

## APPENDIX

Lucinda Wakelee (♣54), dau. of Joseph and Susan (Curtiss) Wakelee, devoted several years of her life to a philanthropic organization, the object of which was to improve the condition of the working classes in New York City. Following are copies of an Address of the Shirt Sewers' Cooperative Union and a Circular of the Shirt Sewers' Association of the City of New York.

**ADDRESS of the SHIRT SEWERS' CO-OPERATIVE UNION**The public are aware that a portion of the Shirt Sewers of New York made an effort early last Summer to better their condition, and raise themselves from the low and abject condition of toiling from fifteen to eighteen hours per day for a bare pittance to sustain life, by associating together for the purpose of dividing the larger share of profits, now accruing to the employer, among the employed, thereby bringing the producer and consumer together for purposes of mutual aid and profit. We entered into the cause earnestly and devotedly, with the firm hope that we could demonstrate to our toiling and struggling sisters the manifold advantages of our new system, and thereby bring out a thorough and salutary reform in this depressed branch of industry. In our experience of the feasibility and practicability of so associating together, we are not disappointed. We are assured, and can assure our friends, that it is practicable and will succeed. But to ensure this, we need friends and means. We commenced in poverty, and have struggled along, toiling arduously, ever hopeful that a generous public would patronize and aid in building up our Association. In this hope we have been grievously disappointed. We have had kind friends to help us, and to such we are grateful, but they have been few, and we begin now to despond. Our work is falling off, and we are unable, from our very limited means, to give [293] employment to but very few of our suffering and needy sisters, when there are thousands ready and anxious to unite with us, if our facilities would allow us to give them employment. Society is not extending to us the helping hand that we were fain led to expect. We are too poor to make our case known to you by paid advertisements, and we now make this last appeal to you, believing that it will not pass unheeded. Upon our failure or success depends the future comfort or misery of thousands in our city, who are even now "sewing at once, with a double stitch, a shroud as well as a shirt."

The condition of the shirt sewers of our city is lamentable, and calls for your kindest and warmest sympathies. It is estimated that their numbers at present exceed six thousand. Many of these are young and friendless orphans early left to struggle with poverty, and solely dependent upon the precarious pittance of wages doled out by employers. Others are widows, depending upon the needle for the support of helpless children and with the pittance of some \$2 or \$2.50 per week, trying to feed, clothe and pay the rent of a family. We need not tell you this cannot be done. They bear, in silence, sufferings and trials that would chill the sternest hearts to recount. The defenceless girl often wrestles with poverty, hunger, temptation, until dire necessity forces sad and fearful alternatives upon her. Is this Christian ? Is it human?

*“Oh, men, with sisters dear;  
Oh, men, with mothers and wives;  
It is not linen you’re wearing out,  
It’s human creatures’ lives.”*

But we will not murmur; we are ready to make any personal sacrifices to sustain and build up our Association. To this end we appeal to a generous public.

We need your assistance now. We need a store in which to dispose of our stock when made, and the patronage of those who have employment to give. We need to be placed on a permanent basis, where daily necessities and wants will not circumscribe our usefulness and dampen our energies. Kind friends! will you aid and assist us? The present [294] office of our Association is at 9 Henry street, where orders will be thankfully received, and our wants made known to such as will interest themselves in the cause of our suffering sisters. Who will hear? Who will regard our humble and earnest appeal?

Signed on behalf of the Shirt Sewers’ Co-operative Union,  
by the following members of the Board of Managers:

MRS. MOODY  
MRS. DUNN  
MRS. J. H. KEYSER  
MRS. LOVELAND, Manager.

Those Ladies and Gentlemen who would take an active share in this work of benevolence, are requested to call at the Depot and allow the Manager to enter their names on the Roll of Assistant Managers.  
Depot of the Union, 9 Henry Street (Second Floor).

**CIRCULAR of the SHIRT SEWERS’ ASSOCIATION of the City of New York**  
To the Friends of Labor:

The Shirt Sewers of this City, encouraged by the interest manifested by the action of the Industrial Congress in their behalf, would now lay their case before the Community generally, and ask co-operation and patronage, from the better remunerated portion of the laboring population. The scale of prices given by the monopolists of the Shirt Trade in New York is so graduated as to render it nearly (and for many styles of work utterly) impossible for a woman to earn her daily bread thereby; and for the few custom shops that professedly pay fair prices, the work must be done in so superior a manner that the remuneration is still in most cases inadequate. The number of Shirt Sewers but partially employed and poorly remunerated, if stated in round numbers would not be believed. Suffice it to say, that the number to be benefitted by this Association, if once thoroughly established, will be commensurate with the philanthropy of the noblest minds.

Published Certificate	
Stephen Northrop	Jan. 9,
Rhoda Vosburg	1803.
Vol. IV, p. 27.	Feb. 17, of Salisbury
Asahel Savage Jr. ~	1803. of Sheffield Ditto,
Nov. 20, Nov. 22,	
Jemima B. Vosburgh	Certificate Married by Rev. Jas.
[317]	Bradford,
	Sheffield 1836. 1836 Minister

We therefore deem it necessary, and propose making arrangements to commence Business ourselves, in a way that will enable us to divide the profits among the employed. To embark in an enterprise where so many difficulties confront us, at first sight, may to some minds be deemed chimerical; but so confident are we, that the organized associations of mechanics and others can direct a large amount of orders immediately to our Shirt Depot, and thus [295] provide employment, at fair prices, for those now enlisted with us, and they having manifested already a willingness to take some stock in the concern, payable at some future time in Work, that we feel assured of that degree of sympathy and support, so requisite in establishing another link in the great chain of labor reform.

All that is now necessary is, that a small amount of capital should be raised to enable the Board of Managers to purchase the materials, and pay for the making of the first orders; and for this we confidently appeal to those whose sympathies have been so often enlisted on behalf of suffering humanity, and who are everready to defend the weak against oppression.

The, Scrip is issued at ONE DOLLAR per share, and is to be had at all times of Hy. J. Crate, Secretary, at the Office of the Co-operative Labor League, No. 9 Henry Street, New York, and of Mrs. E. Loveland, at the Society's Store, Hall of Progress, corner of Catharine and Henry Streets, (entrance No. 9 Henry), who will also thankfully receive and promptly attend to all orders for Shirts with which she may be favored.

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The house which Robert Torrance built upon his return to Vermont following the revolutionary hostilities in 1778, was made of brick imported (probably as ballast) from Holland. It was occupied by his descendants until the year 1874, when the compiler of this book made a special trip [296] to Vermont and sold the property. It was then a substantial structure in a remarkable state of preservation for a building nearly a hundred years old. The then owners were Orleans Peck and Lucy (Mather) Torrance (see ♣118-ii), who, owing to their advanced years, needed relief from the cares incidental to the property, and who thereafter lived and were cared for by his grandnephew and her youngest brother, Cyrenius Chapin Torrance (127) at Gowanda, N. Y.

