



*THE BLODGETT FAMILY  
OF*

*STOWMARKET, ENGLAND*

*WOBURN, MASSACHUSETTS*

*CHELMSFORD, MASSACHUSETTS*

*HUDSON, NEW HAMPSHIRE*

## **JOSEPH BLODGETT OF HUDSON NH**

In the beginning, all of the early settlers of Hudson and Pelham were in Dunstable and Northern Dracut MA. We find them as neighbors attending the early town meetings and attending the same church that they built together. They petitioned His Majesty the King to approve a new town of Nottingham Ma that became Nottingham West; Nottingham West was placed in NH with the new State boundaries and the town of Pelham was formed with 1/3 Nottingham West and 2/3 northern Dracut.

The early settlers shared common bonds in carving a new town out of the wilderness, their faith in the Almighty, their trials and their triumphs, and they collectively defended their homes and their families from the hostiles who came down the Merrimac River from Canada. They served together in the French Indian War, the French British War, the American Revolution and the War of 1812.

Joseph Blodgett came from Chelmsford MA by canoe to prepare his land on the eastern shore of the Merrimac River, said to be in 1710 by Isaac Dimond Blodgett in his book, "Asahel Blodgett". Asahel was the grandson of Joseph, son of Jeremiah Blodgett. I am very proud to state that Joseph Blodgett is my 4<sup>th</sup> generation great grandfather, and Joseph's son Joseph and grandson Joseph are my 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> generation great grandfathers. Betsey Blodgett, daughter of Joseph is my 7<sup>th</sup> generation great grandmother

There are no boundary lines or town name changes stronger than the ties that bind the early settlers together. "Should old acquaintance be forgot, we raise the cup of kindness yet to Auld Lang Syne".

## BLODGETT

The family name of Bloggatt changed to Blodgett upon our ancestor's arrival in the New World. It can also be found in genealogy written as Blodget. Herein, we will concentrate on the genealogy pertaining to our own family. For a complete genealogy of Blodgett, refer to our library book of Blodgett, Bradley DeForest Thompson. It is believed that all Blodgett's in America are descended from our patriarch grandparents, Thomas and Susan, the emigrants from England.

**Robert Bloggatt** of Stowmarket, England, was an innkeeper there. He married Mary Witlock in 1598. Their children are:

Sarah m. 1620, Edward Easterson

Phebe baptized 1607                      Robert baptized 1602 d. 1620

John m. Alice. Children: Ann, John b. 1635, Mary b. 1633 Thomas b. 1604

**Thomas Blodgett 1** b. 18 November 1604 Stowmarket England d. 1642 Cambridge MA, m. Susan. They arrived in the New World aboard the Increase in 1635, and settled in Cambridge MA. Their children:

John b. 1622 England

Nathaniel b. 28 February 1629 Stowmarket

Daniel b. 14 May 1631

Samuel b. 21 July 1633 Stowmarket

Susannah b. June 1637 Cambridge      Thomas b. 7 August 1639 Cambridge MA

After Thomas' demise, Susan m. widower James Thompson of Woburn MA. Daughter Susannah m. Jonathan Thompson (son of James & Elizabeth) b. 1635 England d. 20 October 1691 They are grandparents of Benjamin Thompson, known as Count Rumford

**Daniel Blodgett 2** b. 14 May 1631 Stowmarket England d. 28 January 1672 Cambridge MA, m. 1<sup>st</sup> Mary Butterfield of Chelmsford MA 15 September 1653, d. 15 September 1666 Chelmsford. M. 2<sup>nd</sup> 10 March 1669 Sarah Underwood b. 1642 of Chelmsford. Children are:

Thomas b. 25 June 1654

Anna b. 9 November 1655

Daniel b. 7 January 1657

Benjamin b. 1658

Jonathan b. 18 September 1660

Samuel b. 12 October 1662

Nathaniel b. 22 October 1664 d. 1666 Nathaniel b. 15 March 1670

William b. 1672. All children born in Chelmsford MA.

