

Ware

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WFA TEN YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Ware Family Association Biennial Meeting and Reunion

Thursday, August 25 – Sunday, August 28, 2011 - Montgomery County, Illinois
Registration and Main events - Butler Community Building
Illinois Route 27, village of Butler, Illinois

All WFA members should have received information and registration forms by mail or email. If you did not receive the information, or misplaced it, email Marilyn at mamh99@consolidated.net. **Deadline for registration is August 10.** You must register and pay in advance in order to join in meals on Friday and Saturday.

– Weekend Schedule –

Thursday, August 25 -Pre Reunion No planned events during the day. Visit some of the famous Abraham Lincoln landmarks in Springfield (state capital), or the Montgomery Co. Historical Society museum, or the Montgomery Co. Genealogical Society Research Center (open Mon-Tues- Thurs, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m). **Tables will be available at 4 p.m.** to arrange displays. Dinner at the Ariston restaurant in Litchfield, Illinois - 6 p.m.

Friday, August 26 - Cousins' reunion and Family History Day Display your family history books, photos, archive items to share. Bring your computers, scanners, cameras and video recorders. Exchange information and visit with your cousins. Bring your family sheets or family data to update your branch of the Ware family tree. A WFA goal is to continue Amelia Westcott's lineage of the descendants of Capt. Benjamin Ware of Gilsum, N.H., and also to continue Emma Forbes Ware's lineage of the descendants of Robert Ware, the immigrant from England. Lunch on site (reservations needed)

Friday Afternoon Options: Visit the Montgomery County Genealogical Society Research Center in Hillsboro. Request visit to an ancestral home or visit a family grave (indicate on reservation)
Board of Directors' meeting – 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Butler Community Center

Saturday, August 27 - Reunion program, Presentations, and WFA Membership Meeting
8 a.m. - Registration, view displays; turn in family data sheets

10-10:30 a.m. - Portrayal of Lucy Mack by Carla Barrett Miller

10:30-11 a.m. - The story of Vaudevillian George Mann by Brad Smith

12 noon - Catered Dinner (reservations needed)

1:30-3 p.m. - Biennial WFA membership meeting

3 p.m. and later - Cousins share family history, pictures & stories

7 p.m. and later - Sunset on Ware's Grove hill, hosted by Mary Jean Hewitt Riley and Joe Heavey, at the 1906 refurbished home of Mary Jean's grandparents, Frank and Nina Ware. Bring your own wine. Snacks and soft drinks will be provided by WFA.

August 28 Sunday Cousins who stay on until Sunday have the options of attending **9 a.m.** church services at Ware's Grove Lutheran Church or the Butler Union Church.

10 a.m. - Fellowship following services and/or visit

Ware's Grove and Montgomery Cemeteries, and

11 a.m. - 1p.m., brunch, to be announced at the general meeting.

The Family of Sarah “Sally” Ware 1782-1864

(Sarah, Samuel, Samuel, Nathaniel, Robert)

by Ann Tindall

The numerous branches of the descendants of the Ware Family's immigrant from England, Robert Ware of Dedham, Massachusetts, continue to provide interesting stories. In this article we learn of migration of Wares who descend from Sarah Ware, born shortly after the American Revolution. Some of her descendants left the American colonies and went back to England, some went to South Africa, and some to China as missionaries. Sarah's third great-grandson, John Graham, who lives in South Africa, shared this lineage with us early in 2010. John has a sampler (embroidered cloth) dated 1796, made by Sarah Ware when she was a young girl and a large portrait of his second great-grandmother, Lucy Atwater Bonney Sherwood.

Sarah Ware Bonney

This story begins with the birth of Sarah Ware on April 20, 1782, to Dr. Samuel and Bethiah (Avery) Ware.¹ in Conway, Franklin County, Massachusetts, Sarah described her father, the physician of Conway, as a “gentlemanly and tender physician, cheerful and ingenious in his profession. The salt of the earth.” Other descendants of Robert Ware also had migrated to Conway, including the ancestors of Ralph Ware (Jonathan, Samuel, Nathaniel, Robert), who in the early 1830s settled on the rich farm land of Granville, Putnam County, Illinois. Conway, Massachusetts, is not far from the village of Gilsum, New Hampshire, home of Ware ancestors whose descendants migrated to Montgomery County, Illinois, in the early 1800s.