Robert Torrance was a strong, vigorous, active man of splendid physical as well as mental development.

In 1803 Robert Torrance, then a widower, and, perhaps, pricked by his conscience for not having, for some unknown reason, maintained a correspondence with his parents, was impelled to write the following letter, a copy of which in his own handwriting he retained and which is now in excellent condition.

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Foot Note: There are four quite distinct lines of Torrances in the United States other than the descendants of Hugh and Elenor Torrance of Mayhogle. These include the descendants of Sergeant Hugh Torrance, who participated in the Siege of Derry in Ireland, who later settled in Chester, Penn., and of which line General Ell Torrance, of Minneapolis, Minn., former President of the National G. A. R., is a living representative; the descendants of Aaron Torrance, the emigrant ancestor of whom it is reported lived in the North of Ireland, and who settled' originally in the Cumberland Valley in Pennsylvania, and of —rhich line the poet and dramatist Ridgely Torrance, of New York City, is a descendant; also the Rev. George P. Torrance, the genealogist; the descendants of John Torrance of which the Rev. William Clayton Torrance, formerly curator of the Valentine Museum in Richmond, Va., is a descendant; and the lines of Torrances descended from Samuel and Thomas Torrance of Woodbury, who are unable to trace their descendants back of Samuel and Thomas. The cornpiler caused an exhaustive search to be made of all the census, school, court, military and church records of the Counties of Londonderry and Antrim in Ireland by J. W. Kernohan, a reliable professional, genealogical searcher, residing Seaforde, Park Row, Belfast, Ireland, in an effort to connect the different lines of Scotch-Irish Torrances by ties of consanguinity, but, although a very considerable amount of data was obtained (copies of which will be furnished free to any Torrance desiring to trace their Irish ancestors) the results were practically negative. The social and political conditions of the Ulster counties through the major part of the eighteenth century occasioned a woeful paucity of vital statistics. In at least one particular there is a remarkably visible bit of evidence of ties of consanguinity between, generally speaking, all of the Torrances in the United States. They are a race of people above the average weight and stature, having broad shoulders, broad, square faces, large ears and clear coloring, and in several instances representatives of the different lines have a very remarkable general physical resemblance.

**Berkshire County, Probate Records.** Jacob Kellogg, File No. 1579.

Mary Kellogg, widow, approves of appointment of Isaac Vorsbury & Hezekiah Noble for Administrators. No date. They were appointed and gave bonds on Oct. 24, 1792. On Bond the name appears as Isaac Fosborgh Junr. of Cambridge, N. Y. Signed, Isaac Vosbrough.

#### VITAL STATISTICS Wintonbury Parish Records.

- p. 90, about Dec. 2, 1771, died at or near Sheffield, Isaac Fosbury, aged perhaps 65 years.
- p. 76, the aged widow Fosbury, died April 11, 1803.
- p. 96, Stephen Fosbury, died in Canada with the smallpox, Jan. 1, 1776, aet. about 20 years. [316]
- p. 111, John Fosbury of Simsbury, bapt. Nov. 3, 1754, at Wintonbury.
- p. 111, Stephen, child of Isaac Fosbury of Simsbury, bapt. Mar. 13, 1857, at Wintonbury.

**Sheffield Town Records**, Vol. I, p. 67.

Eliakim Vosburgh, son of Isaac Vosburgh junr and that which his wife Mary Bore him was born January 1, 1763. Mark Vosburgh, Son of Isaac Vosburgh Junr. and that which his wife Mary Bore him was born January 22, 1766. Henry Vosburgh, Son of Isaac Vosburgh Junr. and that which his wife Mary Bore him was born February 10, 1769.

#### **Gravestones from Cemetery on Sheffield Plain.**

In Memory of Rhoda wife of Capt. Isaac Vosburgh, who died 27th, 1810, in her 62 yr.

#### **Gravestones From Cemetery on Sheffield Plain:**

Isaac Vosburgh, d. Apr. 14, 1836, ae. 76 yrs.

Mrs. Nancy Vosburgh consort of Mr. Isaac Vosburgh, d. Aug. 29, 1798, ae. 37 yrs.

**From Congregational Church Records, Sheffield.** Copy by R. H. Cooke, in Berkshire Athenaeum, Pittsfield; page 30. Baptisms Adults; July 3, 1831. Jemima B. Vosburgh.

**From Marriages**, Vol. IV. Sheffield Town Records; page 27.

Asahel Savage Jr. and Jemima B. Vosburg, both of Sheffield, were married by the Rev. Jas. Bradford, Minister. Certificate issued, Nov. 20, 1836; married, Nov. 22, 1836.

#### **From grave-stone inscriptions, Salisbury Center:**

Vosburgh, Miss Hannah, dau. of Lieut. Isaac & Mrs. Nancy Vosburgh, May 24, 1809, ae. 19.

**Salisbury Vital Statistics**, Vol. III, p. 115. Marriages.

Feb. 8, 1803	Stephen Norton,	Witnesses,	Polly Grenoble,
	Rhoda Vosburgh		Diadama Vosburgh

ABNER KELLOGG  
MOSES HOPKINS

Ackn. Oct. 24, 1801  
Rec. Oct. 24, 1801

### PAPERS PERTAINING TO SETTLEMENT OF ESTATES

Estate of Eliakim Fosbury, of Windsor. From Hartford Probate Records, Vol. 19, page 95: "At a court of probate holden at Hartford, for the District of Hartford, on the 23rd day of Jan. A. D. 1764, present, Daniel Edwards, Judge. The court grants administration on the estate of Eliakim Fosbury late of Windsor, Deceased, unto Isaac Fosbury of South Windsor, who gave bonds etc."

Eliakim Vosburgh was probably named after the father of Johanna Winschil. This gives a clue as to her ancestry. The Winschils were among the first settlers in Sheffield.

**Berkshire County Probate Records.** ISAAC VOSBURGH FILE NO. 5734.

WILL (original) of Isaac Vosburgh, dated Feb. 10, 1829. The wife Executrix and principal legatee. No real estate. Legacies [315] of 25 cents each to my Children Cinthia, Polly, Rhoda, Kellogg, Nathaniel, Diadama & John. Signed ISAAC VOSBUROGH. Witnesses, RUTLAND W. GRAY  
JEMIMA B. VOSBURGH  
R. R. ROOT

The following notation on the bottom of this will. "Mr. Root & Miss Vosburgh examd."

