

# FIRST GENERATION

1. **John MEDER** was born about 1629 in , , England. He died about 1715.

The Meder family name originally may have been "Meddop", or "Mydhope", perhaps "Medehope"; in the first of Meddop Hall, County of York, England, the second of Yorkshire, England; and the last of Trenant County, of Cornwall, England. Between Old England and the New, the spelling might be lost, for the first immigrant does not appear able to write his name. He was not to be blamed for becoming "Meder" in print.

In 1656, John Meader, ancestor of that name in this country, had a grant of land in the Province of New Hampshire, located: between Back, or Black River and Oyster River. John Meader's possessions were said to be a beautiful peninsula between the Black and Piscatagua Rivers, where John and his wife, who was Abigail Follette, married about 1653, resided in the settlement being called Oyster River and situated ten miles North West of Portsmouth.

These original "Meader Lands" in the first settlement of boundaries and incorporation of towns were included in the towns of Dover and Durham. These lands have been located about half a mile from Piscatagua Bridge on the west side of the river and on the southwest side of the old turnpike road that leads to the bridge. The old house has been located nearby on the summit of the hill but has been torn down and a new one erected. It is not certain it is built on the same site.

The eldest son John Jr. inherited these lands it is thought, till his decease, residing where his father did, during his later years. Southwest of the house is located an old burial ground that was included in the half of the Meader lands on the portion that finally belonged to Joseph.

John Meader's name appears among the settlers of Essex and Old Norfolk in 1653. His name also appears in the Dover Town records in a Rate Bill, dated 21 July 1657. These records include those of Dover Neck, Oyster River, Cocheco, and Bloody Point.

John Meder "Senior" and John Meader "Junior" signed a petition 20 February 1689 for Protection and Government, John "Senior" made his mark "X" and the son wrote his name. He appears to have been taxed 1661-1677.

The Dover records have been quite thoroughly searched by Mr. E.B. Howe of Lowell, who married Mary, a granddaughter of Mark Meader.

John Meader Sr. brought from his country a cane made from a whale's jawbone, which tradition says had been handed down as an heirloom in the family from father to son for many generations. it is now in the possession of Frederick E. Meader of Wolfeboro, NH whose grandfather caused the names of all who had owned the cane to be engraved on the silver ferule on the upper part of it. The names Are:

John Meader, Nicholas Meader, Samuel Meader, Timothy Meader, Ebenezer Meader, Samuel Meader, John L. Meader, Samuel A. Meader and Frederick E. Meader.

John Meader 18 November 1686 conveyed to his son Joseph his plantation near the mouth of the Oyster River where he, John Meader, then dwelt, which he bought of Valentine Hill, together with 20 acres adjoining; part of an 80 acre grant from the town of Dover, with the houses thereon.

There were at least 14 garrison houses at Oyster River before 1694, They were:

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| 1. Meader | 8. Huckins |
| 2. Davis  | 9. Burnham |
| 3. Smith  | 10. Drew   |
| 4. Bunker | 11. Adams  |

5. Jones

12. Bickford
6. Beard

13. Edgerly
7. Woodman

14. Goddard

Ten of these homes formed a line of defense on each side of the river itself below the tidewater, that is below the falls in the present village of Durham

The Meader garrison house was at the mouth of the Oyster River; overlooking the Piscatagua River. It was built by John Meader, who was taxed as early as 1656, and had a house here before 20 September 1660. On that day Valentine Hill and Mary, his wife, conveyed to John Meader a corn field and orchard adjacent to his new dwelling.

In the Indian attack of 1694, when the Oyster River settlement: was nearly destroyed. Not one home below Jones' Creek was consumed except that, of John Meader whose family had been sent off by water. The home was abandoned either because it was not sufficiently manned or because ammunitions were lacking. If his garrison was destroyed on that occasion, it must have been immediately rebuilt because one soldier was quartered at John Meader's Garrison from 18 July 1694 till 24th November. Other soldiers were stationed there from 2 November 1695 to 6 March 1696.

Later, John Meader Sr., aged 82 years, testified before James Davis, Justice of the Peace, 30 January 1711-12 that: "Charles Adams did possess and improve land within the mouth of the Oyster River on the South Side."

He was married to Abigail FOLLETTE in 1653 in Dover, Strafford County, New Hampshire - North end. John MEDER and Abigail FOLLETTE had the following children:

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i. **John MEADER** (born in 1660).
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ii. **Joseph MEADER** was born in 1664 in Oyster River Parish, Strafford County, New Hampshire. He died in 1728. Batch #: 8719491, Sheet #: 36, Source Call #: 1396384
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iii. **Elizabeth MEADER** was born on March 26, 1665 in Oyster River Parish, Strafford County, New Hampshire. Batch #: 8719491, Sheet #: 36, Source Call #: 1396384
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iv. **Sarah MEADER** was born on January 11, 1669 in Oyster River Parish, Strafford County, New Hampshire. She died in 1719. Batch #: 8207705, Sheet #: 14, Source Call #: 0884772
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v. **Nathaniel MEADER** (born on June 14, 1671).
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vi. **Nicholas MEADER** (born in 1683).

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2. **John MEADER** was born in 1660 in Oyster River Parish, Strafford County, New Hampshire. He died in 1736.  
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He was married to Sarah FOLLETTE before 1681.

6. **Nathaniel MEADER** was born on June 14, 1671 in Oyster River Parish, Strafford County, New Hampshire. He died on April 25, 1704 in Province of New Hampshire, located: between Back, or Black River and Oyster River. Nathaniel Meader was killed by Indians near the old Nicholas Follette home.



He was married to Elizabeth HALL in 1695. Nathaniel MEADER and Elizabeth HALL had the following children:

- 8 i. **Lydia MEADER** was born on August 25, 1696 in Dover, Strafford County, New Hampshire. Batch #: 5006631, Sheet #: 17, Source Call #: 1553362
- +9 ii. **Daniel MEADER** (born on November 3, 1698).
- 10 iii. **Nathaniel MEADER** was born on March 8, 1700 in Dover, Strafford County, New Hampshire. Batch #: 5006631, Sheet #: 17, Source Call #: 1553362
- 11 iv. **Elizabeth MEADER** was born on April 3, 1702 in Dover, Strafford County, New Hampshire. Batch #: 5006631, Sheet #: 17, Source Call #: 1553362
- 12 v. **Eleanor MEADER** was born on June 3, 1704.

+7. **Nicholas MEADER** was born in 1683. He died in 1767.

He was married to Lydia UNKNOWN. Nicholas MEADER and Lydia UNKNOWN had the following children:

- +13 i. **Daniel MEADER** (born on November 6, 1718).

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9. **Daniel MEADER** was born on November 3, 1698 in Dover, Strafford County, New Hampshire. He died in 1751.

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He was married to Elizabeth ALLEN on June 23, 1727. **Elizabeth ALLEN** was born on February 8, 1708. Daniel MEADER and Elizabeth ALLEN had the following children:

- +14 i. **Joseph MEADER** (born about 1730).
- +15 ii. **Lemuel MEADER** (born on January 31, 1733).
- +16 iii. **Benjamin MEADER** (born on April 23, 1736).
- 17 iv. **Abigail MEADER** was born about 1738.
- +18 v. **Nathaniel MEADER** (born on February 23, 1741).
- +19 vi. **Elijah MEADER** (born on June 14, 1744).
- +20 vii. **Jonathan MEADER** (born on September 5, 1747).
- 21 viii. **Jedediah MEADER** was born about 1749 in Durham, Strafford County, New Hampshire - North end. He died in 1751. Jedediah Meader died very young.

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13. **Daniel MEADER** was born on November 6, 1718 in Durham, Stafford County, New Hampshire. Daniel and Lydia

Meador, as a young couple, settled in Dover Neck, New Hampshire.

He was recorded as living in Madbury in 1758 [per the History of Durham, I, 28].

He was married to Mary MESERVE-HARVEY on February 22, 1743. **Mary MESERVE-HARVEY** was born about 1720. She was christened on January 8, 1720. Daniel MEADER and Mary MESERVE-HARVEY had the following children:

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i. **Nicholas MEADER.**
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ii. **Samuel MEADER** was born in 1745. He died in 1800.
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iii. **Deborah MEADER.**
- +25

iv. **Elizabeth MEADER.**
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v. **Mary MEADER.**
- +27

vi. **Martha MEADER.**
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vii. **Daniel Harvey MEADER** was born on May 10, 1749. He died on October 17, 1819.
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viii. **Mark MEADER** was born about 1750. He died about 1797.
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ix. **John MEADER** (born about 1751).
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x. **Keziah MEADER** (born about 1752).

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14. **Joseph MEADER** was born about 1730 in Durham, Strafford County, New Hampshire - North end. He died on December 15, 1784. Joseph Meador son of Daniel Meador and Elizabeth Allen, seems to have been in Madbury, Stafford County, New Hampshire in 1758 (per the History of Durham, I, 28).

