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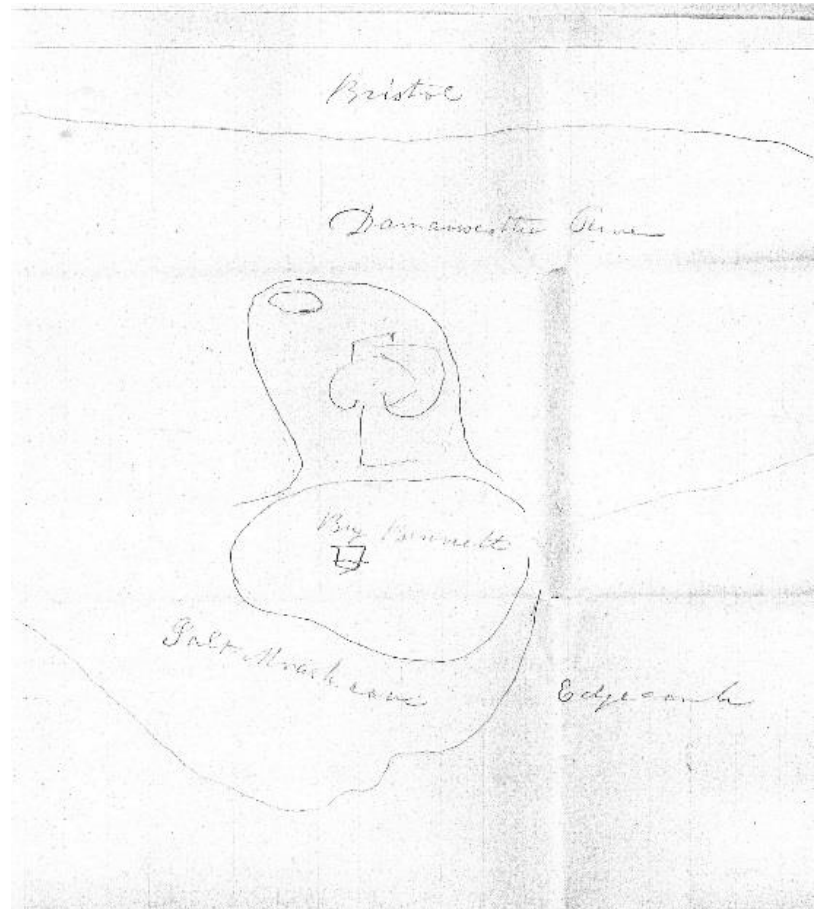
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 John Bagle  
 Willard Richards  
 Alden Alley  
 Ephraim Carls  
 Albert Gouldy  
 Edwin C. Gouldy  
 Joseph Brown (over)

Joseph Brown Jr  
 D. M. Brown  
 Thomas H. Little  
 Joseph W. Bryant  
 Benjn. Alley  
 William C. Thompson  
 Wm. Baker  
 Andrew N. Baker  
 Josiah H. Baker  
 Thomas Baker  
 John F. Hutchings  
 James H. Hilton  
 Lorenzo Felts  
 James. Fuller  
 Samuel Wentworth  
 Amos Gouldy  
 Thos. H. Ambulain  
 Lemuel Ambulain  
 A. S. Clark  
 Jonathan Bryant

**Figure 1: Signatures on a petition to the Maine State Legislature in support of young Darius Wentworth's petition to establish a weir on the Damariscotta River. Note the first two signatures. Father and son are spelling their last name differently, one with a 'g' and one without a 'g.'** (Source: Maine State Archives)

The 1850 census records Thomas Kelsey's {3<sup>A</sup>} brother 33 year old Samuel's {3<sup>C</sup>} occupation as carpenter.\* He lived with his wife 32 year old wife Mary Jane nee Foster, their 2 year old son William T. Kelsey, Thomas and Samuel's mother and widower 75 year old Esther Kelsey {2<sup>F</sup>}, a 40 year old Abigail Kelsey, and 13 year old Leander McFarland. It's unknown what relation Abigail Kelsey is to Samuel, but Leander's death certificate list his father as sea captain William McFarland and his mother was named Abigail Foster. Samuel and Mary Kelsey also had a son Newell Kelsey born 11 November 1843. He died 25 July 1845.

In the spring of 1854 17 year-old Darius Wentworth {3<sup>U</sup>} built or repaired a fish weir for the taking of alewives at the tidal waters of



**Figure 2: A diagram of the fish weir that Darius Wentworth operated at Salt Marsh Cove on the Damariscotta River. (Source: Maine State Archives)**

Salt Marsh Cove on the west side of the Damariscotta River and operated it during the 1854 season. He petitioned the state legislature for the right to operate a weir in the tidal waters of the Damariscotta; the Clarks Cove Rd. neighbors petitioned the legislature in support of young Darius, as did many of the Clarks Cove

Rd. neighbors. In March, 1855, [Chapter 521](#), an act empowering Darius to construct and continue his weir was passed by the 34<sup>th</sup> Legislature of the State of Maine. However Benjamin Bennett petitioned the legislature to repeal the act, saying he now owned the upland of the site, and the act was repealed in March, 1856.

On the sixth day of August eighteen hundred and fifty-five a request was entered into the probate records of Lincoln County that an inquisition be made and a guardian be appointed for 84 year old Jane Wentworth {2<sup>J</sup>}. It was made by a Samuel Kelsey of Bristol, one of the friends that represents that Jane Wentworth {2<sup>J</sup>} of Bristol is non compos mentis and incapable of taking care of herself.

Judge Arnold Blaney directed the town selectmen of Bristol that an inquisition thereof be made giving notice to Jane Wentworth {2<sup>J</sup>} that she may be present before them, judge whether she is non compos mentis, and certify the same under their hand, and return that certification as soon as may be. After David Chamberlain and [? Abner] Baker made examination and inquiry, Jane Wentworth {2<sup>J</sup>} was adjudged non compos mentis and incapable of taking care of herself, dated in the probate records third day of September [?AD] 1855. Samuel Kelsey of Bristol was appointed guardian of said Jane Wentworth.

A guardianship bond of \$400 was paid to the Judge of the Probate of Wills Arnold Blaney Esq. A Thomas Erskine, [?Drummond] Sprowl, Jacob W. Paul, three suitable and disinterested persons were appointed to take an inventory of all the Real Estate, Goods, and Chattels, Rights and credits of Jane Wentworth {2} and appraise their value. This warrant and the appraised inventory were to be delivered to Samuel Kelsey who was to return these items to the Probate Office within three months' time of 3 September 1855.

Jane Wentworth {2<sup>J</sup>} owned one piece of land situated in Bristol containing about 35 acres valued at \$1000, and one other lot situated in Bristol containing about 10 acres valued at \$100. Goods and Chattels, Rights and Credits were left blank in the inventory. It was recorded *none* for her personal estate. Samuel Kelsey exhibited the warrant and appraised inventory on 5 November 1855 at the probate office, and it was entered into the records.

Samuel Kelsey represented to the probate court that Jane Wentworth's land was bounded north by land owned by heirs of James Wentworth {2<sup>R</sup>}, east by land of Alfred Hutchings, south by land of heirs of Jno Wentworth, and west by the river, and her lot (that inherited in the partition of Betsey Wentworth's Real Estate in 1841) was bounded west by Saml. Wentworth's land, east by same, and north by John Wentworth's land, that said land should be sold for payment of debts, expenses of Guardianship, incidental charges and support of said ward. It was represented that John McGuire offered ten hundred and fifty dollars for the first described land, and Saml. Wentworth offered \$100 for the second described lot. That undated record appears in the Probate records between two records dated 4 Feb 1856. The next record that follows the just described petition of Samuel Kelsey is another petition by Samuel Kelsey for the sale of that real estate dated 4 Feb 1856 in which Samuel reports that an advantageous offer of Eleven hundred and Seventy five dollars has been made for the first described land by a Robert Hanley 2<sup>nd</sup>. That day a further \$200 was paid to the judge. On the 4<sup>th</sup> of March 1856 Samuel was empowered and licensed to sell that land to Robert Hanley 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**On the 17<sup>th</sup> of March, 1856, Jane Wentworth {2<sup>J</sup>} passed away at the age of 85.** Miss Jane is buried in the Wentworth Cemetery. The date of her death is from her gravestone. The Wentworth Genealogy says she died sometime in 1857.<sup>1</sup> The Wentworth Genealogy also states she died single upon the homestead, and in the house which her father built when she was but three years old.

