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(Clara Barton had taught in West Millbury school that used to stand where Union Chapel stands today; www.millbury.k12.ma.us/hs/history/historytown/westmillbury.html).

The heirs of Wing Kelley inherited the real estate and personal estate of a chaise and wagon @\$80, 1 pair oxen @\$70, 2 swine @\$12, 5 cows @\$100, 2 horses @\$140, 1 colt @\$30, 4 sheep @\$8. The total tax on his estate was \$18.06 with a total value of about \$3500.00.

The March 17, 1835 deed shows Aaron Trask (August 12, 1778-) sold Wing two lots in easterly Millbury. The first lot crosses a county road for about a half-mile (Millbury Avenue) and the second lot borders the road for about .1 mile. The first lot of 99 acres was worth \$3800. This second lot of 12 ½ acres worth \$200 was known as the "Prentice lot" [Hartwell H. Prentice sold 14 of his 26 acres to Trask in 1831] which began at E. Goodell home. Aaron Trask was the son of Capt. Samuel Trask (362) who built a house in 1743 in West Millbury that was sold to Henry W. Davidson. Aaron married Betsey Goodell on April 3, 1806 (Benedict, William and Tracy, Hiram. *History of Town of Sutton, 1704-1876*. Worcester, Sanford and Company, 1878) and they had three children. One listed in Millbury Vital Records was Louise born October 21, 1813 when Millbury broke away from Sutton. (98) In 1816 Trask owned the Millbury Rolling Mill near the dam on Cordis property (behind McLaughlin's Gas Station, today) and retired from the Goodell Trask Company in 1817 with the John Sr. and Jr. Goodell (later Jonas Brown and Goodell Manufacturing Company mentioned in District 13 in assessors ledger). The Captain Samuel Goodell house was on Grafton Street. [Note: mile= 320 rods so 32 rods= .1 mile]

The abutters on the first lot were:

- North- S. Marsh (may refer to widow Susan Marsh or her son Samuel C. Marsh; she paid taxes on a house, shop, and garden) Samuel C. and Eunice A. Marsh had at least four kids with 1835 ages: Chloe (9; intended John M. Woodis of W. Brookfield in 1844), Maria (6), Anna Mariah (5), Anna (2). A James married Margaret Goodell. Elizah Marsh, carpenter, about 25 in 1835 and J[ohn] Lilly
- East- J[ohn] Lilly and T. H[enry] Park (John W. and Henry L. (Jr.) and Henry (Sr.) Parks on Beers 1870 map with names from 1860 & 1870 Census) and S. Marsh (did s/he sell the land to Boston & Worcester Railroad for Millbury spur?) John and Roxa Lilley had at least six kids with 1835 ages: Henry (17), Fanny (16), Lucy (12), Almira (9), Wilkins (6), Roxa (3).
- South- A. Dunnel on Beers 1870 map [heirs of Remark Dunnel were his widow Abigail, called Nabby, and son Albert R.] and J[onas] Goodell and L. [could be S. for Simeon] Waters. This area is water supply drainage land that may have abutted the Goodell Mills. Remark and Nabby Dunnel had seven children with 1835 ages: Luther G. (25), Lorenza M. (24; married Mortimer Bancroft 4/29/1840) ABBY'S AGE (b. 10/3/1811), Martha D. (20; intended Levi Comstock 9/10/1836), Hannah S. (17; she died of consumption in 1846), Albert R. (15), Sarah P. (11; she died of consumption in 1847), Franklin (8).
- West- E[lisha] Jacobs owned bond woodland, ½ Sibley House, and ½ gristmill according to the 1835 Assessor's ledger. Is this Bond Hill? Elisha's wife, Martha, died May

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26, 1841. Henry Jacobs, age?, and Loring Jacobs, about 17 in 1835, land off today's Park Hill Road? Elisha sold his land to Jedediah Bugbee by 1860 per Census and then P. McGrath by 1913 per town history.

The abutters on the second lot were:

Northeast- occupied by J. Wadsworth [a E. Wadsworth, 58 with no occupation, lived with Simeon and Prudence Heywood in 1870. He would have been 23 in 1835.]

