

Frost

Henry Frost

Born: June 6, 1755 in Danby (Rutland Co.), Vt.

Parents: Benjamin Frost (1710-1777) and Rose Springer (1700-____)

Children of Benjamin and Rose Frost

Benjamin	1740	m Adraentje Remsen	_____
Freelove (f)	1741	m Harmanus Remsen (1758)	_____
Zopher	1743	m Hannah Thorne	1828
Lott	1744	m Temperance Seaman	1811
Henry	1755	m Rachel Heustis (1775)	1817
Rosanna	1758	m Jonathan Heustis	_____

NOTES

Freelove Frost (1741) was married to Harmanus, brother of her brother Benjamin's wife Adraentje Remsen. Freelove had one daughter, Annetje.

Zopher Frost (1743) had thirteen children: Joel, Niles, John, Munson, Ezra, Mehitabel, Elizabeth, Ebenezer, Huldah, Rowena, Cornelia, Pamela, and Emeline

Lott Frost (1744) had six children: Zebulon, Hannah, Rosannah, William, James, and Benjamin.

Rosanna Frost (1758) was married to Jonathan Heustis, the brother of her brother Henry's wife Rachel. Rosanna's children were Benjamin, 1782-1794; Phebe, 1785; Jonathan, 1791; and Rosanna, 1794.

Henry Frost (1755)

m about 1775 in Danby, Vt.

Rachel Heustis (1757-1825)

Children of Henry and Rachel Frost:

Mary	1776	m Micijah Weed	1801
Henry	c.1777	m Anna Northrup	c.1834
Jonathan	1779	m Keziah Vale	c.1819
William	c.1780	m 1) Fanny Goodrich	1851
		m 2) Anna Northrup Frost (1835)	
Stephen	1786	m Hannah Pemberton	1848
Phebe	1790	m 1) Sanford Crooks	1842
		m 2) Asa Denison	
Jacob	1792		1817
Rachel	1795	m Lyman Hawes	1863

Death

Henry: April 1817, in Richmond; bur. in Richmond Center Cemetery

Rachel: September 27, 1825 in Richmond; bur. Richmond Center

About Henry Frost

He was born in Danby, Vermont, and so were his children. He was a distant cousin of Enos Frost, the father of Solomon and Issachar, who later settled in the Frost Hollow area. (Frost Hollow is named in honor of Henry's son Stephen.) The family were Quakers. He moved from Danby in 1802 to Dutchess County, New York. His oldest child, Mary, remained in Danby and died there in 1801. Henry came to Richmond about 1803, age 48. He settled his family in the hills east of Pittstown, after consultation with Peter Pitts. This area today is in South Bristol and came to be called Frosttown in honor of Henry's sons Jonathan and Jacob who stayed at the family's holdings in the hills (where they had a sawmill). Shortly after coming to Richmond, Henry and Rachel moved to the southwest part of town, settling near the place where a Baptist Church would later be built (on the corner of Route 20A and Purcell Road).

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Mary Frost (1776) had three daughters: Nancy, Mariah, and Anise.

Henry Frost, Jr. (1777) lived in Onondaga County, New York. He was the father of four daughters: Julia Ann, Rachel, Sarah, and Margette. After he died, his wife Anna married his brother William in 1835.

Jonathan Frost (1779) married Keziah Vale (1782-c.1816) and had seven children: Moses, 1800 (born in Vermont); Ephraim, 1803 (born in South Bristol, as were all the rest of the children); Lucy, 1806; Anna ("Nancy"), 1808; Henry, 1811-1813; Elizabeth ("Betsey"), 1814; and Jonathan, 1816.

History of Ontario County, NY, 1788-1876 (Prof. W.H. McIntosh, 1876) has this to say about the elder Jonathan Frost: “The Frosts, Jonathan and [his brother] Jacob, bought several hundred acres of land [in present-day South Bristol] west and south of [Wilder’s mill], and put up another mill just at the head of Wilder’s mill-pond, and later purchased the lower mill. The place then went by the name of Frosts’ mills for many years, then it became Frost Hill, and finally subsided as Frosttown...Jacob Frost died about 1816, and Jonathan sold the upper mill to John Hall, and the lower one to Israel Butler. Having sold his mills, Frost, with his sons, Moses and Ephraim, went upon and cleared up the farm now owned by Hiram Abbey.”

Jonathan died when he was about forty, and his wife also died about this time. They are both buried at Frosttown.

