

Mary Tunaley's Second Marriage to Jeremiah Lee

(Documents and information kindly provided by Dr. Jane Holmes)

Mary Tunaley's second marriage 1825 was to Jeremiah Lee (ca. 1777-1852), Brattleboro, Vermont.

Jeremiah is described in records as a former US Consul in the Mediterranean. His death came about, officially, as a result of "bronchitis" presumably as the result of smoke inhalation from the fire at the sash and blind factory, Watertown, Boston, February 4th 1852.

Jeremiah was the grandson of Colonel Jeremiah Lee and son of Captain Joseph Lee.

From: Marblehead Museum at http://www.marbleheadmuseum.org/Whois_Lee.htm:

"The Colonel was a leading merchant in Marblehead, MA and one of the most successful and affluent men in America before the Revolution in which Lee played a pivotal role. He utilized his trade connections to smuggle gunpowder, weapons and supplies".

From: <http://www.marbleheadarchitecture.com/About%20Jeremiah%20Lee.pdf>.

"Captain Joseph Lee, the Colonel's eldest son, was a Harvard graduate who served in the regiment his father commanded and died in his mid-thirties soon after the war".

Page 5 of Francis Boott's book, "Recollections of Francis Boott: for his grandson F.B.D." documents what Francis describes as the unwanted attentions of a Jeremiah Lee, merchant, which led to Mary and girls fleeing from Boston to Brattleboro. On page 12 there is mention of a marriage in Brattleboro in 1825 which Francis did not appear too happy about". (J.H.)

Boston Commercial Gazette 28 April 1825

MARRIAGES.	
At New-York, Mr Thomas P. Heath, of Boston, to Miss M. Bennett, of Connecticut.	
At Brattleboro', Mr. Jeremiah Lee, of this city, to Mrs Mary Boott.	
At Alstead, N. H Mr David Willis, of Boston, to Miss Patience Wood	

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16th inst, Mrs Charlotte M., wife of Reuben Richards, Esq. and daughter of John Odia, Esq. 32.	A
16th inst, Capt Josiah A. Ober, formerly of Salem, 50.	B
7th inst, Mary, wife of Jeremiah Lee, Esq. 70.	T
In Cambridgeport, 20th inst. Catherine Tockerman, youngest-child of Albert and Eliza Ann Vinal, 3ysm.	C
In Fitchburg, 1st inst, Sarah, daughter of Dr Abel	

New York Daily Times 10 February 1852

Fire at Watertown—Death of Jeremiah Lee.
Boston, Monday, Feb 9
The cash and blind manufactory of Messrs
Gould & Co., at Watertown, was destroyed by fire yester-
day
Jeremiah Lee, an old Boston merchant, and formerly
United States Consul in the Mediterranean, died last
evening.

Following marriage, Mary and "Jerry" set up residence in Mt. Vernon St., Boston, close to the Port of Boston.

Mary died 7th. February, 1846, Boston, buried Mt. Auburn, Massachusetts.

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