

# A Brief Genealogy of the Maling Family

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## Introduction

Most of the original information in this genealogy came from Gertrude Duroy Maling, and others, who over the years collected and copied it in a variety of forms (hereinafter referred to as material, family papers, or FP). In general, it is very sparse, consisting only of names and dates, with few locations, and fewer source references.

Some of the material seems to have originated with members of the Duroy, Lord, and Perkins families. A number of lines, including the three just mentioned, are traced back to the New England colonies, England, France, and Canada. The more recent parts of Gertrude's material appear to have been made between 1969 and 1971. The oldest parts seem to have originated with members of the Duroy family and their ancestors. There is also information provided by cousins in Maine, which was not included in Gertrude's material. Also among Gertrude's effects was a framed family crest, shield, and motto. It is that of the Scarborough and Sunderland Maling family.<sup>1</sup>

Numerous sources, including U. S. censuses, published genealogies, lists, and local histories, were consulted to fill in

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<sup>1</sup> There are several other family crests, including one for the Maling family, and two Malins families; the latter originating in Warwickshire, and Worcestershire. Arthur Charles Fox-Davies, comp., ed. *Armorial Families: A Directory of Gentleman of Coat-Armour*. Rutland, Vermont: Charles E. Tuttle Company. Reprinted 1970 Hutchinson Publishing Group, Limited. Volume 2, page 1298. Sir Bernard Burke, *The General Armory of England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales*. London, England: Harrison, 59, Pall Mall. 1884.

some of the blanks and to expand on the original material. The families are not followed through the present. If any living individuals are included here, my apologies go out to them.

I am continuing to explore various parts of the family tree. In particular I am interested in John and Abigail. I am also curious about where various middle names of Thomas's children originate. Some of the names are accounted for from Mary's side of the family: Burnham, Cushing, and Howard. Where does Henry Martyn Maling's middle name come from? There are some indications that the Martyn name may have originated in France, hence the spelling with a "y". Various sources include Malin families in the same areas as Martyn families, particularly in the middle-Atlantic colonies. Where do the names Harrison, Winslow, and Woodbury originate? These are also clues that John may not be from Durham, Northumberland, or Yorkshire, but elsewhere.

### **Possible origins of the Maling surname**

A search of the Latter Day Saints' International Genealogical Index (IGI) indicates that the majority of the English John Malings, with documentation and locations, come from the central counties of England.<sup>2</sup> Other searches seem to support these central and southern England, origins. There was also a family by the name (Maling, Mayling, Mayleigh) in Surrey, in the generation likely to be John's parents.<sup>3</sup>

Nancy Maling Shaw, in her 1979 genealogy of the Walter Bosworth Maling line, cites two central England references to the

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<sup>2</sup> Cambridgeshire 7, Warwickshire 4, Durham 4, and London 2, and one each from Bedfordshire, Essex, Hertfordshire, Leicestershire, Oxfordshire, and Yorkshire.

<sup>3</sup> Peter Wilson Coldham, comp., *American Wills Proved in London*. Baltimore, Maryland, Genealogical Publishing Company, Incorporated. 1992. 93. This family had connections to Philadelphia. I have not seen any of their names in the early Pennsylvania records that I have

Malin/Malyn name.<sup>4</sup> The first refers to a John Malyn, living in Nottinghamshire in the early 1500s and the second to Dorothy, Elizabeth, and Hannah, living in the early 1700s in the London area.

Peter Bromley Maling, of New Zealand, has done extensive research into his line, which originates in the north of England. In his book, he includes several possible origins of the name.<sup>5</sup>

A family by the name Maylem, originating in Boston, includes a son John, born 30 April 1739.<sup>6</sup> John's father (also named John) owned land in the Falmouth, Maine area in 1741. John junior was involved in the Fort William Henry mishap, and the Louisbourg expedition. His name was last sighted in the muster rolls of Rhode Island for a West Indies expedition in 1762. Variant spellings of this family's name include Maylen, Malane, Milam, and Milom. The family apparently preferred the Maylem spelling.

