

GROTON FAMILIES IN FIRST U. S. CENSUS OF 1790

The first U. S. census of Groton, Vermont in 1790 recorded eight families living in town: James Abbott (2-3-1); Israel Bailey (1-0-3); John Darling (4-2-5); Aaron Hosmer (2-1-0); Jonathan James (1-1-4); Edmund Morse (2-1-2); Timothy Townshend (1-0-2); and Robards Darling (2-1-4). Only the head of the household is named and numbers indicate males 16 years of age and older, males under 16, and females living there respectively. The total number of people living in Groton was 45: 15 males over 16 years of age; 9 males under 16; and 21 females. Timothy Townshend was a son-in-law of John Darling, and Robards Darling was John's son, so they are included in the Darling family. All families in the 1790 census of Groton, except James Abbott, are related to John Darling in the Groton Historical Society family records, either by blood or by marriage. Israel Bailey is a third cousin once removed, Robards Darling is John's son, Aaron Hosmer Jr. became his son-in-law in 1793, Jonathan James is a fourth cousin, Edmund Morse is a third cousin once removed, and Timothy Townshend is a son-in-law. Although James Abbott is not related to John Darling of the 1790 census, he is a third cousin twice removed of John's great grandson, John Brock Darling, a prominent physician in Groton and later in South Ryegate. The sign at the east and west entrances to the village give visitors an appropriate greeting: WELCOME TO GROTON WHERE A SMALL TOWN IS LIKE A LARGE FAMILY.

Information about Groton families was collected over the years by several Groton historians, including General Albert Harleigh Hill (1817-1897), Hosea Newell Welch (1860-1941), and Waldo Fred Glover (1879-1976). Groton Historical Society members have continued to update and correct the record whenever new information becomes available. Sources for the family records are primarily from family members, town records, gravestones, obituaries, newspaper stories, census records, and histories of surrounding towns. More recently genealogy information available on the internet has allowed access to additional family records and connection of many more family members. The Groton family records include ancestors, descendants, and relatives, whenever available, of those who have lived in town, but family records are never complete and many branches have disappeared into other towns, states, and countries. Those wishing to correct or add information to their family records are encouraged to submit them to the Groton Historical Society at P. O. box 89, Groton, VT 05046-0089 or email grotonvthistory@gmail.com.

ABBOTT FAMILY

BAILEY FAMILY

DARLING FAMILY

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JAMES FAMILY

MORSE FAMILY