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From the President:

I hope you all had a great holiday with family and friends.

My daughter was able to come home from Boston and visit over the holidays, so we had some very nice "family time".

For the male members of our group, I wanted to remind you that our DNA testing program can quickly determine whether you are a descendent from Deacon John Dunham from Plymouth MA or Jonathan Singletary Dunham from Woodbridge, NJ.

In addition, James has been doing work with the DNA results we have for "BIG-Y" testing through Family Tree DNA. This shows migration patterns for our DNA program participants who have had this extensive Y DNA test performed. We do have a Dunham-Singletary and a Deacon John Dunham descendant with Big-Y results to use as a baseline.

We also have DNA program participants who have had Autosomal DNA testing performed. This compares DNA segments for both male and females.

And finally, James and all of us would be extremely grateful if you could share your family history with us for the Quarterly newsletter. And please do renew your membership to support our work here.

With Best Regards,
Jeffrey M. Dunham
President
Dunham Genealogy Research Assn.

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Editor's Corner:

Spring is always a busy season for me as it is the time when the Taxes need to be completed for the last year and also, needing to do the required yard work. In my case that means I need to get out and do the weed whacking on our property – 2 acres that is hills and valleys with an elevation change of about 75 feet so only able to do a small part with a lawn tractor. I had in some areas grasses that were 36" tall while other sections were exposed granite. The reason we selected this property was the 270 degree view of the California Sierra Mountains, if it is clear. I have also needed to help my 2 daughters maintain their properties also. Then there was the Mexican Rivera Cruise that we took with all the family in February for a quick 6 day trip.

Included in this Newsletter are 2 articles with photos by Gratia which with prior articles in DGRA Newsletter which brings this line from Deacon John Dunham into the present. I found it interesting as I made the needed formatting that DGRA uses in the Newsletters and the online Archives.

The Newsletter staff is always looking for any articles, short stories, or other material on your Dunham family to add to the Newsletters. We are here to help you to prepare your material to share with other DGRA members, so if you have discovered something new let us know.

DGRA is still looking for a new Editor for the Newsletter and Research assistants.

DGRA Newsletter Staff, James A. Streeter.

Seneca Dunham

Of New York and Michigan

by Gratia Dunham Mahony and Mark A. Dunham

Research that I did in the early 2000s with other descendants of this line; and my article in this newsletter Vol. 2, Issue 4, October 15, 2005, "The Dunhams of Washington County, New York" will establish the first five generations of this family. Please see DGRA under line of Deacon John Dunham of Plymouth and follow John ¹ Dunham (1589-1668/9) and Abigail Balliou; Jonathan ² Dunham (1625-1717) and Mary Cobb; Jonathan ³ Dunham (1658/9-1711) (the first son named Jonathan) and first (unknown) wife; Jonathan ⁴ Dunham (say 1684-1744/5) and Mary Spencer. This line continues with Daniel ⁵ Dunham (b. say 1713) and unknown wife.

From the article "The Dunhams of Washington County, New York" under the Section "The Eight Sons of Daniel ⁵ Dunham" we gather information to help us follow the westward migration of Edward ⁶ Dunham. From his Revolutionary War Pension Application, we learn quite a lot about Edward ⁶ Dunham.

As numbering appears on the DGRA web site **Edward ⁶ Dunham is #329.7.**

Edward ⁶ Dunham born 24 July 1753. From Abstracts of Rev. War Pension Application Files re: Edward Dunham: "Edward, Mary, W1158, MA & NY Line, Sol. was b. 24 July 1753 at Great Nine Partners in Dutchess Co., NY. Sol. Lived at Kingsbury in Washington Co., NY at enl. and later moved to Lanesborough MA, & also enl. there, then moved to Fort Edward NY and also enl. there. Sol. appl 23 Aug. 1832 Orleans Co., NY, a res. of Barre, NY, and Sol. m. Mary, wid. of Jacob Dannak (Dannals/Daniels) on 17 Nov. 1802 at Smithfield in Madison Co., NY. She was b. 1 Mar. 1766. Sol. d. 25 Jan. 1844 at Henrietta in Monroe Co., NY. Wid. Appl. 28 Apr. 1853 at Barre NY. . ."

It should be noted that Edward ⁶ Dunham was almost fifty years old when he married his second wife (Mary Dannals). He had seven children by his first wife.

Children of Edward and first (unknown) wife:

329.7.1 i. David ⁷ Dunham b. about 1774, m. ¹ (unknown) (possibly Polly Hurlburt), m. ² Sarah Pierson 27 October 1808, d. 17 Nov. 1865 Plainwell, Allegan Co. MI.

Res. 1840 Eaton, Eaton Co. MI
1851 Eaton Rapids, Eaton Co. MI
1853 Eaton Co. MI
1855 Gun Plain, Allegan Co. MI

- 329.7.2 ii. Daniel ⁷ Dunham b. about 1776
- 329.7.3 iii. Silas ⁷ Dunham b. 27 June 1781 in Northumberland, Saratoga County New York, d. 13 Feb. 1839 age 57 years in Gun Plain/Plainwell, Allegan County Michigan, m. ¹ Dolly (--) before 1807, m. ² Tirza Noble, daughter of Caleb Noble, marriage about 1814 in Henrietta, Monroe County New York
- 329.7.4 iv. Elijah ⁷ Dunham b. say 1782, m. Ann (--) before 1810 in Madison County, New York
- 329.7.5 v. Lydia ⁷ Dunham b. 2 November 1784 (calculated from grave stone) m. Ira Clark in Cazenovia, Madison County New York in 1808
- 329.7.6 vi. Rachel ⁷ Dunham b. 1788 Washington County New York, m. Joseph Pierson, Jr. in 1808 in Cazenovia
- 329.7.7 vii. Lois ⁷ Dunham b. about 1791, (she was age 59 on 1850 census of Gun Plain, Allegan County Michigan), m. Sheldon Pierson

The children listed in the pension application were those of Edward's second wife Mary (Dannals) and these were:

- 329.7.8 viii. Edward ⁷ Dunham, Jr. b. 5 April 1803, m. 23 February 1823 Zeruah Corbin
- 329.7.9 ix. Sophia ⁷ Dunham b. 13 April 1805, d. 3 March 1825, m. 3 March 1822 Joseph Monroe
- 329.7.10 x. Seneca ⁷ Dunham b. 20 Feb. 1807, m. Tirzah Dannals

NOTE: There is no standardized spelling of the given name Tirza/Tirzah. Sila's wife spelled her name Tirza, while Seneca's wife spelled her name Tirzah.

Seneca ⁷ Dunham line Continued

In 2025 Mark A. Dunham became a member of DGRA and sent me a query about his ancestor Seneca ⁷ Dunham. One of the reasons that Mark wished to become a member of DGRA was to have a repository for his information and some family photos. Mark A. Dunham is the sixth generation of Dunhams living in Kalamazoo County, Michigan, five of whom are buried in the West Cooper Cemetery in Kalamazoo, Michigan.



Mark A. Dunham in West Cooper Cemetery, Kalamazoo, Michigan

From Mark's email to Gratia dated 18 October 2025;

"Your question about my more immediate line is easy to answer, since they are all buried in West Cooper Cemetery, which is very close to where I live. Seneca Dunham, his son Albert Seneca, his son Clinton S., his son Vaughan, and his son Francis (my father) are all buried there. I will attach a picture. If I count myself standing in the cemetery, there are six generations of Dunhams in the cemetery that day.

There was a big migration of Dunhams to this part of Michigan from New York State in the early to mid nineteenth century. A friend of mine attended a cemetery tour in Allegan last summer where people played the role of the person buried there, and there was one woman who explained how they had no place to attend church and that they had to travel all the way to the tavern owned by Silas Dunham to go to meeting! This would have been in the 1830s. There was also a Hartwell Dunham, as mentioned by Betty Brown, and my direct ancestor Seneca all living close together here in West Michigan. They were all related."

During the period following the Revolutionary War, in the late 1700s and early 1800s, there was a great movement of the people. For various reasons the descendants of the early settlers migrated on, often toward the west. This was true of the descendants of Daniel ⁵ Dunham (#329) as his eight sons dispersed from their home territory in Saratoga County, New York. (see the article in the 15 January 2026 DGRA newsletter, Vol. 23, Issue 1, "Confusing Cousins").

