

1710 Census
Bedford, Westchester County, New York
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(Those listed in bold face are actually listed in the census, the rest of the information is included, to complete the family relationships, of which there are many, among the early settlers of Bedford).

[It should be noted, that in every instance, in which there is a birth record, against which to validate the age of the person listed in the census, the birth date and birth age correspond exactly. From this it can be surmised, that all of the ages which are listed in this census are correct, making this an incredibly valuable resource].

[Francis Holmes Family Group from Stamford]

[John Holmes, born 1635, in Beverly, County York, England, was the son of Francis Holmes of Stamford. He married, on 11 May 1659, Rachel Waterbury.] John Holmes was an original Proprietor.]

John Holmes Sr., aged 75 years [born 1635; died 1729 Bedford, son of Francis Holmes]; **Joseph Holmes**, his son, freeholder, aged 27 years [born 1683, probably Bedford].

John Holmes Jr., freeholder, aged 50 years [born 18 Oct 1660 Stamford, son of John Holmes and Rachel Waterbury]; **Sarah [Clark]**, his wife, aged 36 years [born 1674, daughter of William Clark Sr.]; **Rachel Holmes**, his daughter, aged 15 years [born 1695, married Robert Bostwick]; **John Holmes III**, his son, aged 13 years [born 1697, married Jemima Beecher, a niece of Zachariah Roberts, listed infra]; **Deborah Holmes**, his daughter, aged 5 years [born 1705, marriage unknown]; **Isaac Churchill** (sojourner), aged 1 years [born 1709, ancestry unknown, but perhaps brother to Nehemiah Churchill, listed infra]; Mary, a Negro slave, aged 24 years.

[**Mary Holmes**, born September, 25, 1662, listed infra, daughter of John Holmes and Rachel Waterbury, who married John Miller, is part of this family group, linking the Holmes and Miller Families].

[**Sarah Holmes**, born 1666, listed infra, daughter of John Holmes and Rachel Waterbury, who married Jonathan Miller, is part of this family group, linking the Holmes and Miller Families].

[**Rachel Holmes**, born December 7, 1669, listed infra, daughter of John Holmes and Rachel Waterbury, who married Richard Westcott, is part of this family group, linking the Holmes and Westcott Families].

[Richard Holmes, born about 1671, deceased between 1704 and 1710, son of John Holmes and Rachel Waterbury.] **Mary [Miller] Holmes**, freeholder, aged 39 years [born 1671, daughter of John and Sarah Miller], widow of Richard Holmes, [son of John Holmes and Rachel Waterbury]; **Richard Holmes**, her son, aged 16 years [born 1694, married unknown]; **Hannah Holmes**, her daughter, aged 14 years [born 1696, married unknown]; **Susannah Holmes**, her daughter, aged 12 years [born 1698, married unknown]; **Ebenezer Holmes**, her son, aged 8 years [born 1702, married unknown]; **Marcy Holmes**, her daughter, aged 6 years [born 1704, married unknown]. [some speculate that Isaac Holmes Sr., who died in 1740, should be a child in this family, but he is not listed in this census, and neither is his future wife Deborah, which makes it more likely he is from some place else, and not connected with this Holmes family].

Jonathan Holmes, freeholder, aged 36 years [born 1674, son of John Holmes and Rachel Waterbury]; **Dorothy [Roberts]**, his wife, aged 29 years [born 1 March 1681 Milford, daughter of Zachariah Roberts and Mary Lawrence, who is listed infra]; **Dorothy Holmes**, his daughter, aged 8 years [born 1702, married unknown]; **Jonathan Holmes**,

his son, aged 7 years [born 1703, married unknown]; **Solomon Holmes**, his son, aged 4 years [born 1706, married Rachel Miller, probably listed infra]; **Mary Holmes**, his daughter, aged 5 years [born 1705, married George Mills]; **Rachel Holmes**, his daughter, aged 2 years [born 1708, married John Westcott III, listed infra]. [Their son Hezekiah Holmes was born after the census, about 1713, who married Elizabeth Finch. He is said to have lived the age of 100 years].

[**Rose Holmes**, born 1678, listed infra, daughter of John Holmes and Rachel Waterbury, who married John Westcott, is part of this family group, linking the Holmes and Westcott Families].

David Holmes, freeholder, aged 30 years [born 1680, died 1734, son of John Holmes and Rachel Waterbury]; **Ruth [probably Westcott]**, his wife, aged 34 years [born 1676, probable daughter of John Westcott and Ruth Hyatt]; **David Holmes Jr.**, his son, aged 5 years [born 1705]; **Reuben Holmes**, his son, aged 4 years [born 1706, married Mary Burroughs, daughter of Joel Burroughs]; **Jemima Holmes**, his daughter, aged 3 months [born 1710, married Samuel Barrett].

