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SHAKERS’ BEST FRIENDS:
GUIDE TO THE SHAKER-OWNED BOOKS
IN THE LIBRARY COLLECTIONS OF
HANCOCK SHAKER VILLAGE

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IN CELEBRATION OF THE
FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY
OF HANCOCK SHAKER VILLAGE:
1960-2010

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
ROLLIN D. HOTCHKISS, 1911-2004:
TIRELESS VOLUNTEER,
PROGRAMMER, AND MANAGER OF THE DATABASE
AT THE LIBRARY, HANCOCK SHAKER VILLAGE.
O! Childhood!

How thy memories cling
To riper Years. Dear Book
From which I learned to read,
And learned to think and
Learned to live! Stay with me!
And shouldst thou stray,
Return to Anna Dodgson

1876

Anna Dodgson, teacher and family deaconess:
Church Family, Mount Lebanon, New York
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Dear Friends,

This Guide to the Shaker-Owned Books in the Library Collections of Hancock Shaker Village has a special meaning. In all religious societies, there is a strong idea of ‘the book’ as the center of wisdom and the means of communicating spiritual ideals to others through generations.

What the Shakers read, the marginalia, what they printed, what they kept - all shed light on the Shaker world and the place of the book within it.

We celebrate this volume as a ‘gift’ to us from Magda Gabor-Hotchkiss, one who lovingly compiled this work for future generations. Magda epitomizes the Shaker spirit and the meaning of ‘being a good Shaker in your own home.’

The work is useful, innovative and was assembled with gentle spirit, which we trust will please the Shakers.

Ellen Spear
President & CEO, Hancock Shaker Village
PREFACE

This Guide is the fifth volume in a color-illustrated series devoted to the Hancock Shaker Village Library collections. Previous volumes concentrated on other specific areas of the collections. Volume I comprises bound Shaker manuscripts: ministerial and family journals, covenants, hymnals, yearbooks, account- and day-books. Volume II describes unbound Shaker manuscripts: gift-drawings and music, architectural-, village-, cemetery-, maps and plans; correspondence; Shaker indentures, and deeds. Volume III lists printed Shaker books, broadsides, catalogs, pamphlets, and dress patterns. Volume IV focuses entirely on Shaker ephemera, covering garden, food, herb & medicinal-, and household products. It includes materials from 13 Shaker Societies, contains 160 images, and covers broadsides, display cards, labels, folding boxes, seed envelopes, stationery, and such.

Volume V describes and lists in detail books found at different times on the premises of Hancock Shaker Village, or acquired later in attempts to more fully reconstitute libraries originating mainly at Mount Lebanon, New York, and Hancock, Massachusetts. A sprinkling of books representing the Tyringham, Massachusetts, and Enfield, Connecticut Shaker Societies (part of the Hancock Bishopric); the Harvard and Shirley, Massachusetts Societies; the Watervliet, New York society (part of the New Lebanon Bishopric); and Canterbury, New Hampshire, were also found and described.

Subsequent to their identification, an effort was made to keep the two major groups separate, even though a certain amount of ambiguity exists as to the exact provenance. These ambiguities will be self-evident in the course of reading the lists of books.

Some of the names of Shaker Libraries, collectors, inscribers, and owners appear in the Introduction, and are fully listed in the text. A separate biographical appendix provides data for the identified Shakers. Short biographical data for non-Shaker authors of the books are given if known, together with the author/title entry; they are listed in the Author’s Index. Two separate Shaker Indices are provided: one for the Shakers and another one for relatives, friends, and including, possibly, some previously undocumented Shakers whose names appear in the books.

This project aims, as before, to offer an expanded view of the special content and scope of the collections of the Hancock Shaker Village Library. The focus in this volume is the process, used by the Shakers, of collecting books that resulted in several sizable libraries. In addition, it includes the various related activities the Shakers engaged in: writing, printing, and publishing; binding, and otherwise preserving books; and exchanging, or gifting each other and outsiders with books.
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INTRODUCTION

The focus of this volume is to document, illustrate, and reflect the breadth of the Hancock Shaker Library collections and the specific processes that have lead to the establishment, maintenance, preservation - and when called for - the dispersing of Shaker libraries.

Before covering these steps, some of the Shaker expressions of personal attachments to, and love of books, and their deeply felt need for reading, will be reviewed. This compiler believes that it is necessary to place the books that the Shakers kept and used in a broader historical context of communal life before enumerating the libraries that these books formed. The following is a brief review of Shaker book collecting and then, a very brief look at Shaker schools and school systems.

Shaker Book Collecting and Preservation

Two special, oversized, and elegantly bound volumes (by Henri De Witt at New Lebanon, NY) of *Mechanics Dictionary on Machinery* decidedly deserve special mention. His entry in the “*Journal of Henri De Witt*” reads:

“9 December 1853: I got all the covers on on [sic] my books to day 42 of them 23 Hymn books 2 anthem books for the Hill folks & 1 hymn book. 2 large Mechanic’s Dictionary on Machinery for Geor[ge] Wickersham 11 verse books.”¹

[The Shakers changed the New Lebanon name of their Society to Mount Lebanon in 1861, after the federal government established a post office there.² In this introduction the historically correct names will be respected; throughout the rest of this Guidebook the Mount Lebanon name will be used, unless quoting inscriptions in the books].

As it turned out, individually bound, or rebound, books were not limited to the Mount Lebanon Shakers. By 1875, under the direction of Elder Henry Blinn who was in charge of the library, Eldress Eliza Stratton and various Sisters of the Canterbury, New Hampshire, Shaker society, assisted in the care of the books, including mending and re-covering.³ At the Sabbathday Lake, Maine, Society, an inscription in a book by Fayette Mace (*Familiar dialogues on Shakerism: in which the principles of the United Society are illustrated and defended*) reads: “To Sister Aurelia G. Mace, a token of respect from her gospel brother, Otis Sawyer. This book was bound expressly for a present on Christmas 1882.” Sister Aurelia added: “From the last tree we had in the old house, Aurelia.”⁴

In addition, Shaker books were mended and re-covered, sometimes with canvas, usually hand-painted with the first capital letters of the volume and their user, or embroidered with the book title – as done at the Church Family, Hancock, Massachusetts. In West Gloucester, Maine, Shaker books were protected in specially built bookcases, as Elder Otis Sawyer points out in the preface to his catalogue of 1882: “For a safe and convenient repository for this valuable treasure, the writer is under obligation to his special friend and very much esteemed Brother Henry Green an ingenious workman who made a Beautiful Book Case of Butternut wood, containing eight drawers in the lower part, with folding doors that incloses [sic] them all in safety by one lock…”⁵
A revealing inscription by Sister Anna Dodgson, a teacher at the Church Family at Mount Lebanon, in her personal *English Reader* textbook that she obviously saved from her childhood, was used as the motto for this guide (see page 3).

These examples illustrate the high esteem some Shakers held for their valued “treasures.” Other aspects of this deeply felt pride in, and respect toward, books are manifested by the number of books that were inscribed by them. Some of these document timely purchases, commonly within a year of their publication, while others record books passed on from one generation of Hancock Church Family teachers and students to the next one, reflecting their bonds with one another.

The special relationship toward books and reading as a means of maintaining a link with the outside world was expressed in other ways as well. Sister Fidella Estabrook, for example, of Hancock’s Church Family - an aspiring young poet of very poor health, who was confined to the Brick Dwelling, and aided by her Shaker Sisters - borrowed books (to be discussed among themselves) from the Berkshire Athenaeum. This attests not only to the pride in and respect toward books, but to the genuine, deeply held need for reading and mutual support.

The appreciation of, and interest in books is also movingly expressed in the following letter: “2nd Family Shakers, Mt. Lebanon N.Y., April 25/19 [1919] Dear Friends: We thank you for the great favor of so lengthy a loan of the six books herewith. Our separation is more keenly felt as we find ourselves less and less able to cross the Mountain. All blessings on such a valuable town asset as the Free Library. Bro. Wm. H. Perkins” The addressees were “The Librarians Pittsfield.”

Before an overview of the appearance of Shaker libraries is undertaken, a more general review of their evolution is given below. According to the Shaker Society’s “by-laws,” while they were printing and publishing books, Shaker Elders and Eldresses were also obliged to write family journals, account- and daybooks by hand. In addition, as a matter of preservation of Shaker thought, Elder Alonzo Hollister, of Mount Lebanon, N.Y, while publishing many contemporary pamphlets, also hand-copied thousands of pages of Shaker manuscripts for their preservation.

The Shakers also wrote, printed, published, and collected broadsides, labels, and catalogs used to promote their commercial interests. They printed guides to behavior for their young members; hymns and songs to be used during their worship; essays, pamphlets, and treatises for distribution in the World, covering a wide range of subjects such as war and peace, societal matters, and equality of sexes. They published theological books, to expose and discuss their views on religion, to thus educate the “World” as well as their own leadership and membership.

Prolific writers, such as Elder Frederick William Evans, Eldress Anna White, both of Mt. Lebanon, New York, Elder Harvey Lauerdale Eades of South Union, Kentucky, and others, were highly revered by the Shakers. Furthermore, as editors, Elder F. W. Evans together with Eldress Antoinette Doolittle of Mt. Lebanon; George Albert Lomas, of Watervliet, N.Y.; and Henry C. Blinn of Canterbury, were well known for their activities in publishing the periodical *The Shaker* (also appearing under the names of *Shaker and Shakeress, The Shaker Manifesto,* and *Manifesto*). Their names as authors, donors, and recipients grace several books in our Shaker book- and periodical collection.
Shaker Book Printing

In addition to collecting books, the Shakers also had their own print shops. Josiah Talcott Jr., of Hancock, Massachusetts, printed the first Shaker hymnal book, *Millennial Praises*, in 1812-13. A prolific writer, Richard McNemar’s own printing was done at Watervliet, Ohio, 1832-1835, where the Shakers presented him with typefaces, chases, and a press. The *Epistle Dedicatory of the Union Press To the Respected Ministry and Eldership of the United Society*, represents the opening statement issued from this press. It continued at Union Village, OH when he moved there. Deacon James Holmes, first printer for the Sabbathday Lake, Maine community, reprinted the first Shaker tract of Father Joseph Meacham: A Concise Statement of the Principles of the Only True Church according to the Gospel of the Present Appearance of Christ, in 1847 (originally printed in Bennington, Vermont, by Haskell & Russell, in 1790). He printed “A collection of Useful Hints for Farmers,” in 1849, and a collection of Anthems, when already “an Octogenarian…” in 1850. Other noted printers were David A. Buckingham, of Watervliet, NY, who printed of herb labels and seed packages; Elder Henry Clay Blinn, of Canterbury, NH, who designed the type, set it, and printed A Sacred Repository of Anthems and Hymns, for Devotional Worship and Praise..., in 1852; and last, but not least, Brother Arnold Hadd (born 1956), the present printer at Sabbathday Lake, Maine. He printed labels, Christmas notes, other keepsakes, and the 1997 Catalog of Culinary Herbs & Herb Teas.

In the Western Shaker Societies the first press was bought for Pleasant Hill, Kentucky, in 1823; for Watervliet, Ohio, before 1832, and for North Union, Ohio, by 1834.

The matter of dissemination of Shaker publications was also addressed: first by Robert White, Jr., Eldress Anna White’s father, who advocated donations to public and special libraries and followed it up by depositing the *Account of Some of the Proceedings of the Legislatures of the States of Kentucky and New Hampshire, 1828 &c., In Relation to the People Called Shakers* to the New York Mercantile Library Association in 1846. Subsequently, the Shaker-printed periodical of various names (see above), assumed the role of advertising their publications. Numerous free copies of the periodical were sent to libraries, colleges and reading rooms (ibid).

Shaker Libraries

Curiously, in contrast to copious surviving handwritten documentation about the ongoing events at Shaker communities (the first ones were founded in 1787 at New Lebanon and Watervliet, NY), early information about the first appearance of Shaker schools and their libraries – followed later by Shaker community libraries - is quite scant. This may be partially explained by Angell Mathewson’s account in the 1780s, of how Ministers Joseph Meacham Sr. and Jr. burned their valuable libraries, when they “converted [sic] & believed in the gospel as it was taught by the mother and elders.” [The same account also relates the way in which the deceased Benjamin Goodrich’s small library of books in Richmond, Massachusetts, was also burned (under the bizarre instigation of his several brothers), by his own son, 7 years old.]

As late as February 9, 1839, Richard McNemar of Union Village, Ohio, still described his private library as consisting of a “Box,” with listed items, and a “Bookcase with lock and
Key: …” It contained Bibles; Hebrew, Greek and Latin Books; Greek and English Grammar; Latin Dictionary; “Books Published by the Church”; Law Books; “a few harmless books on various subjects…;” several Shaker works, and the like. He concluded: “Nothing in these that I am unwilling should be examined and disposed of by any committee of justicious believers. Eleazer Wright [pseudonym]. 18

A much later reflection, giving a thoughtful appraisal of the emergence of Shaker libraries, marked Feb 8, 1858, was given by Brother Isaac Newton Young, the Church Family, New Lebanon scribe and historian in his “Concise View” 19: “Of Books, Periodicals, &c. There is perhaps no one subject in the history of the Chh, or Believers at large, in which there has been more revolution or change than in this… In early times the zeal and energy which fired the hearts of Believers, as a body, caused them to look almost with contempt on natural science, worldly knowledge, books, newspapers, periodicals, & the whole catalogue of romances, novels, &c. … And indeed it was impossible for them to be truly in the work which the gospel required in that day, and at the same time pay much attention to literature, even tho’ it might be in itself useful and harmless. In the time of the gathering of the Chh, and years after, it was the first importance to lay a foundation in temporal, as well as spiritual things, and to gain a substance for soul and body to subsist upon… After the second gathering commenced, … and especially after the first publication of our faith, (in the year 1808), it was evidently necessary to give the young a fair opportunity for suitable education. Accordingly the use of suitable books was encouraged… Books increased and learning was urged upon the young. A Public school was instituted (in 1817)… and the class of children taught in it, there was a great increase of books… And as this class arrived to adult years, a portion of them… obtained books in a disordered manner. This made it necessary for the Lead to interfere, and impose some restriction, which resulted in establishing a library, composed of the books that had been accumulated in various ways. By this means books were bro’t more to order, and made subservient to the general good. This library consisted of about 120 volumes, on various subjects, of Biography, History, Morality, Mechanics, &c. This was effected in 1833, and remains much the same, to this day [1858] there being occasionally some addition… Newspapers and other periodicals were very rare for many years…it was not until about 1812 that any newspaper or periodical was subscribed for in the Chh… There are now [1858] ten or 12 Periodicals subscribed for… one or two agricultural works; one on science, entitled the “Scientific American.” One or two for school, and one or two or three at the Trustees office.

An undated list for the Church Library at “New Lebanon” (thus before 1862), elaborates on the breakdown of books and periodicals. The catalog refers to “16 Periodicals, bringing the total to 473 items, found in the Trustees’, Physicians’, Teachers School Libraries; including, but not cataloguing Personal books,” thus probably dating to before 1845. The Center Family List included the Laboratory Library and Personal books, totaling 215 books. 20 In his New Lebanon, Church Family Day Book 21 Br. Isaac N. Youngs relates the following purchases: Medical Journal, December 30, 1856; New England Farmer, December 31, 1856; New York Teacher, January 7, 1857; Herald Tribune, January 10, 1857; books for laboratory, November 14, 1857; Scientific American, March 29, 1858; medical books, May 14, 1858.

The process seems to have been repeated at Canterbury, N.H., where the library was established around 1850, and moved to different places several times. Prior to that date, books
had been held privately in individual rooms. Upon gathering the books in a central place, the Elders inspected the suitability of all the books on the premises; unsuitable ones were discarded. By 1875 the Canterbury Shaker Library contained about 400 volumes, including “history, voyage, travels, scientific works, and stories for children, but no novels.” Clibin and Eldress Dorothy Durgin were credited by apostate Nicholas Briggs in: “Forty Years a Shaker,” in the “Granite Monthly,” with enlarging the scope of the Library.

This short account allows for an insight into the number and variety of books used at the peak period of Shaker communities, considered to have been in the years 1840s-1860s and up to 1875.

Later evidence was garnered based on references to Shaker Library Lists. One among them was written (in tongue-in-cheek style), on July 4th 1860, by the scribe of the “Gardener’s Journal” at New Lebanon. He reported: “Family making out a list of the District Library [sic] about these days for the edification of the gentlemen of the Legislature.” Additional references were traced to 1861-1863, constituting a “record of books lent from the Library at South Union,” Kentucky, thus documenting the existence of a library there. Another list, for the “Chh Lebanon” (standing for the Church Family), was possibly drawn up in 1873 and an additional one in 1879; written for the “Ministries” library, it contained 264 books. A list of “Books belonging to Ministries Library Mount Lebanon Columbia Co. N.Y., 1879,” contained 263 items.


In 1881, at Alfred and Sabbathday Lake (SDL), Maine, Elder Otis Sawyer conceived the idea to establish complete libraries at both, located in single rooms in their respective dwelling houses. He recorded the “Catalogue of Books Pamphlets and Periodicals Forming A Complete Library of Publications By the United Society... By Otis Sawyer New Gloucester Cumberland Co Maine December 1882,” for the SDL Library. Opening his Preface he wrote: “Having collected and established a Library of Believers’ Publications at Alfred which some day more than now will be a valuable treasure, it seemed just and proper to do the same thing for the Society at New Gloucester...” He concluded: “This repository may be considered the sacred Archive or Ark of the Covenant like the one in the ancient temple of Solomon which held the sacred treasures and documents.”

It contains 191 titles (mainly focused on the “Publications by the United Society,” with a few exceptions – a couple of books by apostates: David Lamson, Hervey Elkins, and Mary Dyer among them; and some books by visitors to the Shaker Societies such as those by Hepworth Dixon and Charles Nordhoff).

Examination of the earlier Shaker “Library Lists” (bibliographies), as compared to the later ones, reveals an evolution in the focus of “acceptable” Library items, for a great variety of, and interest in newly emerging topics can be discerned. Etta Madden discusses this subject at great length in Shaker Literature and Literacies, 1998.

“Sister’s Library Put in by E. Strowbridge 1881” appears in a book at the Hancock Shaker Library. It was the year when Emma Strowbridge just finished acting as 2nd Eldress in the Hancock Bishopric Ministry. In the same year, Sister Lucy [Jane] Osborn, 2nd Eldress, and Lois Wentworth, Eldress, respectively, signed books for Hancock Church Sisters’ Library.
and Hancock East Family. These inscriptions illustrate the established Shaker tradition in 1845, that had a First or Second Elder/Eldress of a Family (or Ministry) acting as Librarians, and signify the creation of yet another library. (This East Family, part of the Hancock Shaker Society, was actually located in West Pittsfield; it existed 1792-1911.). The Hancock Shakers continued adding books to their libraries into the 1950s.

The Shakers’ interest in books actually never died out. Brother Theodore Johnson, of Sabbathday Lake, Maine, in the years 1960-1986 enlarged their one-room library in the dwelling house to three rooms. Eventually this library grew to such an extent, that “the collection was installed” into the former schoolhouse in 1988.29 The Library is presently under the leadership of Leonard Brooks, Shaker Museum Director, with the assistance of Tina Agren, Librarian/Archivist. In addition, the Sabbathday Lake Shakers have a library for use by community members. Since the 1960s it has been housed in the large room that makes up the attic of the ell of the dwelling.30

As their communities declined and closed, Shaker leaders took active steps to insure the survival and conservation of collections of Shaker books and manuscripts for future generations.

By the early twentieth century, the Mount Lebanon Shakers were in contact with the Pittsfield (presently Berkshire) Athenaeum. In a letter dated November 3, 1904, signed by Eldress Anna White (typed by Sister Leila Sarah) to Hadam Hugh Ballard, Director of the Berkshire Athenaeum, the Shakers promised to furnish that library “with all the Shaker literature you desire” and added: “Why not have the largest collection in the World, of Shaker books, tracts, pamphlets, etc.?”. On February 3rd, 1908, Brother Alonzo Hollister, in a six page handwritten letter, reflects on Ohio historian, J.P. McLean’s interest in and activities on behalf of the Ohio Shakers, including supplying libraries with books from his personal collection. Br. Hollister goes on to quote him: “I have been diligent in supplying libraries that were anxious to have Shaker books. The heaviest draw on me was made by the Library of Congress, which now has the largest collection of Shaker books in the world.” At any rate, Brother Alonzo, in closing his letter, wrote to Mr. Ballard: “Dear Friend, I appreciate your desires to possess these things as proceeding from a love for what is best – if I live till next summer, am hoping to please you in this, some more. Cordially, your Brother A.G. Hollister.”31

In 1911, a Library list was drawn up by Sister Leila S. Taylor, the librarian of the North Family at Mount Lebanon, New York, of the books the Shakers were sending to the New York State Library in Albany.32

Eldress M. Catherine Allen was instrumental in helping Hugh Wallace Cathcart to collect Shaker manuscripts for the Western Reserve Historical Society in Cleveland, OH. As Mary L. Richmond relates, he wrote to the Eldress August 28, 1912: “When I get out in future years the large Bibliography of the Collection, I am going to have your portrait and Eldress Harriet’s [Bullard] as frontispieces.”33 In this distribution process Eldress Allen also consulted a 1879 list of 263 books belonging to Ministries Library Mount Lebanon and initialed it as M.C.A., commenting: “Many of the books herein listed have been elsewhere placed, making the list of no further value”.34

A full listing of the disposition and distribution of Shaker books and manuscripts at other institutions in USA is given in M. Richmond, Vol. I., 1976.
Without specific written documentation at hand, it still seems safe to assume that at least some books of Mount Lebanon and Watervliet, NY origin found on the Hancock Shaker Village premises - mainly in the Trustees Office and the Brick Dwelling - may have been saved by the Shaker Sisters who moved there from Mount Lebanon in 1947. Others were bought later by Amy Bess Miller, founder and President Emerita of Hancock Shaker Village, Inc., and several directors, librarians, and curators.

The present Guide, Volume V, documents several classes of books: those representing Shaker libraries at New/Mount Lebanon, New York, as inscribed by the Shakers (“Ministries; 1st & 2nd Orders of Church; Central, North, and East,”) (for their definitions see S. Paterwic, 2009); those in “special” libraries (“Nurses’, Sisters’, Teachers’, Boys’, Girls’, Students’, and School Library”), and of the close-by Hancock (containing books from Hancock’s Church Family, Church Sisters’-, Music Room’s-, and East Family Libraries; those from Tyringham, Massachusetts, and Enfield, Connecticut; those from Watervliet, NY – brought by the Sisters, as they were relocating from their closing communities), and finally books originating with the Shakers of Canterbury, New Hampshire, and Alfred and Sabbathday Lake, Maine (which were probably donated, when exchanging visits with their Hancock friends).

The list of the Mount Lebanon “Teachers” and “School” libraries alone covers textbooks in many fields. In alphabetical order, they are: agriculture, arithmetic, art of landscape painting, astronomy, autobiography, bibles and bible study, bibliography, bookkeeping, business, catechisms, chemistry, dictionaries, encyclopedias, economics, English and Latin grammar, language and readers, geography, geometry, history (ancient, English and American), law, mathematics, medicine, music (hymns, songs), natural philosophy (the equivalent of present day science), philosophy (of education and general), phonography (short-hand), physiology, poetry, religion, rhetoric, Sunday School instruction, theology, and travel.

The general Mount Lebanon Church Family Library contained only a few volumes of fiction, while the Hancock Church Family Library contained a significant number of fiction books, reflecting the “privatization” of the Shaker “Literacies.”\(^{36}\) This held true for the broad interests of the Shaker leaders in the West, as Elder Harvey Lauderdale Eads’ published statement in 1879 attests: “I had the freest possible exercise of all my faculties to develop my mechanical genius… It was the same with my studies – philosophy, logic, language, history, mathematics, theology, physics, or metaphysics, etc., save I was not permitted the use of novels, sensual or amative works; but my mind was as distinct and free as is possible for other minds to be under any circumstances.”\(^{37}\)

As these lists illustrate, Shaker libraries were closely connected to the education of the children of the large and not so large natural families who joined the Shaker societies.

Shaker Schools

The first Hancock Shaker school was established soon after 1791. On April 7, 1800, it became a separate school district by the decree of the Town of Hancock and it was turned into a public school for “World’s” and Shaker children in 1817.\(^{38}\) Another school was built at the East Family; this actually accommodated Shaker children living in West Pittsfield (ibid.) In addition, a new school was built at the Church Family, between 1820 and 1830 (ibid.) In
Enfield, CT, the town voted on December 3, 1792 (after several denials) to give the Shakers their share of the school tax money and to allow them to create their own district school.

The earliest information for New Lebanon, NY found by this compiler goes back to the “School Record for District No. 12, Town of New Lebanon,” started April 12, 1819, when the district was first organized. The Annual Reports accounted for the location and dates of the meetings, names of the trustees and inspectors, the duration of school periods, expenses, and the number of students (80 in 1829). It was not until September 1829 (ibid., p. 32) that the first report of purchased books surfaced (Ingersoll’s abridged Grammar, New York Readers, Woodbridge’s Atlas); by February 9, April 5, June 12, December 13, 1830, respectively (ibid., p. 38-39), additional school books were bought (Elementary Spelling Books; Smith’s Arithmetics; Webster’s Elementary Spelling Books and School Dictionaries; Geography for Beginners; Geography and astronomy; New York Readers; Hale’s History of United States). Further books were procured in 1831 (Foster’s Penmanship, Ingersoll’s Grammar, English Readers, and 11 copies of “Small Nat. Hist. for Children”). New items in 1832 were Olney’s “Geography and Atlas” and Hall’s “Lectures to Female Teachers,” when Seth Y. Wells was the District Clerk. The account of expenses covered the “first, second, East, and North” Families (constituting School District 12), (ibid., p. 45).

It was only in 1841 (ibid.) that the term of School Library first appeared: it contained 153 volumes; by December of 1842 the reported number of volumes was 260, covering categories of Spelling, Reading, and Geographies. The Oct 21st 1845 School Meeting Report, established that “… Whereas the by laws of our society require that all books, in the respective families of our dist which are not school books, and such as are by order apportioned to each retiring room, are required to be kept by the Elders of the family, who act as Librarians therefore – Resolved, - that the Librarian nominated by this meeting, be chosen with reference to the maintenance of this regulation, …” (ibid.). The participants agreed that a portion of the Library money be expended for the purchase of such [school] apparatus as the Supervisors of our schools, in union with members of this meeting deem necessary.” An additional point carefully considered the apportioning of books among the Families. In 1845 a separate Catalogue of Books in Dist No 12, New Lebanon, Columbia Co. NY., consisting of 13 pages, and containing 323 different items, was prepared (ibid.). The Inventory of Articles, Books etc. in School of May 1846 covered the textbooks separately by the school classes and subjects taught.

