

**Ideas that had to be clarified or discarded in order to understand Sterne Hotchkiss' life:**

**Lawrence [Laurence] Sterne Hotchkiss and Horace Hotchkiss were probably not related.** Dr Lawrence Sterne Hotchkiss is not related – at least closely - to the Horace R Hotchkiss family who owned investment land in Nauvoo, IL, even though they were both from Connecticut. They may never have met. Horace Hotchkiss and others invested in land, quite a lot of land actually, in Illinois, a good deal of it at Commerce which would become Nauvoo, IL which has a street called Hotchkiss Street. One Illinois land grant for Horace R Hotchkiss of New Haven, CT was dated 1 Nov 1839. Dr Galland was the agent for Joseph Smith who bought the land. He also served as a land agent between Horace R Hotchkiss who wrote a letter regarding the lands on 25 Aug 1841 and Joseph Smith.

Horace R Hotchkiss did marry a Charlotte, but not Charlotte Ann who was born in 1832. Rather he married Charlotte Austin Street b 1802. They had eight children, all in Fair Haven, CT, and there is no evidence Horace ever left that place. So the Charlotte Ann and Emma attached to him on the Early Latter-day Saints site at <http://earlylds.com/index.html> is wrong. (Sources: "Record of Amos Morris, 2<sup>nd</sup>" p 321 at <http://persi.heritagequestonline.com>; US General Land Office Records, 1796-1907 on Ancestry.com; "Isaac Galland: Both Sides of the River" Susan Easton Black p 6 on Internet; Horace is also mentioned in *The Town and City of Waterbury, Connecticut, from the aboriginal period to the year eighteen hundred and ninety-five*. Ed by Joseph Anderson, D D. 1896, pp 168, 1303; Historic Nauvoo Land and Records documents; and a family group record from newFamilySearch [nFS]. Horace died in 1850, and his family is enumerated in the New Haven census taken 19 Oct 1850.)

**He probably did not live in Nauvoo, IL.** Sterne did not ever appear in Nauvoo. No document I am now looking at indicated he was in Nauvoo itself. [I have searched my Nauvoo disks, and there is no mention of Sterne though Horace and one other Hotchkiss family are named.] However, his sister's obituary carried this line: "She embraced the gospel of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, in 1845, and joined the main body of the Church at Council Bluffs and came to Utah in 1850 [*Davis County Clipper*. 1903-09-11, Utah Digitized Newspapers]." This obituary indicates he was in Council Bluffs rather than Nauvoo and solves the biggest problem in Sterne's history. See next.

**Cordelia is indeed his sister, not his wife.** That same questionable website listed above, Early Latter-day Saints at <http://earlylds.com/>, had Cordelia as Sterne's wife. It was implausible, of course, but an article about the oldest residents of Utah resolved that issue. "Mrs. [Cordelia Harriet Hotchkiss] Carter was the only one of her family who joined the Mormon church, with the exception of a brother who belonged to the church for a short time" [*Salt Lake Telegram* 1902-02-27, Utah Digitized Newspapers]. So there was no question that Sterne and Cordelia were siblings, not spouses.

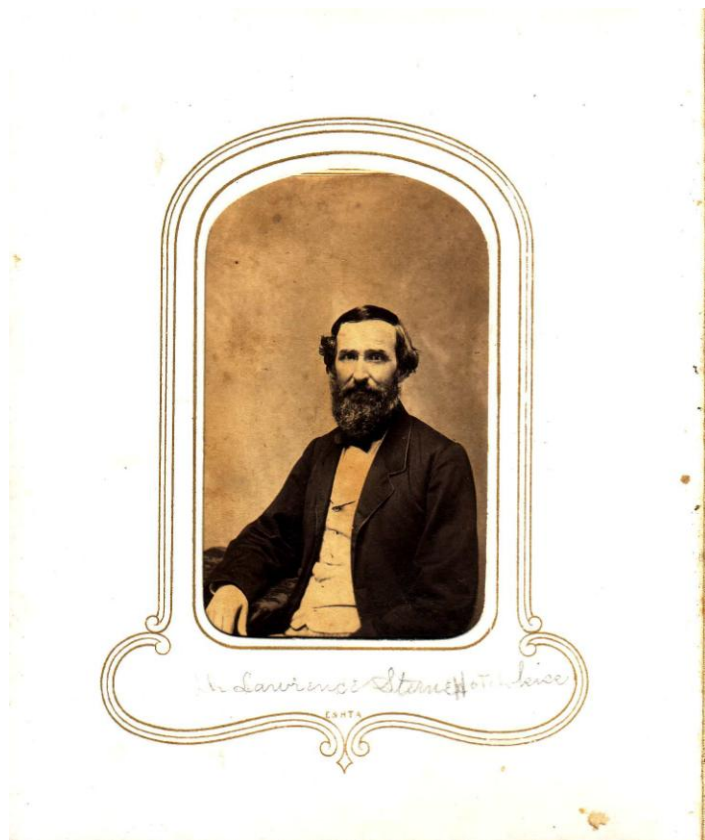
However, the question of Sterne's wives has been solved. That both Hannah Corilla Free and Esther R Candee married him at different times cannot be questioned. But who was the first wife, the mother of Thaddeus? She was Theresa G Pierferry [by any spelling]. See the marriage record of Sterne and Theresa below.

As always, more information is sought for this family. Please send more. Thank you.

Thank you to Jane Platt for the two pictures of Sterne and other items. Her contributions actually trigged this heavy-duty search. Please also note that there were other men surnamed Hotchkiss who were doctors, particularly a Dr Lewis and a Dr William Hotchkiss, whose names came up during the searches. They were all younger than Sterne. And surprisingly, there was another much younger Lawrence Sterne Hotchkiss who was, indeed, related and formerly totally unknown.

