

## THE POND FAMILY<sup>1</sup>

There is a tradition running through all the Pond families that the Ponds of America descended from "three brothers who came from England." Recorded evidence to fully prove the tradition true is wanting. Nonetheless, there is strong presumptive proof that the Ponds of America descended from one or more of three brothers. If there were no truth to the tradition, it would seem that it could not have been handed down through all branches of Ponds to the present day [1875].<sup>2</sup>

**Robert Pond**, the earliest ancestor whom we believe we have been able to identify, first appears in Dorchester to partake of the division of the Cow Commons. He died in 1637, the inventory of his will having been dated December 27<sup>th</sup> of that year. About 1650, his widow, **Mary**, married **Edward Shepard**,<sup>3</sup> of Cambridge, as his second wife.

Robert is thought to have come from co. Suffolk, England, and possibly was the brother of John Pond who came with Governor Winthrop in 1630. Winthrop, in the first letter he wrote after his arrival to his eldest son at Groton, England, directs him to tell "old Pond" that both his sons are well and remember their duty.

Children of **Robert Pond** and **Mary \_\_\_\_\_**:  
(All but Mary are supposed children, probably  
born in England. They are listed alphabetically.)

**Daniel**, b. 1627;<sup>4</sup> d. Feb. 4, 1697/8, Dedham; m. 1) **Abigail Shepard**; 2) Sep. 18, 1661, Ann Edwards, who died June 6, 1732, aged 92 year.<sup>5</sup>

Mary, listed as eleven years of age when her mother joined the church at Cambridge; m. John Blackman.

Robert, d. bef. mid-life; m. 1) Mary Ball who m. 2) Nicholas Allen and outlived him; m. 3) Daniel Henshaw.

William, d. Apr. 4, 1690; m. Mary Dye;.

Dr. Savage<sup>6</sup> was strongly impressed with the belief that **Daniel Pond** of Dedham was a son of the elder Robert and brother of Robert and William. It was the custom of our ancestors to retain and pass down from father to son the family

given names. Daniel had a goodly number of children (13), and if Savage's supposition is correct, there is certainly a singular coincidence in the names which he bestowed upon them, for we find a Robert, a William and a John. Another circumstance favoring the idea is that of Daniel's marriage. It will be remembered that Robert's widow, Mary, married **Edward Shepard** of Cambridge, and we shall show that Daniel took for his wife, **Abigail Shepard**, the daughter of the same Edward by an earlier marriage.

Thus it will be seen that although no positive evidence in regard to the parentage of Daniel Pond can be found, there is a probability that he was a son of Robert Pond of Dorchester, and a descendant of the Groton family in England.

Daniel Pond, husbandman, the forefather of a long line of descendants, appeared in the town of Dedham, Norfolk County, Massachusetts, about the year 1652. In the volume of town records containing the conveyances of real estate and grants of land it is written that on the 30<sup>th</sup> day, 1<sup>st</sup> mo. [March 30] 1652, he purchased of Nathaniel Fisher two acres of upland, described as being bounded by "the highway" on the N. and by "the swamp" on the S. With this were two acres of swamp land. On the 25<sup>th</sup> day, 12<sup>th</sup> month, 1662, [February 12, 1662/3], he bought of Ralph Whellock his estate, on which was a dwelling-house and barns, with a piece of swamp land called "the dead swamp amongst the rocks."

Daniel married his stepsister, daughter of his stepfather Edward Shepard and his first wife **Violet Charnold**. His marriage occurred probably about the time of his first purchase, but it is not recorded either in Dorchester or Cambridge, where it would have taken place.

The birth of their first child, Abigail, is recorded at Dedham, but not her baptism, although her mother was doubtless a member of the church at Cambridge. Daniel was himself received into full communion in the Dedham church on August 8, 1653, and a son whose name is not given was baptized there on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of the same month.

In 1659, his "county and town-rate," or tax, was 7s 6d. His special town-rate levied in the last month of the same year was 3s 4d. He was one of the Selectmen of the town in 1660. The next year his "school-rate" was 11s 7d. In 1661, the southern portion of Dedham was set off into a separate township called Wrentham, though the act was not confirmed by court until 1673.

