

The Twentyman and Goddard Families of Truxton, New York

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Introduction

This work was initiated in response to a post on the New York Genealogy Forum. "Gardner /Twentyman –Graham/Mayo" dated March 14, 2002. As far as I knew then there were only a few Twentyman families in the Truxton area. While not actively looking for these families I noticed them in the course of my research because of their unusual name.

John Twentyman had moved his family to Truxton's North Road sometime in the late 1860s prior to 1869. The Twentyman family lived three farms up the road from my great grandparents' farm (Michael and Alice Rooney McGraw). My great-grandparents moved into the old Kent farm on the North Road in 1888-1889. My great-grandfather's brother, John McGraw and his family were living just three farms in the other direction up the North Road from the John Twentyman family having settled there in the late 1870s.

When I initially wrote up my research results (2002) I wasn't aware of the Twentyman connection to the Goddard family. A post to the same New York Genealogy Forum by Kathy Blanchard dated Nov. 9, 2002 changed that even though I didn't see her post for another four years in March 2006. That was a very important post and provided the married names of six of Thomas and Dinah Twentyman's daughters. Females are notoriously difficult to trace due to the name changes that accompany marriage(s). In particular, it was the fact that Mary Twentyman had married a Goddard that allowed me to make some additional connections, including some to my own family. In the process this write-up grew from a meager page and a half into the present thirty plus pages and growing.

Plan

The census charts are compiled from all the available census information to track various family members. Family trees are constructed to show the relationships between the generations and allow the consolidation of dates of births, marriages, deaths, burials and spouses names. Maps and census surname sequences are used to locate residences and neighbors. Girls liked to marry the boy next door. Summarize census information and references in a source section. This is organized by family, with the oldest generations first. This becomes the framework for the addition of new information and allows for the testing of consistency. Finally the framework is filled with stories and used to solve mysteries and as always, raise additional questions.

Twentyman	Goddard
Thomas & Dinah	Asa & Solomon
John & Jane	Hannah
Joseph & Nancy	Levi & Alice
Sarah	Davis & Mary
Martha	George
Fannie & Elizabeth	Thomas
	Art
Thomas	James Levi & Fannie

The Twentyman Family of Truxton

In the 1850 census for the town of Truxton, Cortland Co., I found the widow Dinah Twentyman who was 44 years old at the time of the census. Her late husband Thomas and Dinah Twentyman were both born in England. Thomas died on Feb. 22, 1846 shortly after the twins Elizabeth and Thomas, Jr. were born. The John Twentyman who later lived on the North Road was the oldest son and he and his wife Jane were living with the family at the time of the 1850 census. John's parents, Thomas and Dinah arrived in America sometime prior to 1842 with five of their children who were born in England. Four more children were born after their arrival in the U.S.

In the 1860 census for the town of Truxton, Cortland Co., John and Jane Twentyman were found living near the western border of the town of Truxton with a family of their own. All of the children from the 1850 census and their mother Dinah were no longer living with them. Dinah had died on Oct. 26, 1858 and was buried in the Truxton Village Cemetery in the village of Truxton. At the time of the 1850 and 1860 census the family was probably living at the same location with John and Jane taking over the family homestead. From a comparison of maps and the sequence of names in the 1850 and 1860 census this location appears to be on Truxton lot 91 near the "T" in the road now called Kenney Brook Road.

With both parents now dead and with John and Jane Twentyman's family growing, his siblings had to find other places to live. In the same 1860 census for the town of Homer John's sisters Fanny (age 22) and Elizabeth (age 14) were living with Charles B. Goodell family. In another part of the town of Homer another sister named Martha (age 18) was living with the Gardner family and her future husband, Charles W. (age 25). Joseph had married and was living with his wife Nancy and their three children. Mary was living with her husband Davis Goddard and their four children. Sarah had married Joseph Bird and moved to Olmsted Co., MN, in 1855. Thomas, Jr. was living with the Crandall family. The status of Jennie and Dinah at the time of the 1860 census is unknown but I speculate on a possibility for Jennie.

The 1870 census finds the John Twentyman family living on the North Road out of Truxton with 7 of their 11 children. Five children have died since the last census in 1860. Sarah died on June 7, 1862. Four more children were lost in one short 6 week period in Nov.-Dec. 1864. Otis, who didn't live long enough to show up on any census, was the first to die on Nov. 5, 1864 about 2 weeks before his 2nd birthday. Dinah died on Nov. 18, 1864 followed by her older brother Joseph the following day on Nov. 19th. Finally, on Dec. 17th, less than a month later, their eldest son Thomas D. died. These deaths probably took place while the family was living at the farm on lot 91 on Kenney Brook Road.

The 1876 map of the town of Truxton shows the location of the Twentyman farm on the North Road right across the road from a small cemetery. The cemetery is still there today and is known as the Apulia Cemetery even though it is not in the village of Apulia. The Labrador Mountain Ski Lodge occupies the location of the former Twentyman residence and the older structure might have been incorporated into the ski lodge. The ski facility is operated by the Bruce Wilson family, of Homer, NY., whose wife is my 2nd cousin. Her grandfather (John Arthur McGraw) and my grandfather (Edmund "Edward" McGraw) were brothers and they were both born on the J. Kent farm (1876 map), just south of the Twentyman farm, in the 1890s.

The 1880 census finds the John Twentyman family still on the North Road. John's wife Jane had died about six months after the census in 1870 on Dec. 1, 1870. Sometime prior to 1874 John Twentyman had taken a new wife named Bridget (age 40) who had come from Ireland in 1869. Since his second marriage the Twentyman family had added 4 more children bringing their total of surviving children to 11. Nine of these children were living with them at the time of the 1880 census. Mary A. and Jonathan B. Twentyman are unaccounted for at the time of this census.

The 1890 census was destroyed by fire, so the next opportunity to check the status of the Twentyman family came with the 1900 census. At the time of the 1900 census for Truxton

Thomas C. Twentyman and his wife Ellen were living at the family homestead on the North Road. Thomas C.'s stepmother, Bridget, doesn't show up in the 1900 Truxton census. By 1910 Bridget shows up in the village of Truxton but there are no longer any Twentyman families on the North Road.

Connections & Questions:

John Twentyman died Aug 29, 1883 – This was during the same time that neighbor John W. McGraw, who lived just up the road, lost his wife and three children to Diphtheria. In fact, John's wife Ellen Comerford died on the exact same day as John – Aug. 29, 1883. What was John's cause of Death?

Ellen Comerford McGrath, d. Aug. 29, 1883

Patrick Edmond McGrath, d. Sept. 7, 1883

Mary McGrath, d. Sept. 12, 1883

Catherine McGrath, d. Sept. 28, 1883

Problem: The 40 year old Dinah Twentyman found in the 1850 census is known to be the mother of the family and the wife of Thomas Twentyman who had died in 1846. But according to the Truxton Village Cemetery records Thomas' wife's name was Sarah and she died on October 26, 1858, which explains her absence from the 1860 census. In 1850 Sarah would have been 44 whereas the woman Dinah gave her age as 40. I believe this to be a typo on my transcript and that Sarah is really Dinah.

Mary Twentyman, who married Davis Goddard, was the Mary Goddard who ran the Truxton House Hotel in the late 1880's. Mary provided a place for young John J. McGraw (Manager NY Giants 1902-1932) to work and live when after having moved into the village he and his father just could not get along under the same roof. This followed the death of his mother and 3 siblings in Aug.-Sept. 1883. John J. McGraw was born in April 1873 and his mother Ellen Comerford McGraw died when he was 10-1/2 years old. The John McGraw family probably moved into the village of Truxton from the North Road farm in the fall of 1883. This was before Mary Goddard was the proprietor of the Truxton House Hotel. She was in charge of the hotel according to the 1889 Cortland County Directory for the Town of Truxton. At that time John would have been 16 and Mary would have been 54.

The Dan Casey living at the Twentyman farm in 1900 was the brother of my late uncle John Casey's father and one of the three Casey brothers from the North Road in Truxton who started farming in Apulia, Town of Fabius after 1910. The Casey Farms now belong to my 1st cousin Bill Casey and his wife Joanne who run an organic milk operation.

Since Ellen Carr and family appeared to be on South Hill in 1876 and again in 1900 it doesn't appear that she was the aunt in East Homer that John J. McGraw visited during his trips back and forth to Cortland. This was the story found in Blanche McGraw's book about her husband John (*The Real McGraw*). Could there have been another aunt in East Homer. Could this person that John visited have been one of Mary Goddard's sisters who were living in East Homer?

Thomas and Dinah Twentyman's daughter Jennie, married a man named Graham. When was she born? She wasn't living with the rest of the family at the time of the 1850 census in the Town of Truxton. There was an age gap between John (24 in 1850, born in 1826) and Joseph (17 in 1850, born in 1833) that would accommodate Jennie. There was a Jennie Graham buried in the Elmwood Cemetery in Preble (the town next to Truxton on the west). She died on Aug. 10, 1916 at the age of 86. This would give her a birth year of 1830 and this would nicely place this Jennie between her brothers John and Joseph.

Kenney Brook was called Wescott Brook in 1876. What was the present Kenney Brook Road called in 1876?

Notes on birth dates and dates of death.

All the information on these dates, with a few exceptions as noted, are from the various census records and the transcriptions of gravestone inscriptions from the Truxton Village Cemetery and the adjacent St. Patrick's Catholic Cemetery. The earlier census records only gave age information and so birth years inferred from this information can be off by one year assuming the recorded ages were correct to begin with. The 1900 census gave a month and year plus age information so birth dates inferred from this source are expected to be more accurate. The more detailed information including month, day and year come from the cemetery inscriptions. These dates are assumed to be the most accurate if the stones can be read correctly. The death dates are more accurate than the birth dates which are sometimes worked out from the y,m,d age information in the inscriptions.

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The Thomas Twentyman and Dinah Chambers Family

Dan Twentyman

b. Cumberland, Eng.

Thomas Twentyman

b. 1797
d. Feb. 22, 1846 (49)
bur. Truxton Village Cem.,
Truxton, NY

Dinah Chambers

b. Oct. 9, 1806
d. Oct. 26, 1858
bur. Truxton Village Cem., Truxton, NY

In two cemetery transcriptions
Thomas' wife was listed as Sarah.