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**The Interesting Case of Dr Lawrence Sterne Hotchkiss, by LaRae Free Kerr, M ED. 12 Feb 2010.**



Laurence Sterne Hotchkiss was born 9 Oct 1816 to Thaddeus and Harriet Ball Hotchkiss in Naugatuck, New Haven, CT [pat bl index]<sup>1</sup>. He was the fourth of four (known) children: Julia Ann 26 Oct 1805 – 2 Apr 1879 [nFS, etc], Cordelia Harriet b 17 Feb 1808 – 9 Sep 1903 [obit, nFS, etc.] and Nelson b 1812 – 13 Dec 1879 (obit), then Sterne. The picture of Sterne, at left, is from Jane Platt in an email dated 28 Jan 2010.<sup>2</sup>

Sterne's father Thaddeus was born 4 Feb 1873 in New Haven, New Haven, CT and died 14 May 1850. His mother, the daughter of Timothy and Abigail Ball, was born 7 Mar 1785 in Bethany, New Haven, CT died 12 Mar 1870, and was buried in New Haven (nFS and Jacobus, Donald Lines, *families of Ancient New Haven [cd]* Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co, Inc.

1981 [originally Rome, NY and New Haven, CT, 1922-1932] Vol 1 p 112.)

Thaddeus Hotchkiss, Elias Ford and Josiah Terrell were appointed to report By-Laws and Rules for a school in Pond Hill School District at a meeting at the schoolhouse on 6 Dec 1822 in Naugatuck, CT. [*The Early Schools of Naugatuck* found at Google.books p 38.]

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<sup>1</sup> Patriarchal Blessing Index Vol 12 p 171 (Nr 399): Hotchkiss, Sterne b 9 Oct 1816 New Haven Co CT to Thaddeus. Early Church Information File: "Hotchkiss, Sterne b 9 Oct 1816 New Haven Co CT. father Thaddeus Hotchkiss, mother Harriett. bl 8 Jul 1852 SLC Pat John Smith Vol 12 p 171 No 399." 294I on shelf Early Info file

<sup>2</sup>Platt, Jane. Emails to LaRae Free Kerr 28 Jan 2010 and thereabouts.

About 1835, Eliza Jennette Marks Lines wrote these words including a description of Lawrence Sterne Hotchkiss, who was not yet a doctor, but was on his way. "Thaddeus located near the Methodist Church and had one son (actually there were two), Dr. Sterne Hotchkiss, whose name recalls an entertainment given at Theophilus Smith's hall nearly seventy years ago, when, a schoolgirl, we were permitted to sit in a quiet corner and gaze with admiration and awe upon the galaxy of beauty and intellect gathered there. Among them were Giles Smith, Wales Peck and Dr. Sterne Hotchkiss, the Smith and Beecher and Tuttle girls, and others too numerous to mention. Was ever a foreign court graced with more refinement and culture? Some of the ladies were graduates of Wilbraham and some of the gentlemen were graduates of Yale" [*Bethany and Its Hills*. New Haven, CT: The Tuttle, Morehouse and Taylor Company. 1905. P 35. Found at [www.archive.org/details/bethanyitshills00line](http://www.archive.org/details/bethanyitshills00line)].<sup>3</sup>

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March 12, 1870  
age 85

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Dr. Lawrence S  
Hotchkiss

Died June 15, 1905  
age 89

Esther R. Candee  
his wife

died April 22, 1891  
age 54

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On the 8<sup>th</sup> of August 1837, the *Southern Botanic Journal* p 309 reported the labors of Dr Sterne Hotchkiss, an assistant to B W Sperry, in the use of the Thomsonian system to aid a Mr. Farnham, a married man of about thirty years, who had a severe bilious choleric condition. By the use of such remedies as brown No 1, African no 2, no 6, Nerve Powder, lobelia, etc. the man was finally relieved. An addendum to the article by B W Sperry was written by Dr Hotchkiss: "I am Dr Sperry's assistant, and attended upon Mr Farnham, and hereby certify that the statement given above by Dr Sperry, to be correct. That Mr. Farnham should perspire so freely, lobelia operate so well, and no relief be afforded, was to me somewhat astonishing. I have seen a number of cases similar to the above, since my residence with Dr. Sperry, but none so obstinate. I have every reason to believe that perseverance saved Mr. Farnham's life. Sterne Hotchkiss. New Haven, Con. Aug 8 1837."<sup>4</sup>

This article not only gives us some actual words of Sterne, but provides the time period -- 1837 as a doctor to 1839 as a dental surgeon -- when he switched from working as a medical doctor to specializing in dentistry as indicated by an ad in the *Deseret News* of Salt Lake City in 1850.

The 1840 census shows Thaddeus, Harriet and Cordelia living at home in Bethany, New Haven, CT along with another female b 1810-1820. Of course, except for Thaddeus' name, the other family members were represented by marks under the various ages rather than by names.

On 10 Mar 1842, Sterne Hotchkiss of CT had already graduated from Dartmouth College, NH and had just been awarded a Doctor of Medicine from Jefferson Medical College. The subject of his thesis

