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## **From the President:**

It has been a slow summer for me – with back problems pushing me into a back surgery. I am now one week post op and feeling much better. For fun, I bought a motorcycle and it will be my present to myself I have passed some time buying parts for it to prepare for my winter project. I used to race motorcycles, but that time is long past.

I hope you all have been enjoying your summer. And maybe knocked down a few brick walls in your family tree.

We recently lost Nathan Dunham from our group, we have a remembrance of him in this quarters newsletter. He was “of my Dunham line”, which goes through Elijah Dunham of Deer Isle, Maine b 1730 & Joseph Dunham born abt. 1750 who relocated to St Andrews/St George NB for a time. This line is descended from Deacon John Dunham. We will be looking more deeply into this line in the coming months – incorporating some in-depth research from Peter Kincaid of Fredericton, NB into our body of knowledge in this area.

Mitsy Bennett, another Dunham cousin, informed me that Richard Thorne recently passed away. He was a tenacious genealogist who added much to our community. He will be greatly missed.

In closing, we encourage all here to contribute their family stories and to preserve it for others who will come after us. Please contact us for more information. And please encourage your Dunham family members to join our organization. Information on joining is on our website. And donations to help support our organization can be made there as well.

Until we speak again next quarter – I wish you all health and happiness.

With Best Regards,

Jeffrey M. Dunham  
President  
Dunham Genealogy Research Association.

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## **Editor's Corner:**

In this issue of the Dunham Genealogy Research Association newsletter you will find some new research by Gratia Dunham Mahony on one of the lines of Richard Singletary. Also a couple painted portraits from the mid 1800's of Ichabod Potter and his wife Catharine Alice Reily. Also included is a photo of their daughter, Almira Augusta Dunham (1862-1864) and a lock of her hair.

Also included is a nice photo of the new home for the historical Association of Woodbridge, NJ that was originally built in 1870 by Charles Campbell (1836-1881). Woodbridge is also the town where Ichabod Potter and family lived.

You will next find information about the death of Fleming Nathan (Nate) Dunham brother of Adele Dunham. Both are in the Deacon John Dunham line which connects to Deer Island, Me as mentioned Jeff Dunham in his Presidents Letter. You will also find Nate's Dunham line in addition to his Obituary.

Lisa Eschenburg provides information about the use of Artificial Intelligence (A.I.) in researching for your family history.

James is still finishing up the remodel of the house for his daughter's family and currently working on a new fence with a paver walkway and patio but did have time to put together an article about the lost of a Dunham family in Boston Harbor, MA and how he was able to find information about this Dunham family line which goes back to Ireland.

DGRA is still looking for a new Editor for the Newsletter and we can always use articles by any of the members.

DGRA Newsletter Staff, James A. Streeter.

# **Finding Christianna (Dunham) Kelly Of Woodbridge, New Jersey**

By Gratia Dunham Mahony

Things can happen in strange and interesting ways! In early July 2024 a query came in on the Dunham Facebook page asking about James Kelly and his wife Christianna Dunham, and wanting to know if anyone had discovered the Dunham line of Christianna who lived in Woodbridge, NJ. I was working on another research problem at the time and so I had to put this Facebook query in the waiting line. Then, before I could even get to it, another query came in from David Wilson, Warden of the Dunham house in Woodbridge, NJ saying that some portraits had been donated to a new museum being opened very soon by the Woodbridge Historical Society. The portraits were donated by Lester Dunham, a well known realtor from Woodbridge, and were of two of his ancestors. David Wilson wanted to know if I could help identify the people in these portraits.

Fortunately that was a problem that I felt I could solve fairly easily because of all the research I have compiled on the line of Jonathan-2 Dunham alias Singletary of Woodbridge. I also felt that by identifying these two portraits, I might be able to get a clue to the family from which Christianna Dunham descended. As many readers know, I have been working on this Dunham line for many years, and I know that by 1850 most of this Dunham family had moved out of Woodbridge. While there were still Dunhams in Woodbridge they were then few in number. Furthermore, the Dunhams who appear on the 1850 census all seem to be from one particular line, that of Richard <sup>1</sup> Singletary; Jonathan <sup>2</sup> Dunham/alias Singletary; David <sup>3</sup> Dunham and Mary Illsey; Joseph <sup>4</sup> Dunham and wife Elizabeth (maiden name unknown); and Elisha <sup>5</sup> Dunham and Elizabeth Freeman.

**Richard <sup>1</sup> Singletary**

**Jonathan <sup>2</sup> Dunham/alias Singletary**

**David <sup>3</sup> Dunham and Mary Illsey**

**Joseph <sup>4</sup> Dunham and Elizabeth (maiden name unknown)**

**Elisha <sup>5</sup> Dunham (1732-1783) and Elizabeth Freeman**

The will of Joseph <sup>4</sup> Donham names his children; NJ Arch. 34:147

“1759, Oct. 20. Donham, Joseph, of Woodbridge, Middlesex Co.; will of. Wife to have the use of land. Son, Daniel, 1/6 of my lands, joining the ½ acre where he lives. Rest of estate to be sold.

Daughter, Sarah, a prayer book. Youngest daughters, Abigail and Phebe, £25. Youngest sons, James, Joseph, Elisha, Moses and Jonathan, rest of my money. Wife to bring up my young children. Executors--friend, Ebenezer Foster, and sons, Joseph and Elisha. Witnesses--Jonathan Cambell, Amos Donham, Nathaniel Fitz Randolph." (Note, witness Amos Donham was Joseph's nephew, son of his brother David and Mary (Freeman) Dunham, Jr..)

The child of Joseph <sup>4</sup> who is of interest in this article is Elisha <sup>5</sup> Dunham.

### Following Elisha <sup>5</sup> Dunham

Elisha <sup>5</sup> Dunham was a son of Joseph <sup>4</sup> Dunham who was a brother of David <sup>4</sup> Dunham. Elisha <sup>5</sup> Dunham m. Elizabeth Freeman and they resided in Woodbridge but in the area known as the Rahway Ward (and many years later made a part of the town of Rahway). We can follow all of the children of Elisha <sup>5</sup> Dunham through known records. The fourth generation son of David <sup>3</sup> Dunham whose identity is still a mystery was Daniel <sup>4</sup> Dunham. This Daniel was born in either 1705 or 1715, and he died in 1739. The only information I have found for Daniel <sup>4</sup> Dunham is that he was a constable in Elizabethtown and died there as a young man.

There was another Daniel Dunham in Woodbridge and he was Daniel <sup>5</sup> Dunham, oldest son of Joseph <sup>4</sup> Dunham. He is the one named in the will of Joseph <sup>4</sup> who inherited 1/6 of his father's land. His brothers were James <sup>5</sup>, Joseph <sup>5</sup>, Elisha <sup>5</sup>, Moses <sup>5</sup> and Jonathan <sup>5</sup> Dunham.

Elisha <sup>5</sup> Dunham born in Woodbridge New Jersey ca. 1732, <sup>[1]</sup> died in Woodbridge New Jersey in February or March 1783.<sup>[2]</sup> He married 20 June 1752 **Elizabeth Freeman**, <sup>[3]</sup> daughter of John and Martha (Moore) Freeman. She was born say 1732, died after 1783. Elisha <sup>5</sup> was Capt. in 1<sup>st</sup> Reg. Essex Co. Militia as listed in the reference following. Elisha <sup>5</sup> Rahway Ward, Elizabeth, Essex Co. is listed in "Revolutionary Census of NJ, An Index, based on Rateables, Inhabitants of NJ During the Period of the American Revolution" (1778-1780), by Kenn Stryker-Rodda, Hunterdon House, 1986.

Will of Elisha Dunham NJ Archives 35:126, dated 21 August 1771; proved 6 March 1783;

"Elisha Dunham of Woodbridge, Middlesex Co. carpenter... Names wife Elizabeth, land I bought of Jonathan Kimble. Rest of land to be sold and money divided among my children, Josiah, Freeman, David, Enuas and Henry when they are 21, and my daughter, when 18. Executors, wife Elizabeth and brother-in-law Isaac Freeman."

