

Purcell

Benjamin Purcell (1774-1844)

m 1799 in Sussex Co., New Jersey

Mary Yawger (1783-1863)

Children of Benjamin and Mary Purcell

Elizabeth	1801	m John Huff	1857
Daniel	1803		
Peter	1805	m MaryAnn Robins	1885
William	1807	m Jane McCrossen	1876
John	1809	m Almira Hubbard	1881
Edmund	1811	m Juliette Smith	1855
Hannah	1813	m David Hoppough	1887
Lydia	1815	m Thomas Ray	1888
Benjamin, Jr.	1817	m Loretta Acker	1895
Neil Hart	1819	m 1) Esther _____	1894
		m 2) Grace _____	

NOTES

Benjamin Purcell (1774) was born January 12, 1774, in Sussex County, New Jersey. He married in 1799, also in New Jersey. All his children were born in New Jersey. The family came to Ontario County about 1824. He died June 12, 1844 in Canadice. He and Mary are buried in Bald Hill Cemetery.

Mary Yawger (1783) was born in New Jersey on January 25, 1783. She died November 5, 1863 in Springwater.

Elizabeth Purcell (1801) was born in February 1801 in New Jersey. She married John Huff (1800-1871; son of John Huff and Rachel Allen – NOT related to the Allens of Allen's Hill), probably in New Jersey about 1819. Her children were Mary (1820-25), Benjamin (1824-1875), Mary (1826-1881), Sylvia (1828-1852), **Marcus Furman** (1832-1892), Stephen (1834-1886), Jane (1836-1837), and Wheeler (1836-1843). Her family came to New York and settled in the Canadice/Richmond area at about the same time as her parents – 1824.

Marcus Furman Huff (1832) married Ann Eliza Bray (1836-1910; daughter of Andrew Bray and Catherine Yawger). They had four children: Clara (1861), John (1867), Andrew (1875), and Jefferson (1878-1938; m Florence Reed and had a son, Furman.)

Peter Purcell (1805) and was born in New Jersey. He lived in Canadice, later in Cohocton. He had five children: William (1827), Rickford (1829), Sarah (1832), Mary (1836), and Henrietta (1839).

William Purcell (1808) was born January 9 in New Jersey. He died January 11, 1876 in Springwater, New York; he and Jane are buried in Ashely Cemetery. Their children include James (1833), Beach (1840), William (1841), Benjamin Franklin (1843), and Ellen (1837-1903; m Thomas Eldridge).

John Purcell (1809) was born in New Jersey. He and Almira (1810-1879; daughter of Solomon Hubbard) lived in Canadice. They had a son George (1833-1843) and two daughters: Caroline (1834) and Mary (1844). After the death of his father, his mother lived with his family. He died Nov. 15, 1881 and is buried in Evergreen Cemetery in Springwater. *Ontario County Journal* December 2, 1881: "Canadice, N. Y. - Mr. John Purcell, an old resident of this town, died the 15th ult. Deceased was a very nice man, and will be missed among the prominent men of town. He leaves two daughters to mourn his death."

Caroline Purcell (1834) married Coe H. Coykendall (1833; son of Jotham Coykendall and Maria Haines). Their children were George (1856), Frank (1857; in 1882 married Fannie Hoppough, the daughter of Horace & Sarah Pulver Hoppough), Everett (1861; married Jettie McCrossen), Ulysses Grant (1865), and John (1873; married Agnes Varney). Coe and Caroline are both buried at Evergreen Cemetery in Springwater.

Edmund Purcell (1811) – See below

Hannah Purcell (1813) was born March 16, 1813 in New Jersey. She married David Hoppough (1809-1871) in 1831 in Ontario County, New York. They lived in Canadice. They had four children: Bradford (1835-1915; m Mary Ann Coykendall), Speedie (1842-1930; m Nathan Short), Horace (1847-1913; m Mary Merrill), and Frank, born in 1850. Hannah died February 3, 1887; both she and David are buried at Canadice Hollow Cemetery.

