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Margaret Swanson, Phelps Family Association member, was the person who shattered my nice neat ideas about the origins of William & George Phelps. I believed Judge Oliver Seymour Phelps & Andrew T. Servin when they wrote in The Phelps Family of America & Their English Ancestry, that William & George were born in Tewkesbury, England. I pictured them walking Tewkesbury's teeming streets on market day. I dreamed their christening days in Tewkesbury Abbey with its great Norman Tower. Their proud prosperous mother & father, Dorothy & William (1) Phelps proudly following the ceremony. That illusion was shaken when Margaret suggested that I read MS Mrytle Hyde's article in "The American Genealogist," Volume 58 (October 1982).

MS Hyde wrote that William Phelps, the settler, was born about 1599 & died in his 73rd year according to Phelps & Servin. They say that William Phelps' Windsor death record says he was 72. Ms Hyde says there was no indication of his age in the Windsor, Connecticut Vital Records which say that old mr Phelps died July. 14. 1672--. His son, William was three score years old 1677 according to a legal document. That would make his birth 1617 when his father was 18 years old. However, my "Phelps Genealogy", an original copy published in 1899 says that William Phelps, the settler, was born between 1695-99. Knowing that most people did not read or write & that vital statistics were kept imperfectly at that time, this does not seem an important point.

MS Hyde has a more telling bit of information about William Phelps. She states that his father William (1) died in 1611. His widow, Dorothy, was made administrator of his possessions. Dorothy made her will 16 Jun 1612. Her will named her children Dorothy, Frances, Mary & William & her brothers-in-law Nicolas & Edward. Dorothy did not name George as her son. Two years later Dorothy died. Her estate was not probated until 5 May 1617. Nicolas Phelps was named to administer the estate until William, her son, came of age.

In 1636 Edward Phelps, Dorothy's brother-in-law made his will. His will was probated 1 Jul 1637. He appointed William Phelps as an overseer. MS Hyde believes this William Phelps was Dorothy & William Phelps' son. William Phelps, the settler, had already emigrated to Dorchester in 1630 & was then living in Windsor Colony. It was unlikely that Edward would have named the William who lived in remote Windsor as his overseer. Distance would have made it impossible for William the settler to administer an English estate. Consequently MS Hyde concluded William Phelps of Tewkesbury was not William the settler. She believed he came from the south of England.

Burton Spear, author of Search for the Passengers of the Mary & John Vol. 1-10 believes that William Phelps, the emigrant lived in Somerset County, England as early as 1618. He has found Phelps baptism records for children of William Phelps in Crewkerne & Porlock. He has found Phelps baptism records in Phillimore's printed indexes of Crewkerne, in the Somerset Record Office located in Taunton, England. He also found the Somerset I.G.R. records listing Porlock, England baptisms for children of William Phelps. They match the generally believed dates for the birth of William Phelps, the settler's children.

	<u>Phillimore's Record</u>	<u>I.G.R.</u>
William Phelps	bapt. 1618 Crewkerne	bapt. 1620 Porlock
Richard Phelps	not listed	bapt. 1619 Porlock
Samuel Phelps	bapt. 1621 Crewkerne	not listed
Sarah Phelps	not listed	bapt. 1623 Porlock
Nathaniel Phelps	bapt. 1624 Crewkerne	bapt. 1627 Porlock
Cornelius Phelps	bapt. 1627 Crewkerne	not listed
Joseph Phelps	bapt. 1628 Crewkerne	bapt. 1629 Porlock
Mary Phelps	bapt. 1628	not listed

notebook/diary, found with the John Eggleston family Bible, which has the following: "Mary Ann S[^t]andish her u[n]cle John Eggleston to live h[ere] 28 day of July (notebook now owned by Mrs. Thelma Scott of Corinth, a descendant of Lydia h) Eggleston; Mary Ann Standish is listed in the 1855 state census of Greenfield as an old daughter of Benjamin Standish - brother of Lydia and Lucinda). Benjamin's was close to that of his brother Joseph who, on 19 Sept. 1818, was grantee of land from their father Israel Standish (TAG 50:241).

This information strongly supports Warner's conclusion that Israel⁵ Standish family moved from Connecticut to Greenfield, N.Y., about 1795 and his daughters were married by 1800. Two daughters, Lucinda (Standish) Eggleston and Lydia (Standish) (Eggleston) Ide, remained neighbors for years in Corinth, whereas sons Joseph and Benjamin continued to live in the proximity on their properties in nearby Greenfield.

