

# Suffrage Saturday: 1893 Letter with List of Registered Women Voters, Colchester, NY, Part 4

Colchester	Miss Peter Dibble	Downsville
	Miss Jennie Williams	"
Colchester	" Rachel Carpenter	"
	Miss Cora Bogart	"
	Miss Anna Bogart	"
Colchester	Miss Sarah Lewis	"
Colchester	" Cora Klatsman	"
	" Nancy Wilson	"
	" Adelia Fuller	"
	" Corista Jennings	"
	" Adelia M. D. Bell	"
	" Edith May	"
	" Alice Lombardy	"
	" Alice Bogart	"
	" Adelia Hubbell	Colchester
	" Katharine Pratt	Downsville
Colchester	" Jennie Shaver	"
	" Julia Russell	"
	" Elizabeth Warren	Colchester
Colchester	Miss Jennie Fuller	Downsville
Colchester	" Lucy Suller	"

Be sure to write <sup>and file</sup> before  
 whose name I have written on.  
 Send letter to all if you have  
 time. I will send list for  
 other parts soon.  
 E. E. [unclear]

21 Oct 1893 Women Registered, Election District 1, Colchester, NY- Letter, p 4. (Click to enlarge- image is more legible with

*enlargement.)*

→ Women's Suffrage

**Transcription:**

			<b>Name</b>	<b>Address</b>
Ex-Teacher	X	Miss	Nettie Dibble	Downsville
		Mrs.	Jennie Williams	"
Ex-Teacher	X	"	Rachel Carpenter	"
	X	Miss	Cora Bogart	"
	X	Miss	Anna Bogart	"
Ex-Teacher	X	Mrs.	Sarah Loos	"
Ex-Teacher	X	"	Cora Gladstone	"
	X	"	Nancy Wilson	"
		"	Adelia Fuller	"
	X	"	Callista Jennings	"
	X	"	Ophelia McDonald	"
	X	"	Edith Hoy	"
	X	"	Alice Lindsley	"
		"	Alice Bogart	"
	X	"	Adelia Hubbell	Colchester
	X	"	Katherine Peck	Downsville
Ex-Teacher	X	"	Jennie Shane	"
	X	"	Julia Russell	"
	X	"	Elizabeth Warren	Colchester
Ex-Teacher	X	Miss	Jennie Fuller	Downsville
Teacher	X	"	Inez Suttle	"

Be sure to send letter to those before  
whose name I have marked an X.

Send letter to all if you have  
time. I will send list for  
other Dists. soon.

E. E. Conlon

This concludes the transcription of this letter.

A good friend of the blog, Lisa, kindly reviewed and enhanced my transcription (thank you!), and researched Miss Nora Terry, to whom this letter was addressed. Nora Terry, age 25, was listed in the New York State Census in the First Election District, Tompkins, Delaware County, New York on 16 Feb 1892. Her occupation was "Teacher" so that may give us some clues as to why she was the recipient of the letter, and why teachers and ex-teachers were noted on the list.

Miss Nora Terry apparently married, as a 'Mollie Brittain' is found in the Delaware County, NY Marriage Book 13, page 427, marrying F. Ward Aber; Robert Brittain and Nora Terry are listed as her parents.

Further research finds Robert Brittain, a physician, and his wife Nora in Colchester for the 1905 NY State Census, with their son Robert Brittain, Jr., son Knox Brittain, and daughter Mollie Brittain, age 3. By the 1910 US Federal Census, they had two more sons listed: Evans Brittain and Ned Brittain; a servant was listed in the household as well. Nora and her family are found in many other records of the area.

Unfortunately the author of the letter, E. E. Conlon, has been

challenging to track down. The letter has a Downsville postmark on the address side of the envelope, and one for Hamden and another for Walton, NY on the back. Having only the initials for the name makes it difficult- we have been unable to find a person with that name in the 1892 NY State Census, or in any other records. There are many Conlons in the area, but none with the first initials "E. E." or any names beginning with those letters.

Please do contact us on the blog if you have any additional information about this letter and the subject, or any of the women listed.

