
A Family for Samuel Robbins of Sumner, Maine

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Samuel Robbins left few clues to his parentage. Indirect evidence and the elimination of other potential candidates led to his parents.

Samuel Robbins lived his adult life in rural parts of Oxford and Penobscot Counties, Maine, during the 1820s and 1830s. He followed the growth of the logging industry by first relocating to what became Lincoln, and then to what became the town of Patten.¹ In his 1836 report to the legislature, the State of Maine's Land Agent wrote:

Those who have originally made investments in timber lands were beginning to realize large profits in the sale of the timber, and the spirit of speculation so proverbial in New England brought in capitalists from every quarter to share in the distribution of fortune's favors.²

Who were Samuel's parents? His origins were unknown, largely because of the circumstances of his life: Samuel died at about age thirty-six; Samuel's children likely never knew his parents; and he had only three daughters who lived to have children.

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1. Maine State Legislature, *Documents Printed by Order of the Legislature of the State of Maine during its Session A.D. 1836*, "An Act to Regulate Private Booms on Kennebec River," 16th Legislature, No. 58, House (Augusta: Smith & Robinson, Printers, 1836); Maine Public Documents (llc.mainelegislature.org/Open/Rpts/PubDocs/PubDocs1836/PD1836_58.pdf). For early timber industry in Patten see *Patten Lumbermen's Museum*, "About Us," (lumbermensmuseum.org).

2. Maine State Legislature, *Documents Printed by Order of the Legislature of the State of Maine during its Session A.D. 1836*, "Land Agent's Report," 16th Legislature, No. 18, Senate, (Augusta: Smith & Robinson, 1836) 13; Maine Public Documents (llc.mainelegislature.org/Open/Rpts/PubDocs/PubDocs1836/PD1836_18.pdf).

SAMUEL AND LUCINDA (MORRILL) ROBBINS

Samuel Robbins and Lucinda Morrill, both of Sumner, Oxford County, Maine, married there on 25 March 1824, with Congregationalist minister Samuel Sewell, officiating.³ Samuel bought one hundred acres for \$200 in an unincorporated part of Penobscot County, Maine, in 1827.⁴ Three years later he bought the first of several properties in River Township, along the Penobscot River.⁵ Samuel and other River Township inhabitants signed a petition in 1828 to establish a town called Lima, later named Lincoln.⁶ He incorrectly appears in the 1830 census as Samuel Roberts in Lincoln; this family has the correct number of family members, by age group and gender: one male twenty to twenty-nine, one male under five, one female twenty to twenty-nine, and three females under five.⁷ Samuel and Lucinda Robbins's first four children's births were recorded in Lincoln on 8 May 1832.⁸

1. Samuel Hathorn, born 25 November 1825
2. Clarinda, born 11 April 1827
3. Cordane, born 29 October 1828
4. Thankful, born 31 October 1830

Lincoln's population grew rapidly (more than 300 percent) in the late 1830s.⁹ Perhaps that prompted Samuel to move north in search of virgin timber. On 15 February 1837 he paid \$800 for 164 acres in Township 4, Range 6, Penobscot County.¹⁰ Two weeks later, on 1 March 1837, Samuel Robbins and Lucinda's brother Ichabod Morrill

3. For marriage record, see Sumner, Maine, vital records 1799–1853, p. 222 (penned) in a bound volume with other loose sheets, Robins-Morrill marriage (1824); *FamilySearch* (www.familysearch.org), Image Group Number (DGS) 8006710, image 126. For Samuel Sewell, see H. E. Mitchell and B. V. Davis, *The Woodstock, Sumner and Buckfield Town Register, 1905* (Brunswick, Maine: H. E. Mitchell, 1905), 45; *Internet Archive* (archive.org). The surname was written as Morrell and Morrill, even among her siblings.

4. Penobscot Co., Maine, Land Records, 17:93, Ira Fish to Samuel Robins, 30 Nov 1827, recorded 8 Dec 1827; *FamilySearch*, DGS 8570317, image 342.

5. Penobscot Co., Land Records, 24:283–84, State of Maine to Samuel Robbins, 7 Dec 1830, rec. 24 Dec 1830; *FamilySearch*, DGS 8570321, image 150.

6. Petition to Maine state legislature, 18 Oct 1828, Samuel Robbins, petitioner, box 48, folder 10, Maine State Archives, Augusta. Another document in the file shows a request by the representatives of the petitioners that Lincoln be the town's name.

7. 1830 US census, Penobscot Co., Maine, Lincoln, p. 12 (penned), Samuel Roberts; microfilm publication M19, roll 47; National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), Washington, D.C. The surname was likely copied incorrectly from an earlier census page.

8. Lincoln, Maine, births, marriages and sundry town records, p. 28 (stamped); *FamilySearch*, DGS 7595734, image 392.

9. 1830 US census, Penobscot Co., Maine, Madakeunk, p. 12 (penned), and Lincoln, pp. 13–15 (penned), manual tally of 404 persons. Also, 1840 US census, Penobscot Co., Maine, Lincoln, p. 220 (stamped), statement of total population 1,268; NARA microfilm M704, roll 149. This growth calculates to 313 percent.

10. Penobscot Co., Land Records, 97:314–15, Amos Patten to Saml Robbins, 15 Feb 1837, rec. 15 Feb 1838; *FamilySearch*, DGS 8570356, image 459.

were enumerated there with their presumed families, reportedly from Lincoln.¹¹ Two of only four families enumerated there, they were among the town's first settlers.

In 1838, Samuel apparently was putting his affairs in order. He sold most of his property to Lucinda's brother Ichabod for \$2,000 on 23 January 1838.¹² The family returned to Sumner where Samuel wrote his will on 2 March.¹³ His beneficiaries were Lucinda and their children, all surnamed Robbins: Samuel H., Clarinda M., Cordane, Thankful M., Charlotte, and Enoch M. Lucinda's brothers David and Orson Morrell, and her father Enoch Morrell witnessed the will. Samuel named Lucinda as his executrix. The small inventory included only bedding, clothing, and almost no furniture.¹⁴

Samuel's headstone at Black Mountain Cemetery in Sumner was incorrectly engraved: "Samuel Robbins, Died 4 Mar 1837, AE 35 yrs, 3 mos."¹⁵ His signature on his 1838 will indicates the inscribed death year is incorrect.¹⁶

In August 1838, Lucinda's youngest child, ten-month-old Enoch, died.¹⁷ By 1840 Lucinda had returned to Township 4, Range 6 as head of household.¹⁸ She married Josiah Barker there on 8 April 1841.¹⁹ Two years later, on 14 April 1843, her daughter Clarinda M. Robbins married Daniel Jackman in Patten, Maine.²⁰ By 1849 Josiah was listed as a Sumner resident.²¹ In July 1850 Lucinda lived in Somersworth, Stafford County, New Hampshire, at the home of her son-in-law, Daniel Jackman. The household included Lucinda's daughters Clarinda, Thankful, and Charlotte,

11. 1837 Maine Revenue Sharing census, unincorporated towns, Township North 4, Range 6 WELS, heads of households, Saml Robbins and Ichabod Morrill; *Digital Maine Repository* (digitalmaine.com/state_census_1837/15); Office of the Treasurer of State, Augusta.

12. Penobscot Co., Land Records, 97:313–14, Samuel Robbins to Ichabod Morrill, 23 Jan 1838, rec. 15 Feb 1838; *FamilySearch*, DGS 8570356, images 458–59.

13. Oxford Co., Maine, Probate Estate File, Drawer 90, Samuel Robbins will, 1838; *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com/search/collections/8994). This is likely the original document, and it appears he dictated the will. His signature is markedly different and in a shaky hand compared with his signature in the 1829 petition. Petition to Maine state legislature, 18 Oct 1828, Samuel Robbins, petitioner, box 48, folder 10.

14. Oxford Co., Probate Estate File, Drawer 90, Samuel Robbins inventory, 1838.

15. *Find A Grave* (www.findagrave.com), memorial 104417643, digital image, 30 Jan 2013, by Lucy Morin, gravestone for Samuel Robbins (Black Mountain Cem., Sumner, Oxford Co., Maine). The year inscribed is incorrect and should have been 1838.

16. Oxford Co., Probate Estate File, Drawer 90, Samuel Robbins will, 1838.

17. *Find A Grave*, memorial 104417895, digital image, 30 Jan 2103, by Lucy Morin, gravestone for Enoch Robbins (Black Mountain Cem., Sumner, Oxford Co., Maine). He shares a headstone with his brother, Samuel H. Robbins.

18. 1840 US census, Aroostook Co., Maine, Township 4, Range 5 [6], p. 60 (stamped), Lucinda Robins; NARA microfilm M704, roll 136. An analysis of neighbors and their deed records demonstrates it was Range 6, later renamed Patten.