A family in Newport, Rhode Island of the same time period, James Malling and Mary Burrows, were married about 1740–

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examined. There is, however, a Maleigh family, in the Philadelphia area, which I am looking into.

<sup>4</sup> Unpublished manuscript provided by W. B. Maling in May 2001. The uncited references are apparently to the *New England Historical and Genealogical Register*, volume 23 (July 1869) page 305, and volume 45 (January 1891) pages 55-59.

<sup>5</sup> Peter Bromley Maling, *The Maling Family: A history of the family, sundry relations and some of their activities during the 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th & 20th centuries*. From various sources collected and collated by Peter Bromley Maling. Privately published. 1987.

<sup>6</sup> Lawrence C. Wroth, "John Maylem: Poet and Warrior," *The Publications of the Colonial Society of Massachusetts: Transactions 1933–1937*. The article appears in the April 1934 proceedings, at page 87. See also, Sybil Noyes, et al., *Genealogical Dictionary of Maine and New Hampshire*. 1996 reprint of original by Genealogical Publishing Company, Incorporated, Baltimore, Maryland. 471.

1741 and died in 1767 and 1772.<sup>7</sup> I have not been able to identify any children from this marriage.

One genealogical compendium cites the name Mailen as a variant of Meili, Meylin, and Mylin.<sup>8</sup> This family, brothers Hans and Martin, were Swiss Mennonite refugees who settled in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. The Mailen spelling given by Yoder in his entry about the family, however, does not seem to be used by them in the United States.<sup>9</sup>

Research among the records of early Massachusetts turned up a reference to a Richard Maling. It apparently only occurred once, in connection with the Mellen family.<sup>10</sup> This connection is unlikely, although I have not seen the material referred to by

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<sup>7</sup> Marriage recorded in page 46, volume 4, part 2 of *Vital Record of Rhode Island 1636–1850, First Series: Births, Marriages and Deaths*, by James N. Arnold, Providence, Rhode Island: Narragansett Historical Publishing Company, 1893. The deaths are recorded in volume 7, page 618 of the same.

<sup>8</sup> Don Yoder, ed., *Rhineland Emigrants*, Baltimore, Maryland: Genealogical Publishing Company, Incorporated. 1981. 135.

<sup>9</sup> I. Daniel Rupp, *History of Lancaster County*. Lancaster, Pennsylvania: Gilbert Hills. Reprint 1990 Heritage Books, Incorporated, Bowie, Maryland. There is however, a somewhat later family by the name Mayling in this county. "George A. Mayling (deceased)," *Biographical Annals of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania*, J. H. Beers & Co. 1903. Reprint by Higginson Book Company. George lived 1827–1901, a son of John Frederick Mayling (d. 1861). John Malin is an immigrant from Germany, according to the 1860 U. S. Census (Marietta Borough, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, page 351). In the 1850 U. S. Census his name is spelled Mahling, and he was born in "PA".

<sup>10</sup> This reference to Richard Maling appears in William Barry's *A History of Framingham* (Boston: James Munroe & Company. 1847. 325.). The name is also included in Josiah Howard Temple's *A Genealogical Register of Framingham Families* (published by the Town of Framingham, 1887. 636). The January 1951 *New England Historical and Genealogical Register*, at page 79, includes a query regarding a Richard Maling, using a very close approximation of the material quoted by Barry.

Barry. My own research in the records of the Massachusetts Bay Colony, Charlestown, Weymouth, and related areas does not turn up any reference to Richard Maling, only Richard Mellers (whom the Mellen family has claimed as an ancestor). The Mellen family records that I have examined also show that this connection is unlikely. The Mellens consistently (even with later “normalizations” by record compilers) used the spelling “Me” and not “Ma”. Barry’s reference to a generation of the Mellen family in Boston, which used the spelling “Melling”, is also questionable. I have found no evidence that the Mellens ever added a “g” sound to their name. Others in Boston at that time, not related to the known Mellen family, also used that particular surname spelling. One interesting Melling left Liverpool, England around the end of May 1774. His name was John Melling, a 32-year-old blacksmith from Yorkshire. He was bound to New York “to trade.”<sup>11</sup>

