



*THE JOHN BUTLER FAMILY
OF*

IRELAND AND ENGLAND

LANCASTER, MASSACHUSETTS

WOBURN, MASSACHUSETTS

PELHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

John Butler of Pelham NH

John Butler b. 22 July 1677 Woburn MA d. 1759 Pelham NH, m. Elizabeth. They removed to Pelham NH in about 1722. Their children born in Woburn are:

Elizabeth b. 4 Sept 1704 m. Ephraim Cummings.
 John b. 22 June 1706 m. 1st Mary Hamblet, 2nd Ruth Wyman.
 Samuel b. 3 May 1708 m. 1st Mary Wright, 2nd Elizabeth Johnson, widow.
 Sarah b. 10 Jan 1709-10 unmarried.
 Joseph b. 1 Dec 1713 m. 1st Hannah Gregg, 2nd Abigail Morse.
 Phebe b. 25 Jan 1714 m. John Durant.
 Mary b. 27 Dec 1716 m. Benjamin Durant.
 Jacob b. 10 Nov 1718 m. Mary Eames.
 Abigail b. 5 Nov 1720 m. Henry Baldwin 4.
 Sarah b. 9 Nov 1724 m. 1st Jonathan Morgan 2nd Josiah Hamblet.

John Butler Jr. m. 1st Mary Hamblet. Their children: Mary b. 22 Mar 1737 m. 1st Benjamin Barker 2nd. James Burnet or Barnard.
 John b. 29 Dec 1738 m. Mary Greeley.
 Nathan b. 6 Mar 1741 m. Hannah Hale.
 David b. 7 Dec 1743 m. Rebecca Chase.
 Jonathan b. 11 Jan 1745-46 d. young.
 Elizabeth b. 12 Apr 1748 m. Henry Hale.

John Butler Jr. m. 3 Oct 1753 2nd wife Ruth Wyman b. 15 Sept 1725 d. 8 Aug 1805, daughter of Joseph and Ruth Baldwin Wyman, granddaughter of John Baldwin of Billerica. Their children: Jonathan b. 19 May 1756 m. Sarah Tarbox.
 Ruth b. 14 Mar 1761 m. John Tarbox. The Pelham church records confirmed the death record of Ruth Wyman Butler as given in the Billerica website for John Baldwin, and so confirmed that this is the Ruth who married John Butler Jr. Ruth Baldwin is the grand niece of my ancestral grandfather Henry Baldwin of Woburn, and cousin to my grandfathers Daniel and John of Woburn. No one is more surprised than me to find so many connections in Pelham!

I am now searching for Josiah R. Butler b. 1830, son of William who was an accountant in Sandwich NH. Josiah m. 9 Feb 1852 Boston, Sophronia Spear b. 17 Jan 1833, daughter of Rev. John Murray Spear & wife Betsey Briggs. Rev. John Murray Spear and wife Betsey are my great-great grandparents; their youngest child Elizabeth married Lucien DeForest Baldwin 1869 Boston.

MAJOR GEORGE S. BUTLER

Found in the Biographical Review, containing life sketches of leading citizens of Cheshire and Hillsboro Counties NH, published in Boston 1897:

Major George S. Butler, an enterprising lumber dealer of Pelham and a former member of the NH Senate, was born in Pelham 26 June 1848, son of David and Mary Ann (Russell) Butler. The family is of English and Irish origin. John Butler was first to settle in Pelham in 1721, was born 22 July 1677, son of James Butler of Lancaster MA. John Butler married Elizabeth Wilson. Their son John was born 22 June 1706.

David Butler born 7 December 1743 Pelham is a son of John 2nd. He served as an officer in the American Revolution and was a member of the Assembly in 1780-81. David married 20 June 1772 Rebecca Chase. Their son Isaac was born 13 March 1774 Pelham. Isaac married Nancy Chaplin of Lunenburg MA. Their son David was born 16 December 1809 Pelham and married Mary Ann of Carlisle MA. David was for many years identified with the lumber and agriculture businesses of Pelham, and widely known for his participation in the State Militia, with the rank of Captain. Originally a Whig in politics, he later became a Republican. He attended the First Congregational Church of Pelham. David and Mary Ann are the parents of George S. Butler. 26 June 1848.

Major George S. Butler carries on a profitable lumber business, is a well-known insurance agent, and also owns and cultivates a good farm. A Republican in politics, George is one of the most active members of the Party in Pelham. He has served as chairman of the Board of Selectmen for two years, Representative to the Legislature in 1882-83, and a member of the U.S. Senate for years 1889-90. Chairman of the board of Education as well as Moderator, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Pelham Library, and Justice of the Peace and Notary Public since 1883.

On June 24, 1874, George S. Butler married Abbie E. Spear of Rockland ME, daughter of Harvey II and Jane (Spofford) Spear whose mother remained in Pelham. George and Abbie had four children: George F. born 6 November 1875 died 14 May 1895. Bessie F. born 4 June 1877 died 3 July 1878. Nettie G. born 4 December 1881, and Russell D. born 22 June 1884.

Major Butler was connected with Centreville Lodge I.O.O.F. of Lowell MA, and was a member of the encampment and the Patriarchs Militant. Also a member of the Royal Arcana, The Pilgrim Fathers, the Massachusetts Society, Sons of the American Revolution, and Pelham Grange #244, Patrons of Husbandry. Major Butler has been connected with the Congregational Church of Pelham, serving as chairman of the Board of Trustees and Assessors.

WILLIAM W. BUTLER

William W. Butler, who occupies one of the oldest settled farms in Pelham, was born 30 September 1838 in the house he now occupies, son of Phineas and Betsey Wyman Butler. The Butler farm is part of the original tract purchased of Joseph Blanchard in 1732 by Samuel Butler, great grandfather of William. Samuel Butler, who was its first settler made the original clearing, and erected the first house upon this property. Caleb Butler, William's grandfather, cultivated the property during the active period of his life.

Phineas Butler born 29 March 1791 was a sturdy and industrious farmer. He succeeded to the homestead. In his religious views he was a Congregationalist; politically, he acted with the Republicans during the better years of his life. He died 7 August 1876. His first marriage was contracted with Sarah Barker, daughter of Deacon Benjamin Barker. Seven children were born of the union.

William W. Butler began his education in the schools of Pelham and finished his studies at Phillips Andover Academy. He has been engaged in tilling the soil since he reached manhood and is now the owner of the homestead farm containing 200 acres. Since the property came into his hands, he has remodeled the buildings and kept the soil in the high standard of fertility for which the place has long been known.

William Butler joined in marriage with Abbie L. Colburn 2 November 1859. She was born in Pelham 15 May 1837, daughter of Gilbert and Cynthia Colburn, natives of Pelham and Merrimac. William and Abbie had three children; Arthur M. born 9 July 1869, Clarence E, born 3 January 1872, and Otis W. born 6 March 1874.

In politics, William Butler is independent. A thirty-second degree Mason, he is a member of Ancient York Lodge of Lowell, Lowell Chapter of Arch Masons, Ahasuerus Council of Royal and Select Masters, Pilgrim Commandery of Knight Templar, and the MA Consistory. He is also connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Pilgrim Fathers.

This information was also gleaned from the Biographical Review of Cheshire and Hillsborough Counties, publishes Boston 1897. Unfortunately, there was no photo of Mr. Butler.



GEORGE S. BUTLER.