#### **Notes, Sources, and References:**

- 1) Letter owned by author.
- 2) See also other posts in this series.
- 3) New York State Census for Nora Terry in 1892: Ancestry.com. *New York, State Census, 1892* [database online]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2012. E. D. 01, page 8, column 1.
- 4) Delaware County Marriage Book 13  
Transcription: [http://www.dcnhistory.org/oldnewsidx/marriages\\_linda13.html](http://www.dcnhistory.org/oldnewsidx/marriages_linda13.html)
- 5) 1905 NY State Census for the household of Robert Brittain: New York State Archives; Albany, New York; *State Population Census Schedules, 1905*; Election District: *E.D. 01*; City: *Colchester*; County: *Delaware*, page 5, lines 46-50.
- 6) 1910 US Federal Census, Robert Brittain Head of Household: Year: *1910*; Census Place: *Colchester, Delaware, New York*; Roll: *T624\_935*; Page: *4A*; Enumeration District: *0004*; FHL microfilm: *1374948*, page 4A, lines 20-27.

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**"I warn everybody to keep out of such scrapes." - The Murderer of Edson Benjamin**

## REVENGE LEADS TO HANGING

**James Green Killed the Man He Suspected of Breaking Up His Matrimonial Plans.**

Cascade Rocks, Ore., Dec. 6.—James G. Green was hanged at Stevenson, Wash., at 7:45 o'clock this morning in the presence of 75 people. He walked to the scaffold and there was no indication of a break-down. When asked if he had anything to say he replied: "I hope this will be an example to the public and I warn everybody to keep out of such scrapes." He then bade all good-bye. The fall broke his neck and he was pronounced dead in eight minutes by the physicians present.

Green murdered E. V. Benjamin on March 24 of this year at Underwood's Landing, Skamania county, Wash. Benjamin was at a party and Green shot through the window between 12 and 1 o'clock in the morning while the guests were eating supper. Green was engaged to be married to a Mrs. Nellie Brown, but at her solicitation the engagement was broken. Green believed that Benjamin was responsible for the estrangement and was determined to be revenged.

*Hanging of the murderer of Edson Benjamin. 07 Dec 1901 news article in the Anaconda Standard, Anaconda, MT. Ancestry.com newspaper collection.*

→ [Benjamin Family, McMurray Family](#)

A previous series of articles told the story of the [murder of Edson Benjamin](#) at Underwood's Landing in Skamania County, Washington on 24 March 1901. At the time, we were unable to determine the fate of the murderer, James G. Green. The story was left with Green begging to be hanged right away as he could not bear the sight of Benjamin's widow, Martha "Jennie" Munger Benjamin, in the courtroom. The jury found him guilty of first degree murder, and thus, with hanging imminent, he

changed his tune and asked for the verdict to be fought. For some reason, no online searches showed the final fate of the murderer when that series was written.

Today, however, further research hit the jackpot with a link to a free Skamania County Washington history site. They posted transcripts of pertinent newspaper articles, and from there we could search out the newspapers and learn the final disposition of Green, who was hanged for his crime.

Green did fare better than the criminal whose story was

## **AWFUL SCENE AT EXECUTION**

**Subject Comes to Life in Coffin, but  
Dies as He Is About to Be  
Hanged Again.**

St. Louis, Dec. 6.—A special to the Post-Dispatch from Little Rock, Ark., says: Bud Wilson, the convict who killed R. H. Naylor, a guard of the Yell county convict camp, last September, was hanged to-day at Danville. The trap was sprung at 9:45 o'clock and at 10:05 o'clock the body was lowered into a coffin. Before the lid was placed upon the coffin the body began moving about. Wilson opened his eyes and his whole frame shook with tremors. He was taken from the coffin by deputies and carried up the stairs to the scaffold for the purpose of hanging him over again. When the platform was reached the body became rigid and remained so for a moment and then became limp. Wilson was examined carefully by the physicians, who finally pronounced him dead, death being caused by strangulation.

reported on the same page:

*Awful Scene at Execution. 07 Dec 1901, Anaconda Standard, Anaconda Montana, v13, n87, p2, c4. Ancestry.com.*

**Notes, Sources, and References:**

1) See the four-part series: [Edson Benjamin: "A Cowardly Murder"](#)

