

David Covell - Brother of Simeon John Covell UEL – And His Descendants

DAVID⁵ COVELL (*SETH SIMON*⁴, *NATHANIEL*³, *NATHANIEL*², *NATHANIEL*¹) was born 1746, and died, according to my analysis, late May 1815 in Augusta Township, Ontario. He married AGNES WOODIN (Boston Transcript, December 12, 1932, Note #5681).

There are two erroneous references that I have found which suggest that David married twice (implying Agnes died young) and that he had a family of 7 children with his second wife, Sarah Marsh, all born in New Hartford, Litchfield, CT with one exception. One was on a website by Teri Dimmett that is no longer on the Internet and the other is in the Covell section of the book *The Settlers of the Beekman Patent* by Frank J. Doherty. This David is said to have died 13 Jul 1820 in German, Chenango, NY. A third reference, *Rev War Veterans Chenango County*, New York by Nelson Tiffany is correct, in my opinion, noting that the David that married Sarah was the son of James Covell and Margaret Finely. These three references can be found in Appendix A of this paper.

David Covell, son of Seth Covell and Sarah Hurd, arrived in Canada in the spring of 1793 and made application for some land as a settler. The following is a transcript of the petition from the Upper Canada Land Petitions;

To His Excellency the Governor in Council

*The petition of David Covil late from the State of New York
Most Humbly Sheweth*

*That your petitioner has ever sustained
a good character and wishing to become
a subject of His Majesty and a settler in
this Province begs he may be indulged with
two hundred acres of land –*

*And you petitioner as in duty
Bound will ever pray
David Covell*

*County of Granvil
May 14 1793*

On May 14th 1793 the Land Board for the County of Granvil (sic), Upper Canada, met and made decisions on land grants the same day. The President of the Board was Peter Drummond and two of the four commissioners were Ephriam Jones and Justas Sherwood, both well known loyalists. There were two David Covells granted 200 acres each that day, David Covell Snr and Junr, presumably father and son. Both were identified as being late of the State of New York. The minutes show that both submitted petitions but only one of these petitions appears to have survived. These men are believed to be those identified in the 1790 US Census as family heads in New York State; David Covell Junr. in Freehold Township, Albany County and David Covill in Fishkill Township, Dutchess County. The Covell family had been associated with the Beekman Patent was in Dutchess county, NY which is

where Fishkill is located. The 1800 US Census for the State of New York did not list anyone by the name of David Covell. There is a David Covell listed in Litchfield, Connecticut in 1790 and he is still there in 1800 (as Covil). This latter David is evidently the husband of Sarah Marsh.

A David Covell Sr. and a David Jr. are recorded in one of the earliest Upper Canada census taken in Augusta Township in 1796, wherein David Sr. is living with one female and David Jr. has a wife and 4 sons (N.A. Film 1024 - image attached). Capt. Simeon Covell (brother of David) is shown on that same census. David Jr. appears in the 1801 census for Augusta Township with 6 sons, and then in census reports for 1805, 1807 and 1808 in Montague Township with 5 sons. The Montague list gives the names as follows:

1808 Census for Montague Township, Ontario

Covell David	age 40	(b. 1768)
Rhoda	age 38	(b. 1770)
James	age 19	(b. 1789)
Simeon	age 17	(b. 1791)
Henry	age 15	(b. 1793)
Stephen	age 13	(b. 1795)
David Jr	age 11	(b. 1797)

Of interest is the fact that two sons of Simeon Covell were in the immediate area around that time. James Covell appears in the 1802 census for Montague and his brother John Hurd Covell is there in 1808 (same census as above). John may have been farming the same lot as his brother, who had moved on to Elizabethtown by that time.