19. Patten, Maine, vital records, 1849–93, entries out of sequence, n.p., Barker-Rollins [Robbins] marriage, 8 Apr 1841; *FamilySearch*, DGS 7595794, image 118.

20. Patten, Maine, Records of Marriages Town of Patten, recopied intentions, 1849–93, Jackman-Robbins marriage, 14 Apr 1843; *FamilySearch*, DGS 7595794, image 118.

21. Penobscot Co., Maine, Court of Common Pleas, Ira Barker vs. Josiah Barker and Orson Morrill, case 1742, January term, 1850, loose papers in a file; Maine State Archives, Augusta.

born 1832–33. Son Adroy Barker, born 1844–45, was also in the household.²² Her son Samuel had died on 24 February 1850.²³

Clarinda may have died by about 1851 as Daniel Jackman married Annette K. Page on 15 February 1852.²⁴ The couple lived in Hennepin County, Minnesota, in 1865.²⁵ Lucinda died on 3 September 1861.²⁶ Lucinda and Josiah's son, Adroy, died of illness on 15 December 1862 while serving during the Civil War.²⁷ What became of Samuel and Lucinda's daughter Charlotte is unknown.

[Cordane] Aramantha Robbins and Solomon Weeks of Patten married sometime after filing their 26 July 1851 marriage intention.²⁸ She used two names—Cordane and Aramantha—throughout her life. She appears in the 1860 census as Aramantha C.²⁹ By 1870 she and Solomon lived in Santa Rosa, Sonoma County, California.³⁰ Cordane died there three years later in 1873, aged forty-four.³¹

22. 1850 US census, Strafford Co., N.H., population schedule, Somersworth, p. 156 (typed), dwelling 345, family 381, Lucinda Barker in Daniel Jackman household; NARA microfilm M432, roll 439.

23. *Find A Grave*, memorial 104417751, digital image, 30 Jan 2013, by Lucy Morin, gravestone for Samuel H. Robbins (Black Mountain Cem., Sumner, Oxford Co., Maine).

24. *Illustrated Album of Biography of Meeker and McLeod Counties, Minnesota: Containing Biographical Sketches of Hundreds of Prominent Old Settler and Representative Citizens . . . with Portraits of Prominent Citizens* (Chicago: Alden, Ogle, 1888), 271, Daniel Jackman; *Google Books* (play.google.com). No marriage record has been found. Though the informant is unknown, it was likely to have been Daniel or his wife, Annette.

25. 1865 Minnesota state census, Hennepin Co., pop. sch., St. Anthony, Daniel Jackman household, fam. 9; *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com/search/collections/1058); Minnesota Historical Society, St. Paul.

26. *Find A Grave*, memorial 104417255, digital image, 30 Jan 2013, by Lucy Morin, gravestone for Lucinda Barker; (Black Mountain Cem., Sumner, Oxford Co., Maine).

27. *Find A Grave*, memorial 98169632, digital image, 2 Oct 2012, by Lucy Morin, gravestone for Adroy E. Barker (Black Mountain Cem., Sumner, Oxford Co., Maine). For his death see "U.S. Registers of Death of Volunteers, 1861–1865," Maine, A–K, p. 19, Adroy E. Barker, 1862, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2123).

28. Patten, Maine, Records of Marriages Town of Patten, recopied intentions, 1849–93, Solomon Weeks and Aramantha Robbins, 26 Jul 1851; *FamilySearch*, DGS 7595794, image 107. This record set was recopied by the town clerk from an earlier record in 1893. This indicates that the record set was probably damaged or worn, which could be the reason there is no marriage record.

29. 1860 US census, Penobscot Co., Maine, pop. sch., Township 5, R[ange] 6, p. 18 (penned), dwell./fam. 115, Aramantha C. in Solomon Weeks household; NARA microfilm M653, roll 446. The family name was erroneously indexed as "Wicks."

30. 1870 US census, Sonoma Co., Calif., pop. sch., Santa Rosa, p. 56 (penned), dwell. 427, fam. 410, Cordana in Sol. S. Weeks household; NARA microfilm M593, roll 91.

31. Sonoma Co., Calif., Register of Deaths, 1873–90, n.p., ordered alphabetically and then chronologically, Mrs. S. S. Weeks (1873), age not stated; *FamilySearch*, DGS 4666596, image 233. Though her name was not explicitly stated, it is clear from correlating evidence this record entry refers to Cordane Aramantha [Robbins] Weeks. This is likely an original record as the handwriting varied among the entries. Also, *Find A Grave*, memorial 8130325, digital image, 26 Nov 2003, by "MrϞB," for Amanda [sic] Cordain Weeks (Santa Rosa Rural Cem., Santa Rosa, Sonoma Co., Calif.).

CANDIDATES FOR SAMUEL'S PARENTS IN OXFORD COUNTY, MAINE

No Robbins households appear in Sumner in 1800, two years after the Town of Sumner was incorporated.³² Samuel's parents likely lived elsewhere. Considering Maine migration patterns, Samuel and his parents likely were born in eastern Massachusetts, in the district of Maine—then part of Massachusetts—or in New Hampshire.³³

Because the 1798 Direct Tax assessed only real property, some potential candidates for parents would not appear on the lists.³⁴ As the 1800 US census may have skipped some dwellings, the tax list may fill in missing information. Samuel's father perhaps appears in either the census or the tax list. Records of Robbins families residing within about fifty miles of Sumner show they all originated in Plymouth or Middlesex County, Massachusetts.

James H. Robbins of Waterford, Maine

Children of James H. Robbins and his unnamed wife were born from 1799 to 1811; they do not include a son named Samuel.³⁵ James was not likely Samuel's father.

Jonathan Robbins of Waterford

Jonathan's wife, Caty, was born in 1749. She was probably too old—age fifty-three at Samuel's birth—to have been Samuel's mother.³⁶ Town records list no children with the couple.³⁷ Jonathan was not likely Samuel's father.

32. For incorporation, see *Massachusetts Acts and Resolves* (Boston: Secretary of the Commonwealth, 1798), 6, chap. 2, "An Act to Incorporate the Plantation Called West Butterfield in the County of Cumberland into a Town by the Name of Sumner;" *State Library of Maine* (archives.lib.state.ma.us/handle/2452/105171). Also, 1800 US census, Cumberland Co., Maine, Sumner; NARA microfilm M32, roll 8. Negative results in a page-by-page search for Robbins households.

33. Lois Kimball Mathews, *The Expansion of New England: The Spread of New England Settlement and Institutions to the Mississippi River, 1620–1865* (1909; repr., Boston: New England Historic Genealogical Society, 2012), 140–41. Also, *Massachusetts Acts and Resolves* (Boston: Secretary of the Commonwealth, 1819), 425–27, chap. 162, "An Act in Addition to an Act, Entitled 'An Act Relating to the Separation of the District of Maine from Massachusetts Proper, and Forming the Same into a Separate and Independent State,'" *State Library of Maine* (archives.lib.state.ma.us/handle/2452/110233). Also, *Centennial History of the Town of Sumner, ME, 1798–1898* (West Sumner: Chas. E. Handy Jr., 1899), 27–31.

34. Judith Green Watson, "A Discovery: 1798 Federal Direct Tax Records for Connecticut," *Prologue* 39 (Spring 2007); *National Archives* (www.archives.gov). Individuals might have multiple listings if properties fit in more than one category.

35. Waterford, Maine, vital records, 1798–1862, p. 23 (penned), children of James H. Robbins, 1799–1811; *FamilySearch*, DGS 4255441, image 19.

36. Waterford, Maine, vital records, 1798–1862, p. 16 (penned), Caty [wife of Jonathan Robbins], born 10 Oct 1743; *FamilySearch*, DGS 4255441, image 16.

37. Waterford, Maine, vital records, 1798–1862, p. 16 (penned), Caty, no children listed.

Joseph Robbins of Hebron, Maine

Joseph's known children in 1795 include Sally, Thomas, Calvin, and Leandes, born 1788–95.³⁸ In 1800 two males under ten, and a male and female aged ten to fifteen lived in his household.³⁹ The family composition corresponds to Joseph's children in the town record. His wife Lucy died in 1816.⁴⁰ No known evidence suggests he remarried.⁴¹ Joseph died in 1819, when Samuel would have been seventeen or eighteen years old.⁴² If Samuel were his son, guardianship records should exist. None have been found.⁴³ Joseph was not likely Samuel's father.