Four of the eight sons of Daniel ⁵ Dunham, or their children began this westward migration through New York State and on to Michigan or Illinois. These four sons were Joseph W. ⁶ Dunham whose oldest son, Smith ⁷ Dunham, went to Madison County, New York; Edward ⁶ Dunham and all his children who also went to Madison County, and then on to Henrietta, Monroe County; Silas ⁶ Dunham whose children went to Penfield, Monroe County, New York; and Elijah ⁶ Dunham whose descendants went to Concord, Erie Co. NY and then on to McHenry Co. Illinois. Often families would go part way west and then remain in that location for several years before proceeding further west into newly opened lands. This was true for Edward ⁶ Dunham and his family who went from Saratoga County to Madison County, NY where they remained for about twelve years before continuing their migration west.

The following article will follow the migration of **Edward ⁶ Dunham** and his children by each of his two wives. Edward ⁶ Dunham is #329.7 on the Dunham-Singleton.org web site. We will focus particularly on the children of his second wife, Mary Dannals/Danniels. These three children were Edward ⁷, Sophia ⁷ and Seneca ⁷. We will also focus on David ⁷, the half brother of Seneca ⁷ as an intermarriage of David's granddaughter and Seneca's son meant that their descendants have a double Dunham line.

The Dunhams in Madison County, New York

Edward ⁶ Dunham is in Argyle, Washington Co. NY in 1790 Census; 1-4-4 with 4 males, likely his 4 sons, and 4 females, his 3 daughters and his first wife. We don't know exactly when Edward ⁶ moved to Madison County but he was in Argyle and appeared on the 1800 census with 2 males still in the household, three females ages 10-16, and one female age 16-45. If this was Edward's first wife, she was still living in 1800.

On August 3, 1801 there was a joint purchase of land in Madison County from the Holland Land Company, Cazenovia Establishment Land. This record states "Clark & Dunham, purchased 140.00 acres of Lot N 114 for \$5.00 per acre on 8/3/1801 for a total price of \$704.38; paid in full in 1811." [<http://www.rootsweb.com/~nyccazen/HLC/Co/Land/Names/LandRecC.html>] This was one of the "lettered" lots close to the center of Cazenovia and may have been purchased for speculation. Two weeks later Edward purchased land in one of the "outer lots". This land purchase was dated 19 August 1801, when Edward Dunham grantee, purchased Lot #30, 100 acres in Nelson Township. (This was in Chenango Co. at the time, later became Madison County on 21 March 1806.)

From the NY Tax Assessment Rolls of Real and Personal Estates, in the town of Cazenovia, Chenango, County in 1802 there are two Dunham listings:

Edward Dunham (Real Estate 650) (Personal Estate 73) [This would be Edward ⁶]
Daniel Dunham (Personal Estate 36) [This would be Daniel ⁷]

On 17 November 1802, Edward ⁶ married (second), at Smithfield, Mary widow of Jacob Dannals (Daniels) who had died in 1799. Her maiden name was Riddell. She was probably daughter of George Riddell and possibly his wife Margaret Mulligan. This couple came from Armagh, Ireland and settled in Chenango County, NY. [Ref. History of the Ancient Ryedales and their Descendants p. 294] From the membership records of the First Presbyterian Church of Cazenovia, Madison County, "Dannals, Mary, married Mr. Dunham, admitted 1799, dismissed to Cazenovia, joined Baptists, NY"

[<http://www.rootsweb.com/~nyccazen/ChurchRecords/Presbyterian.html>]

So we learn a little more about Edward, and that is that his religious affiliation was with the Baptists. This carries through several generations of his family as we shall see.

Edward ⁶ and Mary had three children together. These were:

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m. 23 February 1823 Zeruah Corbin

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m. 3 March 1822 Joseph Monroe

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By the time of his marriage to Mary Dannals in 1802 Edward's children by his first wife would be almost grown up. The four oldest sons were all in their twenties, and the three youngest daughters were in their teens. By the 1810 census we can see that each of these sons had households of their own. We can also see that in 1810 there were 5 young males in the family of Edward ⁶ Dunham. I believe that these were Edward, Jr. ⁷ and Seneca ⁷, and the other 3 males were sons of Mary (Dannals) Dunham. We have a record on one of these sons, Pieter/Peter Dannals b. 30 Oct. 1784, bapt. In Albany, NY 12 Nov. 1784 to Jacob Daniels and Maria Riddel. [Ref. U.S., Dutch Reformed Church Records in Selected States, 1639-1989 for Maria Riddel p. 450]

The other children of Jacob and Mary Dannals were George Dannals b. 24 Sept. 1786; Richard Dannals b. 24 June 1790, and daughter Anne Dannals b. 9 July 1788, and another son Israel Dannals b. 17 Oct. 1794.

From the 1810 Census, all in the Township of Nelson, Madison Co. NY there are five Dunham families. Only the first initial is given in this census but I believe these are for Edward ⁶ Dunham and his 4 oldest sons.

These 1810 census figures are as follows:

Edward ⁶ Dunham	22101	10010	00
Daniel ⁷ Dunham	30010	20010	00

David ⁷ Dunham	30010 01010 00
Silas ⁷ Dunham	10010 10010 00
Elijah ⁷ Dunham	30010 01010 00

From "Sketches of the Pioneers of Madison County, NY", by William H. Tuttle there is mention of David Dunham, "Ensign in Militia 1809, Lieut. 1810. Res. Cazenovia 1812. Married Sally Crain (or Crane) 27 Oct. 1808 in Nelson."

On 2 April 1810, Joseph Pierson Jr. married Rachel Dunham at Cazenovia, Madison Co. NY. This is probably the marriage listed in Early Settlers of NY State, Vol. 2 p. 615; First Presbyterian Church, Cazenovia Madison Co. NY Early Marriage Records; however, that listing says Rachel and Joseph Parsons, Jr., Apr. 2 1807 or 1808. (prob. an error is spelling of Pierson)

Migration to Henrietta, Monroe County, New York

Soon after the Third Great Western Turnpike was finished the Dunhams began planning their next move west. This third turnpike was completed to Cazenovia by 1809 (as can be seen below) and the Fourth Great Western Turnpike was begun. This turnpike would go directly to Pittsford, then in Genessee County until 23 February 1821 when it became Monroe County. There were two major routes to western New York, the Great Genessee Road, which was to the north and followed the Mohawk River; and the Great Western Turnpike which was further south. Since the Dunhams could get onto this turnpike right at Cazenovia, and travel directly to Pittsford, I presume that they took this path. The newly made Great Western Turnpike was still a pretty rough road, but it was shorter and straighter than the Great Genessee Road.

From Wikipedia,

The **Great Western Turnpike** was a series of east–west toll roads that crossed part of New York in the United States. The toll roads that carried this name were:

The First Great Western Turnpike, extending from Albany to Cherry Valley over a path similar to today's U.S. Route 20 (US 20)

The Second Great Western Turnpike, extending from Cherry Valley to Sherburne via Cooperstown over a path similar to today's New York State Route 80 (NY 80)

The Third Great Western Turnpike (Cherry Valley Turnpike), extending from Cherry Valley to Cazenovia over a path similar to today's US 20

The Fourth Great Western Turnpike, extending the Second Great Western initially from Sherburne to Fabius, and then later extended to Homer, over a path similar to New York State Routes 80 and 13 (NY 80/NY 13)

The Fifth Great Western Turnpike, extending the Fourth Great Western from Homer to Lake Cayuga near King Ferry over a path similar to today's New York State Route 90 (NY 90)

The First and Third Turnpikes were rebuilt as part of US 20 in the 1920s, bypassing the older NY 5, which passed through several cities.

We can see that the Dunhams were getting ready to leave Nelson by the land sales of Edward and his sons. There are a series of deeds in which Elijah, David, & Silas are grantees of land (all located close together) in Nelson; and then deeds in 1810 and 1811 in which these same brothers were grantors; Elijah with wife Ann; David with wife Sally; Silas with wife Dolly. These lots were all together in the northwest corner of Nelson Twp. (which is quite near Cazenovia).

The Dunhams in Pittsford and Henrietta, New York

We don't know exactly when the Dunhams set off on their trek to Pittsford, but it appears from "The History of Monroe County that Edward and Silas settled on the Milham place in 1808 (Henrietta). They might have gone out in advance of the family to clear some land and establish a farm.