[**Joseph Holmes**, born 1683, son of John Holmes and Rachel Waterbury, listed infra. He married, after the census, Joanna, and is credited with children Isaac, born about 1713, who married Elizabeth Beecher, Joanna born about 1715, married unknown, and Joseph born about 1718 who married Deborah Clark.]

[John Broughton Family Group from Deerfield, Mass.]

[John Broughton and Hannah Bascom were the parents of Mary Broughton who married Benoni Stebbins, and Sarah Broughton who married John Holmes. This means that John Holmes, born 1678, and Ebenezer Stebbins, born 1677, had mothers who were sisters, and thus they were first cousins.]

[John Holmes Sr. of Deerfield was born before 1658, was in Northampton as early as 1679, and an inventory of his estate was presented in court April 10, 1693, by his widow Sarah, and her father John Broughton. Sarah Broughton, his wife, was born 6 Aug 1658, in Windsor, Connecticut, the daughter of John Broughton and Hannah Bascom.

[It appears that the impetus for this family to move to Bedford, must have been their double connection, John Holmes is connected to the Webb family through his wife, Patience the widow of Richard Webb, and Ebenezer is connected through his wife, Johannah Roberts, to the Zachariah Roberts family.]

John Holmes Jr., aged 32 years [born 4 December 1678, Northampton, Mass., son of John Holmes and Sarah Broughton; **Patience** [widow of Richard Webb], his wife, aged 47 years [born 1663, ancestry unknown.] [She probably lied about her age, she was probably born closer to 1658].

Ebenezer Stebbins, aged 33 years [born 4 August 1677, Deerfield, Massachusetts, son of Benoni Stebbins and Mary Broughton, married on 8 November 1704 in Bedford to **Johannah Roberts**; Benoni Stebbins, his father, was killed in the Deerfield Massacre in 1704.]; **Johannah [Roberts]**, his wife, aged 22 years [born 27 March 1688 Milford, daughter of Zachariah Roberts and **Mary Lawrence**, listed infra]; **Mary Stebbins**, his daughter, aged 4 years [born 5 October 1705]; **Benoni Stebbins**, his son, aged 2 years [born 8 July 1708]; **Ebenezer Stebbins Jr.**, his son, aged 6 months [born 15 April 1710]. [This family subsequently went to Kingston, New York, and were known as "Stevens," instead of Stebbins.] [There was a daughter, Jerusha Stebbins, who was born 4 April 1707, and died on 4 May 1707].

[Mindwell Stebbins, born January 20, 1685, the sister of Ebenezer Stebbins, married Rev. John Jones in Bedford on March 8, 1703.]

[Richard Webb Family Group of Stamford]

[Richard Webb, of Stamford, and his wife Margery Moyer, had sons Richard Webb, Joshua Webb and Caleb Webb.

[Richard Webb, the son of Richard Webb of Stamford, was born about 1646, married **Patience** on 8 Feb 1679, perhaps at Hartford.] [Children of Richard Webb and Patience: Ebenezer - 7/27/1684, Ann - 6/2/1686, Patience - 9/7/1687, John - 2/28/1692 (twins) [no mother listed], Thankful - 2/28/1692 (twins) [no mother listed], Ann - 3/11/1698].

[Patience Webb, the daughter, was shot in the head by the Indians in the Deerfield Raid in 1704 at the age of 17 years.] [Patience Webb, age 46 in 1704, was carried away by the Deerfield Raid to Canada, giving a date of birth of 1658. She probably lied about her age in the 1710 census of Bedford, because she had a much younger husband].

Richard Webb, the son of Richard Webb of Stamford, died 23 August 1700. **John Holmes**, listed infra, married Richard's widow **Patience** Webb, listed infra, on 12 Feb 1701/1702, in Northampton, Hampshire, Massachusetts.

[Joshua Webb, son of Richard Webb, was born 15 September 1655, was in Bedford by at least 1681, and died in Bedford in 1694. Joshua Webb had married Elizabeth Hine. Elizabeth Hine was born 3 Dec 1657 at Milford, the daughter of Thomas Hine and Elizabeth Lane, married Joshua Webb on 15 March 1675, and had children Richard Webb 1677, Ebenezer Webb 1679, John Webb 1681, and Susanna Webb 1683. After the death of Joshua Webb, Elizabeth Hine Webb married Daniel Simpkins, listed infra.]

[Caleb Webb, son of Richard Webb, was born about 1658, died in Bedford 24 May 1704.] **Sarah [unknown] Webb**, aged 35 years, widow [born 1675, ancestry [unknown, widow of Caleb Webb]. **Marcy Webb**, her daughter, aged 8 years [born 1702, Margery Webb, named after her grandmother, Margery Moyer].

[Zachariah Roberts Family Group from Milford]

[Zachariah Roberts was an early settler of Bedford, he was born 14 May 1653, the son of William and Joanna Roberts of Milford, and he died 1707 in Bedford. He was the town Justice, and his name can be found on many documents. He married Mary Lawrence on 8 Feb 1677 in Milford.] [They had at least children Zachariah Jr., Hezekiah, Dorothy, William, and Johanna, Zachariah Jr. and William do not appear in the 1710 census, and might have either died young, or lived elsewhere.]