David Sr. continued to live in Augusta. He appears as late as the 1813 census where he and his wife are listed in the "Over 60" columns. On the 8th of June 1815 the "Inventory of the Personal Estate of David Covell deceased" was filed by Dr. J. Jones (attached). On the second page it says "David Covell of Augusta, Yeoman, deceased" and it has numerous signatures in the document, many of them Loyalist notables or Covell relations; including Davies Holden, Eben(ezer) Sherwood, with the bond of Hezekiah Mosher, Nicholas Mosher and Agnes Covell. Agnes (presumably David's wife, nee Woodin) is the administratrix. The list of property seems inconsequential, amounting to 73 pounds in value.

When the War of 1812 broke out the older sons of David Jr. were conscripted into the British army or more likely the local militia. Henry and Simeon deserted and went to fight on the American side. Henry appears to have ended up in Mexico Township, Oswego, NY (1850 Census shows him born Canada abt. 1800) while Simeon's descendants are well documented in Wisconsin (see Appendix B). The oldest son, James (b. 1789) is not found in any future references. The youngest son David (b. 1797), who was probably too young to be called up, is said to have remained in Canada until about 1823 and then moved to Chautauqua Co. NY where he married Eliza Krouskop (see Chautauqua biographical sketch Appendix B). There were several Covell families in Chautauqua at that time, mostly descendants of John Covell, another son of Seth Simon Covell and Sarah Hurd. Stephen (b. 1795) is the last son of David Jr. to be accounted for. He is not mentioned in any of the U.S. references nor found in any U.S. census reports. The assumption then would be that he stayed in Canada as well.

A Stephen Coville married Mary Knapp in Augusta Township, Granville Co. about 1822 (based on the birth of their first child and Mary's birth date of 1804). It is my theory that this is our Stephen. He was

born in Augusta Township when there were only three Covells recorded. The Covells knew the Knapp family from Wolford where Mary's grandfather Joseph lived and had dealings with Simeon's sons. There are obvious U.S. connections as shown by the 1852 census; two sons are living or working in New York State and a third son married a girl from there.

Conclusions

Based on the above information, it is concluded that;

- the David Covell who lived in Augusta Township, Canada West from at least 1893 until his death in 1815, is the brother of Simeon Covell, UEL.
- David Covell Sr. was only married once to Agnes Woodin and references to a second marriage are clearly in error.
- Stephen Coville (1795-1872), a farmer in Augusta Township, Grenville Co., Ontario, was the son of David Covill Jr..

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Heads of Families &c.

	Men	Women	Male	Female	Total
Justice Sherwood Esq ^r	1	1	2	4	
Capt James Campbell	1	1	1	3	6
Samuel Weatherhead	1	1	1	3	6
Duncan Campbell	1	-	-	-	1
Nathaniel Powers	1	1	3	3	8
Nathan Brown	1	1	-	3	5
William Sturgis	1	-	-	-	1
David Lovell Jun ^r	1	1	-	-	6
Thomas Jarvis	1	1	1	-	3
David Lovell Sen ^r	1	1	-	-	2
Rice Honeywell	1	1	1	2	5
William Martin	1	-	-	-	1
Capt ⁿ Simon Lovell	1	-	1	1	3
Lieut ^t Edward Jephap	1	-	-	-	1
James Martin	1	1	1	-	3
Mills Sly	1	1	-	2	4
Abram Brown	1	1	3	-	5
Frederick Fell	1	1	-	3	5
Daniel Fell	1	1	1	-	3
Elizabeth Fell	-	1	-	3	4
William Root	1	1	2	2	6
David Fell	1	-	-	-	1