From History of Monroe County NY 1788-1877, pub. 1877:

p. 247; "Henrietta - Silas and Edward Dunkam [Dunham] settled on the Milham place in 1808"

p. 249; "Henrietta - The early lists of road overseers will indicate the drift of settlement. Those of 1813 and their location were. . .**David Dunham, Silas, Edward, and Daniel**, on E. Milham's and Jesse Fowlers place..."

p. 249; "First Officers - In 1817 the town meeting was adjourned to East Henrietta, but, before assembling, West-town was set off as the town of Henrietta. The first town meeting was held April 20 1818, and the organization completed by the election of the following officers: ...Highway Commissioners, David Dunham,..."

p. 252; "The First Baptist Church of Henrietta - organized June 10 1812...and the clerks of the church have been Silas Dunham..."

NOTE: Henrietta was included in the Town of Pittsford until 27 March 1818 when Henrietta became a separate town. Also Monroe County was formed from Ontario County 23 February 1821.

We can follow the movements of Edward ⁶ and his sons by looking at the "Grantor/Grantee" deed records as well as census data. The following deeds will demonstrate the land sales of these Dunhams in Monroe County, NY.

[This is for Silas ⁷, son of Edward ⁶]

Henrietta, Monroe Co. NY Deed Vol. 1:376, dated 1 June 1818

grantee, "Between Cornelius Charles Six of the Hague, in Holland (& names attorneys/power of attorney) sells to Silas Dunham at Henrietta Co. of Ontario NY, for \$113.60 land in Township 12, 17th range now called Henrietta, known by the description of Lot #20 in the second range of lots. . .28.4 acres in SE corner. . ."

Henrietta, Monroe Co. NY Deed Vol. 4:594, dated 1 Dec. 1824

grantor, Silas Dunham and Tirza his wife of town of Brighton, Monroe Co. sell for \$800.00 to Joseph Brown of Henrietta, land in Henrietta part of lot #20 in 2nd range 28.4 acres bounded on south by land conveyed to Lucy Johnson.

Brighton, Monroe Co. NY Deed Vol. 17:63, dated 14 March 1829

grantee, Silas Dunham of Rochester, from Elisha Johnson and Betsey his wife, (and others)....situated in Brighton, Monroe Co. in township #13 of 7th range of townships in a printed map of Johnson & Seymour. . .parts of lots 32 & 33 in section J, being 23 feet in farm? on River Street south of & adjoining that part of lot #32 in said section which is conveyed to said party by deed bearing even date by party of first part. . .bounded westerly by tow path of the Erie Canal. . .

Henrietta, Monroe Co. NY Deed Vol. 5:276, dated 15 June 1824

grantor, Edward Dunham and Mary his wife of Henrietta, for \$300.00 sell to **Richard Dannals land on west line of Lot #17 in 1st range of lots in Twp. #12 now called Henrietta.** (This Richard Dannals was a son of Jacob and Mary Dannals b. in 1790.)

Henrietta, Monroe Co. NY Deed Vol. 15:349, dated 8 March 1828

grantor, Edward Dunham and Mary his wife of Henrietta, for \$1,000.00 sell to Seneca Dunham land in Twp #12 in 1st range South part of Lot #17 bounded beg. At SW corner of Richard Dannals (Daniels).

Henrietta, Monroe Co. NY Deed Vol. 18:216, dated 20 Oct. 1829

grantor, Seneca Dunham and Tirza his wife of Henrietta for \$800.00 sell to Edward Dunham of Henrietta, one equal half being the north half of parcel in Twp. 12 seventh range in Henrietta, south part of lot #17 in 1st range bounded by Allen Frost's land, Highway, Elisha Gage, Ansel Harks. . .45 acres.

Henrietta, Monroe Co. NY Deed Vol. 18:224, dated 9 June 1830

grantor, Edward Dunham and Mary his wife of Henrietta sell for \$750.00 to David R. Smith land in Henrietta, 22 ½ acres in south half of lot #17 in 1st range bounded east & west by lines of the lot, and northerly 55 acres from same lot deeded by said Dunham to Richard Dannals, & south by 22 ½ acres from same lot conveyed by Seneca Dunham to Lovell Gage.

This Last will and Testament of Edward Dunham
 Considering the uncertainty of this mortal life and being
 of sound mind and memory Blesed be, Almighty God for
 the Same do make and publish this my last will and
 testament in manners and form following that is to
 say first I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife
 Mary Dunham twenty five acres of Land to be taken
 of the south side of My farm and one third of all my
 personal property I give and bequeath unto my
 Son David Dunham one dollar I give and bequeath
 unto my Son Daniel Dunham one dollar I give and
 bequeath unto my Son Silas Dunham one dollar
 I give and bequeath unto my Son Elijah Dunham
 one dollar I give and bequeath unto my Daughter
 Anne Dunham one dollar I give and bequeath un
 to my Daughter Rachel Pierson one dollar I give
 and bequeath unto my Daughter Lydia Clark one
 dollar I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Lois
 Pierson eleven dollars I give and bequeath unto my
 Daughter Sophia Dunham one dollar
 To be taken out of the personal property ^{which} thirty three
 dollars and thirty four cents to be take.

Partial will of Edward ⁶ Dunham naming all of his children. It was customary to give only a token amount to older children who were already grown and established in life.

The 1840 census of Henrietta shows Seneca Dunham and an older couple living with them who are Edward ⁶ and wife Mary. She was still alive there when Edward passed away in Henrietta at Seneca's home. Edward ⁶ died 25 January 1844 and is buried in Brown Cemetery, Goodburlet Road, Henrietta, New York.

[Note that Seneca was in Barre, Orleans Co. NY in 1850]

From 1850 census Barre, Orleans Co. NY, p. ____
 Seneca Dunham age 43 farmer b. NY

Thuerza (Tirzah)	43
Albert	13
Cornelia	9
Mary	86 (prob. 2 nd wife of Edward ⁶ , Mary (Riddell) (Dannals) Dunham

First of the Family in Michigan

From a review of the Federal Census records for Michigan it appears that two of the older sons of Edward ⁶ Dunham were the first of the family to migrate to Michigan. The first one in Michigan was Silas ⁷ who went to Gun Plain, Allegan County, Michigan by 1833. He was followed before 1837 by brother David ⁷ Dunham who was in Eaton County, Michigan. Two of David's sons, Calvin H. Dunham and Orson D. Dunham, had also purchased land in Eaton County in 1837. Silas ⁷ appears on the 1830 census in Rochester (Ward 4), Monroe County, NY and must have moved to Michigan about 1833. From my research in Allegan Co. Michigan, Silas purchased 94.79 acres (N ½ NE 32/1-N 11-W) at the White Pigeon Prairie land office on 4 November 1834. This land was in the northeast corner of section 32.

[Ref. <http://gloreCORDS.blm.gov> US General Land Office Records]

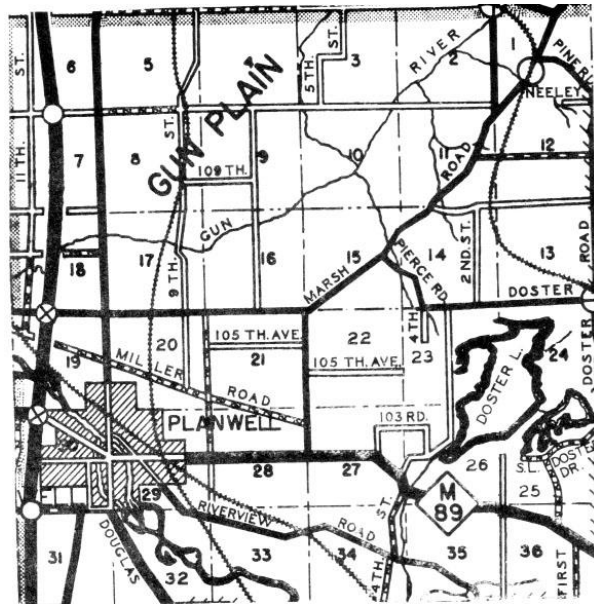
Mark A. Dunham (co-author of this article) found some interesting information about the home and "tavern" that Silas Dunham built on this land.

"In 1833, Silas established a tavern in section 32 of Gun Plain Township in Allegan County, and was one of the first White settlers in the area. The tavern was located just southeast of what is today the City of Plainwell on what is now known as Riverview Drive, which at that time was just a foot path. The structure is described as "one of those pioneer taverns which were found indispensable to the home seekers. Silas Dunham took part in early township affairs, and his house was often used as a meeting place for settlers." Mrs. Duncan A. McMartin (Silas's daughter Maria) stated at the annual meeting of the Allegan County Pioneers in 1878 that her father was well known to all the early settlers as he kept a public house for the entertainment of emigrants and travelers. Another early settler, Colonel Joseph Fisk of Allegan, stated that the quality and quantity of the food served at Silas's tavern was far superior to that of other establishments of the period."