Mary [Lawrence] Roberts, age 52 years, [born 1658, maiden name Lawrence, ancestry unknown, widow of Justice Zachariah Roberts, deceased; **Hezekiah Roberts**, freeholder, her son, age 24 years, [born 15 October 1685 Milford].

[**Dorothy Roberts**, listed infra, born 1 March 1681 Milford, daughter of Zachariah Roberts and Mary Lawrence, who is listed infra, married **Jonathan Holmes**, listed infra].

[**Hezekiah Roberts**, listed infra, born 15 October 1685 Milford, son of Zachariah Roberts and Mary Lawrence, who is listed infra]. [Hezekiah Roberts was the town constable, his will was dated 3 April 1775, Bedford].

[**Johannah Roberts**, listed infra, born 27 March 1688 Milford, daughter of Zachariah Roberts and Mary Lawrence, listed infra, married on 8 November 1704 to Ebenezer Stebbins, born 4 Aug 1677, Deerfield, Massachusetts, son of Benoni Stebbins and Mary Broughton. The marriage record on 8 November 1704 calls him “Ebenezer Stevens,” and apparently he called himself that for the rest of his life.]

[Zachariah Roberts has a younger sister, Joanna Roberts, born 26 June 1657 in Milford. This elder Joanna Roberts married Isaac Beecher.] [Their child Jemima Beecher, born 12 December 1698 in New Haven, married John Holmes III, born 1697, listed infra. They had children James Holmes, Stephen Holmes, Sarah Holmes, Rebecca Holmes, Lois Holmes, Eunice Holmes, and Dorcas Holmes]. [Their child Abigail Beecher, married David Seeley, listed infra]. [There is an Elizabeth Beecher, ancestry unknown, who married Isaac Holmes, who is reputed to be the son of Joseph Holmes, listed infra].

[Ensign Daniel Simpkins Family Group from Stamford]

[Vincent Simpkins, from Wethersfield, was one of the original settlers of Stamford. In 1671, he sold land in Stamford to John Holmes Sr., son of Francis Holmes].

[Ensign Daniel Simpkins, the son of Vincent Simpkins and Mary Ackerly, and the grandson of Henry Ackerly, died in Bedford in 1699. Daniel Simpkins, Ensign, late of Bedford, Feb. 16, 1699, letters of administration on his estate granted to John Copp, and Zachariah Roberts of Bedford, and Samuel Webb of Stamford, page 204. Inventory taken Jan. 9, 1699, by Cornelius Seeley and John Copp, verified by Elizabeth Simpkins, before Samuel Hait, Justice of the Peace, and filed Feb. 16, 1699, page 104.]

[Ensign Daniel Simpkins had two wives, both named Elizabeth. The following information is shown, to establish that there must have been two wives named Elizabeth, since the birth of the children of Elizabeth Holmes pre-date the death of Joshua Webb. Daniel Simpkins married first, Elizabeth Holmes, ancestry unknown, who would have been the mother of his children, Daniel Simpkins, Vincent Simpkins 1684, and possibly Elizabeth Simpkins 1686. Ensign Daniel Simpkins married second (1694-1699), Elizabeth Hine, the widow of Joshua Webb who died in 1694.]

[Elizabeth Hine Webb Simpkins links the Daniel Simpkins family group, with the John Holmes family group. She would be the stepmother of Vincent Simpkins, and the sister-in-law of **Sarah Webb**, the widow of Caleb Webb, listed infra, and also the sister-in-law of Richard Webb, who married Patience, who later married John Holmes Jr. This makes it more likely that Elizabeth Holmes, the first wife of Daniel Simpkins, might also be related to the John Holmes family group, rather than the Francis Holmes family group.]

Vincent Simpkins, freeholder, aged 26 years. [Born in Stamford in 1684, son of Daniel Simpkins and Elizabeth Holmes, died 1750.]

Samuel Jenkins, aged 25 years [born 1685]. **Elizabeth [possibly Simpkins]**, his wife, aged 24 years [born 1686, possible daughter of Daniel Simpkins and Elizabeth Holmes]; **Sarah Jenkins**, his daughter, aged 1 year.

[John and Sarah Miller Family Group]

[John Miller and his wife Mary Angel were early immigrants. They were the parents of John Miller, who married Sarah, and who had children John Miller, Jonathan Miller, Mary Miller, and David Miller listed infra. After the death of John Miller, his widow, Mary Angel, married Obadiah Seeley, and became the mother of **Cornelius Seeley**, listed infra.] [John Miller was an original Proprietor].

John Miller, freeholder, aged 45 years [born 1665, son of John and Sarah Miller]; **Mary [Holmes]**, his wife, aged 48 years [born 1662, daughter of John Holmes and Rachel Waterbury]; **Martha Miller**, his daughter, aged 14 years; **John Miller**, his son, aged 12 years; **Abigail Miller**, his daughter, aged 8 years; **Abner Miller**, his son, aged 3 years.

