
Chapter 2

The Sharp and Ogden Families

Ancestors of Priscilla Isabella Sutton Sharp Crabtree

William Sharp Sr., Mary Smith

William Sharp Sr. was born about 1663, perhaps in Scotland. In 1688, he married Mary Smith (born in 1668). William and Mary Sharp had a son, William. William Sr. died after 1745, in New Jersey.

William Sharp Jr. Sarah Langstaffe

William Sharp Jr. (1695–1749) was born in Woodbridge, New Jersey. About 1736, William Jr. married Sarah Langstaffe (1721–1751), daughter of Henry Langstaffe and Esther Smalley. William and Sarah had five children, the oldest, Samuel, is my relative.

Samuel Sharp, Priscilla Sutton

Samuel Sharp was born in Woodbridge, New Jersey, in 1741. Priscilla Sutton, daughter of Joseph Sutton and Priscilla Langstaff, was born in 1735, in Piscataway, New Jersey.

Samuel married Priscilla Sutton in New Jersey, July 1759. Priscilla died in Woodbridge, New Jersey. One source said Priscilla died before the revolution, and that Samuel remarried. Samuel died in New Brunswick, Canada.

Children of Sam and Priscilla:

William Sharp (1760–1844).

Joseph Sharp (1762–1855) married Hannah Ogden. Their daughter, Priscilla, married Elijah Crabb.

Samuel Sharp (1764–1840) married Charity Crabb, sister of Elijah Crabb.

Mary Sharp (1767–1864) married Jacob Holder, a Loyalist. Mary lived almost 97 years and died at Long Reach, Kings County, New Brunswick. She was buried on the family farm along with her father Samuel Sharp and her stepmother.—www.rootsweb.com/~nbkings/Fam/Holder.html

Robert Sharp (1772–1858/59).

Henry Sharp (1774–1826).

Martha Sharp (about 1776–?).

Sarah Sharp (about 1778–?).

The Ogden Family

The Ogdens seem to have been a fairly good sized Loyalist family that went to Canada from New Jersey. Several took up arms on behalf of the king during the Revolution.

There was a John Ogden, a Loyalist soldier of the Revolution, who settled at Sackville in Westmoreland County, New Brunswick. He was enumerated in 1786, in the *Account of the Settlers, Improvements and Stock on Colonel Spray's Land on the River St. John*.

This John Ogden may have been the father of **Hannah Ogden** who married Joseph Sharp. ❀

Samuel Sharp

On or about 1777, the family fled, those rabble rousers you Americans call 'Patriots' (Sam called them rebels), and sought refuge on Staten Island where he was, for a time, a recruiting sergeant for the LAR (Loyal American Regiment). The regiment was soon stationed in and around New York City.

Sam's oldest child, William, stayed in the United States, but the rest of the family went to the British colony of Nova Scotia. The part they lived in was severed in 1784, to form New Brunswick, now in Canada.

Samuel went first to the Kingston peninsula in Kingston "Parish" (twp.) in Kings County, New Brunswick. On the map, it is only a few miles north and a bit east of Saint John. He then moved 20–30 miles east and lived a bit above Sussex at a small hamlet known as Millstream. I read an unsubstantiated article written by a knowledgeable genealogist/historian who said Sam lived there for 18 years.

Several of Sam's sons moved upriver from Saint John and settled on the west side of the river in Queens County.

As a boy, Sam had been apprenticed to a blacksmith. His specialty was making square nails. His son, Robert, stayed with him in New Brunswick, and became a blacksmith too.—Bill Tufts, Sharp relative, in an email to Cal Bivens.

Ending Note

I have accomplished my main goal: to write the family stories my grandmother told me and combine it with the history of the days those stories took place.

This has been an enjoyable time for me. To those who have shared your photos, information, thoughts, research and answered questions; to my family, relatives and friends who were encouraging; to my son Andrew who created my website: www.weezy.info and posted this book in pdfs online; and to my husband Gary who was tech support, did the book layout, cover, and made the book printworthy; and to you who have taken the time to read these words—THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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In the fall of 2005, my husband purchased this Ford Jubilee tractor from a farmer in Nebraska, the state where Grandma was born, and where this story started.



Gary and Louise (Austin) Smith.