EGGLESTON-IDE FAMILIES

A⁶ STANDISH b. Preston, Conn., 1779-1782 dau. of Israel⁵ and Lydia h) Standish, d. bet. 1860 and 1865. She m. (1) prob. Greenfield, N.Y., 1800 JEREMIAH EGGLESTON, b. ca.1774, d. Corinth, N.Y., 24 Sept. 1829, son of Joseph Eggleston.

She m. (2) bef. 1810 TIMOTHY IDE, b. Clifton Park, Saratoga Co., N.Y., in 1786, d. Corinth 30 Dec. 1876.

Children (EGGLESTON) b. prob. Corinth to Jeremiah and Lydia⁶ (Standish):

- i CYRUS b. 1795-1800 (1810 census above), d. 12 March 1880; m. DIANNA PATIENCE GRIPPEN, b. 1813, d. 29 Oct. 1897 (Rock Cem., Spier Falls Rd., Corinth)
- ii LYDIA b. 20 May 1802, d. 20 Nov. 1902 aged 100y 6m (g.s. Rock Cem.); m. BENJAMIN GRIPPEN, b. 5 Feb. 1801, d. 18 July 1873 (Rock Cem.). (As Mr. Warren states, "Grippen was a common misspelling of the name [Crippen] and one branch still retains that spelling.")

Children (IDE) of Timothy and Lydia (Standish) (Eggleston), b. prob. Corinth:

- iii CHARLOTTE b. ca.1815 (1820 and 1830 censuses); m. URIAH MALLERY (Nathaniel B. Sylvester, *The History of Saratoga County, New York* [Philadelphia 1878] p. 392)
- iv SARRINA DIANE b. ca.1816 (1860 census Corinth 818/809); m. D. JOHN HERRICK, b. 1820 (Sylvester p. 392)
- v ORIN B. b. ca.1818; m. CAROLINE HODGES, b. ca.1822 (1855 NY census, Corinth 189/197)
- vi ANN ELIZA b. 15 June 1821, d. 22 Sept. 1891; m. SIMON HEATH, b. 3 Aug. 1818, d. 18 Sept. 1887 (1855 NY census Corinth 48/46; Sylvester p. 392; Corinth Rural Cem. Rt. 9)

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THE ENGLISH ORIGIN OF WILLIAM¹ PHELPS OF DORCHESTER, MASS., AND WINDSOR, CONN., WITH NOTES ON HIS MARRIAGES

By Myrtle Stevens Hyde, F.A.S.G.

William¹ Phelps of Dorchester, Mass., and Windsor, Conn., now has an identified home in England. In 1982, my article questioning Phelps' claimed English origin in Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire, was published in TAG (58:243-44). Afterward, Mr. Burton Spear of Toledo, Ohio, kindly shared with me entries sent to him from an index of the parish registers of Crewkerne, co. Somerset, that obviously relate to this family.

William Phelps undoubtedly came to Dorchester, Massachusetts Bay, in 1630 on the ship *Mary and John*; the passengers on this ship had been principally resident in the southwest counties of England: Dorset, Somerset, and Devon (Charles Edward Banks, *The Planters of the Commonwealth* [Boston 1930] pp. 87-91). Five known children were born to William Phelps before he moved from Dorchester to Windsor. In order of their dates of marriage, they were (Oliver Seymour Phelps and Andrew T. Servin, Jr., *The Phelps Family of America, and Their English Ancestors*, 2 vols. [Pittsfield, Mass., 1899], hereafter Phelps Fam., 1:87, 88, 90, 91):

William m. (1) 4 June 1645 Isabel Wilson.
Nathaniel m. 17 Sept. 1650 widow Elizabeth Copley.
Samuel m. 10 Nov. 1650 Sarah Griswold.
Sarah m. 9 June 1658 William Wade.
Joseph m. (1) 20 Sept. 1660 Hannah Newton.

The parish registers of Crewkerne, co. Somerset, have baptisms for the following children of William Phelps, without giving the name of the mother:

William bp. 9 Sept. 1618.	Cornelius bp. 13 Oct. 1627.
Samuel bp. 5 Aug. 1621.	Joseph bp. 13 Nov. 1628.
Nathaniel bp. 6 March 1624/[5].	Mary bp. same day [13 Nov. 1628].
	Mary bp. 6 Dec. 1629.

