

## APPENDIX A

### Chronology of the Wests of Minerva, NY Claims by Mabel Jones And Challenges to her sources and conclusions

Before 1790:

John West [Sr.] came with parents to Vershire, VT where he married Betsy Miller. <sup>1</sup>

“**We do know** that John’s first wife was Betsy Miller and that they were married in Vermont [<1790].”

About 1796/7:

John West [Sr.] and wife Betsy Miller may have removed to Granville, Washington Co., NY.<sup>2</sup> Mabel Jones states:

“It was probably only a few years after this marriage that John and Betsy moved to Granville, N.Y. The records of that town show cattle brands for John West in **1797.**” (*Ed: Not true. See details below*)

After 1800:

John West [Sr.] and wife Betsy removed to Minerva/Shroon Lake, Essex Co., NY. Mabel Jones states:

“John [West, Sr.] came to Minerva with the rest of the family **about 1800...** the first child born in Minerva was [his son] Francis West and the first death was that of [his wife] Betsy West [after **1807** when she was baptized at Baptist Church].”

### Details:<sup>3</sup>

Disputed claims about the birth of [John West of Minerva](#) (John, Jr., son of John West, Sr.):

No primary record of the birth or baptism of John West, Jr. has been found. His two older brothers were born in Vershire, VT. John West, Jr. could have been born in Vershire, or as Mabel Jones states, in Granville, Washington Co., NY.

The 1800 U.S. Census for Granville, NY does not show a suitable record for John and Betsy. However a John West does appear in the 1800 census for Vershire although not a good match.

Census records for John West, Sr. in 1800 are inconclusive.

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<sup>1</sup> Mabel Jones, “John West [Sr.],” “The West Family: Notes taken from the clerk’s records of the Minerva Baptist Church,” typescript, “Minerva.pdf”, Minerva Historical Society, nd, p. 67. (Provided by “Anne” at 23andMe, 2020)

<sup>2</sup> Ibid.

<sup>3</sup> “John West,” by Mabel Jones, *ibid.*

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According to Mabel Jones’ theory, John West, Sr. was living in Granville, Washington Co., NY.

There is only one John West listed in the 1800 census for Granville,<sup>4</sup> and he belongs to the well-documented family of Prince West that had come to Granville in the 1790’s from Lee, MA. (These were descendants of Francis West of Duxbury and not related to the ancestors of subject John West, Sr.)<sup>5</sup>

Granville, Washington Co., NY 1800 Census:

John West: 1 m < 10; 1 m 26-45. 4 f < 10; 1 f 26-45.

This matches John G. West, son of Prince West.

The census shows a group of Wests , all related to Prince West, on the same page. (Prince and sons Christopher, Heman, John and son-in-law, Caleb.)

The 1800 Census record of John West of Vershire, VT contains a record of “John West” but it does not fit our subject family. It shows only 1 male < 10 instead of 3. It shows 5 females total under age 16 whereas our subject John West Sr. had only one known daughter, Sarah, and she would have been living in the household of John’s brother, Joseph.<sup>6</sup>

Image from Vershire, Orange Co., VT 1800 Census:<sup>1</sup>

West, John: 1 m < 10; 1 m 26-45. 4 f < 10; 2 f < 16, 1 f 26-45

Note the household of Samuel Childs 9 lines above John. It contains a female under 10. One theory is that John Jr. married Clarissa Childs born abt 1801, VT.

<sup>4</sup> 1800 U.S. Census, Granville, Washington Co. NY, NARA M32, Roll 26, p. 279, 4 August 1800.

<sup>5</sup> Marilou West Ficklin, “West of Tolland, CT and Lee, MA,” 2017, see “Lt. John West,” following. also see: <http://www.westerly-journeys.com/genealogy/TollandWests.html>

<sup>6</sup> 1800 U.S. Census, Vershire, Orange Co. VT, NARA M32, Roll 51, P. 605, 4 August 1800.

