

### Life and Family of Ozias Partridge 1763 – 1836

Ozias Partridge was born in June 18, 1763 in Medway Massachusetts to parents James and Abigail Partridge.<sup>1</sup> He married Zipporah Townsend on October 23, 1787 in Ashburnham MA.<sup>2</sup> Zipporah Townsend was born to parents Joshua and Mary Townsend on June 24 1764 in Shrewsbury MA.<sup>3</sup> Ozias and Zipporah Partridge had two known children:

Children of Ozias and Zipporah Partridge			
Name	Date and Place of Birth	Marriage	Death
Ozias Partridge Jr.	1790 Boylston MA	To Nancy Whitman January 7 1808 Ashburnham MA	After 1843 Reading NY
Salmon Partridge			September 7 1827 Holden MA
Sources: US Census, 1790, Massachusetts, Worcester, Boylston, household of Ozias Partridge, includes 1 male under 16, The National Archives in Washington, DC; Washington, DC; First Census of the United States, Record Group 29, NARA publication Series: M637; Roll: 4; Page: 84; Family History Library Film: 0568144. Vital Records of Holden Massachusetts to the end of the year 1849, , death of Salmon Partridge, September 7, 1827, Holden MA, published by Franklin Rice, Worcester MA, 1904, page 225, digital images, image 225 of 244, Library of Congress, www.loc.gov.			

The Revolutionary War service of Ozias Partridge is summarized in the table below:

Revolutionary War Service of Ozias Partridge					
Year	Regiment	Location	Entered Service	Discharged	Term of Service
1778	Gerrish's Regiment	Lancaster MA	July 8 1778	November 9 1778	4 months 2 days
1778	Gerrish's Regiment	Lancaster MA	November 10 1778	December 12 1778	1 month 5 days
1779 1780	Hartwell's Company	Rutland MA	October 20 1779	April 20 1780	6 months
Sources:					

<sup>1</sup> Vital Records of Medway Massachusetts to the year 1850, 1620 – 1850, birth of Ozias Partridge, June 18, 1763, Medway MA, parents James and Abigail Partridge, New England Historic Genealogical Society, Boston, MA, 1905, page 103, digital images, image 107 of 356, Library of Congress website [www.loc.gov](http://www.loc.gov).

<sup>2</sup> Vital Records of Ashburnham Massachusetts to the end of the year 1849, marriage of Ozias Partridge and Zipporah Townsend, October 23, 1787, Ashburnham MA, Published by Franklin Rice Worcester, MA, 1909, page 157, digital images, image 155 of 212, Ancestry.com.

<sup>3</sup> Vital Records of Shrewsbury Massachusetts to the end of the year 1849, published by Franklin Rice, Worcester MA, 1904, page 104, digital images, image 210 of 570, InternetARchive.org.

Massachusetts, Soldiers and Sailors in the Revolutionary War, 1775 – 1801, page 990, digital images, image 10983, Fold3.com.

US Revolutionary War Pensions, Pension #W.19970, veteran Ozias Partridge, widow Zipporah Partridge, War Department Pension Office, Statement of Service for Ozias Partridge, May 21, 1833, The national Archives, Washington, D.C., Record Group 15, NARA publication #M804, NARA catalog ID 30022, image 9 of 43, Fold3.com.

In a sworn statement, Daniel Cartwright stated that he was acquainted with Ozias Partridge in the Town of Otselic, Chenango County, NY.<sup>4</sup> There is an Ozias Partridge in the 1820 Census of German, Chenango County, NY:

1820 household of Ozias Partridge in German New York				
Males under 10	Males 26 - 44	Females 10 - 15	Females 26 - 44	
1	1	1	1	
Source: US Census, 1840, New York, Chenango, German, household of Ozias Partridge, Fourth Census of the United States, Page: 289; NARA Roll: M33_66; Image: 166.				

This record has some discrepancies with the known ages of Ozias and Zipporah Partridge and their children. Ozias was 57 years old in 1820 and Zipporah was 56. Their son Ozias Jr. was 30 years old in 1820, and their son Salmon was 28.