Jonathan Miller, freeholder, aged 43 years [born 1667, son of John and Sarah Miller]; **Sarah [Holmes]**, his wife, aged 38 years [born September 25, 1662, daughter of John Holmes and Rachel Waterbury. Jonathan Miller and Sarah Holmes were married 25 February 1691 Bedford]; **Jonathan Miller**, his son, aged 19 years [born 19 November 1692]; **John Miller**, his son, aged 17 years [born 12 October 1694]; **Stephen Miller**, his son, aged 15 years [born 8 December 1696]; **Samuel Miller**, his son, aged 13 years [born 25 January 1698]; **Sarah Miller**, his daughter, aged 10 years [born 22 January 1700]; **Rachel Miller**, his daughter, aged 7 years [born 2 July 1703]; **Nathaniel Miller**, his son, aged 5 years [born 19 February 1705]; **Increase Miller**, his son, aged 3 years [born 4 November 1707]; **Ebenezer Miller**, his son, aged 8 months [born 21 December 1709]. [There is the later birth of another son, Benjamin Miller, on 18 March 1712 Bedford. There is also another son, Jonathan Miller, born 13 November 1691, died 13 December 1691].

[**Mary Miller**, born 1671, listed infra, daughter of John and Sarah Miller, and the widow of Richard Holmes.]

David Miller, freeholder, aged 34 years [born 1676, son of John and Sarah Miller]; **Hannah [Jones]**, his wife, aged 30 years [born 1680, daughter of Joseph Jones and Rebecca Drake]; **Hannah Miller**, his daughter, aged 8 years [born 1702]; **Abraham Miller**, his son, aged 6 years [born 1704, he later marries Comfort Seeley, listed infra under the Seeley Family, they become the parents of Mary Miller who married Isaac Holmes Jr.]; **Isaac Miller**, his son, aged 4 years [born 1706]; **Jacob Miller**, his son, aged 3 years [born 1707]; **Susannah Miller**, his daughter, aged 1 year [born 1709]. [They later have Daniel Miller in 1712, and David Miller Jr.]

[John Severance Family Group, from Deerfield, Mass.]

John Severance, aged 63 years [born 24 Nov 1647, Salisbury, Mass, son of John Severance and Abigail Kimball; grandson of Richard Kimball and Ursula Scott of Watertown, he moved to Bedford in 1702]; **Mary [possibly Kimball]**, his wife, aged 60 years [born 1650, married 15 August 1672, ancestry unknown, possibly a cousin of Abigail Kimball].

Mary [Severance] Dibble, widow, aged 29 years [Mary Severance, born 4 July 1681, Deerfield, Mass., daughter of John and Mary Severance, died about August 1713, she married John Dibble, born 9 February 1673 Windsor, the son of Ebenezer Dibble and Mary Wakefield, in Deerfield, Mass. on 26 Nov 1797]; **John Dibble**, her son, aged 7 years [born 1703, died 1 August 1773]; **Abigail Dibble**, her daughter, aged 5 years [born 1705]. [In Town Records of Bedford, for 1702, it says that John Dibble is the brother of Wakefield Dibble, which even further confirms his identity].

[John Westcott and Ruth Hyatt Family Group from Stamford]

[John Westcott is deceased at the time of this census, however his widow, Ruth Hyatt Westcott, is still alive, and listed infra.] [Ruth Hyatt is the stepdaughter of Cornelius Jones, and the half sister of Daniel Jones, listed infra, and Josiah Jones, listed infra. Ruth Hyatt's mother, Elizabeth Russell, married second, on 6 October 1657, to Cornelius Jones, this makes Ruth Hyatt the stepdaughter of Cornelius Jones, and since Elizabeth Russell is the mother of Daniel Jones and Josiah Jones, this makes Ruth Hyatt their half sister.] [John Westcott was an original Proprietor].

Richard Westcott, freeholder, aged 42 years [born 1668, died 1743, son of John Westcott and Ruth Hyatt of Stamford]; **Rachel [Holmes]**, his wife, aged 40 years [born December 7, 1669, daughter of John Holmes and Rachel Waterbury]; **Rachel Westcott**, his daughter, aged 15 years [born 1695]; **Ruth Westcott**, his daughter, aged 13 years [born 1697]; **Rose Westcott**, his daughter, aged 9 years [born 1701, named after her double aunt Rose Holmes Westcott, married Benjamin Ketcham]; **Richard Westcott**, his son, aged 6 years [born 1704, died 1758]; **Daniel Westcott**, his son, aged 3 years [born 9 August 1707, died 28 March 1791]; **Millicent Westcott**, his daughter, aged 4 months [born 1710, married 14 August 1732 Robert Elliot].