He was a sectman in Lee from 1765 to 1769 and signed a petition in Lee in 1765 (Ibid., I, 24). He apparently still in Lee in 1775 when he is recorded as having refused to sign the Loyalty Test which registered opposition to the British forces. He refused to sign on the grounds that he was a Friend. Carlands, Jenkins's and Bunkers also refused to sign (Ibid., I, 126).

He was married to Lydia HOAG (daughter of ) about 1763. Joseph MEADER and Lydia HOAG had the following children:

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i. **Paul MEADER** was born in 1765 in Durham, Strafford County, New Hampshire - North end. He died in 1842.

He was married to Abigail Varney FRYE on June 24, 1767 in Kittery, York County, Maine. **Abigail Varney FRYE** was born on January 26, 1741. She died on December 15, 1784.

Comment:  
Abigail Varney Frye, second wife of Joseph Meador, may not have had their children in the order I have listed.

Joseph MEADER and Abigail Varney FRYE had the following children:

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i. **Lydia MEADER** died. Lydia Meador died at the age of 18.
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ii. **Joseph MEADER.** Joseph Meador lived in Alton and Belknap, NH. There he was an apprentice carpenter to Lemuel Meador son of Daniel Meador and Elizabeth Allen. Later Joseph moved to

Bangor, Maine.

- 35           iii. **John Frye MEADER** was born on January 8, 1782. He died in 1825.
- 36           iv. **Abigail MEADER.**
- +37          v. **Eunice MEADER.**

15. **Lemuel MEADER** was born on January 31, 1733 in Nantucket, Nantucket County, Massachusetts. He died after 1775.

Lemuel Meader is said to have died in the Army during the Revolution. Lemuel Meader is said to have served in the French and Indian Wars. He also served in the Revolutions as a private in the New Hampshire Troops.

Note:

The book John Meader of Piscatagua indicates the "History of Durham may be incorrect when it states Lemuel married Sarah Worth. Nicholas Meader married a Sarah Worth and named a child Sarah. Lemuel Meader didn't name any children Sarah.

Lemuel MEADER and Sarah WORTH had the following children:

- 38           i. **Francis MEADER** was born on January 14, 1758. She died on April 12, 1825.
- 39           ii. **Anne MEADER** was born on April 9, 1759. She died on June 12, 1840.
- +40          iii. **Miriam MEADER** (born on March 8, 1762).
- +41          iv. **Abigail MEADER** (born on January 22, 1764).
- 42           v. **Judith MEADER** was born on December 13, 1765.
- 43           vi. **James MEADER** was born in 1770. He died on May 12, 1771.
- 44           vii. **Lemuel MEADER** was born on April 12, 1771. He died on May 19, 1839. Lemuel Meader Jr. had a twin sister named Elvira Meader.
- 45           viii. **Elvira MEADER** was born on April 12, 1771. She died. Elvira Meader was the twin sister of Lemuel Meader Jr.

16. **Benjamin MEADER** was born on April 23, 1736 in Nantucket, Nantucket County, Massachusetts - probably. He died on April 20, 1827 in Rochester, Strafford County, New Hampshire - probably.

Benjamin Meader and Patience Hanson settled in Rochester, NH. The 1790 Census shows Benjamin living in Rochester with a family of three adult males, two males under 16 and three females.

He was married to Patience HANSON on June 23, 1762 in Dover, Strafford County, New Hampshire. **Patience HANSON** was born on April 12, 1741. She died on March 22, 1825. Benjamin MEADER and Patience HANSON had the following children:

- 46           i. **Hannah MEADER** was born on April 27, 1763. She died on January 15, 1851.
- 47           ii. **Mary MEADER** was born on January 2, 1765. She died in March 1840.



- 48           iii. **Tobias MEADER** was born on May 1, 1767. He died on January 18, 1794.
- +49           iv. **Micajah MEADER** (born about August 24, 1769).
- 50           v. **Hanson MEADER** was born on September 26, 1772. He died on December 16, 1794. Hanson Meader never married.
- 51           vi. **Judith MEADER** was born on August 12, 1776. She died on March 30, 1855.
- 52           vii. **Stephen MEADER** was born on December 19, 1782. He died on February 20, 1856.
- 53           viii. **Ephraim MEADER** was born on December 11, 1785. He died on April 26, 1871.

18. **Nathaniel MEADER** was born on February 23, 1741 in Nantucket, Nantucket County, Massachusetts. He died in November 1818 in Rochester, Strafford County, New Hampshire - probably.

Nathaniel's will dated November 9, 1818 names his wife Mary , his sons Jedediah and Otis and his daughters Anne Canney and Elizabeth Locke.

Comment:  
I am suspicious that we may have the wrong date for Nathaniel's death. A researcher in New Hampshire, informed me that Nathaniel's will was probated in 1821. We have his death dated 1818.

Nathaniel Meader and Mary Hanson lived in Rochester, New Hampshire.

He was married to Mary HANSON on November 6, 1770 in Dover, Strafford County, New Hampshire. **Mary HANSON** died on January 5, 1822. Nathaniel MEADER and Mary HANSON had the following children:

- 54           i. **Anne MEADER** was born on March 15, 1772 in Rochester, Strafford County, New Hampshire. She died on December 12, 1852.
- 55           ii. **Jedediah MEADER** was born on December 26, 1775 in Rochester, Strafford County, New Hampshire. He died on February 9, 1866.
- 56           iii. **Elizabeth MEADER** was born on July 6, 1781 in Rochester, Strafford County, New Hampshire. She died after 1818.
- 57           iv. **Otis MEADER** was born on April 21, 1794 in Rochester, Strafford County, New Hampshire. He died on July 25, 1833.

19. **\*\*Elijah MEADER** was born on June 14, 1744 in Rochester, Strafford County, New Hampshire. He died on July 12, 1825 in Farmington, Stafford County, New Hampshire.

Comments:  
At this time, I believe Elijah Meader and Elizabeth Hoag are most likely the parents of Daniel Meder. Since I am basing this assumption on circumstantial evidence and not documented proof, I have placed two asterisks (\*\*) in front of Elijah's given name to signify my contention that Elijah may be Daniel Meder's father. My evidence is listed in the notes of Daniel MEDER (b 5 Mar 1779).

For some of their married life, Elijah Meader and Elizabeth Hoag lived in the Rochester, Strafford County, New Hampshire. In 1790, Elijah and Elizabeth were living in Farmington, Strafford County, New Hampshire.

He was married to Elizabeth HOAG (daughter of ) on January 31, 1770 in Hampton, Rockingham, New Hampshire.

**\*\*Elizabeth HOAG** was born on November 7, 1746 in Hampton, Rockingham, New Hampshire. She died on June 30, 1811. Elizabeth Hoag, wife of Elijah Meader, lived in Rochester, NH before

she married. Elijah MEADER and Elizabeth HOAG had the following children:

- +58 i. **Nathan MEEDER** (born on February 18, 1771).
- +59 ii. **Levi MEEDER** (born on November 29, 1772).
- +60 iii. **Asa MEEDER** (born on January 1, 1775).
- +61 iv. **Daniel MEDER** (born on March 5, 1779).
- +62 v. **Elijah MEEDER Jr.** (born on October 19, 1787).
- +63 vi. **Elisha MEEDER** (born about 1788).
- 64 vii. **Nathaniel MEADER** was born on April 23, 1790. He died on August 7, 1836.

20. **Jonathan MEADER** was born on September 5, 1747 in Nantucket, Nantucket County, Massachusetts. He died on October 5, 1825.

Jonathan Meader's will was drawn in 1819.

Jonathan Meader married Sarah Peasley and they settled in Rochester, Stafford County, NH.

He married **Lydia ALLEN** was born on September 15, 1757. She died on January 15, 1839. Jonathan MEADER and Lydia ALLEN had the following children:

- +65 i. **James MEADER** (born on November 30, 1777).
- 66 ii. **Timothy MEADER** was born on July 25, 1780 in Rochester, Strafford County, New Hampshire. Timothy Meader, son of Jonathan Meader and Sarah Peasley, died young. Probably within one year after his birth.
- 67 iii. **Daniel MEADER** was born on May 9, 1781 in Rochester, Strafford County, New Hampshire - probably. He died on September 23, 1823.
- 68 iv. **Ruth MEADER** was born on January 31, 1785 in Rochester, Strafford County, New Hampshire. She died on July 12, 1815.
- +69 v. **Lydia MEADER** (born on March 19, 1800).

22. **Nicholas MEADER.**

24. **Deborah MEADER.**

25. **Elizabeth MEADER.**

She was married to Thomas LEATHERS on November 29, 1777 in Dover, Strafford County, New Hampshire.

26. **Mary MEADER.** Mary Meader, daughter Daniel and Lydia Meader, was the twin sister of Martha Meader.

27. **Martha MEADER.** Martha Meader, daughter of Daniel and Lydia Meader, was the twin sister of Mary Meader.

30. **John MEADER** was born about 1751.

31. **Keziah MEADER** was born about 1752.

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37. **Eunice MEADER.**

40. **Miriam MEADER** was born on March 8, 1762.

