

# Dymen of Hudson's River

## Paternal Lineage Study

*Surname spelling Dymen is found in the earliest records. It is used in place of surnames Diamond, Dymond, and Dimond, all of which are used in the patrilineage.*

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## **Matthew Dymond**<sup>1775</sup>

biographical sketch

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Expanding on the work of Robert H. Dymond.

### ***GENEALOGY OF THE DYMOND, WILLIAMS AND RELATED FAMILIES 1981 ROBERT H. DYMOND***

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*"A genealogy is never completed, for there are always new events occurring, new discoveries made, and ever-present errors to be corrected. Many defects spring from the very nature of what is attempted and no one can avoid them.....". Robert H. Dymond*

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Robert H. Dymond's book covers the Luzerne and Wyoming County Pennsylvania branches of a greater Dymen paternal lineage whose root is found in the Hudson River Valley in 1700s colonial America. Robert wrote this book from the perspective of his Pennsylvania branch line stemming from John Dymond<sup>1768</sup>. After a fresh look at the outline it is found that from John Dymond<sup>1768</sup> forward the original outline is fairly accurate, especially in later generations down the line of John. However, some linkages and early history presented has been revised. There too are issues regarding some of the men considered sons of John, who may in fact not be. It would be desirable to yDNA test men from untested branch lines. There were other Dymond men of John's generation in the same 'Dymond Hollow' Pennsylvania vicinity who all arrived about the same time from New York, presumably from the Woodstock or Poughkeepsie vicinities. It is difficult to sort who was actually linked to whom. Especially mysterious is what became of Matthew<sup>1775</sup> and his large family.

**D\*mon[d]:** The surname has taken many forms over the years. It should be understood that spelling of the day in the 1600s and 1700s Hudson River Valley was phonetic with Dutch [West Germanic], German, and English each influencing and contributing, often at the whim of the recording scribe. Some spellings recorded include: Dymen; Dimon; Dymond; Diamond; Dimond; Diamen. There were over twenty variants. Spelling in most family branches in the US had stabilized into the variant in current use by 1830. In general the Ontario branches spelling has been Diamond since at least the Loyalist migration of 1783 and the Pennsylvania branches settled on the Dymond spelling.

## **Matthew Dymond**<sup>1775</sup>

Born, 1775, in Dutchess Co, NY

Died, 1862

Married Margaret Sickler b. 1790

### **Missing Dymond Family**

Matthew Dymond Jr. was born in 1775 the year the American Revolution began and the year of the Battles of Lexington and Concord and Paul Revere's legendary ride.

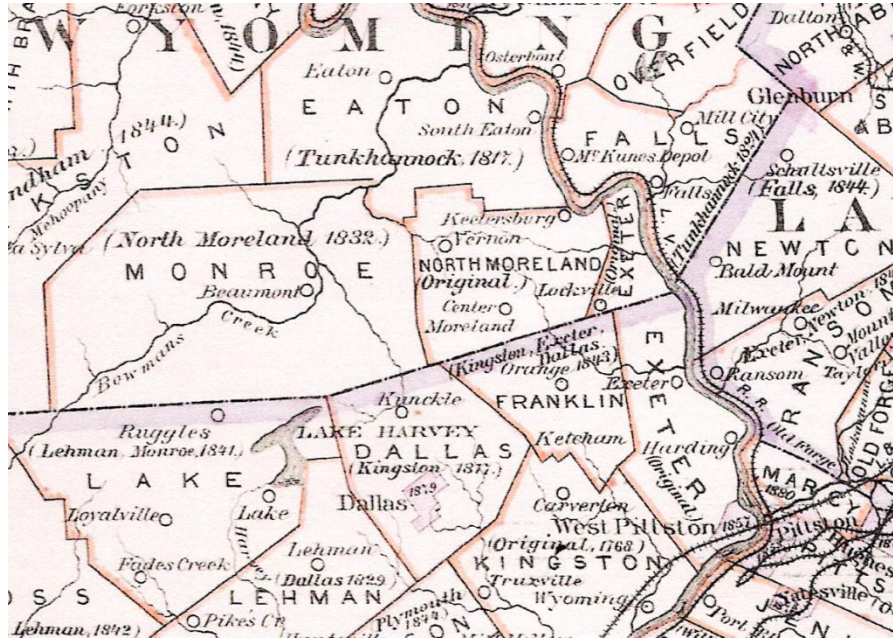
There is virtually nothing known about Matthew [Jr] who is listed on page seven of Robert H. Dymond's book, *GENEALOGY OF THE DYMOND, WILLIAMS AND RELATED FAMILIES 1981*, as the fifth child born to Matthew and Anne Dymond. This is in error. The correct family birth order was:

- i. John Dymond 1768 married to Mary Lawson/Lossing
- ii. Henry Dimond 1772 married to Catherine Stewart
- iii. Margaretha (Peggy) Dymond 1773 married to Reuben Montross
- iv. **Matthew Dymond 1775 married to Margaret Sickler**
- v. Mary Dymond 1787 married to John Sickler
- vi. William Dymond 1790 married to Catherine Kisenger
- vii. Isaac Dymond 1791 married Sarah Booth
- viii. Phebe Dymond married Moses Rider/Ryder