[**Ruth Westcott**, born 1676, listed in IGI as a daughter of John Westcott and Ruth Hyatt, could be the Ruth who is the wife of David Holmes. This makes even more sense when you realize that both of her brothers would have married Holmes girls, and also, that without her, the family of John Westcott and Ruth Hyatt was all boys, and no girls. It also makes sense that Ruth Hyatt would name her daughter Ruth. In short, if there indeed was a daughter Ruth Westcott, then she must certainly be the Ruth who is the wife of David Holmes.]

John Westcott, freeholder, aged 31 years [born 1679, son of John Westcott and Ruth Hyatt of Stamford]; **Rose [Holmes]**, his wife, aged 32 years [daughter of John Holmes and Rachel Waterbury, John Westcott and Rose Holmes were married 9 April 1702]; **Martha Westcott**, his daughter, aged 7 years; **John Westcott**, his son, aged 6 years [born 1704]; **Samuel Westcott**, his son, aged 4 years [born 1706]; **Johanna Westcott**, his daughter, aged 1 year [born 1709, she later marries Joseph Seeley Jr., listed herein].

Thomas Westcott, aged 24 years [born 1686, son of John Westcott and Ruth Hyatt of Stamford]; **Elizabeth [Clark]**, his wife, aged 19 years [born 1691, possible daughter of Nathan Clark]; Widow **Ruth [Hyatt] Westcott**, aged 60 years, [born 1650, widow of John Westcott, daughter of Thomas Hyatt and Elizabeth Russell of Stamford, who were married 20 August 1633 in England. Thomas Hyatt is no relation to Simon Hoyt of Stamford]. [Elizabeth Westcott signs the will of Nathan Clark in 1726, making it possible that she is the eldest daughter of Nathan Clark.]

[William Clark Family Group from Stamford]

[William Clark Sr. and Susannah Treat were early settlers in Wethersfield, Stamford, and finally, in 1680, of Bedford. He reported to have three sons, William Jr., Nathan, and Joseph.] [William Clark was an Original Proprietor]. [Richard Ayres was an Original Proprietor].

William Clark, freeholder, aged 40 years [born 1670, son of William Clark Sr. and Susannah Treat,]; **Hannah [Ayres]**, his wife, aged 37 years [daughter of Richard and Mary Ayres of Stamford]; **John Clark**, his son, aged 15 years; **William Clark**, his son, aged 13 years [born 1697]; **Ebenezer Clark**, his son, aged 6 years [born 1704]; **David Clark**, his son, aged 2 years [born 1708]; **Jabez Clark**, his son, aged 4 months [born 1710]. [The Clark genealogy omits Jabez as a son, and adds a son Joseph].

Philip Ayres, freeholder, aged 27 years [born 1683, son of Richard and Mary Ayres of Stamford, and the brother of Hannah Ayres, the wife of William Clark, listed infra]. [Phillip Ayres married 27 November 1717, Margaret Moseman, possibly sister to Marcus Moseman of Bedford. They had children Margaret Ayres, born 11 May 1719, Philip Ayres Jr., born 29 May 1722, John Ayres, born 18 April 1724, and Benjamin Ayres, born 20 April 1726, all in Bedford].

Nathan Clark, freeholder, widower, aged 38 years [born 1672, died 29 April 1726 Bedford, son of William Clark Sr. and Susannah Treat]; **Stephen Clark**, his son, aged 12 years [born 1698]; **Martha Clark**, his daughter, aged 9 years [born 1701, not in 1726 will]; **Nathan Clark**, his son, aged 5 years [born 24 March 1704, died 1755]; **Sarah Clark**, his daughter, aged 3 years [born 1707, not in 1726 will]; **Reuben Clark**, his son, aged 4 months [born 1710, not in 1726 will]. [His wife Clemence, died about 1709, right before the census.] [The will of Nathan Clark, dated 1726, names his sons Stephen, Nathan, Silvanus [died a young man], Jehiel, Joseph, and Nathaniel, and his “five youngest daughters” Elizabeth, Deborah, Abigail, Esther, and Comfort. The will is signed by Elizabeth Westcott, making it possible that she is his daughter. The other signatories are Solomon Holmes and Zachariah Mills, the town clerk.] [By his second unknown wife, he had Jehiel born 1711, Joseph born March 1713, Nathaniel born 1714, Deborah born 1718, Abigail, Esther, Comfort born 1722, married Albert Clock of Stamford].

[**Sarah Clark**, born 1674, listed infra, daughter of William Clark Sr. and Susannah Treat, who married John Holmes Jr.]

[**Elizabeth [Clark]**, born 1691, listed infra, who is the wife of Thomas Westcott, listed infra, is probably the “Elizabeth Westcott” who signed the will of Nathan Clark in 1726. Since his mother was named Susannah, and his widow would not have the last name “Westcott,” it is reasonable to believe that he had an elder daughter named Elizabeth. At this time period, why else would their be a female witness to the will?]