She was married to Peter Morrell HOAG (son of ). **Peter Morrell HOAG** was born in 1752.

41. **Abigail MEADER** was born on January 22, 1764.

She was married to Timothy EATON.

She was married to Timothy ROBINSON. Abigail MEADER and Timothy ROBINSON had the following children:

+70 i. **Rachel ROBINSON.**

49. **Micajah MEADER** was born about August 24, 1769 in Rochester, Strafford County, New Hampshire. He died on June 16, 1850.

Micajah MEADER was from Dover and Strafford, NH.

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He was married to Sarah ROBINSON. Micajah MEADER and Sarah ROBINSON had the following children:

- 71 i. **Rachel MEADER** was born on August 7, 1800 in Albion, Kennebec County, Maine. Batch #: 5006631, Sheet #: 39, Source Call #: 1553362
- 72 ii. **Judith MEADER** was born on December 31, 1801 in Albion, Kennebec County, Maine. Batch #: 5006631, Sheet #: 39, Source Call #: 1553362
- 73 iii. **Huldah MEADER** was born on March 3, 1804 in Albion, Kennebec County, Maine. Batch #: 5006631, Sheet #: 39, Source Call #: 1553362
- 74 iv. **Rebecca MEADER** was born on October 29, 1805 in Albion, Kennebec County, Maine. Batch #: 5006631, Sheet #: 39, Source Call #: 1553362
- +75 v. **Hanson MEADER** (born on July 13, 1807).
- 76 vi. **Patience MEADER** was born on May 10, 1809 in Albion, Kennebec County, Maine. Batch #: 5006631, Sheet #: 39, Source Call #: 1553362
- 77 vii. **Stephen MEADER** was born on November 30, 1811 in Albion, Kennebec County, Maine. Batch #: 5006631, Sheet #: 39, Source Call #: 1553362
- 78 viii. **Hannah MEADER** was born on December 8, 1816 in Albion, Kennebec County, Maine. Batch #: 5006631, Sheet #: 39, Source Call #: 1553362
- 79 ix. **Miriam MEADER** was born on March 9, 1819 in Albion, Kennebec County, Maine. Batch #: 5006631, Sheet #: 39, Source Call #: 1553362
- 80 x. **Margaret MEADER** was born on May 25, 1821 in Albion, Kennebec County, Maine. Batch #: 5006631, Sheet #: 39, Source Call #: 1553362

58. **Nathan MEEDER** was born on February 18, 1771 in Rochester, Strafford County, New Hampshire.

Nathan Meader and Sarah Varney moved to Lincoln, VT.

He was married to Sarah VARNEY (daughter of ). Nathan MEEDER and Sarah VARNEY had the following children:

- +81 i. **Elijah MEEDER.**
- 82 ii. **Jesse MEEDER.**
- +83 iii. **Levi MEEDER.**
- +84 iv. **Lavinia MEEDER.**
- +85 v. **Hannah R. MEEDER.**
- +86 vi. **Lydia MEEDER.**
- 87 vii. **Achsah MEEDER.** Achsah died at very young age.

59. **Levi MEEDER** was born on November 29, 1772 in Rochester, Strafford County, New Hampshire. Levi Meeder and

his wife Eunice of Starksboro, VT, were third cousins.

Levi most likely moved to Vermont prior to 1790. Levi and Eunice settled in Lincoln, VT.

He was married to Eunice MEADER on March 14, 1798 in Monkton, Addison County, Vermont. Levi MEEDER and Eunice MEADER had the following children:

- +88 i. **Elizabeth MEEDER.**
- 89 ii. **Mary MEEDER** was born about 1815. She died on March 22, 1888.
- 90 iii. **Sarah MEEDER.**
- +91 iv. **Amos MEEDER.**

60. **Asa MEEDER** was born on January 1, 1775 in Rochester, Strafford County, New Hampshire.

Asa Meader and Mary Chase were married and moved to Lincoln, VT.

He was married to Mary CHACE. Asa MEEDER and Mary CHACE had the following children:

- 92 i. **Orpha MEADER** was born on December 3, 1802 in Ferrisburg Twp, Addison County, Vermont. Batch #: 7450174, Source Call #: 027628
- 93 ii. **Henry MEADER** was born on May 3, 1805 in Ferrisburg Twp, Addison County, Vermont. He was buried in Keeseville, Essex County, New York - Possibly Old Burial Grounds. Batch #: 7450174, Source Call #: 027628
- 94 iii. **Ezra MEADER** was born on November 16, 1807 in Ferrisburg Twp, Addison County, Vermont. Batch #: 7450174, Source Call #: 027628
- 95 iv. **Elihu MEADER** was born on August 2, 1811 in Ferrisburg Twp, Addison County, Vermont. Batch #: 7450174, Source Call #: 027628
- 96 v. **Eliza MEADER** was born on August 2, 1811 in Ferrisburg Twp, Addison County, Vermont. Batch #: 7450174, Source Call #: 027628

61. **Daniel MEDER** was born on March 5, 1779 in , , Massachusetts. He died on June 20, 1857 in , Chautauqua County, New York.

It is believed by many that Daniel Meder is buried beside his wife Sarah White Sumner in Forest Hill Cemetery, Chautauqua County, NY.

Michelle Henry, Meader researcher, comments:

1. Michelle Henry says she visited Forest Hill Cemetery in Fredonia on August 12 1994. She found six relatively new stones which are located in front of a large stone bearing the name Wood. On the left facing the stones is one inscribed Daniel Meeder, 1779-1857 and Sally Meeder, 1787-1880. The cemetery has no record of Daniel being buried there. Sally is recorded. The cemetery record show 10 people buried in Section O, lots 69 and 70. Records indicate the lots were purchased in 1878 for \$64 by Sarah Wood, Herman Chain (Sarah's son in law) and CM Case (another son in law of Sarah's). Michelle indicates Sarah purchased the lots approximately twenty-one years after Daniel supposedly passed away.

- 2. The 1820 Vermont census list Daniel Meeder in Shrewsbury Township, Rutland County, VT.
- 3. He is listed in Schroon Township, Essex County, NY in the 1830 census.
- 4. Daniel may have moved from Essex County, NY to Chautauqua County, NY around 1832, since he stated in 1855 that he had lived in Chautauqua County for about 23 years. Son Henry , age 30 in 1855, was born in Essex County, NY.
- 5. By 1840, he was in Westfield Township, Chautauqua County, NY.
- 6. Daughter Sarah, age 43 in 1855, was born in Vermont while daughter Rebecca, age 44 in 1855 had been born in Massachusetts (meaning Daniel and Rebecca White Carleton moved to Vermont on or about 1811). Also in the 1855 census Daniel and his second wife Sally were living in the household of their widowed daughter Sarah Wood.
- 7. The 1855 NY census lists Daniel as being born in NH.

Comments:

In my opinion Elijah Meader and Elizabeth Hoag are currently the strongest candidates to be the parents of this Daniel Meder. Since no one has documented proof of Daniel's parents, I have placed two asterisk (\*\*) in front of Elijah's given name. These asterisks will signify my contention that Elijah was Daniel Meder's father until documented proof can be located. The circumstances below lead me to believe Elijah may have been Daniel's father. I further believe more dedicated research is needed.

He was married to Rebecca White CARLETON on October 25, 1801 in Bradford, Essex County, Massachusetts. **Rebecca White CARLETON** was born on July 8, 1781 in Bradford, Essex County, Massachusetts. She died on May 19, 1816 in , , Vermont. She has reference number WF9L-68.

Birth, death and marriage information in "Essex, Bradford Haverhill, Massachusetts Births, Marriages, Deaths 1795-1844," FHC microfilm 761365. Daniel MEDER and Rebecca White CARLETON had the following children:

- 97 i. , **MEEDER** was born. Stillborn.
- 98 ii. **William MEEDER** was born on September 19, 1802 in Bradford, Essex County, Massachusetts. He died on September 28, 1802 in Bradford, Essex County, Massachusetts.
- +99 iii. **William MEEDER II** (born on July 25, 1804).
- 100 iv. **Daniel MEEDER** was born on November 24, 1807 in , , Vermont.  
Michelle Henry Notes:  
Believes Daniel's birth date as 24 Nov 1808.  
  
Earle Meeder Information sheet dated 12 Jan 1960:  
Gives Daniel's birth date as 24 Nov 1807.  
  
Comment:  
Earle Meeder's birth date of 24 Nov 1807 for Daniel appears to be most realistic if we are to believe the next child, Rebecca Meeder's birthday as 21 Mar 1809. He died on October 1, 1818.
- +101 v. **Rebecca MEEDER** (born on March 21, 1809).
- +102 vi. **Sarah MEEDER** (born on November 2, 1811).
- +103 vii. **Carleton Harvey MEEDER** (born on December 8, 1813).

He was married to Sarah White SUMNER in 1816 in , , Vermont. **Sarah White SUMNER** was born on October 30, 1786 in



, , Vermont. She died on April 30, 1880 in Milford, Chautauqua County, New York. She was buried on May 1, 1880 in Fredonia, Chautauqua County, New York - Forrest Hill Cemetery.

