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To Search and to Share Close-up size: First 5-masted Governor Ames Schooner

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Happy Fall Friends! I hope the arrival of autumn finds you all well. Typically, my column in the Fall edition of the newsletter is taken up with a review of the annual meeting for all of you who could not attend. Since we had no annual meeting due to the Covid 19 pandemic, I am left to think ahead rather than reminisce. I want to assure all of you that the board of directors will proceed with plans for next year's annual meeting. We can only hope that the coming months will bring an elimination or diminution of the current pandemic. We must try to be hopeful!

This was the first summer in 45 years that I was not able to vacation in Maine. Fortunately, I live close to the ocean and can walk Crane beach, which is some consolation for my banishment from Maine. I can even go to the top of a nearby hill and look northeast to see Mt. Agamenticus in Southern Maine. As I walk the beach, I come upon the bones of an old shipwreck sticking up through the sand. Local history books identify the wreck as the Ada K. Damon, a grand banks schooner built in 1878 in nearby Essex Massachusetts, that was wrecked upon the shore during a Christmas Day snowstorm in 1909. Fortunately, no lives were lost, but subsequent attempts to pull the ship off the beach failed. The Ada Damon has rested on the beach since 1909 and has slowly deteriorated. Over the years she has become a local landmark and a place of play for the aspiring

young pirates and sailors. Her keel and some of her ribs are still visible, and her bowsprit lies in the shallow water next to the keel. The workmanship required to build such a sturdy vessel is still visible on the wreck.

Of course, this all brings to mind the skill and artistry of our Waldoboro ancestors who were

renowned for their boat building in the 19th and early 20th century. It also brings to mind the mariners and ship from Waldoboro that have been lost to the sea. Many family monuments in Waldoboro cemeteries list the name of some mariner accompanied by the phrase "lost at sea." Who were these mariners? Is there any account extant that can tell us the circumstances of their deaths, or did they just vanish, their fate known only to King Neptune?



Two Old Wrecks on Ipswich Beach: the Ada K. Damon and the Author

In my Welt Family Tree there are two people whose death is listed as “lost at sea”. I decided to try and research one of them and see if I could find out anything about his demise. I decided to start with my first cousin 3X removed Captain Orlando Welt. A search of newspapers.com revealed that ship he was commanding when he disappeared was the a 3 masted schooner called the Maggie G. Hart. The ship was built in the Reed and Welt Shipyard in Waldoboro and launched in 1883. The first report of trouble came from a passing liner on 18 December 1902:

ABANDONED SCHOONER AT SEA. Belief that Crew of the Maggie G. Hart Was Taken Off. Captain Haase, of the steamer Alleghany, of the Hamburg-American Line, Atlas Service, which arrived here yesterday from Kingston and other West Indian ports, reported that on December 14, In latitude 30:30. longitude 73:54. which is about six hundred miles east of Jacksonville, he passed the three masted schooner Maggie G. Hart, abandoned and In a water logged condition. This is the first news which has reached here of the abandonment of the Hart, which was bound here from Jacksonville, with 400,000 square feet of hard pine lumber. The Hart sailed from Jacksonville on November 22. In the command of Captain Orlando C. Welt, of Rockport Me., with a crew of seven men. Tho mate was Rennle Thornton. When the Alleghany passed the schooner the foremast was standing, but the mainmast was broken off at the deck, and hanging by the gear from the foremast. The Jib boom was broken, and the foredeck was continually under water. As the boat was missing it is believed by the agents of the Hart, the Yates & Porterfeld Trading Company, that the crew got off safely and was taken aboard a passing steamer. The hulk was in the regular steamship track. The lumber, which was consigned to the Hilton & Dodge Lumber Company, was fully insured. There was little Insurance on the Hart, which was built In Waldoboro. Me. in 1883. The Hart hailed from New York. The wife and daughter of Captain Welt live in Rockport, Me. New York Tribune, 18 December 1902.