Joseph Robbins of Buckfield, Maine

Another Joseph Robbins lived in Buckfield in 1820.⁴⁴ The household includes a male forty-five or older, two males aged sixteen to twenty-five, and one male sixteen to eighteen. The young females, plus a female aged twenty-six to forty-four, indicate Joseph likely was the man aged forty-five or older, born before 1775. No other definitive information about him is known.⁴⁵ Because no available evidence ties Samuel to Buckfield, this Joseph is not likely Samuel's father, but he cannot be ruled out absolutely.

Nathaniel Robbins of Plymouth, Massachusetts, and Hebron, Maine

On 3 July 1800 Nathaniel Robbins of Plymouth, Massachusetts, married a cousin, Ruth Robbins, of neighboring Carver.⁴⁶ They lived in Plymouth in 1800.⁴⁷ Nathaniel

38. Hebron, Maine, town and vital records, 1786–1873, entries out of sequence, p. 31 (penned), children of Joseph and Susannah Robins, 1788–95; *FamilySearch*, DGS 4255378, image 206. Though the book appears to be old, the handwriting is uniform. The later entries were recorded in 1803 which implies the family unit was complete.

39. 1800 US census, Cumberland Co., Maine, Hebron, p. 244 (stamped, lower right), Joseph Robins; NARA microfilm M32, roll 6.

40. Hebron, town and vital records, 1786–1873, entries out of sequence, p. 64 (penned), Lucy, wife of Joseph Robbins, death, 1816; *FamilySearch*, DGS 4255378, image 48.

41. Hebron, town and vital records, 1786–1873, entries out of sequence, pp. 288–96 (penned), negative results in search for marriage of Joseph Robbins between 1817 and 1819; *FamilySearch*, DGS 4255378, images 159–63.

42. Hebron, town and vital records, 1786–1873, entries out of sequence, p. 66 (penned), Joseph Robbins death, 1819; *FamilySearch*, DGS 4255378, image 49.

43. Oxford Co., Maine, Court of Common Pleas Docket, v. 3, Feb. 1818–Oct. 1819, October term 1819; *FamilySearch*, DGS 4801152. Negative search results for guardianship of Samuel Robbins or any Robbins children.

44. 1820 US census, Oxford Co., Maine, pop. sch., Buckfield, p. 236 (penned), Joseph Robbins; NARA microfilm M33, roll 37.

45. Negative search results for this Joseph Robbins in Maine in 1830 US census; deed indexes before 1830 in Oxford, Cumberland, Kennebec, and Lincoln Counties; and Buckfield, Maine, town records.

46. F. Apthorp Foster, ed., *Vital Records of Carver, Massachusetts to the Year 1850* (Boston: New England Historic Genealogical Society, 1911), 122; *FamilySearch*, DGS 7578881, image 122.

47. 1800 US census, Plymouth Co., Mass., Plymouth, p. 277 (penned), Nathaniel Robbins; NARA microfilm M32, roll 16.

and Ruth Robbins married before Samuel's birth; however, their first known children were born between 1803 and 1806, and did not include a child named Samuel.⁴⁸ They later named a son Samuel, born about 1811.⁴⁹ This Samuel married Polly C. Cotton after 31 October 1837.⁵⁰ He died in Woodstock, Oxford County, Maine, before 3 March 1840.⁵¹

Sylvanus Robbins of Paris, Maine

Sylvanus lived in Paris, Oxford County, by 1794.⁵² He had eight known children: Polly, born 1793, Priscilla, Louisa, Rebecca, Benjamin, Alden, Sally, and Stephen.⁵³ He did not record his children's births.⁵⁴ Sylvanus and Samuel apparently share no other commonalities beyond proximity; Sylvanus was not likely the father.

ELEAZER ROBBINS JR. OF CARVER, PLYMOUTH COUNTY, MASSACHUSETTS

The last candidate, Eleazer Robbins Jr., was born on 1 December 1754 in Plympton, Plymouth County, Massachusetts, to Eleazer Robbins and his first wife Rebecca Jackson.⁵⁵ The elder Eleazer died on 19 October 1776, age fifty-two.⁵⁶ In April 1777 the younger Eleazer received two-tenths of the residual of his father's estate, after dower.⁵⁷

48. Hebron, town and vital records, 1786–1873, entries out of sequence, pp. 48–49 (penned), children of Nathaniel Robbins and his wife, 1803–06; *FamilySearch*, DGS 4255378, image 215.

49. William B. Lapham, *History of Woodstock, Me., with Family Sketches and an Appendix* (Portland: Stephen Berry, 1882), 252, Samuel Robbins, son of Nathaniel and Ruth; *Internet Archive*. This is the only source that names the parents of this Samuel Robbins. America C. Robbins, born ca. 1809, was also listed as a son of the couple in this book; his 1870 enumeration in Patten, Maine, lists Hebron as his town of birth.

50. Woodstock, Maine, Vital Statistics, Town of Woodstock, p. 238, Robins-Cotton marriage, 31 Oct 1837; *FamilySearch*, DGS 8006710, image 135.

51. Oxford Co., Probate Estate File, Drawer 90, Samuel Robbins probate bond, 1840.

52. Cumberland Co., Maine, Land Records, 25:513–15, Sylvanus Robbins "of Paris" to Bernebe Faunce and William Faunce, 28 Jan 1797, rec. 17 Feb 1797; *FamilySearch*, DGS 8648009, images 263–64.

53. William Berry Lapham and Silas P. Maxim, *History of Paris, Maine, from its Settlement to 1880: with a History of the Grants of 1736 & 1771: Together with Personal Sketches, a Copious Genealogical Register and an Appendix* (Paris: Printed for the Authors, 1884), 714, family of Sylvanus Robbins; *Internet Archive*. This is the only source that names the children of Sylvanus Robbins. As these family sketches were usually written on commission, it seems likely someone in the family provided the information.

54. Paris, Maine, town and vital records, 1795–1828; *FamilySearch*, DGS 8131220. Negative search results for children of Sylvanus Robbins.

55. Plympton, Mass., Vital Records, p. 561 (penned), children of Elezer [sic] and Rebekah Robbins, 1748–61; *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2495). For a review of this family, see Elizabeth Pearson White and Edwin Wagner Coles, "The Family of Jeduthan and Rebecca (Crocker) Robbins of Plympton, Mass.," *The Mayflower Quarterly* 67 (Sept 2001), 229–30.

56. *Find A Grave*, memorial 103878241, digital image, 21 Jan 2013, by Sandra Lennox, gravestone for Eleazer Robbins (Lakenham Cem., Carver, Plymouth Co., Mass.).

57. Plymouth Co., Mass., Probate Records, 24:309–13, division of real estate, Eleazer Robbins, 28 Apr 1877, rec. 5 May 1877; *FamilySearch*, DGS 7050992, images 190–92.

Eleazer began buying much of the remaining land from his father's estate shortly thereafter. Considering the area's complicated geography of swampland and upland, land was sometimes difficult to distribute equitably in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries.⁵⁸ Numerous boundary disputes resulted, including two for Eleazer Jr. in 1793.⁵⁹ Eleazer Jr. (hereafter, Eleazer) married a cousin, Sarah Robbins of neighboring Middleborough, Massachusetts, on 31 October 1776.⁶⁰

Sarah's father's will of July 1776 identifies her as a daughter of Samuel and Sarah Robbins. He wrote, "that my Dotters [*sic*] shall have their proper Proportion of their things when they Arrive at the Age of Eighteen years or at Marriage Day."⁶¹ This implies Sarah was not yet eighteen in July 1776. Her parents married on 25 July 1755 in Dartmouth, Bristol County, Massachusetts.⁶² Their first two children's births are recorded in Dartmouth: Lois on 2 July 1756 and Elizabeth on 17 January 1758.⁶³ The next child—likely Sarah—would have been born about 1759–60, unless she married younger than age sixteen. Samuel's death in 1776, which perhaps brought hardship to the family, may have prompted Sarah to marry at a young age.

The town of Carver was created from the South District of Plympton on 9 June 1790.⁶⁴ In 1790 Eleazer's household consisted of two males aged sixteen or older, one male under sixteen, and six females.⁶⁵ In 1798 Eleazer lived in a house on

58. Henry S. Griffith, *History of the Town of Carver; Historical Review 1637–1910* (New Bedford, Mass.: E. Anthony & Sons, 1913), 21–29; *Internet Archive*.

59. Plymouth Co., Mass., Land Records, 78:205–06, agreement between Benjamin Ryder and Eleazer Robbins, 29 Jan 1793, rec. 22 Dec 1794; *FamilySearch*, DGS 7450691, image 214. Also, Plymouth Co., Mass., Land Records, 92:37, Consider Robbins to Eleazer Robbins, 29 Apr 1801, rec. 9 May 1801; *FamilySearch*, DGS 7450684, images 42–43.