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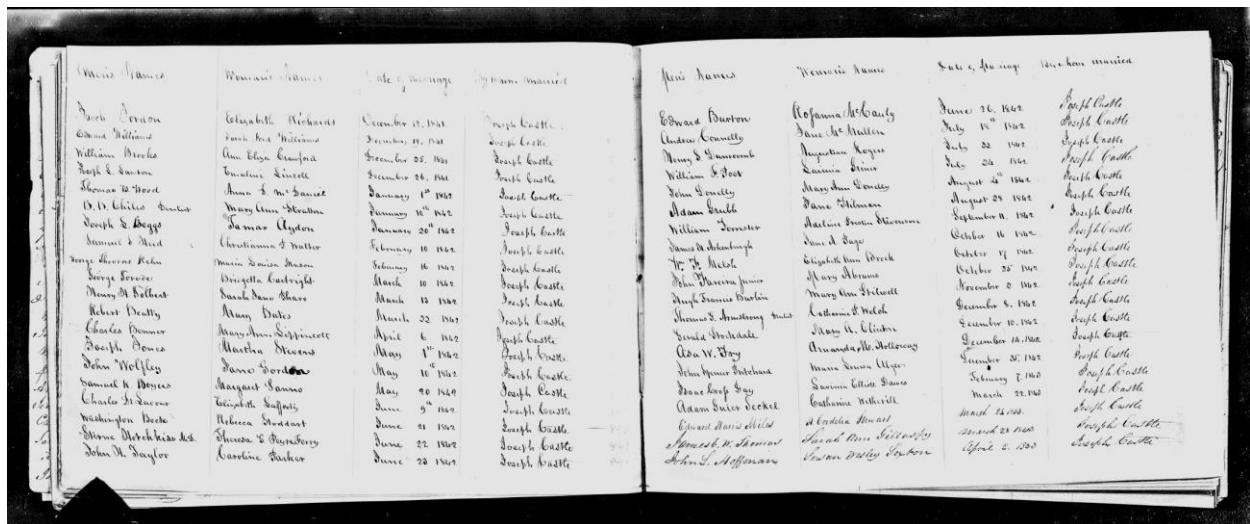
<sup>3</sup> Lines, Eliza Jennette Marks. BETHANY AND ITS HILLS. New Haven: The Tuttle, Morehouse and Taylor Co. find at [www.archive.org/details/bethanyitshills00line](http://www.archive.org/details/bethanyitshills00line). pub 19015. [he would not yet have had his degrees. Tho she mentions several more Hotchkiss families, these are her only mentions of Thaddeus and Sterne.]

<sup>4</sup> 1837, 8 Aug. ae 21 one of Sterne's cases reported in THE SOUTHERN BOTANIC JOURNAL. See the packet on him 11111 <http://books.google.com/books?id=rolfAAAAYAAJ&pg=PA309&dq=dr+hotchkiss&lr=&cd=28#v=onepage&q=dr%20hotchkiss&f=false>.

was "acute mucous colitis" [Dunglison, Robley. *The American Medical Intelligencer*. Philadelphia: John J. Haswell. 1842. p 195. A similar announcement appeared in *The New York Lancet*, Vol I, Jan-Jun 1842 p 192.]<sup>5</sup>

Sterne's previously unknown son, Thaddeus, was born June 1845 in New Jersey (according to census records) to an unknown woman born in Connecticut (1900 census) who died or left the family shortly thereafter. Since Sterne's sister, Cordelia, was still single, she was invited to become the housekeeper for Sterne and his little son.

Quentin Wells found this first marriage in the 1844 PA Church and Town Records: Sterne Hotchkiss MD to Theresa G PeyreFerry 22 Jun 1842, no place given. She would be the mother of Thaddeus. Sterne's marriage entry is second from bottom on the left in the copy below. [Email from Quentin 7/5/2013.] He and Theresa were married by Joseph Castle as were all others on both pages.



Sterne's sister, Cordelia, "embraced the gospel as taught by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, in 1845, and joined the main body of the Church at Council Bluffs and came to Utah in 1850" [her obit]. newFamilySearch shows her confirmation as 1 Apr 1845. Council Bluffs is in Pottawattamie County, Iowa. A November 1850 census also puts the family in Iowa, in the Pottawattamie lands.

Sterne wends his way West with his son Thaddeus and his sister Cordelia.<sup>6</sup> From 17 May 1850 until 2 Apr 1853, ad copy in the *Deseret News*, a Salt Lake City newspaper, includes advertising for Dr

<sup>5</sup> 1842, 10 Mar ae 24 Sterne Hotchkiss of CT graduated Jefferson Medical College. subject of his thesis was "acute mucous colitis" An attached note says these gentlemen were already graduates of Dartmouth College, NH. THE AMERICAN MEDICAL INTELLIGENCER July 1841 to July 1842by Robley Dunglison MD. Philadelphia: John J Haswell (pub) 1842 p 195. For more info about the actual graduation see The New York Lancet

<sup>6</sup> "We started for the valley in 1850 with two teams - mixed oxen and cows. We passed thru the hardships all the Saints endured. In the company, seventeen died with cholera. I remember the great herds of buffalo on the plains. [missing lines] Salt Lake 10 September 1850. [missing lines] we went to Bountiful - then only a few log houses. At Bountiful, father married Cordelia Hotchkiss. [This would be Daniel Carter's family.] <http://www.bountifulutah.gov/HistoricalCommission/CarterD01.html>

Hotchkiss or ads for others endorsed by him. For example, the *Deseret News* of 17 May 1850 lists Dr Hotchkiss as a reference for Woodville M Andrews, MD, which suggests Dr Hotchkiss had been there a while – or at least was known to Utah inhabitants as well as those in Iowa.

Dr Hotchkiss' ad of 28 Sep 1850 in the *Deseret News* is an occupational mini-biography. "S. Hotchkiss, M.D. Dental Surgeon. Would respectfully announce to the inhabitants of the G. S. L. Valley, and City, that he has permanently located himself in the City to practice his profession.

"Dr H. has had the advantage of eleven years experience in the practice *Dental Surgery*, and has been extensively engaged in every department of the business, and will be a permanent resident, and responsible for all operations, and all persons who confide in his abilities may depend upon having their work done equally as well as they could have it done in the Eastern Cities.

"Parts or whole sets of teeth inserted; with or without gums, as the case may require, by the use of Gilbert's central cavity or atmospheric pressure plates.

"Advice pertaining to dental surgery will at all times be cheerfully and gratuitously given.

"For the satisfaction of the people he would add the following letter from Elder O. Hyde.

"G. S. L. City, Sept 16, 1850: This is to certify that Dr. Sterne Hotchkiss the bearer of this letter has proven himself in Pottawattamie County to be a worthy and good citizen – a moral and upright man. He is a professional gentleman, and is about to locate in this city, and to establish himself as Surgeon Dentist, and probably as a physician. He is a member of our church, and it is believed that he will be of much service in this community, and it is hoped that he may share a generous support while engaged in the duties of his profession.