Ozias Partridge Jr. married Nancy Whitman January 7 1808 in Ashburnham MA. Ozias Partridge appears in the 1830 Census of Reading New York:

1830 Household of Ozias Partridge in Reading New York				
Males 5 - 9	Males 10 - 14	Males 40 - 49	Females 30 - 39	
1	1	1	1	
Willard	unknown	Ozias Jr.	Nancy	Hypothesized Members
Source: US Census, 1830, New York, Steuben, Reading, household of Ozias Partridge, Fifth Census of the United States, Records of the Bureau of the Census, Record Group 29. National Archives, Washington, D.C. NARA microfilm publication M19 Roll: 107; Page: 332; Family History Library Film: 0017167. Note: this page of the census schedule is faint, and the data transcription in Ancestry incorrectly omits the male age 40 – 49. There is clearly a mark of 1 in the column “males age 40 but not 50.”				

This record fits the family of Ozias Partridge Jr; the only discrepancy being the unknown male age 10 – 14.

Ozias Partridge Sr. died October 17 1836 in Reading NY. His burial location is unknown.

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<sup>4</sup> US, Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty-Land Warrant Application Files, file #W.19970, veteran Ozias Partridge, statement of Daniel Cartwright, image 453 of 1056, Ancestry.com.

In 1835, Nancy Whitman's brother Jacob Whitman passed away. Jacob owned the farm in Ashburnham MA that had belonged to Nancy and Jacob's father Nicolas Whitman. Nicholas Whitman was declared unfit by the probate court to manage his own affairs in 1836. Nancy and Ozias Partridge represented to the court that they were the only known remaining heirs of Nicholas. The executor of the estate of Nicolas Whiteman determined that the Whitman farm in Ashburnham would be sold and the proceeds would be remitted to Nancy and Ozias Partridge to provide for the care of Nicholas and his wife Elizabeth. By 1837 Nicolas was living with his daughter and son in law in Reading New York.

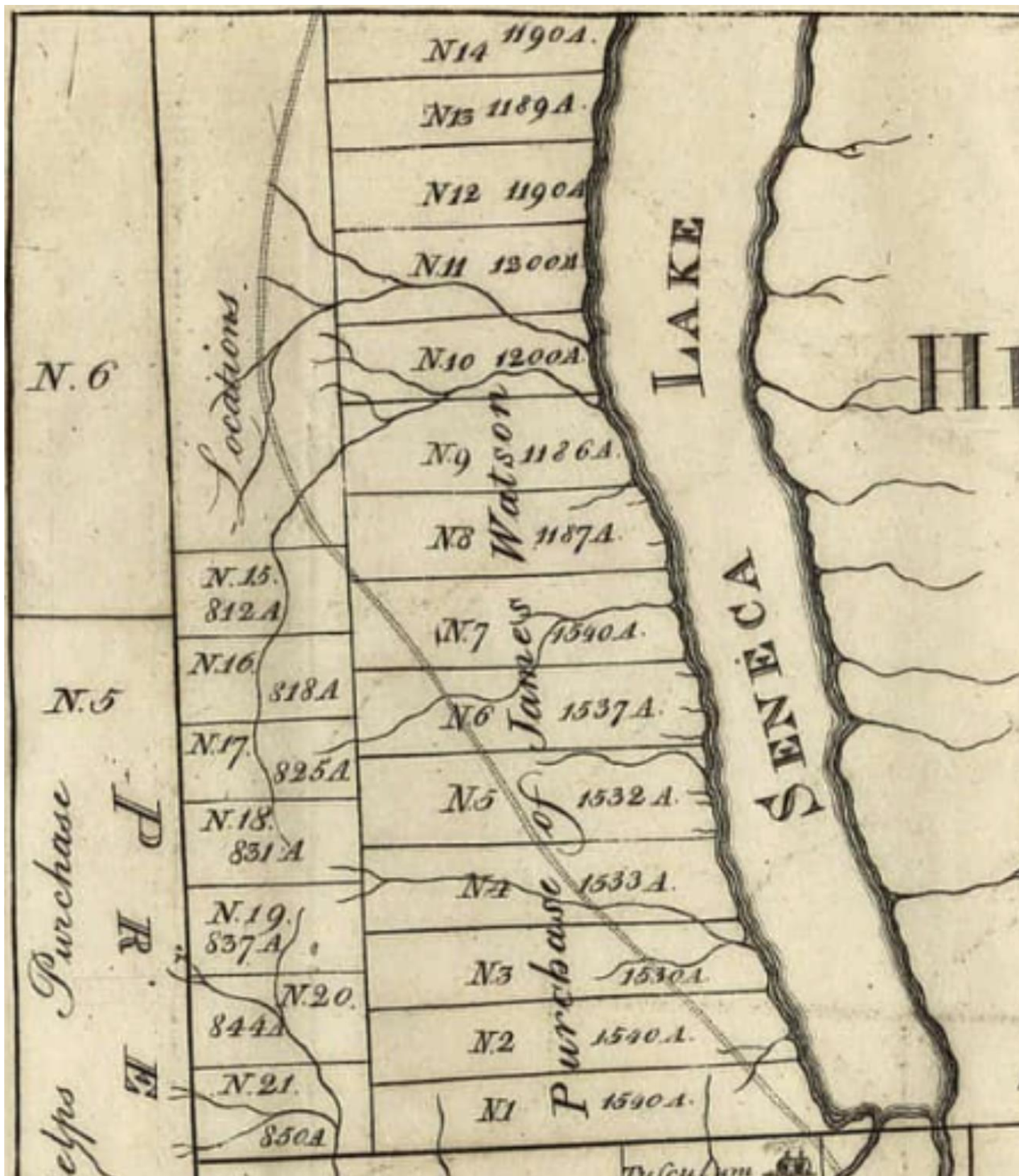
The 1840 census record of Ozias Partridge Jr. has household members as shown below:

1840 Household of Ozias Partidge [Jr.] in Reading New York						
Males 15 – 19	Males 50 – 59	Males 80 – 89	Females 50 – 59	Females 70 – 79	Females 80 – 89	
1	1	1	1	1	1	
Willard	Ozias Jr.	Nicolas Whiteman	Nancy	Zipporah Partridge	Elizabeth Whiteman	<b>Hypothesized Members</b>
Source: US Census, 1840, New York, Steuben, Reading, household of Ozias Partridge, The National Archives, Washington, D.C., NARA microfilm publication Roll: 341; Page: 117; Family History Library Film: 0017207.						

After his death, Nancy Partridge sold Ozias's property in 2 transactions in 1849 and 1852. The 1849 deed describes the parcel sold as lot #20 in the 20<sup>th</sup> section of lots in the Purchase of James Watson.<sup>5</sup> The purchase of James Watson is depicted on an 18<sup>th</sup> century map of the Flint and Watkins Purchase. An excerpt of that map is shown in the image below:

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<sup>5</sup> New York, Steuben County Registry of Deeds, volume 49, page 518, 18 January 1849, consideration \$345, deed of Nancy Partridge, widow of Ozias Partridge, to John S. Livingstone, of Dutchess County [NY], land in the 20<sup>th</sup> section of James Watson's Purchase in the Town of Reading, known and described in a contract made by agent of John S. Livingstone with Daniel S Buck, 14 September 1832 for the sale of 60 acres of the east end of Lot number 2, digital images, image 282 of 565, FamilySearch.org.



The vertical line east of the letter PRE is the western boundary of the town of Reading. The horizontal line near the bottom of the image is the southern boundary of Reading. This location can be seen in the 1857 map of Reading, an excerpted image of which is shown below.





Toward the top right of this image there is a house labeled W. Partridge at the intersection of 4 roads. Willard Partridge was the son of Ozias and Nancy Partridge. Willard Partridge was enumerated in the 1850 census of Reading NY.<sup>6</sup> This location was likely the home of Ozias Partidge Jr., since it correlates with the lot 20 designation on the Flint and Watkins map. Other members of the 1840 household likely included Ozias Partridge Sr. and Nicolas Whitman.

<sup>6</sup> US Census, 1850, New York, Steuben, Reading, household of Willard C. Partridge, The National Archives in Washington D.C.; Record Group: Records of the Bureau of the Census; Record Group Number: 29; Series Number: M432; Roll: 598; Page: 184b.

