

The Ancestry of Sarah Abigail Mahoney of Northport

THE MAHONEY FAMILY

Relatively little is known about the Mahoney family in America. They probably emigrated from Ireland, but even that much is speculation, nor is the immigrant ancestor known with certainty. The earliest on record is Patrick Mahoney.

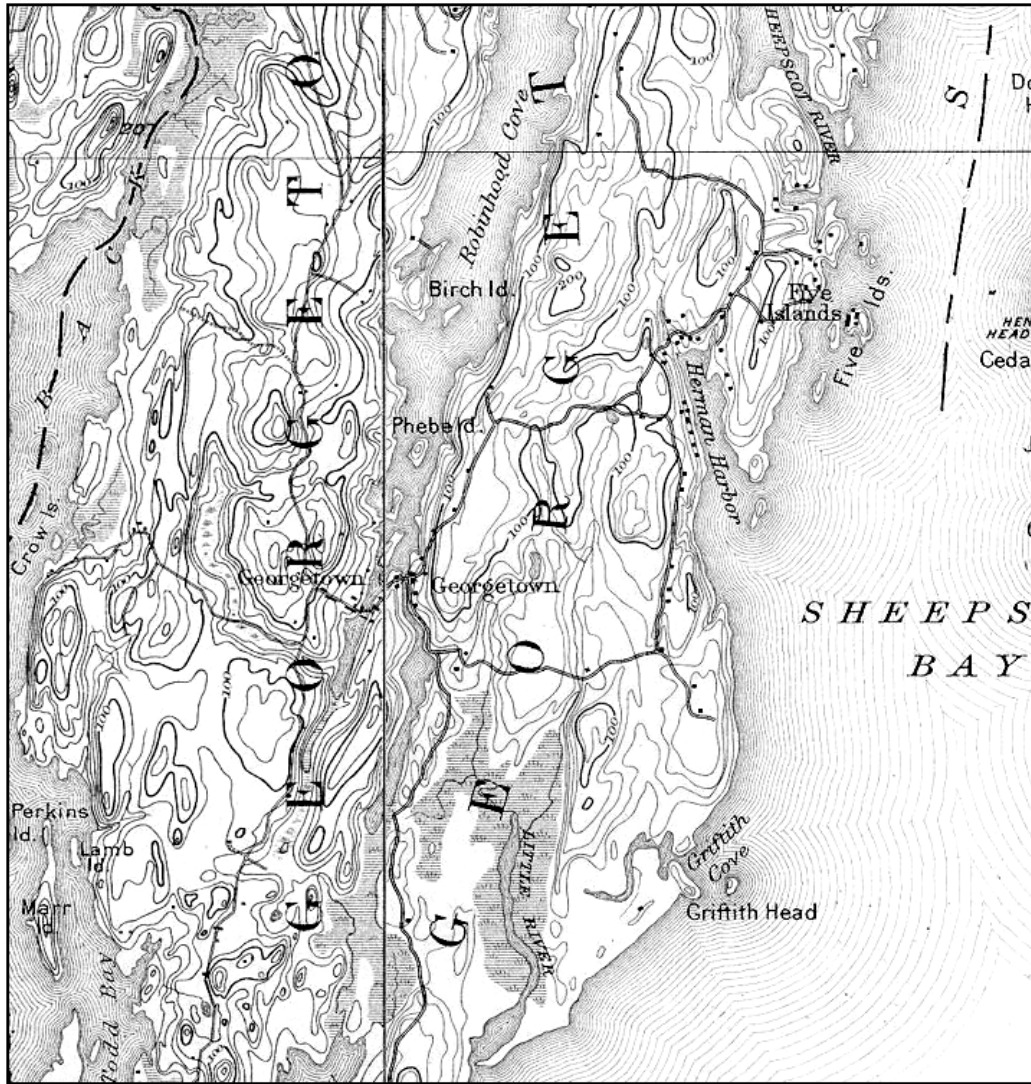
Patrick Mahoney (ca. 1720-after 1749)

Patrick Mahoney is known to have married Jane Grase on 7 Jan 1743/4 in Georgetown, Maine, where they resided (her parents are not recorded, but the family name is probably English, a variant of "Grace"). According to Major Robert Treat's Day Book (Bangor, 1786-1789), "Patrick Mahoney owned mills along the [Kennebec?] river.

According to the Vital Records in Georgetown, Patrick Mahoney and Jane Grase had three children: John (b. 1744), James (our ancestor, b. 1747) and Patrick (Jr.) (b. 1749). This Patrick (Jr.) may be the same Patrick Mahoney recorded in the 1790 Federal Census as having a family of five males and two females in Eddy Township, Hancock County; he would have been 41 years old in 1790, old enough to have had seven children.

James Mahoney (1747-1832)

James Mahoney, son of Patrick Mahoney and Jane Grase, was born on 25 November 1747 in Georgetown, Maine, and married a woman named Abigail (parents and family name unknown) around 1770. They resided in Georgetown, where all 11 of their children were born. Their fifth child was Patrick Mahoney (b. 1779), our ancestor, who married Mary Jewett.



Georgetown Island, Maine; home to at least three generations of the Mahoney family, from the early 1740's to the 1840's

Patrick Mahoney (1779-1838)

Patrick Mahoney was born on Georgetown Island near Bath, Maine, on 12 July 1779. He may also have lived in nearby Edgecomb, where his marriage to Mary (Polly) Jewett was

first recorded on 26 April 1803. (It was subsequently also recorded in his family's hometown of Georgetown eight days later.) Mary was the daughter of Capt. James Jewett (1739-1811), a former seaman and Revolutionary War veteran who had settled with his wife in Westport, Maine (an island at the mouth of the Sheepscut River southeast of Augusta). Patrick and Mary settled in Northport, just south of Belfast, where the births of their children are recorded. A number of land transactions involving the sale of some of his Northport property in 1834 are still on record.



Sarah Abigail Mahoney (1822-1888)

Patrick Mahoney appears on the 1820 Federal Census as living in Northport with a family of three males (0-10 years old), three males (11-16 yrs.), two females (0-10 yrs.) and one female (11-16 yrs.), in addition to his wife.

On the 1830 Federal Census he and his wife are listed along with 1 male (5-10 yrs., John Jewett Mahoney), 2 males (10-15 yrs., Chandler and Harrison), 1 male (20-30 yrs., Dennis), 1 female (5-10 yrs., Sarah Abigail Mahoney), 1 female (10-15 yrs, Lucy) and 1 female (20-30 yrs., Mary). James and William had married in 1829 and 1827 and had moved out. The whereabouts of Philip and Alice at that time are a mystery; they did not marry until 1843 and 1835.

Patrick Mahoney is recorded in the *Republic Journal* as having "froze to death" on 29 Jan 1838. His widow, Mary, later married Noah Miller of Lincolnville, Maine, in 1841. He must have died some years later, because in 1860 the Federal Census records her as living with her son Harrison Mahoney (when she was about 75 years old).

Sarah Abigail Mahoney, married William Faulkner Wilson.

