

Family Group Sheet for Captain John Kathan

Husband:		Captain John Kathan
	Birth:	Abt. 1707 in Northern Ireland ¹
	Marriage:	Abt. 1727 in Northern Ireland
	Death:	23 Nov 1787 in Putney, Windham Co., Vermont
	Father:	Male McKachan McCaughan
	Mother:	
Wife:		Martha Baird
	Birth:	Abt. 1704
	Death:	22 Sep 1766 in Vermont
	Father:	Baird
	Mother:	Martha
Children:		
1	Name:	Alexander Kathan
M	Birth:	22 Apr 1729 in At Sea ²
	Marriage:	04 Dec 1755 in Leicester, Worcester Co., Massachusetts ³⁻⁴
	Death:	14 Feb 1825 in Dummerston, Windham Co., Vermont ⁵⁻⁶
	Burial:	East Dummerston, Windham Co., Vermont ⁷
	Spouse:	Margaret Baird
2	Name:	Margaret Kathan
F	Birth:	06 Oct 1730 in Massachusetts
	Marriage:	11 May 1755 in Vermont
	Death:	Abt. 1779 in Lysander, Onondaga Co., New York
	Spouse:	Benjamin Moore
3	Name:	John Kathan
M	Birth:	07 Jan 1732 in Massachusetts
	Marriage:	11 Sep 1766 in Bolton, Worcester Co., Massachusetts ⁹⁻¹⁰
	Death:	03 Jun 1802 in Dummerston, Windham Co., Vermont
	Spouse:	Lois Moore
4	Name:	Mary Kathan
F	Birth:	18 Oct 1734 in Massachusetts
	Marriage:	16 Dec 1760
	Death:	10 Jun 1822 in Essex, Chittenden Co., Vermont
	Spouse:	John Sargent
5	Name:	Martha Kathan
F	Birth:	08 May 1736 in Massachusetts
	Marriage:	22 Jul 1764 in Dummerston, Windham Co., Vermont
	Death:	02 Apr 1810 in Essex Co., Massachusetts
	Burial:	Essex Center, Chittenden Co., Vermont ¹¹
	Spouse:	Asa Holgate
6	Name:	Esther Kathan
F	Birth:	Abt. 1738 in Massachusetts
	Marriage:	Abt. 1751
	Death:	18 Oct 1779 in Lysander, Onondaga Co., New York
	Spouse:	Fairbanks Moore

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7 Name: Daniel Kathan
M Birth: 01 Feb 1741 in Worcester, Worcester Co., Massachusetts
 Marriage: 06 May 1764 in Hinsdale, Cheshire Co., Vermont
 Death: 17 Oct 1807 in Dummerston, Windham Co., Vermont
 Burial: East Dummerston, Windham Co., Vermont
 Spouse: Ruth Baret (Barrett)

8 Name: Charles Kathan
M Birth: 26 Mar 1743 in Worcester, Worcester Co., Massachusetts
 Marriage: Abt. 1768¹³
 Death: 22 May 1793 in Vermont
 Burial: Putney, Windham Co., Vermont
 Spouse: Elizabeth Moore

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Among the names of men belonging to Northfield and vicinity in the Crown Point expedition this year, are the following: In Capt. Elijah Williamss Company, June 12 to Nov. 21: Lieut. Seth Field, Corp. Eleazar Patterson, Gideon Shattuck, Richard Carey, Nathaniel Chamberlain, Daniel Shattuck Jr., Zadock Wright, Moses Wright, Ebenr Severance, Hilkiah Grout, Joseph Perry, William Sanderson, Aaron Scott, John Sergeant, Fairbanks Moor, Daniel Sergeant, John Kathan, Daniel Gun, Elisha Scott, James Porter. This book is on line at Google Books.

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The chief Worcester Scotch Irish settlers bore the following names, but many others were transient dwellers in Worcester and will be referred to under Rutland, Pelham and Palmer.

Thomas Baird, Robert Barbour, John Batley [Betty?], Abraham Blair, Robert Blair, William Caldwell, Robert Crawford, John Duncan, William Dunlap (1731), Rev. Edward Fitz Gerald, Samuel Fleming, James Forbush, Mrs. Isabel Gilmore, John Gray, James Hamilton, James Heart, Hugh Kelson, Archibald Lamond (1731), Page 191, Robert Lollard, Robert Lortridge, James McClellan, John McClintock, Alexander McConkey, John McConkey, Daniel McFarland, William McHan, John McKachan, Robert Peables, David Thomas, James Thornton, William Walker, Matthias Wallis, David Young, John Young.

