

Who were the parents of Gad/James Sackett?

Genealogical research report

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1. Background

1.1 Weygant, *Sacketts of America*, stated the parents (*and Sackett ancestry*) of 1049. (Gad) James Sackett to be 482. Daniel Sackett (1756–18—?) (*Daniel, Daniel, John, John, Simon the colonist*), of Bridgeport, CT, & Sarah _____. (Gad) James was b. Milford, CT, 20 Jan 1804, christened “Gad”, and his name was changed to “James” after the death of his parents. He left home at 14 and went to Illinois where he settled at Marine, marrying Jenette Parker by whom he had 6 children. He died at Marine on 8 Mar 1884.

1.2 A letter in the possession of Glenna Hertzler, dated New Haven 10 Feb 1839, written by Lucinda Sackett to James Sackett at Marine, Illinois, identifies Lucinda as James’s mother.

1.3 This analysis seeks to identify Gad/James’s parents and establish his Sackett ancestral line.

2. Summary of findings

2.1 **The parents of Gad/James and his brothers Daniel and Isaac were Jonathan Sackett and Lucinda Plumb, who married in Milford in 1802.** The evidence of Lucinda’s letter [3.3, 5.1] identifies her as the mother, and her marriage to Jonathan [3.4] identifies him as the father. The place, Milford, and marriage and children’s birth dates are consistent matches.

2.2 **The Jonathan Sackett who married Lucinda was not the Jonathan Sackett who died in Milford in 1849.** This finding contradicts the statement in Abbott, *Families of Early Milford*, [3.8] that the Jonathan who died in 1849 was the one who married Lucinda Plumb.

2.3 **The Jonathan Sackett who married Lucinda died or moved from Milford sometime before 1820, and probably before 1810.** No records for this Jonathan have been found after his marriage in 1802 (and the births of his sons in c1803, 1804, and 1806).

2.4 **The Jonathan Sackett who married Lucinda was in the line of John Sackett of New Haven.** The DNA results of Loren Sackett, a known descendant of Gad/James, match those of other descendants in the New Haven line.

2.5 **The Jonathan Sackett who died in Milford in 1849 was SoA #390 Jonathan Sackett born in Newtown, Queens, NY, in 1761.** Contemporary newspaper obituaries give his age at death as 88 or 89. Ages in census records, albeit only recorded as age ranges, are consistent with this conclusion. He had a connection with Milford through his brother Daniel who was settled there by 1782.

2.6 **The Jonathan Sackett born in Newtown moved to Milford sometime between 1810 and 1820.** Census records in Newtown up to 1810 are identified with a Jonathan Sackett born before 1765 and a wife born before 1775. Census records in Milford from 1820 have consistent age ranges, recording a Jonathan Sackett and wife, both born before 1770.

2.7 Section 4, *Who was Jonathan Sackett who married Lucinda Plumb?*, offers a hypothesis that this Jonathan may have been the unnamed illegitimate child born in New Haven in 1766 to another Jonathan Sackett and Mary Ford.

3. Evidence & assertions

3.1 Weygant, *Sacketts of America*, re origin of Gad/James Sacket.

- 1049. (Gad) James Sackett, of Milford & New Haven, Conn, & Marine, Ill, b. 20 Jan 1804, son of 482. Daniel Sackett & Sarah _____. He was born at Milford and christened Gad but after death of his parents was re-named James.

This statement of parentage is contradicted by the evidence of Lucinda's letter which identifies her as the mother, and her marriage to Jonathan Sackett which identifies him as the father.

Gad/James's father may have died when Gad/James was young (a record has not been found), but his mother (Lucinda) lived until he was 39.

3.2 Papers of Viola (Sackett) Hertzler, in possession of Glenna Hertzler, include a handwritten note stating:

- "...but having been left an orphan when quite young, he was placed in the family of an Episcopal Clergyman named Baldwin, living at, or near New Haven who renamed ..."

3.3 Papers of Viola (Sackett) Hertzler, in possession of Glenna Hertzler, letter [5.1 below] dated New Haven 10 Feb 1839 from Lucinda Sackett to James Sackett, Marine, IL.

- asserts that Lucinda was James's mother; refers to Daniel and Isaac; refers to "your" uncle Joel; refers to Lucinda's sister Susan.

This letter provides primary evidence that Lucinda was James's mother.

3.4 "Connecticut, Church Record Abstracts, 1630–1920," digital image, *Ancestry.com* (<http://search.ancestry.co.uk>), 71:315, Milford, Connecticut, "Sacket, Jonathan, m. Lucinda Plumb, June 25, 1802, vol. 1, p. 72."

