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Dear Mr. Rockwell,

I was pleased to receive the information you sent on the Rockwell Family Foundation. My linkage to the Rockwell line is enclosed, as you requested. I do however, have a great deal of concern about Lucy Rockwell, wife of John Mears. I have been in touch with a Samuel Stevens who indicated he had heard from the Rockwell Family Foundation confirming that Lucy was indeed the daughter of James Rockwell and Abigail Loomis of Windsor, CT. I would appreciate any hard evidence you have to that effect, as I have been unable to confirm that relationship.

There is a space between children of James and Abigail where Lucy could fit, and I understand there is some family tradition to that effect, but any conclusion from these would appear to be less than solid. That same family tradition, I believe, had it that she was born in Sharon, CT. If her grave record is right that she died in 1818 at the age of 83, she would have been born in 1735. However, Sharon was first settled in 1738 and there were no Rockwell's among the early settlers. Lucy was therefore not born in Sharon. The fact that Lucy is living in Goshen, CT (near where James owned land) at the time James Rockwell's will was made in Feb 1770 and that she is not mentioned in the will, while all living children are mentioned, including those both married and single, would seem to preclude her from the family. Add further that if she were a member of the family and were excluded from the will for some reason (i.e. disinherited), I understand the law of the time required that she be specifically named and excluded in the will.

I have personally searched the vital records of Connecticut and find no other evidence of this Lucy except her marriage to John Mears. Likewise, I have begun a search of all probate records of Rockwell's who died in Connecticut during her lifetime and have not yet turned up any mention of her (although I have not yet completed that search). Unless proven otherwise, my view is that the preponderance of evidence so far is against her being a daughter of James and Abigail. Again, I would be most appreciative of anything concrete you have concerning her.

Thank you so much for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Kent L. Meyers