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▼ **Key to Source Codes and Other Abbreviations**

- **Source codes shown here** appear in square brackets following the particular information, such as a birth date, that is supported by the source. Many of the sources are not primary, and the diligent researcher will confirm the information provided in those by resorting to primary sources.
- **ACBR** = *Amherst College Biographical Record, Centennial Edition, 1821-1921* (online at www.amherst.edu—menu.html)
- **ACRH** = *Ancestral Chronological Record of the Hillman Family, 1550-1905*, by H. W. Hillman (The Walsh Press, Schenectady, NY, 1905)
- **AdG** = *Genealogical History of Henry Adams*, comp. & ed. by Andrew N. Adams, The Tuttle Co., Rutland, VT, 1898.
- **ADH** = two articles by Henry S. Gere published in the *Hampshire Gazette*: “Among the Deserted Homesteads” on 9/28/1886, and “Visiting Old and Familiar Scenes”, a follow-up, printed 10/12/1886.
- **AsH** = *History of Ashfield*, Vol. 1, by Frederick G. Howes & Thomas Shepard. Town of Ashfield, 1887.
- **Banks** = *The History of Martha's Vineyard, Volume III, Family Genealogies* by Dr. Charles Banks, c. 1925. This well-documented book is an important and valuable work for Williamsburg genealogists because many families came here from Martha's Vineyard between 1780 and 1810. A number of these families were incorrectly reported to have come from Nantucket in the Deming history of Williamsburg. Banks documents their early histories and makes it plain that Deming's informants were mistaken.
- **BCr** = *A Bodman Chronicle*, by Ellen Fairbanks Diggs Bodman, Herbert Luther Bodman & Robert Edgar Bodman. Unigraphic, Evansville, IN, c. 1979.
- **Beers maps of 1873** = maps of Williamsburg and its villages published in F. W. Beers' 1873 Atlas of Hampshire County.
- **BHC** = gs in Briar Hill Cemetery, Ashfield, MA
- **BrVR** = Braintree, MA vital records, as compiled by Waldo Sprague
- **BSC** = gravestone in Bridge Street Cem., Northampton, MA
- **CBDR** = Pocket-sized notebook containing a personal record of deaths in Wmsb., 1835-1861, maintained by Clarissa (Day) Bodman (1787-1864), and donated to Meekins Library in 1935 by her granddaughter Clara Philena 7 Bodman (1859-1951) of N'hamp. Complete digital imagery of this record is now available online at <http://archive.org/details/accountofdeaths00bodm>
- **CBR, CMR, CDR** = Conway, MA b., m. & d. records
- **CCC** = gs in Center Cemetery, Chesterfield, MA
- **CDH** = Cooley Dickinson Hospital, Northampton, MA

- **ChBR/MR/DR** = Chesterfield, MA birth, marriage and death records
- **ChF** = *History and Genealogy of the Families of Chesterfield, Massachusetts*. Ruth A. Baker, Gazette Printing Co., Northampton, MA: 1962.
- **Chfld** = Chesterfield, MA
- **CG** = *Genealogy of the Cleveland and Cleaveland Families*, comp. by Edmund Janes Cleveland and Horace Gillette Cleveland. 3 Vols. Hartford, CT, 1899
- **CGH** = Charles G. Hankins: personal notes, penciled in the margins of a complete photocopy of ACRH (see above) that he sent to me.
- **CM** = *The Clapp Memorial: Record of the Clapp Family in America*, comp. by Ebenezer Clapp. Boston: David Clapp & Son, 1876.
- **Corbin** = Notes and files of Walter and Lottie Corbin, preserved in microfilms of the Corbin Collection at NEHGR and/or at Forbes Library in Northampton. I own copies of Corbin Reels 9, 22, and 23, the films that contain transcriptions of Williamsburg, Haydenville and Hatfield records and gravestones. I also have NEHGR's recently released CD-ROM containing nearly all of the Corbins' Hampshire County material. It is extremely awkward and inconvenient to use, unfortunately.
- **CummBR, CummMR, CummDR** = Cummington b, m. & d records as printed in *The Vital Records of Cummington, Massachusetts, 1762-1900*, ed. William W. Streeter & Daphne H. Morris, 1979.
- **CVC** = gs in Cummington Village Cemetery
- **CWFR** = family records, documents & photos made available to me by Cora Warner of Mountain Street, Haydenville
- **d/o** = daughter of
- **Dfld** = Deerfield, MA
- **DG** = *History of the Descendants of John Dwight of Dedham, Mass.*, comp. by Benjamin W. Dwight. New York, John F. Trow & Son, 1874.
- **EG** = *Descendants of Richard Everett*, by Edward F. Everett, A.M. Boston, MA: 1902.
- **EWhC** = gravestone in East Whately Cem., Whately, MA
- **FAG** = Findagrave.com (usually showing the FAG memorial number for the grave in question). Findagrave has grown into an extremely valuable genealogical resource, providing online transcriptions and photographs of many gravestones that a researcher may be unable to visit in person.
- **FG** = *History of the Faxon Family*, by George L. Faxon. Springfield, MA: 1880.
- **FJR** = Franklin J. Richards pedigree chart on file at WHS museum
- **Gfld** = Greenfield, MA
- **GH** = *A Bicentennial History of Goshen, Massachusetts, 1781-1981*, by Anne Sabo Warner. Goshen Historical Commission, 1980.