Sarah Ware and the Reverend William Bonney² of Cornwall, Connecticut, published their intention to marry on April 28, 1811. They were married³ in Conway, probably soon after the publication.⁴ Four children were born to William and Sarah: a daughter, Lucy Atwater, born in 1812; a son, Samuel, in 1815; a daughter, Sarah Anna (or Anne) in 1818; and a daughter, Mary Ware in 1821. William Bonney's ministry took him from Connecticut to Ohio. He died there at the age of 60 on November 26, 1839, in the town of Nelson.⁵ His tombstone, on the next page, is in Prentiss Cemetery (also known as Tinker Cemetery) in Nelson, Portage County, Ohio.

In the 1850 and 1860 federal census records, Sarah Ware Bonney is listed in the household of her daughter, Lucy A. Sherwood, in Danbury, Connecticut. Sarah died February 19, 1864.⁶

1 *Massachusetts Births and Christenings, 1695-1910*, IGI batch #M50170-1, Massachusetts-ODM, film number 873740.

2 William was the son of Titus Bonney (1744-1826) and Anna Pierce Bonney. Google Findagrave- William Bonney.

3 *NEHGS Register, “Genealogy of Robert Ware”, Vol. 41, p. 45, (1887).*

4 *Massachusetts Marriages, 1695-1910*, IGI batch # M50170-1, Massachusetts-ODM, film number 873740.

5 *NEHGS Register, “Genealogy of Robert Ware”, Vol. 41, p. 45, (1887).*

6 Federal Census Records, 1850 and 1860, Danbury, Connecticut.



William Bonney Tombstone

Sarah's Daughter - Lucy Bonney Sherwood

William and Sarah's oldest daughter, Lucy Atwater Bonney, had married her first cousin William Bonney Sherwood⁷ in 1841. Their daughter, Mary Ann, was born the following year. William Sherwood opened a family boarding school for young ladies in Greenwich, Connecticut, but he died a short time later. Lucy, a teacher, kept the school open until her health failed sometime after 1860. William Bonney Sherwood was the son of Joshua Bradford Sherwood (1773-1832) and Anna Bonney (1774-1847).⁸

Little is known about William and Sarah's other two daughters. Sarah Anna married Washington Nichols. Mary Ware Bonney

married Russell S. Pratt in 1850, probably a widower with a five-year-old daughter Harriet. The 1850 federal census record show Russell and Mary as living in Cornwall, Connecticut, with Russell's parents, Chalker and Lydia Pratt. The 1860 federal census shows the Pratts in Cornwall with his mother residing with them. The couple appears to have a six-year-old daughter named Mary S. Pratt. Russell was a very successful merchant in Cornwall.

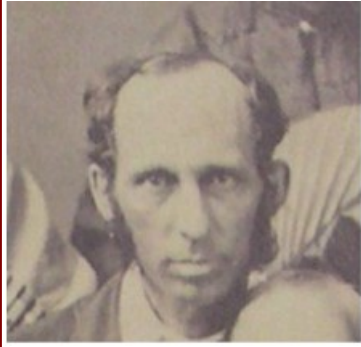
Sarah's Granddaughter, Mary Ann Sherwood, and her Descendants

The marriage of Lucy's daughter, Mary Ann Sherwood, to Peter Esslemont of Aberdeen, Scotland, began the migration of the Bonney-Sherwood family to South Africa. Peter and Mary Ann's daughter, Lillian Kipling Esslemont, born 1881, moved to South Africa to marry Gerard Graham, formerly of London, England. The Grahams had four children: first, Lucy Graham, who moved back to England from South Africa and raised four children (some of whom later returned to the U.S.). Second, Ann Graham, who also returned to England and became a Carmelite nun. Ann retired in Dublin, Ireland and was still living in 2010. Third, William Peter Esslemont Graham, who was born in Benoni, South Africa. William married Jean Myrtle Austin of Grahamstown, South Africa. The Austins emigrated from England to South Africa around 1830. Fourth, Jean Bonney Graham, who married Patrick Fair and also returned to England.

