

## History of the Town of Paris, Maine

The appended pages are taken from *History of the Town of Paris, Maine from its Settlement to 1880*, by William B. Lapham and Silas P. Maxim, printed by the authors, Paris, ME, 1884. Biographies of families in Paris, Maine are presented, and several members of the Maxim Family are included. An entry is included for Samuel Maxim of Massachusetts on Page 673, and it presents the same list of children for Samuel and Hannah Maxim that is written in *History of the Town of Wayne, Kennebec County, Maine: From its Settlement to 1898*, by George W. Walton:

1. Jacob Maxim
2. Thaddeus Maxim
3. Dinah Maxim
4. Samuel Maxim, Jr.
5. Edmund Maxim
6. Adonijah Maxim
7. John Maxim
8. Freelove Maxim

The biography goes on to provide significant additional detail about the descendants of Samuel Maxim, Jr. and his son Nathan, who was the ancestor that led to the Maxim Family in Maine. Two of Nathan's descendants were the authors of the book.

Our primary interest is that this reinforces the fact that Edmund Maxim was the son of Samuel and Hannah Maxim of Rochester, MA and that he was related to the branch of the family that relocated to Maine. However, Edmund remained in Massachusetts.

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# HISTORY OF PARIS, MAINE

FROM

ITS SETTLEMENT TO 1880

WITH

A HISTORY OF THE GRANTS OF 1736 & 1771

TOGETHER WITH

PERSONAL SKETCHES, A COPIOUS GENEALOGICAL REGISTER

AND

AN APPENDIX.

By WM. B. LAPHAM AND SILAS P. MAXIM.



*"To attend to the Neglected, and to Reunite the Forgotten."—BURKE.*

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PARIS, MAINE:  
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26, 1859, d. Jan. 1865; *Charles*, b. Feb. 22, 1862; *Colly*, b. July 22, 1864, d. May 31, 1876; *Fredly Green*, b. Aug. 2, 1866, d. May 14, 1876; *Frank*, b. June 28, 1868; *Addie*, b. Oct. 5, 1871; *Nannie*, b. Sept. 13, 1874, d. May 27, 1876; *Lena May*, b. Sept. 8, 1877.

## MAXIM.

SAMUEL MAXIM<sup>1</sup> of Rochester, Mass., is the first of the name of which we have obtained any record. His will was proved in 1763. The inventory of his estate of 257£ 15s. 8d. bears date May 27, 1729. His wife's name was Hannah. Children:

*Jacob*<sup>2</sup>, *Thaddeus*<sup>2</sup>, *Dinah*<sup>2</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>2</sup>, *Edward*<sup>2</sup>, *Adonijah*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>2</sup>, *Freelove*<sup>2</sup>.

SAMUEL MAXIM<sup>2</sup>, son of Samuel and Hannah, died in 1762, and left a wife Elizabeth and children: *Samuel*<sup>3</sup>, *Ezra*<sup>3</sup>, *Elizabeth*<sup>3</sup>, *Caleb*<sup>3</sup>, and *Nathan*<sup>3</sup>, who m. Martha Chubbuck of Wareham. Children, all b. in Wareham, Mass., and of the fourth generation from Samuel:

*Lydia*, m. William Churchill, s. Wayne.

*Phoebe*, unmarried, d. in Wareham.

*Silas*, b. Dec. 24, 1766, m. Hannah Waterman, s. Paris.

*Ephraim*, m. Jemima Curtis, s. in Wayne.

*Samuel*, b. 1768, m. Saviah Rider, s. in Paris.

*Jacob*, m. Sarah Washburn, s. in Wayne.

*Nathan*, m. Sally Jordan, s. in Buckfield. They had: Emma, b. 1815, m. Josiah Weeks; Dorcas, who married Samuel Bailey and went West; Nathan, Jr., and perhaps other children. The father died and the widow m. 2d, a man named Davy; he died, and she married third, Abijah Lapham as his third wife, and had Abijah, Jr., who died young. Abijah Lapham died in 1848, and she married 4th, Samuel Bryant of Woodstock. She died about the year 1853, from the effects of a burn, her clothes becoming ignited while she was at work by an open fire.

*Martha*, m. Dr. Wing, s. in Wayne.

*Clara*, m. Melatiah Raymond.

*Freelove*, m. David Howe.

*Benjamin*, m. Eunice Raymond, s. in Wayne.

SAMUEL MAXIM, son of Nathan, m. Saviah Rider of Middleboro', Mass., and settled on the farm now owned by George W. Maxim. The family removed to Wayne. Children:

*Clara*, m. Frank Knight, s. in Wayne; *Patience*, m. Jason Caswell; *Ezra*, b. March 26, 1802, m. Asa, son of Asa Upton of Norway, and resides in Wayne; *Samuel*, b. May 13, 1804, m. Caroline Bryant and s. in Sangerville; *Luz*, b. 1810, m. Jesse Bishop and resides in Wayne; *Isaac*, m.