Burton Spear included these entries, with years only, in his *Search for the Passengers of the Mary & John 1630* (Toledo, Ohio, 1985-), 2:94, 3:68, 7:99. At my request, the Somerset County Archivist provided the full dates above.

Also in my behalf, J.D. Clements of Alhampton, Somerset, carried out a search of the Crewkerne registers for Phelps burials. The results:

An infant of Wm Phelps bur. 8 Jan. 1623/[4].
Maric wife of Wm Phelps bur. 13 Aug. 1626.

Crewkerne marriages are printed, beginning with entries in 1559, and Burton Spear obtained a copy of them up to 1632. The only Phelps entries are (W.P.W. Phillimore and D.M. Ross., eds., *Somerset Parish Registers: Marriages* 5[London 1904]:24-25):

1624, 27 April: William Russell, of S. Petherton, & Elizabeth Phelpes.
1626, 14 Nov.: William Phelpes & Anne Dover.

Because Crewkerne is near the county of Dorset, I searched indexes of both Somerset and Dorset marriages. Neither search turned up the marriage of a William Phelps and a Mary around 1617.

WILLIAM¹ PHELPS' MARRIAGES

Henry R. Stiles in his *History and Genealogy of Ancient Windsor* ([Hartford 1892] hereafter Stiles' Windsor), 2:563, states that William¹ Phelps married first Elizabeth (—), who died in Dorchester, that he married second in Windsor, Mary Dover, and that she died on 27 Nov. 1675, he having predeceased her on 14 July 1672.

These statements are repeated by Phelps Fam. 1:72-86, Maude Pinney Kuhns (*The "Mary and John"* [Rutland, Vt., 1943] p. 60), and other works such as Spear (7:63), with the addition of the years 1635 for Elizabeth's death and 1638 for the marriage to Mary Dover. Charles Edward Banks, however, gives the name of the wife with whom William Phelps emigrated as "Mrs. Anne Phelps," without, unfortunately, a citation (Planters p. 90).

No evidence has been found in American sources for these assertions. The Dorchester vital records do not include those families that left for Windsor before 1643 and have nothing on the death of any Phelps. Windsor records do not include the claimed marriage to Mary Dover, and we have no evidence of her first name. The death record simply names "William Phelps his wife" (Edwin Stanley Welles, *Births, Marriages and Deaths Returned from Hartford, Windsor and Fairfield and Entered on the Early Land Records of the Colony of Connecticut* [Hartford 1898], hereafter Welles, p. 28).

The Crewkerne records prove that William Phelps had an apparent first wife, named Mary rather than Elizabeth, and that after her death he did indeed marry a Dover. The published assertion about Mary Dover may be a confusion of these two wives, or possibly the misapplication of an unidentified document in which Phelps mentioned a Dover as a relation.

Whatever the case, no evidence has been found for the claimed marriage to Elizabeth or for the claimed marriage to Mary Dover. The conclusion that the latter marriage occurred in 1638 probably came from the birth of Timothy, son of "ould m^r william Phelpes," in August or September 1639 (*Some Early Records and Documents of and Relating to the Town of Windsor* [Hart-

ford 1930], hereafter Windsor Early Recs., p. 55; Windsor Vital Records [transcript] microfilm at Family History Library [FHL], Salt Lake City, hereafter Windsor VR, p. 29). The gap of five years between Timothy and the last child Mary in 1644 (Windsor Early Recs. p. 55) suggests that Mary may have been a menopause baby.

Further investigation into Connecticut land and court records is necessary to confirm the existence of a later wife. The current state of our knowledge suggests that William¹ Phelps had only two wives, Mary (—) and Anne Dover.

SUMMARY OF WILLIAM¹ PHELPS

WILLIAM¹ PHELPS was born say 1592 and died at Windsor, Conn., on 14 July 1672 (Welles p. 27). He apparently married first around 1617 MARY —, who was buried at Crewkerne, co. Somerset, on 13 Aug. 1626. He married second at Crewkerne on 14 Nov. 1626 ANNE DOVER, who apparently accompanied him to New England and was the "William Phelps his wife" who died in Windsor on 21 Nov. 1675.

Anne (Dover) Phelps' parentage has not yet been determined. Whereas the Phelps name was common in Somerset and Dorset, the Dover name was scarce. The International Genealogical Index (compiled by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, hereafter IGI) contains only a few Dover entries for the 1500s and 1600s for these counties. The Prerogative Court of Canterbury [PCC] has no Dover wills for either Somerset or Dorset from 1584 to 1660.

