

FROM PENELOPE RANDALL GARDNER GOODRICH'S RECORD

Able Gardner, my father was a soldier in the Revolutionary War and served to its close. He also was in the war of 1812 for which he received a pension.

He at last settled in Temple, New Hampshire and afterwards in Sharon, New Hampshire where he worked at his trade, blacksmith, until the death of his wife. He then went to live with his daughter Rachel Ware in Fitchburg, Massachusetts where he died in 1840.

He was not an educated man but he possessed strong good sense, good nature and an abundance of wit and humor. He was a genial, kind-hearted man.

Abel Gardner's father, Jacob Gardner, lived in Hingham, Massachusetts. He married Rachel Smith. They had seven sons: Ezekiel, Able, Bela, Jacob, Gad, Benjamin and Casswell. They had four daughters: Hannah, Rachel and Leah, the other name not given.

Abel Gardner's mother was Susannah Bryant. Her father was Joshua Bryant. Her mother was Susannah Randolph. They were married at Plymouth, Massachusetts. They moved to Temple, Massachusetts in 1798. She died in Sharon, New Hampshire 19 July 1833 at age 66. Her husband married a widow Mansfield in 1835. He died in Fitzburg, Massachusetts April 29, 1840 at age 77.

The Gardners' came from Hingham, Massachusetts and the Bryants' from Plymouth, Massachusetts.

The following was sent Harriet Goodridge Hardy by Stearns Ripley, son of Lewis Ripley and Sophia W. Gardner living at that time in North Chelmsford, Massachusetts, dated August 5, 1896:

Jacob Gardner, born 1740, married Rachel Smith. Their children are:

- Ezekiel, born about 1761, died 1840 at Hingham, Massachusetts
- Abel, born about 1763
- Bela, born about 1765
- Hannah, born about 1767
- Jacob, born about 1769
- Gad, born about 1774
- Benjamin, born about 1778
- Caswell, born about 1782

Stearns Ripley was born 1826 and died 13 September 1898 in Clemsford, Massachusetts.

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