An undated “Catalogue of Books in District 12, New Lebanon Columbia Co., N.Y.,” referring to the School district, gives account of four classes of books (“Histories; Philosophy; Science; Miscellaneous”), totaling 107 items, ibid.

In summary, the New Lebanon, NY, School District No. 12, established in 1819, incorporated the school already being operated by the Shakers at the Church’s 1st Order. The District thus consisted of the Church, Second, South, and North Families and operated under the direction of Shaker trustees selected by the Ministry and Church Elders. These schools provided instruction for girls during the summer months and boys during the winter season.

The Watervliet, NY, School District No. 14, probably established in 1821, was another important New York State educational establishment. In 1794-1796, though, Henriette Lucy Dillon, Marquise La Tour du Pin Gouvernet reported in her account of the Watervliet Shakers that she “visited the schools for the boys and girls” among other places.
In the beginning, Shaker schools were criticized for limited schooling and subjects taught. By 1817, however, Br. Isaac Newton Youngs of New Lebanon, NY, a teacher, wrote: “The branches of education taught in school were spelling, reading, writing & ciphering, geography & grammar, with considerable attention to good manners.” As will be shown, the frugal Shakers spared no expenses to educate the children under their care. An entry in their Account Book states: “Nov 2, 1829 To schooling 7 Boys and 6 Girls 3months (See schoolbook) [sic] Dr [Draw]$17.70; Nov 9, 1831 To Schooling children for the past year & expenses $25.05; Dec 31 To schooling children & expenses in 1830, from School book $22.35; Nov 6, 1832 Schooling children as per Dr $22.09” In the 1847-1849 Daybook of the Second Family, the West Pittsfield Shakers report on having “Bought for cash School Books” in 1847, 1848, 1849. Another entry reads: “Teaching School 1865 $50; 1867 To School Bill $109, 87” The Account Book for 1868-1872 records on p. 59 purchases of School confectionary, in 1869, and several purchases of Bibles in 1869 on pp. 23, 59, 117. This was, however, not all that the Shakers were buying; they also purchased a subscription to the Scientific American journal, in 1868, and to the “Tribune” in 1869.

The growing sophistication in the Shaker educational system reflected in the increasing expenses of schooling, was began when Mother Lucy Wright, the first female Head of the Shaker Central Ministry, appointed Elder Seth Youngs Wells in 1821 to supervise the Shaker schools and improve the quality of education; he did so until his death, in 1847. (Before joining the Shakers with his family and heading the Second Family of Watervliet, Elder Wells was the head of the first Albany city school.) As the Superintendent, he supervised all the Shaker District Schools at New Lebanon and Watervliet, New York; and Hancock, Massachusetts. In addition, his diary of 1823 relates his tour “among eastern believers to organize their schools,” including New Hampshire and Maine. In the ensuing years he very carefully considered what subjects to teach in the Shaker schools, and with how much emphasis on each, thus determining what textbooks to buy. The Library Collection of Hancock Shaker Village has not only several books personally bought by him, with his comments and signatures, but also a sizable collection of school textbooks, reflecting the decisions made in 1847.

Considered to be the greatest Shaker educator by some, Elder Wells was instrumental in introducing important innovations into the educational process, as the Shakers were doing in so many other important fields. Most importantly, he emphasized that the schools’ role was “to teach and to occupy children’s restless minds,” and therefore teaching had to be varied and interesting. Thus, numbers were to be taught with small counters, like beans or corn kernels, and reading by using objects with their names printed below. In addition, he believed that teaching should be based on love, “for if scholars can not love their teachers, they will not love their school, and consequently are in no situation to learn much by their instructions.” Therefore, in Shaker fashion, he was strongly opposed to corporal punishment, saving it for “cases of extreme necessity, when all milder means have failed.”

By 1835, a visitor to the Watervliet, New York Shakers, Edward Strutt Abdy wrote “that Shakers provided the equivalent of a common school education,” and in 1848 Lewis Gaylord Clark, another visitor to the New Lebanon school reported that in “girl’s school” they “heard exercises in composition, geography and astronomy which would have done no
discredit to any similar school in Christendom. Indeed, from what we saw of the manner of instructing children at Lebanon and Hancock, we could not but judge it to be excellent, in all respects.”  

Other noted New/Mount Lebanon Shaker teachers, besides Br. Seth Y. Wells, were: Br. Calvin G. Reed, taught 1852-1856, Sr. Anna Dodgson, taught 1856-1866, William Calver, taught 1859-1863, 1866-67, and his natural sister, (and Sr. Anna Dodgson’s student), Sr. Amelia Calver, taught 1864-1887. As the largest Shaker community in New England, they had to accommodate many children at different levels of development. Br. Reed explained in his November 1852 entry “School commenced today with 33 Scholars, 10 of whom never attended school.” Thus he divided the group into “classes 1, 2, 3 – comfortably advanced, up the Hill of Science,” 4 - can just barely read, 5 – cannot read at all, and proceeded from there. Some books of these teachers also found their way into the HSV Library.

The complex process of educating themselves and “their” children continued, despite the later paucity of needed resources, as was eloquently expressed as late as 1927 in the first typewritten letter Elizabeth Belden, a teacher at Hancock’s Church Family, wrote to her former student, Martha Hunt (Mrs. Corson). “…I purchased this typewriter last fall and enjoy writing on it, also received a diploma for my shorthand lessons, so you see I try to keep up to the times if I am getting along in years. Two of my pupils are studying shorthand and typewriting. We couldn’t have anything like that in the years gone by, couldn’t afford it. …”

Although several Shaker communities eventually were forced to employ non-Shaker teachers (to their deep chagrin), their legacy left a deep impression on the former Shaker children and even on the non-Shaker teachers, as books presented to the Shakers by them testify.

In summary: Shaker Libraries served various functions, purposes, and users. Some books were used by the Shaker leadership, some by the teachers for teaching purposes, and others by students in the Shaker schools. Finally, books were often collected, or gifted to each other, by Shaker members, to be read for personal enjoyment and fulfillment.

The collection of books assembled at Hancock Shaker Village, and presently in its Library, although by no means approaching the totality of a complete Shaker library, richly documents the illustrious place that books occupied in the everyday lives of Shaker communities. This collection illustrates the evolving attitudes of the Shakers toward books: their respect toward learning, teaching, and educating their children - while boldly experimenting and excelling in assembling, building and preserving Libraries as centers of inspired enlightenment for all their members. This they did with the same devotion and dedication as found with everything else they tackled.
NOTES

1. Western Reserve Historical Society (WRHS) Microfilm Shaker Collection. Reel 33 (V:B-97) “Journal of Henry De Witt.” The quotation was inserted into Volume I by Jerry Grant, former Librarian and Director at Hancock Shaker Village (HSV).


6. This original is at the Berkshire Athenaeum, Pittsfield, MA.


10. ibid, p.128. (Christian Goodwillie called my attention to this information in his e-mail).

11. ibid., #1009, Vol. 1, p. 146.

12. ibid., #821, p. 111.


15. Etta Madden, Bodies of Life: Shaker Literature and Literacies, 1998; Note # 21, p. 31.


17. New York Public Library Microfilm Shaker Collection, Reel 9, Vol. 119; Christian Goodwillie called my attention to this manuscript and kindly shared his transcription.

18. Hazel Spencer Phillips. Richard the Shaker, 1972, p. 120-121. Christian Goodwillie called my attention to this list, too.


20. WRHS, Reel # 121 (XIV-9), transcribed by Tina Agren, Librarian/Archivist; Sabbathday Lake.

21. New Lebanon, Church Family Day Book (October 1855-December 1858); HSV ID #372. Glendyne Wergland’s e-mail.

22. Renee Fox, Archivist, Canterbury Shaker Library – A Brief History, 2003, has kindly sent this information by e-mail.


26. All of these lists are part of a folder XIV-9 II, in the WRHS Reel 121. Based on notes kindly taken by SDL Librarian/Archivist Tina Agren.


29. Brother Arnold Hadd of the Sabbathday Lake Shakers, ME kindly provided this e-mail info.

30. Steve J. Paterwic e-mail info.

31. These originals are at the Berkshire Athenaeum, Pittsfield, MA.


34. WRHS Reel 121, XIV-9 II. Based on notes of Tina Agren.


42. Ibid., 99.
44. Hancock Second Family Daybook, pp. 70, 96, 194; HSV: 9784.H2 ID #378.
46. HSV: 9784.N5 ID # 357.
47. WRHS Reel 29, Series V/Volume 3
52. ibid., p. 337
BOOK LIST

Please note: All entries in italics, aside from book titles, signify Shaker handwritten inscriptions. Annotations include the names of the Shakers, indicated in bold face, and non-Shakers. Underlined names signify that specific information has been provided. Any and all books lacking specific notes, inscriptions, labels, and stamps were found with the other books on the Hancock Shaker Village premises, or bought as part of collections with strong Shaker provenance. For more detailed Shaker biographies see Biographical Appendix.

HANCOCK, MASSACHUSETTS

The Hancock, Massachusetts, Shaker Society (1790-1960) consisted of six Families: Church (First & Second Order), Second, North, West, East, and South Families (the last two being Gathering Orders). It was also the seat of the Hancock Bishopric (1790-1893); this included Tyringham (1792-1875), in Massachusetts, and Enfield, Connecticut (1792-1917). In 1893, the Hancock Bishopric was dissolved and the Ministry of Mount Lebanon, N.Y., became the Central Ministry in charge of the remaining societies: Hancock, Enfield, CT; Watervliet and Mount Lebanon, N.Y. (Stephen J. Paterwic, personal communication).

BOOKS FOR ADULTS

Biography/Autobiography

  1888. 9762.B4/H2 B414, ID #8646  
  Henry Ward Beecher (1813-1887), prominent Congregationalist clergyman, social reformer, abolitionist;  
  William C. Beecher was Henry Ward Beecher’s son. (Wikipedia).

  On the flyleaf in pencil the inscription reads: Chh. Library No. 117


  On the title page the inscription in ink reads: Fidella Estabrook West Pittsfield Mass.

  Fidella (Emma) Estabrook, Hancock Church F., schoolteacher; her book of poems: “Berkshire wild-flowers” was published by The Abbey Press, New York. She died when only 36 years old.

  Lydia Howard Sigourney (1791-1865), was a popular Connecticut writer and poet. (Wikipedia).

  On the 1st flyleaf, in pencil: Emoretta Belden By a friend June 6 1880  
  On the 2nd flyleaf, in pencil: Chh Library No 92
Hattie Emoretta Belden, Church F., schoolteacher in 1889-1892.

  Dr. Russell H. Conwell, writer – author of 40 books, lawyer, Pastor of Grace Baptist Temple and founder of Temple College in Philadelphia. President of the Faculty in 1887, he died in 1925. Bayard Taylor (1825-1878) was an American poet, literary critic, translator, and travel author. (Wikipedia)

On the flyleaf, mostly underlined inscriptions in pencil read:
  No. 40. **Hancock Church Sisters’ Library** Lucy J. Osborne 1881

Lucy Jane Osborne, schoolteacher in 1851.

  Jonas Mills Bundy (1835-1891) was the subject of an article in the December issue of *The Harper’s Magazine* in 1877. James A. Garfield was the 20th President of the United States of America.

On the flyleaf, in pencil: *Emoretta Belden* (see above)

  Dr. Russell H. Conwell (see above)

On the flyleaf, in ink: **Hancock Church Sisters’ Library.** By a different hand, in pencil: No. 102

  Josiah Gilbert Holland (1819-1881), a novelist and poet, who also wrote under the pseudonym Timothy Titcomb.

On the flyleaf, in ink: **Church Family Hancock Mass**

  Washington Irving (1783-1859), youngest of 11 children, writer. M. M. D. was a precocious child-poet, who died at a very young age, like her older sister, Lucretia, also a poet. (Wikipedia)

On the flyleaf, in ink: *John R. Wetherell … 1868 (?)* Pasted over it is a black on yellow printed label: “This book belongs to John R. Wetherell, West Pittsfield, Mass.” The printed verse on the label reads: “If thou art borrowed by a friend, Right welcome shall he be To read, to study, not to lend, But to return to me. Not that imparted knowledge doth Diminish learning’s store, But books I find if often lent, Return to me no more.”  
  John R. Wetherell, was at the 2nd Family, Hancock, in 1880.
* Lea & Blanchard. **Poetical Remains of the Late Lucretia Maria Davidson,**
  *Collected and arranged by her Mother: With a Biography, by Miss Sedgwick.*
  (On the spine: Irving/ Sedgwick; Dedication is to Washington Irving)
  Catharine Maria Sedgwick (1789-1867), was one of the most famous and successful American
  women fiction writers in the first half of the 19th century. (Literary Encyclopedia).
  She visited the Hancock Shakers twice; and wrote a novel about them, **Redwood:** (G. Wergland, Visiting …)

  **On the flyleaf, in pencil:** *Maria L Doane  Above it, in pencil: Library No 96*

  Maria Doane, lived at the Church F., Hancock.

  H2 L862, ID # 5932
  After the publication of her book, Margaret Lonsdale, biographer, along with other writers, was a
  subject of an article in the April issue of *The Harper’s New Monthly Magazine* in 1881. **Sister Dora**
  (born Dorothy Wyndlow Pattison (1832-1878), was a 19th c. Church of England nun and a nurse in
  Walsall, West Midlands. She was compared to Florence Nightingale. (Wikipedia)

  **On p. iii, in ink:** *Eldress Caroline. [Helfrich] West Pittsfield, Mass.*

  Caroline Helfrich, of Enfield, CT; Eldress in the Hancock Bishopric Ministry; 1st Eldress at Church F.
  Hancock.

* Lossing, Benson J., LL.D. **Eminent Americans: Comprising Brief Biographies of Leading**
  **Statesmen, Patriots, Orators and Others, Men and Women, Who Have made American**
  **History.** New York: John B. Alden, Publisher, 1885. 9762.B4 /H2 L881, ID #5653
  Benson John Lossing (1813-1891), engraver, was a prolific American historian, writing on the American
  Revolution and Civil War, with features in the *Harper's New Monthly Magazine.* (Wikipedia)

  **On the flyleaf, in pencil:** *No. 37. Library, Chh.*

* Martineau, Harriet. **Biographical Sketches.** New York: John Alden, Publisher, 1868.
  9762.B4 /H2 M386, ID #5656.
  English writer, philosopher, journalist, political economist, abolitionist, and feminist, Harriet Martineau
  (1802-1876), (Wikipedia) visited two Shaker villages: Hancock, Mass., in 1837, and New Lebanon, NY,
  in 1835 and 1837. Her three accounts are reproduced in: Wergland, Glendyne, ed., 2007; pp. 116-118;
  and 247-250 & 250-257, respectively.

  **On the flyleaf, in pencil:** *No 36 Library Chh.*

  William Revell Moody (1869-1933) was Dwight L. Moody’s son.

  **On the title page, in ink:** *Presented to Caroline Helfrich By Mrs. M. J. Benemelis.*
  **May 22. 1900.*

H.A. Page was a biographer and writer of fiction. Several of his stories were published in 1894.

On the flyleaf, in ink: *Hancock Chh. Library No 59*


On the flyleaf, in ink: *Elizabeth Thornber West Pittsfield*

Elizabeth Thornber, Eldress at Tyringham, MA; when it closed in 1875, she moved to Hancock.


Alvan F. Sanborn, an American writer of short stories, active in the 1890s, traveler, lived in Paris for many years. (Wikipedia) Richard Lathers (1820-1903) was a sometime colonel of South Carolina militia, founder of the Great Western Insurance Co., prominent in railway affairs, toured the South in 1860, trying to prevent the tide of secession. (JSTOR: The South Carolina Historical and Genealogical Magazine, Vol. 4, No.4)

On inside cover a pasted in, illustrated printed label: “This book belongs to,” is filled in by hand in ink: *The Music Room Library. From F. E.* [Fanny or Fidella Estabrook].

On the flyleaf, in ink: *For Sister Sophia [Helfrich] from her friend Julia Lathers*

[The Music Room was in the Church F. Hancock’s Brick Dwelling. Julia Lathers may have been a member of the Lathers family].

Sophia Helfrich, of Hancock, MA, older sister of Eldress Caroline Helfrich; cloak-maker and Eldress at the Second Family.


Samuel Smiles (1812-1904), was born in Scotland, the eldest of 11 children, medical doctor, politician, newspaper editor, advocating for uniting working and middle class reformers. (Wikipedia)

On the front side of the flyleaf, in pencil: *No. 23, on the backside, in ink: Betsey J.* [Johnson].

Betsey Johnson, of Tyringham and Hancock, MA, spiritual instrument.

No biographical data were found about this author. Her book is still popular in India.

On the 1st flyleaf: in pencil No. 24. On the 2nd flyleaf, in ink: *Hancock Church, Sisters Library*

* Thayer, William M. *Onward to Fame and Fortune or Climbing Life’s Ladder.* The New York: Christian Herald, 1897. 9762.B4 /H2 T369, ID #5935

William M. Thayer (1820-1896)

On the flyleaf, in ink: *East Family.* On the book spine, in red framed label, in ink: 3

[This was the East Family at Hancock, MA]

**Bookkeeping**


H.W. Ellsworth, Principal of the Ellsworth Business College and Author of the Ellsworth System of Penmanship.


Emma Strowbridge, of the Church F., Hancock, teacher, member of the Hancock Bishopric Ministry. She put in the Sisters’ Library in 1887.

**Economics**


Loomis J. Campbell (1831-1896), publisher.


F.M. Payne was the author of “The Legal Adviser,” Business Educator,” and other books.

These books might have been used by Trustee and Ministry Elder Joseph Holden, or more likely, by Trustee and Ministry Eldress Frances Mary Hall. (See below)

Joseph Holden, member of the Central Ministry, Trustee of several Shaker Societies. Mary Frances Hall of the Church F., Hancock, assisted Elder Joseph Holden.

George M. Steele (b. 1861), Principal of the Wesleyan Academy, Wilbraham, MA, author of textbooks.

Inscribed in ink: *Louis Basting*

Louis Basting of Mt. Lebanon, NY, and Hancock, MA, was the last male minister & elder at Hancock.

**Fiction/Poetry**


Conrad Potter Aiken (1889-1973), American novelist and poet.

On the title flyleaf, in pen: "To Alice from your friends Faith and Ted Andrews 1934"

Faith Elizabeth Young Andrews (1896-1990), Edward Deming Andrews' (1894-1964) wife, co-collector, and his co-author of numerous celebrated publications about Shakers.

Alice Smith of Church F., Hancock, MA, the couple’s friend & informant about spiritual gift drawings.


Ednah Aiken (1872-1960), writer of detective stories and poems, was included in the *Who’s Who among the Women of California*.

On the flyleaf, in ink: *Mariette [Estey] Jan 6-1917*

Mariette Estey, of the Upper Canaan, NY Shakers; North F., Enfield, CT; Church F., Mt. Lebanon, NY; Church F., Hancock.


Louisa May Alcott (1832-1888), American novelist, the daughter of Abigail May, suffragette, abolitionist, and Amos Bronson Alcott, transcendentalist. (Wikipedia)

On the back of the flyleaf, in pencil: *Presented to Adeline Patterson by Freda Sipples December 25 1954*

Adeline Nancy Patterson, Enfield, CT; Mt. Lebanon, NY, and Church F., Hancock.

Frieda Sipple, of South Family at Watervliet, NY, and Church F., Hancock.


Henry Cuyler Bunner (1855-1896), was considered one of the best American short story writers of his time. Alice L. Bunner, writer, was H.C. Bunner's wife; her stories appeared in *Harper's Monthly*, 1911, and *Everybody's Magazine*, in 1919 (see below). (Wikipedia)

On the 1st flyleaf, in ink: *To Eldress Miriam Offord with love Alice L. Bunner. On the 2nd flyleaf, in ink: J.C. Learned, Esq., with the love of H.C. Bunner, Nov. 14/90*
Miriam Offord, of Upper Canaan, NY; Enfield, CT; and Mt. Lebanon, NY.


On the flyleaf, in ink: *To My dear Sr Lizzie. Many Happy Returns of the day. February 4th 1915. On the bottom: From Laura [“Sr. Lizzie”: Sr. Belden, Hancock.]*


On the inside title page, in ink: *1921.* The rest of the inscription is erased.

An inserted cutout of a calendar page is for November 1956.


On the flyleaf and inside the back-cover an ink-stamp reads: *Elizabeth Thornber* Elizabeth Thornber, born in England. Eldress at Tyringham, MA; when it closed in 1875, she moved to Hancock.


On the flyleaf, in pencil: *Grace [Dahm]*

Grace Dahm, of Watervliet and Mt. Lebanon, NY, and Church F., Hancock, an expert rug weaver.

* Foley, James W. *Some one like you.* New York: Wise-Parslow Co., 1925. 9762.F4/H2 F663, ID # 8446. (This volume was one of the “Greeting Books” series.) James W. Foley (1874-1939), a poet. (Wikipedia)

On the flyleaf, in ink: *To my friend, Miss Belden from Ellen Cameron 1936*

Elizabeth Belden, of Hancock, Church F., schoolteacher from 1898 through 1934, eldress. Ellen Cameron was the Hancock, Church F.’s first and last non-Shaker teacher.


On the flyleaf, in pencil: *Adeline N. Patterson*

On the flyleaf in pencil: *Eldress Caroline [Helfrich] From Fannie [Estabrook]; under it, in pen: Fanny from her Father Dec 25\textsuperscript{th} 1896*

Caroline Helfrich, of Enfield, CT; Eldress in the Hancock Bishopric Ministry; 1\textsuperscript{st} Eldress at Church F. Hancock.

Estabrook, Fannie Mary, of Church F., Hancock, the older sister of Fidella. Last Hancock Eldress; served in that position until her death in 1960. (Her father, Dwight, was a Civil War veteran.)


On the flyleaf, in ink, over erased text: *Adeline N. Patterson 1930*


On the flyleaf, in pencil over erased text: To Adeline Patterson From Mary Ellen Estey Hancock Shakers Box 88 RD1 Pitts[fl]d [sic] Mass.

Mariette Estey, of the Upper Canaan, NY Shakers; North F., Enfield, CT; Church F., Mt. Lebanon, NY; Church F., Hancock.


Grace Livingston Hill (1865-1947), author of Christian Inspirational fiction, see below. (She was called “The Queen of Christian Romance.”)

On the flyleaf, in pencil, over erased text: Presented to me Adeline Patterson By Sister Elzebath Beldin [sic] on my 57 Birthday October 11 1939


On the flyleaf, in pencil, over erased text: October 11 1943 Given to me Adeline Patterson By Eldress Fanni Estabrook


On the flyleaf, in pencil: Presented to Adeline Patterson By Sister Freda Sipples Christmas 1942 [Freda Sipple, of South F., Watervliet, NY and Church F., Hancock, MA]

Grace Livingston Hill (1865-1947); upon the death of her first husband, she married a church organist, Flavius Josephus Lutz.


Marietta Holley (1836-1926), an American humorist; wrote the “Samantha” series, commenting on U.S. society & politics.  
*On the flyleaf, in pencil: No. 154*


On the flyleaf, in pencil, over erased text: *Presented to Adeline N Patterson October 11 1927 By Miss C … [unintelligible] Lansley The last book she gave me.*


On the flyleaf, in pencil: *Eldress Caroline [Helfrich] From Emoretta [Belden]*


On the 1st & 3rd flyleaf, in pencil: Janes –


Mathilda (Tillie) Schnell, transferred from Enfield, CT which dissolved in 1917, to the Hancock Church Family Shakers.

Honore Wilson Morrow (1880-1940), American fiction writer; authority on Abraham Lincoln.
On the flyleaf, in pencil: Alice M. Smith. Christmas 1926 From Miss J. Smith

Sr. Alice Smith, of Church F., Hancock, children's caretaker. Miss J. Smith may have been her niece.


Lynde Palmer (1833-1915), was the pen-name of Mary Louise Peebles.


Eleanor Hodgman Porter (1868-1920), an American novelist, who first trained to be a singer.

On the flyleaf, in pen: Miss Adeline Patterson Hancock Mass


On the flyleaf, in pencil, over erased text: Presented to me by Olive Hayden On my Birthday October 11 1934. [In Adeline N Patterson writing.]

Olive Fuller Hayden (Mrs. Austin), of the Church F., Hancock, Sunday school teacher.


Grace Louise Smith (1866-1959), American romance novelist; created the Dr. R.P. Burns series.

On the 1st flyleaf, in pen, over erased text: Adeline N Patterson In pencil: Given to me by Elizbeath Beldin Hancock Shakers Box 88 RD1 Mass. On the other side of the frontice, in pencil, erased but legible: Presented [sic] to Adeline Nancy Patterson October …1928 By St Elizebeath Belden Box 88 RD1 West Pittsfield Mass


On the flyleaf, in pen: Adeline Patterson Given to me Miss C M Lansley


Sir Walter Scott (1771-1832), prolific Scottish novelist and poet.

Inside the cover the handwritten text, in pencil, was erased.


Charles Alden Seltzer (1875-1942), American writer of novels, short stories, children's classics, author of The Boss of the Lazy Y, etc.

On the flyleaf, in pencil: A M Drapeau Under it, written over erased text: Adeline N Patterson

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On the flyleaf in ink: *East Family* [Hancock, MA]

On the book-spine a small, red framed label is pasted, with a number, in ink: 2

Writing is identical with other inscriptions by Hancock East Family [in existence 1792-1911; the Mt. Lebanon East F. has closed in 1872].


Gene Stratton-Porter (1863-1924), American author, wildlife photographer, conservationist.


F. E. of Church F., Hancock, Fanny Estabrook’s younger sister, teacher, poet; she died when only 36.


On the 2nd title page, in pencil (1st is missing): *Adeline Patterson*


Booth Tarkington (1869-1946), American dramatist, author of Pulitzer Prize-winning novels.


On the opposite side of the dedication, in pencil: *Adeline Patterson West Pittsfield Mass.*


Emma Strowebridge, of Church F. Hancock and Enfield, CT, was responsible for installing the Hancock Church F. Library, in 1887.


Augusta Jane Evans Wilson (1835-1909), was called the “foremost Southern novelist of her time.” She was inducted into the Alabama Women’s Hall of Fame.