[Cornelius Seeley and Priscilla Osborn Family Group]

Cornelius Seeley Sr., aged 60 years [born 1650, son of Obadiah Seeley and Mary Angel] [Jonas Seeley was an Original Proprietor. Cornelius was there shortly thereafter];

Priscilla [Osborn], his wife, aged 60 years [born 1650, daughter of Richard and Elizabeth Osborn]; **Sarah Seeley**, his daughter, aged 34 years [born 1676]; **Nehemiah Churchill**, Servant, aged 13 years [son of Robert Churchill and Sarah Cable of Westport, perhaps brother to Isaac Churchill, listed infra]. [Cornelius Seeley was an Innkeeper in Bedford, which explains why he needed a servant]. [His mother, Mary Angel, married first, David Miller, and had Miller children, and then Obadiah Seeley, and had Seeley children].

Cornelius Seeley Jr., aged 37 years [born 1673, died 1751, son of Cornelius Seeley and Priscilla Osborn]; **Mary [Jones]**, his wife, aged 32 years [born 1678, daughter of Joseph Jones and Rebecca Drake]; **David Seeley**, his son, aged 10 years [born 26 July 1700 Bedford, married Abigail Beecher, sister of Jemima Beecher, listed infra]; **Mary Seeley**, his daughter, aged 8 years [born 1702]; **Joseph Seeley**, his son, aged 5 years [born 1705]; **Martha Seeley**, his daughter, aged 1 year [born 1709].

[**Sarah Seeley**, born 1676, listed infra, daughter of Cornelius Seeley and Priscilla Osborn, still unmarried in this census].

[**Elizabeth Seeley**, born 1678, daughter of Cornelius Seeley and Priscilla Osborn].

Joseph Hunt, freeholder, aged 34 years [born 1676, son of Thomas Hunt and Elizabeth Jessup]; **Elizabeth [Seeley]**, his wife, aged 32 years [born 1676, daughter of Cornelius Seeley and Priscilla Osborn]; **Abigail Hunt**, his daughter, aged 3 years; **Sarah Hunt**, his daughter, aged 1 year.

Joseph Seeley, freeholder, aged 25 years [born 1685, died 17 December 1751, son of Cornelius Seeley Sr. and Priscilla Osborn]; **Martha [possibly Jones]**, his wife, aged 27 years [born 1683, ancestry unknown]; **Joseph Seeley Jr.**, his son, aged 3 years; **Comfort Seeley**, his daughter, aged 1 year [she later marries Abraham Miller, who is listed herein]. [There is a Martha Jones, listed in the IGI as a possible wife, but no parents are identified. There is quite an extensive Jones family in Bedford at this time, see infra.] [After the census, they had children in Bedford: Eli Seeley, born 1712, Jonathan Seeley, born 1714, Jeremiah Seeley, born 1716, and Ebenezer Seeley, born 1717].

[Cornelius Jones Family Group from Stamford]

[Daniel Jones was an Original Proprietor]. [Cornelius Jones, by his first unknown wife, was the father of Joseph Jones who married Rebecca Drake. Cornelius Jones then married Elizabeth Russell on 6 October 1657 in Stamford, and had additional children Daniel Jones and Josiah Jones.] [Elizabeth Russell had married previously, Thomas Hyatt of Stamford (no relation to Simon Hoyt), on 20 Aug 1633 in England].

[Cornelius Jones made his will June 2, 1690, proved March 10, 1691, which named sons Joseph and Ebenezer, grandchild, Ruth Hyatt (a minor) and daughter Mary Hyatt. Why doesn't the will of Cornelius Jones list Daniel Jones and Josiah Jones as sons?]

[A late distribution. 1703/4, of the estates of Joseph and his father, Cornelius Jones was made to Joseph Jr., Samuel, and Cornelius Jones; Cornelius Seeley in right of his wife, Mary; and David Miller in right of his wife, Hannah. This proves that Joseph Jones did not have a daughter Martha.]

[Joseph Jones (1652-1690), was the son of Cornelius Jones of Stamford, and married Rebecca Drake. In 1690, his will reveals the following children and ages: Mary 13 (listed infra), Hannah 11 (listed infra), Joseph 9, Samuel 6, Cornelius 3]. **Stephen Clawson**, freeholder, aged 52 years [born Stamford 17 Dec 1657, son of Stephen Clawson and Elizabeth Perement, and is mentioned in his father's will. Could this be Perriman, and thus a relative of Samuel Hardy?]; **Rebecca [Drake]**, his wife, aged 52 years [born 1658, daughter of Samuel Drake and Ann Barlow]; **Elizabeth Rodger**, her daughter, aged 18 years [born 1692, probably married, shortly after the census, Theophilus Kellum, listed infra]; **Abigail Clawson**, his daughter, aged 12 years [born 8 Mar 1698 Bedford, daughter of Stephen Clawson and Rebecca]; **Martha Clawson**, his daughter, aged 10 years [born 16 March 1700, daughter of Stephen Clawson and Rebecca], **Ruth Clawson**, his daughter, aged 7 years [born 10 April 1703, daughter of Stephen Clawson and Rebecca]. [Stephen Clawson was previously married to Priscilla Abbott, who was the daughter of George Abbott and Mary Weed]. [Rebecca Drake was married three times, before 1677 to Joseph Jones, from 1690-1692 to Rodgers of Eastchester, and before 1698 to Stephen Clawson. Through her marriage to Joseph Jones, she is the mother of Hannah Jones, listed infra, and Mary Jones, listed infra.] [The will of Samuel Drake, Eastchester, dated 1684, mentions his son-in-law Joseph Jones, his grandchildren Joseph, Samuel, Mary, and Hannah Jones].