Michelle Henry Notes:

The death notice in the Fredonia, NY Censor newspaper of Wednesday morning, May 5, 1880, reads , "Died-In Milford, April 30, Mrs. Meader, mother of Mrs. Ralph Wood, aged 93 1/2 years." (Milford is now known as Lamberton and is located 2-3 miles west of Fredonia) She was buried on 1 May 1880 in Forrest Hill Cemetery, Fredonia, Chautauqua County, New York.

Birth information is provided in Forest Hill Cemetery, Fredonia, NY records. Records state Sally Meeder died of old age 29 Apr 1880.

The 1855 NY census shows Sally, age 68 and husband Daniel, age 76, living with Daniel's widowed daughter, Sarah Wood and her children. The 1860 census shows Sally still living with the Woods (Daniel died in 1857). She is not listed in the 1865 NY census, but is listed in 1870 with Sarah Wood. In the 1875 census she is listed with Daniel's daughter Rebecca and her husband, Ralph Wood, brother to Sarah's husband Nathan.

Daniel MEDER and Sarah White SUMNER had the following children:

- +104 i. **Benjamin Sumner MEEDER** (born on April 30, 1817).
- +105 ii. **Henry MEEDER** (born on June 12, 1824).
- +106 iii. **John MEEDER** (born on May 26, 1829).
- 107 iv. , **MEEDER** was born STILLBORN in Schroon, Essex County, New York - probably.
- +108 v. **Daniel MEEDER Jr.** (born on October 15, 1820).

62. **Elijah MEEDER Jr.** was born on October 19, 1787 in Rochester, Strafford County, New Hampshire. Elijah Meeder, husband to Abigail (unknown), was probably born in

Rochester, NH. He had an estate probated in 1872 in Rochester, Strafford County, New Hampshire. He died about 1872 in Farmington, Stafford County, New Hampshire.

In 1850 Census, An Elijah Meeder was living in Lincoln, Addison County, VT.

He was married to Abigail CATE about 1833 in Berwick, York County, Maine. Elijah MEEDER Jr. and Abigail CATE had the following children:

- 109 i. **William M. MEEDER.** William M. Meeder, son of Elijah Meeder Jr. and Abigail Cate, never married.

He was married to Hannah DAME about 1824. **Hannah DAME** was born on August 6, 1797 in Rochester, Strafford County, New Hampshire - probably. She died in August 1831. Elijah MEEDER Jr. and Hannah DAME had the following children:

- 110 i. **Almira MEEDER** was born about 1825 in Rochester, Strafford County, New Hampshire - probably.
- 111 ii. **Richard Dame MEEDER** was born in 1827. He died in 1889.
- 112 iii. **Charles MEEDER** was born about 1829. He died about 1836. Charles Meeder, son of Elijah Meeder Jr. and Hannah Dame, died at the age of seven.

63. **Elisha MEEDER** was born about 1788.

She was married to A UNKNOWN-WEBSTER.

65. **James MEADER** was born on November 30, 1777 in Rochester, Strafford County, New Hampshire. James Meader and Constance Winslow lived in Harlem (now China), Maine.

He was married to Constance WINSLOW about 1801. James MEADER and Constance WINSLOW had the following children:

- +113 i. **Mary MEADER** (born on April 9, 1803).
- +114 ii. **Lydia MEADER** (born on June 10, 1804).
- +115 iii. **Jane W. MEADER** (born on May 15, 1806).
- +116 iv. **Job MEADER** (born on September 11, 1808).
- +117 v. **Jonathan MEADER** (born on September 12, 1808).
- 118 vi. **Hannah Hussey MEADER** was born on August 27, 1810 in China, Kennebec County, Maine.
- +119 vii. **Cynthia MEADER** (born about 1812).
- 120 viii. **Charles MEADER** was born about 1814 in China, Kennebec County, Maine.
- +121 ix. **Louisa MEADER** (born about 1815).

69. **Lydia MEADER** was born on March 19, 1800 in Rochester, Strafford County, New Hampshire - probably. She died on March 16, 1826.

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70. **Rachel ROBINSON.**

75. **Hanson MEADER** was born on July 13, 1807 in Albion, Kennebec County, Maine. Batch #: 5006631, Sheet #: 39, Source Call #: 1553362

He was married to Jane HANSON. Hanson MEADER and Jane HANSON had the following children:

- +122 i. **Otis MEADER** (born on December 2, 1835).
- 123 ii. **Lucy Ellen MEADER** was born on April 13, 1837 in Albion, Kennebec County, Maine. Batch #: 5006631, Sheet #: 37, Source Call #: 1553362
- 124 iii. **George MEADER** was born on May 5, 1842 in Albion, Kennebec County, Maine. Batch #: 5006631, Sheet #: 37, Source Call #: 1553362

81. **Elijah MEEDER.**

He was married to , GROVE. Elijah MEEDER and , GROVE had the following children:

+126      i. , **MEEDER.**

83. **Levi MEEDER.**

84. **Lavinia MEEDER.**

85. **Hannah R. MEEDER** died on November 20, 1857 in East Farnham, Quebec, Canada - at home.

86. **Lydia MEEDER.**

88. **Elizabeth MEEDER.**

91. **Amos MEEDER.**

99. **William MEEDER II** was born on July 25, 1804 in , , Massachusetts. He died on April 12, 1889 in Salem, Dent County, Missouri. He was buried in Salem, Dent County, Missouri - family plot. He was a Shoemaker, carpenter and farmer.

Notes for WILLIAM MEEDER:  
Birth and death dates and places are from microfilm of "Essex, Bradford Haverhill Massachusetts Births, Marriages, Deaths 1795-1844," FHC number 761365.

Notes for William Meeder II:



William Meeder and Sally Sumner moved from New York state to Wisconsin between 1843 and 1849. William Meder was located in Grafton, Washington County, Wisconsin according to the 1850 census data (Page231). According to Earl Meeder, the family lived at the corners of State and Robinson Streets in the village of Grafton. The name was spelled 'Meder' in the census record. (In her marriage license and certificate, Sally Moriah's name was spelled 'Meadar'.)

Michelle Henry Notes:

According to the 1880 Missouri census, William was living with his son William Israel Meeder and family at that time in Maries County, Missouri. He said he had been born in Massachusetts. Harold Souter, in a letter dated 7 Dec 1994, stated that William is buried along with his daughter Sarah Mariah and her husband George Drummond on the old Drummond farm in Dent County, Missouri near the town of Salem.

The family migrated to Missouri with the George Drummond family (see George William Drummond 'Notes' for details of the trip) before November 1870.

Family Bible was in possession of George Frederick Howard in November, 1959.

The Meeder farm was about 3.5-4 miles SE of Meta in Maries County. The farm was bought from Amos Roberdes before November 1870 by William Meeder and his son William Isreal. On 12 February 1882 it was deeded to George Alexander Drummond. Descendents of George and Martha Letitia Clinton still owned 220 of the original 260 acres in 1959 Their son, Clinton Drummond, was living on the property in 1959. None of the original log house remained, but four rooms added on at two different dates were still standing. All that remained of two joined barns are the stone foundations. Sugar Creek runs through the property.

He was married to Sarah (Sally) SUMNER on February 24, 1827. **Sarah (Sally) SUMNER** was born on October 20, 1810. She died on November 8, 1870. She was buried on November 8, 1870. Sally Sumner was buried in a private burial ground for 100 adjoining the Meeder Farm, near Sugar Creek, Maries County, Missouri. Her grave is marked by a native stone with no inscription. Sally Sumner was buried in a private burial ground 100 adjoining the Meeder Farm, near Sugar Creek, Maries County, Missouri. Her grave is marked by a native stone with no inscription. William MEEDER II and Sarah (Sally) SUMNER had the following children:

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i. **Sarah Mariah MEEDER** (born on October 21, 1827).
- +128

ii. **Mary Rebecca MEEDER** (born on October 5, 1829).
- +129

iii. **William Israel MEEDER** (born on September 5, 1831).
- +130

iv. **James Monroe MEEDER** (born on September 24, 1834).
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v. **Jerome Amos MEEDER** was born on November 16, 1836 in Fredonia, Chautauqua County, New York.  
Helga Rater's Research reflects:  
Jerome Amos Meeder as born Nov 16 1836 in Fredonia, NY and having died in Grafton, Wisconsin Dec 30 1847. A subsequent child could have been named Jerome. He died on December 30, 1847.
- +132

vi. **Benjamin Franklin MEEDER** (born on September 17, 1840).
- +133

vii. **John Carleton MEEDER**.
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viii. **Daniel Judson MEEDER** was born on July 29, 1849 in Grafton, Washington County, Wisconsin.  
Michelle Henry Note:  
Daniel Judson's birth date 29 Jul 1849.  
He died on July 16, 1878 in , , Missouri.