60. Middleborough, Mass., Records & Sessions, April 178[?]-1791, no. 4, p. 157 (penned), E. Robbins-S. Robbins marriage, 31 Oct 1776; *FamilySearch*, DGS 7726241, image 589. Marriage record likely recopied from an older volume.

61. Plymouth Co., Mass., Probate Estate Files, 24:176–77, Samuel Robbins will, written 6 Jul 1776, proved 7 Jul 1776; *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com/search/collections/9069).

62. Dartmouth, Mass., Intentions 1743–1824, and Marriages 1755–1792, n.p., Robins-House marriage, 25 Jul 1755; *FamilySearch*, DGS 4279436, image 388.

63. Dartmouth, Mass., Births, Marriages, Deaths, Declarations of Intention 1667–1844, p. 121 (penned), births of Lois Robins and Elizabeth Robins, 1756 and 1758; *FamilySearch*, DGS 7010711, image 69.

64. Carver, Mass., Town Records, [1790]–1850, pp. 1–2 (penned), act to create town of Carver (1790); *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2495), images 9–10.

65. Department of Commerce and Labor, Bureau of the Census, *Heads of Families at the First Census of the United States Taken in the Year 1790*, Massachusetts, p. 168, Plymouth Co., Carver Town, 2nd col., Eleazer Robbins, (Washington D.C.: Government Printing Office, 1908); *FamilySearch* (www.familysearch.org/library/books). Only the last page for Carver is extant from the 1790 US census.

approximately eighty perches (about one-half acre) valued at \$110.⁶⁶ He also owned 122 acres with a dwelling, valued at \$840.⁶⁷ His family still lived in Carver in 1800.⁶⁸

Eleazer relocated his family to Hebron, Cumberland County, District of Maine, sometime between 1802 and 1803. In 1801 Eleazer Robbins and Nathaniel Robbins paid Elnathan Lucas \$1,500 for several lots in Hebron totaling 200 acres.⁶⁹ In April 1802 Eleazer was still identified as “of Carver;” in December 1803 he was described as “of the Eastern part of the State of Massachusetts lately of Carver,” [referring to the District of Maine].⁷⁰ Eleazer sold all his properties in Carver between January 1802 and June 1804 for \$1,144.87.⁷¹

On 21 April 1804, Eleazer sold sixty acres to Abraham Heath for \$300 and the rest to Elnathan Lucas.⁷² He moved to nearby Sumner sometime after the sale. Eleazer Robbins was described as “of Sumner” when he was the defendant in a court case in February 1808.⁷³

In 1820 he lived in Plantation Number Two, erroneously called Plantation Four in the census.⁷⁴ Plantation Number Two was “a gore between Rumford, Peru, Sumner, and Woodstock.”⁷⁵ Also in the household was a female older than forty-five, Eleazer’s presumed wife, a male aged nineteen to twenty-six (born between 1795

66. State of Massachusetts [and Maine], Direct Tax, 1798, vol. 13, Plymouth Co., form D, folio 8 verso, Eleazer Robbins of Carver; *AmericanAncestors* (americanancestors.org), image 17; R. Stanton Avery Special Collections, New England Historic Genealogical Society, Boston.

67. State of Massachusetts [and Maine], Direct Tax, 1798, vol. 13, Plymouth Co., form C, folio 15v, Eleazer Robbins of Carver, image 61.

68. 1800 US census, Plymouth Co., Mass., Carver, n.p., Eleazer Robbins, NARA microfilm M32, roll 16.

69. Cumberland Co., Maine, Land Records, 37:149, Elnathan Lucas to Eleazer Robbins and Nathaniel Robbins, 15 Dec 1801, rec. 21 Dec 1801; *FamilySearch*, DGS 8648912, image 79.

70. For residence, see Plymouth Co., Mass., Land Records, 92:251r, Eleazer Robbins to Benjamin Hammond, 16 Apr 1802, rec. 29 Apr 1802; *FamilySearch*, DGS 7450684, images 261–62. Also, for residence, see Plymouth Co., Mass., Land Records, 97:223v, Eleazer Robbins to Benjamin Hammond, 5 Dec 1803, rec. 5 Dec 1803; *FamilySearch*, DGS 7450682, image 525.

71. Plymouth Co., Mass., Land Records, 92:37r, 138v, 230r, 246v; 99:166v–67v; Eleazer Robbins to various; *FamilySearch*, DGS 7450684 (1801–02), images 37, 139, 238, and 257, and DGS 7450681 (1803–04), images 472–73.

72. Cumberland Co., Maine, Land Records, 43:77–78, Eleazer Robbins to Abraham Heath, 21 Apr 1804, rec. 3 Jul 1804; and 43:314–16, Eleazer Robbins to Elnathan Lucas, 12 May 1804, rec. 4 Sep 1804; *FamilySearch*, DGS 8128206, images 43–44, 162.

73. Oxford Co., Maine, Court of Common Pleas Docket, 1:146, entry 3, John Fletcher vs. Eleazer Robbins, 15 Feb 1808; *FamilySearch*, DGS 4801150, image 156.

74. 1820 US census, Oxford Co., Maine, [Plantation] No. 2 [No. 4], n.p., line 3, Eleazer Robins household; NARA microfilm M33, roll 37.

75. Maine State Archives, *Counties, Cities, Towns and Plantations of Maine: A Handbook of Incorporations, Dissolutions and Boundary Changes*, rev. (Augusta, Maine: Maine State Archives, [after 1980]), 91; *FamilySearch*, DGS 7410902.

and 1802) and a female aged sixteen to twenty-five (born between 1795 and 1804).⁷⁶ All Eleazer and Sarah's living children resided in other households in 1820, except these two younger individuals.⁷⁷

Oxford County was formed from Cumberland and York Counties in 1805.⁷⁸ No 1810 census survives for much of Oxford County.⁷⁹ Area newspapers yielded only two public notices for Lucinda Robbins concerning the settlement of her husband's estate.⁸⁰ Land records, period maps, the 1820 census, and legal case files helped pinpoint residences of Eleazer's grown children and neighbors. Figure 1 shows locations of relevant households in Sumner and Plantation Number Two in 1820.

ELEAZER AND SARAH'S CHILDREN

Ruth Robbins

Ruth was born in Plympton on 11 December 1777.⁸¹ She married Nathaniel Robbins, an eliminated candidate for Samuel's father. In 1820 Ruth was likely the woman forty-five or older in the Nathaniel Robbins household, next to Eleazer in Plantation Number Two.⁸² Nathaniel and Ruth's oldest son, Nathaniel, was age seventeen and probably would have been the oldest male child enumerated.

76. 1820 US census, Oxford Co., Maine, pop. sch., [Plantation] No. 2 [No. 4], n.p., line 3, Eleazer Robins household. The 1820 enumeration was unique in that a single male could be tallied in two columns if he were aged sixteen to eighteen. Since there was no additional tick mark for the sixteen-to-eighteen column, the male in Eleazer's household was older than eighteen. See also, Jason G. Gauthier, *Measuring America: The Decennial Censuses from 1790 to 2000* (Washington, D.C.: US Census Bureau, 2002) 6; *United States Census Bureau* (www.census.gov).

77. For Ruth, see 1820 US census, Oxford Co., Maine, pop. sch., [Plantation] No. 4, n.p., line 5, Nathaniel Robins. For Oliver, see 1820 US census, Oxford Co., Maine, pop. sch., Sumner, p. 8 (stamped), Oliver Robbins. For Sarah, see 1820 US census, Oxford Co., Maine, pop. sch., Sumner, p. 8 (stamped), Abraham Heath. For Charlotte, see 1820 US census, Rockingham Co., N.H., pop. sch., Northfield, p. 46 (stamped), line 10, Joshua Heath; NARA microfilm M33, roll 60. For Eleazer Jr., see 1820 US census, Oxford Co., Maine, pop. sch., [Plantation] No. 4, n.p., line 5, Eleazer Robins Jr. For Melinda, see 1820 US census, Oxford Co., Maine, pop. sch., Sumner, p. 8 (stamped), Jonathan Frye household.

78. *Massachusetts Acts and Resolves* (Boston: Secretary of the Commonwealth, 1805), 8–9, ch. 7, "An Act to Incorporate a Part of the Counties of York & Cumberland into a Separate County, by the Name of Oxford;" *Massachusetts State Archives* (archives.lib.state.ma.us).

79. "1810 United States Census," *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com/search/collections/7613), page-by-page search for Robbins of Oxford County yielded negative results. Also, Patricia Law Hatcher, "My Ancestor Isn't in the Census: The 9,603 Missing Oxford County Residents in 1810," *Maine Genealogist* 20 (May 1998): 68. Also, "Maine Census Guide, 1790–1850," Oxford County, 1810; *Maine Genealogy* (www.maine-genealogy.net). "Note that a large part of this county's census has been lost."