East- county road [Millbury Avenue]

Southeast- E. (could this be Henry?) Goodell house on road and J[ohn] Newton house to south. Jonas and Aaron were of voting age in 1835 and probably living with Henry Goodell. Samuel Goodell, about 38 in 1835 and Orin Goodell, painter, about 35 in 1835. In 1835 Assessor's Ledger Elmer N. Newton and Simeon B. Newton each paid taxes on ½ house.

Southwest- E. and S. [Jonas?] Goodell

Northwest- L[uther] Stockwell and Catherine Stockwell had three kids between 1840-1846. Or could this be L. M. Stockwell, stonemason, about 36 in 1835 married to Hanah M. Stockwell about 30 in 1835 Charles A. Stockwell living with Ann M. Stockwell and Hannah V. Stockwell, all about 12 in 1835, land off today's Martin Street at Main that would abut Kelley's land.

Neighborhood kids deducted from Vital Records of Millbury and 1860 Census series M653, roll 528, page 566-7,611-2, 620-1:

Millbury Avenue Census 1860 & 1870 from North

Joseph H. Heyward about 24 and Calvin Heyward about 27 with 3 kids (1870 owns land across from Howe farm)

Simeon Heyward c. 15

Ebenezer Wadsworth about 23 lived with Heywards

Henry Park, Sr. about 45 and Johannah about 38 were parents of Henry, Jr. about 3

John W. Park about 44 and Betsey E. about 42 were parents of Lucretia J. c. 15 and Horatio c. 4

_____ and Abigail c. 35 (widow?) and Alber[t] c. 13

Trask was active in town politics, serving on the school committee in 1823, as selectman from 1825-1827 and 1831, and on the Town Poor Farm Committee in 1828. (106, 122, 485 & 490) His contemporaries were Elijah and Asa Water, Jr. and Joseph Farnsworth. (475) The heirs sold the farm to Franklin Howe on May 23, 1842 and the site is located on Beer's 1870 map north of today's intersection of Millbury Avenue and Howe Avenue. According to Grace LaFlash, the Howe homestead was situated in the grove of tall pines on the west side of Millbury Avenue. It was about a one-mile walk uphill to the Second Congregational Church as described by Sterling (135).

In 1838 the estate remained the same, but Albert was no longer listed as a voter and probably had moved. Where did Albert go? When did her marry Deborah____? The following year no personal estate was listed implying that Diana, LUCY, and Abby did not continue farming. Abby decided to start lecturing against slavery during this time and was

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frequently gone. The Boston & Worcester Railroad depot was off Grafton Road in the northeast corner of Millbury. The Millbury branch depot was established October 31, 1836 and opened in 1837 allowed Abby easy access for she and other abolitionists who attended the Quarterly Massachusetts Anti-Slavery Society Meeting at the Second Congregational Church on the hill on Main Street (or was it the First Congregational Church moved to Bramanville in 1835 year?; www.millbury.k12.ma.us/hs/history/historytown/cong1905.GIF)

CHECK 1840 Census

Diana Kelley passed away February 14, 1842 at age 68. The heirs of Wing Kelley had no personal estate and no one to vote for the family. The house, barn and outbuilding were valued at \$1400 and the 100 acres of land at \$1900. The tax was \$13.20. LUCY married Samuel W. West of E. Hampton, CT on June 8, 1842. How long did they remain in town? The following year only 12 acres of woodland remained at a \$300 value and \$1.05 tax. The tax on that real estate increased to \$1.35 in 1844. That land was sold before the 1845 tax assessment. THEN WHERE DID ABBY RESIDE?

Beer's 1870 maps of Worcester County, reprint 1976
Millbury Assessor's Record Ledgers, 1835-1845
Massachusetts' Land Records Website, www.masslandrecords.com
Worcester County Grantee and Grantor Index, 1835
Millbury Vital Records to 1850

LUCY married Samuel W. West [E. Hampton, CT] 6/8/1842.
Wing Kelley died December 17, 1836 ADD TO FAMILY TREE
Diana [Diana] Kelley died February 14, 1842 ADD TO FAMILY TREE
No mention of Albert Kelley in marriages or deaths

History of the Town of Millbury. Millbury, MA: Davis Press, 1915. [Centennial is in the original title, but crossed out in both library editions.]