Lucy Frost (1806) was born in Bristol (today South Bristol) on February 1, 1806. At age eighteen (January 13, 1824) she married Thomas Barkley and they had a daughter fourteen months later. Lucy Frost Barkley was born March 7, 1825; her young mother lived only another eight months. Mrs. Lucy Barkley died on November 6, 1825, and was laid to rest in the Frosttown cemetery. Her daughter married Nathan Cobb, younger brother of Emory who married the elder Lucy’s sister Betsey. Lucy and Nathan had ten children and settled in Michigan.

Betsey Frost (1814) was born February 2, 1814, in Bristol (now South Bristol). According to her obituary, both Betsey’s parents died before she was sixteen. Still a child, she was sent to live with her uncle and aunt Lyman and Rachel Hawes. (Rachel was her father’s sister.) She married Emory Cobb (1814-1841) in 1839. (He was the older brother of Nathan, the boy who married Betsey’s niece Lucy Barkley.) Emory died in 1841 “leaving his wife and an infant child [Olive] six weeks old.”

A few years later Betsey married Stephen Beach (July 5, 1808–April 11, 1890). He’d been married before, to Sally Clark (1809-1846), and had four daughters: Lucinda (1832; married James Reed); Sarah (1834-1897; married Orren Short), Florinda (1838; married Curtis Gilbert); and Martha (1835; married Augustus Reed). Stephen’s parents were Curtis and Mary Beach (who are both buried in Denison’s Corners).

Betsey’s children with Stephen were Rachel (August, 27, 1849-October 6, 1860); George (about 1850; died in infancy; buried at Denison’s Corners); Albert and Alice (twins born 1852; Albert died about 1860; Alice married Albert Ashley – 1850-1926 – and had three children: Morey, Herbert, Lillian); and Maryette (1858-1940; married Fred Jesse).

Stephen and Betsey lived on Shetler Road: going east, just before the big bend, on the north side of the road. Betsey died September 24, 1897.

Jonathan Frost (1816) was born on Christmas Day, the son of Jonathan and Keziah Frost. His father died when he was quite young and he was sent to live with his aunt and uncle, Lyman and Rachel Hawes. He married first Olive Cobb (1818-1852; she was the sister of Emory Cobb, 1814-1841, who was married to Betsey Frost, Jonathan’s sister) and they had five children: Maryette, 1840; Rhoda, 1843; twins Emily and Emory, 1847; and Ephraim, 1852. Olive died giving birth to Ephraim. They lived, at that time, in Atlas, Michigan.

After Olive died Jonathan came back to Richmond, where he married Ann Sophia Paull Hawes (the widow of Joel Hawes) before returning to Michigan. They had a daughter, Jennie, in 1861. Jonathan died April 14, 1873 of typhoid fever in Atlas, Michigan. (His farm was a mile and a half east of Goodrich.) Ann died March 13, 1875 in Atlas.

Jonathan’s biography appeared in the *History of Genesee County, Michigan*, (Everts & Abbot, 1879): “Among the early settlers of Atlas township there was no one who did more to

advance the growth and prosperity of his township than he whose name heads this sketch. Jonathan Frost was born in South Bristol township, Ontario co., N.Y. Dec. 25, 1817. His father, dying when he was quite young, left him to find a home as best he could. For a time he lived around among his relatives, but finally made his home with his uncle, Col. Hawes, with whom he lived until he grew to manhood. His chances for an education were limited to a few months in the winter at a district school, his summers being passed in working on his uncle's farm. He commenced life with only his hands, backed by an indomitable will, combined with energy and industry.

In 1836 he came to Michigan and bought of the government the northeast quarter of section 24, and of his brother the east half of the northwest quarter of the same section, in Atlas township. He remained in Atlas during the fall and winter of 1836, and then returned to New York, where he worked at arming by the month until after his marriage, in May 1839, when with his wife he moved on to his farm in Atlas, no portion of which was then cleared. A log house was soon built, and life in the wilderness commenced. Under his skillful management the forest disappeared, and soon a beautiful farm, with fine buildings, orchards, and all the modern improvements, appeared where, but so short a time before, the wolves, deer, and other wild animals roamed undisturbed. To the two hundred and forty acres Mr. Frost added from time to time, until at the time of his death his farm comprised four hundred and ninety-three acres of fine land, pronounced to be one of the best in the township. As above stated, Mr. Frost commenced life with nothing, and for several years after moving into the woods life with the new-married couple was no holiday. He did the most of his clearing himself, and many times worked half the night burning off the fallows, often burning this hands to a blister handling the charred logs. As time passed and prosperity dawned upon him, Mr. Frost branched out in business. He dealt largely in real-estate and invested in mills, thus doing much to help his township. In early life Mr. Frost was a Democrat, but upon the organization of the Republican party, and thenceforward until his death, he was one of its most ardent supports, although he never solicited office. He experienced religion at the age of fifteen, and was ever afterwards an earnest and sincere Christian. After he came to Michigan he joined the Methodist Episcopal Church. He was active in the organization of that church in Atlas, and was for many years one of its officers. Mr. Frost died April 14, 1873. In his death Atlas lost one of its most enterprising citizens – one respected and esteemed by friends and neighbors.