80. [Public Notice], *The Oxford (Maine) Democrat*, 14 Aug 1838, p. 3, col. 5, Lucinda Robbins named as Executrix; and [Public Notice], *The Oxford Democrat*, 4 Sep 1838, p. 3, col. 5, account settlement; digital images emailed to author 31 Aug 2023 by William F. Chapman, Museums of the Bethel Historical Society, Bethel, Maine.

81. Plympton, Mass., vital records, p. 608 (penned), children of Eleazer and Sarah Robbins, 1777–89, all entered probably at the same time; *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2495).

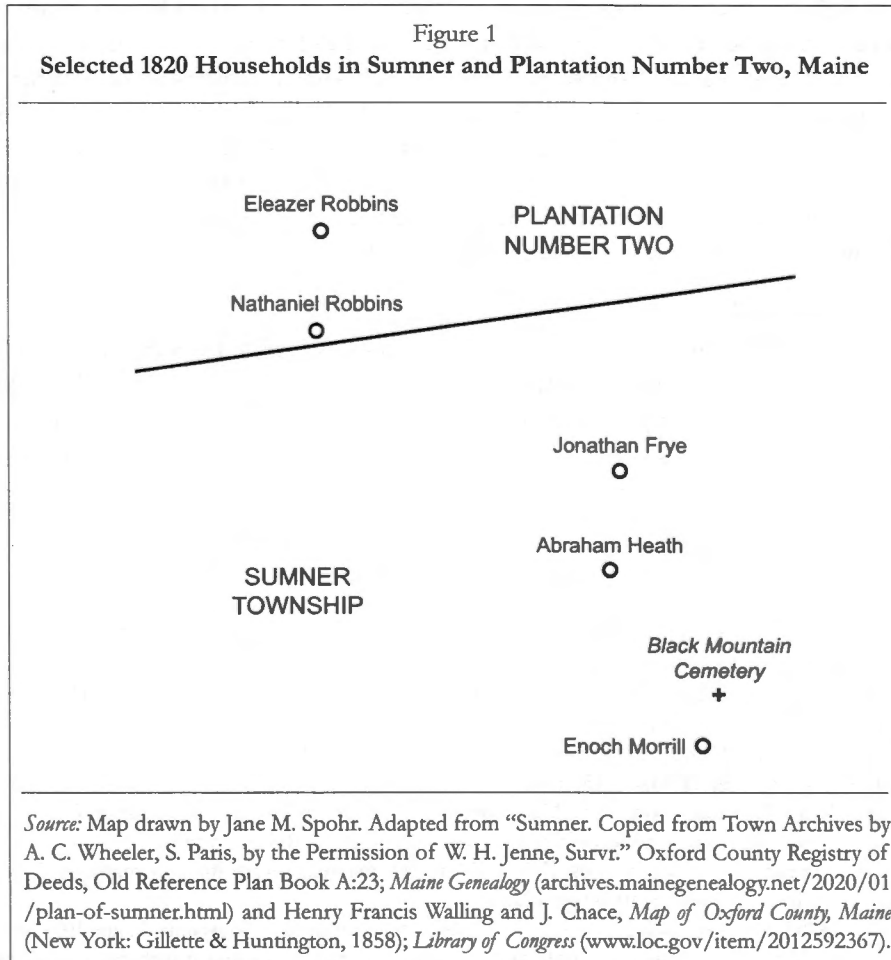
82. 1820 US census, Oxford Co., Maine, pop. sch., [Plantation] No. 4, n.p., line 5, Nathaniel Robins.

Oliver Robbins

Oliver was born in Plympton on 28 March 1779.⁸³ He married Susannah Tripp after 24 February 1816.⁸⁴ He lived in Sumner in 1820 with his presumed wife and two young children.⁸⁵

Sarah Robbins

Sarah was born in Plympton on 6 November 1781.⁸⁶ She married Abraham Heath on 21 July 1803 in Hebron.⁸⁷ Abraham moved his family to Northfield, Rockingham



83. Plympton, Mass., vital records, p. 608 (penned), Oliver Robbins birth.

84. Sumner, Maine, vital records, 1798–1853, p. 160 (penned), Robins-Tripp marriage intention, 24 Feb 1816; *FamilySearch*, DGS 8006710, image 94.

85. 1820 US census, Oxford Co., Maine, pop. sch., Sumner, p. 8 (stamped), Oliver Robbins.

86. Plympton, Mass., vital records, p. 608 (penned), Sarah Robbins birth.

87. Hebron, Maine, town and vital records, 1786–1873, entries out of sequence, p. 83 (penned), Heath-Robbins marriage, 21 Jul 1803; *FamilySearch*, DGS 4255378, image 256.

County, New Hampshire, about 1806, possibly because of legal troubles from a lawsuit.⁸⁸ They still lived in Northfield in 1810. Ezekiel Heath, forty-five years or older, and a male aged sixteen to twenty-five lived four households from Abraham.⁸⁹ Ezekiel and Abraham possibly were related. Abraham bought land in Sumner in 1815 and probably returned about that time.⁹⁰ In 1820 he lived in Sumner with his presumed wife and six children, seven households from Oliver Robbins.⁹¹

Charlotte Robbins

Charlotte was born in Plympton on 9 May 1789.⁹² She married Joshua Heath in Sumner on 1 December 1816 at the home of Oliver Robbins.⁹³ In 1820 they lived in Northfield, Rockingham County, New Hampshire, 140 miles southwest of Sumner.⁹⁴ Joshua and Charlotte were living in Sumner again by 1850. He was aged sixty-seven, born about 1782–83 in New Hampshire, and she was sixty-two, born about 1787–88 in Maine.⁹⁵ That is consistent with the Joshua in Northfield in 1820. The correlation with Charlotte is more problematic because the female aged sixteen to twenty-six in 1820 would have been born between 1795 and 1804.

Eleazer Robbins III

Eleazer III (hereafter Eleazer Jr.) was born on 8 March 1793 in Carver.⁹⁶ He married Rebecah Doughten/Doten in Sumner on 28 November 1819.⁹⁷ In 1820, Eleazer Jr. lived with his presumed wife and a young son in Plantation Number Two, two households from his father, and three from Nathaniel and Ruth.⁹⁸ In 1823, Eleazer Jr., with Samuel Robbins, purchased one hundred acres of land for \$50 from the

88. Oxford Co., Maine, Court of Common Pleas, 1805–09, box 34768, September term 1806, case 73, Robbins vs. Robbins, packet of loose papers, Abraham Heath of Northfield, Rockingham Co., N.H.; Maine State Archives, Augusta.

89. 1810 US census, Rockingham Co., N.H., Northfield, p. 458 (stamped), Abraham Heath and Ezekiel Heath; NARA microfilm M252, roll 25.

90. Oxford Co., Maine, Land Records, Eastern District, 10:537–38, Ebenezer Bancroft to Abraham Heath, 11 Jan 1815, rec. 20 Mar 1815; *FamilySearch*, DGS 8560720, images 568–69.

91. 1820 US census, Oxford Co., Maine, pop. sch., Sumner, p. 8 (stamped), Abraham Heath.

92. Plympton, Mass., vital records, p. 608 (penned), Charlotte Robbins birth.

93. Sumner, Maine, vital records, 1798–1853, p. 213 (penned), Heath-Robbins marriage, 1 Dec 1816; *FamilySearch*, DGS 8006710, image 122.

94. 1820 US census, Rockingham Co., N.H., pop. sch., Northfield, p. 46 (stamped), line 10, Joshua Heath. Another Joshua Heath household in Northfield does not fit because it included five young children, unlikely for a couple married for two years.

95. 1850 US census, Oxford Co., Maine, pop. sch., Sumner, fol. 152r (stamped), dwell. 75, fam. 81, Joshua Heath household; NARA microfilm M432, roll 263.

96. Carver, Mass., vital records, p. 245 (penned), Eleazer Robbins birth; *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2495), image 129.

97. Sumner, Maine, vital records, 1798–1853, p. 217 (penned), Robbins-Doughten marriage, 28 Nov 1819; *FamilySearch*, DGS 8006710, image 124.

