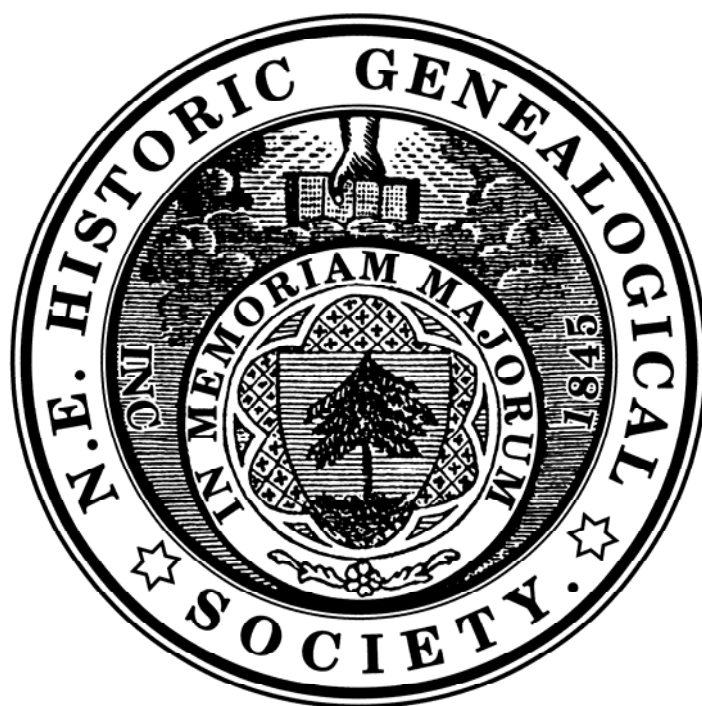


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EDITORIAL

We open this issue with **The English Origins of Elizabeth Dowse, Wife of Governor Samuel Allen of New Hampshire**, by Martin Hollick. In 1691 Samuel Allen bought Mason's Patent for New Hampshire, and then asserted an unsuccessful proprietary claim to New Hampshire until his death in 1705. His descendants continued the claim, and even a century later, one of them was buying up the rights of other descendants. Although Samuel Allen's ancestry is unknown, his wife's ancestry can be traced in Hampshire and London, largely because her father and grandfather left wills.

Ken Stevens, author of six volumes on Wilson families in New England, has written **Gowen¹ Wilson of Hingham, Exeter, and Kittery**. Thanks to Gowen's unusual first name, he can be readily traced as he moved north from 1641 to 1652. And fortunately for us, he left several illuminating court records.

In **The Mays of Washington, Massachusetts, and the Parents of Nancy (May) Fletcher and Susan (May) Seagers**, Christopher Challender Child shows that a web of circumstantial evidence can provide the necessary proof. Statements made for a Revolutionary War pension and later for an administration fit nicely with census records to identify the children of Eleazer May, particularly the two daughters named in the title.

We begin a three-part article on **Richard¹ Godfrey of Taunton, Massachusetts, and His Children and Grandchildren**, by Helen Schatvet Ullmann. Families of spouses are particularly well documented, with extensive discussion in footnotes, especially when there was more than one person of the same name.

Hidden in *The Diary of Matthew Patten* was a reference to "Sister Lamb." From this one clue, authors Virginia M. Ryan and Marie Lollo Scalisi developed **A Husband for Abigail⁴ Pattee: James¹ Lamb of the 78th Regiment of Foot (Fraser's Highlanders)**.

Diane Delbridge's article, **Richard Scarritt of New London and Branford, Connecticut**, starts with the birth of Richard Scarritt in New London in 1690, apparently the illegitimate son of Richard Scarritt and Ann Stedman, later the wife of Benjamin Lester. He moved to Branford as a young man and married there, but some of his children came back to New London.

In the second part of **Identifying Mercy, Wife of Thomas⁴ Hinckley of Harwich, Massachusetts, As Mercy (Bangs) (Hinckley) Cole**, Glade Nelson analyzes the available evidence for Mercy's identification, namely, a deed made by her sons suggesting a maternal inheritance, a first name (Joshua) frequently found in the Bangs family but never in the Hinckley family, and process of elimination. For the latter the author identified twelve women besides Mercy Bangs who were the right age, and was able to eliminate all of them.

And **New England Articles in Genealogical Journals in 2006** indexes articles in seventeen journals by surname, place, and some subjects.

– Henry B. Hoff

THE ENGLISH ORIGINS OF ELIZABETH DOWSE, WIFE OF GOVERNOR SAMUEL ALLEN OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Martin E. Hollick

Samuel Allen, a wealthy London merchant, came to New England with his family in 1698. In 1691 he had purchased Mason's Patent [for New Hampshire] by a conveyance that was eventually held to be illegal. Between 1692 and 1698 he asserted his proprietary claim to New Hampshire. He was appointed royal governor of New Hampshire in 1698, a position he held only until mid-1699.^[1] His wife is known to have been Elizabeth Dowse; they were married with the following London marriage license:^[2]

Allen, Samuel, of St. Michael, Cornhill, London, merchant, bachelor, 30, and Elizabeth Dowse, spinster, 19, daughter of Thomas Dowse, of Brooke, parish of King's Somborne, Co. Southampton, Gentleman, who consents at King's Somborne, Little Somborne or Upper Eldes co. Southampton, 2 January 1672/3.

This marriage license appears in William B. H. Dowse's 1926 genealogy of the family of Lawrence¹ Dowse.^[3] However, the author's account of the Dowse family of Kings Somborne is quite incomplete, and he was not aware that Samuel and Elizabeth (Dowse) Allen went to New England and left descendants there.

The parish registers of Kings Somborne survive from 1567 to 1632, when there is a gap, and then from 1672 to 1796. These registers are only available in England;^[4] the following records from them up to 1700 were transcribed by Ken Smallbone, B.A. (Hons), of Basingstoke, Hampshire.^[5]

¹ Sybil Noyes, Charles Thornton Libby, and Walter Goodwin Davis, *Genealogical Dictionary of Maine and New Hampshire* (Portland, Maine: Southworth-Anthoensen Press, 1928–39, repr. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1973), 63; John W. Raimo, *Biographical Directory of American Colonial and Revolutionary Governors 1607–1789* (Westport, Conn.: Meckler Books, 1980), 168. See also *The National Cyclopaedia of American Biography* (New York: James T. White & Co., 1906), 13:454; James Grant Wilson and John Fiske, *Appleton's Cyclopaedia of American Biography*, 7 vols. (New York: D. Appleton and Company, 1887–1900), 1:55.

² Joseph Foster, *London Marriage Licences 1521–1869* (London: Bernard Quaritch, 1887), 20.

³ William Bradford Homer Dowse, *Lawrence Dowse of Legbourne, England, His Ancestors, Descendants and Connections in England, Massachusetts, and Ireland* (Boston: privately printed 1926), 76–77, 88. This information was used in a later work, Edith Bartlett Sumner, *Ancestry and Descendants of James Hensman Coltman and Betsey Tobey* (Los Angeles, Cal.: the author, 1957), 62.

⁴ At the Hampshire Record Office. All Bishops' Transcripts of Hampshire parish registers save one were lost in a fire at the diocesan office in 1780, so this alternative source is not available.

⁵ In addition, Dowse, *Lawrence Dowse* [note 3], 77, shows the burial of Elizabeth Dowse at Kings Somborne 1 April 1695 and the baptisms of two of her children there in 1683 and 1688.

Baptisms.

Alice, dau of Thomas Dowce, 24 February 1594/5.
 Thomas, son of Thomas Dowce of Nether Eldon, 24 February 1595/6.
 Cutbard, son of Thomas Dowse, 18 February 1598/9.
 Tristram, son of Thomas Dowse, 5 June 1600.
 Dorete, dau of Thomas Douse, 8 October 1601.
 Anthoni, son of Thomas Dowse, 19 March 1602/3.
 Thomas, son of Mr Thomas Dowse, 7 January 1618/9.
 Winifred, dau of Thomas Dowse gent, 1 May 1621.
 Mary, dau of Thomas Dowse of Nether Eldon gent, 2 February 1622/3.
 Joane, dau of Mr Thomas Dowse, 19 December 1624.
 John, son of Thomas Dowse gent, 1 October 1626.
 Francis, son of Mr Thomas Dowse, 4 May 1628.
 Ann, dau of Mr Thomas Dowse, 29 April 1630.
 Richard, son of Thomas Dowse gent, 18 October 1632.

[gap in the records from 1633 through 1671]

Thomas, son of Thomas Douse junior, 29 March 1678.
 Elizabeth, dau of Thomas Dowse junior of Brooke, 15 May 1679.
 Frances, dau of Thomas Dowse junior of Brooke, 18 June 1680.
 Sarah, dau of Thomas Dowse junior of Brooke, 6 November 1681.
 Robert, son of Thomas Dowse of Brook gent, 4 September 1685.
 Samuel, son of Thomas Dowse of Brook esquire and Elizabeth his wife, 10 September 1691.
 Dorothy, dau of Thomas Dowse esquire and Elizabeth his wife, 18 July 1694.

Marriages.

Robert Dowse married Alice Humber on 3 May 1593.
 Thomas Dowse son to Thomas Dowse of Nether Elden gent married Mary Gardner dau to Mr Christopher Gardiner on 9 December 1616.

[gap in the records from 1633 through 1671]

Burials.

Elizabeth, dau of Thomas Dowse, was buried on 27 April 1610.
 John Dowse was buried on 4 February 1610/1.
 Mr Thomas Dowse gent was buried on 15 September 1625.
 Richard, son of Thomas Dowse gent, was buried on 28 October 1632 [He was christened on 18 October that year].

[gap in the records from 1633 through 1671]

Susana Dowse [buried] 3 March 1672/3.
 Thomas Dowse of Brook gent was buried on 11 January 1682/3 (affidavit given).
 Mrs Dorothy Dowse was buried on 24 July 1699 (affidavit was dated 31 July).

Fortunately, Elizabeth (Dowse) Allen's father left a will dated 26 February 1680[1], proved 26 January 1682[3], naming his entire family, as follows (emphasis added):^[6]

In the name of God Amen, I Thomas Dowse of Brooke in the Parish of Kingsomborne in the county of South[amp]ton, Gent., being in perfect health and memory (blessed be God for the same) yet sensible of the certainty of death and uncertainty of the time thereof doe make this my last Will and Testament thereby to dispose of that estate wherewith it hath pleased God to blesse me soe as I may therewith leave the Legacie of peace behind me. In the first place I doe comit and humbly resign my soule into the hands of God that gave it in confidence of the eternall salvacon thereof through the infinite mercy of my good God and the alone merits of my blessed Redeemer. And for my body my desire is that it may be decently interred in the Parish Church of Kingsomborne in or near the place where my Grandfather was buried and that without any unnecessary expenses I intending mourning for my Children and a decent and sober entertainment to such of my Friends and Neighbours as shall please to accompany me to my grave, desiring that a serious sermon of mortality may be made to the living there present without any commendacon of the dead in whom there is not anything praiseworthy. As for all my Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments not settled upon the marryage of my Sonne, I doe thereof thus dispose that is to say all my Lands in Billesby, Mannby, Chappell, Hoggesthorpe and elsewhere in the County of Lincoln, I doe give and bequeath the same to my only sonne Thomas Dowse and his Heires forever advising him to sell the same soe soon as he can though at a low price it lying at soe great a distance from his Habitacon and other estates. As for my Houses in the Butcher row without Temples barre in the parish of St. Clements Danes in the County of Midd[le]sex whereof I am now seized of an estate in fee simple by the release of the surviving Trustee in whose name I purchased the revercon thereof and all my Lands in Ibdroge in the parish of Uphursborne lately purchased of Edward Roe, Clerke. And that Messuage or Tenement in Brooke with the Lands and Appurten[an]ces thereunto belonging lately purchased of John Rothwell I doe give and bequeath the same to my said sonne Thomas for his life without impeachment of waste and after his death to my Grandchild Thomas Dowse and the Heires of his body and for want of such Heires to my own right Heires forever. And as for Nether Eldon Farm and the Tythes therewith to me devised by the right Hono[ra]ble Henry Lord Sandys for the terme of fourscore yeares (if three yeares now all in being) should soe long live I doe give and bequeath the same to my said Grandson Thomas Dowse and his Assigns for and during all the rest and residue of that time and terme I have yett therein to come and unexpired upon this condicon nevertheless that my said sonne Thomas Dowse shall receive the rents, issues, and profitts thereof untill my said Grandchild shall attaine the age of five and twenty yeares [and] keep and maintaine my said Grandsonne at some good s[c]hooole or place of sober educacon until his age of sixteen yeares at the least and out of the Overplus of the said Rents, issues and profits to renew such farther estate or estates in the said Farme and tythes as shall be necessary upon the death of any of the persons for whose lives the same are now holden and allow my said Grandsonne after his coming from schoole such annuall sum[m]e or sum[m]es of money for his Maintenance as the supervisors of this my will herein after named shall think fitt until he shall attaine his said age of five and twenty yeares. As for my personall estate I doe thereof thus dispose First *I doe give to my sonne and daughter Allen Tenne pounds apeece to buy mourning for themselves and Children and farther to my said sonne Allen I doe give my best riding Gelding and saddle; And to my daughter Allen tenne peeces of old broad Gold and tenne Ginnyes which lye ready in my deske for her; And to my three Grandchildren Thomas Elizabeth and Frances*

⁶ Prerogative Court of Canterbury Wills, 4 Drax; PROB 11/372.

Allen I doe give and bequeath One hundred pounds apeice at their respective ages of one and twenty yeares. To my daughter Dowse I give and bequeath all the plate I shall dye possessed of excepting only what was formerly given to my sonne her Husband by his deceased Mother which I leave to his disposall and I doe omit giving of any Legacies to her daughters by my said Sonne because I intend to leave my said sonne my sole Executor and their porcons to his disposal. I doe also give and bequeath to my Brother Anthony Dowse, my Sister Rayner, My Sister Flower and Sister Searle five pounds apeice to be paid unto them respectively within six Monthes after my decease. To my much Honoured Friend Sir John Archer I doe give a mourning Ring of forty shillings price as a small testimony of my gratitude for the many great favours I have received at his hands the same to be presented to him within one Month after my death. To my worthy and oblidging kinsman Mr Robert Marsh, to my good sister Mrs Mary Phillipps, my sister Mrs Jane Percivall, my sister Bridget Phillipps, my sister Susan Clowdesley and dear Cozen Mrs Bridget Richier I give mourning rings to the value of twenty shillings apeice to be delivered to each of them within six Months after my decease. And to all my servants dwelling with me at the time of my death I give tenne shillings apeice to be presently paid them. To the Poore of the Tything of Brooke I doe give forty shillings to be distributed amongst them at the discretion of my Executor hereinafternamed. And to the Poore of Kingsombourne I doe give four pounds to be divided amongst them the next day after my funerall by my honest Neighbors Mr Barnabus Barlow, Henry Thornton and John Moody desiring that in the distribucon thereof the cheife regard be had to the aged and working poore, But my will is that as many of the said Poore of Kingsombourne as shall on the day of my funeral come to my House there to be troublesome shall loose their shares of this my Legacie. And as for all the rest of my goods, chattels and personall estate whatsoever herein or hereby not before disposed I doe give and bequeath the same to my said sonne Thomas Dowse whom I doe hereby nominate constitute and appoint the sole Executor of this my last will and testament of which I doe make my worthy friend and brother Mr Thomas Edmonds and my good Brother Mr Edward Raynor supervisors to whose judgment and determinacon I doe hereby referre all differences that may happen to arise in anything relateing to this my will and to each of them I give a ring of twenty shillings price. In witnesse whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and seale the six and twentyeth day of February in the yeare of our Lord God one thousand six hundred and eighty Revokeing all other Wills by me formerly made and referring to my booke of accompts for the perticulars of all my estate both reall and personall.

Tho: Dowse.

Signed sealed and published in the presence of
Joseph Leach, Thomas Mear, Anne Coventry.

Genealogical Summary

1. **THOMAS^C DOWSE** was born say 1570, probably in Hampshire. He was buried at Kings Somborne, Hampshire, on 15 September 1625 as Mr. Thomas Dowse, gent.^[7] The name of his wife is unknown.

