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Painted Post, NY 14870
February 17, 1989

Dear Mr. Day,

First, I want to apologize for taking so long getting these copies to you.

As there were several books and booklets, I did not take time to check for repetition. Some paragraphs, I know, had a little more added than in other accounts. Also I tried to follow Aunt Lucy's form, which was hard to do at times!

I included some things about the family and the "living" then which might be just of interest to you, although I tried to keep it in the "Day" family.

Since you are interested in the Day line, I did not include Emma's grandchildren.

In general I was typing so my brothers and sisters could each have a copy if they want, hence the many pages. I realize there isn't too much information for your book.

Sincerely,

Luella Fraser
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LEWIS SKILLINGS

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Lewis Skillings

B circum 1762
D 1802
M circum 1784

"Dutch"
Born in Holland. in Germany?
killed by a falling tree
in a storm, was in

Elizabeth Skillings

B 9 - 27 - 1785

D
M

John Day

Hannah Blagdon

B about 1763
D in 1807 aged 44

She married 2nd
1825 or after
Elder - Day

Day Family

The first known of the family was in Ipswich, Mass. where lived Aaron Day and his wife Sarah (Goodhue).

Of their children Sally b. Nov. 17, 1751 m. her cousin John Day (1774). Two sisters Susannah b. 1767 m. 1791 Joseph Sawyer and Polly b. 1773 m. John Smith May 27, 1794 were early settlers of Litchfield, Maine.

Professor Sam'l K. Smith of Colby College was the son and Oramandel Smith the grandson of John and Polly Day Smith.

The children of John and Sally Day were:

- 1-John b. Nov. 16, 1777 or '76
- 2-Abigail b. Feb. 14, 1779
- 3-Frank m. lived in Hallowell (Francis b. Feb. 18, 1781)
- 4-Sally (Sarah)
- 5-Lucy (died of cancer about 1839)
- 6-Moses (injured in the head when young-10 years)
- 7-Nathaniel (Nat)
- 8-Aaron m. Lived in Starks then moved to Milo

When the children were young they had two Grammy Days. John said his father told him to call his mother's mother "Poverty Hill Grammy." He did and his mother spanked him!

"Uncle Nat and Aunt Sally lived together in Manchester, Me. for a long time and brought up their brother Aaron's daughter Harriet. She married a Freeman and lived there, took care of them. The mother Sally Day came to Maine and probably spent her last days in Manchester or Hallowell."

John Day b. Nov. 1777 (or '76) went to sea when young. When he returned, his father having died, he found the family had left Ipswich and come to Maine. His brother Aaron being in Starks he went there. Was a hatter by trade.

* John Day married in Starks May 23, 1809 Elizabeth or Betsey Skillings b. Sept. 27, 1785. Their children:

<u>born</u>	<u>married</u>
James, Mar. 10, 1810	Cynthia Mooar, Feb. 1838
Hannah S., Nov. 22, 1811	Hezekiah Smiley, July 15, 1846
Mary S., Jan. 19, 1814	
Lewis, July 31, 1816	name unknown, Apr. 1840
Sarah F., Sept 23, 1818	Adariel Gray, Feb. 1836
Jonathan, Sept. 3, 1820	Lucy Sherburn, Mar. 27, 1850
	Phebe Dumphey, Dec. 9, 1877
Daniel, Nov. 7, 1822	name unknown
John N., June 10, 1825	Susan Mower, Aug. 1, 1847
	Abby Wyman, May 2, 1858
Elizabeth, Oct. 20, 1827	Christopher Sterry, Sept. 23, 1847

Children of James and Cynthia Day:

1. Olive b. April 9, 1839 (d. Apr. 23, 1929) - m. Bailey Gower
 Jan 18 (or 13), 1861. Children born:

- Oct. 23, 1861 Lewis James m. Anna Ellis
 Oct. 10, 1863 Frank W. m Emma Ellis
 Dec. 23, 1868 Eben B. m Mamie Gray

