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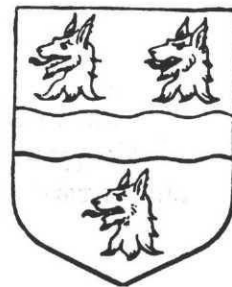
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REUNIONS:

WOOLVERTON MOUNTAIN REUNION, May 11, 1997, Formosa, Arkansas

Descendants of William Louis Woolverton (son of James Matthew Woolverton, grandson of Andrew Woolverton) will meet May 11, 1997 (Mother's Day) at the Formosa Community Building in downtown Formosa, Arkansas. After visiting and a potluck, pictures will be taken, and family members will visit the Woolverton Mountain Cemetery where many family members are buried. This is also decoration day on Woolverton Mountain. Contact: Gene Woolverton, 2349 County Road 4290, West Plains, MO 65775-9810; Ph. 417-256-8035.

JOHN MONROE LITTLEFIELD REUNION, May 25, 1997, Fletcher, Oklahoma

Descendants of John Monroe Littlefield will be holding their annual reunion at Fletcher New School Building (East Side) on Sunday, May 25, 1997, beginning at 10:00 a.m. until late afternoon (no time limit). A covered dish is requested. Drinks will be furnished. Contact: John M. Roll, Route 2, Box 25, Elgin, OK 73538; Ph. 405-492-4441

John Monroe Littlefield (1859-1959) lived in McNairy County, TN and later moved to Fletcher, Oklahoma. He was a son of Luther Rice Littlefield and Nancy Artemisia (Woolverton) Littlefield.

JAMES DAVID HARRIS REUNION, June 20-21, 1997, Cortez, Colorado

Descendants of James David Harris (1871-1938) will be holding their 37th annual reunion at Kemper School in Cortez, Colorado, on June 20-21, 1997. Contact: Mrs. Ruby Jean Barber, 706 Memorial Drive, Cortez, CO 81321; Ph. 970-565-9775.

James David Harris lived in McNairy County, TN and later moved to Texas and Oklahoma. He was a grandson of Luther Rice Littlefield and Nancy Artemisia (Woolverton) Littlefield.

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On Sunday, June 22, there will also be a reunion of descendants of McCager "Mac" Garvin (1856-1920). [Mac Garvin's daughter, Orpha, married William Earl Harris, who was the oldest son of James David Harris. Earl and Orpha Harris were my grandparents--ed.]

WOLVERTON FAMILY GENEALOGY LIST

Since last newsletter, the Wolverton Family Genealogy List (an e-mail discussion list) has been started. It is one of a large number of family surname discussion lists which are managed by MAISER at the University of Indiana. Much thanks go to Larry Stephens of MAISER for keeping all of these lists running smoothly and handling computer and internet problems related to the lists. Along with the Wolverton List, I decided to start up several other family surname lists through MAISER as no one else had taken the lead to get these started. So far only the Wolverton List, the Littlefield-Roots List, the Neville List, and the Callicott List have had much activity. The others will likely pick up with time. A lot of good discussion has been generated on the Wolverton List, and many questions have been asked and/or answered. The list has also helped long lost cousins to meet and get acquainted via the internet. Here are the directions for subscribing to one of these family lists:

- 1) Send an e-mail to: MAISER@rmgate.pop.indiana.edu
- 2) Leave the subject line blank (that part will be ignored by MAISER).
- 3) In the body of the message type: SUBSCRIBE WOLVERTON
[Note: After SUBSCRIBE, instead of WOLVERTON you may put in the name of any one of the surnames below, if you are interested.]
- 4) Then send the message.

Other surname lists that I have started or helped to start are listed below. I am the list manager unless otherwise stated.

BALLINGER; BEARD; BOHANNON [List Manager=Elizabeth Veserat, eveserat@aol.com]; BOND; CALLICOTT [List Manager=Robert Maddigan, maddigan@sage.net]; DODSON; GARVIN; GENSMER; HANKS; HARRIS-HUNTERS [List Manager=Craig Kinder, ckinder@idt.net]; KASTNER; LITTLEFIELD-ROOTS [List Manager=Alan Littlefield, alittle@ilink.nis.za]; NEVILLE, PYRON; QUIRAM; ROEMHILDT.