⁷ Thomas^C Dowse was possibly related to the Dowse family of Moorcourt in the parish of Romsey, Hampshire (Romsey is near Kings Somborne). For this family see Dowse, *Lawrence Dowse* [note 3], 61–74, and *The Visitation of Hampshire, 1530, 1575, 1622, 1634*, Publication of The Harleian Society, Visitation Series, vol. 64 (London, 1913), 57–58. However, the reference in

Children of Thomas^C Dowse, all baptisms at Kings Somborne:

- i. ANNE DOWSE, b. say 1592; named before sister Dorothy in the 1625 will of their brother Cuthbert.
- ii. ALICE DOWSE, bp. 24 Feb. 1594/5. Not mentioned in the 1625 will of her brother Cuthbert.
- 2 iii. THOMAS^B DOWSE, bp. 24 Feb. 1595/6; m. MARY GARDINER.
- iv. CUTHBERT DOWSE, bp. 18 Feb. 1598/9 (as “Cutbard”). As Cutbert Dowse, merchant tailor of London, he left a will dated 8 Aug. 1625, proved 1 Feb. 1626,^[8] naming brothers Thomas, Tristram, and Anthony, and sisters Anne and Dorothy. Brother Anthony was to be executor.
- v. TRISTRAM DOWSE, bp. 5 June 1600; named in the 1625 will of his brother Cuthbert.
- vi. DOROTHY DOWSE, bp. 8 Oct. 1601; named in the 1625 will of her brother Cuthbert.
- vii. ANTHONY DOWSE, bp. 19 March 1602/3; named in the 1625 will of his brother Cuthbert. He was perhaps the Anthony Dowse, citizen and haberdasher of London, who left a will dated 7 April 1672, proved 13 April 1672,^[9] naming sons John, Samuel, Thomas, and Obadiah Dowse; unmarried daughters Mary and Sarah Dowse; daughter Rebeccah Sydenham; Francis Sydenham; son-in-law Thomas Bowler; brother-in-law John Spicer; brother-in-law John Waylett; sister-in-law Anne Waylett; Mr. Edmund Paxton; sister Margaret Freeston; dear loving wife Elizabeth Dowse (to be sole executrix); loving kinsman Mr. Thomas Bassett.

2. THOMAS^B DOWSE (*Thomas^C*) was baptized at Kings Somborne on 24 February 1595/6. He died at London between 9 January 1664/5 (date of will) and 13 January 1664/5 (date of probate). He married at Kings Somborne on 9 December 1616, **MARY GARDINER**, daughter of Christopher and Joan (Topp) Gardiner.^[10]

As Thomas Dowse of Elden, Hampshire, he was a member of a committee appointed by Parliament in 1643 and 1644.^[11] As Thomas Dowse of the parish of

the 1680/1 will of his grandson, Thomas^A Dowse (see above), to lands in Lincolnshire might indicate that Thomas^C Dowse had Lincolnshire connections.

⁸ Prerogative Court of Canterbury Wills, 20 Hele; PROB 11/148.

⁹ Prerogative Court of Canterbury Wills, 45 Eure; PROB 11/338.

¹⁰ Walter C. Metcalfe, *The Visitations of Essex . . .*, 2 vols., Publications of The Harleian Society, Visitation Series, vols. 13–14 (London, 1878–79), 1:402; George W. Marshall, *Le Neve's Pedigrees of Knights*, Publications of the Harleian Society, Visitation Series, vol. 8 (London, 1873), 96; Henry F. Waters, *Genealogical Gleanings in England*, 2 vols. (Boston: NEHGS, 1901; repr. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1969), 2:1025–26. Christopher Gardiner and Joan Topp were married at St. Mary Somerset, London, 19 June 1595 (parish register of St. Mary Somerset, London [FHL 0,374,492]). Christopher Gardiner, gentleman, of Tinhead, Edington, Wiltshire, left a will dated 30 December 1641; proved in 1642 in the court of the Archdeacon of Salisbury (Wiltshire and Swindon Archives, P2/G/302), naming Thomas Dowse as son-in-law. The will is damaged, but readable.

¹¹ *Journal of the House of Lords*, 6:1643 (1802), 294–96 (4 November 1643); 592–94 (15 June 1644), at british-history.ac.uk/report.aspx?compid=37385 and [=37544](http://british-history.ac.uk/report.aspx?compid=37544), viewed 21 April 2005.

St. Sepulchre's in London, Gentleman, being aged, he made a will dated 9 January 1664[5], proved 13 January 1664/5,^[12] leaving all his goods, lands, and chattels to "my eldest sonne Thomas Dowse of Watling streete, Cloth Drawer of London," who was appointed executor. The will is only one paragraph long.

Thomas^B Dowse had four daughters baptized at Kings Somborne. Three of them can be identified in Thomas^A Dowse's will as the wives of Edward Raynor, Mr. Searle, and Mr. Flower. Further research would be required to determine which daughter married which man.

Children of Thomas^B and Mary (Gardiner) Dowse, all baptisms at Kings Somborne:

- 3 i. THOMAS^A DOWSE, bp. 7 Jan. 1618/9; m. (1) _____ (PHILLIPS?); (2) SUSANNA MUNDAY.
- ii. WINIFRED DOWSE, bp. 1 May 1621.
- iii. MARY DOWSE, bp. 2 Feb. 1622/3.
- iv. JOANE DOWSE, bp. 19 Dec. 1624.
- v. JOHN DOWSE, b. 17 Sept. 1626,^[13] bp. 1 Oct. 1626; d. Aug. 1676. The name of his first wife is not known. He m. (2) JANE SHELLEY, b. ca. 1637 (from age at second marriage), d. 19 March 1708/9, daughter of Henry and Martha (Heath) Shelley of Lewes, Sussex.^[14] As Mrs. Jane Dowse of Pater Noster Row, London, widow, aged about 40, she m. (2) with license dated 25 April 1677 Philip Percival.^[15] She was mentioned in the 1680 will of Thomas^A Dowse as sister Mrs. Jane Percivall. Children.^[16]
- vi. FRANCIS DOWSE, bp. 4 May 1628.
- vii. ANN DOWSE, bp. 29 April 1630.
- viii. RICHARD DOWSE, bp. 18 Oct. 1632; bur. Kings Somborne 28 Oct. 1632.
- ix. ANTHONY DOWSE, b. say 1635 or later. He was very likely the Anthony Dowse, son of Thomas of Eldon [Kings Somborne], Hampshire, gentleman, who was apprenticed to John Nicholas of the Ironmongers Company on 2 April 1655 at London.^[17] He was mentioned in the 1680/1 will of his brother Thomas^A

¹² Prerogative Court of Canterbury Wills, 3 Hyde; PROB 11/316. His parish of residence suggested he might have been the Thomas Dowse of St. Sepulchre's, London, freemason, age 23, who married with license dated 19 September 1631, Elizabeth (Love) Farr, widow of William Farr (Percival Boyd, "Pedigrees with Index of London Citizens, abt. 1600–1800," Thomas Dowse, index #30707; Reginald M. Glencross, *A Calendar of the Marriage Licence Allegations in the Registry of the Bishop of London, vol. 1, 1597–1648*, The Index Library, vol. 62 [London: British Record Society, 1937], 95). However, the status and age are wrong. In addition, the testator had children baptized at Kings Somborne 29 April 1630 and 18 October 1632, and if he remarried at London in 1631, he would have been called of Kings Somborne.

¹³ Dowse, *Lawrence Dowse* [note 3], 76.

¹⁴ John Comber, *Sussex Genealogies* (Cambridge: W. Heffer & Sons, 1933), 249–50 (shown as "Cordelia").

¹⁵ Dowse, *Lawrence Dowse* [note 3], 76, 89; Foster, *London Marriage Licences* [note 2], 1044.

¹⁶ John and Jane (Shelley) Dowse were presumably the John and Jane Dowse who had many children baptized at various London churches between 1654 and 1671; most of the baptisms are in the IGI [International Genealogical Index].

¹⁷ Ironmongers Company, Register of Apprentice Bindings, 1655–1810, 2 vols., 1:1 [FHL 1,068,122].

Dowse. Anthony was possibly the Anthony Dowse, citizen and skinner of London, age 28, who married with license dated 28 Nov. 1667 Abigail Bailly of Islington, Middlesex, age 23.^[18] Based on the description “citizen and skinner of London,” this man was probably the Anthony Dowse who left a will dated 31 May 1700, proved 14 June 1700,^[19] leaving all his estate to “my loving kinswoman Sarah Green of the hamlet of Spittlefields, in the parish of Stepney, Middlesex, widow, whom I also make executor.”

3. THOMAS^A DOWSE (*Thomas^{B-C}*) was baptized at Kings Somborne on 7 January 1618/9. He died on 4 January 1682/3 in his 65th year,^[20] and was buried at Kings Somborne on 11 January 1682/3.

Thomas^A Dowse evidently married twice. His first wife was probably _____ **PHILLIPS**, based on his bequests to sister Mrs. Mary Phillips and sister Bridget Phillips in his 1680 will. Thomas’s first wife and Bridget Phillips apparently were daughters of Edward Phillips, joiner, and his wife Susan who had children baptized at St. Martin Ludgate, London, 1627–1638,^[21] as follows: *John Phillips* (1628), probably married Mary _____; *Edward Phillips* (1629, died 1632); *Anne Phillips* (1634); *Susan Phillips* (1636), probably sister Mrs. Susan Clowdesley mentioned in Thomas’ will; and *Bridget Phillips* (1638).

Thomas Dowse married second at St. Dunstan’s, Stepney, Middlesex, on 19 August 1652, **SUSANNA MONDAYE**. The marriage record describes him as from St. Gregory’s, London, cloth drawer, and she from Foster Laine, Middlesex.^[22] By early 1665 he was living on Watling Street, London, when he was named in his father’s will. This place of residence effectively identifies him as the Thomas Dowse who had children recorded at St. Augustine Watling Street, London, 1653–1659.^[23]

Thomas Dowse evidently returned to Kings Somborne before February 1680/1 (when he made his will there), and probably before 1672 — as his second wife was presumably the Susana Dowse buried at Kings Somborne on 3 March 1672, with no indication she was the wife of Thomas Dowse.

He left a will as “Thomas Dowse of Brooke in the Parish of Kingsomborne in the county of Southampton, Gent.,” dated 26 February 1680/[1], proved 26 January 1682/[3], mentioning only son Thomas Dowse (to be executor);

¹⁸ Boyd, “London Citizens” [note 12], Anthony Dowse, index #17,416.

¹⁹ Dowse, *Lawrence Dowse* [note 3], 91–92, citing Commissary Court of London, Register 1700 folio 81B.

²⁰ Dowse, *Lawrence Dowse* [note 3], 77.

²¹ Parish registers of St. Martin Ludgate, London [FHL 0,374,477].

²² Thomas Colyer-Fergusson, *The Marriage Registers of St. Dunstan’s Stepney, Volume II: 1640–1696* (Canterbury: Cross & Jackman, 1899), 83. It is not evident who were the parents of Susanna Mondaye/Munday. The IGI [International Genealogical Index] shows three possible candidates: #1 baptized St. Augustine Watling Street, London, 12 August 1621; #2 baptized St. Giles without Cripplegate, London, 22 January 1625/6; #3 baptized St. Mary Whitechapel, Stepney, Middlesex, 18 November 1627.

²³ The parish of Saint Gregory is adjacent to the parish of Saint Augustine.

grandchild Thomas Dowse (under 25); son and daughter Allen; grandchildren Thomas, Elizabeth, and Frances Allen; daughter Dowse and her daughters; brother Anthony Dowse; sister Rayner; sister Flower; sister Searle; friend Sir John Archer; kinsman Mr. Robert Marsh; sister Mrs. Mary Phillipps; sister Mrs. Jane Percivall; sister Bridget Phillips; sister Susan Clowdesley; cousin Mrs. Bridget Richier; the poor of Brooke and Kingsomborne. Friend and brother Mr. Thomas Edmonds and brother Mr. Edward Raynor were to be supervisors.

Child of Thomas^A Dowse, probably with his first wife:

- 4 i. ELIZABETH¹ DOWSE, m. SAMUEL¹ ALLEN.

Children of Thomas^A and Susanna (Munday) Dowse, all births recorded at St. Augustine Watling Street, London.^[24]

- ii. THOMAS DOWSE, b. 3 Oct. 1653; bur. 13 Oct. 1653.^[25]
 iii. THOMAS DOWSE, b. 5 Nov. 1654; d. 2 Aug. 1702 and bur. Kings Somborne 4 Aug. 1702. He m. by 1678 (baptism of son Thomas at Kings Somborne) ELIZABETH _____, d. 29 March 1695 and bur. Kings Somborne 1 April 1695.^[26] Children.^[27]
 iv. ANNE DOWSE, b. 14 July 1659; d. before 26 Feb. 1680, the date of her father's will.

4. ELIZABETH¹ DOWSE (*Thomas^{A-B-C}*). For her marriage license on 2 January 1672/3, Elizabeth stated she was aged 19. This would place her birth in 1653. However, that seems unlikely, considering the birth dates of her two younger brothers. It is likely she actually was aged 20 or older (and thus born in 1652 or before to Thomas and his first wife) or aged 17 or younger (and thus born in 1655 or later). The fact that Elizabeth (Dowse) Allen had four surviving daughters and six known granddaughters, yet none was named Susan or Susanna, suggests that she was not the daughter of Susanna (Munday) Dowse.

Elizabeth Dowse married at London with license dated 2 January 1672/3, SAMUEL¹ ALLEN, merchant, born either about 1643 (aged 30 in marriage license) or about 1635 (aged 70 at death in 1705). In 1691 he purchased Mason's Patent [for New Hampshire], and between 1692 and 1698 he asserted his proprietary claim to New Hampshire. Samuel Allen and his family settled in New England in 1698, and he was royal governor of New Hampshire 1698–1699. He died at Newcastle, New Hampshire, on 5 May 1705.^[28] Elizabeth (Dowse) Allen died before 30 September 1708 at Charlestown, Massachusetts.^[29]

²⁴ Parish registers of St. Augustine Watling Street, London [FHL 0,374,420].

²⁵ The mother's name is given as Elizabeth; the mother of the two younger children is given as Susan.

²⁶ Dowse, *Lawrence Dowse* [note 3], 77.

²⁷ *Ibid.* (and see Kings Somborne baptisms above).

²⁸ Raimo, *Biographical Directory of Governors* [note 1], 168; *Genealogical Dictionary of Maine and New Hampshire* [note 1], 63.

²⁹ Middlesex County Probate, 12:415 (letter of administration); 445–48 (inventory); 525 (accounting). The letter specifically states, “where Madam Allen widow relict of the said Samuel

Children of Samuel¹ and Elizabeth¹ (Dowse) Allen:^[30]

- i. THOMAS² ALLEN, b. ca. 1674; d. ca. 1715, presumably in England, leaving two sons and a daughter.^[31]
- ii. ELIZABETH ALLEN, b. ca. 1677; d. after 25 May 1732,^[32] probably Madam Elizabeth Usher who d. Medford, Mass., 5 July 1753.^[33] She m. 11 March 1699 JOHN USHER,^[34] bp. First Church, Boston, Mass., 16 2nd mo. [April] 1648, “aged about 7 days”,^[35] d. Medford 1 Sept. 1726,^[36] son of Hezekiah¹ and Frances (____) Usher, and widower of Elizabeth Lidgett. John Usher was lieutenant governor of New Hampshire 1692–1699, and a supporter of Samuel Allen, subsequently his father-in-law.^[37] Children: *John, Frances, Hezekiah, and Elizabeth Usher.*^[38]
- iii. FRANCES ALLEN, b. ca. 1680; d. after 1764. She m. ca. 1702 GEORGE WALTON, b. ca. 1681 (from age at death); d. Newington, N.H., 13 Dec. 1769 in his 89th year, son of Shadrach² (*George*¹) and Mary (Nutter) Walton. Children: *George, Shadrach, John, Samuel, Elizabeth, and Frances Walton.*^[39]

Allen Esq. deceased last lived and in which she dyed.” The letter is dated 18 December 1708, but it notes that Nathaniel Dowse was holding her estate since 30 September of that year. See also *Register* 26 (1872):82.

³⁰ *Genealogical Dictionary of Maine and New Hampshire* [note 1], 63.

³¹ *A Short Narrative of the Claim, Title and Right of the Heirs of . . . Samuel Allen* (Boston, 1728), 1, 10. The author “I. A.” may have been Thomas Allen’s widow.

³² Suffolk County Deeds, 46:238, which lists her children as John Usher, of Bristol, clerk; Frances, the wife of Joseph Parsons; Hezekiah Usher; and Elizabeth Harris, widow.

³³ *Vital Records of Medford, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* (Boston: NEHGS, 1907), 451 (no source given).

³⁴ The source for this widely-published date has not been found, but it makes sense. John Usher’s first wife died 17 August 1698 (*Genealogical Dictionary of Maine and New Hampshire* [note 1], 703), and John Usher, his oldest child by his second wife, was baptized at Medford, Massachusetts, 10 September 1700 (Robert J. Dunkle and Ann S. Lainhart, *The Records of the Churches of Boston*, CD-ROM [Boston: NEHGS, 2002], First Church of Boston).

³⁵ [Ninth] *Report of the Record Commissioners Containing Boston Births, Baptisms, Marriages, and Deaths, 1630–1699* (Boston: Rockwell & Churchill, 1883), 28.

