

THE DINGEE FAMILY

Mary Diamond m. Michael Hart. They had Hart children bp. Poughkeepsie [PRCh] 7 Oct. 1782. (Thomas Smith Diamond was a witness at Albany Reformed Church 21 Jan. 1778 for a child of Ralph Watson and Hannah Hart).

- i. Joseph, b. 22 Jan. 1775.
- ii. Jeremiah, b. 18 Oct. 1779.
- iii. Isaac, b. 22 March 1782.

Nancy Dimond of Lenox m. Doctor Samuel Carrington of Utica 1802.

Susan Dimon, a widow, m. Joh Casper Simler in the NYLCh. 12 Oct. 1774. [RECORD 1943:75].

Thomas P. Diamond age 60 died 19 July 1796. [Alb. Reg.]. A Thomas Dimond was listed in a Militia Roll for Rensselaerwyck in 1767, Capt. Rycart Van Vranka's Co. [UNY 159]. Thomas Dimond was a sponsor 1781 at Schaghticoke Reformed Church with Polly McClean. He had a probable daughter Sarah Dimond, b. ca. 1760 who m. 29 Dec. 1779 at Albany, Jeremiah Johnson. They had a son Thomas D. Johnson. [Rev. Pers. R5661]. Thomas and Mary Diamond were witnesses at Albany Reformed Church 20 Jan. 1779 for a child of Charles Follet and Mary Bloodgood. The will of Thomas S. Diamond was recorded in Albany Co. 31 Aug. 1796. He left son William and daus. Ann Fitch, Rebecca and Sarah. He also named gr.-dau. Ann Fitch Van Allen. His wife (not named) was executrix and Jeremiah Van Rensselaer was executor. [ACW 2:242]. The will of Mary Diamond, widow of Thomas, of the City of Albany, was written 24 Nov. 1815 and probated 20 Dec. 1817. She mentioned dau. Ann Brock and Ann's son John Jackson. Also gr.-daus. Maria and Loretta Warner and gr.-dau. Mary Ann Sheldon. [Albany Co. Wills 5:30-31]. Mary Diamond age 79 died at Albany 16 dec. 1817 aged 79 years. [NY Spectator].

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This family was in Rombout as early as 1714 and later in the Arthursburgh area of Beekman from 1757 off and on through the end of the century.¹

The emigrant ancestor of this family was ROBERT DINGEE who was in Hempstead by 1676. He was recorded in the 1698 Hempstead census and was deceased by 1701. There are no records of his wife.

¹ Primary source is *Dingee Family Genealogy*, Harold E. Jandebeur and Jeannette Dingee Jandebeur, 1987.

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Children:

- i. Christopher; m. Mary ____ and had children Charles, John, Jane and Sarah (who m. Joseph Wright).

1. ii. Robert; m. Rebecca Stiles.

1. ROBERT²⁻¹ DINGEE was born ca. 1672 and m. Rebecca, dau. of Richard and Mary (Underhill) Stiles of Westbury LI. He came to Rombout under contract with Robert Brett to build him a house, in exchange for 110 acres of land. Quit rent on the land, payable every year at Christmas, was: "Four good fatt groun fowles." [D 1:16]. He was taxed in the South Ward from 1717/18 through 1729/30 when he probably died. He was probably the man who was an Overseer of the highways in the South Ward 5 April 1720. [SBP 1:335].

Children:

2. i. Robert S.; m. 1st wife name unknown., 2nd Sarah ____ (perhaps Smith).
- ii. Richard S.; m. 1st Esther Chichester, 2nd Rachel Arthur.

2. ROBERT S.³⁻²⁻¹ DINGEE was born ca. 1695 and m. 1st, probably on LI, an unknown wife and 2nd probably in Westchester County, Sarah, possibly Smith. He was of Hempstead, Westchester Co. and Beekman where he was taxed from Feb. 1757 through June 1758 and assessed at £1 in June 1758. He was later of the Manor of Cortlandt when he wrote two wills, about a week apart. The second will dated 11 September 1761 was proved 9 November 1761. He mentioned his wife and children and appointed his wife Sarah and friend Jonathan Smith as executors. Witnesses were Jacob Wright, Anthony Loo and Mary Loo. [WN-YHS VI:126].