Some other surname lists on MAISER that you may be interested in include:

CATE [List Manager=Roberta Pierson, rbpieron@prodigy.com]
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MAISER has quite a few other family surname lists. To find out what other lists are available, send an e-mail to: MAISER@rmgate.pop.indiana.edu

In the body of the message, type: SEND LISTS

This will send you a list of all the lists available through MAISER. Then you'll need to send for the section of the alphabet you are interested in to get the names of the family surname lists you are specifically interested in. You would subscribe to any of these surname lists just as the directions are given above for subscribing to the Wolverton List, i.e. "SUBSCRIBE HANKS" etc.

You may also send a genealogy query to one of the MAISER surname lists without being a regular subscriber. You would send your e-mail to:

WOLVERTON@rmgate.pop.indiana.edu (if you want to post something to the Wolverton List)
HANKS@rmgate.pop.indiana.edu (if you want to post something to the Hanks List)
HARRIS-HUNTERS@rmgate.pop.indiana.edu (if you want to post to the Harris List)
LITTLEFIELD-ROOTS@rmgate.pop.indiana.edu (if you want to post to the Littlefield List)

[Note you may include any one of the surnames listed at the front of the address, with @rmgate.pop.indiana.edu for the last half of the address.]

Then include a subject line and then your query in the message body. [Note, if you do not subscribe to the list, be sure to tell people to contact you by private e-mail and then list your e-mail address. Otherwise the answers will be posted to the list, but you will never see them!]

WOLVERTON-WOLTERTON CONNECTIONS

by Glenn Gohr

Although this newsletter has already carried two very interesting articles which relate to Violet (Wolterton) Shepard of Connecticut (See "Virginia Wolverton, Born 1634 Cambridge, Mass." in *WU* Vol. 4 #5, p. 204 and "More on Virginia Wolverton [??]" in *WU* Vol. 4 #6, p. 210), some very interesting information has come to light. We had already determined that she was Violet Shepard. But her maiden name was still a bit of a mystery. It is obvious now that her maiden name was *Wolterton*. What is interesting is that Hobart Kennedy, a new subscriber to *Wolvertons Unlimited*, has alerted me to the possibility that Wolterton could be a variant spelling of Wolverton and vice versa. He is a Wolterton as well as a Woolverton descendant. Patricia Treece, another subscriber to the newsletter, also has both Woolvertons and Woltertons in her lineage.

After further study, I find that quite a few articles have been written on Violet Wolterton Shepard and her relatives in both New England and Great Britain. A complete listing of these sources is included at the end of this article. The best source is "The English Woltertons: Ancestors of the Waller and

Brockway Families of Connecticut” which appeared in *The American Genealogist* in July 1993. The bulk of the information which follows is abstracted from that article.

The article on “The English Woltertons” includes baptism, marriage, and burial entries on a number of Woltertons from the late 1500s and early 1600s as found in various English parish registers in the area in and around Norwich, county Norfolk, England. The various spellings noted are: Wolterton, Woltertone, Woulterton, Woultertone, Woolterton, Wulterton, Walterton, Wollerton, Wallstone, Walstone, Wulston. Also listed as variant spellings for Wolterton in these parish registers are Wolverton, Woolverton, Wolfenden, and Woolfinden.

Although Charles Woolverton (c1660-c1746), who is our progenitor, is not listed among these records of the period, no doubt this may be a clue to his origins. Most of the traditional histories of the Woolverton family say that he was a Quaker and that he hailed from Wolverhampton, Staffordshire, England. However, no one has ever been able to find Charles Woolverton in the parish registers of Wolverhampton. It is just as likely that he came from some other town or area of Great Britain. Much more related information is included on the Woltertons, Wallers, Brockways, etc. in the the articles included as references at the end of this article. For those who may be interested in the Wolterton parish entries, you may refer to the July 1993 article in *The American Genealogist*. But for the benefit of our readers, here are the listings for “Wolverton” as given in the July 1993 article:

Wolverton Entries in the Parish Register of St. Mary at the Elms, Ipswich, Suffolk, England:

9 March 1645/6 Dorcas Wolverton, daughter of James & Elizabeth baptized
 23 July 1647 daughter of James Wolverton buried
 20 February 1649 Martha, daughter of James Wolverton buried
 2 February 1653/4 John Wolverton, son of James & Elizabeth baptized
 3 March 1663/4 James Wolverton, son of James & Anna baptized
 11 November 1666 Amy [or Ann] Wolverton, daughter of James & Ann baptized
 13 April 1669 James Woolverton buried
 14 November 1680 James Woolverton, ancient man, buried
 8 March 1685/6 Elizabeth Woolverton, widow, buried
 27 October 1670 John Woolfinden married Sar. Cole

Not only does the article include abstracts from English parish registers, but the relationship between many of the Woltertons and Wolvertons is given. Abstracts of some English wills and other documents are cited in the text. The article gives much more information on the individuals below, but here is the basic outline of the family lineage:

John Wolterton, b. ca. 1520s, d. bef. 18 Aug. 1605 Welbourne, Co. Norfolk, England; m. bef. 1540 **Ann _____**, who d. after 1640 Norwich, Norfolk, England

CHILDREN OF JOHN AND ANN WOLTERTON:

1. **Nicholas Wolterton**, b. ca. 1546 prob. Welbourne, Co. Norfolk, buried 3 May 1636 (age 90 years) at Beeston next Mileham, Co. Norfolk (will proved 4 June 1636); m. unknown. (occupation=ploughwright)

Children of Nicholas Wolterton:

i. **John Wolterton**

ii. **Henry Wolterton**

iii. **Joanna Wolterton** ; m. 24 Feb. 1622/3 at Beeston next Mileham, Norfolk to **Richard Skinner**

Known Children of Richard and Joanna (Wolterton) Skinner:

a. **Amy Skinner**

b. Joanna Skinner

c. Agnes Skinner

iv. Roger Wolterton, d. bef. April 1636; m.

Known Children of Roger Wolterton: daughters (names unknown) mentioned in their grandfather Nicholas' will.

v. Richard Wolterton, buried 14 Dec. 1633 at Beeston next Mileham, Norfolk; m. on 18 or 28 Nov. 1631 at Beeston next Mileham, Norfolk as her second husband, Elizabeth (Wolterton) Cross, who was his first cousin (daughter of his uncle Richard Wolterton--see below). She was b. ca. 1599 prob. Co. Norfolk, England, buried 28 Nov. 1653 at Beeston next Mileham, Co. Norfolk. Elizabeth (Wolterton) (Cross) (Wolterton) married 3rd on 30 Oct. 1637 at Beeston next Mileham, Norfolk to Robert Kirby who was buried there 25 Dec. 1653.

Known Children of Richard and Elizabeth (Wolterton) (Cross) Wolterton:

a. Frances Wolterton (named in her grandfather Nicholas's will in 1636)

2. Matthew Wolterton, b. ca. 1548 prob. Welbourne, Co. Norfolk; m. 21 Jan. 1579/80 at St. Margaret Parish, Norwich to Joan Dei (his occupation=dornix weaver)

Children of Matthew and Joan (Dei) Wolterton:

i. Katheryne Wolterton, baptized 22 Jan. 1580/1 St. Margaret Parish, Norwich

ii. Mary Wolterton, baptized 20 ___ 1585 St. Margaret Parish, Norwich; m. 23 Jan. 1608/9 at Breckles to Thomas Atmeare (son of Elizabeth Atmeare Wolterton who became the second wife of Mary's Uncle Roger Wolterton).

iii. William Wolterton, baptized 16 Feb. 1594 St. Benedict Parish, Norwich

iv. (possibly) Susan Wolterton; m. 1607 at St. Benedict Parish, Norwich to Powle Geyton

3. Richard Wolterton, b. ca. 1550 prob. Welbourne, Norfolk, d. bef. 1618 Norwich; m. 4 Feb. 1578/9 at St. Giles Parish, Norwich, to Mary Bensley who d. aft. 1590 (his occupation=tanner)