A copy of this will is on file endorsed in pencil;

"Shef June 7, 1836:'

PETITION' for Probate by Polly Vosburgh, widow of Isaac Vosburgh. He died at Sheffield April 7, 1836. Children: Rhoda Northrop, dec'd, late wife of Stephen Northrop de'cd of Salisbury, Cynthia Raynsford, wife of Solomon Raynsford dec'd of Sheffield Polly Fletcher of Sheffield, wife of Solm Fletcher Kellog Vosbrough, of Buffalo, N. Y. Nathaniel Vosbrough, Diadama Vosbrough & John Vosbrough, all of Lodi, N. Y. Wife declines to act as Executrix and R. F. Barnard appointed April 26, 1836.

**Berkshire County Probate Records.** POLLY VOSBURGH, File No. 8805.

WILL of Polly Vosbrough, dated Oct. 17, 1849. (original.) Bequests to various Charitable and Church organizations, amounting to \$28.00. To George Gilbert Savage, son of Asahel Savage, \$20.00. To Amelia Jemima and Ulysia Almenia, two daughters of Asahel Savage, Jr., residue of the estate.

Witnesses  
C. B. ROOT  
L B. CHURCH  
ORRIN BILLS

Signed, (orig. sig.)  
POLLY VOSBROUGH

Middlebury October 29th 1803 Dear Brother and Sister: In the year 1754 I Left my Native Cuntery Ireland and Landed in America I left a farther and Mother in the Parish of Oughednway in the County of Londondery By the Names of (his) Hugh Torrance and hers Elenor Torrance-I am Now 67 years of age a widdower Since January the 29th 1798 I have five Children (viz) Two Sons & three Daughters one of each is married I am healthy for a man of my years my Family is so likewise I am in Possesion of a Property addequate to all my wants A history of my Life Since I Left my Native Cuntery would [297] Be nothing extraordinary or entertaining. But Being So far advanced in life and having never heard from any of my Relation Since I Left them. But threw the Medium of our Public News Papers hear of the wars Both Internal and External must Conclude that it is unhappy for all grades of People whatever I have thought it no Less than my Duty as a Christian to writ to Learn if Posiabile what the Situation of my friends ware and invite them to a hospitable Shore A Cuntery of Peace and Plenty or Learn at Least their Circumstances and Request them to write me a leter on the Receipt of this, and Direct it to Robert Torrance Middlebury, Addison County Vermont North America-But Should there be no Traces of my Family Left then I Solicit the Friendly hand of some honnist harted farther to Let me know what was the fate of my Friends or what Cuntery that they have fled to and as in Duty Bound with gratitude Shall ever acknowledge their kindness-But Should my Brother (Thomas Torrance) or either of my Sisters (whose Maden Names were Jane, Marther, and Molly Torrance) yet remain, I wish them to Leave a Cuntery whose Civil wars and entestine Broils has Destroyed the Peace of its inhabitants and Leaves the unfortunate to Suffer with want, and Fly to a Land of health and happiness that abounds with all the Luxurys that life Requires or thinkin man Can wish for My Famely all Sends there Compliments to there uncles aunts and Cousands

This from your Brother  
until Deth

ROBERT TORRANCE

Thomas Torrance  
and Mrs. Jane Torrance  
Oughedway in Ireland

N. B. Middlebury is 270 Miles from Newyork But Pasing By Newyork to Albany By water which can Be done every Day By Coasting or River Sloops Leave But 111 Miles from Albany to Middlebury-from Boston to Middlebury it is only 170 Miles

But Should my Brother or Sister or any of my Cousins write to me and send it By Some Safe Conveyance to America with Directions for it to be Put into the Mail there whould Be no Doubt But it would reach me amediately."

ROBERT TORRANCE.

To the foregoing letter the following replies were received, the originals of all of which are in the possession of the compiler: [298]

Mayoghle 18t of May 1804

Dr. Brother

I Take the oppertunity of Informing You that We are all well at present Hoping these Lines May find You in the Same We received Your leter on the 31St of March and the 24th of Aprile Both Dated October 30th 1803 Which Gave us Great Comfort in Hearing that You and Your family were well we little Expected that Ever we Should Have Recd. Such Satisfactory Account Concerng You it being so long Since any Account Came from you that Our Conclusions were that You Had been Dead Long ere this Your Mother Died in the 63d. Year of her Age Your father Died in the 84u' year of his Age Your Sister Jeane Died in October 1802 Age .d 74 years Your Sister Martha Marid W Hog of Caheny and is Gone to America 30 Years Ago She is in S. Carolina Your Sister Mary Marid Neal McFebrich of Mayoghle She is a Widow these 15 years Your Brother Tho<sup>s</sup>. Died the 10th of Apprile last Aged 65 Years I have 3 Children Viz one Son & 2 Daughters Jas Elen and Sarah and 2 of them are Marid I wonder Much of Your Dot Mentioning Me in Your letter of Course You Cannot Have forgot Me You May Remimber I was About 7 or 8 years old when you left this Cuntry. I Live on in the Same place you Left us I am 58 years of Age and thank God has a Tolerable Good State of Helth I understand you think there are Scarcly any of your Relations in being on Acc<sup>t</sup>. of the War which took place in this Kingdom but thank God we are all in and About where You left us Towards the West of this Kingdom and Dublin the Had prety Tight work for some Time but the Ribles were Soon Scatered and Thousands of them were Kill<sup>d</sup>. and oblig<sup>d</sup>. to fly their Contry and Those who were found were Numbers of them Hang<sup>d</sup>. and Transported into Diferent Kingdoms but Thank God none of your Relations ever Suffr<sup>d</sup>. any Harm by it We are all prety well fixed in ways of Living but I W<sup>d</sup>. be Glad that if you thought it Would Answer us to Go to that Contry that You Would write to us in your next letter in Case My Brother is Dead I Request that Some of his Sons will write to Me and let Me Know What Kind of Settlement you have or if its Long Since You Settled in that place When you write Direct to Hugh or Ja<sup>s</sup>. Torrance, Mayoghle I have little More to Mention to you but My family all Sinds their Compliments to you & your family Whilst I Remain Your Afectionate Brother till Death

HUGH TORRANCE.

N. B.

My Sister Jean has a Son in America named John Torrance the last Account we Rec<sup>d</sup>. from him he Lived in Chester 15 Miles from Philadelphia.

HUGH TORRANCE

[299] Folded and addressed as follows:

Mr. Robert Torrance

Middlebury Addison

County Vermont North

America to be put into the Mail at New York  
and forwarded By Albany

**Berkshire County Deeds, Southern District**, Liber 38, 75.

Isaac Vosburgh Junr of Sheffield, sells Richard Brown of Chatham, Middlesex Co., Conn., four pieces of land in Sheffield, for \$2000. 1st, land described, in Liber 33, pp. 16-17 (See page 6) 2nd, 100 acres on the east side of the Highway \* ” ” 3rd, 8% acres, bounded westerly on last mentioned land. 4th, 10 acres in the Great Swamp, described in lib. 33, p. 59.

Reserving the right to all the grain and certain pine timber.

