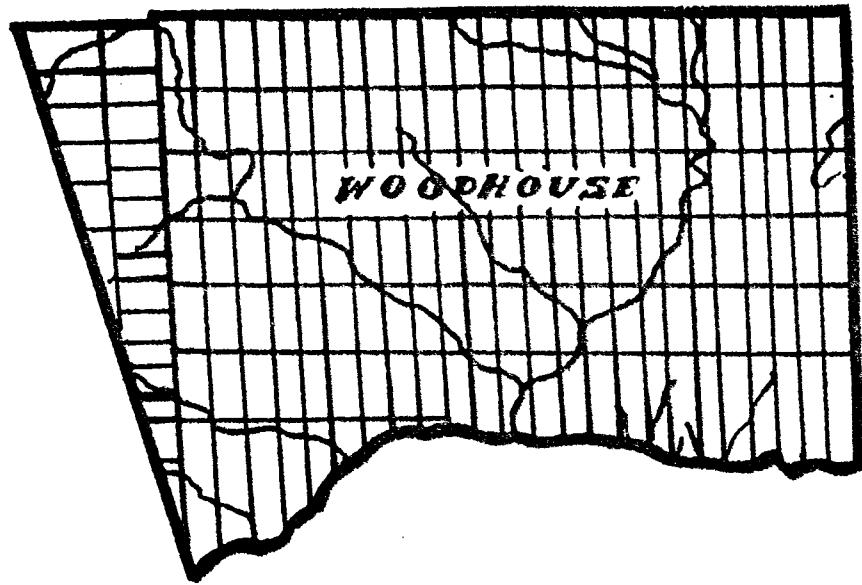


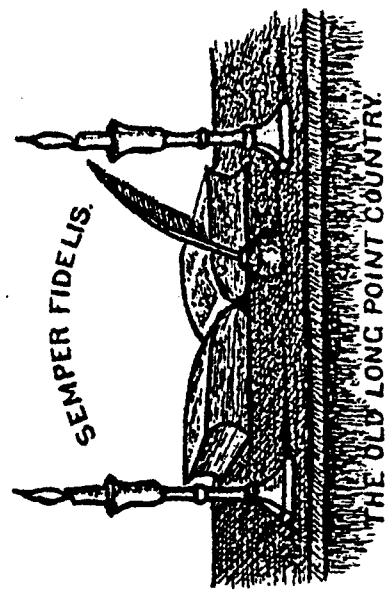
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OF
WOODHOUSE
TOWNSHIP, 1812**

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1.

PARTIAL CENSUS, WOODHOUSE TOWNSHIP,

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The census that follows is a PARTIAL census only. Several familiar old Woodhouse families known to be resident in the township in 1812 do not appear in this listing. The census appears to have involved only a number of families resident within a certain area - presumably one involved in a land dispute of some sort.

The source is a document entitled "Strong vs. Bostwick (In Chancery)". It is among the collections of the Regional History Department of the University of Western Ontario Library, London, Ontario. This transcript was compiled from a microfilm copy of the original; the microfilm was donated to the Norfolk Historical Society Archives by Mr. Edward Phelps, Regional History Librarian at the University.

The transcript was edited by Eva Brook Donly Museum Curator William Yeager with added notes by N.H.S. Archivist Mrs. Nat Walker, a genealogist with long years of familiarity with the family history of Old Woodhouse. In particular, Mrs. Walker supplied a good many notes for maiden names of wives and for family relationships. Mr. Yeager added detailed references to a number of standard texts and provided the basic layout and sketches.

2.

The original document is somewhat faded and scrawled, and this transcript is therefore valuable first of all as a convenient guide to the original on microfilm. Many interpretations of the almost indecipherable original are highly speculative. Wherever possible PARENTHESES have been used to indicate that one or more letters are questionable. A genealogist should first check our transcript against his own reading of the original. Secondly, he should compare this census with other surviving evidence: tombstones, bibles, wills, and other sources.

The researcher should also note the following problems common to many early records:

- a. the accuracy of a census is partly dependent upon the literacy of the census taker; many such enumerators were afflicted with barely legible handwriting and highly individualistic spelling.
- b. many informants would be scarcely literate, and some might be unable to write or spell their own names.
- c. many individuals gave the familiar or diminutive form of their names - such as "Sally" rather than "Sarah".