This record provides primary evidence that Lucinda was Lucinda Plumb, and that she married Jonathan Sacket in Milford on 25 Jun 1802.

By implication, Jonathan would have been the father of Daniel, Gad/James, and Isaac.

3.5 New Haven Colony Historical Society. Ponds Milford Families. 0.003.024, Plumb, page 203
Joel Plumb, born Nov 5, 1777 married Loice Basset, Oct 12 1800
Lucinda Plumb, born July 22, 1785 married Jonathan Sackett, June 25, 1802
(from Glenna Hertzler, 14 Feb 2015).

This record, from an authored work, provides secondary evidence that Lucinda Plumb was born 22 Jul 1785 (place not recorded), and that she married Jonathan Sacket on 25 Jun 1802.

It would seem likely that Joel Plumb was Lucinda's brother, and was "your Uncle Joel" referred to in Lucinda's letter to James.

3.6 "Connecticut, Births and Christenings, 1649–1906," index, *FamilySearch*

- "Lucinday [*sic*] Plumb, b. Milford Twp, New Haven, CT, 22 Jul 1785, dau John Plumb & Elizabeth."

This transcribed index provides evidence of Lucinda's birthplace and parentage.

3.7 "Connecticut, Hale Cemetery Inscriptions and Newspaper Notices, 1629–1934," digital image, *Ancestry.com* (<http://search.ancestry.co.uk>),

- 9:403, *Columbian Register*, 16 Dec 1843, "Sackett, Lucinda, Fairhaven, age 55."
- 28:105, *Hartford Courant*, 16 Dec 1843, "Sackett, Mrs Lucinda, Fair Haven, died 4 Dec, age 55."
- 14:620, *Connecticut Herald* (Hartford), 9 Dec 1843, "Sacket, Mrs Lucinda, Fair Haven, native of Milford, died 4 Dec 1843, age 55."

These records provide primary evidence that Lucinda died in Fair Haven on 4 Dec 1843.

The stated age, 55, conflicts with a calculated age of 58 if this deceased is identified with Lucinda Plumb born 22 Jul 1785. Given the frequent misstatement of ages in historic records, the discrepancy is probably not of significance.

One record states that she was born in Milford.

3.8 Susan Woodruff Abbott, *Families of Early Milford, Connecticut*, Genealogical Publishing Co Inc, Baltimore (1979), 631–2, "Jonathan Sackett was born ca 1764 and died Milford 18 May 1849 ae 85, New Haven Daily Register says he was a Revolutionary War soldier and died in Milford. He married 25 June 1802 (MC1) Lucinda Plumb dau of John Still Plumb."

- This authored work asserts that a Jonathan Sackett died in Milford, 18 May 1849, aged 85;
- that he was a Revolutionary War soldier;
- that he married Lucinda Plumb in Milford on 25 Jun 1802;
- that Lucinda was a daughter of John Still Plumb.

Census records in Newtown, Queens County, NY, and later in Milford, CT, together with newspaper obituaries giving his age as 88 or 89, and supported by the fact that his brother Daniel was established in Milford, provide sufficient evidence to conclude that the Jonathan Sackett who died in Milford in 1849 was SoA #390 Jonathan Sackett born in Newtown, NY, in 1761. This Jonathan is seen from census records to have moved to Milford sometime between 1810 and 1820. He was not, therefore, the Jonathan Sackett who married Lucinda Plumb.

The statement regarding Lucinda Plumb is consistent with other records.

3.9 Weygant, *Sacketts of America*, "390. Jonathan Sackett, b. Sept. 22, 1761; m. Sarah Banks." + genealogical sketch.

- asserts that a Jonathan Sackett was b. Newtown, Long Island, in 1761, son of William Sackett (*John, Joseph, Simon, Simon the colonist*) & Anne Lawrence.
- Jonathan Sackett of Newtown m. Sarah Banks.
- Jonathan Sackett & Sarah Banks had ch. Jacob 1786, Anne 1789, William 1792, John 1794, Jonathan 1801.

3.10 "Historical Newspapers, Birth, Marriage, & Death Announcements, 1851–2003," digital image, *Ancestry.com* (<http://search.ancestry.co.uk>), *Hartford Daily Courant*, Hartford, Ct, 23 May 1849, "Deaths— At Milford, Mr. Jonathan Sackett, aged 88—a revolutionary soldier."