Children of Richard and Mary (Bensley) Wolterton:

i. Anne Wolterton, baptized 2 Nov. 1580 Heigham, Norfolk, died young

ii. Sarah Wolterton, baptized 5 Oct. 1582 Heigham, Norfolk, d. after 1658 Hartford, CT; m. ca. 1603 to Thomas Waller, d. bef. 1657

Known Children of Thomas and Sarah (Wolterton) Waller:

a. Richard Waller, b. ca. 1605

b. Bridget Waller, b. ca. 1609

c. Matthew Waller of New London, CT, baptized 18 Sept. 1617 at St. Andrew Holborn, London; m. Sarah _____

Known Children of Matthew and Sarah Waller: i. Rebecca Waller, ii. Sarah Waller

d. William Waller of Lyme, CT, b. ca. 1619; m. Elizabeth Marvin

Known Children of William and Elizabeth (Marvin) Waller: i. William Waller,

ii. John Waller, iii. Elizabeth Waller, iv. Samuel Waller, v. Matthew Waller.

e. (daughter) Waller; m. _____ Brockway

Known Children of _____ (Waller) Brockway: i. Wolstone Brockway of Lyme, CT,

b. ca. 1643, d. 14 Sept. 1718; m. Hannah (Briggs), widow of John Harris, d. 6 Feb. 1687/8

iii. John Wolterton, baptized 10 May 1584 Heigham, Norfolk, d. 7 Sept. 1645 at Ludham, Norfolk; m. 1 Dec. 1621 at St. Gregory Parish, Norwich to Esther Flecher (No surviving children)

iv. Rose Wolterton, baptized 3 Sept. 1587 Heigham, Norfolk, buried 26 Oct. 1588 Heigham, Norfolk

v. Anne Wolterton, baptized 25 Aug. 1589 Heigham, Norfolk, buried probably 19 July 1590 at Heigham, Norfolk (Although the parish register calls her "Rose," there was no known daughter Rose living at this time.)

vi. **Matthew Wolterton**, b. ca. 1591 prob. in Co. Norfolk, buried 9 Dec. 1618 at St. Martin at Palace, Norwich; m. ca. 1615 to **Bridget** _____; Bridget married 2nd, 30 Aug. 1619 at St. Martin at Palace, Norwich to **Thomas Fell**.

Known Children of Matthew and Bridget Wolterton:

a. **James Wolverton**, baptized 21 Jan 1615/6 at St. George Tombland, Norwich, buried 14 Nov. 1680 St. Mary at the Elms, Ipswich, Suffolk (will proved 3 Dec, 1680) (occupation=tanner). Note, he used the surname Wolverton, rather than Wolterton; m. **Elizabeth** _____, buried 8 March 1685/6 St. Mary at the Elms, Ipswich, Suffolk (will proved 28 May 1687)

Known Children of James and Elizabeth Wolverton:

i. probably a son, **James Wolverton**, b. ca. 1640, buried 13 April 1669 St. Mary at the Elms, Ipswich, Suffolk (this burial is recorded in the parish register, but could also be for his son also named James); m. **Anna** _____ (This couple is listed in the parish records for St. Mary at the Elms, Ipswich, Suffolk along with James and Elizabeth Wolverton and the rest of the children.)

Known Children of James and Anna Wolverton: 1) **James Wolverton**, baptized 3 March 1663/4 St. Mary at the Elms, Ipswich, Suffolk, 2) **Amy (or Ann) Wolverton**, baptized 11 Nov. 1666 St. Mary at the Elms, Ipswich, Suffolk

ii. **John Wolverton**, baptized 2 Feb. 1653/4 St. Mary at the Elms, Ipswich, Suffolk; m. 27 Oct. 1670 St. Mary at the Elms, Ipswich, Suffolk to **Sarah Cole**

iii. **Elizabeth Wolverton**, d. bef. 1683 Ipswich, Suffolk; m. **Daniel Cole** of Ipswich, Suffolk (occupation=tanner)