"Respectfully, Orson Hyde.

"Office and residence at the dwelling of Mr. Burr Frost. 16 No 3 in."

Following is his ad of 8 Apr 1851: "REMOVAL. S. Hotchkiss, M D, Dental Surgeon has removed from his late residence, to the west side of the 14<sup>th</sup> ward; opposite Sheriff Ferguson's, a short distance west of bro. P P Pratt's. All persons who confide in his abilities, may depend upon having all operations performed in the best possible manner.

Reference, - Drs Andrews, Williams, Clinton, Richardson and Sprague, Bro Joseph Young and S M Blair, Esq. Jan 8, 1851."<sup>7</sup>

That Sterne was practicing dentistry at every opportunity is unquestioned. He was mentioned as Brigham Young's dentist. "Dr Sterne Hotchkiss has a long pedigree. He came from New Haven, Conn. He was President Brigham Young's dentist. Nanna said he had a genealogy record of ten generations" [Family stories from Abbie H Wells, Belvedere Apartments, SLC, UT mailed to Mrs Ron VanderBeek 16 Aug 1975. 244l envelope]. But despite the first known *Deseret News* ad 17 May 1850 and the last on 2 Apr 1853, it is uncertain whether Sterne actually lived in Salt Lake City full-time because of the following events.

The occupational biography duplicated above was in the *Deseret News* on 28 Sep 1850, implying Stern lived in Salt Lake City at that time. However, when the 1850 federal census was taken on 27 Nov 1850, Sterne and family were found in Pottawattamie County, Iowa under the name Stephen Hotchkiss. That this entry represents Sterne is undoubtable because it matches what is known of the family, down to the occupation of dentist. Cordelia and Thaddeus are included in the accounting.

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<sup>7</sup> Also found in Hotchkiss, Sterne. in SLC 14th Ward. Bishop's Report 413l

It is possible the Hotchkisses were in Iowa in Nov 1850 despite the evidence otherwise. It is also possible that either their Iowa neighbors or the census taker himself filled in the blanks in their absence.

The Hotchkiss household can also be found in the 1850 Utah Territory federal census. Sterne Hoskiss was listed as 34 b Connecticut, a physician; Cordelia 43 b Connecticut and Thaddeus 6 b New Jersey. [I have three copies of this census but not one included the date the census was taken. In all cases, for all the records found here, I used three or more spellings of the surname: Hotchkiss, Hodgkiss and Hoskiss, as well as different options for the first names.] On 16 Mar 1852, Sterne Hotchkiss was appointed to serve as a travers jurors for Great Salt Lake County [*Tullidge's Quarterly Magazine* No 1 Vol III, Oct 1883, p 363].

On 1 Jun 1850 Sterne was baptized a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints [nFS], and on 8 Jul 1852 he received a Patriarchal Blessing from Patriarch John Smith [Early Church Information File], several weeks after the divorce from Hannah. In 1850 he would have received the news of his father's death.

On 28 Jul 1851, Sterne married Hannah Corilla Free, the daughter of Absalom Pennington and Betsy Strait Free, in the Endowment House in Salt Lake City. Hannah would have just turned 21 and Sterne would have been 34. Several of Hannah's sisters had married LDS Church leaders, Brigham Young, Daniel H Wells and one a son of Heber C Kimball. So if Sterne knew Brigham Young occupationally, and perhaps socially, it is not a stretch that the two would have met.

The marriage, however, did not take. The Salt Lake County Divorce Case Files show that the marriage was cancelled 11 June 1852. Hannah, however, was about six months pregnant with Sterne's child and did not want it to be born fatherless. Hence, she was sealed as a plural wife to her older sister's husband, Daniel H Wells, on 6 Aug 1852 in the Endowment House. The baby, Abby Corilla, was born 20 Sep 1852 in Salt Lake City and given the surname Wells. It is possible that Sterne never met his little girl. A picture of Hannah when she was older is shown below.

It was a challenge to figure out the marriage and divorce dates. I have more on this but will reconstruct from my immediate notes quickly:

There is evidence Sterne Hotchkiss was an educated, handsome, even charismatic man, by the way, and was dentist to Brigham Young.

Hannah and Sterne were married 28 Jul 1851 in the Endowment House in SLC.

This sealing was cancelled 11 Jun 1852 even though Hannah was pregnant.

The divorce was filed 2 Aug 1852 and must have been finalized very quickly, perhaps that very day because Hannah married Daniel H Wells 6 Aug 1852 in the Endowment House.

Abby was born 20 Sep 1852, about six weeks after the Hannah/Daniel H Wells marriage, but she was born in the covenant since her mother was by then sealed to Daniel H Wells.

So the man Abby was sealed to at conception was Sterne, but the man she was sealed to at birth was Daniel. LFK email to Quentin Wells 7.3.2013<sup>8</sup>

<sup>8</sup> The Gelsinger, Friend, and related families book by Carol R Gustafson - nearest copy 1100 mi away - does show this: sl. 18 Nov 1851, cancelled 11 Jun 1852. This cancellation date could very well be correct since the 2 Aug 1852 date is the date of FILING.



Robert Kent Fielding, the author of *The Unsolicited Chronicler* [Brookline, Massachusetts: Paradigm Publication, 1993 p 56] put Benjamin Ferris' (Secretary for Utah Territory) twist on these events: "In 1852, Wells...married Hannah, another of the daughters of Absalom and Betsey Free. This marriage was arranged when that lady's husband, Sterne Hotchkiss, refused to accept a mission call to serve in Siam."

The mission call to Siam was announced 28 Aug 1852 which, if the date is accurate, would negate the opinion expressed in Robert Kent Fielding's book since the call would have come after the divorce. However, Sterne did not go on the mission and others were appointed later to take his place [*Millennial Star* No 8 Vol XV. 19 Feb 1853. P115. See articles at end of this treatise]. An entry in the *Journal History* seems to imply that Sterne left Utah Territory for the mission October 1852, but he did not continue. In fact, he may have returned to New Haven, CT at that

time. He may have had his son Thaddeus with him, or Thaddeus may have gone East later on. Sterne's sister, Cordelia, however, stayed in Utah.

