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1565 - 1861

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Mr Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck,  
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Dear Mr Bockstruck

We are delighted indeed that you  
will be one of our members. Our  
Chancellor General, David von Nirschl,  
showed me your Proposition Sheet  
naming your ancestor, Edmund Battlefield,  
as a Commissioner of Wells, Maine  
in the 1600s. The Province and Court

Records of Maine certainly substantiate that claim.

We do, however, have a question  
as to whether a "Commissioner" was a judge.  
You know, I'm sure, that courts have numerous  
officers who were not judges = lawyers, clerks  
of court, marshalls, sheriffs etc. What do  
we mean by "judge"? In a trial situation,  
the judge presides over the reception



of evidence, from which "findings of fact" were made - by the judge himself in the absence of a jury. The judge declares the law of the Case, applies it to the facts and renders a decision. On appeal, the questions are usually legal, as distinguished from factual, ones.

You will please find a photocopy of Carol McGinnis' Virginia Genealogy = Sources and Resources. On pages 99 through 103 the Virginia Court System is detailed. We are aware of your standing as one of America's leading genealogists and your presiding over a genealogical Collection in Dallas second to none in the nation. Could you perhaps find some article similar to the McGinnis one dealing with the Massachusetts Court System which might clarify for us the position of "Commissioners" -

We would hazard a guess that, if they were judges, they would be like municipal court judges or justices of the peace.

Your assistance in this matter would be deeply appreciated.

Sincerely  
Owen Johnson



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September 24, 1994

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Dear Mr Bockstruck -

From Mr Davis' Ancestry of  
Annus Spear it would appear that  
Edmond Kettlefield as a "... Commissioner  
to end small causes or local justice ..."  
(page 79) was a judge and a proponent  
for our society. Enclosed please find a  
lineage form with instructions on page 3.

In your letter to me you  
mentioned an Aaron Smith of Kentucky.  
We had an Aaron Kell of Muhlenberg  
County, Kentucky (born in South Carolina and  
died in Mississippi). He had a son Aaron  
Kovett Kell who, in turn, had an Aaron  
Smith Kell. The first Aaron had a  
daughter, Louanna Smith Kell and a  
granddaughter, Louanna Smith Kell Tidwell.  
The Smith name seemed to be popular with  
them - Sincerely Owen Johnson



THE SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF THE  
COLONIAL AND ANTEBELLUM BENCH AND BAR

1565-1861

Number \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby apply for membership in the Sons and Daughters of the Colonial and Antebellum Bench and Bar 1565 - 1861. I do so on the basis of my lineage as set forth herein and I declare that the statements contained are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck  
(Signature)

Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck  
(Typed full name of applicant)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Typed full name of husband if applicant is married)

Residence of applicant:  
The Bristle Cone, 3955-C Buena Vista Street  
Dallas, Texas 75204-1602, U.S.A.

Signature of two members who sponsor applicant's membership:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

My qualifying ancestor is Edmund Littlefield

He was a judge (judge or lawyer). State here the exact capacity of his service as a judge or lawyer (as shown on Propositus Sheet). Commissioner to end small causes for the town of

Wells, Maine 1654, 1655, 1656, 1658, 1660, and 1661

Province and Court Records of Maine, II, 30, 40, 51, 65, 95, & 108

Proof of service (as shown on Propositus Sheet). \_\_\_\_\_

Province and Court Records of Maine, II, 30, 40, 51, 65, 95, & 108

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date of Approval)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Genealogist General)

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(Amount of Fee Received)



