

[Northam, Ebenezer]

The Northam family was a familiar one in Connecticut during the early half of the eighteenth century, Ebenezer Northam having been born at Colchester, that State, in the month of August, 1760. When the fertility of the western lands was being heralded throughout New England he gathered his family and effects about him, and with a team and covered wagon started through the semi-settled regions of western Connecticut and, although the roads were rough he kept on up into the wild and almost unknown county of Washington, and made a temporary residence at Fort Ann, New York, then pushed on, about 1825, to Ripley, this county. He subdued the forests and made grain to grow from which with other agricultural products he gained his livelihood. Ebenezer Northam married Rachel Bascom, a native of Connecticut, born in Lebanon, January 22, 1758, and they reared a family of five sons, the eldest being Solomon Northam. He was a member of the Universalist church and of the Jeffersonian party.

Hon. Obed Edson, *Biographical and Portrait Cyclopedia of Chautauqua County, New York* (Philadelphia: John M. Gresham & Co., 1891), p. 440

Transcriber's note: per a memorial 36980575 for him on the website Find A Grave, he died on 12 Aug 1837. His wife's Find A Grave memorial 36980786 gives her death date as 29 Jul 1847. They are buried in the East Ripley Cemetery of Ripley, Chautauqua Co. NY.

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