In addition to the divorce case, there is another action concerning Sterne in the Utah Territorial records. It is a case of trespass with a filing date of 3-12-1853. The opposing party is named Leonard.<sup>9</sup> The *Deseret News* of 26 Jun 1852 included this ad from Stern: "STRAYED. From the subscriber, about the 10<sup>th</sup> of May, a light RED COW, with a diamond white spot in the forehead: the name 'Dr Hotchkiss' plainly branded on one horn. Any person finding the animal and returning her to the subscriber or giving information by which she can be found will be rewarded. S Hotchkiss" The papers often had ads for stray livestock of one variety or another.

On 20 Oct 1852 Sterne married Esther R Candee almost certainly in New Haven County, CT. This marriage date must be checked because Sterne's dentistry ads run through 2 Apr 1853 in Salt Lake City; there was still that Case of Trespass to be dealt with as well. The timing just doesn't work for Sterne to divorce in June 1852, get back to Connecticut without benefit of railroad, have time to find and court Esther, then marry her by October.

Nevertheless, shortly after his exodus from Utah Territory, whether in 1852 or 1853, Sterne did indeed return to Connecticut and marry into the Enos Candee family, a family of 12 children, 10 of them girls. A portrait of the mother and most of the girls can be found at [www.oxfordpast.net/p86.html](http://www.oxfordpast.net/p86.html). Esther R Candee is seated at far right in the copy below.

<sup>9</sup> 1853 12 Mar ae 38 Database: Salt Lake County, Utah Civil and Criminal Case Files, 1852-1887 June 14, 2005 9:14 AM Name:

STERN HOTCHKISS  
 Plaintiff or Defendant: D  
 Case Type: TRESPASS  
 Filing Date: 3/12/1853  
 Opposing Party: LEONARD  
 Reel: 1  
 Box/Folder Number: 01/050

Source Information: Utah State Archives and Records Service. Salt Lake County, Utah Civil and Criminal Case Files, 1852-1887 [database online]. Provo, UT: MyFamily.com, Inc., 2003. Original data: Salt Lake County, Utah. Salt Lake County (Utah). Probate Court. Civil and Criminal Case Files, 1852-1887. Series 373. Utah State Archives and Records Service, Salt Lake City, Utah



Obviously Sterne and logically Thaddeus left Utah Territory probably by March 1853 and returned to New Haven, Connecticut where Sterne married Esther Candee. He left behind his little daughter, Abby Corilla Wells and his sister Cordelia. She married Daniel H Carter in 1856 and moved with him to Bountiful, Utah. Since Cordelia was 46 when she married, she had no children of her own. But she did live to be almost 96 years old.

In 1860 Sterne, Thaddeus and Esther lived in New Haven, CT where Sterne practiced dentistry [1860 census]. His little daughter, Abbie, was about eight years old living in a lively and comfortable household in Great Salt Lake City that included her mother, her brothers Junius and baby Brigham as well as her blood Aunt Louisa and all her family in addition to her step-father and others. Sterne's sister, Cordelia, was living with her husband, Daniel Carter, one of the first fruit farmers in Bountiful, Utah. Sterne's widowed mother, Harriet, was nearby in New Haven, living with his sister Julia Ann Boughton (spelled Bowton in the census) and her daughter and husband, John W Patchen, who was an auger maker and the only income earner in the household. Sterne's brother, Nelson, a "retired H Carpenter worth \$450000 and \$150,000," also lived in New Haven with his wife, his son Nelson A and two daughters.

City directories show that through the Civil War, 1861-1863, Sterne was a dentist in CT. In the 1863-4 directory, he was listed as an agent. In the 1866 Benham's City Directory Sterne was shown worth \$350, a very low sum compared to others. The same city directories show his brother Nelson and his son Nelson, Jr in a hardware and building supply business nearby. The 1866 Benham's City Directory lists one Nelson worth \$7,615, the other worth \$6,737. The fact that Sterne switched from dentist to agent would indicate a change in fortune or perhaps a change in health, the ability to do dental work. The US IRS Tax Assessment Lists for May 1865 tax Sterne on income and a gold watch for a sum of \$29.54. This too is a very low sum compared to those around him. In this list, Nelson is assessed \$541.27. [This is very difficult for me to read even with the aid of magnifying glass.]

Thaddeus S Hotchkiss worked at 107 Water, boarding at 4 Orange where Sterne and Esther lived in New Haven according to the 1866 City Directory (Ancestry.com city directory images).

A *Deseret News* article of 13 May 1868 indicates a new Women's Relief Society was organized in Bountiful, Utah with Sterne's sister Cordelia as the Secretary of the Society.

On 12 Mar, 1870 in New Haven, Sterne's mother died [Jacobus, Donald Lines, *Families of Ancient New Haven [cd]* Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co, Inc. 1981 (originally Rome, NY and New Haven, CT, 1922-1932) Vol 1 p 112]. See the notes from the back of Sterne's older picture, below.

In 1870 Sterne was a manufacturing agent living with Esther in New Haven, CT. According to the census, his fortunes had taken a major swing upwards. By 18 July 1870 when the New Haven, New Haven, CT census was taken, Thaddeus Hotchkiss, age 24, a book keeper, was boarding with others at the domicile of Samuel Langdon or Sangdon. This is the last time Thaddeus is shown to be in the same town as his father.



In the meantime, far to the West, his daughter Abbie Wells was about seventeen in the 1870 census, living in the large household of Daniel H Wells with her mother and half-siblings.

On 2 Apr 1879, Sterne's sister Julia Ann died in Naugatuck, CT, and a few months later on 13 Dec 1879, his brother, Nelson died. In Obituary Notes for *The New York Times* 14 Dec 1879, it said, "Nelson Hotchkiss, President of the Lewis & Beecher Company, lumber dealers, and for a life-time prominently connected with the business interests of New Haven, died yesterday morning at the age of 68 years."