2. Luella E. b. Oct. 18, 1845 d. May 20, 1933)
 3. Anna A. b. July 26, 1847 d. Apr. 16, 1927) — Visited Maine in 1914
 4. John B. b. July 20, 1849 m. Josie Brown May 5, 1874
 died in Chicago July 20, 1902, His wife Mar. 20, 1907

Hezekiah and Hannah Smiley had 4 children:

1. Sarah d. young
 2. Son d. young
 3. Emily b. Mar. 14, 1848, m. Jos. Taylor, 2nd m. H. A. Smith
 d. June 22, 1930
 4. Carrie b. July 21, 1855 m. Gilman- Gertrude
 Florence m. L. Olin
 b. Mar. 27

Jonathan and Lucy Day had 2 children :

1. Emma Louisa, b. Feb. 23, 1851 m. Mark^L Hutchins
 2. Sam'l Sherburn b. Feb. 23, 1853 d. June 30, 1902
 m. Oct. 19, 1876 to Augusta L. Jones d. May 18, 1933
 Their children :
 1. Mabel M. b. June 16, 1878 m Arthur Hilton 10/6/1897
 She died Sept 23, 1958
 2. Eugene Garfield b. Dec. 22, 1881 d. 1951 (Apr. ?
 m. Ethel Davis Oct 26, 1909

* John Day died March 7, 1833 (buried in Wilton) Betsey his wife d. in Greene Nov. 29, 1849

James Day and his wife Cynthia C. Day moved from Temple, Maine to Esmera (sp?) Livingston Co. Illinois in Oct. 1851 with their four children Olive, Luella, Anna and John. James died in Illinois Nov. 29, 1860. His wife Dec. 27, 1867.
 Hannah d. Litchfield, Maine Dec. 5, 1887
 Mary d. Madison, Maine Sept. 24, 1896
 Lewis d. Ohio ? Apr. 23, 1845
 Sarah d. in the western states
 Jonathan d. New Portland, Me. July 24, 1914
 Daniel d. in the army May 1862
 John d. in the army May 15, 1864, buried in Alexandria cem.
 Elizabeth d. March 1855

Children of Lewis James and Anna Ellis Gower, Farmington, New Mexico

Bailey B. born July 10, 1889
John b. March 13, 1891
D. Ellis b. April 17, 1895
Gilbert F. b. April 30, 1898
Chester b. Oct. 18, 1903
Frances b. Oct. 18, 1903

Anna Ellis b. Nov. 1928
Harriet Jean b. Oct 1, 1930

Children of Frank W. and Emma E. Gower, Odell, Illinois:

Olive E. b. August 6, 1895 m. Sept 15, 1927 John Leslie Hundley
Warren L. b. April 4, 1897 d. Jan. 10, 1906
Lawrence E., August 6, 1899
Dorothy E., November 6, 1901
Walter E. Dec. 19, 1903

Children of Eben B. and Mamie Gower, Kankakee, Ill.

Benjamin G. b. Jan. 31, 1900
Charlotte D. b. May 4, 1902

Children of John B. and Josie Day:

George L. Day b. May 9, 1875 Chicago
Irving C. Day b. May 21, 1877 San Francisco
Harry James Day b. Jan. 2, 1879 Kansas City
Gertrude C. Day b. Feb 25, 1883 m. Fred Egolf
Frank B. Day b. April 17, 1884 Chicago

John N. Day b. in Starks June 10, 1825 married 1st Susan E.
Mower b. in Livermore July 22, 1826, M. August 1st, 1847.
Their children were:

Lewis L. Day b. Oct. 20, 1848 in Greene
Roscoe T. " b. March 17, 1850 " "
Ellen E. or "Nellie" b. March 6, 1854 in Wilton
d, Feb. 2, 1857 in Wilton
Mrs. Susan Day died Dec. 21, 1856 (aged 30)