According to A Twentieth Century History of Allegan County, edited by Henry F. Thomas, meetings of the Baptist Church were generally held in the house of Silas Dunham in 1833, and at a meeting on December 26, 1835, the church was formed. Another source states that the constituent members at that time, eight in number, were Silas Dunham, Tirza Dunham, Elisha B. Seeley, Sarah Seeley, Curtis Brigham, Lydia Brigham, Alfred Dunham, and Edwin Dunham. It's interesting to note that Edwin Dunham, graduated from nearby Kalamazoo Theological Seminary, a supplementary institute of Kalamazoo College, in 1851. He became a Baptist minister and served at several churches in the area, finishing his career in nearby Lawton, Michigan. This little church, formally recognized by a council on February 4, 1836, was the first

Baptist church in Allegan County as well as the first religious body. It served as the mother church of the county and from it were formed other Baptist churches, the first being that formed in adjacent Cooper Township in Kalamazoo County in December 1840. The church came to be known as the First Baptist Church of Plainfield, which was the name of the township at that time. Meetings commenced at a schoolhouse built on the second four corners north of what is now the City of Plainwell [today's intersection of 10th Street and 106th Avenue], and people came from Allegan, Richland, Cooper, and other places to attend the service. Hannah Davis, a prominent and early settler of Allegan, recalled later that they would make the journey from Allegan to attend, a distance of over thirteen miles, in a lumber wagon drawn by oxen." Reference for above: "The Allegan County Pioneers," Allegan Journal, 19 January 1878, p. 8. "Church Freed From Debt," The Otsego Union, 24 November 1910, p. 1. Johnson, Crisfield. History of Allegan and Barry Counties, Michigan, United States, D.W. Ensign & Company, 1880.

"Plainwell's Model Homecoming," The Allegan Gazette, 14 August 1909, p. 6. Thomas, Henry F., ed. A Twentieth Century History of Allegan County, Michigan, Lewis Publishing Co., 1907.



Section map of Gun Plain, MI

Section 32 in south west corner just south of Plainwell

329.7.3 Silas⁷ Dunham (Edward⁶ Daniel⁵ Jonathan^{4,3,2} John¹) born in Saratoga County, NY 27 June 1781, [Noble Genealogy] died 13 Feb. 1839 "in his 58th year. He is buried in Woodside Cemetery, Gun Plain, Michigan. Silas⁷ Dunham had also gone to Michigan but he died 19 February 1839 in his 58th year, and is buried in Woodside Cemetery, Gun Plain, Allegan County, Michigan. Silas⁷ married first Martha/Dolly (unknown). Silas⁷ married second 1 January 1814 Tirza/Tirzah Noble. [From Noble Gen. Thirzah is N-131911; of Thomas^{1,2,3} Caleb^{4,5} and Thirzah is generation six, "a native of Westfield, MA who married Silas Dunham in 1814." Silas d. in

1839, & on 22 February 1840 Tirza married Wait Franklin. She is buried with Silas and from cemetery headstone "Tirza, relict of Silas d. 5 Oct. 1874, ae 84y 16 d." Tirza was born about 1790; died 1874.

From the 1810 census of Nelson, Madison Co. NY, Silas 10010-10010. This indicates that he has a son and a daughter under age 10. These are probably children by his first wife Dolly (--).

Children of Silas ⁷ and first wife Martha/Dolly (unknown) Dunham:

Silas F. ⁸ Dunham b. about 1810

NOTE: a Silas F. Dunham died in Berlin, Ionia Co. MI 25 Aug. 1876, age 66 yrs (so b. 1810). Parents listed were Silas F. and Martha.

Probably a daughter (unknown) ⁸ Dunham

Children of Silas ⁷ and Tirza (Noble) Dunham:

[Ref. History and Genealogy of Family of Thomas Noble of Westfield, MA, p. 307-8]

Children by Silas Dunham, as given in Noble Genealogy:

329.7.3.1 Edward N. ⁸ Dunham b. 1 Oct. 1814 in Henrietta, Monroe Co. NY
d. 15 May 1850 in St. Louis MO

329.7.3.2 Alfred Dwight ⁸ Dunham b. 1 April 1816 NY
res. in 1877 Clinton Iowa, m. 25 Dec. 1844 Helen May Howard

329.7.3.3 Rev. Edwin Silas ⁸ Dunham b. 22 Feb. 1819 NY
m. 8 June 1841 Adelia Rood

329.7.3.4 Wesley Higgins ⁸ Dunham b.6 Sept. 1820 NY, m.6 June 1841 Celia Ann
Clapp, res. 1877 Clinton Iowa

329.7.3.5 Tirza Marie ⁸ Dunham b. 12 Sept. 1820; d. 10 Aug. 1826, Rochester, NY

329.7.3.6 Marie Terza ⁸ Dunham b. 8 June 1829 NY, m. ¹ 25 Dec. 1849 Henry
Moore. m. ² 8 Nov.1858 Duncan McMartin

Mrs. Duncan A. McMartin (Silas's daughter Maria) stated at the
annual meeting of the Allegan County Pioneers in 1878...

329.7.3.7 Albert Cyprian ⁸ Dunham b. 1 Oct. 1831; d. 28 Aug.1833, Rochester NY

329.7.1 David ⁷ Dunham (Edward ⁶ Elisha ^{5,4} John ^{3,2,1}) born in Saratoga County, NY about 1774; d. 17 Nov. 1865 age 91. He m. first in Northumberland 17 Oct. 1797 a wife (possibly Polly Hurlburt), and had at least two children with her. He married second in Nelson, Madison County, NY 27 October 1808 Sally (Pierson) Crain (or Crane). Sarah, wife of David d. 10 Jan. 1865 age 83 yrs. (so b. 1782) Both are buried in Woodside Cemetery in Gun Plains. Sarah's first husband was William Crane who died in Nelson, Madison County, NY in Feb. 1805 two months before the birth of their son William Whiting Crane. William Whiting Crane was b. in Nelson, Madison Co. NY 23 April 1805.

From 1810 Census of Nelson, Madison Co. NY; David ⁷ Dunham 30010 01010

From "Sketches of the Pioneers of Madison County, NY", by William H. Tuttle there is mention of David Dunham, "Ensign in Militia 1809, Lieut. 1810. Res. Cazenovia 1812. Married Sally Crain 27 Oct. 1808 in Nelson."

David ⁷ Dunham in Eaton, Eaton County Michigan on 1840 census in Eaton County, MI They were still in Eaton Rapids in 1850 but by the 1860 census they had moved a little further west to Gun Plain, in Allegan County. The families of 2 of his sons: Calvin H. Dunham and Orson D. Dunham also moved to Gun Plain.

From 1810 Census of Nelson, Madison Co. NY; David ⁷ Dunham 30010 01010

The names of two of these children from the first wife are:

329.7.1.1 Maranda ⁸ Dunham b. 1803

329.7.1.2 Albert ⁸ Dunham b. 1804 (d. 1826)

David ⁷ m. second about 1808 Sarah "Sally" Pierson (1781-1865), widow of William Crane

Children of David ⁷ and Sarah/Sally (Crain) Dunham: [Sarah (Pierson) Crane Dunham]

329.7.1.3 Calvin H. (Hurlburt) ⁸ Dunham b. 27 Feb. 1810 Madison Co. NY

329.7.1.4 Mary Ann "Polly" ⁸ Dunham b. 1812 Henrietta, Monroe Co. NY

329.7.1.5 Alanson ⁸ Dunham b. 1812; d. 1814

329.7.1.6 Orson David ⁸ Dunham b. 17 November 1818 Henretta, Monroe Co. NY

329.7.1.7 Abel S. ⁸ Dunham b. 13 April 1820 Henrietta

329.7.1.8 Hartwell B. ⁸ Dunham b. 23 August 1822 Henrietta

329.7.1.9 Sarah S. ⁸ Dunham b. abt. 1825

329.7.1.10 Benjamin Franklin ⁸ Dunham b. January 1827 Henrietta

329.7.1.3 Calvin Hurlburt ⁸ Dunham b. in Madison County, New York 27 February 1810; died in Plainwell, Allegan County, Michigan 30 July 1887. He married Mary E. Mulholland who was b. 26 Mar. 1811; d. 4 Feb. 1888. They are buried together at Hillside Cemetery in Plainwell (near the older Woodside Cemetery).

