

John Polhemus Barkalow (a.k.a. John Barkalow, b. Upper Freehold, NJ)

Elizabeth Sutton --

Since 1979 I have been trying to find the parentage and birthplace of my g.g. grandmother, Elizabeth Sutton. I do know from a Family Bible of the Langtry Family that she was born (or baptized) 22 Oct. 1792, possibly in New Jersey or with her parents if they left NJ for newly opened territory in western counties of Pennsylvania, Virginia and Ohio.

I do know from a certified marriage license that Elizabeth Sutton married John Polhemus Barkalow in Butler Co., OH, on 1 Feb. 1813. She died in Warren Co., OH, 28 Jan 1849. John Barkalow was born in Upper Freehold, Monmouth Co., New Jersey and died in Warren County also but on 4 August 1829, and Elizabeth was left to rear their 9 living children. Both Elizabeth and John Sutton were buried in the Barkalow Cemetery (also known as Old Prairie Burying Ground) near Franklin, Warren Co. This was confirmed in Mr. Allen Betzler's findings in "New Jersey Transplants" and a photo I took before that cemetery was restored and fenced by the Georgia-Pacific Co. who maintains the grounds at the present time.

Even so there is no record in Warren Co. or adjoining counties regarding this Sutton family. The only record they could furnish was the marriage of my g.g. grandmother, Mary Barkalow to Edward Bond 27 Dec. 1849. They moved to Greenville, Darke Co., Ohio and later to Indianapolis, IN. I have listed their other children and vital statistics that I have uncovered about them. Tax records in 1820 show John Barkalow owned nothing more than a horse and cow so was not taxable. In 1830 Elizabeth Barkalow was listed in his place but was not taxable as owning nothing. Ten children were listed but only nine grew to maturity, married and moved to other counties to the west, into Indiana, Illinois and Arkansas.

I have records on most of Elizabeth and John's children, up to the present day in some instances, and am hoping someone reading this will recognize some surname and contact me with even the smallest clue. I did hear from one query that Elizabeth was known as "Aunt Betsy" by her nieces and nephews. Also, that they depended on John's brothers and sister for help. Also, they were thought to have lived in a "shack" on a corner of Aunt Sally Ten Eyck's farm.

The children of Elizabeth Sutton and John Barkalow were:

1. Tobias P. Barkalow (probably for a brother) m. (1) Mary Van Tilburgh (2) Katherine Jenks
2. Sarah m. Richard Van Tilburgh (bro. of Mary)

3. William m. Elizabeth Ullery
4. Jane m. Abner Hall
5. Benjamin m. Hannah Andrews
6. Mary (my g. grandmother) m. Edward Bond (of Warren Co. also)
7. Amy m. Thomas Everingham (or Everingham)
8. Derrick (also first name of another brother of John) m. Susanna Fairchild
9. John M.
10. Rachel died young.

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