Daniel Pond immediately became an owner of real estate there, obtaining a grant of Lot No. 15 as early as March 22, 1662/3. In 1664, he had a further grant of twelve acres "on

<sup>1</sup>Robert Croll Stevens, *Ancestry of the Children of Robert Croll Stevens and Jane Eleanor Stevens*, Vol. IV, *The Genealogy of Robert Pond*, Pittsford, NY, 1990, pp. 208.1-208.8. Exceptions to this source are cited.

<sup>2</sup>Daniel Streater Pond, *A Genealogical Record of Samuel Pond and His Descendants*, 1875, pp. 7, 8. These pages also contain a fuller discussion of the supporting arguments.

<sup>3</sup>Also an ancestor through his first marriage to **Violet Charnold** (See *THE SHEPARD FAMILY* and further mention in this section.).

<sup>4</sup>Essex Society of Genealogists, *Surname Search*, p 226, gives birth year.

<sup>5</sup>*NEHGR*, Vol. 32, 1878, p. 325, gives date of death.

<sup>6</sup>Savage is the author of the *Genealogical Dictionary of the First Settlers of New England*.

the mill creek." At a meeting of the proprietors of the new town, held on January 15, 1671, he was present and took part in the proceedings. In 1676/7 he had a further grant, lot No. 25. In 1685 he was granted Meadow lot No. 37 "in Wigwam meadow," and also lot No. 17, containing eight acres. After his death his heirs had a grant of seven acres at "cold hearth plain." He probably never lived at Wrentham, but his older sons took up the land and settled there.

Daniel was a lieutenant of the local militia, and took the free-man's oath in 1690. He died at Dedham, February 4, 1697/8. His wife Abigail died at Dedham July 5, 1661, and if the records are correct in the date, he waited only until September 18 of the same year to wed another, Ann Edwards, who survived him, and died June 6, 1732, aged 92 years. More recent documents [not specified] question the identity of this Ann as being an Edwards. Daniel's will did specify that his widow was named Ann, but no proof of her maiden name has since been found. Daniel's will was proved March 3, 1697/8, and was as follows:

#### WILL OF DANIEL POND

In the yeare of our Lord one thousand Six hundred nintye Seven Eight [1697/8] the Second Day of y<sup>e</sup> twelfth Month [February] I Dan<sup>l</sup> Pond of Dedham in y<sup>e</sup> Countie of Suffolke in y<sup>e</sup> province of y<sup>e</sup> Massachusetts Bay in Neweingland, though Infirm in boddy yet whole and sound in my mind and memory and understanding and of a disposing mind I do ordaine and make this my Last Will and Testament in manner and forme as followeth: first I comit and comend my soule into the hands of y<sup>e</sup> Lord Jesus Christ: and my body to y<sup>e</sup> earth from whence it was taken: after my death to be decently beuryed by y<sup>e</sup> care and descretion of my Executors hereafter named.

My mind and will is: that after my just debts be paid and funerall charges defrayed: that my well beloved Wife Anne Pond shall enjoy and possess all my Whole estate of housing lands tenements orchards gardens chattles or a movable estate whatsoever during the whole time and terme of her naturall Life for her uce benefit and comfort after my decease.

I give and bequath to my well beloved wife aforesaid and to hir Heyres forever: the one halfe of that my three Acres of meadowe as it lyeth in foule meadowe.

I give and bequath to my loveing Son John Pond twentie shillings and that with what he have received allredy to be his whole portion in my Estate.

I give and bequath to my loveing Son **Ephraim Pond** twentie shillings and that with what he have allredy received of me to be his whole portion in my Estate.

I give and bequeath to my loveing Son Robert Pond twentie shillings and that with what he have allredie received of me to be his whole portion of my Estate.

I give and bequath to my loveing Daughter Abigaill Day twentie shillings and that with what she have allredie received of me to be hir whole portion in my Estate.

I give and bequath to ye Children of my Daughter Rachel Stone Deceased five shillings each of them and this to be their whole portion of my Estate.

I give and bequath to my loving Daughter Hannah Devotion five pounds and that with what she have received of me allredy to be hir whole portion in my Estate.

I give and bequath to my Son William Pond the other half of that my three Acres of meadowe at foule meadow above mentioned to him the said William and his Heyres forever.

I give and bequath to y<sup>e</sup> Daughter of my son Dan<sup>l</sup> Pond deceased twentie shillings to be hir whole portion of my estate.