98. 1820 US census, Oxford Co., Maine, pop. sch., [Plantation] No. 4, n.p., line 5, Eleazer Robins Jr.

elder Eleazer.⁹⁹ No record for the later disposition of this property has been found.¹⁰⁰ In 1830 Eleazer Jr. and his family lived in Hartford, Maine, adjacent to Sumner.¹⁰¹ Perhaps Eleazer Jr. and Samuel abandoned the property. An 1858 county map shows a sparsely inhabited area with no homes where Eleazer would have lived.¹⁰²

Melinda Robbins

Melinda was born in Carver on 15 November 1797.¹⁰³ She married Jonathan Frye in Sumner on 13 May 1816 at the home of her father, Eleazer Robbins.¹⁰⁴ Jonathan's household, presumably with Melinda and a young son, was between those of Abraham Heath and Oliver Robbins in 1820.¹⁰⁵

Lois, Rebecca, Abigail, and Jeduthan Robbins

A comparison of Eleazer's 1790 and 1800 households suggests these children died before 1800. No death records have been located.¹⁰⁶ Births of the children:

1. Lois [twin], born 16 April 1783 in Plympton
2. Rebecca [twin], born 16 April 1783 in Plympton
3. Abigail, born 16 October 1785 in Plympton
4. Jeduthan, born 10 March 1791 in Carver¹⁰⁷

99. Oxford Co., Maine, Land Records, Eastern District, 23:7–8, Eleazer Robbins to Eleazer Robbins Jr. and Samuel Robbins, 30 Jun 1823, rec. 30 Jun 1823; *FamilySearch*, DGS 8560726, images 9–10.

100. Oxford Co., Maine, Land Records, Eastern District, Index K–Z 1806–1825, Index 1822–1834, Index 1834–1841, Index 1841–1854, negative search results for property sale by Samuel or Eleazer Robbins; *FamilySearch*, DGS numbers 8202842, 7834690, 8202843, and 8560715. A few unindexed records were found; a page-by-page search of vols. 21–58, covering 1822–1840 resulted in negative findings.

101. 1830 US census, Oxford Co., Maine, Hartford, p. 26 (penned), Eleazer Robbins; NARA microfilm M19, roll 50.

102. H. F. Walling, *Map of Oxford County, Maine* (New York: Gillette & Huntingdon, 1858); *Maine Genealogy* (www.maine-genealogy.net).

103. Carver, Mass., vital records, p. 6 (stamped), children of Eleazor and Sarah Robbins, 1777–97.

104. Sumner, Maine, vital records, 1799–1853, p. 213 (penned), Frye-Robbins marriage, 13 May 1816; *FamilySearch*, DGS 8006710, image 122.

105. 1820 US census, Oxford Co., Maine, pop. sch., Sumner, p. 8 (stamped), Jonathan Frye household.

106. "Massachusetts, U.S., Town and Vital Records, 1620–1988," *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com) negative results for deaths of Lois, Rebecca, Abigail, and Jeduthan Robbins in Plympton and Carver.

107. For births of Lois, Rebecca, and Abigail, see Plympton, Mass., vital records, p. 608 (penned), children of Eleazer and Sarah Robbins. For Jeduthan, see Carver, Mass., vital records, p. 6 (stamped), children of Eleazor and Sarah Robbins; *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2495). Entries for each town appear to be recorded at the same time.

THE MISSING SON OF ELEAZER ROBBINS AND SARAH ROBBINS

Colonial Massachusetts law, and Commonwealth law revised in 1796, required parents to inform the local town clerk of their children's births.¹⁰⁸ However, Eleazer did not record at least one child in Carver. Table 1 correlates the known surviving individuals with the tick marks in Eleazer's 1800 household enumeration.

In 1800, daughter Ruth was married and most likely with her husband, Nathaniel Robbins. The female child under age ten is unknown. Possibly they were caring for this child, not a daughter, but no guardianship records have been found.¹⁰⁹ Or perhaps she was a daughter whose birth was not recorded in the Carver town records. This unidentified female may be the same female, aged sixteen to twenty-five, in Eleazer's 1820 household.

Eleazer Robbins sold one hundred acres in Plantation Number Two to Eleazer Robbins Jr. of Plantation Number Two and Samuel Robbins of Sumner on 30 June 1823.¹¹⁰ That—the last known record for the sixty-eight-year-old Eleazer Robbins—suggests a relationship among the three men.¹¹¹

Two calculated birth dates are possible for Samuel: December 1801 and December 1802. As law required him to be twenty-one years old to purchase land from Eleazer in 1823, he could not have been born December 1802.¹¹² Eleazer and his family lived only briefly in Hebron before moving to unincorporated Plantation Number Two, which had no town records. Massachusetts law required parents to notify town clerks of births and to pay a recording fee.¹¹³ Possibly Eleazer did not record his son's birth in Carver because he was planning to move.

108. Massachusetts, *The Colonial Laws of Massachusetts: Reprinted from the Edition of 1660, with the Supplements to 1672: Containing also, The Body of Liberties of 1641* (Boston: 1889), 188, "Records, Recordors, Clerks," § 2; *State Library of Massachusetts* (archives.lib.state.ma.us/handle/2452/430907), image 201.

109. Plymouth Co., Mass., Court of Common Pleas Dockets, vol. 17, 1786–1791, vol. 18, 1791–1796, vol. 19, 1796–1799, vol. 20, 1799–1803; *FamilySearch*, DGS 8204659 and 7726243. Negative search results for guardianship of a child by Eleazer Robbins.

110. Oxford Co., Land Records, 23:7–8, Eleazer Robbins to Eleazer Robbins Jr. and Samuel Robbins.

111. "Maine, Oxford County Probate Estate Files, 1805–1915," *FamilySearch* (www.familysearch.org/search/collection/2040540), negative search results for Eleazer or Sarah Robbins probate. Also, "Maine, U.S. Wills and Probate Records, 1584–1999," *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com/search/collections/8994), negative search results for Eleazer or Sarah Robbins.

112. State of Maine, *Laws of the State of Maine; to Which are Prefixed the Constitution of the U[nited] States and of Said State. With an Appendix*, v. 1, chap. 51, sec. 46 (Brunswick: Printed by J. Griffin, for the State, 1821), pp. 212–13; *HathiTrust* (babel.hathitrust.org).

113. Secretary of the Commonwealth, *Acts and Resolves of Massachusetts, 1794–1795*, reprint (Boston: Wright & Potter, 1896), "An Act for Recording Births and Deaths by the Clerks of Towns & Districts," 436–37, ch. 69; *Internet Archive* (archive.org/details/actsresolvespass179495mass).

Table 1
1800 Census: Eleazer Robbins Household

	BIRTH YEAR RANGE	CENSUS TICK MARK	FAMILY MEMBER
↑ MALES ↓	1791–1800	1	Eleazer Jr. b. 1793
	1785–1790		
	1775–1784	1	Oliver b. 1779
	1756–1774		
↑ FEMALES ↓	bef. 1755	1	Eleazer b. 1754
	1791–1800	2	Melinda b. 1797 and unknown female
	1785–1790	1	Charlotte b. 1789
	1775–1784	1	Sarah b. 1781
	1756–1774		
	bef. 1755	1	Sarah b. 1760

Source: 1800 US census, Plymouth Co., Mass., Carver, n.p., Eleazer Robbins household; microfilm publication M32, roll 16; National Archives and Records Administration, Washington, D.C.

Eleazer and Sarah's deaths are unrecorded and burial locations unknown. Several of their children, however, were buried at Black Mountain Cemetery, only a few miles from their home.

1. Samuel Robbins, died 4 March 1838
2. Melinda (Robbins) Frye, died 17 November 1838
3. Sarah (Robbins) Heath, died 19 July 1857¹¹⁴

114. For Samuel, see *Find A Grave*, memorial 104417643, Samuel Robbins, image by Lucy Morin. This death year is in error and should be 1838. For Melinda, see *Find A Grave*, memorial 156793522, digital image, 6 Jan 2016, by Lucy Morin, gravestone for Belinda Frye (Black Mountain Cem., Sumner, Oxford Co., Maine). For Sarah, see *Find A Grave*, memorial 82920999, digital image, 3 Jan 2012, by Lucy Morin, gravestone for Sarah Robbins Heath (Black Mountain Cem., Sumner, Oxford Co., Maine).

Samuel's wife and two of his children also are buried at that cemetery.¹¹⁵

Lucinda's son Adroy has a headstone at Black Mountain Cemetery.¹¹⁶ It seems unlikely, though, that he was buried there because he has a monument in Alexandria, Virginia.¹¹⁷ The family headstones are in a row starting with Samuel Sr. on the left, then the shared stone for Samuel H. and Enoch, followed by Lucinda, and finally, Adroy.¹¹⁸

The father of Samuel's wife Lucinda—Enoch Morrill—was a neighbor of the Robbins, Heath, and Frye families in Sumner in the 1820s and 1830s.¹¹⁹ Enoch owned a burial ground, later known as Black Mountain Cemetery, which he sold to the sixth district in Sumner in 1836 for \$8.¹²⁰

New England families commonly carried names through the generations. Eleazer named one of his sons after his paternal grandfather, Jeduthan. Eleazer and Sarah's parents had grandchildren named after them: Eleazer, Rebecah, Samuel, and Sarah. It seems likely Samuel was named after his maternal grandfather who died in 1776.