Witnesses Moses Dunham, Joseph Dunham, Jr. Joseph Shotwell.

(Moses and Joseph Dunham were his brothers)

Elisha <sup>5</sup> and Elizabeth (Freeman) Dunham were the parents of six children. These children were:

- i. Josiah <sup>6</sup> Dunham b. 1 June 1753-5 DAR Patriot Index gives b. 1 April 1753
- m. Anna Williams (see below)

- ii. Freeman <sup>6</sup> Dunham b. abt. 1759  
Freeman Dunham is listed on a 1778 Tax list in Woodbridge, Middlesex Co. NJ, p. 7 (no further information about him)
- iii. Capt. David <sup>6</sup> Dunham, b. 17 March 1762 in Woodbridge NJ; d. 28 Sept. 1840 in Wayne Co. Indiana  
m. <sup>1</sup> Elinor Hollinshead who was b. 1 March 1762  
m. <sup>2</sup> Hannah Brummage
- iv. Eunice <sup>6</sup> Dunham b. 28 July 1765 in Middlesex Co. NJ  
Eunice m. Jacob Hampton who was b. 8 Feb. 1759 in Elizabethtown NJ
- v. Enos <sup>6</sup> b. (Amos <sup>6</sup> Dunham)  
m. Mary Ellison, dau. of John and Rachel Ellison
- vi. Henry Dayton <sup>6</sup> Dunham, b. Woodbridge NJ abt. 1773  
d. 2 October 1833 Centerville, Wayne Co. Indiana  
m. Sarah Ellison

From a letter forwarded by Mary Johnston of Nixa MO in December 2002, which she received 8 February 1979 from Charlene M. Wilcox (Mrs. Merle J.) of 565 Shartsbury Road, Troy, Ohio 45373:

Charlene had two Dunham lines, the first is from:

Eunice Ann <sup>6</sup> Dunham, b. 28 July 1765 in Middlesex Co. NJ

married **Jacob Hampton, Jr.** who was b. 5 February 1759 in Essex Co. NJ

Charlene says they were probably married in Essex Co. NJ

An IGI record says m. 2 March 1783 in Essex Co. NJ

Further she says "They were of the Quaker belief (probably through the Hampton line.

They migrated with their family – first to Fayette County, Pennsylvania then Monongalia County, Virginia, then Warren county, Ohio and finally Wayne or Richmond, Indiana. Jacob and Eunice Ann (Dunham) Hampton both died in Wayne County Indiana and are buried in the Chester Quaker cemetery."

Children of Jacob and Eunice Ann (Dunham) Hampton, Jr. (given by Charlene):

- i. Andrew Hampton b. 7 September 1785
- ii. Mary Hampton b. 27 September 1787
- iii. Abraham Hampton b. 26 October 1789
- iv. Anna Mary Hampton b. 5 December 1791 (Charlene's line from her)  
m. Samuel Crampton, Jr. (also a Quaker)
- v. Jehiel Hampton b. 23 December 1793
- vi. David Dunham Hampton b. 27 December 1795
- vii. Elizabeth Hampton b. 4 November 1797
- viii. Jacob Hampton III b. 20 May 1800 in Monongahela Co. VA  
he m. Sarah Henderson who was b. about 1805
- ix. Elisha Hampton b. 8 May 1803
- x. Eleanor Hampton b. 5 June 1805

- xi. Sarah Hampton b. 12 June 1809 (twin)
- xii. Eunice Hampton b. 12 June 1809 (twin)

## Continuing the Sixth Generation

### Capt. David <sup>6</sup>; Henry Dayton <sup>6</sup> and Josiah <sup>6</sup> Dunham

**Capt./Dr. David <sup>6</sup> Dunham** (Elisha <sup>5</sup> Joseph <sup>4</sup> David <sup>3</sup> Jonathan <sup>2</sup> Richard <sup>1</sup>) born in Woodbridge, Middlesex Co. NJ 2 March 1762, died in Anderson Township, Madison Co. Indiana 28 September 1840.<sup>1</sup> He married first 13 August 1796 **Eleanor Hollinshead**. He married second (prob. bet. Feb. 1802 and Feb. 1803, and prob. 31 August 1802) **Hannah Brumage**, daughter of John and Hannah (--) Brumage. He served in the Revolutionary War.

Children of David <sup>6</sup> and first wife, Eleanor Hollingshead were:

- i. Nathaniel <sup>7</sup> Dunham b. bef. 1795
- ii. Ira Hollinshead <sup>7</sup> Dunham b. 22 Aug. 1797
- iii. Elisha <sup>7</sup> Dunham who m. Frances Hunter

Children of David and Hannah (Brumage) Dunham: from WFT

- iv. John Brummage <sup>7</sup> Dunham b. 8 Feb. 1803, Monongalia VA  
d. 1865 in Union, Union Co. IN
- v. Quinton <sup>7</sup> Dunham b. 1 Sept. 1804, Monongalia VA  
d. 8 Sept. 1804 Monongalia VA
- vi. Eleanor Olive "Nellie" <sup>7</sup> Dunham b. 19 July 1805  
d. 26 April 1868 Anderson Twp. Madison Co. IN
- vii. Quentin <sup>7</sup> Dunham (again) b. 11 March 1808  
d. 15 November 1839 Anderson Twp. Madison Co. IN
- viii. David Freeman <sup>7</sup> Dunham b. 21 March 1810 Monongalia VA  
d. 3 July 1851 Union Co. IN; m. Eleanor (--)
- ix. Valentine <sup>7</sup> Dunham b. 20 June 1812 Monongalia VA  
d. 22 Jan. 1882 Anderson Twp. Madison Co. IN
- x. Azwell <sup>7</sup> Dunham b. 23 Nov. 1814 Monongalia VA
- xi. Henry <sup>7</sup> Dunham b. 17 Aug. 1817 Union IN  
d. 11 Oct. 1867 Spring Valley, Filmore Co. MN
- xii. Elizabeth <sup>7</sup> Dunham b. 24 Jan. 1821 Union IN  
d. after 1865 Madison Co. IN
- xiii. Oleaver/Oliver <sup>7</sup> Dunham b. 3 Feb. 1824 Union IN
- xiv. Wesley <sup>7</sup> Dunham b. 12 April 1826 Union IN  
d. 14 March 1910 Anderson, Madison Co. IN

**Henry Dayton<sup>6</sup> Dunham** (Elisha<sup>5</sup> Joseph<sup>4</sup> David<sup>3</sup> Jonathan<sup>2</sup> Richard<sup>1</sup>) born in Woodbridge New Jersey say 1773, died in Centerville, Wayne Co. Indiana 2 October 1833. He married **Sarah Ellison**. She was born in New York City 1774/5 (age on 1860 census of Centerville Indiana is given as 82 years) when she is living with Alanson Dunham, prob. son. She died in Centerville, Wayne Co. Indiana 19 August 1864.

Children: [see Myers, Patty Barthell; Ancestors and Descendants of Lewis Ross Freeman, pub. 1995, p. 37]

- i. Henry<sup>7</sup> Dunham b. say 1795
- ii. Daniel<sup>7</sup> Dunham b. say 1797
- iii. John Ellison<sup>7</sup> Dunham b. 1800 (from 1850 Census of Wayne Co. Indiana) (b. 26 Jan. 1800 in Woodbridge NJ)
- iv. John Purdy<sup>7</sup> Dunham (b. abt. 1789 Woodbridge)
- v. Eliza<sup>7</sup> Dunham (IGI gives b. abt. 1791 Woodbridge)  
m. E. C. Clarkson
- vi. Eunice<sup>7</sup> Dunham (IGI gives b. abt. 1793)  
m. Joseph Hampton
- vii. Alanson F.<sup>7</sup> Dunham b. 1806 (from 1850 & 1860 Census of Wayne Co. Indiana) he is not listed by Myers, p. 37; but seems to be a son of Sarah (Ellison) Dunham who is living with his family in Indiana.