John N. Day married 2nd Abby W. Wyman b. Jan. 9, 1833 d. Aug. 11,
1929. Their son Charles L. Day b. Nov. 4, 1860 married Carrie
M. Wing on Nov 4, 1890. (She) died Feb. 17, 1894. Their
daughter Gertrude K. Day b. Apr. 14, 1893 married Earl C. Lane
July 30, 1925, Bartlesville, Oklahoma

John N. Day's oldest son, Lewis L. Day m. Mary Ann Sharpe.
Their children :

Albert N. Day b. May 1, 1873 (d. in west 19--)
Nellie Day b. Nov. 1874 (d. in Cal. 19--)
E. Maybelle Day b. June 9, 1876
Frank L. Day b. June 1878 d. Oct. 1935
Almeda Day b. June 1880 d. young
Elizabeth S. Day b. Oct. 20, 1886
Lura S. Day b. Oct 1888 d. July 1937

Albert N. Day m. Annie Nolan California (both dec
Two daughters Lura Day, Alberta Day
Son John Nelson died young

Nellie Day m. Judson P. Wade both dec
In California
Their children Rita M. Wade m. Musica, (# 1 dau.
Lester Wade m. Thelma Felecion

E. Maybelle or "Belle" Day m. Freeman T. Kierstead. Children are:
Wallace m. Joyce Taylor
children: Lois, Janet Jane b. Oct 7, '34
Howard married Ella Burdan
children: Ruth Donald b. Feb. 23, '34
Forrest m. Rita
children: David Paul Freeman
Marjorie m. Wm. Hart 1967
Paul m. Mabel Taylor
children Jane - Stephen Beth and Theodore
Elizabeth S. Day m. Jesse L. Strout Oct. 1907
celebrated Golden Wedding 1957
Their son Earland K. b. 12/13/1913
Lura L. Day m. Ross Kierstead
Their children- Lela d. very young
Madolyn
Pauline
Lura Day died July 17, 1937

John N. Day's second son Roscoe T. Day m. Esther Bishop
Their children:
Susie b. 1875 m. Roy Shaw (She died leaving nine children)
Feb. 22, 1920
Wallace, Jan. 7
Ralph, Mar. 11
Mary, Apr. 21, 1907
James, Apr. 17
John, Apr. 2, 1910
Harold, Oct. 18 ?) 1911
Vernon David, Sept. 13, 1913
Richard, Mar. 15
Ruth, Apr. 21, 1917

Phoebe d. young
Carl m. Edna Thomas
Their children Helen L. Frances I, Atlant
Carl m. 2nd Nellie Michaud
Their children Gerald, Roscoe, Marion, Stanley,
Wm., Carl Jr.

Thomas + Ann Woodward

Sergt. Thomas Day son ? of ~~Anthony & Susannah Day~~
born 1675 m. Elizabeth Jewett b. 1689 (intentions published
Jan. 28, 1709) " died Jan. 7, 1786 aged 96 yrs. 10 mos.

Their children:

Thomas, bapt. Jan. 11, 1711, died May 1729
Jeremiah bapt. Oct. 21, 1712 m. June 27, 1741 Mary Caldwell
Elizabeth " Oct. 19, 1714 (b. 1717 d. Oct 1802 ")
Sarah bapt. Jan. 6, 1716
Robert bapt. Dec. 21, 1718
James " Dec. 11, 1720
Isaac " Dec. 2, 1722
Mary " Feb. 14, 1724
Aaron " Dec. 18, 1726 m. Sarah Goodhue Dec. 27, 1751
Drowned Aug. 24, 1790

Children of Jeremiah & Mary Caldwell Day

Jeremiah bapt. 1742
Nathaniel 1744
Mary 1745
John 1750
Abigail & James 1753
Benj 1755
Hannah 1758

