

Washburn

Lester Washburn

Born: March 29, 1861 in Canadice

Parents: Chester Washburn (1830-1894) and Jemima Hall (1834-1907)

Children of Chester and Jemima Washburn:

Wilmer	1854	m Sarah Drake	1932
Mariette	1856	m 1) Eugene Lead	1916
		m 2) Youngs Emmons	
Lester	1861	m 1) Ella Mae Alger	1943
		2) Dorothy Alger	
		3) Unknown	
		4) Elvira Phillips	
Charles	1865		_____
Guy	1869		_____
Nellie	1876	m John Lee Oakley	1960
Rosa	1879		_____

NOTES

Chester Washburn (1830) was the son of Alvin Washburn (1800-1881) and Clarissa Ann Holden (1805-1884). Chester married and lived in Naples in 1860. The family was in Canadice in 1870 (where he lived next door to his brother Alvin), in 1880, and in 1892. His obituary was printed in a local paper: "Chester Washburn, of Canadice, who was so badly injured at the barn raising accident near his home some eight or ten weeks ago, died on Friday last, aged 64 years. He had never recovered from the effects of that fall, being somewhat feeble at the time. Rev. Mr. Piper officiated at the funeral held on Saturday. It was a very sad occasion. The deceased leaves many relatives in this vicinity and the mourning circle was a very large one. The interment was at the Hunts Hollow Cemetery."

Alvin Washburn (1800-1881), Chester's father, was born September 1, 1800 in Worcester (Otsego County), New York. The *Naples Record* of January 16, 1880, carried a short memorial in his honor: "Mr. Alvin Washburn has been a resident of Hunts Hollow from the beginning, and knows more of its history than any other individual living. He remembers when Middletown (now Naples) had but one store, one tavern, one grist mill, one blacksmith shop, and a few scattered dwelling houses. Mr. Washburn raised a family, fourteen in number, including himself and wife, and saw them grow up to be men and women. He and his wife are both living and enjoying good health."

Alvin was the son of Gale Washburn and Rebecca Garfield; their children: Charlotte (1798-1850; m William Sullivan, Jr. of Richmond), Alvin (1800-1881), Rebecca (1802-1880), Lovina (1804-1890), William (1805-1888), Amos (1808-1891), Elisha (1812-1876; bur. at Hunt's Hollow; recorded on the 1850 Naples Census: Elisha, 38; Eliza, 30; Ira, 12; William, 11; Elisha, 6; Annie, 2; also Jemima Hall, 17, future wife of Chester, and Adolpho Douglass, 55. **Ira Washburn** was in the Civil War (126th NY Infantry; but deserted). He married Rachel (1833-1900) and had a son, William (1859-1925). Ira died in Freeport, Illinois about 1905.)

Clarissa Ann Holden (1805) was born January 1, 1805 in Naples, the daughter of Jacob Holden (1770-1848) and Martha Jane Hunt (1780-1844). She died July 15, 1884 in Naples and her obituary was recorded in the *Neapolitan Record*, August 6, 1884: "Although late perhaps, all our readers are not informed of the death of Mrs. Annie Washburn, relict of Alvin Washburn, on the 15th of July, at the homestead in Hunts Hollow. She had been a sufferer for some months and her death was not unexpected. She had passed her life, 78 years, in that part of the town, and was the daughter of Jacob Holden who in an early day settled the Col. Henry farm. She was an excellent wife and mother and through the long years had filled every position in life well. She left eleven children, the heads of families, living in Ontario, Livingston, Allegany, and Steuben counties, and one in Penn. She was much respected and the funeral was largely attended on the 17th, at the schoolhouse and Rev. Geo. Stratton officiated."

Chester's Children:

Wilmer Washburn (1854) was born November 17. He married January 8, 1876 at the Methodist Episcopal parsonage in Naples Sarah Drake (1855-1934). They had three children: John (1879), Walter (1885), and Harriet (1887). They lived in Friendship, NY; he died May 7, 1932; bur. Mt. Hope Cemetery in Friendship (Allegany County), New York.

"Wilmer Washburn of Friendship, was stricken unconscious Wednesday afternoon, May 5th on his way home from work at the Drake manufacturing plant. He fell on the walk just before reaching the Sunnyside bridge and cut his head. He was picked up by neighbors, bleeding profusely and carried to his home. (*Andover News* May 14, 1932)

Mariette Washburn (1856) married Eugene Lead (1857-1890). He was the son of Samuel Lead and Cornelia Wheat. He was born in Manchester and died in Canadice, Aug. 16, 1890. "Last Saturday afternoon, about three o'clock, Eugene Lead, a farmer in Canadice, dropped dead while preparing for threshing grain. He was walking from the house to the barn with an axe and a saw in his hands when he was observed to stagger and fall. He was dead before any measures could be taken for his relief. Heart disease was the cause. The deceased was about 35 years old and leaves a widow and four children." (*Ont. Co. Journal*, Aug. 22, 1890)

Her children were Cornelia (1880), Charles (1883), Claud (1885), and Clarence (1890). She then married Matthew Youngs Emmons (1849-1926). They lived in Canadice. She and Matthew had a son, Henry, in 1898. She died October 22, 1916.

