

What can we find out about William Medlock, resident of Saratoga County Poorhouse? Part 2

So far, we know that William Medlock was a resident of Saratoga County Poorhouse some time in 1899-1900, and before that he farmed land in Wilton at least from 1860-1892. He was married to Mary E. Medlock, at least from 1875. Prior to that, his wife was listed as Elizabeth. Is this the same person as Mary E., or a different wife?

Name	Age	Origin
John Egan	25	W. Province England
John W. Joseph	32	W. Province England
Thomas	37	W. Province England
Matthew	37	W. Province England
John Corviale	45	W. Province England
John	45	W. Province England
Eliza	17	W. Province England
James Clavick	17	W. Province England
Brother	20	W. Province England
Michael Hendley	36	W. Province England
Henry	34	W. Province England
Thomas	22	W. Province England
Mary	42	W. Province England
John	42	W. Province England
James Spicant	35	W. Province England
David Hulswant	40	W. Province England
John Barrett	22	W. Province England
Wm. Medlock	43	W. Province England
Elizabeth	43	W. Province England
Thomas March	21	W. Province England

Figure 1 Passenger list from the Orient Year 1855, Arrival, New York, New York; Microfilm Serial: M237, 1820-1897; Microfilm Roll: Roll 158; Line: 18; List Number: 1101

Let's see whether we can determine when he came from England. We know it must be before 1860 as we have census information for him in Wilton in 1860. Again using ancestry.com, we can search just in the "Immigration and Emigration" section, using William Medlock, born in 1820 +/- 10. This finds a few possibilities, including William Medlock, from Ireland, traveling from Liverpool to New York in 1855 and William Metlock from Germany, traveling from Chargres to New Orleans in 1850. Neither of those are exactly what we are looking for, but the first one sounds a possibility. Looking at the online image we find William, aged 43, a laborer, apparently from Ireland, traveling with

Elizabeth, also 43. This looks a distinct possibility. The names match and the ages are close. It may well have been easier to mark William and Elizabeth as being from Ireland, as they were in the middle of a large group of Irish. This is not absolutely definitive, but it is certainly a feasible match.

1tp52 R. SEXTON. **Farms at Auction.**
 The undersigned will offer for sale at public auction, on the tenth day of March, his farm near Kendrick hill, in the town of Wilton, consisting of 130 acres, together with stock of farming utensils; also a small farm of 55 acres, near the Ballard place in the same town, on February 6, 1873. **WILLIAM MEDLOCK.**

Figure 2 Saratoga Sentinel, Thursday, February 6th, 1873

Another wonderful tool available to us is www.fultonhistory.com, (not fultonhistory.org!) or alternatively www.fultonsearch.org, which allows you to limit by date. This is fascinating to play around in and well worth taking a look. It produces a very interesting snippet from the Saratoga Sentinel from Thursday, February 6th, 1873 showing William trying to sell a farm. But we know from census information that he was still farming until at least 1892.

But then, on April 12th, 1893, the Schuylerville Standard prints the dire report that William and Mary have a judgement of foreclosure against them, property that had been purchased in 1882, and was recorded in the book of mortgages at Saratoga County Clerk's office.

So, we should look in the book of mortgages. This can be done by going to the County offices, but there is also an online possibility, at <https://www.searchiqs.com/NYSAR/LogIn.aspx>. It is necessary to obtain a (free) user id on this site. At the home page there is a link to apply for the id. It usually takes a couple of business days to get it set up. On this website, you can search for deeds, both looking for grantors and grantees, as well as mortgages, where again, the search can be based on mortgagors and mortgagees. I did not find anything under the deeds, but the mortgagor index came up with some interesting finds. In 1868, William and Mary E. Medlock were the mortgagors in a