- 135 ix. **Jerome Amos MEEDER II** was born on July 29, 1849 in Grafton, Washington County, Wisconsin.  
Michelle Henry Note:  
Jerome Amos Meeder was born July 29, 1849. The 1850 Wisconsin census lists Jerome Meder as one year old having been born in Wisconsin.
- +136 x. **David Adoniram MEEDER** (born on September 20, 1852).

101. **Rebecca MEEDER** was born on March 21, 1809 in , , Massachusetts. She died on December 22, 1896 in Pomfret, Chautauqua County, New York.

Michelle Henry Notes:  
Birthplace given as Massachusetts in 1855 Chautauqua County, NY census. Death date given in record of the probate of her will recorded at Westfield, NY. Rebecca and her sister Sarah married brothers, Ralph and Nathan Wood. Rebecca and Ralph had no biological children; Rebecca Wood's will, which she completed shortly after her husband's death in 1886, left everything to their adopted daughter, Eliza J. Smith. (In the 1865 state census for Pomfret, Chautauqua County, NY, Eliza Wood is listed as an adopted child, age 11 at the time, who had been born in Pennsylvania.) The two Wood families lived next to each other in Milford, now Lamberton. In the 1875 state census, Sally Meeder, Rebecca's stepmother, then age 88, was living with Rebecca and Ralph.

She was married to Ralph N. WOOD. **Ralph N. WOOD** was born in , , New York.

Michelle Henry Notes  
Birth date and place from New York IGI; death date in court records of Ralph Wood's will recorded in the Westfield, NY courthouse. In the will, Ralph left everything to wife Rebecca Wood and her heirs. Ralph and brother Nathan married sisters Rebecca and Sarah Meeder. The families lived on adjoining farms in Milford (now Lamberton), Chautauqua County, NY.

Rebecca MEEDER and Ralph N. WOOD had the following children:

- 137 i. **Eliza J SMITH-WOOD** was born about 1854 in , , Pennsylvania. She was adopted.

102. **Sarah MEEDER** was born on November 2, 1811 in , , Vermont. She died on November 15, 1896 in Lamberton, Chautauqua County, New York.

Michele Henry Notes:  
The death notice for Sarah Meeder Wood in the Fredonia Censor for 23 Dec 1896 reads: "15 Nov 1896. At her home in Lamberton, resided there 60 years. Broke hip 10 Nov 1895, never recovered. Formerly, Miss Sarah Meeder, born Vermont 2 Nov 1811, came to Fredonia with parents when young. Married Nathan Wood April 1837 and settled on farm where she died. Brocton Baptist, 4 daughters, 2 survive: Mrs. Heman Chapin and Miss Rebecca Wood. Funeral Thursday 19th, Rev. W. C. Wiltsie, bur. Forest Hill Cemetery."

She was buried on November 15, 1896 in Fredonia, Chautauqua County, New York - Forrest Hill Cemetery. She was Baptist.

Michele Henry Notes:  
The Meeders evidently moved to Chautauqua County in 1832; the 1855 New York census lists Sarah as having lived there for 23 years. Sarah's husband was killed in a logging accident at age 44 in 1851. In 1855 Sarah's 4 daughters, ages 7 to 16 were living with her, as were her father Daniel Meeder, her stepmother, Sally Meeder, and their youngest children, Henry and John Meeder.



In addition, Ellen Bogardus, age 24 and Nelson Whitney, age 6 were in the household. In the 1860 federal census Sally Meeder was still in the household, Daniel having died. Three farmhands were listed: Robert Bogardus, age 50, Ransom Rolf, age 25 and Lyman Manning, age 17. Daughter Sarah married in 1865, and the young couple lived with mother Sarah Wood and two unmarried daughters in the family home. Stepmother Sally Meeder was not listed. Husband Heman Chapin was listed as the head of household, but mother Sarah was the lot owner. By 1870 the Chapins had moved out, and Sally Meeder, now 85, was back in the Wood home. The 1875 New York State census showed Sarah as head of the household, which included unmarried daughter Rebecca, 35, as well as daughter Sarah and her husband, Heman Chapin and daughter Mary and her husband Cassius Case. Laborer Townsend French was also listed. Sally Meeder had gone to live with Sarah's sister Rebecca Wood, who had married Nathan's brother Ralph.

She was married to Nathan WOOD Junior on April 27, 1837 in Ripley, Chautauqua County, New York. **Nathan WOOD Junior** died on January 18, 1851 in Milford, Chautauqua County, New York.

Michelle Henry Notes:

The Fredonia Censor for Tuesday, January 21, 1851, gives the following account of the death of Nathan Wood on 18 January: "Fatal Accident.--Mr. Nathan Wood, of Milford, on Saturday was the victim of an accident which caused his death. He had contracted, the day previously to furnish 3000 railroad ties, and while in the woods with another man cutting them, the second tree which was felled, struck another, and bounded in such a manner as to strike his axe and force the helve against the pit of his stomach. No perceptible contusion was caused, but the internal injury was such that he died on the following morning. He was an estimable citizen and leaves a family to lament his loss."

He was buried on January 18, 1851 in Milford, Chautauqua County, New York -originally.

Michelle Henry Notes:

Nathan was originally buried in Milford, NY. His remains, along with those of Marcus Wood and Matilda Bigelow, were moved to Forest Hill Cemetery in Fredonia, NY in 1901, according to Forest Hill Cemetery records.

Sarah MEEDER and Nathan WOOD Junior had the following children:

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i. **Rebecca WOOD** was born in 1839 in , Chautauqua County, New York. The Pomfret Township, District 3, Chautauqua County, New York census lists Rebecca C. as 16 years of age , living with her widowed mother and other family members. It states she was born in Chautauqua County and had lived there for 16 years. She was still listed in the same household in the 1860 census.
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ii. **Sarah M. WOOD** (born in 1841).
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iii. **Harriet L. WOOD** was born in 1845 in , Chautauqua County, New York. The 1855 3rd District, Pomfret Township, Chautauqua County, New York census lists Harriet L, age 10, living with her widowed mother and other family. She is listed in the same household in the 1860 census.
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iv. **Mary L. WOOD** was born in 1848 in , Chautauqua County, New York.

103. **Carleton Harvey MEEDER** was born on December 8, 1813 in Shewsbury, Rutland County, Vermont. He died on June 30, 1890 in Westfield, Chautauqua County, New York.

Michelle Henry Notes

Duplicated copy of Earle Meeder's records states that Harvey Meeder came to Fredonia, NY with father Daniel about



1830, and then went to Westfield, NY. He had a saw mill on his farm in "Bady's Gulf," (now Lyon's Gulf) near Summerdale, NY.

Meader Family Association Archives record Carleton Harvey Meeder born 8 Dec 1813 in Shrewsbury, VT, and lists descendents as well. The 1850 federal census for Westfield, Chautauqua County, New York, lists Harvey Meader, farmer, age 35, living with wife Sarah F. and 3 children, Cordelia, 7; Daniel Elwood, 3 ; and Carlton, 1. In addition, John Elwood, 21, is living with the family.

Tombstone in Volusia Cemetery near Westfield, NY (SW corner of Pigeon and Douglas Reds) reads, "Harvey Meeder, born Dec. 8, 1813, died June 30, 1890." We visited this cemetery 12 August 1994, and found six tombstones in a row: Lizzie A. Meeder, 1861-1935; Carlton H. Meeder, 1849-1917; Elizabeth D., wife of Harvey Meeder and daughter of P.P. and Hannah Elwood, born Aug. 5, 1825, died Aug 3, 1880; Mary M. (daughter of?) Harvey & Sarah Meeder, died June 8, 1872 (?) aged 15 byres, 2 MO., 3 D (?); Sarah F., wife of Harvey Meeder, daughter of P.P. & H. Elwood, born Sept 30, 1818, died Nov 20, 1864; Harvey Meeder, born Dec 8, 1813, died June 30, 1890."

He was married to Sarah Frances ELWOOD (daughter of P.P. ELWOOD and Hannah UNKNOWN). **Sarah Frances ELWOOD** was born on September 30, 1818 in , , New York. She died on November 20, 1864.

Carleton Harvey MEEDER and Sarah Frances ELWOOD had the following children:

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i. **Sarah Cordelia MEEDER** was born about 1843.
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ii. **Daniel Elwood MEEDER** was born about 1847.
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iii. **Carlton Harvey MEEDER** was born in 1849. He died in 1917.
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iv. **Harriet MEEDER**.
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v. **Mary M. MEEDER** died on June 8, 1872. She was born on April 5, 1955.

He was married to Elizabeth Druscilla ELWOOD (daughter of P.P. ELWOOD and Hannah UNKNOWN) in 1873. **Elizabeth Druscilla ELWOOD** was born on August 5, 1825. She died on August 3, 1880.

104. **Benjamin Sumner MEEDER** was born on April 30, 1817 in , , Vermont. He died on February 3, 1886 in Leonard, Shelby County, Missouri.

Michelle Henry Notes:  
Benjamin was residing in Chautauqua County, NY in 1840, according to the federal census and also a ledger entry possessed by the Chautauqua County Historical Society.

