
8. Oliver Robertson, b 7-10-1812; m. AMY WILTSE
9. Emily, m. Oswego, NY, Peter Adel
10. Charlotte, m. (1st) Reuben Pierce; m. (2nd) \_\_\_\_\_ Wormuth.
11. Adeline, b. 1818; m. Adam Zeliff
12. Laura, b. 1820; m. Charles Smith.

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ROBERTSON

(4) DANIEL ROBERTSON (Daniel-3 Daniel-2 Daniel-1) son of Daniel and Amelia (Jaynes) Robertson, b. 1796, removed to Ohio with his son Norman, and d. there. He m. when well along in yrs to Eliza Tilden of Vermont, he sold his fruit farm near Oswego and moved to Arkport, NY., residing with different relatives for a time. Child of Daniel and Eliza (Tilden) Robertson:-  
1. Norman, went to Michigan or Ohio.

(4) PHIMELIA ROBERTSON (Daniel-3 Daniel-2 Daniel-1), b. Oct 15, 1790, d. Dec 2, 1880. She m. Mar 4, 1819 to William Howe, b. July 3, 1795, d. Mar. 6, 1870 at Almond, NY.

The Howes moved on North Hill on the farm where Edwin Wiltse Robertson later lived.

Daniel Robertson Jr., came from Oswego with the Howes and bought what is now the William Ellis farm, but sold out and went back to Oswego.

William Howe was reputed to have been the first settler on what is known as North Hill, Almond, NY, having located in 1818 on a farm on the Bailey Hill Road. He d. Mar 6, 1870, was buried in the cemetery on Bailey Hill.

Children of William and Phemilia (Robertson) Howe.

1. Sophronia Howe, b 1-1-1820; d. 11-30-1845, typhoid.
2. Betsey Howe, b 7-27-1821; d. 11-3-1845, typhoid.
3. Hiram Howe, b 1-16-1832; d. 9-28-1845, Hiram sold monuments, attended a funeral and supposedly caught typhoid fever & died.

After the death of their three children the HOWES took Sophronia DOWNING and Edwin ROBERTSON to live with them. The farm was later given to Sophronia and Edwin ???

(4) SUSAN ROBERTSON (Daniel-3 Daniel-2 Daniel-1), b. \_\_\_\_\_? and d. ca 1895. When she was 15 yrs she m. (1st) Nathan Nelson; m (2nd) Nathan Drury.

Children of Nathan and Susan (Robertson) Nelson:-

1. William Nelson, married, was killed by kick from a horse. Father of 1 boy and 2 girls.
2. Nathan Nelson, married, took a gov. land grant in Nebraska?
3. Truman Nelson, married, and ran away from home.
4. Eliza Nelson, m. James Colby, moved to Ohio?
5. Harriet Nelson, m. to Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ Hall, resided near Hannibal, NY

Children of Nathan and Susan (Robertson) Drury:-

6. John Drury, d. a young man
7. Violette Drury, m. Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ Hawes.

(4) THEODOSIA (HARRIET) ROBERTSON (Daniel-3 Daniel 2-1) b. ?; m. Joseph Perry in Owego, NY. He d. Erie, Pa. She m. (2nd) to David Chambers. Child of Joseph & Theodosia Perry:- Electa Perry, m. a Postmaster at Wesleyville, Pa.

Children of David and Theodosia (Robertson) Chambers:

2. Robertson Chambers, married, in Civil War
3. Eliza Chambers
4. Martha Chambers
5. John Chambers, resided near Erie, Pa.



(4) NATHAN ROBERTSON, (Daniel-3 Daniel-2 Daniel-1)

(REFERENCE:-

Aug. 1988, from Hartsville Museum, Burns Cemetery Records:

Nathan Robertson, d. Nov 29, 1853, ae 53

father

Matilda Robertson Williams, d. Sept 2, 1887, ae 79 yrs

mother

Robertson....

Philmelia, d. Feb 19, 1834, ae 4 yrs

Juliett, d. June 12, 1842, infant daughter of above....)

p.w.r.h.

Nathan was b. ca 1800 and m. Matilda Jones, of DOTY'S CORNERS, NY.

Children of Nathan and Matilda (Jones) Robertson:-

1. Welsh Robertson, d. ca 1907; m. Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Crandall of Burns, NY. Resided Ohio. Children:

1. Addie

2. May

3. Lulu

2. Sarahette Robertson, m. Aaron McConnell, resided HOWARD, NY

Chn:-

1. Charles McConnell

2. Fred McConnell

3. Bert McConnell

4. Walter McConnell

3. Helen Robertson, married and had 2 sons....

4. Juliette, d. when very young

5. Infant son

6. Bert Robertson, m. Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Preston, resided Hornell, no ch

(4) ELIZA ROBERTSON (Daniel-3 Daniel-2 Daniel-1), b. Aug 31, 1807, Paris, NY., Oneida Co; and d. Oct 15, 1850 at Amity, NY. Allegany County. Where is Eliza Robertson Downing buried ???

