

# Family Group Record for Wright Loomis

<b>Husband</b>		<b>Wright Loomis</b>	
Born	13 Feb 1756	Windsor, Hartford, Connecticut	
Baptized	22 Feb 1756	Windsor, Hartford, Connecticut	
Died	1817	Athens, Bradford, Pennsylvania	
Buried		Greenes Landing Cemetery	
Father	Seth Loomis Sr. (1721-Aft 1772)	Mother	Esther Kelsey (1725- )
Married	1779	Windsor, Hartford, Connecticut	
<b>Wife</b>		<b>Louisa Barnes</b>	
Born	14 Feb 1758	Sharon, Litchfield, Connecticut	
Baptized			
Died			
Buried			
Father	Daniel Barnes (1735-Abt 1800)	Mother	Dinah Pardee (1742-1761)
<b>Children</b>			
<b>1</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Louisa Lovice Wright Loomis</b>	
Born	6 Jun 1779	Prob Windsor, Hartford, Conn.	
Baptized			
Died	27 Oct 1854	Athens, Bradford, Pennsylvania	
Buried			
Spouse	Daniel Satterlee (1771- )	1801 - Athens, Bradford, Pennsylvania	
<b>2</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>Theodorus Loomis</b>	
Born	20 Oct 1782	Windsor, Hartford, Connecticut	
Baptized			
Died	24 Apr 1845	Athens, Bradford, Pennsylvania	
Buried		Milan Cemetery	
Spouse	Fanny Morley (1790-1848)	19 Oct 1808 - Athens, Bradford, Pennsylvania	
<b>3</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Electa Loomis</b>	
Born	1785	Windsor, Hartford, Connecticut	
Baptized			
Died	15 Jun 1841	Bath, Steuben, New York	
Buried		Chamberlain Cemetery, Bath, NY	
Spouse	Reuben Smith (Abt 1779-1835)		
<b>4</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Asenath Loomis</b>	
Born	20 Aug 1786	Windsor, Hartford, Connecticut	
Baptized			
Died	25 Feb 1858	Springfield Twp., Bradford, Pennsylvania	
Buried		Leona Cemetery	
Spouse	William Eaton (1783-1869)	Abt 1805 - Athens Twp., Bradford, Pennsylvania	
<b>5</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>Erastus Loomis</b>	
Born	1789	Windsor, Hartford, Connecticut	
Baptized			
Died	1830	Buffalo, Erie, New York	
Buried			
Spouse	Dorcas Morley (1793- )	1817 - Athens, Bradford, Pennsylvania	
<b>General Notes (Husband)</b>			
From "Pioneer & Patriot Families of Bradford County PA 1770-1800 Vol. I" by Clement F. Heverly, page 225: Loomis Family--The history of the Loomis family in America, dates from 1638, when			

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Joseph Loomis, with his wife, Mary White, and eight children sailed from London, England, and after a voyage of three months landed at Boston. The next year (1639) he settled at Windsor, Conn., where the original homestead has ever since been in the Loomis name.

Wright Loomis was a descendant in the sixth generation from Joseph. He was a son of Seth and Esther (Kelsey) Loomis and was born February 13, 1756 at Windsor, Conn. He married Louisa Barnes and in 1792 removed to Athens with his wife and three children, Theodorus, Asenath and Erastus. "He came in true Yankee style with a yoke of oxen and a horse ahead, drawing the wagon packed with household goods, the children walking all the way." Mr. Loomis purchased of Samuel Swift, who had occupied the place a year, he having bought of Uriah Stephens and Solomon Bennett, who made the original settlement, 1784, remaining six years. Loomis's became the rallying point of the settlers, and for many years elections for the upper part of the county were held there. After the death of Mr. Loomis in 1817, his sons, Erastus and Theodorus, occupied the place. Both Mr. Loomis and his wife are buried at Green's Landing.

E-mail from Dorothy G. Friend (Hastings, NE):

On the bottom of a drawer in a desk, which, with the passing of my father, H(erbert) Roger Grace, just went to my son, Roger M (aurice) Aspen, there's a handwritten note. Here's the text of the note:

"Orion, Sep 1st, 1892

This desk was bought by my grandfather, Wright Loomis, in Athens, Bradford Co, Penn. of a man moving from Vermont to Ohio in a sleigh about 1808 or thereabouts for \$40, but that seems like a huge amount for 1808. After my grandfather's death it was owned by my father, Erastus Loomis until his death. After that it fell to me, Celestia Loomis. In 1852 I let it to sister Laura Carey who brought it here now, after she has owned it for years she gives it back to me in good condition.