See photograph of Calvin H. Dunham and follow his children in the next article in this issue of the Dunham Genealogy Research Association newsletter.

This nice write up came from the Find a Grave web site (#5884007) under Calvin H. Dunham. Calvin was born 1810, Monroe, New York, to David and Sarah "Sally" Pierson Dunham. He married to Mary E Mulholland in 1832 in New York, where their 1st two sons, Alos and Orson, were born. They moved to Tyler, Eaton, Michigan, where they had 4 additional children: Viola, Charles Melvin, Orville, and Adelaide "Addie".

In 1837, Calvin bought 80 acres of land in Eaton County, Michigan, where he farmed. They remained in Tyler until the 1860 census, when they had moved to Gun Plain. By 1870, they were living in Wayland. In 1875, Calvin and Elizabeth (sic. Mary?), along with daughters Addie and Viola Kenyon, had moved to Santa Barbara, California where Calvin continued to farm.

Calvin is listed on the California voter's registration, along with son Orville, and his 2 son-in-law's Charles F. Deibert and DeWitt C Kenyon.

King County, Washington was the next stop for Calvin and Mary. There he is listed on the 1879 Washington territory.

In 1880, Calvin and Mary are living in Lake Washington precinct, their home is located between daughters Addie Deibert and Viola Kenyon.

On the 1881 Washington Territory census, Calvin and Mary are living next door to son Clifford, wife Annie and their 3 children.

1883 Washington Territory census brings yet another move. Calvin and Mary are now living next door to daughter Viola and her husband DeWitt Kenyon, in Seattle.

The last move for Calvin and Mary was to return home to Michigan.

Calvin died on 30 July, 1887 in Plainwell, and wife Mary died on 4 February, 1888. They are buried together at Hillside Cemetery in Plainwell.

Children of Calvin Hurlburt and Mary Eveline (Mulholland) Dunham:

- 329.7.1.3.1 Alos Gustavus ⁹ Dunham b. 1833
- 329.7.1.3.2 Orson E. ⁹ Dunham b. 1834
- 329.7.1.3.3 Viola Alice ⁹ Dunham b. 1840; d. 1931, m. DeWitt Kenyon
- 329.7.1.3.4 Clifford Melvin ⁹ Dunham b. 1845; d. 1916
- 329.7.1.3.5 Orville Milford ⁹ Dunham b. 10 May 1847; d. 1937; m. at Plainwell MI 16 Dec. 1869 Charlotte Elizabeth Keeler b.1848
[Ref. The Whitney Family of CT by S. W. Phoenix, Vol. 2:1792]
- 329.7.1.3.6 Adelaide "Addie" Irene ⁹ Dunham b. 1851; d. 1880; m. Corp. Charles F. Delbert

329.7.1.6 Orson David ⁸ Dunham b. 17 November 1818 Henrietta, Monroe Co. NY; died in Plainwell, MI 28 September 1902. He married Innocent Hurlburt who was born about 1820; died 2 April 1910. She was sister of Julia Ann Hurlburt, wife of Hartwell B. Dunham. Both Orson and Innocent are buried in Hillside Cemetery, Plainwell, MI.

From Find a Grave Web Site (# 5884011)

Civil War Veteran

Mustered in on 29 August, 1862 with Co. L, 4th Michigan Calvary. Discharged out on 18 March, 1863 at Nashville, Tenn., as a Private. Enlisted as a Commissary Sergeant on 14 August, 1864 from Allegan, Michigan, at age 44.

Son of David and Sarah "Sally" Pierson Dunham, born 17 March, 1818, in New York. He married Innocent Hurlbert, daughter of Philba Sanger Hurlbert in 1837.

Orson and Innocent were the parents of 4 children: Charles who d. 27 Nov. 1867 age 29 yrs., Emily, Mary and William.

Orson died 28 September, 1902 in Benton Harbor, Berrien, Michigan, of Bright's disease. and was buried at Hillside Cemetery on 30 September, 1902. He was a mill owner, father of 5, 3 still living at the time of his death.

329.7.1.7 Abel S.⁸ Dunham b. 13 April 1820 Henrietta; died in Santa Ana, Orange County, California 29 Dec. 1913 aged 93 years. He married in Eaton Rapids, Eaton County, MI 14 May 1846 Emily Butler. She was born in Sheffield, Ashtabula County, Ohio 7 Dec. 1826, d. 1890. They had no children.

329.7.1.8 Hartwell B.⁸ Dunham born in Henrietta, Monroe Co. NY 23 August 1822; died in Plainwell, Allegan Co. MI 25 June 1898. He married in Eaton Rapids, MI in 1845 Julia Ann Hurlburt. She was b. 2 Nov. 1823; d. 22 Jan. 1897. Both are buried in East Martin Cemetery, Allegan Co. MI.

Children of Hartwell B. and Julia Ann (Hurlburt) Dunham:

- 329.7.1.8.1 Effie⁹ Dunham b. 1847; d. 1 May 1865;
m. Henry Cook (1838-1864)
- 329.7.1.8.2 **Amelia B.⁹ Dunham (1848-1867)**
m. Albert Seneca⁸ Dunham, son of Seneca⁷ Dunham
- 329.7.1.8.3 Hiram H.⁹ Dunham (1853-1927)
- 329.7.1.8.4 Mina Jane⁹ Dunham, b. 4 Nov. 1857; d. 28 Jan. 1948)
m. 31 Dec. 1879 Frank Warren Yates (1855-1938)

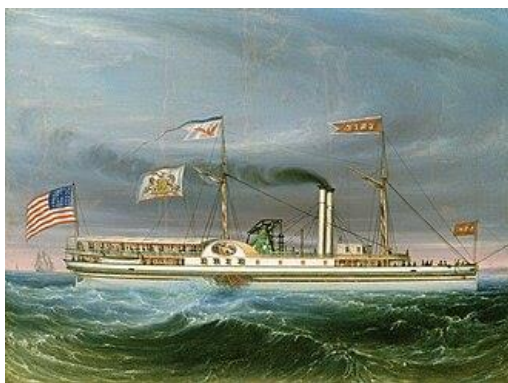
329.7.1.10 Benjamin Franklin⁸ Dunham b. in Henrietta, Monroe County, NY in January 1827; died Dec 1913, Fullerton, Orange County, CA. M. Julia Ann Beedle in 1851. She was b. about 1833; d. 13 June 1888.

Children of Benjamin Franklin⁸ and Julia (Beedle) Dunham:

- 329.7.1.10.1 Amanda E.⁹ Dunham b. about 1853
- 329.7.1.10.2 Lila A.⁹ Dunham b. about 1858
- 329.7.1.10.3 Franklin Benjamin⁹ Dunham b. about 1863
- 329.7.1.10.4 Jennie A.⁹ Dunham b. about 1878; d. 14 August 1888

Brothers Follow Migration to Michigan

To get to the newly opened up lands in Michigan the bulk of the settlers either traveled west on the Erie Canal, or came up from their earlier homes in New York state, to Buffalo. There they could board a steamboat and travel across Lake Erie to Detroit. From there they had to walk to their selected new lands in Michigan. There were a number of Land Offices where enterprising men could purchase land. By 1834 there was a Land Office in Detroit.



Steamboat "Erie" (artist unknown)

Painting of a Lake Erie steamboat about 1838

Spouses and Families of Edward ⁷ and Sophia ⁷ Dunham

329.7.8 Edward ⁷ Dunham, Jr. (Edward ⁶ Daniel ⁵, Jonathan ⁴, Jonathan ³ first son named Jonathan, Jonathan ², John ¹, Dunham) born in Cazenovia, Chenango Co. NY 6 August 1803; died in Armada, Macomb County, MI 15 April 1865. (NOTE: this is also given as the date of Zerviah's death.) He married 23 February 1823 Zerviah Corbin, daughter of Joseph Perrin Corbin/Corbyn and his second wife Mary Hayward/Howard. [Lawson, Harvey M., History and Genealogy of the Descendants of Clement Corbin of Muddy River (Brookline) Mass. and Woodstock, Conn. p. 83] Zerviah was born in Woodstock, Windham County, Connecticut 3 May 1805 and moved with her family to Henrietta about 1815. She died 15 April 1865 and is buried in Willow Grove Cemetery, Armada, Macomb County, MI. We can see that Edward ⁷ and his family were in Clinton, Macomb County, Michigan by the 1850 census.