Inventories of
the Personal

Estate of the late

David Correll Swan

Filed & Entered

John

W. M. D. P.

Personal Property of the late David Brown
 of the County of Geauga, Deceased

	L	S	C
two Cows	7	10	0
two horses	8	10	0
one calf	0	5	0
one obligation of dated February 1846	21	00	0
one obligation of dated February 1847	21	00	0
one obligation of dated July the 17 1843	1	00	0
one Bee	1	0	0
one plow	0	7	6
three drag teeth	0	3	0
one chain	0	5	0
one harness	0	5	0
two pitchforks	0	2	6
one broad axe	0	3	0
one narrow axe	0	2	6
one hand saw	0	3	0
two augers	0	1	3
two kettles	0	12	6
one trammel	0	5	0
one fire shovel	0	2	6
one pair of st. yards	0	2	0
one flat iron	0	2	0
one frying pan	0	2	0
two chests	0	2	6
three chairs	0	3	0
three earthen plates	0	1	3
three earthen bowls	0	1	3
			\$72-00-9

Two shirts	0-4-0
Two blankets	0-5-0
Two pillows	0-4-0
one patent butter	0-2-6
one pail	0-1-0
one churn	0-1-3
four kettles	0-4-0
three spoons	0-1-0
three knives and forks	0-2-0
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Darius Holden

Eben Howard

per
Agnes X. Coole Administratrix
marks

1844
James Coville
Elizabeth & Mother
Nicholas & Mother

References to David Covell and Agnes Woodin

1. From Chapter 60 of THE SETTLERS OF THE BEEKMAN PATENT - THE COVEL FAMILIES by Frank J. Doherty, page 725

“vii. David, b. 1746; m. (1) Agnes Wooden. (2) Sarah Marsh. He was poss. the David Hurd Covell (or his son) who was an insolvent debtor in Jan. 1788. The petitioners were Thomas Lattimer, Jacob Bump, John Sadin (?Sabin), David Coval and James De Grucie. [Poughkeepsie Journal. He was possibly the father of Miss Jerusha Covell of Pawling who m. Abraham Turner there 15 Feb. 1823. [MDDC 106].”

2. From: The Covell website by Teri Dimmitt

http://www.covell.50megs.com/custom3_2.html (*no longer available*)

36. DAVID⁵ COVIL (SETH SIMON⁴ COVELL, NATHANIEL III³, NATHANIEL II², NATHANIEL I¹) was born 15 Nov 1745 in New Hartford, Litchfield, CT, and died 13 Jul 1820 in German, Chenango, NY. He married (1) AGNES WOODIN. She was born 1747 in Chatham, Barnstable, MA. He married (2) SARAH MARSH 25 Oct 1781 in New Hartford, Litchfield, CT, daughter of MOSES MARSH and SARAH MERRILL. She was born 02 Feb 1758 in New Hartford, Litchfield, CT, and died 08 Jan 1850.

Notes for DAVID COVIL:

Notes by Teri Dimmett- TJDimmett@aol.com

American Genealogical & Biographical Index

Name- David Covil

Birth year- 174?

Birth place- CT

Vol- 35

Page- 258

Reference- Rolls & Lists of Connecticut Men In The Revolutionary War 1775-1783 by Albert C. Bates Hartford, CT

More About DAVID COVIL and SARAH MARSH:

Marriage: 25 Oct 1781, New Hartford, Litchfield, CT

Children of DAVID COVIL and SARAH MARSH are:

98. i. MICAH⁶ COVIL, b. 05 Mar 1782, New Hartford, Litchfield, CT; d. 16 Jul 1869, McDonough, Chenango, NY.

99. ii. SARAH "SALLY" MARIA COVIL, b. 20 Oct 1783, New Hartford, Litchfield, CT; d. 07 May 1863.

iii. BETSEY COVIL, b. 26 Nov 1785, New Hartford, Litchfield, CT.

100. iv. DAVID COVIL, b. 05 Jan 1788, New Hartford, Litchfield, CT.

101. v. POLLY COVIL, b. 11 Jan 1790, New Hartford, Litchfield, CT; d. 22 Nov 1882.

vi. FANNY COVIL, b. 18 Aug 1792, New Hartford, Litchfield, CT; d. 1847.

vii. CHLOE COVIL, b. 26 Jun 1795, New Hartford, Litchfield, CT; d. 06 Jun 1871.

