

*I handed a copy of this to each member of the press - T.V. Radio, newspaper - who arrived the day of the dig!*

We were in MA. last week but before I went I did some research on the computer and at the Litchfield town clerk's office. I have been doing genealogy research for over 50 years so I do know what I am doing.

1. Census. - As I am sure you know, they have been taking the census every 10 years since 1790. In 1790 here was a Levi Peck in Litchfield County, CT. It listed one male as over 16 years, 3 males under 16 (sons) and 8 females, including heads of household. I presume one of the females would be the wife and there would be 7 daughters. A Levi Peck appeared in the 1800 census but not in the 1810 census.  
(He died in 1802)

2. In checking the records from the Mormon Library in Salt Lake City there was a Levi Peck, born June 23, 1748 in Litchfield

3. Each town has a Barbour Book that lists all births, marriages and deaths from the time the town was incorporated until about 1850. The Barbour Book in Litchfield listed 8 children born to Thomas and Sarah (Smith) Peck, who were married Aug. 17, 1733. The 6th child was Levi who was born June 23, 1748.

4. The Genealogical Register in Litchfield lists all residents of Litchfield, CT from 1720 - 1800. It lists the family of Thomas and Sarah (Smith) Peck - 8 children -  
The 6th child is Levi, born June 23, 1748; died 1802.

5. I found a deed in Litchfield, dated Nov. 16, 1802 when land that belonged to the heirs of Levi Peck was sold to John Parker.

6. Levi's name was not listed in the book that gave all of the people who were buried in Litchfield.

Levi's Ancestry - Taken from the Peck Genealogy Book.

Deacon Paul Peck was born in Essex Eng, in 1608. He came to Boston in 1635 on the "Defence". In 1636 he went to Hartford with Thomas Hooker.

His son, Paul married Elizabeth Baisey and they lived in West Hartford.

His son, Paul was born in 1666 and was one of the early settlers of Litchfield. He took an active part in the Indian War. He died Dec. 21, 1751.

His son, Thomas, settled in Litchfield, married Sarah Smith in 1733 and had 8 children. Levi was the 6th child, born June 23, 1748

I have been unable to find the marriage of Levi or the births of any children. I have one more source to check out on Monday.

There is no proof that this is our Levi Peck but the dates sure fit.