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Miss Elizabeth F. Reed,
22 Park Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

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MUSTER

Dear Madam:

Replying to your letters of October 22 and 24, under separate wrapper I am sending you the photostatic copies ordered by you, the required fee having been received.

The payment of £6 made by the Province Treasurer to Capt. Andrew Reed was in response to an order of the Council of June 25, 1759, directing that Capts. Goodwin, Reed and Clarke be given certain amounts to discharge their accounts for bayonets supplied the military companies under their command. It does not show service rendered, and an examination of the Council Records for 1755-1769 revealed no reference to an order for the payment of any muster and payroll presented by Capt. Andrew Reed. If, however, you desire a certificate embodying this reference, it will be sent you on receipt of one dollar.

Photostatic copies of the rolls on which appear the following names (as requested by you) will be sent you for the amounts noted:

Jeremiah Beathe - Private, Capt. John Curtis's company,
August 10-18, 1757. Vol. 95, p. 495, 60¢

Samuel Boyd - Centinel, Capt. John North's company,
April 18-July 10, 1758. Vol. 96, p. 167, 60¢

A photostatic copy of the warrant for Capt. Richard Dodge's company on which appears the name of Adam Boyde will be sent you, if you desire.

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Jonathan Sawyer, 1749-1809 -

The published vital records of Danvers show that Benjamin Sawyer and his wife, Phoebe, had the following children:

Benjamin, born May 14, 1745;
Jonathan, born July 7, 1746, died Feb. 28, 1747;
Jacob, born Oct. 27, 1747;
Jonathan, born Mar. 6, 1748/9;
Joshua, born May 19, 1750;
Amos, born Mar. 15, 1753;
Nathaniel, born Sept. 7, 1754;
Phoebe, born Mar. 29, 1756; *m. Capt Andrew Reed Jr*
Aaron, born Feb. 11, 1758;
Betty, born Oct. 2, 1760;
Ebenezer, born Mar. 8, 1762, died Feb. 11, 1763;
Ebenezer, born Aug. 15, 1764.

The record of the marriage of Jonathan Sawyer and Sarah ----- has not been found. The marriage may have taken place at Salem, but the records of marriages in that town have not yet been printed.

Jonathan Sawyer was probably in Danvers during at least a portion of the Revolutionary period, as the records of the births of the following children to Jonathan and Sarah Sawyer were found:

Sarah, born Nov. 9, 1768;
Phoebe, born Sept. 30, 1770;
Jonathan, born Nov. 5, 1772;
Anne, born Jan. 2, 1775;
Betty, born Mar. 12, 1780.

In "Mass. Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolutionary War" reference is found to a Jonathan Sawyer of Danvers, Private, Capt. Israel Hutchinson's company of Minute Men on the alarm of Apr. 19, 1775, 2 days. There seems to be no reason why he should not also be the 1st Lieutenant, Capt. Andrew Putnam's company, Col. Larkin Thorndike's (8th Essex County) regiment, commissioned Apr. 24, 1778. It is possible that further service might be found for said Sawyer in the Revolutionary War by addressing the Adjutant General, War Department, Washington, D. C.

William Fullerton, Jr., 1705 -

No references were found to service rendered by said Fullerton.

William Kennedy, born about 1700 -

In the record index to the French and Indian War muster rolls, 1710-1774, there appear to be references to three men bearing the name William Kennedy from the Eastward, for in the list of Capt. Alexander Nickels's (New Castle) company, sworn to May 2, 1757, William Kennedy, Sr., is given as in the Alarm list of the company and William Kennedy and William Kennedy, Jr., in the Train band.

Other references which you may be able to identify are as follows:

William Kennedy, Centinel, Capt. Alexander Nickels's company, from Aug. 10, 1751, to Sept. 12, 1751, scouting from Sheepscot to Wiscasset, Walpole, etc.;

William Canady, Sr., Centinel, Capt. Alexander Nickels, Jr.'s company, from Apr. 1, to Nov. 10, 1756, scouting eastward;

William Canady, Jr., Centinel, Capt. Alexander Nickels, Jr.'s company, from Apr. 1, to Nov. 10, 1756, scouting eastward;

William Kennedy, Centinel, Capt. Alexander Nickels's company, from Feb. 1, to Apr. 5, 1755, guarding stores at Fort Halifax; also same

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company, from June 24, to Nov. 28, 1755, scouting eastward; also same company, from Feb. 28, to Mar. 27, 1757, scouting eastward; also Capt. James Fitch's company, from May 16, to Oct. 31, 1757, scouting eastward; also Capt. James Hodge's company, from Apr. 10, to Oct. 30, 1759, at Newcastle; William Kennedy, Centinel, Capt. James Cargill's company, from Mar. 31, to July 15, 1759, at Penobscot.

In Mass. Archives, Vol. 78, p. 226, is a petition of William Kennedy dated Mar. 2, 1759, presented to the General Court, stating that his son James had been taken prisoner in June, 1758, that he was then at Fort Edward, and asking that assistance be given him in procuring his ransom. The petition was referred to a Committee, but for some reason their report (not found here) was not accepted.

James Kennedy, born 1745 -

The only references to a James Kennedy from the Eastward appearing in the French and Indian War index must belong to a brother of William Kennedy, as the service was all rendered in 1747/1749 and 1760. A man born in 1745 might have gone out in 1760, and he may have been the man who appears on a billeting roll of Capt. Alexander McNutt's company, raised for the total reduction of Canada, as mustered May 26, [1760]; roll made up to June 19, [1760], the date of receiving the King's provisions.

In Mass. Archives, Vol. 77, p. 768, is a list of prisoners taken by the Indians as returned by James Cargill, dated Sept. 28, 1758. Among those mentioned is James Kennedy, 13 years of age.

John Alley, born 1720, and father, Samuel Alley -

No reference was found to any service rendered by either of them.

Samuel Boyd and son Thomas, who married in 1770 - and

Thomas Boyd, born in Ireland, 1732- -

In record index to French and Indian War muster rolls a Samuel Boyd, Centinel, Capt. John North's company and Capt. Alexander Nickels's company, appears as serving from Apr. 18, 1758, to July 9, 1759, at Pemaquid.

The only references to Thomas Boyd are to a man of the name belonging to Salisbury, who was 41 years old in 1759, and to a Thomas Boyd, Centinel, Capt. Jeremiah Moulton's company, from Nov. 21, 1724, to Jan. 28, 1725.

James Cowden, born 1695 -

In the record index to the French and Indian War muster rolls a single reference is found to a James Cowden, who served as Private in a detachment of Capt. John Curtis's company, Col. John Chandler, Jr.'s regiment, which marched from Worcester to Sheffield on the alarm for the relief of Fort William Henry in August, 1757; impressed Aug. 10; distance travelled, 105 miles; time in service, 16 days; 8d allowed for horse keeping. There is a question as to this reference belonging to the man born in 1695.

Janet Craige's father -

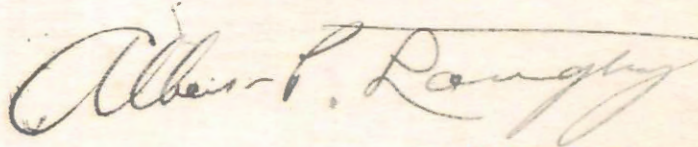
I have been unable to find the name of the father of Janet Craige.

In the record index to the French and Indian War muster rolls are a number of references to men bearing the surname Craige, most of whom are probably a generation later than Janet Craige's father would have been.

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which has never been adequately studied.

Yours, respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Albert P. Langley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Secretary.

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Enclosure.