- Jonathan Sackett, aged 88, a revolutionary soldier, died in Milford shortly before 23 May 1849.

This record is consistent with *SoA #390 Jonathan Sackett b. Newtown in 1761.*

3.11 "Connecticut, Hale Cemetery Inscriptions and Newspaper Notices, 1629–1934," digital image, *Ancestry.com* (<http://search.ancestry.co.uk>),

9:551, *Columbian Register*, 19 May 1849, "Sackett, Jonathan, Milford, Revolutionary soldier, age 89, [no date]."

Columbian Register (New Haven), 26 May 1849, "Sackett, Jonathan, Milford, Rev. War, age 89, [no date]."

36:607, *Hartford Times*, 2 Jun 1849, "Sackett, Jonathan, Milford, Rev. Soldier, age 89, [no date]."

61:276, *Bridgeport Republican Standard*, 29 May 1849, "Sackett, Jonathan, Milford, age 89, [no date]."

- Jonathan Sackett, aged 89, a revolutionary soldier, died in Milford shortly before 19 May 1849.

These records are consistent with *SoA #390 Jonathan Sackett.*

3.12 Connecticut Private Records, New Haven Co, Deaths & Marriages, 1824–1883 (an index typed from a set of cards based on marriages and deaths taken from the original copy of New Haven County private records, 1824–1883, which was purchased from Mr Samuel Tannenbaum, book dealer, Hartford, CT, April 15, 1951.)

- "Sackett, Jonathan, d. May 12, 1849, page 22."

This record gives the exact date of death of the Jonathan identified as *SoA #390 Jonathan Sackett.*

- "Sackett, Mrs., d. Dec 1, 1842, "old", page 18."

This record most probably refers to Martha (Green) Sackett, wife of *SoA #389 Daniel Sackett*. Martha was a householder aged 80 in Milford in 1840. Sarah (Banks) Sackett, wife of *SoA #390 Jonathan Sackett*, assumed to be the female aged 60+ in Jonathan's household in 1830 would, if living, have been somewhat younger than Martha. The record would not apply to the much younger Lucinda (Plumb) Sackett, who died the following year.

3.13 1790 US census, Newtown, Queens, NY. Jonathan Sackett, 1 white male (16+), 1 white male under 16, 3 white females, and 2 slaves.

- An adult Jonathan Sackett was in Newtown in 1790.

This record is consistent with *SoA #390 Jonathan Sackett b. Newtown in 1761.*

3.14 1790 US census, Milford, New Haven, CT. Jonathan Sackett, 1 white male (16+).

- An adult Jonathan Sackett was in Milford in 1790.

This record is consistent with the Jonathan Sackett who married Lucinda.

3.15 1800 US census, Newtown, Queens, NY, Jonathan Sackett: 210 10 - 110 11.

- An adult Jonathan Sackett was in Newtown in 1800.

This record is consistent with *SoA #390 Jonathan Sackett.*

3.16 1800 US census, Connecticut

- No record found for a householder Jonathan Sackett in Connecticut, nor in any other place except Newtown.

The absence of a listing for the Jonathan found in Milford in 1790 and who married Lucinda in 1802 suggests that he was living in another's household.

3.17 New York, Tax Assessment Rolls, 1799-1804, Jonathan Sackett, 1803, Newtown, Queens, New York, "Sackett, Jonathan, real estate \$7,800, tax \$1.62."

- An adult Jonathan Sackett was in Newtown in 1803.

This record is consistent with *SoA #390 Jonathan Sackett*.

3.18 1810 US census, Newtown, Queens, Jonathan Sackett, 3-0-2-1-1-1-1-0-3-2, i.e. 3 white males under 10, 2 white males 16-25, 1 white male 45+, 1 white female under 10, 1 white female 10-15, 1 white female 16-25, 1 white female 26-44, 3 other free persons, 2 slaves, total 15 persons.

- A Jonathan Sackett, 45+, and a female 26-44, were in Newtown in 1810.

This record is consistent with *SoA #390 Jonathan Sackett*.

3.19 1810 US census, Connecticut

- No record found for a householder Jonathan Sackett in Connecticut.

The absence of a listing suggests that the Jonathan who married Lucinda was living in another's household or had died or moved away.

3.20 1820 US census, Newtown.

- No record found for a householder Jonathan Sackett in Newtown.

The absence of a listing allows the possibility that *SoA #390 Jonathan* of Newtown had died or moved away, for example to Milford.