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Mabel Jones cites a cattle brand registered by a John West in 1797 as proof that John West, Sr. settled in Granville about 1796/7.<sup>7</sup> However this earmark was undoubtedly that of John West son of Prince West. Prince, Amasa and Caleb West also registered earmarks as shown below:<sup>8</sup>

May 12<sup>th</sup> 1795 } Amasa West entered for his Ear Mark half Cross  
 Nail on the left Ear - set tail Peter Cowen's  
 May 13<sup>th</sup> 1795 } Caleb West entered for his Ear Mark half Cross  
 under side the right Ear slit in the end of the left  
 May 13<sup>th</sup> 1795 } Amasa West entered for his Ear Mark Cross on the right  
 Ear helper on upper side the left Ear

April 1<sup>st</sup> 1793 } Prince West mark Cross off the left  
 Ear and slit the upper side the same  
 mark set to draw Betty  
 Amasa West mark half Cross the

Additional Granville records show the members of the Prince West family serving in various roles in the town.

17<sup>th</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> } Commissioners of Schools } Peter Barber, Board  
 20<sup>th</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> } } Timothy Leonard  
 } } Theophilus Fraught, Abiel Eddy

1 Nath Maffron	14 Elijah White Jr.	27 Jeremiah Merchant
2 Elijah Jacket	15 Elijah White Major	28 Ebenezer Simmons
3 Jonathan Hill	16 Michael Barber	29 Noah Day
4 Joseph Whitney	17 Mark Croft	30 Prince West
5 Jonas Zerk	18 Sueton Fairchild	31 Amasa West
6 David Corn Flack	19 Benjamin Kasher	32 John Law
7 Nathaniel Paine	20 John How	33 Jesse Merritt
8 Clark Northrop	21 Thomas Crest	34 Moses Knick Bay
9 Capt Smith	22 Solomon Williams	35 Daniel Graham
10 Seth Carpenter	23 John C. Fisher	36 Amasa West
11 Abraham Reed	24 Paul Scott	37 Joseph Danvers
12 Joseph Cuyler	25 Saml Williams	38 Joseph Woodcraft
13 Jeremiah Price	26 David Brown	39 Charles Wilson

<sup>7</sup>Registered Earmarks of Granville; <http://www.washington.nygenweb.net/earmarks.htm>.

<sup>8</sup> These were copied by the author at the Washington County, NY Recorder's Office in 2007

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## War of 1812

The household of John West shown in the U.S. Census for Granville contains a male aged 10 or under. This may be Lt. John West. The records of Lt. John West show that he was in no way related to the Wests of Vershire or Minerva. The family history for Lt. John West is on the ***next page.***

Finally Mabel Jones is quoted as saying “John West, Jr.” who had served in the War of 1812, later lived in York, Sandusky Co., OH in 1830.<sup>9</sup> ***John West who lived in York, Ohio is NOT the same person as our subject.***

***John West of York, Sandusky Co., OH was the son of David West of Hillsdale, New York.***

The Revolutionary pension application of David West of Hillsdale, NY and the widow’s pension application of Hannah Batherick West refer to their wills which state that their *son*, John West, lived in York, [Sandusky Co) Ohio.<sup>10</sup> David’s Revolutionary War Pension File includes family Bible pages showing John West, born 1796, as their son. The West line of David West (of Hillsdale) and his wife Hannah are ***not connected in any way to the line of John West of Minerva.*** A lengthy published genealogy is attached to the Revolutionary Pension File of David West.

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<sup>9</sup> “The Minerva Baptist Church,” op. cit. p. 13,

<sup>10</sup> Widow’s Pension Application File of Hannah West : #W16464, NARA Microfilm 804, Roll 2534. Photocopied from LDS Microfilm 97253, 14 Sept 2004 (Revolutionary War Pension File of David West.)

