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The following 1976 book is a supplemental work to the 1901 **Carpenter Family in America** book. It also has a 3 May 1984 update that makes the connection solid.

This independent work adds **descendants of Timothy Carpenter** whose ancestry was confused in 1976, but by 1984 the connection was made by will information.

Timothy Carpenter's father is Silas Carpenter who is number 23 on Page 73 of the Carpenter Family in America, 1901 book. No family listed.

The following is from page 73 (Digital page 88 of 114) of the Carpenter Family in America book.

23 Silas Carpenter, son of William,³ was born at Musketa Cove about 1692. On March 1, 1720, he with his father sell a parcel of land situated at Duck Pond to Thomas Golding. (Vide Oyster Bay Records, vol. 7, p. 282.)

On May 13, 1720, he is witness to sale of land from his father to Dorothy Cocks, and on May 8, 1722, he and "his father" buy 375 acres of land at North Castle and Rye, Westchester County, from Lancaster Symes and Peter Fauconier.* Price £350. James Brown and James Weeks are witnesses to this deed. It is on record at White Plains, vol. G, p. 217 of conveyances.

Above are all the mentions I find of him.

He probably had wife and family.

During the Revolution the records of the town, kept at Bedford, were with the Court House at that place burned by the British soldiers, so probably the most valuable memoranda concerning the early settlement of North Castle, Bedford, Pleasantville, etc., are forever lost.

WILL:

A corrected will of the New York Historical Society Collections.

Volumes found by Louise Carpenter Licklider states in abstract:

"In the name of God, Amen. January 3, 1728/1729, I, Silas Carpenter of North Castle, in Westchester County, Blacksmith. I leave to my wife, Jane, one-third of all moveables. All houses and lands to be sold. I leave to my daughters, Hannah and Phebe, 10 pounds each when of age. The rest to be put at interest until my three sons, William, Timothy, and Silias, are of age and then divided among them.

I make William Craft and William Carpenter, Jr., both of Long Island, and my wife, Jane, Executors.

Witnesses, Adam Ireland, Job Wright, Nathaniel Carpenter.

Proved February 1, 1728/1729."

1 February is correct! Not 11 February as in some reports.

BOOK:

THE DESCENDANTS OF TIMOTHY CARPENTER OF PITTSTOWN,
RENSSELAER CO., NEW YORK.

By Charles Lorain Carpenter, Rear Admiral, USN-Ret. (deceased)

Published 1976 - 200 copies

Printed by: The News-Journal - P.O. Box 398 Machias, Maine 04654.

192 pages plus a 1 page Addenda in 1984.

TIMOTHY is listed as #1-1 (The subject).

See also the "Progenitor Addenda" 1A - dated 3 May 1984 by the author. This adds father Silas Carpenter as the father.

BOOK LINK:

<https://carpentercousins.com/1901/images/Desc-TC-1976.pdf>

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Part 2

A 2013 supplement or addenda to the 1976/1984 Supplement of the 1901 Carpenter Family in America book follows. This includes a published 2014 article on the subject **by John Laid**.

Here is partial extract:

The Challenge of Correcting Widespread Bad Information

One of the most difficult tasks in genealogical research is unraveling mystery of ancestors and their families hundreds of years later, when there are limited surviving records to point the way. When researchers have taken the risk of trying to piece it together, published the results, and have not been correct – then it sets up a public body of information that is really hard to correct, particularly in the Internet era.

A case in point is the family of my Revolutionary War ancestor Jeremiah Carpenter. Born in Dutchess County New York in 1760, the son of Timothy Carpenter and Elizabeth Anderson, Jeremiah descended from early Carpenters of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

The 1976 book, "**The Descendants of Timothy Carpenter of Pittstown, Rensselaer County, New York**", by Charles L. Carpenter, is a good and helpful work – well researched given the resources of the time. Unfortunately, the family listed for my ancestor Jeremiah was not correct. And that family listing has been taken as gospel by many persons who have not done original research – and sits uncorrected in many places in books and materials and across the internet.

This article is the story of discovery – and involves three other researchers who are also Jeremiah descendants. We discovered the original book, and were excited that our line

was documented. As we worked from original records about Jeremiah and his family, we discovered problems with the 1976 book listings. Then we discovered each other, and began a painstaking effort to determine the correct family members.

The joy of getting it right then presented one last challenge. Incorrect information was in most published family trees involving Jeremiah – and the challenge wasn't just getting it right, it was getting it out and established as a true version of Jeremiah's family.

All that said, here are the related links to John Laird's supplemental information.

https://carpentercousins.com/1901/images/RIN065-Jeremiah-Carpenter_Family_Chronicle_Article_Mockup_-_Mar_2014.pdf

<https://carpentercousins.com/1901/images/Jeremiah-Carpenter-Register-Report-Jan27-2013.pdf> (No notes)

https://carpentercousins.com/1901/images/RIN065-Jeremiah-Carpenter_Desc_Register_Report-_Mar_2014.pdf (includes notes)