[**Mary Jones**, born 4 January 1677/78 in Stamford, who married Cornelius Seeley, Jr., listed infra, is the daughter of Joseph Jones and Rebecca Drake.]

[**Hannah Jones**, born 16 March 1679/80 in Stamford, who married David Miller, listed infra, is the daughter of Joseph Jones and Rebecca Drake.]

[**Martha [possibly Jones]**, the wife of Joseph Seeley, aged 27 years [born 1683], has been said in some sources to have the maiden name of Jones. She cannot be the daughter of Joseph Jones, because his children are listed in his will. However, perhaps she is a daughter of Daniel Jones, who would be 25 when she was born, or Josiah Jones, who would be 23 when she was born, and who are both residents of Bedford in the 1710 Census.]

[**Ruth Hyatt**, widow of John Westcott, listed infra, is the daughter of Thomas Hyatt and Elizabeth Russell, and thus is the half-sister of Daniel Jones and Josiah Jones, who are the sons of Cornelius Jones and Elizabeth Russell].

Daniel Jones, freeholder, aged 52 years [born 1658 Stamford, son of Cornelius Jones and Elizabeth Russell, died 1716 Bedford]; **Josiah Jones**, freeholder, aged 50 years [born 1660, died before 1722, son of Cornelius Jones and Elizabeth Russell of Stamford] [Josiah Jones had died by 1722, and appears to have acquired a new wife, named Johanna, before he passed away]; **Daniel Jones**, ye son of **Josiah Jones**, aged 20 years [born 1690, son of Josiah Jones, and grandson of Cornelius Jones]. [Deed, Daniel Jones of Bedford to brother Josiah Jones of same place, the north right of his whole right of land in the New Purchase May 14, 1711.] [Indenture between Zachariah Mills of Bedford and Johanna Jones, widow of Josiah Jones, late of Bedford, dec'd, to all that land in Bedford where Joanna Jones now liveth, Jan. 25, 1722.]

[John Jones and Mrs. Mindwell Stebbins both of Bedford, married March 8, 1703. Mindwell Stebbins is the sister of **Ebenezer Stebbins**, listed infra, who was enumerated in the 1710 Census of Bedford. John Jones was a minister, a graduate of Harvard college, son of William Jones and Hannah Eaton, was born 4 Oct 1667 in New Haven, CT, and died 28 Jan 1717/1718 in New Haven, CT. For a short period of time, he was the minister in Bedford. There was a William Jones in Eastchester, perhaps he is a relative, but I doubt it.]

[Miscellaneous Families]

Jonathan Shepard, freeholder, aged 36 years [born 1674, possibly son of Mary Shepard, widow, of Stamford]; **Annah [Garrison]**, his wife, aged 30 years [born 1680, married 14 January 1700, daughter of Rennick Garrison, of Easthampton, Long Island]; **Mary Shepard**, his daughter, aged 10 years [born 4 February 1701]; Abigail Shepard, his daughter, aged 8 years [born 6 July 1703]; **John Shepard**, his son, aged 6 years [born 2 August 1705]; **Annah Shepard**, his daughter, aged 3 years [born 28 August 1708]; **Charity Shepard**, his daughter, aged 8 months [born 1 December 1709]. [Perhaps his wife is connected to other Bedford families]. [They had another son, Jonathan Shepard Jr., who was born in 19 June 1712 in Bedford]. [Mary Shepard, widow, who died August 15, 1683, in Stamford, is probably his mother, especially since his eldest daughter is named Mary.] [There is a note of debt, dated 1672 in Easthampton, in which he signs himself “Renok Garison,” the note refers to him as “Reneck Garison.” In 1678 he calls himself “Reinick Garrison,” and also “Renick De ffresse alias Garrison.” On 11 August 1683, Rennick binds his children, John Garrison age 12, and Anna Garrison, age 3, as servants to Abraham and Abigail Haukes of Easthampton, John is to be trained as a weaver until he is 21 years of age. On 24 August 1683, he binds out his son Samuel Garrison, age 6, as a servant to Isaac and Elizabeth Mills, to learn the carpenter trade, born 18 July 1677.]

