in woolen mills in Lowell Massachusetts and later spent some time in Lawrence Kansas with a man by that name. According to the American encyclopedia (sic) the town of Lawrence, Kansas was founded in 1854 and named after the treasurer of the New England ~~Immigrant~~ Aid Society, one Amos Lawrence.

It is likely grand-dad was among one of the groups of settlers sent to Kansas by the Society which was active in getting enough free settlers into the Kansas territory to prevent its being taken over by the slave interests of the Southern states.

Apparently grand-dad never discussed his first wife & daughter with either grandmother or their children. Until Lowell picked up the information by searching the ship manifests in the port of New York where there was never any mention of grand-dads first family. What happened to Mary & Regina will probably always be unexplained.

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