105. **Henry MEEDER** was born on June 12, 1824 in Schroon, Essex County, New York - probably.

Michelle Henry Notes:  
Birth place is from the 1855 Chautauqua County NY census. Henry and John, the two youngest children of Daniel and Sally Meeder, were living with their parents in the household of Sarah Wood, their half sister, in Milford in that census. The 1875 New York state census for Pomfret, Chautauqua County lists Henry Meeder as a hired farm laborer in the household of Charles J. and Hannah Orton. Age is listed as 40, whereas Henry would have been 50 at that time. Birthplace is given as Essex County, so the census taker probably recorded the age incorrectly.

106. **John MEEDER** was born on May 26, 1829 in Schroon, Essex County, New York - probably. Michelle Henry Notes: Birthplace given in 1855 Chautauqua, NY census. Henry and John, the two youngest children of Daniel and Sally Meeder, were living with their parents in the household of half sister Sarah Wood in Milford, Chautauqua County, NY at that time.

108. **Daniel MEEDER Jr.** was born on October 15, 1820 in , , Vermont. He died on January 10, 1878 in , , New York. He was married to Cynthia Elizabeth RICE on February 25, 1844 in Westfield, Chautauqua County, New York. Elder Sawin, of Ripley married Daniel Meeder, Jr. and Elizabeth Rice. Daniel and Elizabeth were living in Westfield when they were married. **Cynthia Elizabeth RICE** was born on December 29, 1824 in Lysander, Onondago County, New York. She died on December 14, 1863 in , , New York.

Comment:  
-Earle Meeder's records provide birth and death dates for Daniel, Junior and his three wives as well as information on the children of the third marriage.  
  
-Helga Rater's "Meader Notes" cite an 1870 census (presumably New York) in which Daniel listed his birthplace as Vermont.  
  
-Michele Henry provided his birth date.

Daniel MEEDER Jr. and Cynthia Elizabeth RICE had the following children:

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- i. **Sarah Elizabeth MEEDER** was born on September 22, 1844. She died on August 17, 1897 in Ripley, Chautauqua County, New York.
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- ii. **James Henry MEEDER** was born on January 20, 1848 in Westfield, Chautauqua County, New York. He died on July 11, 1917 in Titusville, Crawford County, Pennsylvania.
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- iii. **Nathan E. MEEDER** was born on March 10, 1850. He died on April 19, 1924. Notes: Birth and Death Information is from Helga Rater's "Meeder Notes".
- +150
- iv. **Franklin Daniel MEEDER** (born on October 26, 1852).
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- v. **Claude Perl MEEDER**.
- +152
- vi. **Mary Elizabeth MEEDER** (born on September 26, 1857).
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- vii. **Milton E. MEEDER** was born on February 18, 1860. He died on January 16, 1861.
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- viii. **Martha MEEDER** was born in 1862. She died on December 1, 1876.

He was married to Catherine PERDUE. **Catherine PERDUE** was born in 1824 in , , Canada. She died on February 28, 1913. She was buried in March 1913 in South Ripley Cemetery in Ripley, NY. Daniel MEEDER Jr. and Catherine PERDUE had the following children:

- 155
- i. **John W. MEEDER** was born on December 30, 1866 in , , Pennsylvania. He died on May 19, 1927.
- +156
- ii. **Oscar Frederick MEEDER** (born on May 5, 1868).
- +157
- iii. **Sarah Jane MEEDER** (born on October 30, 1869).
- +158
- iv. **Viola MEEDER** (born on November 11, 1872).

+159                      v. **Eunice Velora MEEDER** (born on November 11, 1872).

113. **Mary MEADER** was born on April 9, 1803 in China, Kennebec County, Maine.

114. **Lydia MEADER** was born on June 10, 1804 in China, Kennebec County, Maine. She died on March 22, 1887.

115. **Jane W. MEADER** was born on May 15, 1806 in China, Kennebec County, Maine. She died in 1895.

She was married to George Washington WEBBER on July 7, 1825. **George Washington WEBBER** was born in August 1803. He died on July 19, 1860.

116. **Job MEADER** was born on September 11, 1808 in China, Kennebec County, Maine.

Job Meader was the twin brother of Jonathan Meader.

117. **Jonathan MEADER** was born on September 12, 1808 in China, Kennebec County, Maine.

119. **Cynthia MEADER** was born about 1812.

121. **Louisa MEADER** was born about 1815.

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122. **Otis MEADER** was born on December 2, 1835 in Albion, Kennebec County, Maine.

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He was married to Hannah FULLER. Otis MEADER and Hannah FULLER had the following children:

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i. **Arthur Herbert MEADER** was born on April 12, 1858 in Civil, Albion, Kennebec, Maine. Batch #: C506331, Source Call #: 010404
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ii. **Ora Alberto MEADER** was born on July 19, 1860 in Civil, Albion, Kennebec, Maine. Batch #:



- 162      iii. **Melissa Ann MEADER** was born on March 7, 1863 in Civil, Albion, Kennebec, Maine. Batch #: C506331, Source Call #: 010404
- 163      iv. **Wilmont Hanson MEADER** was born on May 8, 1865 in Albion, Kennebec County, Maine. Batch #: 5006631, Sheet #: 16, Source Call #: 1553362
- 164      v. **Charles Edwin MEADER** was born on March 13, 1869 in Albion, Kennebec County, Maine. Batch #: 5006631, Sheet #: 16, Source Call #: 1553362
- 165      vi. **Alice Hannah MEADER** was born on March 28, 1871 in Albion, Kennebec County, Maine. Batch #: 5006631, Sheet #: 16, Source Call #: 1553362
- 166      vii. **John Otis MEADER** was born on March 5, 1875 in Albion, Kennebec County, Maine. Batch #: 5006631, Sheet #: 16, Source Call #: 1553362
- 167      viii. **John Otis MEADER** was born on June 20, 1878 in Albion, Kennebec County, Maine. Batch #: 5006631, Sheet #: 16, Source Call #: 1553362

126. , **MEEDER**.

127. **Sarah Mariah MEEDER** was born on October 21, 1827 in , Essex County, New York. She died on December 1, 1899 in Norman Township, Dent County, Missouri.

She was married to George DRUMMOND. **George DRUMMOND** was born on March 10, 1817. He died Apr18 1885.

The Drummond farm was located near Hobson, Missouri. It was purchased in the 1860's or 1870's by George William Drummond and Sally Moriah Meador. A private burial ground on this farm contains the graves of Sally Moriah Meeder, George William Drummond, William Meeder, an infant child of Mary Elizabeth (Drummond) Howard and according to Albert Earl Howard, the grave of Daniel Judson Meeder.

128. **Mary Rebecca MEEDER** was born on October 5, 1829 in , Essex County, New York. She died on February 23, 1890.

She was married to Henry Dexter PANGBORN. **Henry Dexter PANGBORN** was born in 1821.

129. **William Israel MEEDER** was born on September 5, 1831 in , Essex County, New York. He died on May 4, 1926 in St. Paul, Howard County, Nebraska.

He was married to Margaret Eliza ROFF. **Margaret Eliza ROFF** was born on May 10, 1840. She died on July 7, 1906.

130. **James Monroe MEEDER** was born on September 24, 1834 in Fredonia, Chautauqua County, New York. He died on August 18, 1918.

James Monroe Meeder and Laura Estelle (Brandt) Meeder lived along Sugar Creek, in Maries County, Missouri prior to moving to northern California prior to 1880.

He was married to Laura Estelle BRANDT. **Laura Estelle BRANDT** was born on April 13, 1836. She died on April 13, 1908.

132. **Benjamin Franklin MEEDER** was born on September 17, 1840 in Fredonia, Chautauqua County, New York. He died on October 6, 1931 in , , California.

Michelle Henry note:  
1850 census of Grafton, Washington County, Wisconsin, shows a Benjamin Meder, age 10, having been born in New York, and having attended school within the year.

He was married to Margaret Anne TREMBETT.

133. **John Carleton MEEDER** died on August 18, 1932 in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois.

Michelle Henry reported:  
John Carlton Meeder died on Aug 18, 1932.

He was born in Fredonia, Chautauqua County, New York.

He was married to Eliza Addy BAXTER-HILL on November 9, 1871. **Eliza Addy BAXTER-HILL** was born on August 10, 1842. She died in 1896.

Earle Leon Meeder Notes:  
(dated 12 Jan 1960): I have a photo of Eliza and husband John taken at W. Shaw's Photograph Parlor, 137 Twenty-Second Street, Chicago, Illinois.

136. **David Adoniram MEEDER** was born on September 20, 1852 in Grafton, Washington County, Wisconsin. He died on March 2, 1935 in , , Oregon.

He was married to Mary Grace REDDING. **Mary Grace REDDING** was born on June 2, 1853. She died on August 3, 1931.