³⁶ *Vital Records of Medford* [note 33], 451 (from the diary of Samuel Sewall).

³⁷ Raimo, *Biographical Directory of Governors* [note 1], 168; *Genealogical Dictionary of Maine and New Hampshire* [note 1], 426, 703; Annie Haven Thwing, *Inhabitants and Estates of the Town of Boston, 1630–1800, and The Crooked and Narrow Streets of Boston, 1630–1822*, CD-ROM (Boston: NEHGS and Massachusetts Historical Society, 2001), refcodes 2037 and 58985. See also Thomas B. Wyman, *The Genealogies and Estates of Charlestown, in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, 1629–1818* (Boston: David Clapp and Son, 1879), 980–81, which says John Usher was born 17 April 1648 and died 5 September 1726.

³⁸ The son John is omitted from *Genealogical Dictionary of Maine and New Hampshire* [note 1], 703; see note 34 and Suffolk County Deeds, 46:238, for evidence he was the son of Elizabeth (Allen) Usher.

³⁹ *Genealogical Dictionary of Maine and New Hampshire* [note 1], 717–18; Walter Goodwin Davis, *Massachusetts and Maine Families in the Ancestry of Walter Goodwin Davis*, 3 vols. (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1996), 3:529–31. At page 530 Davis cited a “manuscript list of Governor Allen’s children and grandchildren” at the New Hampshire Historical Society, but this manuscript has not been located.

- iv. JANE ALLEN, bp. St. Helen Bishopsgate, London, 26 Jan. 1681[2],^[40] d. Boston 26 Jan. 1722.^[41] She m. Boston 2 July 1708 THOMAS¹ STEEL,^[42] d. there 7 Jan. 1735/6.^[43] He m. (2) Boston 19 May 1724 Margaret Nelson.^[44] Children: *Jane, Thomas, Samuel, David, Elizabeth, Allen, and John Steel.*^[45]
- v. SAMUEL ALLEN, bp. St. Helen Bishopsgate 6 July 1683; presumably the “child of M^r Sam^l Allen” bur. there 17 July 1683.
- vi. ANNE ALLEN, bp. St. Helen Bishopsgate 11 May 1694; d. Roxbury, Mass., 4 Dec. 1773 age 84,^[46] m. Boston 5 June 1723 THOMAS¹ LOCKLIN/LAUCHLAN,^[47] who d. by 5 Jan. 1735[6] when the will of Thomas¹ Steel [husband of Jane Allen above] mentioned Ann Lauchlan, widow of Thomas Lauchlan, and their two sons Thomas and Samuel.^[48] Children: *Thomas and Samuel Locklin/Lauchlan.*^[49]

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⁴⁰ Parish registers of St. Helen Bishopsgate, London [FHL 0,375,025].

⁴¹ Robert J. Dunkle and Ann S. Lainhart, *Boston Deaths 1700 to 1799*, 2 vols. (Boston: NEHGS, 1999), 2:858. The death record gives her age as 47 years.

⁴² [Twenty-Eighth] *Report of the Record Commissioners Containing the Boston Marriages from 1700 to 1751* (Boston: Municipal Printing Office, 1898), 21.

⁴³ Dunkle and Lainhart, *Boston Deaths* [note 41], 2:859.

⁴⁴ *Boston Marriages from 1700 to 1751* [note 42], 122. Margaret (Nelson) Steel was the daughter of John¹ and Elizabeth (Tailor) Nelson (*Papers of the Lloyd Family . . .*, 2 vols., Collections of The New-York Historical Society for 1926–27 [New York, 1927], 1:263–65, 267–69; 2:883).

⁴⁵ [Twenty-Fourth] *Report of the Record Commissioners: Boston Births from 1700 to 1800* (Boston: Rockwell & Churchill, 1894), 65, 80, 87, 100, 119, 139, 147; Thwing, *Inhabitants and Estates of the Town of Boston, 1630–1800* [note 37], refcode 2262. Daughter Jane Steel married Joseph Dowse, a grandson of Lawrence¹ Dowse whose family was from Lincolnshire (Dowse, *Lawrence Dowse* [note 3], 158).

⁴⁶ *Genealogical Dictionary of Maine and New Hampshire* [note 1], 780; *Vital Records of Roxbury, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849*, 2 vols. (Salem, Mass.: Essex Institute, 1925–26), 2:572.

⁴⁷ *Boston Marriages from 1700 to 1751* [note 42], 114.

⁴⁸ Suffolk County Probate, 32:427–28; Thwing, *Inhabitants and Estates of the Town of Boston, 1630–1800* [note 37], refcode 2262.

⁴⁹ On 11 May 1772, Anna Lauchlin of Roxbury, Massachusetts, widow, deeded to Samuel Lauchlin of Roxbury, tanner, 1/5 part of the estate of Samuel Allen, Govr., deceased. The deed was recorded on 8 January 1785. Samuel purchased the rights of several other descendants before selling them on 16 June 1785 to Nathaniel Peabody, Peter Green, and Moses Dow, and on 25 January 1786 to Nathaniel Peabody. Those heirs were Hezekiah Usher of Boston in 1774; Jane Dowse, widow of Salem; John Usher, Hezekiah Usher, Esq., Allen Usher, and Elizabeth Cook, wife of Ezekiel Cook, all of Bristol; Jane Lord, wife of Ebenezer Lord, and Elizabeth Brewster, wife of Joseph Brewster, of Berwick, Maine, all in 1785; and widow Elizabeth Francis of Medford in 1774 (Rockingham County, New Hampshire, Deeds, 117:510; 119:120–23, 133, 256, 460–61). Jane Lord and Elizabeth Brewster were Walton descendants (Joseph Crook Anderson II, *Maine Families in 1790*, vol. 5 [Camden, Maine: Picton Press, 1996], 180–84; Davis, *Massachusetts and Maine Families* [note 39], 2:310; 3:530–31). All the other heirs were Usher descendants.

GOWEN¹ WILSON OF HINGHAM, EXETER, AND KITTERY

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On 26 July 1618 “Gawen Wilsone,” third son of “Johne and Jonat (Fall) Wilsone,” was christened in the parish church of Prestonpans, Church of Scotland, where his parents had married four years earlier. Prestonpans is in the county of East Lothian, then known as Haddington, on the south side of the Firth of Forth, a short distance southeast of Edinburgh, Scotland. Gawen was apparently named after his uncle, Gawen Fall, who was living in Prestonpans at the time of Gawen Wilson’s birth.^[1]

There is nothing to prove that the Gawen Wilson who was baptized at Prestonpans in 1618 was the Gowen Wilson who by 1641 was living in New England. However, circumstantial evidence suggests it. Most important is his unique given name. In addition, he repeatedly gave his age in 1654 as 36 under oath in court.^[2] And early generations of this family claimed that their immigrant ancestor came from Scotland.^[3]

There were other individuals with the given name Gowen in Kittery, Maine. It also appears as a surname. However, among New England Wilsons the given name Gowen is unique to the family from Kittery. In the database for my series *Wilsons From New England* I had over twenty-five thousand men with the surname Wilson. Of them only twenty-three individuals had the given name of Gowen, and of these the ancestry of all but one has been traced back to Gowen¹ Wilson. The single exception, a resident of Maine, is probably a descendant of Gowen whose ancestral line has eluded me.

The earliest mention of Gowen Wilson in New England appears to have been in Boston on 28 8th month [October] 1641 in the Court of Assistants, when “Henry Waltham & James Brittain were bound for Gowen Wilson, his appearance at ye next court.” On 7 10th month [December] 1641, “Gowen Wilson

¹ Church of Scotland, Parish of Prestonpans, East Lothian, Scotland, indexes on FHL microfiche 6,901,056, Births and Christenings, A–Z (1586–1854) and microfiche 6,901,860, Marriages A–Z (1596–1863), extracted from microfilm copies of parish registers on films 1067855–857, 0103191–193, 0304666. The minister of the Parish of Prestonpans, in response to my inquiry, wrote that a number of the parish registers, some going back to the sixteenth century, have survived and are now preserved in New Register House, Edinburgh, Scotland, and that “Christenings and Proclamations of Marriage are interspersed between the large number of more mundane matters recorded therein.”

² Massachusetts Archives, 3B:153b–155. On 24 April 1654, Gowen Wilson of Kittery, under oath and in open court, gave three depositions relative to the case of Nicholas Shapleigh vs. Hugh Gunnison. In each instance he gave his age as 36.

³ Fred Allan Wilson, *The Early History of the Wilson Family of Kittery, Maine* (Lynn, Mass.: John MacFarlane & Co., 1898), 18. This source, compiled from the limited data available over a century ago, has frequent errors.

appearing hee and his sureties were discharged.”^[4] The two bondsmen were residents of Weymouth,^[5] which may indicate Gowen Wilson also lived there.

On 5 7th month [September] 1643, at a Quarterly Court in Boston, “Gowen Wilson is fined twenty shillings for fornication, which Mr. Bozoon Allen undertook to satisfy in cottonwoole by Mr. Coitmore.”^[6] The birth of a child less than seven months after a marriage was considered ample evidence to convict. If this was the case with Gowen, his marriage took place probably in late 1642 or early 1643. We find no record of charges being brought against his wife, whose name remains unknown.

Gowen Wilson may have worked for Bozoan Allen, a prominent resident of Hingham, as Gowen was chosen to operate the mill that had been set up there in 1643 by Bozoan Allen, Anthony Eames and Samuel Ward.^[7] In 1645 there was a controversy between Allen and Eames,^[8] and Gowen probably found himself in the middle of a dispute, faced with the Biblical dilemma: “No man can serve two masters.” On 7 November 1645 “by a common vote of the Towne Gowen Wilson was no longer to be the miller of Hingham.”^[9]

Within two years after he was dismissed from his job in Hingham, Gowen was living in Exeter, where in November 1647 “Gowen Wilson’s son died the day he was born.”^[10]

This notation from Norfolk County records is the earliest mention of Gowen in Exeter. Old Norfolk County, distinct from the present-day county of the same name, was established by the Colony of Massachusetts Bay on 10 May 1643. Comprising the area north of the Merrimack River, it included the northeastern corner of the present state of Massachusetts and the southeastern part of what is now New Hampshire. The New Hampshire portion consisted of five towns: Cocheco (now Dover), Strawberry Bank (now Portsmouth), Salisbury, Exeter, and Hampton. Norfolk County was discontinued by the Massachusetts Bay Colony shortly after 22 January 1679/80, when New Hampshire was established as a separate royal province.

⁴ John Noble, *Records of the Court of Assistants of the Colony of Massachusetts Bay, 1630–1692*, 3 vols. (Boston: Rockwell & Churchill, 1901–1928), 2:115–16.

⁵ James Savage, *A Genealogical Dictionary of the First Settlers of New England*, 4 vols. (Boston: Little, Brown & Co., 1860–62; repr. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1965), 1:257; 4:404.

⁶ Noble, *Records of the Court of Assistants* [note 4], 2:132.

⁷ George Lincoln, *History of the Town of Hingham, Massachusetts*, 3 vols. in 4 (Hingham, Mass.: the Town, 1893), 1:2:155.

⁸ Lincoln, *History of the Town of Hingham* [note 7], 1:1:217–18.

⁹ Massachusetts Archives, Miscellaneous Records, vol. 8 (unpaginated), at Massachusetts State Archives; also in Lincoln, *History of the Town of Hingham* [note 7], 1:2:155. This is the only reference to Gowen’s residence in Hingham.

¹⁰ “Old Norfolk County Records,” *The Essex Antiquarian*, 13 vols. (Salem, Mass.: Essex Institute, 1897–1909), 1:19–24 et seq., including 5:15.

On 1 May 1649, the town of Exeter hired Gowen to keep the town's cattle, as follows:

It is covenanted and agreed between Gowen Wilson and the town of Exeter that the said Gowen is to keep all the neat herd of the town of Exeter from one-year-old and upward (working cattle excepted) from the day of the date hereof until three weeks after Michaelmas, to go every morning through the town at the usual time cow-herds go forth, and so to have the cattle turned into the town street and the said Gowen to drive them into the wood, and all the day to keep them in such convenient places as may be best for their feeding, on both sides of the river, and at night to bring them home again, at the like usual time of herds coming home; in like manner to bring them through the street from the first house to the last who have cattle on that street, and seek up or cause to be sought any that shall be lost from before him and in the like manner to keep them every third Sabbath day. To be paid the sum of Eleven Pound, half to be in good English commodities at price current, about the beginning of August next, and the other half of the pay to be paid in corn at harvest at 3 sh. a bushel. [signed] by Gowen Wilson and John Legat, James Wall, Henry Roby, selectmen of Exeter.^[11]

The next year, on 14 November 1650, Gowen received a grant of ten acres from the town of Exeter.^[12] There were nine parcels of land granted by the town on that day, apparently for new settlers. On 7 8th month [October] 1651, at a court held at Hampton, "Goin Wilson" and Thomas Cornish were sued by Thomas Jones for "non-performance of a covenant concerning a parcel of land which they bought of him at Exeter."^[13]

In 1651 or 1652 Gowen Wilson moved to Kittery, Maine. His name was on a list, dated 16 November 1652 and signed at Kittery, of persons acknowledging themselves subject to the government of the Massachusetts Bay Colony.^[14]

Gowen Wilson appeared before a county court held at York on 6 July 1657 for his involvement with Joane Andrews, as follows:

We present Gowan Willson for frequenting the house of John Andrews suspiciously at unseasonable tymes & for his daly accompanying of him selfe with Joane Andrews up & down Pischataque River about frivolous Occasions, whereby the sd Willson doth neglect his owne wife, children & family, and being warned by a grand jury man from the evill of his way who tould him that if he would not desist from that Course

¹¹ Charles H. Bell, *History of the Town of Exeter, New Hampshire* (Exeter, N.H., 1888; repr. Bowie, Md.: Heritage Books, 1990), 49.

¹² *Ibid.*, 133.

¹³ *Records and Files of the Quarterly Courts of Essex County, Massachusetts*, 9 vols. (Salem, Mass.: Essex Institute, 1911–1975), 1:236. The first mention of Gowen Wilson in these records (apparently copied from Norfolk County court records) was on 26 7th month [September] 1648 as a defendant, no details given (1:147, 149).

¹⁴ Massachusetts Archives, 3:194, 203, at Massachusetts State Archives; Wilson, *Wilson Family of Kittery* [note 3], 59. For comments on the various versions of the list, see Sybil Noyes, Charles Thornton Libby, and Walter Goodwin Davis, *Genealogical Dictionary of Maine and New Hampshire* (Portland, Maine: Southworth-Anthoensen Press, 1928–1939; repr. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1972), 32.

hee would Complayne of him in the Court to his sham, Willsons answere was, that he would not refrayne that house till he was Constrayned by the Court to leave itt . . . In reference to Gowan Willsons offences, first this (court) Injoyneth an Act of separation betweene the sd Willson & Joane Andrews, & Gowan Willson doth Ingage him selfe unto the treasurer of this County upon the forfeiture of Tenn pounds not to come frequently nor unseasonably into the Company of Joane Andrews . . . 2ly. Gowan Willson & Joseph Attkinson doe binde themselves in a bond of tenn pounds that the aforesaid Willson shall appeare before the Court houlden at Strawberre banke on Twesday next to putt in good security for his good behaviour to the valem of tenn pounds relating to his misemeneanurs . . . Gowan Willson paing 5s the officers fees with an admonition is discharged.^[15]

Joane Andrews, who faced a number of charges involving other individuals,^[16] was found guilty on all counts. Her sentence included the same separation as Gowen; also she was “to be carried out to the post & have Twenty Lashes given to her on the bare skine.” When she was found to be pregnant the court ordered that five pounds be paid to the county treasurer in lieu of the twenty lashes.

The next year was better for Gowen. On 19 January 1658 [whether 1657/8 or 1658/9 is not clear], the town of Kittery granted him twenty-four acres.^[17] This land, together with another parcel granted to Gowen some fifteen years later, made a tract containing forty-five acres. It was located in Kittery Point, on the easterly side of Spruce Creek, near the spot where the present Norton Road joins the road up Spruce Creek. On 5 July 1658, Gowen was sworn as constable for the town of Kittery.^[18] Two years later, on 11 June 1660, the town of Exeter granted him ten acres,^[19] perhaps as delayed compensation for his services as cowherd.

In October 1668 Gowen applied to the Associate Court at Wells to be appointed administrator of the estate of Henry Barnes, presumably his son-in-law. However, Gowen did not pursue the administration, and a year later on 12 October 1669, the court appointed Abraham Corbett as administrator.^[20]

Gowen evidently continued as constable, but by 1670 the burdens of the position became apparent. On 5 July 1670, he was fined for “goeing to strawberry banke & for publishing Joseph Fleete & Mary Pearce on the Lord’s Day & neither of them living in the Township of Portsmouth.”^[21] But even greater problems lay in Gowen’s future.