102. viii. ELIJAH DEWITT COVILL, b. 01 Oct 1798, New Hartford, Litchfield, CT; d. Bef. 1860, Galena, IL.

103. ix. SOLOMON COVIL, b. 13 Jun 1801, Vermont.

3. From: *Rev War Veterans Chenango County*, New York by Nelson Tiffany
page 285 - David COVIL W 18952 Private

David COVIL b Nov 10 1755 at Glastonbury, Hartford, Conn son of James COVELL and Margaret FINELY died July 13, 1820 no place of death given.

Married Oct 25, 1781 at New Hartford, Litchfield, Conn by Reverend Jonathan MARSH of the Presbyterian Church to Sarah MARSH, a daughter of Moses MARSH and Sarah MERRILL. She was born Feb 3, 1758 in New Hartford, Litchfield, Conn and died Jan 8, 1850 at German, Chenango, New York. She is buried in the Union Cemetery, McDonough, New York. Children: Micah, Sally, Betsey, David, Polly, Fanny, Chloe, Elijah, Salmon.

He applied for pension while a resident of Norwich on Sep 18, 1819, which was allowed on Oct 14, 1819. His wife applied from German, NY Feb 1, 1841.

Note: Other records show that David died at German, Chenango, NY.

References to Descendants of David Covell (1746-1815) and his son David Covell Jr (1868 -)

1. **Biographical and Portrait Cyclopaedia of Chautauqua Co. NY**

with a Historical Sketch of the County, by Hon. Obed Edson.

Published by John M. Gresham and Co. edited by Bulter F. Dilley. July 1891.

" William Covill, a thrifty farmer and an ex-justice of the peace to the town of Sherman, is a son of David and Eliza (Krouskop) Covill, and was born in Delaware county, New York, March 28 1826. His paternal grandfather, Simeon Covill was a native of Canada and lived in the United States for a few years, after which he returned to Canada, where he followed farming until his death. He married and had five sons, two of whom, Simeon and Henry, deserted from the British army during the war of 1812, and served for some time in the American forces operating against the Canadian border. Another son, David Covill, (father) was born about 1802 and made a visit to Chautauqua in 1823, before permanently settling in it in 1825. He was a farmer and an old-line whig and republican and died in November 1878. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and married Eliza Krouskop by whom he had three sons: William; George, who married Olive Newell; and John. Mrs Covill was a daughter of William Krouskop of German descent, who lived in Delaware county. He married Nancy Sands, who bore him three sons and five daughters, and who was a lineal descendant of Samuel Sands, who was born in 1622 in England, and settled with his family in the Colony of Massachusetts in 1658 or 1660.

William Covill received an academic education, taught school for one year in Kentucky and then returned to Chautauqua county, where he learned the trade of carpenter and joiner, at which he worked for about twenty years. He was an oil producer for a short time, and then engaged in farming, which he has followed ever since. He owns a nice farm of one hundred and fifty-three acres of good land near the village of Sherman, and is a member of Grange No. 36, Patrons of Husbandry.

On February 21, 1850, he married Julia Newell, a daughter of Jesse Newell, of Connecticut, who came to Cayuga and subsequently to Chautauqua county. Mr. and Mrs. Covill have two adopted children : Lament and Henrietta, wife of Edgar O. Buss.

He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Squire Covill is a republican, and served the town for six years as assessor, and for ten years as justice of the peace."

Notes by D.E. Williams: (see further analysis below as well)

1. A transcription of William's portrait that I used in a previous version of this article, was found on the Internet. The person who transcribed it had shortened the original portrait and had erroneously omitted reference to William's son George. The transcription above was taken from the Google Books copy of the original.

2. References to Simeon as being William's grandfather are incorrect. William's father was David, his grandparents were David Covell and Agnes Woodin. The author may have been confused by the number of family members named Simeon.