In the Lincoln County land records there is a record dated 5 August 1856, but entered into the records on 24 October 1871. It contains the names of a number of members of the Wentworth clan selling to yeoman Samuel Kelsey {3C} a certain piece of land situated in Bristol. The bounds of this land began at the northwest corner of Alfred Hutchings land adjoining land of the heirs of James Wentworth, deceased, thence Westerly by said land 50 rods to a stake and stones: thence South 25 degrees West to land of the heirs of John Wentworth; thence Easterly by said land to land of

Know all Men by these Presents, That We  
Samuel Kelsey, James Estline and  
Elisha Hatch

in the County of Lincoln, within the State of Maine, are holden and stand firmly bound and obliged unto  
Arnold Blaney Esq., Judge of the Probate of Wills, and granting Admin-  
istration within the County of Lincoln aforesaid, in the full sum of  
Dollars, to be paid unto the said Blaney five hundred his successors in the  
said office, or assigns; To the true payment whereof, we do bind ourselves and each of us, our and each of  
our Heirs, Executors and Administrators, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

Scaled with our Seals. Dated the 3<sup>d</sup> day of Sept  
in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five

The Condition of this Obligation is such, That if the above bounden

Samuel Kelsey nominated and allowed  
to be Guardian unto Jane Wentworth of Bristol a  
non compos mentis person

late of in the County of deceased,  
shall make a true and perfect inventory of all the real estate, goods and chattels, rights and credits of the  
said Minor if any she have, and the same do return unto the Probate Office for said County, within  
three months from the date hereof; and shall faithfully manage, employ and improve the same for said  
Minor's best profit and advantage; shall well and truly perform and discharge the trust and office of Guardian  
unto the said Minor and that in and by all things according to law; and shall render a plain and true account of  
his said Guardianship upon oath, and all and singular such estate as shall come to  
his hand and possession by virtue hereof, and of the profits and improvements of the  
same, (when he shall be thereunto lawfully required,) and shall pay and deliver over all  
balances and sums of money that shall be found remaining upon his account, (the  
same being first examined and allowed of by the Judge of Probate for the time being,) unto the said Minor  
and shall also give possession of the other estate belonging to said Minor when he shall arrive at full  
age, or to such person or persons as may be lawfully entitled thereunto; or otherwise, as the said Judge  
by his decree or sentence, pursuant to Law, shall order and direct; then this Obligation to be void, other-  
wise to remain in full force.

Signed, Sealed and delivered  
in presence of

Samuel Kelsey Seal  
James Estline Seal  
Elisha Hatch Seal

LINCOLN, ss.

Sept 3 1855

Examined, approved and ordered to be recorded and filed.

Rec'd by E. Foster Jr. Regr

Arnold Blaney

Judge of Probate

Figure 3: Probate record ordering the inventory of Jane Wentworth's {2} real estate, goods and chattels, and rights and credits. (Source: Lincoln County Registry of Deeds).

the said Alfred Hutchings, thence North Easterly by the said Hutchings land to the bound first mentioned, containing 20 acres more or less.



**Figure 4: The grave stone of Miss Jane Wentworth {2<sup>J</sup>} right of her mother Mrs. Betsy Wentworth {1<sup>B</sup>} at the Wentworth Point Cemtery in Walpole, Maine.**

Samuel Kelsey paid \$490 for the tract of land to those members of the clan listed in the record. They were Samuel Wentworth {3<sup>S</sup>}, Esther Kesey [sic] {3<sup>B</sup>}, Abiel Wentworth {3<sup>W</sup>}, James Wentworth {3<sup>X</sup>}, Eliza Ann Wentworth {3<sup>Y</sup>}, Harriet Wentworth {3<sup>D</sup>}, Jane Wentworth {3<sup>P</sup>}, and Betsey Hutchings {3<sup>G</sup>}, all of Bristol, in the county of Lincoln in the state of Maine. Listed additionally were Susan Hutchings {3<sup>E</sup>}, Catharine Merrill {3<sup>M</sup>}, Martha James {3<sup>O</sup>}, Clarissa Wentworth {3<sup>O</sup>}, and Sarah Lovejoy {3<sup>Y</sup>} of Boston County of Suffolk, State of Mass. Martha James is John and Martha Wentworth's {2<sup>K</sup>} youngest daughter Martha nee Wentworth {3<sup>O</sup>}. She married a William James in 1846, and lived in Somerville, Mass. They had a daughter, Anna M. James {4<sup>R</sup>}, who was born 29 October, 1855.

Later on in this land record the names of the members of the clan are listed again. Missing from the list is Susan Hutchings {3<sup>E</sup>} and in her stead is listed a Susan Laughlin. It is not known who Susan Laughlin is. If I were to hazard a guess I would say this is a mistake and Susan Hutchings {3<sup>E</sup>} should have been listed not Susan Laughlin. Justice of the Peace Joseph Merry attested all the people listed appeared before him that August day except Samuel Wentworth's {2<sup>P</sup>} daughter Sarah C. Lovejoy {3<sup>Y</sup>}. James, Abiel, Eliza Ann, and Sarah C. were the children of James and Susan Wentworth {2<sup>R</sup>}. Esther was the daughter of Samuel and Sarah Wentworth {2<sup>P</sup>}. The other names listed are children of John and

Martha Wentworth {2<sup>K</sup>}. Assuming Samuel is Samuel Wentworth's {2<sup>P</sup>} son Samuel Wentworth {3<sup>S</sup>}, all are the grandchildren of the original settlers of Wentworth Point James and Elizabeth Wentworth {1<sup>L</sup>}, though not all of the remaining grandchildren are listed. Almira Wentworth {3<sup>L</sup>} is not listed. Neither is Darius Wentworth {3<sup>U</sup>}.

Samuel & Huldah Wentworth's {2<sup>P</sup>} daughter Sarah Jane Wentworth and neighbor Alfred Hutchings Jr. declared their marriage intentions 16 October 1854.<sup>22</sup> They had a daughter Sarah J. Wentworth. Sarah Jane (b. 1829) died 28 April, 1856, and she is buried at the [West Bristol Cemetery](#) in Walpole, ME.<sup>9</sup> Alfred remarried to Clarks Cove Rd. resident Mary J. Page 1 Jan. 1861.<sup>21</sup> Darius Wentworth married Delia M. Little 18 Dec. 1858.<sup>21</sup>

In 1857 James Wentworth {3<sup>X</sup>}, Alfred Hutchings, and Thomas Hutchings {3<sup>H</sup>} were among those townsmen selected as Surveyors of Highways.<sup>33</sup> James appeared before town clerk Augustus Ford 21 March, 1857 to swear his oath of duty. Thomas Hutchings swore an oath, but there is no record that Alfred Hutchings did. Cyrus Kelsey {4<sup>X</sup>} and Abiel Wintworth {3<sup>W</sup>} were chosen highway surveyors in 1858. Alden Paul, Arnold Blaney, and Samuel Kelsey {3<sup>C</sup>} were on the juror list chosen by the town selectmen, town treasurer, and the town clerk. Thomas Kelsey {3<sup>A</sup>}, Willard Richards, & Oren Paul were among those chosen for Surveyors of Highway in 1860.

In the 1860 Bristol tax records Abial Wentworth had a 10 ½ ton vessel or 10 ½ tons of vessels valued at \$210.<sup>38</sup> Darius Wentworth had 2 oxen valued at \$60 and 2 cows valued at \$40; his father Samuel is not on the tax rolls. Martha Wentworth {2<sup>K</sup>} had about 5 cattle; she had 6 sheep valued at \$9. Lorenzo Feltis has ¼ acre of land, while his neighbors to the north James Kelsey {3<sup>W</sup>} and the James Wentworth {2<sup>R</sup>} heirs each have 50 acres, and his neighbor to the south Alfred Hutchings has 70 acres.