The Maine Maling surname may have evolved from Malin or Maylin when John arrived in the Portland area. The first reason to suppose this is an entry in the 1790 U. S. census for Portland, for a John Mailen.<sup>12</sup> The entry includes one male and four females. The second reason is the evolution of the spelling in the 10-year time span discussed below. The variant spellings given below are those used in the cited records.<sup>13</sup>

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<sup>11</sup> Gerald Fothergill, *Emigrants from England 1773–1776*. Reprinted from *New England Historical Genealogical Register*, volumes 62–65. Boston: NEHGS 1913. Page 79. This particular record appeared in *NEHGR* 63 (October 1909) at page 353.

<sup>12</sup> 1790 U. S. Census, Portland, Cumberland, Maine, page 194, line 19. National Archives Microfilm Series M637, Roll 2.

<sup>13</sup> Other genealogical compendia contain references to Maylem, Maylen, Milam, and Melling families in the country, including Portsmouth, New Hampshire, and Boston, during these years. Various compendia of immigration records also contain references to Mailing,

## About John and Abigail

I am not certain that John Maling and Abigail Doughty are Thomas's parents. A John Maling may well be Thomas's father, but about Abigail Doughty, I have doubts. There are references, with various spellings, from materials in the Portland area, to a John Maling and an Abigail Maling, but I have not seen the three names in any official records, in the same context. The John Maling, born circa 1737–1742, may even be of an earlier generation. This assumption is based on an analysis of the birth, marriage, and death dates of other ancestors of that era.

I do not know for certain that Abigail's maiden name was Doughty. Searches through materials regarding the Doughty surname, including its many variations, have not turned up an Abigail who fits the known profile for John's wife. I have also not found an Abigail who married a Doughty, and whose husband died during the appropriate period. An Abigail Doughty married a John Mariner on 7 August 1786.<sup>14</sup> There is little possibility that Abigail Maling is the daughter of James and Elizabeth (Butler) Doughty of Falmouth. The years given for James' birth and death indicate that he would have been 78 years old at Abigail's birth in 1758.

John's birth year, as written in the family papers is 1737. This would make him 60 years old at Thomas's birth. While this is possible, there are several reasons why I am skeptical of this date. John's apparent birth location is also believed to be in the Durham, Northumberland, or Yorkshire areas of England. I am also skeptical of this birth location.

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and Maling immigrants and transportees from England. Several Thomases and Richards appear in the latter, but no Johns. None of the names is linked to John of Portland.

<sup>14</sup> Judith Holbrook Kelley and Clayton Rand Adams, eds. and transcribers. *Marriage Returns of Cumberland County, Maine Prior to 1892*. Rockport, Maine: Picton Press. 1998. 36. The Reverend John Miller of Brunswick performed the marriage.

There are indications that John and Abigail Maling may have been members of the First Church of Falmouth. One entry in the published church records notes the 21 August 1791 acknowledgment of the covenant by an Abigail Mayling.<sup>15</sup> A second entry records the 16 June 1792 baptism of a Barbara Mayling.<sup>16</sup> The baptismal entry also says that Barbara is “of John.”

An entry in an index of vital records from Maine newspapers notes an event in the 29 June 1792 issue of a newspaper, referring to a child of Mr. Mailing of Portland, Maine.<sup>17</sup> On the same page is another entry referring to a Mrs. Maling, at Portland, in the same issue of the same newspaper. The first entry may be a report of the baptism of Barbara. The event code attached to the second entry is that it is a death. A USGenWeb site page, states that both events are deaths. I sent an e-mail request for the sources of this information to the submitter/maintainer, and have yet to receive a response.

An advertisement in the 30 April 1792 *Eastern Herald*, a Portland newspaper, indicates that a John Maling owned a bookstore and bindery in Portland around the time we are interested in. The advertisement reads:

NEW BOOK STORE.  
JOHN MALING,  
Bookbinder and Stationer,

Takes this method to inform his friends and the public, that he carries on the above business in all its branches at his shop in the main street, near the Haymarket. Those who please to favor him with their command may depend on having their work done in

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<sup>15</sup> Marquis F. King, *Baptisms and Admission From the Records of First Church in Falmouth*. Portland, Maine: Maine Genealogical Society. 1898. Reprinted 1990 by Heritage Books, Bowie, Maryland. Page numbers are from both the original and the reprint. 31/16.

