

## HISTORY OF THE WILLIAM WEST AND UNKNOWN WIFE FAMILY

William West was born 12 Feb 1762 in Tolland, Tolland Co., Conn. to Abner West and Mary Hatch. It was probably about 1770, or shortly after, when the Pioneering Abner West family moved to Richmond, Berkshire Co., Mass. In this new location William experienced his teen years. Meanwhile the Revolutionary War had erupted and a few months after his 18th birthday he served for 3 months as a Private in Col. John Brown's regiment from Berkshire Co.

It appears that he married about 5 years later in about 1823, but to whom or where it is not known. Several descendants are looking for this grandmother but currently without success. Because of his names it is believed that Day Hubbard is the first born. the next two children. Augustus and Flavia were born in Mass. William was still in Richmond in 1790, probably farming with his father, but not for long.

In 1792 he and a Charles West filed on lot 283, 160 acres of land, in Rensselaerville, Albany Co., New York. It was about 42 miles across the Hudson river to the west and a little north. Charles is believed to be a first cousin born in Tolland at the same time as William. Their uncle Elijah West and a Benjamin Frisbee had arrived earlier and settled on lot 284 on the east. Currently it isn't known whether the next two children, Matilda and Harry were born in Mass. or N.Y, The next two, Abner and Lucius, were born in 1803 and 1805 at Rensselaerville.

It appears that William's wife died in the years following and William took a second wife named Anna. She bore two girls, Sally about 1814 and Calista Ann about 1820. These two girls and their mother were united with the Presbyterian Church. No known religious affiliation is known for Lucius and William. Abner favored the Baptist Church. William always farmed and probably feeling the end was near wrote a will in March of 1838 and died a few months later at age of 76 years. Burial places for William and his wife or wives have not been located.

The known plus the guesses about the children follows:

Day Hubbard b. abt. 1786 m. Anna King  
Augustus b. 8 Feb 1788 m. Sarah Sisson  
Flavia b. abt. 1789 m. Sanford Sisson  
Matilda b. abt. 1792 m. William Almy  
Harry b. abt. 1795 m. Nancy Warren  
Abner b. 3 Apr 1803 m. Anna Sherman  
\*Lucius b. abt. 3 Dec 1805 m. Ruth Belinda Townsend  
Sally Ann b. abt. 1814 m. Jonathon Sawdy  
Calista Ann b. abt. 1820 m. Avery Cook