<http://heritageramblings.net/2014/11/04/tombstone-tuesday-edson-benjamin-a-cowardly-murder-part-1/>

<http://heritageramblings.net/2014/11/05/edson-benjamin-a-cowardly-murder-part-2/>

<http://heritageramblings.net/2014/11/06/edson-benjamin-a-cowardly-murder-part-3/>

<http://heritageramblings.net/2014/11/07/edson-benjamin-a-cowardly-murder-part-4/>

2) See  
also <http://heritageramblings.net/2014/05/13/tombstone-tuesday-edson-benjamin-and-martha-jennie-slade/>

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## [Tombstone Tuesday: Henry Horn](#)



*Tombstone of Heinrich Horn, Horn United Methodist Church Cemetery, Alum Bank, Bedford County, Pennsylvania. (Click to enlarge and*

*make sharper.) From family member CG, 1980s.*

→ [McMurray Family, Horn Family](#)

Henry Horn is buried in the Horn United Methodist Cemetery in Pleasantville, Bedford County, Pennsylvania, the town where he died.



*Henry Horn- Headstone, Horn Churchyard, Alum Bank, Bedford, PA. With thanks to Amanda Smith for her kind permission on Find A Grave, 8/22/2011.*

The tombstone reads:

Sacred to the memory of

Henry Horn

Born Oct r the 15th 1758

Died May the 8th 1845

Aged 86 Years. 6 Mons. & 23 days.



*Henry Horn- Headstone- Detail, Horn Churchyard, Alum Bank, Bedford, PA. With thanks to Amanda Smith for her kind permission, Find A Grave, 8/22/2011.*

The first image gives a clue as to Henry Horn's life- the commemorative plaques indicate he served in the Revolutionary War. The commemorative plaques read:

**Plaque 1:**

Revolutionary Soldier

Reverend Henry Horn

1775

1783

Placed by his descendants.



*Henry Horn- Gravesite Military Markers, Horn Churchyard, Alum Bank, Bedford, PA. With thanks to Amanda Smith for her kind permission on Find A Grave, 8/22/2011.*

**Plaque 2:**

Born Oct. 15, 1758      Died May 8, 1845

Battle of Trenton-Monmouth

and Long Island Campaigns

Member of Count Pulaski's Legion

Minister of the Methodist Church

There is also a Sons of the American Revolution marker.

So here is one clue about how Henry Horn's path may have crossed that of George Washington, but there was an event even before he enlisted that may have been the best opportunity for them to see each other...

(To be continued.)

### **Notes, Sources, and References:**

1) Horn Churchyard Cemetery, Alum Bank, Bedford, PA.

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# **George Washington and Our Ancestors**



*Washington Receiving a Salute after the Victory at Trenton, NJ on 26 Dec. 1776. William Holl engraving c1860 after a painting by John Faed. Library of Congress. (Click to enlarge.)*

→ [McMurray Family](#), [Horn Family](#)

Those of us 'of an age' to remember the days when our two greatest presidents were born, and those births celebrated separately, so that one could reflect on the accomplishments of each, know that today is the anniversary of the birth of George Washington.

Back in those days, on February 12th, schoolchildren learned about the horrors of the Civil War and how a lanky farm boy

from Illinois held our country together and freed the slaves, and was so eloquent that he could sum up the deep emotions of our citizens in the 10 short sentences of the Gettysburg Address. On February 22nd, schoolchildren listened to the myth of the cherry tree and learned lessons about honesty. That lesson modeled how such a solid, moral foundation could make a middle-born person great enough to help a small group of citizens fight and earn the rights of a democracy, even against the greatest power in the world at the time, Great Britain. Of course, all that learning, reflecting, and honoring individuals ended with the federal government's "Uniform Monday Holiday Act" that took effect on 1 Jan 1971, and the commemoration of these two great men became a 3-day holiday for bank and federal workers on the third Monday in February. (And don't forget the commercial President's Day sales.)