Known Children of Daniel and Elizabeth (Wolverton) Cole:

1) **Elizabeth Cole**, 2) **Mary Cole**, 3) **James Cole**

iv. **Dorcas Wolverton**, baptized 9 March 1645/6 St. Mary at the Elms, Ipswich, Suffolk, d. bef. 1683; m. **Martin Shrieve**

Known Children of Martin and Dorcas (Wolverton) Shrieve:

1) **Dorcas Shrieve**, 2) **Grace Shrieve**

v. **unknown daughter Wolverton** (probably an infant), buried 23 July 1647 St. Mary at the Elms, Ipswich, Suffolk

vi. **Martha Wolverton**, buried 20 Feb. 1649 St. Mary at the Elms, Ipswich, Suffolk

b. **John Wolterton**, baptized 3 Aug. 1617 at St. Martin at Palace, Norwich, d. ?

c. possibly a dau. **Wolterton** who married _____ **Candeler**. This woman was named in her brother James Wolverton's will which was made in 1679. The relationship is unclear, though. It is just as possible that this woman was a sister-in-law of James through his wife and thus not a blood relative. Also it is unclear if her first name or her last name is Candeler.

vii. **Gregory Wolterton** (in Hartford records, his name is also spelled Wilterton, Walterton, and Winterton), b. ca. 1593 prob. Co. Norfolk, England, d. Aug. 1674 Hartford, CT (occupation=tanner); m. 1st, ca. 1630 in England to **Susannah** _____, b. ca. 1587 England, d. 1662 Hartford, CT; m. 2nd, ca. 1663 to **Mrs. Benet (Tritton) Stanley**, who was bapt. 30 July 1609 at Ashford, Kent, d. Jan. 1664/5 Hartford, CT; m. 3rd, ca. 1665 to **Mrs. Hannah (Thurston) Lord** who d. ca. 1669 Hartford, CT; m. 4th, Oct. 1670 at Hartford, CT to **Mrs. Jane (_____) (Hopkins) Ward** who survived him.

Children of Gregory and Hannah Wolterton:

a. **Samuel Wolterton**, b. 21 Aug. 1667 Hartford, CT, d. age 7 months.

viii. **Richard Wolterton**, b. ca. 1595 prob. Co. Norfolk, England, d. aft. 1645; m. 21 Sept. 1619 at St. George Colegate, Norwich to **Ellen Flower**. (Occupation=dornix weaver)

Children of Richard and Ellen (Flower) Wolterton:

a. **Roger Wolterton** (named in his great-uncle Roger's will)

b. **Em Wolterton**, baptized 4 March 1631/2 at St. Michael Coslany, Norwich, buried there on 7 May 1632

ix. **Emme Wolterton**, b. ca. 1597 prob. Co. Norfolk, England, d. before 1645; m. ca. 1625

Walter (or possibly Waller)

Known Children of Emme (Wolterton) Walter: a. **Nicholas Walter**.

x. **Elizabeth Wolterton**, b. ca. 1599 prob. Co. Norfolk, England, buried 28 Nov. 1653 at Beeston next Mileham, Co. Norfolk; m. 1st, 5 Feb. 1625/6 Beeston next Mileham, Norfolk to **Richard Cross** who was buried there 2 Jan. 1629/30; m. 2nd, on 18 or 28 Nov. 1631 at Beeston next Mileham, Norfolk to her first cousin **Richard Wolterton** (son of **Nicholas Wolterton** of Beeston--see above) who was buried there 14 Dec. 1633; m. 3rd on 30 Oct. 1637 at Beeston next Mileham, Norfolk to **Robert Kirby** who was buried there 25 Dec. 1653.