Children of Edward ⁷ and Zerviah (Corbin) Dunham, Jr.: [Corbin Genealogy p. 83]
(birth years estimated from 1850 census of Clinton, Macomb Co. MI)

- 329.7.8.1 Helen Sophia ⁸ Dunham b. 12 Aug. 1825 [DAR lineage]
- 329.7.8.2 Mary Jane ⁸ Dunham b. 27 Jan. 1828; d. 9 Jan. 1831
- 329.7.8.3 Mary Howard Dunham b. 1832; d. 1916
- 329.7.8.4 William ⁸ Dunham b. about 1836
- 329.7.8.5 Delos ⁸ Dunham (or Almon Delos) b. about 1837
- 329.7.8.6 Marcus ⁸ Dunham b. about 1840
- 329.7.8.7 Marcia ⁸ Dunham b. about 1844

329.7.9 Sophia ⁷ Dunham (Edward ⁶ Daniel ⁵, Jonathan ⁴, Jonathan ³ first son named Jonathan, Jonathan ², John ¹, Dunham) born in Cazenovia, Chenango Co. NY 13 April 1805; died 3 March 1825. She married 3 March 1822 Joseph Monroe.

Child of Joseph and Sophia ⁷ (Dunham) Monroe:

- 329.7.9.1 Myron Hawley Monroe b. 3 July 1824 in Henrietta, NY
d. 18 January 1912 in Allegany, Cattaraugus County, NY
m. ¹ about 1845 Laura Ann Gage (1826-1846)
m. ² 14 June 1848 Mary Elizabeth Hibbard (1826-1905)

More about Seneca ⁷ Dunham

Seneca appears on the 1850 census of Barre, Orleans County, NY with his widowed mother still living in his household. In April 1853 he and Tirzah certified the pension application for their mother. Mary (Dannals) Dunham probably died sometime between 1853 and 1854, and so Seneca could turn his attention toward migrating to Michigan. Seneca still appeared in Barre in 1860 but according to a letter from his daughter Cornelia, the family moved to Cooper, Kalamazoo County, Michigan in 1864. Cooper adjoins Gun Plain, Allegan County which is just to the north.

329.7.10 Seneca ⁷ Dunham (Edward ⁶ Daniel ⁵, Jonathan ⁴, Jonathan ³ first son named Jonathan, Jonathan ², John ¹, Dunham) born 20 February 1807, died 1877. He is buried in the West Cooper Cemetery, Kalamazoo, Michigan. He married Tirzah Louisa Dannals. She was daughter of John and Hannah (DeWitt) Dannals. She was b. in Cazenovia, Madison County, New York 6 Sept. 1807; d in Cooper, Kalamazoo County, MI 19 March 1888.

Children of Seneca ⁷ and Tirzah (Dannals) Dunham:

- 329.7.10.1. Albert Seneca ⁸ Dunham b. 1837; d. 1901
- 329.7.10.2. Cornelia ⁸ Dunham born in Henrietta, Monroe County, New York, 29 November 1840; died in Fullerton, Los Angeles County, California 9 February 1934.



Seneca ⁸ and Tirzah (Dannals) Dunham

Seneca ⁸ Dunham

Photo identification notes by Gratia Dunham Mahony

Props/Background: (arm of chair covered in velvet with long fringe)

Facial Features or other identifying marks: (Man about 50 years old. Full beard, but thin beard; prominent eyebrow ridges, straight nose and straight mouth. Check bones fairly prominent and cheeks slightly hollow. Hair short, parted at the side and brushed back.)

Costume Description and Time Frame of photograph: (Well dressed man in double-breasted frock coat with velvet collar and wide lapels. Shawl-collared, double-breasted checked vest and striped trousers. White shirt with turned down collar, no visible neck tie.) Photo probably taken in the late 1850s, (1856-57)

Tirzah (Dannals) Dunham

Props/Background: (arm of chair covered in velvet with long fringe). This appears to be the same chair that appears in the photograph of Seneca ⁷ Dunham indicating that these two photographs were taken at the same time at the same studio.

Facial Features or other identifying marks: (Woman about 50 years old.)

Costume Description and Time Frame of photograph: (Fashionable dress buttoned in front with small lace collar and narrow sleeves showing white cuff. Dress fabric could be brocaded satin. Hair parted in the center, looped up at ears and brushed back over top of ears into a bun with a bow at the back. The woman wears a brooch at her neck.

Photo probably taken in the late 1850s, (1856-57)

More about Albert Seneca ⁸ and Cornelia ⁸ Dunham

329.7.10.1 Albert Seneca ⁸ Dunham (Seneca ⁷ Edward ⁶ Daniel ⁵, Jonathan ⁴, Jonathan ³ first son named Jonathan, Jonathan ², John ¹, Dunham) born 30 August 1837; died in Cooper, Kalamazoo County, MI, 11 June 1901. He is buried in West Cooper Cemetery, Kalamazoo Co.



Albert Seneca ⁹ Dunham

Props/Background: Daguerreotype (or tintype) of a young man say 18-20 years old. Note the arms of the chair and the fringe. While this was a common style of chairs, it looks like the same chair that appears in the photos of Seneca and Tirza Dunham. Albert Seneca ⁸ Dunham, was b. 1837 so this photograph was taken about 1856-57. It was probably taken in Albion or Barre, NY as the Dunhams lived there until 1864 when they moved to Michigan.

Costume Description and Time Frame of photograph: This young man wears a coat and vest over a white shirt with collar turned down. He sports a fashionable checked bow tie. His hair is parted on the side, brushed forward and then back and is very curly.

Facial Features or other identifying marks: Strong family resemblance to the photograph of Seneca ⁷ Dunham, his father and to other members of this family. (see next article)

He married in Plainwell, Allegan Co. MI on Christmas of 1865 Amelia R. ⁹ Dunham. She was daughter of Hartwell B. ⁸ Dunham (1823-1898) and granddaughter of David ⁷ Dunham. Amelia d. 2 years later leaving one child: SOPHIA. In 1868 Albert S. m.² Sarah Montgomery who d. 2 April 1885. They had 4 children. Albert Seneca married third 21 Dec. 1886 Martha Jennie Wyner/Winner.

Child of Albert Seneca ⁸ and first wife Amelia R. ⁹ Dunham:

329.7.10.1.1 Sophia Amelia ⁹ Dunham (she would be generation 10 in her mother's line from David ⁷) She was b. 30 Nov. 1866

Children of Albert Seneca ⁸ and Sarah (Montgomery) Dunham:

329.7.10.1.2 Kirk A. ⁹ Dunham b. 18 March 1870, m. 8 June 1892 May Lillie

329.7.10.1.3 Fay Montgomery ⁹ Dunham b. 15 Sept. 1874, m. 17 Jan.1900 Waitie Woodward



Fay Montgomery⁹ Dunham b. 15 Sept. 1874
Photo taken by W. S. Horn, Fullerton, CA
Courtesy of Mark A. Dunham

- 329.7.10.1.4 Clinton Seneca⁹ Dunham b. 28 May 1878, m. 16 Jan. 1899
Lottie R. Brown
- 329.7.10.1.5 Mary T.⁸ Dunham b. about June 1883; d. 9 Dec. 1884

Excerpt from Obituary of Albert Seneca⁸ Dunham: "Albert S. Dunham, one of the most finely improved estates of Cooper Township, Kalamazoo Co. (MI) is the farm owned and occupied by this gentleman and comprising 110 acres on section 17. . . The Grandfather Edward Dunham, who was b. near Albany was a Captain during the War of the Rev. and guarded the northern frontier against the hostile Tories." He (the grandfather) cleared a large farm in Monroe Co. NY where he d. at the age of 98 years. The father of our subject, Seneca Dunham was b. in Ontario Co. NY. . . & graduated from the Monroe High School. In 1864 he emigrated to Michigan and settled in Cooper Township, Kalamazoo Co. where he operated a farm until his death in 1878 at the age of 71 years. He was in the Civil War. In a family of 2 children, our subject was the elder and was born in Monroe Co. NY 30 Aug. 1837. His mother was Tirzah Daniels, b.in Ontario Co. NY and d. at age of 80 years. Member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The other child was a daughter CORNELIA, wife of Alonzo Montgomery and lives in Kansas." Found on Find A Grave Memorial # 60260623.

329.7.10.2. Cornelia Mary⁸ Dunham born in Henrietta, Monroe County, New York 29 November 1840; died in Los Angeles County, California 9 February 1934. She is buried in Loma Vista Memorial Park, Fullerton California. She married in Cooper, Kalamazoo County, Michigan 5 February 1867 Alonzo Montgomery. He was born 18 March 1840; died in Eaton Rapids, Eaton County, Michigan 29 June 1915.