3.21 1820 US census, Milford, Jonathan Sackett, 000 001 - 000 0101, i.e. 1 white male 45+, 1 white female 45+, 1 in agriculture, total 2 persons.

- A Jonathan Sackett, a farmer, 45+, and a female 45+, were in Milford in 1820.

This record is consistent with *SoA #390 Jonathan Sackett*.

If so, he and his wife Sarah moved from Newtown to Milford sometime between 1810 and 1820.

3.22 1830 US census, Newtown.

- No record found for a householder Jonathan Sackett in Newtown.

This would be consistent with his having moved to Milford.

3.23 1830 US census, Milford, Jonathan Sackett, 000 000 001 000 0 - 000 000 001 000 0, i.e. 1 male 60-70, 1 female 60-70.

- A Jonathan Sackett, 60-70, and a female, 60-70, were in Milford in 1830.

This record is consistent with *SoA #390 Jonathan Sackett*.

3.24 Abstracts of Wills, Administrations and Guardianships in NY State, 1787-1835 Will [5.2 below] of William Sackett of New Town, Queens County, NY, proved 13 May 1802.

- William Sackett of Newtown had sons John, Daniel, Jonathan.

- William owned a farm in Milford, CT, which he left to son Daniel.
- Jonathan had sons Jacob B, William, & John L.
- William died bef. 13 May 1802.

This record establishes a connection between *SoA #390* Jonathan Sackett of Newtown and the records of a Jonathan Sackett in Milford.

Jonathan's brother John remained in Newtown, where he died in 1819. Brother Daniel, who inherited the farm in Milford, was already established there, having married Martha Green in Milford in 1782. Daniel was listed in Milford in 1790, 1800, and 1810. He died without issue in 1822, and his widow Martha was listed in Milford in 1830.

Records in Milford consistent with *SoA #390* Jonathan Sackett are the 1820 and 1830 censuses and the death of a Jonathan Sackett in 1849.

4. Who was Jonathan Sackett who married Lucinda Plumb?

4.1 The only records identified with the Jonathan who married Lucinda are the 1790 census which lists a householder Jonathan Sackett in Milford and their marriage record in Milford in 1802. No record has been found of Jonathan's birth or death.

4.2 A record is found of Lucinda's birth in 1785 and of her death in Fair Haven in 1843.

4.3 DNA test results of a known descendant of Gad/James Sackett, now identified as a son of Jonathan, indicate that Jonathan and Gad/James were descendants in the John Sackett of New Haven line. This suggests that Jonathan was probably born locally.

4.4 No Jonathan Sackett candidates have been found in the records.

4.5 A current hypothesis is that Jonathan may have been the unnamed illegitimate child born in New Haven in 1766 to another Jonathan Sackett and Mary Ford.

4.6 This older Jonathan, who died in New Haven in 1798, was a son of *SoA #72* John Sackett and Hannah Smith, and was in the New Haven line. He is recorded to have married (his wife's name is not known) and to have had seven children from about 1767. His wife would not have been Mary Ford as she married a John Russell in 1771.

4.7 Relevant references are in Jacobus, *Families of Ancient New Haven*, 3:612, & 7:1584–5 [see 5.3 below].

4.8 A narrative for the unnamed natural child may be constructed:

[Unnamed] Sackett, natural child of Jonathan Sackett and Mary Ford was born in New Haven, Connecticut, in about 1766 [New Haven, County Court record].

This child is the subject of a hypothesis that, if male, he may have been the Jonathan Sackett who married Lucinda Plumb in Milford, Connecticut, in 1802, and had children, Daniel in about 1803, Gad (later renamed James) in 1804, and Isaac in 1806.

5. Appendices

5.1 Papers of Viola (Sackett) Hertzler, in possession of Glenna Hertzler, letter dated New Haven 10 Feb 1839 from Lucinda Sackett to James Sackett, Marine, IL.

New Haven February 10th 1839

My Dear Son

I now take my pen in hand to write a few lines to you they are the first I ever wrote you and perhaps may be the last not my Dear son for the want of inclination but my health is very poor and I am getting old. the letter you wrote your Uncle Joel I have seen which has hurt my feelings very much. why he should write as he has I do not know I have done nothing to make him. you say you have written to Daniel and have had no letters from him. it is because he cannot write you I must tell you it is because he cannot write it he often speaks of you and would be glad to correspond with you if he was able. he has got a fine woman for a wife and one who tries to do every thing he has four fine children and he I am glad to inform you is doing very well. whatever he does amiss is not owing to drink or ill will but for the want of Education.