I give and bequath to my loving Sons William, Calab and Jabez Pond and to their Heyres forever all y<sup>e</sup> Remainder of all my housing buildings lands tenements orchards gardens meadowes swamps and cow-comons that is not allredy disposed of by me in this my will to be equally devided between them three, and this with what they have allredy received or is in this will expressed to them to be their whole.

I give and bequath to my daughter Sara Pond all y<sup>e</sup> remainder of my Chattles or movable Estate to hir and to hir heyres forever.

And I do hereby nomenate ordain and appoynt my well beloved wife Anne Pond before said and my loving ffrriends Joseph Wight and John ffisher of Dedham to be my Executors to which I comitt all poure necessary for y<sup>e</sup> full accomplishment and performance of this my last will and testament in all respects as is herein above expressed.

In witness thereof I the sad Dan<sup>l</sup> Pond have here unto set my hand and afixed my seal the yeare and day above written.

DANILL POND (seal)

In presents of  
JAMES MOSMAN  
JOHN FULLER  
JOHN DEAN

#### Children of **Daniel Pond** and **Abigail Shepard**:

Abigail, *b.* 9<sup>th</sup> mo. 5<sup>th</sup> day, 1652, Dedham; *d.* after 1721; *m.* 3<sup>rd</sup> mo. 22<sup>nd</sup> day, 1678, as his second wife John Day.

Daniel, *bap.* Jan. 22, 1653/4; *d.* Mar. 4, 1661/2 (perhaps the son who was *bap.* at Dedham, 11<sup>th</sup> mo. 22<sup>nd</sup> day, 1653.)<sup>7</sup>

John, order of birth not certain: *m.* 1) Hannah \_\_\_\_; 2) Rachel Stow; 3) Judith \_\_\_\_.

**Ephraim**, *b.* Dedham; *bap.* Jul. 6, 1656; *d.* Dec. 22, 1704; *m.* Jan. 6, 1685/6, **Deborah Hawes**, she *m.* 2)? \_\_\_\_ Bacon.

Rachel, *bap.* Sep. 5, 1658; *d.* bef. 1698; *m.* 5<sup>th</sup> mo. 1681, \_\_\_\_ Stow or Stone.

Hannah, *b.* 7<sup>th</sup> mo. 27<sup>th</sup> day, 1660; *bap.* Oct. 7, 1660; *m.* John Devotion.

#### Children of **Daniel Pond** and Ann Edwards:

Daniel, *b.* 2<sup>nd</sup> mo. 17<sup>th</sup> day, 1663; *bap.* May 20, 1663; *d.* bef. 1698; *m.* Tabettha \_\_\_\_.

Robert, *b.* Aug. 5, 1667; *bap.* Aug. 11, 1667; *d.* Jul. 3, 1750; *m.* 1) Joanna (?Lawrence); 2) Jan. 16, 1728/9, Abigail Fisher; 3) Nov. 17, 1747, wid. Sarah Shuttleworth.

<sup>7</sup>NEHGR, Vol. 32, 1878, p. 325, gives baptismal date.

William, *b.* 9<sup>th</sup> mo. 20<sup>th</sup> day, 1669; *d.* living in 1713. Prob. the William Pond that died in Dedham Nov. 16, 1723.

Caleb, *b.* 12<sup>th</sup> mo. 13<sup>th</sup> day, 1672; *d.* Feb. 23, 1705/6; *m.* Priscilla Colburn.

Joshua, *b.* 11<sup>th</sup> mo. 3<sup>rd</sup> day, 1674; *d.* 2<sup>nd</sup> mo. 24<sup>th</sup> day, 1676.

Jabez, *b.* 1<sup>st</sup> mo. 6<sup>th</sup> day, 1677; *d.* Nov. 6, 1749, Dedham;  
*m.* 1) Jan. 11, 1698/9, Dedham, Mary Gay; 2) Nov. 22, 1732, Medfield, Mary Plympton.

Sarah, *b.* 5<sup>th</sup> mo. 10<sup>th</sup> day, 1679; *m.* Jun. 14, 1698, Eleazer Holbrook.

**Ephraim Pond** is styled "carpenter," and his name appears early on the Wrentham records, where he resided, an owner of real estate, in 1689. He served on Town Committees in 1664. He married **Deborah Hawes** January 6, 1685/6. It is said that, after his death, she married \_\_\_\_\_ Bacon, but this has not been verified.