On the flyleaf, in pencil: *Mathilde Schnell*

Mathilde Schnell, of Enfield, CT and Hancock, MA.

Harold Bell Wright (1872-1944), a best-selling American writer of fiction, essays, and non-fiction in the first half of the 20th C.

On the flyleaf, in pencil: *Adeline N Patterson Hancock Shaker Box 88 RD1 Pittsfield Mass. On the inside of the cover, in A.N.P.’s writing: By Harreld [sic] Bell Wright*

**Government/Children/Women**


On the 2nd flyleaf, in purple pencil: *Sister’s Library Put in by E Strowbridge 1881*

On the top of the same page, in pencil: *No 47.*

Emma Strowbridge, of the Church F., Hancock; teacher. She probably put in the Sisters’ Library just before leaving for Enfield, CT.


**History**


Charlemagne Emile de Maupas (1818-1888), writer; Albert Dresden Vandam (1843-1903), writer.

On the flyleaf, in pencil: *Emoretta Belden.*

Emoretta Belden, of Church F., Hancock; teacher, poet.


On the flyleaf, in pencil: *Office.*


Edward Gibbon (1737-1794), English historian, member of the Parliament.
On the flyleaf, in pencil: *Louis Basting 1889*  Under it, in pencil: 6 vols. 2.48
Only the first volume is signed.
*Louis Basting*, of Mt. Lebanon, NY and Church F., Hancock, MA, last male Hancock Ministry elder.


On the flyleaf, in pencil: *No. 94*

*Augustus Jessop* (1823-1914), historian.

On the flyleaf, in pen: *Louis Basting W Pittsfield, Mass 1890*
*Louis Basting*, of Mt. Lebanon, NY and Church F., Hancock, MA.

*Marguerite Fellows Melcher*, of Montclair, NJ, has married Frederic G. Melcher in 1910. Her great-aunt and great-uncle were Shakers.

On the flyleaf, in pen: *Greetings and all kind wishes from Sister Josephine and the family Dec. 25, 1943*

*Josephine Wilson*, of Canterbury, NH, was appointed in June 1939 a member of the Parent Ministry at Mount Lebanon, NY, assisting Sr. Ella E. Winship. She lived at Church F., Hancock, in 1939-1943.

*Selim Hobart Peabody* (1829-1903), an American educator, University Regent 1880-1891.

On the 1st flyleaf, in pencil: *Emma Strobridge*
On the 2nd flyleaf, in pencil: *No.18.*
*Emma Strowbridge*, of the Church F., Hancock, teacher.


Inside the cover, an illustrated printed label: “This book belongs to” is filled out: *Elizabeth Belden.* Above it is a red framed label: 25. On the flyleaf in pencil:  
*Presented to Elizabeth Belden by her brother Dec. 25, 1920*
*Elizabeth Belden*, of Hancock, Church F., schoolteacher from 1898 through 1934, eldress.

Edgar Solomon Shumway, born 1884, historian, a professor of the Latin Language and Literature at Rutgers College and Principal of Chautauqua Academia of Latin and Greek.

On the title page, in ink: **Louis Basting**
Louis Basting, of Mt. Lebanon, NY and Church F., Hancock, MA, last male Hancock Ministry Elder.

Rudolf C. Slatin, a Colonel in the Egyptian Army (Intelligence Dept.); formerly Governor and Commandant of the troops in Darfur. F.R. W. was Director of Military Intelligence, Egyptian Army.

On the flyleaf, in pencil: No. 153
On the opposite side of the frontispiece, in pencil: **Louis Basting 1897**
Louis Basting, of Mt. Lebanon, NY and Church F., Hancock, MA.

Joel Dorman Steele (1836-1886), American educator; wrote important textbooks with his wife.

On the title page, in ink: **Louis Basting**


**Medicine**

On the flyleaf, in pencil: **East Family**

Writing identical with other inscriptions by Hancock East Family [in existence 1792-1911; the Mt. Lebanon East F. has closed in 1872].


**Music**

Interestingly, E.L. Bateman was a Prohibition candidate from New Jersey for U.S. Senate in 1942.

On the cover the title reads: Gospel Hour Song Book Radio Edition
On p.5, in pencil in right upper corner: *1936 Sept.19 “Shall I walk with Jesus?”*
Between pp. 46 & 47, on the back of an Elmo L. Bateman advertisement card, in pencil: *Tuesday and Saturday morning at 10 a.m. 1180 K.* On p. 59, in pencil: *July 30, 1939* [Probably Eldress Elizabeth Belden’s writing]


P.P. Bliss (1838-1876) and I.D.S. (1840-1908) were both American gospel singers and hymn writers.

On the inside of the cover, in pencil: *Martha Johnson’s Book 1877*

Martha Johnson, of the Church F., Hancock, trustee. She taught at least one year in 1892.


On the title page, in ink: *East Family [Hancock, MA]*


On the flyleaf, in ink: *Adeline Nancy Patterson In pencil, over erased text: Box 88RD1 Pittsfield Mass*


On the title page, in pencil: *Miss Dahm Pd*

Grace and Mary Dahm of Watervliet, NY; upon its closure, transferred to Church F., Hancock.


On the title page, in pencil: *Grace [Dahm]*

Copy #5907: On the olive green textile protective, hand-sewn cover, on the top, in white ink: F.S. [for Fillmore Songs], and on the bottom: A.D. [Anna Delcheff]

On the flyleaf, in pen: Carolyne Helfrich West Pittsfield, Mass. In pencil, in different handwriting: For Anna.

Anna Delcheff, of the Church F., Hancock, MA, was one of three young women who came from Bulgaria. Caroline Helfrich, 1st Eldress at Church F. Hancock.


Susie Matthews, student at the Hancock Church F. school. Raina Petiff, of Bulgarian origin, died of consumption when 12 yrs. of age.

Copy # 5909: with identical hand-sewn cover, in white ink: F.S., and J.P., and on the flyleaf, in pen: Julia Lounsbury.


On the top of the page, in pencil: Alice 114, under it: Ethel 121. [The numbers indicate the songs in the book: Alice appears at song #114 “Land of the Beautiful.”]

Julia Lonsborough, was at Hancock Church F. school in 1897, when 10 yrs of age. Victoria Copeland, of Church F., Hancock, was admitted at age 11, in 1901. Alice Smith, also of Church F., Hancock, became children’s caretaker.


On the flyleaf in pencil: Grace Dahm
Grace Dahm, of Watervliet and Mt. Lebanon, NY, and Hancock. She was an expert rug weaver.


On the flyleaf, in pencil: Irene Miller 1929
Irene Miller, aged 8, was living with the Hancock Church F. Shakers in 1929.


On the flyleaf, in ink: Mrs. Elizabeth Fellows. (Probably Ada Fellows’ mother.)


Edmund Simons Lorenz (1854-1942) established his publishing company in 1890. Ira B. Wilson (1880-1950) wrote text and hymnody.

Ada Fellows, was 10 yrs of age when at the Church F., Hancock, in 1916. She left in 1917.


On the title page, in pencil: Mary. [Dahm, transferred to Church F., Hancock, from Watervliet]


On the flyleaf, in ink: To Grace Dahm [Dahm] From her Friend Mary Tribley.


On the title page, in ink: Jennie Petiff.
Jennie Petitt (White, Evanka Petiff), of Church F., Hancock, of Bulgarian origin.


Alice Smith, of Church F., Hancock, became children’s caretaker.


On the title page, in pencil: Grace [Dahm] [transferred to Church F., Hancock from Watervliet]

On the title page, in ink: *Alice Smith.*
Alice Smith, of Church F., Hancock, children’s caretaker.


On the flyleaf, in ink: *Jennie Pettit.* [Church F., Hancock]

On the flyleaf, in pencil: *Grace.* On the inside cover, a pasted, black on white printed label reads: Church Family Library, Shaker Station, Conn. [Enfield]

I.D.S. (1840-1908), was known as “The sweet Singer of Methodism.” J. McGranahan (1840-1907) and George Coles Stebbins (1846-1945) were American gospel song and hymn writers.

On olive green, hand-sewn protective textile cover in white ink: S.S. [for Sacred Songs] and: E.D. [for Emily Dietrich]

Emilie Dietrich, was at the Church F., Hancock, in 1910, at the age of 8; she stayed there until 1917.
Martha Corson was with the Church F. in the fall of 1900, but taken away by her parents in 1909.
Agnes Retzlaff, at Church F., Hancock school in 1885, age 13.

On ID #2989/1 identical textile cover, in white ink: S.S. and A. [Agnes Retzlaff?]

On the title page, in ink: *Jennie Pettif*. [Of Church F., Hancock, MA]

The United Society of Christian Endeavor was established in 1881. It became an international institution.

Each copy is inscribed in ink: *Music Room.*

**Painting**

Thomas Charles Leeson Rowbotham (1823-1875), Irish, watercolor landscape and marine painter.

**Periodicals**

On the cover a printed label: … Nov 49 Miss Mary F. Dahm Box 88 Pittsfield Mass

**Philosophy**

Henry B. Carrington (1824-1912), a lawyer, professor, author. (Wikipedia)

On the flyleaf, in ink: *Fidella Estabrook. 1896.* [of Church F., Hancock]  
A pink silk ribbon is marking a poem on pp. 276-277: “13. True Nobility”


Betsey Johnson, of Tyringham and Hancock, MA; a spiritual instrument.  
Under it: No 38

* Child, A.B. *The Bouquet or Spiritual Flowers: Received chiefly through the Mediumship of Mrs. J. S. Adams.* Boston: Bela Marsh, Publisher, 1856. 9762.P5/H2 C536, ID #5709.  

On the flyleaf, in pencil: *Caroline Helfrich* [of Enfield, CT and Church F., Hancock]  
Under it six red spots indicate that probably a red label was removed.  
On the 2nd flyleaf, in pencil: No. 103

On a pasted, printed, illustrated label “This book Belongs to” in pen: Alice M. Smith. Hancock [of the Church F., children's caretaker]


On 1st flyleaf, in pencil, partially erased: Alice Smith, of the Church F., children's caretaker


James Martin Peebles (1822-1922), physician, author, spiritualist, medium, leader in 19th Century Spiritualism.

On the flyleaf, in pencil: Presented to Lois Wentworth by Melvin Wentworth 1881
Under it, in pen: East Family West Pittsfield Mass. [This inscription helped to identify the rest of East F., Hancock, books.]

Lois Wentworth, Eldress of the East F., Hancock, lived in several Shaker villages, including Alfred, ME, where she taught school in 1856-1858; Enfield, CT; Mt. Lebanon, NY, and finally Hancock.


On the 2nd flyleaf, in pencil: Chh Library No 95
On the 3rd flyleaf, in pencil: Maria L Doane [of the Church F., Hancock, member for 51 yrs]

Reference: Dictionaries/Encyclopedias


On the inside of the flyleaf, in pencil: ABM [for Amy Bess Miller]
Under it, in pencil: Presented Fannie M. Estabrook by Betsey Johnson [F.M.E., of Church F., Hancock; B.J., of Tyringham and Hancock]


Robert Hunter (1823-1897).

Alexander Petitt, (Petiff), of Alfred, ME, and Church F., Hancock, was Ritcho Petitt’s (Petiff’s) son and Jennie Petiff’s brother. He was admitted to the Church F., age 16, in 1910; signed the Covenant in December 1914. He was present at Elder Holden’s funeral April, 1919.

On the preceding ad page, in pencil: Hancock Mass, J Holden Esq. Joseph Holden, was appointed to the Mount Lebanon Ministry on November 15, 1891; he moved to Hancock in 1892.


Inscribed in the flyleaf of all volumes but Vol. II, in ink: East Family.

Writing is identical with other inscriptions by Hancock East Family [in existence 1792-1911; the Mt. Lebanon East F. closed in 1872].


On page 155 a handwritten page, in pencil, is inserted: I can keep the pledge: What prayers do the pledge call for? Reading the Bible daily, trying to do what…


On the flyleaf, in pencil: Elizabeth Belden
[Of Church F., Hancock, teacher]


On the flyleaf, in pencil: Viola Wilson Rec.[eived] Age 10 [in 1919; at Church F., Hancock]

Religion: Bibles; Religious life and leaders

On the 2nd flyleaf, in ink: Betsey Gardner Her Book Bought in the year 1821
She was born November the 6 18[0]6
On the other side of the title page is a printed stamp: “This Bible is the Property
Of,” inscribed in ink: Betsey Gardner 1822. [She was an inspired “Instrument” at Tyringham.]

* Holy Bible. Colored Plates. The Title page is missing. In metal frame. 9762.R4/H2 H761, ID #8098

On the inside of the cover, on yellow paper, in ink: S. Emily Copley

Sarah Emily Copley, Trustee at the North F., Enfield, CT; beloved caretaker of young girls.


Charles Crooks, of North F., Enfield, CT, was 16 years of age in 1870.
Omar Pease, of North F., Enfield, CT. He was a trustee in 1870.


Between pp. 300-301: a one leaf, 2 page insert: “A Little Talk with Jesus.”
Inscribed in pencil: Frieda From Father


On three consecutive flyleaves, in ink: Presented To Willis Pedrick By his Mother Deborah A Justice Oct 24th 1871
On the third flyleaf the inscription is pasted over by a snapshot of the donor, with an inscription in ink: Presente [sic] to my beloved Shaeker [sic] Sister Frieda Sipple Christmas [sic] 1940. from her friend Ida C. Schnyyr [?] Loudonwille [sic] N-J. Frieda Sipple, born in Germany; of South F., Watervliet, NY, transferred to the Church F., Hancock.


On the title page, in pencil: Thomas Damon
Thomas Damon, of Enfield, CT, and Hancock, MA; Ministry Elder.


ID #220: On the inside cover, printed on a small label: Martha Johnson, West Pittsfield

Martha Johnson, trustee, taught school in 1892.

ID # 5921: On the second flyleaf, in ink: East Family [writing is identical to other inscriptions; Hancock, MA, was in existence until 1911.


On the flyleaf, in ink: Sister Anna 1931
Anna Delcheff, of the Church F., Hancock, MA, was one of three young women who came from Bulgaria.


Sr. Fannie Estabrook’s printed labels were found in this book.


On flyleaf, in pencil: Christmas 1913
Several inscriptions, in pencil, pertaining to the subject matter, in the book.


On second flyleaf, in pencil: *No. 132, Church Library Hancock Mass.*
Faded pink ribbon bookmark was inserted between pages 6 and 7.

No biographical data were found for this author.

Dwight Lyman Moody (1837-1899), American evangelist, founder of the Moody Church.

On the title page, in pencil: 228
Below, in pencil: *Elizabeth Belden*
A shiny gray bookmark was inserted between pages 36 and 37 and a pink ribbon between pages 124 and 125.


On the first flyleaf, in ink: *Eldress Caroline Helfrich, Shaker Station Conn.*
Below, in pencil: *To Tillie [Mathilda Schnell]; of Enfield, CT (which dissolved in 1917), transferred to the Church F., Hancock.*

The present name of the Jehovah's Witnesses Bible & Tract Society is Watchtower.

On the title page, in ink: *Tillie Schnell, Church Family. Enfield, Conn.*


On the flyleaf, in ink: *M.M. Schnell. Enfield Shakers Conn.*
On the title page, in ink: *M. Schnell*

Theology

Lyman Abbott (1835-1922), American Congregationalist, theologian, editor.

On the second flyleaf, in pencil: Louis Basting W. Pittsfield 1900


Inside the cover, in ink: Mary Ransom Presenty [sic] By Fannie Estabrook  
Mary B. Ransom, of Church F., Hancock 1885-1896. Fannie Estabrook, of Church F., Hancock.

* Dukes, Mary Bennett. Death, and the Resurrection. Kobe, Japan, 1896. 9762.T4/H2 D877, ID #423. No biographical data were found for this author.


Canon William Farrar (1831-1903), Arch Deacon of Westminster, England; Minister to the Queen.

On the flyleaf, in ink: Alice M. Smith [of Church F., Hancock, MA.]  
Pasted on inside cover is an illustrated label: “This book belongs to”; the inscription reads: The Music Room Library. Church Family.

Frances Ridley Havergal (1836-1879), English poet and hymn writer for adults and children.

On the flyleaf, in pencil: With best wishes for a Happy New Year and Merry Christmas from Lizzie [Elizabeth Belden?]

Joshua Ballinger Lipincott (1813-1886), founder of the publishing company in 1836.

On the flyleaf, in pencil: *No. 27. Library C.h.h.*

* Pollock, Robert. *The Course of Time; A Poem in Ten Books: With a Memoir of the Author; An Analysis of Each Book; Divisions of the Subjects Embraced in the Poem; and a Comprehensive Index.* Hartford: Silas Andrus and Son, 1846. 9762.T4/H2 P777, ID #5688. No biographical data were found for this author.

On the flyleaf, in ink: *Chh Library. Above it, in pencil: No. 69.*


Charles M. Sheldon (1857-1946), American social reformer, pastor, early advocate of civil rights for African Americans. On inside of front cover, in pencil: *Adeline Patterson*


Thomas De Witt Talmage (1832-1902), Pastor of Brooklyn Tabernacle in the 1890s.

Red framed label on the spine, with pencil: 33. The label is identical to other East F., Hancock, labels.


Red framed label on the spine, with pencil: 4. This label is identical to other East F., Hancock, labels.


Ralph Waldo Trine (1866-1958), philosopher, mystic, teacher, bestselling author.

On a printed label, inside of cover, in ink: *Alice M. Smith. Pittsfield, Mass.*

On pages 3 and 7, in ink: *Andrew D. Barrett*

Andrew Barrett, of Hancock, MA, Mt Lebanon, NY, Harvard, MA, Union Village, OH, Florida’s Olive Branch, White Water, OH; compiler of visions and inspired communications.

On the 1st flyleaf, in blue pencil: *Sophia Helfrich Compliments of M Coles* Sophia Helfrich, of Hancock, cloak-maker, Second Family Eldress.


**Travel**


On the 2nd flyleaf, in ink: *Emoretta Belden* [of the Church F., Hancock, MA]


On the flyleaf, in ink: *Property of Julia L. Sweet Presented as a New Year’s Gift by Her Friend William Howkins*

Julia Louisa Sweet of Hancock, MA, lived at the Second F. and Church F.

* Livingstone, David. *Livingstone’s Travels and Researches in South Africa; A Sketch of Sixteen Years’ Residence in the Interior of Africa, and a Journey from the Cape of Good Hope to Loanda on the West Coast, Thence Across the Continent, Down the River Zambesi, to the Eastern Ocean. From the Personal Narrative. To which is added A Historical Sketch of Discoveries in Africa. Illustrated with Numerous Engravings.* Philadelphia: J.W. Bradley, 1859. 9762.T8/H2 L788, ID #5663. Dr. David Livingstone (1813-1873), Scottish Congregationalist, explorer, medical missionary to South Africa.

Calvin M. Fairchild, of Church F., Hancock, MA; boy’s caretaker, was 26 years old in 1868, when interviewed by a Scottish writer, David Macrae, who was most positively impressed by this young Shaker brother. He died Dec. 6, 1869 of consumption, at age 27.

The book is covered with brown color, water- and wrinkle-resistant (ZnCl2 treated) cloth – a Shaker invention, sewn onto the book-cover.


Jules Gabriel Verne (1828-1905), French author, pioneered the science-fiction genre.

On the flyleaf, in pencil: No. 118

**BOOKS FOR TEACHERS AND/OR STUDENTS**

**Algebra/Arithmetic/Geometry**


The corners of the covers are reinforced with water- and wrinkle resistant cloth.


James B. Thomson, author of many books on mathematics.

On the flyleaf, in pencil: Ira Lawson Book

Ira Remington Lawson, a highly esteemed and successful trustee of the Hancock Shaker Society, eventually a member of the Mt. Lebanon Central Ministry, together with Br. Joseph Holden.

**Bookkeeping**


**Education/Teaching**

English Grammar


On the 2nd flyleaf, in fine-point pencil, Thomas Damon is entered in an arch fashion, under it, with the same tool: 1844 (underlined).

Thomas Damon, of Enfield, CT and Hancock, MA, Ministry Elder


The corners of the covers are reinforced with blue-color strips of water- & wrinkle-resistant cloth. On the front & back flyers, in pencil: 2nd Family[sic] Book [of Hancock?]


On top of the 2nd advertisement page in faint pencil: Maria Lyman May 28 1847 (?) Maria Lyman, of Enfield, CT; her family joined the Shakers in the 1840s.

English Readers


On the flyleaf, in pencil: Elizabeth, from her friend, Irene.


Henry Mandeville (1804-1858), Professor of Moral Science and Belles-Lettres at Hamilton College, New York.

The corners of the covers are reinforced with blue-color strips of water- & wrinkle-resistant cloth.
* Murray, Lindley. *Introduction to the English Reader: or, A Selection of Pieces, in Prose and Poetry; Calculated to Improve the Younger Classes of Learners in Reading, and to Imbue their minds with the Love of Virtue. To which are added, Rules and Observations for Assisting Children to Read with Propriety.* Albany: Websters and Skinners and D. Steele & Son, 1825. 9764.E10/H2 M982, ID #1736.

Lindley Murray (1745-1826), American grammarian, author of several English textbooks.

A printed “William Lassiter ex-libris” label is on the inside cover. Another one, also printed, overlapping the inside cover and the flyleaf, reads: Hancock School No. 2. On the top of the flyleaf, in pen: *No – 2.*

**English Spellers**


Mortimer A. Warren, teacher, Principal of High School in Greenwich, CT, in 1887.

On the inside cover: A yellow printed label reads: Shaker Village School Book. No.3 Hancock, Mass.


Noah Webster (1758-1843), American lexicographer, textbook author, spelling reformer.

On the first loose (advertisement) page a yellow printed label reads: Shaker Village School Book. No.17 Hancock, Mass.

**History for Children**


On the title page, in pencil: *Elizabeth Belden* [of Church F., Hancock, teacher]

**Music**


Dorothea Miller lived at Hancock Church Family with her sister, Irene, in 1934.

On the flyleaf, in pencil: *Ernestine Knowles*
Ernestine Knowles, arrived at the Church F., Hancock, in 1899, when 6 yrs of age, and left in 1901.

**Religion**


On the flyleaf, in pen: *East Family* [of Hancock]
On the 2nd flyleaf, in pencil: *Celia Thorpe Book Presented by her Grandma Lucy G Spooner Dec. 25th 1886*

Celia A. Thorpe, of Hancock, East F., wrote a letter for “Notes about Home” to the *Manifesto*, in 1885.


On the flyleaf, in pencil: *1935 Adeline Nancy Patterson Handcock [sic] Shakers Mass Box 88 RD1*

On the inside cover a paper label was removed; the only discernable word is “Station” [Shaker Station, Enfield, CT]

**Sunday School/Catechism**


On the flyleaf, in pencil: *Catherine* [Catherine M. Allen? - of Mt. Lebanon, or possibly Catherine Dimitroff?, of Church F., Hancock?]


On the 2nd flyleaf, in pencil: *Washington Gregory Estabrook Presented by his Mother*
W.G.E., possibly a Shaker child, a member of the Estabrook family; Srs. Fanny & Fidella Estabrook lived at Hancock Church Family.
Travel

Grace Greenwood (1823-1904), or (Sarah Jane Clarke -- Mrs. Leander Lipincott) achieved early fame at age 21 with her writings for children.


NEW/MOUNT LEBANON, NEW YORK

The New Lebanon, New York, Shaker Society (1787-1947) consisted of eight Families: First Order of the Church (Church Family), Second Order of the Church (Center Family), Second, North (Gathering Order), West, East, South, Upper and Lower Canaan Families (the last two being Gathering Orders). It was also the seat of the Ministry of New Lebanon (1787-1946). After 1861, the Shaker village in the town of New Lebanon was renamed by the Shakers as Mount Lebanon, and the Ministry’s name became Ministry of Mount Lebanon. In 1893, the Hancock Ministry was dissolved, and its bishopric came under the charge of the “Central” Ministry, so called until 1918. After 1921, the Ministry was called the “Parent” Ministry, until it was dissolved; initially in 1957, at Hancock, MA and finally in 1988, at Canterbury, NH. (Stephen J. Paterwic, *Historical Dictionary of the Shakers*, 2009.)

BOOKS FOR ADULTS

Agriculture


On the flyleaf, in ink, in big letters: *R. Hawkins*
On the opposite side, in pencil, in big letters: *R. Hawkins*
No data found for this individual.

Astronomy

Although found in the Hancock Church F. school-room; it is known that Astronomy was taught at Mt. Lebanon schools early on.
Biography/Autobiography

Peter Burke: “of the Inner Temple and the Northern Circuit.” Edmund Burke (1826-1910), Anglo-Irish philosopher, statesman, sympathetic to the American Colonies.  
**On the flyleaf, in pencil:** No 70.

Andrew Jackson Davis (1826-1910), American psychologist, “Seer, Clairvoyant,” and Spiritualist. One of the founders of “Modern Spiritualism.”  
**Inside the cover, in pencil:** Presented by Geo H. Hart to Timothy Rayson 1888  
Timothy D. Rayson, of Mt. Lebanon, NY.

**On the flyleaf, in pen:** East Familys [sic] Library. 1864. Ink stamp reads: “Church Library, Mount Lebanon, N.Y.”

Frederick William Farrar (1831-1903), debated Darwin’s work.  
**On the 2nd flyleaf, in pencil:** No. 26. Library. Chh-

Henry Ward Beecher (1813-1887), prominent Congregationalist clergyman, social reformer, abolitionist; William C. Beecher was Henry Ward Beecher’s son. (Wikipedia).  
**On the flyleaf, in ink:** Donated 1889. Church Library- No 113

9762.B4/N5 L513, ID #5735. W.L. Legg was born ca. 1781.  
**On the flyleaf, in pencil:** Sarah Dean 1851  
There was an extended Dean family at Mt. Lebanon, but no data were found for her.

On the flyleaf, in pencil: No 101


On the flyleaf, in ink: To Louis Basting With the Compliments of the Sender From his Friend D.C. Brainard Jan 1st 1886.

Dewitt Clinton Brainard, of Mt. Lebanon; horticulturalist, hymnal arranger, promoter of the chair business, publisher of the “Shaker Catalogue… and Guide to the Flower and Vegetable Garden.” Louis Basting, of Mt. Lebanon, NY, then Church F., Hancock, MA; last Hancock Ministry elder.

Fiction/Poetry


On the flyleaf, in pencil: M.C. Allen Mount Lebanon N.Y.

Catherine M. Allen, a young Shaker sister at the time of the publication of this book, eventually a member of the Mt. Lebanon Ministry.