On the same day the Fall River Daily Evening News, the hometown newspaper of Mate Rennie Thompson, printed the same report but added the following hopeful note: ***“It is probable that the crew were taken off by a passing vessel. Coastwise skippers usually stick to a lumber carrier which floats on her cargo a long time and wait for help rather than risk the perils of the sea in a yawl.”***

Reports of the derelict Maggie G. Hart were to appear in the national shipping news for four more months. On April 1, 1903 the Boston Globe carried the following report: ***The captain of the British tug Powerful, at Bermuda from Hull, reports having passed the derelict schooner Maggie G. Hart on March 23, latitude 33 degrees-42 minutes N, longitude 53 degrees 4 minutes W.*** The ship reported derelict on December 18 of the previous year was still afloat and presenting a hazard to navigation more than 100 days later! But where was the crew? There were more reports about the position and description of the derelict ship than there were about the missing crew. In fact, in the information I was able to discover, of the seven reported crew members, only Captain Welt and First Mate Thompson were mentioned by name. I searched every internet site I could find related to shipwrecks and lost mariners, but I never found any references to the crew of the Maggie G. Hart. I searched the Rockland Public Library online catalog and found copies of the various newspapers serving Rockland Maine at that time, but there are no papers from 1902-1903. Going to sea has always been a hazardous vocation, but the deaths of these men seemed to have passed by unnoticed. I find that rather sad and I wonder if it would ever be possible to collect the names of all the sons and daughters of Waldoboro who were lost at sea. It would make interesting reading for historians, and perhaps be the catalyst for a monument stone.

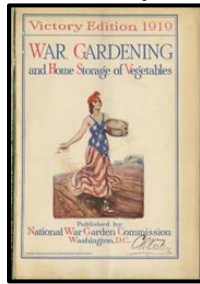
New Member: I am happy to announce that we have a new member; she is Cecelia McGuinness of the United Kingdom. Cecelia is originally from Portland Maine and is a descendant of the Orff, Achorn/Eichorn, and Reid families. Welcome aboard Cecelia, and thanks for sharing your genealogical journey with us!

In closing, I would like to thank our webmaster Fred Snell for all his hard work on our webpage. I would also like to thank Walter Ulmer, Mark Benner, and Tracie and Doug Ott for their generous contributions.

“Waldoboro Remembers Through the Years”

As we move toward November 11, and Veteran’s Day, the activities in Waldoboro during WWI come to mind. The first Waldoboro man to enlist to serve on April 10, 1917, was Roland L. Black. The first inductees under the draft on September 9, 1917, were Frank L. Duffy, Linwood V. Castner, and Astor J. Winchenbach. While Maine men did not enlist in their hometowns, the State kept a list of all who took part in the war but did not list them under town headings, so we don’t know the names of all who served from our town. The State lists are found in Stahl’s second volume appendix. Three from Waldoboro killed in the line of service are mentioned in Dr. Stahl’s book and are well-known names: Ernest B. Deymore, USN; Maurice B. Eugley, Charles C. Lilly and Samuel Shuman, all three US Army and killed in action in France. The names of the latter two are connected today with the local Legion and VFW posts.

On the home front, the drives to aid in the war effort were led by Dr. George H. Coombs with Maude Clark Gay, secretary, and Hadley H. Kuhn, treasurer of the group. There was a Four Minute Man Drive to raise funds on six different occasions to purchase Liberty Bonds. Each drive had a goal/allotment, and all six were met in Waldoboro thanks to John Jacob Cooney who agreed to purchase any unsold portion of each drive’s allotment/goal. People used maple sugar collected from their local trees for sweetening, made Victory gardens, planted extra corn and even wheat to send abroad, and everyone – even men and children – learned to knit for the war effort. Dr. and Mrs. Coombs supplied the yarn. Just as Waldoboro’s citizens today reach out to assist anyone in need, the tradition of banding together to work towards a common goal was first in everyone’s mind. This year the Waldoborough Historical Society will continue its annual recognition of Veteran’s Day. We will gather at 10 A.M. to honor the 200th Anniversary of the Revere Bell, to commemorate the loss of men and women