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Names of Fathers on the Presbyterian Baptismal Records in Boston, 1730-1736. Page 335. James Hart and John MacKachan, listed along with numerous others. Their children were baptized by Rev. John Moorhead.

Notes from Tad Trombley:

In early records, John's surname is written McKachen or MacKachen.

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In 1752, John came to Putney, Vermont, from the Worcester, Massachusetts, area. He had come from England in 1729 to Boston with his wife, Martha, and child, Alexander, who was born on the ship, and lived in Roxbury, Massachusetts, first and then moved to Worcester. He was the first settler of Dummerston and then Putney, Vermont. In the year of 1752 a ferry was established between Westmoreland, New Hampshire, and Dummerston and at about the same time a similar method of communication was arranged between the latter place and the town of Chesterfield. The settlement, although much disturbed by the French and Indian war, was not allowed to die, and a few years after the restoration of order, John and his eighteen associates, with their families, were rapidly subduing the forests of Fulham, and accomplishing the conditions of their charter.

Between June 12 and November 21, 1755, John and Fairbanks Moore (a son-in-law), were listed among the members of an expedition to Crown Point (as part of the last French and Indian war) from Northfield, Massachusetts. While they never made it to Crown Point, they did see action at Lake George and built Fort William Henry. Fort William Henry was built on the shores of Lake George, New York, during the French and Indian War (1754-1763) by Sir William Johnson as a staging ground for attacks against the French Fort Carillon (later renamed Fort Ticonderoga). It was part of a chain of British and French forts along the important inland waterway from New York City to Quebec.

Soon after the charter of Fulham was granted, John, who had resided within the limits of the town since the year 1752, united with a number of persons and purchased in conjunction with them, from the New Hampshire proprietors, a part of the township. In the year 1764, he moved there "with his wife and seven or eight helpless children." "Possessing the qualities of industry and perseverance," says Hall in his "History of Eastern Vermont," qualities especially necessary to the successful management of a new settlement, he addressed himself with energy to his task, and did actually clear and improve above a 120 acres, and built a good dwelling-house, barn, and all necessary offices, and also a sawmill and potash works." In order to guard his improvements, he was "at a considerable expense in building a fort round his house" and was "under the disagreeable necessity of residing therein during the course of a tedious and distressing war." Misfortune rendered his toil more severe. His eldest daughter was taken prisoner by the Indians, and for 2 1/2 years he knew nothing of her fate; but at the end of that time she returned home, Colonel Peter Schuyler having "paid a ransom of 400 livres for her redemption from captivity."

It is reported that it was on Johns land that the earliest settlers first discovered the magic of boiling maple syrup.

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John's Ancestry is not clear at this time. He is believed to have had a Scottish and/or Northern Irish heritage. One researcher has proposed that the Kathan name was derived from McKachen (as it appeared in early American records), which itself was derived from McCaughan and that our John could be a grandson of Alexander and Mary (MacVurric) McCaughan of Ballyverdagh, co. Antrim, Ireland, through their younger son Alexander (who is known to have married and had children). If this is correct, Kathan family ancestors would include some members of the indigenous nobility of the Kingdom of Galloway, including Iriel Glumore, the 23rd King of Ulster and his wife Locetna, the daughter of Eochy, King of the Picts, through their son Eachain.

Supporting Documents:

About 1750, John Kathen sent his son Alexander up the Connecticut River, from Massachusetts, to learn the technique of sugaring from the Abenaki Indians. Melody Kraus, Maple Sugaring: Native American Lore and History, http://www.emmitsburg.net/gardens/articles/adams/2010/maple_sugaring.htm (accessed November 4, 2018)

December 12, 1751, John Kathan advertised his house and land in Worcester and Leicester for sale. Boston News-Letter, published as The Boston Weekly News-Letter; Date: 12-12-1751; Issue: 2581; Page: [2]; Location: Boston, Massachusetts.

February 10, 1767, John Kathan of Galuy, New York, married Mary Wright of Springfield, Massachusetts.

April 17, 1771, Asa Holgate, Constable, published a census of the inhabitants of the town of Fulham, Cumberland County, New York, which included among the residents, Capt. John Kathan, John Kathan, Jun'r, Alexander Kathan, and Daniel Kathan. Weekly Eagle, published as The Semi-Weekly Eagle; Date: 01-17-1850; Volume: III; Issue: 46; Page: [2]; Location: Brattleboro, Vermont.