No probate has been found for William¹ Phelps; he had probably distributed his property among his children before his death.

Children (PHELPS) of William¹, prob. by his apparent first wife Mary (—), bp. Crewkerne, co. Somerset:

- i WILLIAM² bp. 9 Sept. 1618, d. Windsor, Conn., 17 Feb. 1681[2] (Welles p. 5 m. (1) Windsor 4 June 1645 ISABEL WILSON (Windsor Early Recs. p. 55), w. d. there 15 July 1674 (see George E. McCracken, "Robert Wilson of Farmington, Conn.," TAG 52:76-85, esp. 78); m. (2) Windsor 20 Dec. 1676 SARA PINNEY (Windsor Early Recs. p. 72), daughter of Humphrey¹ and Mary (Humphrey) Pinney of Windsor (Mary Walton Ferris, *Dawes-Gates Ancestral Lines* [Hartford 1931-43], hereafter Dawes-Gates, 2:662). No issue by either marriage.
His nuncupative will, dated 10 Feb. 1681[2], left his entire estate to be disposed of by his [half-]brother Timothy, who was to be executor and receive a third of the "Outlands"; the court, however, awarded the widow, "by virtue of a Jointure agreement," the personal estate and housing, and two-thirds of the outlands (Charles W. Manwaring, *A Digest of the Early Connecticut Probate Records* [Hartford 1904-6], hereafter Manwaring, 1:348).
- ii SAMUEL bp. 5 Aug. 1621, d. Windsor 15 May 1669 (Windsor Early Recs. p. 1 m. there 10 Nov. 1650 SARAH² GRISWOLD (Windsor Early Recs. p. 55), dat-

Edward¹ and Margaret (—) Griswold of Windsor and Killingworth, Conn. She m. (2) Windsor 21 July 1670 Nathaniel² Pinney (*Humphrey*¹) (Windsor Early Recs. p. 55; Dawes-Gates 2:403, 662; Donald Lines Jacobus, *The Waterman Family* [New Haven and Hartford 1939-54], hereafter *Waterman Fam.*, 1:665-67; TAG 39:176-80, 40:43-46). For Samuel² Phelps' probate, see Manwaring 1:225.

iii infant bur. Crewkerne 8 Jan. 1623[4].

iv NATHANIEL bp. 6 March 1624[5], d. Northampton, Mass., 27 May 1702 (James Edward Buckman, comp., "Northampton Deaths," in Forbes Library, Northampton, p. 13); m. Windsor 17 Sept. 1650 widow ELIZABETH COPLEY (Windsor Early Recs. p. 55; see NEHGR 64[1910]:248 fn.). For his probate, see Hampshire Co., Mass., PR 3:93-94.

Children (PHELPS) of William, v-viii by his second wife Anne (Dover) (bp. Crewkerne), ix-xi either by Anne or by a third wife (see discussion above):

v CORNELIUS bp. 13 Oct. 1627; n.f.r.

vi JOSEPH (twin?) bp. 13 Nov. 1628, d. Simsbury, Conn., bef. 5 March 1683/4 (date of inventory of his estate); m. (1) Windsor 20 Sept. 1660 HANNAH² NEWTON (Windsor Early Recs. p. 57), prob. dau. of Anthony¹ Newton of Dorchester and Milton, Mass. (TAG 65:13-16); m. (2) Northampton 19 [not 9] Jan. 1676 MARY (—), widow of Thomas Salmon of Northampton (Northampton TR, microfilm at FHL; Selim Walker McArthur [ed. Donald Lines Jacobus], *McArthur-Barnes Ancestral Lines* [Portland, Maine, 1964] p. 153). For Joseph² Phelps' probate, see Manwaring 1:347-48.

vii MARY (twin?) bp. 13 Nov. 1628, prob. d.y.

viii MARY (again) bp. 6 Dec. 1629, prob. d.y.

ix SARAH b. say mid-1630s, d. Windsor 10 July 1659; m. there 9 June 1658 WILLIAM WADE of Middletown (Windsor VR).