<sup>16</sup> MFK 83/42.

<sup>17</sup> David C. Young, and Elizabeth K. Young. *Vital Records from Maine Newspapers 1785–1820*. Bowie, Maryland: Heritage Books, Incorporated. 1993. 378.

the best manner with the utmost dispatch, and on the most reasonable terms.

FOR SALE AT SAID SHOP,

BLANK Account and Record Books to any dimension ~ Watts' Psalms and Hymns, correct and complete, an new Edition 8 vo. ~ Brady and Tate's Psalms and Hymn ~ Bunyans Pilgrims Progress 12 mo ~ the American Jest Book 20 vol 12 mo ~ Perry's Pronouncing Dictionary ~ the Worcester Collection of Sacred Harmony the third Edition with large additions ~ A discourse concerning the Church by Mesr Hemenway, D.D. 8 vo ~ Edwards against Chauncy, 8 vo. Town Officer ~ Burns' Justice, and Compleat P[...] Officer ~ Testaments ~ Webster's Spelling Books 2d and 3d part, wholly bound in Leather ~ Clarke's Latin Corderius ~ Latin Accidence ~ Cyphering Book ~ Psalter ~ Spelling Books ~ Copsy Book ~ Primers ~ Salters ~ Writing Paper ~ A variety of Children's Books, suited to all ages, &c.

ALSO

Woollen Cloths and other English Goods.

The above Books were laid in on the best terms in [...] and will be sold at the Boston price.

As the third volume of the Massachusetts Magazine is now completed, it is doubtless the minds of many persons to have their numbers bound ~ those who are thus inclined may be gratified for the expense of 3s per volume in common magazine binding, lettered, filleted and numbered; or 4s if covered wholly with leather. Old books rebound.

N. B. Cash and a generous price given for Tanned Sheep and Lamb Skins, shaved thin suitable for Bookbinding.

Portland, April 23, 1792.<sup>18</sup>

An Internet search of other John Malings, including those in England in the 1700s, suggests a possible link between this John and one born in Essex in the late 1750s. John from Essex was a bookbinder's apprentice. I have corresponded with the maintainer of the database where this information originated.<sup>19</sup> He wrote that this John married in England (wife's name unknown),

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<sup>18</sup> *Eastern Herald*, Portland, Cumberland Maine, 30 April 1792. p. 3.

and had a son named John. He also is not aware of any further book trade work by this John, or his son, in England.<sup>20</sup> I have yet to confirm a link between John of Portland and John of Essex.

Two entries in Young's *Vital Records* mention Mary Maling. A Mary Maling married John Harmon in Portland about June 1812. *Maine Families in 1790*, volume 7, at page 400, includes more information about this union.<sup>21</sup> Another Mary Maling married J. Henton in England about September 1811. According to the latter entry, "their united ages were 29y."<sup>22</sup> The latter Mary would have been born approximately 1782.

John and Abigail are also believed to have had four other daughters born before Thomas, Eliza, Eunice, Nancy, and Sally, and two unnamed children born after Thomas.<sup>23</sup> Three of the named daughters are assumed to have been born before 1790, and are thus included in the 1790 U. S. census entry for John Mailen.

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<sup>19</sup> E-mail correspondence from Michael L. Turner, Head, Preservation & Conservation Department, The Bodleian Library, Oxford, England, to N. P. Maling, 2 April 2001.

<sup>20</sup> A J. Maling was active in the book trade in London in 1776 as shown by the title page of one book: "*Prudence triumphing over vanity and dissipation; or the history of the life, character and conduct of Mr. Robert and Mr. Daniel Perreau, and Mrs. Rudd.* ... London: printed for the Author; and Sold by J. Maling, Bookseller, the Corner of Fleet-market, Ludgate-hill; J. Bradshaw, No. 40, St. John's-Street, Clerkenwell; and J. Naples, Greenwich, [1776]." Microfilm. Research Publications, Inc., Woodbridge, Connecticut, 1986. 1 reel; 35mm. (The Eighteenth Century; reel 4010, no. 12).