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4.

Jacob Buc(h)ner	48
Cath(a)rine Buc(h)ner	43
John Buc(h)ner	21
Elsa	16
Sarah	14
Sheler	12
Jane	12
Jacob	9
Mary	7
Allen	3
Abraham	4 months
Henry Bostwick	29
Ann	26
Clarissa	33
Betsa Maria	7
Henry Williams	5
Clara Ann	2
Henry P(an)sal	25
Amest T. Park	26
Abraham Tu(re)lot	34
Ephraim Alexander	21
William Clark	27
Catharin	16
Thomas	2 mos.
John Misener Jr.	34
Elizabeth	30
Marg(a)ret	14
Jacob	12
Adam	11
Mary	10
Joseph	9
Esther	6
Catharine	3

The genealogical notes that accompany this census are only brief guides to the standard reference texts for Norfolk County family history. Many additional sources for detailed study of individual families exist in the Norfolk Historical Society Archives.

The basic texts referred to are:

1. Owen, E.A., Pioneer Sketches of Long Point Settlement, (Toronto, 1898)
2. Fasker, L.H., "The United Empire Loyalist Settlement at Long Point, Lake Erie", (Ontario Historical Society Papers and Records, 1900).
3. Historical Atlas of Norfolk County, (H.R.Page & Co., 1877).

- a. Jacob Buchner married Catharine Sheler / Shular. See Buchner chapter in Owen, pp. 281-2. Old Woodhouse Methodist Cemetery gives: BUCHNER, Jacob, d. 11 Aug 1841, ae. 78.2.12
- b. Henry Bostwick m. Ann Williams. See Owen, p. 527, where he says "Nancy". The Marriage Register of the London District (John Askin's Register, Public Archives of Canada) gives their marriage date as 11 Feb 1804.
- c. John Misener m. Elizabeth Lemon. See Owen, p. 374.

Robert Troupe	46
Mary	48
Betsa	20
Sam(')1	16
Polly	11
David	9
Robert Nichol	32
Theresa Nichol	18
William Gordon	30
Henry Beasley	19
Thomas Bowlby E(s)q	46
Sally	42
Axford	17
Th(o)ma(s)	10
Patty Ann	8
John Alexand(er)	3
Thomas Burger	27
Charity	22
Sally	1
Sally	25
James Wattles	40
Abigail	30
Hiel	10
Lucretia	8
Abiline	5
Delia	3
Alfred	1
Nathan Mann	30
Sarah	23
Lewis Dennis	2
William	1

NOTES.

John A.
Bowlby,
after a
photograph

a. Thomas Bowlby m. Sarah Axford. See Owen, pp. 376-381. In Doan's Hollow Cemetery is the following:
BOWLBY, Thomas, Esq., d. 16 Feb 1848 in his 82nd yr.
"Patty Ann" is the common nickname for "Martha Ann".

b. Thomas Burger m. Charity Decew.
See Owen, p. 153.

c. Old Woodhouse Methodist Cemetery gives:
MANN, Nathan, d. 16 Aug 1844, ae.
67 yrs.
MANN, his wife, Sarah, d. 27 Jun 1847, ae. 56 yrs.

Lemuel T(urner)	51
Chri(st)ena Landon	31
Er(ep)ta Landon	13
George Hewit(t)	7
Lovi(a)	5
Chri(st)ena	2
Catharin	1
Daniel McQueen	47
Phebe	43
James	17
Jacob	14
Betsey	13
Alexander	10
Hannah	8
Hugh	5
Daniel	2
G(u)y P. Richard(s)	32
Fr(ancis) Beaupré	36
Josette	28
Sophia	9
Edward	7
Julia	6
John	5
Charles	2
Joseph Ramb(au)r	24
Leon Ch(errier)	22
William Raym(o)nd	37
Eunice	36
William	16
Edmund	15
Levi	14
Henry	12
George	10
Andrew	7
James	3
Charles	3 mos.

NOTES.

- a. See brief reference to Daniel McQueen in Historical Atlas ("Port Dover"). The McQueen Cemetery gives: MCQUEEN, Daniel, 19 Apr 1764 - 22 Jan 1854.
- b. "Erepta Landon" might very well be "Eresta Landon" or some other variation. Similarly, "Lovia" could be interpreted as "Lovici" or some other such name.