**Josiah<sup>6</sup> Dunham** (Elisha<sup>5</sup> Joseph<sup>4</sup> David<sup>3</sup> Jonathan<sup>2</sup> Richard<sup>1</sup>) born probably 1 April 1753, died in 1816. He married **Anna Williams**. She was born in 1755, died 10 March 1829.

Josiah apparently was not pleased with the husband of his daughter Elizabeth as his will states:

“daughter Elizabeth (an equal share if she survives her present husband, and if she does not, only \$1.)”

Abstract of will of Josiah Dunham. “1811, May 4. Dunham, Josiah, of Woodbridge, Middlesex Co., will of. Wife, Anne, interest of residue of estate, (after debts are paid), during widowhood. All real and personal estate to be sold. At her marriage, death, residue to all except son John (who is to have  $\frac{1}{4}$  of an equal share) and daughter, Elizabeth (an equal share if she survives her present husband, and if she does not, only \$1.) Executors—Joseph D. Shotwell, Joseph Shotwell (son of John). Witnesses—John Shotwell, Joseph O. Lufbery, Samuel Marsh, Jr. Proved April 3 1816.

1816, March 12. Inventory, \$249.21; made by Nathan Shotwell, Randolph Crowell. File 10583 L.”

We now come to the root of the problem in identification of the children of Josiah<sup>6</sup> and Anna (Williams) Dunham as not all of his children were named in his will. The children named in the will were John and Elizabeth. Myers p. 97 gives two more children as Azariah and Joseph.



Azariah is proven by the following deed which also identifies where in Woodbridge Josiah Dunham lived (which was right near the Woodbridge meeting house).

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY NEW JERSEY LAND/DEED RECORD  
VOLUME 7 - PAGE 95 - 1807**

JOSIAH DUNHAM and WIFE  
TO  
ANNA DUNHAM

This INDENTURE made the first day of June in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and seven (1807). BETWEEN JOSIAH DUNHAM of the County of Middlesex and State of New Jersey and ANNA his wife of the one part and ANNA DUNHAM of the same place Grand-Daughter of the said JOSIAH DUNHAM and daughter of his son AZARIAH of the other part.

WITNESSETH that the said JOSIAH DUNHAM and ANNA his wife for and in consideration of the natural love and affection which they have and bear for their said Grand-Daughter and for the better support and maintenance of the said ANNA DUNHAM do give grant and convey to the said ANNA DUNHAM and to her heirs and assigns forever - subject to the use occupation and benefit of the same to my son AZARIAH during his natural life and also to the use and benefit of his wife PHEBE as long as she remain his widow in case she should be the longest lives and survives her husband my son AZARIAH which use occupation and benefit is by the said JOSIAH DUNHAM hereby given and granted to the said AZARIAH DUNHAM and his wife as aforesaid unto all that certain lot of land and premises situate lying and being in the township of WOODBRIDGE aforesaid and is butted and bounded as follows.

BEGINNING at a pin oak tree standing on the Westerly bank of a ditch or run of fresh water near the Salt Marsh which said run of water is the Southwesterly line of land late belonging to JOSEPH DUNHAM deceased thence from said pin oak tree or saplin (sapling) running North sixty seven degrees West three chains and twenty three links to the Easterly side of the highway that leads from the WOODBRIDGE MEETING HOUSE to ELIZABETH TOWN, thence along said Road North fifty one degrees East two chains and sixty two links to a stake also planted on the Southwesterly side of said run of water, thence along the bank of side of said River South sixteen degrees and thirty minutes East three chains and sixty one links to the beginning. CONTAINING forty two hundredths of an acre. BOUNDED: Northeast by land of said JOSEPH DUNHAM, deceased.

South by land of aforesaid JOSIAH DUNHAM.

Northwest by said highway.

To have and to hold.....

Sealed and delivered in the presence of:

AMOS DUNHAM  
COPERTHWAIT DUNHAM

Signed by: JOSIAH DUNHAM  
ANNA DUNHAM

Received June 12, 1807 Recorded by Deare, Clk.

## Identity of Witnesses Amos and Coperthwait Dunham

The witnesses to the above deed are here-to-fore unidentified Dunham men. The man with the unusual given name, Coperthwait Dunham, has intrigued me for years but I have never been able to place him within the Dunham family. He appears as a witness to the above deed dated in 1807 and on a Woodbridge Tax List in 1819. There is an Amos Dunham in the Dunham family but he was a son of David <sup>4</sup> Dunham, Jr. and his second wife Mary Freeman. This Amos <sup>5</sup> Dunham (b. abt. 1730) went to Loudon County, Virginia well before the date of the above deed. So the Amos who was a witness to the 1807 deed was a different man.

The Joseph <sup>5</sup> Dunham, deceased by the date of the deed in 1807 was also a son of David <sup>4</sup> and Mary (Freeman) Dunham. This is the Joseph Dunham (1739-1801) who is buried in the Episcopal Church burying ground right next to the church building itself. There is no record of any children of this Joseph <sup>5</sup> and his wife Sarah L. (maiden name unknown) Dunham.

The other children of David <sup>4</sup> and Mary (Freeman) Dunham were:

Benyew <sup>5</sup> Dunham b. 1732 and went to Tewksbury, NJ

Elizabeth <sup>5</sup> Dunham b. abt. 1735, m. John Marsh of Woodbridge

Isaac <sup>5</sup> Dunham b. at. 1737, Anna Gach and went to New Brunswick, Canada shortly after the Revolution. The Gach family were Quakers living in Rahway, NJ.

There is a possibility that Moses <sup>5</sup>, son of Joseph <sup>4</sup> Dunham and brother of Elisha <sup>5</sup> Dunham married a first wife who was Mary Hampton and had sons by her who were Amos and Copperthwait Dunham. Moses <sup>5</sup> Dunham married a second wife who was Phebe Williams and had at least two children by her who were Moses <sup>6</sup> and Elisha <sup>6</sup> both of whom had descendants who went to Salt Creek Township, Wayne County, Ohio. The reason that I wonder if Moses <sup>5</sup> and Mary (Hampton) Dunham might be the parents of Copperthwait Dunham is because the Hamptons were Quakers, and the Copperthwait name came down through the Quaker family of Hugh <sup>1</sup> Cowperthwaite who came to Woodbridge from Flushing, Long Island and was one of the men who established the Quaker faith in Woodbridge.

Moses <sup>5</sup> Dunham married for his second wife Phebe Williams. Was she a sister or other relation of Anna Williams who m. Josiah Dunham? These may be the Moses <sup>6</sup> Dunham & Joseph <sup>6</sup> Dunham who appears on the 1800 Census in Georges Twp. Fayette Co. PA.

**Moses <sup>6</sup> Dunham** (Moses <sup>5</sup>, Joseph <sup>4</sup> David <sup>3</sup> Jonathan <sup>2</sup> Dunham/alias Singletary, Richard <sup>1</sup> Singletary) b. abt. 1764 in NJ, d. 15 Sept. 1849 in Salt Creek Twp. Wayne Co. OH. He married first, in New Jersey, **Catherine Moore**. He married second, about 1803 **Sarah Leslie**. An Ancestry.com family tree gives her birth as about 1776 in Beaver County, Pennsylvania. Joseph <sup>6</sup> Dunham does not appear on the 1810 census in Fayette Co. PA but **Moses <sup>6</sup> Dunham** appears on the 1810 Census in Redstone Township, Fayette Co. PA; p. 97; MOSES <sup>6</sup> DUNHAM 21001-11010

The ages of this family would be:

- 2 m. under 10 (Henry b. abt. 1804 so age 6, Thomas b. 1808 so age 2)
- 1 m. 10-16 (John b. 1800 so age 10)
- 1 m. over 45 (Moses <sup>6</sup> b. abt. 1764)
- 1 f. under 10 (Elizabeth b. 1805 so age 5)
- 1 f. 10-16 (prob. Eleanor)
- 1 f. 26-45 (second wife Sarah (Leslie) Dunham)

So it looks like Moses <sup>6</sup> and Joseph <sup>6</sup> went from New Jersey to (possibly first to Philadelphia) and then to Baltimore, Maryland. When these families decided to move west, they probably would have gotten onto Braddocks Road (now known as The National Road, or Route 40) which went west into Fayette Co. PA. Then they would have continued on, crossing the Ohio River, and going by land into Wayne County, where they settled in Salt Creek Township. Remember that when people moved west at that time, they often stopped along the route, sometimes for several years, and planted a crop or otherwise earned the money to continue their journey.