<sup>21</sup> Joseph C. Anderson, II, et al. *Maine Families in 1790*. Rockport, Maine: Picton Press. 2001. Volume 7. 400.

<sup>22</sup> DCY 378-79.

<sup>23</sup> W. B. Maling, correspondence from, to N. P. Maling, May 2001. Contains material attributed to Van Ness ("Bunty") (*nee* Maling) Lush and which is discussed here. Van Ness passed away in December 2001.

In the 1800 U. S. census for Portland, there is a John Maling, born between 1756 and 1774.<sup>24</sup> The age range given here seems more logical for a John Maling with a young family in the 1790s. This would make John only 41 at the event of Thomas's birth, if he were born in 1756.

The entry in the 1800 census includes a potential wife who was born in the 1756–1774 range. Abigail Maling seems to have been born about 1758. (FP) The male child, under 10 years old, in the entry may be Thomas. One of the female children may be the Barbara, baptized in 1792. The other female child under 10 years old remains unknown. One possibility is that she is the Mary Maling referred to in a marriage report on 4 June 1812 in a Portland newspaper.<sup>25</sup> If Mary were 18–21 at the time of the marriage, she would have been under 10 in 1800.

There are no entries for John or Abigail in the 1810 Portland census. There is, however, an Abigal Mellen.<sup>26</sup> Her birth-year range is between 1766–1784. Abigal is listed two pages before Prentiss Mellen.<sup>27</sup> I have not been able to place her with the Mellen family in Maine, or Massachusetts, where Prentiss had his origins.

There are no 1820 or 1830 census entries for John or Abigail.<sup>28</sup>

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<sup>24</sup> 1800 U. S. Census, Portland, Cumberland, Maine, page 265, line 6. National Archives Microfilm Series M32, Roll 6.

<sup>25</sup> DCY 379.

<sup>26</sup> 1810 U. S. Census, Portland, Cumberland, Maine, page 36, line 12. National Archives Microfilm Series M252, Roll 11.

<sup>27</sup> 1810 U. S. Census, Portland, Cumberland, Maine, page 38, line 12. National Archives Microfilm Series M252, Roll 11.

<sup>28</sup> Most of the 1810 and 1820 census entries for Cumberland County, including Portland and Falmouth, are roughly alphabetized by surname. The omission of John and/or Abigail Maling may be an error made during transcription of the entries into alphabetized form on the microfilmed pages I viewed.

John died in 1829. (FP) I have not seen any reference to this event.<sup>29</sup> Abigail died in 1814. (FP) This is supported by references to an Abigail Maling, of Falmouth, who died 10 February 1814.<sup>30</sup>

A one-line entry on page three of Portland's 14 December 1835 *Eastern Argus* newspaper notes the death of a 93 year-old John Maling in Kennebunkport.<sup>31</sup> This report was repeated in the *Columbian Centinel* of 16 December 1835.<sup>32</sup> Using the death age to calculate an approximate birth year, we come up with 1742. If this John, living in the same town as Thomas, is Thomas's father, he would have been born about 1742, and 55 years old at Thomas's birth in 1797.

York and Cumberland counties do not have any probate records for a John Maling who died in 1835. Cumberland County suffered two fires in the 1800s that destroyed their records from previous years, and York County doesn't have the records.

## Thomas

Thomas was born in 1797. His gravestone in Kennebunkport, and family papers, which may have used his gravestone for its source, supports this birth year information. An unattributed

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<sup>29</sup> There are no entries for John in any of the cemetery books that I have reviewed, including Maine Old Cemetery Association, *Maine Cemetery Inscriptions, York County*, Rockport, Maine: Picton Press. 1995, and Ketover, below.