x TIMOTHY b. Windsor, Aug. or 1 Sept. 1639 (Windsor Early Recs. p. 55; Windsor VR); d. bet. 2 March 1716/7 and 28 Sept. 1719, the dates that his will was executed and that the witnesses made oath to his signature; m. Windsor 19 March 1661[2?] MARY² GRISWOLD, dau. of Edward¹ and Margaret (—) Griswold (Windsor Early Recs. p. 56; *Waterman Fam.* 1:667; Dawes-Gates 2:403). For his probate, see Manwaring 2:417-18.

xi MARY (again) b. in March 1644, bp. 2 March (Windsor Early Recs. p. 55; Windsor VR), prob. d. Simsbury 13 Feb. 1725/6 as "Marey Barber ye Eldest" (Albert C. Bates, *Simsbury, Connecticut, Births, Marriages and Deaths...* [Hartford 1898] p. 158); m. Windsor 17 Dec. 1663 THOMAS BARBER (Welles p. 10, as "Marsey").

THE CLAIMED PHELPS ORIGIN IN PORLOCK, CO. SOMERSET

In Charles Edward Banks' posthumous *Topographical Dictionary of 2885 English Emigrants to New England* [Philadelphia 1937], p. 144, William¹ Phelps is derived from Porlock, co. Somerset, a parish forty-five miles northwest of Crewkerne, and his children appear in the IGI as though they were born in Porlock. Porlock is erroneous as his place of origin, but because it appears in widely-available sources, an explanation is in order. The entries in the IGI are:

Richard Phelps, son of William and Anna, born Porlock 1619.
William Phelps, son of William and Anna, born Porlock 1620.
Sarah Phelps, dau. of William and Anna, born Porlock 1623.
Nathaniel Phelps, son of William and Anna, born Porlock 1627.
Joseph Phelps, son of William and Anna, born Porlock 1629.

At a glance, these entries seem to be from Porlock records, even though parish registers at this time recorded baptisms rather than births. The microfilm copy of the submission pages for these Phelps entries indicates that their source is instead "Anc. & Desc. Josiah Phelps of Stafford Springs, Conn., Library of Congress." This book is listed by the Library of Congress as *The Phelps Family, A history of the ancestors and descendants of Josiah Phelps of Stafford Springs, Conn., and Pitsford, N.Y.*, by Louise (Copeland) Phelps, Oak Park, Ill., 1918. I have been unable to consult a copy.

From further investigation in Phelps printed sources, I discovered that the Porlock "clue" was probably first published by Oliver Seymour Phelps in *Genealogy of Othniel Phelps, Esq., of Aylmer, Canada West* (St. Catharines, Canada West, 1882). In this work are quoted two letters from Porlock. The first (p. 10), dated 13 Dec. 1860, tells of an interview with an Abraham Phelps who said that, "Some branch of the [Porlock Phelps] family left Plymouth [co. Devon, England] many years since, for some part of America." The second letter (p. 13), dated 12 Aug. 1861, was written by a niece of the above Abraham Phelps; she reported that a search of the early parish registers and parish chest "throw[s] [no] light on the pedigree of the Phelps family." These letters are also printed in *Phelps Fam.*, pp. 36-38.

The now-extant parish registers of Porlock begin in 1625, so baptisms before that time cannot appear in them. Given this fact, and evaluating the source for the IGI Phelps entries credited to Porlock, I felt no inclination to pay to have a search made for Phelps entries after 1625. The person who submitted the children of William as having been born at Porlock and as all having the mother Anna was merely speculating.

GEORGE¹ PHELPS OF WINDSOR, CONN.

A George Phelps of Windsor, Conn., was closely associated with William¹ Phelps and has been called his brother.* One of George's sons was named Abraham and another Joseph. George does not appear in the Crewkerne

* Richard Phelps of Dorchester has been called a brother of William and George. Richard is mentioned only once in the Dorchester records: "April. 3. 1633. It is agreed that a doble rayle. . . shall be set up in the Marish, from the corner of Richard Phelps, his pale Eastward to the Creeke, by the owners of the Cowes vnder named. . ." the owners including William Phellps [sic] (*Report of the Record Commissioners* 4[2nd ed. Boston 1883]:1-2). Richard may have died early or returned to England, or the name may be a clerical error for William.

records, but the names George and Abraham are common in the Phelps family of Porlock, whereas there are apparently no Williams in this group.

