

"Ocean Born Mary"

In 1720 a party of emigrants left Londonderry in the north part of Ireland to come to America. Among the number were James Wilson and Elizabeth his wife. On their passage the ship and all on board were taken prisoners by pirates, and while in ^{the} hands of the pirates a baby girl was born to Mrs. Wilson. The sight of the little innocent helpless baby touched the hearts of the pirate band and especially the captain, for it called to mind his wife and children in their distant

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home, and he told the mother if she would permit him to name ^{her} child Mary for his wife, he would liberate the emigrants, and permit them to continue their voyage. She consented, and he gave Mrs. Wilson valuable presents, one of which was a rich brocade silk, which was to be used for her wedding dress.

The company reached Boston safely but the father died soon after landing and Mrs. Wilson and her child came to Londonderry, N. H.

The mother afterward married James Clark, great grand parent of Horace Greeley.

A day of general thanksgiving was observed for many years by the people of Londonderry

in memory of their deliverance
from the pirates.

The land occupied by the
Scotch Irish people of Lon-
donderry, N.H. was granted to
them by William of Orange,
as a reward for their service
to him during the memorable
siege of Londonderry, Ireland
and James Wilson was one
of the grantees. The Scotch Irish
were a noble class of people
of high christian principles
and integrity.

Ocean Born Mary as she was
called married Thomas Wallace
of Londonderry, N.H. Dec. 18, 1742.
and wore the rich green and white
brocade silk dress. A grand dau-
ghter of Ocean Born Mary was
also married in it. It has been

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taken to pieces and distribu-
ted among his descendants.

There were four sons born to
Thomas and Mary Wallace.

Thomas, Robert, William and
James. The three younger sons
married sisters, daughters of
Robert and Mary Moore of Lon-
donderry, A.H. and came to Wren-
mickin to live. They were all noble
men and filled important
positions of trust.

In 1780 Robert the second son
built the Ocean Down Mary
house seen in the picture.

It was one of the noble mansions
of the day. The walls of one of
its principal rooms was cov-
ered by landscape painting,
which is still preserved.

Here Ocean Down Mary spent

The last years of her life:

She possessed great strength of character and the noble traits of the Scotch Irish people.

She was born July, 28, 1720 and died Feb. 13, 1814 and lies buried in the cemetery near the Town House in this village (Werniker)

There are many of her descendants in Werniker and other towns of New Hampshire.

Miss Lizzie Gore, who taught school so many years ^{in Manchester} is a descendant. She is a native of Dering, N.H.

Jennie daughter of William Wallace, 3rd son of Ocean Born Mary married Mass Codman a relative of Salander Linsen,