He was married to Olive Cobb, May 30, 1839. She was the daughter of Job and Rhoda (Abbey) Cobb, and was born March 3, 1818. There were born to them the following children: Maryette, born Sept, 17, 1840; Rhoda A., born Dec. 1, 1843; Emily and Emery, born June 23, 1847; Ephraim, born Dec. 15, 1852. Emery died Oct. 15, 1848; Ephraim died March 3, 1877. Mrs. Frost died Dec. 16, 1852. For his second wife Mr. Frost married Mrs. Ann S. Hawes, daughter of William and Prudence (Case) Paul. She was born April 6, 1828. Their union was blessed with one daughter, Jenny Frost, born Aug., 22, 1861.”

William Frost (1780) married Fanny Goodrich in Bristol June 8, 1821. She is the mother of all his children: Mary, Anise (1803-1889; married Cheney Abbey), Asenath (1807), Isaac, Phoebe, Jacob, Henry, Rachel, Fannie, William (1821), and Julia Ann (1823).

In 1829 William moved to Macomb County, Michigan, where his wife died in 1833. He returned to New York and in 1835 married his brother Henry's widow, Anna Northrup. They lived in Ontario County.

Asenath Frost (1807) was born September 7, 1807. She married her cousin Asa Denison, Jr., the son of Asa Denison and Phebe Frost (Asenath's father's sister). She died in 1888 and is buried at Denison's Corners.

William Frost (1821) was married by Ira Justin on June 6, 1849, to Martha Skinner (the daughter of Nelson Skinner). Their children were Frances, 1851; Sarah, 1853; Robert, 1861; and Marcus, 1864. They stayed in Richmond until 1855 then went to Wyoming (Kent Co.) Michigan. William, Jr. died September 1, 1886.

Julia Ann Frost (1823) married William Franklin and had four sons. Two died young; the two survived her were, Alfred and John. She died December 13, 1903, and is buried in Lakeview.

Stephen Frost (1786-1848)

m

Hannah Pemberton (1797-1847)

Children of Stephen and Hannah Frost

Jacob	1822	1846
Henry	1824	1846
Jane	1826	1843
Sanford	1830	1898+
Lyman	1834	1854
Oscar	1837	_____

About Stephen Frost

He was a very early settler near the Honeoye Outlet and the area was named Frost Hollow in honor of him. The settlement was known as Frost Hollow until the late 1800s, when it came to be called Richmond Mills. His wife Hannah was the daughter of Galen and Salinda Pemberton. Many of his family are buried at Richmond Center Cemetery, including: himself, wife Hannah, daughter Jane, and sons Lyman, Jacob, and Henry. He died May 4, 1848.

Phebe Frost (1790) was married twice; first to Sanford Crooks (with whom she had no children), then to Asa Denison (with whom she had two daughters and two sons). A memoir of Richmond called "Richmond in the Early Days" recounts that "Sanford Crooks, the youngest son of William Crooks, after reaching his new home, through the persuasions of his father, he being incapacitated from labor, to a great extent, from having badly frozen his feet years before, did not locate any land for himself, but remand with and assisted his father in the management of his farm. He died very soon after his marriage with a daughter of [Henry] Frost, a resident of Frosttown. The death of Sanford Crooks was a sad blow to this father, he being quite advanced in years, but more particularly as he had looked upon this son with great pride, as did Jacob of Old upon Benjamin, he being the only son that he had been able to liberally educate, and like any father fond of his children, had expected much of him in the years to come, when he might become the solace and comfort of his declining years. He (Sanford) died of a malignant fever, which was very prevalent at that time and which carried off scores of the most promising pioneers."

Rachel Frost (1795)

m

Lyman Hawes (1794-1861)

Children of Lyman and Rachel Hawes

Joel	1821		1822
Lyman	1823		1825
Henry	1825		1846
Joel	1829		1852
Anna	1831	m Cornell Morey (Lyman, Mary)	1902
Sanford	1836		1857

Lyman Hawes (1794) was the son of Joel and Philadelphia Hawes. His farm had earlier been the Cyrus Chipman home on Abbey Road. He and Rachel raised several children not their own: the two youngest children, Betsey and Jonathan, of Rachel's brother, and two daughters – Fannie and Mary Jane – of Lyman's brother Preston. Rachel and Lyman are buried in Oak Ridge Cemetery, Lima.