On the 1860 census Samuel Kelsey {3<sup>C</sup>} is listed as a farmer. Living with him and Mary {3<sup>C</sup>} are 12 year old William T. Kelsey, 9 year old Martha F. Kelsey, 5 year old Edward J. Kelsey, 86 year old Esther Kelsey {2<sup>F</sup>}, and a 26 year old Margaret Foster. On the 1870 census Samuel Kelsey's {3<sup>C</sup>} occupation is Ship Carpenter. Five schooners are listed on *Sidelinger's List of shipping built in the towns of Newcastle, Nobleboro, Damariscotta and Bristol* as being built by Samuel Kelsey.<sup>2</sup> He is known to have built 17 vessels.<sup>\*16</sup> The greater part of schooners built in Bristol were for fishing, though the greater part of the schooners Samuel Kelsey built were used in the coasting trade.<sup>19</sup> The construction of a vessel was a community affair, and a large proportion of the citizens of a town could have an interest (shares) in its vessels.

Samuel Kelsey is on the list of jurors in the town records for 1861; he has been selected as a traverse juror along with Timothy Fitch in 1863.<sup>33</sup> Clarks Cove resident William M. Clark was chosen moderator at an 1861 town meeting; he was one of the agents chosen to solicit military enlistments to meet the town quota in 1863. Mr. Clark was also the constable & collector of taxes in 1863; he bid ¾ of 1 per cent. Enoch Wentworth {4<sup>R</sup>} is 1 of 4 field drivers for the town of Bristol in 1861.

The 1860 census finds head of household 46 year old Eliza Ann Wentworth {3<sup>Y</sup>} living with her mother 80 year old Susan Wentworth {2<sup>R</sup>} and 17 year old Sewell Wentworth {4<sup>Y</sup>} in a dwelling house with real estate valued at \$1000, and managing a farm with 60 improved acres and 40 unimproved acres. Nearby the family of 60 year old James Kelsey is living in a dwelling house valued at \$1000 and managing a farm with 10 improved acres and 15 unimproved acres. Next to them is the dwelling house of 36 year old sailor Lorenzo Feltis. In 1862 the heirs of James Wentworth sold the family homestead to James Kelsey Jr. James Kelsey, his son house joiner William John Kelsey, and grandson Ralph Kelsey occupied the house until 1942 when it was sold at auction to recover judgment against Ralph Kelsey for debt.<sup>3</sup> In 1860 Thomas Little sold the homestead farm he inherited to Abiel and John Wentworth.<sup>3</sup>

The 1860 census finds 80 year old head of household Martha Wentworth {2<sup>K</sup>} living with two of her daughters, 44 year old Almira Wentworth {3<sup>L</sup>}, and 37 year old Jane Wentworth {3<sup>P</sup>}, in a dwelling house with real estate valued at \$1000.<sup>\*8</sup> She is managing a farm of 25 improved acres and 25 unimproved acres with 4 milch cows and 6 sheep. It produced for that census year 24 lbs. of wool, 1 bushel of peas and beans, 10 bushels of Irish Potatoes, 200 pounds of

butter, 8 tons of hay, and produce from their market garden valued at \$20. In 1860, neighbor Benjamin Alley is being taxed by the town for a pleasure carriage valued at \$30.<sup>38</sup>

Living next to Martha's household is the dwelling house of 60 year old daughter Susan Hutchings {3<sup>E</sup>} and Susan's sister 40 year old Clarissa Wentworth {3<sup>O</sup>} with real estate valued at \$500. Also living next to Martha is head of household 23 year old farmer Darius Wentworth {3<sup>U</sup>}. He is living in a dwelling house valued at \$1000 with his wife 20 year Delia, his father 82 year old Samuel Wentworth {2<sup>P</sup>}, his mother 67 year old Huldah Wentworth {2<sup>P</sup>}, his niece 7 year old Sarah J. Wentworth, and Darius and Delia's 10 month old daughter Clara [sic] Wentworth {4<sup>U</sup>}.

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The Civil War

The onset of Civil War severed Maine's salt fish and ice trade with the Deep South.<sup>4</sup> Confederate warships plied the sea-lanes, capturing fishing vessels and cargo schooners alike and imprisoning their crews. In Maine quarries, lumber camps, and fishing wharves grew quieter as more and more men left to fight on distant battlefields; 73,000 Mainers fought in the war, a higher proportion of the population than that of any other Northern state. More than 18,000 of them were killed or wounded. Family members who remained behind experienced severe wartime price increases causing many small businesses to fail.

James Wentworth's {2<sup>R</sup>} grandson, and James Wentworth's {3<sup>X</sup>} son 18 year old Everett Atwood Wentworth {4<sup>Y</sup>} enlisted in the Maine 7<sup>th</sup> Light Artillery Battery on 30 December 1863.<sup>5</sup> The unit was organized in Augusta and mustered in 30 December 1863. Composed largely of young men from different parts of Maine, many of whom had never seen prior service – though unused to privations, hardships, and dangers – they were as sturdy, strong and brave a company that the proud Pine Tree State might muster.<sup>6</sup> The unit joined the Army of the Potomac and participated in the siege and capture of Petersburg Virginia. During the war the battery lost 13 enlisted men killed and mortally wounded and an additional 27 enlisted men by disease.<sup>6,17</sup> Everett was mustered out 21 June 1865.<sup>\*9</sup> Everett is on the list of Civil War soldiers from Bristol, Maine in *The History of Bristol and Bremen*.<sup>7</sup>

Sewall J. Wentworth (AKA Seawall)<sup>8</sup> joined Company I of the 15<sup>th</sup> Maine infantry regiment on 5 January 1862 for a 3 year enlistment. 19 year old Sewell mustered into service 16 January 1862 at Augusta, Me. He had blue eyes, brown hair, a dark complexion, and stood at 5'11½". He was single and his occupation was listed as a farmer. Private Sewell Wentworth of Company I died of dysentery<sup>14</sup> (typhoid fever)<sup>8</sup> on 13 June 1862 at Ship Island, Mississippi. Ship Island was abandoned by the Confederates in 1861. Union forces thereafter occupied the island and used it as a staging area for the successful capture of New Orleans in the spring of 1862. It was also used as a federal prison.<sup>8</sup> In 1863 Eliza A. Wentworth {3<sup>Y</sup>} received a pension for the death of Sewell Wentworth {4<sup>Y</sup>}. Sewell was buried on Ship Island and was later reinterred to Chalmette National Cemetery in Louisiana. He is not on the list of Civil War soldiers from Bristol, Maine in *The History of Bristol and Bremen*.<sup>7</sup>

James Wentworth's {2<sup>R</sup>} grandson, and Amy Kelsey's {3<sup>V</sup>} son 30 year-old Cyrus Kelsey {4<sup>X</sup>} became a private in Company I of the Maine 21<sup>st</sup> Infantry Regiment at the time of his enlistment, but he did not muster in when the regiment did, October 14, 1862. He died November 16<sup>th</sup>, 1862.<sup>20</sup> He is not on the list of Civil War soldiers from Bristol, Maine in *The History of Bristol and Bremen*, but in the vital records of Bristol his military enlistment is noted. Cyrus's brother William Kelsey served with Company I in the [Maine 15<sup>th</sup> Infantry](#).<sup>\*7</sup> He enlisted 17 Jan 1862 and rose to the rank of full corporal. He was mustered out 19 Jan. 1865.<sup>28</sup> He was in the same company as Sewall Wentworth {4<sup>Y</sup>}; 3 officers and 5 enlisted men were mortally wounded or killed in that regiment, 340 soldiers died of disease.

Samuel Wentworth's {2<sup>P</sup>} grandson, and Mary Ann Foster's 19 year old son Ambrose Foster {4<sup>S</sup>} enlisted in the 10<sup>th</sup> Maine Volunteers 5 Oct 1861. He was discharged 29 December 1862 because of a disability, a slight wound to the ear he received at the Battle of Cedar Mountain in Virginia.<sup>5,7</sup> He reenlisted in 1865, but the war having closed, he never

joined the regiment to which he was assigned.<sup>7</sup> Sometime after the war he made his way to the Washington territory. He is on the list of Civil War soldiers from Bristol, Maine in *The History of Bristol and Bremen*.<sup>7</sup>

An Enoch Wentworth of Bristol, Maine enlisted in Company I, Maine 20<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment 29 August 1862. He was discharged because of a disability 23 May 1863.<sup>5</sup> He is on the list of Civil War soldiers from Bristol, Maine in *The History of Bristol and Bremen*.<sup>7</sup> Samuel Wentworth's {2<sup>P</sup>} grandson, and Captain Samuel Wentworth's son {3<sup>S</sup>} Enoch Wentworth {4<sup>R</sup>} joined Company B of the 15<sup>th</sup> Maine Infantry Regiment on 26 September 1864.<sup>4,5</sup> He died Dec 2 1864 at Martinsburg, Virginia.<sup>9</sup> This term of service is not listed in *The History of Bristol and Bremen's* list of Civil War soldiers.<sup>7</sup> Enoch Wentworth {4<sup>R</sup>} is buried at the West Bristol Cemetery just south of the Wawenock Golf Club.