2. SHERMAN CEMETERY, ROUTE 430,
CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY, SHERMAN NY,

D.E. Williams notes

COVILL, David S spouse of Eliza born 1804 died 1877
COVILL, Eliza spouse of David born 1806 died 1880
COVILL, John born 1831 died 1908

*father of William (as noted above)
mother of William, nee Krouskop
son of David*

COVILL, Julia born 1831 died 1912	<i>wife of William H Coville</i>
COVILL, Lamont F. died 3-19-1948	<i>adopted son of William H Coville</i>
COVILL, William born 1826 died 1909	<i>duplicate record, due to different spelling ?*</i>
COVILLE, David died 2-26-1880	<i>duplicate record, due to different spelling ?</i>
COVILLE, John died 2-13-1908	<i>duplicate record, due to different spelling ?</i>
COVILLE, William H. died 10-12-1909	<i>Son of David</i>

** the duplicate record may be due to the names appearing on the parents marker as well as on the individual's marker.*

3. Waushara Co. Portrait and Biographical Album.

"Lewis Henry Coville

Simeon Coville, the father of our subject was probably born in Canada in 1794 (on his cemetery stone, it reads 1788 and died 23 March 1873.jr.) and was reared to manhood, but when the War of 1812 broke out he was drafted into the British service and his sympathies being enlisted with the American people, he deserted and came to the United States, joining the American forces, with which he fought until the close of the war, although he never regularly enlisted. He had also four brothers, who deserted the British service and crossing the line into this country defended the star and stripes. When the war was over he settled in New York where he became acquainted with and Married Abigail Foote, who was born near the city of Hudson in 1796. During the early history of Wisconsin, accompanied by his family , he emigrated to this state and became the second settler in the town of Ashiton, Dodge County. The country (Wisconsin) was then almost in its primitive condition."

4. Correspondence from Barbara Covill re Simeon Covill son of David Jr. May 2008

"This is what I have on Simeon Covill b abt 1794 d March 1872 in Waushara County Wisconsin. He was married to Abigail Foote she was born 9 November 1796 in Hudson, New York she died 15 May 1883 in Waushara County Wisconsin.

I have been able to find 7 of their children

1. Dorcas Coville born 28 August 1818 in New York she married Tunis Robison she died 23 February 1894 in Oconomowoc, Waukesha County, Wisconsin.
2. Lewis Henry Coville born 22 May 1838 he married first Melissa Anderson , he married second Sarah Decker on 9 November 1872 he died 10 April 1914 in Waushara County Wisconsin.
3. George Washington Coville born 22 January 1824 (1822) he married Isabella Donaldson 22 October 1848 and died 9 May 1874
4. Williams E. Covill born 22 February 1827 in New York he married Margaret T. Vroman and died 6 Jan 1914 in Berlin, Waushara County, Wisconsin.
5. John Wesley Covill born 20 September 1832 in New York he married Eleanor Jane Tuttle 5 Nov 1854 and died 30 July 1902 in Oconomowoc, Waukesha County, Wisconsin
6. Anne Elizabeth Covill born 8 May 1840 she married William Wilson Abt 1855 and died 13 Feb 1910 in Appleton, Outagamie County, Wisconsin.

7. Joseph Foote Coville born Jan 1824 in New York and Married Mary Delight Rogers 16 September 1849 in Oconomowoc, Waukesha County, Wisconsin de died in 1904 in Wisconsin.

I do have a photo of Simeon Covill and one of his wife Abigail. I also have some headstone photos and other backup papers if you are interested in them let me know and also include an address and I will copy them and mail them out to you. “

Interpretation

The Biographical Cyclopeda reference above is rather difficult to interpret. I have attempted to lay it out in the Diagram 1 below. In Diagram 2, I have corrected this first diagram inserting data as I understand it from other sources.