Witnesses,

JNO. BUDD,

MOSES HOPKINS.

Dated, Nov. 21, 1800.

Ackn. Nov. 21, 1800.

Rec. Nov. 21, 1800.

Signed, ISAAC VOSBURGH

Although the descriptions are different and hard to follow, the 100 acre plot probably contained the Kellogg farm and other adjoining tracts formerly purchased.

As a part of the above Deed, Release of dower rights by Mary Vosburgh, wife of said Isaac Jur., for \$10. Signed, Polly Vosburgh (original signature), and evidently added after the deed was recorded. Dated, Mar. 31, 1801.

**Berkshire County Deeds, Southern District**, Liber. 40, p. 265. Isaac Vosburgh Junr. buys from Joseph Ferry, for \$45 3% acres on the West side of the Great brack. Date of deed not copied. Rec. Feb. 14, 1803.

**Berkshire County Deeds, Southern District**, Liber 38, pp. 77-78. MORTGAGE DEED, covering the above described 4 tracts of land, to secure 4 notes given by Richard Brown to Isaac Vosburgh Junr.

\$500.00 payable on demand.

Dated Nov. 21, 1800.

\$333.33 payable in sixty days.

Ackn. Nov. 21, 1800.

\$500.00 payable March 1st, next.

Rec. Nov. 21, 1800.

\$303.33 payable Feb. 14, 1802.

Signed, RICHARD BROWN

\$1636.66 MORTGAGE SATISFIED and discharged, Sept. 26, 1803. Witness, MOSES HOPKINS. Signed, (original signature) ISAAC VOSBROUGH. [314]

**Berkshire County Deeds, Southern District**, Liber 39, p. 33. Isaac Vosburgh, Junr. purchases of Thomas Pearsall & John I. Glover, of New York City, four tracts of land in Sheffield, for \$1666.67. He gave back Mortgage Deed, recorded Lib. 39, p. 3, to secure payment of two notes; one for \$280.01, payable Dec. 1, 1803, the other for \$500, payable April 25, 1801. There is nothing on record to show that these notes were paid.

**Berkshire County Deeds, Southern District**, Liber 39, p. 133. Isaac Vosburgh Jur, sells above described four tracts of land for \$2066.67, to Lyman Goold, of Sharon Conn., subject to Mortgage Deed for \$780.01, on April 25, 1801. Said Vosburgh Jr. reserves the right to all the winter grain now sown on sd land with the privilege of harvesting same. Also reserves right to live on said farm until the 20th day of April next. Witnesses,  
Signed, ISAAC VOSBURGH JR.

**Berkshire County Deeds, Southern District**, Liber 33, p. 59. Isaac Vosburgh buys from Bedling Kellogg, 10 acres of land in the Great Swamp. Recorded, Mar. 18, 1795.

**Berkshire County Deeds, Southern District**, Liber 32, p. 47

Samuel Fitch of Sheffield, sells land in Sheffield for £60, to Isaac Vosbury Junr. of Sheffield. About 30 acres situate “north of the Vow Dwelling House of Samuel Bushnell in Sheffield & Lyeth on the North side of the Road Leading from \*\* said house \* \* to the Town street \* \* \* the first Bound Begins at the southwest Corner of said Isaac Vosbury’s Land at a stake and stones, thence Easterly by sd. Isaac’s Land to a White oak Tree, it Being the southeast Corner of sd. Isaac Vosbury’s own Land.”

Witnesses,

DAN RAYMOND,  
EZRA FELLOWS.

Dated, Sept. 13, 1793.

Ackn. Sept. 14, 1793.

Rec. Sept. 23, 1793.

Signed, ISAAC VOSBURY.

the same tract of Land Mortgaged to me by Jacob Kellogg of Sheffield, April 13, 1789.

Witnesses,

PETER H. COLT,  
JOSIAH BUCK JUNR.

Dated, Jan. 14, 1795. Signed.

Recorded, Jan. 23, 1795.

**Berkshire County Deeds, Southern District**, Book 32, p. 151.

MORTGAGE DEED. To secure a note for £51, 4 shillings. Isaac Vosburgh Junr. of Sheffield sells land in Sheffield, for £52, to Theodorick Sedgewick of Stockridge, situate, “opposite the Dwelling house of the late Jacob Kellogg Dec’d.”

Witnesses,

JAK WOODBRIDGE,  
TIM EDWARDS.

Dated, Jan. 20, 1794.

Ackn. Jan. 30, 1794.

Rec. Jan. 26, 1794.

Signed, ISAAC VOSBURGH (sic.)

MORTGAGE SATISFIED, Aug. 27, 1802.

**Berkshire County Deeds, Southern District**, liber 36, p. 283.

MORTGAGE DEED. Isaac Vosbrough Junr. of Sheffield sells, [313] for £100, received from John Budd of Great Barrington, Physician, the land that Jacob Kellogg purchased of Tim\* Kellogg likewise the same that Jacob Kellogg sold me containing 50 acres. Deed to secure a note for \$333.33, payable June 1, 1801.

**Berkshire County, Southern District**, Deeds, Liber 42, p. 86.

Isaac Vosburgh Jr. sells to Robert Joyner, 30 acres in Sheffield, for £45. Dated Nov. 9, 1795. Recorded, June 30, 1804.

Signed, ISAAC FOSBROUGH

Na Carah, 16th of June 1804

Dr. Uncle

I write to let You know the State of Your friends in Ireland and that they are all in Helth at present hoping the Arival of these lins May find You in the Same.

We Received Your 2 letters one on the 31st of March and the other on the 20th of Aprile both Dated October 30th 1803 which Gives Us the Greatest of Happiness in hearing of Your being well We never Expected to have Recd any acct. Concerning You it being So long time Since Any Acct. Came from You that our thoughts were that You had been Dead Longe ere this You think there are Scarcely any Remains of Your family left in Ireland on acct. of the Wars which we have had in this Contry but I Can Inform You to the Contrary and that none of Us or your friends Ever Sufered any Hurt By it. little it ever took place in this North part of the Kingdom Towards the west of Ireland and Dublin for About 2 Monthes the had prety Tight play but the Ribles were Oblig.d to Yield with much Loss but I have wrote You a letter before this which Shall Give You the Whole inteligence of the Mater Your Mother Died in the 63d Year of her Age Your father Died in the 84th Year of his age Your Sister Jean Died in Octr. 1802 Aged 74 Years She had 14 Children 10 of Which are alive Viz 5 Sons and 5 Daughters I am the Youngest of her family Named Robt I am Aged 26 Years My Brothers and Sisters are all Maried but Another Lad Named AlexT. he is Aged 50 Years he & I Remains with My Father Who is Yet Alive he is Aged 86 Years and thank God has a Tollerable Good State of helth I have often heard My Mother Reflect on You that You were So ungratefull as Never to Send her a letter or any acct of What Situation you were in the World She Enjoy.d a Good State of helth whilst alive She was as Clever a woman of her Years perhaps as You W.d have found Not four Days Before She was Laid in the Coffin She was More Youthfull like than a Woman of 40 Years of Age & as Capable of doing business as Ever she was in the Course of her Life She Continued Scarcly 3 days under the Disorder which Caried her off on Friday evening She went to bed in her proper helth and About 12 O Clock She was Taken Bad with a Vomiting and pain in her Breast but the Vomiting Soon were Got Stop<sup>d</sup> but the Greivous pain in her breast Continued on Still that the passage of her Breast stop<sup>d</sup> So that She Could not Swallow anything which Continued [300] on her to Monday Morning About 6 O Clock then put a Period To her Existance