William and Jean Graham's children remain in South Africa today, except for one: John Graham (who provided the information for this article) and his wife Patricia "Patti" live in Cape Town, South Africa, on the slopes of Table Mountain alongside the world-famous Kirstenbosch National Gardens. Patti operates Cape Property Solutions and Cape Property Finder. In her younger years, Patti was a nursing sister and worked for the famous heart surgeon Prof. Christiaan Barnard. She is now a nationally known businesswoman and community leader. Since 1994 she has played a prominent role in South Africa's industrial tourism and rural development. John and Patti Graham have three daughters and four granddaughters; their children are Ann Avery Austin Graham, John Whetheral Graham, Edgar Graham, and Heather Graham. Heather is the only descendant from this family to also return to England.

⁷ Ancestry.com Public Family Tree: posted as Van Gilder Family Tree, shows birth of William Bonney Sherwood as November 9, 1794, in Cornwall, Litchfield, Connecticut.

⁸ Ancestry.com Public Family Tree: posted by "rebelyankee55" of Coos Bay, Oregon.



Samuel Bonney ca. age 32

Sarah's Son, Samuel Bonney

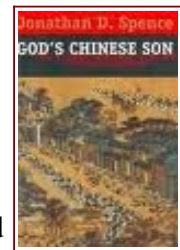
Samuel Bonney was born in 1815 in New Canaan, New York. As a 17-year-old, Samuel worked for the publishers of Webster's Dictionary in Springfield, Massachusetts. It was in the performance of his duties there that he read the dictionary through, a fact which he often related with quiet humor. In 1837, he was engaged in Poughkeepsie, New York, as a teacher. In that same year, he was converted to God, and on January 28, 1838, Samuel joined the Allen Street Church.

When Samuel's father, the Rev. William Bonney, an esteemed preacher of the gospel, died in Nelson, Ohio in 1839, Samuel was left on his own to obtain an education. In 1840 he attended New York University, then studied Lane Seminary⁹ in Cincinnati, Ohio, 1841-1844. Samuel was befriended by the seminary president, the Rev. Dr. Lyman Beecher, father of Harriet Beecher Stowe. In 1844 Samuel became a missionary for the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions (ABCFM)¹⁰, serving in Canton, China. His original missionary appointment was to India, but it was changed to China. Samuel lived in a Honam Temple or Buddhist Monastery in 1848 and a year later boarded with local merchants and wore local attire. From 1850 to 1853, he lived at Whampoa (now Huangpu) and Newtown. Samuel returned to the states in 1854 and met an interesting woman by the name of Catherina Van Rensselaer, who became his wife. Catherine wrote a book about her life, her husband's career, and their life together in China. She titled it **A Legacy of Historical Gleanings**.¹¹

Sarah's daughter-in-law, Catherine Bonney

Catherine was born into an elite Hudson River family in New York state. Early in life she followed the path expected of women in her position. She was educated at the Albany Female Academy, taught Sunday School at the Dutch Reformed Church, traveled and read. She went a new direction after her father's death in 1852. At age 35 and unmarried she, like Samuel Bonney before her, applied to the ABCFM, hoping to work with the Choctaw Indians. Her family did not approve, but, in any case, her application was denied. Determined to forge her own path, she took a job as a teacher of Music and Embroidery at the Ohio Female College near Cincinnati in 1854. It was probably there that she met Samuel Bonney, the missionary. They married on July 22, 1856, at Cherry Hill, Albany, New York and she was on the way to Macao, China, and missionary work!

Samuel Bonney now had a helpmate with his missionary work, but Catherine had ideas of her own. Against the wishes of the ABCFM, she started a school for Chinese girls in Macao, which she funded herself. The school grew, even after she and William moved to Canton in 1858, after the Taiping Rebellion.¹² The Taiping Rebellion was a widespread civil war in southern China from 1850 to 1864. The rebellion was against the ruling Manchu-led Qing Dynasty. About 20 million people died, mainly civilians, in one of the deadliest military conflicts in history, led by a Christian convert named Hon Ziuquan. Hon received visions and



⁹ Lane Theological Seminary was established in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1829 to educate Presbyterian ministers. It was then seen as a forward outpost of the Presbyterian Church in the western territories. Lane is known primary for the "debates" held there in 1834 that influenced the nation's thinking about slavery.