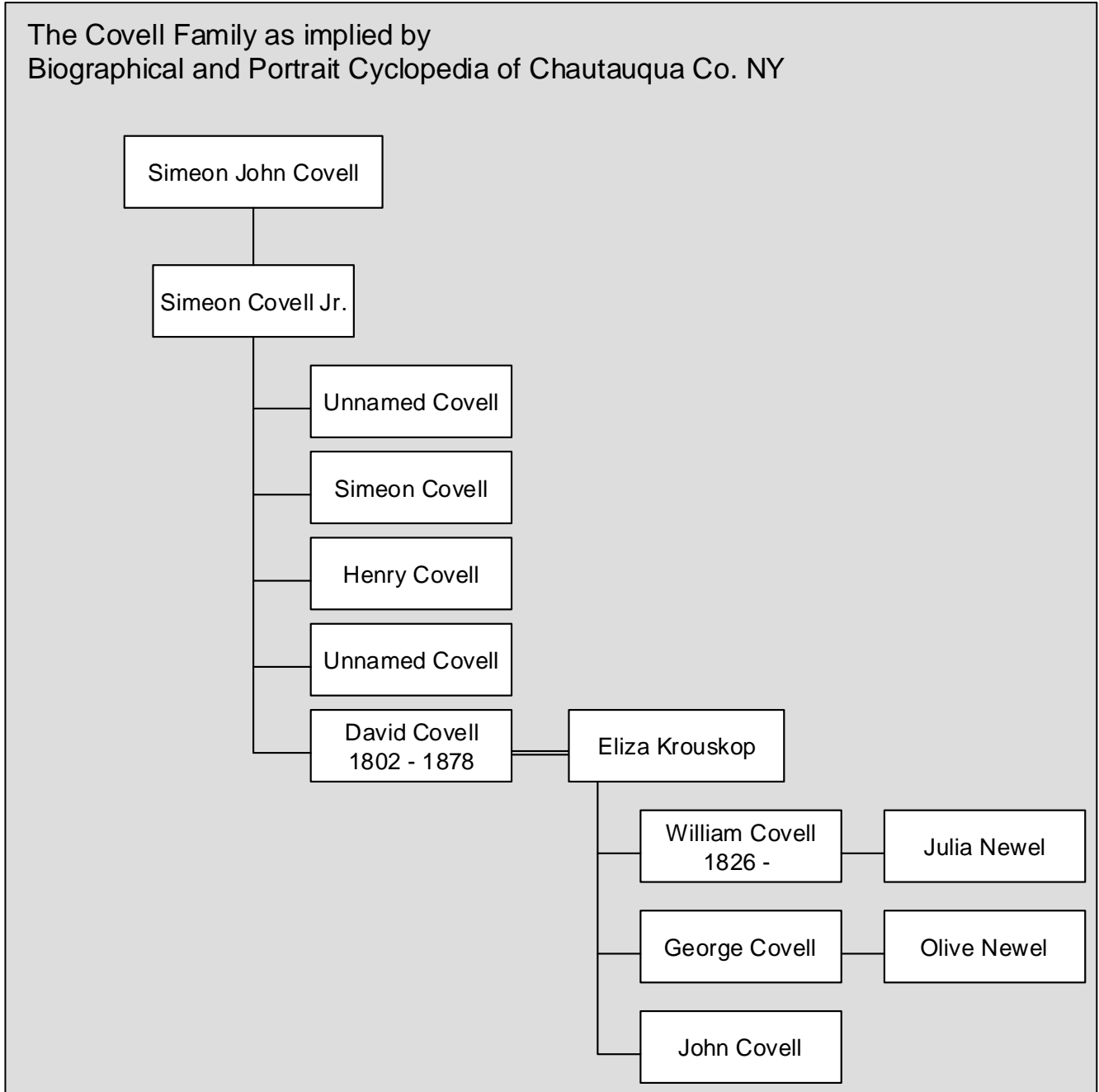


Diagram 1

The Covill Family as interpreted by D.E.Williams (www.mykidsancestors.com)