(320-1) When Wing Kelley brought his family to easterly Millbury; the center of town was shifting from the Old Common to Armory Village, today's center at Main and Elm. Millbury had broken away from Sutton in 1813, just 22 years earlier. Aaron Trask, who sold Wing the farm, had been one of the first taxpayers. A major shift of population away from agriculture was underway with the opening of mills in Armory Village. The people's religious center moved more than a mile away closer to the mill in Bramanville that year. The Lyceum had existed for 15 years (established in 1820). Millbury Academy had been founded three years earlier in 1832. Millbury was a "thinking" growing town with easy access to transportation along the Blackstone Canal and nearby Boston and Worcester Railroad. In 1846 the Providence and Worcester Line began construction after the Kelleys left town.

The First Congregational Church moved from the Old Common to Bramanville in 1835. It was now exactly 2 miles from the West Millbury community center. Twenty-nine people withdrew from the First Congregational Church to form the Union, or West Congregational

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Church, in May 1837. The West Congregational Church disbanded in 1871. They allowed the Baptists to use their building one Sunday a month. (321-2) Earlier 40 members of the First Congregational Church (including Asa Waters and Aaron Trask) petitioned to separate and received a charter February 10, 1827. The Second Congregational Church was built on Main Street on October 2, 1828. Today, it is the Federated Church of Methodists and Congregationalists. TheIn1835 the anti-slavery society was formed in town by many of those members.

According to Sterling (56), the Grimke sisters came to Abby's house after speaking in Worcester. SEE Clements archives for AEG to Jane Smith 10-6-1837 letter. SEE WHM AK to Darlings 12/10/1837, 4/16/1837 MWC to AK, and LIB 10/13/1837

Per Grace LaFlash, the Temperance House was across from today's Millbury Savings and Post Office. Date?

(129) June 25, 1839 "At a meeting of the Second Congregational church [sic] the propriety of women's speaking in meeting was discussed with much excitement. Other meetings were held and after frequent discussions as to the right of woman's participation it was 'voted that the whole subject be indefinitely postponed.'" WHAT ROLE DID ABBY PLAY IN THIS?

(133) 1842 "The emancipation of the slaves in West Indies was celebrated."

1843 "There was much anti-slavery agitation in town. Several speakers gave stirring and forceful addresses before large assemblies and at the Second Congregational Church decided action against slavery was taken. WAS THE WOMAN QUESTION ADDRESSED, YET?

(204) Lyceum was founded in town around 1820 until 1870.

(206) The Anti-Slavery Society was founded in town in 1835 by Samuel Waters, Deacon Tyrus March, and others.

(150) Wendell Phillips and John P. Hale spoke in October 1855 at the Second Congregational Church. Horace Greeley spoke in October 1854.

(238) Dr. Charles Jewett's house was a station on the Underground Railroad (Ralph Nutting owned it in 1913). Jewett moved to Illinois and Minnesota in 1854-1858 and then returned to Massachusetts. He was a friend of John B. Gough (442). He moved to Wisconsin and died in Norwich Town, CT April 3, 1879.

(320) About the same time the Methodist Episcopal Church which first had met in the hall of the lower tavern (on corner of Riverside and Grafton Street later called the Tourtelott House) moved their meetings October 22, 1836 to the main road of West Millbury about 200 yards from its intersection with road leading from Old Common (site of John C. Crane house). The Methodists dedicated a new church on November 17, 1840. (In Armory Village on Elm Street? See 1878 map) (206) Rev. Orange Scott delivered the sermon at the dedication. He was known for a dramatic anti-slavery address given in Worcester on August 10, 1835.

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(318-9) The first public meeting of the Millbury Baptist Church was held in 1837 in the old school house on the site of Union Chapel in West Millbury one Sunday every month. In 1840 they moved to the old Academy Hall. December 26, 1864 was the first service held in the present brick church on Main Street across from Second Congregational Church?

(330-2) The brick schoolhouse on the site of Union Chapel burned down in 1836 or 1837? It was replaced with a hip roofed wooden structure with one room used for both school and religious meetings by West Congregational Church and Baptists. Clara Barton taught in original school.

(138) Millbury Academy was on the site of the old high school next to the present library. It held classes from 1832-1851. It is 3 miles from West Millbury. According to Grace LaFlash, Stephen S. Foster and Frederick Douglass spoke at an anti-slavery meeting held at the academy. Foster argued with Asa Waters III about "killing the Seminole Indians with Water's made guns". AW archives are at the National Archives. Waters wanted to work within the law to end slavery.