Children: (Prob. by 1st wife)

3. i. Robert, b. ca. 1728.
- ii. Mary; she was granted a removal certificate from Westbury to Mamaroneck 25 Sept. 1747 where she evidently m. widower Nehemiah Merritt, son of Joseph Merritt. She was bd. in the Quaker Hill Cemetery, Pawling. [OGDC 181].²
- iii. David, b. ca. 1728.

Child: (Prob. by 2nd wife)

4. iv. Elijah, b. ca. 1740; m. 1st Martha Ferris, 2nd Lydia (Burpee) Barker.

3. ROBERT⁴ DINGEE JR., (Robert³⁻²⁻¹), was born ca. 1728 and was taxed from Feb. 1758 through Feb. 1761 but was still in Beekman in early 1762. He may have married a Maybee.

² Old Gravestones, p. 181 calls her Mary Doughty, wife of Nehemiah Merritt Sr.

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Robert Dingee and Samuel Dorland both requested admission to the Oblong Quaker Meeting 16 Feb. 1758. [FHLME 17315:10]. They were admitted at the meeting held at Nine Partners 16 March 1758. [id 11]. Dingee was appointed by this Meeting 20 July 1758 to attend the Quarterly Meeting. [id 17]. Jesse Irish and Robert Dingee were appointed to inquire into the conduct of Joseph Smith and his wife. [id 21]. A complaint was lodged against Robert Dingee on 21 April 1759 for prophesying which did not come true. Benjamin Ferris and Aaron Haight were appointed to visit with him. [id 33]. At the next meeting they requested another month before they had to report. [id 37].

Robert Dingee was disowned 18 Oct. 1759 and dismissed from the Oblong Meeting 15 Nov. 1759 for saying on or about 18 Aug. 1758 to Samuel Dorland "thou shall die very soon, not to exceed 9 days and the Door of Mercy is Shut against thee." [FHLME 17315 38]. He also signified the same to Richard Smith and his wife a few days later. [QMM]. At the meeting held 18 10th month 1759 Joshua Haight and George Soule were appointed to draw a testimony against him. The testimony was drawn and read at the meeting held 20th 12th month 1759. [id 47].

Robert Dingee was adjacent to Samuel Dorland on a 15 Oct. 1759 road dedication. [SBP 1:349]. Robert Dingee & Johannes Swartwout sued Mary Sherman and Anthony Yervellon, executors of Samuel Sherman dec'd. [CP October 1761]. Murray Lester sued Robert Dingee and Lawrence DeLong in the same court. Henry Woodin sued Robert Dingee for trespass and was awarded £50. [May 1761, *Writs of Executions*]. Robert Dingee was accused by Henry Woodin of kidnapping him and on 27 Jan. 1762 he and Murray Lester appeared before Justice Lawrence Van Kleeck and posted appearance bonds of £20 each. [AD 5738]. Dingee was accused of "entering forcibly into the possession of the said Henry Wooden contrary to the law in such case." [AD 5738]. See also AD 4560 which refers to 150 acres of land that Woodin owned. Henry Woodin, *Qui Tam v Robert Dingee*. [CP May 1764].