Somerset wills were destroyed in World War II, but there are a number of wills for the Phelps family of Porlock in the PCC, including John Philps of Porlock, yeoman, 1607 (67 Huddleston); Henry Phelps of Porlock, 1637 (94 Goare); Robert Phelps the elder, of Porlock, yeoman, 1655 (folio 185); and George Philp of Luccombe, Somerset, yeoman, 1656 (folio 366). John Philps (1607) mentioned his "fifth son George Philps," but the wills provide enough information to conclude that this George was the testator of 1656 and not the New England settler.

Further investigation is necessary to determine the origin of George¹ Phelps of Windsor and his possible relationship to William¹ Phelps.

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GASKILL-ESTES-WOODIN CORRECTION

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My recent article, "John¹ Woodin, Brickmaker, of New Hampshire, Massachusetts, and South Carolina," states that Sarah Gaskill, the daughter of Samuel and Bethia² (Woodin) Gaskill, married Richard Estes in 1737 (TAG 64:241). This is incorrect. The Estes marriage properly belongs to a Sarah of the next generation. She was the daughter of Samuel [Jr.] and Sarah (Varney) Gaskill and a granddaughter of Samuel [Sr.] and Bethia (Woodin) Gaskill (see TAG 64:240). This conclusion is proven by the probate file of Samuel [Jr.] (Worcester Co., Mass., PR Series A #2297). His will, filed on 8 Sept. 1761, included only the given names of his three daughters: Sarah, Huldah, and Elizabeth. However, within the probate papers is a document stating that "We The ars to samuell Gaskell Est[at Latly desced of mendon Do A gre and say That we are fuley Contented with our fathers Last Will and hear By set our hands." The first two signatures are those of Richard Estes and Sarah Estes. I would like to thank Roberta Smith of Portsmouth, N.H., for questioning the incorrect placement of the Gaskill-Estes marriage, which led to further research and a resolution of the problem.

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CHRISTIAN GOTTLIEB¹ DORNBLÄSER OF NORTHAMPTON CO., PA., HIS WIFE MARIA MAGDALENA FRANTZ, AND THEIR DORNBLASER- DUNBLAZIER DESCENDANTS

By David L. Greene, C.G., F.A.S.G.

(Continued from page 86)

6 JOHN³ DORNBLASER (*John Paul², Christian Gottlieb¹*) was born in Bethlehem Twp., Northampton Co., Pa., on 14 Dec. 1786 and baptized at Dryland Union Church on 28 Jan. 1787. He died in Porter Twp., Clinton Co., Pa., on 17 Oct. 1862, aged 75 years, 10 months, and 3 days, according to his gravestone at the cemetery of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Snyderstown, Walker Twp., Centre Co., Pa. John³ Dornblaser married (recorded First Reformed Church, Easton) on 22 March 1812 CATHARINE³ LAWALL (*Kieffer's First Settlers p. 361*), daughter of William Henry² Lawall (*John Michael¹*) by his wife Elisabeth Naulin or Nowlane (see will of her father, John Nowlane [Northampton Co. PR Will Book 1:175]). Catharine Lawall's birth and baptism are not in the records of the Dryland Union Church; according to the "mug book" biography of her son, John⁴ Dornblaser, she was born [doubtless in Bethlehem Twp., Northampton Co., where her parents lived] on 16 July 1788 and died [doubtless in Porter Twp.] on 4 Oct. 1846 (Comm. Biog. Rec. Cent. Pa. pp. 591-92). Her gravestone has not been found.

William Henry Lawall died on 16 Dec. 1802 (Eyster, Dryland Inscriptions). On 25 March 1803, the petition of "Elizabeth Lawall widow of William Henry Lawall late of Bethlehem Township. . . Innkeeper" was read before the Northampton Co. Orphans' Court. She stated that "amongst other children," he left Catharine and Michael, above the age of fourteen. Catharine chose [her uncle] Michael Lawall as guardian. (Northampton Co. Orphans' Court 7:166.) "Cath. Lawall," as daughter of William Henry, was confirmed, aged 17, in the Dryland Union Church on 17 April 1805.

On 23 April 1814, the petition of Daniel Lawall, "Eldest son and heir at law of William Henry Lawall," was read before the Orphans' Court. He stated that his father had died "some time in. . . 1803. [sic]," leaving a widow and twelve children, including "Catharine the wife of John Dornblaser." He asked the court to award an inquest on his father's land, which had been conveyed by John Penn and Richard Penn on 21 Dec. 1805, to Elisabeth Lawall, Daniel Lawall, and Henry Clouse, administrators of the estate of William Henry Lawall. (Northampton Co. Orphans' Court 8:561.)