There is a clue to the identity of Amos and Coperthwait Dunham in the fact that the deed is a deed of gift from Josiah <sup>6</sup> and wife Anna (Williams) Dunham to his granddaughter Anna, and she is to receive it after her parents, Azariah and wife Phebe no longer need it.

NOTE: There is a Freeman Dunham on the 1830 census of Woodbridge, NJ one line down from Joseph Dunham who was b. 1770-1780 and I think is Joseph <sup>7</sup>, son of Josiah and Anna (Williams) Dunham. This Joseph m. Elizabeth (and maybe she was a Freeman too) . This Freeman Dunham was b. 1800-1810 and was married with a daughter under age 5 yrs.

### **Following the children of Josiah <sup>6</sup> Dunham of Woodbridge**

We now turn to the children of Josiah <sup>6</sup> and Anna (Williams) Dunham (Elisha <sup>5</sup>, Joseph <sup>4</sup>, David <sup>3</sup>, Jonathan <sup>2</sup> Dunham/alias Singletary, Richard <sup>1</sup> Singletary). Two children (John <sup>7</sup> and Elizabeth <sup>7</sup>) are named in his will. His son Azariah <sup>7</sup> is named in the Deed of gift to granddaughter Anna.

We can see that one of the reasons that compiling the correct genealogy of the Dunham family of Woodbridge, New Jersey is difficult is because not all of the children in some families were recorded (or if they were those records have been lost). Also lost are the four federal census records for the State of New Jersey. Thus, the first census of NJ that we can refer to is that of 1830. This gap is partially covered when researching individual persons by referring to land deeds and probate records and tax lists. The Quaker records of the Plainfield and Rahway Monthly Meetings are fairly complete and very legible and photocopies of these are available on the Ancestry.com website. Still the records of some children have slipped through and are either difficult to find or may never have existed. We can place some of these people by

circumstantial evidence found or deduced through searching other members of their families or the families of their spouses and or neighbors.

## **FINDING CHRISTIANNA DUNHAM**

Building a circumstantial evidence case is the method I used in trying to locate Christianna Dunham (1789-1833) who married John Kelly (1782-1857) in Woodbridge, NJ. We do not have an exact date for their marriage but we do have the names of their children from the will of John Kelly dated Woodbridge, 4 Sept. 1857.

From Middlesex Co. NJ Wills & Probate Records 1739-1991, Will Vol. E-F 1846-1861 for John Kelly:

“I give and bequeath to the children of Lewis Kelly, deceased. . .  
To my daughter Christian married to Ezra Noe . . .  
To my daughter Elizabeth married to Rowland Sofield . . .  
To my daughter Susan Noe wife of Daniel Noe . . .  
and my children  
Melvina Kelly wife of James Kelly  
Rachel Ann Kelly wife of John Jackson  
Frazee Kelly  
John Kelly  
Daniel Brewster Kelly  
Friend Charles M. Dally sole executor”

In the most recent query that I received from Maurine Kelly Moore she stated that her ancestry came through Frazy Kelly who married Hannah Raymond in 1845, Frazy/Frazee Kelly was the child named in the will of John Kelly (above). Note that Christiann (Dunham) Kelly was not mentioned in the will as she had died in 1833. Also note that one of their children was named Christian. Note also that Frazy Kelly named his first son Josiah.

From Inscriptions from the Methodist Episcopal Cemetery, Woodbridge, NJ we have the death date of “John Kelly, d Sept. 14, 1857 ae 75 yrs.”, and the death date of “Christiann Kelly, wife of John Kelly, d. Dec. 1, 1833, ae 44 yrs.”

We do not have a birth record for Christiann Dunham, but given her death date of 1 Dec. 1833 age 44 yrs. she would have been born in 1789. We know from the cemetery record that both Christiann and John Kelly died and are buried in Woodbridge. We can now turn to the NJ census records.

John Kelly appears on the 1840 census living next to the family of Joseph Dunham, (the father of Joseph Dunham). The older Joseph Dunham was b. between 1770-1780, and that is the same category as John Kelly (who was actually b. in 1782). The younger Joseph Dunham is the son of Joseph and is the one who m. Isabella Jackson (with whom John Kelly was living in 1850). Three lines below John Kelly is Daniel Noe (who m. Susan Kelly). Elias Dunham (brother of the younger Joseph) appears on the previous page of the census record of 1840. John Kelly appears on the 1850 census living in the family of Joseph Dunham and Isabella.

So it appears that we are looking at a family group of Dunhams living near John Kelly. This points to the fact that this is the family to which Christiann (wife of John Kelly) belongs. There is a second clue that we have the correct family if we look at the children of Josiah and Anna (Williams) Dunham.

**Josiah<sup>6</sup> Dunham** (Elisha<sup>5</sup> Joseph<sup>4</sup> David<sup>3</sup> Jonathan<sup>2</sup> Richard<sup>1</sup>) born probably 1 April 1753, died in 1816. He married **Anna Williams**. She was born in 1755, died 10 March 1829.

Children of Josiah<sup>6</sup> and Anna (Williams) Dunham:

- i. Joseph<sup>7</sup> Dunham b. say 1770  
m. Elizabeth  
Had son Joseph who is the one who m. Isabella Jackson
- ii. John<sup>7</sup> Dunham (1771-1840)
- iii. Azariah<sup>7</sup> Dunham b. say 1773  
m. Phebe Blackney  
Had dau. Anna (of the deed above)
- iv. Elizabeth (1780-1816)
- v. Josiah<sup>7</sup> Dunham "4th son of Josiah and Ann"  
d. 15 March 1834

From the study of the census data 1830, 40 and 50, I'm pretty sure that there were two more sons (Samuel and Elisha) of Josiah and Ann (Williams) Dunham. I am also pretty sure that Christiann Dunham who married John Kelly was the daughter of Josiah<sup>6</sup> and Ann (Williams) Dunham.

- vi. Samuel<sup>7</sup> Dunham
- vii. **Christiann<sup>7</sup> Dunham (b. 1789)**
- viii. Elisha<sup>7</sup> Dunham b. 1798

## Kelly line of Frazy/Fraze Kelly continued

From descendant Maurine <sup>13</sup> Kelly Moore her direct line is given on the web site at Family Search as (continued from John and Christianna <sup>7</sup> (Dunham) Kelly):

Frazy <sup>8</sup> Kelly, b. March 1816 Woodbridge, NJ; d. 22 Aug. 1907 Beverly, Adams Co. IL. He married in Burton Township Adams Co IL on 25 Dec. 1845 Hannah M. Raymond. Children of Frazy <sup>8</sup> and Hannah M. (Raymond) Kelly:

- i. Josiah Raymond <sup>9</sup> Kelly (1847-1909)
- ii. John William <sup>9</sup> Kelly (1848-
- iii. **Charles K. <sup>9</sup> Kelly (1850-1933)**
- iv. Hannah Eliza <sup>9</sup> Kelly (1852-1930)

The line of Charles K. <sup>9</sup> Kelly continues with Alvadore Wayne <sup>10</sup> Kelly (1876-1943). He married in Pike County, Illinois 7 April 1897 Ida Mae Whitaker (1888-1949). Alvadore and Ida Mae (Whitaker) Kelly were the parents of Meredith Wayne <sup>11</sup> Kelly (1904-1967) who married Vera Lucille Hinch and they were parents of Alvadore Wayne <sup>12</sup> Kelly (1925-1999) who married Nelda Maurine Lane (1929-2017).