Cornelia ⁸ (Dunham) Montgomery (1840-1934)

Cornelia ⁸ (Dunham) Montgomery

Costume Description and Time Frame of photograph: This lovely image shows a fashionable young woman probably between 18-20 years of age. Her dress is gathered at the waist and she wears a small buckle at the front. Her full sleeves are gathered at the wrist into a narrow wrist band. Fingerless gloves. Her hair is pulled back in a softer sweep that covers her ears and is decorated at the back with a large ribbon which can be seen peaking out on her left side. Photo taken in the late 1850s or early 1860s.



Photo taken during Civil War
Serg. A. Montgomery
Company H 6th Mich. Heavy Artillery

Alonzo Montgomery, b. 18 March 1840, d. 29 June 1915 Eaton Rapids, Eaton County, MI
m. Cornelia Mary ⁸ Dunham 5 February 1867 in Cooper, Kalamazoo County, MI

Children of Alonzo and Cornelia (Dunham) Montgomery:

- 329.7.10.2.1 Robert S. Montgomery (12 Dec. 1869-1880)
- 329.7.10.2.2 Dewitt Robert Montgomery (29 Oct. 1872-1966)
- 329.7.10.2.3 Ada May Montgomery (15 Nov. 1875-1958)
- 329.7.10.2.4 Alta C. Montgomery (8 April 1880-19 Feb. 1881)
- 329.7.10.2.5 Chester Arthur Montgomery (10 April 1887-1961)

Line from Clinton Seneca ⁹ Dunham

329.7.10.1.4 Clinton Seneca ⁹ Dunham b. 1878; d. 1936. He married 16 Jan. 1899 Charlotte "Lottie" R. Brown (1875-1972).



Charlotte "Lottie" R. Brown (1875-1972).

Children of Clinton Seneca and Lottie (Brown) Dunham:

329.7.10.1.4.1 Roy Albert ¹⁰ Dunham b. 21 March, 1902, m. 4 September 1926 Bernice Frances Hennessey, she was born 31 August, 1903 .



Roy and Bernice Dunham (photo about 1980)

329.7.10.1.4.2 Charles Clinton ¹⁰ Dunham b. 29 Sept, 1903, d. 1 February, 1982,
m. 24 September, 1924 Flossie Bumford

Child of Charles Clinton ¹⁰ Dunham and Flossie Bumford

1. Willis ¹¹ Dunham b. 28 December, 1926, (res. Niles, MI), d. 7
November, 2009, m. 27 August, 1954, Jean Smith

Children:

Marence Ann ¹² Dunham b. 27 October 27, 1956

Willis ¹² Dunham, Jr. b. 17 April, 1958

329.7.10.1.4.3 Sarah May ¹⁰ Dunham b. 28 March 1907, m. Fred Dimond, 23 November 1927.
He was b. 6 October 1899, died 12 August, 1971.

Children of Sarah May ¹⁰ Dunham and Fred Dimond:

Kathleen ¹¹ Dimond b. 11 January, 1927, m. 24 May, 1949
Frederick Thompson

Children of Kathleen ¹¹ Dimond and Frederick Thompson:

Cheryl ¹² Thompson b. 26 February, 1950

Kevin ¹² Thompson b. 5 February, 1952

Mark ¹² Thompson b.15 July, 1960

Leon ¹¹ Dimond b. 19 January, 1939, m. Tonda
Mackinder

Child of Leon ¹¹ Dimond and Tonda Mackinder
Deanne ¹² Dimond, m. Brent Austin

329.7.10.1.4.4 Vaughan Andrew ¹⁰ Dunham b. 23 May, 1919, d. 20 March, 1966
m. ¹ 30 December, 1939 Elgie May Burger. She was b. 1918, d. 1950



Children of Vaughan Andrew ¹⁰ Dunham and Elgie May Burger:
Francis Clinton ¹¹ Dunham b. 3 April, 1942, d. 4 April, 2019
m. 15 June, 1961 Sharon Finch. She was b.15 July, 1942 and
d. 17 October, 2021



Children of Francis Clinton ¹¹ Dunham and Sharon Finch
Mark A. ¹² Dunham co-author of this article
Lauri Lynn ¹² Dunham, b. 1963; d. 2009, m. () Bradstreet

Children of Lauri Lynn ¹² (Dunham) Bradstreet
Chad Anthony Bradstreet
Alexandria Kay Bradstreet

Janice Ruth ¹¹ Dunham b. 4 February, 1947, d. 14 June, 2016,
m. 23 November, 2001 Robert Stephens

Children of Janice Ruth ¹¹ Dunham and Robert Stephens:
Todd ¹² Housel
Josh ¹² Stephens

Vaughan Andrew ¹⁰ Dunham m. ² Elizabeth June Dunkley. She was b. 1919, d. 2000. She
m. ¹ () Meninga, m. ² Vaughan Dunham.

Child of Vaughan Andrew ¹⁰ Dunham and Elizabeth June (Dunkley) Meninga:
Gary ¹¹ Dunham

Identification of the Family Photographs

by Gratia Dunham Mahony

With the 1860s came the introduction of the Carte de Visite photographic process. This process produced a likeness inexpensively and quickly and multiple images could be reproduced on paper card stock. Collecting photographs of family became an intriguing social tradition in which many families participated.

This tradition has allowed us to peek into the lives of our ancestors and to know their style of dress and even to allow us to view them in their working occupation. Often the collected images were placed in albums which were eventually passed down among the family. This was true of the family of Clinton H. Dunham and his descendants of Allegan County, Michigan (see previous article).

Through the courtesy of Natalie Norman we have been allowed to see an excellent example of her family photographs in an album passed through her family and now in her possession. As delightful as this is, it is also a little frustrating because many of the photographs were unidentified. Unfortunately this is true with many collections where only some of the photos had a notation of the identity of the subject.

However, there is a process whereby genealogists can make a very strong estimation of who certain people were. This article will explain and show examples of this process of putting the family together.

The first step is to do the genealogical research and gather the dates of births, deaths, marriages and the locations where the family lived. This would include facts like war service, and the ages of children in the family. The next step is to look at the photographs and try to determine approximately when the photograph was taken (and where and by whom if the photographer's imprint is known). This usually consists of studying the style of both men's and women's clothes, hairstyles, hats and accessories.

Another important clue for photographs stamped on the back is the use of the Revenue Stamp. This stamp was issued by the Federal Government to help raise funds for the Civil War, and was used only between 1 August 1864 to 1 August 1866. The popularity of collecting photos combined with the uncertainty of men going off to war gave the impetus of having a portrait made enormous momentum as soldiers and their families posed for Cartes before they were separated by war—or possibly death.

The family group documented in this collection begins with a photograph of the oldest member who was David ⁷ Dunham (1775-1865) and his second wife Sarah Pierson (about 1782-1865).

Family tradition says that descendants have “always believed that these are David Dunham and Sarah Pierson”. Dating of the style of their clothes, day cap and hair style indicate that these are daguerreotypes of David and Sarah.



Costume Description and Time Frame of Photograph: Elderly man appears to be, say 80 years old. Man wears a frock coat with white shirt and collar turned down. Narrow black bow tie. Hair is long to bottom of ears and he appears to have sideburns, but otherwise is clean shaven. Daguerreotype taken mid 1850's.

Costume Description and Time Frame of Photograph: Woman's lace day cap has more ruffles at the cheek line than the early 1850s. Her dress has a narrow lace collar and the lace ties of her day cap hang down in front. Daguerreotype taken about 1855.

We have a genealogical record of the eight children of David and Sarah, most of whom moved with their parents from Henrietta, New York to Gun Plain, Allegan County, Michigan.