Isaac is Married and has a large family he is poor and has to work very hard for a living. I dont feel as though I could make it my home with him to be one more on his hands I have always lived out in some family until I am worn out with hard work. I am now with my Sister your Aunt Susan. I presume you do not remember any of your relations this Sister I am with is all I have living now. I do hope I shall have the pleasure of seeing you before I die it would indeed be a great comfort to me

you have relation in New Haven that you would be pleased over and who would like to see you. I hope you will write as soon as you receive this. I shall feel anxious until I hear from you to know whether you have received this. I am happy to find you are doing well. I should like to see your wife and children but it is not likely I ever shall. I am old and poor and my sister is as poor as I am. she has two children to take care of and has to work very hard. she is very kind and willing to do all she can.

Excuse all imperfections remember I am old

This from your affectionate

Mother, Lucinda Sackett

With the letter were instructions to address a response to Henry A Read, New Haven.

5.2 Abstracts of Wills, Administrations and Guardianships in NY State, 1787-1835
<http://www.newenglandancestors.org>, Pages 101-104,

Will of William Sackett of New Town, Queens Co, N.Y., Yeoman--- to my Son John use of my farm ---to the wife & ch'n (no names) of my sd Son John--to my Son Daniel the Use of my Farm in Twp of Old Milford State Conn--my two Sons John & Jonathan--to Wife & Ch'n (no names) of my sd Son Jonathan--the Annuity of Catharine Lawrence--to my Grson William Sackett, Son of my Son John when of Age--to my four Grsons, to Wit Lawrence Sackett, Son of my Son John and Jacob B. Sackett, William Sackett, John L Sackett, Son of my Son Jonathan, as they arrive at Lawfull Age--to my Grson William Sackett, Son of my Son John--app't my two sons

John & Jonathan Sackett and Thomas Lawrence, Jur, Sackett Leverich & Samuel Riker, Exrs--his seven-th June 1798 (sg) William Sackett (LS)

Wt John Lawrence, William Leverich, Thomas Cumberson

Adm in Book of Willis D pages 227-228

(see serial 678 se for will)

pvd 13 May 1802 will of William Sackett dec'd.

5.3 References to unnamed child of Jonathan Sackett & Mary Ford:

- Jacobus, *Families of Ancient New Haven*, 7:1584–5,
FAM 2. JOHN & HANNAH (SMITH) SACKETT:
 - 1 John, b 31 Aug 1722 *NHV*, d s p.
 - 2 Mary, b 5 Oct 1724 *NHV*, d s p.
 - 3 Hannah, b c. 1726, bp (adult) 30 Aug 1761 *NHCl*, d s.p. 12 Mar 1804 æ. 80 *ConnH*, 14 Mar æ. 79 *NHCl*; Census (NH) 0-0-1.
 - 4 Jonathan, d 1798; Census (Wd) 1-0-1; m.
 - i Sarah, b c. 1767, d 6 Sep 1851 æ. 84 (St. Peter's, Oxf.); m Reuben Bunnell.
 - ii John; m (1) Sarah da. Phineas & Mary (Johnson) Terrill, b c. 1773, d 12 Jan 1794 æ. 21 *BTI*; m (2) Mary da. James & Mary (Clark) Wheeler, wid. Samuel Briscoe, b 4 Feb 1768 *DV*, d 11 Sep 1854 æ. 80 *BV*.
 - iii Phebe; m Samuel Sawyer, Jr.; res. Cornwall 1805.
 - iv William, b c. 1775, d 4 Feb 1858 æ. 83 *BV*.
 - v Joseph; res. Fairfield, N.Y., 1806.
 - vi David; res. Fairfield, N.Y., 1812.
 - vii Isaac; res. Harpersfield, N.Y., 1806.

Jonathan had a nat. child by Mary Ford, b 1766.

 - 5 Mary, b c. 1740, d 9 Apr 1804 æ. 64 *NHCl*.
 - 6 Jemima, b c. 1743, bp (adult) 9 Sep 1789 *NHCl*, d s.p. 6 Nov 1789 æ. 46 *NHCl*.
- Jacobus, *Families of Ancient New Haven*, 3:612,
Mary [dau Daniel & Elizabeth (Perkins) Ford], b 28 May 1741 *NHV*, bp 5 July 1741 *NHCl*; she had a nat. child by Jonathan Sackett, b c. 1766 *NHCCt*; m 9 May 1771 *NHCl*—John Russell.