

### History of Cornelius Merry 1666

Cornelius Merry was born on 9 November 1666 in Northampton, Hampshire, Massachusetts. Cornelius Merry experienced tragedy when his boyhood home in Northfield was destroyed by the Indians along with the entire town.

About the same time his brother John Merry took up his land in East Hampton, Long Island. Cornelius and his brother-in-law, Thomas Morgan, purchased adjoining farm land in West Hartford, Connecticut, and for the next 100 years there were Merrys on some part of this land or the additional farm just over the West Hartford line in Farmington.

He was married to Bertha or Bethiah Morgan in 1701. They were blessed with ten children.

He died on 7 August 1760.

The following Will of Cornelius seems to have been written by Noah Webster, a name made famous by a later Noah and Daniel Webster. The State Library of Connecticut in Hartford, still had this will on file.

#### Will of Cornelius Merry

To the Honorable Court of probates for the District of Hartford, we the Subscribers being Appointed to Distribute the Real Estate of Cornelius Merry Deceased (viz) that part of it which was Given to his Daughters have According to the Order of Court now Given us Distributed to Mary Wells at the West End ten Acres and one half then Next Sarah Cadwell Eleven Acres and one half Butted West on the Aforesaid Land Set out to Mary Wells with the

priviledge of a Road one Rod and a half wide the South Side Acrost the said Mary Well's Land to her Own. Next we Set out to Bethiah Center Eleven Acres Butted West on the Land we have set out to Sarah Cadwell with the Priviledge Afore S,d of Pasing acrost the S,d Sarah Cadwell Land; Next we set out to Leah Hinsdell ten Acres Buted West on the Land we Set out to Bethiah Center with the Afore S,d priviledge of passing Acrost her Land. Next We set out to Lydia Hubard ten Acres butted West on the Land we set out Leah Hinsdale with the Afore S,d priviledge of passing Acrost her Land. Next we Set out to Rachel Turner Seven Acres Butted West on Lydia Hubbards land with the Afore S,d Priviledge of passing acrost her Land Likewise the Priviledge of passing Acrost Rachel Turners Land for all that Ly West of her.

Saul Kollegg      Distributed under Oath  
Elisha Seymour

## History of Ebenezer Merry

Ebenezer Merry was born on 1 May 1748 in Hartford Connecticut. He married Sarah Whiting, the daughter of John Whiting, on 5 November 1772. The first three of their children were born in West Hartford, Connecticut.

Ebenezer and his family lived in West Hartford, Connecticut until about 1778. Then they migrated to Kinderhook, New York where the last seven children were born.

The Hartford Land Records Index from 1639 to 1839 show that Ebenezer bought or sold 12 parcels of land from 29 Dec 1786 to 25 Feb 1788.

The Berkshire Middle District Registry of Deeds, Pittsfield, Massachusetts, Book 15, page 521 under the date of 15 August 1783 shows "Ebenezer Merry Gentleman", and "John Whitting Junior", living together, which would mean that brother-in-law John Whitting Junior was living with the Ebenezer Merry family in 1783. Later Ebenezer and his family migrated to Avon, New York, which was then called New Hartford, but as there already was a New Hartford just out of Utica and just over the line from Herkimer County, the name was changed to Avon New York. Here Ebenezer Merry Esq. was named the first Town Supervisor and it was here that Ebenezer owned the Ferry on the Genesee River while a family named Berry had the tavern or Inn on the East bank of the river. For those migrating West who had to cross the Genesee at Avon, the saying was "IF MERRY DOESN'T GET YOU BERRY WILL".

Ebenezer Merry died on 3 July 1809, leaving Sarah who survived him by three years. His son Anson was Executor of his father's Will.

Ebenezer Merry had 2 days service in the town of Hartford, Lexington Alarm List. He served as a private under Lieutenant Seymour and Major Newberry in Connecticut Troops.

Index to deeds - Hartford, Connecticut, lists 5 deeds all Quit Claims in which Ebenezer & Sarah were the Grantors

Ebenezer Merry died on 3 July 1809.

### History of John Merry

John Merry was born 20 April 1708 and was baptized on April 1708 in Hartford, Connecticut. He married Dinah Flower on 16 October 1736. They were blessed with ten children. John died on 11 Mar 1761 in Hartford, Connecticut.