John Twentyman

b. Mar. 23, 1826 Eng.
d. Aug. 29, 1883 (57y,5m,6d)
bur. Truxton Village Cem., Truxton,
NY

= Jane ? (1st Wife)

b. Aug. 15, 1830 Eng.
d. Dec. 13(15?), 1870 (41y,11m,26d)
bur. Truxton Village Cem., Truxton, NY

= Bridget ? (2nd Wife)

b. ~1840 Ir
Parents were both born in Ireland
came to America in 1869.
mar. prior to 1874

Jennie Twentyman

b. 1829 England

= Joseph Graham

b. 1825 England

Joseph Twentyman

b. Dec. 17, 1833 England
d. Mar. 30, 1918 (84y,3m,14d)
bur. Truxton Village Cem., Truxton,
NY

= Blendena N. Taylor (1st Wife)

b. July, 1832 NY
m. ~1849
d. Apr. 18, 1868 (35y,9m)
bur. Truxton Village Cem., Truxton, NY

= Julia Ann ? or Anna Jane (2nd Wife)

b. Feb. 25, 1849 NY
d. Feb. 20, 1933 (83y)
bur. Truxton Village Cem., Truxton, NY

Mary Twentyman

b. 1835 Eng.
d. 1903 – Doubtful
Not in Truxton Cemeteries

= Davis Goddard

b. 1830 VT
d. Dec. 29, 1872 (33)
bur. Truxton Village Cem., Truxton, NY

Fanny Twentyman (1st wife)

b. 1839 Eng.
d. Oct. 31, 1890 (51)
bur. Truxton Village Cem., Truxton

= James Levi Goddard

b. 1832 Mass.
d. July 7, 1923 (92)
bur. Truxton Village Cem., Truxton, NY

Sarah Twentyman

b. 1840 Eng.

= Joseph Bird

Sarah & Joseph moved to Olmsted Co.,
MN - 1855

Martha Twentyman

b. 1842 NY
m. 1862 Truxton, NY

= Charles W. Gardner

b. 1835 Eng.

Dinah Twentyman

b. 1844 NY

= (?) McLeare, McLease

Elizabeth Twentyman

b. June 29, 1845 NY

= Leroy D. Taylor

b. 1839 NY

Thomas Twentyman, Jr.

b. June 29, 1845
d. Oct. 5, 1864 (19y,3m,7d)
bur. Truxton Village Cem., Truxton

Joseph Twentyman
had at least 9 children
from both marriages.
(First wife named in
one source Belinda.)

Mary Twentyman
Goddard may not be
buried in the Truxton
Village Cemetery. There
is a Mary Goddard but
she was the 2nd wife of
Davis' brother James Levi

Elizabeth and
Thomas, Jr.
were twins

Thomas' wife was listed as Sarah in two different cemetery transcriptions of the Truxton Village Cemetery (also called The Truxton Rural Cemetery) that I was working from. Originally this was thought to be a transcription error but now I am not so certain. Thomas died in 1846 and in the census of 1850 Dinah and all their children, except daughter Jennie, were living on the family homestead with her eldest son John and his wife Jane, listed in the position of head of household.

Question: Are Blendena Taylor and Leroy D. Taylor related?

From Susan Walter – Thomas and Dinah Twentyman emigrated from England about 1840-'41 after the death of Thomas' father, Dan. Thomas had received his father's freehold property and estate at Woodhouses, Cumberland. In the 1910 Truxton census Joseph Twentyman gave 1842 as the year he came to America.

Sources:

1850 Truxton – M432\493\142A, Res. 225, Fam. 234 –

John & Jane Twentyman, John's mother and some siblings: Joseph(17), Mary(15), Frances(12), Sarah(10), Martha(8), Dinah(6), Elizabeth(5) and Thomas, Jr.(5).

1860 – Fanny and Elizabeth Twentyman living with Charles Goodell family in Homer
Martha living with Garner family also in Homer

1860 Truxton M653\739\586, Res. 92, Fam. 97 – N.S. Crandall family.

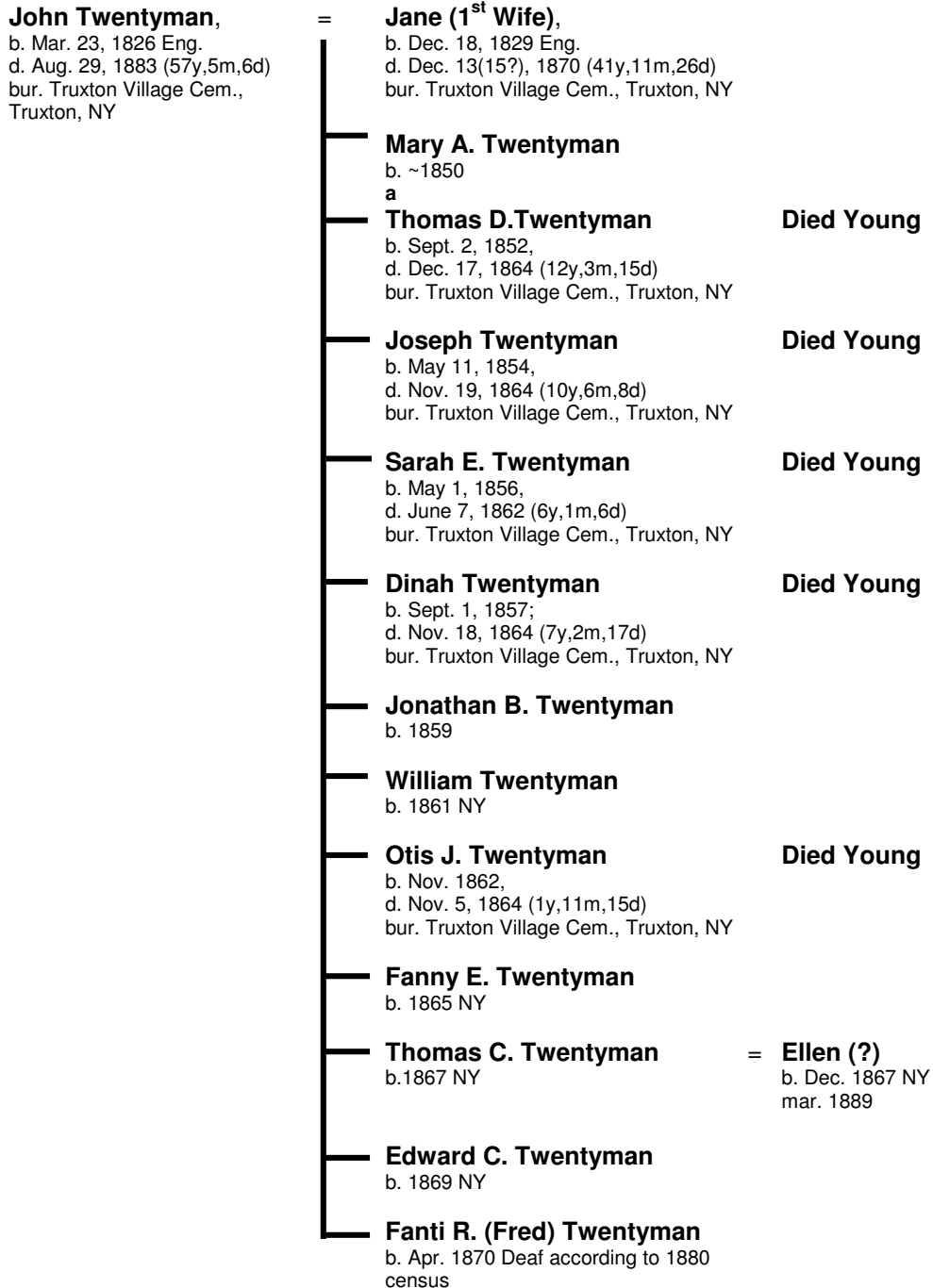
Living with the Crandalls was Thomas Twentyman, age 15, a farm laborer, born in NY.

Joseph and Mary (Goddard) are on their own by 1860. John Twentyman and family were neighbors to his sister Mary Twentyman Goddard at the time of the 1860 census. In the 1860 census these families were living near a Beattie family. From other census and map information it is believed that the Goddards were occupying in 1860 the same farm owned by S.(Solomon) Goddard in 1876 located at the "T" in present day Kenney Brook Road.

Sarah (20) married Joseph Bird. They were living in Olmstead Co., MN by 1855.

Where were: Jennie (??) Dinah (16)?

The Children of John and Jane Twentyman



With the death of his father Thomas in 1846 John, as the oldest son became the head of the family at age 20. In the 1850 census John and his wife Jane were listed first in the census listing for the family, where the head of the household was usually listed. By 1860 his mother has died (1858) and his siblings have left the family homestead to be replaced by six of their own children.

By 1869 John Twentyman had moved his family to a 227 acre farm on the North Road on lot 73. Jane Twentyman had given birth to another child every two years. The age gaps in the 1870

census for the Twentyman family bore stark witness to the tragedy that had befallen the family in the decade since the last census. Two years after losing their 6 year old daughter Sarah in June 1862 John and Jane Twentyman lost four more children in a short six week period in November – December 1864.

The losses did not stop there. Within 6 months after the 1870 census John's wife Jane died on Dec. 13, 1870 a few days short of her 42nd birthday.

The table below gives the ages of John and Jane Twentyman's children at the time of the 1860, 1870 census and John and Bridget Twentyman's children's age in the 1880 census.

Name	1860	1870	1880
John Twentyman , d. Aug. 29, 1883	34	44	55
Jane (1st Wife) , d. Dec. 13, 1870	31	41	
Bridget (2nd Wife) , b. ~1840 in Ir as were both parents	-	-	40
Jane's Children			
Mary A.	10	19	
Thomas D. ; b. Sept. 2, 1852, d. Dec. 17, 1864 (12y,3m,15d)	8		
Joseph ; b. May 11, 1854, d. Nov. 19, 1864 (10y,6m,8d)	6		
Sarah E. ; b. May 1, 1856, d. June 7, 1862 (6y,1m,6d)	4		
Dinah ; b. Sept. 1, 1857; d. Nov. 18, 1864 (7y,2m,17d)	2		
Jonathan B.	1	11	
William		9	20
Otis J. ; b. Nov. 1862, d. Nov. 5, 1864 (1y,11m,15d)			
Fanny E.		5	15
Thomas C.		3	13
Edward C.		1	11
Fanti R. (Fred) ; Deaf according to 1880 census		2/12	10
Bridget's Children			
Daniel ; b. 1874, d. 1942 St. Patrick's Truxton, NY			7
James ; b. 1874			6
Joseph ; b. 1876			4
Martha ; b. 1877			3

John and Jane Twentman and their children Thomas D., Joseph, Sarah E., Dinah, Otis J. are buried in the Truxton Village Cemetery. Daniel for some reason was buried in St. Patrick's Catholic Cemetery in Truxton. The others have not yet been accounted for.