<sup>30</sup> Abigail is buried in the West Cumberland United Methodist Church cemetery, Cumberland. Karen Sherman Ketover, *Westbrook, Maine Cemeteries; Plus the Surrounding Towns of Cumberland, Falmouth, Gorham, Portland, and Windham*. Bowie, Maryland: Heritage Books, Incorporated. 1996. Pages 25, 29. DCY, page 379.

<sup>31</sup> Microfilm of *Eastern Argus*. Suzzallo Library, University of Washington, Seattle.

<sup>32</sup> American Antiquarian Society. *Index of Obituaries in Massachusetts Centinel and Columbian Centinel 1784 to 1840*. Boston: G. K. Hall Company. 1961. Volume 3, page 2975.

entry in the IGI indicates that Thomas was born in Portland 2 June 1797. I have looked at various versions of town and church records for the Portland area, which cover this time span. He is not listed in a transcript of Portland vital records made by the LDS church.<sup>33</sup>

The LDS church has microfilmed Falmouth vital records of the period 1712–1891, which I have reviewed.<sup>34</sup> There are very few vital records from the 1700s in this particular record. The Maling family is not referenced anywhere in them. Published vital records of the surrounding towns do not include Thomas. Nor is he included on LDS microfilmed vital records of towns in the same area.<sup>35</sup>

A Thomas Maling married Mary Howard 26 November 1818. (FP) A Portland newspaper reported their marriage 1 December 1818.<sup>36</sup> Mary's middle name is not mentioned in the index entry.

A Thomas Maling and family appear in the 1820 U. S. census for Portland census.<sup>37</sup> Of the two males, the one under 10 years old may be Moses C., and the other Thomas. Of the two females listed, I am not certain who they are. One is in the 10–15 year old

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<sup>33</sup> "Portland, Cumberland, Maine computer printout; births or christenings, 1740–1875; filmed by Genealogical Society of Utah, June 1977." Family History Library Catalog film number 0882994. This microfilmed printout apparently is extracts from five other rolls of microfilmed records.

<sup>34</sup> "Town and vital records [of Falmouth, Cumberland, Maine] 1712–1891." Record of Births & Deaths 1784–1883; filmed by Genealogical Society of Utah, June 1956. Family History Library Catalog film number 0010867. Also on this film are marriage intentions and marriage records, covering the period 1850–1892. A number of pages of the original book with vital records were not filmed; they are mostly obscured by later correspondence and affidavits placed on top of them.

<sup>35</sup> These towns include Bridgton, Harpswell, North Yarmouth, Pownal, and Raymond.

<sup>36</sup> DCY 300, 379.

<sup>37</sup> 1820 U. S. Census, Portland, Cumberland, Maine, page 33, line 15. National Archives Microfilm Series M33, Rolls 33, 34.

range and the other is in the 16–18 year old range. Mary Howard would have been 22 that year. Again, this may be an error made during transcription.

In the 1830 U. S. Census for Kennebunkport entry for Thomas are Charles, John B., Moses, and Thomas. Catherine H., Mary A., and Mary L. also appear.<sup>38</sup> There are three unknown persons in this entry. The first unknown male is in the 20–29 year-old range and the second is in the 80–89 year-old range. The unknown female is in the 50–59 year-old range. The male in the 80–89 year-old range may be the 93-year-old John Maling, who died in December 1835.

Thomas' family as it was in 1840 appears in the 1840 U. S. Census. Two of the males were engaged in manufacturing and trade, and one was engaged in navigation of the ocean.<sup>39</sup> Of these three, Thomas and John Burnham were riggers, and Moses was a mariner.

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**Please note:** the foregoing is working knowledge only, as of May 2009, and is not authoritative. An earlier version of this article appeared on the Internet in 2002. All interested persons are invited to contact the author: N. P. Maling, *npmaling@gmail.com*.

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<sup>38</sup> 1830 U. S. Census, Kennebunkport, York, Maine, page 133. National Archives Microfilm Series 52.

<sup>39</sup> 1840 U. S. Census, Kennebunkport, York, Maine, page 361. National Archives Microfilm Series M704, Rolls 154, 155.