Worcester Registry of Deeds at Worcester County Court House

Use online land records site to access these deeds

www.masslandrecords.com

www.worcesterdeeds.com

Sources: Grantor Index 1731-1839 #8 IJKL and 1840-1889 K and Grantee Index 1731-1839 #8 IJKL page 74

Date	Grantor	Location	Book	Page	Document
1801	<i>bought</i>	Milford	143	492	mortgage
1803	<i>"</i>	Milford	150	228	deed
1803		Mendon	150	414	deed
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1806	sold land to Isaac Bassett		163	542	

Note: Another Wing and Mary Gaskell of Mendon were married in Milford in 1803. They had three children between 1809-1823. Were the above purchases made by him rather than Abby's father?

Where is he listed in 1810 Census?

1811	sold land to Moses Daniels		180	426	(rel. Diana?)
1812	George Aldrich	Mendon	184	85	deed
1812	sold land to Levi Gray		184	234	
1812	sold land to George Aldrich		185	108	
1813	Darius Daniels	Worcester	187	234	deed (rel. Diana?)
1814	Mary M. Davenport	Boylston?	192	348	deed
1816	sold land to Mary M Davenport		211	23	
1817	sold land to Joseph Bates		205	304	
1818	sold land to Tyler Daniels		207	397	(rel. Diana?)
1818	John R. Bowles	Leicester	211	109	mortgage
1819	William Wesson	Grafton	214	235	deed
1819	sold land to Tyler Daniels		216	318	(rel. Diana?)
1820	sold land to William Wesson		220	32	

1820 Census

Listed in Worcester Wing @ 45+ with one male under 10 (Albert)

Wife Diana 26-45 (born 1774?)

3 females 16-25 (Diana, Olive, Ruth) and 2 under 10 (Abby, LUCY)

Colored male 14-26

1821	sold land to William Wesson		222	496	
1822	sold land to John W. Hubbard		224	608	
1822	John W. Hubbard	Worcester	227	367	deed
1822	John W. Hubbard	Grafton	229	132	deed
1824	sold land to Reuben Sikes		238	397	

1824 John Green Grafton 240 3 deed
1826 sold land to John Fowler 249 608

1826 Worcester Census List 5

Living in District No. 2 on 1833 Map—Tatnuck school district- total 10 persons
Wing @45+ with one male 16-25 (?) and one male 10-15 (Albert)
Wife Diana 45+ and another woman of same age range (black?)
3 females at 16-45(Diana, Olive, Ruth), one 10-15 (Abby), one under 10 (LUCY)
Black female

1827? Sold land to William Eaton 256 387
1827 Albert Storre Grafton (gore) 257 491 assessment
1828 sold land to William W. Patch 261 148
1828 John Fowler Worcester 261 148 deed
1828 Nancy Paine Worcester 261 149 deed

1830 Census

Living in Worcester Wing @ 50-60 years of age with Diana 50-60
One 30-40 (?) and one 10-15 (LUCY) IS ABBY AT SCHOOL?

1831 sold land to John Lees 281 637
1835 sold land to William Hadwin 305 249 WORCESTER HOME?
1835 Aaron Trask Millbury 306 413 deed
1835 Aaron Trask Millbury 306 414 deed

CHECK 1840 Census

1842 Heirs sold land in Millbury to Franklin Howe 368 457 deed
SEE LOCATION ON BEER'S 1870 MAP
½ mile both sides of today's Millbury Avenue north of or around today's Howe
Avenue intersection; home site was at today's grove of tall pines on west side
of Millbury Avenue per Grace LaFlash

UPDATED TREE (WWHP Website NEEDS UPDATE OF Wing and Diana's death dates, et al)

