

## Bostwick

### William Bostwick

Born: April 23, 1825 in West Bloomfield (Ontario Co.), N.Y.

Parents: Elijah Bostwick (1786-1870) and Diantha Rice (1791-1865)

#### Children of Elijah and Diantha Bostwick

Betsey Maria	1812		
Clarissa	1814		1814
Daniel	1816	m Amanda Reed	1896
Emily	1818	m Philip E. Reed	1907
Harriet	1820		1820
Mary Jane	1822	m Charles Brinsmaid	
William	1825	m 1) Ann Wheatley	
		m 2) Myra Whitmarsh	
Nathaniel	1828	m 1) Martha Reed	1896
		m 2) Frances Ladd	
Henry	1832	m Sophia Ashley	

### William Bostwick (1825)

m October 17, 1849 in Rochester, N.Y.

1) Ann Wheatley (1832-1875)

#### Children of William and Ann Bostwick

Harriet	1850		<1943
Charles	1852		1854
Betsey Maria	1855		1863
Carrie	1857		1900
Fred	1861		1863
Nellie	1864	m Ralph Short	1937
Herman	1867		1943
William	1870		<1943
Mary	1874	m Gideon Pitts Short	1943+

### William Bostwick (1825)

m About 1877

2) Myra Whitmarsh (1839-\_\_\_\_)

No children

### Death

William: April 1, 1899 in East Bloomfield; bur. Rice Cemetery, East Bloomfield

Ann: January 28, 1875 in East Bloomfield; bur. Rice Cemetery

Myra:

## NOTES

**Elijah Bostwick** (1786) was born in Great Barrington, Massachusetts, the son of Gideon Bostwick and Gesie Burghart. He was the third cousin of **Noble Bostwick**, an early settler of Richmond. Both men are descended from John Bostwick (1638).

Noble's Lineage: John Bostwick (1638) to son John (1667) to son Nathaniel (1699) to son Joseph (1735) to son Noble (1769).

Elijah's Lineage: John Bostwick (1638) to son Joseph (1672) to son Abraham (1702) to son Gideon (1742) to son Elijah (1786)

Elijah came early to Ontario County where he married in 1811. His older sister, Gesie, married Dr. Benajah Ticknor and remained in New England for most of her life, until moving to Michigan. She died in 1860 in Michigan. Over the course of the years she wrote her brother often; two of her letters have been preserved. The first (1817) was written when Gesie was thirty-three, Elijah thirty-one. At that time he and his wife Diantha had two children, Betsey Maria and Daniel; his middle child Clarissa, had been born and died three years earlier.

*Canfield, August 11<sup>th</sup> 1817*

*Dear Brother:*

*You will hardly recognize as Mrs. Hine our cousin Lois Bostwick without an introduction -- she is going to New Milford to visit her friends and I am happy to improve the conveyance her journey affords of informing you of an event which happened here the last of last month which has added another one to the number of sister Fitie's children -- she is recovering as fast as we can expect -- the babe has not been very well but is getting better.*

*We were very happy to see cousin Ambrose and happy to have him released from the limits and precaution -- We shall prevail on him to stay with us as long as he can make it convenient, at any rate shall not permit him to leave us this summer -- I very much fear the consequences of a warmer climate upon his improving constitution, his health, though far from being firm is in general comfortable -- Cousin Ambrose informed us that you and sister Dianthe calculate to visit us next summer. I hope we may not be disappointed -- but we should be better pleased to have you remove here, the farm I mentioned to you is sold, it is still for sale, but probably an advanced price -- Ambrose says we shall not be pleased with his letter to you -- probably the statements he may make will be correct, but we think he has not yet been in the country long enough to be a proper judge.*

*Aunt Betia is very much obliged to her little Betsey Maria for her present, and very glad to hear she has left off sucking her thumb -- Molly's arm looks very natural -- I wish I had a new Molly to send -- had I have known of so good an opportunity to*

*send one, reasonably perhaps I might have made one, but will try to have one ready against I have another opportunity -- I have as much as I can do at present to make aprons and frocks for a little cousin of yours who has just arrived, he came here without any clothes at all with him and without a name and crying most bitterly -- do not you think he is a poor little fellow? and feel sorry for him? But Aunt Geni and Aunt Betia furnished him with some clothes and Aunt Canfield took him and has learned him to suck but he does not appear to be very contented, but we hope he will be and be able to play and laugh when his little cousins from Bloomfield come to see him -- I suspect he is nearly as large now as your little brothers for he is almost big enough to take down the trees without an axe for all he is so helpless -- Betsey Maria has never sent me word what her brother's name is -- we hope you will both come to Ohio next summer, we wish very much to see you and are happy to hear you continue to be a good girl -- Cousin Ambrose says Betsey Maria is a charming little girl. She must help her little brother for her aunt Betia and give her love to Grandma Sprague, Grandma Rice and all her aunts.*

*Our presents are of small value, the fan is from Aunt Geni, the ribbon from cousin Elizabeth, the books have our names in -- Mrs. Kellogg's boy I suppose is quite a handsome guest -- You will remember me to her and all other friends, and both accept love from all your friends in Canfield great and small -- Betsey Maria's little cousin would be much pleased to have her here to go to school with them and her aunts too.*

*I have received no letter from Canada since I wrote last -- I am fearful sister Clara will not very soon be able to make a visit to her friends in the states -- I wish you would not be so parsimonious of your time but that you would now and then write to*

*Your affectionate sister  
G. M. Bostwick*

Another letter from Gesie to Elijah was written in 1832 when she was forty-eight. Her brother's children included Betsey Maria, 18; Daniel, 16; Emily, 14; Mary Jane, 7; William, 5; Nathaniel, 4; and Henry, an infant. Written on the back of the letter to Elijah is Gesie's letter to her unmarried sister Clara, who lived for a time with Elijah.