Lydia Purcell (1815) married Thomas Ray (1813-1855). They had four sons: Harrison (1836), John (1840), Wesley (1840), and George (1849). They lived in Richmond. She died November 18, 1888. She and Thomas are both buried in Purcell Cemetery.

Benjamin Purcell, Jr. (1817) lived in Canadice. He had two children: Silas (1839) and Mary Elizabeth (1843). He is buried in Evergreen Cemetery in Springwater. The *Livonia Gazette* carried his obituary December 8, 1893: "Mr. Benjamin Purcell died on the 29th ult. at the age of 76 years. He was born in New Jersey and came to this town when only 11 years of age. The remainder of his life was spent here. About a year ago a cancer made its appearance, since which time he has been a great sufferer, but through it all he derived strength and grace from his Savior whom he trusted so implicitly. He was a member of the M E. church of Canadice and was one of the few without a known enemy. The funeral was held on Friday, the Rev. Mr. Dynes officiating, and the interment was in the evergreen cemetery. One daughter, Mrs. F. A. Slingerland, with a large circle of more distant relatives, and a whole community of sympathizing friends, mourn the loss of Uncle Ben."

Neil H. Purcell (1819) – See below

Edmund Purcell (1811-1855)

m About 1835 in (probably) Canadice (or Richmond)

Juliette Smith (1818-1906)

Children of Edmund and Juliette Purcell

Isaac Smith	1836	m Lucy Briggs	1911
Orrin	1841	m Elvira Grover	1901
Sarah	1850		1855

Death

Edmund: 1855 in Richmond; bur. Purcell Cemetery

Juliette: July 1906 in Canadice; bur. Purcell Cemetery

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Juliette Smith (1818): **Obituary** (*Ontario County Journal* 13 July 1906) “Canadice, N. Y. - Mrs. Juliette Purcell, one of the oldest residents of this town, died at the home of her son, I. S. Purcell, at Richmond, on July 3. Mrs. Purcell had lived with her two sons, Smith, of Richmond, and Orrin, of this town, for many years. About four and one-half years ago, Orrin, the younger of the two, died, and since that time she had lived most of the time at his late home. Left a widow fifty-one years ago with these two sons, she faced life’s battle alone, with the help of her God. When the call came for troops in ’61, Orrin bade adieu to mother and brother and marched to the front. Army life was too severe for his years and not having an over-strong constitution, he came home broken in health, fighting for his life against that dread monster consumption. He warded off the blow till December, 1901, when he answered the final roll call. The life of Mrs. Purcell all through this half century was that of a faithful, trusting, Christian mother, always where she was most needed, cheerful and sunny, she was truly a mother in Israel. She passed the three score and ten, then the four score post on life’s highway and lacked less than two years of the four score and ten mark. An unusual circumstance connected with Mrs. Purcell’s death is that her only child is 70 years of age. The funeral was held from the home of her son on July 5, Rev. A. H. Dickerson officiating.” (Picture of Juliette Smith Purcell with Mae and Wells Purcell on file.)

Isaac Smith Purcell (1836) was born in Richmond. He married Lucy Briggs (1845-1919; daughter of Leonard Briggs and Mary Allen) and had two children: George (1875) and John (1877). Isaac and Lucy are both buried in Purcell Cemetery.

George Edward Purcell (1875) lived in Richmond. He was married to Harriet (“Hattie”) Harder; they had two daughters: Onnolee (1899) and Marion (1916-1917). Onnolee married Theodore Henry and lived in Richmond. Their daughter Ruth Henry (born December 3, 1922; died January 13, 2018) married Ken Gladding November 10, 1940.

John B. Purcell (1877) died April 30, 1889 when he was twelve years old, following an illness. The *Livonia Gazette* printed this notice May 3, 1889, “Johnny, the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. I. S. Purcell, died last Tuesday. Eddie, the older boy who has been sick for several weeks, is improving. Mr. and Mrs. Purcell have the sympathy of all their friends.” Many tributes were received by the family, all attesting to the sweet nature of their little son.