¹⁵ *Province and Court Records of Maine*, ed. Charles Thornton Libby (vols. 1–2), Robert Earle Moody (vols. 3), and Neal Woodside Allen, Jr. (vols. 4–6), 6 vols. (Portland, Maine: Maine Historical Society, 1928–1975), 2:55. For Gowen posting bond, see Rockingham County Deeds, 2:180.

¹⁶ See Diane Rapaport, “Breaking the King’s Peace,” *New England Ancestors* 8:3 (Summer 2007):55–57.

¹⁷ Kittery Land Grants, 1:11, as quoted in Wilson, *Wilson Family of Kittery* [note 3], 14, 15.

¹⁸ *Province and Court Records of Maine* [note 15], 2:65. Gowen Wilson was a plaintiff in an action for debt, also on 5 July 1658 (2:61–62).

¹⁹ Bell, *History of Exeter* [note 15], 135.

²⁰ *Province and Court Records of Maine* [note 15], 2:410, 498.

²¹ *Ibid.*, 2:202, 196.

Many of the inhabitants at Kittery Point had refused to pay taxes for the upkeep of a minister with whom they were greatly disaffected. It was Gowen's job as constable to collect this money from his fellow residents. The minister eventually took the matter to court, attempting to collect his maintenance, and the verdict in 1676 was in his favor.

1673 – July 1st, Att a Court houlden at Yorke: The court doth order and appoynt that [whereas] Gowine Willson, who was Constable in the yeare :69: and had a rate of the Ministry for that yeare committed to him to gather, of which 23 pounds is yet behind, [it] shall forth with be leavyd by distress upon all persons defective such somes as they are yett indebted upon that rate and deliver the same to Mr. Hubbard or his order, and the remainder of the sayd Twenty three pounds, if any such bee, before the last of August next leavyed by distress by the Marshall of this County upon the sd Gowine Willson by warrant from the ReCor: of the County Court, and what shall yet be wanting to make up the some of thyrtty five pounds shall be forwith leavyed by the Selectmen of the lower Kittery upon the inhabitants there and payd to the sd M. Hubbard or his order in money or what shall be acquivolent. And this order is to bee fully Attended to & answered by the last of September next.^[22]

1676 – July 4th, Att a County Court houlden at Wells: It is now ordered in persewance of the former order that the ReCor: of the county Court doe forth with grant frth to the Marshall two executions, the one bee leavyed upon Gowine Willson & his Estate for twenty three pounds or so much hereof as shall not bring in receipts for under Mr. Hubbards hand.^[23]

This 1676 court record refers to the 1673 order regarding the taxes levied in 1669 to pay the salary of “Mr. Jere: Hubbard from the Inhabitants of Lower Kittery for his paynes amongst them as a preacher of the Gospell.” It illustrates not only the difficulty in collecting taxes in those times but also the concept that the tax collector was personally liable for the entire sum he was authorized to collect.^[24]

Despite these difficulties, Gowen was still called upon for public service. On 4 July 1671 he was on a grand jury for the next year.^[25] On 23 February 1674 he was again on a grand jury.^[26] In June 1674 and June 1675 he was among the seven men chosen as selectmen of Kittery.^[27]

On 7 July 1674 Gowen applied to the court for exemption from militia duty “by reason of his age & weaknesse,” even though he apparently was under the

²² Ibid., 2:250, 273.

²³ Ibid., 2:312, 324.

²⁴ An account of a tax collector spending over eleven months in jail, besides losing his farm, including the house, barn, and a mare, for failure to collect all taxes due from his impoverished neighbors, is in Ken Stevens, *Wilsons From New England, Volume “D,” Descendants of Joseph Wilson of Braintree, Massachusetts* (Walpole, N.H.: the author, 1988), 25.

²⁵ *Province and Court Records of Maine* [note 15], 2:209, 212.

²⁶ Exeter Court Records, transcriptions in John Alonzo Boutelle, “The Boutelle Genealogical Collection,” in R. Stanton Avery Special Collections, NEHGS, Mss. A B67, 19 vols., 1:709.

²⁷ Wilson, *Wilson Family of Kittery* [note 3], 14.

maximum age of sixty. The court granted his request in turn for an annual payment of six shillings to the militia company.^[28]

On 27 May 1684 Gowen was again on a grand jury for the next year.^[29] However, he died, evidently at Kittery, between 2 June 1684, when he conveyed land to his son-in-law Andrew Haley, and 6 August 1686, when his youngest son gave a receipt for “my portion of my father’s estate.”^[30]

Known children of Gowen¹ Wilson, order uncertain:

- i. (probably) REBECCA² WILSON,^[31] perhaps the child born in 1643, presumably at Hingham; m. (1) say 1665 HENRY BARNES, a shipwright and one of Gowen’s neighbors on the easterly side of Spruce Creek.^[32] After Henry’s death in 1668, Gowen applied to be appointed administrator of Henry’s estate. The only known child of Henry and Rebecca was Henry Barnes, Jr., who was killed on 4 May 1705 during an Indian raid on Kittery.^[33] Rebecca m. (2) sometime after 1682, HENRY BODGE, shipwright, another neighbor from Spruce Creek, and a widower with five children.^[34] Henry Bodge was killed on 20 Aug. 1694 during an Indian raid on Kittery.^[35] Rebecca and her son Henry Barnes were appointed administrators of Henry Bodge’s estate.^[36]
- ii. DEBORAH WILSON, b. say 1645, probably at Hingham; m. ANDREW HALEY, of Haley’s Island, Isle of Shoals, a colorful character, self-styled “King of the Shoals.”^[37] After his marriage he settled at Kittery where on 2 June 1684, Gowen Wilson conveyed eleven acres of land to “Andrew Haley who has married my daughter Deborah.”^[38] Andrew Haley had seven children (some possibly by a previous marriage): Andrew, Elizabeth, William, Rhoda,

²⁸ *Province and Court Records of Maine* [note 15], 2:279.

²⁹ *Ibid.*, 3:114, 120.

³⁰ *York Deeds*, 18 vols. in 19 (Portland, Maine: Maine Historical Society et al., 1887–1910), 4:87; 7:162.

³¹ The only evidence found by this author for identifying Rebecca, wife of Henry Barnes and then Henry Bodge, as the daughter of Gowen Wilson, is that Gowen applied in 1668 to be administrator of the estate of Henry Barnes [see note 20]. A 1762 plot of certain lands on Spruce Creek is described in Everett S. Stackpole, *Old Kittery and Her Families* (Lewiston, Maine: Press of the Lewiston Journal, 1903), 68, and the following sentence may indicate further evidence: “A portion of the land marked in the plot as belonging to Joseph Wilson seems to have belonged originally to Henry Bodge. In 1701 it is described as “eight acres . . . lying on the North side of Spruce Creek . . . whereon Bodge lived in his life time.”

³² G. Andrews Moriarty, “The Bodge Family of Charlestown, Mass.,” *Register* 101 (1947):97–103 at 98; Noyes, Libby, and Davis, *Genealogical Dictionary of Maine and New Hampshire* [note 14], 77.

³³ Wilson, *Wilson Family of Kittery* [note 3], 64.

³⁴ Moriarty, “The Bodge Family” [note 32], *Register* 101:98; Noyes, Libby, and Davis, *Genealogical Dictionary of Maine and New Hampshire* [note 14], 77.

³⁵ Wilson, *Wilson Family of Kittery* [note 3], 64.

³⁶ Moriarty, “The Bodge Family” [note 32], *Register* 101:98; *Province and Court Records of Maine* [note 15], 4:132–33.

³⁷ Noyes, Libby, and Davis, *Genealogical Dictionary of Maine and New Hampshire* [note 14], 297; Stackpole, *Old Kittery* [note 31], 483;

³⁸ *York Deeds* [note 30], 4:87.

Deliverance, Deborah, and Anna.^[39] On 24 Dec. 1697, Deborah and her son Andrew were appointed administrators of the estate of Andrew Haley, late of Kittery, deceased, intestate.^[40]

- iii. SON, b. Exeter in Nov. 1647, d. the same day.^[41]
- 2 iv. JOSEPH WILSON, b. say 1649, probably at Exeter; m. HANNAH ENDLE.
- v. JOHN WILSON, b. say 1651; evidently d. unmarried. On either 6 June 1690 or 25 Feb. 1690/1,^[42] Nathaniel Keene was appointed administrator of John's estate. On 6 Aug. 1686 John had executed the following deed:

To all Christian people to whom this present instrument shall come Know Yee that I, John Wilson of Kittery in y^e province of Maine in New England doe Acknowledge to have received three Acres of land with a dwelling house, one Cow & one Sow, all of which I have rec^d & with which I doe willingly acknowledge my Selfe to be fully Satisfied, Contented & paid all my part and portion in & of my father Gowen Wilsons Estate. Also Knoe Yee that I doe freely, fully, clearly and Absolutely aquit and discharge my brother Joseph Wilson of Every part & parcel thereof that Ever was due to me whether by will or heirship. Further Know Yee that After my decease I y^e s^d John Wilson doe Covenant & promise to & with my Brother Joseph Wilson that on Condition he, his heirs or assigns shall take Care of me if I shall need his or their help that then y^e above s^d house and three Acres of land Shall return to my s^d Brother Joseph Wilson, his heirs, Executors, Administrators & Assigns to be his & their own proper Estate & that for ever. [signed] John X Wilson. Witnesses were William Sereven, Nicholas Weeks.^[43]

(to be continued)

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³⁹ Noyes, Libby, and Davis, *Genealogical Dictionary of Maine and New Hampshire* [note 14], 297.

⁴⁰ *Ibid.*, 297.

⁴¹ "Old Norfolk County Records" [note 10], *The Essex Antiquarian* 5:15.

⁴² *York Deeds* [note 30], 5:2:9 (6 June 1690); *Province and Court Records of Maine* [note 15], 3:298 (25 February 1690/1).

⁴³ *York Deeds* [note 30], 7:162. From the text of this deed John seems to have been impaired, either physically or mentally.

THE MAYS OF WASHINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS,
AND THE PARENTS OF
NANCY (MAY) FLETCHER AND SUSAN (MAY) SEAGERS

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Nancy May married Gideon Fletcher at Washington, Berkshire County, Massachusetts, 20 June 1814.^[1] They eventually moved to Brookfield, Madison County, New York, where she died in 1827.^[2] No record has been found that names Nancy's parents.^[3]

Two men named May, Eleazer and William, lived in Washington in 1810, and the Federal census that year shows both with females of the right age to be Nancy (May) Fletcher.^[4] As will be seen, research on the Mays showed that Eleazer and William were probably brothers, born at Dudley, Massachusetts, and that William could not be Nancy's father. However, by documenting Eleazer May's life and children, it became clear Eleazer had a daughter, Susan (May) Seagers, and strong circumstantial evidence shows Susan to have been a sister of Nancy (May) Fletcher.

Eleazer May appeared at Washington only in the 1810 census. No vital records for the births of his children in Massachusetts have been found, and no Berkshire or Worcester County deeds connect Eleazer to William May. By 1850 Eleazer was living with his son Erastus May at New Braintree, Massachusetts. Eleazer died at New Braintree 21 February 1853 age 97,^[5] suggesting he was born

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¹ *Vital Records of Washington, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* (Boston: NEHGS, 1904), 39.

² Family Bible of William Fletcher, son of Gideon and Nancy (May) Fletcher. In 1938 this Bible was in the possession of William's granddaughter Julia Fletcher Schroeder of Mohawk, New York, and the family records were torn out and sent to her cousin John Baxter Black, who still has possession of the loose family records.

³ The only birth record found in Massachusetts for a Nancy May during this time period was for a daughter of Moses and Hannah (Smith) May, born at Leominster, Massachusetts, 10 June 1792. However, this Nancy died unmarried at Westminister, Massachusetts, 10 June 1841 age 53. Her will, in which she leaves her estate to her surviving siblings and heirs of deceased siblings, was proved there in 1845 (*Vital Records of Leominster, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849* [Worcester, Mass.: Franklin P. Rice, 1911], 99; *Vital Records of Westminister, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849* [Worcester, Mass.: Franklin P. Rice, 1908], 235; Worcester County Probate, file 39367, 89:130-31).

⁴ 1810 U.S. Census, Washington, Berkshire County, Massachusetts, roll 17, p. 217.

⁵ Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 77:147, widowed, a farmer, born Warren, no parents given.

about 1756. Dudley vital records include the births of “Eliezer,” son of Samuel and Abigail May, 1 March 1757, and a younger brother “Billey,” born 2 March 1770.^[6]

A 1770 birth date agrees with William’s age at death on his gravestone in Washington [died 25 August 1821 in his 52nd year],^[7] which is consistent with his age in censuses.^[8] The 1821 administration of William May names wife Esther and children David, William Spear, Betsey, Laura, Loring, Jasper, and Nathaniel.^[9] William May married Esther Spear at Ellington, Connecticut, 19 January 1787, and his children David, William Spear, and Betsey were born there.^[10] Twins, Laura and Loring, were recorded at Washington, and Jasper and Nathaniel were born at Middlefield, Massachusetts.^[11]

GENEALOGICAL SUMMARY

ELEAZER⁶ MAY, son of Samuel⁵ (*Eleazer*⁴⁻³, *Samuel*², *John*¹) and Abigail (Lyon) May,^[12] was born at Dudley, Massachusetts,^[13] 1 March 1757. He died at New Braintree, Massachusetts, 21 February 1853 age 97. He married at Dudley in September 1779 **ABIGAIL PRINCE**,^[14] born at Sutton, Massachusetts, 4 January 1756, daughter of Stephen and Abigail (Perkins) Prince.^[15] She died at Brookfield, Massachusetts, 5 February 1836 age 79 [*sic*], and was buried in the New Cemetery in West Brookfield.^[16]

⁶ *Vital Records of Dudley, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849* (Worcester, Mass.: Franklin P. Rice, 1908), 85.

⁷ “The Old So-Called Washington ‘City’ Cemetery, Washington, Mass.,” R. Stanton Avery Special Collections, NEHGS, MS 10 WAS 1, p. 3.

⁸ 1800 U.S. Census, Middlefield, Hampshire County, Massachusetts, roll 15, p. 1135; 1810 U.S. Census, Washington, Berkshire County, Massachusetts, roll 17, p. 217; 1820 U.S. Census, Washington, Berkshire County, Massachusetts, roll 48, p. 185.

⁹ Berkshire County Probate, file 3943, 346:250.

¹⁰ Ellington Vital Records (original records at the Ellington Town Hall), 1:13. This record lists the marriage year as 1787, when William was sixteen. But his first child was born in 1791, so perhaps 1787 was a town clerk’s error for 1789. The marriages on 1:13 are not in chronological order.

¹¹ *Vital Records of Washington* [note 1], 17; *Vital Records of Middlefield, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* (Boston: NEHGS, 1907), 34.

¹² John Franklin May, *Descendants of John May of Roxbury, Mass. 1640* (Baltimore: Gateway Press, 1978), 1–2, 475–79, 481, 484 (patrilineal descent); Frederic Endicott, *The Record of Births, Marriages, and Deaths, and Intentions of Marriages in the Town of Stoughton from 1727 to 1800 and in the Town of Canton from 1797 to 1845* (Canton, Mass.: William Bense, 1896), 33 (marriage of Samuel May and Abigail Lyon).

¹³ Eleazer May’s death record says he was born at Warren (see note 5 above), but Eleazer himself said he was born at Dudley in his pension declaration in 1832 (Revolutionary War Pension File, Eleazer May, S11021).

¹⁴ *Vital Records of Dudley* [note 6], 198.

¹⁵ *Vital Records of Sutton, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849* (Worcester, Mass.: Franklin P. Rice, 1907), 131 (birth), 330 (parents’ marriage).

¹⁶ *Vital Records of Brookfield, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849* (Worcester, Mass.: Franklin P. Rice, 1907), 512 (Abigail [w. Eleazer], mother to Erastus).

Eleazer May served in the Revolutionary War, initially enlisting in July 1776 at Dudley as a private and serving for four months. He was enrolled as a corporal at Sturbridge, Massachusetts, engaged from 16 August 1777 to 30 November 1777, and fought at Stillwater and Saratoga. His declaration for a pension on 23 October 1832 says that he lived at Dudley until he was age 35 and that he lived for two years at Woodstock, Connecticut, and twelve years at “Wilsborough,” Pennsylvania.^[17] The latter almost certainly refers to Wellsboro, a borough incorporated in 1830, formerly part of Delmar, Tioga County, Pennsylvania.