Samuel Wentworth's {2<sup>P</sup>} grandson, and John Wentworth's {3<sup>T</sup>} son 18 year old Nathaniel Wentworth {4<sup>T</sup>} (who is said to have grown up in Searsmont)<sup>1</sup> enlisted in Company F, Maine 1<sup>st</sup> Calvary Regiment in 1861. He was thrown from his horse at Front Royal in Virginia, and as a result developed pleurisy.<sup>10</sup> He was discharged for the disability in 1863. In August 1864 Nathaniel re-enlisted in the navy for one year and served as a Landsman aboard the three masted frigate the U.S.S. Sabine. He stood at 5' 8" and had dark brown hair, dark blue eyes, and a dark and freckled complexion. He mustered out of the navy 5 August 1865 and on his birthday 26 December 1865 he married Lucretia Kaller. Like his cousin Ambrose Foster {4<sup>S</sup>} the couple eventually ended up in Washington State. For more details on Nathaniel Wentworth and his life and war service see Note \*<sup>10</sup> at the end of this bulletin. Nathaniel is on the list of Civil War soldiers from Bristol, Maine in *The History of Bristol and Bremen*.<sup>7</sup>

Nathaniel's younger brother Thomas Wentworth {4<sup>U</sup>} joined the navy at Boston on November 13, 1862 for a 3 year enlistment.<sup>11</sup> He was 5' 5½" tall and had grey eyes, brown hair and a ruddy complexion. The Wentworth Genealogy states Thomas Wentworth {4<sup>U</sup>} went into the navy upon one of the monitors, and has never been heard from.<sup>1</sup> He is on the list of Civil War sailors from Bristol, Maine in *The History of Bristol and Bremen*.<sup>7</sup> A Leander McFarland, probably the same one listed in Samuel Kelsey's household in 1850, also served during the Civil War, most probably in Company G, Massachusetts 8th Infantry Regiment during 1864.<sup>12</sup> Leander McFarland is not on the list of Civil War soldiers from Bristol, Maine in *The History of Bristol and Bremen*.<sup>7</sup>

Appropriations from the town treasury were several times made for the support of the families of soldiers who were in the field, but the towns were also authorized to draw from the state treasury.<sup>7</sup> Bristol drew out \$3,214.80 aiding 202 people in 64 families. This wise bestowal of the public bounty greatly favored the enlistments.

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John Merrill {4<sup>P</sup>} died 28 December 1862. He was 19. He is buried in the Wentworth Cemetery. Martha Wentworth {2<sup>K</sup>} died 9 January 1864 at the age of 87 years old. She is buried in the Wentworth Cemetery. Esther Kelsey {2<sup>F</sup>} died 10 February 1866 at 92 years old. She is buried in the Wentworth Cemetery. Gilman Merrill {3<sup>N</sup>} died in 1867 at the age of 59; he is buried in Salem, New Hampshire.<sup>14</sup> Samuel Wentworth {2<sup>P</sup>} died 15 June 1865 at the age of 89; he is buried at the West Bristol cemetery. John Wentworth 2d {2<sup>V</sup>} died 15 April 1860. His wife Hannah Wentworth {2<sup>W</sup>} died 30 March 1867. They are both buried in Searsmont, ME.

Darius Wentworth's niece Sarah J. Hutchings died 9 Nov. 1862; she was 6 ½ years old.<sup>9</sup>

On the 25<sup>th</sup> of August, 1862 16 year-old Harriet A Merrill {4<sup>O</sup>} born in Salem, New Hampshire—with the consent of her parents—married 21 year old clerk Alonzo P. Chase {4<sup>O</sup>} (born in Methuen, Mass) in Methuen. They were married by a minister named A.H. Morrell from Waterville, ME. On the 19<sup>th</sup> of December, 1866, 28 year old Overseer Henry W. Merrill {4<sup>L</sup>}, born in Methuen, married 24 year-old Amelia Connick {4<sup>L</sup>} (born in Calais, Maine) in Methuen.

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Figure 5: The grave of John Wentworth, 2d {2} and his wife Hannah at the Lassell-Drinkwater Cemetery in Searsmont, ME. Note the hand atop the obelisk gravestone with the finger pointing up towards heaven. (Courtesy Cynthia DellaPenna, Find A Grave Memorial# 119733458)

#### Post-Civil War Maine

A drought was reported in the History of Thomaston occurring from May to September, 1864.<sup>36</sup>

Peace did not restore prosperity after the Civil War.<sup>4</sup> The national economy was changing. Railroads were spreading across the country from east to west, connecting midwestern farms, Great Lakes lumberyards, and western stockyards with the burgeoning population centers of the East Coast. Maine's sparse population and irregular coastline discouraged railroad construction, and the state quickly became a backwater. Maine's lumbermen couldn't compete with their counterparts working the virgin forests of the Great Lakes and Pacific Northwest.

The offshore fishing industry faced even greater challenges.<sup>4</sup> The cost of fishing gear and supplies increased enormously during the war, doubling the cost of fitting out a cod-fishing vessel. No sooner had the conflict ended than the new Republican Congress, strongly protectionist and suspicious of subsidies, made two decisions that proved devastating to small fishing operations. First, duties on foreign salt were increased by 800 percent. Then, in 1866, the Fishing bounty was repealed, pushing hundreds of small fishing firms into bankruptcy.

After the Civil War, summer vacations became fashionable among the nation's wealthy who began arriving on the Maine coast by the droves.<sup>4</sup> They came in search of picturesque settings where they could, for a few weeks, relax in a simple, rustic setting and forget about the noisy, immigrant-choked industrial cities where they lived and to which they owed their fortunes. The "rusticators," as these early vacationers called themselves, transformed the Maine coast at an astonishing rate. Developers fanned out across the coast, offering local families large cash payments for undeveloped

oceanfront land. Between 1860 and 1910 Lincoln County lost nearly 1/3 of its population. Those Mainers left behind worked hard just get by.

In 1864 Thomas Hutchings Jr. sold a parcel of land to spinster Clarissa Wentworth {3<sup>O</sup>}, his aunt a parcel of land bordering Alden Paul, Chas. Merrill, Darius Wentworth, and the Damariscotta River, for \$30.<sup>48</sup> Subsequently Clarissa is listed on the 1870 US census agricultural schedule.

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May, 1867, the town of Bristol voted to widen the road from Paul's Mill (Clarks Cove) to Four Corners (Route 129); the road was widened from 2 to 3 rods. On the 1869 Bristol tax rolls the estate of Martha Wentworth {2<sup>L</sup>} includes 23 acres of real estate.