Your Sister Marthar Maried W<sup>m</sup>. Hog of Caheny and is Gone to America About 30 Years Ago Your Brother Tho<sup>s</sup> was Marrid to a Margt McComb and liv<sup>d</sup> in Mayoghle he Died the 10th of Aprile last Aged 64 Years he having 2 Sons and 4 Daughters

Your Brother Hugh Marid a Jean Cochran and Lives in Mayoghle he has 3 Children one Son & Two Daughters Your Sister Mary Maried Neale McFetrich of Mayoghle She is a widow 15 Years She has no family in Your next I Expect Youll let us Know if it is Long since you Settled in Midlebury and whether You follow farming or Dealing My father Requests that if You Know any thing Concerning his Brothers Sam & Thos. Torrance Youl let him Know in Your next letter for he has Never heard any Acct from them Since Before the America war Land is Geting high in this Contry Good Ground is from 20 tu 30 Shilling3 pr Acre and Taxes of all Kinds as high in proportion if You think it Would be favorable for us or any of Your

friends to Go to that Contry I Expect You let us Know in Your next letter however I am  
Determind to Go to America in the Course of Another Year if Helth Permits My father and all  
our family Together with Your friends in Mayoghle Send their Complements to You & family  
I am Yours

Robt. Torrance

Folded and addressed as follows:

Mr. Robert Torrance  
Middlebury Addison  
County Vermont North  
America

**NOTE :**

The foregoing letter now in my possession is somewhat torn and the paper has been yellowed  
with age. The penmanship is bold, regular and clear. It shows character and dignity.

The letter came into the possession of my father's family through Orleans and Lucy P.  
Torrance, formerly of Middlebury, Vermont, but who removed to Gowanda in 1874. The  
undersigned went to Vermont in the summer of that year and sold the farm with its brick  
dwelling house which was built by Robert Torrance, uncle of the writer of the above letter,  
over a hundred years before, and brought Orleans and Lucy, then in advanced years, to  
Gowanda, New York, where they were cared for until their death, by my parents, Cyrenius and  
Mary Torrance

JARED SIDNEY TORRANCE.

April 1916. [301]

**"WILL OF ROBERT TORRANCE"**

In the Name of God. Amen. I Robert Torrance of the Town of Middlebury, County of Addison  
and State of Vermont-being weak in body but of sound and perfect mind and Memory, do  
make and Publish this my last Will and testament, in form following that is to say-Imprimis I  
give to my beloved Daughters Olive, and Mary Torrance My Brick dwelling House, & Barn  
Together with all the Apparel furniture and tackle attached to the same, likewise all my  
farming tools and utensials of husbandry to be by them equally shared together with all my  
Horses Neet cattle sheep hogs and poultry to be shared by them as aforesaid Also, one piece of  
ground for the use of a Garden, Barn and door yard said land described as follows to wit,  
beginning at the Northeast corner of the barn where it now stands thence running in a direction  
with the range of the barn southerly six rods thence West to the highway containing half an  
acre less or more Also, Ten acres off the west end of my North hundred acre lot (which said  
lot is intended for my son Stiles except the ten acres aforesaid which I have taken to dispose of  
in consequence of having paid two certain Sums of money for the said Stiles — One to —  
Leavens of N. York and one to Rhuluff Lawrence —) to be by them equally shared as  
aforesaid.

**Berkshire County Deeds, at Pittsfield**, Liber 20, p. 261. Isaac Fosbury of Sheffield, Yeoman &  
Junr., sells land to Francis Hare. Dated, Feb. 1, 1785. Signed, ISAAC VOSBURY.

**Berkshire County Deeds, at Pittsfield**, Liber 25, pp. 101 & 103. Two judgements secured  
against Isaac Vosborough Junr., because of his non-appearance. Jacob Kellogg for £46  
upwards, and John Hutchinson for £60 upwards. Both dated, June 7, 1787.

This point marks the departure of Isaac Vosburgh<sup>4</sup> to Cambridge, N. Y., where he remained  
for about five years.

**Berkshire County, Southern District Deeds**, at Great Barrington; Liber 31, p. 71. Jacob  
Kellogg of Sheffield, sells land in Sheffield to Isaac Vosburgh of Cambridge, in the Country  
of Washington, State of N. Y., for £100. Dated, Sept. 15, 1792.

Signed, Witnesses,  
JACOB KELLOGG. CHUD HOPKIN'S,  
TIMOTHY KELLOGG.

**Berkshire County, Southern District**, Deeds, Liber 31, p. 48. Mary Kellogg of Sheffield, QUIT  
CLAIMS FOR £150, all land in Sheffield, to Isaac Vosburgh\*, of Cambridge, N. Y. "which I  
inherit as the estate of my late Honoured Father which I hold by Virtue of Deed of release or  
quit Claim from my Brothers and Sisters the Heirs of my said Father, and also all my right or  
title in, and unto the real Estate of my late husband Jacob Kellogg deceased"

Signed, MARY KELLOGG,  
Witnesses, Dated & Ackn., Oct. 23, 1792.  
EHUD HOPKINS (Chud) Recorded, Oct. 24, 1792.  
SAME SHEXD (Samuel)

**Berkshire County, Southern District**, Deeds, Liber 33, p. 16-17. Elisha Colt of Hartford, QUIT  
CLAIMS to Isaac Vosburgh of Sheffield for £131, 15 shillings, land in Sheffield,  
\*\*\*"Beginning at the Highway and running thence westerly about 115 rods, \*\* thence north 6°  
east being the Town line, 66 rods, thence easterly to the Road being 100 rods or more, thence  
Southerly on the Road to the first mentioned Bounds on the Highway being [312] about 40  
rods from my present Dwelling House, including my said Dwelling House, Barn and out  
Houses & containing 59 acres s \* +r

Witnesses,  
MARK HOPKINS  
MOSES HOPKINS  
Deed dated, 1799. Signed  
Ackn. June 18, 1799. Isaac Vosbrough  
Rec. June 18, 1799.  
MORTGAGE SATISFIED, Nov. 21, 1800.