However, Eleazer was enumerated in the 1790 census at Charlton, Massachusetts (just north of Dudley), as head of a household of one male under 16, one male over 16, and five females.^[18] In 1800 at Sturbridge, Eleazer’s household consisted of one male under 10, one male 10–16, one male 26–44, two females under 10, one female 16–26, and one female 26–44.^[19]

In 1810 at Washington, Eleazer’s household consisted of two males 16–26, one male 45 or over, one female 10–16, one female 16–25, and one female 45 or over.^[20] He was probably still there when son Erastus “of Washington” married in 1811 and daughter Nancy married in 1814 (see below).

Eleazer was probably living at Wellsboro in 1820 and perhaps in 1830, but he was not enumerated as head of household in either year. He was living at Brookfield, Massachusetts, by 1832 when he filed for a pension.^[21] In 1840 he was living alone as a pensioner at New Braintree, age 83.^[22] In 1850 he was still living there, age 93, in the household of his son Erastus.^[23]

Eleazer May’s Worcester County administration identifies four of his children, as follows:^[24]

I, Erastus May, of New Braintree, in the County of Worcester, do depose and say that my Father, Eleazer May, died in said New Braintree on the 21st day of February, A.D. 1853. that he was at the time of his decease a pensioner of the United States at the rate of \$26.20, per annum, – that he left no Widow – that he left one Son, to wit, myself and one daughter supposed to be now living, to wit, Sophia Strickland – and that all the other children of said deceased are known to have deceased previous to said 21st of February, 1853, except Susan Segers and Elotia Connover[?], who left this Commonwealth more than 30 years ago, have not been heard of since & are supposed to be dead. [signed] Erastus May

Worcester Ms. May 10, 1853. Sworn to before me,

Charles G. Prentiss, Justice of the Peace

¹⁷ *Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors in the War of the Revolution*, 17 vols. (Boston: Wright and Potter, 1896–1908), 10:375; Revolutionary War Pension File, Eleazer May, S11021.

¹⁸ 1790 U.S. Census, Charlton, Worcester County, Massachusetts, roll 4, p. 147.

¹⁹ 1800 U.S. Census, Sturbridge, Worcester County, Massachusetts, roll 16, p. 334.

²⁰ 1810 U.S. Census, Washington, Berkshire County, Massachusetts, roll 17, p. 217.

²¹ Revolutionary War Pension File, Eleazer May, S11021.

²² 1840 U.S. Census, New Braintree, Worcester County, Massachusetts, roll 202, p. 220.

²³ 1850 U.S. Census, New Braintree, roll 343, p. 147.

²⁴ Worcester County Probate, File 39326.

Based on the census records, and assuming all younger males and females were Eleazer's children, Eleazer and Abigail had four daughters by 1790, only one still living with them in 1800 but not in 1810. Two females born in the 1790s were in Eleazer's household in 1800 and 1810. They also had two sons, one born by 1790 and one born in the next decade. Thus we can conclude that Eleazer and Abigail probably had at least six daughters and two sons.

Three daughters and one son were unnamed in Erastus's 1853 deposition, so Nancy could still be Eleazer's daughter. Nothing further could be found on Elotia Conover, but Susan, wife of Vine Seagers, lived in Tioga County, Pennsylvania, from at least 1820 to 1860.^[25] The 1850 census of Tioga County gives the birthplace of Susan and Vine as Massachusetts. Susan, age 54 in 1850, fits in earlier censuses as Eleazer's youngest daughter. Some of the children of Gideon and Nancy (May) Fletcher listed their birthplace as Pennsylvania, and Gideon's second wife listed Tioga County, Pennsylvania, as one of his residences in her pension application.^[26] In 1820 the families of Vine Seagers and Gideon Fletcher lived in Delmar, Tioga County, Pennsylvania, enumerated with only one household between them.^[27] Although Gideon Fletcher was enumerated at Edmeston, Otsego County, New York, in 1830,^[28] he apparently went first to Brookfield, Madison County, New York, where his wife Nancy died.^[29]

Children of Eleazer and Abigail (Prince) May, order estimated from censuses:

- i. ELOTIA⁷ MAY, b. say 1780; m. _____ CONNOVER[?],^[30] left Massachusetts more than thirty years before her father's death; perhaps still living in 1853.
- ii. ?DAUGHTER, b. say 1782; no record after 1790.
- iii. SOPHIA MAY, b. ca. 1784, probably Wales, Mass.;^[31] d. Palmer, Mass., 10 Dec. 1855 age 71,^[32] bur. Palmer Cemetery there with her husband.^[33] She m. with

²⁵ 1820 U.S. Census, Delmar, Tioga County, Pennsylvania, roll 113, p. 21; 1830 U.S. Census, Charleston, Tioga County, roll 163, p. 7; 1840 U.S. Census, Charleston, roll 495, p. 296; 1850 U.S. Census, Westfield, Tioga County, roll 830, p. 290; 1860 U.S. Census, Westfield, roll 1187, p. 772; 1870 U.S. Census, Westfield, roll 1457, p. 453.

²⁶ War of 1812 Pension File, Gideon Fletcher, WO-24242).

²⁷ 1820 U.S. Census, Delmar, Tioga County, Pennsylvania, roll 113, p. 21. Neither household showed a male old enough to be Eleazer May.

²⁸ 1830 U.S. Census, Edmeston, Otsego County, New York, roll 102, p. 304.

²⁹ Family Bible of William Fletcher [note 2].

³⁰ The index to volume 2 of *Genealogies of Long Island Families from The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record*, 2 vols. (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1987), was reviewed for all entries for the letters C, K, and V since that volume contains Lincoln C. Cocheu, "The Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family," at pp. 505-623. No entries were found that could be Elotia, and a review of the article showed no male-line descendants in Massachusetts.

³¹ Sophia's birthplace is based on her death record (see next note) and the death record of her son Emory Strickland (Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 257:31, age 60, born Washington, parents named, Sophia born Wales). Neither is necessarily a reliable source.

³² Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 93:234, old age, born Wales, no parents named.

³³ Orrin Peer Allen, *Inscriptions from the Two Ancient Cemeteries of Palmer, Mass.* (Palmer, Mass.: Cemetery Commissioners, 1902), 35.

- intentions at Brookfield 28 Feb. 1808, ELIJAH STRICKLAND,^[34] b. Palmer 14 July 1786, d. there 8 Dec. 1852 age 66, son of James and Naomi (Needham) Strickland.^[35]
- iv. ERASTUS MAY, b. Woodstock, Conn., ca. 1786; d. New Braintree, Mass., 20 July 1866;^[36] As Erastus May of Washington, he m. at Palmer 9 Oct. 1811, BETSY STRICKLAND,^[37] b. South Brimfield (now Wales), Mass., 14 Jan. 1791, d. New Braintree 14 May 1856, daughter of James and Naomi (Needham) Strickland, and sister of Elijah who married Erastus's sister Sophia.^[38]
- v. ?DAUGHTER, b. say 1788; no record after 1790.
- vi. ?SON, b. say 1791;^[39] no record after 1810.
- vii. NANCY MAY, b. ca. 1794, perhaps at Sturbridge,^[40] d. Brookfield, Madison Co., N.Y., 1827;^[41] m. Washington, Mass., 20 June 1814 GIDEON FLETCHER,^[42] b. Pittsfield, Mass., 5 May 1791, d. Springville, Susquehanna Co., Pa., 16 Feb. 1866, bur. Springville Cemetery, son of John and Silence (Curtice) Fletcher.^[43] Gideon m. (2) Otsego Co., N.Y. 9 Sept. 1829 Aphia Kibbey.^[44] The 1830 census of Edmeston, Otsego Co., shows Gideon Fletcher enumerated with his second wife, age 20–30.^[45]

³⁴ *Vital Records of Brookfield* [note 16], 368.

³⁵ *Vital Records of Palmer, Massachusetts to the Year 1850* (NEHGS: Boston, 1905), 77 (birth); Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 66:207 (death, which says he was born in Ware, son of James); Grace Olive Chapman, "Needhams of Wales, Mass., and Stafford, Conn.," *Register* 110 (1956):27–37, 113–22, at 34; Walter E. Corbin, "Absalom Gardner's History of Wales," *The Corbin Collection, Volume II: Records of Hampden County, Massachusetts*, CD-ROM (Boston: NEHGS, 2003), p. 481 [1300]. At 1302 on the same page, Gardner gives a descriptive colorful account of Elijah and Sophia (May) Strickland, a couple in need in of the town's support, with Elijah's troubles often derived from "that agent of Beelzebub Alcohol, of which he generally absorbed about all he could get."

³⁶ Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 194:216 (death).

³⁷ *Vital Records of Palmer* [note 35], 151.

³⁸ *Ibid.*, 77 (birth at S. Brimfield); Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 104:171 (death).

³⁹ Approximate year of birth is based on censuses (should be between 1790 and 1794).

⁴⁰ Nancy's estimated year of birth is based on three censuses: the 1800 and 1810 censuses, which indicated Eleazer's second youngest daughter was born between 1790 and 1794, and the 1820 census in which the older female in the household of Gideon Fletcher was 16–26.

⁴¹ Family Bible of William Fletcher [note 2]. Aphia Fletcher, in her pension application for Gideon's service in the War of 1812, stated that her husband's first wife, Nancy May, died at Columbus, Chenango County, New York, about 1827 (War of 1812 Pension File, Gideon Fletcher [note 26]).

⁴² *Vital Records of Washington* [note 1], 39.

⁴³ Family Bible of William Fletcher [note 2]; War of 1812 Pension File, Gideon Fletcher [note 26] (place of birth; date and place of death); *Vital Records of Ashfield, Massachusetts, to the year 1849* (Boston: NEHGS, 1942), 157 (marriage of parents); Harlow Dunham Curtis, *Richard Curtice, Master Mariner* (Madison, Conn.: Mrs. William Dowd Scranton, 1955), 13 (birth); Springville Cemetery, transcribed by Lisa Burger 6 April 2006, available online at www.findagrave.com. Gideon Fletcher is mentioned in his father's Revolutionary War pension file #S22771.

⁴⁴ Family Bible of William Fletcher [note 2]; War of 1812 Pension File, Gideon Fletcher [note 26] (date of marriage). Steve Goozovat's research to determine Aphia's maiden name is expected to be the subject of a forthcoming article in the *Register*.

⁴⁵ 1830 U.S. Census, Edmeston, Otsego County, New York, roll 102, p. 304.

- viii. SUSAN MAY, b. Mass., perhaps at Sturbridge, ca. 1796;^[46] d. 13 Feb. 1860 age 63; bur. Champlin Cemetery, Westfield, Tioga Co., Pa.;^[47] m. Mass. before 1817 VINE SEAGERS, b. Mass. 5 Dec. 1788, d. Westfield 11 Dec. 1872 age 84,^[48] bur. with his wife.

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⁴⁶ Susan's estimated year of birth is based on her age in the 1850 and 1860 censuses, which agrees with the age of Eleazer's youngest daughter in the 1800 and 1810 censuses — who would have been born between 1795 and 1800.

⁴⁷ Rhoda (English) Ladd, Lola (Weatherbee) Franke, and Hilda (Snowberger) Chance, "Tioga County, Pennsylvania, Records: Cemetery Inscriptions and Historical Data," *Pennsylvania DAR Genealogical Records Committee Report: Cemetery, Church and Town Records*, Series 1 (Pennsylvania Cemetery, Church and Town Records), vol. 502 (1972):125; Champlin Cemetery records (joycetice.com/cemt/champln5.htm), viewed 19 May 2008.

⁴⁸ Obituary of Vine Seagers, *Tioga County Agitator*, 31 December 1872 (joycetice.com/tcobt212.htm), viewed 19 May 2008. The obituary says he was born in Massachusetts 5 December 1788, married there, and his first child was born there. Vine may have been the son of John Seagers who was enumerated in the 1800 and 1810 censuses of Washington (1800 U.S. Census, Washington, Berkshire County, Massachusetts, roll 13, p. 215; 1810 U.S. Census, Washington, roll 17, p. 219), with males in his household of the right age to be Vine.

RICHARD¹ GODFREY OF TAUNTON, MASSACHUSETTS, AND HIS CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN

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Only fragmentary compilations of some of the descendants of Richard¹ Godfrey of Taunton, Massachusetts, have appeared in print. George Allen Dary did some good research and perhaps actually wrote an account before his death in 1905. But it was probably his wife who typed it and presented it to NEHGS in 1920. Parts of the following account are taken verbatim from the first part of the typescript.^[1] Dary begins,

Savage, in his *Genealogical Dictionary*, says, regarding this family, “equally strange and lamentable is it that a name which has so long predominated at Taunton should have so little genealogical precision in its details.”^[2] The compiler has collected such records as appear to be reliable from many sources, in the endeavor to present and preserve a connected account of the earlier lines of descent of the founder of the Taunton family. No one regrets more than he the want of evidence of English ancestry, or the omissions and errors that may appear. The only printed account of the family known to him is contained in Gen. Ebenezer W. Peirce’s *Contributions, Biographical, Genealogical and Historical*, 1874,^[3] to which credit is due.

Richard Godfrey appeared in Taunton about 1651, probably a very young man. Job Godfrey, a descendant in the 6th generation, for many years Proprietor’s clerk in Taunton, in a meagre record states that Richard was born in England 1631, and was a son of a Richard Godfrey, born in Wales 1600.

1. RICHARD¹ GODFREY was born perhaps about 1631 or earlier, surely in England.^[4] He died, probably at Taunton, on 16 October 1691.^[5] He married first

¹ George A. Dary, “Godfrey Genealogy, descendants of Richard of Taunton, Mass.,” typescript (Brookline, Mass., 1920), R. Stanton Avery Special Collections, NEHGS, G GOD 500. This is the “Godfrey (ms)” incorrectly identified as work of one of the Holmans in Clarence A. Torrey, *New England Marriages Prior to 1700*, CD-ROM (Boston: NEHGS, 2001). Dary was elected to NEHGS 1 February 1899 and died 30 December 1905. His widow, Elizabeth (Tuttle) Dary of Brookline, joined the Society 2 January 1918 and died 13 April 1926 (NEHGS Archives; *Register* 60 [1906]:lxxvii; 82 [1928]:115). Direct quotations from Dary are indented or in quotes; these first two paragraphs are from page 1. Other text contains phrases from Dary, but they are so intermixed with this author’s research that it was awkward to distinguish them. Dary’s typescript contains much information on later generations.

² James Savage, *A Genealogical Dictionary of the First Settlers of New England*, 4 vols. (Boston: Little, Brown & Co., 1860–62; repr. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1965), 2:266.

³ This is Ebenezer Weaver Peirce, *Contributions, Biographical, Genealogical and Historical* (Boston: D. Clapp & Sons, 1874), 52–54, 61–63. This work has information on later descendants.

⁴ W. M. Bollenbach, Jr., *The New England Ancestry of Alice Everett Johnson* (Baltimore: Gateway Press, 2003), 153, claims that Richard was born in co. Lancaster 16 October 1631, but none of the few sources cited includes that possibility. Bollenbach’s account of Richard and his children contains a number of statements with which this article disagrees.

about 1650 _____ **TURNER**, daughter of John (*John*¹) and Jane (_____) Turner.^[6] He married second at Taunton 26 March 1684, **MARY** (_____) **PHILLIPS**,^[7] widow of James Phillips.^[8]

Taunton proprietors records document Richard's first marriage. On a list of lands of John Turner, dated 12 October 1666, one item is "six acres . . . at a place called the 'hamer beame,' being bounded on the south by a gutter, on the north by a parcel of land, which I gave to my son in law Richard Godfrey, on the west by a little Pine swamp, and the east by the Three Mile brook."^[9] John Turner was the clerk of the iron works^[10] and one of the owners.^[11] On 9 April 1679, with his wife Jane, he conveyed all his possessions in Taunton for "Love and Respect" to his son-in-law Benedict Arnold of Newport, Rhode Island and Mary his wife.^[12]

Richard Godfrey settled in 1652 in that part of Taunton called Squawbetty, "near the old forge, now Raynham,"^[13] and probably had an interest in the iron works there. However, his name does not appear on a list of "proprietors in the Bloomerie" in 1653/4.^[14]

On 5 March 1671/2, "Richard Godfrey, of Taunton, being p[re]sented for speaking opprobriously of some in place in the towne of Taunton, was centanced by the Court to sit in the stockes att Taunton on a training day, soe as it exceed not two houres."^[15] In 1675 he was on a list of heads of families in Taunton, and

⁵ Dary, "Godfrey Genealogy" [note 1], 2, citing "the probate papers," no longer in the empty probate file.

⁶ Although her given name is often said to be Jane, no source for this has been found. Peirce, *Contributions* [note 3], 61, did not know it. Samuel Hopkins Emery, *History of Taunton, Massachusetts* (Syracuse, N.Y.: D. Mason & Co., 1893), 92, says her name was Jane, and that was accepted by Arthur H. and Katharine W. Radasch in their article, "John¹ Turner of Lynn, Mass. and Some of His Descendants," *Register* 123 (1969):33–44 at 34. Her mother was Jane and she had a daughter Jane, so her name may well have been Jane.