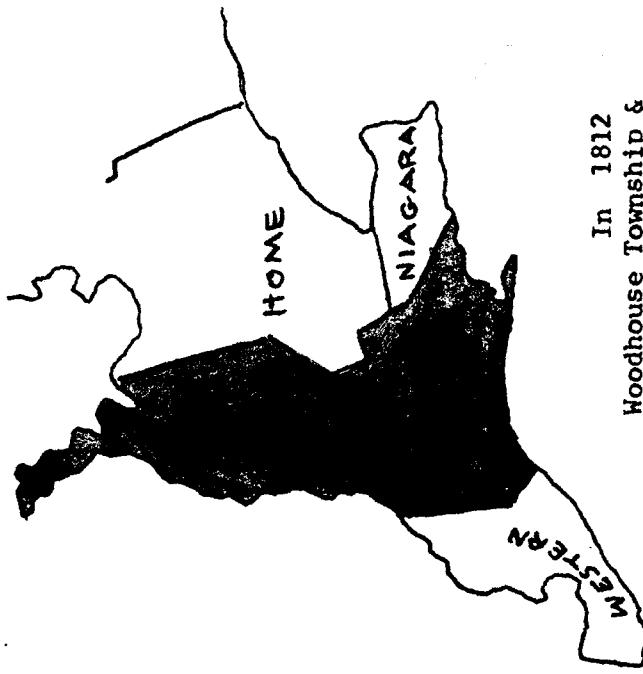
House & Mills of Robert Nichol, burned in 1813.

Jacob Pr(eff)er	45
Betsey	41
Mary	18
Seth	16
Olive	14
P(a)mela	12
Jacob	9
Jacob Fowler	34
Anna	34
Thomas	8
Levi	5
Solomon	3
William	1
Samuel McLean	27
Samuel Tallman	30
Eunice	30
Hannah	9
Samuel	8
John	5
Abiel	1
William Dr(a)ke	50
Marg(a)ret	43
Richard	18
Polly	16
Phineas	13
Thoma(s)	10
Nancy	8
Marg(a)ret	6
William	4
Benjami(n)	2

NOTES.

a. "Jacob Preffer" might also be interpreted as "Jacob Prusser" or some additional variation.

b. Samuel Tallman m. Eunice Lakin, according to research by Donald L. Cosens of St. Thomas, a descendant.



In 1812
Woodhouse Township &
Norfolk County were part of
the former London District.

Wynant Williams E(s)q	56
Jane	26
Samuel	26
Benja(min)	26
Hen(ry)	26
Philip	26
Betsey	26
Wynant	26
John McKenzie	12
Mary Erengy	18
Julia	3
Thomas	2
John Boston	50
James Davies
Reuben A(l)ward
George S(e)rgent
William Sells	21
William Park	48
Abigail	42
Betsey (McCollom)	19
Abigail	12
John	11
William	9
Joseph	6
Samuel	5
M(ar)ian	3
William At(kinson)	34
Le(n)a	35
Thomas	2
Anna	1

NOTES.

a. See Owen, pp. 531 - 532, re Wynant Williams.

b. William Park m. Abigail Axford, Sister of Sarah Axford Bowby.

Doan's Hollow Cemetery carries the notation that "This ground was given by Capt. Wm. Park for a public Burial (ground) in 1798". Also : PARK, William, d. 1(4) Sept 1830, ae. 66 yrs.
PARK, his wf. Abigail, d. 20 Jan 1841, ae. (73) yrs.
— (indistinct; could be ae. (82) or (72) yrs.)

Baptisms by Rev. Wm. Addison, traveling missionary to Long Point, as found in Ontario Historical Society Papers and Records, v. III, 1901:
6 Sept 1807:
Joseph Kerr Parks, of William & Abigail Samuel Hunt Parks, of William & Abigail
5 Nov 1815:
Mary Ann Martha Parks, of William & Abby

Mathi(a)s Steel	29
Mari(ah)	2(3)
Maria	9
William	7
Amelia	6
Joseph	5
Betsey	3
Peter Walker	51
Marg(a)ret	45
Benjamin Bacon	65
Benjamin Bacon Jr	45
Nancy	37
Reuben	14
Delilah	12
Henry Van Allen	44
Winifred	41
Bets(ie)	18
William	14
Cynthia	1(1)
Henry	8
John	7
Sarah	3
Mariah	4 mos.
McFa(r)l(l)ame Wilson	22
Joseph B(r)own	50
Joshua R(u)ssell	35
Ar(chiba)ld R. Ho(od)	45

NOTES.

a. "Betsie Van Allen" might also be seen as "Betsey Van Allen". Cynthia Van Allen's age is indistinct, and it could be "12" rather than "11".