In connection with his mortgage, remember that Nancy, wife of Isaac Vosburgh, died Aug. 29,  
1798.



**Berkshire County Deeds, Southern District**, Liber 41, p. 486.  
Rhoda Vosburgh of Sheffield, Widdow of the Late Isaac Vosburgh, late of Sheffield, for \$100.00, quit claims to Sylvester Vosburgh, of Sheffield, Yeoman ”\*” all my Right of Dower \*”” in the Real Estate which my late Husband, said Isaac Vosburgh, Decd., did in his life time convey by deed of Warrantee to his sons,Sylvester Vosburgh above named & to Russel Vosburgh.

Dated, Feb. 27, 1806.	Signed,
Witnesses.	Rhoda Vosburgh
Russel Vosburgh	
Ackn. Feb. 27, 1806.	Rec. Mar. 3, 1806

**Berkshire County Deeds, Southern District**, Liber 41, p. 131.  
Mortgage Deed. 'I, Sylvester Vosburgh, of Sheffield, Yeoman, for \$3000.00, paid by Rhoda Vosburgh, Widow, convey all lands & Tenements which my late Father Isaac Vosburgh deceased, conveyed to me by deed. Also all lands conveyed to me by Deed by my brother Russel Vosburgh. Excepting only the parts which have previously been sold as follow. A lot called a 50 acre lot in Great Barrington & North of the Indian line so called. Also 28 acres which Sylvester and Russell have conveyed to Eliakim Vosburgh & Henry Vosburgh & is contained in deeds aforesaid from sd Isaac Vosburgh, deceased, to the above named Sylvester & Russell \* \* \* the penal sum of \$3000.00 conditional for the support and maintenance of her the said Rhoda Vosburgh for & during the term of her natural life \*\*\* to be void if above provisions are faithfully executed.

Dated March 3rd, 1806.	Signed,
Witnesses.	Sylvester Vosburgh
Russel Vosburgh	Ackn. March 3rd, 1806.
Moses Hopkins	Rec. March 3rd, 1806.

The important points in these deeds are the mention of Isaac Fosbury, the Third, in deed dated Mar. 16, 1764; and the deed, dated Oct. 1, 1804, in which Russel Vosburgh mentions his “desceased Grandfather Vosbrough.”

**Berkshire County Deeds, at Pittsfield**; Liber 18, 317. Epraim Keley of Saratoga, for X200, sells 80 acres in Sheffield, to Isaac Vosbury Junr., formerly of Sheffield, now residing in New Golloway, County of Albany, and State of N. Y. Dated, Nov. 22,, 1784. [311]

**Berkshire County Deeds, at Pittsfield**, Liber 20, p. 519. Isaac Fosbury Junr. of Sheffield, buys land, Nov. 10, 1785.

**Berkshire County Deeds, at Pittsfield**, Liber 20, p. 523. Isaac Fosbury of Sheffield, buys land. Date not recorded, but the deed is acknowledged, Nov. 10, 1785.

**Berkshire County Deeds, at Pittsfield**, Liber 24, p. 3. Isaac Fosbury Junr. of Sheffield, sells 31 Acres, Nov. 10, 1785. Signed, ISAAC VOSBROGH JUNR.

Item. I give to my Daughter Olive for her own particular and individual use benefit and behoof, all the land I own on the South Side of the turnpike and not before embraced in the above specified tenements

Item. I give to my Daughters Olive Rhoda and Mary all the land I own north of the turnpike and south of my north hundred acre lot in the following manner that is to say-Olive and Mary to share severa’ly one fourth more than Rhoda-having respect to quality and quantity-it is my intent and I hereby order and decree that the portion or allotment which may fall to my daughter Rhoda aforesaid shall be retained by Olive and Mary or either of them free of any interest or use untill some one of the male heirs of the said Rhoda now living shall or might if Life continued arive at the age of twenty-one years

Item, I give to my Son Stiles all the remaining part of the north hundred acre lot not before disposed of

Lastly I appoint my son Robert Sole executor of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all Wills by me made [302]

In witness whereunto I have hereunto set my hand and seal this third day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirteen.

Robert Torrance

N. B.-The interlineation of the words “Six rods” made before signed.

Signed sealed published and delivered by the above named Robert Torrance to be his last will and testament in the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses in the presence of the Testator

P. Champlin  
E. Champlin  
N. Tewksbury

**DEED TO ROBERT TORRANCE**

Know all men by these Presents that I John Skinner of Salisbury in the County of Litchfield and Colony of Connecticut Do for and in Consideration of twenty five Pounds Lawfull money to me in hand Paid before the Delivery hereof by Robert Torrence of Salisbury afore said the Receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge have Given Granted Bargained Sold and by these Presents do Give Grant Bargain Sell aliene Convey and Confirm to him the said Robert Torrence to his heirs and assigns tha one half of two whole Right or Shares of Land and also one half of two hundred acres which rights I hold by Vertue of Quit claim Deeds Being the original Right of David Everest & George Marsh the two hundred acres by a vote of the proprietors for assisting to Survey the hundred acre Division Laid out in the year one thousan Seven hundred Sixty six all of which Land Lyeth in the township of New Haven a town Granted by the Governor of Newhamshare To Have and to Hold the said Granted Premises with all the apperternances thereof to him the said Robert Torrence to his heirs and assigns

forever so that Neither of my heirs or assigns Nor the afore David Everest nor George Marsh nor any person or persons claiming from by or under me or under David Everest or George Marsh shall ever have Right title interest Estate Property or Demand therein by virtue of any act or acts already had Done or Suffered whatsoever in witness Whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal this 28th Day of May in the Thirteenth year of his Majestys Reign annoq Domini 1773

Sind Seald Delivered in presence of  
John Chipman  
Joseph Bird [303]

John Skinner SEAL

DEED FROM ROBERT TORRANCE TO AMOS BOARDMAN

To all People to whome these Preasents Comes Greeting  
Know ye that I Robert Torrance of Middlebury County of Addison State of Vermont for and in consideration of the sum of Fivety Pounds Lawfull Money to me in hand Paid by Amos Boardman of Middlebury County and State aforesd. Receipt whereof I Do Acknowledge myself fully Contented therewith Do Give Grant Bargain Sell and Convey to him the sd. Amos Boardman his heirs and assigns all my Rite title and interest unto one certain Parcel of Land Bounded as follows begining at a hemlock Stake thirtv five Rods west from the South East Corner of home Lot NO. 66 thence west 91 rods to a stake thence south 28 rods and four links to a Stake thence west thirty five rods to a stake thence south 52 rods and 46 links to a beach stake the North west Corner of Slossons Pitch so called thence East 10° South 126 rods to a Ash Stake thence to the first Bounds Containing 66 and two thirds of an acre of land Nath<sup>l</sup>. Skinner Original Proprietor

