

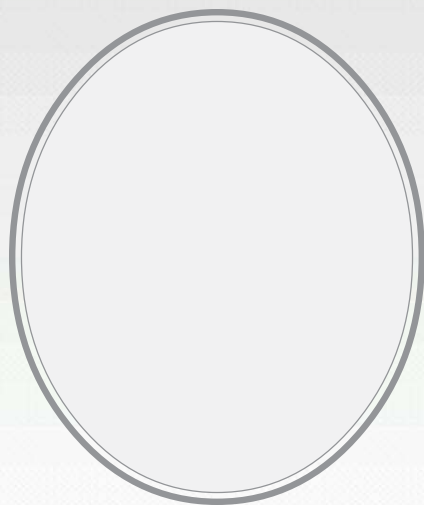
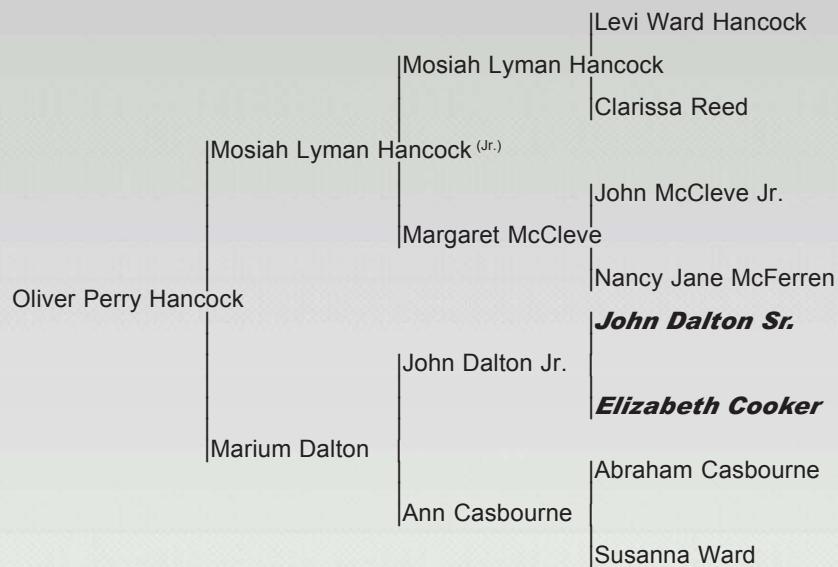
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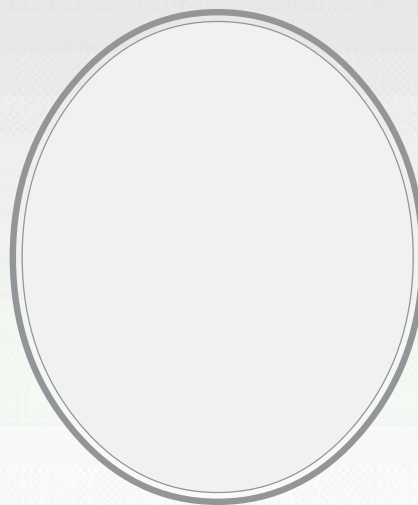
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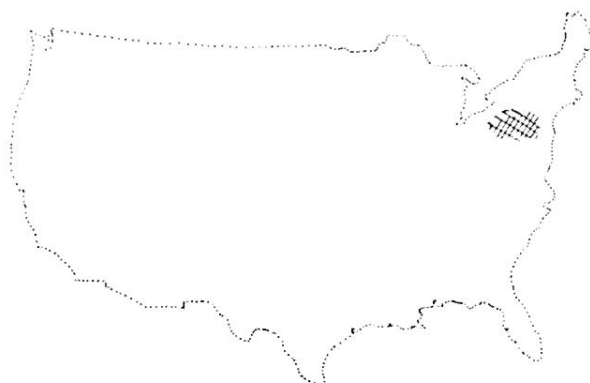
Fourth Generation Ancestors



John Dalton Sr.
 Born: 1763 Maryland Colony



Elizabeth Cooker
 Born: 1767 Pennsylvania Colony



John Dalton Sr. & Elizabeth Cooker

John Dalton Sr., son of Thomas Dalton and Mary “Polly” Freeland, was born on 2 Jan 1763 in Conococheague, Frederick, Maryland. He died on 7 Oct 1835 a resident of Wysox, Bradford, Pennsylvania.

John married **Elizabeth Cooker**, daughter of Simon Cooker and Elizabeth, about 1790 probably in Bucks County, Pennsylvania. Elizabeth was born on 25 Dec 1767 in Bucks County, Pennsylvania. She died on 21 Sep 1858 in Hazelton, Buchanan, Iowa.

They had the following children...

