

and taught piano to children until her death in Methodist Hospital in Rochester, MN.

We moved Helen from Rapid City in 2006 and placed her in a care center in Cedar Park north of our current location. Helen died with Alzheimer onset in 2007. She requested cremation. Her ashes are in our cemetery (Northeast Austin). I decided she should have a marker with our parents and Muriel. Fortunately, the funeral director who directed our family services helped me design the enclosed marker (he was a Library Board Member during her employment).

My research began in 1999 following retirement in the oil business (1953-1999). I arrived too late to know my Grandfather Wells. My grandmother Waite had lineage back to Rodman, NY. John Wait died in NY in 1814 while the War of 1812 continued. His burial location in NY is unknown. My line continues downward to Bowen Waite and Polly Putnam (well documented). John Wait married Phebe Matteson (Waite/Matteson history back to Thomas Waite who arrived in RI about 1635/36). Without knowledge of the parents of John Waite the tie to Thomas Wait of RI is unknown.

The surprise: I finally found a way to the Waite lines from England through my Waite/Wells ancestry. Thomas Wells of CT and MA had a daughter Mary who connects Hoyts, Wells and Waites. The Waite lineage includes: Benjamin Waite and Martha Leonard who died in 1904 in Deerfield.

The three Waite brothers who arrived in the MA Bay Colony mid 1630's (Thomas to RI). The King's Sheriff was after them. If the Waite story is believable, the brothers were related to the Barons that forced the previous King to sign the Magna Charta. Research indicates they were related to the Plantagenet lines. When in America, they dropped the e and there is no mention of a Plantagenet relationship. The CT. Wells are connected to the Plantagenets (Ancestry.com research).

When you track upward in the Wells lines (research indicates Thomas Wells of CT and Thomas Wells *Governor* were born about the same time. Thomas Wells, father of Mary and Governor Wells of CT create an uncle relationship? I recall Dr. Spencer Wells comment when asked about his