Richard Warren, freeholder, aged 38 years [born 1672, son of Richard Waring of Brookhaven, Long Island, and grandson of Robert Ackerly]; **Lydia [unknown]**, his wife, aged 35 years [born 1675, ancestry unknown]; **Martha Warren**, his daughter, aged 15 years; **Nehemiah Warren**, his son, aged 10 years; **Ephraim Warren**, his son, aged 7 years; **Ezekiel Warren**, his son, aged 4 years; **Abigail Warren**, his daughter, aged 1 year [the children were born in Oyster Bay, Long Island]. [Vincent Simpkins and Richard Warren are both Ackerly descendants, but there is no proof that Robert Ackerly and Henry Ackerly are related]. [Many sources give the wife of Richard Warren as Lydia Ackerly, but that is incorrect, his wife was Lydia, his mother’s maiden name was Ackerly, and because his father is also Richard Warren, the names were jumbled together].

Capt. Joseph Bayle, aged 47 years [born 1663, perhaps surname is Bailey, ancestry unknown]; **Jane [unknown] Russell**, his housekeeper, aged 57 years [ancestry unknown]; **Elizabeth Russell**, aged 14 years [born 1696]; **Thomas Russell**, aged 11 years [born 1699]. [This Russell family might be related to Ruth Hyatt, listed infra, through her mother Elizabeth Russell]. [A Joseph Byles married Rebecca Forbush, listed infra, who died January 28, 1768 in Westboro, Middlesex, MA, at age 95. This might be her second husband.] [There is a Baylies family in Uxbridge, Mass, which might require some examination]. [another Bayle family in Huntington and Southold.]

Samuel Hardy, freeholder, aged 54 years [born 1656, son of Richard Hardy and Ann Husted of Stamford]; **Rebecca [Forbush]**, his wife, aged 36 years [born 1674 in Cambridge, Mass., daughter of Daniel Forbush and Rebecca Perriman]; **Hannah Hardy**, his daughter, aged 18 years [born 6 July 1693, Stamford]; **Samuel Hardy**, his son, aged

11 years [born 6 August 1701, Stamford]; **Daniel Hardy**, his son, aged 8 years [born 8 August 1701]; **Phineas Hardy**, his son, aged 6 years [born 12 October 1703]; **Aaron Hardy**, his son, aged 4 years; [born 1706, probably Bedford]; **Elizabeth Hardy**, his daughter, aged 1 year [born 1709, probably Bedford]. [Samuel Hardy married first Rebecca Hobby, Nov. 18, 1686. Rebecca Hobby was the daughter of John Hobby and Sarah Gray of Greenwich. Samuel married second, Rebecca Forbush, on July 31, 1693, in Stamford.] [The sister of Samuel Hardy, Elizabeth Hardy Garlick, was arrested for witchcraft.] [Samuel Hardy, Jr., married in 1726 in Westborough, Mass, Tabitha Forbush. Tabitha Forbush was the daughter of Thomas Forbush and Dorcas Rice, and Thomas was a brother to Rebecca Forbush, and thus Tabitha was a first cousin of Samuel Hardy Jr.] [Rebecca Forbush died January 28, 1768 in Westborough, Middlesex, MA, at age 95. She married Joseph Byles, who might be the Capt. Joseph Bayle, listed infra.] [There is a daughter, Rebecca Hardy, born 28 December 1687, who is not listed in this census, she must be already deceased, or married].

Theophilus Kellum, aged 22 years, blacksmith [born 1688, son of Reuben and Deborah Kellum of Fairfield County, Connecticut]. [On 28 March 1712, he has a son, with a wife named Elizabeth, named Reuben Kellum, obviously named after his father]. [Their children are Reuben born 28 March 1712, Hannah born 9 September 1714, Daniel born 23 September 1716, Ruth born 23 December 1719, Elizabeth born 5 February 1722, Bethiah born 23 February 1724, and Theophilus Jr. born 21 May 1726] [If we assume that they were married by 1711, and had a one year courtship, then his wife would be in Bedford in 1710, and thus would probably be **Elizabeth Rodger**, listed infra, the daughter of **Rebecca Drake**, the only girl named Elizabeth in Bedford of sufficient age at that time. The Compendium of American Genealogy also states that Theophilus Kellum married Elizabeth Rodger.]

[Mystery Wives]

Patience, born 1658 to 1663, who married first Richard Webb of Stamford, and then to John Holmes Jr. of Northampton, Mass.

Sarah, born 1675, the wife of Caleb Webb.

Elizabeth Holmes, the first wife of Ensign Daniel Simpkins.

Lydia, born 1675, the wife of Richard Warren, also known as Richard Waring, whose maiden name is not Ackerly.

[Other Mystery People]

Capt. Joseph Bayle, born 1663, perhaps surname is Bailey]

Jane [unknown] Russell, aged 57 years [ancestry unknown]; **Elizabeth Russell**, aged 14 years [born 1696]; **Thomas Russell**, aged 11 years [born 1699].

Jonathan Shepard, born 1674.