- **GPM** = *Genealogical & Personal Memoirs Relating to the Families of the State of Massachusetts*, ed. William Richard Cutter, assisted by William Frederick Adams. New York, Lewis Hist. Pub. Co., 1910.
- **gs** = gravestone
- **GuilC** = Gravestone in Guilford Cemetery, Bird Hill Road, Ashfield, MA
- **GVC** = gravestone in Goshen Village Cemetery, Goshen, MA
- **GVR** = Goshen, MA vital records, as published in Hiram Barrus' 1881 *History of Goshen*
- **Had** = Hadley, MA
- **HAsh** = gravestone in Hill Cemetery, Ashfield, MA
- **Hat** = Hatfield, MA (Williamsburg's parent town)
- **HAT** = *History of Hatfield, Massachusetts 1660-1910, In Three Parts*, by Daniel White Wells and Reuben Field Wells, F. C. H. Gibbons, Springfield, MA, 1910.
- **Hayd** = Haydenville, a village in the Town of Williamsburg
- **H/HVR, HVR(Had)** = Hadley VRs transferred into Hatfield VRs after the separation of Hatfield as a town, as copied by Walter Corbin and included in the Corbin Collection.
- **HC** = *History of Conway, Mass., 1767-1917*, ed. Rev. C. S. Pease, Springfield, 1917.
- **HCRD** = Hampshire County Registry of Deeds; typically followed by deed book and page numbers.
- **HCRP** = Hampshire County Registry of Probate; typically followed by box and file numbers.
- **HG** = *Hampshire Gazette*
- **HGNC** = *Hampshire Gazette & Northampton Courier* (which published combined editions for a time)
- **HilIC** = gravestone in Hill Cemetery, Elm and Prospect Sts., Hatfield, MA: Hatfield's oldest cemetery.
- **Hos** = *The Hosford Genealogy*, comp. & ed. Norman F. Hosford & David H. Hosford, Phoenix Publishing, W. Kennebunk ME, 1993.
- **HP** = *History of Plainfield*, by Charles N. Dyer, Press of Gazette Printing Co., Northampton, 1891.
- **HSC** = gravestone in High Street Cemetery, Haydenville (also called the Haydenville Cem.). I have transcribed them all.
- **HVR** = Hatfield vital records, as copied by Walter Corbin (from the Corbin Collection microfilms).
- **JCG** = *The Graves Family in America*, by John Card Graves.