Lester ("Let") Washburn (1861) married on May 30, 1888 Ella Mae Alger (1869-____) in Naples. They had three children: Raymond (1889), Myrtle (1890), and Murray (1899; m Pauline Gerrett). Lester is great-grandson of Jacob Holden and Martha Jane Hunt. After his marriage, his home farm was on the extreme eastern edge of Richmond, at the foot of the lake; here he lived for upwards of four decades. He was married, but also had other women he lived with. "[There was the time that] Ellie was having a shindig for her children and grandchildren, of which there are many, and the fiddler had just got started when she heard of the death of Let's housekeeper. She stopped the party at once and the whole lot of them went over to Let's to condole with him and gossip with relatives and friends far into the night." (Carmer) In 1913 he and Ella Mae's sister Dory were living together. After the death of Let's first housekeeper, another came to take her place. Elvira Phillips lived with Let until his death in 1943 at age eighty-one.

In 1892, they lived in Richmond; two little kids: Ray and Myrtle; brother Guy, age 23, lived with them. 1900, they lived in Bristol, the three children plus: Frank VanBuren, 23; Nellie Allen, 13; and Harvey Degroff, 67.

Ella Mae Alger (1869 separated from Let after some years of marriage. She sued him for divorce in 1913 after several years of being separated, but they never divorced.

Raymond Washburn (1889) died March 20, 1981, age 91; he was survived by three daughters: Ruth, Fran, Clara and his brother Murray. His wife was Myrtle Ruth ____ (died at age 39; bur. Lakeview Cemetery). They lived at 5314 Gulick Road.

Myrtle Washburn (1890) married Delvin Porter and lived on Seamen Road in Naples.

Murray Washburn (1899) lived just after the turn onto Pine Hill Road, on the right, way back. (This is 5112 Pine Hill Road). Pauline worked at (Honeoye?) school; retired in 1968. Their children were Irene, Shirley, Jack, and Charles. (Was there also a Lester?) Murray and Pauline celebrated 50 years of marriage in April 1972.

Guy Washburn (1869) lived with Lester in 1892 in Richmond. On the South Bristol Census of 1900 he is recorded as married; in his household were Julia Washburn (age 12), Howard Washburn (4), and Harry Washburn (1). (Are these his children?) Also Charles Lead, 17, son of his sister Mariette.

Children of Alvin and Clarissa Ann Washburn

Mary Jane	1822	m Pell Teed (1848)	1890
Harvey	1824	m Fanny Harris	1906
Jacob	1826		1904
Alvin	1828	m Mary Jane Austin (1848)	1905
Horace	1829	m Fanny Ross	_____
Chester	1830	m Jemima Hall	1894
Ella	1835		_____
Amy Ann	1836		c. 1880
H. Valentine	1838	m Frances Bray	1920
Elisha	1841		_____
Solomon	1845	m 1) Sarah Butler (1847-1878)	1931
		m 2) Martha Havens (1861-1924)	
Pell	1846		_____

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Harvey Washburn (1824) had ten children; the youngest was Bert Elisha (1873-1955). Bert's son was **Henry J. Washburn** (1900-1951).

Henry J. Washburn (1900) married Opal Young. Their children were William (m Irene; children Cheryl, William, Shirley, Henry, Opal, Timothy, Janet, Torrey, Donald, and Donna), Robert, Vernon, and Eunice.

Alvin Washburn (1828) married Mary Jane Austin April 12, 1848 in Naples. They had four children: Charles (1859), Clara (1861), Jessie (1864), and Frank (1869). He died January 1, 1905 in Naples.

Horace Washburn (1929) was born October 14. He married Fanny Ross (January 29, 1829 – May 9, 1902). Their children were Amos (1853-1854), Mary (1860), George (1862), Clarissa (1863-1920), Sarah (1865), Lomira (1866), Annette (1867-1902; “Nettie”; m Judson Shepard), William (1869), and Hattie (1872). Horace and Fanny lived in Springwater. Fanny died two days after her daughter Annette. Horace and Fanny are buried in Hunt’s Hollow Cemetery.

Amos Washburn (1853) was born in July or August; he died in March 1854 at age 8 months. He is buried in Hunt’s Hollow Cemetery.

Henry Valentine Washburn (1838) married Frances (1847-1930), the daughter of Barkley Bray (1824) and Angeline Moody. He served in the 4th Heavy Artillery Battery H in the Civil War, having enlisted January 26, 1864. He was wounded at the Battle of Spotsylvania, but returned to duty, being discharged September 26, 1865. His children were Andrew (1868), Ernest (1873), Cora (1876), Tina (1879), and Carrie (1883). They moved to Eldred (McKean Co.), Pennsylvania about 1879 (the year Tina was born). He died July 9, 1920 in Kane, Penn. and is buried in Moody Hollow Cemetery in Eldred.