

"Col. John Worthington remained a bachelor until he was forty years old. On January 10, 1759, he married Hannah Hopkins, a daughter of the Rev. Samuel Hopkins of West Springfield, and Esther Edwards Hopkins, who was a sister of Jonathan Edwards. Mrs. Worthington died November 25, 1766 at the age of thirty-five years, leaving four small children.

"On December 8, 1768 he married Mary Stoddard, daughter of Col. John Stoddard of Northampton and Prudence Chester. She died July 12, 1812.

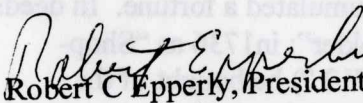
"In politics he was a Tory. He and Colonel Israel Williams of Hatfield and Major Joseph Hawley of Northampton soon became known as "River Gods" from the fact that they dominated the military, civic, legal, social and political life of the region. Worthington Street in Springfield is named for him as is this town. He died April 25, 1800 in the eighty-first year of his age."

It is quite possible that Worthington St., Springfield, is named after Lt. John Worthington (not Col. John Worthington as Miss Bartlett states) since Springfield was settled much earlier than the hill towns.

Another point of interest is that Worthington, OH was settled by families from Worthington, MA who chose to move farther west.

I trust you will find the forgoing interesting and informative.

Cordially,


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