Known Children of Richard and Elizabeth (Wolterton) (Cross) Wolterton:

a. **Frances Wolterton** (named in her grandfather Nicholas's will in 1636)

xi. **Violet Wolterton**, ca. 1600 prob. Co. Norfolk, England, d. 9 Jan. 1648/9; m. **Edward Shepard**, b. ca. 1600 England, d. bef. 20 Aug. 1680 Cambridge, MA (his occupation=mariner). Edward Shepard married 2nd, to **Mrs. Mary Pond**

Known Children of Edward and Violet (Wolterton) Shepard:

a. **John Shepard**, b. ca. 1627 England, d. 12 June 1707 Hartford, CT; m. 1st, 1 Oct. 1649 to **Rebecca Greenhill**, daughter of Samuel Greenhill. She d. 22 Dec. 1680 Hartford, CT. John Shepard m. 2nd, 3 Aug. 1691 to **Mrs. Susannah Goodwin**; He m. 3rd, 8 Sept. 1698 **Mrs. Martha Henbury**.

Children of John and Rebecca (Greenhill) Shepard: i. Rebecca, ii. John, iii. Sarah, iv. Violet, v. Elizabeth, vi. Edward, vii. Samuel, viii. Thomas, ix. Deborah, x. Abigail, xi. Hannah.

b. **Elizabeth Shepard**, b. ca. 1629 England; m. in Connecticut (husband not known)

c. **Abigail Shepard**, b. ca. 1631 England, d. 5 July 1661; m. **Daniel Pond**, son of Robert and Mary Pond of Dedham (Mary Pond later married Edward Shepard and became Abigail Shepard's stepmother; Abigail and Daniel then were step-sister and step-brother before their marriage). Daniel m. 2nd, 18 Sept. 1661 to **Ann Edwards**. He d. 4 Feb. 1698.

Children of Daniel and Abigail (Shepard) Pond: i. Abigail, ii. Daniel, iii. John, iv. Ephraim, v. Rachel, vi. Hannah.

d. **Deborah Shepard**, b. ca. 1633 England, d. 7 Sept. 1705; m. **Jonathan Fairbanks, Jr.**, son of Jonathan and Grace Fairbanks of Dedham, MA.

Children of Jonathan and Deborah (Shepard) Fairbanks: i. Deborah, ii. Grace, iii. Sarah, iv. Edward, v. David, vi. Samuel, vii. Mary, viii. Jeremiah.

e. **Sarah Shepard**, b. ca. 1636 England, d. 15 Jan. 1679 Braintree, MA; m. 27 April 1656 **Samuel Tomson**, son of Rev. William Tomson of Braintree, MA. Samuel Tomson m. 2nd, **Elizabeth Billings**. Samuel Tomson d. 18 June 1695.

Children of Samuel and Sarah (Shepard) Tomson: i. Sarah, ii. Deborah, iii. Samuel, iv. Edward, v. Abigail, vi. Sarah, vii. Hannah, viii. William (died young), ix. William, x. Sarah.

4. **dau. Wolterton**, b. ca. 1552 prob. Welbourne, Norfolk, d. bef. 29 April 1625; m. **Stephen Heyward**, d. bef. 29 April 1625 at Watton, Norfolk.

Children: i. (daughter) **Heyward** (as indicated in her uncle Roger's will).

5. **Roger Wolterton**, b. ca. 1554 prob. Welbourne, Norfolk, d. between 29 April and 22 May 1625 at Breckles, Norfolk; m. 1st, on 1 Jan. 1584/5 to **Mrs. Johanna () Lither** of South Pickenham; m. 2nd on 13 Dec. 1606 at Breckles to **Mrs. Elizabeth () Atmeare**, who died between 2 March 1632/3 and April 1633 at Breckles (No children by either wife) (Roger is called a "yeoman.")

6. **John Wolterton**, b. ca. 1556 prob. Welbourne, Norfolk; m. 13 Sept. 1584 at Beeston next Mileham, Norfolk to **Margery Heye**, who was baptized there on 27 March 1557, daughter of Robert and Agnes () Heye.

