

COMSTOCK

William Comstock and Elizabeth Daniel

11g-grandparents

William Comstock was born about 1595 in England. His parents are unknown.

Elizabeth Daniel was born January 8, 1607/08 in England. One source gives her father's name as Henry Daniel.

William and Elizabeth were married about 1622 and had five children:

- John Comstock
- Samuel Comstock
- Daniel Comstock
- Elizabeth Comstock
- Christopher Comstock

The family emigrated in 1635 to the Massachusetts Bay Colony. In 1636, they moved to Connecticut and William owned land on the Connecticut River in 1641.

William is believed to be one of 56 men led by Captain John Mason that captured the Pequot Fort in 1637, killing about 500 Pequot Indians.

William and Elizabeth moved to New London, Connecticut in 1649 and lived in a house "upon Post Hill." It is not known when either died but their land was inherited by son Daniel Comstock and grandson William Comstock (a son of John).

Sources and Related Information

- Kay Haden website

Samuel Comstock and Anne Tucker

10g-grandparents

Samuel Comstock was born about 1628 in England. He came to America with his parents and siblings in 1635.

Anne Tucker was born about 1630. The names of her parents are unknown.

Samuel and Anne married in 1652. In 1654, they bought a house in Providence, Rhode Island from a mason named John Smith. They had at least two children:

- Samuel Comstock, born in 1654
- Daniel Comstock

Samuel died about 1656. In about a year, Anne was married again. Her new husband was John Smith – the son of the mason from which Samuel and Anne bought their house and land.

Anne's second husband died about 1660. Anne sold the house and land in 1661. Nothing is known of her death.

Sources and Related Information

- Kay Haden website
- Town records of Providence, Rhode Island

Samuel Comstock and Elizabeth Arnold

9g-grandparents

Samuel Comstock was born in Providence, Rhode Island in 1654.

Elizabeth Arnold was born in Watertown, Massachusetts, arguably in 1654. She moved with her family to Providence, probably sometime in the 1660's.

Samuel and Elizabeth were married in Providence on November 22, 1678.

Beginning in 1676, Samuel's name appears repeatedly in the town records in regard to land transactions, road planning, tax payment and collection and various other matters. Some records accord him the title of "Captain". While the story behind that designation is unknown, it may have to do with this entry in the town books from April 1697:

Whereas there hath Bin a late inCurtion & invation made upon some of Our English plantations by the Cruel and Barborous Indian Enemies ...Wee the Councel of war for the Town of providence Have thought fitt in his Majesties Name to Nominate and Appoynt you ...[list of names including:] Samuel Comstocke...Every of you to take the Comand and Conduct of Ten men ...Rainge beyound the outmost of our plantations Each of you two Daies at a time or more as Need shall Require...indeavour to Resest Expulse Kill and Distroy them according to the best of your Indevour...

Over time, a portion of Providence was separately designated as Smithfield, a portion of which was later annexed as the new town of Woonsocket. Samuel Comstock and his brother-in-law, Richard Arnold are recognized as the first settlers of Woonsocket and they shared land without devising boundaries for their entire lives.

Samuel and Elizabeth Comstock had the following children:

- Samuel Comstock
- Hazadiah Comstock
- Thomas Comstock
- Daniel Comstock
- Elizabeth Comstock
- John Comstock
- Ichabod Comstock
- Job Comstock

Captain Samuel Comstock died May 27, 1727 in Providence, having lived almost 70 years. Elizabeth outlived her husband by 20 years, dying in Smithfield on October 20, 1747.

Sources and Related Information

- Kay Haden website
- Town records of Providence, Rhode Island

Samuel Comstock and Anne Inman

8g-grandparents

Samuel Comstock was born April 16, 1679 in Providence, Rhode Island. The oldest of eight children, he was named for his father and often referred to as Samuel Comstock, Jr.

Anne Inman was the daughter of John and Mary (Whitman) Inman. She was probably born in the 1670's in Rhode Island.

