

THE FOLLOWING IS A HISTORY OF THE LEFFINGWELL FAMILY

BEGINNING WITH LIEUTENANT THOMAS LEFFINGWELL OF NORWICH, CONNECTICUT.

The earliest record of any Leffingwell coming to America was about the year of 1637, a short time after the first settlement of New England. There appeared among the forests of Connecticut, a young hunter calling himself Thomas Leffingwell. He was on friendly terms with the Mohegan Indians; especially with their young chief, Uncas. It was thought he may have occasionally lived among them, acquiring their language and sharing their adventures. He was gifted with unusual physical strength, which for a time, appeared in his descendants. Some of the Leffingwells have the renown of having been stalwart men, able horsemen, enterprising, robust, dreadnaught kind of people. He was endowed with courage which does not shrink from the greatest of perils, when danger is the only path to great accomplishment. He became one of the founders of a large and flourishing city--Norwich, Connecticut. Research eludes the question of his origin--what year he came to the New World and who were his parents. Some have reason to believe he may have emigrated here with an older married sister and that perhaps she died soon after, leaving him to make his own way, or that he might have come with an uncle or an older brother to Massachusetts and then may have gone from Boston to the new settlements in Connecticut with some early settlers. From the first he became a public man. As a military man he attained only the rank of Lieutenant, but as sergeant until 1672, as ensign until 1676, and as Lieutenant thereafter, by which title he is mainly reported, he rendered good service, and often in command of scouting parties, even until past the military age.

It is surmised that he may be the son of Thomas and Alice Leppingwell early spelling of the name--of White Colne, Essex, who was baptized in March 1624. There is also a family tradition that states he emigrated to America at the age of 14, going back to his native country at age 21 to marry Mary White and bring her here. It is noted in the book "THE LEFFINGWELL RECORD" a genealogy of the descendants of Lieutenant Thomas Leffingwell, that Thomas, son of Thomas and Alice Leppingwell, was baptized March 10, 1624. This may have been our ancestor.

That he was a thorough and enterprising business man appears in the worldly success which attended him and in the various offices to which he was called. No inventory of his estate has been found; but the land records of Norwich show that he ranked high among the real estate owners of his day.

The date of his death is not recorded but it is believed it occurred in the closing months of 1714, at which time he was probably 92 years of age. His wife, Mary Leffingwell, died February 6, 1711, probably at a very advanced age.

Lieutenant Thomas Leffingwell served in George Washington's Army and was commissioned by Queen Anne of England to help settle complaints of the Mohegan Indians and the Governor of the Colony of Connecticut.

This history has been prepared by Rachel Annette (Ross) Shelton, wife of Floyd Everett Shelton, whose mother, Caroline May (Shrader) Shelton, is a descendant of Lieutenant Thomas Leffingwell, as she was a great-great granddaughter of Jonathon Leffingwell 2nd, born April 15, 17

Sources of most of this information were obtained from: Census Records, Cemetery Records, Family members and relatives, Newspaper items such as obituaries, birth announcements, wedding announcements, marriage family record books, family Bibles, and the book "THE LEFFING-

These papers furnished to me by Thelma Leffingwell, widow of Theodore
 (2)
 . Thomas Leffingwell 1622 ? to 1714
 Mary White on unknown date.
 Children
 1. Rachel b. Mar/17/1648 Saybrook, Ct.
 2. Thomas b. Aug/27/1649 " "
 . Jonathan b. Dec/6/1650 " "
 (no further record)
 4. Joseph b. Dec/24/1652 at Saybrook
 (no further record)
 5. Mary b. Dec/10/1654 Saybrook, Ct.
 6. Nathaniel b. Dec/11/1656 " "
 7. Samuel b. Unknown Date " "

Nathaniel Leffingwell d. 1697 Soⁿ
 m. Mary Smith June/8/1682 " of
 Children " Dick
 1. Nathaniel b. Feb/16/1684
 at Norwich, C
 2. Jonathan b. Mar/6/1688 " "
 d. May/1699
 3. Daniel b. Feb/15/1689 " "
 * 4. Samuel b. June/1692 " "