The 1870 census finds the twins Harriet Wentworth {3<sup>D</sup>} and Susan Hutchings {3<sup>E</sup>} living here at the point in the dwelling house of their younger sister Clarcey Wentworth {3<sup>O</sup>} with real estate valued at \$900. The farm of Clarise Wentworth {3<sup>O</sup>} has 10 improved acres, 5 wooded acres, and 35 unimproved acres. She has 3 milch cows and 9 sheep. It's produced 10 lbs. of Irish potatoes, 50 lbs. of butter, and 5 tons of hay. They have as neighbors the Thurston family and also their sister Almira Wentworth {3<sup>L</sup>} who is living alone in a dwelling house with real estate valued at \$200.\*<sup>11</sup>

Next door is farmer Darius Wentworth {3<sup>U</sup>}. His wife Delia died in 1868 at 28 years of age and is buried in the [West Bristol Cemetery](#) on Rt. 129 just south of the Wawenock Golf Club.<sup>30</sup> Living with him in 1870 is his second wife, 29 year old Mary J Wentworth (1840-1901) {3<sup>U</sup>} nee Woodbury, his daughters from his first marriage, 11 year old Clara M Wentworth {4<sup>V</sup>}, 7 year old Sarah L Wentworth {4<sup>V</sup>}, and his daughter from his second marriage, 1 month old Fany Wentworth {4<sup>V</sup>}. Also living with them is Darius's mother 74 year old Hulda {2<sup>P</sup>}. Hulda died the next year. In 1870 Darius's half-brother 55 year old Samuel Wentworth {3<sup>S</sup>}, a mariner, has come back here with his family to farm. They all have as neighbors the household of 38 year old Alfred Hutchings Jr. and the household of 56 year old Jonathan Hutchings, both of whose occupation is seafaring. Living at the Alfred Hutchings Jr. household is his wife 34 year old Mary J. Hutchings, his mother 70 year old Miriam Hutchings, and children 7 year old Fany Hutchings, 4 year old Charles E Hutchings, and 2 year old Lizzie G. Hutchings.<sup>27</sup>

James and Amy Kelsey's {3<sup>V</sup>} son William J. Kelsey married [int.] Clarks Cove Rd. native Abbie S. Richards 20 September 1870.<sup>21</sup>

Thomas Hutchings {3<sup>H</sup>} died on the 26<sup>th</sup> of May, 1871. He had served in the War of 1812<sup>18</sup> along with the Wentworth brothers, their cousin John Wentworth 2d {2<sup>V</sup>} and John Killsy in the Massachusetts's state militia in 1814 guarding Bristol against a possible British attack.<sup>13, 18</sup> He is buried in the Woodward Cemetery on the Bristol Rd (1.2 miles south of the junction with Main Street in Damariscotta). **Betsy Hutchings {3<sup>G</sup>} died 14 April 1878 at 76 years old.** She is buried at the Wentworth Cemetery. She is not known to have any children. Her younger sister **Jane Wentworth {3} died 28 December 1877 at 59 years of age.** She is buried in the Wentworth Cemetery. She is not known to have any children.

In 1872 the Bangor Daily Whig & Courier covered a story from the Seaside Oracle published at Wiscasset.<sup>23</sup> It relays, "The Oracle says that a Miss Wentworth of Bristol was severely injured while feeding a heifer belonging to her. The animal by some means struck Miss Wentworth in the mouth with one of its horns penetrating the roof of her mouth, and inflicting a painful although not a dangerous wound."

In Walpole, six hundred locals attended an oxen-pull challenge in 1875, while a smaller group enjoyed dinner and dancing at the new Centennial Hall [old South Bristol Town Hall] on Thanksgiving Day 1876.<sup>41</sup> Samuel Kelsey continues to appear on juror lists in the 1870s; local sawmill owner Alden Paul continues to be a Surveyor of Lumber.<sup>33</sup> In 1875 the Ridge Rd. was laid out on the ridge overlooking Clarks Cove.

WAR OF 1812			
NUMBERS	SOLDIER HUTCHINGS, THOMAS	BOUNTY LAND	
		64739 160 55	
	WIDOW HUTCHINGS, ELIZABETH		
WO 16322			
WC 18137	SERVICE PVT CAPT'S R HISCOCK & JOHN WINSLOW'S CO'S MASS MIL		
	ENLISTED SEPT 14 1814	DISCHARGED SEPT 23 1814	
	SEPT 30 1814	OCT 15 1814	
RESIDENCE OF SOLDIER 1855 1857 BRISTOL LINCOLN CO MAINE		REMARKS	
RESIDENCE OF WIDOW 1878 BRISTOL MAINE		WIDOW'S PENSION CTF FILED IN THE BRIEF	
MAIDEN NAME OF WIDOW ELIZABETH WENTWORTH			
MARRIAGE OF SOLDIER AND WIDOW JUNE 22 1850 BRISTOL MAINE			
DEATH OF SOLDIER MAY 26 1871 BRISTOL MAINE			
DEATH OF WIDOW PRIOR TO APR 1 1879			

Figure 6: This is the application for a pension Betsy Hutchings filed after her husband Thomas Hutchings Jr. died.\*1

Susan Hutchings {3<sup>E</sup>} died 13 May 1875 at the age of 78. She is buried in the Wentworth Cemetery. She is not known to have any children. Her twin Harriet Wentworth {3<sup>O</sup>} died 21 March 1879 at 80 years old. She is buried in the Wentworth Cemetery. She is not known to have any children.

#### SAMUEL WENTWORTH {3<sup>S</sup>}

Daughter Olive K. Wentworth died Apr.20, 1872 at the age of 37.<sup>9</sup> Samuel's wife Hannah Wentworth died 16 Mar 1874. Widower 65 year old Samuel is living alone and farming on the 1880 census. Captain Samuel Wentworth {3<sup>S</sup>} died 10 August 1883. Captain Samuel Wentworth {3<sup>S</sup>}, his wife Hannah, their daughter Olive, and son Enoch {4<sup>R</sup>} are all buried at the West Bristol Cemetery.<sup>22, \*5</sup>

#### JAMES WENTWORTH {3<sup>X</sup>}

Daughter Harriet Ann Wentworth married George W. David of Damariscotta 28 July 1872. James's wife Margaret Wentworth died 7 Nov. 1875. On the 1880 census 70 year old farmer James Wentworth is living in a house with his dressmaking daughter 35 year old Augusta (Susan Augusta) Wentworth. They are living next to the house of Jon M. Wentworth, his wife Sara E. Wentworth and his daughter Ida C., and the house of oil factory worker Lorenzo Feltis Jr. James Wentworth died 1 Feb 1881. He is buried at the West Bristol Cemetery.

#### DARIUS WENTWORTH {3<sup>U</sup>}

In 1869 Darius is being taxed for 35 acres.<sup>38</sup> In the First Annual Report of the Maine State Pomological Society it was reported, "I have seen the remains of very old apple trees on the 'Point of land' on the Damariscotta river, where

Darius Wentworth lives . . . No one seems to know anything about their origin . . ."<sup>42</sup> The farm of Darius has produced 30 bushels of oats in 1870; it has produced 15 bushels of barley.<sup>27</sup> Darius has 13 sheep; they've produced 39 lbs. of wool. He has harvested 100 bushels of Irish potatoes, and 4 bushels of peas and beans.

Darius and Mary Jane Wentworth had 3 children. Fannie Augusta Wentworth {4<sup>V</sup>} was born 18 May 1870. Frederick D Wentworth {4<sup>W</sup>} born 27 January, 1874. Sophronia M. Wentworth {4<sup>W</sup>} was born July 3, 1876.



Figure 7: The grave stone of Darius Wentworth at the West Bristol Cemetery in South Bristol, ME. (Courtesy of Jessica Irish, Find A Grave)

Clara M. Wentworth {4<sup>V</sup>} and Alphonso Poland declared their marriage intentions 29 Sept. 1874. They had a daughter, Claribel Poland (1876-1969). Clara M. Poland died 27 Feb 1876. Sarah (Sadie) L. Wentworth {4<sup>V</sup>} married Dennis Murphy, a marble worker from Ireland; they had at least 4 children; they lived at Damariscotta and Newcastle; they are buried at [St. Patrick's Catholic Cemetery](#) in Damariscotta Mills.

In the November 18, 1878, Boston Post, it is reported Mr. Darius Wentworth of West Bristol, Maine, was drowned from his boat near A.L. Fitch's brick yard on the Damariscotta River. The Bangor Daily Whig and Courier adds that it is supposed he was seized with a fit. Darius was 41 years of age and drowned exactly 100 years after the original settler of Wentworth Point-his grandfather James Wentworth-drowned in the same river.

In the vital records Darius Wentworth {3<sup>U</sup>} is described as a boat builder though he appears as a farmer on the federal census.<sup>9</sup> Of note among the items listed in the estate inventory of Darius Wentworth is his weir netting, and weir poles & brush.<sup>45</sup> Darius also had a set of boat moulds and a boat valued at \$2.

His widow and second wife Mary Jane {3<sup>U</sup>} herself remarried to a Captain Isaac Sparrow 16 Sept. 1879.<sup>33</sup> Captain Isaac C. Sparrow died 1 Jan. 1893. Mrs. I.C. Sparrow (Mary Jane) is running a boarding house at New Harbor in the 1890s.<sup>40, 43</sup> Fannie A. Wentworth married a Maurice Penniman from New Brunswick in 1895, and they lived most of their lives in Cambridge, Mass. She is not known to have any children. Fannie and Maurice are buried in the [New Harbor Cemetery](#).