LINEAGE

1. My qualifying ancestor was Edmund Littlefield  
 born at Titchfield, England on bapt. 27 June 1592  
 died at Wells, Maine on bet 11 & 17 Dec. 1661 married at Titchfield, Eng.  
 on 16 Oct. 1614 to Annis Austin born at Titchfield, Eng.  
 on 1 Feb. 1596/7 died at Wells, Maine on 2 Apr. 1678 His son was  
(Son or Daughter)
2. Anthony Littlefield born at Titchfield, Eng. on 7 Oct. 1621  
 died at Wells, Maine on 1662 married at Wells, Maine  
 on 1662 to Mary Page born at Saco, Maine  
 on 1662 died at 1662 on 1662 Their son was
3. Edmond Littlefield born at Wells, Maine on ca. 1653  
 died at Braintree, Mass. on 9 Apr. 1718 married at 1718  
 on 1718 to 1718 born at 1718  
 on 1718 died at 1718 on 1718 Their daughter was
4. John Harding born at Braintree, Mass. on 1 June 1681  
 died at 1751 on ante 7 Oct. 1751 married at Braintree, Mass.  
 on 6 Jan. 1703/4 to Mary Littlefield born at 1703/4  
 on 1703/4 died at 1703/4 on 1703/4 Their daughter was
5. Isaac Hobart born at Hingham, Mass. on 15 July 1700  
 died at Abington, Mass. on 25 Dec. 1775 married at Abington, Mass.  
 on 25 Dec. 1705 to Mary Harding born at Abington, Mass.  
 on 25 July 1705 died at Abington, Mass. on 26 Sep. 1778 Their daughter was
6. Thomas Reed born at Abington, Mass. on 17 Apr. 1732  
 died at Abington, Mass. on 15 Mar. 1812 married at Abington, Mass.  
 on 11 May 1757 to Mary Hobart born at Abington, Mass.  
 on 25 July 1705 died at Abington, Mass. on 26 Sep. 1778 Their daughter was
7. Dr. Richard Briggs born at Norton, Mass. on 1753  
 died at Worthington, Mass. on 11 Apr. 1835 married at Abington, Mass.  
 on 12 Aug. 1784 to Huldah Reed born at Abington, Mass.  
 on 27 Apr. 1768 died at Bond County, Ill. on 17 Dec. 1842 Their son was
8. Henry Briggs born at Abington, Mass. on 1 Feb. 1792  
 died at Bond Co., Ill. on 16 June 1851 married at Bond Co., Ill.  
 on 1851 to Elizabeth Moody born at Tenn.  
 on 6 Dec. 1804 died at Bond Co., Ill. on 28 June 1865 Their son was
9. Henry Kendall Briggs born at Bond Co., Ill. on 19 May 1832  
 died at Bond County, Ill. on 18 Apr. 1915 married at St. Louis, Mo.  
 on 25 Dec. 1854 to Mary Jane Speed born at Burslem, Eng.  
 on 1 Jan. 1836 died at Greenville, Ill. on 23 Mar. 1914 Their son was
10. Edward Wells Briggs born at St. Louis, Mo. on 8 Feb. 1860  
 died at Vandalia, Ill. on 7 Mar. 1935 married at Bond Co., Ill.  
 on 4 Sep. 1884 to Mary Elizabeth Graff born at Bond Co., Ill.  
 on 13 Dec. 1858 died at Greenville, Ill. on 2 July 1947 Their daughter was

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11. Frederick Henry Bockstruck born at Bond Co., Ill. on 3 Nov. 1890  
died at Highland, Ill. on 10 Jan. 1960, married at Bond Co., Ill.  
on 18 Apr. 1909 to Nellie Briggs, born at Bond Co., Ill.  
on 9 Oct. 1889, died at Greenville, Ill. on \_\_\_\_\_ Their son was

12. Harry Earl Bockstruck born at Bond Co., Ill. on 13 Feb. 1911  
died at Greenville, Ill. on 19 Sep. 1969, married at St. Louis, Mo.  
on 2 Dec. 1940 to Olive Elsie Blankenship, born at Bond Co., Ill.  
on 2 Dec. 1916, died at \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ Their son was

13. Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck born at Vandalia, Ill. on 26 May 1945  
died at \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_, married at \_\_\_\_\_  
on \_\_\_\_\_, to \_\_\_\_\_, born at \_\_\_\_\_  
on \_\_\_\_\_, died at \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ Their \_\_\_\_\_ was

14. \_\_\_\_\_ born at \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_  
died at \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_, married at \_\_\_\_\_  
on \_\_\_\_\_, to \_\_\_\_\_, born at \_\_\_\_\_  
on \_\_\_\_\_, died at \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ Their \_\_\_\_\_ was