## Where Were They Buried?

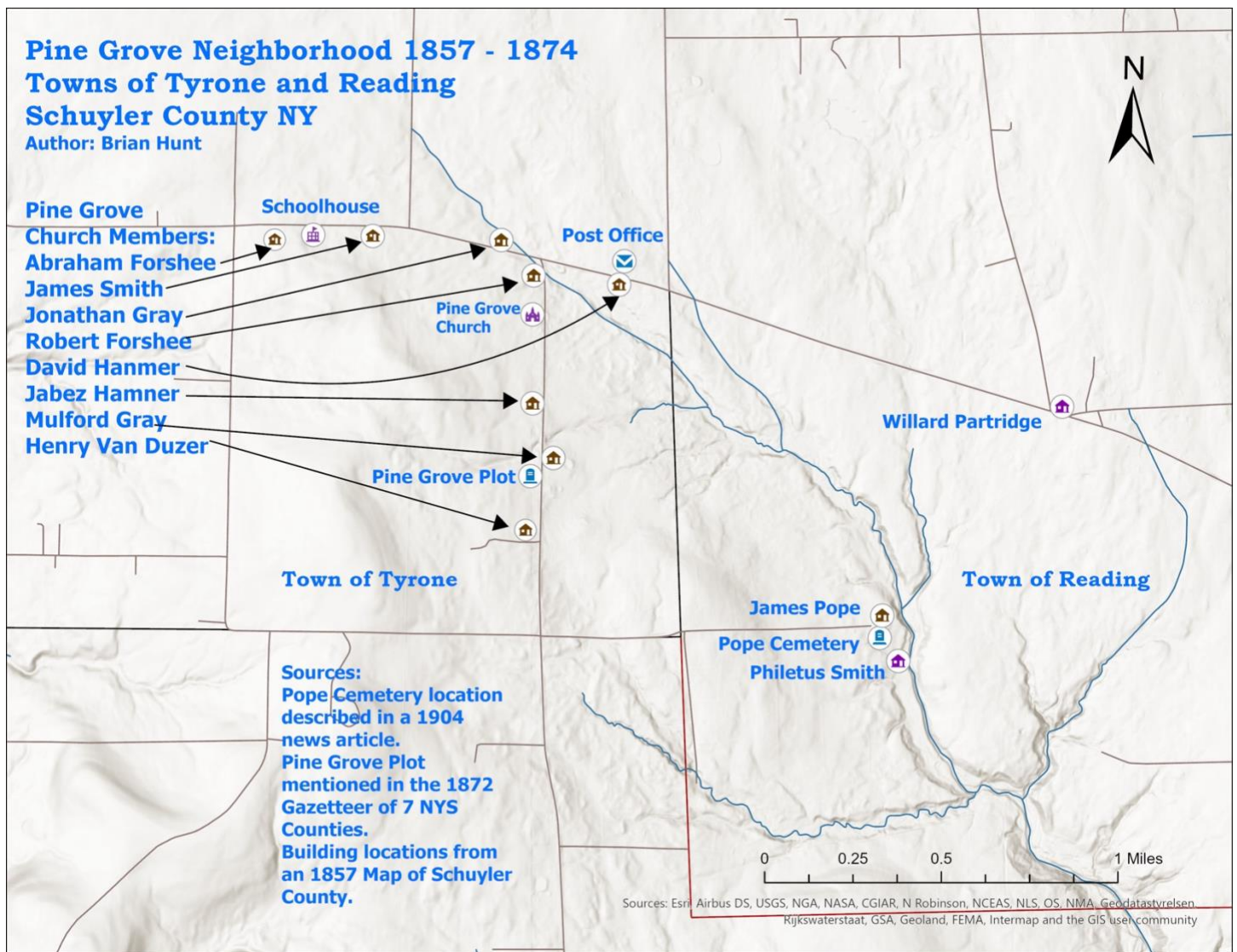
The death and burial of Nicholas and Elizabeth Whiteman are unknown. Zipporah Partridge died 1843. The details of her burial are unknown. Ozias Partridge Jr. died prior to 1849; the details of his burial are unknown. The most likely possibilities for the burial of the members of the Partridge-Whitman family are as follows:<sup>7</sup>

1. Burial on the Partridge property.
2. Burial in the Pope Cemetery.
3. Burial in the Pine Grove Plot.

There were 2 small cemeteries near the house of the Partridge family. The first is described in a 1904 news article. This article indicates that there was a cemetery across the road from the home of James Pope in southwestern Reading. The second cemetery is the Pine Grove Plot in the neighboring town of Tyrone. This locations are shown in the map below:

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<sup>7</sup> Corbett, John C., Old Burial Grounds of Reading, Article 4, 1904, accessed at <https://sites.rootsweb.com/~nyschuyl/rdngcems.html>. FindaGrave, Pine Grove Plot, Pine Creek, Schuyler County NY, FindaGrave.com.



According to his obituary, James Pope purchased his farm in southeastern Reading in 1836.<sup>8</sup> His neighbor to the south was Philetus S. Smith, whose father James Smith lived in Reading in 1830 and had moved to Tyrone by 1840. Another of James Smith's children, his daughter Ann, married Henry Van Duzen. According to an 1872 Gazetteer article, the church building was built in 1848. The church building and the Van Duzer farmhouse are close to each other on the same road per the 1857 map, suggesting that the cemetery might have been a church graveyard.