16 March 1885 the 23<sup>rd</sup> article in the town warrant >> to hear and act upon the petition of Charles A. Page and others, to see if the town will discontinue a certain way leading from the highway to the place formerly owned by Darius Wentworth.<sup>33</sup> The motion was dismissed. As late as 17 March, 1888 the Fence Viewers settled a property border dispute, delineating a line between land owned by Cyrus Jones and land owned by Julia A. Philbrick on what is known as the 'Darius Wentworth Farm.'

In 1898 Frederick D. Wentworth {4<sup>W</sup>} married a Nettie A Geyer in Bristol. Frederick and Nettie Wentworth were living in Bristol at the time of the 1900 census with Nettie's parents.<sup>14</sup> Fred Wentworth died the next year 9 October, 1901 in Port Arthur, Texas. He is also buried in the New Harbor Cemetery.<sup>9</sup>

# Personal Estate

1 Rake	25
6 $\frac{1}{4}$ Tons Hay @ \$800 per ton	\$50.00
1 Hay Fork	.50
1 Shovel	.50
1 Ladder	.75
1 Hoe	25
10 Loads Manure @ .75 per Load	7.50
1 Grindstone	1.00
Weir Netting	6.33
Herring Net	8.00
2 Scythes & Snaths	1.16
140 ft Lumber @ 30 per foot	4.20
Chest & Tools	15.50
1 Ice Boat Moulds	\$3.00
3/4 M. Shingles	1.00
2 Tubs @ .50¢	1.00
Weir Poles & Brush	16.66
1 Boat	2.00

Figure 8: Part one of the inventory of the personal estate of Darius Wentworth {3<sup>u</sup>} (Source: Lincoln County Probate Records).

1 Cow		16.00
2 Calves	@ \$2.50	5.00
4 Sheep		11.66
1 Plow		2.16
1 Crow-bar		.75
1 Manure Fork		1.00
1 Clam Hoe.		.75
1 Cook Stove		6.33
1 Air light "		2.00
2 Tables	@ \$1.00	2.00
1 Looking Glass		1.75
1 Light Stand		.50
6 Chairs	@ \$.25	1.50
1 Desk		2.00
Dishes		2.50
Churn		2.00
Bowb		.25
2 Bedsteads		4.60
2 Beds & Bedding		17.00
1 Braureau.		2.00
		<u>196.35</u>
Appraisers	Alden Paul Alfred Hutchins John A Hutchins	
Admop	Mary J Wentworth	

Figure 9: Part 2 of the inventory of the personal estate of Darius Wentworth. Clarks Cove mill owner Alden Paul and neighbors Alfred Hutchins and John A Hutchins are the estate appraisers, his wife Mary J. Wentworth is the administratrix of the estate.



Figure 10: This is a calling card from the [Eva Thompson Farrar collection of calling cards, ca. 1880s](#) at the South Bristol Historical Society. The notebook containing the calling cards has the following information about Fannie Wentworth: born 1870, daughter of Darius and Mary Woodbury Wentworth in St. George NB. Married Maurice Penniman. (Courtesy of the [South Bristol Historical Society](#))

Sophronia Wentworth is living in Bristol at the time of the 1900 census. On the 11<sup>th</sup> of December, 1901, 25 year old Sophronia married a local fish merchant (born in Pittston) 48 year old Charles B. Meserve in Bristol. She was his second wife. She died 20 September, 1907 at the age of 31 of pulmonary tuberculosis, and she is buried at the New Harbor Cemetery. He remarried again.

Mary J. Sparrow died 1 Dec. 1901. The vital records say the Sparrows are buried at the Wentworth Point Cemetery; this is an error.<sup>9</sup> They are in fact buried at the [New Harbor Cemetery](#).<sup>44</sup> She left her son Fred one bed and bedding already marked in his name. She left her granddaughter Claribel Poland, one dollar, as a token of affection, she already being provided for.<sup>46</sup> She left the rest of her estate to Fannie and Sophronia, and if they die it was to go to Fred, and if he died it was to go to Sadie Murphy (Sarah L. Wentworth {4<sup>v</sup>}).

### **ABIEL WENTWORTH {3<sup>w</sup>}**

Abiel & Mary's daughter Mary Ann died 22 Jan. 1864 at 29 yrs. of age. Abiel & Mary's daughter Sarah C. died 9 Feb. 1867 at 34 yrs. of age. Their son Augustus Wentworth is enumerated as a brick maker on the 1870 industrial census.<sup>49</sup>

Abiel's wife Mary died May 28, 1872. Abiel Wentworth {3<sup>w</sup>} died 7 May 1874.<sup>9</sup> His children sold part of the family farm to brothers George W. and Robert S. Hysom, and the rest of the farm including the house to Thomas Erskine.<sup>3</sup> Abiel and Mary are buried at the West Bristol Cemetery.

Abiel and Mary's son Augustus went to Washington state.<sup>9</sup> Their daughter Amanda married John Fanning and she died in N.M 16 Jan 1906. Their daughter Lizzie Adams ended up in California. Henry Newell married 22 September 1868 Maggie Hill; Harry and Maggie raised a family in Chelsea, Mass.<sup>1</sup> Edmund W. married Sarah Haughwout of Staten Island, and they raised a family in Brooklyn, N.Y.

## EVERETT WENTWORTH {4<sup>Y</sup>}

In the 1870s carpenter Everett A. Wentworth {4<sup>Y</sup>} built a house just north of the golf course in the gothic revival style.<sup>3</sup> He married Lizzie Forrest of Bristol on 29 April 1872 in Newcastle. The 1880 census finds them living here in Bristol with their 7 year old daughter Nellie Wentworth.

In the 1891 Maine Register Mrs. L.F. Wentworth is operating a millinery and fancy goods business in Pemaquid.<sup>40</sup> She is also operating 1 of 3 circulating libraries in Bristol.\*<sup>13</sup> In the June 1, 1893 issue of the [Pemaquid Messenger](#) in the article "Under Over the Town" it is reported that Mrs. L.F. Wentworth will go to South Bristol next Monday and Tuesday carrying with her a full line of millinery which she will open at Mrs. J.W. French's store, and she will offer it at low prices. In next week's issue it was reported, "Mrs. Wentworth returned Tuesday evening from South Bristol, where she had a splendid trade for the two days she was there. She came home praising the people of South Bristol for their hospitality and for the liberal patronage they gave her. South Bristol is growing; her people are progressive and they believe in patronizing their own townspeople, a fact that is very creditable to them and makes the village a pleasant place to visit either for business or pleasure." In 1897 and 1898 Mrs. L.F. Wentworth is operating one of two circulating libraries in Bristol. [Yeah for libraries] This library is in Pemaquid (the other is in Round Pond) and it has 300 volumes.

October 24, 1898, a list of residents who haven't paid their 1897 town taxes is entered into the town records.<sup>33</sup> Everett A. Wentworth is one of dozens of people listed.\*<sup>17</sup> He has 80 acres of land with buildings in the Pemaquid part of town which was assessed a tax of \$21.50.

The 1900 census Everett and Lizzie Wentworth {4<sup>Y</sup>} and their daughter Nellie {5<sup>Z</sup>} living in Cherryfield. The 1920 census finds the Everett and Lizzie living in Bangor in the household of 52 year old Hillard C. Schoppe and his 47 year old wife Nellie H. W. Shoppe and their daughter, and Everett {4<sup>Y</sup>} and Lizzie's granddaughter, 4 year old Elizabeth Wentworth Shoppe (born in Massachusetts). Everett died of cancer at 74 years of age 20 March 1920.<sup>14</sup> He is buried at the [Mount Hope Cemetery](#) in Bangor. Elizabeth Wentworth Shoppe is not known to have any children.