Years later he was a pauper and the Town of Beekman considered his case at their Town meeting 4 April 1797. "And that it is the duty of the present Overseers of the Poor to apply to the Court of Sessions in Westchester for the support of Robert Dingee...etc." The County Supervisor's meeting held the last Tuesday in May 1797 granted James Higgins 10 shillings "for removing Robert Dingee from Carmel to Fredericks by an order from Stephentown." [SBP 1:257]. The Court of General Sessions of 13 Oct. 1797 was further involved in his case. The records follow:

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"The Overseers of the poor of the town of Beekman v. ____ Adams and Charlotte his wife and Gilbert Adams and Rachel, his wife, on application respecting Robert Dingee, a pauper becoming chargeable to the town of Beekman." Witnesses were Ebenezer Cary, James Saturly, Silas Belding, Robert Johnston, John Crane, Elijah Townsend. "Two notifications of affidavits read and filed." "It is the order of the court that no order be made by this court for the maintenance of the said pauper." [QS 13 Oct. 1797: SBP 1:327].

Several Dingees were involved in a local trial: Roland Bailey v. Timothy Carver. Plaintiff's witnesses were Catherine Dingee on ____ (illeg.), Marcus Dingee, John Dingee, Joseph Randell and Joseph Philips. Defendant's witnesses were: "Warrant of the collector read, Esq. Crane sworn, 2 executions read, Cornelius Brown and Samuel Van Schack." Jury foreman John Wilkinson read verdict of guilty and awarded 6p costs. [12 Oct. 1792. CP].

Children:

- i. ?Solomon, b. 1750; m. Hannah, b. Sept. 1756, dau. of Griffin and Sarah (____) Cory ca. 1784. He died 1836, age 86 in New Brunswick. They had children:
 - i. Robert, b. 22 Dec. 1784; m. Mary Black.
 - ii. Sarah, b. ca. 1786; m. Ebenezer Scribner.
 - iii. Louis, b. Sept. 1788; m. Amy Creighton.
 - iv. Elizabeth, bp. 6 May 1792; m. James Akerly.
 - v. Mary Hannah, b. Oct. 1793; m. George Knox.
- ii. ?Sarah, b. 1755; m. John Lounsbury. To New Brunswick, CN.
- iii. Charlotte; m. John Adams. They had (Adams) children: Mary, Elizabeth, John D., Asenath, Eli, James Harvey, Charles, Alanson, Alotson, Caroline and Solomon F.
- iv. Rachel, b. ca. 1765; m. Gilbert Adams. [QCGS 1982:18]. They had (Adams) children: Joseph, Samuel, Rachel, Robert, Philip, Moses R., Gilbert J., Sarah, Bartholomew, Adah Ann, Zillah, Mabec D.
5. v. ?Mabie; m. Hannah ____
- vi. ?Cornelia; Cornelia Degnee (sic) m. George Doughty 11 May 1778 at Bangall. [BBCh].

4. ELIJAH⁴ DINGEE, (Robert³⁻²⁻¹), was born ca. 1740 and married twice. He m. 1st Martha Ferris, 2nd Lydia (Burpee) Barker. An Elijah Dingee was taxed in Philips Precinct from 1773 through 1777 and was assessed at £1 in 1777. Samuel Baker sued Elijah Dingee. [CP: 12 Oct. 1775]. An Elijah Dingee was

³ John Cory of Southold, LI, 29.

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mentioned at a meeting of the ConC held 27 Feb. 1777: Capt. Platt laid before the Board the Deposition of James Currey informing that Elijah Dingee "had a Company enlisted for the Enemy ..." [ConC 157].

He lived in Putnam Valley in present Putnam County, NY but went to New Brunswick, CN where he died 1824. He probably divorced his first wife and she m. 2nd _____ Fuller and had son Amos Fuller. Elijah Dingee wrote his will at Parish of Barton, Sunbury Co., New Brunswick 11 Dec. 1797 and it was probated 10 March 1824. He noted that his sons Lawrence and David were living in the US and he gave them 5 shillings each. His sons James and Charles were to get the remainder of the estate, after the widow had hers. He had two sons by his second wife. She was sole executrix and was to get all the money, one-third of the personal estate and use of half the dwelling. [ENBPR 122].