Sources:

1860 Truxton Census – M653\739\589, Res. 119, Fam. 125 - John and Jane Twentyman

Next door at Res. 120, Fam. 126 is Davis and Mary Goddard

Davis Goddard, 29, Farmer, \$170, \$635, Mass.

Mary Goddard, 25, Eng. (sister of John Twentyman)

Edward Goddard, 5, NY

George Goddard, 4, NY

Thomas Goddard, 2, NY

1869 Cortland County Gazateer – John Twentyman, Lot 73, 280 acres – North Road.

1870 – Truxton Census M593\922\887A, Res. 20, Fam. 20 – on the North Road

1880 – Truxton Census – North Road

1889 Cortland County Directory – Strangely there were no Twentyman listings in the 1889 Directory for the Town of Truxton, Cuyler or Homer.

1900 - A Twentyman is still on the North Road – Thomas, son of John & Jane Twentyman

1910 - No Twentyman families on the North Road

John Twentyman and Bridget (2nd Wife)

John Twentyman,
 b. Mar. 23, 1826 Eng.
 d. Aug. 29, 1883 (57y,5m,6d)
 bur. Truxton Village Cem.,
 Truxton, NY

= **Bridget (2nd Wife),**
 b. ~1840 Ir
 mar. prior to 1874
 date of death unknown
 place of burial unknown

— **Daniel Twentyman**
 b. 1874,
 d. 1942
 bur. St. Patrick's Truxton, NY

— **James Twentyman**
 b. 1874 NY

— **Joseph Twentyman**
 b. 1876 NY

— **Martha M. Twentyman**
 b. 1877 NY
 Widow in 1910

Bridget was found living in the village of Truxton in the 1910 census. She was a 69 year old widow who had come to America in 1869. She was born in Ireland as were her parents. She and **John Twentyman** had 5 children together and only 3 of those were still alive at the time of the 1910 census. Bridget was living on her "own income" and was occupying her own home which she owned free of a mortgage
 Truxton, Cortland Co., NY
 T624\934\Part2\311A, Res. 225,
 Fam. 235. (May 15, 1910)

= **? Corbett**
 d. before 1910

— **Albert J. Corbett**
 b. 1901

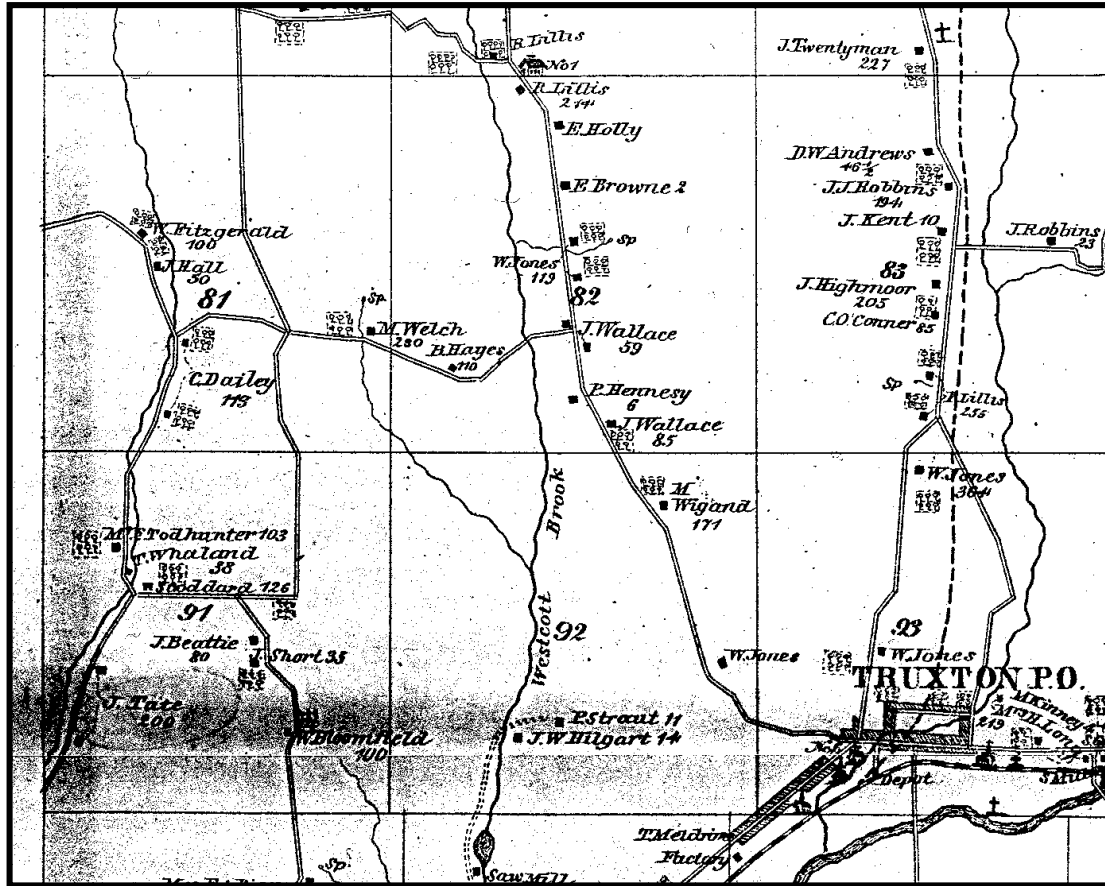
Jane's death left John Twentyman with 6 young children under the age of 11 to care for. He eventually remarried taking for his new bride a recent arrival from Ireland (1869). Bridget was in her early thirties when she married John Twentyman sometime between 1871 and 1873.

In the 1880 census for the Town of Truxton John Twentyman and his second wife Bridget were still living on the North Road. John's children, by his first wife Jane, were listed in 1880 with their mother born in Ireland. In fact, Jane was born in England. The census taker obviously assumed that John's second wife Bridget, who was born in Ireland, was the mother of all the children.

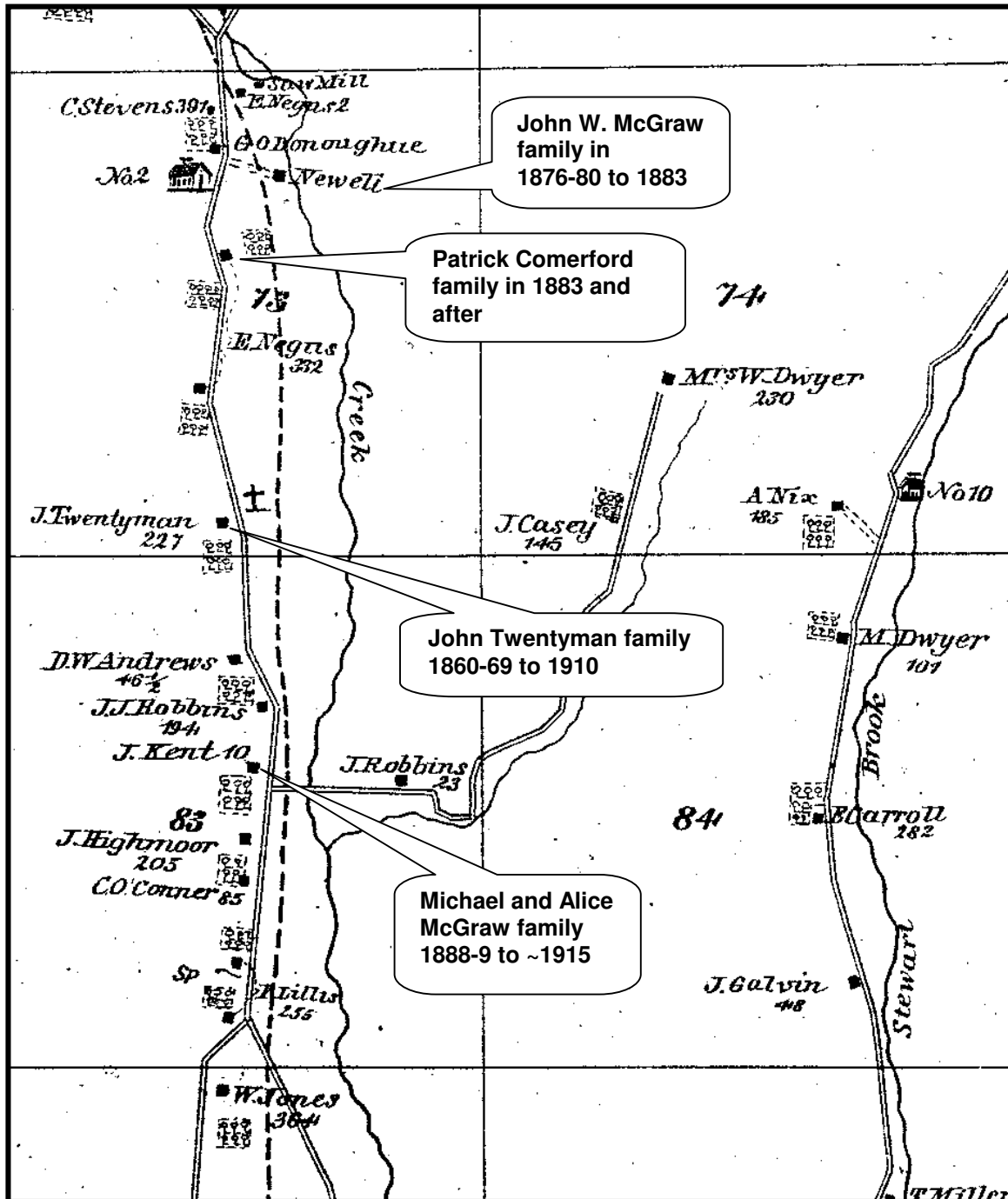
One more child of John and Bridget Twentyman needs to be accounted for. In 1910 Bridget told the census taker that she had given birth to 5 children and 3 were still alive in 1910 and Martha and Daniel were obviously two of the three.