Children of Aaron & Sarah Goodhue Day

1. Sarah, bapt. Nov. 17, 1751
2. Aaron " Oct. 20, 1753
3. Francis " Oct 5, 1755
4. Elizabeth " Aug. 7, 1757
5. Lucy Aug. 12, 1759
6. Dan'l Jan. 17, 1762
7. Susannah 1764 died in infancy
8. " 1767 m. Joseph Sawyer, Litchfield, Me.
9. David b. July 2, 1769 Lived in Hallowell, Me.?
10. Jonathan b. 1771 (Grandpa Days great uncle)
11. Mary or Polly bapt. 1773 m. John Smith Litchfield, Me.
Sally

John Day married Sarah/ Day his 1st cousin Dec. 22, 1774

Their children:

1. John, bapt. Nov. 17, 1776 or 1777 m. Elizabeth Skillings
2. Abigail " Feb. 14, 1779
3. Francis " Feb. 18, 1781
4. Sarah " July 6, 1785
5. Lucy " July 6, 1788
6. Moses " Jan 9, 1791
7. Nathaniel Feb. 23, 1794
8. Aaron died in Milo, Maine

Extracts from History of Litchfield, Maine.

Capt. Jos. Sawyer b. in Ipswich, Mass. June 18, 1766 m. in Ipswich Sept. 29, 1791 to Susannah Day, and settled in Litchfield. He died Sept 11, 1851. Susannah died Oct. 14, 1829 aged 62.

John Smith b. March 16, 1771 m. May 27, 1794 Polly Day, dau. of Aaron and Sarah Goodhue Day of Ipswich, Mass. Settled in Litchfield. Was a member of the Mass. Legislature and later of the Maine Legislature. Died Jan. 25, 1855. Polly Day Smith his wife d. Apr. 20, 1857. Of their eleven children:

Edward Gower Smith b. Feb. 8, 1803 d. Mar. 1882. A grandson of Eliphalet Smith one of the earliest settlers of Litchfield, member of Baptist ch. His son John Day Smith b. Feb. 25, 1845 became a lawyer in Minneapolis. Wm. Cleaver Smith-----Another son of John and Polly Day Smith b. in Litchfield in 1811, died in 1895(or 6)

"Though not rich he was ever glad to assist the poorer, his doors were ever open to the hungry and needy, he believed in the words of his Master "Inasmuch as ye did it" etc. His faith in God and his belief in his promises had been firm for many years but as he neared the end they were sublime and impressive. His long life was a useful one, he was ever helpful when there was sickness or suffering in any home in the community. Was active in church affairs until the last days of his life. He was a member of the "Plains ch. Had three daughters.

Daniel Day Smith a third son of John and Polly Day Smith b. in May 1805 moved to Aroostook County where he died May 1853. His son Oramandel b. in a log house in Aroostook Dec. 2, 1842. He first went to school at Masardis the nearest school which was ten miles from his home. His parents dying, when he was ten years of age his Uncle Prof. Sam'l K. Smith of Colby College drove in his private carriage to Masardis and brought Oramandel to the home of his uncle Wm. C. Smith in Litchfield, where he afterwards made his home. In May of 1875 he married his cousin the dau. of Wm. C. Smith. He died in May 1915. Had the distinction of holding more offices at the State House in Augusta than any other man in Maine. Had been State Treas., Sec. of State, Rep. Clerk Councilman, etc., etc. Was a school teacher in early life, was a member of the F. B. church at Litchfield Plains.

Prof. Sam'l King Smith was the youngest child of John and Polly Day Smith. Born in Litchfield Oct. 17, 1817 graduated from Colby in 1845. Was Editor of Zions Advocate for two years. In 1850 was elected to Professorship of Rhetoric Logic & Eng. Lit. in Colby. Occupied this chair for forty two years. Ordained to ministry in 1871 Made a D.D. in 1872.