- **JWL** = Jesse Wild's ledger or account book, in the Bodman Papers collection at Smith College
- **LG** = *Genealogy of the Lyman Family in Great Britain and America*, by Lyman Coleman, D.D.; Albany, NY, J. Munsell, 1872
- **LHB diary** = personal diary of Lewis H. Black of Wmsb., quoted by his son Ralmon J. Black.
- **MAH** = email correspondence from Mary Ann Higgins <sinovision@aol.com>
- **MAVR** = Mass. Town & Vital Records, 1620-1988 via Ancestry.com
- **MRD** = Mill River Disaster. My shorthand notation for the catastrophic flood of May 16, 1874 that devastated Williamsburg, Skinnerville, Haydenville and Leeds, killing 139 and leaving about 700 homeless, after the sudden collapse of a huge waterpower reservoir dam three miles above Williamsburg village on the East Branch.
- **MRUP** = Written recollections of Martha Rockwood (Upton) Purrington. Copy obtained from her granddaughter, Priscilla Cortelyou Little, in October 2003.
- **MS&S** = *Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors in the War of the Revolution*
- **MSC** = gravestone in Mountain Street Cemetery, Haydenville. I have mapped, transcribed and photographed them all.
- **MSCH** = gravestone in Main St. Cemetery, Hatfield
- **N'hamp** = Northampton, MA
- **NHC** = gravestone in North Hatfield Cemetery, Hatfield, MA
- **OAM** = "Origins of Alexander Miller of Williamsburg, Mass.", a three-page typescript monograph by E. C. Nyman and F. C. Warner, on file at WHS museum.
- **OHC** = gravestone in Old Hadley Cemetery
- **OVHC** = gravestone in Old Village Hill Cemetery, Wmsb. I have mapped, transcribed and photographed them all.
- **PB** = family Bible of Thomas Sturtevant Purrington, photocopy provided by Priscilla Cortelyou Little
- **PL** = Ledger or account book of Dr. Elijah Paine of Wmsb., 1785-97. Original in manuscript collection of Meekins Public Library, Williamsburg.
- **PCL** = Priscilla Cortelyou Little, conversation, notes, and email messages
- **PGC** = gravestone in Pine Grove Cemetery, Conway, MA
- **Plfd** = Plainfield, MA
- **RC** = correspondence with Russell Cahill of 107 Heron Road, Clearwater, FL 33764.
- **Rogers Cem.** = gravestone in Rogers Cemetery, Wmsb.
- **RF** = Richards family records

- **RG** = *A Genealogical History of the Rice Family: Descendants of Deacon Edmund Rice*, by Andrew Henshaw Ward, A.M. Boston, C. Benjamin Richardson, 1858.
- **ReF** = *The Reed Family in Europe and America*, by Jacob Whittemore Reed. Boston, John Wilson & Son, 1861. The limited information about Wmsb.'s Benjamin Reed family, which seems actually to have been more a Chesterfield family, appears on pp. 186-7 and 241.
- **RMWDR** = Rhoda Miller Warner's contemporaneous personal record of deaths in Williamsburg, 1814-1854, in Meekins Library collection [vertical files]. Mrs. Warner's reason for maintaining this personal record is unknown. It differs slightly in some dates from the town's official death records, so it must have been entirely independent of them and can thus be used as confirmatory evidence for the official death dates. A complete scan of this entire record is now available online at <http://archive.org/details/copyofrecordskep00warn>
- **s/o** = son of
- **SCC** = gravestone in Center Cemetery, Southampton, MA
- **SCH** = gravestone in South Cemetery, Heath, MA
- **SCS** = Steven C. Snow's family charts on file at WHS museum
- **SD1, SD2** = *History of Deerfield*, Vols. 1 and 2, by George Sheldon. Deerfield, MA, 1895.
- **Scott & McLeran map** = 1854 map of Hampshire County, MA, published by _____ Scott and _____ McLeran, in possession of Wmsb. Historical Society. It is the earliest of several maps of Williamsburg that show home and business owners'/occupants' names.
- **SGC** = Gravestone in Spring Grove Cemetery, Florence, MA
- **Shamp** = Southampton, MA
- **Spfld** = Springfield, MA
- **SSDI** = Social Security Death Index
- **SSK** = Sarah Skinner Kilborne, conversations and correspondence.
- **SMAC** = gravestone in St. Mary's Assumption Cemetery, Route 9, Leeds (part of Northampton)
- **SMCN** = gravestone in St. Mary Cemetery, Bridge Road, Northampton
- **SWC** = gravestone in Southwest (Poland District) Cemetery, Conway, MA
- **TFM** = *Memorial of the Thayer name, from the Massachusetts colony of Weymouth and Braintree, embracing genealogical and biographical sketches of Richard & Thomas Thayer, and their descendants from 1636 to 1874*, by Thayer, Bezaleel, b. 1795. Published 1874.
- **TG** = *The Tower Genealogy: Descendants of John Tower of Hingham, Mass.*, comp. by Charlemagne Tower. Cambridge: John Wilson & Son, 1891.

