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In 1898, General—then Colonel—Theodore A. Bingham, U. S. Army, published his "Genealogy of the Bingham Family," a book of five hundred pages, recording thousands of names. As the demand for such a book is necessarily confined to a comparatively few, the edition was limited to three hundred copies, and is long since out of print. I am fortunate in the possession of a copy. General Bingham had, at the outset, undertaken to trace his own ancestry as far back as possible and, in the progress of that work, became interested in it to the extent that he followed out branches of the family other than his own, finally completing the work by recording all the descendants of his earliest determinable ancestor so far as he could ascertain them. In my branch of the family, his data followed down only so far as my grandfather, Oliver Sabin Bingham. My father had a complete record of his grandfather's (Nathan's) family, but only the name of his great grandfather, David, and that record corresponds in all essential particulars with the same period in General Bingham's Genealogy.

Our earliest ancestor of whom General Bingham has had opportunity to obtain a reliable record was Thomas Bingham, a master cutler of Sheffield, England, who attained the honor, according to the record of the Cutler's Company, in 1614. His son, Thomas, whose birth record does not appear, was married July 6, 1631, to Anna Stenton, and whose sixth child and fifth son, also Thomas, emigrated to America about 1660, when he was eighteen years old. He settled in Norwich, Connecticut, being one of the first landed proprietors there. His house lot bears the date of April, 1660. He removed to Windham, Connecticut, in 1671, where exist records of his being Sergeant, Selectman and Deacon of the church for thirty years. Following is the first record of his purchase of land in Windham, April 21, 1693:

"Sould to Thomas Bingham, senr. of Norwich, his heirs and assigns, an alotment (of 1,000 acres), as a legate at the Southeast part of the town, by Capt. Jno. Mason's first lot in consideration of 14 pounds of provision pay in hand toward the charge of the mill."

In 1695, he was chosen one of the Selectmen of the town, and is then called Sergeant Thomas Bingham. At the organization of the first Windham church, December 10, 1700, he was appointed and ordained senior deacon, which office he held until his death. He was evidently one of the civil and religious fathers of the town. Larned's *History of Windham County* states:

"Thomas Bingham, who had removed from Norwich with a large family of sons and daughters, was an important acquisition to Windham."

The inscription on his tombstone in Windham cemetery is still perfectly legible, and reads:

"Here lies ye body of ye Holy Man of God, Deacon Thomas Bingham, who was a Man Eminent for Piety, Love & Charity. He was ye son of Mr. Thomas and Mrs. Mary Bingham, Living in Sheffield, in Yorkshire, England. He dyed Jan. 16th, 1729-30, in the 88 year of his age."

In General Bingham's work, he adopted a system of genealogical numbering, beginning with our first American ancestor as No. 1, and allowing ten numbers for each family, unless a greater or less number of children was known, up to number 292; his rule is:

If the number of the parent exceeds 292, multiply it by ten, subtract 500 from the product and the result will be the number of the eldest child. If the parent's number exceeds 4757, multiply it by ten, subtract 520 from the product and the result will be the number of the eldest child. This rule I have adhered to in designating the descendants following Oliver Sabin Bingham.

CHARLES DARWIN BINGHAM,

Watertown, N. Y., Oct., 1917.

## Ancestry

The line of descent from our first American ancestor is as follows:

### 1 DEACON THOMAS BINGHAM.

Bap. June 5, 1642 at Sheffield, England.

M. Mary Rudd, Dec. 12, 1666.

D. Jan. 16, 1729-30.

#### CHILDREN.

- 2 Thomas
- 3 ABEL
- 4 Mary
- 5 Jonathan
- 6 Ann
- 7 Abigail
- 8 Nathaniel
- 9 Deborah
- 10 Samuel
- 11 Joseph
- 12 Stephen

### 3 DEACON ABEL BINGHAM, (2nd child of 1).

B. June 25, 1669.

M. Elizabeth Odell.

D. March 25, 1745, in Windham, Conn.

#### CHILDREN.

- 21 Abigail
- 22 Mary
- 23 John
- 24 Elizabeth
- 25 Abel
- 26 Ann
- 27 Jemima
- 28 Jonathan
- 29 DAVID

**29 DAVID BINGHAM**, (9th child of 3).

B. Sept. 12, 1714.

M. Hannah Bingham (probably his cousin).

D.