⁷ *Vital Records of Taunton, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850*, 3 vols. (Boston: NEHGS, 1929), 2:203, which calls her "wid."

⁸ Emery, *History of Taunton* [note 6], 66. James Phillips' inventory dated 5 July 1677, was sworn to by Mary Phillips, widow (Plymouth Colony Probate [FHL 0,567,794], vol. 3, part 2, pp. 79 [inventory], 83 [settlement]). A record of the Taunton proprietors dated 11 May 1691 says that William Phillips was to possess certain lands "in reversion, that is, immediately after the decease of his mother Mary, the wife of Richard Godfree, Senior of Taunton" (Taunton Proprietors Records, transcript [FHL 0,550,008], 4:28).

⁹ Taunton Proprietors Records, the original on FHL 0,899,104, p. 47, a transcript on FHL 0,550,008, 4:9.

¹⁰ Peirce, *Contributions* [note 3], 52.

¹¹ Emery, *History of Taunton* [note 6], 92, says John Turner was superintendent or foreman of the forge in 1656 and was working there until 13 June 1690, adding that his daughter Mary's husband, Benedict Arnold, was son of the governor at Newport. See also Radasch, "John Turner" [note 6], *Register* 123:34.

¹² Plymouth Colony Deeds, 4:294 [FHL 0,567,789].

¹³ Peirce, *Contributions* [note 3], 52; the date and place name "Squawbetty" are from Samuel Hopkins Emery, *The Ministry of Taunton*, 2 vols. (Boston: John P. Jewett & Co., 1853), 1:234.

¹⁴ J.W.D. Hall, "Ancient Iron Works in Taunton," *Register* 38 (1884):265–75 at 266–67.

¹⁵ Nathaniel Bradstreet Shurtleff, *Records of the Colony of New Plymouth in New England*, 12 vols. (Boston: William White, 1855–61), 5:88.

on a list of purchasers and proprietors accepted by the town on 25 May 1680, he was said to own one half of the purchase rights of Thomas Jones. Richard Godfrey, Sr., Richard Godfrey, Jr., and Robert Godfrey were listed in the “First Squadron” of the Military Company of Taunton in 1682.^[16]

The will of “Richard Godfree, sen’r,” of Taunton, dated 4 October 1691, proved 17 November 1691,^[17] gave

- To son Robert Godfree £5.
- To daughter Jane, wife of John Cobb £5.
- To daughter Alice, wife of Peter Holbrook £5.
- To daughter Susanna, wife of Edward Kettle £5.
- To sons Richard and John Godfree, rest of estate, they to pay all debts and be executors.
- To wife Mary, 20 bushells corn, 1 hog & 1 good cow.

Witnesses were Nathaniel Bunn, Shadrack Wilbor, and Isaac Negus. Dary wrote that Richard’s inventory included land at the iron works, but no inventory has been found.^[18]

Children of Richard¹ and _____ (Turner) Godfrey, order uncertain:

- 2 i. RICHARD² GODFREY, b. ca. 1651;^[19] m. MARY RICHMOND.
- 3 ii. JANE GODFREY, b. ca. 1652;^[20] m. (1) ISRAEL WOODWARD; (2) JOHN COBB.
- 4 iii. JOHN GODFREY, b. say 1654; m. MARTHA JOYCE.
- 5 iv. SUSANNAH GODFREY, b. say 1656; m. EDWARD KETTLE/CETILL.
- 6 v. ALICE GODFREY, b. say 1658;^[21] m. PETER HOLBROOK.
- 7 vi. ROBERT GODFREY, b. say 1660;^[22] m. HANNAH HACKETT.

2. RICHARD² GODFREY (*Richard*¹) was born at Taunton about 1651. He died there on 14 August 1725 aged 74 years, and was buried in the Summer Street (Neck of Land) Burying Ground.^[23] He married at Taunton 1 January 1679/80, **MARY RICHMOND**,^[24] born at Bridgewater, Massachusetts, 2 June 1654,^[25] died

¹⁶ Emery, *History of Taunton*, [note 6], 132–34, 330.

¹⁷ Bristol County Probate, 1:48; the file has nothing in it, only a reference to 1:48.

¹⁸ Dary, “Godfrey Genealogy,” 2 (see note 5); no inventory is found in the record books.

¹⁹ Based on age at death; he died 14 August 1725 age 74 years (*Vital Records of Taunton* [note 7], 3:90).

²⁰ Based on age at death; she died 19 March 1736 in her 85th year (*Vital Records of Taunton* [note 7], 3:51).

²¹ Her last child was born in 1702, making it very unlikely that she was born earlier than about 1657 (*Vital Records of Mendon, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* [Boston: NEHGS, 1920], 100).

²² Based on an estimated age of 25 when he married in 1685.

²³ *Vital Records of Taunton* [note 7], 3:90.

²⁴ “Plymouth Colony Records,” *Register* 9 (1855):313–18 at 316, at Taunton; “Marriages, Births and Deaths at Taunton, Mass. [from the Proprietor’s Records],” *Register* 16 (1862):324–28; 17 (1863):34–37, 232–36, at 36; *Vital Records of Taunton* [note 7], 2:203.

²⁵ Emery, *History of Taunton* [note 6], 74; “Plymouth Colony Vital Records,” *Mayflower Descendant* 1 (1899):139–48 et seq., including 18 (1916):166, which says only “Daughter of John Richmond.”

at Taunton 5 November 1732 in her 78th year and was buried with her husband,^[26] daughter of John² (*John*¹) Richmond and his first wife, Susannah Hayward.^[27] Dary wrote that Mary's mother was "(probably) Abigail (Rogers) Richmond." Dary was right to be cautious as Abigail was John Richmond's second wife.^[28]

It was probably Richard² Godfrey, not his father, who was a soldier in King Phillip's War included on lists dated 10 December 1675 and 24 July 1676.^[29] Perhaps Richard² was among those who thwarted the Wampanoag attack on Taunton 11 July 1676, and among the "party of twenty Tauntonians" who captured twenty-six natives at Norton 6 August 1676.^[30]

In 1710 a hundred and seven persons in Taunton signed a petition in favor of maintaining Robert Crossman's grist mill and dam, which James Leonard, Jr., desired removed to allow alewives to pass up Mill River. Richard Godfrey, Sr., Richard Godfrey Jr., and Robert Godfrey signed.^[31]

"Richard Godfree Senior," of Taunton made a will dated 26 January 1722/3 (signed by mark), proved 13 October 1725,^[32] in which he provided:

Eldest son Richard House and land, bnd. W'ly by Taunton Great River; E'ly highway; N'ly by Samuel Pitts; S'ly by Seth Williams; also land on E'ly side highway.

Sons John and Joseph 5th lot in Grate Cedar Swamp. Son John and five daughters, Alice Gashit, Mary Smith, Abigail Hoskins, Joannah Burt and Sarah Walker £20 each. Son Joseph £5 and orders [son] Richard to give deed of land where Joseph now liveth.

Wife Mary 1/3 income improved land, and all money or cash, debts due &c.

[Son] Richard [to be] Executor.

Witnesses were Seth Williams, Samuel Pitts, and James Williams. On 11 October 1725, Mary signed (by mark) her approval of the will, and released to her son Richard all her interest in the land.

²⁶ *Vital Records of Taunton* [note 7], 3:90, called wife of Richard 1st.

²⁷ Edward Henry Whorf, "John² Richmond (*John*¹) Had Two Wives," *Mayflower Descendant* 9 (1907):58–59 at 59, citing the Bristol County Probate records of Thomas Richmond and Bristol County Deeds, 17:508; Alice W. A. Eastgate and Ann T. Reeves, *Mayflower Families Through Five Generations . . . Vol. 19, Family: Thomas Rogers* (Plymouth, Mass.: General Society of Mayflower Descendants, 2000), 17.

²⁸ Dary, "Godfrey Genealogy" [note 1], 4; Eastgate and Reeves, *Thomas Rogers* [note 27], 17.

²⁹ *Register* 38 (1884):442, citing Massachusetts State Archives, 68:104; George Madison Bodge, *Soldiers in King Philip's War* (Leominster, Mass.: the author, 1896; repr. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1976), 156, 363.

³⁰ Eric B. Schultz and Michael J. Tougias, *King Philip's War: The History and Legacy of America's Forgotten Conflict* (Woodstock, Vt.: Countryman Press, 1999), 93–94.

³¹ James M. Cushman, Esq., "Cohannet Alewives and the Ancient Grist Mill at the Falls on Mill River," *Collections of the Old Colony Historical Society* 5 (1895):71, 81–82, 91. Israel Woodward and David Gaschet (discussed below) also signed.

³² As abstracted by Dary, "Godfrey Genealogy" [note 1], 4, checked against the original in the Bristol County file. Bristol County Probate, 5:181, says Mary's release was on the "seventeentth" but the original document in the file does say "eleventh."

Children of Richard² and Mary (Richmond) Godfrey, all born at Taunton:^[33]

- i. ALICE³ GODFREY, b. 20 Aug. 1680; d. probably before 24 March 1731/2 (when her husband had remarried); m. Taunton 12 June 1705 DAVID GASHIT,^[34] b. probably in France.^[35] He m. (2) before 24 March 1731/2 Susannah _____ as on that date David Gashit and wife Susannah conveyed land in Taunton to James Perrigo, and on 19 May 1733 David Gashit, shipwright, and Susannah sold fifteen acres to Richard Godfrey.^[36] Spelled in various ways, the surname Gashit evolved into “Gushee” among some descendants.^[37]
- ii. RICHARD GODFREY, b. 1 March 1681[2]; d. before 13 Aug. 1753;^[38] m. Taunton 15 Dec. 1709 BATHSHEBA WALKER,^[39] daughter of James and Bathsheba (Brooks) Walker of Taunton,^[40] d. in early 1756, probably at Taunton.^[41]
- iii. MARY GODFREY, b. 29 May 1682 [*sic*, probably 1683]; m. Taunton 25 Nov. 1703 JOHN SMITH,^[42] b. Taunton 6 Dec. 1680, son of John and Jael (Packard) Smith.^[43]

³³ *Vital Records of Taunton* [note 7], 1:178–82; originally recorded all together with the parents’ marriage and recorded sometime after the last birth [FHL 0,899,104, item 1], part 2, p. 21. The birth of “Als” is not in *Vital Records of Taunton*, but it is written clearly in the original and in *Register* 17:36 [note 24]. The years for the next two children’s births have been altered in the original: Richard’s appears to say 1681, and Mary’s 1682.

³⁴ “Marriages in Taunton,” *Register* 13 (1859):251–55 at 253; *Vital Records of Taunton* [note 7], 2:200.

³⁵ According to two items in the *Boston Transcript*, Henri and David Gashit came from New Rochelle [*sic*], France, about 1695 (19 August 1908, #1131; 4 November 1912, #2562). Georgia Nellie Chandler Cobb in *Register of Huguenot Ancestors*, bound typescript at NEHGS (Washington, D.C.: National Huguenot Society, 1975), 155, lists Henry (but not David), saying he came from La Rochelle about 1700, citing two incorrect references.

³⁶ Bristol County Deeds, 20:116; 22:52, both referring to “my brother Henry Gashet.”

³⁷ For example, the death of Abraham “Gushee” 1 August 1783 in his 71st year (Margaret Harris Stover, *Vital Records of Raynham, Massachusetts* [Plymouth, Mass.: General Society of Mayflower Descendants, 1997], 163). He was evidently a son of David and Alice (Godfrey) Gashit since David’s brother, Henry Gashit, did not name a son Abraham in his will dated 8 March 1737 (Bristol County Probate, 9:59–61). Other vital records show the spelling “Gushee” in Raynham and Dighton (“Dighton Births, 1700–1899,” typescript on *Early Vital Records of Bristol County, Massachusetts, to about 1850*, CD-ROM [Wheat Ridge, Col.: Search and ReSearch Publishing Corp., 1998]).

³⁸ Bristol County Probate, 13:478–80, and Richard Godfrey file. Richard Godfrey made his will 21 February 1742, naming his wife Bathsheba and four children, and it was proved 2 October 1753. However, on 13 August 1753 James Godfrey of Norton challenged the will before it was brought to court.

³⁹ “Marriages in Taunton” [note 34], *Register* 13:254; *Vital Records of Taunton* [note 7], 2:203, as Richard Godfrey, Jr.

⁴⁰ J.B.R. Walker, *Memorial of the Walkers of the Old Plymouth Colony* (Northampton, Mass.: Metcalf & Co., 1861), 21, 25. The will of James Walker, Sr., of Taunton, dated 16 March 1713/4, proved 1 September 1718, names daughter Bathsheba, wife of Richard Godfrey, Jr. (Bristol County Probate, James Walker file, Taunton, 1718). For Bathsheba Brooks, see Robert Charles Anderson, George F. Sanborn Jr., and Melinde Lutz Sanborn, *The Great Migration: Immigrants to New England, 1634–1635, Volume I, A–B* (Boston: NEHGS, 1999), 410.

⁴¹ Bathsheba’s will was dated 13 December 1753, proved 3 February 1756 (Bristol County Probate, 14:657–58).

- iv. ABIGAIL GODFREY, b. 5 Nov. 1684; d. Taunton 4 Nov. 1755;^[44] m. HENRY HOSKINS,^[45] b. Taunton 12 Oct. 1686, d. there 29 July 1771, son of William and Sarah (Caswell) Hoskins; both bur. Caswell Cemetery, East Taunton.^[46]
- v. JOANNAH GODFREY, b. 30 July 1686; living ca. 3 Aug. 1761 but d. by 1769;^[47] m. SETH BURT of Berkley, Mass., b. ca. 1686, son of Abel and Grace (Andrews) Burt,^[48] d., probably at Berkley, between 21 July and 3 Aug. 1761.^[49]
- vi. SARAH GODFREY, b. 15 May 1689; d. Taunton 22 Nov. 1760 in her 72nd year, bur. Walker Cemetery, Taunton;^[50] m. PETER WALKER,^[51] b. ca. 1690, d. 25 Jan. 1770 in his 81st year, bur. Walker Cemetery,^[52] son of Peter and Hannah (Hutchinson) Walker of Taunton, and first cousin of Bathsheba Walker who married Sarah's brother Richard.^[53]

⁴² "Marriages in Taunton" [note 34], *Register* 13:253; *Vital Records of Taunton* [note 7], 2:203, 440.

⁴³ *Vital Records of Taunton* [note 7], 1:391 (birth), 2:440 (marriage of parents, mother's name given as Parker or Packer); "Notes and Queries," *Register* 59 (1905):107–08; George Ernest Bowman, "Samuel¹ Packard's Will," *Mayflower Descendant* 15 (1913):253–55 at 255.

⁴⁴ *Vital Records of Taunton* [note 7], 3:99, from deaths kept by Rev. Isaac Backus.

⁴⁵ Peirce, *Contributions* [note 3], 53, identifies Abigail's husband as Henry Hoskins, son of William.

⁴⁶ *Vital Records of Taunton* [note 7], 1:205 (birth), 3:100 (death), 2:232 (parents' marriage). See George Freeman Sanborn Jr., "Thomas Caswell of Taunton and His Descendants," *Mayflower Descendant* 35 (1985):111–20 et seq., at 119; George Ely Russell, "Hoskins Families of Seventeenth Century America," typescript (Bowie, Md., 1963), arranged alphabetically by head of family [FHL 0,330,223], Henry 1686, William 1647; Robert Charles Anderson, *The Great Migration: Immigrants to New England, 1634–1635, Volume III, G–H* (Boston: NEHGS, 2003), 414–20 at 417.

⁴⁷ Joanna, widow of Seth Burt, assented to her son Stephen's widow Abigail being administrator of Seth's estate. Abigail posted bond on 3 August 1761. In an account dated 24 April 1769 she included the "funeral charge for himself and wife" (Bristol County Probate, Seth Burt file, Berkley, 1761, and 20:550–51).

⁴⁸ Henry M. Burt and Silas W. Burt, *Early Days in New England, Life and Times of Henry Burt of Springfield* . . . (Springfield, Mass.: Clark W. Bryan Co., 1893), 514–16.

⁴⁹ On 28 August 1760 various relations, including Richard and George Godfrey, asked the probate court to appoint a guardian for Seth Burt of Berkley aged about 74. On 21 July 1761 Israel Tisdale was appointed. On 3 August 1761, Abigail, widow of Seth's son Stephen Burt, was appointed administrator of Seth's estate (Bristol County Probate, 17:485–87, 561, and Seth Burt file [note 47]). Seth Burt had four children with wife Joanna at Berkley 1716–28 (Scott Andrew Bartley, "Berkley, Mass., Vital Records, Book 1 [Part 2], *Mayflower Descendant* 51 [2002]:130–65 at 158), a town formed from Dighton and Taunton in 1735.