Robert says on page seven of his book that Matthew<sup>1775</sup> sold property in Woodstock to Benjamin Davis in 1812, 1816, and 1820 and to Moses Rider in 1825. This is an error. The records have been checked and it was Matthew<sup>1740</sup> that sold land, not Matthew<sup>1775</sup>. Robert also states that Matthew<sup>1775</sup> and his wife Margaret deeded their entire property to their son-in-law John Sickler in consideration of his taking care of them for the rest of their lives. This is another error. Matthew<sup>1775</sup> was John Sickler's brother-in-law. John Sickler was married to Matthew<sup>1775</sup> sister Mary Dymond<sup>1787</sup>. It was Matthew<sup>1740</sup> that deeded the property to John Sickler. Robert notes that he got his information from a book about Woodstock by Anita Smith. Anita indeed does say this but it was her error. The actual Woodstock records document that all the land in Woodstock was sold by Matthew<sup>1740</sup>. Further discussion and greater detail of this error is included in the sketch of Matthew Dymond<sup>1740</sup>. We know that Matthew<sup>1775</sup> was never recorded as living in Woodstock. Robert also states Matthew<sup>1775</sup> was married to Margaret Sickler but does not reveal where he obtained that information. The truth is we don't know that. Further he gives a death date for Matthew<sup>1775</sup> as 1862. This too is undocumented and not known. It would seem that Robert was privy to these facts from some source that he did not document or footnote. He most certainly did not make them up out of whole cloth. The question is where did he get this information?

What is known about Matthew<sup>1775</sup>? From census records we know that he had a large family that lived in Northmoreland Twp., Luzerne County, Pennsylvania. [Wyoming County after 1842]

A very careful page to page search of all entries in the Woodstock Town census records of 1790 thru 1850 shows that Matthew<sup>1775</sup> was never recorded at Woodstock. A search of all states in that time frame shows him to only have been recorded in Luzerne County, PA living near his siblings in the vicinity of what became known as Dymond Hollow.



At the time Matthew<sup>1775</sup> lived in Northmoreland, Northmoreland and Monroe were one large township

### Mystery

According to census records Matthew<sup>1775</sup> and his wife had ten children, four boys and six girls. None of their names are known. Nor do we know what became of them. I strongly suspect that some children attributed to John<sup>1768</sup> and Henry<sup>1772</sup> may in fact be those of Matthew<sup>1775</sup>. Two of them may be Abram<sup>1815</sup> and Ira<sup>1819</sup> Dymond. Abram and Ira are currently tentatively linked as sons of Henry<sup>1772</sup>. Unless and until new information is uncovered we won't know.

Looking at the census records there are two certain records of Matthew<sup>1775</sup>. There is a third possibility. The record that is a possibility is found in the census record of John Dymond<sup>1768</sup> in 1810.

### 1810 Exeter Twp., Luzerne County, PA

John Dimon 32x2|x31x1

The record shows two men of approximate same age living in the same household, one is John<sup>1768</sup> and the other is unknown though we know it was not brother Henry<sup>1772</sup> as he was recorded in a separate record next door in Eaton Township and therefore accounted for. Of the three known siblings that leaves Matthew<sup>1775</sup>.

In 1820 Matthew<sup>1775</sup> appears for the first time in census records. There are a total of five children at this time. He is recorded at Northmoreland Township living next to or near another Matthew Dymond that we know to be Matthew Dymond<sup>1797</sup> married to Jane Montanye and thought to be a son of John<sup>1768</sup>. The William Dymond listed can only be William Dymond<sup>1790</sup> who has arrived from Woodstock sometime in the past nine years following his War of 1812 service.



Deciphering these recordings we can equate them to;

**Matthew Dimon** [Matthew Dymond<sup>1775</sup> [son of Matthew Dymond<sup>1740</sup>] m. Margaret Sickler]

1 male 26 to 45 [born between 1775-1794]

1 male 10 to 16 [born between 1804-1810]

1 male to 10 [born between 1809-1820]

1 female 26-45 [born between 1775-1794]

3 females to 10 [born between 1809-1820]

Matthew Dimon [Matthew Dymond<sup>1797</sup> [son of John 1768] m. Jane Montanye]

1 male 16-26 [born between 1794-1804]

1 male to 10 [born between 1809-1820]

1 female 16 to 26 [born between 1809-1820]

2 females to 10 [born between 1809-1820]

William Dimon [This William Dymond<sup>1790</sup>? A Son of Matthew Dymond<sup>1740</sup>]

1 male 16-26 [born between 1794-1804]

2 male to 10 [born between 1809-1820]

1 female 16 to 26 [born between 1794-1804]

2 females 10 to 16 [born between 1804-1810]

*The age does not work out but he is the only known William Dymond unaccounted for in this year after inspection of New York and Pennsylvania records.*

In 1820 two other Dymond families are living very close by. John Dymond<sup>1768</sup> in Exeter Twp. and Henry Dimond<sup>1772</sup> is in Eaton Twp.

In 1830 we again find Matthew<sup>1775</sup> at Northmoreland. There are now seven children listed. From comparison and calculations we know that three of the older children are no longer living with the family. Matthew Dymond<sup>1775</sup> is the only Dymond enumerated in Northmoreland this year. All others are in Exeter Twp. and Eaton Twp.

### **1830 Federal Census Northmoreland Twp. Luzerne Co., PA**

**Matthew Dimon 112xxxx1xxxxx| x2x1x1xxxxxxx**

**Matthew Dimon** [Matthew Dymond<sup>1775</sup> [son of Matthew Dymond<sup>1740</sup>] m. Margaret Sickler]

1 male of 50 and under 60 [born between 1771-1780]

2 males of 10 and under 15 [born between 1816-1820]

1 male of 5 and under 10 [born between 1821-1825]

1 male under 5 [born between 1826-1830]

1 female of 30 and under 40 [born between 1800-1809] [caretaker older daughter?]

2 females of 15 and under 20 [born between 1815-1819]

1 Female of 10 and under 15 [born between 1816-1820]

2 females of 5 and under 10 [born between 1821-1825]