## Lester Dunham Family Portraits

by Gratia Dunham Mahony

Early this summer I received a query from David Wilson, Warden of the Dunham House in Woodbridge, New Jersey asking for help in identifying two portraits that were to be donated to the new Woodbridge History Museum. The portraits were being given by the estate of Lester Dunham, a well known realtor from Woodbridge, and were paintings of his ancestors who had lived in Woodbridge. From my previous research I was able to identify the subjects of the portraits and their line follows. Interestingly enough, Lester's Dunham line descends from the same line described in the previous article through the sixth generation.

**Richard <sup>1</sup> Singletary**

**Jonathan <sup>2</sup> Dunham/alias Singletary**

**David <sup>3</sup> Dunham and Mary Illsey**

**Joseph <sup>4</sup> Dunham and Elizabeth (maiden name unknown)**

**Elisha <sup>5</sup> Dunham (1732-1783) and Elizabeth Freeman**

**Josiah <sup>6</sup> Dunham (1753-1816) and Anna Williams**

The oldest son of Josiah <sup>6</sup> and Anna (Williams) Dunham was Joseph <sup>7</sup> Dunham born in Woodbridge about 1770 and died there before 1809. He married Elizabeth whose maiden name is unknown. They had at least two children, Elisha <sup>8</sup> born in 1798, and James <sup>8</sup> b. 10 November 1810 who died in Woodbridge 23 January 1853. James <sup>8</sup> Dunham married 8 January 1834 Elizabeth Freeman and they were the parents of Ichabod Potter <sup>9</sup> Dunham.

### Subjects of the Family Portraits

**Ichabod Potter <sup>9</sup> Dunham** b. in Woodbridge, Middlesex Co. NJ 20 May 1835; d. in Perth Amboy, Middlesex Co. NJ 4 April 1899. He m. in Perth Amboy 16 May 1861 Catharine Alice Reily (1842-1901). According to the 1880 census her parents were b. in Ireland.



Ichabod Potter <sup>9</sup> Dunham (1835-1899)



Catharine Alice (Reily) Dunham (1842-1901)



Almira Augusta Dunham (1862-1864)

With a lock of her hair



## Line of Lester <sup>11</sup> Dunham

### GENERATION NINE

Children of Ichabod Potter <sup>9</sup> and Catharine Alice (Reily) Dunham:

- i. Almira Augusta Dunham b. 18 August 1862; d. 4 August 1864 age 2 yrs.
- ii. Edward Sylvester Dunham b. 1 Oct. 1866
- iii. Walter Seymour Dunham b. 12 Jan. 1869
- iv. Emma Louise Warner Dunham b. 8 March 1871; d. 3 Oct. 1894
- v. Ida May Dunham b. 8 August 1873; d. 1 July 1879
- vi. James Hiram Dunham b. 22 Oct. 1875**
- vii. Alfred Hope Dunham b. 1879; d. 26 April 1897

### GENERATION TEN

**James Hiram <sup>10</sup> Dunham** b. 22 Oct. 1875; d. in Passaic, Passaic Co. NJ 4 Sept. 1963. He married in Perth Amboy, NJ 23 Oct. 1901 Isabella Barr Rommel. She was b. 14 August 1883 in Jersey City, Hudson Co. NJ; d. 25 Nov. 1969 in Passaic, NJ. She was daughter of John C. F. Rommel. He is buried in Cedar Lawn Cemetery, Paterson, Passaic County, NJ.

Children of James Hiram and Isabella Barr (Rommel) Dunham:

- i. Stella Isabella Dunham b. 6 May 1902  
m. John A. Munroe of South bound Brook (from obit. of James Hiram)
- ii. Jessie Hope Dunham b. 7 July 1907  
m. E. Vernon Packard of Edison (from obit)
- iii. Gladys Margaret Dunham b. 17 April 1910  
m. James J. Cullen of Union (from obit)
- iv. James Hiram Dunham, Jr. b. 18 August 1912  
d. 13 Aug. 1987 Hackensack, Passaic Co. NJ.
- v. **Lester Robert <sup>11</sup> Dunham b. 22 May 1916; d. 4 Feb. 2002**  
m. 27 May 1949 Helen Mary Randall (1922-1993)  
Child of Lester Robert and Helen Mary (Randall) Dunham:
  1. Lester Robert Dunham, Jr. b. 4 Jan. 1950 Passaic NJ.  
d. 15 Nov. 1992 Clifton, Passaic Co. NJ

## New Home for Woodbridge History Museum



Woodbridge History Museum  
86 Green Street  
Woodbridge, New Jersey

This fall saw the opening of a new home for the historical Association of Woodbridge Township. A museum has been established in the beautifully restored home at 86 Green Street and is open to the public for visitors, researchers and programs.

The home was originally built in 1870 by Charles Campbell (1836-1881) and houses exhibits that focus on the clay industry in Woodbridge and on the railroad. The portraits of Ichabod Potter Dunham and his wife and baby daughter now hang in the formal parlor.

I visited the Woodbridge History Museum this summer when I went there to bring them my copy of the Colonial Kinsmen charts compiled by Joseph N. Kearney in 1978. These charts were developed to show the fabric of kinship among 3500 or more persons who settled in this area.

Web site : [www.woodbridgetownshiphistory.org](http://www.woodbridgetownshiphistory.org)

# Obituary of Fleming Nathan (Nate) Dunham

## 20 Oct 1930 – 8 Sep 2024



### Dunham Line of Fleming Nathan (Nate) Dunham

John 1-Dunham (1589-1669) and Abigail Ballou  
Joseph-2 Dunham (say 1631-1703) and Hester Wormal  
Eleazer-3 Dunham (1659-1720) and Bathsheba Whiston  
Elisha-4 Dunham (1692 –1740/1) and Mary Babson  
Elijah-5 Dunham (btw. 1724-1733 -1798) and Ruth (unknown)  
Joseph-6 Dunham (1756-1834) and Mary (Polly) Staples Chatto  
Joseph-7 Dunham (1781-bet. 1834-39) and Mary (unknown)  
Thomas Tonkins-8 Dunham (1817-1874) and Harriett Maria White  
Francis White-9 (1861-1937) and Florence Elizabeth “Flora” Kimball  
Roy Oliver-10 Dunham (1896-1965) and Ruth Beatrice Underwood  
Fleming Nathan-11 Dunham (1930-2024) and Marie Estella Rodstrom

# **Full-Text Search at FamilySearch.org – Brought to Genealogists by A.I.**

by Lisa Eschenburg

I am presenting on **A.I. in Your Genealogy Research Today** to my local genealogy group and thought to share with this group one aspect I will cover.

Many genealogists do not realize that Artificial Intelligence (A.I.) has been in our genealogy research for some time. It happens in various ways because there are various forms of A.I. Those Similar Records, Hints, DNA Matching, Speech to Text & Text to Speech, and Optical Character Recognition (OCR) for the past decade or more are made possible by A.I. Recent developments in A.I. now present us with Handwriting Recognition (HWR.)

## **Artificial Intelligence (A.I.)**

Artificial Intelligence – A. I. – according to the Oxford Dictionary, is the theory and development of computer systems able to perform tasks that normally require human intelligence, such as visual perception, speech recognition, decision-making, and translation between languages. Or in simple terms, according to Coursera, technology that enables computers and machines to simulate human learning, comprehension, problem solving, decision making, creativity and autonomy.