Samuel and Anne were probably married about 1702 as their first child was born in 1704. They had three known children:

- David Comstock
- Sarah Comstock
- Anne Comstock

Samuel was a Quaker and was fined for "not training" in 1707. In 1708, he was among eight Providence men who purchased half an acre of land where the Quaker meetinghouse stood and agreed to share the holding "in common."

Providence town records show Samuel as a frequent participant in civic matters. He served on juries, helped lay out a new road, witnessed wills and appraised an estate. He was chosen as "Second Constable" in 1724, an assignment that he accepted by marking an "X", an indication that he may have been illiterate.

Samuel and Anne apparently lived on land owned by Samuel's father: in February 1727, the elder Samuel Comstock deeded to his son 100 acres "on both sides of a river that runs out of a cedar swamp known as [Woonsocket] cedar swamp, being that on which son Samuel now resides."

Shortly thereafter, Samuel Comstock, Jr. died, on April 1, 1727 at age 47. It is believed that Anne (Inman) Comstock died the same year. (The elder Samuel Comstock also died 1727. Nothing has been found to indicate that the deaths were due to disease or some other common cause.)

Sources and Related Information

- Kay Haden website

Quakers

The first Quaker community was founded in 1652 in England by a man named George Fox.

Today, the Quakers are known as The Society of Friends. The original moniker came about because George Fox urged his followers to "tremble at the Word of the Lord." The label was not necessarily derisive and was used by those inside the church as well as outsiders.

Quakers believe that every man and woman has direct access to God without the need for priests, elaborate ceremonies, creeds or ornate churches. Their services are centered on quiet meditation and do not include sermons or rituals. They oppose war and refuse to take oaths or to bear arms -- practices which led to early persecution in England and the migration of many Quakers to America in the 1660's.

Sources

- Numerous websites

David Comstock and Deborah Brown

7g-grandparents

David Comstock was born in 1704, probably in Providence, Rhode Island. Both of his parents died while he was a relatively young man.

Deborah Brown, the daughter of Joseph and Sarah (Pray) Brown, was born February 10, 1704/05 in Burrillville, Providence County, Rhode Island. She was the second of nine children.

David and Deborah were married August 23, 1730 in Providence. They had eight children:

- Samuel Comstock, born in 1735
- Nathan Comstock
- George Comstock
- Deborah Comstock
- William Comstock
- Anna Comstock
- Sarah Comstock
- Benjamin Comstock

David Comstock lived well into his 60's, dying on August 27, 1771. Nothing is known of the death of Deborah (Brown) Comstock.

Sources and Related Information

- Kay Haden website

William Comstock and Rachel Aldrich

6g-grandparents

William Comstock was almost certainly born in or near Providence, Rhode Island, probably in the early 1740's.

Rachel Aldrich was the daughter of Peter and Miriam (Ray) Aldrich. She was born January 10, 1741/42 in Mendon, Massachusetts. Evidently, her family moved to Rhode Island at some point.

William and Rachel were married February 21, 1765 in Smithfield, Providence County, Rhode Island. They moved several times: first to Hopewell, Virginia, then to Kentucky and finally to the St. Martin Parish area in Louisiana. The move to Louisiana is thought to have been motivated by the Revolutionary War.

They had a son and six daughters:

- Samuel Oliver Comstock, born about 1766 in Smithfield, Rhode Island
- Miriam Comstock
- Deborah Comstock
- Hester (or Esther) Comstock
- Amelia (or Amanda) Comstock, born in 1775 in Rhode Island
- Rachel Comstock
- Helena "Ellen" Comstock

Rachel Comstock died after 1810 in Louisiana. Nothing is known of William's death.

Sources and Related Information

- Kay Haden website
- Handbook of Texas Online
- L.V. Hayes internet posting

Samuel Oliver Comstock

5-g grandfather

Samuel Oliver Comstock was born about 1766 in Smithfield, Rhode Island. He moved, with parents and siblings, to Virginia in 1783. In Virginia, he married a woman whose name has escaped the records and they had at least ten children:

- Elizabeth Comstock
- Rachel Comstock
- William Comstock
- Deborah Comstock
- Mary Comstock
- Susan Comstock
- Enos Comstock
- Nathan Comstock
- Daniel Comstock
- Bennett Comstock

They moved to Breckinridge, Kentucky (where Samuel's name appears in two court records in October 1806), and then to Perry County, Indiana (possibly as early as 1807).