* Emerson, N.S. A Thanksgiving Story; Embodying The Ballad of “Betsey and I are out” and Other Poems. New York: G.W. Carleton & Co., 1874. 9762.F4 E54, ID #535.

No biographical data found.

On the flyleaf, in ink: Belvidere [sic] Seminary Library No 188


On the flyleaf, in ink: No. 28. In pencil: Library Chh-

On the 1st flyleaf, in ink: *A Present from Robert White to Rachel Sampson*  
Under it a purple ink stamp reads: “Church Library, Mount Lebanon, N.Y.”

Rachel Sampson, of Mt. Lebanon, 1st Order Deaconess 1843-1849.  
Robert Cornell White, (Robert White Jr. from 1826 on), Eldress Anna White’s father.

On the 2nd flyleaf, the stamping is repeated. Several black ink stamps are those of Darrow School. This book must have belonged to the Mt. Lebanon Shakers.

The private Darrow school for boys, opened in 1932, on the Church Family, Mt. Lebanon, NY premises, under the initiative of Srs. Emma Neal(e) and Amelia Calver, teachers.


**Government/Children/Women**


On the flyleaf, in pen: *Sister's Library May 1884*

**History**

* Barber, John W. and Elizabeth G. Barber. *Historical, Poetical and Pictorial American Scenes; Principally Moral and Religious; Being a Selection of Interesting Incidents in American History: to which is added a Historical Sketch, of each of the United States.* New Haven, Conn.: J.H. Bradley, 1851. 9762.H6/N5 B234, ID #5738. John W. Barber (1798-1885), American historian, Elizabeth G. Barber, the historian's wife.

Inside the back cover: two ink stamps read “Darrow School,” with handwritten: 973  
On the spine a Mt. Lebanon “double label”: small “284” affixed on top of a large label.

Mrs. S.C. Hall was Anna Maria Fielding (1800-1881), an Irish-born author. Mrs. Jonathan Foster was the American Ellen Horton's pen name. She was active in women clubs.

On the flyleaf, in pencil: *No 60.*
Law


On the inside cover, in ink: Ch.h. New Lebanon First Order


On the flyleaf, in ink: New Lebanon Brick Office [East Family] Aug 18th 1846 $1.00

Medicine

* Beach, W., M.D. The American Practice of Medicine; being a Treatise on the Character, Causes, Symptoms, Morbid Appearance, and Treatment of the Diseases of Men, Women and Children, of All Climates, on Vegetable or Botanical Principles: as taught at the Reformed Medical Colleges in the United States: Containing also a Treatise on Materia Medica and Pharmacy, or the Various Articles Prescribed; Their Description, History, Properties, Preparation, and Uses…. In three volumes. Vol. I. New York: Kelley & La Tourrette, 1836. 9762.M4 B365, ID #596.

Red framed label on the spine.


On the 2nd flyleaf, in ink: To Str Eunice Cantrell, With best wishes for the future, and very Happy Christmas. From Your Sister Minerva L. Reynolds

Eunice Cantrell, of Mt. Lebanon, NY, worked in the garden, and described as “ready and willing to perform any kind of kindness.”

Minerva Reynolds, L. of Mt. Lebanon, NY, was a descendant of the Mason family of the Mayflower, and came to the Society in early womanhood, bringing two young children.


Mt. Lebanon Shakers, especially Eldress Anna White, were interested in spiritual manifestations.

On the inside of 2nd flyleaf, in ink: *Chh. N.S. 1815.* [Church House Nurses Shop]

* Dunglison, Robley, M.D. *Medical Lexicon. A Dictionary of Medical Science; Containing a Concise Explanation of the Various Subjects and Terms; With the French and Other Synonymes; Notices of Climate, and of Celebrated Mineral Waters; Formulae for Various Officinal and Empirical Preparations, etc.* Seventh ed. Philadelphia: Lea and Blanchard, 1848. 9762.M4/N5 D916, ID #593. Robley Dunglison (1798-1869), English physician, first professor of anatomy and medicine at the University of Virginia.

On the 1st flyleaf, in pencil: *This Book belongs To the Nurses Apartments Not to be taken away on any account.*
On the 2nd flyleaf, in pencil: *The property of the North Family 1850*


On the flyleaf, in pencil: *For the South Family New Lebanon from their Friend & bro Robert White Jun.*

Robert Cornell (Robert White Jr. from 1826 on), Eldress Anna White’s father, a close and faithful friend to, and supporter of the Shakers, financing many a Shaker publication, but due to him staying married, could not formally become a Shaker. (Sandra A. Soule: *Robert White Jr.*, 2009).

Music


On the cover, in pencil: *Lulu B. [Belle] Rullhausen from Claudia Snydia.* Bell(e) Rullhausen (Raullhausen) was at the North F., Mt. Lebanon; she wrote poems.


No biographical data found for these two authors.
On the 1st flyleaf, in ink: To Sarah Ann Neal Jan. 16. 1878. Sarah (Sadie) Neal(e), of Mt. Lebanon (and schoolteacher at Watervliet, NY). She died in Hancock.

No biographical data found.


P.P. Bliss (1838-1876), American hymn writer, Ira D. Sankey (1840-1902), called the “Sweet Singer of Methodism,” American gospel singer and composer.

ID #7314: On the flyleaf, in faded pencil: Elder Daniel Crosman, January 11, 1877

Daniel Crosman, of Mt. Lebanon, NY; previously with the “Young Believers” at Wilmington, VT. He rose steadily in the ranks.
J. Martin Jones, of Mt. Lebanon, NY, born in England; a horticulturist.

ID #2291: On the front cover, and flyleaf, in ink: D. B. Cole.


ID #459: On the inside cover, in ink: Charles Carter
Charles Carter of Mt. Lebanon, NY; in charge of furnaces.

On the title page, in pencil: Church Family
In addition, on the inside cover there appears to be a list of abbreviations, in pencil; possibly an exercise in short-hand.


Emma Jane Neal(e), of Mt. Lebanon, NY, became a teaching assistant in 1866. In November, 1872, she was authorized to teach boys, an innovation for the Shakers at that time.

Below, in pencil: Church Family. On the other side of the title page, in pencil, someone was practicing their “P” writing in script.


William Batchelder Bradbury (1816-1888) was a musician, gospel writer, and composer of “Jesus Loves Me.”
On the flyleaf, in pencil: *Giles B. Avery 1874*
Giles Bushnell Avery, of Mt. Lebanon, NY, a prominent Shaker with many talents.


On the cover, in ink: *To the North Family- With Compliments of the Composer*


On the cover, in faded ink: *A. R. S. [Annie Rosetta Stephens]*
Annie Rosetta Stephens, teaching assistant with Sr. Ada Brown; wrote poetry, many songs (verse, and music).

On the cover, in ink: *A. R. S.*

Mrs. Joseph F. (1868-1945), born Phoebe Arnold.
On the cover, in ink: *A. R. S.*


On the flyleaf, in ink: *Sara A. Neal, Sept. 15. 1876*
Sarah (Sadie) Neal(e), of Watervliet, and Mt. Lebanon, NY, Emma Neal’s natural sister, school teacher.

Seumas MacManus (c. 1868-1960), Irish dramatist, poet; Leila De Vere wrote stories and music.

On the cover, in ink: *To Dear Aunt Cecelia With love from “Dove”*[Cecilia DeVere (1836-1912), of Mt. Lebanon, NY, poet, essayist, visionary, cook, fruit culturist].


Oliver Ditson (1811-1888), founder of his company in Boston, 1857, a major music publisher.

On the cover, in pencil: *Mr. Pick*

Ernst Pick, born in Austria, joined the Mt. Lebanon Shakers; elder of the 2nd Family.


On the cover a commercial illustrated label, with text: “This Book Belongs to,” followed in ink, with: *Mary F. Dahm New Lebanon N.Y [sic].* She lived there 1938-1947.


On the cover, in pencil: *Clark [Probably donated by the composer Horace Clark.]*


Horatio Richmond Palmer (1834-1907), composer of Christian music.


Ira D. Sankey, see above; James McGranahan (1840-1907), American musician and composer, possessed a rare tenor voice; George Cole Stebbins (1846-1945!), American gospel & hymn writer.

On the flyleaf, in pen: *Johnny Free* Below, in ink: *John S. Free*

John S. Free, of Mt. Lebanon, NY, there between 1878 and 1883.
Below, in pencil: *Church Family*
On the inside cover, in pencil: *Robert Halford*
Robert Halford, of the Church F., Mt. Lebanon, NY ran the business of the medicine factory for Eldress Emma Neal.


On the cover, in pencil: *To young Strs NF. [North F. Sisters] From Ada Devere*


On the cover, in pencil: *To young sisters N.F. From Ada Devere*

Carl Adam Johann Nepomuk (1842-1898), Austrian, one of the most popular Viennese operetta composers.

On the cover, in pencil: North Family from Nettie A. Brown.

Natural Philosophy


Edward Henry Courtenay (1803-1853), American mathematician, professor at the Universities of Pennsylvania and Virginia.

On the inside of the cover, in ink: Richard Hale
On the 1st flyleaf, in pencil, are references to subjects and page numbers of the book.
On the back flyleaf, in pen: R Hale No biographical data found for this individual.
On the inside of the back cover, in pencil, are several mathematical equations.


Lucius Lyon (1800-1851), civil engineer, U.S. statesman from Michigan.

Penmanship

On the title page, in pen: Wm. Anderson’s.
William Anderson, of Mt. Lebanon, assistant teacher, gardener.

Periodicals

On the 2nd flyleaf, in pencil: Library Chh No. 54.


On the inside of the cover, a black on white printed label reads: Library Center Family. Shakers. Mount Lebanon, N.Y. No.

On the flyleaf, in pencil: Rufus Crosman 1885.

Rufus Crosman, of Mt. Lebanon, NY, lived with the "Young Believers" at Wilmington, VT. He became a gardener and a Farm Deacon; he moved to East F. to start seed garden business there.


[The Mount Lebanon Shakers subscribed to this journal.]

**Philosophy**


Andrew Jackson Davis (1826-1910), American spiritualist, seer, and clairvoyant of the 19th C., one of the founders of the "Modern Spiritualism."


George Albert Lomas, of Watervliet, NY; a Shaker of many talents; he taught boys in 1862-1863. He died of heart disease when only 49 years of age.


On the flyleaf, in pencil: 31 Under it: A. Under those, a purple ink stamp reads:
Church Library, Mount Lebanon. -- N.Y.—

On the spine, a characteristic Mt. Lebanon double label: on top of a red framed label, a smaller label, with printed number 173 is attached.

Phonography/Shorthand


Large red framed label on the spine is identical to other Mt. Lebanon labels used for this purpose. In it an ink-written number: 170


On the flyleaf, in ink: *G.A. Lomas Nov.22.1873.*

George Albert Lomas, became elder of the South F., Watervliet NY in 1872.


(This is another textbook in phonography).

Although no inscription was found in this book, a label pasted on the fly leaf, reading partially: “Fowlers, Wells & Co., Phrenologists & Publishers, … Boston.” clearly indicates that it belonged to Geo. A. Lomas.

George Albert Lomas was a correspondent to non-Shaker publications, e.g.: *Phrenological Journal*.


Still existing is a detached, red framed label with a smaller printed label, reading 69, that was previously attached to the spine of the book, in Mt. Lebanon fashion.


Chauncey B. Thorne was active in business and economics.

On the fly leaf, in ink: *Geo. Albert Lomas, 1863.*

George Albert Lomas, of Watervliet, NY was teacher of boys at that time.
Reference


On the inside cover of Vol. I a yellow color printed label reads: “Bound by Henry De Witt, New-Lebanon.” [Labels like this were printed by the Shakers.]

Henry De Witt, of Mt. Lebanon, was a shoemaker and a bookbinder.

On the flyleaf, of both volumes a purple color stamp reads: Church Library, Mount Lebanon, -- N. Y. — The front-covers of both volumes are stamped in the center with these stamps. On the spine are the customary double labels with numbers 11 & 12.


Arnold James Cooley, author of several encyclopedias, active in 1846-1880, a chemist.

The above book was purchased from the Darrow School and must have been owned by the Mt. Lebanon Shakers. The private Darrow School for Boys, opened in 1932, on the Church Family, Mt. Lebanon, NY premises, under the initiative of Srs. Emma Neal(e) and Amelia Calver, teachers. They had taught there together in 1866-69, and Emma Neale taught on until 1875.


Local Directory in the back includes Mt. Lebanon South F. Shakers, advertising Chairs and Rugs.


Richard Soule (1812-1877), lexicographer.

On the 2nd flyleaf, in ink: Ministries Copy, 1871

On the flyleaf, in ink: *Wm Anderson’s South Family, Mount Lebanon. N.Y [sic]*
William Anderson, of Mt. Lebanon, lived in various families. He was assistant teacher with William Calver in 1866-1867; the "first gardener" of the Church F.

Joseph Emerson Worcester (1784-1865), American lexicographer; worked on family farm, until he entered Phillips Academy at age 21.

On the flyleaf, in pencil: *Augusta Stone.*
Helen Augusta Stone, of Mt. Lebanon, 1st Eldress of Church F., member of Central Ministry.

Religion

Archibald Alexander (1772-1851), American Presbyterian, professor at the Princeton Theological Seminary.

On the 1st and 2nd flyleaves in ink: *S. Y. Wells.*
On the 1st flyleaf in the back, in ink: *Seth Y. Wells. New Lebanon Jan.y 1st 1832 1832.*
On the spine, a black on white printed label reads: 42
Seth Y. Wells, teacher, of Watervliet and New Lebanon, NY; Superintendent of Shaker schools.

*The Holy Bible, Containing the Old and New Testaments, Translated out of the Original Tongues; and with the Former Translations diligently compared and revised.*

On the 1st flyleaf, in ink: *No 18*
On the 2nd flyleaf, in ink: *Martha J. Anderson February 1st 1851 Presented by Elder Frederick [Evans and M.J.A., both of Mt. Lebanon, NY]*


The book has two inserts: a part of a cut out book-page, with Lucy Ann Shepard, Trustee, printed portrait; and a colored post card with a verse titled “My Mother” (# 4512 Sanford Card Co., Dansville, NY)
Lucy Ann Shepard was a Trustee and Eldress at Canterbury, NH.


On the flyleaf, in ink: *Jonathan Haskell his Book Bought 1822 Price $ 1:50 Cents* Jonathan Haskell, of Mt. Lebanon, NY


On the flyleaf, in blue pencil: *C.hh. [Church F.]*


On the flyleaf, in pencil: *Polly Reed January 1874* Polly Reed, major “instrument,” visionary at Mt. Lebanon, NY. HSV has several of her gift drawings. On the opposite side, in pencil: *Eunice Cantrell* (of Mt. Lebanon, NY)
* Robinson, E. and E. Smith. *Biblical Researches in Palestine, Mount Sinai and Arabia Petraea. A Journal of Travels in the Year 1838.* In three volumes, 2nd is missing. Boston: Crocker & Brewster, 1841. 9762.R4/N5 R659, ID #5704 & 5705. No biographical data were found for these two authors.


On the flyleaf, faded and water-damaged, in ink, barely readable Georgia ....


On the flyleaf, in pencil: To Frieda From her Sister Anna Case, Sept =15th 1912 Case, Anna, eldress of the South F. at Watervliet, NY, came there as a child of twelve. She remained there for her entire life, becoming the last in the Watervliet Ministry. Frieda Sipple, upon the death of Eldress Anna Case transferred to the Church F., Hancock, MA.

**Rhetoric**


**Theology**


On the flyleaf, partially erased, in pencil: Mrs. S.C. Chandler Granville .... Under it, in pen: Presented by the Author to A.G. Hollister Mount Lebanon N.Y. Jan.10” 1884 [most likely in A.G. Hollister’s writing].

On the flyleaf, in pencil: *To Frieda Sipple From Martha Wetherell Dec. 25. 1941* Frieda Sipple, of Watervliet, NY and Hancock, MA; Martha Wetherell, of Mt. Lebanon, NY.

* Lewis, Jason. *The Anastasis of the Dead: or, Philosophy of Human Immortality, Deduced From the Teachings of the Scripture Writers, in Reference to the “Resurrection.”* Boston: A. Tompkins, 1860. 9762.T4/N5 L673, ID #413. No data were found.

On the flyleaf a purple ink stamp: Church Library, Mount Lebanon, --N. Y.— On the spine is a double stamp, with a printed number: 363


On the flyleaf, in ink: *N.F. Library* [North F., Mt. Lebanon, NY]


On the 2nd flyleaf, in ink: *Louis Basting, Mount Lebanon, August 1874* Under it, in ink: *Louis Basting Danvers McLean Co Ills*


On the flyleaf, in pencil: *S.J. Under it, in pencil: E.G.S.*

Travel


On the flyleaf, in ink: *Emma J. Neal. From her Friend. Jennie L. Trowbridge. Lebanon. Aug. 28th 1868. Under it a purple ink stamp: Church Library, Mount Lebanon, --N. Y.—* The spine and cover edges have been repaired with pieces of wrinkle-proof textile, of two different, beige and brown color; on the spine, over a larger red-framed label, the smaller reads: 181


On the flyleaf, in ink: *Chh Library. No. 73.*
BOOKS FOR TEACHERS AND/OR STUDENTS

Agriculture


James F.W. Johnston (1796-1855), Scottish agricultural chemist.

ID #542: On the flyleaf, in ink: *For the School*
Under it, in pencil: *Bot June 13th 1845 $3.50*
ID #543: On the flyleaf, in ink: *Boys 2nd Order Bot June 13th 1845 $3.50*
On the title page a black ink stamp reads: BOYS ROOM S.O No. 6

Algebra/Arithmetic/Geometry

* Davies, Charles. *Primary Arithmetic and Table-Book; Designed for Beginners. Containing The Elementary tables of Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication, Division, and Denominate Numbers; with a Large Number of Easy and Practical Questions, Both Mental and Written*. New York: A.S. Barnes & Co., 1855. 9764.A6/N5 D255, ID #468

Charles Davis (1798-1876), American mathematician.

On the flyleaf, in pencil: *Miss Emma Bishop* [of Mt. Lebanon, NY].


Inside front cover: A black on pink printed label reads: “No. [.....] THIS BOOK BELONGS TO THE SCHOOL LIBRARY. It must be returned in the school in one month after borrowing, except there be special liberty to keep it longer.”

On the flyleaf, in pencil: *Bot May 31st 1839*
On the title page a purple ink stamp reads: *Teachers Library, District No.12.*


This book is covered by white flowers on brown textile, held & sewn together by twine. On the back flyleaf, in pencil: *Bernie Halford.*

Several individuals, members of Halford family, lived at Mt. Lebanon; none by this name was listed.


Benjamin Greenleaf (1786-1864), American educator.
On the title page the purple ink stamp reads: Teachers Library, District No.12.

Andrew J. Rickoff (1824-1899), American educator.

On the title page a purple ink stamp: Teachers Library, District No. 12.

* Tower, David B. *Intellectual Algebra; or Oral Exercises in Algebra; for Common Schools, in which all the Operations are limited to such small numbers as not to embarrass the Reasoning Powers, but, on the Inductive Plan, to lead the Pupil understandingly, step by step, to Higher Mental Efforts: Adapted to Prepare the Pupil for the Study of Written Arithmetic, and Designed to be Introductory to Higher Treatises on Algebra.* 7th ed. New York: Cady and Burgess, 1851. 9764.A6/N5 T737, ID #493
David B. Tower, late principal of the Eliot Grammar School, Boston, and of the Penn. Institute for the Instruction of the Blind.

On the flyleaf, in pencil: *Canaan Family Jan 1851.* [Mt. Lebanon’s Gathering Family]
The four corners of this book are reinforced with textile.


* Welch, Oliver, comp. *Welch’s Improved American Arithmetic, adapted to the Currency of the United States. To which is added a Concise Treatise on the Mensuration of Planes and Solids. Improved and Illustrated with Questions Adapted to the Rules, for the Use of Schools and Academies.* Boston: Lincoln, Edmands & Co., 1834. 9764.A6/N5 W439, ID # 505. No biographical data found.

On the flyleaf, in blue ink: *No. 1st* Under it, in black ink: 20
On the bottom, in ink are two unintelligible words.
Inside back cover, in ink: *Calvin Green Reed*
Calvin Green Reed, teacher, principal, superintendent of the District School #12 of New Lebanon.

**Bookkeeping**

No biographical data found.

On the inside cover, in ink: *No 25*
On the flyleaf, in ink: *Bot Mth 18th 1852* This is repeated in pencil on the 2nd flyleaf.
Chemistry


This book, as the stamp indicates, originated from the private Darrow School for Boys, which opened in 1932, on the Church Family, Mt. Lebanon, NY premises.


On the flyleaf a purple ink stamp: Teachers Library, District No. 12.

Education/Teaching


Inside the front cover a black-on-yellow, Shaker-printed label: No. 6 This Book Belongs to the School Library…
On the 2nd flyleaf the purple ink stamp reads: Teachers Library, District No. 12.
On the spine a double Shaker-printed label: 172


On the outside of the front cover, in ink: F W Evans
On the 1st flyleaf, in pencil: Brethren’s Chamber No 13 Under it, in pencil: Edith
On the 2nd flyleaf, in ink: F. W. Evans Shaker Village New Lebanon Col Co N.Y.

Frederick Williams Evans, North F., Mt. Lebanon elder.


On the flyleaf the purple ink stamp reads: Teachers Library, District No. 12.

On the flyleaf, in pencil: Calvin G. Reed
Calvin Green Reed, Mt. Lebanon teacher, Superintendent.
On the title page the purple ink stamp reads: Teachers Library, District No. 12.
On the spine the double Shaker-printed label: 166

James Loring (1799-1884).

On the flyleaf a black on light-blue paper is attached a full page printed label:
“This Book belongs to the Library of School District No.12, of the Town of New Lebanon.” (It explains the rules of borrowing.)

David Perkins Page (1810-1848), Principal of the State Normal School, Albany, NY.

On the inside of front cover, in black ink, in large number: No 17
On the flyleaf, in pencil, 1st line: New Lebanon 2nd line: illegible, 3rd line: Jany 1847
On the same page a purple ink stamp reads: Teachers Library, District No. 12.

Edward Austin Sheldon (1823-1897), Superintendent of Schools, Oswego, NY.

On the flyleaf a purple ink stamp reads: Teachers Library, District No. 12.
On the spine a double label is attached, with number: 210


On the flyleaf a purple ink stamp reads: Teachers Library, District No. 12.
On the spine, only a small, partially torn printed label, with number: …94


On the flyleaf, in pencil: Seth Y. Wells New Lebanon [teacher, Superintendent]
Under it, the purple ink stamp reads: Teachers Library, District No. 12.

On the front cover is pasted a Shaker-printed, black on white label, reading:
SCHOOL LIBRARY FOR THE SCHOOL

On the inside cover, in black ink: No 11 Under it a black-on-yellow, Shaker-printed label reads: No. … This book belongs to the School Library….

On the flyleaf, in faint pencil: September 25th 1835 To be returned to S.Y. Wells. This Book is well entitled to a high assembled (?) labor (?) Seth Y. Wells.

Under it the purple ink stamp reads: Teachers Library, District No. 12.

On the top of the 2nd flyleaf, in pencil: Seth Y. Wells. [Mt. Lebanon, NY].

On the spine a faded handwritten label: 198

**English Grammar**


On the title page the purple ink stamp reads: Teachers Library, District No. 12.


On the title page the purple ink stamp reads: Teachers Library, District No. 12.

On the spine a small Shaker-printed label: 231


On the title page the purple ink stamp reads: Teachers Library, District No. 12.


G.P. Quackenbos (1826-1881), American textbook writer.
In the latter copy, inside cover, on the top of an advertising page, in faint pencil: 

Emma Woodworth


On the flyleaf, in ink: Pauline Bates. 
Pauline Bates, of Watervliet and Mt. Lebanon, NY, author of *The Divine Book of Holy and Eternal Wisdom*...

Roswell C. Smith (1797-1875).

On the flyleaf in pencil: Desk (Shaker’s Library Mt. Lebanon, NY.)

David Bates Tower (1808-1868), writer of schoolbooks; Benjamin F. Tweed (1811-1896).

The cover corners of the book are reinforced.


On the flyleaf of copy 1, in faint blue pencil: Parsing Book by Allen H. Weld 
This copy is wrapped in heavy, brown color packaging paper.


English Language/Literature


On the title page the purple ink stamp reads: Teachers Library, District No. 12. 
On the spine a small printed label: 207

Inside the front cover, in ink: S.Y. Wells [teacher, Superintendent]

On the opposite side of the 1st flyleaf is a black-on-pink Shaker-printed label:
No. 23 belongs to the School Library, etc.

On the 2nd flyleaf, in faint pencil: Seth Y. Wells A valuable School Book 3/-6/-1

On the top of the 1st Recommendations page the purple ink stamp reads: Teachers Library, District No. 12. On the spine a handwritten label: 158


James H. Hoose, Principal of the State Normal and Training School at Cortland, NY.

On the title page the purple ink stamp reads: Teachers Library, District No. 12.


James Napoleon McElligott (1812-1866), celebrated author of the “American Debater.”

On the inside cover, in faint pencil: Bot Nov…th … 5…8 [1858?]


On the title page the purple ink stamp reads: Teachers Library, District No. 12.

On the cover a label, in ink: 4 and 22 under it.


Richard Green Parker (1798-1869), author of English language textbooks.
On the flyleaf, in pencil: *Sister’s Library*

* Webster, William G. *A New Common School Dictionary. Revised and Greatly Improved. A Sequel to Webster’s Elementary Spelling-book: or, A Speller and Definer; Containing a Selection of 12,000 of the most useful Words in the English Language, With their Definitions: Intended to be used as a Spelling-Book and a Dictionary.* New York: George F. Cooledge & Brother, 1845. 9764.E8/N5 W380, ID #418.

William G. Webster, son of Noah Webster.

On the technical page, in pencil: *A L. 1849* [Albert Lomas, as a 9 years old boy?]

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**English Readers**


On the 1st flyleaf, in pencil: James H(art)?
On the 2nd flyleaf a black-on-white Shaker-printed label: SCHOOL.

Under it in pencil: peter mills
Peter Mills, of Mt. Lebanon, joined the Shakers when 9 yrs of age; he left when 14.

On the title page the purple ink stamp reads: Teachers Library, District No. 12. The four corners of the book are reinforced with green textile. On the spine: traces of the characteristic double label still visible.