Col. Titus Williams, after W.E.Cantelon

b. Nathaniel White may be the one mentioned by Owen on p. 434 as the husband of Christine Boughner.

NOTES.

Natha(ni)el White	46	a. Jonathan Williams m. Mary Titus. See Owen, pp. 526-532, & Tasker, pp. 110 -111; also "Reminiscences of the Life of Titus Williams" (<u>Historical Atlas</u>). St. John's Anglican Church Cemetery: WILLIAMS, Jonathan, d. 28 Oct 1833, ae. 81 yrs., b. WestChester Co., NY , his wf Mary <u>Titus</u> , b. 1 Sept 1765, m. 28 Sept 1782, d. 15 May 1850
Wynant Davis	7	Baptisms in OHS <u>Papers & Records</u> : 6 Sept 1807: Henry <u>Bostwick Williams</u> of Jonathan & Mary
Jane	5	6 Nov 1815: Horatio Nelson <u>Williams</u> of Jonathan & Mary.
Joseph	3	Titus Williams' age might be construed as "22" rather than "21".
Capt. Jonathan Williams .	60	b. John Ten Broeck m. Mary Williams. See Owen, p. 527 (with "Ten Broek" spelling). Miss Verna Gamble, a Williams descendant, says Mary d. in 1843 in her 56th yr.
Mary	49	
Titus	2(1)	
Elijah	19	c. John Williams m. Mehitable Ryerson. Miss Gamble says "Mehitable"; Owen, p. 527, says "Hetty". Baptisms at Long Point (OHS <u>Papers & Records</u>):
Fra(n)cis	14	6 Sept 1806: George <u>Ryerse Williams</u> , of John & Netty.
Isaac	11	
Charles	8	d. Abner Decow m. Elizabeth Flummerfelt (see Owen, pp. 149-153). Doan's Hollow Cemetery gives:
Henry	6	Decow, Abner Sr., d. 20 Apr 1826, ae. 83 yrs.
Horatio Nelson	4	Decow, his wf, Elizabeth, d. 17 May 1823, ae. 73 yrs.
John T(en) B(roeck) E(s)q ..	30	
Mary	23	
Mary Ann	3	
Helen	2	
John Williams	25	
Mehitable	23	
George.....	5	
Maria	1	
Abner De(c)ow	
Elizabeth	

Census of the Inhabitants of the
Township of Woodstock for the year 1812, taken
in April -

	Age.
1 Jacob Musgrave	40.
2 Catherine Musgrave	43.
3 John Musgrave	21
4 Ella	16
5 Sarah	14
6 Lydia	12.
7 Jane	12.
8 Jacob	9
9 Mary	7.
10 Oliver	3
11 Abraham	4 months
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12 Henry Bestwick	29.
13 Ann	26
14 Clarissa	33.
15 Betta Maria	7
16 Henry Williams	5
17 Clara Ann	2.
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18 Henry Davis	25

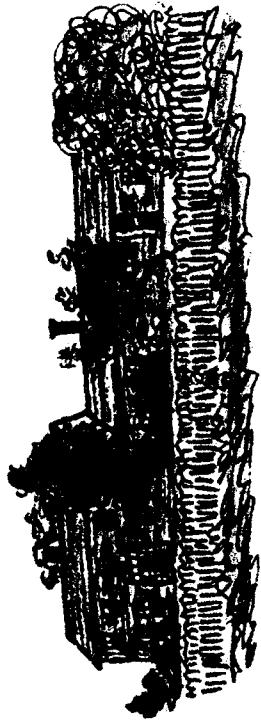
12	Henry Bostwick	-	29.
13.	Ann	-	26
14	Clara	-	33.
15-	Bethie Mairie	-	7
16	Henry Williams	-	5
17	Clara Ann	-	2.
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18	Henry Parise	-	25-
19	Ernest J. Park	-	26.
20.	Abraham Turblot	-	34
21	Ephraim <u>Ottenden</u>	-	21-
22	William Clark	-	27
23	Catharine	-	16
24	Thomas	-	2 Mrs.