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Hannah eldest daughter of John and Elizabeth Day, born Nov. 22, 1811. m. Hezekiah Smiley, July 15, 1846. Children :

1. Emily b. March 14, 1848 d. in 1930
married 1st Joe Taylor
2nd Henry Abijah Smith
2. Carrie married Mr. Gilman who died young leaving two daughters.
Gertrude b. Apr. 18, 1878 m. no children
Florence b. March 27, 1880
" m. Wm. Olin. They had children
Dorothy b. May 30, 1897 m. George Martin
John b. March 23, 1903 d. in N.H. leaving children
Fred b. Oct. 16, 1905

Day - Kierstead

Children of Freeman and Belle Day Kierstead

Wallace Theodore b. June 15, 1906
Howard Gray b. Aug. 24, 1908
Forest Day b. Oct. 16, 1912
Marjorie Jane, b. May 2, 1915
Paul Freeman b. Aug. 19, 1917

Children of Ross and Lura Day Kierstead

Madeline Elizabeth b. Dec. 4th, 1913
Pauline Lois, b. Dec. 27th, 1916

Wallace m. Joyce Taylor, Children Lois Hope b. 12/15/1931
and Janet b. 1934
Howard m. Ella Burden, Children Ruth b. 9/26/1931
m. Lewis Wyman
and Donald b. 1934

Skillings Family

We may not have wealth and power
And be all unknown to fame
But we can be truly proud
Of our Prussian Sheellings name.

By one of the branches

Mrs. Carrie Wyman Hughes

Embden Dec. 7th 1904

Lewis Skillings m. Hannah Blagdon of Wiscasset about 1784.
Charles Blagdon, brother of Hannah served in the War of 1812.
A sister married a Stover and came to Starks probably before
Lewis Skillings settled there with his wife Hannah. He took
up a farm on the Sandy River and was killed there by a
falling tree in 1802 aged about 40. Of the seven children
1) Betsey (Elizabeth) b. Sept 27, 1785 m. John Day. 2) Lewis the
eldest son went to Ohio when a young man and spent his life there.
" born about 1787 or 1788.

2) Charles the youngest child also went to Ohio.

3) Sarah Skillings married John Nichols of Starks.

Their children: Ephraim b. May 1820

Prudence d. unmarried

Martha (Patty) m. Joseph Piper

A. George m. Julia Dutton

C. Lewis m. Anne Flint

Diantha m. Eli Oliver

The eldest Ephraim m. Dorcas Fletcher. They always lived in
Starks. Children: Naora b. May 7, 1851 m. Charlie Waugh, died
about 1878

John b. Mch. 27, 1853

Florus b. May, 1855 m. Lizzie Waugh-1 child Vina

Sadie, m. Mark Gray, ch. George m. Edwina,
Harry m. Gladys Hifton; Edith

Addie, m. Ben Moore

Erwin, m. Ethel Preble. ch. Robert m. Alona
Houghton, Erwin, Elmer

Elmer)
Elsie) twins. Elsie d. 3 years

Luella

George, d. 1904, and Julia Nichols, b. Feb. 21, 1835, d. Nov.
11, 1919 aged 84, had two children - an infant daughter and
son Fifield who died at 8 years.

Lewis Nichols - Congregational clergyman m. Annie Flint.
Had four children Sarah, Annie, Susan, Thomas.

Eli and Diantha Oliver had four children - George, who
went to Cal. Charles m. - 3 children (Alma who m. Lester
Witham, Elsie m. Frank Smith, and Frank). Sadie m. Chas.
Merry, Arthur m. Clara Norton, children Helen &----.
Joseph and Martha Piper lived in or near Boston. Had
children Mary, Willie, Joseph (lame) and Mattie.

4) John Skillings m. 1st Sally Briggs. Children John, Sally, Obed
Eliza, Susan. m. 2nd Betsey Pepper. Ch. Charles (died in
army) Ambrose, Clarinda, Rosina, Hannah, Ann.
"Young" John m. | His daughter Susan m. a Royal and dying

NOTES by LUCY N. HUTCHINS

" It was the 23rd of February in the year 1851. Young Jonathan Day tiptoed carefully into the newly finished room (built in the southern end of the "addition" to the little old house.

There his aunt Sarah Nichols put his new baby daughter into his arms. Smiling into the tiny face he laid her down tenderly beside her mother, sweet Lucy Sherburne Day. Telling of it long afterward he said "I did just as Aunt Polly (with whom he lived) told me to do." She had said that to do that instead of handing the child back to the nurse meant that he owned her as his. And how happy he was to greet his first born!