John Twentyman died on the exact same day as John McGraw's wife Ellen – Aug. 29, 1883. The McGraw family lived less than a ½ mile further north on the North Road. The Twentyman farm was on the west side of the road and the McGraw farm was on the east side of the road. In the four weeks following that double tragedy three McGraw children would die from diphtheria.

There was no Truxton listing for Bridget in the 1900 census but she did show up again in the 1910 census.



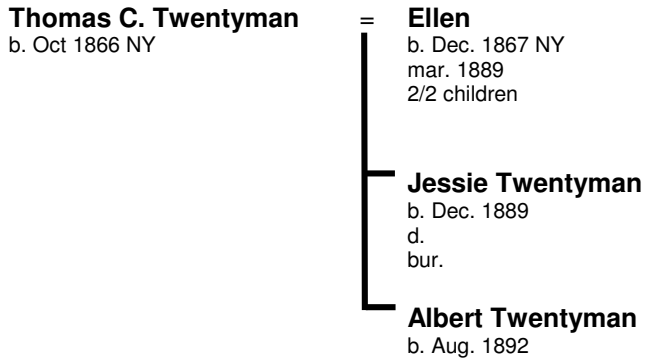
This is a portion of the 1876 map of the west central section of the town of Truxton. The S. Goddard farm of 126 acres on lot 91. The John Twentyman farm on the North Road on lot 73 contained 227 acres. The Twentyman farm in lot 91 prior to 1869 is thought to have been located near the orchard below the "126" after S. Goddard's name on the map above.



This is a portion of the 1876 Town of Truxton map showing the North Road (Route 91) just north of the village of Truxton. Based on then 1880 census information the Comerford family was occupying the northern most Negris property and John McGraw was occupying the Newell farm. Around 1888-9 Michael and Alice Rooney McGraw moved onto the J. Kent farm.

Twentyman Farm, North Road, Truxton, NY – 1900

Thomas C. Twentyman, was the youngest son of John and Jane Twentyman. In 1900 Thomas and Ellen Twentyman were living on his late parents' farm on the North Road. This had been the family farm since the late 1860s. By 1910 there were no Twentyman families shown on the North Road. For now this is where Thomas' trail ends.



Living with the family as a at the time of the 1900 census boarder was Dan Casey (b. June 1879, NY, d. 1971) whose parents were both born in Ireland. This Dan Casey is probably the son of John and Mary Casey whose farm was also on the North Road located about a mile south of the Twentyman farm and closer to the village of Truxton. Dan was the brother of Neil Casey father of my late uncle, John Casey of Apulia, who married my mother's sister Evelyn Stack (1948).

Sources:

1900 Truxton Census – T623\1020\Part 2\258A, Res. 139, Fam. 140, June 11 & 12, 1900

Thomas' parents both born in England. Ellen's parents were both born in England.

1910 Truxton census - T624\934\Part2\

Martha Twentyman

from Kathy Blanchard

Dan Twentyman

Cumberland, Eng.



**Thomas
Twentyman**

= Dinah Chambers
Cumberland, Eng

Martha Twentyman
b. ~1842 NY
mar. 1862 Truxton, NY

Henry W. Gardner
b. 1788 Jersey Isle
d. July 31, 1870
bur. Glenwood Cem.,
Homer, NY

= Elizabeth Bradley
probably
bur. Glenwood Cem.,
Homer, NY

=

Charles W. Gardner
b. 1835 Eng.

The Gardners are thought to have come from the Channel Islands about 1851. Martha's niece was Mrs. Charles Mayo.

At the time of the 1860 census in the town of Homer John Twentyman's sister Martha (age 18) was living with the Gardner family and her future husband, Charles W. (age 25).

In the Homer 1869 Gazateer – Gardner, W. H. (Homer) lot 34, of firm of Carson & Gardner, publishers of STATE LEAGUE, Syracuse (with Amasa Holmes) farmer. [Could this be Charles W.'s father.]

Sources:

1860 Homer – M63\739\190, Res. 400, Fam. 411 – Gardner

Fanny and Elizabeth Twentyman

In the 1860 census for the town of Homer John Twentyman's sisters Fanny (age 22) and Elizabeth (age 14) were living with Charles B. Goodell family.

In the History of Homer – Charles B. Goodell was appointed a Town Auditor on Feb. 20, 1883.

Sources:

1869 Gazateer of Cortland County

- GOODELL, C.B., (Homer), lot 26, Dairyman and farmer 100
- GOODELL, ERASTUS, JR. (Homer), lot 26, dairyman and farmer, 6
- GOODELL, R.A. (homer) physician
- GOODALE, FAYETTE (Homer) lot 31, dairyman and farmer, 98

1889 Gazateer of Cortland County

- GOODALE, FAYETTE, 138, Homer
- GOODELL, ASAPH, 76, Homer
- GOODELL, C.B., 114, Homer
- GOODELL, ERASTUS, 13, Homer

1860 Homer – M653\739\10, Res. 104, Fam. 106 Goodell

Leroy D. Taylor

b. 1839 NY

= Elizabeth Twentyman

b. 1845 NY

Jenny Taylor

b. 1866 NY

Freddy Taylor

b. 1868 NY

Berta Taylor

b. 1870 NY

Leroy and Elizabeth Taylor were living in District 1 of the town of Cortlandville, Cortland Co., NY at the time of the 1880 census. Leroy's mother, Marhima Taylor, widowed, b. 1798, VT; his sister Malvina Taylor, single, b. 1826 VT. Leroy and Malvina's father was also born in VT.

Source: 1880 Cortlandville, District 1, Cortland Co., NY; T9\822\35B

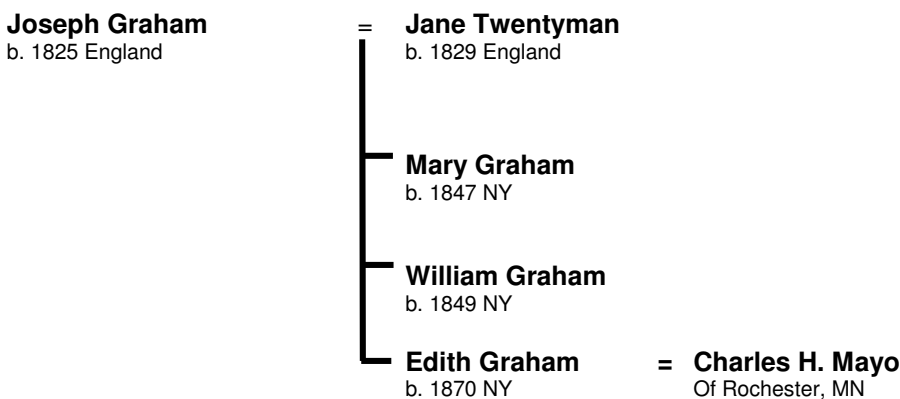
Jennie Twentyman Graham

The Twentyman family first shows up in the 1850 census for the town of Truxton. The family arrived in America between 1841 and 1842. Missing from this census record are Thomas, the father who died on Feb. 22, 1846 at the age of 49 and his daughter Jennie. It is known that Jennie married a man named Graham although at this time the date and location of that wedding are unknown.

At the time of the 1850 census there was a Graham family living next to the Twentyman family. This family included a Joseph Graham and his wife Jane. Could Jennie have been a Jane? This **Jane** would have been born in 1829 in England and that would place her between **John** (b. 1826) and **Joseph** (b. 1833) – if she were a **Twentyman**. This **Jane** might be **Jennie Twentyman** because names like **Jennie**, **Jane** and **Jean** are easily confused and also because this family was living next door to the Twentyman family. There were many marriages in the old records of the boy next door marrying the girl next door. This second **GRAHAM** family were new arrivals in 1850. They might be **Joseph's** brother.

Under high resolution magnification the name “Jane” in the 1850 census is definitely a Jane. Therefore, if this hypothesis is to hold up then maybe Jennie went by the name Jane, perhaps it was a middle name. Another possibility is that the census enumerator got her name wrong. Either way this is still a long shot.

Sarah Twentyman Bird is related to the Graham and Mayo families of Rochester MN. Her daughter, Jeannette is the 1st cousin of Edith Graham (Mrs. Charles Mayo). Edith's mother is Jennie Twentyman Graham, sister of Martha and Sarah Twentyman.



Sources:

1850 –Truxton Census M432\493\142A, Res. 224, Fam. 235.

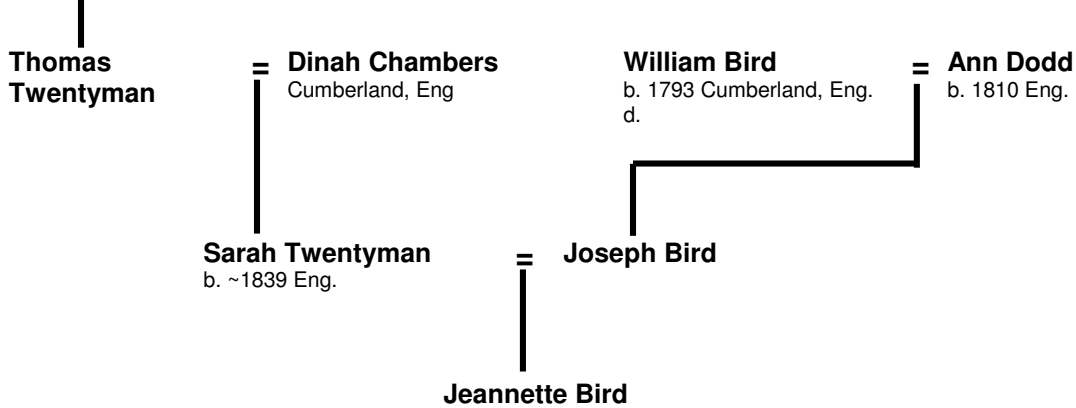
Joseph GRAHAM, 25, Eng.
 Jane GRAHAM, 21, Eng.
 Mary GRAHAM, 3, NY
 Wm. GRAHAM, 1, NY
 Thomas GRAHAM, 1/12, NY

William GRAHAM, 24, Eng.
 Mary GRAHAM, 24, Eng.
 John, GRAHAM, 4, Eng.
 Joseph, GRAHAM, 1, Eng.