Mrs. Celestia Langford  
Orion, Henry Co, Illinois"

If it is the same Wright Loomis, Celestia's note on the desk drawer places him in Bradford Co. in "1808 or thereabouts." If he were only visiting there, it would seem odd that he would purchase something as big and heavy as that desk. Also, after I wrote my earlier message to you, we re-checked the desk drawer, and on the drawer itself (not a part of Celestia's note) someone had written, "Wright Loomis died 1817," which, of course, agrees with the date of Wright Loomis' death.

I have a copy of Celestia Loomis Grace Langford's obituary ("Saturday Review," Des Moines, IA, Nov 6, 1897), which says she "was born at Springfield, Mass, June 20, 1820. She lived a time in Pennsylvania and later in Mercer County, Illinois."

Celestia's first marriage (1840) was to George Wesley Grace, and one of the two sons of that union, J(ob) L(eonadis) was my great grandfather.

Celestia's obituaries say that she was born in Springfield, MA on June 20, 1820, and that she married George Wesley Grace (my gg-grandfather) in 1840 (place not specified); was widowed in 1848, and married Laertis F. Langford in 1853 in Bradford, PA.

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Wright Loomis is listed on the 1812 Tax Tables of Bradford Co., PA, at the time of its formation, making him an original settler of Athens Township. Also listed were his sons Theodorus and Erastus. Wright was also on the 1796 taxable tables in Tioga District (a strip 12 miles wide extending across the county Breakneck Run to the New York state line, making him an original settler of Bradford Co.

The polling place for the first elections held in Athens was at the home of Wright Loomis.

Wright Loomis was a Tioga (Athens) Supervisor in 1795 along with Isaac Cash.

From "History of Bradford County 1770 - 1878," by the Reverend Mr. David Craft - ATHENS TOWNSHIP - HISTORY OF THE TOWNSHIPS - ATHENS TOWNSHIP - ATHENS BOROUGH - MILLTOWN - SAYRE: Capt. Joseph Spalding came also about 1791. He was born in Plainfield, Conn., June 7, 1745, and was a descendant, in the fifth Generation, from Edward Spalding, who settled in Braintree, in 1633. He was one of the original proprietors of old Ulster township, Aug. 28, 1775. He was living in Sheshequin in 1786. He married first, at Plainfield, Eunice Shepard, who died at Sheshequin, Dec. 6, 1790, and second, Mrs. Anna Margaret Snell. His children were, Welthia, born Oct. 20, 1771, married Benedict Satterlee; John, born Oct. 22, 1773; Howard, born

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Oct. 24, 1776 Jared; born Oct. 20, 1778 Rachel, 1779 ; Sarah; Simon; and Celestia, born Aug. 10, 1795, married Isaac Morley. Captain Spalding died Aug. 31, 1832.

The families of Decker, Loomis, Minter, Northrop, and Reddington were here during the last century. On the farm of Wright Loomis, on Queen Esther's flats, was born Joshua R. Giddings, afterwards of Ohio, and distinguished as a leader of the abolition party.

The families of Griffin, Greene, Morley, and others, living on the western side of Tioga, came early in this century, and have since been among our most active and useful citizens; but time and space forbid our bringing these sketches down to the present generation.

From "History of Bradford County," by H. C. Bradsby, 1892

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Commencing at the south, of the township and west of the Tioga and Susquehanna down to Queen Esther's, the tracts or grants are again numbered, commencing at No. 1, purchased by Theodore Loomis; the Indian village was on the west end of this tract ; No. 2, Erastus Loomis; No. 3, Peter Garrington-he sold to John Griffin; No. 4, Daniel Satterlee sold in 1788 to Ben Green; No. 5, sold by Dan Satterlee in 1788 to Henry Green; No. 6, John P. Green and Thomas Lane; No. 7, Ludwig Green; No. 8, Isaac Morley, Sr., in 1800 transferred to G. 11. Morley; No. 9, Alvin Morley; No. 10, Isaac Morley ; No. 11, Joseph Spalding, in 1791 sold to John Spalding; Nos. 12 and 13, Abner Murray, sold in 1791 to E. A. Murray ; No. 14, Stephen Hopkins, sold to Chauncey N. Shipman; No. 15, Elisha Satterlee sold to Alanson D. Whitmarsh. The next five tracts were those of John Abram, Jacob and Henry Snell. On lot No. 15, Jacob Snell's son was born, Abram Snell, July 5, 1785, the first white child born here. Then there was an unoccupied strip, and then came the tracts of Daniel and Hugh McDuffie and Col. Tozer, who made his improvement in 1795. The next was No. 21, William Scott, and on the east end of his lot, on the Tioga river bank, was the ancient Turtlelooe village. The place had been wiped out completely by Col. Hartley, and Mr. Scott built just west, a few feet from where it had stood; No. 20, Samuel Shoemaker; No. 19, Albert and J. M. Tozer.

## Research Notes (Husband)

1850 Federal Census

Town of Adams, Jefferson County, New York

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