¹⁰The American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions (ABCFM) was the first American Christian foreign mission agency. It was chartered in 1812. Although Congregationalist in origin, the ABCFM supported missions by Presbyterian, Dutch-Reformed, and other denominations. See Wikipedia for further information.

¹¹Bonney, Catharine V.R. (Catharina Van Rensselaer), compiler of *A Legacy of Historical Gleanings. Volume II*. Published by J. Munsell, Albany, N.Y. (1875).

¹² Source: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Taiping_Rebellion

maintained that he was the younger brother of Jesus Christ. Apparently Catherine had occasional illnesses during these times. . . which caused Samuel to write that “Catherine was like the old woman who lived in a shoe.” But Catherine countered, “unlike the old woman, she did know what to do.” Her school was well run and respected. The couple had no children of their own, but they adopted a two-year-old girl whose missionary parents died. They named her Emma.

Catherine Bonney's book, **A Legacy of Historical Gleanings**, gives us glimpses of the couple's life in China. The following excerpts are from chapters 19 and 20:

“.. In the year 1861, contrary to the warnings of the over-cautious, he [Samuel] made the overland trip to Hankow through Hunan, returning by way of Shanghai. In 1862, he made a visit to Japan with Mrs. Bonney [Catherine], on account of her health; and while absent, his house was destroyed by the great typhoon which visited Canton that year. In December of same year he made a trip in the country. ... attacked by a band of robbers and deprived of clothes, horse, and baggage; and the Chinese kindly provided them means to return. In this way some interesting acquaintance were made and friendships formed.”

“Adversity has great power to call forth sympathy even in China. In 1863, he (in company of others) and Mrs. Bonney, made a second trip up the North river, as far as Shiu Kwan. In all his trips, pleasure was not his principal object; he did not fail to enjoy the fine air and scenery certainly. Or the society of friends, but his great desire was to make known the gospel of Jesus Christ in the “regions beyond.”He was a pure minded man and abhorred vice.”

“Aug. 22, 1863. Trip to Shee-ue Chow Foo. We started for a little trip of three or four weeks up the North river, equal in importance to us as to you would be crossing the Atlanticthe party consists of ...Rev. S. W. Bonney and Mrs. B. with our bright little Emma Catharine of three summers ... Mr. Bonney procured an American flag to float over “the bonny boat.” Our crew consists of eighteen men to work the boat which is sixty-five feet long and fifteen feet wide, divided into three compartments for passengers, with a small room at bow for the boatmen and one at the stern for culinary purposes. ...it will be anchored every night and on Sabbaths ...Our “Ark” is such as is generally used by the mandarins when traveling We saw many pagodas ... extensive sugar-cane plantations ... rice-plotsthere are no fencesrich fields of mulberry treesgroves of bamboo. . .”

“I am the first missionary lady who had ever been up this river ... Our entire party went ashore ... and in passing through the village had the whole population after usThe villagers were probably as much amused at us, as we with all the eye could take in; their evident thought of “what queer creatures” was on our part fully reciprocated. One poor woman held up her infant for me to buy! ...I will now let Mr. Bonney continue his account of the many attractive villages we passed at short intervals. Our party had supplied themselves before leaving Canton with a quantity of Christian books, and many copies of the New Testament in Chinese for gratuitous distribution as opportunity afforded. This day, Saturday, August 29, has brought us to the termination of our excursion We endeavored to make our visit to places along the river subserve the extension of Christian truth and knowledge by a free gift of copies of the New Testament and Christian books in Chinese language. We found that it promoted our friendly reception by the people rather than otherwise. . . .”

“The body of a boy about twelve or fourteen years of age was drifted by the high tide close to our house; his hands were tightly bound behind with strong cords, showing his death had not been accidental. Chinese parents sometimes get rid of disobedient children in that way. Several times I have seen the boat women tie their children hands and feet, with the pretense of throwing them into the water; unfortunately, often it is reality. Sometime since, hearing a great hubbub in our street, Mr. Bonney went out to ascertain the cause. A similar scene was being enacted; he however persuaded our neighbor a Custom House official to forgive and release his son – a young man of twenty years – whom he was dragging, bound hand and foot, to the river. The son

was a bad boy and a great gambler. If Mr. Bonney had not gone out, no doubt this wayward youth would soon have been drowned; as the Chinese never interfere, and would not have dared to rescue him from the water without the father's consent. . . .”