139. **Sarah M. WOOD** was born in 1841 in Milford, Chautauqua County, New York. She died in 1912 in Fredonia, Chautauqua County, New York. She was buried in 1912 in Forrest Hill Cemetery, Fredonia, Chautauqua County, New York..

Notes:  
Sarah was born and reared in Milford, now Lamberton, Chautauqua County, NY. At age 25, she married Heman Chapin, age 38. Heman was listed as previously single, according to the record appearing in the 1865 New York State census. The marriage took place in Pomfret, conducted by Baptist clergy. Sarah and Heman lived with Sarah's widowed mother in 1865

and again in 1875.

She was married to Heman CHAPIN on March 16, 1865 in Pomfret, Chautauqua County, New York.

150. **Franklin Daniel MEEDER** was born on October 26, 1852 in , Chautauqua County, New York. He died on April 17, 1920 in Sheffield, Warren County, Pennsylvania. He was buried on April 21, 1920 in Titusville, Crawford County, Pennsylvania - Greenwood Cemetery. Undertaker: J. Border, Sheffield, PA

Kristy Hammond Remarks:

Frank Meeder was born on October 26, 1856 per his death certificate.

Comments:

Franklin Meeder's real birth date was 26 Oct 1852. When Franklin married each of his three wives, he lied about his age. With all three, he stated his age as younger then he was at the time.

He was a Carpenter on 26 July 1890 in Titusville, Crawford County, Pennsylvania.

In 1900 census, Frank, living in Titusville, listed his occupation as an oil well puncher.

He was married to Francis S. KIMBLE about 1876. **Francis S. KIMBLE** was born about 1857 in , Cattaraugus County, New York. She died ?? in ??.

Francis' father, Job KIMBLE, died when she was very young. Her mother, Elizabeth J. UNKNOWN, then married Andrew Hewlett/Hulett .

Comments:

Sometime between 1883 and 1889, Francis Kimble disappeared and her two children were placed in an orphanage and given a guardian by Judge Hiram H. Clark of Fredonia, NY.

Michelle Henry, Meeder researcher, was not able to locate a death record or find divorce documents pertaining to her and Franklin Meeder. Michelle informed me that sometimes Chautauqua County has lost or misplaced legal documents.

Michele Henry Notes:

On May 23,1883, property was purchased by Mrs. Frances S. Meeder for \$600 from Hugh Johnson. Francis Meeder is listed as wife of Frank D. Meeder of the same place.

Land records for Chautauqua County state that on May 21, 1889, an indenture on behalf of Claude Meeder and Perl Meeder, town of Ellery, Chautauqua County, PA, both infants under 21, by Hiram H. Walker of Fredonia, their guardian, and Lucius Jones, Jr. town of Hanover. Hiram Clark contracted with Lucius Jones \$1075 for land in the Village of Fredonia. Frank D. Meeder's land transfer, dated May 21, 1889 stated that Frank D. Meeder, unmarried, of the town of Ellery, Chautauqua County, PA transferred to Lucius Jones, Jr. his claim [to the same property stated above], in the village of Fredonia for \$1.

Comments:

1. Francis and Frank presumably were still married and supposedly sharing an address in Fredonia on May 23, 1883. Then Francis purchased new property.
2. By May, 1889, Francis is out of the picture, Frank is single, Claude and Pearl have been placed under a guardianship.
3. Did Francis pass away and Chautauqua County misplaced the death record?
4. Did Francis and Frank divorce and the court record were lost?
5. Being single, did the court force Frank Meeder to turn over temporary guardianship until Frank could provide a better home life for the children?
6. Did Franklin decide on guardianship because he felt he had no one to care for the children while he was out of town



working?

7. Why didn't Francis get custody of the children if she were alive and/or still living in Fredonia?

8. Why did Francis disappear?

9. If she was alive at the time of her disappearance, where did she go?

Franklin Daniel MEEDER and Francis S. KIMBLE had the following children:

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- i. **Claude MEEDER** was born on September 12, 1876 in Pomfret, Chautauqua County, New York.  
Comments:  
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Sometime after his remarriage he returned to New York State and reclaimed custody of both Claude and Pearl. Pearl then lived with Franklin and Mary Brennan. Claude apparently did not.

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He was married to Bessie R. UNKNOWN-CARSON about 1908. **Bessie R. UNKNOWN-CARSON** was born about 1873.

Kristy Hammonds reported:  
In the 1910 Census Visit 215, Enumeration District 0021, Clinton County, Pennsylvania. Frank Meeder, Age: 43, Color: W Relationship: Head of Household. Others Residents: Wife Bessie, 37, Pennsylvania. The census went on to list her children by a previous marriage

Comments:  
Kristy previously reported Frank Daniel Meeder's birthday was October 26, 1856. Above she comments that in the 1910 Census, Franklin gave his age as 43. If he was born in 1856, then in 1910 he was about 54 years old when the 1910 Census was taken. Yet he told the census recorder he was 43. He may have been closer to 56.  
We believe he made himself younger with each marriage.

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She was married to Allen RATER on January 7, 1880. Mary Elizabeth MEEDER and Allen RATER had the following children:

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She died on November 11, 1954.

Comment: Sister Velora married Howard's brother George.

She was married to Howard Vernon LANPHERE.

Helga Rater's Meeder Notes.  
Sarah and Howard Vern Lanphere had six children.

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Viola Meeder was the twin sister of Eunice Velora Meder.

Helga Rater's Meeder Notes:  
Viola and Charles A. Grimes had two children.

She was married to Charles GRIMES.



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She was married to George LANPHERE.

Helga Rater's Meeder Notes.

Velora and George had four children. **George LANPHERE** was buried in Cemetery on US 20 east of Ripley, Chautauqua County, New York.

**EIGHTH GENERATION**

169. **Pearl MEEDER** was born on September 22, 1882 in Ripley, Chautauqua County, New York. She died on February 22, 1961 in Akron, Summit County, Ohio - 945 Johnston Street. She was buried on February 24, 1961 in Akron, Summit County, Ohio - Greenlawn Memorial Cemetery. The funeral services were handled by the Adam's Funeral Home, 791 E. Market St. Akron, Ohio.

She was employed for almost 40 years by the Goodyear Tire & Rubber in Akron, Ohio. I am told she stretched the truth about her age so Goodyear would hire her. She said her birth date was Sep 22, 1892 when in it really was Sep 22, 1882. Her death certificate reflects the 1892 birth date so there wouldn't be any problems with her death benefits.

Comments:

My grandmother, Pearl Meeder-Anderson, was a very loving person who's childhood must have been very difficult. In spite of her childhood problems, she was kind and friendly to everyone. I never met a person who didn't like Pearl. She was like a second mother to me and she will always be remembered with love and affection for the happiness she gave me.

She was married to Johan Richard (Rick) ANDERSON about 1904 in , , New York. She was divorced from Johan Richard (Rick) ANDERSON. **Johan Richard (Rick) ANDERSON** was born on May 25, 1878 in Olaifas, Linkopings lan, Sweden. We believe Olai or Olai fas is either a farm or small parish. He was confirmed on April 10, 1892 in Sheffield, Warren County, Pennsylvania - Lutheran Church. He died on August 2, 1963 in Akron, Summit County, Ohio. He was buried on August 5, 1963 in Akron, Summit County, Ohio - Greenlawn Memorial Cemetery. The funeral services were handled by the Adam's Funeral Home, 791 E. Market St. Akron, Ohio. Pearl MEEDER and Johan Richard (Rick) ANDERSON had the following children:

- +181
- i. **Delores Evelyn ANDERSON** (born on December 1, 1905).

171. **Gertrude MEEDER** was born on July 28, 1892 in Mayville, Chautauqua County, New York. She was buried in October 1975 in Lock Haven, Clinton County, Pennsylvania - Rest Haven Cemetery, Road #1. She died on October 18, 1975.

She was married to Joseph Michael (Mike) MILLER on April 1, 1911 in , Clinton County, Pennsylvania. **Joseph Michael (Mike) MILLER** was born on July 16, 1893 in Lock Haven, Clinton County, Pennsylvania. He died on May 17, 1968 in Avis, Clinton County, Pennsylvania. Gertrude MEEDER and Joseph Michael (Mike) MILLER had the following children:

- +182
- i. **Dorthie Juanetta (Dot) MILLER** (born on September 5, 1912).



+183            ii. **Glenn MILLER** (born on April 4, 1914).

172. **Bertha A. MEEDER** was born on March 12, 1894 in , , New York. Bertha Meeder lived in Woolridge, PA.

She died before Gertrude M. Meeder-Miller (1975) her older sister possibly in the late 1960's.

She was married to George GRAHM. Bertha A. MEEDER and George GRAHM had the following children:

- 184            i. **Pauline GRAHM** died. She was buried in Woolrich, Clinton County, Pennsylvania.
- 185            ii. **Delores GRAHM** died. She was buried in Woolrich, Clinton County, Pennsylvania. Delores Graham never married. She live in Woolrich, PA and worked at the Woolrich Woolen Mill.
- 186            iii. **Betty GRAHM**. Betty Graham never married. As of June, 1996, she in still living in Woolrich, PA where she worked at the Woolrich Woolen Mill before retiring.
- 187            iv. **Mary GRAHM** died. She was buried in Woolrich, Clinton County, Pennsylvania. Mary never married. She lived and worked in New York City.