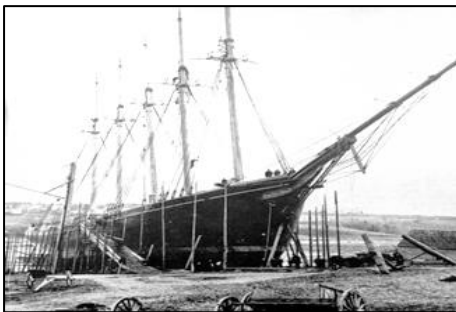


over the years the years in many ensuing wars, and to observe veterans Lance Corporal Roger Eugley, US Marine Corps and SPC Kathy Simmons, US Army, as they ring the bell on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, the date of the Armistice of WWI, “the war to end all wars.”

-Jean Lawrence

Sources consulted: Stahl, *History of Broad Bay and Waldoboro*; Miller, *History of Waldoboro* and WHS Archives.

The Governor Ames



The *Governor Ames* was the first five-masted schooner. In the late 19th century, she was the world's largest cargo vessel. She was launched on December 1, 1888, by the Leavitt-Storer shipyard of Waldoboro, Maine, United States, and was named for Oliver Ames, then the Governor of Massachusetts. After eleven years of service, the *Governor Ames* was wrecked in a gale on December 13, 1909, four miles off Cape Hatteras on the North Carolina coast.

Editor’s note: I discovered, much to my surprise, that I have not featured the Governor Ames 5-masted schooner in the masthead. Next issue, Governor Ames in a beautiful oil painting.

“Ready to Celebrate”

Jean Lawrence

First prize winner, 2020 GFWC Maine Competition

Two hundred years ago, as I was being formed,
some dedicated Waldoborough citizens were making plans for my home.
They chose a piece of land, one of the highest spots in the village
for their new house of worship.
Members purchased pews, and before the carpentry was complete,
free, and clear of debt was the Old North Church.
To the spire of the church I came and was lifted up.
Here was my home and, given me by my Revere and Sons creators, my calling
“The living to the church I call, and to the grave I summon all.”
For 115 years I encouraged villagers to Meeting House Hill
to behold the splendor of my home and to worship.
For years, the elite of the village entered through my doors
until time and dissention took their toll, and the congregation all but disappeared.
I was the silent witness as the church became abandoned.
In 1935, the few descendants of the original founders agreed to raze the building.
The pieces of what had once been a vibrant house of worship were distributed,
and the site and I were given to the town.
Once again, plans were made for a new edifice;
a new high school was erected, and I was established on the roof.
Housed simply, my role was to call pupils to the school.
Education, not worship, was the new goal of my pealing’s.
I sent out my tones with joy. Students came and went for another 54 years.
Then, the school became outdated and crowded.
I’d always been a part of Meeting House Hill, and all of a sudden, I was homeless.
No one who knew me wanted to see me gone,
and yet a quandary arose: what should be done with me?
For a while, I was placed on a trailer, not a real home,
and hauled through town on parade days.
Some said I should be stored behind the Town Office Building;
others suggested, the Old Custom House.
I became not only a relic of Waldoboro’s past, but also historically valuable,
while the haulers of my trailer grew older.
And so, in 1989, with the town’s blessing, I found a new home at the historical society.
Now, here I hang, all 929 bronze pounds, in a splendid new housing
made by a local carpenter’s hands from actual photos of my original enclosure.
I’m protected from the elements and rung on special occasions.
I’m ready for the bicentennial celebration of our state.
I’m ready for the next 200 years.
I am Waldoboro’s Revere Bell.



How I Came to Join the OBBFHA

Submitted by Jeff Kinsell

In the mid- 1970's after graduating from The UCLA School of Business at the age of twenty-five, I landed a job working on Wall Street in Manhattan, New York as an investment banker. I am originally a Santa Barbara, California native. While I had traveled to the East Coast before, being based in New York City gave me the opportunity to explore surrounding States on weekends and holidays to more fully appreciate my experience and immerse and enrich myself in our country's early history.