**Thomas Blodgett 3** b. 25 June 1654 Chelmsford MA d. 30 March 1741 Westford Ma, m. Mary Parkhurst b. 10 August 1657 Chelmsford d. 9 September 1694, (Rebecca & Joseph Parkhurst 2 George 1).

M. 2<sup>nd</sup> 8 July 1695 Mary Druse of Groton or Concord MA. Their children:

Rebecca b. 12 April 1684

Thomas b. 1686

Joseph b. 10 October 1689

Benoni b. 22 October 1694

John b. 26 November 1698

Samuel b. 27 September 1702

Mary b. 4 January 1706

Anne b. 9 May 1714. All Chelmsford.

Thomas served in the garrison of Middlesex MA March 1692; he was a surveyor in Chelmsford.



**Joseph Blodgett 4** B. 10 October 1689 Chelmsford d. 3 December 1761 at Hudson NH, m. 16 Jul 1717 Dorothy Perham b. 9 July 1696 Chelmsford d. 5 March 1778 Hudson, daughter of Joseph Perham. Their children are:

Joseph b. 9 February 1718, first white child born in Hudson.

Ebenezer b. 3 January 1720      Jeremiah b. 20 July 1723

Dorothy b. 13 February 1724      Rebecca b. 3 February 1727

Jonathan b. 5 December 1730      James b. 17 February 1733 m. Sarah Snow  
Abigail b. 1723 (twin) m. Capt. Samuel Greeley of Hudson, soldier in the French Indian War and The Revolution.

Joseph Blodgett 4 moved from Chelmsford to Hudson by canoe on the Merrimac River that adjoined his land, and built one of the first four garrison houses there, to protect the settlers from hostile Indians. Joseph's sons and grandsons served in the French Indian War and the Revolution: Jeremiah served at Lake Champlain and Albany NY, and was a ranger scout on the Merrimac River from NH to CT during the American Revolution. Jeremiah is the father of Asahel Blodgett, who served the Continental Army under George Washington at NY; and Jeremiah and Ebenezer who lost their lives at the battle of Ticonderoga NY during The Revolution. Jeremiah traveled from Hudson NH to NY by horse and wagon to claim the bodies of his sons, who had already been buried at Ticonderoga. Rebecca m. Samuel Merrill of Hudson d. French Indian War.. Dorothy m 2<sup>nd</sup> Onesiphorus Marsh Jr.

**Joseph Blodgett 5** b. 9 February 1718 Hudson d. 16 August 1801 m. 1<sup>st</sup> 1755 Dorcas Wheeler b. 1729 Acton MA d. 29 June 1763 Hudson. Their children are:

Dorcas b. 11 December 1757

Joseph b. 10 February 1760

Phineas Wheeler b. 9 October 1762

Judah b. 25 June 1763

Abigail (twin) b. 25 June 1763

Joseph 5 married 2<sup>nd</sup> Sarah Cross b. 26 June 1731 Hudson d. 7 March 1808. daughter of Nathan & Sarah Cross of Hudson. Child Sarah b. 2 Dec 1771 d. 1779. Joseph, Sarah & daughter Sarah at Blodgett Cemetery, Hudson.

Joseph served in the French Indian War, signed the Pledge of Allegiance in 1776 and served on the committee to raise the town quota of troops for the Revolution. That included his son Joseph.

**Joseph Blodgett 6** b. 10 February 1760 d. 27 March 1847 m. 5 May 1785 Hannah Davis (daughter of Nathaniel & Martha Heath Davis of Hudson) b. 1756 d. 3 April 1843 Hudson. Children are:

Joseph b. 31 March 1786 m. Sarah Spaulding 12/22/1812.

Hannah b. 15 August 1787 m. John Burnham 3/11/1810

Elizabeth b. 11 October 1789 m. John Baldwin 30 April 1812

Sarah b. 25 October 1791 d. 1850 m, Seth Hadley.