A Poem on the Death of John Purcell

Livonia Gazette: Published by request – Hemlock Lake, May 1889

(Perhaps written by his father)

When the violets were blooming
Over the hills, in valleys green,
And the leaves scarce hid the branch,
From the sun's bright, golden beam,

Suddenly there came a message
To a loved one of our band:
"Thou art wanted; come up higher
To thy place at God's right hand."

For he loved the Saviour dearly –
More than all the world beside;
Knew by faith the wondrous story
How that Christ for all had died.

Calmly heard he then the message –
Trustingly he closed his eyes.
Smiling angels bore him upward
To that home beyond the skies.

Left our hearts so sad and lonely;
Fondly cherished hopes all dead;
Filled our eyes with bitter weeping
For the noble spirit fled.

Scarce his youthful feet had wearied,
Scarce his life-work had begun,
Ere the hands were gently folded –
And the Master said, "Well done."

We shall miss thee sadly, Johnnie,
From the home and school-mate band,
But we part again to meet thee
In a brighter, fairer land.

Orrin Purcell (1841) was the younger son of Edmund and Juliette Smith Purcell. He married Elvira Grover October 18, 1871 in Richmond, Rev. S. Mills Day officiating. Their children were Jennie (m Howell Hayward), Mae (1874-1925), and Wells (1876-1928). Orrin died December 1901 in Canadice and is buried in Canadice Hollow Cemetery. Obituary of Orrin Purcell: (*Ontario County Journal* 27 December 1901) "Canadice, N. Y. - After one of the hardest fights

for life, last week Wednesday morning Orrin Purcell, aged 61 years, passed peacefully to the beyond. For several years his life had been a constant warfare against consumption, and all that medical skill could do was done without avail. He, who bared his bosom for his country, marched, fought and died as only a hero can die, mourned by all who knew him, an example of patient, sublime suffering. Mr. Purcell was a member of Co. K, N. Y. Mounted Rifles, and had never been strong since his return from the army. A devoted Christian husband and father, his loss will be felt by the entire community. An aged mother, aged 87 years, a wife, two daughters and one son have the sympathy of all in their sore affliction. Rev. P. P. Sowers officiated at the funeral at the home of the deceased, and the remains were placed in the Canadice Hollow cemetery.”

Obituary of Orrin’s wife Elvira Purcell: (*Livonia Gazette* 3 August 1917) “Canadice, N. Y. -

Mrs. Oren Purcell died at her home here Saturday of last week at the age of 83. She had been sick for about two years. Death was a welcome visitor to the invalid, for many times during the long illness she had expressed a desire to leave this home for the one above. There are two daughters, Mrs. Howell Hayward and Miss Mae Purcell; and one son, Wells, all of Canadice. The funeral was held from her late home Monday afternoon, the Rev. Mr. Bucher officiating, and the interment was in the Canadice Valley cemetery.”

Wells Purcell (1876) was born in Canadice and lived there most of his life. He married Edna VanZandt. In 1913 he was a seller of Agricultural Implements in Hemlock. Canadice School #2 was north of Wells’ home. As an adult Wells was a trustee of this school. It closed in 1930. He had a son, Grover, born November 30, 1919, also in Canadice. Grover was a veteran of WWII; he died September 6, 2011 in New Mexico. Wells had a daughter, Maurita, who married a Mr. Lind and lived in North Carolina.

Youngest son of Benjamin and Mary Yawger Purcell

Neil H. Purcell (1819)

m About 1842 in Ontario County, N.Y.

Esther ____ (1818-c. 1865)

Children of N.H. and Esther Purcell

Orra	1845	m 1) Amelia ____	1918
		m 2) Delia Hayward	
Horace	1848	m Elizabeth Caskey	1909

Neil H. Purcell (1819)

m About 1870 in Ontario Co., N.Y.