A.I. goes back to the 1950s and 1960s. It has had fits and spurts of development through the decades. The more exciting stuff has happened more recently.

Vision AI is one form. Taking an image to text. We know this as OCR = Optical Character Recognition. As you know different services have different results. But usually, we genealogists all cheer when a desired historical newspaper gets digitized and OCRed so we can every word search it.

Speech AI is one form. Taking text to speech and speech to text. We have had this since the 1980s/1990s. It can be built into operating systems (Windows Ease of Access – Windows Voice Recognition), can be special accessibility software, or a feature built-in programs/apps, or a special program like the discontinued Nuance Dragon Naturally Speaking Home. (Nuance was bought by Microsoft in 2022 and now only professional, expensive versions exist.)

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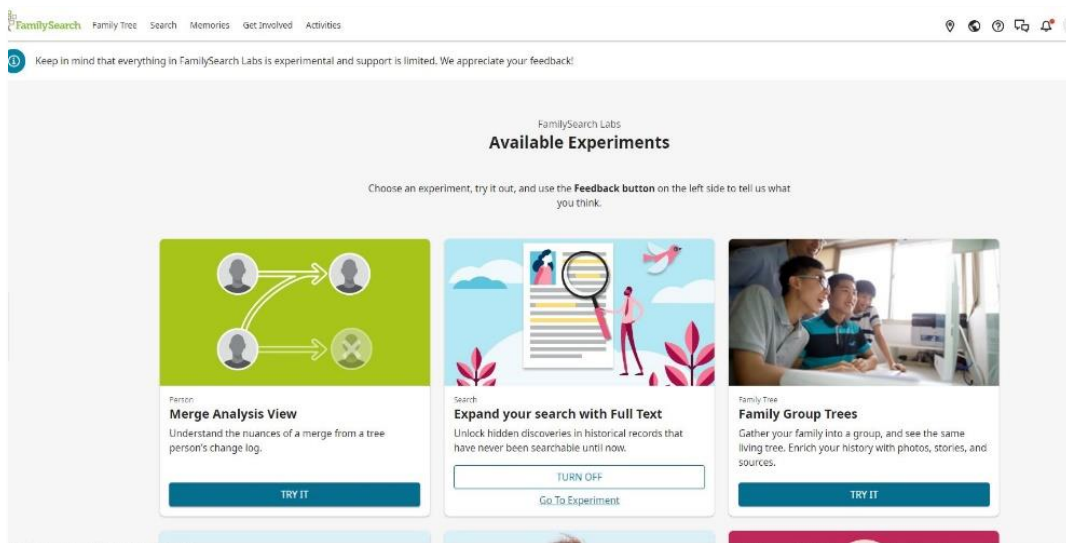
The most notable project bringing HWR to our attention was the 2022 release of the 1950 U.S. Federal Census which was indexed by A.I. in NINE days. A decade before it was a feat of note that the 1940 U.S. Federal Census was indexed by humans in just 9 months. And this form of Vision A.I. is advancing. In 2023 the 1931 Canadian Census was A.I. indexed in just TWO days. (Not counting quality audits.)

One thing to remember and needs to be emphasized: You are the Human in your relationship with A.I. That means you are the one who reviews, analyzes, and determines if what A.I. generated for you ... is correct. Results are probable not necessarily facts. Does it make sense or did A.I. hallucinate? A Hallucination is when the A.I. returns an incorrect or nonsense result to your prompt.

You may know the acronym: PICNIC Problem in Chair Not in Computer - for dealing with computer problems and finding solutions. Well, let us perhaps think HICCUP: Humans in Charge Creating Useful Prompts when dealing with A.I. meaning it is up to you – you initiate the prompts and you determine whether A.I.'s result which is probable but not necessarily fact is correct for what you need. If it is not, try again.

Genealogy websites implement their own A.I. features because the outside world GPTs (also new developments) cannot get behind the paywall/login walls. Thus, with GPTs you will not find “records/documents” you will use those outside GPTs in different ways. But this is not that article.

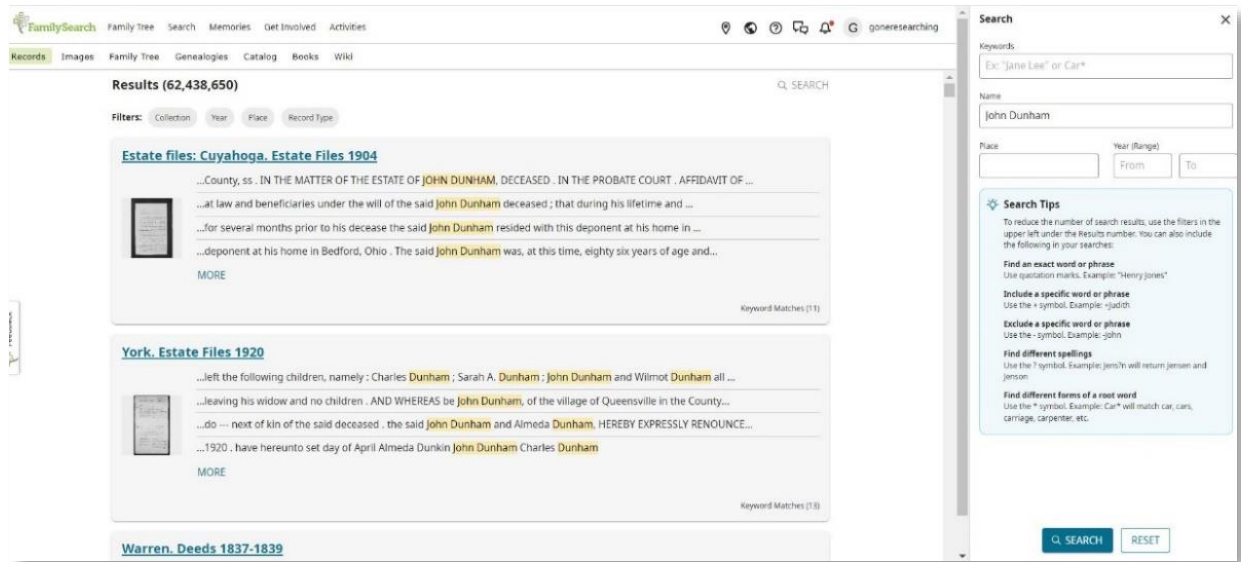
Let’s instead look at something new this year at FamilySearch. It is an impressive project in the FamilySearch Lab Experiment area. So, sign into your FamilySearch free account. Scroll down the homepage and select the view Experiments under FamilySearch Labs. Once there, click “Go To Experiment” under the Expand Your Search with Full Text.





Described on the website as a new era in search technology. With handwriting recognition and Optical Character Recognition (OCR) software, FamilySearch can convert an image of text into a machine-readable text format giving you the ability to search the full text of these records before they are even indexed [by humans.]

What can you full-text search? U.S. Land and Probate Records 1630-1975; Mexico, Notarial Records, 1600-1909; US Plantation Records cs. 1700s-1865; Victoria, Australia Probates 1853-1976; Auckland, New Zealand Wills and Probates 1834-1997; and as of lately some Canadian Probate and Land Records can be found with this full-text search.



Now let us take a quick look at how this works. At its simplest, type in a name and search. Unless you have an unusual name, you will likely get thousands of results or more. So, take a moment to check the filters above the results list. As of mid-September, there are now additional search fields. Check Collections or Record Types that are included in the results. If there is one Collection or Record Type you are searching for then choose that one and narrow the results. You can also narrow by time-period (century, decade, etc.) You can also narrow by place (country, state/province, county, and even town/township.)

## Artificial Intelligence (A.I.)

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Natural Language Processing AI is the form that has exploded in the last few years. Your direct contact with A.I. is through a GPT which is Generative Pre-Trained Transformer. It was the development of a new way to work with language called a Transformer by a Google scientist and published in a paper in 2017 that kicked these recent developments off.