Ephraim died December 22, 1704, intestate, and his widow was appointed in 1710 to administrator. The inventory of the estate showed a valuation of £318. In 1714, it was divided among the widow, and children Ephraim, Daniel, Eleony, Samuel, Deborah and Jacob. On November 13, 1737, the widow's portion was divided among Ephraim, Samuel, **Jacob**, Daniel Thurston, and Eleony, the daughter of his daughter Eleony [Pond] Shepard.

Children of **Ephraim Pond** and **Deborah Hawes**:  
(All born at Wrentham)

Ephraim, *b.* Oct. 21, 1686; *d.* Apr. 27, 1760, Wrentham; *m.* Nov. 1, 1710, Boston, Mary Colburn.

Daniel, *b.* Sep. 22, 1689; *d.* c1716.

Deborah, *b.* Sep. 13, 1693; *d.* Mar. 20, 1737/8; *m.* Feb. 9, 1719/20.

Samuel, *b.* Dec. 29, 1695; *d.* Apr. 6, 1746; *m.* Feb. 9, 1719/20, Mary Thurston.

Joseph, *b.* Dec. 30, 1697; *d.* an infant.

Joseph, *b.* Jul. 22, 1700; *d.* young.

Benjamin, *b.* July 22, 1700; *d.* young.

**Jacob**, *b.* Nov. 22, 1702; *d.* Mar. 8, 1764; *m.* May 11, 1726, Boston, **Abigail Heath**.

Eleony, *b.* Aug. 15, 1704; *d.* Sep. 3, 1727; *m.* Aug. 24, 1726, John Shepard.

**Jacob Pond**, the youngest son of Ephraim, was born in Wrentham and settled in that portion of the town which later bore the name of Pondville. He was chosen deacon of the First Church of Wrentham. Jacob died in 1764. His wife, **Abigail**, survived him many years, dying in 1803, in her ninety-ninth year. Their gravestones may be seen [1873] in the burying-ground at Pondville.<sup>8</sup>

<sup>8</sup>Edward Doubleday Harris, *Genealogical Record of Daniel Pond and His Descendants*, Boston, 1873, p. 26.

Children of **Jacob Pond** and **Abigail Heath**:<sup>9</sup>

Daniel, *b.* Feb. 9, 1726/7.

Jacob, *b.* Feb. 14, 1730/1.

Joseph, *b.* June 26, 1733.

Abigail, *b.* May 22, 1735; *m.* Oct. 10, 1757, Nathan Morse.

Hannah, *b.* Jul. 31, 1737; *m.* Dec. 4, 1755, Aaron Davis.

Rachel, *b.* Feb. 3, 1739/40; *m.* Dec. 3, 1761, Eleazer Jackson.

Abial, *b.* Sep. 30, 1742; *m.* Jun. 25, 1761, Solomon Blake.

**Benjamin**, *b.* July 12, 1745; *d.* <sup>10</sup>Mar. 29, 1826; *bur.* <sup>11</sup>Lincoln Cem. (previously North Road Cem.), Castleton, VT; *m.* Dec. 28, 1769, **Hannah Ide**.

Deborah, *b.* Nov. 1, 1747; *m.* Oct. 17, 1765, John Hyde.

**Benjamin Pond** married **Hannah Ide** in Wrentham, Massachusetts on December 28, 1769. They removed to Castleton in Rutland County, Vermont, sometime after the Revolutionary War,<sup>12</sup> in which he served. Hannah died in 1810, and he died in 1826 at the age of 81.<sup>13</sup>

Children of **Benjamin Pond** and **Hannah Ide**:<sup>14</sup>  
(all born in Wrentham, MA)

Olive, *b.* Oct. 22, 1770.

Eliphas, *b.* June 10, 1772.

Hannah, *b.* Nov. 10, 1776

Elias, *b.* Sep. 14, 1778.

**Levi**, *b.* Jan 26, 1783;<sup>15</sup> *d.* 1861; *m.* 1) **Samantha Lawrence**; 2) c1830, Clarissa Patchin.

<sup>9</sup>*Ibid.*

<sup>10</sup>Castleton, VT, *Town Clerk VRs*.