The following is an inventory of the Estate of John Merry.

	pd	s	d
One brass kettle 1 pd One new sider bbl. 3 s	1	3	0
7 old bbl. 1 s 3 d each, 1 mashing tub	0	9	9
1 cheese tub 3 s, 1 churn 2 s, 1 new bbl. 3 s	0	8	0
3 chairs 2 s each, 4 do 6 s each, mortar & pestel	0	8	6
3 chests 1/6 each, 1 table in hall 2 s 1 table 4 d	0	6	10
Chamber 4 d, sythe tackling 1 s, meal bbl 6 s	0	1	8
trough 2 d, 2 iron wedges 3 s, 1 axe 5 s, 1 bridle	0	10	0
1 frying pan 6 d, 1 serving 5 s, 2 pr flems 3 s	0	8	6
1 coffe pot 3 d, 3 basons 5 s, 6 spoons 9 d, cup 9 d	0	6	9
2 platters 4 s 6 d, 3 knives & forks 1 s 6 d	0	7	0
powder horn 3 d, 1 pail 1 s little & big iron pot	0	7	9
iron kettle 6 s, peal 1 s, tongs 1 s 6 d, trammel 6 d	0	9	0
1 duffle coat 15 s, 1 surcoat 8 s 1 Strat boby coat 1 s	1	4	0
1 waist coat 6 s, 1 do 6 d, 1 shirt cotton 1 s	0	7	8
1 worsted cap 2 s, 1 do 3 d, 1 warming pan 1 s 3 d	0	3	6
one Saddle 8 s, 1 gun 1 pd 10 s, tin pan 6 d	1	18	6
1 pair shoes 6 d, 1 pr wooling sheets 14 s	0	14	6
1 pair Linnin Sheets 14 s, 2 bed & bolsters 15 s	1	9	0
1 blanket 8 s, one cow 3 pd 10 s, one hat 1 s	3	19	0

2 bedsted and cord 8 s, a sickle 1 s, 1 pr of shoes 3 d	0	9	3
1 candle stick 1 s 6 d, 1 funnel 6 d, 1 beer barrel 2 s	0	4	0
1 meat barrel 1 s - 1 milk bowl 6 d	0	1	6
1 pocket book 6 d	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>6</u>
Total	15	18	2

The above inventory of the estate of John Merry Deceased taken by Tho. Merrell & Josiah Steel under oath.

2 December 1761 accepted for record by I Talcott, Clerk List of Moveables Set to the Widow of John Merry late of Hartford, Deceased, by-court of Probate 2 December 1761

	pd	s	d
for her necessary use 1 brass kettle	1	0	0
new sider bbl 3 s, mashing tub 1 s, 2 chairs, 1 chest	0	9	6
table 2 s, meal bbl 6 d, frying pan 6 d, 3 basons 5 s,			
6 spoons 9 d	0	8	9
pint cup 9 d, 2 platters 4 s 6 d, 3 knives & forks			
1 s 6 d, iron pot 6 s	0	12	9
peal & tongs 2 s 6 d, tramel 6 d, warming pan 1 s 3 d			
woolen sheets 14 s	0	18	3
linen sheets 14 s, 2 beds & bolsters 15 s, 1 blanket 8 s 1	1	17	0
3 bedsteds & cords 8 s, shears 3 d, candle sticks			
1 s 6 d, funel 6 d	0	10	3
beer bbl 2s, meal bbl 1, milk bowl 1 s	<u>0</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>
Total	6	0	6

To Daniel Edwards, Esq. Judge of the Probate for the District of Hartford. We the subscribers having been appointed Comissionors to

receive and examine the claims of the Creditors to the Estate of John Merry late of Hartford deceased have Pursuant to our instructions Lawfully attended upon that business and find there is four County

Rates	6 pd	14 s	1/2 d
to Capt Jonath Gillet of Wintingbury	1	4	6 1/2
to James Church	5	10	7
to the Estate of John Steel Deceased	5	2	11
to Tho. Hosmer Esq.	5	8	0
to the Comissinors for their trouble	0	5	0

Tho. Hosmer & Isaac Goodman; Comissioners