My father had told me stories as I was growing up that he understood our early ancestors had come to America from Germany in the 1750's and settled in the New England region. He had heard a number of our early ancestors were buried in a cemetery there which he had never visited. When he scheduled a trip to come and visit from California, I said why don't we drive up the eastern seaboard and go see and visit this place. I did some limited research and located Waldoboro on the map, and we were off on our discovery adventure.

Our first stop in Waldoboro was at the Public Library where I inquired about any material on the early history of the area. Amongst other things, I came across the 1910 Samuel Miller "History of The Town of Waldoboro"¹. There on page 67 was a reference to a handwritten passport given to Bernard Kinsell when he took his family from Waldoboro to the Carolinas as part of the Moravian Mission in 1772, returning in 1773. This passport while in possession by the Reed family at the time of Miller's writing, had found its way to my grandfather, and subsequently my father who had passed it along to me as the eldest male in our family².

I first learned also, of my relative Bertha Smouse, daughter of George and Jane Kinsell Smouse, who at the age of 18, as then Isaac G. Reed's stepdaughter, created the now 200-year-old design of the Maine State Seal³. Great family pride was now swelling in my soul.

I asked the librarian if she could recommend any further material that might have more specific information regarding the Kinsell family and to my great surprise she replied "are you the one who sent in the family tree a couple weeks ago?" I replied no, and she went and searched and returned with a Kinsell family tree sent to the library only weeks before. On looking at it, I realized I was looking at branches of my family I knew nothing about!

In further sleuthing, I learned the tree was sent in by a man in his 60's whose 90-year-old mother (Dorothy Kinsell Palmer) lived nearby in Damariscotta. A phone call became an invitation to come visit, and a quick drive led us to her doorstep where all of a sudden standing in front of me, I was looking at a 90 year old living blood relative whom neither my Father nor I knew anything of nor had ever met. Of course, stories were exchanged, and pictures came out and three hours later my Father and I were totally enthralled as both Dorothy, and we had shared this amazing totally unexpected chance experience.

Skip to the next morning, and after discovering breakfast at Moody's, we finally after all these years, were to venture to the German Meeting House and Lutheran Cemetery we had been told about in years before. There, nearby adjacent to the front of the Church as one drives up the right side of the building, perched to the side and all alone marked by four corner posts sat one of the larger and taller monuments in the cemetery, that of John Kinsell (1774-1814). I soon discovered further up into the cemetery another twenty-five plus Kinsells, wives, and children neatly interred in adjacent rows amongst all the others, years later to become the now familiar names of our



John Kinsell 1774-1814

members earliest beginnings. My early family history was becoming alive to me as I read about and imagined early Waldoboro. Driving about the area I recognized names and locations mentioned in my exploratory reading. I also learned of and purchased the two volume "History of Old Broad Bay and Waldoboro, Maine by Jasper Jacob Stahl³. There I read the story of our and numerous other family's passage from Germany on the Ship Elizabeth in 1753, seeking the many promises offered by General Waldo on arrival in New England⁴. With all of this new-found knowledge I was hooked, I wanted to learn all I could about my ancestor's immigration.

On my return to New York City I started thinking how best I could learn more about my early ancestry. While I actually was good with technology and even bought one of the first IBM personal computers available to the public, the internet was not yet available, and all the digital records which are online today existed only in libraries, museum, and historical societies, most not accessible to the public.

I began interviewing my parents and living grandparents regarding whatever information they knew or could remember of our earlier relatives. I had to think how to organize and keep my findings, as software programs such as Ancestry and My Heritage now offer were still to be created.

Then, in January of 1977, a made for television miniseries based on Alex Haley's 1976 novel "Roots" first aired. The nation was awakened and excited by Kunta Kinte's journey of discovery just as I was when I had first met Dorothy Kinsell Palmer in Damariscotta only months before. The genealogy craze was off and running and hasn't abated yet.

My job, however, took me back to San Francisco in the fall of 1978 where I continued my periodic forays into ancestry, but distance all the way across the fifty State's prevented me from visiting and mining easily the deeper information I sought.