- **TOB** = "While I danced alone with the moon in the front yard," a manuscript memoir by Teri O'Brien of Holyoke, MA about her early childhood in Haydenville.
- **VM** = *Vinton Memorial: John Vinton of Lynn, 1648*, by John Adams Vinton. Boston, S. K. Whipple & Company, 1858.
- **VHC, NVHC** = gravestone in "new" Village Hill Cem., Wmsb. I have transcribed them all and photographed many. All are on FindaGrave.com as of June 2015.
- **VHC rec.** = record of burial in Village Hill Cemetery office's card file, but no grave marker found.
- **w/o** = wife of
- **Walling maps** of 1856 and 1860 = Hampshire County wall maps published by H. F. Walling in those years, showing owners/occupants of homes in Wmsb. Meekins Library has the less common 1856 edition; the 1860 edition is available online.
- **WBC** = gravestone, Windsor Bush Cemetery, Windsor, MA
- **WBG** = Williamsburg Business Directory for 1887 in *Gazetteer of Hampshire County, 1654-1887*, W. B. Gay & Co., Syracuse, NY, 1887; pp. 262-273.
- **WBR/WMR/WDR** = Wmsb. Town Clerk's birth, marriage, and death records that I have seen personally. I have my own photocopies of most of the VRs. The town clerk's very early records include many births and marriages that occurred elsewhere before the incorporation of Wmsb. Some of the early residents evidently wanted to have a complete record of their families retained in one place, and so re-recorded events that had happened where they lived before coming here.
- **WCBR** = Wmsb. corrective birth record
- **WCC** = gravestone in Westhampton Center Cemetery
- **WCCR** = Williamsburg Church of Christ (Congregational) records, very early. These are in decrepit condition and can't be handled or copied. They were microfilmed many years ago and are included in the Corbin Collection films. Substantial parts of them are illegible.
- **WeyBR/MR/DR** = Weymouth, MA birth, marr. & death records.
- **WFF** = *Williamsburg, Massachusetts Fact & Fable, 1771-1971*, ed. James P. O'Connor. Northampton, Gazette Printing Co., 1971
- **WG** = *The Walcott Book: History and Genealogy of the American Family of Walcott, and Notes of English Walcotts*, by Arthur Stuart Walcott, Salem, MA, 1925.
- **Whamp** = Westhampton, MA
- **WhCC** = gravestone in Whately Center Cemetery
- **WhH** = *History of the Town of Whately, Mass. 1661-1899*, by James M. Crafts, pub. D. L. Crandall, Orange, Mass. 1899.
- **WHC** = gravestone in West Hatfield Cemetery

- **wid/o** = widow of
- **WTR** = Vital record (birth, death or marriage) published in Town Clerk's section of the annual Williamsburg Town Report, 1904-2014.
- **WVR/KWVR** = Wmsb. Town Clerk's vital records that have been reported found by others, and/or former town clerk Kathy Warner's personal computer file of vital records. I have not personally seen the records for which I give these source designations.
- ▶ **WWhC** = gravestone in West Whately Cemetery, Whately.
- **__VR** = other vital records, identified by town
- ▶ **A-B**
- ▶ **C-E**
- ▶ **F-H**
- ▶ **I-L**
- ▶ **M-P**
- ▶ **R-T**
- ▶ **U-Z**
- ▶ **MISC. families and individuals**
- ▶ **Williamsburg's Irish families**
- ▶ **Early inhabitant lists (various sources and themes)**
- ▶ **Williamsburg War Veterans**
- **Other families to investigate:** Edwards, Heath, Ingellis, Morin, Nutting, Nye, Tilley, Turner.
- ▶ **Other towns' histories in my electronic files:**