

Alvin² (Solomon) Search - Update:

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I found Solomon¹ in the 1810 census at Sydney, Delaware County living adjacent to daughter Althea (Davis). He still has a boy aged 10–15 in his household. I suspect this is our unknown son, born after 1794.

This lends credence to the strong possibility that the 45+ (66) year old 1820 census Solomon in Salisbury, Litchfield County is this same person. Solomon and Anne (Anna?) die after 1820, possibly in CT. His nephew, Solomon², is in the Amesville district of Salisbury with 4 boys in this same 1820 census. He also has an unknown son born prior to 1800 in Salisbury to greatly confuse this matter.

I believe that Henry, born about 1792 (1850 census), - and found in Smithville in 1820 with William, Alvin and Althea - is one of Solomon's sons marked in the 1800 census. I have not identified the other male (b. abt 1795-8?) but there are possibly marks in the Solomon¹, David or James's household in 1820. Alvin¹ is probably in Greene County with James until adulthood or military service. I had an early note stating "*There was also a David and a Henry who served in the N. Y. State Militia from Salisbury.*"

The three unknown daughters are not identified but are not yet critical to this Alvin examination. There is a Mormon microfilmed church record from Durham starting in the very late 1700s (Christenings) that might be reviewed for births at that location.

I believe one way to possibly solve the Alvin² puzzle is by elimination of possible fathers. I've prepared a spread sheet with a tab for Solomon and each of his known children - listing all the marks for each census year found. The holes can be filled in as children are identified and hopefully Alvin is eliminated as a possible child for that family. David, William, James and Henry are potential Alvin parents – as well as the unidentified son.

There are at least 30 boys born to the known Solomon¹ sons. Many are yet to be identified.

Attachment: Solomon Search – Revisited

4 April 2016

There are four Solomon Knickerbockers connected to Litchfield County, CT in the 1750 – 1815 period:

1. Solomon¹ b. 1754, son of John and Jemima Owen.
2. Solomon² b. 1773, son of Lawrence and Katherine Dutcher. Often called Salmon.
3. Solomon³ b. abt 1782, parents unproven. Appears in Delaware County, NY in 1800.
4. Solomon⁴ b. 1812, son of Solomon² and Lucy Olds(?).

The Solomon² – Solomon⁴ connection was recently proven and therefore they are removed from this analysis. I will investigate Solomon¹ here and study Solomon³ separately.

Solomon¹ time line:

1. 1754 – Born Salisbury, CT

2. 1774? – Marriage to Anne Heath
3. 1775 – First child born @ Salisbury
4. 1790 – Census @ Salisbury, CT
5. 1799 – Tax list @ Freehold, Albany, NY. Becomes Greene County in 1800.
6. 1800 – Census @ Freehold, NY.
7. 1810 – Census @ Sydney, Delaware, NY (w. / Dau. Althea)
8. 1820 – Census @ Salisbury, CT.

A Solomon over 45 with a wife over 45 is in the Salisbury 1820 census (p. 374). Solomon² is also enumerated (p. 372) with 3 young sons. I know of no other possibility but Solomon¹ for these marks. Many state Solomon's death was abt 1800 but this would contradict that assumption.

Recent DNA autosomal studies have indicated a likely direct lineage between Solomon¹ and Alvin (1816). Dutch naming patterns would suggest one of Solomon's male children had named a child Alvin commemorating their brother Alvin (1799). Alvin was b. 1816 and should be found as a mark in the 1820/30 census enumerations of Solomon's children if the convention holds true.

I had suspected that Solomon¹ might be the father of Solomon³ but that is unlikely due to his many named children during the early 1780 period.

Children born to Solomon – Salisbury records.

1. Hannah – 1775 – died young. Interred at Lime Rock.
2. David – 1777- d. bef. 1830 [Ontario County 1810] [1820 – Same]
3. William – 1780 –1858. [Chenango County 1810] [1820 - 50 Same]
4. Walter – 1782 – d. bef. 1810?
5. Althea – 1785 – d. abt 1875 [m. David Davis @ Durham 1807]
6. James – 1787 – [Durham, Greene, NY – 1820] [Crawford, PA – 1830] [Alvin (1799) was born in Durham according to his 1814 enlistment.]

Solomon¹ – 1790 Census Marks

M<16 James (3)
M<16 Walter (8)
M<16 William (10)
M<16 David (13)
M16+ Solomon (36)
M16+? (Relative or Hired Hand – hard to imagine a child born before 1774)
F Althea (5)
F - Un-named daughter?
F - Un-named daughter?
F Anna

Solomon¹ – 1800 Census Marks

M<10 Alvin (1)
M<10?
M<10?
M10-15 James (13)
M16-26 Walter (18)
M16-25 William (20)
M26-44 Solomon (46)
F<10?
F10-15 Althea (15)
F26-44 Anna

Both unknown females from the 1790 enumeration are missing in 1800. There are two new young males and one female - all under 10 - that have joined the household since the 1790 census. There are five unknown children of Solomon for a potential total of twelve.

I've looked at the 1820 census listings for David, William and James. All three have marks for a boy of Alvin's age. I assume the David in 1820 Ontario County is Solomon's son. I find nothing for Walter and assume he died before 1810?

Alvin (1816) in the Census:

1850 – Broome County, NY
1865 – Allegheny “
1870 – Allegheny “
1875 – Cortland “

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