In the 1980's I learned more about the Church of Latter-Day Saints historical collections and was able to fill in some more pieces of my family puzzle from the most recent 200 years. It was not until the mid-1990's that I first came across the Old Broad Bay Family History Association (OBBFHA) which had been founded in summer 1992. I learned of the annual August Sunday gathering at The German Meeting House and resolved one day to attend and see whom I might connect with to help me further in my family history search. Unfortunately, time, distance, work, and my young family's demands kept me from attending for another fifteen plus years.

In the meantime, in the late 2000's I had been able to obtain and read some of the group newsletters, and struck up an email relationship of sorts with Helen Shaw which kept me attached to the activities of the organization. She even was able to gently coerce me to contribute an article regarding the handwritten passport in my possession referenced above in Miller's History of Waldoboro (p67)².

I formally had joined the OBBFHA to support their work and perpetuate the help and assistance I received from so many over the years since. The newsletters kept the fire lit under me in my quest for more discovery. Finally, in the early teens I was able to make my 1st trip in person and meet many of you. The fellowship, enthusiasm, and camaraderie since, for me closed the circle that began with the ship *Elizabeth* in 1753 so many years ago. Three generations of my family returned once more, in 2018 to again experience in person the accomplishments of this great group. Among many, we had the opportunity to meet Richard Wallace and hear a number of his historical recollections, also Jean Lawrence who graciously shared a sampling of the many, many things she is involved in keeping Waldoboro's history alive, vibrant, and growing. We experienced again the warm greeting of the Putnams who together work so hard to keep our ship healthy and on course. The list goes on and on, there were so many other faces, both old and new, who form this great association and are its voice and lifeblood.

I am certain our family and its future generations will continue to visit and benefit from the OBBFHA. Thank you again to our many officers who have volunteered in numerous capacities throughout the years, and to our webmaster, and newsletter editors for keeping us so interested, current, and informed. It is all of you who make our Family the wonderful living history group that it is. It is my fervent hope that through all of our efforts and

shared collective information and histories, we can continue to pass down, enlarge, and ignite the fervor of our future generations to carry on the missions started by our forebears.

I would encourage everyone to contribute something to our newsletters now and then- these are the heart and soul of what connect us between meetings and share our information and discoveries. Maybe a discovery in your tree, a colorful story or anecdote? Don't just depend on our officers and volunteers who work so hard to keep us viable, interesting, and informative. We, collectively, are the glue which gives our association the ability to inform us and many others and keep our histories alive!

For those interested in reading or downloading digital copies (free) of Miller or Stahl's volumes, click on the links below:

1 Miller <https://archive.org/details/historyoftownofw00mill>

2 Pg. 1 <http://obbfha.org/Newsletters/NS%20V%2007%20N%2001%20Winter%202010.pdf>

3 Pg. 3 <http://obbfha.org/Newsletters/NS%20V%2017%20N%2002%20Spring%202019.pdf>

4 Stahl https://archive.org/stream/historyofoldbroa01stah/historyofoldbroa01stah_djvu.txt

5 See Miller Chapter 5, pages 29-39 Circular seeking Settlers

LIFE OF CHARLES WALCH, PART II

Tracie Gross Ott (tracott@comcast.net)

CHARLES WALCH was part of the first generation born in Broad Bay of immigrant parents Johannes Peter Walch & Anna Elisabetha "Elbet" Werner;^[1] a farmer, Rev. War veteran, and merchant in local coasting operations. He was b. bet. 1758-1759^[2] and d. bet. 19 Aug 1821^[3] – 23 Jan 1823.^[4] He m. CATHERINE UNKNOWN abt. 1787 (determined by birth year of first known child) probably at Waldoborough and she died 19 May 1814, age 52.^[5]

He raised his family on the tip end of Dutch Neck near today's Havener Point between the shores of Broad Bay to the east and Broad Cove to the west. According to Stahl his land "seems to be the original Lot No. 52 purchased from the heirs of Pemaquid proprietors by John Walck in 1763."^[6] In 1815, the property was known as Lot No. 137, 120 acres^[7] with pastureland, spruce, and Norway pines; George Hofses to the north and Charles Heibner's land and salt marsh to the south.^[8]

As you read these comprehensive probate documents that follow, please make note of the major facts listed below highlighting the life Charles Walch and his family.