CHILDREN.

**242** Adonijah

**243** Elizabeth

**244** Hannah

**245** NATHAN

**246** Ezra

**247** Martha

**245 NATHAN BINGHAM**, (4th child of 29).

B. March 24, 1752, in Norwich, Conn.

Twice married. No record of name of first wife.

M. Zerniah Sabin (second wife), Jan. 29, 1784.

B. May 7, 1752.

D. July 9, 1797.

D. Nov. 6, 1812.

CHILDREN BY FIRST WIFE.

**1992** Hannah

**1993** Abiel; went to Schoharie County, N. Y.

**1994** Ezra; went to Cayuga County, N. Y.

CHILDREN BY SECOND WIFE.

**1995** Charles, b. Oct. 18, 1784; went to Genesee River Country, N. Y.

**1996** OLIVER SABIN, b. Dec. 6, 1786; went to Lewis County, N. Y.

**1997** Isaac, b. Nov. 17, 1788; went to Virginia.

**1998** Susan, b. Oct. 28, 1790.

**1999** Alexander, b. Aug. 18, 1792; went to Georgia.

**2000** Eunice, b. July 5, 1794.

**1996 OLIVER SABIN BINGHAM**, (5th child of 245).

B. Dec. 6, 1786.

M. April 5, 1812, at Canajoharie, N. Y., to Mary Covell,  
daughter of Eliphalet Covell.

B. Sept. 13, 1794.

D. May 25, 1853.

M. May —, 1854, a second wife, a daughter of David Gordon,  
Jr.

D. Dec. 25, 1857.





*OLIVER SABIN BINGHAM*

*Born Dec. 6, 1786  
Married April 5, 1812  
Died Dec. 25, 1857*



*MARY COVELL BINGHAM*

*Born Sept. 13, 1794  
Married April 5, 1812  
Died May 25, 1853*



Oliver Sabin Bingham was born in Bozrah, Conn., and came with an older brother, Abiel, to Canajoharie, N. Y., when sixteen years of age. Here he afterward married and remained until 1820. He removed to the "Black River Country" with his wife and two sons, arriving after a three days' tedious journey on March 4, 1820. He settled in the hamlet of West Martinsburg, finding shelter in a log cabin on the farm of Mr. Gaines Alexander, located at the corner of the "West" road and the road leading to Lowville. He afterward purchased land and "cleared off" a farm on the West road about one-half mile south of West Martinsburg, bordered by the creek flowing out of Chimney Point Gulf. He lived on this farm during the rest of his life. By trade he was a carpenter and builder, and some of the dwellings erected by him were still standing in good preservation in 1915.

His son, Isaac S., records under date of January 1, 1858, "Of my father's early religious life, I know but little. He was a member of the "Free Will Baptist" Church in Bowman's Creek (now Ames, N. Y.). He did not remove his church connection for many years, still maintaining an active religious life. About 1845, he united with the Methodist Episcopal church with which he had always been in sympathy, and of which my mother had been a member ever since the age of 13 years. He was forward in all reforms, a pioneer in the temperance and anti-slavery movements, and made his piety eminently practical. He never failed to maintain daily family prayer until his final sickness incapacitated him. His virtues were many and his faults few -- by the grace of God."

#### CHILDREN.

- 19460 Alexander Oliver, b. March 14, 1816; d. June 9, 1873.  
 19461 Isaac Sabin, b. March 18, 1819; d. April 20, 1893.  
 19462 Erasmus Darwin, b. Oct. 13, 1821; d. March 23, 1881.  
 19463 Ann Louise, b. Oct. 24, 1824; m. May 5, 1852; d. May 22, 1865.  
 19464 Rinaldo Melville, b. March 19, 1827; d. Nov. 19, 1911.  
 19465 Susan Mary, b. Sept. 8, 1839; d. Oct. 10, 1839.

#### 19460 ALEXANDER OLIVER BINGHAM, (1st child of 1996).

B. March 14, 1816.

M. Eunice Tuttle Dec. 27, 1842, at Martinsburg, N. Y.

B. Nov. 3, 1821.

D. Feb. 5, 1907.

D. June 9, 1873.