Children of John and Margery (Heye) Wolterton:

i. **Mary Wolterton**, baptized 8 April 1585 at Beeston next Mileham, Norfolk

- ii. Alice Wolterton, baptized 4 Sept. 1586 at Beeston next Mileham, Norfolk
 - iii. Anna Wolterton, baptized 14 July 1588 at Beeston next Mileham, Norfolk, buried (as Agnes) 13 Dec. 1588 at Beeston, next Mileham, Norfolk
 - iv. Roger Wolterton, baptized 15 Oct. 1592 at Beeston next Mileham, Norfolk
 - v. Richard Wolterton, baptized 4 June 1595 at Beeston next Mileham, Norfolk
 - vi. Sarah Wolterton, baptized 27 Aug. 1598 at Beeston next Mileham, Norfolk
 - vii. Margaret Wolterton, baptized 20 July 1600 at Beeston next Mileham, Norfolk
 - viii. Bridgit Wolterton (twin), baptized 18 April 1602 at Beeston next Mileham, Norfolk
 - ix. Dorothy Wolterton (twin), baptized 18 April 1602 at Beeston next Mileham, Norfolk
7. Henry Wolterton, m. prob. on 10 Feb. 1592/3 to Alice Abbott of Mattishal.
Children: (names unknown) but mentioned in will of their uncle Roger Wolterton.

In the family grouping above, for the descendants of Richard Wolterton (d. bef. 1618) and Mary (Bensley) Wolterton, every requirement from the wills of his brothers Roger and John Wolterton is met. Roger's will named Sarah, John, Matthew's two sons, Gregory, Richard, Elizabeth, and Emma. John's will named John Brockway (a great nephew who also bore John's own first name), Matthew's two sons, Elizabeth, and Emme's son, and omitted the two siblings, Gregory and Sarah, who were overseas (living in New England) at the time.

Note that Richard and Mary had a son Matthew Wolterton who in turn had a son James who used the spelling of Wolverton for his last name. James probably also used the spelling of Woleston at one time. A James Woleston is described in the Ipswich, county Suffolk, General Court Book 4 February 1639/40 as "late apprentice to Robert Donckon until he should accomplish the age of 24 years which is above 7 yrs." This would make James age 24 in 1639/40, having just completed his apprenticeship. Thus he would be born about 1615, which is the same year given for his baptism at St. George Tombland, Norwich as the son of Matthew Wolterton. Robert Donckon was a tanner, as James also was at his death. In James Wolterton/Wolverton's will in 1679, he mentioned a legacy left to him by his uncle in New England.

Also, we know that Gregory Wolterton of Hartford, Connecticut, had left £ 10 to James Wolterton, son of Matthew Wolterton, of Ipswich, county Suffolk. Gregory Wolterton of Hartford, Connecticut had no surviving children and left a large estate to quite a number of relatives, but the relationships are not stated in the will. The legatees of his will have been a puzzle to genealogists for years, but with the new information which has come to light, it appears that most of the mystery has been solved. It is interesting that in English records, that some of the Woltertons are actually known as Wolverton.

Here is a synopsis of the will of James Wolterton/Wolverton who was a legatee of Gregory Wolterton of Hartford, Connecticut:

James Wolverton of Ipswich, Suffolk, tanner, 5 March 1679, in health of body and in perfect mind and memory; to my sister Candeler my house in town for her natural life; and if she die before my wife, then my wife to have it for her life; and after both die, my son John is to have it; one third part to my daughter Cole; one third part to my daughter Dorcas her two children Dorcas Shreive and Grave Shreive at the age of 21; to Martin Shreive their father; £ 10 to Anna Allen wife to Abraham Allen if she be then living; £ 41 to be paid to my son in law Daniel Cole within one year of my death; "And whereas there is a Legacy given me by my Uncle in New England unto me and is yet unpaid I give it to my Wife to doe with it what she please." Mr. Edward Gale and Mr. Thomas Bancroft Junr & Mr. Thomas Osborne assistance to my executrix. Elizabeth Asty, Will Coman, Dorcas Parker witnesses. Proved 3 Dec. 1680. (Archives of Suffolk, 396 Pooley [Family History Library film #96980].)