- In German when "**ch**" is followed by "r", "l", "a", or "o": It is pronounced like English "**k**", and as a result some of his documents list WALK/WALCK^[9]
- "Slab nailed to a tree-a Mrs. Wallace who died in 1814, the first person to be buried in this yard"^[10]
- Correct errors about family relationships found in Broad Bay Pioneers^[11]
- Standing in community; "*My friend*" Benjamin Brown Esq. (Rev. War surgeon, congressman, medical adviser to Mrs. Henry Knox (Lucy Flucker), prominent citizen who entertained President John Adams and Rev. War Commodore Samuel Tucker in his Waldoboro home^[12]
- Signature on Last Will & Testament; his Mark X, unable due to weakness, or something else?
- Equal shares to all sons v. eldest son given a double-share; equal shares among daughters.
- "Traditional way of distinguishing men of the same name", example: John Walch the 5th would be the youngest out of five. "To increase the confusion, the researcher must also determine what happened when one of the men died. Did the designations shift or did they remain the same?"^[13]
- Vessel owner (To be discussed at greater length in Part III).
- Tragic death of his son William described in above the THE LATE GALE source section.^[14,15]

CHILDREN OF CHARLES WALCH & CATHERINE ARE ARRANGED PER HIS LAST WILL & TESTAMENT.
 The Marriage records for William, John 5th, Jacob, Eliza, Margaret, Sarah, and Catherine.^[16]

SONS

1. William Walch b. abt. Jun 1793, d. 15 Dec 1839 “*William lost and buried at Cape Ann in the memorable gale of 1839*”; m. 28 Dec 1819 Mary WOLTZ.^[17] She died 18 Oct 1859.^[18] Guardianship, Appt. 11 May 1841.^[19] Children: Alexander (d. aged 100y 15d, single),^[20] Catherine, Harriet, Mary, William.
2. Charles Walch b. abt. 1797, d. 24 Apr 1864; m. *unk.* Catherine b. abt. 1802, d. 4 June 1891.^[21]
3. John Walch 5th b. abt. 1800/1^[22,23] d. abt. 1835; Intestate, (no guardianship papers);^[24] m. 1831 Nancy WOLTZ m2. William HOFSES [died w/Wm Walch?] ^[25] She d. 21 June 1864, age 71.^[26]
4. Jacob Walch b. 1805/6^[27] (Jan 1823. minor, guardian Isaac WINCHENBACH), d. bet. Aug 1880 -20 Feb 1899;^[28] m. 1827 Abigail WOLTZ, d. 20 Feb 1899, *widow*, Dutch Neck Cemetery.^[29]

DAUGHTERS

1. Eliza Walch b. abt. Feb 1788, d. 17 Oct 1849, Dalton, Coos, New Hampshire; m. 6 Sep 1811 Aaron EDMANDS b. 14 Dec 1781, d. 6 Nov 1862.^[30]
2. Mary Walch b. abt. 1789, d. 20 Jan 1852, Waldoboro;^[31] m. bef. Aug 1822 to John LAITEN d. 5 Feb 1862, aged 71y 2m.^[32]
3. Margaret Walch b. abt. 1790, d. 30 April 1849,^[33] Waldoboro; m. intention filed 15 Oct 1815 Capt. Zachariah STORER d. 17 Dec 1855, Waldoboro, aged 76y 2m 7d.^[34]
4. Sarah “Sally” Walch b. abt. Aug 1791, d. 3 Nov 1866, Wilmington, Delaware, aged 75y 3m; m. 7 Jan 1814 Joseph COMERY d. 16 Nov 1830, Waldoboro, aged 42y 1m 23d.^[35]
5. Catherine Walch b. 25 Apr 1796, d. 28 Mar 1886, Waldoboro, aged 89y 10m;^[36] m1. 30 Dec 1817 Capt. Charles WINCHENBACH [WINCHENPAW] d. 5 Nov 1838, aged 46y;^[37] m2. Intention filed 19 Sept 1845 Judah DELANO d. 19 DEC 1865, Friendship, aged 81y 8m.^[38]
6. Elizabeth Walch b. abt. Feb 1802 (Jan 1823. minor, guardian Isaac WINCHENBACH), d. 8 Dec 1886, aged 84y 10m; m. abt. 1830 Jacob GROSS 2^d b. 1805/6, d. 25 May 1885, aged 80.^[39]