To have and to hold etc.  
in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this third Day of February 1792 and in the sixteenth year of the Amecaracan Independance

Robert Torrance SEAL

Signed seald and Delivered  
in preaseants of Asa Wheeler  
Pesabel Bridge  
Addison ss Middlebury February 4th 1792 personally appeared Robert Torrence signer and sealer of the within written instrument acknowledged the same to be his free act & Deed before me

Sam<sup>l</sup> Miller Justice Peace

DEED FESTUS AND RHODA HILL TO OLIVE AND MARY TORRANCE

Know all men by these presents, That I Festus Hill and Rhoda Hill wife of the said Festus Hill

Dated, July 2nd, 1804. Signed,  
Witnesses Moses Hubbard his  
Sylvester Vosbrough Isaac X Vosbrough  
Acknowledged and Recorded, July 2, 1804. mark

**Berkshire County Deeds, Southern District, at Great Barrington;** Lib. 42, p. 88. Isaac Vosbrough of Sheffield, sells for \$2000.00 to “my son Sylvester Vosburgh of Sheffield one half in quantity ”\*”” (For description see last deed, Liber 40, p. 611.)

Dated, Oct. 13, 1799. Signed,  
Witnesses Isaac Vosbrough  
Lemuel Barnard Acknowl. Oct. 30, 1799.  
Polly Vosburgh Recorded, July 3, 1804.

**Berkshire County Deeds, Southern District.** Liber 42, p. 102  
Mortgage Deed. Russell Vosburgh of Sheffield, deeds “my father Isaac Vosbrough, of Sheffield, Gentleman,” one half of the same lands described, Liber 42, p. 88, “The condition of the foregoing Deed is such, that if the above named Russell Vosburgh, his heirs Executors or Administrators do & shall well and truly from time to time & at all times from the date of this Deed, during the natural life of the said Isaac Vosbrough take care of and provide for decently, Honorably & comfortably support and maintain with the necessaries & Comforts of life his said Russells Father Isaac Vosburgh, from and after the date of this deed, during the time of the natural life of the said Isaac Vorbrough, in every respect as is above written & Miss Rhoda Vosbrough wife of said Isaac Vosbrough, then the foregoing Deed to be void, otherwise to remain in full force & virtue.

Dated, July 2nd, 1804. Signed,  
Witnesses Russell Vosburgh  
Moses Hubbard Ackn. July 2nd, 1804.  
Sylvester Vosburgh Rec. Aug. 15, 1805.

**Berkshire County Deeds, Southern District,** Liber 42, p. 384.  
Russell Vosburgh of Sheffield, sells for \$1000.00, to Sylvester Vosburgh of Sheffield, the one half of same lands described above, “on which the Dwelling house stands, in which sd Sylvester & Russel now live, ad house lot \* \* \* of 101% acres for a particular description thereof reference may be had to a Deed of the same, which Deed my deceased Grandfather Vosbrough, gave to my father Isaac Vosbrough.” Other parcels described as before. “Excepting that part which sd. Sylvester & myself have heretofore deeded to Henry Vosbrough, viz. a part of said tract [310] lying north of sd Eliakim Vosbrough’s house. (No deed for this last piece on record.)

Dated, Oct. ist, 1804. Signed,  
Witnesses Russel Vosburgh  
Henry Vosbury Ackn. Oct. 1, 1804.  
Jno. W. Hulbert Rec. Apr. 20, 1805.

Isaac Fosbury  
mark

**Berkshire County Deeds at Pittsfield**, Book 4, p. 293.

Isaac Fosbury the third, buys 50 Acres from Stephen Kellogg, for £25. For description, see land recorded in Sheffield Book of Records, No. 2, p. 22. Dated, Mar. 16, 1764. [308]

**Berkshire County Deeds at Pittsfield**, Book 3, p. 306.

Isaac Fosbury, Husbandman, of Windsor, Hartford County, Conn, for £100 sells Isaac Fosbury Junr., of Sheffield, 101% Acres, in Sheffield.

Dated, Mar. 24, 1764.

Signed,

Witnesses

Nathl. Austin

Saml. Winchell

his

Isaac J Fosbury

mark

Acknowledged and Recorded, Oct. 24, 1765.

The above deeds, dated in the same month, show when Isaac Vosburgh<sup>3</sup> first owned land in Sheffield. He may have been there a few years before this. Prior to that it is probable that he was with his father in Connecticut. Note that he is mentioned as “Junior,” which title he drops in the next deed following, as it was after the death of his father.

**Berkshire County Deeds, at Pittsfield**, Book 10, p. 591 and Book 11, p. 67.

Isaac Foshury, of Sheffield, buys two tracts of land in Sheffield, adjacent, in all 28 acres. Bought from Joseph Kelog and Fredrick Saxton, in the year 1773.

**Berkshire County Deeds, at Pittsfield**, Book 18, p. 318.

Isaac Vorsbury Junr., of Sheffield, sells 50 acres to “my father” Isaac Forsbury, of Sheffield, Gentln.

Dated, June 29, 1782.

**Berkshire County Deeds, Southern District, at Great Barrington**, Book 40, p.

Isaac Vosbrough of Sheffield, Gentleman, for \$2000 sells Russell Vosburgh of Sheffield, Yeoman: “The one half in quantity and quality of the House lot of Land on which I now live in said Sheffield said House lot contains about 101% acres, for the bounds \*\*\*\*\* See my deed on the records. (*See Book 3, p. 306.*) And also the one half \* \* \* of the land in Great Barrington which joins my house lot above \* \* \* which contains about 50 acres of Land & is bounded East on Widow Ruth Kellog’s Land, North partly on land formerly owned by Ephraim Fowler & partly on Land now or formerly owned by the heirs of Thomas Pier, Deceased, West on Joseph Curtis’s Land & South on the Indian Land so called. (see above, Book 4, p. 293.)

And also one half \*\*\* of land a little North of Eliakim Vosburgh’s Dwelling house in Sheffield, containing 28 acres \* \* \* bounded North on John Fellow’s Land, South on Eliakim Vosburgh’s [309] Land, East on William Gererrin’s Land & West on Robert Jones Land.”  
(*This last parcel is probably the land bought from Isaac No. 466; See above Book 18, p. 318.*)

both of Georgia and the County of Franklin and State of Vermont for and in consideration of the sum of Three Hundred and seventy five dollars current money of the United States received in full to our satisfaction of Olive Torrance and Mary Torrance both of Middlebury in the County of Addison and State of Vermont the receipt whereof we do hereby acknowledge have given, granted, bargained and sold, and by these presents do give, grant, bargain and sell, alien, convey, and confirm unto the said Olive and Mary their heirs and assigns forever a certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in Middlebury in said County of Addison and is the whole of that portion of the real estate of Robert Torrance late of said Middlebury deceased that was given by sa. Robert in his last Will to the said Rhoda and is part of the farm that said Robert owned in said [304] Middlebury to have and to hold etc  
In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals this eighth day of August Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and twenty.