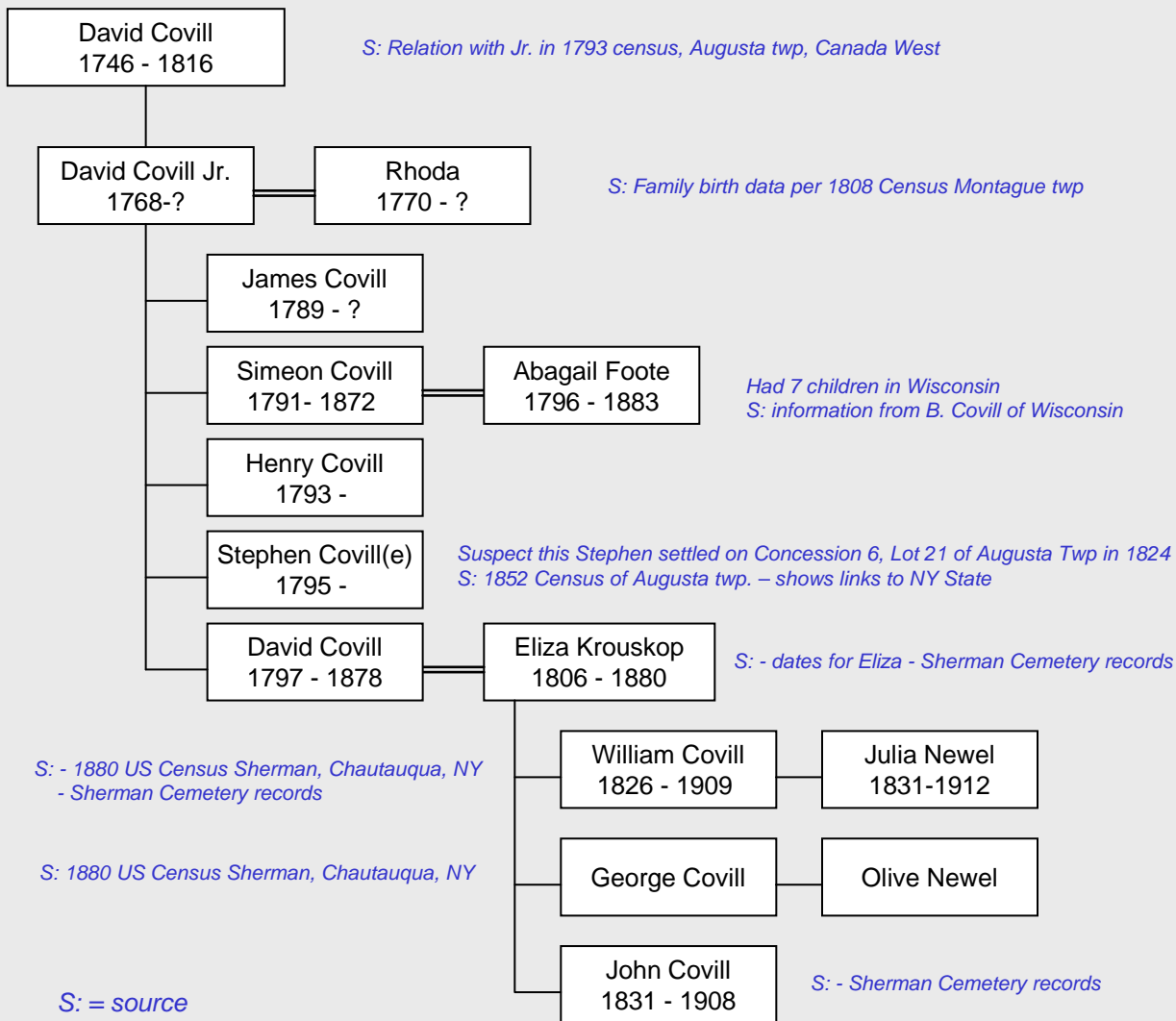


Diagram 2