There was a **Jennie Graham** buried in the Elmwood Cemetery in Preble, NY. She died on Aug. 10, 1916 (age 86). One researcher implies that Jennie & Joseph Graham were in Minnesota at one time and yet here is a possible Jennie graham buried next door to Truxton back in NY.

Sarah Twentyman
from Matthew Vail

Dan Twentyman
Cumberland, Eng.



William Bird was born in Cumberland Co., England around 1793. He and his wife Ann Dodd moved to Quebec, Canada around 1832. From there they migrated to Truxton, Cortland Co., NY in 1848. William settled in Olmsted County, MN in 1857.

Sarah Twentyman Bird is related to the Graham and Mayo families of Rochester MN. Jeannette is the 1st cousin of Edith Graham = Mrs. Charles Mayo. Edith's mother is Jennie Twentyman Graham, sister of Martha and Sarah Twentyman.

Joseph and Sarah Twentyman Bird were among the early settlers of Olmstead County, MN. They first settled there in 1855.

Question: Did the Bird family and the Twentyman family know each other back in England?

Sources:

Ancestors of Leonard Manly Mumford

<http://familytreemaker.genealogy.com/users/m/u/m/Cara-Mumford/index.html>

1850 Census – The Bird family should show up in this census but they haven't been found yet.

The Joseph Twentyman and Blendena Taylor Family

Dan Twentyman
b. Cumberland, Eng.

In 2 transcriptions Thomas' wife was listed as Sarah.

Thomas Twentyman = **Dinah Chambers**
 b. 1797
 d. Feb. 22, 1846 (49)
 bur. Truxton Village Cem., Truxton, NY
 b. Oct. 9, 1806
 d. Oct. 26, 1858
 bur. Truxton Village Cem., Truxton, NY

Joseph Twentyman
 b. Dec. 17, 1833
 d. Mar. 30, 1918 (84y,3m,14d)
 bur. Truxton Village Cem., Truxton, NY
 (At least 9 children from both marriages. First wife Belinda.)

= **Blendena N. Taylor (1st Wife)**
 b. July, 1832 NY
 m. ~1849
 d. Apr. 18, 1868 (35y,9m)
 bur. Truxton Village Cem., Truxton, NY

Kate Augusta Twentyman
 b. May 25, 1854
 d. Aug. 25, 1855 (1y,3m)
 bur. Truxton Village Cem., Truxton, NY

Kate M. Twentyman
 b. 1856

Sara B. Twentyman
 b. 1859

Nellie Twentyman = **William D. Stevens**
 b. Apr. 20, 1860 Truxton
 d. Oct. 25, 1935 Onondaga Hill, Onondaga Co., NY
 bur. Truxton Cem., Truxton, NY
 b. Jan. 17, 1860 Truxton
 mar. Dec. 18, 1879
 Lincklaen, Chenago Co., NY
 d. Nov. 16, 1926 Tully Valley, Onondaga Co., NY
 bur. Truxton Cem., Truxton, NY

Fannie Twentyman
 b. 1862

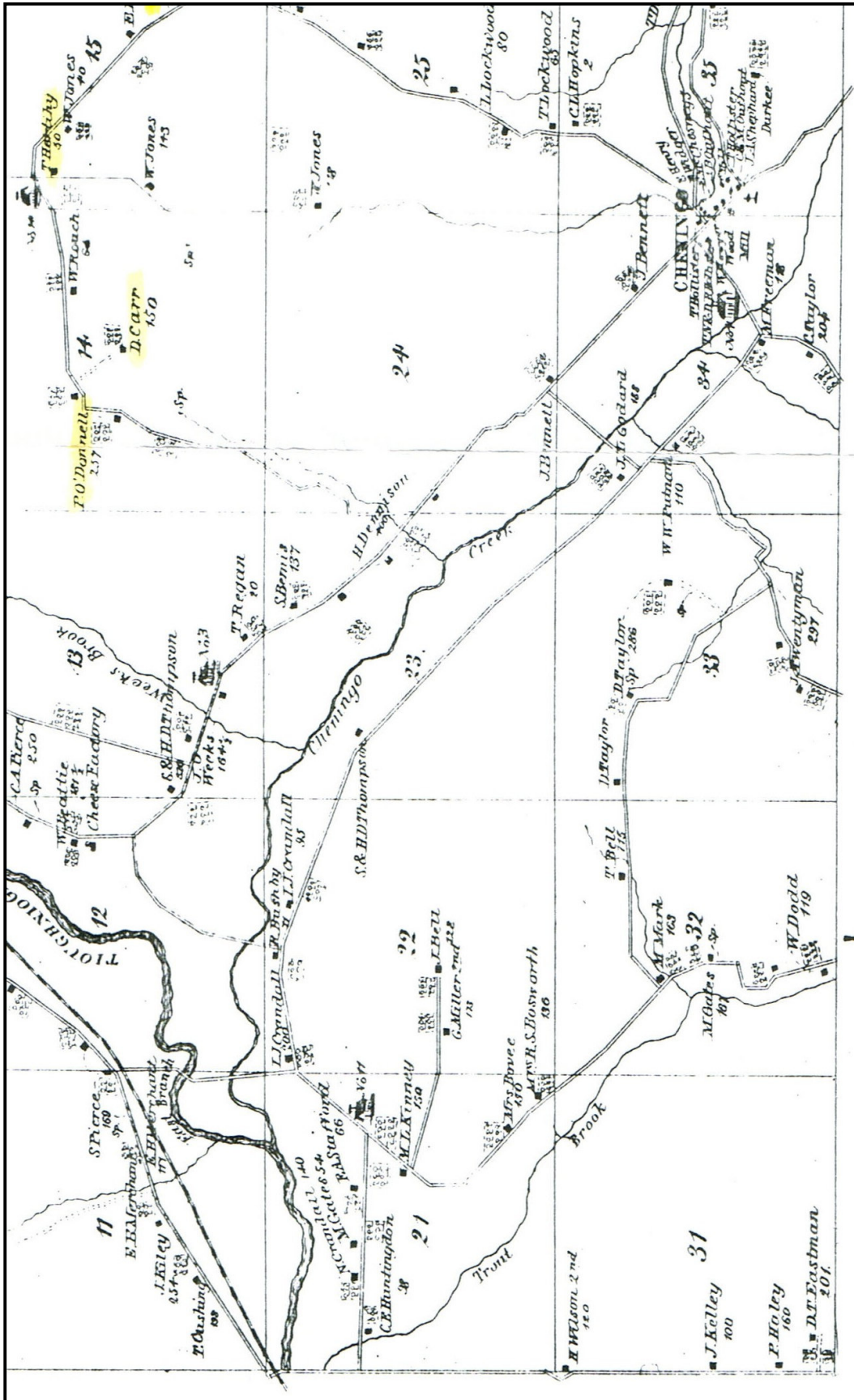
Mary Twentyman
 b. 1864

Nancy Blendena Twentyman
 b. ~1868 NY

= **Julia Ann ? or Anna Jane (2nd Wife)**
 b. Feb. 25, 1849 NY
 d. Feb. 20, 1933 (83y)
 bur. Truxton Village Cem., Truxton, NY

Minnie Twentyman
 b. ~1869 NY

Corry Twentyman (Female)
 b. ~1872 NY



Name	1860	1870	1880
Joseph Twentyman , b. Dec. 17, 1833, d. Mar. 30, 1918	27	37	47
Blendena (1st Wife) , b. July 1832, d. Apr. 18, 1868	27	-	-
Julia Ann (2nd Wife) , b. Feb. 25, 1849, d. Feb. 20, 1933	-	21	31
Blendena's Children			
Kate Augusta ; b. May 25, 1854, d. Aug. 25, 1855	-	-	-
Kate M. ; b. 1856, d.	4	14	
Sarah B. ; b. 1859, d.	1	12	
Dinah ; b. Apr. 20, 1860, d. Oct. 25, 1935	1/12	10	
Fannie ; b. 1862		8	
Mary ; b. 1864		6	16
Blendena ; b. 1868		2	12
Julia Ann's Children			
Minnie ; b. 1869 .		10/12	10
Corry ; b. 1872			8

In the 1860 Truxton census Dinah was listed as “Nellie”

William and Nellie Stevens' children were:

Joseph F. Stevens, b. May 29, 1882, d. Mar. 5, 1955
Clyde William Stevens, b. Apr. 4, 1884, d. Jan. 24, 1957
Leon Charles Stevens, b. Jul. 11, 1892, d. Jul. 8, 1940

William's parents (1880 census – Solon, Cortland Co., NY – T9\822\Part1\213B)
Alvin Stevens, b. 1833, NY; his wife Mary, b. 1838, NY; their children William, b. 1859, NY;
Sarah, b. 1864, NY; Grace, b. b. 1862, NY; James, b. 1864, NY. Alvin was a farmer. His father
was born in NY and his mother was born in VT. Mary's parents were both born in NY.

Sources:

1850 Truxton -

Joseph was single and living with widowed mother and siblings.

1860 Truxton M653\739\580 Res. 53, Fam. 54 – Joseph and Nancy and family

1869 Gazateer – Lot 33, Farmer, 290 acres.

This is on the southern border of the Town of Truxton on the 1876 map. Two (2) Taylor families are also on the same lot.

1870 Truxton M593\922\902B Res. 260, Fam. 264 – Joseph, Julia and family

1880 Truxton T9\822\Part1\232B Res. 12, Fam. 17 Joseph and Anna (Julia) and family

1880 Solon T9\822\Part1\213B - Alvin and Mary Stevens

1889 Cortland Co. Directory – No Twentyman in Truxton, Homer or Cuyler

1900 ??

1910 Truxton T624\934\Part2\307A Res. 131, Fam. 137 – only Joseph and Julia.

Joseph came to America in 1842 and was naturalized. He was living on his “own income” on the farm he owned free of a mortgage.

Early Arrivals of Goddard Families

NAME	ARRIVAL	COMMENT
Asa, b. 1795, d. May 15, 1838 (43)	Arrived prior to 1826	
Solomon Goddard b. 1811 VT d. July 9, 1890 (79)	Arrived 1828	
Levi, b. 1803, d. Apr. 11, 1845 (42)	Arrived between 1839 and 1845	Could Levi and James be brothers? Relation to Asa?
James, b. 1814, d. June 1, 1847 (33) Note: According to an obit in <i>The Cortland Democrat</i> the date of death was May 31.	Arrived prior to 1847	
All are buried in the Truxton Village Cemetery		

Asa died while Levi and Alice were living in Mass. Lydia (Asa's daughter, d. May 20, 1838) died five days the death of her father at only 21 days old. From the Truxton History – Asa Goddard built one of the first hotels in the village of Truxton. James could be a much younger brother (19 years younger) or perhaps a son. Asa, Levi and James died prior to the 1850 census.