G. and C. Merriam Co. of Springfield, publishers (1833-1852).

On the inside cover, in ink: LVII    Under it, in pencil: From Shaker Library Mt. Lebanon, N.Y.
On the top of the title page a black-on-white, Shaker-printed label: SCHOOL, on its lower part a purple ink stamp reads: School Library, District 12.
On the spine are remainders of a Shaker-printed label: 399 (?) This book was repaired on three separate occasions.

On the flyleaf, in ink: *O! Childhood! How thy memories cling To riper Years.

Dear Book From which I learned to read, And learned to think and Learned to live!

Stay with me! And shouldst thou stray, Return to Anna Dodgson 1876*

Anna Dodgson, of Mt. Lebanon, teacher.

On the outside of the front cover are remains of Shaker-printed label: No. …

* Murray, Lindley. *The English Reader: or, Pieces in Prose and Poetry, Selected from the Best Writers. Designed to assist young Persons to read with Propriety and Effect; To Improve Their Language and Sentiments: and to inculcate some of the most Important Principles of Piety and Virtue. With a few Preliminary Observations on the Principles of Good Reading.* Albany: Oliver Steele, 1828. 9764.E10/N5 M982, ID #483.

On the inside cover in pencil: *Emma Bishop.* Under it a black on white, Shaker-printed label: *No. 5. New-Lebanon School District Number.12.*

On the flyleaf, in pen: *No 5 Under it, in pencil: Emma Bishop [of Mt. Lebanon]*

On the title page a purple ink stamp reads: *School Library, District 12.*

On the spine a small, black-on-white Shaker printed label: 101


Richard Green Parker (1798-1869), author of English language textbooks.

J. Madison Watson (1827-1900).

On the flyleaf, in pencil, an incomplete and unintelligible signature.


On the flyleaf, in pencil: *from Eldress Emma [King, Canterbury, NH].*
Fiction


On the flyleaf a 5”x3 5/16”, black-on-light blue, Shaker-printed label reads: “This book belongs to the Library of School District No. 12, of the Town of New-Lebanon. When it is borrowd [sic], it must be returned within thirty days…” etc.

On the 2nd flyleaf, in pencil: Boys Library. 1st Order April 1st 1859

On the title page the purple ink stamp reads: School Library, District 12.

Geography


Sarah S. Cornell, author of “Principal Cities of the U.S.”

On the back advertisement page, in faint pencil: A.F. Ewell (?)


Augustus Samuel Mitchell (1792-1868), creator of maps.


James Monteith was Principal of Ward School No. XVII, New York City.


This book was mended twice; on the back cover, in pencil, over the yellow strip of mending are initials: E G

Government and Family

On the flyleaf the purple ink stamp reads: *Teachers Library, District No. 12.*
On the spine a red framed label: 199

**Health**

* Dutton, George, M.A., M.D. *Key to Dutton’s School Charts.* Boston: George Dutton, 1875. 9764.H4/N5 D981, ID #427. No biographical data found.
  On the back flyleaf, in faint pencil: Presented to A. F. Enel (?) by A.S. Haynard.

**History**

  Jacob Abbott (1803-1879), American writer of children’s books.

  On the flyleaf, in pen: *District Library North Family 1865*
  On the spine a handwritten label: 326

  John Sherren Brewer (1810-1879), English clergyman, historian, scholar.

  On the flyleaf, in pen: *Louis Basting Mt Lebanon NY. 1880*

  Thomas Wentworth Higginson (1823-1911), American minister, author, abolitionist.

  On the flyleaf, in pencil: *Chh. Library No. 111*


  Inside cover, black-on-yellow, 1 ¼”x 4” Shaker-printed label reads: Church First Order Library. On the title page two identical, purple ink stamps read: *School Library, District No. 12.* On the spine is a remnant of Shaker-printed label: 11…

G.P. Quackenbos (1826-1881), author of many English language textbooks.

Inside cover (#507), in purple ink: William Reid. Feb.9 1880.
Inside cover (#555), in purple ink: Theodore ...
Both copies have reinforced corners.
William Reid, of Mt. Lebanon, was there at that time as his signature indicates.

Marcius Wilson (1813-1905), author of several history textbooks for juveniles.

On the flyleaf, in pencil: No 45 Teachers Library Under it the purple ink stamp reads: Teachers Library, District No.12.
On the 2nd flyleaf, a black-on-white Shaker-printed label: SCHOOL


The book is wrapped in heavy packaging paper; the four corners are reinforced.
On the inside of the 1st flyleaf, in ink: Florance [sic] Emma Lyon
On the 2nd flyleaf, in ink: Floranc [sic] Lyon
Florence Emma Lyon, of Mt. Lebanon, NY, was there in 1863-1881.


On the flyleaf, in pencil: No. 49 (?) Teachers Library. Under it the purple ink stamp reads: Teachers Library, District No.12
On the spine a red framed, handwritten label: 119

Latin Grammar

James Bradstreet Greenough (1833-1901), U.S. classical scholar.

Inside cover, in faint pencil: Teacher Dis. Condition Cont.to fact. Harbriews ...[sic!]
On the flyleaf, in pencil: Kattie A. Barnard. This book is no good the owner ...
Inside back cover, the whole page is taken up with pencil notes on grammar.

Albert Harkness (1822-1907), professor at Brown University, American classical scholar, educator.

It is possible that the 2nd signature is that of a Shaker sister, who came from a Seminary and brought this book with her.


C.G. Zumpt (1792-1849), member of the Royal Academy of Berlin; Leonhard Schmitz (1807-1890), active mainly in United Kingdom, late professor of the University of Bonn; Charles Anthon (1797-1867), American classics scholar, Professor of the Greek and Latin Languages at Columbia College, New York.

On the flyleaf, in pencil: *R. Gilman Alfred Maine*

Richard S. Gilman, Elder at the North F., Alfred, ME; transferred to Mt. Lebanon in 1860.

**Music**


No biographical data found.

Inside the front cover, covered up by a repair sheet, in pencil: *Amanda’s Book*


**Natural Philosophy for Children**


On the flyleaf a black-on-green, whole page, Shaker-printed label: “This Book Belongs to the Library of School District No. 12, of the Town of New Lebanon. When it is borrowd [sic],” etc.

On the opposite side, in pencil: *Boy’s Library 1st Order April 1st 1859*

On the title page, black on white, Shaker-printed label: No. 19

On the spine Shaker-printed label: 155


  On the flyleaf of copy 531, in pen: *Second Order Library No 270*


  On the flyleaf, the purple ink stamp reads: *Teachers Library, District No.12.*
  Inside the front and back covers the black ink stamp reads: *Darrow School.*
  On the spine are remainders of a double stamp, with the printed numbers …63.
  The four corners of the covers are reinforced with red leather.


  On the flyleaf, in ink: *School Dist No. 14  3*

* Swift, Mary A. *First Lessons on Natural Philosophy, for Children. Part First.* Hartford: William James Hamersley, 1855. 9764.N1 S977, ID #513. This volume was also printed in 1868, ID #514, and 1869, ID #515, by Wm. Jas. Hamersley

  No biographical data found.
ID #513, On the title page in pencil: Peter Burger
On the back cover in pencil is an illegible signature.
ID #514, inside cover, in pencil: From Shaker Library
ID #515, inside cover, in pencil: Daisy Wells [she lived at Mt. Lebanon for 7 years].
On the fly ad page, in pencil: Emeline Kainglig Emeline Kaim (Kain/Kainglig), of Mt. Lebanon, NY, admitted to the Church F. in 1879, when 7 years old; she lived there for eight years.
Inside back ad-cover, in pencil: Frank Halford
Frank Halford, of Mt. Lebanon, admitted when 11 years old; left the Shakers in June, 1893, age 16.

*Swift, Mary A. First Lessons on Natural Philosophy, for Children. Part Second. Hartford: Belknap and Hamersley, 1846. 9764.N1/N5 S977, ID #510. This volume was also printed in 1854, by Wm. Jas. Hamersley, ID #433; in 1856, by same printer, ID #508 & 509; in 1871, by Hamersley & Co., ID #511 & 512.

On the flyleaf, in pencil: Bought July 1848.
On the opposite side, in pencil: J.F.
This book was repaired two times.

Painting


Penmanship


This book was turned into a scrapbook. The earliest printed clipping is dated 1865, titled the “Death of Lincoln.”


Professor M.D.L. Hayes and his colleagues were American educators.

On the title page, the purple ink stamp reads: Teachers Library, District No.12.
On the spine: remainders of a double stamp, with a printed number 3 still intact.
Periodicals


  On the first flyleaf purple ink stamp reads: Teachers Library District No.12
  On the spine double Shaker label, printed number: 257


  N.A. Calkins, active in the 1850s; in 1884, Treasurer of the National Educational Association.


  ID #527: Inside cover: Black-on-yellow, Shaker-printed label states: Church First Order Library. The edges of this volume were reinforced with green textile.
  ID #528: On the 1st flyleaf, in ink: No 112; on the 2nd flyleaf, a black-on-white, Shaker-printed label reads: SCHOOL; on the title page, purple ink stamp: School Library District No.12. The book edges were reinforced with brown & white checkered textile. On the spine an old handwritten label: 320


  Inside cover: Black-on-yellow, Shaker-printed label states “Church First Order Library.” On the 1st flyleaf, in ink: No 113
  On the title page, purple ink stamp: School Library District No.12.


  On the flyleaf a black-on-white, Shaker-printed label: SCHOOL
  Next to it in pencil: No. 14, under that, in ink: No. 109 (?)
  On the title page, two purple ink stamps read: School Library, District No.12.

On the title page purple ink stamp reads: School Library, District No.12.
On the spine a handwritten label: 318


Inside the front cover, in ink: Property of District [sic] No.2. Town of New Lebanon.
Columbia county. 9764.P4/N5 C155, ID #5773.
On the flyleaf someone exercised writing music staff and notes (not identical with the two printed pages of music in the back of the book).

Phonography/Shorthand


On the title page purple ink stamp reads: Teachers Library, District No.12.

Physiology


Inside cover, in ink: Elsie Miller
On the title page, purple ink stamp: School Library District No.12.


ID #416. This copy is wrapped in blue cloth & held together by white thread.
On the cover, in pen: Physiology. Nellie’s.
ID #517. On the flyleaf in pencil: Amelia Bunn (?)
ID #518. Inside cover a printed label: John M. Laight
ID #519. On the flyleaf, in pencil: Edward Lanford
Edward Langford, was born in England; at Mt. Lebanon, NY, 1879-1892; left when 18 years old.
Reference/Dictionaries


On the flyleaf, a large black-on-blue, Shaker-printed label: “This book belongs to the Library of School District No. 12, of the Town of New-Lebanon.” (followed with additional text.) Above it in pencil: ABM and under it: Amy Bess Miller

Amy Bess Miller (1913-2003), founder; President of Hancock Shaker Village, Inc.; an important collector.

Religion/Religious Life


On the flyleaf, black-on-white, Shaker-printed label: SCHOOL
Under it in faint pencil: School House
On the title page, a purple ink stamp: School Library District No.12.
The four corners of the book are reinforced with beige color textile.


Inside front cover, three inscriptions. In ink: Edwin Waters Childrens [sic] Library 1st Order. In another hand, in ink: ...ays this Book is his January 1. 1840. In pencil: James Harris 1867 February Inside back cover, in pencil: James Harris
The volume’s edges were repaired with blue strips of textile.


Inside the cover, in pencil: Joseph W. (?) Pattison. Oct8/73 Joseph W. (?) Pattison Centre Family M’Lebanon Col Co N.Y. 1879
On the flyleaf, a full page inscription in pencil, starting:
Oct 27-1879 Dear Elder Calvin [Reed] and ending: Yours in Gospel JW(?)

Joseph W. Pattison, a Mt. Lebanon Shaker at Centre F. in Oct. 1873 and Oct. 1879 (when he wrote notes to Elder Calvin). He left the Shakers in the years 1873-1876 to become a Traveling Preacher in New York State, Bridgeport District; he eventually returned to the Shakers.

Rhetoric

Erastus Otis (1820-1881), wrote stories, The Pillars of Truth among them.

Inside the cover, in pencil: Joseph W. (?) Pattison. Oct8/73 Joseph W. (?) Pattison Centre Family M'Lebanon Col Co N.Y. 1879
On the 1st flyleaf, there is a full page inscription in pencil, starting:
Oct 27-1879 Dear Elder Calvin [Reed] and ending: Yours in Gospel JW(?)
Some partially erased text is illegible.
On the 2nd flyleaf, in pencil: Oct 27/79 Dear Elder Calvin [Reed] This is quite a valuable work on “Rhetoric”… The inscription fills the entire page and ends with his 3 initials.
Over the partially erased text, the purple ink stamp: Teachers Library District 12.
On the back fly-leaf, in pencil: Joseph W. Pattison
In the back cover in ink: Joseph W. Pattison N.Y. & Conf. [abbr. for confine: archaic for adjacent territory] Bridgeport Dist. Traveling Preacher 1873-1876

* Jamieson, Alexander. A Grammar of Rhetoric, and Polite Literature; Comprehending the Principles of Language and Style, the Elements of Taste and Criticism; with Rules for The Study of Composition and Eloquence: Illustrated by Appropriate Examples, Selected chiefly from the British Classics, for the Use of Schools, or Private Instruction. New Haven: A.H. Maltby & Co., 1820. The 1st American, from the last London edition. 9764.R6/N5 J32 ID # 1061. Alexander Jamieson, a resident of Kensington, London, where his “Celestial Atlas” containing 30 maps was published by G. & W.B. Whittaker; this huge project was subsequently abandoned for lack of funds.

On the inside cover, in ink: No 13 In addition, a black on pink, Shaker printed label reads: “No. … This book belongs to the School Library. It must be returned in the school in one month after borrowing, except there be special liberty to keep it longer.”
On the 1st flyleaf, in ink: Seth Y. Wells Watervliet March 1821
On the title page, in ink: Seth Y Wells.
On the 1st flyleaf, in ink: Seth Y.Wells.


On top of the 1st flyleaf, in ink: Bot M”th 18” 1852
Under it the purple-ink stamp reads: Teachers Library, District No.12.
On top of the 2nd flyleaf the black-on-white Shaker-printed label: “School”


On the flyleaf, a black-on-pink Shaker-printed label: “School Library.” Under it the purple-ink stamp reads: Teachers Library, District No.12.
On the spine a label with a handwritten label: 179

Travel/For Children


On the brown flyleaf in pencil: If this book by chance should roam box its ears and send it home.
On the 2nd flyleaf, in pencil, partially erased: Girls Room Library No. 12
Under it in purple pencil, crossed out: Chas T Chatfield Mt Lebanon
Another inscription, in pencil, on the back brown flyleaf starts: If I were a poet…

SHAKER-PUBLISHED/SHAKER-OWNED BOOKS

These books have come to the Hancock Shaker Village Library from different places. The common feature is that they were not only owned by the Shakers, but printed and published by, or for them.

* Bates, Paulina. The Divine Book of Holy and Eternal Wisdom, Revealing the Word of God; Out of Whose Mouth Goeth A Sharp Sword... Written by Paulina Bates... Including Other Illustrations and Testimonies. Arranged and Prepared for the Press at New Lebanon, N.Y.... Published by the United Society called "Shakers." Canterbury, N.H.: 1849. 2 vols. in 1, paged continuously, xxii, 696 pp. [R 67!] Call # 9789.S8 B329, ID #6002. Inside cover, in ink: No 15

Paulina Bates, of Watervliet and Mt. Lebanon, NY. Her volume was published as an accompanying volume to Br. Philémon Stewart’s Sacred and Divine Roll, see under Stewart.

* [Bishop, Rufus & Seth Y. Wells.] Testimonies of the Life, Character, Revelations and Doctrines of Our Ever Blessed Mother Ann Lee, and the Elders with Her, Through whom the Word of Eternal Life was opened in this day, of Christ’s Second Appearing,

Rufus Bishop, of Mt. Lebanon, NY, started collecting testimonies in 1812, Lead Ministry elder.
Seth Y. Wells, of Watervliet and Mt. Lebanon, NY; Superintendent of Schools.

On the flyleaf, in ink: Olive Hayden Presented by Eldress Caroline Helfrich May 31, 1911. Olive Hayden, Caroline Helfrich, both of Church F., Hancock, MA.

ID #304: Printed green label, “Martha Johnson West Pittsfield” [Church F., Hancock trustee]
ID #6005: Initialed, M.B., front cover, in pencil: “North Family.”


ID #879: 1st flyleaf, in pencil, Sally Loomis Presented by Elders at Canterbury N.H.
Sally Loomis, of the Church F., Harvard, 2nd, then 1st in Ministry.
ID #7523. 1st flyleaf, in pencil, S.W. Under it, in pen, Chh Office Hancock

* [Blinn, Henry Clay], comp. A Sacred Repository of Anthems and Hymns, for Devotional Worship and Praise... Canterbury, N.H.: 1852. With music. 3 cops. [Type designed, set, and printed by Elder Henry]. 9775 B6485, ID # 310, 311, 312.

ID #310: 1st flyleaf, in pencil, Otis Sawyer Presented by the Publisher June 1852.
Henry Clay Blinn, of Church F., Canterbury, NH; elder, author, printer, publisher of this book.


On the flyleaf, in pencil, c/o Sister Emma J. Neal
Emma J. Neal, of Church F., Mt. Lebanon, NY.


Dorothy Ann Durgin, of Canterbury, NH, teacher, writer of hymns, manufacturer of Shaker cloaks.
Joanna J. Kaime, of Canterbury, NH, deaconess and eldress at Church and North Families.

ID #129: On the flyleaf, in pencil, Amelia J. Calver [Amelia J. Calver, of Mt. Lebanon, NY]
ID #8331: In ink, East Family
ID #8333: in pencil, *Adeline Patterson Handcock (sic)*  *Shakers Mass*  
ID #8332: Hand sewn, embroidered cover; on flyleaf, in pencil: *Emoretta,* in pen:  *Elizabeth*  [Belden sisters, of Hancock, Church F.]  *In a red frame label: 120*  

This volume has a homemade cover. It is covered with brown, water-repellent cloth.  
The title page contains the following printed text: “As the printing of this work has been done at different periods of time, it has occasioned many difficulties. …”  
The unique volume of many signatures is bound with a twine, ribbon, and metal clips; it is not listed in the Richmond Bibliography, 1977. The front cover has a Shaker-printed label pasted on. It reads: “Shaker Music.” Inside the label, in ink:  *Ann Reynolds.*  
  
  
Harvey Lauderdale Eades (Eads), of South Union, KY and Union Village, OH; one of the most prominent Shaker theologians, writing many pamphlets, discourses, sermons; editor of several editions of "Shaker Sermons" volume (1879 to 1889).  
ID #892: On the flyleaf, in ink:  *To Dr. E.B. Foote Compliments of H.L. Eads. March 9th [?] 1883*  
On the flyleaf, in pencil:  *Lower Brethren room South Family No 2*  
Inside cover, in pencil:  *Elizabeth Belden*  
Also: a small, red framed label, in pen:  *141*  
ID # 1105: On flyleaf, in ink:  *Abraham Perkins*  
Under it, in ink:  *E.F. McGregor, 1904. From Elder Arthur Bruce*  
McGregor, E.F., a Yale Divinity School student studying Shaker Societies and corresponding with as many Shaker leaders as were still active, collecting pertinent information, in preparation for his thesis, in 1904. In this capacity he received from  *Canterbury's Elder Arthur Bruce*  this volume, formerly owned by  *Canterbury/Enfield, NH, Ministry Elder's, Abraham Perkins.*  
ID #7519: On flyleaf, in ink,  *To Elder Lewis Basting with kindest Love of H. L. Eads. December 25th. 1889. a Christmas Gift*  
“Lewis Basting,” was  *Louis Basting,* of Mt. Lebanon, NY, and Hancock, MA, elder at both places.  

  
*Fidella Estabrook* of Church F., Hancock.  
Presentation copy to Olive Hayden by  *Emoretta Belden* [both of Church F., Hancock].


On the flyleaf, in ink, *Mary Auige (?) De Vere from the Author Jan. 1889 M.A.D.V.,* probably one of the De Vere sisters (natural sister to Sr. Cecilia DeVere of Mt. Lebanon, NY)


ID #143: On the flyleaf, in pencil, To Frederick Squin Bennington Vt from Frederick W. Evans[.] Shaker Village New Lebanon Col Co NY.”

* [Green, Calvin, and Seth Y. Wells] *A Summary View of the Millennial Church, or United Society of Believers (Commonly Called Shakers). Comprising the Rise, Progress and Practical Order of the Society; Together with General Principles of their Faith and Testimony. Published by Order of the Ministry, in Union with the Church...* Albany, [N.Y.]: Printed by Packard and Van Benthuysen, 1823. xvi, 320 pp. [Spine title often used: "Millennial Church." ] Preface "signed": Calvin Green, Seth Y. Wells, New Lebanon. 5 cops. 9771 Gr, ID # 192, 193, 194, 590, 657, 3473, 4186.

ID #192: in pencil *Lydie Ellett, Enfield N.H. Grafeon Co [sic] Lydie Ellett, of Canterbury and Enfield, NH.


On 2nd flyleaf, in pencil: *R. Bushnell Richard Bushnell, of North F., Mt. Lebanon, NY; Trustee, 1st Elder.*

ID #194: 2nd flyleaf, in pen: *Andrew Robinson’s Book [a Mt. Lebanon Shaker]*

ID #590: 1st flyleaf, in pen: *Benjamin’s Book.*

ID #3473: Cover missing, on page that would become inside cover, in pencil: *Millennial Chh 1848 Ancient Edition Under it is a Shaker-printed label:*
Complete Library of Publications by the United Society. No. 19 For Special Reference. OTIS SAWYER. NEW GLOUCESTER, December, 1882
[1st Elder at Sabbathday Lake, ME]

E.F. Morison, niece of Sr. Annie Bell Tuttle. [Also of Shirley, MA and Mt. Lebanon, NY]

1st flyleaf, in ink: For Sister Fanny Phallon

Fannie Fallon [Phallon], of Enfield and Canterbury, NH, was the last Shaker to teach at the Church F., 1882-1914. She was instrumental in helping to close out the Enfield community in 1923.


Alonzo Hollister, of Mt. Lebanon, in charge of herb extract business, historian, prolific author.
Calvin Green, Sr., of Mt. Lebanon, important Shaker theologian, elder.
Presentation copy by A.G. Hollister to M.L. Wilson, March, 1899.
Mary Louisa Wilson, of Canterbury, NH, trustee, postmistress of East Canterbury post office.

* M’Nemar, [sic], Richard. The Kentucky Revival, or a short history of the late out-pouring of the Spirit of God in the Western States of America ... New York: reprinted by Edward O. Jenkins, 1846. [Pages 5-8 are inserted upside down and in reverse in this copy.] 9765 K1, ID # 1237.

McNemar, Richard, Sr., of Watervliet and Union Village, OH, and Pleasant Hill, KY, joined with his wife and seven children in 1803, prolific writer, printer, bookbinder.

On the flyleaf, in pencil “Care of Chh” [Church House], in ink “Elizabeth Belden.”
Elizabeth Belden, of Hancock Church F., schoolteacher, eldress.


Aurelia Mace, of Sabbathday Lake, ME, schoolteacher, trustee, author, correspondent.
Joseph Holden, of Church F., Hancock, MA, trustee.
Eleanor M. Philbrook, of Alfred and Sabbathday Lake, ME, postmistress, children’s caretaker.

ID #142: Inside cover, in ink, Presented to Elder Joseph Holden. By the Author. Sabbathday Lake, Maine, Nov. 10th 1907.
ID # 890: On the flyleaf, in pencil, A souvenir of a call at the Sabbathday Lake Shakers. Aug. 27. 1946. Eleanor M. Philbrook
* **The Manifesto.** 1877-July 1879. 9775 M275, ID #889

On the flyleaf, in pencil: *Portions of Manifestos on which hymns [sic] were printed, bound in this form for convenience in laboring meeting.*

*The Manifesto* was the name of the Shaker periodical 1883-1899.

On the commercial cover, in gilded letters: “Eliza Ann Taylor.”

Eliza Ann Taylor, of Mt. Lebanon, NY, eldress of the Church F.


ID # 309: Inside cover, in ink *Sarah Collins Mount Lebanon NY*

ID # 1849: On the flyleaf, in ink *Meeting Room- Presented by Martha Anderson, 1895 Martha Jane Anderson, of North F., Mt. Lebanon, Shaker music writer.*

ID # 6065: on the flyleaf, in pencil, *Corinne Bishop, Oct 1892 Corinne Bishop, of North and Church F., Mt. Lebanon, NY*

ID # 5997: *Alice D. Braisted Alice Braisted, of Upper Canaan, NY, Enfield, CT, Mt. Lebanon, NY, and Hancock, MA.*

ID # 4509: in ink, *M. Schnell Mathilde [Tillie] Schnell, of Enfield, CT and Church F., Hancock, MA.*


ID #6410: on the flyleaf, in ink, *Sarah Collins*

ID #1699: on the flyleaf, in pencil, *Corinne Bishop*

ID #1042: on the flyleaf, in pencil, *HJC*

ID #3599: on the flyleaf, in pencil: *Victoria Copeland from Emoretta Belden. Olive F. Hayden from Emoretta.” (This copy contains many different Shaker names inside)*

Emoretta Belden, Hancock Church F. teacher; Victoria Copeland and Olive Hayden – her students.

ID #6005: on the flyleaf, in pencil: *Mary F. Dahm South Family [of Watervliet, NY]*


Philemon Stewart, of Shirley, MA and Mt. Lebanon, NY.

ID #3861: on the flyleaf, in faint pencil, *Deaconesses Room*


ID #8030: on the flyleaf, in ink, *Sisters East Room Second Floor 1844*

Seth Y. Wells, of the Church F., Watervliet, and Mt Lebanon, NY, elder, Superintendent of Schools. Josiah Talcott, Jr., of Church F., Hancock; printer of other important Shaker books.

ID #196. On opposite side of the title page, in ink: *The property of the Church*
ID #866. On the flyleaf, in ink: *My dear Annie, I send you this book, it was Eld[ress] Elizabeth’s [Belden?]*
ID #7520. On the inside cover, in pen-and-ink drawing: *P Collins*

Polly Collins, of North, Church, and West Families, Hancock, an important “instrument,” gift receiver. The HSV Museum holds several of her known gift drawings.