HARRIS STEVENS and s. in Wayne; *Hiram*, a son of Isaac, has become noted through the electric light which bears his name.

Samuel Maxim d. in Wayne, Aug. 14, 1827, aged 58.

SILAS MAXIM, son of Nathan, came to Paris in 1788, and purchased the lot of David Sanger (taking a bond for a deed), where he remained through life. This is one of the few homesteads that have remained in the possession of the family. He m. Hannah, dau. of Ichabod and Hannah (Rogers) Waterman of Kingston, Mass., Sept. 3, 1795. Their names appear first on the record of publications after the organization of the town. Children:

*Silas*, b. July 1, 1799, m. Hannah Packard, s. Paris.

*Zenas*, b. Sept. 18, 1798, m. Sybil Brett, s. Paris.

*Hazel*, b. Feb. 18, 1800, d. 1801.

*George Waterman*, b. Dec. 15, 1801, m. Lois Bailey, s. Bangor.

*Levi*, b. July 31, 1803, m. Ellen Bucknam, s. Hebron.

*Hannah*, b. March 13, 1809, m. Col. Orison Ripley, s. Paris.

*Ephraim*, b. April 10, 1810, m. Lucy Deane, s. Paris.

*Elizabeth*, b. July 26, 1812, m. Isaac Harlow, s. Paris.

*Benjamin*, b. Nov. 30, 1814, m. Susan Harlow, s. Buckfield.

The father d. May 21, 1858, aged nearly 62 years. The mother d. Feb. 1850.

CAPTAIN SILAS MAXIM, son of Silas, m. Feb. 20, 1826, Hannah, dau. of Ichabod and Rachel (Cole) Packard of Hebron. She was b. April 3, 1794. He settled on the Benjamin Chesley farm, where he remained through life. Children:

*Silas Packard*, b. Feb. 21, 1827, m. Augusta M. Prentiss.

*Hannah Elizabeth*, b. Oct. 8, 1831, m. John W. Allen.

*Rachel*, b. Sept. 9, 1833, d. Oct. 10, 1835.

*Caroline Peabody*, b. Feb. 11, 1837, m. Rev. Henry Austin, s. Pleasanton, Mich.

The father d. Feb. 8, 1872; the mother d. April 20, 1876.

ZENAS MAXIM, brother of the preceding, m. Sybil, dau. of Luther Brett, and settled on the farm, previously occupied by Samuel Maxim. Children:

*Lucetta*, b. June 20, 1825, m. David Sargent.

*Mary S.*, b. May 21, 1827, m. Henry Town; 2d, Edwin Gleason of Southbridge, Mass.

*Zenas*, Twins { b. Feb. 16, 1830, m. Sarah Jane Waldron, s. Fonda, Ind.

*George W.*, Twins { b. Feb. 16, 1830, resides on the homestead.

*Catharine Crocker*, b. Aug. 7, 1838, resides on the homestead.

*Luther Howard*, b. March 16, 1844, m. Abbie R., dau. of James Merrill, resides in Sumner, and has: Melvena, Fannie, Sen.

Zenas Maxim d. Feb. 7, 1883.

CAPTAIN GEORGE WATERMAN MAXIM, brother of the preceding, m. Lois, dau. of Josiah Bailey of Buckfield, March 4, 1829. She was b. in Windham, March 30, 1804. He was a carpenter and builder, and s. in Bangor. He was in command of the company at Madawaska, at the time of the "Aroostook war." Children:

*George Freeman*, b. Nov. 9, 1830, drowned while bathing, Aug. 5, 1849.

He had taken high rank in his studies, and was about to enter college.

*Lois Elizabeth*, b. April 9, 1832, m. Josiah F. Robinson of Bangor.

*Lucy Bailey*, b. Dec. 29, 1837, d. Jan. 5, 1837.

*Martha Orinda*, b. Nov. 1, 1839, d. Oct. 4, 1841.

*Emma Frances*, b. Aug. 11, 1842, m. Jason W. Sialth, s. Minneapolis.

*Flora Lucy*, b. Dec. 27, 1847.

The father d. July 18, 1869. The mother d. Nov. 12, 1863.

LEVI MAXIM, brother of the preceding, m. Eliza Bucknam of Hebron, and settled there. Children:

*Eliza Eliza*, b. Aug. 22, 1825, r. on the homestead.

*Levi Johnson*, b. Sept. 13, 1837, m. Abbie Merrill of Hebron, and had:

*Percey E.*, b. Jan. 24, 1863; *Herbert L.*, b. Nov. 27, 1868.