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Esther Kelsey {3<sup>B</sup>} died 11 April 1881 at the age of 79. She is buried in the Wentworth Cemetery. Her husband Thomas Kelsey {3<sup>A</sup>} died 7 May 1883 at the age of 81. He is buried in the Wentworth Cemetery. Thomas Kelsey's brother the shipbuilder Samuel Kelsey died of cancer January 1880 at the age of 67.<sup>14</sup> He is buried at the West Bristol Cemetery. Martha James nee Wentworth {3<sup>Q</sup>} died at 62 years of age of stomach cancer in Somerville, Massachusetts on 25 November 1883.<sup>14</sup>

On August 25, 1884 the last of the John Wentworth {2<sup>K</sup>} heirs, Catherine Merrill {3<sup>M</sup>} and Almira Wentworth {3<sup>L</sup>} sold the family farm (a property of two undivided third parts of a lot in the amount of 70 acres with buildings) to Katherine's son-in-law Elijah Manley Woodman {4<sup>O</sup>} for \$500. Catherine Merrill died 4 February 1887 at 75 years of age. She is buried in the Wentworth Cemetery.\*<sup>2</sup> On her tombstone it reads, "Rest, another, rest in quiet sleep, while friends in sorrow over thee weep." Her sister Almira Wentworth {3<sup>L</sup>} died of exhaustion 25 January 1890 at Methuen, Mass. She too is buried in the Wentworth Cemetery. Almira is not known to have any children. It is unknown what happened to Clarissa 'Clarcey' Wentworth {3}. Clarcey is not known to have been buried in the Wentworth Cemetery or to have any children.

## ALDEN KELSEY {4<sup>W</sup>}

James and Amy Kelsey's {3<sup>V</sup>} son Alden married Alfred and Miriam Hutching's daughter Sarah E. Hutchings 16 Aug 1860.<sup>21</sup> They had 5 children.<sup>9</sup> 1869 Alden has a ½ acre being taxed on the Bristol tax rolls.<sup>38</sup> 1870s Alden Kelsey erected a dwelling on the Clarks Cove Rd. that was occupied by Alden and his son Vinal until it was sold in 1964.<sup>3</sup>



# Know all Men by these Presents,

That we Catherine Merrill and Almira Wentworth both of Bristol in the County of Lincoln and State of Maine

Merrill et al  
to  
Woodman.

in consideration of the sum of five hundred dollars paid by Elijah M. Woodman and his heirs in the County of Essex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts

we do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, grant, bargain, sell and convey unto the said Elijah M. Woodman his heirs and assigns forever, two undivided three parts of a certain lot of land with the buildings thereon situate in Bristol aforesaid and bounded and described as follows; to wit: northwily by land of Alfred Hutchings and land of Joseph Bailey and Edward Boston - Easterly by the Highway leading from Damaris cove to Clarks Cove - Southwily by land of Mr Horace Alley by the Cove and by land of Joseph Bailey and Edward Boston, and wistwily by the Damariscotta River. Containing in all about seventy acres, and being the same farm on which we now live, and formerly owned by John Wentworth, deceased;

To have and to hold, the aforegranted and bargained premises, with all the privileges and appurtenances thereof, to the said Woodman his heirs and assigns to their use and behoof forever. And we do covenant with the said Woodman his heirs and assigns, that we are lawfully seized in fee of the premises; that they are free of all incumbrances;

that we have good right to sell and convey the same to the said Woodman to hold as aforesaid; and that we and our heirs shall and will WARRANT AND DEFEND the same to the said Woodman his heirs and assigns forever, against the lawful claims and demands of all persons.

In Witness Whereof, we the said Catherine Merrill and Almira Wentworth wife of the said

in testimony of relinquishment of day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four  
Signed, Sealed and Delivered in presence of  
Joel P. Huston  
Catherine Merrill - Seal  
Almira Wentworth - Seal

Lincoln, ss. August 25, 1884  
Personally appeared the above named Catherine Merrill & Almira Wentworth and acknowledged the above instrument to be their free act and deed. Before me,

Received Sept. 13, 1884, at 5 o'clock, P. M. and recorded from the original  
Attest, Jamal H. Murray Justice of the Peace

Figure 11: Land record of the transfer of land from the John Wentworth heirs to Elijah Manley Woodman. It's bordered westerly by the Damariscotta River, northerly by land of Alfred Hutchings and land of Joseph Bailey and Edward Boston, easterly by Clarks Cove Rd., and southerly by land of Mr. Horace Alley by the cove and by land of Joseph Bailey and Edward Boston. All the Wentworth land bordering Lowes Cove has at this point passed into other hands. (Source: Lincoln County Registry of Deeds)

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By the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century there are only a smattering of people with the surname Wentworth residing in Bristol. Succeeding generations had smaller and smaller families than the larger ones that began the century, yet numerous family members still died during childhood or at a young age. Numerous family members did not marry or they did not leave any male children to carry on the family name. Many of the family members moved on to other places.

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### **JOHNNIE WENTWORTH {4<sup>T</sup>}**

[Last of the Bristol/South Bristol Wentworths]

Jon Wentworth {4<sup>T</sup>} grew up in Searsmont, ME. He was a brother to Nathaniel and Thomas who served in the Civil War as part of Bristol's enlistments. Mr. Jonathan M. Wentworth {4<sup>T</sup>} and Sarah Emma Sykes (b.1857) were married by the Rev. Paris P. Rowill.<sup>33</sup> They published their marriage intentions 28 March 1876 in Bristol, ME.

John M. and Sarah Emma Wentworth {4<sup>T</sup>} are living at Clarks Cove on the 1900 census. Their 14 year old son Leonard Austin Wentworth, is away attending reform school in South Portland. 1910 finds 24 year old Leonard back in Walpole occupied as a laborer in a brickyard, and living with his mother and father. However, Leonard is convicted of Breaking, entering and larceny that year.<sup>47</sup> He entered the state prison at Thomaston 3 Nov., 1910, and he was discharged 4 Dec. 1912. On his 1918 draft registration card Leonard is described as tall, medium build, brown hair and blue eyes, and having all of his limbs and eyes. He died single in 1920 in Taunton, Mass. Cause of Death: Primary – Poisoning by Illuminating Gas Probably Accidentally.

There is a poem by an unknown author found in the former Evander Hatch household at Clarks Cove in 2005. It is titled: Memories of long ago – A day in Winter Year 1897 or 98. It is about people around the Clarks Cove area of Walpole.\*<sup>18</sup> One verse reads:

George is waiting for us  
His nose just like a rose  
Johnie Wentworth trying  
To see us standing on his toes

Sarah Emma Wentworth (Emma nee Sykes) died August 9<sup>th</sup>, 1914 at 57 years of age. On the 1920 census 76 year-old widower John Wentworth {4} is a boarder in the household of Webster T. and Mabel G. Kelsey {5<sup>B</sup>}. Jon died 1928. John {4<sup>T</sup>} and Sarah Emma are buried in the West Bristol Cemetery.

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Maine never recovered from the population exodus of the middle to late 1800s, nor from the collapse of its farming and lumbering industries that the opening of the West by railroad precipitated.<sup>15</sup> By 1900 Maine's dominance in shipbuilding and ocean trade was also over-again, partly because of the railroads and partly because the skills of building and sailing wooden hulled ships were no longer needed in an era of steel and steam. The textile and paper industries-nearly totally controlled by outside economic interests-were not enough for Maine to maintain its position in population and wealth. Local ice and brick-making industries also declined by the end of the century for similar reasons. Many of

the 20 schoolhouses in the town of Bristol were closed in the 1895-1915 period due to population decline and a decrease in the number of children per household.

In 1915 the southwest part of Bristol broke away to form the new town of South Bristol; this included Clarks Cove, McGuire Point, Wentworth Point and Walpole.



Figure 12: This photo is from the South Bristol Historical Society. On the back is written 'Johnie Wentworth' 'Out to Johns' '2003.15.008' If indeed this is that John M Wentworth (1844-1929) and possibly his wife Emma whom he married in 1876, then John's paternal grandparents were Samuel and Sarah Wentworth {2<sup>o</sup>}. He would have been the Great-Grandson of the original settlers of Wentworth Point, James and Elizabeth Wentworth {1<sup>l</sup>}. It's not clear where or when this was taken, but this photo was in the same collection as Figure 2 and Figure 3 in *The Leeman House, the Willett House, & McGuire Point (1800s-1900s)*. No more information was available about these images other than what was written on them and shared in the caption. Out of all the houses in the Clarks Cove neighborhood, the house in the background of this image matches most the house on the road to the Willett House on McGuire Point. (Courtesy of the South Bristol Historical Society).

## Notes

This is a third and final edition of a Wentworth Point History Bulletin. It was edited, put into chapter form, and reissued in 2017.

