

My sister and I have transcribed a notebook containing a family history and diary. It was begun by Emma PEASE Wells, wife of Escourt Wells, of Chemung in 1891, and continued by their daughter Mable Wells until 1927. That is the attached document.

I have more genealogy information on the family if you want it.

Thank you for a most helpful website.

Sincerely,

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Transcription of Emma Pease's note book, Jun 2011

I have corrected some spelling and punctuation to make this easier to read. Comments in square brackets [] are mine.

Chemung NY

August 12, 1891

To Mabel Clarissa Wells

I thought I would write a few sheets so you could have them when papa + I were not here to tell you of things that have happened before you were born + before you were old enough to understand.

My father + family came from Warehouse Point, Conn, in Mar 1859 to Big Flats. Of the family were father, mother, Evelin H. White (a daughter by a former marriage of my mother) + Clarissa + myself + a brother Lemuel H. (now in the west). We moved to Elmira in 1859 + to Greacien [Greece, NY?] Town in 1860. Clarissa was married to Reuben Griswold in 1861. They had five children, James, Lemuel, Lillian (died an infant), Rose + Mija. On June the 13th, 1863 I married your papa Escourt C. Wells, who had been in the army of the Rebellion + in papa's bible you will find a record of our children and also of his ancestors from his grandfather John G Warren to your birth. Lemuel H. Pease was married Nov 22, 1874 to Kate Givens. Up to this date they have had five children, the record of which you will find in my mother's bible.

My mother lived with me from 1874 until she died Jan 17, 1886, aged 73 years, 1 mo, 26 days. In 1865, Feb 16, John G Warren died, leaving a large amount of property by will, of which you can find at the clerks office in Elmira. Papa's mother was an only child of Lord[?] John G Warren, Martha by name (better known as Patty). She married Guy M. Wells June 19th, 1829. They had three sons, Miles, John, and Escourt, and they were the heirs to the property left by the grandfather. There was 2 farms in what is now called Dutch-town that he left to Phebe Levings, a woman that had worked for him a number of years that will be one half yours when your father is done (+ she also). Don't never make a mistake and sign any paper that will take it away from

you, but keep it for your children + you in your old age. At this date (1891) John W. Wells, your uncle, and your father are in possession of all the rest of the land of John G Warren's, as uncle Miles died Jan 23rd 1890, + none of us knew of any children belonging to him as he had always claimed that there were none. But after he died there were partys from Canada that came + claimed to be his children + have put in a claim for the most of the property that his grandfather left to him.

In the year of 1858, or there about, Miles Wells left home. He came back and spent the winter of 59-60. Then went again + did not come again until year 76, (I think) and then stayed until he died. Always said he had no family or ever had any. We of course, believed him and time will tell whether it is so or not. And when it is decided I will write it down in this book.

After we were married, we moved into this house that we now live in (known as the Old Middaugh Stand) as it used to be an hotel. At this time it is about the oldest inhabited house in this county. Our 2 oldest children were born here, Harry and Anna. In 1871 we built the house on the left side of the road (going up) on the land known as the Anna Green. We lived there + Alice was born there (died an infant)(as did Harry). In 1874 we moved in grandma Wells farm in the house now owned by John Burt. We stayed there + took care of the farm and her business in general. E. Hart was born there + died there. You were born there. My mother died there + papa's mother was sick there 5 months + we took care of her until she died. And Anna died there too, so you see we had a good deal of trouble while we lived there as well as some joy. We left there in 1887 coming back to Dutchtown.