Margaret “Peggy” Dalton	7 Nov 1792	, Bucks, Pennsylvania
Henry Dalton	9 Nov 1794	, Bucks, Pennsylvania
Sarah “Sally” Dalton	1796	, Bucks, Pennsylvania
John Dalton Jr.	10 Jul 1801	Wyoming, Luzerne, Pennsylvania
Elizabeth “Betsy” Dalton	15 Aug 1803	Wyoming, Luzerne, Pennsylvania
Simon Cooker Dalton	1 Jan 1806	Wilkes-Barre, Luzerne, Pennsylvania
Jemima Dalton	11 Oct 1807	Wysox, Luzerne, Pennsylvania
Charles Dalton	22 Aug 1810	Wysox, Luzerne, Pennsylvania
Harriet Dalton	1812	Wysox, Luzerne, Pennsylvania



Life Sketch of John Sr. & Elizabeth Cooker

John Dalton Sr.
1763 Maryland - 1835 Pennsylvania

Elizabeth Cooker
1767 Pennsylvania - 1858 Iowa

John Sr.'s childhood...

John Dalton Sr. was born January 2, 1763, to Thomas Dalton and Mary "Polly" Freeland. He came into this world in the village of Conococheague—close to where the Conococheague River runs into the Potomac River—in the British Colony of Maryland.

John Sr.'s parents were immigrants to America. His father Thomas came from Wales about 1757, probably landing in Baltimore, Maryland. His mother Polly came from Ireland. John Sr. was the eldest of four children.

Elizabeth's childhood...

Elizabeth was also born in the British Colonies of America in Pennsylvania. The home of her parents, Simon Cooker and Elizabeth, was blessed with her advent on Christmas, December 25, 1767.

Her parents were from Germany and were among the German immigrants to Pennsylvania. By 1775 half of the population of the state was German.



Early homes of John Dalton Sr. and Elizabeth Cooker.

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Names of Heads of Families

George Mitchell	5366	4753	19768	569	1238
Alice Philipo				2	
John Hallen		1	2		
Joseph Philipo		1	2	4	
Simon Cooker		2	4	5	
Philip Richardson		2		1	
Peter Bachman		2	1	3	
George Richard		2	1	4	

1790 United States Census. Simon Cooker in Bucks County, Pennsylvania with two males over sixteen, four males under sixteen, and five females, suggesting a large family.

When Elizabeth was six years old, her parents had property in Germantown, now part of Philadelphia. By the time she reached her teens, her parents had six acres and two cows in Milford, Bucks, Pennsylvania. Large numbers of German settlers lived here as well.

The cry of freedom...

During their formative years, John Sr. and Elizabeth lived in the midst of a raging war. Pennsylvania became a bloody battleground as their country fought to be free of British rule.

On August 21, 1775, at the beginning of the Revolutionary War, young John Sr., age twelve, became a volunteer in the First Associated Company of the town of Newton, Bucks, Pennsylvania. It was not uncommon to find beardless youths on active duty. John Sr. was a matross, a soldier who assisted artillery gunners in loading, firing, sponging, and moving the guns.

He enlisted in Philadelphia and served from February 14, 1777, to March 22, 1781. He was an artillery artificer, a soldier who made platforms and repaired broken cannon carriages and torn harnesses for the artillery regiments—a craftsman in the field of battle.

Seven months into this service, Philadelphia fell into British hands on September 26, 1777. A few days later on October 4, General George Washington clashed with British soldiers at Germantown, directly north of

Philadelphia, and lost. The casualties were great—1073 Americans and 520 British.

On April 22, 1778, he joined a German company and later served in the Luzerne County Militia from May 1 to June 14, 1800, in the Eleventh Regiment of the United States. His service to his country spanned twenty-five years of his life beginning when he was twelve in 1775 and ending when he was thirty-seven in 1800. John Sr. received a land grant in Pennsylvania for his service to his country.

Marriage and the frontier...

After the Revolutionary War, John Sr. married Elizabeth Cooker and together they raised their nine children in their new country—the United States of America. They lived in several places in Pennsylvania including Bucks County, and Wyoming, Wilkes-Barre, and Wysox in Luzerne County.

When they settled near the frontier village of Wysox, the land was densely forested and had to be cleared. They were poor farmers and were required to chop wood, pump water, slop pigs, pluck chickens,



Present day Dolton Hollow area.

and gut deer to survive. The family called their 160 acre homestead, Dolton Hollow (correct spelling). Elizabeth's last three children were born here. It was their home for almost three decades during which time their children became parents.

The Daltons were a religious family, and several of their number joined the Presbyterian Church in Wysox between 1821-1833. Only fifty miles away was Harmony, Pennsylvania, in the northeast corner of Susquehanna County, where most of the translation of the Book of Mormon was completed; and where, on the banks of the Susquehanna River, the Priesthood was restored in 1829.