Eliza m. Nov. 12, 1826 at Angelica, N.Y., to DAVID DOWNING, son of DAVID DOWNING SR. David was b. Mar 25, 1795, Sussex Co., Delaware; d. Apr 28, 1891, Ashland, Mich. (Robertson Family Bible).

DAVID DOWNING, SR. b. Jan 24, 1760, where ?

son of ?

He d. June 29, 1855, ae 95 yrs, 5 mos, 5 days, at ? where was he buried ?

David Downing Sr., m. Ann Stran Bennett (Bennet), b ca 1775 (?) date can't be right? Ann d Mar 17, 1898 at Amity, NY.,

Allegany Co. Who were her parents ??

DAVID DOWNING JR settled at Amity, NY in 1810, on the Pixley Farm. Lived a mile from Amity, Allegany Co. He left Amity after the death of Eliza in 1850 and went to live with his son William in Grant, Michigan.

David married twice after the death of Eliza.



They used to have hangings in Angelica, NY. A man named Howe was hanged there for murder. David Downing and his wife Eliza witnessed the execution.

Eliza Robertson and Oliver Robertson were sister and brother and their children inter-married: Isabelle of Eliza and Edwin of Oliver.

Children of David and Eliza (Robertson DOWNING:-

1. Emily Cordelia Downing, b Nov 6, 1827, Angelica, NY; d. Mar 23, 1925, Hastings, Mich., bur Hickory Corners, Mich.; m. 3-1-1848, Amity, NY to John McIlhenny. Resided Hastings, Mich. He was in Civil War, returned and d. at home 1884, Jan 7th. He was b. Sept 8, 1820, Dryden, NY Children:
  1. Minnie McIlhenny, b 12-21-1856; m. Anson NOBLES, m. (2nd) Milton Nobles, resided Grandville, Mich.
  2. Isabelle McIlhenny, b 4-14-1859; m. Frank Pancoast, resided Hastings, Mich.
2. Ann Amelia Downing, b Sept 27, 1829, Amity, NY; m. Lyman Handy. Resided NORTH ALMOND VALLEY, west of Bishopville, NY. Ann d at age 87 in Hornell, NY, bur. Rural Cemetery. Children:-
  1. Platt Handy, d. unmarried
  2. Fance Handy, m. Charles Gill, resided Hornell, NY., no chn.
3. Isabelle Sophronia Downing, b Sept 7, 1833, Amity, NY; m. Edwin Robertson  
(See Robertson Family History, Fifth Generation)
4. Oliver Hudson Downing, b Feb 21, 1837, Amity, NY; d Mar 1880, Ashland, Mich., unmarried.
5. William Howe Downing, b May 7, 1847, Amity; m. Ann Longour. Resided Grant, Mich.

(4) OLIVER ROBERTSON (Daniel-3 Daniel-2 Daniel-1) b July 10, 1812, Paris, NY, Oneida Co; d Oct 10, 1847, buried at Burns, NY

Oliver m. May 8, 1836 at Hannibal, NY, Oswego Co., Amy Wiltse dau of Benjamin and Rebecca (~~Vorhes~~ (Vorhes) Wiltse. Amy was b Mar 14, 1814, Hannibal, NY; d. Dec 1878, Canaseraga, NY. (The maps place Paris in Oneida Co., south of Utica and a parish about 20 miles east of Oswego.)

Oliver moved to ARKPORT, NY, and lived on OAK HILL on the James McWoolever farm. He later traded with Nathan for a farm in BURNS, NY.

Children of Oliver and Amy (Wiltse) Robertson:-

1. Edwin Wiltse Robertson, b Sept 5, 1838; m. ISABELLE SOPHRONIA DOWNING.

(See Robertson Family History - Fifth Generation)

(4) EMILY ROBERTSON, (Daniel-3 Daniel-2 Daniel-1), born ?; m. Peter Adel, Oswego, NY. Removed to Arkport, eventually back to Oswego. Children of Peter and Emily (Robertson) Adel:-

1. Emiline Adel, m. Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ Pulver, resided Oswego
2. Edith Adel, m. Ed Wilder, resided between Oswego & Hannibal.
3. Ellen Adel
4. Joseph Adel
5. William Adel,
6. Anna Adel.



(4) CHARLOTTE ROBERTSON (Daniel-3 Daniel-2 Daniel-1) born ? m. (1st) Reuben Pierce, and (2nd) Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ Wormuth, a widower with 6 chn. Moved to Baldwinsville, NY. Perhaps had Amelia by 2nd husband.

Children of Charlotte Robertson and Reuben Pierce:-

1. Evelyn Pierce, m. Mr. Smith, lived Auburn, NY. Two chn: Frank and Anna
2. Charles Pierce, married, had a large family. Resided in Stone House at IRA CORNERS, Oswego, NY, until he died.
3. Rosetta Pierce, m. had one child.
4. Amelia, m. Mr. Smith.

(4) ADELINE ROBERTSON, (Daniel-3 Daniel-2 Daniel-2) b. Nov 23, 1818, Oswego, NY; d. Aug 9, 1913, ARKPORT, NY.