⁵⁰ *Vital Records of Taunton* [note 7], 3:207–08.

⁵¹ Peirce, *Contributions* [note 3], 62.

⁵² *Vital Records of Taunton* [note 7], 3:207.

⁵³ Walker, *Memorial of the Walkers* [note 40], 21, 28, which says Peter died 7 January 1770, and only suggests in a note that his wife Sarah was Sarah Godfrey. See John Denison Champlin, "Hutchinson Ancestry and Descendants of William and Ann Hutchinson," *The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record* 45 (1914):17–26, 164–69, at 167, for Hannah (Hutchinson) Walker.

- vii. JOHN GODFREY, b. 31 Oct. 1691; d. Taunton 4 Nov. 1758, aged 67 years, 4 days, bur. Summer Street (Neck of Land) Burying Ground,^[54] m. Dighton, Mass., 2 Feb. 1715/6 JOANNE GOODING,^[55] b. Taunton 13 March 1687,^[56] daughter of George and Deborah (Walker) Gooding,^[57] d. Taunton 9 March 1765, age 78 wanting 15 or 16 days, bur. with her husband.^[58]
- viii. JOSEPH GODFREY, b. 1 March 1694/5;^[59] d. 18 Dec. 1750 in his 57th year; bur. Timothy Plain Burying Ground, Norton, Mass.,^[60] m. (1) before 21 June 1737 SUSANNAH MAKEPEACE, b. Freetown, Mass., 23 Sept. 1694,^[61] daughter of William and Abigail (Tisdale) Makepeace of Taunton.^[62] Joseph Godfrey was of Norton when he m. (2) there 28 Dec. 1748 HANNAH (HEWETT) WHITE of Easton, Mass.,^[63] born Newbury, Mass., 23 Sept. 1699, daughter of Ephraim and Katherine/Ketura (Acres) Hewett, and widow of Edward White.^[64]

⁵⁴ *Vital Records of Taunton* [note 7], 3:90.

⁵⁵ *Ibid.*, 2:202. Peirce, *Contributions* [note 3], 62, calls her Joanna Goodwin of Dighton.

⁵⁶ She was recorded at Taunton as both wife of John Godfrey and daughter of George and Deborah Gooding (*Vital Records of Taunton* [note 7], 1:183). This Godfrey family was recorded together (“Marriages, Births and Deaths at Taunton” [note 24], *Register* 17:235).

⁵⁷ George Gooding married Deborah Walker at Taunton 9 February 1685/6 (*Vital Records of Taunton* [note 7], 2:206). Deborah, widow of George Gooding of Dighton, presented his inventory 8 October 1712, and Deborah Gooding’s will, dated 9 October 1720, proved 28 May 1728, names daughter Joannah “Goodfrey” (Bristol County Probate, 3:223; 5:264, 271).

⁵⁸ *Vital Records of Taunton* [note 7], 3:90. Town records say “wanting 16 days” but the gravestone says “wanting 15 days.” Note that the calculation of the age at death uses a New Style birth date.

⁵⁹ Peirce, *Contributions* [note 3], 62, says Joseph never married and gave his estate to brothers Richard and John.

⁶⁰ “Deacon Edgar H. Reed’s Gravestone Inscriptions in Taunton, Mass., and Vicinity,” manuscript SG/HOD/6/60 (1905) in the R. Stanton Avery Special Collections at NEHGS, #835.

⁶¹ Helen Gurney Thomas, *Vital Records of the Town of Freetown, Massachusetts, 1686 through 1890* (Bowie, Md.: Heritage Books, Inc., 1988), no page numbers.

⁶² “The Will of William Makepeace of Taunton and the Estate of His Son-in-Law Emanuel Williams of Taunton,” *Mayflower Descendant* 21 (1909):135–42 at 135; Russell Makepeace, Lenn A. Bergsten, and Shirley M. Pizziferri, *The Ancestry of Russell Makepeace of Marion, Massachusetts*, Zelinda Makepeace Douhan, ed. (Boston: Newbury Street Press, 2005), 56–59. William Makepeace’s will dated 16 November 1736, proved 21 June 1737, mentioned, among others, seven daughters by first name only. Daughters Susannah and Lydia were named as executors, and their appointment gives their husbands’ names (Bristol County Probate, 8:479–81). The 1750 will of Susannah’s husband, Joseph Godfrey (see below), gives the married names of four of Susannah’s sisters.

⁶³ *Vital Records of Taunton* [note 7], 2:203, from an old record book of John and George Godfrey, J.P., in possession of Charles Godfrey Washburn of Taunton in 1928.

⁶⁴ *Vital Records of Newbury, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849*, 2 vols. (Salem, Mass.: Essex Institute, 1911), 1:232 (birth); 2:7, 244 (marriage intentions of Ephraim Hunt [*sic*, probably a misreading of “Huit”] of Bridgewater and Katharine Acres, dated 8 October 1698); James W. Lucas, “Easton, Massachusetts, Vital Records,” *Mayflower Descendant* 44 (1994):132 (birth recorded). The division of Ephraim Hewett’s estate on 16 April 1734 includes daughter Hannah, wife of Edward White (Bristol County Probate, 8:101–03). On 8 October 1753 Hannah Godfree of Norton, widow, was appointed to administer the estate of her former husband, Edward White of Easton (Bristol County Probate, 13:482).

Joseph's will, dated 11 Dec. 1750, proved 3 Jan. 1750/1,^[65] named, besides wife Hannah, cousins [i.e., nephews] David Gaschet and William Makepeace, brothers Richard and John Godfrey, brother-in-law Thomas Makepeace, and four sisters-in-law, Mary Gould, Deborah Gurley, Remember Porter, and Priscilla Aldridge. The latter four were to have only the part "that come by my former wife Susanah."

3. JANE² GODFREY (*Richard*¹)^[66] was born about 1652. As "Mrs Jean Cobb, relict of Mr. John Cobb," she died 19 March 1736 in her 85th year, and was buried in the Oakland (Glebe Street) Cemetery in Taunton.^[67] She married first at Taunton 4 August 1670, **ISRAEL WOODWARD** of Taunton,^[68] born say 1648, son of Nathaniel¹ and Mary (Jackson) Woodward.^[69] He died at Taunton 15 June 1674.^[70] Jane married second at Taunton 13 June 1676, **JOHN¹ COBB**.^[71] Dary said he was "probably from Kent, England, who settled in Taunton, Mass., about 1650."^[72] John Cobb had married first in Plymouth Colony 28 August 1658, Martha Nelson,^[73] who evidently died childless.^[74]

John Cobb was a blacksmith with a shop at Cobb's Neck or Neck of Land. His will, dated at Taunton 25 November 1690, proved 18 November 1691,^[75] named sons John, Morgan, and Samuel, all under 21, daughter Elizabeth Woodward and son Israel Woodward, but referred only to "my now wife" without mentioning

⁶⁵ Bristol County Probate, Joseph Godfrey file, Norton, 1750.

⁶⁶ Helen Schatvet Ullmann, "Robert Taft and Robert Taft, Jr., of Mendon, Massachusetts," monograph (Acton, Mass., 2002) [copy in the R. Stanton Avery Special Collections at NEHGS and FHL microfiche 6,005,634], 7; Helen Schatvet Ullmann, "Eunice³ Taft of Worcester County, Massachusetts, Her Three Husbands, and Some of her Descendants," *The American Genealogist* 77 (2002):66–74 at 66n; Helen Schatvet Ullmann, "Our Woodward Lines in Massachusetts and Vermont . . .," monograph (Acton, Mass., 1992) [FHL 1,697,632, item 8], 11.

⁶⁷ "Deacon Edgar H. Reed's Gravestone Inscriptions, [note 60], #407; *Vital Records of Taunton* [note 7], 3:51.

⁶⁸ *Vital Records of Taunton* [note 7], 2:202, 545.

⁶⁹ Robert Charles Anderson, *The Great Migration Begins: Immigrants to New England, 1620–1633*, 3 vols. (Boston: NEHGS, 1995), 3:2062; Ullmann, "Our Woodward Lines" [note 66], 11; John Anderson Brayton, "From One Boston to Another: Notes on the Ancestry of Mary (Jackson) Woodward," *Register* 158 (2004):213–27 at 213, 217.

⁷⁰ *Vital Records of Taunton* [note 7], 3:232.

⁷¹ *Ibid.*, 2:107, 545; Edgar Francis Waterman and Donald Lines Jacobus in *The Granberry Family and Allied Families* (Hartford, Conn.: E. F. Waterman, 1945), 196–97, treats John¹ Cobb in connection with his nephew Augustine¹ Cobb; Robert S. Wakefield, "John Cobb of Taunton, Mass.," *The American Genealogist* 56 (1980):106–07, also treats this family. See also Mrs. John E. Barclay, "English Origin of the Cobbs of Taunton," *The American Genealogist* 31 (1955):31–32.

⁷² Dary, "Godfrey Genealogy" [note 1], 7.

⁷³ "Plymouth Colony Vital Records" [note 25], *Mayflower Descendant* 17 (1915):72.

⁷⁴ Waterman and Jacobus, *Granberry Family* [note 71], 197.

⁷⁵ Bristol County Probate, 1:38. Waterman and Jacobus, *Granberry Family* [note 71], 197, commented on the one-shilling legacy to Samuel but found no explanation. He certainly would not have been old enough to have received a portion earlier.

Jane's name. While John and Morgan were given land, the son Samuel and the Woodward children were given only one shilling each. John named "my beloved John Hodges and Samuel Waldron" as executors.

Jane Cobb made her mark "L" to a deed of gift on 3 January 1726/7.^[76] In it she mentioned her son Israel Woodward, daughter Elizabeth "Taff," grandchild Richard Cobb (under 21), daughter Mary Hoskins and son-in-law William Hoskins, son Morgan Cobb and his children, and son John Cobb. Witnesses were John Hodges and Nathaniel Cobb.

Since daughter Mary was not named in John Cobb's will, she must have been born after it was made, and perhaps posthumously.

Children of Israel and Jane (Godfrey) Woodward:

- i. ELIZABETH WOODWARD, b. 15 June 1670;^[77] d. after 29 Feb. 1748, probably at Uxbridge, Mass.; m. ca. 1694 ROBERT TAFT, son of Robert and Sarah (____) Taft.^[78]
- ii. ISRAEL WOODWARD, b. Taunton 18 Sept. or 4 Oct. 1674;^[79] d. 16 April 1762 in his 88th year, bur. Common Burial Ground, Newport, R.I.,^[80] m. Taunton 28 Dec. 1698 BENNET EDDY,^[81] b. ca. 1678, probably at Middleborough, Mass., d. 1 Jan. 1740[1?] in her 63rd year, bur. with Israel,^[82] daughter of Obadiah and Bennett (Ellis) Eddy.^[83]

Children of John and Jane (Godfrey) (Woodward) Cobb:

- iii. JOHN COBB, b. Taunton 31 March 1677/8,^[84] died before 13 June 1746,^[85] m. Dedham, Mass., 20 Dec. 1700 MARY FARRINGTON,^[86] b. Dedham 1 Jan.

⁷⁶ Bristol County Probate, Jane Cobb file, Taunton, 1727. This single document is called a "deed of gift," but it is not recorded in record books for either probate or deeds.

⁷⁷ *Vital Records of Taunton* [note 7], 1:471, says 1670, thus two months before her parents married.

⁷⁸ Ullmann, "Eunice Taft" [note 66], *The American Genealogist* 77:66n.

⁷⁹ *Vital Records of Taunton* [note 7], 1:473, says 18 September or 4 October.

⁸⁰ "Notes," *Register* 104 (1950):73; Alden Gamaliel Beaman, *Rhode Island Vital Records, New Series, Volume 11, Births 1590–1930 from Newport Common Burial Ground Inscriptions* (East Princeton, Mass.: Rhode Island Families Association, 1985), 460.

⁸¹ *Vital Records of Taunton* [note 7], 45.

⁸² "Notes," *Register* 104 (1950):73; Beaman, *Newport Burial Ground* [note 80], 460.

⁸³ Obadiah Eddy of Middleborough named his daughter Bennet Woodward in his will dated 18 May 1722 ("Obadiah Eddy's Will," transcript in *Pilgrim Notes and Queries*, 5 vols. [Boston: Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants, 1913–1917], 5:104–05 at 105. Lydia B. (Phinney) Brownson and Maclean W. McLean in "Lt. John¹ and Elizabeth (Freeman) Ellis of Sandwich, Mass.," *Register*, 119 (1965):161–173, 260–75, et seq., at 172, present a convincing argument that Bennett, wife of Obadiah Eddy, was the Bennett Ellis born at Sandwich 27 February 1648/9.

⁸⁴ *Vital Records of Taunton* [note 7], 1:93.

⁸⁵ In his will dated 10 September 1741, John Cobb of Dedham, blacksmith, named his wife Mary, son John, daughters Mary Haws, Judith Ingraham, Martha While [*sic*], and Hannah Thorp, and he referred to part of a purchase right in Taunton. It was proved on 13 June 1746 (Suffolk County Probate, 39:74, docket #8525).

1679[/80], daughter of John and Mary (Jones) Farrington of Dedham.^[87] On 11 July 1707, John Cobb, Jr., of Taunton and his wife Mary sold ten acres, including his dwelling house and home lot with reference to his mother's dower,^[88] apparently the house and lot given him by his father's will. On 29 June 1715 John Farrington, Sr., of Dedham and wife Mary sold ten acres in Dedham to "our son in law John Cobb of Dedham, Iron Smith,^[89] and on 10 Feb. 1723[/4] John Farrington named his eldest daughter Mary Cobb in his will.^[90] On 24 Nov. 1733 John Cobb of Dedham, blacksmith, sold to Nathaniel Fisher, Sr., of Norton, land partly in Norton and partly in Taunton, 3¼ acres in the northeast part of a cedar swamp. Morgan Cobb 2^d and Morgan Cobb 3^d witnessed.^[91]

- iv. MORGAN COBB,^[92] b. say 1680 (named after John in his father's will); d. 28 April 1769;^[93] m. before 1 Aug. 1706 SARAH HARVEY, b. say 1683, living 9 Sept. 1740,^[94] daughter of Joseph and Esther (Stacey) Harvey.^[95] In land records he was called "Morgan Jun^r" or "Morgan the 2^d of that name" to distinguish him from his cousin Morgan² Cobb (*Augustine*¹), b. Taunton 29 Dec. 1673, d. there 22 Sept. 1755 in his 82nd year.^[96]

⁸⁶ Don Gleason Hill, *The Record of Births, Marriages and Deaths and Intentions of Marriage in the Town of Dedham, Volumes 1 & 2 . . . 1635–1845* (Dedham, Mass.: Dedham Transcript, 1886), 33. Dary, "Godfrey Genealogy" [note 1], 7, cites "M.L.T. Alden" for this marriage. That would be Mary Langsford Taylor Alden, whose many notebooks are in the R. Stanton Avery Special Collections at NEHGS, but they are not indexed and would be very difficult to search.

⁸⁷ Hill, *Record of Births. . . Dedham* [note 91], 19, gives her birth as "1:11:79" (i.e., 1st day 11th month 1679). Dorothy Farrington Parker, *The Farringtons, Colonists and Patriots*, rev. ed. (Upper Montclair, N.J.: the author, 1981), 9–10, misinterpreted Mary's date of birth as 1/11/1679.

⁸⁸ Bristol County Deeds, 5:250.

⁸⁹ Suffolk County Deeds, 68:140. Mary Cob, Judith Cob, and Samuel Shears witnessed.

⁹⁰ Suffolk County Probate, 23:136–37, docket #4493.

⁹¹ Bristol County Deeds, 27:250.

⁹² Waterman and Jacobus, *Granberry Family* [note 71], 197, say of Morgan Cobb born "say 1680; called Jr.; perhaps the 'Old' or 'Capt.' Morgan who d. 28 Apr. 1769; m. Sarah Harvey."

⁹³ *Vital Records of Taunton* [note 7], 3:51, called "Capt." and "old."

⁹⁴ Bristol County Deeds, 28:329.

⁹⁵ Frederick G. Harvey, *The Harvey Family History* (Bellevue, Nebr.: the author, 1997), 23, citing no sources. On 1 August 1706 Joanah Harvey, singlewoman, Morgan Cob Jun^r and Sarah his wife, and Hester Harvey, singlewoman, all of Taunton sold two acres to Robert Crossman. On 2 June 1714 Morgan Cob Jun^r and "Sarah Cob his wife (whose maiden name was Sarah Harvey[]), Daughter of Esther Harvey deceased, the daughter of Richard Stacey dec^d of Taunton" together with others renounced any demands they might have on Esther and Richard's estates to Samuel and John Stacey (Bristol County Deeds, 5:325; 10:23, see also 10:24; 14:310; 16:142; 18:417, 419–20).