Joseph Blodgett 6 served The Revolution with Capt. Nichol's Regiment of NH Militia Men at The Battle of Bennington, at age seventeen.

**Elizabeth (Betsey) Blodgett** 7 b. 11 October 1789 d. 29 January 1881 Hudson m. 30 April 1812 **John Baldwin** b. 6 Feb 1786 Pelham NH d. 21 June 1838. They live next door to Solomon Richardson, 1830 Pelham census.

Children are:

Charles b. 1813 Pelham NH d. 17 May 1857 Boston MA. Has daughter Lucia B. Baldwin born 1842 Nashua NH.

Rebecca b. 14 April 1817 Pelham m. Davis, d. July 1890 Hudson.

Benjamin Chase b. 20 December 1818 Pelham d. 21 September 1883 m. Louise Fosdick of Hudson 1841. Children are:

John Dexter S. b. 22 Nov 1843

Lucia Josephine b. 19 June 1845 Lowell MA, m. Job W. Dupee of Acton MA, who was executor of Betsey Jr's Will.

Clara Vyetta b. 9 May 1850 m. Ova Thissald of Lowell MA

Benjamin & family lived in Lowell MA.

**Lucien** b. 10 August 1824 Pelham d. 9 April 1857 Boston, m. 9 July 1848 **Harriet C. Story** b. 1828 Hopkinton NH d. 1880 Boston. They were married at Nashville NH, (Nashua). Lucien was a locksmith, living in Nashua NH with his wife and son. Their sons are: **Lucien DeForest** b. Feb 1850 Nashua, and Russaire D. b. late 1850. They moved to Boston after 1851.

Betsey Jr. b. 1832 Pelham d. 8 August 1892 unmarried.

Joseph b. 1830 Pelham m. Lydia A., residing in Boston. Their children:

Charles H., and Mary E.

John and Betsey Blodgett Baldwin, their children Charles, Lucien and Betsey are buried at the Blodgett Cemetery, Hudson NH

Note: the Will of Betsey Blodgett Baldwin filed in Middlesex County MA, names heirs John Baldwin of Chicago and John Baldwin of Hyde Park. This has to be a son and grandson of Betsey & John. Hyde Park is a community south of Chicago and incorporated in Chicago. They are not to be confused with John & son John Hall Baldwin of Hyde Park (John of Billerica). I have been unable to find any further information on them. There are no birth records for any of John & Betsey's children in Pelham or the State of NH. Census records, death records and probate records are the only proof of their existence.

Joseph Blodgett 7 b. 31 March 1786 d. 29 August 1866 m. 22 Dec. 1812  
Sarah Spaulding b. 1 May 1786 Pelham NH d. 26 April 1865 (daughter of Lot  
(John 3, Andrew 2) & Esther Butterfield Spaulding of Chelmsford MA and  
Pelham NH). Children are:

Joseph Spaulding b. 30 September 1813 d. 28 August 1854. He was  
unmarried and without issue.

Sarah Spaulding b. 25 September 1815 d. 9 April 1822

Austin b. 7 April 1819 Sarah b. 1823 Martha b. 1828

Austin Blodgett 8 b. 7 April 1819 d. 11 August 1895 m. 3 January 1847  
Susan Davis b. 4 March 1819 Hudson d. 2 March 1897 (daughter of Samuel &  
Anna Morse Davis of Pelham NH). Children are:

Joseph A. b. 23 October 1849 d. 20 November 1855

Elmer Horace b. 14 September 1852 d. 30 November 1932

Ada L. (Vinnie) b. 12 November 1858 d. 16 September 1911

Austin Joseph b. 14 January 1861 d. 25 February 1946 Nashua NH.

Austin, Susan and children Joseph A. and "Vinnie" are buried at Blodgett  
Cemetery Hudson, as are Joseph 4-5-6-7 and their wives, and some of their  
children.