Rhoda Hill SEAL

Festus Hill SEAL

Signed sealed and delivered in the presence of

Aaron White, Jr.

Robert Torrance

R. B. Brown

Horatio Seymour

witness to signature of :Festus Hill

STATE OF VERMONT

Addison County, ss

Personally appeared Festus Hill one of the signers and sealer of the above instrument, and acknowledged the same to be his free, voluntary act and deed,

Before me,

Horatio Seymour Jus<sup>ce</sup> of ye Peace.

(endorsed) Middlebury October 10, 1820 Recd. this deed for record & recorded in 292 page 8th book.

Attst. Seth Stoors Town Clerk.

**VOSBURGH LAND TRANSFERS**

Isaac Vosburgh<sup>2</sup> first appears in land transactions in the town of Sheffield, Mass., about the year 1736, and about the time of his marriage. He probably occupied and cleared some land there, before the organization of the Town of Sheffield. If such was the case, his rights were protected at the organization of the town, by granting him the land he occupied as his allotment. The deeds relating to these transactions, recorded prior to 1761, are at Springfield, Mass.

He probably settled in the Simsbury and Windsor district of Connecticut at about the time of his second marriage. In 1758 he sold some of his land in Sheffield, being then a resident of Simsbury. Earlier sales of Sheffield land, if any [305] were made, were recorded at Springfield. In 1764, Isaac Vosburgh<sup>2</sup>, then of South Windsor, acted as Administrator for the estate of his son Eliakim, who was probably unmarried. The fact that Letters of Administration

were granted, is pretty strong proof that Eliakim also owned land.

The children of Isaac Vosburgh<sup>2</sup> by his first wife inherited his lands in Sheffield, that he did not sell outside of the family. His eldest son, Isaac<sup>3</sup>, may have secured some of the Sheffield land about the time that he reached his majority in 1758; if so the deed was immediately recorded in Springfield. The fact that the Sheffield records do not show records of the birth of the children of Isaac<sup>3</sup>, prior to 1763, would indicate that he must have been with his father in Connecticut, before that time. The baptism of his first children and his marriage to Mary will probably be found in Connecticut.

“Lucy, child of Isaac Fosbury, of Scotland, bap. July -29, 1757.” This may be the first child of Isaac<sup>2</sup> ; if so he was probably slightly under 21 years of age at the time, unless he was born in 1736 and was a twin of his sister Hannah. In case it can be established that Lucy was the first child of Isaac<sup>2</sup>, she was probably named for the mother of Mary . If Lucy was his first child, I should be inclined to move the date of the birth of Isaac<sup>4</sup> back one year and make it 1759; in which case there is room for still another child to have been born about 1761. If a girl, this child would have probably been named Hannah or Ann, after the mother of Isaac<sup>3</sup>. The age of Ann, wife of William Gray, her marriage record, and the name of her first daughter, all have an important bearing on whether she is correctly placed or not.

The children of Isaac Vosburgh<sup>2</sup> by his second wife, probably all remained in Connecticut with their mother, and the name seems to have been definitely changed to Fosbury.[306] John Fosbury was a resident of Simsbury, according to the Census of 1790. The widow, “Anna Fusbury,” appears as a resident of Windsortown, in the Census, her family consisting of herself and two females. Isaac Vosburgh<sup>2</sup> died at or near Sheffield, about Dec. 2, 1771, and was probably buried there with his first wife.

LAND TRANSFERS

From the History of Berkshire County, Town of Sheffield, Vol. 2, p. 541 (reference to land known as Indian Lands) :

“This reservation was purchased by the General Court in Feb., 1736, and the portion in Sheffield was granted to Isaac Fossberry ( Vosburgh) .”

Berkshire County Deeds, at Pittsfield, Book 4, p. 33:

“Isaac Fosbury, of Windsor, Conn., quit claims to Aaron Gardinier of Kinderhook, his right to land which they bought jointly, from John Stoddard Esqr., and others, by deed dated Oct. 22, 1736. Dated, Oct. 19, 1765. Signed,

his  
ISAAC J. FOSBURY  
mark”

John Stoddard was one of the Trustees of the Town of Sheffield appointed by the General Court, to distribute the land, by allotment.

(Excepting Deeds of land in Connecticut, and early deeds of Sheffield land, which were recorded in Springfield.)

Berkshire County Deeds, at Pittsfield, Book 1, p. 219:

“I, Isaac Fosbury, formerly of Sheffield, now of Simsbury, Conn., for 300 pounds paid by John Tuller of Sheffield, Husbandman, sell 320 Acres, being a part of that land which the Indians reserved, and commonly known as the Indian Land. Bounded north on a line running from the north boundary line of said land, south [307] three quarters the width of the Indian Land; west on the west bounded line of Sheffield; east so far as to make 320 acres.

Dated, Sept. 19, 1758. Signed, his  
Witnesses Saml. Winchel Junr. Isaac J Fosbury  
Saml. Messenger mark  
Acknowledged Dec. 20, 1758. Recorded, May 31, 1762.”

Berkshire County Deeds, at Pittsfield, Book 3, p. 306.

Isaac Fosbury, Husbandman, of Windsor Hartford Co., Conn., for £100, sell Isaac Fosbury Junr., of Sheffield, 101/ Acres, in Sheffield. Dated Mar. 24, 1764.  
Signed, as above.

Witnesses Nathll. Austin Acknowledged and recorded,  
Saml. Winchel Oct. 24, 1765.

Berkshire County Deeds, at Pittsfield, Book 3, p. 448.

Isaac Fosbury, of Windsor Conn., for £20, sells Robert Joyner of Sheffield, 22% acres, in Sheffield.

Dated Mar. 24, 1764. Signed as above.  
Ackn. Mar. 24, 1764. Record Oct. 30, 1765.

Berkshire County Deeds, at Pittsfield, Book 4, p. 407.

Isaac Fosbury, of Windsor, Conn., quit claims land in Sheffield, to Daniel Webster of Egremont; bounded north on Isaac Fosbury Junr. Land, west and south upon my own land,  
Dated, Mar. 25, 1764. Signed,

Witnesses James Saxton his  
Isaac Fosbury Junr. Isaac J. Forsbury,  
mark

Berkshire County Deeds, at Pittsfield, Book 7, p. 440.

Isaac Fosbury, of Sheffield, sells 13 acres to William Gardiner, of Kinderhook; bounded North upon Isaac Fosbury Junr. Land, West upon John Tullar’s Land, South upon said William’s Land, East upon Daniel Webster’s Land.

Dated, Dec. 20, 1770: Signed, his