173. **Myrtle Margart MEEDER** was born on April 28, 1896. She died on August 31, 1978 in Lock Haven, Clinton County, Pennsylvania. She was buried in Lock Haven, Clinton County, Pennsylvania - Rest Haven Cemetery, Road #1. In 1923, Myrtle Margart Meeder graduated from the Sanford Hospital Training School for Nurses, located in Jersey Shore, PA.

She was married to Daniel Lytle HARPSTER. **Daniel Lytle HARPSTER** died in Lock Haven, Clinton County, Pennsylvania. Myrtle Margart MEEDER and Daniel Lytle HARPSTER had the following children:

+188            i. **Daniel Richard (Dick) HARPSTER**.

174. **Leroy (Roy) MEEDER** was born on December 9, 1898 in Titusville, Crawford County, Pennsylvania. He retired in March 1963 in Warren, Warren County, Pennsylvania. He died on December 4, 1963 in Warren, Warren County, Pennsylvania at 226 Pennsylvania Ave. He was buried on December 7, 1963 in Lock Haven, Clinton County, Pennsylvania - Rest Haven Cemetery, Road #1.

He worked as a janitor at the Home Street School in Warren, Warren County, Pennsylvania. He was Baptist.

He was married to May PAUL. **May PAUL** was born on November 23, 1901. She was buried in , Glynn County, Georgia - United Methodist Church. Leroy (Roy) MEEDER and May PAUL had the following children:

- +189            i. **Myrtle MEEDER** (born on February 26, 1922).
- +190            ii. **Charlotte MEEDER** (born on March 24, 1924).
- +191            iii. **Alice MEEDER** (born on September 19, 1926).
- +192            iv. **Betty L. MEEDER** (born on June 2, 1928).
- +193            v. **Patty MEEDER** (born on February 25, 1930).

He was married to Clearetta (Etta) WADSWORTH. **Clearetta (Etta) WADSWORTH** was born on July 2, 1896. She died on December 26, 1972.

176. **Alice MEEDER** was born on May 17, 1902 in , , Pennsylvania. She died in January 1982 in Lewisburg, Union County, Pennsylvania - Methodist Home.

She was married to Mont MAUS. Alice MEEDER and Mont MAUS had the following children:

- +194 i. **Peggy Lou MAUS.**

179. , **RATER.**

, RATER had the following children:

- +195 i. , **RATER.** 165 vi. **Alice Hannah MEADER** was born on March 28, 1871 in Albion, Kennebec County, Maine. Batch #: 5006631, Sheet #: 16, Source Call #: 1553362
- 166 vii. **John Otis MEADER** was born on March 5, 1875 in Albion, Kennebec County, Maine. Batch #: 5006631, Sheet #: 16, Source Call #: 1553362
- 167 viii. **John Otis MEADER** was born on June 20, 1878 in Albion, Kennebec County, Maine. Batch #: 5006631, Sheet #: 16, Source Call #: 1553362

126. , **MEEDER**

127. **Sarah Mariah MEEDER** was born on October 21, 1827 in , Essex County, New York. She died on December 1, 1899 in Norman Township, Dent County, Missouri.

She was married to George DRUMMOND. **George DRUMMOND** was born on March 10, 1817. He died Apr18 1885.

The Drummond farm was located near Hobson, Missouri. It was purchased in the 1860's or 1870's by George William Drummond and Sally Moriah Meador. A private burial ground on this farm contains the graves of Sally Moriah Meeder, George William Drummond, William Meeder, an infant child of Mary Elizabeth (Drummond) Howard and according to Albert Earl Howard, the grave of Daniel Judson Meeder.

128. **Mary Rebecca MEEDER** was born on October 5, 1829 in , Essex County, New York. She died on February 23, 1890.

She was married to Henry Dexter PANGBORN. **Henry Dexter PANGBORN** was born in 1821.

129. **William Israel MEEDER** was born on September 5, 1831 in , Essex County, New York. He died on May 4, 1926 in St. Paul, Howard County, Nebraska.

He was married to Margaret Eliza ROFF. **Margaret Eliza ROFF** was born on May 10, 1840. She died on July 7, 1906.

130. **James Monroe MEEDER** was born on September 24, 1834 in Fredonia, Chautauqua County, New York. He died on August 18, 1918.

James Monroe Meeder and Laura Estelle (Brandt) Meeder lived along Sugar Creek, in Maries County, Missouri prior to moving to northern California prior to 1880.

He was married to Laura Estelle BRANDT. **Laura Estelle BRANDT** was born on April 13, 1836. She died on April 13, 1908.

132. **Benjamin Franklin MEEDER** was born on September 17, 1840 in Fredonia, Chautauqua County, New York. He died on October 6, 1931 in , , California.

Michelle Henry note:  
1850 census of Grafton, Washington County, Wisconsin, shows a Benjamin Meder, age 10, having been born in New York, and having attended school within the year.

He was married to Margaret Anne TREMBETT.

133. **John Carleton MEEDER** died on August 18, 1932 in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois.

Michelle Henry reported:  
John Carlton Meeder died on Aug 18, 1932.

He was born in Fredonia, Chautauqua County, New York.

He was married to Eliza Addy BAXTER-HILL on November 9, 1871. **Eliza Addy BAXTER-HILL** was born on August 10, 1842. She died in 1896.

Earle Leon Meeder Notes:  
(dated 12 Jan 1960): I have a photo of Eliza and husband John taken at W. Shaw's Photograph Parlor, 137 Twenty-Second Street, Chicago, Illinois.

136. **David Adoniram MEEDER** was born on September 20, 1852 in Grafton, Washington County, Wisconsin. He died on March 2, 1935 in , , Oregon.

He was married to Mary Grace REDDING. **Mary Grace REDDING** was born on June 2, 1853. She died on August 3, 1931.

139. **Sarah M. WOOD** was born in 1841 in Milford, Chautauqua County, New York. She died in 1912 in Fredonia, Chautauqua County, New York. She was buried in 1912 in Forrest Hill Cemetery, Fredonia, Chautauqua County, New York..

Notes:



Sarah was born and reared in Milford, now Lamberton, Chautauqua County, NY. At age 25, she married Heman Chapin, age 38. Heman was listed as previously single, according to the record appearing in the 1865 New York State census. The marriage took place in Pomfret, conducted by Baptist clergy. Sarah and Heman lived with Sarah's widowed mother in 1865 and again in 1875.

She was married to Heman CHAPIN on March 16, 1865 in Pomfret, Chautauqua County, New York.

150. **Franklin Daniel MEEDER** was born on October 26, 1852 in , Chautauqua County, New York. He died on April 17, 1920 in Sheffield, Warren County, Pennsylvania. He was buried on April 21, 1920 in Titusville, Crawford County, Pennsylvania - Greenwood Cemetery. Undertaker: J. Border, Sheffield, PA

He was a Carpenter on 26 July 1890 in Titusville, Crawford County, Pennsylvania.

In 1900 census, Frank, living in Titusville, listed his occupation as an oil well puncher.

The Meader families were mostly concentrated in just a few states during this time period.

He was married to Francis S. KIMBLE about 1876. **Francis S. KIMBLE** was born about 1857 in , Cattaraugus County, New York.

Francis' father, Job KIMBLE, died when she was very young. Her mother, Elizabeth J. UNKNOWN, then married Andrew Hewlett/Hulett .

Comments:

Sometime 1883 and 1889, Francis Kimble disappeared and her two children were placed in an orphanage and given a guardian by Judge Hiram H. Clark of Fredonia, NY.  
Michelle Henry, Meeder researcher was not able to locate a death record or find divorce documents pertaining to her and Franklin Meeder.

Michele Henry Notes:

On May 23, 1883, property was purchased by Mrs. Frances S. Meeder for \$600 from Hugh Johnson. Francis Meeder is listed as wife of Frank D. Meeder of the same place.  
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Comments:

1. Francis and Frank presumably were still married and supposedly sharing an address in Fredonia on May 23, 1883. Then Francis purchased new property.
2. By May, 1889, Francis is out of the picture, Frank is single, Claude and Pearl have been placed under a guardianship.
3. Did Francis pass away and Chautauqua County misplaced the death record?
4. Did Francis and Frank divorce and the court record were lost?
5. Being single, did the court force Frank Meeder to turn over temporary guardianship until Frank could provide a better home life for the children?
6. Did Franklin decide on guardianship because he felt he had no one to care for the children while he was out of town working?
7. Why didn't Francis get custody of the children if she were alive and/or still living in Fredonia?

- 8. Why did Francis disappear?
- 9. If she was alive at the time of her disappearance, where did she go?
- 10. We have been unable to locate any information regarding her whereabouts.

Kristy Hammond Remarks:

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Comments:

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I believe he lied in each of his marriages.

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