

# HATEVIL NUTTER

*of Dover, New Hampshire  
and his descendants*

## PART II

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## *Preface*

It has been a privilege to chronicle the descendants of Hatevil Nutter beyond the work that I completed in 1997. Since then Janet Nutter Alpert and I have worked assiduously to look for the origins of her New Hampshire ancestor, Thomas D. Nutter, who pioneered both in Livonia, New York and Cannon, Michigan. Unfortunately neither of us has been able to learn his origins although we have searched vital, land, census, probate, military, pension records and even new links on the internet. Family tradition places Thomas D. Nutter's marriage to Eleanor McMillan in Livonia. But it is still not understood how or why he, as a young man, made the trek to this town in New York State on his own, bereft of other family members. The known facts about him, state and date of birth, service during the War of 1812, names of his children and occupation (carpenter) all have been searched with an attempt to link him to other known Nutters. He remains (2011) still a mystery man.

One of the real important additions to this new book of Nutter genealogy is the inclusion of data discovered by Cathryn Spreeman of Dover, NH. In examining records left by her uncle, Chester C. Nutter, Cathy uncovered numerous letters which were written by William Mason Nutter of Wakefield, NH who would become a settler of Rough and Ready, Nevada Co., California. In letters written home he identified relatives in New Hampshire particularly a brother Jason F. Nutter who would also re-settle in California. The letters are not only important from a genealogical perspective but also from the human side of telling the story of a man who would first re-locate in Missouri, fight in the Mexican War and then by wagon cross the country several times to California in search of land to homestead.

Another major new section of this new book expands the coverage of Josiah Shepard Nutter who also left New Hampshire, but for the mid-west, settling in Illinois, where he and wife Wealthy had a large family and produced an extensive number of Nutter descendants. We are indebted to Marilyn Pedersen and Rex Nutter for their contributions to the book, providing a rich amount of data which carries the family from Josiah to the present-day.

Throughout this new period of research we have benefited from the expansive resources found on the internet. Not only has the internet provided state vital records, speedier access to census and military records, but also to personal family genealogies. Equally important has been the Nutter web page which has made Jan Nutter Alpert available to a host of new Nutter families who were seeking their ancestry. Jan wants to thank William Martin and Tim Eastom for their work on the website. Those who have located Jan through the internet have supplied us with much new data both as links to the past and present.

It is hoped that this new addition to the genealogies of Hatevil Nutter's descendants will provide important family records to searchers, both today and in the future. It should be clear that this is an addition to a previously intact book. Although there

is some repetition of names one needs to refer to both the 1997 volume and the 2011 volume to find complete coverage of a given person.

Finally, this second part of the Nutter genealogy is being produced on compact discs. The text is only an adjunct to the 1997 volume, meaning that without the first volume one will not have a complete genealogy of the first thirteen generations. The index at the end of Part II, moreover, is only for the new 2011 work, and has no relevance to the 1997 volume.

It is suggested that one keep Part II in a sleeve that is pasted to the inside cover of the first volume. One might also print out sections of Part II which are applicable to your particular line. In this era of electronic imaging it is hoped that by providing an updated version of the 1997 volume on CD, the purchase price will be more affordable and the new information will be easier to assimilate.

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