The will does mention that James Wolverton was given a legacy by his uncle living in New England. It appears this must be Gregory Wolterton. It is unfortunate, though, that when Elizabeth Wolterton/Wolverton made her will some seven years later, the uncle in New England was called "Hubbard," a most puzzling confusion which might or might not have been a scribal error. It is unclear whether Hubbard refers to the uncle's first name or his last name. If it is a last name, possibly the Hubbard is a relative of James Wolverton's mother, Bridget (maiden name unknown). However no Hubbard immigrant in New England of that time period is compatible with the information mentioned in Elizabeth's will. It has been suggested that in place of "Hubbard" that "Wolterton" was intended, and in that case the uncle would be Gregory Wolterton. A synopsis of Elizabeth's will follows. Note that one of the witnesses to the will, and a close friend of Elizabeth is one Beza Wolfenden/Bezeliel Woolverton. I assume that this is one and the same person though a slight variation in spelling, and no doubt a relative to this family, but thus far no one has tried to place him (or her) into the family listing.

Elizabeth Wolverton, 19 May 1693 [sic; 1683]; codicil 7 Dec. 1685; to son John Wolverton; to my three grandchildren Elizabeth, Mary and James Coale, children of my daughter Elizabeth by her husband my loving son in law Daniel Cole of Ipswich, tanner (my daughter Cole deceased); to loving friend Edward Gaoll, Thomas Bancroft and Thomas Osbourne; to the upbringing of my grandchild Dorcas Shrieve one of the daughters of my daughter Dorcas deceased and late the wife of Martin Shrieve; my loving friend Bezeliel Woolverton; my grandchild Grace Shrieve at age 21; £ 10 to Anna Allen, wife of Abraham Allen if she shall be living; "All my Right Title--property in one Legacie Given to my Husband by his uncle Hubbard in New England, And was Given to mee by my said Husband ..." Witnesses Beza Wolfenden, Martha Pime, Alice Luce. Proved 28 May 1687. (Archives of Suffolk, 230 Page [Family History Library film #96982].)

Although IGI records maintained by the LDS Church in Salt Lake City include information gathered from a number of parish registers in England, and quite a number of Wolverton, Woolverton, Wulferstan, Wolterton, and other names are given in these, what is nice about the records listed in *The American Genealogist* is that this Wolterton-Wolverton family line is carefully documented. So many of the parish records contain names of individuals, but without wills and court records to augment the material in the parish registers, it is difficult to ascertain the exact relationships of many of the names given. Thankfully this line has been well researched, and by none other than the renowned Donald Lines Jacobus and others. We still would need to find a reference to Charles Woolverton in the English records to tie him in to this family line. (Wouldn't it be great if we could place him as a son of James and Elizabeth Wolverton whose wills are listed above? He would be about the right age. Or he could be a son of James and Anna Wolverton/Woolverton who are also mentioned in the parish register of St. Mary at the Elms, Ipswich, co. Suffolk. Note they had a son James who was baptized on 3 March 1663/4. Charles Woolverton is reported to have been born in about 1660 in England.)

It was common in Colonial America for family members from England to immigrate to the U.S. at various times. The story is often told of one brother settling in the New England states and another brother settling in Virginia or the South. It is possible that our Charles Woolverton who settled in Hunterdon County, New Jersey, could have had close (or distant) relatives by the name of Wolterton who settled in New England.

Another thing this article and the related references point out, is that often names were changed from one generation to the next. It is possible that Charles Woolverton's ancestors used some other variant spelling besides Woolverton. It wouldn't hurt to check in English records for similar sounding surnames. Before seeing this family lineage all mapped out, I never would have guessed that Wolterton could become Wolverton.

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CONGRATULATIONS

Wayne Wolverton reported in January that he and his wife, Maureen, had become new parents of a baby girl, Brittany Noel, born December 14, 1996, at 1:45 am; 9 lbs. 3 ozs, 21 in. long. He also reported that his brother, Tom and wife Christine had a baby boy on December 5, 1996 whom they named Brian Michael Wolverton. He also reported that his grandmother, Dorothy Wolverton (Royal's sister-in-law), 93 years young, had suffered a mild heart attack on Christmas evening, but was recuperating at the home of her daughter, Ann. We trust all is well with this family.

Congratulations to my great-aunt and uncle, Leta and James Pinson on their 68th wedding anniversary. They were married Feb. 3, 1929 at Duncan, Oklahoma.