15. \_\_\_\_\_ born at \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_  
died at \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_, married at \_\_\_\_\_  
on \_\_\_\_\_, to \_\_\_\_\_, born at \_\_\_\_\_  
on \_\_\_\_\_, died at \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ Their \_\_\_\_\_ was

INSTRUCTIONS

1. This form must be typewritten. When completed, one photocopy of the form must be sent with the original and all proof papers and with a check covering the initiation fee and either annual dues or the lifetime dues fee to the Genealogist General:

Mr. Robert Carter Arnold  
5 Jenckes Street  
Providence, Rhode Island 02906-1420

2. The initiation fee is \$30.00 (Thirty Dollars). Annual dues are \$20.00 (Twenty Dollars). The lifetime dues fee is \$200.00 (Two Hundred Dollars). Checks may be payable to "Bench and Bar" either in the amount of \$50.00 (Fifty Dollars) for annual membership or \$230.00 (Two Hundred Thirty Dollars) for life membership.

3. Proof must be given in the Section "Proof of Lineage" for each statement of date and place of birth, marriage and death in the lineage, by sending photocopies or certified copies of all published or other authority. The volume and page should be given for published authorities.

4. If the lineage has already been approved by another recognized hereditary society, it may be sufficient to merely cite that lineage form and furnish a photocopy of it. The lineage form of the other hereditary society must bear the signature of the official approving the lineage and must contain a reference to every authority on which its genealogist relied. If, instead, it merely refers to another paper listing the authorities, a photocopy of that other paper must also be sent the Genealogist General of this Society. In any case, the Genealogist General of this Society may call for further proof.



Proof of Lineage

GENERATION The numbers below refer to the corresponding generations as listed under "Lineage."

1. Walter Goodwin Davis, The Ancestry of Annis Spear 1775-1858 of Lichfield Maine, pp. 78-82
2. Gladys H. Allen, Hayward-Howard and Littlefield, pp. 55-66.
3. Braintree Vital Records, pp. 662 & 740; Abner Morse, Genealogical Register of Descendants of Several Ancient Puritans, IV, 12
4. Waldo C. Sprague, Genealogies of the Families of Braintree, card 2137R
5. B. Hobart, History of the Town of Abington, Massachusetts, 386-87  
p. 126
6. J.L. Reed, The Reed Genealogy; B. Hobart, The History of the Town of Abinton
7. Rev. War Pension File W10548; History of the Town of Abington, p. 136; Vital Records of Worthington, p. 127; estae file of Huldah Briggs; New England Historic Genealogical Register, CXXVII, 113
8. Abington Vital Records, I, 73; estate file of H. Briggs; Collected Works of Abraham Lincoln, VIII, 592 and II, 73; family Bible
9. Death certificates; obituary of MJ(S)B  
Greenville Advoate 2 Aug. 1934 and 19 Apr. 1915
10. Death certificates; marriage license
11. Death certificates; marriage license
12. Birth certificates; marriage license; death certificate of HEB
13. Birth Certificate
14. \_\_\_\_\_
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15 DECEMBER 1994

P.O. Box 2816  
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Dear MR. LLOYD DEWITT BOCKSTRUCK, ESQ.  
THE BRISTLE CONE  
3955-C BUENA VISTA STREET  
DALLAS, TEXAS 75204-1002

We are pleased to inform you that your application for Life  
~~Annual~~ (circle one) membership in The Sons and Daughters  
of the Colonial and Antebellum Bench and Bar 1565-1861 has  
been approved based upon your descent from

EDMUND LITTLEFIELD

Your membership number is CHARTER 14 - LIFE

Your check # 3987 in the amount of \$ 230<sup>00</sup> has been  
forwarded to our Treasurer General.

We welcome you and look forward to your participation and  
involvement.

Sincerely,

*Robert Carter Arnold*

Robert Carter Arnold  
Genealogist General

cc: Secretary General Mrs. Richard C. McGehee  
Treasurer General Mr. Peter Arrott Dixon  
Governor General Mr. Charles Owen Johnson