GPTs are an A.I. chatbot that uses natural language processing to create humanlike conversational dialogue. (A User Interface.) A GPT works on a Large Language Model (a program or algorithm) that has been trained on massive text datasets using machine learning techniques. Natural Language Processing (NLP) is an area of A.I. focusing on human linguistics. In simple terms, it is a machine learning technology that gives computers the ability to interpret, manipulate and comprehend human language. It is the interaction of computers and humans through natural language.

NLP AI was used to create a new field of AI called Large Language Models (a program or algorithm).

So, NLP allows ChatGPT to analyze and understand human languages in a conversational format, rather than commands in a command line interface.

There are a variety of companies with a variety of GPTs. ChatGPT by OpenAi is essentially the industry leader. Some companies have more than one version/model (ChatGPT 4 free and 4o which is pay). Different models can have different capabilities.

This A.I. information was pulled together via searches on Google and A.I. generated answers. A.I. results are not able to be copyrighted because they are not created by a human. But still should be credited.

If we do a search for John Dunham we get 62,438,650 hits as of the date of this search. Just 20 minutes later the same search generated 62,485,347 hits. So, return often to recheck what you have searched prior. By the time this article prints, there is no doubt that number will have increased.

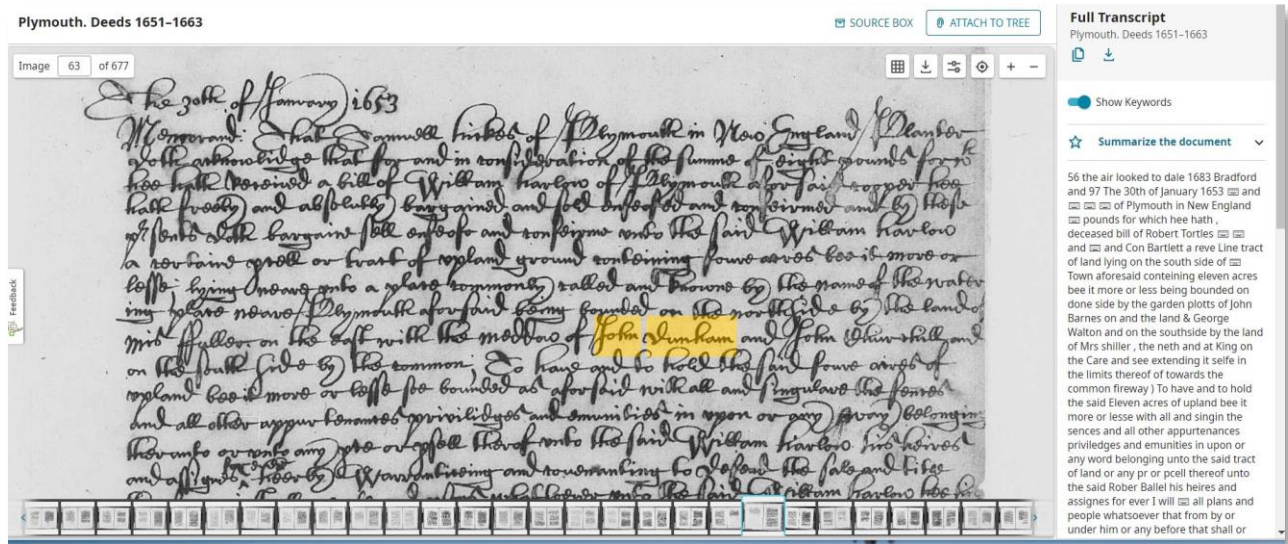
If we do an exact search for “John Dunham” the results total falls to 13,987. If we had instead added a place, say “United States of American, Massachusetts” this reduces the results to 2,886,073. If we then add an exact search to the name “John Dunham” the results total further drops to 818. If we narrow the time-period down to the 1600s, we end up with 43 results. Now are these all the earliest records? No. But they are the earliest for what has currently been processed with Handwriting Recognition and Optical Character Recognition (when needed). Processing of documents is happening every day.

Also, remember that some collections can only be viewed when in a FamilySearch Affiliate or even specifically a FamilySearch Center. These may or may not have been processed with this experiment yet. As mentioned above, check back often.

A couple notes: this full-text search is not just finding your searched name as Grantors, Grantees, or as those that wrote a will or had probate administered for example. This full-text search is finding your searched name where ever it is located. As a witness, as a description of a property line, as someone listed as a debtor or creditor of someone else’s probate.

Secondly, note that this is full-text search is in the language that the document is in – meaning it does not translate everything to English. Handwriting in Spanish is converted to machine-readable text in Spanish. So, if you do not read the language then copy or download the roman text on the right of the document image and then paste it into your preferred translation bot or site, such as Google Translate. Remember there are likely some errors in the A.I. generated text

that may cause some translation problems but you should get the general idea of the text. How does this compare to the traditional way of searching say the Grantor and Grantee indexes and locating the correct volume and page? Obviously, it can cut down time doing this tedious task significantly. BUT IT IS UP TO YOU THE HUMAN TO DETERMINE IF THIS IS THE CORRECT PERSON YOU ARE SEEKING AND NOT SOMEONE WITH THE SAME NAME.



By leaving the Place wide-open and adding say “Abigail Dunham his wife” or “his wife Abigail Dunham” or whatever the name of the wife was to the Keywords you have the possibility of locating previous unknown locations for a couple or where a specific couple may have wondered off and gotten lost in time. (Assuming a spouse did not die before the land sale.) Unique names obviously make this an easier task.

### Below are some tips for Full-Text Search at FamilySearch

- For exact phrase, use quotes "" such as “last will and testament” or “Name his wife” or “his wife Name” for example.
- For must include, use +word such as +Milton for example.
- Use a wildcard \* if needed, such as St\*mke when you know spelling can vary by multiple letters.
- Use a ?, such as Sm?th when one letter may vary either in the middle or at the end (or beginning.)
- You can also narrow by Collection, Record Type, or Year (time-period) or Place or a combination of these filters.
- Remember you may not find results if you narrow too specifically, such as by town/township, many records are kept on the County Level or in a district level which may be a county but a few states do use town level.



- You can download found images (but it is up to you to name the file something that makes sense.) The description above the machine-typed text may not be detailed enough to tell you what specifically you are presented. You may have to use the filmstrip below the document image to locate the beginning of the digitized microfilm roll to find the volume description. Document images may or may not have page numbers on them. Alternative is to use image ## of ##, i.e. i063of677 in the file name. Document page number and image number are not the same thing.
- And, download the text that was transcribed by A.I. (remember to compare/check to the image for errors) to save you time. Think of the time saved because you are proofing rather than typing!
- FamilySearch Full-Text Search can Summarize a document – Try it, the summary can be downloaded or copy/pasted as well.
- Use a generic surname such as Smith, Garcia, Tremblay or Gagnon for example to review what Collections or Record Types are currently included in the full-text search.
- Try a search while in a FamilySearch Affiliate or Center, remember some collections can only be accessed when in these facilities and not everything has been processed by A.I. yet.

Have fun exploring full-text search thanks to A.I.

## Dunham Family Drowns in Boston Harbor

By James A. Streeter

I was following some leads on one of my family lines and came across an article that was posted in the **Gold Hill Daily News**, 18 July 1879, Gold Hill, Nevada. Gold Hill is an unincorporated community in Storey County, Nevada, located just south and downhill of Virginia City.