Grace ____ (1836-c. 1885)

No children

Death

Neil: March 5, 1894 Livingston County Poorhouse in Geneseo; bur. Union Cemetery, Livonia

Esther: About 1865 in Canadice; bur. Unknown

Grace: May 15, 1885 in Hemlock; bur. Union Cemetery, Livonia

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Neil Purcell (1819) was born in New Jersey, the son of Benjamin Purcell and Mary Yawger. He worked as a carpenter and as a stock dealer. He married Esther and raised his family in Canadice. Esther died about 1865 and Neil remarried a few years later. His second wife, Grace ____ (1836- c. 1885), was seventeen years younger than he. In 1875 Neil and Grace moved to Hemlock. Grace died about 1885.

Newspaper notes: "N. H. Purcell, of Hemlock Lake, has here a quantity of registered American Merinos, thorough bred, and will sell them at auction on Saturday next at the Luther House barns, at 1 p. m. The farmers are especially invited." (Sep. 23, 1885, *The Neopolitan Record*, Naples, N.Y.)

"Mrs. N. H. Purcell of Hemlock Lake died on the 15th inst., after a long illness, aged 44 years. Mrs. Purcell was a member of the Methodist church of that village, and was highly esteemed by a large circle of acquaintances, by whom her death will be sincerely regretted. Mr. Purcell wishes to express his thanks to the friends and neighbors whose kind offices were tendered during his wife's sickness and after her death." (May 29, 1885, *The Livonia Gazette*, Livonia, N.Y.)

Orra S. Purcell (1845) was born in Canadice, but lived after his marriage in Hemlock. He married Amelia ____ (1845-1880) and had two children: Ralph (1869) and May (1874). May, born in Hemlock, died March 29, 1890 in Lenawee County, Michigan.

Death of Amelia Purecell: "*Ontario County Times* (August 4, 1880) "The wife of Mr. Orra Purcell of Hemlock Lake, Livingston county, was thrown from a carriage on Wednesday last and so severely injured that she survived the accident but a few days. The unfortunate lady had started with her husband for a ride. At Livonia Station he left her for a moment holding the horses, while he went into a store. While he was absent the horse became unmanageable and overturned the buggy. Mrs. Purcell was thrown violently to the ground receiving fatal injuries as above stated. She died on Friday night and was buried the Sunday following."

Orra married Delia Hayward (1855) about a year after the death of his first wife. They had three children: Edwin (1882), Nell (1883), and Grace (1885). All three children were born in Hemlock. The family moved to Michigan about 1888 (Orra's daughter May died there in 1890). He died in 1918 in Detroit and is buried in Evergreen Cemetery there.

Horace Purcell (1848) was born in Canadice. He married Elizabeth Caskey (1845-1922) April 18, 1869 in Richmond, Rev. S. Mills Day officiating. They had two children: Jay (1782), and Lena (1784, who married Floyd Coykendall). They lived for a time in Richmond, then in 1880 were in Livonia. In 1885 they moved into the house in Hemlock with Horace's father Neil. They later had a home in Genesee County, N.Y. Horace and Elizabeth are both buried in the Maplewood Cemetery in Pavilion.

Census Records: 1840 Census Canadice

Benjamin Purcell

Benjamin Purcell, Jr.

Daniel Purcell

Edmund Purcell (father of Isaac)

Peter Purcell

1850 Census Canadice

Benjamin Purcell	33	NJ
Loretta Purcell	31	NY
Silas Purcell	11	NY
Mary Purcell	7	NY

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John Purcell	41	NJ	
Almira Purcell	40	NY	
Caroline Purcell	15	NY	
Mary Purcell	6	NY	
Mary Purcell	64	NJ (1786)	John's mother
Samuel Hubbard	75	VT	(Almira's father)
Elizabeth Hubbard	74	VT	(Almira's mother)

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Peter Purcell	47	NJ	Butcher
Mary Purcell	42	NJ	
William Purcell	23	NJ	Stage driver
Rickford Purcell	21	NY (1829)	
Sarah Purcell	18	NY	
Mary Purcell	14	NY	
Henrietta Purcell	11	NY	