ID #167: On the flyleaf, in ink, underlined in red ink: *John W. Thompson, Pittsfield, Mass. Nov, 1908*

* [White, Anna], comp. *Affectionately Inscribed to the Memory of Elder Frederick W. Evans, by his Loving and Devoted Gospel Friends...* Pittsfield, Mass.: Press of the Eagle Publishing Co., 1893. 129 pp., port. [R 1433!] Call # 9793 W582, ID #137.

Anna White, eldress of North F., Mt. Lebanon, NY. Frederick Williams Evans, elder of the North F., Mt. Lebanon for 57 years.

On the flyleaf, in pencil: *For our Precious Mother Eldress Ann. With the love of all her children at North Family 1893.*


On the flyleaf, in ink: *Remembrance from Lottie Byrdsall. Aug 1918*  
Lottie Byrdsall, of Mt. Lebanon, and Watervliet, NY.


Anna White, eldress of North F., Mt. Lebanon, NY. Leila Taylor, of Mt. Lebanon; teacher for 20 years before joining the Shakers, Assistant Eldress.

ID # 1566: in purple ink: Alice Evans


Benjamin Seth Youngs, of Watervliet and Mount Lebanon, NY, was sent to the West as a missionary in 1805, returned in 1836.

ID # 185: in ink, Martin Salbury’s book, 1810
Martin Sal(is)bury, of Hill (1810) and East F., Mt. Lebanon, NY
On the 1st flyleaf, in pencil, Michael …? His book 1843
ID # 1406: in pencil 16; ID # 5994: Meeting Room.
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A Hancock Shaker Village List of Shakers, based on late P.J. Brewer Shaker card index, in the format of spreadsheet, is being constantly expanded onward from 2006.

For Mount Lebanon, N.Y.:

Donnelly, Thomas. Former lead interpreter at Hancock Shaker Village, creator of several historical geography maps of Mount Lebanon, NY. The card index of late Th. Donnelly remains unpublished.

Paterwic, Stephen J., not published. He generously shared information from his card index with the present annotator in 1994.

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APPENDIX I

SHAKER BIOGRAPHIES

Unless stated otherwise, these Biographies were first published in the “Who’s Who in the Shaker Image”; pp. 223-265, in the 2nd and Annotated edition of Elmer R. Pearson and Julia Neal’s *The Shaker Image*, 1994, with Annotations, Appendices and Index by Dr. Magda Gabor-Hotchekiss. Stephen J. Paterwic generously provided copious information on Mount Lebanon, NY and other Shakers at that time.


**Allen, M[innie] Catherine** (1852-1922), was admitted to the North F., Mt. Lebanon, NY, in her 13th year, as a boarder; her brother, Ernest, 10 years old, went to the 2nd Order. Their father was Rev. John Allen of Brook Farm fame, (a descendant of Ethan Allen, closely connected with the Allen families resident in western Massachusetts, and a cousin of Thomas Allen, founder and donor of the Pittsfield Athenaeum [Library]). Their mother, Ellen Lazarus, was also well known in the annals of Brook Farm, and was a descendant of "cultured southerners." "The Mordecai family in North Carolina, who founded and equipped a public high school for girls, were the immediate ancestors of Ellen Lazarus." (Leila S. Taylor, in *Springfield Republican*, 1908.) Catherine made her decision to stay with the Shakers early on. In 1870, at age 19, the US Census had her doing housework, and in 1880, she was listed as a seamstress. She wrote many poems and essays, but also found time in 1889-1894 to copy "Original Hymns of Praise Inspirational." "As a representative of the North Family she addressed in 1906 the National Council of Women of the US, at Toledo, Ohio, and in 1907 she addressed the same body assembled at the Jamestown, VA, exposition. Along with other Shaker Sisters, she was a member of the woman's suffrage league." (Ibid) In April, 1908, she was appointed by Eldress Harriett Bullard as successor in the Central Ministry to the late Eldress Augusta Stone. By that time she had been "an active and devoted member" for 43 years — yet her appointment came as a surprise because, as the youngest Shaker "bishop," she was also "perhaps the only one ever chosen direct from the ranks with no preliminary training in the eldership." Nevertheless she was deeply respected for her "quick perceptions, clear, logical thought, striking at once to the deeper strata of philosophical or spiritual truth in every problem, her enthusiastic reception and ardent following of new and broader conceptions...her coolness of judgment, mental poise and her pronounced adherence to the foundation principles of the Shaker faith..." (Leila S. Taylor, 1908). She remained a member of the Central Ministry until her death. [Eldress Catherine Allen also helped Hugh Wallace Cathcart to collect Shaker material for the Western Reserve Historical Society in Cleveland, OH].

**Anderson, Martha Jane** (1844-1897), of Mt. Lebanon, NY, was at the North F. in 1854, when 10 years old; she was a mat maker in 1860 and a tailor in 1880, making garments for the brethren for 12 years, and was in charge of boys (not an exceptional practice at that Family). In 1887, she was appointed 2nd eldress, but due to stress and ill health became a deaconess instead. A nice example of her collaboration in writing songs for children with Annie Rosetta Stephens exists, with music by Anderson and words by Stephens (Mary L. Richmond, Vol. I., #1336, p. 191). She copied many original Shaker songs from old manuscripts. In her "Birdcraze" poem she protested the use of feathers in women's costumes, especially hats; she also wrote about vegetarianism and, more importantly, she addressed the issue of peace in her poems.

**Anderson, William** (1824-1930), of Mt. Lebanon, brother of Martha Jane, lived in various families, and at the South F. from 1884 until his death; he was assistant teacher with William Calver in 1866-1867, residing at the East F. After 1872 he became the "first gardener" of the Church F. seed gardens. A "Shakers Descriptive and Illustrated Catalog of Flower and Vegetable Seeds for 1881" was published in his name. After Br. Robert Wagan's death, in
1883, the chair industry was carried on under Br. William's direction; he was succeeded by Eldress Sarah Collins, of the South F. In 1919, at the age 77, he was the oldest surviving Shaker brother at the Church F.; and did "much of the business and the marketing for the North Family in this city [Pittsfield, MA], coming more than twice a week."  
(Berkshire Eagle, 1919).

Anstatt, Isaac (died March 29, 1915, age 70), of Watervliet, NY, was admitted to the 2nd F. in 1853, and was there in 1857, age 18. He was described as "a short, stocky dutchman [sic] – a capable administrator [sic], and a Northern Shaker, with Holder in scouting in South."  (WRHS, Reel 123) He was elder of the West F., around 1900. He was remembered as “the Shaker elder who delivered butter and eggs to Albany.”  (Filley, Dorothy M. Recapturing Wisdom's Valley: The Watervliet Shaker Heritage, 1775-1975. 1975, pp. 92-93.)

Avery, Giles Bushnell (1815-1890), of Mt. Lebanon, NY, was born in Saybrook, CT, and admitted in 1821 to the 2nd Order of the Church F., where he lived for 38 years and was subsequently 2nd and then 1st elder. He kept a diary reflecting on, among other things, the activities of Shaker cabinet- and furniture makers, as well as on his own work in Br. Freegift Wells' furniture shop at Watervliet, NY. He was also a stonemason, plasterer, and plumber, and, in 1850, he submitted a report to the Commissioner of Patents at the House of Representatives, describing the status and methods of agriculture at the "Shaker Village, Columbia County, New York" [Mt. Lebanon]. He became a singing and speaking medium for several years. He went into the Lead Ministry in 1859 and stayed there until his death. In 1880 a writing of his, A Defense of the Shaker Friends appeared in Mind and Matter, and in the same year he wrote his autobiography. He was the writer of Sketches of Shakers and Shakerism. Synopsis of Theology of United Society of Believers in Christ's Second Appearing, published in 1883 and 1884. An important article by him, to which both Elder Frederick Evans and Eldress Anna White attached great importance, was The Shakers. Spirit Manifestations Among Them. A Sketch of Their History that appeared in 1891. It was at his request that in 1882 the Shaker communities determined the average lifespan of the Shakers (which was found to be significantly higher than that of the general population).

Barlow, Lillian (1876-1942), of the 2nd F., Mt. Lebanon, NY was already living there by 1886 and attending school. She was in charge of canning vegetables and was a member of a Home Products Association, as several can labels attest. More importantly, she and Br. William Perkins were the primary members involved in the manufacture of chairs in the 20th C. A letterhead of the Mt. Lebanon Woodworking Co. describes its activities as pattern and model making, turning, polishing, cabinet making, woodcarving and antique restoration. The 2nd F. sold their property in 1940 and she moved to the North F., where she died. Sr. Lillian, together with Eldresses Ella Winship and Anna Case of Watervliet, NY, and Srs. Jennie Wells and Alice Smith of Hancock, MA, helped build the New York State Museum Shaker Collection.

Barnum, Alice (1860-1870), Shaker child at Mt. Lebanon, was buried in the Canaan, NY Shaker Cemetery. (Th.D.)

Barrett, Andrew (1837-1917) of Church F., Mt. Lebanon, NY, was born in Jersey City, NJ, and died at Hancock, May 15, 1917. He was a compiler of visions and inspired communications. He was admitted to Church F. on Oct 3, 1850 and went to the Harvard, MA, Shakers in May 1883 as Elder. He was appointed Ministry Elder at Union Village, OH, in 1894. In Feb 1895 he went with Henry Hollister to stay at Florida's Olive Branch Shaker Family and became its Elder June 22, 1902. In December 1916 he was Elder at White Water, OH, but then left to go to the Hancock Shakers. (Th.D.)

Basting, Louis (1847-1905), of Mt. Lebanon, NY, and Hancock, MA, was born in Eberbach, Nassau, Germany. He was an elder at the 2nd Family in Mt. Lebanon, NY. While there, he wrote the poem "Shaker Burials" which appeared in The Shaker in June 1877, suggesting in it that a tree be planted near every Shaker grave. (Burns?) He was appointed head gardener at Church Family, Hancock, MA, in 1888. He took care of the garden and sold surplus vegetables and fruit; he also took charge of the poultry. In addition, he was to lead meetings, when Elder Albert J. Battles, both of Hancock Church F. and First in Ministry, was away. He became the last male minister and Elder at Hancock, 1888-1905. (Pr.Br.; S.P.; J.L.; D.B.).
Bates, Paulina (1806-1884), joined the Shakers in 1825, transferred to the 2nd F. in 1930, was eventually appointed 1st eldress. She was living at the South F., Watervliet, NY, in 1861, transferred in that year to North Family, Mount Lebanon, NY; she signed the North F. covenant on Feb. 23, 1863. She was the author of *The Divine Book of Holy and Eternal Wisdom. Revealing the Word of God; Out of Whose Mouth Goeth A Sharp Sword...* It was published by the Shakers at Canterbury, N.H., in 1849 (2 vols. in 1). It stirred an internal debate among the Shakers, defended and regarded as a visionary by some. Eventually the book was suppressed, in spite of the heavy expenses incurred for printing the volume. (S. P.; MGH, Vol. III, 2001; M.R.)

Belden, Elizabeth (1871-1944), of Hancock, MA, was born in Northfield, MA, and entered the Church F. when a child. She signed the covenant October 3, 1892, and served as a schoolteacher from 1898 through 1934. She was taught music in her later years by Sr. Alice Smith, but had a "terrible voice." Remaining in the Church Family, she eventually became its eldress. She wrote essays and commentaries for the *Manifesto* and kept lists of her students and of arrivals to and departures from the Church F., Hancock, MA.

Belden, Hattie Emorettta (1862-1918), of the Church F., Hancock, MA (Elizabeth Belden's older sister), was born July 15, 1862. She was at the Church F. in 1880; at age 17 she kept house; and signed the Covenant in February, 1886. She was a schoolteacher in 1889-1892; wrote "Notes About Home" to the *Manifesto* (1893-1896), and composed acrostics in 1894. She was 2nd Eldress in 1892-1897, but left the Shakers on December 29, 1897. She returned January 14, 1898. In the June, 1910 US Census she was listed as a "fancy worker." (D.B., Pr.Br., J.L.)

“Benjamin” – there were several Benjamins at Mt. Lebanon: (Benjamin Brower, of 2nd F. was 30 years of age September 14, 1858, when he died; Benjamin Gates (1817-1909), born in Sherburne, NY, he was admitted Nov. 28, 1821.; became a Family Deacon, and an Office Trustee in 1856, visited the Georgia Shakers, and was associated with the Florida Shaker community; Benjamin Hallord, born Nov. 13, 1825 in Lee, MA, went away in Mar 1839; and Benjamin Lyon, Office Deacon between Dec 1823 and 1826, and April 1840- May 1841, Family Deacon in the 2nd Order between April 1828 and 1840. (Th.D.). In the same year he wrote a manuscript: *Anthem Collected & Transcribed by and for B.L.*.

Bishop, "Corin(n)e" Correnah Nausica (Narcissa) (1848-1929), of Mt. Lebanon, NY, was born in New Canaan, CT, and admitted to the North F. in 1859. After four years she was sent to the 2nd Order of the Church F. and lived there until it was merged with the 1st Order, in 1896. A manuscript by Br. Andrew Barret and her: "The Book of Witnesses" is in the collections of the Western Reserve Historical Society. She died in Pittsfield [MA] General Hospital. A poem in her memory, written by Sr. Grace Ada Brown, was printed the same year.

Bishop, Emma, of Mt. Lebanon, NY, was born in 1848. (WRHS Reel 123)


Blinn, Henry Clay (1824-1905), of Canterbury, NH, was born in Providence, RI, the last of seven children. Upon his insistence he joined the Shakers at the age of 14 and signed the covenant in 1846. James Johnson, the associate elder in charge of the mill and the wood turning machinery, was his guardian, and through his solicitations Henry Blinn was placed in the Church F. Besides his several trades already listed in the caption, he was also a beekeeper, stonecutter, tailor, cabinetmaker, and caretaker and teacher of children (1842-1852). In 1852 he was first placed in the Order of the Elders and then in the Ministry, but in 1859 he was appointed 1st elder in the Church F., and stayed in that position until 1880. He was known for his prolific writing (recording, e.g. the history of New Hampshire Shaker Societies and a biography of Mother Ann; the carding mill activities; the Shaker clothing of Sisters and Brothers; the plush cushions and the like; for his elaborate and colorful Shaker village plan drawings of Canterbury, NH (1848), and Watervliet, NY, which he displayed in his Canterbury Museum; and for compiling collections of Shaker hymns and anthems. His pamphlet, *Advent of the Christ in Man and Woman*, appeared in 1896. He was also involved in the publishing of the periodical *The Shaker*; and was responsible for designing the type and setting/printing *A Sacred Repository of Anthems and Hymns, for Devotional Worship and Praise...*, in 1852 (MGH, Vol. III, 2001).
Brainard, Dewitt Clinton (1828-1897), was a horticulturist at the 2nd F., Mt. Lebanon, NY. A hynmal, “systematically arranged and chirographically [written by hand] compiled” by him in 1849, exists. In the early 1850s he was involved in the chair business together with Brs. George O'Donnell, Daniel Hawkins, and Robert Wagan of the 2nd F. His Shaker Catalogue and Amateur's Guide to the Flower and Vegetable Garden was published in Albany, 1874. He also left behind a “Letter-book of the Second Family,” containing about 1200 letters, covering the 1870s, which reflect its activities. "Dewitt Clinton Brainard, elder and deacon at second family Mt. L. died suddenly" May 11, 1897. (Church F., Hancock Journal).

Bruce, Arthur (1858-1938), of Canterbury, NH, was born in Springfield, MA. He was admitted to the Shakers at Enfield, CT, in 1874. He went to Canterbury, NH, in 1885 and signed the covenant in 1887. In the winter of that year he was teaching school and did so again in 1889 and 1891. Br. Arthur was appointed trustee in 1892. In that capacity he oversaw the planting of the vegetables and kept meticulous records about the cattle. Later, together with Br. Irving Greenwood, he was involved in the sale of Sarsaparilla. He was appointed elder in 1899, and served in the Central Ministry from May, 1919 to 1938. According to Sisters Bertha Lindsay and Lillian Phelps, he was a brilliant baritone and organized the Shaker Sisters Quartet (Qui Vive Quartette).

Burke, Carrie, of White Water, OH, was born 1835 (?) or 1842 (no birth certificate). She was at White Water in 1880; became 2nd Eldress at the North F. in 1862 (?) or 1882 (?) (illegal); signed the Covenant in 1904; moved to Hancock Church F., in 1917, after the White Water, OH Shaker Society closed. She died at Hancock, Nov. 6, 1924, 80 years of age. (WRHS, Reel 123).

Bushnell, Richard (1791-1873), of North F., Mt. Lebanon, NY, was born in Saybrook, Middlesex Co., CT. He was North F. Trustee in 1821; was appointed Assistant Elder Jan 1st, 1827; signed the Covenant there in 1829 and 1842; was 1st Elder of North F. in 1857, and was a box maker in 1860. (Th. Don.)

Byrdsall, Charlotte (Lottie), of North F., Mt. Lebanon, Dec 18, 1882; moved to Watervliet, NY on Jan 29, 1883.

Cantrell, Eunice (1835-1909), of Mt. Lebanon, NY, was born in Deerfield, MA. She worked in the garden, and was described as “ready and willing to perform any kind of kindness.”

Carter, Charles, of Mt. Lebanon, NY. Born Apr 8, 1845; was admitted Oct 19, 1887. He was put in charge of furnaces (?) in 1887-1891. He left the Shakers in 1891. (Th. Don.)

Case, Anna (1855-1938), of the South F. at Watervliet, NY, came there as a child of twelve. She remained there for life, becoming the last in the Watervliet Ministry. She became 2nd elderess with Rosetta Hendrickson in December, 1881. Very popular with the Shakers, she also made a multitude of friends among the "World's people." The World's children who were taught in the North F. recalled their Shaker schooling, and envied the more relaxed life in the South F. under her guidance (1910s), as she was not as strict as Eldress Polly Lee. Eldresses Anna Case, Caroline Tate, and Ella Winship were instrumental in helping to preserve historical documents of Watervliet, NY, at the Western Reserve Historical Society in Cleveland, OH.

Chatfield, Chas T., of Mt. Lebanon, NY, was born Oct 21, 1886; admitted June 1897, left March 22, 1902

Collins, Phidilio (Phidilio) (1813-1884), of Church F., Hancock, MA, was born at Schuyler's, Otsego Co., NY. He was at the 2nd Order in 1829, signed the Covenant in 1843, was active on western seed route in 1854. He was appointed 2nd Elder of Church F. in 1856, 2nd in the Hancock Ministry in 1860; resigned from Ministry in 1864; was appointed 1st Elder at Church F.

Collins, Polly Jane (1801-1884), born in Cambridge, NY.; of North, Church, and West Families, Hancock, a prolific “instrument” and gift receiver, lived with several other family members at these families. She and her siblings met Elder Calvin Green during his missionary trip to Fairfield, New York, in 1825; she lived at the Church F. in 1829; signed the Covenant in 1823 and 1843. She eventually became the girls’ caretaker. She moved to the Church F. Office in 1856. The HSV Museum holds several of her known gift emblems and watercolor works. (Pr.Br., MGH Guide Vol. III., Sharon Koomler, 2000.)
Collins, Sarah Ann [Jane] (1855-1947), of Mt. Lebanon, NY, was born in Boston, MA. She became an orphan at the age of seven. She was appointed elderess of the South F. when only 20 years old. In charge of the Shaker chair industry for more than 60 years, she was personally involved in applying seating to the chair frames. She was a very versatile and accomplished person; she played the organ, tended a vegetable garden and, in her old age, after she stopped taping chairs, she started making braided rugs at which she became an expert (she completed her last rug when more than 90 years old). She stayed interested in and informed about the events outside her community. At the age of 80 (in 1935), she moved to the 2nd F., and eventually to the North F. When Mt. Lebanon closed in 1947 she moved to Hancock, MA, where she died.

Copeland, Victoria, of Church F., Hancock, was admitted at age 11, in 1901, but left when 13 yrs of age.

Cop(e)ley, Sarah Emily (1843-1911), Trustee at the North F., Enfield, CT; much beloved caretaker of young girls.

Corson, Martha (Mrs. Wisell) was born June 16, 1893, and placed with the Hancock Church F. in fall 1900 and lived in Brick Dwelling’s room # 18. Sr. Elizabeth Belden was her teacher, and Martha left a significant number of drawings with her. They remained in correspondence for several years, even after she was taken away by her parents in 1909. After her marriage she came back to visit.

Crooks, Charles, of North F., Enfield, CT, was 16 years of age in 1870, and listed as farm laborer in that year’s US Census. (Stephen Paterwic. An Extract of Names, Ages, and Occupations from the US Census 1850-1910 for the City of Union, Connecticut, the Shaker Society at Enfield, 1990.)

Crosman, Daniel (1810-1885), of Mt. Lebanon, NY, was admitted in October 1822. He was previously with the “Young Believers” at Wilmington, VT, in 1819. He was deacon in September 1837-March 1841, “Assistant” Elder 1844-1852, box maker in 1845, 1st Order Assistant Elder in September and Elder in October 1852. (Th.D.)

Crosman, Rufus (1798-1891), of Mt. Lebanon, NY, lived with the “Young Believers” at Wilmington, VT, in 1819. He lived at the North F. in 1829, moved to the 2nd F. in 1841. In 1850 he was a gardener, and Jan 11, 1857 he moved from his Office Deacon position there to Farm Deacon. He moved to East F. in April 1859, to start seed garden business, and signed that Family’s Covenant in May 1860. (Th.D.)

Dahm, Grace (1874-1958), of Watervliet, NY, was born in Kinderhook, NY, and brought to the Shakers at Watervliet at age 13, together with her sister, Mary (see below), by their father, when he went to do carpentry work there. (He also made oval boxes and skis for the older girls there.) She moved to Mt. Lebanon, NY, in 1938, and to Hancock, MA, in December of 1947 - when the Mt. Lebanon community closed - together with five remaining Shakers. She was an expert rug weaver at both places.

Dahm, Mary F. (1883-1965), of Watervliet, NY, also born in Kinderhook, NY, and admitted with her in 1887. Upon the Watervliet community’s dissolution in 1938, both sisters moved to Mt. Lebanon, NY. When that community closed in 1947, they moved to the Church F., Hancock, MA. Mary became a registered nurse, served as a Trustee, maintained a flower garden, and was a leading basket maker at Watervliet, Mt. Lebanon, NY and Church F., Hancock, where she remained until it closed in 1960. A sizable number (318!) of basket handles was left behind by her. She was also known to have dressed Shaker dolls with bonnets. In spite of her many ailments, she raised chickens, baked, nursed others, organized community celebrations, and held Sunday School for children.

Damon, Thomas (1819-1880), of Enfield, CT, and Hancock, MA; born in Johnston, Providence Co., RI, the son of Arthur and Olive Damon of Coventry, RI, who moved to Enfield, CT, and united with the Shakers in April 1827. He moved from the West F. to Center F. in 1834, back to West F. in 1836, and again to Center F. in 1839. He signed the Covenant in July 1841, was appointed as 2nd in Hancock Ministry on Jan.1, 1846, when he moved to Hancock, and 1st in the Ministry on October 7, 1860. A journal kept by him has shed important insights on the lives of
Hancock Shakers. He worked hard on all kinds of crafts, and was credited with several inventions, the most important being the inventor and producer of folding table swifts. He was well loved and respected by his fellow Shakers. (Pr.Br.; D.B.)

Dean, Sarah, of the 2nd or South F., Enfield, NH, was there in 1886. (WRHS, Reel 123)

De Witt, Henry (1805-1855), of Mt. Lebanon, NY, was admitted to the Shakers in December 1813, at the young age of 7. He signed the Covenant in 1827. He was a shoemaker and bookbinder in 1840 and 1845, a wheelwright in 1845, and a shoemaker in 1850. (Th D) He recorded: "9 December 1853: I got all the covers on on [sic] my books to day 42 of them 23 Hymns books 2 anthem books for the Hill folks & 1 hymn book. 2 large Mechanic's Dictionary on Machinery for Geor[ge] Wickersham 11 verse books." (Jerry Grant transcription.)

Delcheff, Anna, of the Church F., Hancock, MA, was one of three young women who came from Bulgaria. She was born in 1889 and was admitted to Hancock in November, 1901, at the age of 13. She was the youngest of seven children. Four of her brothers were named for the 4 gospels: Matthias, Marcus, Lucas and Ivan (John); all four were killed in Bulgaria in guerilla wars. Two other brothers came to the United States; Agnar taught school and Boris worked at the Springfield, MA, arsenal. She went to the Shaker school at Hancock and was Sr. Elizabeth Belden's student. She signed the covenant in November of 1910, and lived in room # 22 of the Dwelling House. She worked hard, tending children, vegetable gardens, and the dining room, besides other cleaning chores. She left in September, 1928, at age 40, and married Mr. Potter, the father of a Shaker girl under her care, Anita.

Dietrich, Emilie, at the Church F., Hancock, in 1910, at the age of 8; she stayed with the Shakers until 1917.

Dimitroff, Catherine, of the Church F., Hancock, MA, was born in 1888, in Yambol, Bulgaria, the second youngest of seven children. Her father was a soldier in the Balkan wars. She lost her mother when four, and lived with her two aunts for some years. She left for the United States when already seventeen, in hopes of getting a higher education to become a teacher. With the help of Bulgarian acquaintances she landed in Boston, then went to a boarding house in Brockton, and finally, through Richo (Relitio) Petiff, a Bulgarian Shaker Brother, she arrived at Hancock's Church F., in June 1906, at the age 17. She signed the covenant of the Church F. in 1910, lived in room # 23 of the Brick Dwelling, and was one of the Church F. photographers. She took a nursing course while still with the Shakers, and was responsible for nursing Eldress Fannie Estabrook. After she left the Shakers in September, 1928 she worked for many years as a practical nurse in a hospital in Providence, RI, where she still lived in 1983, at the age of 94.

Doane, Maria (1833-1892), of the Church F., Hancock, MA, was a member for 51 years, coming "out of little girls' order." She must have come to the Shakers when eight years old; she signed the covenant in 1854. She was listed in the July, 1870 US Census at the Church F. as tailorress, age 36.

Doddson, Anna (1818-1897), of Mt. Lebanon, NY, was born in Carlisle, Cumberland, England, to a family of Quakers; she was admitted to the Shakers at the age of 10. She was a family deaconess, but became a teacher and taught school from 1856 to 1866, when the teaching was taken over by Srs. Amelia Calver and Emma Jane Neale, her former pupils and teaching assistants. In addition, she was busy, among other things, making carpets, and was known for receiving an "inspiration" in 1841 as to how many colors to use in a carpet - in binding yarn and in the carpet binding. She also received "instructions" for interior decoration, and with Rhoda Blake wrote Shaker songs and hymns (verse and letteral music).