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May 25, 1781, John Kathan is named in a Petition for grant of Dummerston if found vacant. Vermont State Archives, Record Series: SE-118, Vol. 21, p. 260, Record ID: 42627.

October 2, 1786, John Kathan is named in a Petition and remonstrance regarding shire town of Windham County--suggests Putney. Vermont State Archives, Record Series: SE-118, Vol. 17, p. 183, Record ID: 42628.

Martha Baird

The Baird Haplo Group is R-M512.

The Bairds were Lowland Scotts.

Relationship Notes for Alexander Kathan and Margaret Baird

Alexander and Margaret's marriage record is recorded on page 133 of the Leicester Marriages, Massachusetts. It is shown as: Cathan, Alexander (Elexander in int.) and Margret Beard, Dec. 4, 1756.

Fact Notes for Alexander Kathan

Death:

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Margaret Kathan

Margaret and her children were captured by Indians in 1758. Her husband, Benjamin Moore, was killed in the attack on their home on the West River near the present site of the Brattleboro Retreat in Brattleboro, Vermont. She was taken to Montreal but was later ransomed and returned to the home of her father, Capt. John Kathan, of Putney and Dummerston in 1761.

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Church of Christ, Putney, Vermont
Early Church Records by Rev. Mr. Goodhue,

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A Record of those who have owned ye Covenant ye time of their being propounded & admitted to ___ priviledge.

John Kathan & Louis his wife propounded august 3rd 1777 and admitted august ye 17th 1777.

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A record of the children I baptized belonging to the Town of Putney (vir.)

The children of John & Louis Kathan, Garner, John, Bettee, Prentice & David august ye 17th 1777.

Esther Kathan

Charles Kathan

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A Record of those who have owned ye Covenant ye time of their being propounded & admitted to ye priviledge.

Charles Kathan & Elisabeth his wife were propounded august ye 17th 1777. their acknowledgement of ye sin of Fornication read & accpeted and the persons admitted to ye priviledge. August the 31, 1777.

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The children of Charles & Elisabeth Kathan, Levi, Molly, Nabby & Lueresa august ye 31st 1777.

Church of Christ, Putney, Vermont,
Early Church Records, page 6:

Nov 16th 1791 the church of Christ in Putney met & voted to send written remonition to Col. Charles Kathan & Mr William Hartwell for walking contrary to their Christian Profession they both being in Covenant with said church.

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Charles Kathan Lieut. Col.
In service from the 7th day of Sept. 1782 to the 15 Day of Sept 1782, 8 days at L1210 pr month
L3..8..6.3

Tombstone Inscription (Stone no longer there)

"In Memory / Colonel Charles Kathan he/ Died May 22,1793 in / the 51st year of his age. / Time was I stood where thou doest now / And vewed the dead as thou dost me / Ere long thoult lie as low as I /And others stand and look on thee" (History of Dummerston by David Mansfield, 1884)

Sources:

- 1 Family History Library - Salt Lake City, Utah, Family History Library Film #858,547. Massachusetts Marriages, 1633 - 1850.
- 2 David L. Mansfield, History of Captain John Kathan (Brattleboro: E L Hildreth & Co. 1902), Personal Collection, page 13.
- 3 Marriage Records, page 133. Leicester, Massachusetts.
- 4 Early Massachusetts Marriage Records, Vol. 1 page 59. Leicester.
- 5 David L. Mansfield, History of Captain John Kathan (Brattleboro: E L Hildreth & Co. 1902), Personal Collection, page 41.

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- 6 Cemetery Records, Town of Dummerston, Vermont, Cemetery Records Book 1, 1782-1869. 95 y 9 m 11 d.
- 7 Tombstone Picture.
- 8 Family History Library - Salt Lake City, Utah, Film #28,152, Dummerston, Windham Co., Vermont, Births, Deaths, Marriages. Vol. 1, 1761-1830, Page 115.
- 9 David L. Mansfield, History of Captain John Kathan (Brattleboro: E L Hildreth & Co. 1902), Personal Collection.
- 10 Early Massachusetts Marriage Records, Vol. I, page 43. Bolton.
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Record added: Dec 25, 2008
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- 12 Marriage Records, Brattleboro, Vermont, Marriage Records Book 1, Page 206.
- 13 Vermont Records, Early Vermont Settlers Index Cards, 1750-1784. At age 25 to Elizabeth.