The following picture and description are from Historic Buildings of Connecticut site at <http://historicbuildingsct.com/?p=1554> where links take you to other houses built by Nelson and partners.

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### ***The Nelson Hotchkiss House (1850)***

March 22nd, 2009 Posted in [Houses](#), [Italianate](#), [New Haven](#)



Nelson Hotchkiss was a New Haven [builder](#) and manufacturer, who also became a real estate developer. He and [Henry Austin](#) were involved in the [Park Row](#) development in Trenton, New Jersey in the 1840s. Later, Hotchkiss built three Italianate-style houses, most likely designed by Austin, on Chapel Street in New Haven. One was [Hotchkiss's own home](#), built in 1850. That same year a house was also constructed for his partner, [William Lewis](#). In 1854, Hotchkiss built [his second home on Chapel](#), but only lived there for two years before moving back to his earlier residence.

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The 1880 census of Orange, New Haven, Connecticut showed Lawrence S Hotchkiss, Esther, Lottie Thomas, Esther's niece, a 17-year-old boarder who attended school, and Emily Smith, a servant,

living together. Sterne's occupation was "retired physician." Amazingly, there is a mark for Sterne in the "cannot write" column. There are many such marks, way too many for the time and place I would imagine. But if it did mean he could not write, it would suggest some kind of injury to his "dentist" hands.

In the same census in Salt Lake City, Abbie C Wells lived at home at age 27. But only four years later she married a medical doctor, Seymour Bicknell Young, as his second wife. They had a daughter called Nanna in 1885 in Liverpool, England and another daughter, Alice, born in 1887 in Denver, Colorado who died in 1887.

In 1888, Abbie's husband, Dr. Young, was prosecuted as a result of the Edmunds Act. The testimony of her brother, Junius F. Wells, indicated she and Dr Young were married before the Edmunds Act took place and that they had a child, Hannah Louisa and another child. She had been in London and other places outside Utah. The second child died about a year before (1887). Abbie herself testified, all testimony indicating she and Dr Young had not been together in the last few years – when it was illegal. She went to England in 1885 with her brother, Junius Free Wells. She and Mr Young lived together in New York in 1886. She moved to Denver in May 1887 and lived there until August when she returned to Utah because she was sick. She lived at her mother's until May 1888 and was sick a long time. Mr Young sent her money to provide for her and her child. Abbie Corilla is second from left in the middle row in the picture below.

Abbie stated she was known as Mrs. Chapin, "that is an assumed name; I took it three years ago last May, when I left home; I assumed it because I was a married woman, and did not want my real name known; was married to Mr. Young April 28, 1884, at the Endowment House" in Salt Lake City.



Daughters of Daniel H. Wells  
 Top: Susan Annette, Frances Louisa, Emmeline, Eliza Free, Mary Minerva, Clara Ellen, Emily Harris.  
 Center: Elizabeth Ann, Abbie Corilla, Martha Deseret, Catherine Chapin.  
 Lower: Louisa Martha, Emeline Young, Edna Margaret.

The 1890 United States census was destroyed. But other records show what Sterne and his family members were doing between 1880 and 1900. About 1881 Sterne's son Thaddeus married a woman by the name of Antoinette b Jun 1851 in New York. They had a son named Laurence Sterne Hotchkiss born April 1884 in Kansas. The 1900 census indicated Antoinette had had one child and that child was living, the second Laurence Sterne Hotchkiss.

The *Sacramento Daily Record-Union* of 5 Jan 1887 indicated Thaddeus, Sterne's son, was nominated for state legislative committees of Education, Ways and Means, and Public Buildings and Grounds in California. [Check this.]

Sterne's wife Esther R Candee Hotchkiss died 22 April, 1891, age 54 in New Haven, CT. See the notes on the back of the younger picture of Sterne. Sterne and his son and grandson were separated by a continent, Connecticut to California.

The same year, Thaddeus S Hotchkiss was listed in Husted's Oakland Alameda Berkley City Directory as a broker, living at 664 Eleventh. The 1916 city directory of Oakland shows him living at the same address but does not give an occupation.

In the meantime, back in Bountiful, Utah, Sterne's sister, Cordelia Hotchkiss Carter, made the news again: "The treasurer's report for the quarter ending May 31<sup>st</sup>, 1898, was read and ordered filed. The auditor was instructed to pay to Cordelia Carter the sum of \$5 for services in caring for the body of Ann Cottrell, an indigent dead person, in the month of November, 1897, upon her filing a proper claim for said services." Cordelia would have been about 90-years-old when she performed this service [*Davis County Clipper*, 15 Apr 1898].

In the same month and year, Miss E. Thompson's class in the Lincoln School in Oakland, California organized the Junior Red Cross Society No. 1. One of the members was fourteen-year-old Lawrence Hotchkiss [*San Francisco Call*, 28 Apr 1898, p 7 from *Chronicling American*].

The *Davis County Clipper* of 15 Mar 1899 noted Cordelia Carter "left for California the first of this week where she expects to spend a few months visiting relatives." She would have been ninety-one-years old. I can't help imagining her visiting Thaddeus and young Lawrence, though I suspect she had plenty of other kin in California by then. Her age did not slow her down. The 17 May 1899 issue of the same paper mentioned that Cordelia petitioned the City Council of Bountiful, Utah for three and a half acres instead of three as shown by its records.

"Counselor J. H. Grant," reported the same paper of 13 Jan 1899, "assisted Cordelia Carter to the table [at the old people's party] who was the oldest lady in the house being nearly ninety-one years of age. Notwithstanding this advanced age, she still walks to meeting like a young person." In California, her great nephew, Lawrence Hotchkiss, graduated from Central High School at the end of that same year, reported the *Oakland Tribune*, 23 Dec 1899

An 1890 Salt Lake City directory showed Mrs Abbie Chapin living at 183 Third Street. This is Abbie Wells Young, Sterne's daughter. At some point, Abbie left her husband, Dr Young, because polygamy was declared illegal by the US government as explained previously and took her step-father's mother's Chapin surname. There is no evidence found so far of a second marriage, to a Mr. Chapin or anyone else.