John De(c)ow	3(4)
Betsey	24
Elizabeth	2
Robert Long	9
Franc(i)s	7
Philip Smith	35
Elizabeth	23
Alexander Logan	35
Anna	16
Thomas	1
Mary Sells	45
Lodowick	18
Abraham	16
Rowland Gilbert	40
Phoebe	35
Jane Bridgman	17
John T. Gilbert	12
Huldah	8
Isaac Henry	6
Hiram Uriah	3
Phebe Ann	1
Isaac Gilbert	
Mary	
Isaac	25
Ruth	23
Abigail	20
Rebecca	17
Ebenezer Thomas	14
David Carl	1(3)
Jonathan Baker	
Betsey	
Rowland Gilbert	
Anthony	
Mary	

NOTES.

- a. The Decow name seems to have a number of spellings, including "Decew" (see Owen, p. 149). John Decow m. Elizabeth Long (Owen, p. 152). Doan's Hollow Cemetery : Decow, John, b. New Jersey, d. 5 Apr 1842, ae. 64.5.6 , his wf., Elizabeth, d. 27 Oct 1860, ae. 72.5.13
- b. Philip Smith m. Elizabeth Emes (it was suggested as a probability by Mrs. Walker).
- c. Rowland Gilbert, son of Isaac Sr., m. Phoebe Bridgman, a widow nee Phoebe Thurston (see Owen p. 262; further information from Mrs. Walker, a Gilbert descendant). Jane Bridgman was a dau. by the 1st marriage. Old Woodhouse Meth. Cem. : GILBERT, Phoebe Thurston, wf. of Rowland, d. 22 Apr 1852, ae. 76.11.13.
- d. Isaac Gilbert m. Mary Rowland (info. from Mrs. Walker; also notes that he was the 1 Loyalist son of 8 brothers & origin was Ridgefield, Conn). See Owen, pp. 261-4. Graves in Old Woodhouse Meth. Cem. : GILBERT, Isaac, d. 5 Sept 1822, ae. 79 ys.; GILBERT, Mary, his wf, d.(d. same day according to Mrs. Walker); GILBERT, Col. Isaac, a native of Newbrunswick, d. 5 Aug 1848, ae 61ys. David C.'s age could be "18" instead of "13".
- e. J. Baker m. Elizabeth Gilbert, dau. of Isaac Gilbert Sr. (Mrs. Walker says).

William Lemon	38
Catharine	34
Rebecca	15
Mary	13
J(a)net	11
Jacob	9
John	7
Deborah Freema(n)	6
Michael	4
Joseph	3
William	2
Bets(a)	10{ms.
Esther	10}
John Conrad	55
John	20
David	16
Mary	14
Betsey	10
Catharine Conrad	9
Charles	6
Christian Dedrick	37
Eli(zabeth	28
John	11
Elias	9
Lucas	6
Samuel S. Parker	3
John Dutcher	29
Mary	24
Eliza	3
Eleanor	2 mos.
Adam Lampman	22
Marg(a)ret	20

NOTES.

Home of Col. Isaac Gilbert near Port Ryerse
- after W. E. Cantelon

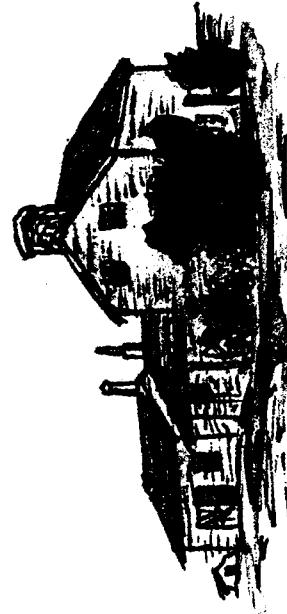


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Albert Berdan	58
Susan	52
Jacob	19
Samuel	17
David	14
Henry (N.) Berdan	10
Jonathan (W.)	8
Daniel Berdan	21
Nancy	17
Albert Berdan Jr.	23
Mary	23
Nancy	10 m(s.)
David Ellis	30
Margaret	28
Albert A.	6
Susan	4
E(paphros) F.	2
Roger O'Brien	49
Ellen	50
William	13
Nancy	13
Roger	10
Ma(r)y	8
John McDonell	50
Jonathan Nash Bailey	23
Jonathan Austin	27
Hannah	21
Charlotte Austin	4
Mary	2
Joanna	10 mos.

a. See Owen, pp. 99-100 regarding the Berdan Family.

b. Jonathan Austin m. Hannah Potts. See Owen, p. 80 & p. 358. See also Tas-ker, p. 79, and 1877 Atlas.



