

Chapter 5

The Book of Titus

containing the
collateral lines of ancestry
provided by
Titus' wife
Lois ~ Louise

STATEMENT OF ANCESTRY

It is regrettable that the parentage and ancestry of Lois, third wife of Titus Rice (1-5) and the mother of Ira Rice (1-6), remains unknown at this time; that Ira only stated for the records that his mother was Lois without giving her surname.

For years it was thought that the mother of all of Titus' children was that of Lois Kellogg who had been his first wife. We do know that she was the mother of his first child, Susannah Rice. Titus is believed to have married a second time about 1772 to Rachel _____ for they are credited with having had two children, Jacob and Rachel. This information leads us to believe that Titus and Lois Kellogg were previously separated or divorced. A more detailed account of Titus' two early marriages is given in his review (1-5). Research uncovered the fact that a Lois Kellogg had remarried in 1773, Isaac Parker, a widower and father of ten children. However, there is on record another Lois Kellogg who could have been this wife of Isaac Parker. To further confuse the question is the fact that Oriol Tracy's research (see 1-5) shows that Isaac Parker, in fact was not married to Lois Kellogg but rather to Lois (Tolles) Royce. By this marriage, however, Isaac Parker had two children Keziah and Asa. Whether these children belonged to our Lois or the other Lois Kellogg or Lois (Tolles) Royce is unconfirmed at this printing.

Additional research (land records of the area) shows property belonging to a widow Lois Rice. Separated women were also referred to as widows during that time due to the stigma of separation or divorce. It is also wondered if the Lois Kellogg who may have been remarried to Isaac Parker is really our Lois Kellogg due to the discrepancy of the two names (Lois Kellogg vs. widow Lois Rice). In the descendants of Ira Rice (son of Titus and his third wife, Lois or Louis) we find common usage of the name Kelsey and perhaps the third wife of Titus was Lois (Louis) Kelsey.

Whether Titus remarried Lois Kellogg, his first wife, the widow Rice, or even, indeed, Lois Kelsey, is left to conjecture. The fact that Kesiah and Asa (children of possibly Lois Kellogg and Isaac Parker) were never listed with Titus' later family leads us to believe that the Lois Kellogg who may have married Isaac Parker was not our Lois.

If a document could be found that would prove that Titus and Lois Kellogg, his first wife, were re-united and that she was the mother of Ira Rice, then an extensive amount of Kellogg genealogy is available in New England's records that could have been entered in this chapter. But we cannot go on conjectures and ifs.

Research thus far, has not been able to find a document that would justify any of these premises about who Lois (the mother of Ira) really was. They are only mentioned here to encourage further research and study. In cases where needed information seems unavailable the only recourse other than to keep on in a persistent search, is to wait until such a time as the souls of the living can converse with the souls of those who have gone before, which time may be the millenium of the future.