The cemetery on the Van Duzer farm, also known as the Pine Grove Plot, had at least 2 burials: Stephens Van Duzer, died August 5 1834, age 26 yrs; and Infant Forshee, son of A & H Forshee, died

<sup>8</sup> Obituary of James Pope, Watkins Express Newspaper, Watkins Glen NY, August 3, 1886.

September 30 1836, age two months.<sup>9</sup> No names are known for the burials in the Pope cemetery. Both of these cemeteries are not visible in the modern era.

The dates of death of the members of the Partridge family are shown in the table below:

Name	Date of Death	Evidence
Ozias Partridge Sr.	October 17, 1836	Revolutionary War pension payroll
Zipporah Partridge	December 30, 1843	Revolutionary War pension payroll
Elizabeth Whitman	After 1840	1840 Census of Reading NY
Nicolas Whitman	After 1840	1840 Census of Reading NY
Sources: US Census, 1840, New York, Steuben, Reading, household of Ozias Partridge, The National Archives, Washington, D.C., NARA microfilm publication Roll: 341; Page: 117; Family History Library Film: 0017207. US, Revolutionary War Pensioners, Albany NY, 1836 – 1848, page 295. The National Archives; Washington, D.C.; Ledgers of Payments, 1818-1872, to U.S. Pensioners Under Acts of 1818 Through 1858 From Records of the Office of the Third Auditor of the Treasury; Record Group Title: Records of the Accounting Officers of the Department of the Treasury, Record Group 217.		

An 1872 article states that there was a Methodist congregation in Pine Grove beginning in 1828, but that the church building was not built until 1848.<sup>10</sup> In the nineteenth century, congregations would often hold services in members' houses if there was no church building. The first members of the Pine Grove Church are given in the article as follows:

- Jabez Hanmer & Ellen Hanmer – lived in Pine Grove, Schuyler County New York in 1865.<sup>11</sup>
- J.G. Gray – Jonathan G. Gray appears in the 1855 New York State Census as a resident of Tyrone NY.<sup>12</sup>
- James Smith & Angeline Smith - James Smith lived in Tyrone NY in 1830 and 1840. His wife was named Isabel.
- Ardilla Bost – Francis Ardilla Bost married Minos H. Perry October 14, 1858 in Milo, Yates County NY; bride and groom both identified as of Tyrone NY.<sup>13</sup>

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<sup>9</sup> FindaGrave, Pine Grove Plot, Pine Creek, Schuyler County NY, FindaGrave.com.

<sup>10</sup> Hough, Franklin, Gazetteer of Seven Counties of New York State, page 615.

<sup>11</sup> U.S., War of 1812 Pension Application Files Index, file WO 4048, file of Jabez Hamner, widow Ellen Maxwell Hamner, NARA publication M 313, Roll 41, digital image, Ancestry.com.

<sup>12</sup> New York, 1855 State Census, Schuyler County, Town of Tyrone, Jonathan G. Gray, owned 62 acres, value \$4,200, New York State Archives; Albany, NY, USA; *Census of the State of New York, 1855* Original data: Census of the state of New York, for 1855. Microfilm. Various County Clerk Offices, New York.

<sup>13</sup> New York, Swann Vital Records Collection, 1723 – 2009, marriage of Francis Ardilla Bost and Minos H. Perry, both of Tyrone NY, October 14, 1858, Milo, Yates County, digital image, Ancestry.com.



- Harry Gray – no evidence found.
- Patience Wilber, Austin Wilber – Austin C. Wilber was a resident of Tyrone NY in 1870.<sup>14</sup>

The evidence indicates that all known members of the Pine Grove Church resided in the Town of Tyrone. Only 2 burials are known in the Pine Grove Plot, and they are both residents of Tyrone. Of the three possible burial sites, the Pine Grove Plot is the furthest from the Partridge house. This evidence does not provide support for the hypothesis that members of the Partridge family were buried in the Pine Grove Plot. There is no evidence for the Partridges being buried in the Pope Cemetery either. The Partridge family members who died in Reading – Ozias Jr., Nicolas Whitman, and Elizabeth Whitman – may have been buried on their 60 acre parcel with the house in Reading, but there is no evidence for that as well. Their burial places must be considered unknown.

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<sup>14</sup> US, Selected Federal Census Non-Population Schedules, 1870 Agricultural Census, New York, Schuyler, Tyrone, Austin C. Wilber, owned 100 acres, value \$4,000, National Archives at Washington, DC; Washington, DC; *U.S. Census Non-population Schedules, New York, 1850-1880*; NAID: 2791276; Record Group Number: 29; page 18, line 7, digital image, Ancestry.com.