NOTE CARDS, LINCOLN CO. PROBATE OFFICE^[40]

<p>WALCH, CHARLES Appt. Jan. 22, 1803 [1823] Late of Waldoboro TESTATE Vol. 23, P. 423-5 [Estate] Vol. 24, P. 470 [Appt of Executor] Vol. 25, P. 35-7 [Inventory] Vol. 26, P. 113-16 [Division] Vol. 27, P. 29-31 [Administration Account] Will - Vol. 23, P. 424</p>	<p>Walch, Elizabeth Appt. Jan 22, 1823 Jacob of Waldoboro gdn : Minors Vol. 21, P. 686 Children of Charles Walch</p>
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LINCOLN COUNTY PROBATE, VOL. 23, PP. 423-425; ESTATE OF CHARLES WALCH

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 ... singular the goods chattels rights and credits of the said & his will in any manner concerning is hereby committed unto **Dr. Benjamin Brown** - the Executor in the same will named, well & faithfully to execute the said Will, and to administer the estate of the said deceased according thereunto. And to make a true and perfect inventory of all & singular, the goods, chattels, rights & credits of the said deceased, & to exhibit the

same into the Registry of the Court of Probate for the County aforesaid, at or **before the twenty second day of April next ensuing.** and also, to under a plain & true account of his administration upon oath.

In testimony whereof, I have herunto set my hand and Seal of the said Court of Probate. **Dated at Waldoboro' the twenty second day of January Anno Domini 1823**

Jere Bailey

LINCOLN COUNTY PROBATE, VOL. 23, PP. 424-425; LAST WILL & TESTAMENT

In the name of GOD, Amen

I Charles Walch of Waldoboro, in the County of Lincoln, State of Maine yeoman, being sick and weak of body, but of sound mind and memory. (Blessed be GOD for it) and considering the certainty of death, and the uncertainty of the time thereof, have thought fit and proper to make and declare this my last Will and Testament, in manner following viz ~~~

First, and principally I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God, my Creator, hoping for free pardon and remission of all my sins, and to enjoy everlasting happiness in his Heavenly Kingdom, through Jesus Christ my Blessed Saviour, my Body I commit to the Earth at the discretion of my Executor herein after named ~~~~

Item. I give and bequeath to my four sons, **William, Charles, John and Jacob** all my real and personal estate except the following legacies when all my just debts and funeral charges are first paid, and they are to provide good and suitable **gravestones for myself and their Mother my deceased wife**—

Item, I give and bequeath to my sons Charles, John & Jacob, each a yoke of two year old steers, a Cow and two Sheep or the value thereof in other stock, and I also give unto my two Daughters May Leiton and Elizabeth, my part of the **Sloop Jeane**, Also each of them a Cow and two sheep— I further give to my six Daughters, **Margarett Storrah, Eliza Edmons, Sarah Cemery, Catherine Winchenbach, Mary Leiton - married wimin and Elizabeth** single woman, Twelve hundred Dollars to be equally divided between them and to be paid them by my Executor in the following manner that is to say, Two hundred dollars to be paid yearly, and to draw interest if not paid at the time specified - **Item,** I give and bequeath my daughter Elizabeth a good Bed, and the bedding thereto belonging, and I hereby appoint **my friend Benj. Brown Esq** my sole Executor of this my last Will and testament - In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this **twenty ninth day of August in the year of our LORD 1822** ~~~