It is noted here that most of the 1890 census was destroyed in a fire in 1921

Many of the Wentworths or Kelseys that were mentioned in this history but are not buried in the Darling Center Cemetery can be found in the Kelsey Cemetery on the South Bristol Rd. across from the Split Rock Rd. or at the West Bristol Cemetery on the South Bristol Rd. just south of the Wawenock Golf Course.<sup>22</sup> James and Susan Wentworth {2<sup>R</sup>}, their daughter-in-law Pemmela, some of their daughters and grandchildren are buried in the Kelsey Cemetery. Wentworth Point neighbor Benjamin Alley and family along with some of the Hutchings are buried at the West Bristol Cemetery. Thomas Kelsey's {3<sup>A</sup>} brother, shipbuilder Samuel {3<sup>A</sup>}, his wife Mary J., and their son Newton E. who died July 25, 1840 at 2 yrs 9 mos are also buried there.\*<sup>3</sup>,\*<sup>4</sup> James Wentworth {3<sup>X</sup>}, his brother Abiel {3<sup>W</sup>} and his sister Eliza Ann {3<sup>Y</sup>} are buried there. Samuel and Huldah Wentworth {2<sup>P</sup>} are buried there. Also buried there is Samuel's {2<sup>P</sup>} son Captain Samuel Wentworth {3<sup>S</sup>}, his wife Hannah, their daughter Olive, and son Enoch {4<sup>R</sup>}.\*<sup>5</sup>

\* {#} after a name denotes the generation in the [Wentworth Point Family Tree](#), as indicated horizontally at the bottom of the page. {#S} The superscript denotes the location of a person in that generation, as indicated vertically on the left side of the tree.

\*<sup>1</sup> Most of the applications were filed as a result of acts instated in 1871 and 1878. These acts made it possible for veterans of the War of 1812 and their survivors to receive pensions based on service alone. Earlier acts provided pensions only for service related deaths or disabilities.

\*<sup>2</sup> It's not clear where Catherine Merrill was living on the 1860 census. On the 1850 census her family was living together in Salem, New Hampshire. Subsequently the children appear living in different households.

\*<sup>3</sup> The Maine Old Cemetery Association cemetery inscription project has an Edward N., only son of Samuel & Mary Kellsa, died July 25, 1846 at 2 yrs. 9 mos. age at the Kelsey Cemetery. But it also has them buried at West Bristol cemetery with their son Newton E., d. July 25, 1840 at 2 yrs. 9 mos.\*<sup>4</sup>

\*<sup>4</sup> To add to the confusion of \*<sup>3</sup> the Wentworth Genealogy says Samuel Kelsey married Jane [Mary Jane] Foster 30 January 1843. One of many discrepancies and inconsistencies in the records.

\*<sup>5</sup> Besides being a farmer, Samuel Wentworth {3<sup>S</sup>} was a sailor.

\*<sup>6</sup> Sophronia's death certificate does not list her mother, and lists for her father's name, Dennis. In the Bristol Vital records Darius is known as a boat builder. On Sidelinger's *List of shipping built in the towns of Newcastle, Nobleboro, Damariscotta and Bristol* there is a Dennis Wentworth who built a 9 ton sloop, the *Lizzie Walworth* in 1877, however there is no Dennis Wentworth in the Bristol Vital Records. The author believes Dennis and Darius are the same person, perhaps he was known by both names, perhaps there are errors in the records.

\*<sup>7</sup> In Johnston's History of Bristol and Bremen a Wm. I Kelsey joined Co. I, 15<sup>th</sup> Infantry in 1862 and was promoted to full corporal.<sup>7</sup> In the Report of the Adjutant General of the State of Maine William I. Kelsey enlisted in Company I, Maine 15<sup>th</sup> Regiment on 17 Jan 1862. He was promoted to Full Corporal. He was mustered out on 19 Jan 1865. The only Kelsey listed in Shorey's *A history of the 15<sup>th</sup>* is a Corporal William I Kelsey.<sup>24</sup> However a pension card was filed for a William J Kelsey in the Civil War Pension Index on September 14, 1887.<sup>25</sup> He served in the Maine 15<sup>th</sup> Infantry in Company I. William I. Kelsey is not listed in that index. In a special enumeration of the survivors for the War of the Rebellion for the 1890 census a William J. Kelsey of Bristol is listed. He was a corporal in the Maine 15<sup>th</sup> Infantry discharged 19 January 1865. In the space for "disability incurred" a poorly legible entry may read ruptured chills & fever, wounded in wrist [?].

Therefore William I. Kelsey is now thought to be a misprint and that James and Amy Kelsey's {3<sup>V</sup>} son William John Kelsey served in the Civil War. It is to be noted that this is the same unit that his cousin Sewall Wentworth {4<sup>V</sup>} had joined. You will recall that Sewall had died at Ship's Island, and that Sewall and William were living in the household of widower Susan Wentworth {2<sup>R</sup>} at the time of the 1850 census.

A Maine Veterans Cemetery Record states William J Kelsey's brother Cyrus Kelsey is buried at the Woodward Cemetery in Damariscotta. It also states that besides the head stone there was a G.A.R. (Grand Army of the Republic (a fraternal organization of Civil War veterans)) & flag.

\*<sup>8</sup> Ages here are those that were recorded in the federal census.

\*<sup>9</sup> In the bibliography section of the following web page you can read the reports of the commanding officer of this battery, Captain Adelbert B. Twitchell. [Maine Light Artillery, 7<sup>th</sup> Battery \(G\)](#)

\*<sup>10</sup> At the end of this note is a link to a web page about the life of Nathaniel Wentworth courtesy of The Washington Civil War Association. Just for Maine alone there is more than one Nathaniel Wentworth that served in the Civil War, so there are a few discrepancies between various sources, but a number of sources agree that John and Betsey Wentworth's {3<sup>T</sup>} son Nathaniel Wentworth {4<sup>T</sup>} served in the Civil War in the 1<sup>st</sup> Maine Calvary, was discharged and reenlisted in the navy, and that after the war he married Lucretia Kaller, and they resided at Hodgdon's Mills, ME. In 1877, the company that owned the mill there in East Boothbay, C. & J.P. Hodgdon & Co. sued Nathaniel Wentworth for an 1875 debt of \$163.72.<sup>31</sup> Nat had run up a bill for sawing logs, planing logs, laths, and thousands of feet of lumber, all house building products. The Nathaniel and Lucretia Wentworth family moved out to Washington territory in 1878. Nathaniel and Lucretia had four known children: Faustina (Fostena) born 2 Sept 1866, died 12 Oct 1873;<sup>1, 34, 35</sup> Arthur D. Wentworth born 4 June 1874; Elizabeth Wentworth born May 1879; George L. Wentworth born September, 1884. More about the life of Nat Wentworth can be read at this web page:

<http://www.civilwarvetstastate.com/veterans/detail.html?veteranid=307>

\*<sup>11</sup> The value of their real estate has declined since the 1860 census.

\*<sup>12</sup> Bristol had a school population of 1172 students in 1825, 1000 students in 1860, 350 students in 1930, though it is not clear how the source allows for towns breaking away, i.e. South Bristol.<sup>37</sup>

\*<sup>13</sup> The other libraries are at Round Pond and South Bristol.

\*<sup>14</sup> He is a town treasurer in 1885.

\*<sup>15</sup> The author thinks the John Wentworth in the picture, and on the 1900 census, is the same John Wentworth, brother to Nathaniel.

\*<sup>16</sup> This is based on the Wentworth Point History Supplement *The Vessels Built by Samuel Kelsey & the Clarks Cove Shipyard*.<sup>32</sup> A copy exists at the [South Bristol Historical Society](#), the [Maine Maritime Museum Library](#) in Bath, [Skidompha Library](#) in Damariscotta, and at the [Darling Marine Center Library](#). An electronic copy is available upon request; email the author /librarian at the DMC Library.

\*<sup>17</sup> [The Depression of 1893](#)

\*<sup>18</sup> Special thanks to the South Bristol Historical Society.

\*<sup>19</sup> Dennis Murphy and Sarah Wentworth {4<sup>V</sup>} both of Newcastle declared their marriage intentions 1 January 1884. They were lawfully married 10 days later at Rockland by James Peterson, a Minister of the Gospel at Rockland.<sup>50</sup>

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