CONCLUSION

Samuel Robbins was born to Eleazer and Sarah (Robbins) Robbins, likely in Carver, Massachusetts, in December 1801.

- Samuel could have been the young man in Eleazer's 1820 household, because Eleazer's other children lived elsewhere at that time.
- Eleazer was about sixty-nine years old in 1823. He probably was putting his affairs in order when he sold property for \$50 dollars to Samuel and Eleazer Jr.
- Only one other Samuel Robbins lived in the area at the time. He was too young to have purchased the land.

115. For Lucinda see *Find A Grave*, memorial 104417255, Lucinda Barker, image by Lucy Morin. For Enoch see *Find A Grave*, memorial 104417895, Enoch Robbins, image by Lucy Morin. For Samuel H. see *Find A Grave*, memorial 104417751, Samuel H. Robbins, image by Lucy Morin.

116. *Find A Grave*, memorial 98169632, Adroy E. Barker, image by Lucy Morin.

117. "U.S., National Cemetery Interment Control Forms, 1928–1962," Adrog [Adroy] E. Barker, died 15 Dec 1862, buried Alexandria, Va. National Cemetery; *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2590). Also, *Find A Grave*, memorial 86170186, digital image, 3 Mar 2012, by Grand Army of the Republic, gravestone for Pvt. Adroy E. Barker (Alexandria National Cem., Alexandria, Alexandria City, Va.). It seems unlikely his remains were returned to Maine; the reinterment should have been noted if such were the case.

118. Black Mountain Cemetery, Sumner, Maine, headstones of Samuel, Samuel H., and Enoch Robbins, and Lucinda and Adroy E. Barker, photographs supplied by M. Kathryn Kelly, Hartford, Maine, 25 Aug 2022.

119. 1820 US census, Oxford Co., Maine, pop. sch., Sumner, p. 8 (stamped), Enoch Morrell, line 19, Abraham Heath, line 23, Jonathan Frye, line 26, and Oliver Frye, line 30. Also, 1830 US census, Oxford Co., Maine, Sumner, p. 7 (penned), Enoch Morrill; NARA microfilm M19, roll 50.

120. Oxford Co., Maine, Land Records, Eastern District, 72:411, Enoch Morrell to "Six District," 8 Apr 1836, rec. 4 Feb 1846; *FamilySearch*, DGS 8560749, image 516.

- Properties of various Robbins and Morrill families in Sumner and Plantation Number Two were near each other.
- Sarah Robbins would have been about age forty-two when Samuel was born.
- Many of Eleazer's children, including Samuel, apparently were named after grandparents or great-grandparents.
- One of Samuel's daughters was named after his sister Charlotte.
- Some of Eleazer's adult children, including Sarah, Melinda, and Samuel, are buried at Black Mountain Cemetery, which was owned by Samuel's father-in-law, Enoch Morrill.
- All other Robbins candidates have been ruled out as fathers for Samuel.
- The unidentified female in Eleazer's 1800 and 1820 households remains unknown.

No direct evidence proves Samuel Robbins was the son of Eleazer Robbins Jr. and Sarah Robbins, or that he was a sibling of any of their children. However, evidence analysis and correlation, combined with the lack of other reasonable possibilities prove they are Samuel's parents.

GENEALOGICAL SUMMARY

Generation One

1. **Eleazer² Robbins Jr.** (Eleazer¹) was born 1 December 1754 in Plympton, Plymouth County, Massachusetts, to Eleazer and Rebecca (Jackson) Robbins.¹²¹ He died after 30 June 1823.¹²² He married 31 October 1776 **Sarah Robbins.**¹²³ She was born about 1759–60 to Samuel and Sarah (House) Robbins.¹²⁴ Her death date is unknown.

Children of Eleazer² and Sarah (Robbins) Robbins, all born in Plympton (Carver after 1790):

121. Plympton, Mass., Vital Records, p. 561 (penned), children of Elezer and Rebekah Robbins, 1748–61. See also, White and Coles, "The Family of Jeduthan and Rebecca (Crocker) Robbins of Plympton, Mass," 229–30. Also, Eugene W. Robbins, *The Robbins Families of New England: A Genealogical Study* (n.p.: self-published, 2004), 81.

122. Oxford Co., Land Records, 23:7–8, Eleazer Robbins to Eleazer Robbins Jr. and Samuel Robbins.

123. Middleborough, Mass., Records & Sessions, April 178[?]-1791, no. 4, p. 157 (penned), E. Robbins-S. Robbins marriage, 31 Oct 1776. Also, Dartmouth, Mass., Births, Marriages, Deaths, Declarations of Intention 1667–1844, p. 121 (penned), births of Lois Robins and Elizabeth Robins, 1756 and 1758. Sarah was likely the next child born, about 1759–60.

124. Plymouth Co., Mass., Probate Estate File, 24:176–77, Samuel Robbins will, written 6 Jul 1776, proved 7 Jul 1776.

- 2 i. RUTH³ ROBBINS, born 11 December 1777;¹²⁵ last appeared in the 1840 census in Woodstock, Maine;¹²⁶ married Nathaniel Robbins in Plymouth on 3 July 1800.¹²⁷
- 3 ii. OLIVER ROBBINS, born 28 March 1779;¹²⁸ died 15 November 1854 and was buried in Woodstock;¹²⁹ married Susannah Tripp, after the 24 February 1816 publication of the marriage intention in Sumner, Maine.¹³⁰ She died 25 August 1848 and was buried in Woodstock.¹³¹
- 4 iii. SARAH ROBBINS, born 6 November 1781;¹³² died 18 July 1857 and was buried in Sumner;¹³³ married Abraham Heath 21 July 1803 in Hebron;¹³⁴ he died 19 November 1842 and was buried in Sumner.¹³⁵
- 5 iv. LOIS ROBBINS [twin], born 16 April 1783; died before 1800.
- 6 v. REBECCA ROBBINS [twin], born 16 April 1783; died before 1800.
- 7 vi. ABIGAIL ROBBINS, born 16 October 1785;¹³⁶ died before 1800.
- 8 vii. CHARLOTTE ROBBINS, born 9 May 1789;¹³⁷ married 1 December 1816 Joshua Heath in Sumner;¹³⁸ they last appeared in the 1860 census.¹³⁹

125. Plympton, Mass., vital records, p. 608 (penned), children of Eleazer and Sarah Robbins, 1777–89.

126. 1840 US census, Oxford Co., Maine, Woodstock, p. 82 (stamped), Nathaniel Robbins household; NARA microfilm M704, roll 146.

127. Foster, ed., *Vital Records of Carver, Massachusetts to the Year 1850*, 122; *FamilySearch*, DGS 7578881, image 610.

128. Plympton, Mass., vital records, p. 608 (penned), children of Eleazer and Sarah Robbins, 1777–89.

129. *Find A Grave*, memorial 97392458, digital image, 19 Sep 2012, by Susan Moors, gravestone for Oliver Robbins (Robbins Cem., Woodstock, Oxford Co., Maine).

130. Sumner, Maine, Vital Records, 1798–1891, bound book with loose sheets, p. 160 (penned), Robins-Tripp marriage intention, 24 Feb 1816; *FamilySearch*, DGS 8006710, image 94.

131. *Find A Grave*, memorial 97392955, digital image, 19 Sep 2012, by Susan Moors, gravestone for Susannah Tripp Robbins (Robbins Cem., Woodstock, Oxford Co., Maine).

132. Plympton, Mass., vital records, p. 608 (penned), children of Eleazer and Sarah Robbins, 1777–89.

133. *Find A Grave*, memorial 82920999, digital image, 3 Jan 2012, by Lucy Morin, gravestone for Sarah Robbins (Black Mountain Cem., Sumner, Oxford Co., Maine).

134. Hebron, Maine, town and vital records, 1786–1873, entries out of sequence, p. 83 (penned), Heath-Robbins marriage, 21 Jul 1803.

135. *Find A Grave*, memorial 82921401, digital image, 2 Jan 2012, by Lucy Morin, gravestone for Abraham Heath (Black Mountain Cem., Sumner, Oxford Co., Maine).

136. Plympton, Mass., vital records, p. 608 (penned), children of Eleazer and Sarah Robbins, 1777–89.

137. Plympton, Mass., vital records, p. 608 (penned), Charlotte Robbins birth.

138. Sumner, Maine, vital records, 1798–1853, p. 213 (penned), marriage of Joshua Heath and Charlotte Robbins, 1 Dec 1816; *FamilySearch*, DGS 8006710, image 122.