The 1900 census would be Sterne's last, for he would die 15 Jun 1904, probably in New Haven, CT. He was the last of his family, his sister Cordelia Harriet Hotchkiss Carter having died 9 Sep 1803 in Bountiful, Davis, Utah.

"Cordelia H. Carter Dead. Cordelia Hotchkiss Carter, the oldest lady in the town, passed away at her home here in Bountiful, Wednesday, Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>, being in her ninety-sixth year. She was ill but a short time prior to her demise. Deceased was the widow of the late Daniel Carter, one of the pioneer fruit growers of this county, and was born in New Haven, Conn., Feb 17, 1808. She embraced the gospel as taught by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, in 1845, and joined the main body of the Church at Council Bluffs and came to Utah in 1850. Two years later she was married to Daniel Carter and ever since has made her home in Bountiful. She had no children of her own. The funeral services will be held today here in the tabernacle at 2 p.m. [*Davis County Clipper*. 1903-09-11. Utah digitized newspapers].

But some of Sterne's descendants lived on. In Oakland City, Alameda, California, the census taken 8 Jun 1900 revealed Thaddeus Hotchkiss born Jun 1845, married 19 years, a book keeper, living on Eleventh Street with Antoinette b Jun 1851, married 19 years, born New York and Lawrence b Apr 1884 in Kansas who was at school. In Salt Lake City, his daughter Abbie C Chapin b Sep 1852, a widow, was living with her mother and Sterne's long ago wife, Hannah C Wells and Abbie's daughter, nick-named Nanna L Chapin in this census, born Sep 1885. So in 1900, Sterne had one son, 55, and one daughter, 48, living. He had two grandchildren, Lawrence, 16, and Nanna, 14.

Lawrence married in 1907: "The wedding of Lawrence Sterne Hotchkiss and Miss Bertha May Wheeler will be celebrated quietly Wednesday afternoon, November 6, at the home of the bride in Franklin street. It had been planned to have a larger wedding at the First Presbyterian church, to which the many friends of the young couple were to have been invited, but the recent death of the bridegroom's mother caused a change of plans. Only members of the Wheeler and Hotchkiss families and several friends will attend. After the wedding supper Hotchkiss and his bride will go to the southern part of the state on their honeymoon journey. Upon their return they will live in Oakland. Miss Wheeler is the daughter of the pioneer merchant, W. P. Wheeler. Mr. Hotchkiss is a young businessman of this city" [*The San Francisco Call*, 18 Oct 1907 p 6. *Chronicling America*].

Oakland and San Francisco newspapers mention Lawrence Hotchkiss and his wife in several business and social articles between their marriage and 1920. Lawrence Sterne Hotchkiss' World War I Draft Registration Card filled out 12 Sep 1918 indicates he lived at 435 Hudson in Oakland, CA, was 34 years old, born 20 Apr 1884. The place of birth is not given, but the censuses do agree he was born in Kansas. He was an insurance agent for Clay, Hotchkiss & Schwartz (?) whose offices were at 201 Plaza Bldg 506-15<sup>th</sup> St Oakland, CA. His nearest relative was Bertha W Hotchkiss of 435 Hudson St, Oakland, CA. He was tall, slender with brown eyes and brown hair.

Why Lawrence's father was not mentioned in his marriage announcement I cannot say. But many such announcements of this era left off such vital information. That Thaddeus was still alive when Lawrence married is shown by his appearance in the 1920 census of Alameda, California. Thad Hotchkiss, age 75, born CT, an insurance agent, was a lodger in the domicile of Morris and Della Martin on Eleventh Street. He seems to have settled into Eleventh Street and stayed there.

Abbie had gone blind before 1928: "Sister Abbie in her continued blindness is a marvel of efficiency and philosophic composure. Expert reader of Braille, she gets much from the printed books and more news of the day and music of the air from her radio and Victrola, which, with the devoted attention of her daughter Nanna, makes their little home at A St and 3rd Ave a pleasant place.[1928 Wells reunion w/o publication information from Abbie Wells newspaper scrapbook in LDS Archives, Salt Lake City, Utah from email 21 Nov 2005 from Jill Shoemaker].

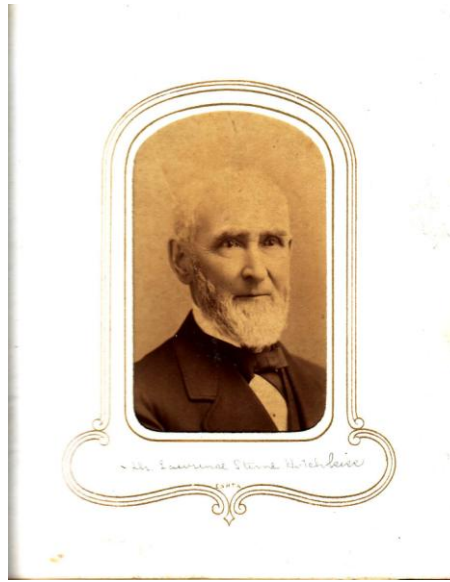
Some old family records indicated Nanna married Asa Alan Clark, the political socialist, for a time, and that she then married a Robert Barnett. So Sterne had two children and each child had one child who lived to adulthood: Lawrence Sterne Hotchkiss and Hannah Louise Young (Nanna).