Children:

- i. Lawrence, b. ca. 1765; m. Elizabeth Johnson 16 April 1789 in Fishkill. [ERCh]. He was later of Marblatown, NY.
- ii. David, b. 1771; m. Clarina Northrup, dau. of Joseph Northrup of Carmel area. Joseph Northrup was born 1742 and died 1835 age 93. David Dingee, Philip Emigh, Joseph P. Horton and Charity Emigh all were indicted in 1792 but no charge was listed. [9 Oct 1792 GS]. David Dingee was in Frederick Town in 1810 at 1-0-0-1-0 and 1-2-0-1-0 and next to Seth Kelley and Peter Clark. (Note that Zephaniah and Marcus Dingee were also in this town). David Dingee was Coroner for Putnam County for a number of years after 1818. [HPC 176]. David Dingee of Carmel, Putnam Co., NY wrote his will 2 Feb. 1842 and mentioned son John F. Dingee, dau. Almira Bailey, wife of Levi Bailey; Martha E. Chase, wife of Alvin Chase; Angelina Knapp, wife of Henry Knapp, and Hannah Knapp, wife of John Knapp. His wife was named Clarina in will.⁴
- iii. James, b. ca. 1795; m. Mary _____.
- iv. Charles, b. 1797; d. unm. after 1851.

5 MABLE⁵ DINGEE, (Robert ⁴⁻³⁻²⁻¹), was most likely a son of Robert Dingee of Beekman. Maybee Dingee was an Overseer of the highways in Beekman in 1795. [SBP 1:254]. In 1799 he was very poor, being assessed for only £10 personal property. He was in Beekman in 1800 at 1-1-0-1-0 and 2-0-0-1-0, between Peter Baker and Zachariah Flagler. He was in Beekman in 1810 at 1-1-0-1-0 and 2-0-1-1-0 with only 2 cows, one loom and 70 yards of cloth. He was next to Abner June and Thomas Doughty. He d. 9 March 1850 age 82-6-17

⁴ Putnam County, NY Surrogate D:325.

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(b. ca. 1767). His wife Hannah (poss. Doughty) died 3 Dec. 1856, age 82-27 and both were bd. at Greenhaven in Beekman. [OGDC 13-14]. Mabee Dingee had children:

- i. Elizabeth, b. 1792.
- ii. David I., b. ca. 1794.
- iii. Charlotte, b. 1798; d. 30 Aug. 1834, age 34, in Pawling. [TD and OGDC 243, which notes age as 36 years].
- iv. Almira, b. 1800, Almira Dingee d. 9 Jan. 1861, age 60 years and 25 days. She was bd. at Greenhaven.
- v. Jasenthe, b. 1804.
- vi. Timothy K., b. 1808. Timothy K. Dingee d. 23 Sept. 1862, age 54 years 6 days and his wife Mary Ann d. 17 Jan. 1844, age 19-10-7 and were bd. same as above.
- vii. ?John, b. 1810.
- viii. Joseph M., b. 1814.
- ix. Mary, b. 1815 at Greenhaven.

OTHER AND UNPLACED DINGEES

Administration on the estate of Derick Dingee who died intestate was granted to John Griffin of the town of Stamford, Delaware Co., NY 6th March 1827. See Henry Dingee, below. [Delaware Co. wills C:2:133].

Dow Dingee died 20 Sept. 1857 in Beekman. No age noted. [TD].

Elijah Dingee was b. 21 Nov. 1758 in Westchester Co., NY. He lived at Bedford until 1792 when he moved to South Salem and then to Norwalk, CT. [Rev. Pens. S17387].

Elizabeth Dingee d. 7 Dec. 1866, age 74-3-18 and was bd. in the Methodist Ground in Pleasant Valley, NY. She was married to Israel Cramer. [OGDC 224].

George Dingee was taxed in Beekman from Feb. 1758 through Feb. 1759.

Administration on the estate of Henry Dingy of Stamford, Delaware Co., NY were granted 23 May 1803 to Sarah Dingy and Joshua Webster. [DECW A:224].

James Dingee was at the Tabor store in Dover ca. 1830-40. [DCSB PP:78a].