Doolittle, Antoinette (1810-1886), of the North F., Mt. Lebanon, NY, was born in New Lebanon, NY. She came to the Shakers on November 14, 1824, on her own, despite the objections of her parents, nine siblings and friends. She became a lifelong member of the North F. She signed the Covenant in 1831; became assistant deaconess in 1836; 2nd eldress in 1838, in place of Sally Bushnell, and 1st eldress in 1850. She stayed in charge of this important Family for the next 36 years. (She was described in the US Census of 1869 as a seamstress, and in 1870 and 1880 as eldress.) She raised a new group of talented Shaker female leaders, such as Anna White, Catherine Allen, Cecilia De Vere, Martha Anderson, Rosetta Stevens, Martha and Sarah Burger, among others. Besides her
autobiography, published in 1880, she wrote broadsides, small tracts, many hymns, and from 1873 to 1875 was co-editor (with Elder Frederick Evans) of the periodical Shaker and Shakeress.

Eades (Eads), Harvey Lauderdale (1807-1892), of South Union, KY, was born April 28, in Logan Co., KY. He was admitted November, 1807, with his parents (he had one brother, John Robinson), and placed in the Children's Order before the age of one. Thus he was a Shaker from cradle to grave. Thus he was one of the most important Shaker theologians, writing many pamphlets, discourses, sermons, and was the editor of several editions of Shaker Sermons (1879 to 1889). While at South Union, he was also involved in teaching and was a prominent musician and music scribe (1810-1832, 1838, 1841-1869 manuscripts of his are in the Western Reserve Historical Society collections) who, while trying to modify the description of tempo markings, also managed to copy upwards of five hundred tunes from Br. Isaac N. Young's (of Mt. Lebanon, NY) song manuscript. He was associated in the Ministry with Elder B. S. Young in 1836. In 1844 he removed to the Church F. at Union Village, OH, and was elder of the Novitiate Order for 12 years and then elder of another family for two years. During these years he was also a tailor (starting in 1844) and in 1849 wrote the "The Tailor's Division System..." [for cutting Shaker garments]. His patterns were sent from Union Village to Mt. Lebanon. In 1862 he was reappointed to the Ministry at South Union, KY. In 1863 he was a co-signer of a letter "To the Honorable Abraham Lincoln, President of the U.S." pleading for exemption of young Shakers from the military draft. In 1868 the Kentucky Ministry of Pleasant Hill and South Union was combined, and Eades was one of the Bishopric Ministry, but in 1872 the Bishopric was dissolved; in 1889 the South Union Ministerial Order was abolished. In 1885, in his capacity as a Trustee, he was in charge of Shaker's Farm Annual, a publication listing a large variety of seeds, animals, and products. During several stages of his life he also wrote letters to worldly newspapers and journals, such as American Socialist and Day-Star & Phrenological Journal. He died at South Union, KY. His important and influential book Shaker Sermons: Scripto-rational. Containing the Substance of Shaker Theology. Together with Replies and Criticisms Logically and Clearly Set Forth, was published in 1879.

Ellett, Lydia (1815-1897), of Canterbury (in 1843) and Enfield, NH. She lived in a small “out-family” in 1819.

Estabrook, Fannie Mary (1870-1960), of Church F., Hancock, MA, the older sister of Fidella, joined the Shakers in 1881, and became Trustee in 1919, upon the death Elder Joseph Holden (S.P.), kept busy together with the other Trustee, Frances Hall, in 1956 (MGH, Vol. II). She became the last Hancock Eldress in 1929, serving in that position until her death. She was also a skilled weaver.

Estabrook, Fidella (Emma) (1875-1911), was at the Church F., Hancock, MA, in 1890. In that year, at the age of fifteen, she was a correspondent to The Manifesto; writing poems, "Notes about Home," and an essay. (She, a seamstress, and three sisters of hers were listed in the 1900 US Census; one of them, Fannie, became an Eldress. Their father, Dwight, was a Civil war veteran.) She signed the Church F. covenant in December 1895, and was still listed as seamstress in the 1910 US Census, but became a schoolteacher. She was the author of the book of poems: Berkshire Wild-flowers, published probably in 1902, by The Abbey Press, New York. The advertising circular stated: "This book is especially designed for invalids and shutins, but may be found a ... joy to others" (Richmond, Vol.1, 1977). She was of frail health due to two accidents and later had to use a wheel chair. Her room was a general meeting room, where a lot of reading aloud was done; the Sisters used the “Athenaeum” (presently named the Berkshire Athenaeum, Pittsfield, MA Library), as their source of books. She died when only 36 years old.

Estabrook, Washington Gregory, probably a member of the Estabrook family (see Fidella and Fanny Estabrook of Hancock Church F.).

Estey, Mariette (1858-1934), was born in Oxford, MA. She joined the Upper Canaan, NY, Shakers around 1865. When that family closed in 1897, she moved to the North F., Enfield, CT, then to the Church F., Mt. Lebanon, NY; and then to Hancock, MA. (All the Upper Canaan Sisters involved in the moves always stayed together. While at Hancock they lived in the Church F. Ministry Shop.) She died in Pittsfield [MA] General Hospital.

Evans, Frederick (1808-1893), of the North F., Mt. Lebanon, NY, lived there for 63 years, at which he was an elder for 57 years. He was born in Leominster, Worcestershire, England, of a family blessed with longevity. His
grandfather nearly reached his one-hundredth birthday and his grandmother lived for one hundred and four years. His father was the youngest of twelve children and was active in the English army. His mother, Sarah White, was of aristocratic lineage, and thus her marriage was much resisted. She died when Frederick was four years of age. It was then that the child was taken to the residence at Chadwick Hall, where he was taken care of by various relatives. When he turned twelve he was taken by his father to America, together with his older, freethinker brother, George, from whom he learned respect for books and knowledge. Together they published several papers on social issues. He came to the North F. in 1830 after having investigated the ideas of Robert Dale Owen and his circle. He became 2nd Elder in place of David Sizer in 1838; was listed in US Census as "laborer" in 1850; "in horticulture" in 1860; as "preacher" in 1870 and as Elder in 1880. He was an active exponent of social causes, correspondent to Shaker and "worldly" newspapers and journals, and writer of many pamphlets, essays, and a cookbook. Together with Eldress Antoinette Doolittle, he edited and published the periodical The Shaker and Shakeress for three years, from 1873 to 1875; in 1873 he also published the Second Appearing of Christ. He was a prolific writer, not only for Shaker periodicals (e.g. The Shaker), but for the worldly newspapers and journals. He also wrote Autobiography of a Shaker in 1888. He made several trips to England to promote Shaker ideas and gather new converts. He was a Grahamite and a vegetarian, and introduced this diet to the Shakers at Mt. Lebanon, NY. On November 26th, 1892, he was "removed from the North Family eldership," (Hancock Shakers' Daybook, 1837-1913). He died March 6th, 1893.

Fairchild, Calvin M., of Church F., Hancock, MA, was born in 1841, was found abandoned near the Church Family Dwelling, at around the age of 2, on July 25, 1843. In May 1860 he was appointed Boy’s Caretaker. He was 26 years old in 1868, when interviewed by a Scottish writer, David Macrae, who was most positively impressed by this young Brother. In that same year Br. Fairchild wrote: “…As a general rule the best men and women laugh the most. Good, round, hearty, side-shaking laughter is health for everybody, for the dyspeptic it is life.” (In Brewer, p. 169 & note 40). He died Dec. 6, 1869 of consumption, at age 27.

Fallon [Phallon], Sr. Fannie (Frances Charlotte) (1853-1928), of Enfield, NH, "was the last Shaker to teach at the Church F. She started her teaching career as an assistant to Mary E. Elkins in 1882, and taught continuously until the school was closed in 1914." Sr. Fannie was instrumental in helping to close out the Enfield community, and moved to Canterbury with the rest of the Sisters and one Brother in 1923. She left in 1925, died in 1928, and was the last Shaker to be buried in the Church F. cemetery at Enfield.

Fellows, Ada, when 10 yrs of age she was at the Church F., Hancock, MA, in 1916; she left in 1917. (Pr. Br.)

Free, John S., of Mt. Lebanon, NY, was born in 1870, admitted to the Shakers in 1878, but left in 1883. (Th.D.)

Gardner, Bets(e)y, lived at Tyringham, MA. She was one of seven “inspired instruments” there in 1842. A copy of “The Holy Bible” published in 1808 became her prized possession, which she bought in 1821, where she states her birth date as November 6, 1806.

Gilman, Richard Smith, Elder in Alfred, ME; transferred to Mt. Lebanon in 1860; died Dec 8, 1886. (Th.D.).

Green, Calvin (1780-1869), of Mt. Lebanon, NY, was born in Hancock, MA. He signed the 1st Covenant in 1795, and again at the usual age of 21 yrs, on June 24, 1801; he was sent to North F. in March 1807 to be a public speaker. He was a major theologian and historian (S.P.) While at the North F., he helped with the 2nd edition of The Testimony of Christ’s Second Appearing in 1810. (S.P.) In 1814 and 1827 he was Asst. Elder at North F. and Elder in 1829. He was co-author with Seth Y. Wells, of A Summary View of the Millennial Church, in 1823. In 1830 they were co-authors of A Brief Exposition of the Established Principles and Regulations of the United Society Called Shakers, which went through eight printings. He was released as Elder in March 1832, and moved to the 1st Order. He went to the Groveland, NY Shakers in July 1861. He was appointed 1st Elder of West F. in 1861. He signed the covenant and returned to Mt. Lebanon again in 1863. (Th.D.)

Hadd, Arnold, of Sabbathday Lake, ME, born in Springfield, MA, 1956, he contacted the Shakers in 1972, corresponded with them for a couple of years, first visited in 1974, and joined in 1978. Mentored by Brother Theodore Johnson, he assisted him until his death in 1986. (Interview with Ellen Spear, President and CEO, Hancock Shaker Village, 2010). He became the community printer of many labels, of the 1997 catalog of culinary
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elievers in Christ.
The story, in many voices, of Deacon James Holmes, first printer of the Sabbathday Lake Shakers.” (1996) He is former curator of the Society’s Shaker Museum; a historian, providing important information and insights to Shaker scholars; speaker at several Shaker Seminars; editor of and contributor to The Shaker Quarterly, published for the Sabbathday Lake community (Agreeable to our Understanding: The Shaker Covenant); co-author, with Stephen Paternic of Gospel Ministry, Vol. 24, nos. 1-4, 1996). He was appointed Elder in 1986, and Trustee in 1990.

Halford, Robert (1829-1907), of the Church F., Mt. Lebanon, NY, was born in Bristol, England, and admitted May 1887. He ran the medicine business for Eldred Emma Neal. He participated in the Peace Conference, organized by the North F. Shakers, under Eldress Anna White's leadership, in 1905.

Haskell, Jonathan, of Mt. Lebanon, NY, signed the covenant in 1820, and was there in 1822. (Th.D.).

Hayden, Olive Fuller (Mrs. Austin) (1896-1987), of the Church F., Hancock, MA, joined the Shakers in October, 1903, when 7 years old. Her teachers were Sr. Hattie Emoretta Belden, to whom she wrote a loving letter in 1905, and Eldress Elizabeth Belden, Sr. Emoretta's younger sister. Olive signed the covenant in June 1918, and in turn became a Sunday School teacher. She left in August 1935, for health reasons. She became a skilled practical nurse, lived in Clinton, CT, and married Mr. Morris Austin. (She later became a most valuable source of information about the Shakers, and was among those interviewed in Ken Burns' film about the Shakers.) She died in March 1987 at age 90.

Helfrich, Caroline (1836-1929), of Enfield, CT, was born in New York City. She was appointed 2nd Eldress in the Hancock Bishopric Ministry (1871-73), and 1881-87. She served as 1st Eldress between 1887 and 1893, when the Bishopric Ministry was dissolved. At that point she became 1st Eldress at Church F. Hancock, 1893-1929. (D.B.)

Helfrich, Sophia (1834-1920), of Hancock, MA, was born in Germany. She was admitted to the Shakers in 1824 at the West Family. She moved to the Church Family in 1887, to assist at the Office, where she was on June 22, 1880. She was a cloak-maker and Second Family Eldress.

Holden, Joseph (1836-1919), joined the Shakers with his mother in 1839, and went to live at the 2nd Order, New Lebanon on April 17, 1841. He was assigned to the Deacons’ Lot of that Family on September 24, 1859. He was appointed to the Ministry on November 15, 1891, and First in the Brothers’ Lot in the Ministry after Daniel Boler died. He moved to Hancock in 1892. On September 3, 1901, he was appointed Trustee of Harvard and Shirley. He was also successor Trustee to John Whitely of Harvard/Shirley, MA, Bishopric, upon his death. This busy Shaker leader, called upon to so many places to consolidate and oversee the dissolution of the Shaker Societies, died in Hancock, MA. (MGH & S.P.)

Hollister, Alonzo (1830-111), of Mount Lebanon, was born in Adams, Berkshire Co., MA. He was admitted to the Church F. of Mt. Lebanon in May 1838, from Bennington, VT, along with his father, three younger brothers, and a sister. (Other members of the Hollister family joined the Shakers later: his mother and an older sister, Rhoda.) He was put under the care of Philemon Stewart, and then of Giles Avery. He witnessed the Era of Mother's Work during his boyhood and must have been deeply moved by it, "receiving" a Shaker march by inspiration in 1848. The kitchen garden activities and the chores around the house did not prevent him from numerous outings and play. Later he was placed in the shoe shop; then in the garden; later still in the herb business; then to the supervision of the extract business, taking over this task from James Vail and becoming the chief "chemist" in 1856. Br. Alonzo became a member of the Elder's Order in 1887, and moved to the Church F. when the 2nd Order closed in 1896. He was an ardent letter writer and the celebrated correspondence between the Shakers and the Russian writer Leo Tolstoy started with him (in 1890). He also wrote and published many broadsides, pamphlets, several treatises on Shaker theology (about 36 are listed in his name alone in Richmond, Vol. I, 1977), and was a co-author, with Calvin Green, of the Pearly Gate of the True Life and Doctrine for Believers in Christ.. in 1894; the 2nd and 3rd parts were compiled by Hollister alone (from 1900 to 1904). He was an avid collector and copied thousands of pages of Shaker documents, thus assuring their survival, and making it possible for the 20th C. Shaker scholars "to attribute authorship, to establish dates, and to provide the context of many a Shaker document" (Diane Sasson, 1989-1990). He was appointed elder of the Church F. on February 16, 1911, but died on August 19, 1911, at 81 years of age.
Holmes, James, of Sabbathday Lake, (1771-1856). Deacon James Holmes, first printer of Sabbathday Lake Shakers, Maine, reprinted the first Shaker tract of Father Joseph Meacham’s A Concise Statement of the Principles of the Only True Church according to the Gospel of the Present Appearance of Christ, in 1847 (originally printed in Bennington, Vermont, by Haskell & Russell, in 1790; A Collection of Useful Hints for Farmers, in 1849, and a collection of Anthems, as already “an Octogenarian…” in 1850. (R #1009, Vol.1, p. 146) He and his natural brother, Br. Josiah were among the first Shakers to sell seed packages in the late 1790s. (Mark Lapping. Sufficient unto Themselves: Life and Economy Among the Shakers in Nineteenth Century Rural Maine. 2001)

Jones, J. Martin (1852-1942), of Mt. Lebanon, NY, was born in England, and immigrated to USA in 1887. He was a horticulturist.

Johnson, Betsey, of Tyringham and Hancock,, MA, was a spiritual “instrument;” 1st Ministry Eldress in 1873-1880, and 2nd Eldress in 1880-1881. Together with her sisters Julia and Almira, she was a great-granddaughter of Samuel Johnson, a Presbyterian minister. He was an early convert to Shakerism. Their grandmother still lived at Hancock; but their mother left the community when she was 20, yet sent the three girls in 1837 to be raised by the Hancock Shakers. (D.B., pp. 93, 96, 200)

Johnson, Martha (1846-1911), of the Church F., Hancock, MA, was born in St. Johns, New Brunswick, Canada. She was at the Church F. in 1870, listed in US Census as dress maker, together with Julia Johnson, 39, tailorress. She signed its Covenant in 1874; but was at the East F. in 1880, listed as "seamstress." (At that time Henrietta Johnson, 76, widowed [Martha’s mother?], is also listed at the same family.) In 1886, she was appointed 1st Eldress in place of Betsey Johnson, and in 1887 “Emoretta Belden with her in the eldership.” She taught at least one year in 1892. In October 1893 she succeeded Lucy Jane Osborn as Trustee (Julia Sweet, in Manifesto, Nov 1893; in Lockerbee). In the June, 1910, US Census at the East F., she was listed as "manager." She died September 15, 1911, as “Trustee at Office.” (MGH)

Johnson, Theodore Elliot (1931-1986), “educated at Harvard Divinity School, Fulbright Scholar when he went to Colby College, studied at the Sorbonne, and at the University of Strasbourg; his specialty was Medieval Latin. So he could speak five languages.” (Br. Arnold Hadd, interview with Ellen Spear, President and CEO of Hancock Shaker Village, 2010). He joined the Shakers of Sabbathday Lake; was appointed Elder and Trustee in 1972; Director of the Shaker Museum and Library at SDL, editor of “The Shaker Quarterly,” 1961-1974, founder of the Institute of Shaker Studies; mentor of Br. Arnold Hadd.

Kaimie (Kain/Kainglig), Emeline, of Mt. Lebanon, NY, born in Richfield, NY, in 1872. She was admitted to the Church F. May 18, 1879, and went to the world in 1887. (Th.D.)

Knowles, Ernestine, arrived together with her 12 year-old sister, Lilla, (Lily) at the Church F., Hancock, MA, in 1899, when 6 yrs of age, from Worcester, MA; left in 1901.

L. A., 1849 – there were several individuals whose names bore the initials A.L.: Anthony Lake (born 1828, he came to East F., Mount Lebanon in 1838, signed covenant 1842-1854); Augustus Lake (born March 1826, came to East F., 1838); Anna Langford (1840-1892), came from England, admitted May 3, 1883; Augusta Margaret Lannuier (1823-1862), admitted to Mount Lebanon, NY, on May 3, 1831; was Eldress of 2nd Order in 1868, signed the East F. Covenant between 1842-1854. She was a schoolteacher and hat maker in 1845.

Langford, Edward, was born in March 1874 in England, admitted to Mt. Lebanon, NY, in 1879, and went to the world in 1892. (Th. D.)

Lawson, Ira Remington (1834-1905), a highly esteemed and successful Trustee of the Hancock Shaker Society, was born in Union, CT, lived in the West F. in 1851, was appointed its 2nd Elder in 1857, and became 1st Trustee at the Church F. office in 1865. He apostatized in June, 1871, to marry Elisa Van Valen, but after only one day of unconsummated marriage returned to the Shakers “completely shaken and terrified by what he did.” He was taken back by the Shakers and worked hard on their behalf ever after. In 1899 he was appointed to the Mt.
Lomas, George Albert (1840-1889), of Watervliet, NY, was born in New York City, and joined the Shakers of the South F. in 1850, together with his sister, Isabella, and his brother, Melville. He was transferred to the 2nd Order in 1851, and taught boys in 1862-1863. He started speaking at public meetings in 1868, became Assistant Elder to Issachar Bates the same year, and Elder of the South F. in 1872 (while also writing anthems and hymns, in letteral music). He became 2nd Elder at the North F. in 1875. In addition to being the first editor of The Shaker, he edited Plain Talks upon Practical Religion, a pamphlet that went through at least four editions. By 1873 he became a preacher, and in 1874 he was the community's singing teacher. In 1876, his letter Decay of Shaker Institutions, written to the Albany Morning Express, was reprinted for the American Socialist, a publication of Oneida Community. In 1878 his letter to the editor of Scientific American, titled Early Manufacturer of Steel Pens, was published. Also "presented" by him for sale was a broadside, "Shaker Child's Prayer," and by 1877 it had gone through two editions. He was a correspondent to non-Shaker publications, Phrenological Journal, among them. He died prematurely, of heart disease, and his funeral was attended by 300 "World's people."

Lonsborough, Julia, was at Hancock Church F. school in 1897, when 10 yrs of age; she was in school in 1898 and 1899. She ran away December 18, 1900, returned by police Dec 20; went to live in Dalton, MA, Dec 21, 1900.

Lyman, (Sarah) Maria, (1833-1918), of Enfield, CT, belonged to the 3rd generation of the extended Lyman family. Her family joined the Enfield Shakers in the 1840s. She and her biological siblings, Amelia, Seth, Edward Israel, and Kezia, signed the covenant between 1852 and 1860; Trustee at the North F.; ran the cheese house, baked, made molasses, and currant and blackberry winies. Her diaries provided insight into the Sisters' work. (D. B.)

Lyon, Benjamin, of Mt. Lebanon, NY, was Office Deacon in 1823-1826, 1840-1841, and Family Deacon of the 2nd Order in 1828-1840. (Th. D.) He was a Trustee at the School District 12 in the 1840s. His manuscript: "Anthem Collected & Transcribed By and For B.L." is in the collections of the Western Reserve Historical Society. (MGH)

Lyon, Florence, of Mt. Lebanon, NY, was born Apr 25, 1853, in Brunswick, NY, admitted to the Shakers Feb 1863, went to world in Mar 1881. (Th. D.)

Lyon, Sarah, of Mt. Lebanon, NY, was at the East F. in 1819, and died Jan 20, 1827 at the 2nd F. (Th. D.)

McNemar, Richard, Sr. (1770-1839), formerly a Presbyterian minister (1797), later of Watervliet and Union Village, OH, and Pleasant Hill, KY, joined with his wife and seven children in 1803; signed the Covenant May 20, 1829, became 2nd Elder (pro-temp) Oct. 1, 1829, and released Feb 1830. He signed the Covenant again in 1833 at Watervliet, OH. A prolific writer, printer, bookbinder, furniture maker, tireless promoter of Shakerism in the West, he started the Western Review, the first Shaker periodical, at Watervliet, OH in 1834. He moved from there to Union Village, OH in 1836 or 1837. He sometimes used the pseudonym of Eleazer Wright, given to him by Mother Lucy Wright on receiving from him a letter signed "Richard McNemar, or nobody's son."

Mace, Aurelia Gay (1835-1910), of Sabbathday Lake, ME, the youngest child among six girls and two boys, was the daughter of Marquis de Lafayette Mace, a Universalist minister. She served as schoolteacher, 1853-1880, 2nd Eldress, 1860-1866, 1869-1880, and was the main force behind the construction of the schoolhouse, completed in 1880, Office Sister in 1890, correspondent, among others with the Russian writer Leo Tolstoy, who late in his life became a pacifist. She was a Trustee from 1896 until her death, introduced new products such as Shaker Lemon Syrup, revitalized the traditional fir balsam pillows, horsehair sieve, and brush industries, organized exhibits in the community's museum, and introduced the telephone system to her village. She was the writer of The Aletheia: Spirit of Truth, published in 1899. Her Series of Letters in which the Principles of the United Society Known as Shakers are set Forth and Illustrated, was also published in 1899.

Matthews, Susie, was at the Hancock Church F. school in 1892, age 11, and was a student in the years 1893-1896. She went to Hancock's East F. in May, and to the Office in August 1900. She signed the probationary covenant in June 29, 1903. (Pr.Br.)
Miller, Dorothea E., of the Church F., Hancock, at the age of 10, was there with her sister, Irene, in 1934. (Pr.Br.)

Mills, Peter (born in 1856), of Mt. Lebanon, NY, admitted Nov 11, 1865; left Oct 12 1870. (Th.D.)

Neal(e), Emma Jane (1847-1943), of Mt. Lebanon, NY, was born in Hinsdale, Cheshire Co, NH, and was admitted to the Church F., from the East F., in 1861. She became a teaching assistant, in 1866, and taught together with Amelia Calver in the years from 1866 to 1869. She continued teaching through 1875 and, starting in November 1872, she was authorized to teach boys — a significant Shaker innovation at that time. She served as trustee for 61 of her 96 years. Around the turn of the century she took over the leadership of the cloak industry from Sr. Clarissa Jacobs and continued it into the 1930's. As a Trustee, together with her sister, Sadie, she supervised the sale of furniture as Mt. Lebanon Families closed, one after another.

Neal(e), Sarah (Sadie) (1849-1948), of Mt. Lebanon, where she was indentured at the East F. (1857-1864) & (1895-1948, as a Deaconess) and Watervliet, NY (1864-1895), was born in Williamstown, MA. At Watervliet she helped Elder George Albert Lomas to publish The Shaker, to which she frequently contributed. She died in Hancock, MA. At her funeral she was celebrated for her "three useful lives: first as a school teacher [sic] at Watervliet, NY; second as postmistress at Mt. Lebanon and third as a manager of the farm and box shop there" (Berkshire Eagle, 1948). Both sisters were actively engaged with collectors Faith and Edward Deming Andrews, selling and eventually helping them in pursuit of collecting Shaker products (MGH; DePillis/Goodwillie).

Offord, Daniel (1843-1911), of the North F., Mt. Lebanon, NY, came there in 1856. Five other family members became Shakers, too. In the US Census of 1860 he was a "shoemaker," in 1870 a "herdsman," in 1880 an "elder." He attended the Mt. Lebanon school; became 2nd Elders of the North F. He had the charge of the boys and young brethren. He left the Shakers in 1895, but returned in 1898. He was reinstated as Elder in 1903. He wrote a pamphlet Seven Travails of the Shaker Church, (1889), and delivered The Doctrine and Life of the Shakers, in 1893, for the "World's First Parliament of Religions," held in Chicago in connection with the Columbian Exposition of 1893. (M.R., Vol. I) He compiled with others (Lucy Bowers and Martha J. Anderson) two volumes of Shaker Music: Vol. I. - Shaker music – Original Inspirational Hymns and Songs, &c. &c. New York: Wm. A. Pond & Co., 1884; Vol. II. Original Shaker Music &c. &c., with the same publisher in 1893. He worked very hard, and "died suddenly at sawmill" Feb. 25, 1911 (Hancock Shaker's Daybook, 1837-1913).