139. 1860 US census, Oxford Co., Maine, pop. sch., Woodstock, p. 24 (penned), Joshua [Joshua] Heath and Charlotte Heath; NARA microfilm M653, roll 444.

- 9 viii. JEDUTHAN ROBBINS, born 10 March 1791;¹⁴⁰ died before 1800.
- 10 ix. ELEAZER ROBBINS III, born 8 March 1793;¹⁴¹ married 28 November 1819 Rebecca Doten/Doughten in Sumner;¹⁴² he last appeared in the census in 1860,¹⁴³ and she in 1850.¹⁴⁴
- 11 x. MELINDA/BELINDA ROBBINS, born 15 November 1797;¹⁴⁵ married Jonathan Frye in Sumner 13 May 1816;¹⁴⁶ died 17 November 1838 and was buried in Sumner.¹⁴⁷ He died 22 December 1848 and was buried in Sumner.¹⁴⁸
- +12 xi. SAMUEL ROBBINS, born about December 1801 (calculated), likely in Carver; married Lucinda Morrill in Sumner 25 March 1824;¹⁴⁹ died 4 March 1838 and was buried in Sumner;¹⁵⁰ Lucinda married Josiah Barker 8 April 1841;¹⁵¹ she died 3 September 1861 and was buried in Sumner.¹⁵²

Generation Two

12. Samuel³ Robbins (Eleazer², Eleazer¹) was born in December 1801, possibly in Carver, Massachusetts, or Hebron, Maine, to Eleazer and Sarah (Robbins) Robbins.¹⁵³ He married **Lucinda Morrill** 25 March 1824 in Sumner. He died 4 March 1838 and

140. Carver, Mass., vital records, p. 6 (stamped), children of Eleazor and Sarah Robbins, 1777–97; *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2495).

141. Plympton, Mass., vital records, p. 608 (penned), children of Eleazer and Sarah Robbins, 1777–89.

142. Sumner, Maine, vital records, 1798–1853, p. 217 (penned), Robbins-Doughten marriage, 28 Nov 1819; *FamilySearch*, DGS 8006710, image 124.

143. 1860 US census, Oxford Co., Maine, pop. sch., Hartford, p. 13 (penned), dwell./fam. 98, Eleazer Robbins in George Doten household; NARA microfilm M653, roll 444.

144. 1850 US census, Oxford Co., Maine, pop., sch., Hartford, p. 91v (stamped), dwell. 97, fam. 108, Eleazer Robbins household; NARA microfilm M432, roll 263.

145. Carver, Mass., vital records, p. 6 (stamped), children of Eleazor and Sarah Robbins, 1777–97; *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2495).

146. Sumner, Maine, vital records, 1798–1853, p. 213 (penned), Frye-Robbins marriage, 13 May 1816; *FamilySearch*, DGS 8006710, image 122.

147. *Find A Grave*, memorial 156793522, digital image, 6 Jan 2016, by Lucy Morin, gravestone for Belinda Frye (Black Mountain Cem., Sumner, Oxford Co., Maine).

148. *Find A Grave*, memorial 156793428, digital image, 6 Jan 2016, by Lucy Morin, gravestone for Johnathan Frye (Black Mountain Cem., Sumner, Oxford Co., Maine).

149. Sumner, Maine, vital records 1799–1853, p. 222 (penned), Robins-Morrill marriage; *FamilySearch*, DGS 8006710, image 126.

150. *Find A Grave*, memorial 104417643, Samuel Robbins, image by Lucy Morin.

151. Patten, Maine, Vital Records, 1842–1918, recopied intentions, Barker-Rollins [Robbins] marriage, 8 Apr 1841; *FamilySearch*, DGS 7595794, image 118.

152. *Find A Grave*, memorial 104417255, Lucinda Barker, image by Lucy Morin.

153. *Find A Grave*, memorial 104417643, Samuel Robbins, image by Lucy Morin. Also, State of Maine, “Laws of the State of Maine,” vol. 1, chap. 51, sec. 46.

was buried in Sumner. Lucinda married Josiah Barker on 8 April 1841. She died 3 September 1861 and was buried in Sumner.

Children of Samuel³ and Lucinda (Morrill) Robbins, all born in Maine:

- 13 i. SAMUEL⁴ HATHORN ROBBINS, born 25 November 1825;¹⁵⁴ died 24 February 1850 and was buried in Sumner.¹⁵⁵
- 14 ii. CLARINDA M. ROBBINS, born 11 April 1827;¹⁵⁶ married Daniel Jackman in Patten 14 April 1843;¹⁵⁷ she was last seen in 1850;¹⁵⁸ Daniel died 31 October 1896 and was buried in Cosmos, Meeker County, Minnesota.¹⁵⁹
- 15 iii. CORDANE ARAMANTHA ROBBINS, born 29 October 1828;¹⁶⁰ died 27 January 1873 in Santa Rosa, Sonoma County, California;¹⁶¹ married Solomon Suriah Weeks in Patten sometime after their 26 July 1851 marriage intention was filed;¹⁶² he died in Santa Rosa on 17 March 1901.¹⁶³
- 16 iv. THANKFUL WILSON ROBBINS, born 31 October 1830;¹⁶⁴ died 19 January 1870, and was buried in Oconto, Oconto County, Wisconsin;¹⁶⁵ married Albert Dickerman in Trois-Rivières, Québec, Canada, 8 January

154. Lincoln, Maine, births, marriages and sundry town records, p. 28 (stamped), births of Samuel and Lucinda Robbins children, 1825–1830.

155. *Find A Grave*, memorial 104417751, Samuel H. Robbins, image by Lucy Morin.

156. Lincoln, Maine, births, marriages and sundry town records, p. 28 (stamped), births of Samuel and Lucinda Robbins children.

157. Patten, Maine, Vital Records, 1842–1918, Jackman-Robbins marriage, 14 April 1843; *FamilySearch*, DGS 7595794, image 118.

158. 1850 US census, Somersworth Co., N.H., pop. sch., Somersworth, p. 156 (typed), dwell. 345, fam. 381, Clarinda Jackman in Daniel Jackman household; NARA microfilm M432, roll 439.

159. *Find A Grave*, memorial 130578161, digital image, 29 May 2014, by “MN Headstone Hunter,” gravestone for Daniel Jackman (Spring Grove Cem., Meeker Co., Minn.).

160. Lincoln, Maine, births, marriages and sundry town records, p. 28 (stamped), births of Samuel and Lucinda Robbins children, 1825–30.

161. *Find A Grave*, memorial 8130325, Amanda [sic] Cordain Weeks, image by “MrQB.”

162. Patten, Maine, Vital Records, 1842–1918, Weeks-Robbins marriage intention, 26 Jul 1851; *FamilySearch*, DGS 7595794, image 107.

163. *Find A Grave*, memorial 8130349, digital image, 26 Nov 2003, by “MrQB,” gravestone for Solomon Suriah Weeks (Santa Rosa Rural Cem., Santa Rosa, Sonoma Co., Calif.).

164. Lincoln, Maine, births, marriages and sundry town records, p. 28 (stamped), births of children of Samuel and Lucinda Robbins, 1825–30.

165. *Find A Grave*, memorial 110259189, digital image, 9 May 2013, by Randy Ray, gravestone for Thankful Wilson Robbins Dickerman (Evergreen Cem., Oconto, Oconto Co., Wis.).

1856;¹⁶⁶ he died 19 July 1909 and was buried in Fort Mitchell, Kenton County, Kentucky.¹⁶⁷

- 17 v. CHARLOTTE ROBBINS, born about 1832–33 and was last seen in 1850.¹⁶⁸
- 18 vi. ENOCH M. ROBBINS, born about October 1837; died August 1838, age ten months, and was buried in Sumner.¹⁶⁹

Child of Lucinda (Morrill) Robbins and Josiah Barker:

- 19 i. ADROY BARKER, born 29 July 1844 in Maine; died of illness on 15 December 1862 while serving as a private in the Civil War.¹⁷⁰

166. Trois-Rivières, Québec, Canada, Methodist Church, Dickerman-Robbins marriage, 1856; *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com/search/collections/1091).

167. *Find A Grave*, memorial 130552225, digital image, 29 May 2015, by “Debbie J,” gravestone for Albert L. Dickerman (Highland Cem., Fort Mitchell, Kenton Co., Ky.).






168. 1850 US census, Somersworth Co., N.H., pop. sch., Somersworth, p. 156v (typed), dwell. 345, fam. 381, Charlotte Robbins in Daniel Jackman household; NARA microfilm M432, roll 439.

169. *Find A Grave*, memorial 104417895, Enoch Robbins, image by Lucy Morin.

170. *Find A Grave*, memorial 98169632, Adroy E. Barker, image by Lucy Morin.



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