SUPREME COURT, SARATOGA COUNTY:—
 Elizabeth R. Thorn, as sole surviving administratrix of the goods, chattels, and credits of Sarah E. Remington, deceased, against Mary E. Medlock and William Medlock.
 In pursuance and by virtue of a judgment of foreclosure and sale made in the above entitled action, at a special term of said court, held at the town hall, in the village of Saratoga Springs, N. Y., on the 27th day of March, 1893, and thereafter duly entered in the office of the clerk of Saratoga county, I, the undersigned referee, duly appointed in and by said judgment for that purpose, will sell at public auction, at the front door of the law offices of George R. Salisbury, on the east side of Broadway, in the village of Schuylerville, N. Y., on the THIRTEENTH DAY OF MAY, 1893, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of that day, the real estate and mortgaged premises directed in and by said judgment to be sold, and which are described therein as follows:
 "All that certain lot, piece, or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the town of Wilton, county of Saratoga, and state of New York, bounded and described as follows, viz: Bounded on the north by lands formerly owned by Jerome Cook; on the west by lands of Ed. y. Gewick; on the south and east by lands of Richard D. Robens, and containing about fifty-five acres, be the same more or less; and being the same premises conveyed by Willard J. Miner, referee, to said Mary E. Medlock, in the fall of 1882, which deed is recorded in the Saratoga county clerk's office, in book No. 119 of mortgages, at page 550," as the same are described in said mortgage.
 Dated March 29, 1893.
 Wm. S. OSTRANDER, Referee.
 Geo. R. Salisbury, Plaintiff.

Figure 3 Schuylerville Standard April 12th, 1893

transaction with James Burns, and in 1869, with John Payne et al. The second one is particularly interesting. The “et al” referred was actually John’s wife, Hannah Payne. Remember there was a Hannah Payne living with William and Mary, recorded in the census documents of 1870 and 1880. The mortgage instrument lists that \$1000 was paid to William Medlock, “as a security for the support maintenance of the [Paynes] during their each of their lives ... their clothing spending money & all things which may be required for their comfort”.

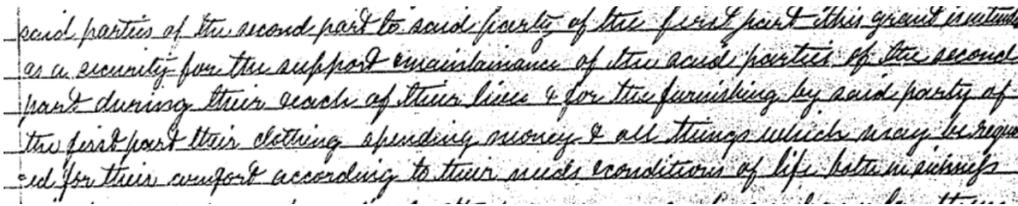


Figure 4 Saratoga County Book of Mortgages Book 75 page 239

Other interesting finds from looking for William Medlock as a mortgagor, includes one in 1883 where, strangely, Mary E. Medlock is listed as mortgagee. Looking at it, it actually refers to the mortgage with John and Hannah Payne. This is labeled as foreclosure! There is another one in 1883 between William and Mary E. Medlock and Sarah Remington, which must be the one alluded to in the newspaper article in Figure 5, and another, in 1886, with William and Mary E. Medlock as mortgagors, and Mary Medlock Broughton as mortgagee. Is this the Mary Broughton listed as niece in 1875 and 1880 censuses.

As a side issue, the 1869 mortgage is listed in the names of William and Mary E. Medlock. This suggests that Mary E. Medlock and Elizabeth Medlock are one and the same person. Recall that she was listed as Elizabeth Medlock in the 1870 census, but in 1869 we have her listed as Mary E.

So far, we have determined that William and Mary E. definitely fell on hard times in the early 1890s. However, they did quite well to survive as farmers for 40 or so years, even though apparently, they were unable to read and write. They did not appear to have any children. It would still be interesting to find out where they came from in England. And we still have the question about who is Mary Broughton? However, there is familysearch.org, but also, I am lucky enough to have a world subscription to ancestry.com, and that includes England! Who knows what can be found.