

port, Conn., Nov. 2, 1797, Freelove Disbrow, daughter of Justus* and Elizabeth (Sherwood) Disbrow of that place. She died in South Gibson, April 28, 1830, aged 49 years. He married (2d) in Clifford, Pa., June 22, 1831, Nabby Pickering Miller, widow of David Miller and daughter of Jotham† and Elsie (Pickering) Pickering of Clifford. She was born May 4, 1786, and died in Lenox, Pa., March 27, 1867.

Samuel Resseguie resided in several different places in the vicinity of Fishkill, N. Y., until about 1806, when he purchased a farm near what is now called Farmers Mills, Putnam County, where he remained until his emigration to Pennsylvania, where he arrived May 8, 1813. He settled in what is now South Gibson in Susquehanna County, on wild land situated in the valley of the Tunkhannock, one of the principal tributaries of the Susquehanna River. Here he endured the hardships and suffered the privations of a pioneer life, in common with the early settlers of Gibson township (the principal part of whom originally came from Connecticut). His wife, Freelove, is described as possessing a small, lithe figure, energetic, industrious, and in every way a prudent helpmate, manufacturing with her own hands from the raw flax and wool the wherewithal to clothe her family. After the lapse of seventeen years, when the log cabin had been supplanted by the "framed house," and the wilderness was fast receding before the approach of civilization, at the dawn of better days, she was summoned to lay down her life work.

* Justus Disbrow was a soldier of the Revolutionary War. While absent from his home, engaged in the defense of his country, his wife, who was left with eight children to provide for, heard that "the Tories were coming," and carried her beds, clothing, and provisions and hid them in the swamp, but they were discovered and burned together with the house and all it contained. The affrighted mother and children sought refuge behind a stone hog-pen, which was battered by the bullets of the enemy, who, on discovering the hidden family, tore the clothing off the children's backs and cast it into the fire.

† Jotham Pickering emigrated with his family in 1793, from Mendon, Mass., to New Milford, Pa., "and removed to Gibson in 1798, that he might unite his family of children with those of another to establish the first school in Gibson township." It is related in the history of Susquehanna County that the first teacher in Gibson did not know how to write. Mr. Pickering and his family figure largely in the history of the county. The youngest son of Mrs. Miller, Dr. A. P. Miller, became an efficient school teacher and practitioner of medicine, and was the first postmaster of South Gibson, which position he retained until his death. Her daughter married a son of Samuel Resseguie (Lewis 213) and her son Henry's children have married into the Resseguie family.