Amazingly, as near as I can tell at this moment, neither of Sterne's grandchildren had issue. Certainly Lawrence and Bertha had no children in either the 1910 or 1920 censuses. Nor did Nanna have issue with either of her husbands, Asa Alan Clark or Robert Barnett. So, with the information I've been able to find as of Valentine's Day 2010, here ends the line of Lawrence Sterne Hotchkiss. LFK

Thasdeus Hotchkiss  
 Born at New Haven  
 Feb. 11, 1783  
 Died at Bethany  
 May 14, 1850  
 Aged 67 years

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Harriet Ball, His  
 wife  
 Born at Bethany  
 March 7, 1785  
 Died at New Haven



Laurence Sterne Hotchkiss picture, front and back, from Jane Platt.

Steve Young, the great quarterback, descends from Seymour Bicknell Young.

I have a few more items regarding this family as referenced above and some additional emails archived from the previous computer collapse. LFK

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 their way to have wagons and teams, even to the last family that wanted to come; and so will it continue to be with the Saints who are determined to come home to Zion according to counsel.  
 The Saints were late in their emigration this year, and for the last two or three weeks, have suffered from occasional snow storms in the mountains, which retarded their progress, and helped to make them short of provisions; but some two hundred or more teams and wagons went from the Valley to their assistance, taking at the various camps some forty or fifty thousand pounds of flour, and large supplies of vegetables, which enabled them to come in, in safety.  
 Elders John Taylor, Erastus Snow, and Franklin D. Richards, arrived also August 11, on return from their missions to Europe; Elder Taylor having brought apparatus for an extensive sugar factory, which he is locating at Provo, Utah county; and Elder Richards brought two large globes, three feet each, to present to the University of Deseret.  
 The Book of Mormon is now in print in the English, Welsh, French, German,  
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**Siam**:—Chancery W. West, **Sterne Hotchkiss**.  
**China**:—Hosea Stout, James Lewis, Chapman Duncan.  
**AFRICA. Cape of Good Hope**:—Jesse Haven, Leonard I. Smith, William Walker.  
**AMERICA, &c. Nova Scotia and British Provinces**:—John Robinson, Benjamin T. Mitchell, O. D. L. Buckland, Joseph Miller.  
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ed it with a rigid course of medicine. The pain and swelled state of the bowels still remained. Another course of medicine was given, still no relief. Injections of brown No. 1, best African No. 2, No. 6 Nerve Powder, &c., were administered about every fifteen minutes, as these afforded relief for a short time only.

Fomenting the bowels with hops and vinegar, bathing with third preparation, No. 6, hot brandy, liniment, accompanied with friction, were in constant use. In short Dr. Hotchkiss gave him four Lobelia emetics, besides keeping the stomach constantly excited by the No. 1 enemata. No. 2 was exhibited in large quantities, which generally vomited.

Not far from 4 ozs. No. 2, 2 ozs. brown No. 1, a pint of No. 6, Nerve Powder, Composition, &c. were given, and about 120 injections, in less than two days and a half. Ten of the enemata contained each a tea spoonful of brown No. 1. At length an evacuation from the bowels was induced, but not until he vomited vast quantities of bilious matter; when this took place, 4 ozs. buttered syrup were given, which produced the desired effect. After freedom.

This error is corrected in the above.—Editor of JOURNAL.

favorable consideration of the Thomsonian brotherhood generally.

Yours, respectfully,  
B. W. SPERRY.  
*New Haven, Conn., Aug. 8, 1837.*

I am Dr. Sperry's assistant, and attended upon Mr. Farnham, and hereby certify, that the statement given above by Dr. Sperry, to be correct. That Mr. Farnham should persevere so freely, lobelia operate so well, and no relief be afforded, was to me somewhat astonishing. I have seen a number of cases similar to the above, since my residence with Dr. Sperry, but none so obstinate. I have every reason to believe that perseverance saved Mr. Farnham's life.

**STERNE HOTCHKISS.**  
*New Haven, Conn., Aug. 8, 1837.*

[Parses exact] should be the motto of every Thomsonian. It is only by the increasing use of the most entire remedies, that life can be saved where the case is critical.—[Editor of Southern.]

*Substitute for Coffee.*—The seed of grapes are very generally used in Germany, as a substitute for coffee, and they make a very excellent substitute. When made a very yield a quantity of oil, and afterwards, when boiled, furnish a liquid very similar to that produced by coffee.

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on missions to Europe at the April Conference, started on the 4th of May, viz.: John C. Armstrong, T. Margetts, J. Darling, George Fenn, T. B. Broderick, and John Barker; and two more, who had leave to tarry till fall, accompanied the late mission.

Those Elders who were appointed on foreign missions at the August Conference, and did not go east, are expected to start on the southern route to California, on Monday next, October 18th, and sail from San Francisco.

The October Conference commenced on Wednesday the 6th instant, and closed on the Sunday following. During the whole time, the Tabernacle was filled to overflowing, and the time was mostly devoted to preaching, teaching, exhortations, fasting, prayer, praise, and thanksgiving, and the Sacrament; and a portion of the time, additional preaching was had out of doors, for the benefit of the multitude who could find no room in the house.

Elders Elam Luddington and Levi Savage, jun., were appointed on missions to Siam, in place of Sterne Hotchkiss and Harlow Redfield, who tarry at home. The First Presidency, the Twelve Apostles, and the officers of the several Quo-

kindred, and tongue, who will believe, repent, be baptized, and receive the Gift of the Holy Ghost, by the laying on of hands—Come home; come to the land of Joseph, to the vallies of Ephraim; journeying as you shall be instructed by the Presidency of the Church, in the nation where you are. Those who are accustomed to a warm climate, and have the opportunity, may journey to California, and take counsel of the Presidency at San Bernardino; and such will find themselves near home, if they land at San Diego. Those who are accustomed to a colder climate, may journey by way of New Orleans, where they will find Elder John Brown, whom we have sent to counsel the Saints on their arrival; also Elder Horace S. Eldredge, at St. Louis; and Elder Henry Miller, at Pottawatomie.

Come up to the building of the house of the Lord, O ye Saints, from the four corners of the earth; for as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, so would the Lord Jesus gather you, in these last days; and now is the time for you to come, while the nations of the earth are at peace, and plenty covers the land. You know not how soon your way may

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