

The major one day going from home left his new shoes behind. Daniel, putting them on, went down into the field away from the house and spent the day dancing on a flat rock. The major's shoes wore out first, much to his surprise and disgust, and Daniel won the wager.

Another story handed down in the family is to the effect that on one occasion Daniel was at the house of a neighbor. A daughter was making a hasty pudding over the fire. After salting and stirring the pudding carefully, she left the room. Soon the mother came in, commenced to stir the pudding, and inquired if Mary had salted it. Daniel said "No, I think not." The mother then gave it a dose of salt and left the room. The grandmother next came in and "wondered if the pudding had been salted." Daniel was sure it had not. After giving it a third salting she retired, leaving Daniel alone. To make sure the pudding was sufficiently seasoned, he now gave it a fourth handful of salt, but did not remain to learn what was thought of it when served at the meal.

He m. Mercy Bartlett, who died April 24, 1824. Daniel died not many years later (about 1827).

They had seven children:—

91. SAMUEL BEALS THOMAS, b. Feb. 2, 1771.
92. BETTY THOMAS, b. Sept. 9, 1772.
93. PERTHENIA THOMAS, b. May 31, 1774; m. Joseph Crowell Oct. 24, 1793; had eight children.
94. DANIEL THOMAS, b. Jan. 23, 1776; m. Mary Ruggles Sept. 3, 1796; mfr.
95. LUCINDA THOMAS, b. —, 1778; m. Abel Ruggles May 8, 1799, and had issue.
96. MERCY THOMAS, b. —, 1780; m. Isaac Warner Oct. 19, 1800; had eight children.
97. ABIGAIL THOMAS, b. —, 1781; m. 1st. Gersham Cobb May 2, 1811; 2d David Blackmer, Oct. 13, 1823; d. — 22, 1832, aged 51; no issue.
23. AMOS MARSH² (son of Zerviah [Thomas] Marsh,²