Technically, today is the date George Washington may have celebrated his birth once he was 20 years old, when England changed to the Gregorian calendar. Contemporary records (those created at the time) had dated his birth as 11 February 1731 using the Julian or Old Style (O.S.) calendar. In 1752, England finally came around to the calendar the rest of the world was using, the New Style (N.S.) or Gregorian calendar. This calendar changed the first day of the year to 1 January, instead of 25 March, so any events between those dates had a number of days added- it depended on which year as to how many- plus the year was corrected to the next. So George Washington's birthday then became 22 February 1732.

I do ramble about our heritage (hence the most appropriate blog name), but there is a reason to mention George Washington when one discusses our family history. We have no proof that a family member met George Washington, but there certainly was opportunity. At least three ancestors may have been in the same place as George Washington at the same time, and, of course, a number had their lives permanently altered because

of his actions. These men are Jonathan Benjamin, Henry Horn, and Wiley Anderson Murrell; Washington surely influenced many other ancestors from that time and since. These next few weeks we will be learning more about these men and their families, so stay tuned.

[Is this just name dropping? Hopefully dear reader, you are not thinking that. We are merely interested in putting our ancestors in the context of the times, and knowing 'famous' persons would have been a part of that history. It is just as important as a young man fighting a Civil War battle, a couple taking their friends to the 1904 World's Fair in St. Louis as newlyweds (Anna May Beerbower and William Gerard Helbling), a woman casting her first vote in 1921, our generation watching men walk on the moon for the first time, or any relative participating in any big event, or even the mundane ones- all context.]

### **Notes, Sources, and References:**

1) Wikipedia:

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Washington's\\_Birthday](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Washington's_Birthday)

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**Suffrage Saturday: 1893**  
**Letter with List of**  
**Registered Women Voters,**  
**Colchester, NY, Part 3**

Ex-Teacher	X	Mrs. Barbara Betts	Downsville
Teacher		Miss Rebecca Plume	"
Ex-Teacher		" Emma Lindley	"
		Mrs. Lucilla Schaffer	"
		" Amelia Fells	"
		" Mary White	"
	X	" Lydia Wright	"
		" Caroline Wilson	"
		" Amelia Wilson	"
	X	" Sylvia Woodell	"
		" Mary P. Barber	"
		" Ellen Teed	"
		" Cornelia Flamingo	"
		" Sarah Odwell	"
Ex-Teacher	X	" Eva Mat Lindley	"
	X	" Mary Coulter	"
	X	Mrs. Hattie Bogart	"
	X	Mrs. Helen Bogart	"
		" Mary Elwood	"
		" Katherine Elwood	"
		" Alice Sigler	"
		" Elvina Sigler	"
		" Jennie Elwood	"
	X	Miss Emma Hartman	"
		Mrs. Katherine	"
	X	" Josephine Hildert	"
	X	" Laura A. Bell	"
Teacher	X	" F. H. H. Shaw	"

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### Transcription:

			Name	Address
Ex-Teacher	X	Mrs.	Barbara Betts	Downsville

Teacher	X	Miss	Minnie Holmes	“
Ex-Teacher	X	“	Emma Lindsley	“
		Mrs.	Amelia Schaufler	“
		“	Amelia Fuller	“
		“	Mary White	“
	X	“	Lydia Wright	“
		“	Caroline Wilson	“
		“	Amelia Wilson	“
	X	“	Lylvia Wardell	“
	X	“	Mary E. Barber	“
		“	Ellen Teed	“
		“	Cornelia Flemmings	“
		“	Sarah Odwell	“
Ex-Teacher	X	“	Eva Mae Lindsley	“
	X	“	Mary Conlon	“
	X	Miss	Hattie Bogart	“
	X	Mrs.	Helen Bogart	“
		“	Mary Edward	“
		“	Katherine Elwood	“
		“	Alice Signor	“

		“	Elvina Signor	“
		“	Jessie Elwood	“
	X	Miss	Emma Hartman	“
		Mrs.	Katherine “	“
	X	“	Josephine Hulbert	“
	X	“	Sabra A. Bull	“
Teacher	X	“	A. H. H. Shaw	“

### Notes, Sources, and References:

1) Letter in possession of author, purchased on eBay. Seller stated that she bought it from a woman who bought a lot of old furniture in New England/New York, and the letter was found in an old desk. She listed it under 'woman suffrage.'

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