From 1810 Census of Nelson, Madison Co. NY; David ⁷ Dunham 30010 01010

The names of two of these children from the first wife are:

329.7.1.1 Maranda ⁸ Dunham b. 1803; (d. 1865)

329.7.1.2 Albert ⁸ Dunham b. 1804; (d. 1826)

David ⁷ m. second about 1808 Sarah “Sally” Pierson (1781-1865), widow of William Crane

- Children of David ⁷ and Sarah/Sally (Crane) Dunham: [Sarah (Pierson) Crane Dunham]
- 329.7.1.3 Calvin H. (Hurlburt) ⁸ Dunham b. 27 Feb. 1810 Madison Co. NY
 - 329.7.1.4 Mary Ann "Polly" ⁸ Dunham b. 1812 Henrietta, Monroe Co. NY
 - 329.7.1.5 Alanson ⁸ Dunham b. 1812; d. 1814
 - 329.7.1.6 Orson David ⁸ Dunham b. 17 November 1818 Henretta, Monroe Co. NY
 - 329.7.1.7 Abel S. ⁸ Dunham b. 13 April 1820 Henrietta
 - 329.7.1.8 Hartwell B. ⁸ Dunham b. 23 August 1822 Henrietta
 - 329.7.1.9 Sarah S. ⁸ Dunham b. abt. 1825
 - 329.7.1.10 Benjamin Franklin ⁸ Dunham b. January 1827 Henrietta

One of the photographs in Natalie's collection was identified as Franklin Dunham. It was matted in a decorative surround similar to that of another family member. It had a Revenue Stamp on the reverse. That photograph also had a photographer's imprint which said the photo was taken by D. Wing, in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

If we review the list of children of Calvin H. Dunham, who the census shows living in Gun Plain, Allegan Co. MI just north of Kalamazoo in 1860, we see that Benjamin Franklin Dunham was the youngest son of Calvin H. Dunham. He was born in 1827 so would have been age 37 in 1864. The very nice copy of his photograph shows a young well dressed man with the correct style of dress for the period, and he appears to be in his mid thirties in the photograph.



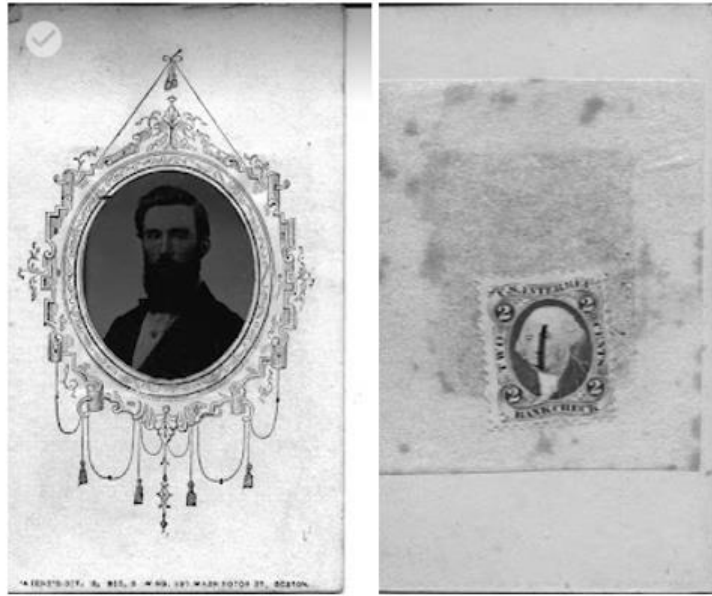
From an old album of Montgomery/Dunham photographs.
On the back is written "Franklin Dunham, Cooper, Michigan 1864"



Identified on Natalie's web site as Julia Ann Beedle (1832-1888)

Wife of Benjamin Franklin Dunham

By looking at the photographs of other family members we note the facial similarity of several of the men. We also see that most of these photographs were taken in the 1864-1866 time frame because they carry Revenue Stamps on the back. If we arrange these by approximate age of the individuals, we can see that the next oldest brother of Benjamin Franklin was Hartwell, B. Dunham. Hartwell was b. in 1822, and would therefore be age 42 years in 1864. This age fits the man pictured in the Carte de Visite, and we note that the mat on that photograph is the same as the surround on the photo of Benjamin Franklin Dunham. The surround is also the same as a photo of a woman and we can figure that she was probably the wife of Hartwell B. Dunham. She would have been age 41 in 1864, and the style of dress and hair fit that period. These were ancestors of both Mark A. Dunham and Natalie Norman each of whom contributed to this article.



Probably Hartwell Dunham

(photograph identified by Gratia D. Mahony)

Note the 2 cent Revenue Stamp indicating that the photo cost about 25 cents
The line of type at the bottom of the photo is the negative number.



Note that the decorative surround is the same as that around the photo of Hartwell Dunham.
This is probably Julia Ann Hurlburt (1823-1897), wife of Hartwell Dunham.



Probably Abel Dunham



Prob. wife of Abel Dunham

(identified by Gratia D. Mahony)

The next oldest brother was Able S. Dunham b. in 1820, listed on the 1850 and 1860 census in Gun Plain. Both Abel and Benjamin were registered for the draft in 1863 and were residing in Gun Plain.

Abel S. ⁸ Dunham b. 13 April 1820 Henrietta; died in Santa Ana, Orange County, California 29 Dec. 1913 aged 93 years. He married in Eaton Rapids, Eaton County, MI 14 May 1846 Emily Butler. She was born in Sheffield, Ashtabula County, Ohio 7 Dec. 1826, d. 1890. Abel S. Dunham and wife appear on the 1860 and 1870 census living in Gun Plain, Allegan County, MI. The couple had no children.



Probably Orson David Dunham, photo identified by Gratia D. Mahony

There were two more older brothers of Benjamin Franklin Dunham, Hartwell Dunham and Abel Dunham who were also children of Calvin H Dunham. We know that the next older brother was living in Allegan County, as he is both on the census forms and his property is identified on the map of Gun Plain. This brother was Orson D. Dunham b. 1818 who would have been age 46 in 1864.

329.7.1.6 Orson David⁸ Dunham b. 17 November 1818 Henrietta, Monroe Co. NY; died in Plainwell, MI 28 September 1902. He married Innocent Hurlburt who was born about 1820; died 2 April 1910. Both are buried in Hillside Cemetery, Plainwell, MI.

From Find a Grave Web Site

Civil War Veteran

Mustered in on 29 August, 1862 with Co. L, 4th Michigan Calvary. Discharged out on 18 March, 1863 at Nashville, Tenn., as a Private. Enlisted as a Commissary Sergeant on 14 August, 1864 from Allegan, Michigan, at age 44.

Son of David and Sarah "Sally" Pierson Dunham, born 17 March, 1818, in New York.

He married Innocent Hurlburt, daughter of Philba Sanger Hurlburt in 1837.

Orson and Innocent were the parents of 4 children: Charles who d. 27 Nov. 1867 age 29 yrs., Emily, Mary and William.

Orson died 28 September, 1902 in Benton Harbor, Berrien, Michigan, of Bright's disease. and was buried at Hillside Cemetery on 30 September, 1902.

He was a mill owner, father of 5, 3 still living at the time of his death.



Calvin H. Dunham
b. 27 Feb. 1810
d. 30 July 1887 Plainwell, Allegan Co. MI
buried Hillside Cemetery, Plainwell MI
moved from Eaton Co. MI in 1860 to Gun Plain Allegan Co. MI.

Then we have an identified photograph of the oldest brother, Calvin H. Dunham who would have been age 54 if his photo was also taken in 1864. This fits the man labeled above as Calvin H. Dunham. (black line around right eye is a stain on the photo)



Probably Maranda (Dunham) Houghton (1803-1865)
(Photo identified by Gratia D. Mahony)

Included in the collection is a photograph with an imprint from a studio in Lansing, Michigan. This woman's hair is swept back and covers her ears. Her dress is fastened in the front with medium to narrow lace collar. She wears full sleeves and white undersleeves. She is wearing a decorative chain.

The Photographers imprint on the back of this photo says "A. M. Cheney, Lansing Michigan" A. M. Cheney was in business in Lansing between 1860-1867 so we can date this photo to those years. The style of her sleeves also dates this photo to the mid 1860's. If we look at a genealogical summary of the family of David ⁷ Dunham, we see that the oldest daughter, by his first wife, was Marinda (Dunham) Haughton. Marinda had married Cyrus Haughton and had three children by him (Mary J., Albert F. and Martha A). Cyrus had died in 1843, and in 1850 Maranda was living with two of her children in Eaton Rapids with her father David, Sarah and their youngest son Benjamin Franklin Dunham. By the 1860 census however, Maranda Haughton, age 57, was living with her daughter Martha Green, wife of Myron Green, in Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan.

This genealogical summary helps us understand why a photograph taken in Lansing, Michigan would appear in the collection of photos of David Dunham's family. It is also one more piece of evidence that the older man in this photo collection is of David ⁷ Dunham.

What is new on the Dunham Website

by James A. Streeter

I have been still working on the updates to the Dunham Website and am in the process of making the need corrections and additions from 2024 thru 2025 now that I'm able to spend more time on the computer.

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:
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