*Myra Augusta*, b. May 25, 1843, m. John Lane Davenport of Mendon, Mass. Children: *Ernest M.*, b. May 1, 1883.

*Bessie Adelaide*, b. Jan. 29, 1848, r. on the homestead.

The father d. April 7, 1832.

EPHRAIM MAXIM, brother of the preceding, m. Lucy, dau. of Gideon Bearce of Hebron, April 30, 1834. She was b. May 4, 1818. He settled on the homestead. Children:

*Ephraim Julia*, b. Aug. 30, 1839, d. in Boston, Feb. 19, 1864.

*Ebena*, b. May 13, 1843, d. Dec. 7, 1843.

*Fredora Bearce*, b. Oct. 9, 1847, m. Mary E., dau. of Joseph B. Morse, and had: *Gertrude*, b. Sept. 22, 1873, d. July 10, 1879; *Florence May*, b. July 13, 1875; *Bessie Lennette*, b. Feb. 27, 1879; *Mildred Evelyn*, b. July 13, 1884.

*Adriana Trevena*, b. Aug. 6, 1854, m. Ida Mabel Bumpus, and resides on the homestead. Children: *Horace Warren*, b. April 17, 1879; *Robert F.*, b. Dec. 26, 1882.

CAPTAIN BENJAMIN MAXIM, brother of the preceding, m. Susan, dau. of Nathaniel Harlow, and settled in Buckfield. Children:

I *Maria Louisa*, b. March, 1840, m. James E. Hooper.

II *Mary Harrison*, b. March 28, 1841, m. Alice, dau. of Col. Orison Ripley, and had Bertel W.

III *Oliver A.*, b. Oct. 14, 1842, m. Amanda M., dau. of Austin Purbridge, and resides on Paris Hill. Children: *Maynard*, b. Jan. 4, 1875; *Helen*, b. June 30, 1877.

- IV *William Wallace*, b. Sept. 16, 1844, m. *Henrietta*, dau. of A. T. Cummings of Woodstock, and had: *Howard F.*, b. Oct. 23, 1868.
- V *Frank*, b. Jan. 4, 1847, m. *Flora A.*, dau. of Winslow and Sephora (Farrar) Evans. She was b. March 25, 1852, and had: *Mertie Belle*, b. Dec. 21, 1876; *Harry*.
- VI *Aminda*, b. Nov. 3, 1848, m. *Bernard E. Vinlog*, s. Bockfield.
- VII *Rose*, b. Aug. 30, 1850.
- VIII *Daniel Webster*, b. Feb. 13, 1853.
- IX *Mattha*, } b. April 10, 1857, teacher of music in Boston.  
twins.  
X *Mary*, } b. April 10, 1857.

SILAS P. MAXIM, son of Captain Silas, m. *Augusta M.*, dau. of Caleb and Abner (Wheeler) Prentiss, Sept. 13, 1855. She was b. in Foxcroft, March 3, 1834. He settled on the homestead, and removed to South Paris village. Children:

*Walter Prentiss*, b. March 18, 1857, m. *Amy Louisa Stowell*; *Laura Augusta*, b. April 27, 1859; *Myron W.*, b. April 22, 1862; *Flowerie Abner*, b. May 15, 1864; *Silas Sanger*, b. Oct. 6, 1872.

NATHAN MAXIM is the fourth in name and generation from Nathan of Wareham. He is the son of Nathan and Arvilla (Turner) Maxim of Bockfield, b. 1834, m. Nov. 4, 1863, *Frances M.*, dau. of Harvey and Sophia (Gammon) Dunham of Hebron. She was b. Dec. 24, 1847. He settled in Paris in the Mountain district in 1870. Children:

*Nellie F.*, b. Oct. 10, 1864, m. *Freeland Harlow*; *Jennie L.*, b. Sept. 9, 1866; *Ferna M.*, b. Dec. 2, 1868; *Ernest H.*, b. Sept. 21, 1871; *Alton C.*, b. Dec. 17, 1873; *Egle M.*, b. May 2, 1878; *Lila F.*, b. May 20, 1880.

#### MATHEW.

AMERICA F. MATHEW, son of Alexander, m. *Mabel*, dau. of John S. Mason of Paris. Children:

*Leslie*, b. Dec. 10, 1876.

#### MELLEN.

ALANSON MELLEN was the son of Thomas, Jr. and Eunice (Fitch) Mellen, and grandson of Thomas Mellen, all of Hopkinton, Mass. He was employed for a few years as clerk for Seth and Luke Bemis, who did a milling business and had a store near Snow's Falls. He married *Mary*, dau. of Josiah Bisco. On one occasion, when returning from Hopkinton to Paris, he brought the sprout of an elm tree, which he set out near Snow's Falls, and which is still standing.