Wing Kelley (d. 12/17/1836 @ 63) of Pelham, MA m. (1) Joanna
(2) **Diana Daniels** (1774 in Uxbridge, MA -2/14/1842 @ 67) in 1799
[Wing and Diana are buried in the Uxbridge Quaker Cemetery on 146A]
Nancy Kelley (b.1792) m. _____ Mann
[nurse with 3 children living outside Dayton, OH per Sterling] [living in Dayton, OH in 1842;
several Manns in Caesar Creek Township and Spring Valley Township, Greene County
outside of Dayton including some children named Nancy in the 1860 Census, but no direct
link]
Lydia J. Kelley (1794-1881) m. **Arnold Earle** (1788-1828) on 12/1/1814 at Grafton
[4 children according to Earle Genealogy; 6 children living outside Dayton, OH per Sterling]
[living in Fairmont, NY outside of Syracuse in 1842; no specific 1860 Census link since kids
names unknown]
Joanna Kelley (b.1802) m. **Amos J. Ballou**
[Hopedale-Milford, MA; his cousin was Adin Ballou per Sterling] [living in Millbury in 1842
perhaps during her mother's illness]
NO results for 1820, 60, 70; 30, 40, 50 not online
Ruth Kelley (b.1804-6) m. **Warren W. Pollard** (b. 1805), surveyor, live in Columbus, OH
No children Did they both die in 1860s or move?
[Sterling and 1842]
1860 Census, June 22, 2nd ward Columbus, OH 1065 dwelling, 1136 family
Warren W. Pollard, 55, born MA, surveyor, 4200 real estate, 200 personal estate
Ruth K., 54 if birth date 1805 or 1806
NO results for 1820 or 70; 30, 40, 50 not online
Olive Kelley (b.1805) m. **Newbury Darling** [East Hampton, CT per Sterling]
Kids: Susan C. and maybe Homes
[Living in Chatham, CT in 1842]
1860 Census shows them living in South Bellingham, MA
August 2, 1860 in 1872 dwelling, 2116 family
Newbury, 62, born RI farmer, 4000 real estate, 2000 personal estate
Olive, 53 if birth date should be 1806 or 1807
Susan, 25, born CT
1870 Census shows him living in Mendon
June 2, 1870 in 21 dwelling, as 24th family with Homes W. Darling,
Olive must be dead.
Newbury, 72, born MA?, retired (Lcy) the manufacture 2600 real estate
(owns the land and dwelling?),
Susan C. 36, born CT, keeping house (for father?)
23rd family is headed by Homes is 38, born CT, farmer, 550 personal estate
Abbie C., 30, MA, keeping house, 2600 real estate, 150 personal estate
(does she own the land and dwelling?)
Emily E., 12, RI, in school
George H., 10, MA, in school
NO results for 1820; 30, 40, 50 not online
Diana W. Kelley (b.1808) m. **Olney Ballou**
[Amos' brother; Hopedale-Milford, MA; Cumberland, RI]
NO results for 1820, 60, 70; 30, 40, 50 not online
Abby Kelley (1/15/1811 in Pelham, MA -1/14/1887)
m. **Stephen Symonds Foster** (11/17/1809 in Canterbury, NH -9/8/1881)
"Aila" **Paulina Wright Foster** (5/19/1847 in Worcester, MA - 4/21/1923 in NH)
[whole family is buried in Hope Cemetery]
Albert Kelley (b. 3/13/1813) m. **Deborah Inman** *m 1839?*
Abbie (6/15/1841?-9/9/42?) buried in Uxbridge Quaker Cemetery
Albert Wing (b. 1/16/1842) WAS ABBY IMPRESSED ALMOST SAME BIRTHDATE and
MOTHER DIES NEXT MONTH

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Hannah Dennis (b. 11/15/1842)
Seth (b. 8/1/1845)
[Living in Northbridge, MA in 1842]
Margaretta LUCY Kelley West Barton (9/15/1819-1905) m. (1) Samuel W. West [E. Hampton, CT] on
6/8/1842 in Millbury
Kids : Hattie L., Flora L., and Malcolm
Could not find in Census online; check 1850
(2) Jason Barton [Middle Haddam, CT]
1860 Census living in East Hampton August 1 dwelling 1089, family 366
53, born in CT, manufacturer, 1500 real estate, 6000 personal estate
Margaretta L.K. W., 40
Hattie L.W., 17, CT, in school [Harriet Lucy]
Flora L. B. W., 15, CT, in school
[(d. 10/ 7/1910 at 65) [buried in Hope Cemetery with mother and Fosters]
Malcolm W., 10, CT, in school [Malcolm W. Barton (d. 1868 at 19 years)]
Ellsworth Chapman, 25, bell shop
Henry W. Nichols, 18, bell shop
Living next door to
Hiriam Barton, 61, farmer, 7000 real estate, 8000 personal estate
Louis[sic], 64, female
Sarah (Watiuous or Matious), 82, female [wife's mother?]
[Flora and mother operated boardinghouse at 100 Chatham Street where Abby lived in her later years]

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