She m. ca 1847 to Adam Zeliff, son of Joseph & Mary (Gilger) Zeliff. Adam was b Dec 25; d. Apr 20, 1883, Arkport, NY.

Adam and Adeline bought out the heirs and settled on the home farm at OAK HILL, abt a mile northeast of ARKPORT (Albert Ellis Place), more recently owned by Charles Lawrence, and son Fred.

For abt 6 yrs Adeline cared for her mother, Amelia, in the old log house just above the frame house which Oliver Robertson built on what was later known as the James McWolever farm on OAK HILL.

Adeline's parents Daniel and Amelia (Jaynes) Robertson, Jr., both lived till after Adelines marriage. Amelia died at the home of Laura (Mrs. Charles Smith), her daughter. Laura resided in Arkport and Amelia was buried in Burns cemetery. (from Robertson Family Bible and Burns Cemetery Records, p.w.r.h.)

Children of Adam and Adeline (Robertson) Zeliff:-

1. Fred Zeliff, b Arkport; m. a Zimmerman of Kanona, NY. He went to sea and was missing since ca 1890.
2. Emma B. Zeliff, b July , 1850; probably d. Mar 5, 1878 of consumption/.
3. Harriet Amelia Zeliff, b Mar 6, 1852; d May 22, 1900, ARKPORT, NY. She m. May 9, 1877, William Major Hurlburt, son of John and Mary Hurlburt, one of Arkport's most enterprising men. A farmer and coal merchant of Arkport. After Harriet d. he m. 2nd 9-2-1903, Alice Barber, no chn. Wm and Harriet Hurlburt had 3 chn.: Floyd, George and John Hurlburt.
4. Floyd Zeliff, went to sea and did not return...

(4) LAURA ROBERTSON (Daniel-3 Daniel-2 Daniel-1) youngest child of Daniel and Amelia (Jaynes) Robertson, was b. Feb 6, 1820, and d. \_\_\_\_\_ 1906, Arkport, N.Y. She m Charles Smith, resided Arkport. Children:-

1. Helen Smith, m. Mortimer Wilcox., resided near Swain, no chn.
2. Charles Smith, m. Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Coburn. Three chn.
3. Eveline Smith, m. Jacob Liegel, resided Arkport, no chn.



(5) EDWIN WILTSE ROBERTSON (Oliver-4 Daniel-3 Daniel-2 Daniel-1)  
Only surviving child of Oliver and Amy (Wiltse) Robertson, was  
b Sept 5, 1838, SOUTH DANSVILLE, NY, Livingston Co., and d July  
2, 1886, Waldo, Florida, ae 48 yrs 9 mos and 27 days. (Grave-  
stone - "A good name is rather to be Chosen than Great Riches.)

Edwin m Mar 23, 1862, ALMOND, NY to ISABELLE SOPHRONIA DOWNING,  
daughter of David and Eliza (Robertson) Downing.

Isabelle Sophronia Downing (Eliza-4 Daniel-3 Daniel-2 Daniel-1)  
Isabelle was b Sept 7, 1833, Amity, NY., Allegany Co., d June  
9, 1914, Hornell, NY., Steuben Co.

In 1851 when Isabelle was 18 yrs old she commenced teaching  
school. She was a very successful teacher for 10 yrs, her  
career ending when she met and married Edwin Robertson.  
(I wonder where she taught school ?)

In 1862 they lived on their Uncle Howe's farm and took care of  
him and his wife, Aunt Phimelia, as long as they lived.

In Dec of 1885, Edwin and Isabelle moved to Waldo, Fla. Edwin  
d 7-2-1886. Edith passed away on July 4, 1886, and Bertha d.  
Aug 16, 1886.

In April of 1887, Isabelle and Charlie returned to their home  
in North Almond, NY. Mrs. Robertson had inherited the sixty  
acres which her Uncle Howe owned and the rest, a little over  
90 acres had been bought by Edwin. They lived on the farm a  
number of years.

When Mrs. Robertson was a young lady she united with the Methodist  
Church of which she was worthy member for many years.

In 1891, after Charlie's marriage, Isabelle, let him have the  
use of her property and she earned her living by nursing the  
sick and taking a few boarders.

One child survived of this marriage.....

(6) CHARLES ARTHUR ROBERTSON (Edwin-5 Oliver-4 Daniel-3 Daniel-2  
Daniel-1), was b Oct 8, 1863, South Dansville, NY.; d July 25,  
1945, Hornell, NY.

Charles Arthur m. (1st) Jan 7, 1891, Almond, NY., to Jennie  
Amelia Bailey, daughter of Squire John and Martha Adelaide  
(McIntosh) Bailey of Almond. Jennie was b Feb 24, 1871, Almond  
and d Oct 20, 1935, Hornell, NY.

He m. (2nd) Margaret Walker Weber, no children.

Parents of an only child: HAROLD AUBREY ROBERTSON, who m.  
Dorothy Eloise Thompson. Robertson Funeral Home, 40 Main St.,  
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Robertson Funeral Home continues under their son Charles Harold  
Robertson, Genesee St., Hornell, NY.