### ***Lt. John West of Granville***

This is the documented genealogy of Lt. John West. His maternal grandfather was Prince West of Tolland, CT and Lee, MA

Prince West was born in 1735 in Tolland CT. He settled in Lee, MA after Revolution and in the 1790s went to Granville, Washington Co., NY. He and his family remained there about ten years and then migrated to Otsego Co., NY after 1810.<sup>11</sup>

His children were:

1. John G. West, b. 1770 Lee MA. (Came in 1790s to Granville, Washington Co. NY and then went to Cayuga Co. NY 1810.)

He appears in the U.S. Census 1800 for Washington County, Granville: 4 dau, 1 son all under 10 (Hannah b. 1794, Esther b. 1796, Eliza and Pamela b. 1797, Nehemiah b. 1800)

2. Christopher , b. 1774 )

3. Amos ?

4. ***Bathsheba who married Caleb West*** (son of Prince's brother Oliver, b. 1764),  
They had children:<sup>12</sup>

1. Caleb b. 1788

**2. John b. 1791 (son of Caleb) aka Lt. John West d. 1823, bur Hill Cem. Honey Hill Road South Granville, Wash. Co. NY. John served Capt. Day in Col. Adam's regt org at Whitehill South Granville and then to Battle of Plattsburg 1812 . Hist of Wash. Co. NY 1737-1838 (Philadelphia: Everts & Ensign, 1878. P. 220). He married Lucy \_\_\_\_\_**

They had children:

son Prince Chas 1814-1814  
dau Lucy 1815

3. Daniel b. 1794

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<sup>11</sup> West of Tolland and Lee, op. cit. p. 15

<sup>12</sup> West of Tolland and Lee, op. cit. p. 25

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## APPENDIX B

### Westward Migrations from Minerva

#### The Wests in Minerva 1820

Members of West family in 1820 census  
 Blue highlight shows those who went west  
 before 1830:

- Ebenezer West, 3rd.
- Warren West
- Anson West
- Nathan West
- Ebenezer West [Jr—father of Ebenezer 3<sup>rd</sup>]
- John West [Sr]
- William C. West
- Lenox P. West
- William West
- Ithamire West

#### 1820 U.S. Census, Essex Co., NY, Minerva

*Note that "Minerva" is written in the margin. Error: Census at Ancestry.com, contains an error. It incorrectly transcribes this image as "Moriah". Despite numerous complaints it remains uncorrected as of September 2020.*

#### 1830 U.S. Census, Essex Co. NY, Minerva

Members of the West family in 1830 census  
 (enlarged version on p. 17):

- Anson West
- Nathan West
- Jesse West
- John West [Sr]
- William C. West
- Lenox West,
- Ithamar West
- Joseph West
- Spencer West

Please note that a “John West” appears in the 1830 census for the town of Essex, some 50-60 miles north of Minerva.<sup>13</sup> He is also enumerated in the 1840 census for the town of Willsboro.

<sup>13</sup> John West of Essex (town) in the 1830 census may indeed John West, Jr., son of John West, Sr. *But it ruins my whole theory.*

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### Westward migrations of Sons of Ebenezer West and Waite Carr West:

William

son Warren b. 1798

daughter Hannah b. 1803 m. Wimmett ([to Naples, Ontario Co. NY](#))<sup>14</sup>

son William J. b. 1800 (probably to Naples)

Nathan (m. Martha Titus)

son Lenox b. 1790

son Anson b. 1795 ([to Sherman, Chautauqua Co. NY](#))<sup>15</sup>

Joseph (m. Ruth Munson)

son Ithamar b. 1786

son Spencer b. 1799 ([to French Creek, Chautauqua Co. NY 1835](#))<sup>16</sup>

John (m1. Elizabeth Miller; m2. Mary Spink)

son William Carr b. 1790 ([to Minnesota](#))<sup>17</sup>

son Jesse b. 1792 ([to French Creek, Chautauqua Co. NY 1835](#))<sup>25</sup> His children born there.

daughter Sarah b. 1795 (lived with her uncle Joseph West, brother of John West, Sr.).