From an age viewpoint Asa could be a brother of Solomon or in a stretch Asa could be Solomon's father. A complication with either the brother and father theory is the lack of any mention of a relationship between the two men in the historical information quoted in this report. It is expected that such a relationship would have been recorded in the historical material.

VILLAGES (History of Cortland Co., 1885, H.P. Smith)

"The pretty village of Truxton (circa 1883) is situated near the center of the town on the line of the Utica, Ithaca, and Elmira Railroad, and has a population of about 300. It contains three churches, two hotels, several stores, shops, etc.

Stephen Hedges is said to have been the first merchant in Truxton. The second store was built by Asa Babcock in 1814. It stood just in rear of the one now owned by J.C. Wiegand, and was built by Mr. Babcock in 1834, who continued mercantile business here until 1857, a period of 43 year. He then sold out to **S. Goddard**, who conducted the store until 1878, when Mr. Wiegand purchased the business. While Mr. Goddard was in possession he refurnished the store and changed its character to a drug store.

Mr. Goddard came to the village in **1848** (should be 1828 - see below), at which time both Asa and Gideon C. Babcock were merchants here. The later was located in an old building afterward used as a tin shop, and which has been repaired and fitted up for a dwelling by J.C. Wiegand. Gideon Babcock was succeeded by Thomas Osborne, John Ferguson, John Trowbridge and Chauncey Hicock, all of whom kept the general stock of goods usually sold in country stores. Mr. Hicock, the last merchant in the old store, died in 1844.

The store at present occupied by E.B. Lincoln & Co. was built by **S. Goddard** in 1836 for a wagon shop; it was used as such up to 1854 and then sold to Geo. W. Bliss, who

turned it into a store, where he did business until 1868, the store was then leased to Leander Maycumber, and in 1883 to the present proprietors.

Mr. Goddard is a native of Windham County, Vt., where he was born in 1811. He was engaged in the manufacture of carriages from 1828 (the date of his arrival in Truxton) until 1857. His work acquired an excellent reputation and he not only made many of the first carriages used in the county, but shipped many to the East and to the far West. Besides his career as a manufacturer and merchant, he has filled the office of supervisor of the town several terms.

The grocery trade was first carried on as a separate business by Chapman & Bosworth, some time before the last war. J.O. Connor & Co. began trade in 1876, in the **building erected by Mr. Goddard in 1826. (This must have been Asa Goddard since Solomon didn't arrive until 1828.)**

The drug trade was probably confined to the practicing physicians until McKay & Nelson began the business about the year 1850. **S. Goddard** purchased the stock in 1857, enlarged it and carried on the business until succeeded by K.C. Arnold & Bros., and then by J.C. Wiegand."

Solomon and Hannah Goddard

Solomon Goddard

b. 1811 VT
d. July 9, 1890 (79)
bur. Truxton Village Cem.,
Truxton, NY

Hannah ?

b. 1815 NY
d. July 8, 1895 (80)
bur. Truxton Village Cem., Truxton,
NY

George O. Goddard

b. July 31, 1836
d. Aug. 3, 1836
bur. Truxton Village Cemetery

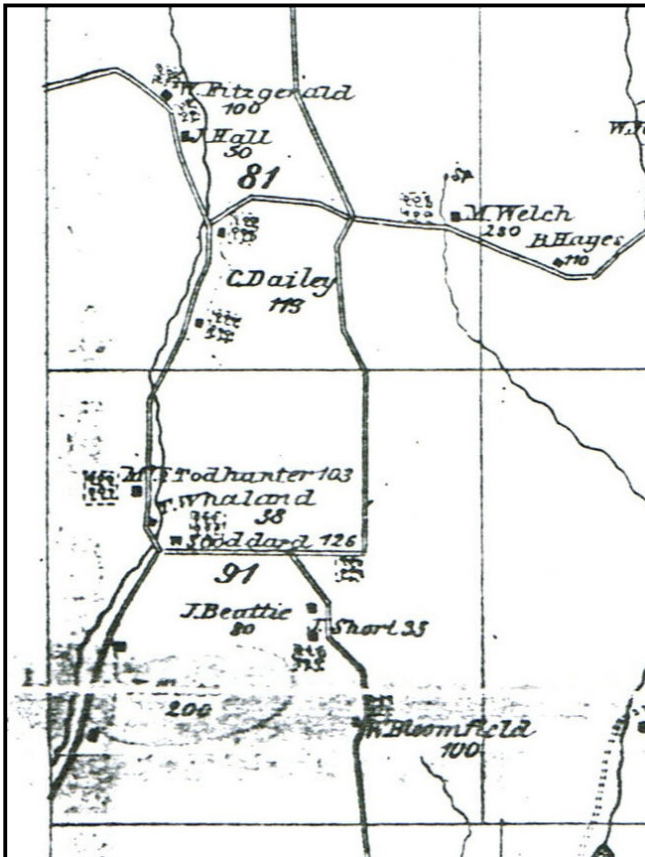
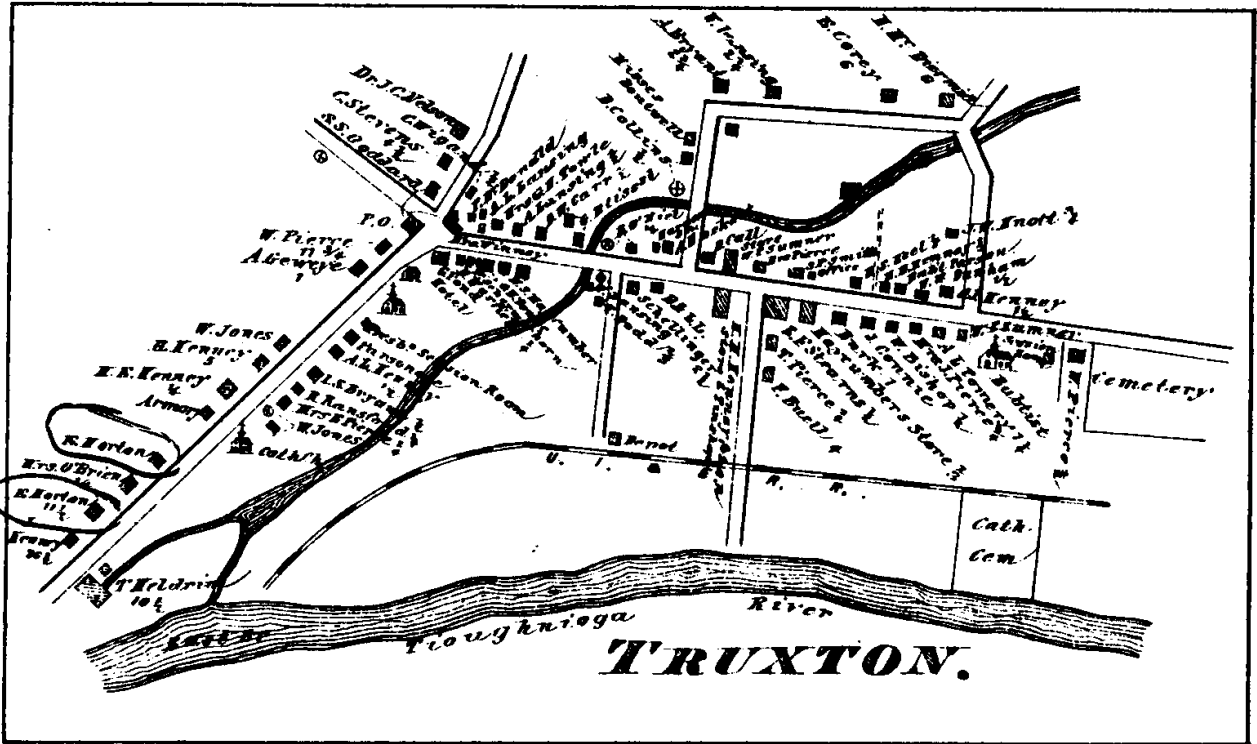
On the 1876 Town map of Truxton Solomon is showed with 126 acres of land on lot 91 located at the "T" in Kenney Brook Road as it is known today. It was between the farms of T. Whaland and J. Beattie according to the map.

Solomon's parents were born in Vermont, Hannah's parents were born in NY. Solomon was listed in the 1880 census as a Retired Mechanic. He was foremost a mechanic and secondly a merchant.

The 1874 Truxton Village map below shows that Solomon Goddard owns three pieces of property and building on three corners of the village "square."

Solomon was born in Vermont. This was the same state where Levi and Alice Goddard were living when their first two children were born in 1828 (Stella) and 1830 (Davis). So far there is only circumstantial evidence to indicate Solomon and Hannah Goddard are related to the Levi Goddard family.

- (1) In the 1850s Levi and Alice Goddard's son James Levi was working as a carriage maker. Solomon Goddard was a very well known carriage manufacturer.
- (2) Both families came from Vermont.
- (3) A possible indication of a relation might be found in the relative location of the various Goddard graves in the Truxton Village Cemetery. Persons sharing a plot are almost always related but a clustering of plots would also be evidence of a possible relation between these families.



The above map shows the village of Truxton in the year 1874.

The map to the left shows a portion of the western border of the town of Truxton in the year 1876. On lot 91 is a 126 acre farm belonging to Solomon Goddard.

Sources:

1850 Truxton Census – M432\493 –

Seems to be living among farmers and not located in the village.

1860 Truxton M653\739\613 Res. 289, Fam. 308 – Hotel Proprietor – Peter Westerman

Solomon Goddard, 48, Retired mechanic, VT, \$1800, \$10,000

Hannah Goddard, 45, NY

1869 Gazateer – Truxton –

“Retired carriage manuf. and dealer in notes of exchange, &c.” No mention of any land.

1870 Truxton Census M593\922\894B, Res. 137, Fam. 138

Real Estate - \$11,000; Personal Estate - \$20,000

1880 Truxton Census – T9\822\Part 1\247A, Res. 29, Fam. 32

Truxton Village Cemetery Records. Transcribed by James Knapp from scanned images of LDS tape number 1304773, supplied by Pat Stefnik and Vicki Hall Titus.