1850 Census Springwater

N. H. Purcell	31	NJ	Carpenter
Esther Purcell	32	NY	
Orra Purcell	5	NY	
Horace Purcell	3	NY	

#227

Edmund Purcell	39	NJ	Cooper
Juliette Purcell	33	NY	
[Isaac] Smith Purcell	13	NY	
Orrin Purcell	9	NY	

#228

William Purcell	43	NJ	Sawyer
Jane Purcell	38	NY	
James Purcell	17	NY	
Dewitt Purcell	15	NY	
Ellen Purcell	13	NY	
Riese Purcell (m)	10	NY	
Franklin Purcell	8	NY	

1860 Census Springwater

Juliette Purcell	42	NY
Isaac Smith Purcell	27	NY
Orin Purcell	19	NY

1870 Census Richmond

Horace Purcell	26	NY	Carpenter
Elizabeth Purcell	25	NY	

1870 Census Springwater

William Purcell	32		Track Master on RR
Mary Purcell	27		
Joanna Purcell	3 (1867)	b NY	
Edward Purcell	7 mos.		

1870 Census Richmond

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Juliette Purcell	52	NY	(Isaac's mother)
Isaac Purcell	33	NY	Farmer
Lucy Purcell	25	NY	(Isaac's wife)
Orin Purcell	29	NY	(Isaac's brother)
Timothy Rodgers	65	VT	hired man

1880 Census Livonia (not Hemlock)

Horace Purcell	37		Carpenter
Elizabeth	34		
Jay	8		
Lena	6		
Margaret Caskey	61		mother-in-law

#33

Orra Purcell	34		Carpenter and Joiner
Amelia	34		
Ralph	11		
May	6		

1880 Census Richmond

Smith Purcell	43	
Lucy	35	
George	5	
John B.	3	
Harry Smith	60	Laborer
Augusta Miner	24	Servant
Ella Hancock	22	Servant
Charles Thurston	24	Laborer
Charles Clow	20	Laborer

1880 Census Hemlock

N. H. Purcell	61	NJ	stock dealer
Grace	44	Canada	

1880 Census Richmond

#20

(Isaac) Smith Purcell	43	
Lucy	35	
George	5	
John B.	3	
Harry Smith	60	Laborer
Augusta Miner	24	Servant
Ella Hancock	22	Servant
Charles Thurston	24	Laborer
Charles Clow	20	Laborer

1880 Census Springwater

William Purcell	40 (1840)	Ireland	Works on RR Track
Mary Purcell	37	Ireland	
Johanna Purcell	12		
Edward Purcell	10		
Willie Purcell	8		
Mary Purcell	6		
Bridget/Theresa	3		
Ellen Purcell	8 mos. (born Oct.)		
??? Murphy	60	Ireland	Mother-in-law

1900 Census Hemlock

Lucy Purcell	Apr. 1848	52	m 32 yr	2 ch/1 living
Jeremiah Palmer	June 1839	70	m 45 yr	(boarder)

1900 Census – Livonia Village

Mary Purcell	July 4, 1844	Ireland	(widow)
Edward Purcell	Dec. 14, 1870	NY	Stationmaster RR
William Purcell	Apr. 17, 1874	NY	RR laborer
Theresa Purcell	May 20, 1877	NY	Dressmaker
Ella Purcell	Oct. 28, 1881	NY	
Margaret Purcell	April 30, 1884	NY	
Catherine Purcell	Nov. 30, 1885	NY	

1900 Census Richmond

Isaac Purcell	64	
George	26	
Hattie	25	
Onnolee	0	
Augusta Miner	44	servant
Lem Allen	21	hired man
Claude Insley	20	hired man

1910 Census Richmond

George Purcell	35	
Hattie	35	
Onnolee	10	
Isaac	73	father
Lucy	64	mother
Augusta Miner	54	domestic servant
Brazilla Briggs	87	grand-uncle
Orie Anderson	49	hired man

1920 Census – Hemlock (Lima Road)

#45 – Lima Road

(Only Purcell family in Livonia/Hemlock)

Elizabeth Purcell	48	Widow	Bean picker at bean warehouse
William Purcell	16		