Married Ira Wade and went to [Clymer, Chautauqua 1832, then French Creek](#).<sup>18</sup>

son John b. 1796/7 (**our subject went to Portage Co. OH ???**)<sup>19</sup>

son Francis b. > 1804 ([to Niagara, Niagara Co., NY by 1830](#))

Ebenezer Jr. (m. Jane Bliss) ([to Niagara, Niagara Co., NY by 1830](#)) In Washtenaw MI by 1840

Ebenezer 3<sup>rd</sup> b. 1790 ([to Niagara, Niagara Co., NY by 1830](#))

Ezra Bliss b. 1789 ([to Clymer/French Creek, Chautauqua Co. NY 1835](#))<sup>25</sup>

Ira born 1799 (d. 1885) ([to Niagara by 1830](#))

Itha J. born 1804 (d. 1879) ([to Niagara by 1830](#))

Other claims<sup>20</sup>

There is no record when John West Jr. left Minerva. He could have gone with Ebenezer to Niagara or to Chautauqua with brothers and cousins.<sup>21</sup> If he went to Chautauqua he might have met a man named *Jehiel Parks* in the town of Ellery. He may have bought property there. The relationship between *John West of Solon* and a “Jehiel/Jehial Parks” is discussed in Appendix B and C.<sup>22</sup>

The Wests of Minerva produced many offspring after the Revolution. As was true for most large families in those days, the younger generation moved west to acquire land in the expanding frontier. The Wests of Minerva were no different. It would be a great task to trace the migrations of all the cousins into the Northwest Territory over the decades between 1820 and 1840.

<sup>14</sup> Revo. War Pension Application of Lucy West, widow of William West, Sr. of Minerva, names her daughter Hannah Wimmett of Naples, Ontario Co., NY. Pension S14418.

<sup>15</sup> *Minerva, A History of a town in Essex Co., NY*, p. 32, History of Minerva Baptist Church.pdf, *op. cit.* p. 14.

<sup>16</sup> NY State Census, 1835, French Creek, Chautauqua County, *op cit*

<sup>17</sup> William Carr—see ‘John West’ in History of Minerva Baptist Church.pdf, *op. cit.* p. 14.

<sup>18</sup> Sarah, *Ibid.*

<sup>19</sup> 1830 Census, Portage Co., OH

<sup>20</sup> [James born 1807—doubtful; no source]; [Matthew born 1807—different family ]([went to Scipio, Cayuga Co. NY?](#)) (d. 1900)

<sup>21</sup> It is possible John (or his father) acquired land in Ellery, Chautauqua County. Records show that a “John West” purchased 75 ac of land in Lot 40, Township 3 Range 12 located in the town of Ellery. According to histories of Chautauqua County, several men named “John West” settled between 1810 and 1840 but none match the characteristics of John West, Jr. of Minerva. *It is possible it was John West, Jr who acquired land in Ellery and that he did so before actually going west.* To enter into such contract did not require the purchaser to be a resident. The contract was dated 10 Feb 1817 at which time John West, Jr. would have been only 20 or 21 but his father would have been 40 or 41. Both were living in Minerva. Possibly one of them contracted to buy the land and John West, Jr. actually migrated to Chautauqua County after 1820. What adds to the plausibility is the fact that a man named “Jehiel Parks” bought a contract to lot 42 adjacent to the “West” land. This supplies a possible link between *John West of Minerva* and *John West of Solon*.

<sup>22</sup> A Jehiel Parks had a farm in 150 ac. Pt lot 42\_Township 3\_Range 12 Holland Land Co contract dated 30 Jan 1810. A Polly Pratt had 60 ac pt lot 45 T 6 R 11 dated 8 Mar 1819. See also *Charles and Samuel Pratt in 1820 Minerva census*.



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