Hudson June 27<sup>th</sup> 1832

My Dear Brother,

If the cholera excitement is as great in your quarter as it is here, you will not be surprised to receive this, instead of seeing my beautiful self -- I had anticipated a journey to Bloomfield with too much certainty -- on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> inst. my trunk was packed, and everything in order for an early start the next morning -- that evening the cholera news arrived, and I was obliged to relinquish the journey or act in direct opposition to the order and wishes of my friends, this I could not conscientiously do -- I can now only hope that Clara has been detained from coming by the same cause -- my disappointment is the more grievous from being so wholly unexpected -- Should have written last week but have waited for money due me from N York that I might send Clara twenty dollars which am inclosing -- if she is not with you, wish you to forward the bill as soon as you can with safety -- when my clothes were packed I thought it a pity to lose my labor, and so came here last Friday -- Rhoda has been here since Sept. -- her time is out this week -- it is principally on her account that I came out -- she will return to Salisbury and commence buyings there -- I shall go to Barrington on Monday and spend a week with my old friends and then a turn at Salisbury -- Herman is in Sharon -- his health is very good and he is making good progress in his studies -- his teachers call him a fine scholar.

I hope you will write immediately upon the receipt of this and I want to hear from you all -- from Candace, from Betsey Maria -- how she is situated, how do you like Michigan, and whether you intend to remove your family to that place -- I have been shamefully negligent about writing to my friends -- one reason is -- and a powerful one too -- that I seldom write a letter without bringing on the headache -- doubtly the effect of old age -- The cholera has not yet made its appearance in any of our cities, the probability is that it will go through the country. We think it will not prove as fatal as it has in Montreal, owing to the general purifications our cities are undergoing -- the alarm is so great that very few passengers go up and down the river and some of the boats are laid up, only two I believe are now running.

Give my love to Sister D. and the children -- If I live till next summer, will try to visit then -- Expect letters from the B's next month, heard once from the uncle. All well. Ask Geni to write soon.

Your affectionate  
Sister G. Tickman.

*Sister Clara -- If your disappointment exceeds mine, I shall pity you --perhaps you will think me too timid -- if you knew how very kind my husband's friends are, and ever have been, you would not blame me for yielding to their wishes -- I would rather sacrifice my own than cause them so much anxiety as my going would induce --your disappointment will be sufficient without suffering and fussing -- you will oblige me by accepting the inclosed Bill which I can very well spare -- I wish you to inform me whether United States bills pay in Canada, as I might occasionally send you a trifle by mail -- I have thought much of seeing you and cousin Sally, but alas, there is nothing to be depended upon in this world, I have comfort from it -- Our family, my dear sister, are ascending toward the close of this pilgrimage -- we shall soon be pushed from the stage of custom by those behind us -- in would be pleasant to meet once more -- very pleasant indeed -- if this is not permitted us, may we be prepared to meet in heaven -- Tell Sally O'Dell how very happy I should have been to have seen her -- She must give my love to all the relatives at Westminster -- I may possibly visit them next summer.*

*My haste to send this to the Office is the excuse for its brevity  
Yours affectionately G.T.*

**Amanda Reed** (1824-1879) was the daughter of John Fitch Reed and Antha Steele; she was the sister of **Philip E. Reed** (1813-1897).

**Martha Reed** (1833-1858) was the daughter of William Fitch Reed (1800-1862) and Amelia Palmes (1805-1877). Her son was **William E. Bostwick**, born in 1858.

**William E. Bostwick** (1858) was born in Richmond; his mother died shortly afterward, at the age of twenty-five. His father Nathaniel married again and had three more children: Harry, Fred, and Emily. (Nathaniel was a prominent lawyer in Medina, Ohio.) On February 8, 1882, in Richmond, William married Anna May Reed (1860-1938; the daughter of Dudley and Anna Short Reed; and the granddaughter of Wheeler and Hannah Riden Reed). William Bostwick and Anna Reed had one son: Samuel Reed Bostwick. About 1910 they were divorced in Michigan; William returned to Richmond where he died in 1936; he is buried in the Richmond Center Cemetery.

**Betsey Maria Bostwick** (1855) died on August 13, 1863, at the age of eight; her brother, two-year-old **Fred** (1861) died the day before.

**Nellie Bostwick** (1864) and her sister Mary were raised by her aunt and uncle Emily Bostwick (her father's sister) and Philip Reed after the death of their mother in 1875.

**Ralph Short** (1871) was the son of Spencer Short and Lorinda Pitts (daughter of Gideon Pitts Jr.), and brother to Mary's husband Gideon Pitts Short. He and Nellie had one daughter, Esther, in 1897.

**Mary Bostwick** (1874) was born late in 1874; shortly afterward (January 28, 1875) her mother died. The infant Mary, and her sister Nellie (age ten) went to live with their aunt and uncle, Emily Bostwick and Philip Reed.

**Gideon Pitts Short** (1875-1947) was the son of Spencer Short and Lorinda Pitts, and brother to Nellie's husband Ralph. Their children were Spencer, Lorinda, Philip, Reed, Margaret, and Catherine.