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~nycortla/tvcem/tvcemmi.html>

Truxton Rural Cemetery, Cortland, NY by Esther Slater (blinkyr@juno.com)

Levi and Alice Goddard

Levi Goddard

b. 1803
d. Apr. 11, 1845 Truxton
bur. Truxton Village Cem.,
Truxton, NY

= Alice ?

b. 1803 Mass.
d. Oct. 26, 1858
bur. Truxton Village Cem., Truxton,
NY

Sarah Walters has Mary Goddard dying in 1903. Mary doesn't appear to be buried in either of the two Truxton cemeteries. Need to resolve this confusion.

Stella Goddard

b. 1828 VT

Davis S. Goddard

b. 1829 VT
d. Dec. 29, 1872 (43)
bur. Truxton Village Cem., Truxton,
NY

= Mary Twentyman

b. 1835 Eng.
d. Mar. 11, 1903 (70)
bur. Truxton Village Cem., Truxton,
NY

James Levi Goddard

b. 1832 Mass.
d. July 7, 1923 (92)
bur. Truxton Village Cem., Truxton,
NY

= Frances Twentyman (1st Wife)

b. 1839 Eng.
d. Oct. 31, 1890 (51)
bur. Truxton Village Cem., Truxton, NY

= Mary Twentyman (2nd Wife)

b. Mar. 1834 Eng.
d. Mar. 11, 1903 (70)
bur. Truxton Village Cem., Truxton,
NY

Lucy Goddard

b. 1834 Mass.

Henry Goddard

b. 1836 Mass.

Harriette Goddard

b. 1839 Mass

Levi and Alice Goddard were married prior to 1828 either in Mass or Vermont. The ages and birth dates of their known children indicate that the family was living in VT between 1828 and 1830. By 1832 the family was in Mass. with their daughter Harriette being born in 1839 in Mass. Sometime between 1839 and 1845 the family relocated to the Truxton area. In the 1850 census Alice listed the value of real estate owned as \$325. Alice's son Davis was a cabinet maker and his younger brother James was employed as a carriage maker.

Except for their presence in the 1850 census no other records of Stella, Lucy, Henry or Harriette Goddard have been found in the Truxton area records. This has not been an exhaustive search and church records and vital statistics records have yet to be searched. Stella, Lucy and Harriette might have married locally and their trail would have been obscured by the surname changes. Henry however has just not been found so far.

Sources:

1850 Census Truxton, Cortland Co., NY M432\493\136B, Res. 152, Fam. 158 July 15, 1850
1860 – John Twentyman and Davis Goddard's farm were side by side on lot 91 on Kenney Brook Road.

Davis Goddard and Mary Twentyman

Davis S. Goddard

b. 1829 VT
d. Dec. 29, 1872 (43)
bur. Truxton Village Cem.,
Truxton, NY

In the 1869
Gazateer **Davis
Goddard** was on
lot 11 farming 27
acres. This was
the **J. Kiley** farm in
1876.

= **Mary Twentyman**
b. 1835 Eng.
d. 1903 Doubtful
Not buried in Truxton Cemeteries

— **Edward Goddard**
b. 1855 NY

— **Thomas Goddard**
b. 1859 NY
(b. July 1857 – 1900 census)

— **George Goddard**
b. 1857 NY
d. Feb. 29, 1936 (76)
bur. Truxton Village Cem., Truxton,
NY

— **Arthur Goddard**
b. Apr. 1860 NY

— **William Goddard**
b. Aug. 14, 1867 NY
d. Feb. 20, 1953 (86y,6m,6d)
bur. Truxton Village Cem., Truxton,
NY

— **Frank Goddard**
b. 1869 NY

Susan Walters has Mary Goddard dying in 1903. Mary doesn't appear to be buried in either of the two Truxton cemeteries. The Mary Goddard who is buried in the Truxton Village Cemetery is the 2nd wife of James Levi Goddard. I suspect that is where Mary Twentyman got Mary Goddard's date of death of 1903. Need to resolve this confusion.

= **1st Wife**
mar. prior to 1887

= **2nd Wife**
b. Sept. 1857 NY
mar. 1891

= **Sarah Morris**
b. 1856 NY
d. Jan. 12, 1933 (76y)
bur. Truxton Village Cem., Truxton,
NY

= **Rosalind ?**
b. July 1866 NY

= **M. Adele Stevens (1st wife)**
b. 1865 (of New York City)
d. Dec. 22, 1893 (27y)
bur. Truxton Village Cem., Truxton,
NY

= **Mary (Minnie) A. Callahan (2nd wife)**
b. 1876
d. 1954
bur. Truxton Village Cem., Truxton, NY

= **Clara Gay**

— **Donald Goddard (only son)**
Father of Susan Goddard Walter

No more information has been found on Edward Goddard. Frank and Will were living with their mother in the late 1880s when she was running the Truxton House Hotel. Otherwise there is no more info on Frank. Neither Edward nor Frank were mentioned in the 1889 Cortland County Directory for the Town of Truxton.

In 1880 Mary Goddard, 46 was working as a housekeeper in the home of William M. James. Living with her at the time in the James home were her sons William (13) and Frank (10).

1889 - Truxton Directory Mary Goddard was listed as the proprietor of the Truxton House Hotel and Will S. Goddard was listed as a hotel clerk. Ironically this structure that Mary ran as the Truxton House Hotel was originally constructed as a hotel in 1826 by Asa Goddard – a possible relation.

Thomas, George and Art found in the census records of 1880 and 1900. There is no more information on Edward so far. Frank married Clara Gay and had one son named Donald Gay Goddard.

These are a summary of the information contained in the various census records for this family.

Name	1850	1860	1870	1880
Davis Goddard	20	29	39	-
Mary Twentymen Goddard	15	25	35	46
Edward		5	15	
George		3	13	
Thomas		2	11	
Art		8/12	9	
William			3	13
Frank			10/12	10

In 1850 Mary and Davis were both living with their respective families. Both had lost their fathers just a few years prior to the 1850 census. Mary (1845) and Davis (1846).

In the Homer Ave. M.E. Church Directory of 1918: Members – Edward Goddard, Mrs. Rhoda Goddard, 29 Arthur Ave.

Sources:

1850 Truxton Census - Living with parents

1860 Truxton Census – M653\739\590, Res. 120, Fam. 126 – Davis & Mary

Davis and Mary were married prior to 1855 based on the ages of their children as shown in the 1860 census. Goddards were living “next to” John and Jane Twentymen at the time of the census.

Appears to be the Kenney Brook road location that S. Goddard owned in 1876.

1870 Truxton Census – M593\922. Res. 100, Fam. 101 – Davis and Mary

Davis is now farming and domestic servant ANN COMFORT, age 17 (NY), is living with the family. This is most likely Nancy Ann Comerfort the daughter of John and Catherine Ryan Comerford of Morgan Hill, Cuyler and older sister to Ellen Comerfort Mcgraw.

1880 Truxton Census – T9\822\Part 1\246A-246B, Res. 12, Fam. 14 – Mary (Truxton Village)

1889 Cortland County Directory – Town of Truxton

1900 Truxton Census – Mary Goddard not found

Mary didn’t have any daughters among her six children – only sons. She wasn’t living with any of those that could be found. (Thomas, George and Art.)

Son Edward was only found in the 1860 census living with his parents. Will was buried in the Truxton Village Cemetery after he died on Feb. 20, 1953 so he was possibly in the area all along. It is not known when Frank, the youngest, died or where he is buried.

1900 Homer Census – T623\1020\Part2\162A-203A

No Goddards or Twentymans

1910 Truxton Census – No Mary Goddard.

Truxton Village Cemetery Records.

History of the Town of Truxton by H.P. Smith published in 1885 (Chapter XXIV)

"There were two hotels in Truxton village in 1828, when **S. Goddard** moved to the place. The first was kept by L.L. Merrill and was known as the Mansion House. He kept it until about 1845, when he removed to a farm in the town. The house was burned about the year 1867.

The second hotel was located about 20 rods from the one above described, and was kept by Arnold Hicock, who was succeeded by Abel Perry, an eastern man. He sold it to Wm. Jones in 1842, who converted it into a dwelling. It was burned about the year 1850.

The Stearns Hotel was formerly a dwelling and owned by Enoch Benedict, but was changed into a hotel by Abijah Pierce. Rial Schellinger owned it afterwards several years. After him came John Hills, B.F. Stearns (1872) and C.H. Smith, the present proprietor, in January 1882.

The Ryan Hotel was built by **Asa Goddard** in 1826; a portion of it was used by a Mr. Van Allen as a store and a portion as a dwelling. During the late war it was transformed into a hotel by George Pond. He kept it but a short time, and was followed by I. Rogers, John Wheeler, A.L. Pomeroy, James H. Ashby and the present proprietor, M. Ryan who took charge of it in March, 1882." [Peter Westerman (age 87) was the proprietor of the hotel in 1860]

Famous Last Words

The early hotels in the country places received perhaps a more liberal patronage than in later years. The roads were traveled in such localities by numerous stage coaches, and all the merchandise and stock for manufacturers were brought in by teams, all of which made business at the hotels.



Truxton was isolated from railroad communication until the building of the Utica, Ithaca and Elmira road. The consummation of this undertaking was of great benefit to the town at large and will undoubtedly be still more beneficial in the future. The village is thrifty and the inhabitants are imbued with the belief that theirs is not one of the places that is to be killed by the construction of a railroad and consequent diversion of business to other points.

The village of Truxton (circa 1874) is shown above. Solomon Goddard owned three properties on the village square as indicated by the faint spidery lines emanating from the end of his name. On the southside of the square is a structure

called the "G. Pond Hotel." This is the structure built by Asa Goddard as a hotel in 1826. The was also called the Truxton House Hotel when Mary Goddard ran it in the late 1880s. Two houses up from the Solomon Goddard house on the north side of the square (Academy Street) is the house of Dr. Judd C. Nelson.