<sup>11</sup>*Ibid.*

<sup>12</sup>*Ibid.*

<sup>13</sup>*Ibid.*, p. 40, gives dates of death.

<sup>14</sup>*Ibid.*

<sup>15</sup>The *Daniel Pond Genealogy* gives Levi Pond's *Pond* ancestry and date of birth. No mention is made of his marriage or descendants. However, the evidence supporting the contention that Levi Pond of Brockport is the same Levi Pond of Castleton, is circumstantial but leaves no reasonable doubt that the two Levi's are one and the same. First and foremost, the obituary for Levi's son Elias states that he was born in Castleton, VT, Feb. 1804 (*Rochester Union Advertiser*, Jan. 13, 1875, p. 3, col. 5). Second, Benjamin's son Levi appears in the 1810 census of Castleton, page 58, with three male children under 10-years of age. His household is listed next to his father Benjamin's household. This fits well with the family of the Brockport Levi at that period in time. The Castleton Levi is absent from the 1820 census, but Levi Pond of Brockport, according to the 1855 census, had been in Brockport since 1818. Third, Castleton town records mention Willard Pond frequently over the first couple of decades of the 1800s. Use of the name Willard was very uncommon in Pond lineages at the time. Levi of Brockport named one of his children Willard. Fourth, the 1880 census for the village of Williamsville, Erie County, NY, p. 10, dwelling 109, lists Lawrence, the son of Levi Pond of Brockport, NY. It gives his father's place of birth as Massachusetts and his mother's place of birth as Vermont. The only conflicting evidence to date is the year of death for Levi Pond of Brockport. The Pond monument at High Street Cemetery, Brockport, NY, gives Levi's date of birth as 1782 instead of 1783. It is not unusual to find dates on headstones in error. The other circumstantial evidence far outweighs this discrepancy.

**Levi Pond** grew up in Castleton, Vermont. He married his first wife, **Samantha Lawrence**,<sup>16</sup> and they had four or five children before moving to Onondaga County in New York, where at least two more children were born. By 1817, the family had moved westward, settling in the town of Sweden in Monroe County, New York.<sup>17</sup> No record of her death has yet been found.

Levi Pond purchased a farm in the north part of the town. He was very active in public affairs, having filled the several offices of deputy sheriff, constable [justice of the peace] and collector [Commissioner of Deeds and Canal Collection]<sup>18,19</sup>

In 1830 and 1831, Levi ran for Clarkson coroner against seven others and lost. In 1832 he was one of five from his area that ran for the State Assembly. Again he was not one of the three lucky contestants that won.<sup>20</sup>

Levi was obviously persistent. In 1833 he was one of the representatives of Monroe County in the Legislature.<sup>21</sup> He married his second wife, Clarissa Patchin, about 1830. In the 1860 census,<sup>22</sup> under occupation, Levi was listed as a *gentleman*. Levi died in 1861 and Clarissa died in 1868.<sup>23</sup>

Levi's will was made April 23, 1857. He left everything to his wife Clarissa. The following signature is from his will.



<sup>16</sup>Chapman, 1884 *Portrait and Biographical Album of Newaygo Co. Michigan*, contains a biography of Levi's son Guy, who migrated to Michigan, which gives his mother's name as Samantha Lawrence. The Michigan death record for Guy at the State Health Dept. records that his mother's name was Lydia. However, Cheryl Fry Campbell, 203 W. 4th St-Box 13, Leaf River, IL, in correspondence with this author, stated that her third-great-grandfather was Willard, Guy's brother, and that her family records also identify Willard's mother as Samantha Lawrence.

<sup>17</sup>Levi is noted in later years as of Brockport, NY. Brockport is in the northern part of the town of Sweden, but it did not exist at the time of his arrival—it came into existence after the Erie Canal was built. Brockport, had been chosen as the western terminus of the Erie Canal.

<sup>18</sup>*History of Monroe County New York*, W. E. Morris and Co., 1877, p. 158.

<sup>19</sup>O. Turner, *History of the Pioneer Settlement of Phelps and Gorham's Purchase and Morris' Reserve*, Genesee, 1976, p. 565.

<sup>20</sup>*Pioneer History of Clarkson*.

<sup>21</sup>Turner, *Phelps and Gorham's Purchase*, p. 565.

