

# Individual Report for Elizabeth "Betsey" Cook

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<b>Name:</b>	Elizabeth "Betsey" Cook [19533]			<b>Sex:</b>	F
<b>AKA:</b>					
<b>Birth Date:</b>	Oct 12, 1776	<b>Place:</b>	New Salem, Massachusetts		
<b>Chr. Date:</b>		<b>Place:</b>			
<b>Death Date:</b>	May 5, 1867	<b>Place:</b>			
<b>Burial Date:</b>	May 1867				
<b>Place:</b>	Linesville Cemetery, Linesville Borough, Crawford County, PA				
<b>Cause of Death:</b>					
<b>User ID #:</b>	LC - A,1,7				



## Events

<b>1</b>	Alt Birth: Apr 1775.
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<b>Father:</b>	Samuel Cook [34976] [MRIN:11962]				
<b>Mother:</b>	Katherine Kendall [34977]				
<b>Spouse:</b>	*Shubael Childs Stratton, Sr. [21827] [MRIN:6668]				
<b>Marr. Date:</b>	May 31, 1796	<b>Place:</b>	New Salem, Franklin County, Massachusetts		
<b>Children:</b>	<b>1</b>	Catherine Stratton [34987]			
	<b>2</b>	Louisa Stratton [34988]			
	<b>3</b>	Franklin Stratton [34990]			
	<b>4</b>	Ira Stratton [34992]			
	<b>5</b>	George Stratton [34994]			
	<b>6</b>	James Cook Stratton [34996]			
	<b>7</b>	Shubael Childs Stratton, Jr. [2857]			
	<b>8</b>	Henry Stratton [13455]			

## General:

From Rick Leonard (rrleonad@hotmail.com), in an email received October 3, 2004:

I ran across your site recently while checking for updates of information on the many subjects of my research on early settlers & inhabitants of the Town of New Salem, Massachusetts. My congratulations, you have done an excellent job, and one which, as an amateur historian and genealogist, I appreciate immensely, as death & burial records are generally few and far between \endash which means lots of time searching cemeteries!

The "rest of the story" provided below is on BETSEY STRATTON \endash born in New Salem, Massachusetts and buried in the Linesville PA Cemetery, Section A, and was pieced together after much research in both Massachusetts & Maine. My research began in an attempt to learn the history of the home that I own on the Common in the Town of New Salem, Massachusetts. The house was built in 1797 by SHUBAEL CHILDS STRATTON & his wife, BETSEY (COOK) STRATTON. Here's the story: BETSEY STRATTON was born ELIZABETH (Betsey) COOK in New Salem, Massachusetts, the only daughter of Samuel COOK and his 1st wife, Katherine (Kendall) COOK. Her mother, the daughter of New Salem's 1sr settled minister, Rev. Samuel KENDALL, died in 1777 at the age of 22 and is buried in New Salem. Her father was remarried in 1780 to Lydia DERBY and 4 more children were born to them, including a daughter, Hannah COOK (more below on Hannah)

On 31 May 1796, Betsy was married in New Salem to SHUBAEL CHILDS STRATTON, a Trader who in 1795 had bought a ¼ acre parcel on the south end of the Town Common from Betsy's Uncle, Samuel Kendall Jr. There he built and operated a store. ( Note: Shubael, born in Weston, MA on 6 Dec 1768 to Jonathan & Sarah (Childs) STRATTON and had settled with his family to the town of Gerry (now Phillipston, MA) when he was a young boy.

They remained in New Salem until 1805, when the settlement of northern Maine was underway. Betsy's brother, Samuel COOK (Jr.) had married into another of New Salem's settling families, the HOULTON's, and left New Salem near the same time to settle the town of Houlton, Maine on the northern border with New Brunswick.

Shubael & Betsey STRATTON, with their young family, removed to Bangor, Maine in 1805, where Shubael owned & operated a store on the riverfront in Bangor. In 1815, the town of Bangor was occupied & burned by the British during the War of 1812, and apparently this, coupled with the severe winter in the Northeast of that year, caused by a major eruption of a south Pacific volcano, resulted in personal hardships and losses that forced the family to return to Phillipston, Massachusetts in 1816. Betsy's husband, Shubael, died the following year (1817) at the age of 49 and is buried in Phillipston.

Betsy (Cook) STRATTON remained in the area until 1831 when she apparently moved west with her family to Crawford County, PA. Her half sister, Hannah COOK had married a trader by the name of Caleb PERKINS had earlier left New Salem (in the first decade of the 1800's) moving westward and finally settling in Crawford County.

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Betsey appears to have followed their lead, as most of her then young family can be accounted for in the areas of Conneault, Linesville, or Meadville over the next decades.

Children born to Shubael Childs STRATTON & Betsey (Cook) STRATTON:

Catherine STRATTON - Born New Salem 8 Oct 1796. Died 10 July 1800. Burial in New Salem

Louisa STRATTON \endash Born New Salem 22 Oct 1798. Married John W. HUMPHREY

Franklin STRATTON \endash Born New Salem 30 July 1801. Married Caroline HOTCHKISS

Ira STRATTON \endash Born New Salem 6 Jan 1804. Married Martha Ann COOLIDGE.

Henry STRATTON \endash Born Bangor, Maine 28 Oct 1807. Married Emeline BRADLEY

George STRATTON - Born Bangor, Maine 16 Oct 1809. Married Susannah EVANS

James Cook STRATTON - Born Bangor, Maine 26 April 1812. Married Lovilla JENNINGS

Shubael C. STRATTON (Jr) \endash Born Bangor, Maine 28 Oct 1814. Married 1st Melvina STRONG / 2nd Almira Van Winkle.

## Marriage Notes (Shubael Childs Stratton, Sr.)

Massachusetts Marriages, 1633-1850

about Shubael C. Stratton

Name: Shubael C. Stratton

Gender: Male

Spouse: Betsy Cook

Marriage Date: 31 May 1796

City: New Salem

County: Franklin

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