Home of Capt. Solomon Austin, Lynn Valley, dating from 1810 - sketch after Cantelon (whose painting also supplied the information).

Philip Austin	21
Mary	16
Ariel Osborn	25
Joseph Wooley	19
William S (summers)	19
Joseph Steinhoff	30
Cynthia	18
Sally Ann	2
Hiram	9 mos.
Peter Phillips	24
Solomon Austin.....	68
Joanna	54
Ma(ry)	10
John Pegg	32
Betsey	19
Philip	3
Nathan	6 mos.
Solomon Austin Jr.	28
Sarah	22
Philip	1
William Culver	40
Catharine	36
Betsey	17
Joseph	14
Adam	12
Charity	9
Samuel Thompson	28
Susan	25
Samuel	8 mos.

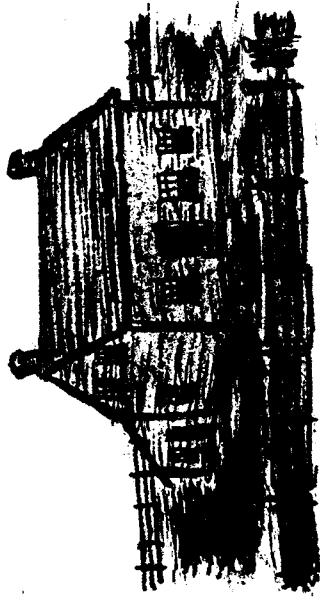
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25.

- a. Philip Austin m. Mary Slaght, sister of Sarah Slaght Austin. See pp. 80 of Owen & 79 of Tasker; see also Historical Atlas.
Old Woodhouse Meth. Cem. Gives:
 AUSTIN, Philip, b. Orange Co., N.C., came to Canada June 1794, resided in this township 82 yrs, 7 May 1790-17 Oct 1876...
 "Summers" could be Simmers / Simmes.
- b. J. Steinhoff probably in Owen, p 439
- c. Re Solomon Austin Sr., see Owen (pp. 76-83), Tasker (pp. 78-79), & Historical Atlas ("The Austin Family").
- d. John Pegg m. Elizabeth Austin. See Owen (p. 82 & p. 360-365) & Tasker (p. 79).
- e. Solomon Austin Jr. m. Sarah Slaght. See Owen, p. 79 & pp. 160-161; see Tasker, p. 79; see also Historical Atlas.
- f. William Culver m. Catharine Fisher. See Owen, pp. 560-567 (where her name is spelled Catherine).

Henry Walker	37
James	13
Joanna	11
Rebecca	9
Solomon	7
Esther	6
Mary	2
Eliakim Crosby E(s)q	32
Marcia	19
John B.	6 mos.
Moses Bevin	
James Johnson	
Reynard Potts	29
Esther	24
Jacob	6
John	4
Jonathan	2
Eber Decow	35
Susanna	32
John	8
Margaret	7
Sarah	6
Abner	4
Isaac Decow	31
Cathari(ne)	28
Frederick	9
Elizabeth	(7)
Charity	5
Samuel	4
Susanna	2

Henry Walker home on the Lynn River,
- after Cantelon painting.



- a. Re Henry Walker, see Owen, p. 239.
See also Historical Atlas ("The Austin Family" & "James Walker"). This might be the Henry Walker in Old Woodhouse Meth. Cemetery (d. 11 Aug 1834, ae. in his 67th yr.).
- b. Re Eliakim Crosby, see Owen, p. 487.
- c. Reynard Potts m. Esther Austin. See Owen, p. 82 ("Raynard") & p. 357. Also see Tasker, p. 79 ("Raymond"). Potts Cemetery gives: POTTS, Reynard, 19 Jan 1785 - 18 May 1869; POTTS, Catharine, d. 30 Jan 1864, ae. 81 yrs.
- d. Eber Decow m. Susanna Baumwart. See Owen, pp. 104 & 152 ("Susan Baumwart")
- e. Isaac Decow m. Catharine Baumwart. See Owen, pp. 104 & 153. Doan's Hollow Cemetery gives: DECOW, Isaac, d. 12 Mar. 181(4), ae. (32) yrs. Elizabeth's age could be "8".