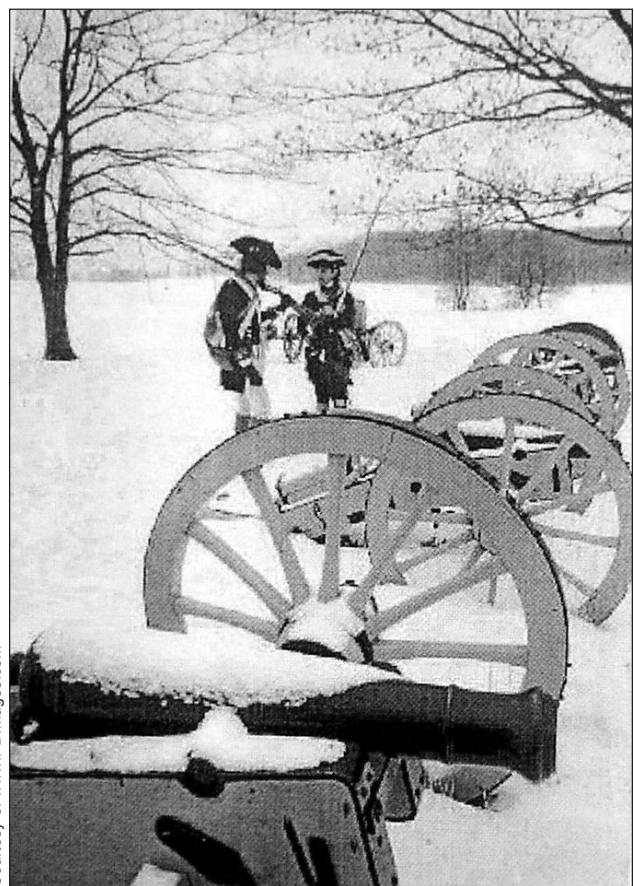
John Sr. and Elizabeth lost two children while living in Wysox. Their teenage daughter Sarah died in 1813; and their eldest son Henry drowned in April 1833 during a flood. He was crossing the Little Wysox Creek where it flowed into the Susquehanna River near his home. Henry left a young family.

Two years later on October 7, 1835, John Sr. died having never heard the gospel message and leaving Elizabeth a widow. He was seventy-two years old. Upon his death, the family sold their precious Dolton Hollow including a sawmill, and moved on without John Sr. Wysox was getting too crowded, and free land awaited them in Washtenaw County, Michigan. About fifty, including in-laws and grand-children, packed up and went northwest. They were among those who opened up the north central frontier.

Wagons, horses and walking were the means of travel in those days. The Dalton family trekked 500 miles to their new home in Washtenaw County in the Michigan Territory. This wilderness was sparsely settled when they arrived.

A new faith for Elizabeth...

Elizabeth and three of her sons joined the Church of



Cannon at Valley Forge Artillery Park in Pennsylvania.

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Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints: Charles on June 3, 1838, John Jr. on July 15, 1838, and Simon on April 13, 1842. She was baptized a member of this new faith in 1841 in her seventy-fourth year.

Soon after joining the Church, these three sons moved to Nauvoo, Illinois, in 1843. Elizabeth, now over seventy years old, stayed behind and became a part of her daughter Harriet Varguson's family. Elizabeth died on September 21, 1858, in Hazelton, Buchanan, Iowa—the residence of another daughter, Elizabeth Varguson—having lived ninety years, eight months, and twenty-six days. She was buried in the Hazelton Township Cemetery where her daughters Elizabeth and Harriet were later buried.

Tribute to John Sr...

John Sr. witnessed the birth of the United States of America and loved this land and its rugged frontier. When he fought in the American Revolution, he was so very young—just twelve and a half—but believed in the cause of freedom. He willingly risked his life to give us the freedoms we now enjoy.

Tribute to Elizabeth...

Elizabeth's life spanned both the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. She endured a lifetime on the wild frontier. She accepted the Gospel, and in doing so set an example for her posterity who highly revere her for the legacy that she gave them.

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1976—Lora Aseneth Lisonbee Hancock kissed by a grandson. He is dressed in colonial attire in recognition of the 200th birthday of the United States of America.

Gravestone of Elizabeth Cooker



Remembrance for Elizabeth Cooker on right face of this Varguson family stone.

Closeup of inscription for Elizabeth Cooker reads:
Betsey Dalton Sept. 21, 1858, age 90 y 8 m 26 d.

Epitaph for Elizabeth below her inscription reads:
Friends I have them who have past before
Waiting, they watch me approaching that shore.
Singing to cheer me through death's chilling gloom
Joyfully! Joyfully! Haste to thy home.

Author's note: Current researchers who for several years have made an exhaustive study of the John Dalton Sr. family agree that the John Dalton in the 1790 Census living in Philadelphia, a silversmith, is not this John Dalton Sr. The marriage date and place of John Dalton Sr. and Elizabeth Cooker is therefore assumed to be abt. 1790 in Bucks County, Pennsylvania. Tax and deed records suggest that John Dalton Sr. probably died in 1835 before the family moved to Michigan.