Charles his Walch

+
Mark



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Signed, Sealed, published, and declared, by the above-named Charles Walch to be his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses in the presence of the Testator

**George Hofses
Isaac Winchenbach
Benja Brown**

State of Maine

Lincoln Ss . At a Probate Court holden at Waldoboro within and for the County of Lincoln, on the **twenty second day of January A.D.1823**. ~~ By the Honourable Jeremiah Bailey Esquire Judge of the Probate of Wills, &c

The annexed [“an added stipulation or statement” (<https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/annex>)] will, being presented by Benjamin Brown the Executor therein named for Probate, George Hofses, appears & affirms and Isaac Winchenbach & Benjamin Brown appear and make oath, that they saw the said Charles Walch sign, seal, and heard him publish the same Instrument, as his last Will and Testament, and that he was then to the best of their discernment, of a sound disposing mind and memory, and that they in presence of each other subscribed their names thereto, as witnesses in his presence ~ And to do therefore hereby prove, approve, and allow the foregoing Instrument as the last Will & Testament of the said Charles Walch deceased ~ ...

Jere Bailey Judge of Probate
Examined & Recorded by John H. Sheppard,
Reg.r

LINCOLN COUNTY PROBATE, VOL. 21, P. 686; ADMINISTRATION OF GUARDIANSHIP
Know all Men by these Presents, that

We **Jacob Walch & Elisabeth Walch** minors above the age of fourteen years & children of Charles Walch late of Waldoboro’ in the County of Lincoln, yeoman deceased, have named, ordained and made, and by these presents do put and constitute **Isaac Winchenbach** of Waldoboro’ in the said County Gentleman to be our guardian, with full power and authority for us, in our name and to our use, to ask, demand, sue for, recover, receive and take into his possession and custody, all and singular such part and portion of estate as accrues to us in right of our said father,

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or which by any other way or means whatsoever, doth of right appertain or belong to us; and to manage, employ and improve the same for our best advantage and profit during our minority, and to do all and whatsoever may be necessary in and about the premises as fully and effectually to all intents and purposes, as we might or could do personally, being of full age; praying that he may be accordingly accepted in the same power and trust. In testimony whereof, we have hereunto set our hands and seals the twenty second day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-three

**Sealed and Delivered }
In the presence of }
Payn Elwell**

Jacob Walch &a seal
her
Elisabeth X Walch
mark &a seal

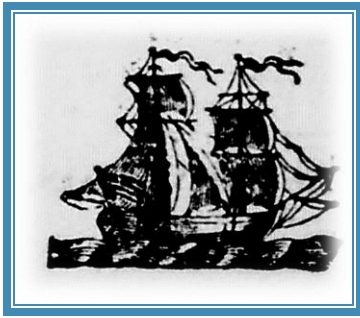
LINCOLN, SS.

At a Court of Probate for the County of Lincoln holden at Waldoboro’ in said county on the **twenty second day of January A.D. 1823** I allow of the Guardian chosen as above

Jere Bailey judge of Probate

Recorded by
John H. Sheppard
Reg.

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THE TELEGRAPH. BATH, ME: THURSDAY MORNING, DEC. 26.

THE LATE GALE.

Sch Columbia, of Bremen, Me., Jacob L. Kaler, master; total wreck – **WM. WALLACE** and – **HOFSES** drowned. ...The storm resulted in 22 total wrecks; 32 vessels dismantled... 20 ascertained deaths.^[16]

In the afternoon of “Sunday the 15th of December **1839**, the wind increased to a terrific gale, bringing rain and snow, and a sea such as been barely witnessed on our shores by the oldest people.” The sea continued to rage as darkness approached, displaying a horrific scene of “wrecks strewn across the shore.”^[17] For more information: (www.downtosea.com/1800-1850/grstorm2.htm).

“*Life of Charles Walch, Part III & IV*” will discuss other aspects of his life evidenced by the division of his landed property, inventory accounting of assets and debts, and distribution thereof.

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