<sup>22</sup>1860 Census, Brockport, p. 77, dwelling 67.

<sup>23</sup>The Pond monument at High Street Cemetery, Brockport, NY, indicates that Clarissa was the wife of Levi Pond. Their years of birth and death are from this monument. Cornelia Brockway is also identified as the wife of N. [Nathan] P. Pond. An old weathered stone behind the Pond plot reads Anson Pond. Judging from the small size of the stone, it appears that this was an infant or a young child, but of this it is not certain.

Children of **Levi Pond** and **Samantha Lawrence**:<sup>24</sup>

Elias, b. Feb. 1, 1804, Castleton, VT; d. Jan 12, 1875;<sup>25</sup>  
m. Caroline \_\_\_\_\_, b. Mar. 27, 1809, Canandaigua, NY,  
d. Mar. 18, 1874.<sup>26</sup>

**Seymour**, b. c1806; d. 1838; bur. High Street Cemetery, Brockport, NY; m. **Eunice Pelton**, c1822 in Brockport, NY.<sup>27</sup>

George W., b. Aug. 17, 1807; d. Dec. 25, 1872; bur. High Street Cemetery, Brockport, NY; m. Laura Graham, Mar. 8, 1823.<sup>28, 29</sup>

Lawrence, b. Mar. 10, 1809, Castleton VT; d. Oct. 1882.<sup>30</sup>

He started the line of stages between Buffalo and Williamsville.

Hannah, b. c1811; d. Jan. 14, 1845; m. James Atkins.<sup>31</sup>

Guy C., b. Jul. 4, 1812, Onondaga Co., NY; m. 1) June 27, 1838, Briston, MI, Laura Roe; 2) Frances M. (Hutchinson) McDonald.<sup>32</sup>

Willard, b. May 23, 1816, Onandaga Co., NY; d. Nov. 28, 1897, Mt. Morris, IL; m. Sep. 26, 1841, Mary E. Jones.<sup>33, 34, 35</sup>

Children of **Levi Pond** and **Clarissa Patchin**:<sup>36</sup>

Nathan, Lt. Col., b. Sep. 11, 1832, Brockport, NY; bur. Mt. Hope Cemetery, Rochester, NY; d. Jan. 16, 1921;<sup>37</sup> m. 1) Cornelia Brockway;<sup>38</sup> 2) c1876, Julia Beecher;<sup>39</sup> 3) 1888, Susan A.

<sup>24</sup>Children of Levi Pond, except Hannah, were identified from probate records filed at Monroe County Surrogate Court, Rochester, NY, in conjunction with Levi's will which was filed June 25, 1861. The papers identify two grandchildren—Sarah Pond, the wife of William Crowell, and Levi Pond, both children of his son Seymour P. Pond. There was a Levi Pond enumerated in the 1855 census of Union (Union Township later became Hamlin), NY, at the home of the Nathan Wright family, entry 189. He is listed as age 28, "idiotic" and working as a servant on a farm.

<sup>25</sup>*Rochester Union Advertiser*, Jan. 13, 1875—obituary. It was stated that Elias was the eldest son of Levi.

<sup>26</sup>Identification of Elias' wife and her statistics came from her tombstone inscription at Mount Hope Cemetery, Rochester, NY. Whether she was his only wife is unknown.

<sup>27</sup>Date of death from Seymour's headstone. Birth date determined from age at death also from his headstone. Marriage from J. M. Pelton, *Genealogy of the Pelton Family in America*, 1892, pp. 441.

<sup>28</sup>Michigan Death Records, 1867-1874, State Health Dept. Gives date of death and age at death as 65 yrs. 4 mos. 8 days. According to the High Street Cem. Records, he was buried in that cemetery. He may have bought the plot and never used it—there is no headstone.

<sup>29</sup>LDS IGI. Gives marriage information.

<sup>30</sup>*Amherst [NY] Bee*, Oct. 19, 1882.

<sup>31</sup>Hamlin Town Historian record extracted from DAR burials inscriptions at High Street Cemetery, Brockport, NY.

<sup>32</sup>Chapman, 1884 *Portrait and Biographical Album of Newaygo Co. Michigan*, contains a biography of Guy, who migrated to Michigan, and provides birth date and details of both marriages.