“May 9, 1864 ...by the last mail, with painful surprise, came the sad tidings of the death of Mr. Bonney's truly excellent mother. She had completed two pages of a letter to her “darling children in China.” Part was written the very day she was taken ill. Her long interesting epistles were always welcome, she 'held the pen of a ready writer.' One of the last duties at night, for Mr. Bonney, was to “write a few lines to mother.”

Samuel W. Bonney died July 27, 1864, in Canton at age 49 after suffering for two months from bilious fever and diarrhea. Catherine and Emma remained in China until 1867, when ill health and ABCFM pressure caused her to return home. In a year, her health improved so she resumed her mission work in China on her terms with the Woman's Union Missionary Society, which was one of the first to exclusively sponsor women. She remained in China until ill health and conflict caused her leave in 1872.

Catherine returned home to face serious financial problems when her investments lost value in the Panic of 1873. At that time she published her books, *A Legacy of Historical Gleanings*, in two volumes, about her missionary adventures and family involvement in war and politics. She resumed her teaching career and died in Hickory, North Carolina, in 1891. Thanks to cousin Patricia Olmstead for contributing the following quotation, from "The Simple Life" by Charles Wagner. It seems particularly relevant to the story of Sarah Ware and her descendants.

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“The very base of family feeling is respect for the past; for the best possessions of a family are its common memories. ... We must learn again to value our domestic traditions. A precious care has preserved certain moments of the past. So antique dress, provincial dialects, old folk songs, have found appreciative hands to gather them up before they should disappear from the earth. What a good deed to guard these crumbs of a great past -- these vestiges of the souls of our ancestors. Let us do the same for our family traditions, save and guard as much as possible of the patriarchal -- whatever its form.”

And yet other Ware missionaries . . .

Mary Ware, known as “Polly,” was Sarah Ware's sister. Mary married Southworth Howland, a fifth generation descendant of Mayflower Pilgrim John Howland (who was rescued from the sea and lived to marry and raise a family). Southworth and Mary Ware Howland's son, William Howland, married Susan Reed, born in Heath, Massachusetts, in 1819.

Susan Reed Howland assisted Mary Lyon in founding Mt. Holyoke Seminary. William and Susan then spent 46 years in Jaffna, (ed. note: Ceylon, now Sri Lanka) bequeathing the missionary instinct to their children. Their daughter Susan served for 39 years as the principal of Uduvil Seminary for girls. She had a powerful influence over the native girls, whom she trained to become Christian mothers and home-makers. Their son William spent 14 years in the Madura Mission. Another son, John, found his field of service Mexico, and yet another son, Samuel, was president of Jaffna College and later a professor at Atlanta University in Georgia.”

From *New England in the life of the world: A record of adventure and achievement*, by Howard Allen Bridgman, Chapter XVI, “New England and India,” at p. 292.

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STAY TUNED! TO WGA Mail and E-mail.

This issue of **Roots & Branches** has an additional Supplement that will follow shortly after this one. The Supplement article traces the lineage, heritage, and family stories of the **Busby, Waggoner and related Ritchey and McDuffee** families who moved from Pennsylvania and Virginia to Kentucky, then to Indiana and then to Montgomery County Illinois. Many documents, photographs, and artifacts of the Ware, Busby, and Parmenter families who descend from these families will be shared at the reunion in August.

NEW TWIGS ON THE FAMILY TREE

Rebecca Anne Unger was born April 7, 2011, to Mike and Jennifer Unger. [Steve Unger/Ida Mae Turner/Wilma Ware Turner/Arthur/David Smith/ /David/Benjamin/ and . . . 6 generations to Robert Ware of Dedham, Mass.

Ileana Soleil Chavez was born July 7, 2010, in Portland, Oregon, to Glenn and Daava Chavez. Ileana is the granddaughter of Carla (Wallis) Chavez Barrett Miller.

Nikolas Koen Galati was born September 26, 2009, in Scottsdale, Arizona, the son of Roberto and Tenley Galati. [Karen Galati /Carla Wallis/Frank Wallis/Emma Burris/Roselma Mack/Huldah Ware Mack/Benjamin Ware and 6 generations to Robert Ware of Dedham, Mass.