In his old age he wrote as an acrostic on her name--

Ere the short day was gone
My little girl was born.
My sakes! How proud we felt
And full of sweet content.

Long years have passed since then.

Days weeks and months have flown,
And does this woman live?
Yes with her husband lives.

How great our mercies are
Under our Maker's care.
Then let us pass our days
Considering wisdom's ways.
Homeward our steps we'll bend,
In Heaven our troubles end.
Nearer to Him we'll be,
So near to Thee.

Feb. 23, 1908

Jonathan and Lucy had been married nearly a year. She had come in the winter of 1849-50 to visit her mother, who years after her first husband's death, had married, 2nd. "Uncle Ira Young" and was living in the Starks neighborhood.

That was a winter of much sickness. Aunt Polly's husband sickened and died. She herself was ill and Jonathan needed help. Lucy Sherburne came a stranger but the acquaintance quickly ripened from mutual respect and when she left it was with the promise of returning as a bride. She went down to Mount Vernon her former home and returned in late March with her sister and a "pung" load of her possessions. The going was "breaking up" that is, the hard packed snow in the road was softening making traveling hazardous and the young women had a hard time near the end of the journey.

The sister Sarah after they were safely arrived got to laughing hysterically over their mishaps and "couldn't stop" for a long time.

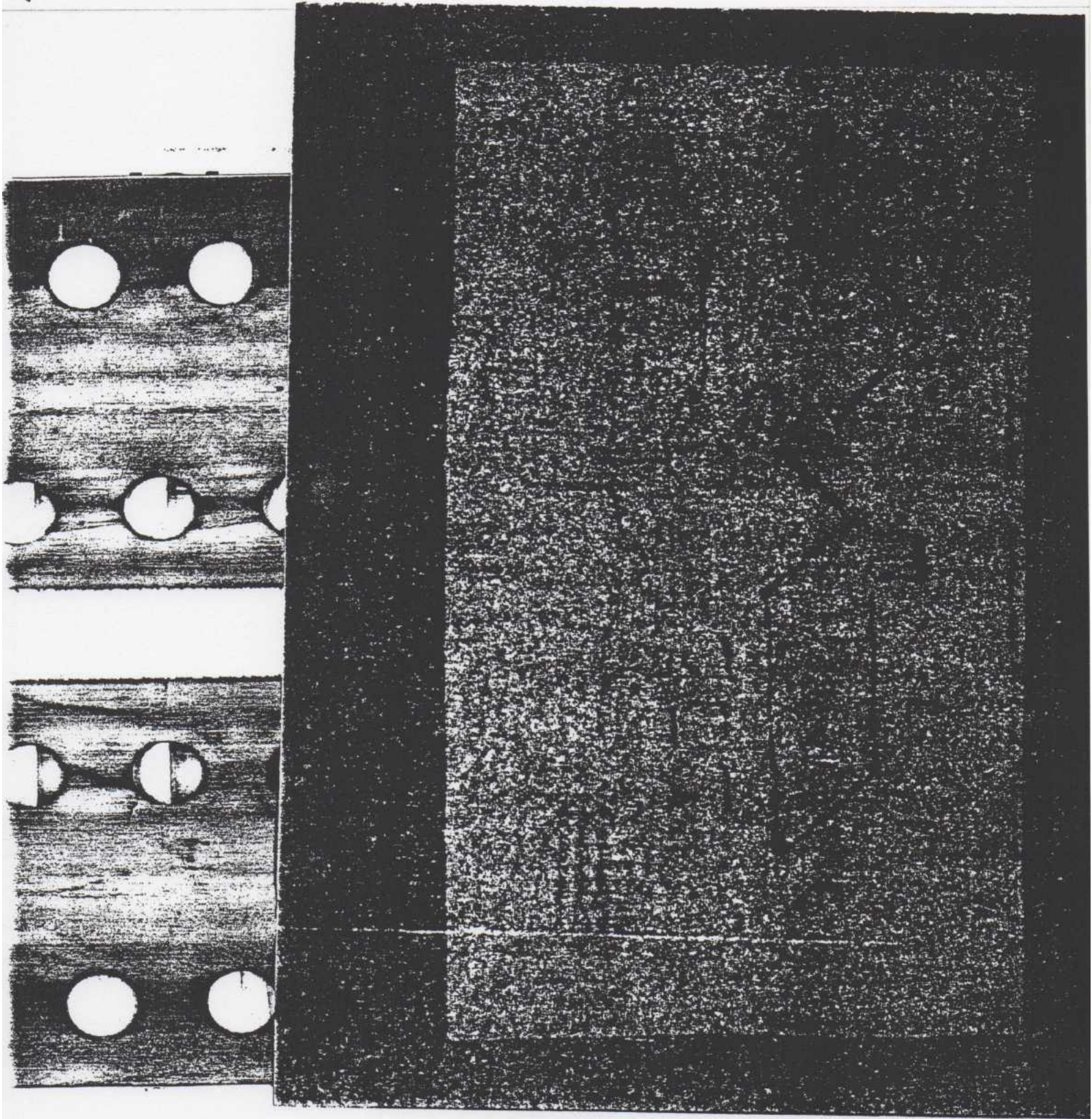
They went to their mother's and there on the 27th of March 1850 Grandpa Jonathan went to claim his bride. He had lived with Aunt Polly and her husband Uncle Wm. Sutherland since 1825, they having no children of their own took him when he