<sup>33</sup>Page 205, 1886 Ogle County, Illinois History: "WILLARD POND.....40 plus years resident of Section 22, Mt. Morris....came to Illinois in 1845....Born Onondaga Co. (see footnote 34), NY5/23/1816, son of Levi Pond who was born in Vermont. The family moved to Monroe Co., NY and Willard Pond lived there until 1840. He set out for Ohio staying there 5 years. ... Married September 26, 1841 to Mary E. Jones...Settled in Mt. Morris in 1845."

<sup>34</sup>1860 Census, Ogle Co., IL, Town of Mt. Morris gives Willard's place of birth as VT and not Onondaga Co. Onondaga is undoubtedly correct since it was also stated as the birthplace of his brother in a completely separate publication. The major root of Willard's family was in Vermont and someone may have interpreted this to mean that he was born there. Assumptions of origin like this are not at all uncommon.

<sup>35</sup>Oakwood Cemetery, Mt. Morris Township, Ogle Co., IL—tombstone gives date of birth and death.

<sup>36</sup>Grace Patchen Leggett, *The History and Genealogy of the Patchin-En Family*, Pub. By the Patchin-en Family Asso., Waterbury CT., 1952, p. 31, lists Nathan as the son of Clarissa and Levi Pond.

<sup>37</sup>Dates of birth and death are from his tombstone at Mount Hope cemetery, Rochester, NY.

<sup>38</sup>See footnote 23.

Moore.<sup>40</sup> Nathan was a Civil War veteran serving from 1860 to 1865.<sup>41</sup> He led one of the black regiments.<sup>42</sup>

**Seymour Pond** married **Eunice Pelton** in Brockport in 1822. He died May 9, 1838, and was buried at High Street Cemetery in Brockport. Eunice married Nathan Wright<sup>43</sup> and she died in 1855. She was buried in the Wright Family Pioneer Cemetery in Parma, New York.

Children of **Seymour Pond** and **Eunice Pelton**:

Levi, *b.* c1827; *d.* after 1861<sup>44</sup>

**Sarah R.**, *b.* 1834, Clarkson, NY; *d.* 1906; *bur.* The Wright Family Pioneer Cemetery, Hamlin Parma Town Line Rd., Parma Township, NY; *m.* 1) **William Crowell**; 2) \_\_\_\_\_ Spencer.

Possibly others.<sup>45</sup>

Children of Nathan Wright and **Eunice Pelton**:<sup>46</sup>

Henry, *b.* 1843

Nathan N., *b.* 1846; *d.* 1915, Brockport, NY; *bur.* The Wright Family Pioneer Cemetery; *m.* Lucy Josephine Way.<sup>47</sup>

Mary E., *b.* Feb. 2, 1851; *d.* 1914; *m.* Charles Whitlock.

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<sup>39</sup>LDS IGI.

<sup>40</sup>*Rochester Union Advertiser*, Sep. 28, 1888, p. 8, col. 7.

<sup>41</sup>From his tombstone.

<sup>42</sup>*Epitaph*, Friends of Mount Hope Cemetery, Vol. 22, No. 2, Spring 2003. Also has picture of Nathan in his Civil War uniform.

<sup>43</sup>Nathan and Eunice Wright are in the 1850 census of Clarkson, NY, Dwelling 82, Family 85, in addition to Albert Hazen Wright's manuscript.

<sup>44</sup>Levi Pond enumerated in the 1855 census of Union (Union Township later became Hamlin), NY, at the home of the Nathan Wright family, entry 189. He is listed as age 28, "idiotic" and working as a servant on a farm. He was mentioned in his fathers 1861 probate papers.

<sup>45</sup>Hilton, NY, *historian records*. The family group sheet for the Nathan Wright Family (Sarah Pond's second husband was Nathan) lists Emily Pond, born c1824, as wife of Nathan Wright's eldest son, Barny.

<sup>46</sup>Albert Hazen Wright in the *Wright File*, p. 63 (see footnote 1269 for full citation.). Exceptions are noted. It has been suggested that Nathan and Eunice Pelton may also have had sons Timothy and Benjamin, but no source for this claim has yet been presented.

<sup>47</sup>Birth and death dates given in Nathan's death certificate. Filed at the Monroe County Office of Vital Statistics, Rochester, NY, under Brockport, 2728, Register #43. Dates are also on his tombstone.