The Joseph Blodgett Farm for nine generations was sold, and has now  
become an industrial park, separated from the Blodgett Cemetery by a road,  
but the Garrison Marker still faces the Merrimac River and the American  
flags mounted on markers provided by The Daughter of The American  
Rebellion in the 1800's (prior to the formation of Daughters of The American  
Revolution in 1890), fly proudly over the graves of the numerous soldiers  
there, of The American Revolution. Flags are maintained by the VFW Post.

The Blodgett's and the Baldwin's are part of the migration of New  
Englanders to Illinois in the mid 1800's, and are still well known throughout  
northern and southern Illinois. I am sure that they must have missed the  
beauty of New England. Blodgett IL, 35 miles SW of my home, was founded  
in 1895, but soon gave way to a major highway, State forest, and the National  
Armory in WW II. Today, when I visit the Mindewin Prairie Nature Preserve  
on Blodgett Road, and the new Abraham Lincoln National Veterans  
Cemetery there, I remember that I am a Blodgett as well as a Baldwin.

SITE OF

**BLODGETT GARRISON,**

JOSEPH AND DOROTHY BLODGETT.

THEIR ELDEST SON JOSEPH

BORN HERE FEB. 9, 1718.

BEING THE FIRST

WHITE CHILD BORN IN THIS TOWN.

KIMBALL WEBSTER, 1904.



FATHER & MOTHER

JOHN BALDWIN

DOOOO

JUNE 21. 1838.

AGED 51.

BETSEY, his wife

DOOOO

JUNE 25. 1851.

AGED 41.





LUCIAN BALDWIN

XXXXX

Apr. 9, 1857.

Aged 33.

CHARLES BALDWIN

XXXXX

May 17, 1857.

Aged 44.



BETSEY BALDWIN

DIED

Aug. 8, 1892

Aged 60



JOSEPH BLODGETT

Died

AUG. 29, 1866.

EST. 57 YRS.

*Husband of Sarah Spaulding of  
Pelham.*

*Brother of Betsey Blodget Baldean.*

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*Austin and Susan Davis Blodgett, of Pelham N.H. Austin son of Joseph & Sarah Spaulding Blodgett.*

### **Blodgett Marriages in Pelham NH.**

Rachel Blodgett of Hudson m. Wm. Hadley of Hudson 6 Oct 1785, at Pelham.

Joseph Blodgett 7 m. Sarah Spaulding of Pelham on 1 May 1786, dgtr. Of Lot 4 (John 3, Andrew 2 and Esther Butterfield Spaulding of Pelham).

Asahel Blodgett 7 m. Polly Blodgett at Pelham 15 July 1804, dgtr. Of Phineas and Martha Hamblett Blodgett.

Joanna Blodgett of Hudson m. Zebediah Kingsley of Charleston 4 oct 1812, at Pelham.

Elizabeth (Betsey) Blodgett m. John Baldwin of Pelham 30 Apr 1812, at Pelham.

Jabez Blodgett m. Hannah Colburn of Pelham on 15 June 1815, at Pelham.

Austin Blodgett 8 m. Susan Davis b. 4 March 1829, on 3 Jan 1847, at Pelham. Susan is daughter of Samuel & Anna Morse Davis. Is this Samuel of Pelham, or Nathaniel's son?

Warren Blodgett 8 m. Elizabeth B. Webster of Pelham on 18 May 1858, Daughter of John and Hannah Cummings Webster of Pelham.

### **The Blodgett Cemetery, Hudson NH.**

I would think it somewhat unusual to have six generations of grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins laid to rest in the same cemetery:

Joseph Blodgett & Dorothy Perham  
Joseph Blodgett & Sarah Cross  
Joseph Blodgett & Hannah Davis  
Joseph Blodgett & Sarah Spaulding  
Austin Blodgett & Susan Davis

Nathaniel Davis & Martha Heath  
John Baldwin & Betsey Blodgett  
Lucien Baldwin  
Charles Baldwin  
Betsey Baldwin

and many others. Thank you Hudson, for taking such good care of this historic cemetery,