1853

S.S. Day

S.S. Day in 1853

1851 addition
1868 m.d. to s.d.



was a child of five.

So now the whole care of the farm came to him and he built an addition to the old house. In the southern part of this he finished off the best room where the baby was born. Here was grandmother Lucy's bureau, her Boston rocker and stand, etc. The bed was cleverly contrived so it could be lifted up and fastened to the wall by hooks when not in use.

There was a passage way from the old house extending the length of the addition. A door from it opened into the best room - beyond that it led to the woodshed part.

On the very day that little Emma was two years old another great event came to the family. A little boy was born and the happy mother gave him the name of her own father, Samuel Sherburne. He was called Sherburn, mostly abbreviated to Sherb. In later years he signed himself S.S. Day except in family letters when it was "Sherb" or perhaps "Uncle Sam".

Aunt Sarah Nichols with her son Ephraim and wife Dorcas (called "Darkis" lived next to Jonathan and Aunt Polly - each having part of the farm taken up by their grandfather Lewis Skillings, the "Dutchman." (whether Holland Dutch or German Dutch is uncertain. But it has been said that he was one of the Hessian soldiers hired by the British during the Revolution and not liking the job he escaped from a ship moored near Wiscasset, Maine and swam ashore in the night.

There he became acquainted with Hannah Blagdon, a Wiscasset girl whom he married, he was about 25 and she a little younger. They came up the Kennebec and lived first near (a little above) what is now Madison village. Then he took up the farm in Starks on the Sandy River where he was killed by a falling tree in 1802 at the age of forty. He left seven children, the oldest Elizabeth (Betsey) married John Day, they were the parents of Jonathan.

Jonathan's cousin Ephraim and his wife "Darkis" had a daughter Naora, she was very near Emma's age who loved her as a sister. Then Naora had a brother John who was near Sherburn's age and the four of them had happy times.

There was a hill nearly opposite called "Millstone " hill because of the hardness of the rock of which it was largely composed. There were some beautiful quartz crystals in the rock.

Nearly everything worn was homemade then excepting cotton cloth, even the shoes little Emma wore were made by a Starks neighbor, Deacon Dutton. She always remembered when he brought a new pair and she sat singing over to herself "Deacon brought the shoeies."

Wool and flax were home grown, home spun and home woven, and finally of course hand-sewed for there were no sewing machines then.