**EASTERN DISPATCHES:** [Special to the Gold Hill Daily News]

### **A Tornado in Massachusetts**

Boston, July 17 - One of the severest storms ever experienced here sweep over this city and vicinity yesterday. During the period of its greatest violence, about 25 minutes, great damage was done to life and property. Many distressing accidents occurred down the harbor. Most all the small boats and yachts were capsized. One of the most serious disasters yet heard from is that of the drowning of five persons by the capsizing off Bird Island, of the schooner Myrtle of Charlestown. The persons drowned were Margaret Dunham, Mary Ann Dunham, Susan Dunham, Lizzie Dunham, and a boy named Walter Hollenham. Thomas Dunham, who was on board, saved himself by clinging to the topmast. A boy was also drowned by the capsizing of the boat off Hull. The damage throughout the city amounts to thousands of dollars. In the southwestern part, where hail fell in large quantities, a great many windows were broken and many trees blown down. Many houses were up roofed, and the rain fell in such torrents to run several inches of water in the streets. One man was killed by the falling of a chimney. The amount

of damage to the glass alone will amount to several thousand dollars, and the damage to the City Hall is estimated at \$110,000.

The hurricane struck Nantucket Beach at half-past 5. The Albion House and the surroundings are totally wrecked, burying Charles O'Hara and Annie Oglesby beneath the ruins. The latter had her shoulder dislocated, and the former was badly bruised. A small child of W. H. Joy was killed by the overturning of a coach.

At Pittsfield two persons were killed and three or four wounded. The damage to property is estimated at \$25,000. There was not much damage done in this little village, on account of the belt of the tornado, which was not more than sixty rods wide, passing about half a mile from the business portion of the town. During the 15 minutes' stay of the storm, it was so dark that the gas had to be lighted. Everything in the line of the tornado was demolished completely. Houses and barns were blown down, and in one instance a house was turned completely around. Fences and crops were leveled and trees uprooted. Mrs. Beckwith was instantly killed by the overturning of a wagon.

At Springfield, Fitchburg, Worcester, and contiguous places in the route of the tornado, much damage was done to property, crops, trees, etc.

The loss of life is greater than at first supposed, and mainly caused by capsizing boats. A yacht capsized off Nantasket beach, and four persons were drowned, one man, two women and two children were lost off Governor's Island. Three bodies have been picked up on the beach. The rainfall was very heavy in various places, and some hailstones measured seven inches in circumference. Lightning caused the loss of a few lives. Two boars capsized off Scituate and three persons were drowned. Near Montreal Mrs. Peter Robertson was killed by lightning. Round about Kingston and Saugerties, New York State, crops were ruined, and barns, fences and outhouses blown down. The hailstones resembled large chunks of ice.

This article was also published in **The Fall River Daily Herald**, Fall River, Massachusetts · Thursday, 17 Jul 1879, p. 4; and **The Evening Star Washington, D.C.** 17 Jul 1879, p. 1 and can be found on **Newspapers.com**.

What drew my attention next, was who were the members of this Dunham family and did they have a connection to the lines of Deacon John Dunham.

### **Method of Discover**

Having found the article printed in 3 different Newspapers and in 3 different parts of the United States by searching Newspapers.com, I then turned to Family Search.

In Family Search I was able to find the Death Certificates in: Boston, Death Certificates 1878–1879; image 385, 386/521.

Margaret Dunham mn. Tynan - d. 16 Jul 1879, age 46, Boston Harbor, Boston, Suffolk, MA. wife of Thomas - She was b. in Ireland – dau. of John and Elizabeth - d. due to Accidental drowning - Burial Walden.

Mary Ann Dunham d. 16 Jul 1879, age 46, d. in Boston Harbor, Boston, Suffolk, MA., b. Quebec, Canada -- dau. of Thomas and Mary.

Lizzie Dunham d. 16 Jul 1879, age 12y 2m. b. Charlestown, MA d. in Boston Harbor, Boston, Suffolk, MA., dau. of Michael Dunham and Bridget -- Michael was b. in Quebec, Canada -- Bridget b. in Ireland -- d. due to Accidental drowning - Burial Walden.

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Susan Dunham, d. 16 Jul 1879, age 27 b. Quebec Can -- dau. of Thomas and Mary Dunham - Burial Walden.

From the information that I found on the Death Certificates, I then searched on the Find A Grave site under Dundon / Donham and found 2 Dundon's in addition to the 4 that drowned in Boston Harbor:

Margaret Tynan Dundon - Find a Grave Memorial ID: 232803074; Holy Cross Cemetery and Mausoleum, Malden, Middlesex, MA; b. 1831 Ireland - 16 Jul 1879 Boston, Suffolk, MA.

Mary A. Dundon - Find a Grave Memorial ID: 232803041; Holy Cross Cemetery and Mausoleum, Malden, Middlesex, MA; b. 1832, d. 16 Jul 1879 Boston, Suffolk, MA. age 47.

Elizabeth "Lizzie" Dundon - Find a Grave Memorial ID: 232802988; Holy Cross Cemetery and Mausoleum, Malden, Middlesex, MA; b. 28 Apr 1867, Charlestown, Suffolk, MA.; d. 16 Jul 1879, Boston, Suffolk, MA., age 12.

Susan L Dundon - Find a Grave Memorial ID: 232803093; Holy Cross Cemetery and Mausoleum, Malden, Middlesex, MA; b. 1849; d. 16 Jul 1879, Boston, Suffolk, MA. age 30.

See Funeral note on FAGM for the above took place at St. Francis de Sales' Church, Bunker Hill District. (Boston)

Mary O'Connor Dundon; Find a Grave Memorial ID: 232803134; Holy Cross Cemetery and Mausoleum, Malden, Middlesex, MA; b. 17 Oct., Charlestown, Suffolk, MA; d. 16 Jul 1879, Charlestown, Suffolk, MA., age 5 yrs.

John O. Dundon - Find a Grave Memorial ID: 232803116; Holy Cross Cemetery and Mausoleum, Malden, Middlesex, MA; b. 1846; d. 15 Jul 1890, Boston, Suffolk, MA., age 44

I next looked at the US Census 1870, 1880, 1900 and 1910 and some other records and found:

US Census - 1870 --Charlestown, Middlesex, MA, Dundon, Michael 36, Bridget 36, Thomas 5, Lizzie 3, Susan, 5/12.

Susan was b. Charlestown, Suffolk, MA, 12 Oct 1869 --- Massachusetts, U.S., Birth Records, 1840-1915 Dundon, Thomas, 32, b. Canada, Margaret 45, b. Ireland, Thomas, 7, b. Mass., John, 20, b. Canada <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/26020720:7163>

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US Census -- 1880 Boston Suffolk, Dundon, Michael 46, Bridget 45, John 39 - brother, Thomas M. 15, Thomas W. nephew, Susan, 10; <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/44047981:6742>

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US Census -- 1900 Boston Suffolk, Dundon, Michael b, Sep 1836 -- Bridget b. Apr 1834 (child. 4 - 2 living)  
Dundon, Thomas b. Nov 1864 - Mary b. Dec 1872 - nephew Thomas G. b. Jul 1887  
<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/23911810:7602>

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US Census -- 1910 Boston Suffolk  
Dundon, Michael b. 1835 age 75 Susan T Rooney 40 Cecelia Rooney 12, Elizabeth Rooney 11, Charles  
Rooney 10; <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/11436448:7884>

Michael also Naturalization -- 1 Nov 1867 -- b. 29 Sep 1836 -- address Charlestown, Ma. - USCC Boston  
Mass

From the information that I was able to locate, we know that this Dunham Family appears to have connections in Ireland and Canada prior to arriving in the United State. Any connection to the Deacon John Dunham Line was not found. Additional Research should provide more information about this Dunham family.

## **What is new on the Dunham Website**

by James A. Streeter

In the past quarter only a few minor corrections have been made to the website. I have been working on the upgrades needed for the house that my daughter and family finally were able to move into this month. Interior work still continues that should be completed by the end of July and then the exterior landscaping in a couple more months. I should have

Suggestions for new Articles for the Newsletter and new sections for the Dunham Families in America Collections are always welcome.

HELP NEEDED - We are looking for some help to review Dunham lines found in the DSFC Newsletters and prepare them to be added into the Dunham Families in America collection. If you have questions about what is involved or are able to help, please contact James A. Streeter - [james8313@sti.net](mailto:james8313@sti.net)