Osborne, Lucy Jane (1819-1893), born in Pittsfield, MA, was at the East F., Hancock, in 1829 and by 1833, when 13 years old, was a student at the Church F., Hancock, MA (where she learned "computing with both American 'federal' money and British sterling," and won a "prodigious amount" of flannel and worsted in 1844-45. (D.B.) She visited the New Lebanon Shaker School in 1847 and Tyringham in 1848, signed the Church F. Covenant in October 1848. She was a schoolteacher in 1851, took "Lucy" as her first name in honor of Mother Lucy Wright, and was appointed 2nd Eldress of Church F. in 1856. (Pr.Br.) Together with Sr. Emma Strowbridge she put in the Church Family's Sisters' Library, in 1881. Later she became a Trustee, serving until her death in 1893. (J.L., p.27)

Patterson, Adeline Nancy, (1884-1968) joined the North F., Enfield, CT, when 22 years of age; moved to Church F., Mt. Lebanon, NY, in 1913, and to Church F., Hancock, MA, in 1922. (Pr.Br.; Berkshire Eagle, 1968). After its closure in 1960, she went to a nursing home in Concord, NH, and is buried at Canterbury, NH. (The Shaker Quarterly). She was gifted with many books by her fellow Sisters of Hancock, MA, Enfield, CT, and Watervliet, NY.

Pattison, Joseph W., a Mt. Lebanon Shaker at Centre F. in Oct. 1873 and Oct. 1879 (when he wrote notes to Elder Calvin). He left the Shakers in the years 1873-1876 to become a Traveling Preacher in New York State, Bridgeport District. It is unknown when he returned to the Shakers. (MGH)

Pease, Omar (1815-1883), of North F., Enfield, CT, placed there at the age of 2, grew up and died there. He was listed as a broom maker in 1850, a farmer in 1860, a Trustee in 1870 US Census. (S.P. An Extract of Names…) He was praised by Canterbury's Henry Blinn, passing through in 1873. He sowed 150 acres of pine forest,
supervised the construction of several buildings, including a stock barn, he directed the changing of the grade of the public highway, and spent the last three years of his life as North F. elder. (D. B., pp. 155-156).

**Perkins, Abraham** (1807-1900), head of Canterbury/Enfield, NH Ministry. Born in Sanbornton, Belknap Co., NH he was the youngest son of a large family. He united with the Shakers at Enfield, NH, in March 1827 at age 20 after having studied law in his brother's office. He was schoolteacher at the Church F. from 1828 through 1842. He served in the Ministry for more than 50 years, resigning as its head in 1894. During those years he was also a scribe and composer of Shaker Songs. He was known for being "a very skilled tailor." In 1884 he wrote a short history of the Enfield Shaker Society for the *Manifesto.*

**Petitt, Alexander (Petiff),** of Alfred, ME, and Church F., Hancock, was Ritcho Petitt's (Petiff's) son and Jennie Petiff's brother. He was admitted to the Church F., age 16, in 1910; signed the Covenant in December 1914. He was present at Elder Holden's funeral April, 1919. He left the Hancock Shakers in 1921, but came back to visit in 1928, when he stayed in Room #7 of the Brick Dwelling. (MGH)

**Petitt, Jennie White (Petiff, Evanka),** of Bulgarian origin, was born in 1886. She joined the Church F., Hancock, MA, Shakers in August, 1900, at the age of 14, along with her sister, age 12. Her father and brother became Shakers too. Jennie's teacher was Sr. Elizabeth Belden. Jennie signed the Covenant in November 1910, and lived in room #27 of the Church F.'s Brick Dwelling. She was in charge of the poultry and rotated duties every month with Catherine Dimitroff, among other Sisters, to do work in the kitchen and the dairy. Of Jennie, Sr. Olive Hayden wrote: "Evanka grew up to be a wonderful young sister. I loved her dearly." Sr. Jennie left the Shakers in October 1927, at age 39. Her married name was Mrs. White. She moved to Eustis, FL, where she owned and ran a bakery for many years. Olive Hayden, also a student of Sr. Elizabeth Belden, wrote the following of the three Sisters of Bulgarian origin (they came to the Shakers through Brother Ritcho Petiff): "These young sisters were loved by all, and great sorrow in the Family, when they left, I assure you." [The other young women of Bulgarian origin were Srs. Anna Delcheff and Catherine Dimitroff]. (MGH)

**Petitt, Rena (Petiff, Raina)** was Jennie's younger sister. On September 22, 1900, slightly over one month after her arrival, she was taken charge of by the North Adams authorities, and died Dec. 17, 1900 of consumption.

**Phallbrook, Frances,** see Fallon, Fannie

**Philbrook, Eleanor Maude** (1899-1976), of Alfred and Sabbathday Lake, ME, was born in Woodfords, ME. She joined the Shakers of Alfred, ME, on May 30, 1908, under the direction of Eldress Harriett Coolbroth at the 2nd Family. In 1918 with that Family, she moved to the Church F., where she took care of children. In 1931, with the consolidation of the two Maine families, she joined the Sabbathday Lake Shakers, with the other 20 Alfred members. Her contributions to the *Shaker Quarterly* were published in 1961 and 1964, in the latter year: *A Brief History of the Shaker Post Office, Sabbathday Lake, Maine.* She was appointed to the Office, and served at the Gift Shop and later as a Trustee. She died after a long illness. (Shaker Quarterly, 1981)

**Pick, Ernst** (1859-1940), of Mt. Lebanon, NY; born in Austria, he came to U.S.A. in 1882. Originally of Jewish faith, he joined the Shakers and became Elder of the 2nd Family. According to a Mt. Lebanon letterhead, he was a “Wholesale Dealer in Shakers' Evaporated Sweet Corn” of “Brainard Brand.” He was sent away by the Shakers in 1909, but came back in 1910, again becoming the 2nd F. Elder, until 1936, when he left to live with a niece in Pittsfield. His estate, inherited in Austria, was willed by him in parts: to the Berkshire Athenaeum, to a reclamation project of the Jewish National Fund (in Palestine), and to his niece.

**Ransom, Mary B.** of age 14 in 1885, was at school at Hancock Church F., MA, until 1887. She signed the Church F. Covenant October 3rd, 1892, but left at age 28, April 8th, 1898.

**Rayson, Timothy D.** (1828-1912), of Mt. Lebanon, NY, was born in Stoke, Somerset Co., England. He came to America in 1844 and joined the North F. in 1846. He signed the covenant in March 1850, and became 2nd Elder of the North F. in 1858. In the 1860 and 1870 Censuses he was a tailor and in the 1880 Census a gardener. He was
admitted to the Center F. in January 1883 and became its elder in October 1887. In 1895 he was a correspondent of Notes about Home to the Manifesto.

Reed, Calvin [Green] (1821-1900), of Mt. Lebanon, NY, was born in Cheshire, Berkshire Co, MA. He was admitted to the Shakers at age 8. He was a broom maker and gardener in 1840, schoolteacher (1859-1863) (School Journal,) then superintendent. He was elder at the Center F., appointed Elder Brother of 2nd Order in 1859, moved to 1st Elder at the Church F. in 1887. He was sent to Groveland, NY as Elder in 1871-1874, and returned to Mt. Lebanon in 1874. (Th.D., D.B.) He wrote Shaker songs and hymns, both verse and letteral music. (MGH)

Reed, Polly Jane (1818-1881), of Mt. Lebanon, appointed as 2nd and then 1st Eldress in 1855 and 1858, respectively, and to the Central Ministry in 1869, was highly esteemed by the Shakers for all her gifts and talents. MGH, Vol. III, p. 22. She was a most prolific Shaker “instrument,” with at least forty-eight extant penned illustrated texts attributed to her, “with perhaps twice that number thought to be lost.” (Sh. K. in “Seen and Received,” 2000)

Reid, William, of Mt. Lebanon, was there as his signature of February 1880, in a book published in 1879, indicates.

Retzlaff, Agnes (1871-1913), born in Germany, she was at Church F., Hancock school in 1885, age 13. She signed the Church F. Covenant in 1892, but moved to Brooklyn, NY in 1901, to live with relatives due to health problems.

Reynolds, Ann, of Canterbury, NH, was born Aug. 23, 1832. She was at the North F. June 17, 1886.

Reynolds, Minerva L. (1819-1904), of Mt. Lebanon, was born in Middlefield, NY. She was a descendant of the Mason family of the Mayflower, and came to the Society in early womanhood, bringing two young children. She signed the Novitiate Covenant in 1855. In April 1866 she moved to Lower Canaan, to be 1st in charge. She signed the Lower Canaan Covenant several times. She was admitted to the Church F. December 23, 1884. (Th.D.)

Robinson, Andrew, was a Mt. Lebanon Shaker. (Th.D.)

Rullhausen, Bell(e) (Raullhausen), of the North F., Mt. Lebanon, NY wrote a poem in 1889, at age 14, and another in 1897, called “Teachings of Mother Ann Lee (Alphabetically Arranged).” (Richmond, Colin, comp. From their hearts and hands: a treasury of Shaker poetry. With introduction by Eldress Bertha Lindsay. Syracuse: Brad Litho, 1974, p. 37.)

Sal(is)bury, Martin (1767-1843), of Mt. Lebanon, NY, came to Hill F. in 1809, was at the East F. in 1819, signed the Covenant in 1826 (?) (Th. D.)

Sampson, Rachel (1802-1886), of Mt. Lebanon, from Massachusetts, was admitted to the Shakers as a 12 year-old child; was listed as a dairy woman in the 1840 U.S. Census, lived in the 1st Order in 1842, was 1st Order Deaconess 1843-1849, Family Deaconess 1845-1858, and “1st in Office” starting March 10, 1858. (Th. D.)

Sawyer, Otis (1815-1884), was born in Portland, ME. He was 1st Elder of the Church F., at Sabbathday Lake, ME, in 1856, served as 2nd Elder of the Maine Ministry from 1842 to 1848 (the youngest person ever in that post in Maine) when he was appointed Trustee of the Sabbathday Lake Shakers, and as its 1st Elder from 1859 to 1884. In those years he composed several Shaker songs and became a noted hymn writer (of verse and letteral music). In 1883, while he was advertising a “great variety of ladies' basket work, pin cushions, needle books,” he also started the Shaker Library. He kept a diary about the family affairs, often quoted by present-day Sabbathday Lake Shakers. He was among those Shaker leaders who contributed their writings to worldly publications; he submitted his to the Portland Pleasure Boat, addressing the editor as “Brother Jeremiah.” His writing Shaker Village [New Gloucester], appeared in History of Cumberland County, Maine in 1880, and another one, giving an account of the Alfred, ME, Shaker community appeared in History of York Co., Maine. He also served many years as Clerk of the Alfred School District.
Schnell, Mathilda (Tillie), of Enfield, CT, which dissolved in 1917, was still there, in her early 80s, after which she transferred to the Hancock Church Family. (Pr.Br.)

Shepard, Lucy Ann (1836-1926), of Canterbury, NH, was born in Amherst, NH. She was Deaconess at the Church F. in 1886 and subsequently a Trustee and Eldress. (WRHS Reel 123).

Sipple, Frieda, (1877-1948), born in Germany, she joined the Shakers at the South Family, Watervliet, NY, and upon the death of Eldress Anna Case (1855-1938) transferred to the Church F., Hancock, MA. She gifted Sr. Adeline Patterson of Church F. Hancock, with several books and was given in turn a book by Eldress Anna Case.

Smith, Alice (1884-1935), of Hancock, Church Family, was there already as a child, being at school in 1893, in turn becoming the children's caretaker, a collector, and an important informant and friend to Faith and Edward Deming Andrews, opening their eyes to the Shaker Gift Drawings. She was active in the community as a weaver, sewing, working in the kitchen and the washroom, tending the flower garden, or playing the organ. (MGH, D. B.)

Stephens, Annie Rosetta (1860-1948), of the North F., Mt. Lebanon, NY, was born in England and was admitted to the Shakers at the age of 11. She signed the Covenant in 1886, was teaching assistant with Ada Brown in the summer term of 1898, became deaconess in 1912, a member of the Lead Ministry in December, 1933, and 1st in Ministry from December 1941 to February, 1946. She wrote poetry, many songs (verse, and music). Her music, written to accompany Martha J. Anderson's words for the "Song of the Rain" (for the Children), made it into a "20th Century" Release, North Hollywood, Calif. (Richmond, Vol.1, 1977). In 1936 her The Social Gathering appeared in the Peg Board (a Darrow School, New Lebanon, NY, publication), describing the annual festival and picnic on a hill near Lake Queechy. She died in Pittsfield General Hospital and was buried in Mt. Lebanon, NY.

Stewart, Philemon (1804-1875), of Mt. Lebanon, NY, admitted in 1811, from Shirley, MA; went to the Second F. as 2nd Elder, went to 1st Order in 1838, removed to Poland, ME, in 1860, but was back in 1863. His book A Holy, Sacred and Divine Roll and Book: From the Lord God of Heaven, to the Inhabitants of Earth: Revealed in the United Society at New Lebanon, County of Columbia, State of New York... Part I. was published at Canterbury, NH, in 1843.

Stone, Helen Augusta (1836-1908), of Mt. Lebanon, NY, was admitted to the Shakers when 5 yrs old. Eldress in 1884; 1st Eldress of Church F. 1897-1891; member of the Central Ministry 1891-1908.

Strowbridge, Emma (1846 or 1849-1938), of the Church F., Hancock, MA, was appointed to the Hancock Bishopric Ministry in October, 1873 and released in 1880, when she was listed as teacher at the Church F. in the US Census of that year. She put in the Sisters’ Library at Hancock Church F. in 1881 (1880?), still in her capacity as 2nd in the Hancock Bishopric Ministry; in 1887, she was reappointed to the same position, assisting 1st Eldress Caroline Helfrich. (D.B.) She was a Trustee of Church F., in 1891; that year she moved to Enfield, CT, but returned to Hancock in 1893. Sr. Emma was listed in the 1900 US Census, at the East F. (no occupations were given for that year), and again in June 1910, at which time she "works out." As recorded Sept 24, 1912 (in the Hancock Shakers' daybook), "Emma Strowbridge returned from Whitewater, Ohio, after being gone since April. She lives in Office." (Pr.Br.) She died in July 1938, when about 90 years of age.

Sweet, Julia Louisa (1853-1913), of Hancock, MA, was born in Anandagua, NY. She came in to Second F. Dec 12, 1839; went to visit Tyngsboro, MA June 1850; signed the Church F. Covenant Dec 25, 1875; was at the 2nd F. in 1880, at Church F. in 1890, and was a steady, faithful contributor of “Notes About Home” to the Manifesto, the Shaker periodical in the years 1890-1894.

Talcott, Jeremiah (1778-1867), of Mt. Lebanon, NY, was born in Hancock, MA. He was at the Gristmill in 1819, signed the Family Covenant in 1820 and 1822; sent to the Sodus Shakers in New York State in 1826 as 1st in Ministry; returned from Groveland June 24, 1844. He was the Elder Brother (Asst. Elder) of 2nd F. in 1850-1854, replacing Chauncey Chapman. He was listed as Farmer in the 1850 U.S. Census and as joiner in 1860. (Th.D.)

Talcott, Josiah, Junior (1766-1838), probably joined the Shakers with his father in 1789; signed the Church F. Covenant in 1814 and lived there in 1829. He printed important books for Seth Y. Wells, Millennial Praises
Taylor, Eliza Ann (1811-1897), of Mt. Lebanon, NY, born in Manchester, Lancashire, England, was the 6th child of eight. She was admitted to the Shakers in 1819, followed by five of her siblings. She became eldress of the Church F. in 1844, and went to the Central Ministry on Christmas day in 1856, to assist Sr. Betsy Bates. She became 1st in Ministry in March 1869, and served in that position until she resigned, due to ill health, in 1891. She kept a diary, reporting the activities of the Sisters in the shop, in using flax, preparing mops and other items, fixing "tow", cotton and linen yarn, carding wool, and spinning. She also wrote A Journal kept by Eliza Ann Taylor.

Taylor, Leila Sarah (1854-1923), of Mt. Lebanon, NY, associate eldress at the North F., was born in Westfield, MA; she was the daughter of a homeopathic physician, and had one brother. She went to Boston University, taught school in Springfield and other Connecticut River valley towns for over twenty-five years. She first visited the Enfield, CT Shakers with a friend, Alice Mary Simpson, and upon visiting Mt. Lebanon Shakers in 1900 she immediately applied for membership, along with her friend. She signed the Covenant in 1900 and 1903. She taught school in 1905, was a bookkeeper in 1910, 2nd Eldress in 1911, and Assistant Trustee in 1918. She was a correspondent to the Chatham Courier and Springfield Republican. She helped Eldress Anna White to write the book: Shakerism: Its Meaning and Message, published in 1904. In 1907 a writing of hers A Remarkable Statement appeared in Christian Science Journal, describing Eldress Anna White's interest in Christian Science. In 1912 she wrote A Memorial to Eldress Anna White, and Elder Daniel Offord, published by the North F. Shakers. She died of a stroke, thus leaving the North F. without its own set of elders for the first time.

Thornber, Elizabeth (1836-1920), born in England, she was indentured to the Shakers of Tyringham, MA, in 1847, as an orphan (D.B.). She was eventually appointed Church F. eldress there in 1860, but moved to Hancock, in 1875, when Tyringham closed. (Pr. Br.) She was called "the last surviving faithful Tyringham Shakeress." (D.B.) She was at the 2nd, Hancock in 1880, lived at the Church F. Office in 1890-1893, moved to 2nd F., Dec.1, 1893, moved back to Church F., Hancock, in 1918. (Pr.Br.)

Thorpe, Celia A., of Hancock, East F., wrote a communication for "The Notes About Home" to the Manifesto, the Shaker periodical, in 1885. (J.L.)

Tuttle, Annie Belle (1868-1945), of Shirley, MA, was born in Barrington, NH, and admitted December 23, 1876. She lived in Shirley, MA, but shortly after the sale of the Shaker properties she moved with the other Sisters in January 1909, to Harvard, MA, where she was a close friend to Eldress Josephine Jilson. After Harvard closed they moved to Mt. Lebanon, NY. She was assigned to the North F.; she lived there for the next 27 years. She died in Pittsfied, MA (from a shock after a tragic accident to another Sister), and was buried in the North F. section of the Church F. cemetery at Mt. Lebanon, NY. She was the last Shaker to die at Mt. Lebanon while the Shakers still lived there (the survivors went to Hancock, MA). (S.P.)

Van Wyck (also Van Vyke), Sarah (also Sally) (Nov 22, 1818 or Oct 2,1819?-1883), of Mt. Lebanon and Watervliet, NY. She was admitted to the Mt. Lebanon Shakers’ East Hill F. in 1830, signed the Covenant in 1842 at age 22. On March 22, 1857 she “moved up” to Elder Sister, replacing Amy Bennett. Sister Elenor Bushmore was her assistant. She was there in 1860 (“40 years old”), “Eldress Sarah Van Wyck and Sadie Neal go to Watervliet to live” July 7, 1864, where she lived until July 1878. (Th.D.) She was an inspired “instrument,” receiving a song from a spirit named Sister Rachel. (Daniel W. Patterson, Gift Drawing and Gift Song, 1983)

Warren, Oscar, Mt. Lebanon, NY. (Th.D.)

Waters, Edwin, of Mt. Lebanon; born in 1835, was admitted with his two brothers in April 1842. When he turned 10 years of age in 1845, he was sent to Upper Canaan along with his brothers in Dec. 1845. (Th. D.)

Wells, Daisy, of Mt. Lebanon, NY; was born June 6, 1878, in Norfolk, England. Admitted May 15, 1891, she left Nov 5, 1898. (Th.D.)
Wells, Eliza (1797-1832?), of Mt. Lebanon and Watervliet, NY, was born in Southold, Suffolk, L.I., NY. She came to live in the 1st Order in January 1813, was sent to live at the 2nd Order Aug. 20, 1807; signed the Covenant on April 3, 1814. She was appointed 2nd Deaconess Jan. 25, 1825. (Th.D.)

Wells, Seth Y. (1767-1847), of the Church F., Watervliet and Mt. Lebanon, NY was the head of the first instituted school of Albany, NY, before joining the Shakers with his whole family in 1798 (D.B., p. 58). He was an Elder, and in charge of young Believers there. In 1821, Mother Lucy Wright appointed him to be the Superintendent of the Shaker schools, in which position he stayed until his death. In that capacity he undertook a tour in 1823 “among eastern believers to organize their schools,” including Canterbury, NH and Poland Hill, ME. He moved to Mt. Lebanon, NY in 1828 and also functioned as the New Lebanon, NY town clerk in the 1830s.

Wentworth, Lois, Eldress (1824-1897), of the East F., Hancock, MA, lived in several Shaker communities, such as Alfred, ME; Enfield, CT; Mt. Lebanon, NY, and finally Hancock, MA. She taught school at Alfred in 1856-1858.

Wetherell, John, of West Pittsfield, MA, was at the Second F., Hancock, MA, in the years 1874-1880, and visited Enfield, CT, in 1874 (Pr.Br.)

Wetherell, Martha (Wetheral?) (1855-1944), was born in Glastonbury, CT. She moved from Mt. Lebanon, NY, where she was an Office Sister in 1890-1892; to Enfield, NH, and then to Canterbury, NH, April 13, 1893. She was the first to be in charge of fancywork industry at Canterbury, and she may have taught the Sisters there how to make poplar boxes. She left June 26, 1905, presumably again for Enfield, NH; and later, in April, 1913, to Mt. Lebanon, NY.

White, Anna (1831-1910), of the North F., Mt. Lebanon, NY, joined the Shakers in 1849 (at the age of 18), and, according to the Berkshire Eagle, she "brought a fortune of $40,000 when she joined the Shakers." She remained a member of the Shaker community for 61 years, and a member of the Elder's Order for 45 of those. She was listed in the US Census of 1860 as a mat maker, in 1870 as doing housework, and in 1880 as a seamstress. In January, 1865, when Harriet Bullard transferred to Watervliet, NY, Anna White became 2nd Eldress. She was appointed 1st Eldress upon Eldress Antoinette Doolittle's death in 1887. She compiled several memorial volumes, dedicated to Elder Frederick W. Evans, Eldresses Antoinette Doolittle and Eliza Ann Taylor. She compiled Original Poems by the North Family of Shakers, 1895; wrote The Motherhood of God, 1903, and other pamphlets. Her influential book Shakerism: Its Meaning and Message, written together with Leila S. Taylor, was published in 1904.

White, Robert Cornell (Robert White Jr. from 1826 on), (1792-1856). Although listed as a member of the South F., Mt. Lebanon (Th.D.), Eldress Anna White’s father was a close and faithful friend to, and supporter of the Shakers, financing many Shaker publications, but due to his staying married, could not formally become a Shaker. (Sandra A. Soule: Robert White Jr.: “Spreading the Light of the Gospel”, 2009).

Wilson, Josephine E. (1866-1946), of Canterbury, NH, was born in Lynn, MA. She came to the Shakers with her parents and sister. She first lived at the 2nd F. and then at the Church F. She signed the covenant in 1887, and almost certainly was teaching at that time. She became a Trustee in 1918 and took charge of the manufacturing of the “Dorothy” cloaks. In January 1892, control of the print shop and printing of the Manifesto - which was Elder Blinn’s responsibility - was handed to her and her assistants. (Bigelow, Thomas, and John Knees. Letterpress Printing at Canterbury. In: The Canterbury Shakers, Vol. 6, no.1, Feb. 1986, p.8.). She organized and actively participated in the Sisters’ fancywork sales trips (1901-1915), and was one of the community photographers. In June 1939 she was appointed a member of the Lead Ministry at Mount Lebanon, NY, assisting Sr. Ella E. Winship, and stayed in that position until her death. She lived at Church F., Hancock in 1939-1943.

Wilson, Mary Louisa (1858-1939), of Canterbury, NH was born in Leroy, IA and entered the North F. at age 11, together with her sister, Sarah, and her mother, Hannah, in 1869. Mary Louisa taught summer school in 1875; signed the Covenant in 1879; was appointed Trustee in 1887. She was in charge of selling trips to the White Mountains for many years; sold cloaks, aprons, confections, and such; and was involved with the sweater industry. In 1898 she was appointed postmistress to the East Canterbury post office, keeping this position for 40 years until it closed in 1938.
Wilson, Viola, of Hancock Church F., was age 10 in 1918, she was at the Church F., Hancock, in 1919.

Wilson, William (1827-1907), of Enfield, NH, was born at Chateangay, Franklin Co., NY. He lived in the South (or 2nd) F., signed the Covenant in 1848 and succeeded Abraham Perkins as 1st Elder in 1894. He was the only Enfield, NH, Shaker to hold an elected Town Office, serving on the school board for a term of three years. He had iron pipes laid throughout the village so that the South F. had running spring water in every building. When the South F. was sold in 1889, he moved to Enfield's Church F., where he served as Elder until his death.

Youngs, Benjamin Seth (1773-1855) of Watervliet, NY, (uncle of Br. Isaac Newton Youngs, of Mt. Lebanon, NY), was sent to the West in 1805, became first in Ministry, 1810-1836, at South Union, KY, which he helped to establish. He returned to Mount Lebanon, NY, in 1836. He prepared a map of the Center Family, South Union, which was subsequently copied by Lorenzo L. Martin. Author of The Testimony of Christ's Second Appearing Containing a General Statement of All Things Pertaining to the Faith and Practice of the Church of God in This Latter-Day. Published in Union. By Order of Ministry...Lebanon, State Ohio: From the Press of John M'Clean [sic],Office of the Western Star, 1808, which subsequently went through several editions - 1810, 1823, and 1856 - the last after his death. (MGH, Guide Vol. II, and Richmond, pp. 211-213)

Youngs, Isaac Newton (1783-1865), a prominent member of the Church F., Mt. Lebanon, NY lived most of his life there. He was teacher at the New Lebanon District 12 and its clerk in 1830s; clockmaker, tailor; the Church Family's official scribe, who also wrote private diaries; historian, who found time to write poetry. For in-depth understanding of this remarkable Shaker, see Glendyne Wergland's One Shaker Life: Isaac Newton Youngs, 1793-1865, published in 2006.
APPENDIX II

CALL NUMBERS FOR SHAKER-OWNED BOOKS AT HANCOCK SHAKER VILLAGE
Based on the Library of Congress Call Numbers
Magda Gabor-Hotchkiss, December 2009

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Abbreviations: Alfr: Alfred, ME; Ctby: Canterbury, NH; EnfCT: Enfield, CT; EnfNH: Enfield, NH; F.: Family; Hnck: Hancock, MA; Hrvd: Harvard, MA; Jr.: Junior; MtL: Mount Lebanon, NY; PH: Pleasant Hill, KY; SDL: Sabbathday Lake, ME; Shrl: Shirley, MA; Sr.: Sister; SU: South Union, KY; Tyrn: Tyringham, MA; UV: Union Village, OH; Wvlt: Watervliet, NY; WW: Watervliet, OH.

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