

Solomon Search – Revisited

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There are four Solomon Knickerbockers connected to Litchfield County, CT in the 1750 – 1815 period:

1. Solomon¹ b. 1754, son of John and Jemima Owen.
2. Solomon² b. 1773, son of Lawrence and Katherine Dutcher. Often called Salmon.
3. Solomon³ b. abt 1782, parents unproven. Appears in Delaware County, NY in 1800.
4. Solomon⁴ b. 1812, son of Solomon² and Lucy Olds (?).

The Solomon² – Solomon⁴ connection was recently proven and therefore they are removed from this analysis. I will investigate Solomon¹ here and study Solomon³ separately.

Solomon¹ time line:

1. 1754 – Born Salisbury, CT
2. 1774? – Marriage to Anne Heath
3. 1775 – First child born @ Salisbury
4. 1790 – Census @ Salisbury, CT
5. 1799 – Tax list @ Freehold, Albany, NY. Becomes Greene County in 1800.
6. 1800 – Census @ Freehold, NY.
7. 1820 – Census @ Salisbury, CT.

A Solomon over 45 with a wife over 45 is in the Salisbury 1820 census (p. 374). Solomon² is also enumerated (p. 372) with 3 young sons. I know of no other possibility but Solomon¹ for these marks. Many state Solomon's death was abt 1800 but this would contradict that assumption.

Recent DNA autosomal studies have indicated a likely direct lineage between Solomon¹ and Alvin (1816). Dutch naming patterns would suggest one of Solomon's male children had named a child Alvin commemorating their brother Alvin (1799). Alvin was b. 1816 and should be found as a mark in the 1820/30 census enumerations of Solomon's children if the convention holds true.

I had suspected that Solomon¹ might be the father of Solomon³ but that is unlikely due to his many named children during the early 1780 period.

Children born to Solomon – Salisbury records.

1. Hannah – 1775 – died young. Interred at Lime Rock.
2. David – 1777- d. bef. 1830 [Ontario County 1810] [1820 – Same]
3. William – 1780 –1858. [Chenango County 1810] [1820 - 50 Same]
4. Walter – 1782 – d. bef. 1810?
5. Althea – 1785 – d. abt 1775 [m. David Davis @ Durham 1807]
6. James – 1787 – [Durham, Greene, NY – 1820] [Crawford, PA – 1830] [Alvin (1799) was born in Durham according to his 1814 enlistment.]

Solomon¹ – 1790 Census Marks

M<16 James (3)

M<16 Walter (8)

M<16 William (10)

M<16 David (13)

M16+ Solomon (36)

M16+? (Relative or Hired Hand – hard to imagine a child born before 1774)

F Althea (5)

F - Un-named daughter?

F - Un-named daughter?

F Anna

Solomon¹ – 1800 Census Marks

M<10 Alvin (1)

M<10?

M<10?

M10-15 James (13)

M16-26 Walter (18)

M16-25 William (20)

M26-44 Solomon (46)

F<10?

F10-15 Althea (15)

F26-44 Anna

Both unknown females from the 1790 enumeration are missing in 1800. There are two new young males and one female - all under 10 - that have joined the household since the 1790 census. There are five unknown children of Solomon for a potential total of twelve.

I've looked at the 1820 census listings for David, William and James. All three have marks for a boy of Alvin's age. I assume the David in 1820 Ontario County is Solomon's son. I find nothing for Walter and assume he died before 1810?

Alvin (1816) in the Census:

1850 – Broome County, NY

1865 – Allegheny “

1870 – Allegheny “

1875 – Cortland “

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