There is a marriage recorded in Perry County, Indiana on January 8, 1829 between Oliver Comstock and Ruth Wakefield. Speculatively, Samuel's wife may have died in Indiana and Samuel remarried late in life.

There was apparently one more move as Samuel Oliver Comstock died in 1839 in Montinsville, Clark County, Illinois.

Sources and Related Information

- Kay Haden website

Daniel Comstock and Elizabeth Lanman

4g-grandparents

Daniel Comstock was probably born about 1807 in Indiana.

Elizabeth Lanman was born February 17, 1810 in Knox County, Indiana. Her parents were John Lanman, who was born in North Carolina, and Martha Thrasher, who was born in Virginia – they married in 1808 in Knox County, Indiana and moved to Perry County in 1811. Elizabeth was the second of their 14 children.

Daniel and Elizabeth were married January 1, 1828 in Perry County. They had at least one child: George Comstock, born in 1831.

Daniel Comstock died before February 1838. Nothing is known of the death of Elizabeth (Lanman) Comstock.

Sources and Related Information

- Charles W. Bartholomew website

George Comstock and Elizabeth Mills

3g-grandparents

George Comstock was born July 15, 1831 in Perry County, Indiana.

Elizabeth Mills was probably born about the same time but no details are known of her birth or parents.

George and Elizabeth married on September 16, 1852. They had at least one child, a son named John Comstock, born in 1855. Elizabeth apparently died within the next few years.

On September 23, 1859, George married Cynthia Taylor who was about 10 years his junior. They had at least five children:

- Linda J. Comstock, born about 1863
- George W. Comstock, born about 1866
- Daniel B. Comstock, born about 1869
- Andrew L. Comstock, born about 1871
- Lewis E. Comstock, born about 1873

These five were the children living with George and Cynthia when the 1880 census was taken. That record also notes that George was a farmer.

Cynthia (Taylor) Comstock died July 29, 1909 in Perry County, Indiana. Conflicting records show George dying in 1911 and 1915.

Sources and Related Information

- U.S. Census, 1880 – Perry County, Indiana
- Sue Morgan internet posting
- Maurice Baxter

John William Comstock and Lucinda Jane Lanman

2g-grandparents

John William Comstock was born January 17, 1855 in Indiana. His mother, Elizabeth (Mills) Comstock, died when John was quite young.

Lucinda Jane Lanman was born January 27, 1858 in Indiana. Her parents' names are unknown but they were born in Indiana according to Lucinda's 1880 census record.

John and Lucinda probably married about 1879. They had at least five children:

- Josephine Comstock, born about 1880
- Estella Comstock, born 1884
- George Comstock

A DECADE IN BRIEF

The 1870's

Ulysses S. Grant and Rutherford B. Hayes serve as U.S. President ▫ Thomas Edison invents the phonograph ▫ The first Kentucky Derby is run ▫ Winston Churchill, Carl Sandburg and Joseph Stalin are born ▫ Sir Henry Stanley traces the Congo River ▫ The "Great Fire" ravaged Chicago ▫ New Yorker "Boss" William Tweed is convicted of stealing public funds and dies in jail ▫ F.W. Woolworth opens his first five-and-ten store

- May Comstock
- A son whose name is unknown

In 1880, the census shows the family (John, Lucinda and Josephine) living in Perry County, Indiana. John's occupation is listed as "farm laborer."

Lucinda died in about 1900 while the children were still quite young.

The date of John Comstock's death is not known.

Sources and Related Information

- U.S. census, 1880 – Perry County, Indiana
- Maurice Baxter

The COMSTOCK line ends with Estella Comstock, who married Melvin BAXTER.