Joseph Lemon	43	
Janet	45	
James	25	
Jacob	14	
Alexander	17	
Lawrence	11	
Catharine	10	
Nancy	8	
Marg(a)ret	1	
Lamb(ert)	Vand(court)	67
John	Vand(erost)	35

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Alexander, Ephraim	3, 17
Award, Reuben	11
Atkinson, William	11
Austin, Elizabeth	25
, Esther	27
, Jonathan	22, 23
, Philip	24, 25
, Solomon	21, 22, 23
Axford, Abigail	12
, Sarah	6, 12
Bacon, Benjamin	13
Bailey, Jonathan N.	22
Baker, Jonathan	18, 19
Baumwart, Catharine	27
, Susanna	27
Beasley, Henry	5
Beaupre, Francis	7
Berdan, Albert	22, 23
, Albert Jr.	22
, Daniel	22
Bevin, Moses	26
Boston, John	11
Bostwick, Henry	3, 4, 17
Boughner, Christine	14
Bowlby, John A.	5, 6
, Thomas	5, 6
Bridgman, Phoebe	19
Brown, Joseph	13
Buchner, Jacob	3, 4, 17
Burger, Thomas	5, 6
Cherrier, Leon	7
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a. Re Joseph Lemon see Owen, p. 148.

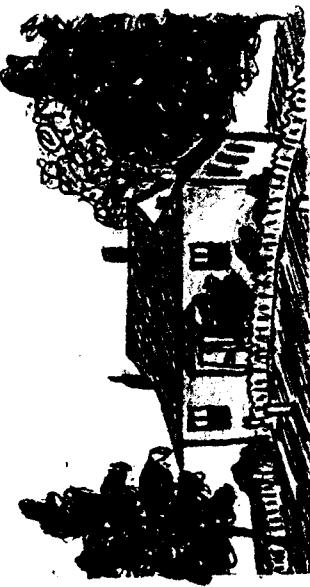
b. "Vandcourt" & "Vanderoost" are obviously one name -- but which one?

Conrad, John	20
Crosby, Eliakim	26,
Culver, William	24,
Davies, James	11
Davis, Wynant	15
Deow, Abner	15,
, Charity	6
, Eber	26,
, Isaac	26,
, John	18,
Dedrick, Christian	20
Drake, William	9
Dutcher, John	20
Ellis, David	22
Emes, Elizabeth	19
Erengy, Mary	11
Fisher, Catharine	25
Flummerfelt, Elizabeth	16
Fowler, Jacob	9
Gilbert, Elizabeth	19
, Isaac	18, 19,
, Rowland	18,
Gordon, William	5
Hood, Archibald R.	13
Johnson, James	26
Lakin, Eunice	10
Lampman, Adam	20
Landon, Christena (???)	7
, Erepta (???)	7,
Lemon, Elizabeth	4
, Joseph	28
, William	20
Logan, Alexander	18
Long, Elizabeth	19

Mann, Nathan	5, 6
McCollom, Betsey (???)	11
McDonnell, John	22
McKenzie, John	5,
McLean, Samuel	9
McQueen, Daniel	7,
Misener, John	3,
Nichol, Robert	5,
O'Brien, Roger	22
Osborn, Ariel (???)	24
Pansal, Henry	3,
Park, Amest T.	3,
, William	11,
Parker, Samuel S. (???)	20
Pegg, John	24,
Phillips, Peter	24
Potts	32
, Hannah	23
, Reynard	26,
Preffer, Jacob	9,
Prusser, Jacob (???)	10
Ranbaur, Joseph	7
Raymond, William	7
Richards, Guy P.	7
Rowland, Mary	19
Russell, Joshua	13
Ryerson, Nehetible	16
Sells, Mary	18
, William	11
Sergeant, George	11
Sheler, Catharine	4
Simmers, Wm. (???)	25
Slaght, Mary	25
, Sarah	25

Smith, Philip	18, 19
Steel, Mathias	13
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Mud block house on the Potts homestead