

ADDENDUM

Ruth Thorn has an interesting ancestry. She was born about 1785-86. Her father, Samuel Thorn, was born in Dutchess co. N.Y. about 1765, and when a youth became an aide to a Loyalist Colonel from Nova Scotia, and served with him during the Revolution, and was with him at the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown. Sam returned with the Colonel to Nova Scotia and there met the Colonel's daughter, Rebecca Barss. Presently they fell in love but the Colonel refused to give his daughters hand, so they eloped. Ruth Thorn was their first child. They then returned to the States going to Dutchess co., and then to Schoharie co. where at the border with Albany co. Sam purchased land in 1815, and where he died in about 1828.

The Colonel was Jonathon Bearse (spelled Barss in Nova Scotia) born in the early 1730s and his wife was Ruth Eldredge born 17 Feb 1737. They were both born on Cape Cod and came of old Plymouth Bay stock, and moved to Liverpool, Nova Scotia when land became available after the British drove the French Acadians (Louisiana Cajuns) out, a campaign in which Jonathon served.

The first Bearse immigrant, Austin or Augustine, was born in 1618 and came from England in 1639 and lived first at Barnstable. Later members of the family lived at Chatham. Austin was Jonathon's paternal g'g'g'father and married Mary Hyanno whose parents and g'parents were indians of the Naraganset tribe. Jonathon's maternal g'g'mother was Deborah Hopkins. Her father, Giles, and g'father, Stephen Hopkins, were Mayflower passengers. Jonathon's paternal g'g'mothers, sisters, Martha and Elizabeth Taylor, wives of Joseph Bearse and Samuel Cobb, were g'daughters of Margaret, an Indian of the Wampanoag tribe, of which tribe Massasoit was a Chief, so we probably had ancestors and relatives on both sides of that Thanksgiving table in 1621.

Ruth Eldredge's maternal g'g'g'father, Jonathon Higgins, married Elizabeth Rogers whose father and g'father, Joseph and Thomas Rogers were Mayflower passengers.

Ruth Thorn's grandson, Nicholas Nathan Townsend West, also had a Mayflower ancestor, namely, Richard Warren. This was thru his father, Lucius West, whereas the above ancestral lines came to Nicholas thru his mother, Ruth Belinda Townsend, a daughter of Ruth Thorn.

The next page, 7B, diagrams the above relationships.