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 Samuel Leffingwell death date unknown
 Hannah Gifford Mar/2/1714
 Children
 1. Caleb b. May/13/1716 at Norwich
 2. Samuel b. May/28/1718 " "
 3. Hannah b. Feb/14/1720 " "
 4. Ann b. June/28/1722 " "
 5. Andrew b. Dec/12/1724 " "
 6. Mary b. Oct/8/1726 " "
 7. Elizabeth b. June/9/1729 " "
 8. Jonathan b. May/22/1731 " "

Born at Norwich, Conn. 22, May 1731
 (4)
 Jonathan Leffingwell d. unknown
 m. (10) Lydia Camp dates unknown .
 mother of first three children
 (2) Knowledge of, no info.
 Children
 1. Sarah b. 1763
 2. Lydia Ann no dates
 3. Jonathan d. in infancy *
 * 4. Jonathan b. Apr/5/1770
 5. Priscilla b. 1771
 6. Lemuel b. 1774
 7. Hester b. Apr/20/1778
 8. Hannah no further information

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 Jonathan Leffingwell 2nd. b. 5 April 1770
 m. Temperance Avery Dec/25/1792
 Children
 1. Jonathan 3rd. b. Sept/25/1793
 2. Lydia Ann b. Mar/1/1795
 3. Christopher b. Sept/1/1796
 4. Priscilla b. Aug/11/1798
 * 5. Samuel b. June/20/1800
 6. Hiram b. Mar/4/1803
 7. Lemuel b. June/15/1805
 8. Desire b. 1802
 9. Amanda b. Mar/16/1807
 10. Ira b. July/9/1809

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 Samuel Leffingwell d. Ind. Sept/6
 m. Fanny Bush ?/1824 1874
 Children
 1. Mary Ann b. Mar/4/1825
 2. Nancy Jane b. July/5/1829 (29)
 3. Catherine b. Jan/29/1831
 4. Abigail b. Dec/7/1834
 5. Saphronia b. July/26/1836
 * 6. Hiram Wilson b. July/24/1841
 7. Delilah b. Mar/21/1843

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 Wilson (7) St. Thomas
 Hiram Leffingwell (Living 1896)
 m. Sarah Townsend Sept/10/1866 *
 Children
 1. Emma Jane b. Feb/16/1868
 2. Laura Ellen b. April/26/1870
 3. Samuel G. b. Jan/6/1872
 4. ~~Mary Catherine~~
 Mary Catherine b. June/2/1874
 5. Hiram Jr. b. June/27/1877
 6. Dolly b. Jan/20/1880
 7. Rosa b. May/10/1882
 * 8. Leonidas (Dick) b. June/7/1885
 9. Lawrence b. Feb/18/1887
 10. Lucy b. May/21/1889

* 2 - I, Rachel, have information from
 Marriage Record Book, Blackford County
 Courthouse, Milan and Sarah married
 Sept. 26, 1867 (8)

Leonidas Leffingwell d. Oct/5/1953
 m. Eva Elizabeth Pommel ?/1915
 Children

→ you have this information
 The fourth generation moved from
 Conn. to W.Va shortly after Revolution
 Confusion incident to such long
 journey possibly caused loss of family
 records, which are not possible to
 replace today. Thus the lack of
 knowledge of the second wife

* Two Jonathans - when one son died
 in his lifetime often the practice to name

(5 generation)

Christopher Leffingwell d. during 1860s

m. Ann

Children:

1. Theodore b. N.Y. State about 1838
2. Ira b. Indiana " 1840
3. Jonathan b. Indiana " 1842
- * 4. Francis Marion b. Indiana " 1846

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Francis Marion Leffingwell b. about 1846

m. Lucinda Rhoades

Children:

1. Melissa
2. Bertha
3. Clyde ← *Nos. 3+4 reversed*
- * 4. Amos Newton B. 1881 d. 1966
5. Lawrence
6. Maudia
7. Samuel Rhoades b. Dec/26/1892 Still living in Mooreland

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Amos Newton Leffingwell

m. Ruth Meddler

Children:

1. Grace b. Feb/20/1908
- * 2. Clarence Eugene b. Aug/25/1911
3. Walter b. Jan/11/1920
4. George b. Apr/10/1925

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Clarence Eugene Leffingwell d. Nov/11/1977

m. Geneva Hawkins July/30/1937

Child:

9 gm Steven Jay b. Sept/18/1942
m. Barbara Jo Glenn Oct/19/1963

Children:

10 gm Sheila Joy b. Aug/12/1965
Lori Fay b. Apr/19/1971