The Twentyman, Goddard and McGraw Families

Here is an interesting possible connection. John Twentyman died on the exact same day as Ellen Comerford McGraw – August 29, 1883 – and they were living only three farms away from each other on the North Road. John's cause of death is unknown to me presently but Ellen's was due to complications related to the birth of her eighth child, daughter Nellie, born just one month before. In the days after that double tragedy three of Ellen's other children would die from diphtheria over the next four weeks. Ellen's doctor was Dr. Judd Nelson and he might have also been the family physician for the Twentyman family. If that was the case he probably visited both patients on the day of their deaths. It would be interesting to know if John Twentyman died from diphtheria. Evidence against this assumption is the fact that no one else in the Twentyman household died within the next month as happened in the McGraw household due to the extremely infectious nature of the disease.

In Blanche McGraw's book about her husband John J. McGraw she states that people suspected Dr. Nelson as the carrier of the disease because he had earlier treated "two diphtheria cases 'in the hills' just before ushering in Ellen's last baby, Nellie, who miraculously survived."

Problem here: Nellie was born July 29, 1883. If this was when Dr. Nelson exposed the family to diphtheria then why was the first diphtheria death (Patrick 9/9/1883) so long after this initial exposure. Ellen's death certificate gives her cause of death as due to complications from Nellie's birth.

Could the Twentyman family be the other family that he had treated? Blanche also called it an epidemic but a detailed analysis of the two main cemeteries in Truxton didn't show 1883 to be a year with an unusually large number of deaths. In fact, the period between late summer and early fall in 1883, when the deaths occurred, was unusually slow.

John Twentyman's sister was Mary Goddard. In the latter half of the 1880s she was the proprietor of the Truxton House Hotel in the center of the village of Truxton. She took young John J. McGraw under her care when he and his father had a difficult time living under the same roof. The remaining members of the McGraw family had moved in from the farm on the North Road in the fall of 1883 to a frame house across the street from the Truxton House Hotel. Aside from being an inherently generous person there are two other reasons that might explain her hospitality toward young John. If Mary's brother John had actually died from diphtheria she might have felt some familial responsibility in the deaths of young John McGraw's siblings. However that scenario might turn out there is another experience that might be driving Mary's actions. The Twentyman family had an eerily similar series of tragedies that struck John Twentyman's family some twenty years earlier. Two years after losing their 6 year old daughter Sarah in June 1862 John and Jane Twentyman lost four more children in a short six week period in November – December 1864.

Although the Twentyman children didn't lose a parent in their tragic experience the grief from the loss of four siblings must have been devastating. Perhaps Mary's recollections of those long ago deaths allowed her to sympathize with young John J. McGraw's situation.

[Where was Dr. Nelson at this time in the winter of 1864-5. He has a distinguished service record in the Civil War. It needs to be determined when he was released from active duty.]

Is it possible that this Twentyman tragedy in Nov.-Dec. 1864 (winter of 1864-5) is the cause for writers mistakenly placing the McGraw tragedies in the winter of 1884-5? It would also explain why some writers claim that four of John's siblings died when in fact only three died in Sept of 1883.

Pursuing this even further – both farms were located on the North Road less than ½ mile apart in 1883. However, John Twentyman was living elsewhere in 1864 when the tragedy befell his family. The location of the earlier Twentyman farm from before 1850 to sometime before 1869 was on the present day Kenney Brook Road. The Twentyman family farm in 1864 could be reached from West Hill Road, the same road where writers claim the McGraw family was living at the time of their tragedy.

To confuse things still more, John McGraw was living on West Hill road and renting a small five acre farm (the old Henessey farm in 1876) starting in around 1889 just prior to his marriage to his second wife Mary Rooney. You could get to the Twentyman farm from West Hill Road but it was actually on Kenney Brook Road. To further confuse matters Kenney Brook itself travels straight north from Route 13 (Main Road). However, the road that bears its name travels west and northwest until a hill separates the brook from its namesake road. The road travels to the Twentyman farm while the brook itself travels north, approaching West Hill Road and then follows it for awhile. At one point the brook passes within a few hundred feet of John McGraw's small farm that he was renting in 1890. Hence it could be said that John was living on "Kenney Brook" but on the actual brook and not the road. Below the similarities between the two family tragedies and their residences at various times are compared. Most writers take their lead from Blanche McGraw who knew John J. McGraw better than anyone else. Since these were mostly books about baseball they deferred to Blanche when it came to the details of John's early years. Her book, written in the early 1950s, relied on the memories of relatives and the oldest residents of Truxton. Their collective memories of these events appear to have merged the details of these two separate family tragedies.

Dates	John Twentyman Family	John McGraw Family
Nov. – Dec. 1864	Four (4) siblings died On Kenney Brook Road Access via West Hill Road	
Aug. – Sept. 1883	On North Road John Twentyman died on Aug. 29, 1883.	Three (3) siblings died On North Road Ellen Comerford died on Aug. 29, 1883
1890		John McGraw West Hill Road Near Kenney Brook

Still need Twentyman land records to nail down 1864 location.

The Children of Davis and Mary Goddard

Thomas Goddard

Thomas Goddard
b. July 1857 NY

= **Wife - (2nd Wife?)**
b. Sept. 1857 NY
mar. 1891

According to 1900 census Thomas and his wife had 3 children and all were living at the time of the census

Dau. (by 1st wife?)
b. Nov. 1887 NY
d.
bur.

Son
b. 1895 NY

Florence Goddard
b. June 1899 NY

On the Manly Kennedy farm on June 8, 1880 was 21 year old Thomas Goddard. Thomas' father was born in Mass and his mother was born in Eng. His (2nd) wife's parents were both born in England. Thomas' father was Davis Goddard who in an earlier census was recorded as being born in VT. The family had lived in both VT and Mass. and had children born in both states. The earlier information would have come from Davis or his wife and is probably more accurate than the information in the 1900 census that was taken 28 years after his death

Source:

1880 Truxton Census – T9\822\Part 1\237A, Res. 102, Fam. 113; June 8, 1880

1900 Truxton Census – T623\1020\Part 2\259B, Res. 169, Fam. 173, June 13, 1900

George Goddard

George D. Goddard
b. 1856 NY
d. Feb. 29, 1936
bur. Truxton Village Cem.,
Truxton, NY

= **Sarah Morris**
b. 1856 NY
mar. 1891 CHECK SOURCE – 1900 Census?
d. Jan. 12, 1933 (76y)
bur. Truxton Village Cem., Truxton, NY

— **Lizie**
b. 1887 NY

— **Harriet Goddard**
b. ?
d. Oct. 1, 1889 (Infant)
bur. Truxton Village Cem., Truxton, NY

— **Davis Goddard**
b. Oct. 1, 1889
d. Oct. 15, 1889 (15d)
bur. Truxton Village Cem., Truxton, NY

— **Harriet R. Goddard**
b. Oct. 1894
d. Sept. 18, 1895 (11m)
bur. Truxton Village Cem., Truxton, NY

Sarah's parents were born in Wales

Source:
1880 Census – Truxton Village – T9\822\Part 1\247B, Res. 51, Fam. 55

Arthur Goddard

Arthur Goddard

b. Nov. 1860 NY
(in the 1860 census taken
in June 1860 Art's age was
2/12, hence he was born in
May 1860)

= **Rosalind ?**
b. July 1866 NY
mar. 1885

— **Louis Goddard**
b. Dec. 1887 NY

— **David Goddard**
b. Jan. 1892

Sources:

1860 – Arthur was living with his parents

1870 - ?

1880 – Truxton Census T9\822\Part 1\248A, Res. 57, Fam. 64

–Art(18) was listed as a “Servant” on the Vail farm in the 1880 census. 1880 Truxton
Census –

1889 - ?

1900 – Cortland Census

In the 1900 census Art (39) owned a hotel at 31 Railroad St. in the city of Cortland. His wife
Rosalind (32) and sons Louis (12) and David (8) were living with them. Art and Rosalind were
married in 1885.

James Goddard and Frances (Fanny) Twentyman.

James Levi Goddard

b. Nov. 1831 Mass.
d. July 7, 1923 (92)
bur. Truxton Village Cem.,
Truxton, NY

Frances Twentyman (1st)

b. 1839 Eng.
d. Oct. 31, 1890 (51)
bur. Truxton Village Cem., Truxton,
NY

Alice Goddard

b. 1866 NY

Henry James Goddard

b. 1869 NY
d. Dec. 12, 1944 (75y,9m,20d)
bur. Truxton Village Cem., Truxton,
NY

William Goddard (single)

b. Feb, 1869 NY

Mary ? (2nd Wife)

b. Mar. 1834 Eng.
Came to U.S. 1841
mar. 1892 (6/6 children in 1900)
d. Mar. 11, 1903 (70)
bur. Truxton Village Cem., Truxton,
NY

Frances A. Goddard

b. Dec., 1893 NY
d. Mar. 30, 1977 (83)
bur. Truxton Village Cem., Truxton,
NY

In the 1869 Cortland County
Gazeteer **James Goddard**
was living on lot 34 and
farming 183 acres.

Sources:

1850 -

1860 -

1870 Truxton M593\922\900B, Res. 228, Fam. 232

Real estate \$13,600, Pers Estate \$4500

1880 Truxton Census – June 14, 1880 – T9\822\Part 1\232A; Res. 1, Fam. 1

James Goddard, 48, Farmer, Mass, VT, VT

Fanna Goddard, 40, Wife, Eng., Eng., Eng. (Frances “Fanny” Twentyman)

Allies Goddard, 14, Dau., Ny, Mass., Eng.

Henry Goddard, 11, son, NY, Mass., Eng. (d. Dec. 12, 1944 (75y,9m,20d), bur. Truxton
Village Cemetery)

1900 Truxton Census – T623\1020\Part 2\260B, Res. 204, Fam. 215

James b. Nov. 1831 (68)

Mary b. Mar. 1834 (66) (2nd wife)

married 8 years, 6/6 children living on June 14, 1900

James born Mass; Parents born in VT

Mary born Eng.; Parents born Eng.

Children:

Frances Goddard, b. Dec. 1893, NY; Parents born in NY (d. Mar. 30, 1977 (83), bur.
Truxton Village Cemetery)

William Goddard, b. Feb. 1869, NY; Father born in Mass, Mother born in Eng. (Mother was Fanny, living with Father and step mother.)

James was appointed a Town Officer in 1883 – Excise Commissioner – from the History of Truxton.

1889 Truxton Directory

James L. Goddard, 225, Cheningo
Mary Goddard, proprietor Truxton Hotel
Solomon Goddard, R.R. Comm, 266
Thomas Goddard, Truxton
Will S. Goddard, Hotel Clerk

No Twentyman entries.