⁹⁶ *Vital Records of Taunton* [note 7], 1:93 (birth), 3:51 (death); Waterman and Jacobus, *Granberry Family* [note 71], 197. For example, in a deed dated 10 January 1697/8, he was "Morgan Cob the son of Austin Cob" (Bristol County Deeds, 12:11). In one deed where the younger Morgan Cobb was not distinguished by Jr. or 2^d, he was called "son of John Cobb" (Bristol County Deeds, 21:389, dated 6 February 1732[/3]).

- v. SAMUEL COBB, b. say 1682;^[97] living 28 July 1714 and perhaps 15 Jan. 1723^[98] but d. presumably before 3 Jan. 1726/7, the date of his mother's deed of gift that does not mention him.^[99] By an unknown wife,^[100] Samuel Cobb was the father of *Richard Cobb*, mentioned in his grandmother's deed of gift as grandson, under 21. In Dec. 1733 Richard Cobb, about 17 years old, an orphan, "going to be put to prentice," chose "my unkel Mr. Morgan Cobb the 2^d my gardeen." On 26 Dec. 1733, Morgan Cobb 2^d, with William Walker and Edward Ingraham, posted bond as guardian of Richard Cobb, above the age of 14, son of Samuel Cobb.^[101] This would be the Capt. Richard Cobb who d. Taunton 8 Nov. 1772 in his 56th year,^[102] m. Constant Burt, b. ca. 1728, daughter of Nathaniel and Constant (_____) Burt.^[103] Constant m. (2) Taunton 11 July 1776 Benjamin King of Raynham,^[104] and d. Taunton 13 Oct. 1810.^[105]

⁹⁷ Dary, "Godfrey Genealogy" [note 1], 8, says he married Abigail _____, citing M.L.T. Alden (for whom see note 86). However, Waterman and Jacobus, *Granberry Family* [note 71], 197, shows Samuel Cobb as born say 1682 and died before 1733, with no wife mentioned. There was a Samuel Cobb, son of Jonathan and Hope (Chipman) (Huckens) Cobb, born at Barnstable 23 February 1683 ("Barnstable, Mass., Vital Records," *Mayflower Descendant* 2 [1900]:212–15 et seq., including 3 [1901]:149–50), who married Abigail _____, sometimes said to be Abigail Stewart, and had children in nearby Middleborough. But he died in October 1767 and was buried in Portland, Maine (Philip L. Cobb, *A History of the Cobb Family* [Cleveland: the author, 1907], 40, 76). One suspects M.L.T. Alden was mistaken.

⁹⁸ On 28 July 1714 Samuel Cobb Jun^r quitclaimed to "my Brother Morgan Cob Junr of Taunton," on "all the right whereof John Cob late of Taunton dec^d dyed seized" (Bristol County Deeds, 9:260; 15:222; the latter, Morgan's corresponding gift to Samuel, also dated 28 July 1714, was not recorded until 15 January 1723).

⁹⁹ This Samuel Cobb should not be confused with his cousin Samuel² Cobb (*Augustine*¹), born at Taunton 9 November 1675 (*Vital Records of Taunton* [note 7], 1:94), who married by 3 February 1713/4, Lydia Hoskins, daughter of Samuel and Abigail (Stacey) Hoskins, and made a will dated 14 April 1732 naming wife Lydia and eight children but no son Richard (Waterman and Jacobus, *Granberry Family* [note 71], 197; Mrs. John E. (Florence Harlow) Barclay, "Haskins of Taunton: Samuel², Samuel³, and Their Families," *The American Genealogist* 28 (1952):252–56; 30 (1954):173–74, at 252; Bristol County Probate, Samuel Cobb file, Taunton, 1732; Bristol County Deeds, 10:24).

¹⁰⁰ Online sources (International Genealogical Index; Ancestry World Tree) claim without reliable documentation that Samuel Cobb married Tabitha Tisdale. There seems to have been no Tabitha Tisdale old enough to have married Samuel (Rosa D. Tisdale, *Meet the Tisdales, Descendants of John Tisdale of Taunton, Mass., 1634–1980* [Baltimore: Gateway Press, 1981]; *Vital Records of Taunton* [note 7]), but Samuel's son Richard Cobb did have a daughter Tabitha, probably named for his wife's sister, Tabitha Burt (*Vital Records of Taunton*, 3:42; Burt and Burt, *Henry Burt* [note 48], 505). Tabitha Cobb married at Taunton 3 December 1772, James Tisdale (*Vital Records of Taunton*, 2:109; division of Richard Cobb's estate 8 July 1776 [Bristol County Probate, Richard Cobb file, Taunton, 1772]).

¹⁰¹ Bristol County Probate, Richard Cobb file, Taunton, 1733.

¹⁰² *Vital Records of Taunton* [note 7], 3:51, wounded by the splitting of a gun; Bristol County Probate, Richard Cobb file, Taunton, 1772, bond posted 16 November 1772 by Constant Cobb and Richard Cobb as principals, Ebenezer Cobb and William Thayer as sureties.

¹⁰³ Burt and Burt, *Henry Burt* [note 48], 505; Robert S. Wakefield, "James Burt¹ of Taunton, Massachusetts," *The American Genealogist* 75 (2000):109–16 at 114.

¹⁰⁴ *Vital Records of Taunton* [note 7], 2:106; Burt and Burt, *Henry Burt* [note 48], 505.

- vi. MARY COBB, b. probably 1691 or 1692; d. Taunton Aug. 1768, bur. 24 Aug. 1768;^[106] m. WILLIAM HOSKINS, b. Taunton 5 Feb. 1685/6, son of Samuel and Mary (Austin) Hoskins.^[107] William Hoskins, “old,” d. Taunton Jan. 1777.^[108]

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¹⁰⁵ *Vital Records of Taunton* [note 7], 3:119, as “Widow King,” buried as “formerly wid. Capt. Richard Cobb, Oct. 12 [*sic*], in 83rd y.”

¹⁰⁶ *Ibid.*, 3:100, from records of St. Thomas Protestant Episcopal Church.

¹⁰⁷ Russell, “Hoskins Families” [note 46], William 1685, Samuel 1654; Anderson, *Great Migration: Volume III, G–H* [note 46], 418; Barclay, “Haskins of Taunton” [note 99], *The American Genealogist* 28:253.

¹⁰⁸ *Vital Records of Taunton* [note 7], 3:100.

A HUSBAND FOR ABIGAIL⁴ PATTEE: JAMES¹ LAMB OF THE 78th REGIMENT OF FOOT (FRASER'S HIGHLANDERS)

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Day books, account books, diaries, and journals can be goldmines of information not found in public records. Several years after “Peter Pattee of Haverhill, Massachusetts: A ‘Journeyman Shoemaker’ and His Descendants,” appeared in the *Register*,^[1] the authors came upon *The Diary of Matthew Patten of Bedford, N.H., from 1754 to 1788*.^[2] Published by Picton Press, it is a faithful reproduction of the original, which lacked standardized spelling, capitalization and punctuation, typical of the eighteenth century. Among the familiar names in the index were three residents of neighboring Goffstown: John Pattee, Lt. [Asa] Pattee and Job Dow. One seemingly cryptic entry for the latter caught our eye:

[5 May 1773] “I writ a letter to job Dow on acct of some Abuse he gave His Wife Sister Lamb.”^[3]

Perhaps “Lamb” was assumed to be a farm animal, since the surname is not in the index. However, a small change in punctuation clarifies the meaning of the sentence. Job Dow had mistreated or insulted his sister-in-law, his *wife’s* sister, [Mrs.] Lamb. Matthew Patten, a local justice of the peace, was probably acting on a complaint about the matter.

In 1760 Job Dow had married Hannah Pattee (1739–1806), daughter of Peter and Elizabeth (Scribner) Pattee. Her siblings were:^[4]

- Susannah, b. 1730; d. unmarried 1748.
- Merriell, b. 1732; m. 1755 Daniel Stevens.
- Asa, b. 1734; d. 1825; m. ca. 1756 Hannah Dow [sister of Job].
- Rhoda, b. 1736; d. ca. 1826; m. 1761 William Dustin.
- John, b. 1737/8; d. 1826; m. 1763 Mary Hadley.
- Abigail, b. 1741.
- Peter, b. 1743; d. unmarried after 1779.
- Zepheniah, b. 1745; d. after 9 July 1799; m. ca. 1766 Abigail _____.
- Richard, b. 1746; d. 1749.
- Betty, b. 1748; d. after 1793; m. 1768 Jonathan Hadlock.

¹ Marie Lollo Scalisi and Virginia M. Ryan, “Peter Pattee of Haverhill, Massachusetts: A ‘Journeyman Shoemaker’ and His Descendants,” *Register* 146 (1992):315–36; 147 (1993):73–86; 174–87.

² *The Diary of Matthew Patten of Bedford, N. H., from 1754 to 1788* (Concord, N.H.: Rumford Printing Co., 1903; repr. Camden, Maine: Picton Press, 1993).

³ *Diary of Matthew Patten* [note 2], 301.

⁴ Scalisi and Ryan, “Peter Pattee of Haverhill” [note 1], *Register* 146:329; Marie Lollo Scalisi and Virginia M. Ryan, “Updates to Peter Pattee of Haverhill, Massachusetts,” *Register* 161 (2007):282–88 at 283.

Abigail, the only sister for whom no death or marriage record was found, must have been Mrs. Lamb — but who was her husband? Re-examining our old notes revealed three deeds connecting Asa and John Pattee to another Goffstown inhabitant, James Lamb:

On 9 October 1770, John Patee of Goffstown, yeoman, sold to James Lamb of Goffstown, yeoman, the “easterly part of the lot I now live on” in Goffstown. Witnesses were Asa Patee and Thomas Dow.^[5]

On 23 January 1772, James Lamb of Goffstown, yeoman, sold to John Patee of Goffstown, yeoman, fifty acres in Goffstown.^[6]

On 14 March 1787, Asa Patee of Warner, gentleman, sold to Nathaniel Barker of Enfield, yeoman, land in Enfield. Witnesses were John Patee and James Lamb.^[7]

A new search through Goffstown, Hillsborough County, and New Hampshire provincial and state records ruled out any other candidate to be Abigail’s husband.

James Lamb came to North America as a private in Capt. (later Major) John Campbell’s Company of the 78th Regiment of Foot (Fraser’s Highlanders).^[8] According to a regimental history, these troops were raised in Inverness, Scotland, and departed from Glasgow in April 1757. After spending the winter in Connecticut, they participated in the successful assault on the fortress at Louisbourg from 8 June to 26 July 1758. A month later the regiment was transferred to Boston and then to winter quarters in the Mohawk Valley near Albany. In April 1759 the regiment was moved to Long Island, and in May sailed to Louisbourg to train and prepare for the advance on Québec. An attempt to land troops on the north side of Montmorency Falls in July 1759 failed, but the British triumphed in the decisive battle on the Plains of Abraham in September 1759.^[9]

Many years afterward James Lamb gave a detailed account of his own experiences that dovetailed perfectly with the above:

I served my country several years in the Old French war – was at the taking of Louisburg in Cape Breton. Was ordered to Boston from Boston to the Mohawk from there back to Boston, took shipping went up the St. Lawrence – Was at the taking of Quebec, – fought and was wounded on the Plains of Abraham on the day Gen. Wolf was killed. And was in the previous battle under Mount M’Renssey.^[10]

⁵ New Hampshire Provincial Deeds, 102:44.

⁶ Hillsborough County Deeds, 3:273.

⁷ Grafton County Deeds, 14:153.

⁸ “Muster Rolls, The Old 78th Fraser Highlanders,” *Clan Fraser Society of Canada* (<http://www.clanfraser.ca/muster.htm>, accessed 25 September, 2006). His name appears on a roster of Major John Campbell’s Company when the regiment disbanded in 1763. Of the hundreds of men in the 78th, the only other Lamb was Corp. John Lamb.

⁹ J. R. Harper, *The Fraser Highlanders*, 2nd ed. (Bloomfield, Ontario: Museum Restoration Service, 1995), 37–131.

¹⁰ Revolutionary War Pension File W21550, James Lamb (widow Judith Lamb), National Archives microfilm M804, roll 1514.

The regiment remained in Canada, some taking part in the battle at Sainte-Foy while others were assigned garrison detail at Montreal, Québec, and Halifax, until orders came to disband in December 1763. The majority returned to Scotland but a significant number accepted land grants in Canada. By October 1770, as shown above, James Lamb had migrated to Goffstown. He was living there on 23 April 1775 when he joined Capt. Samuel Richard's Company, Col. Stark's Regiment, as a private, serving for three months and sixteen days, during which he fought in the Battle of Bunker Hill.^[11]

Later in 1775, James Lamb moved to Alexandria Addition as its first permanent settler.^[12] John Pattee and Lt. Asa Pattee were non-resident land owners, and the latter was a town officer and/or committee man in 1776 and 1778.^[13] On 22 January 1779, eleven inhabitants, including James "Lam," successfully petitioned for Alexandria Addition to be incorporated as New London.^[14] A history published in 1899 states that his son, John Alexander,

is generally believed to have been the first child b. in the town limits. Some of Lamb's family d. during their residence here, and were buried near the clearing, a white stone still marking their resting-place.^[15]

James enlisted in the Continental Army in April 1777, serving for three years as a private in Capt. Ebenezer Frye's Company, Col. Joseph Cilley's Regiment, Gen. Poor's Brigade. He later related:

I . . . Was in the skirmish when Ticonderoga was taken by the British – Was at the taking of Burguoine [*sic*] at Saratoga – marched in the night to Albany, from thence to Valley Forge at which place I had the ball extracted from my foot which I received when I was wounded on the Plains of Abraham having lain in my foot for more than 18 years.^[16]

He returned to New London after his discharge. In 1785 it was "Voted to abate Mr James Lambs paper money taxes for the year 1781."^[17] This was repeated for 1787, and in 1795 it was "voted to take James Lamb [1791] taxes from the constable into the towns hands."^[18] He was enumerated at New London in 1790 with four males under 16 and two females,^[19] and by 1800 had settled at Wendell

¹¹ George P. Hadley, *History of the Town of Goffstown, 1733-1920*, 2 vols. (Concord, N.H.: Rumford Press, 1922–24), 1:122, 147. In his Revolutionary War pension file, James claimed he served for eight months.

¹² *The Portsmouth Journal and Rockingham Gazette*, 20 March 1830, p. 1 (Early American Newspapers, online database, *NewEnglandAncestors.org*); Myra Lord, *History of the Town of New London, Merrimack County, New Hampshire* (Concord, N.H.: Rumford Press, 1899), 119–20.

¹³ Alexandria, New Hampshire, Town Records [FHL 0,015,053, item 3], 1–2:499, 503.

¹⁴ *New Hampshire Provincial and State Papers*, 40 vols. (Concord and Manchester, N.H.: George E. Banks et al., 1867–1943), 13:3.

¹⁵ Lord, *History of New London* [note 12], 119–20.

¹⁶ Revolutionary War Pension File W21550 [note 10].

¹⁷ New London Town Records [FHL 0,015,252], D:25.

¹⁸ *Ibid.*, D:32, 87.

¹⁹ 1790 U.S. Census, New London, Hillsborough County, New Hampshire, roll 5, p. 298.

(renamed Sunapee in 1850).^[20] He applied for and received a pension for his Revolutionary War service in 1819,^[21] but was dropped from the rolls the following year because his property value exceeded the allowable amount. In an impassioned plea to Secretary of War John C. Calhoun, James Lamb wrote:

I am an aged man . . . being now eighty eight years and as infirm & incapable of performing manual labor as the regulations of the Secretary could have anticipated. I have a wife, and a partially deranged son dependent on me for support . . . altho my property was appraised at \$248 . . . It consists principally of a poor little farm, rocky, broken and unfruitful, without an Acre of tillage upon it . . . Three times I have had my dwelling house and effects consumed with fire. Once . . . at New London [and twice] at Wendell . . . May I then hope that this story of my age, poverty [and] sufferings will lead to a revision of my case by the Secretary, and result in that decision which will save my little property from the hammer of the Sheriff, and my body from prison.

This plea did save the property and his pension was restored.^[22] In spite of his infirmities, James lived another ten years. His obituary appeared in *The Portsmouth Journal and Rockingham Gazette*, 20 March 1830.^[23]

DIED In Wendell, Mr. James Lamb, age 104 years, a native of Scotland. He was a soldier under General Wolf, and was in the battle at Quebec, when that General was killed, and was there wounded. He was the first settler that moved into New London.

GENEALOGICAL SUMMARY

JAMES¹ LAMB was born in Scotland about 1732 (based on his stated age of 88 in 1820). He died at Wendell, New Hampshire, 16 February 1830.^[24] He married first by about 1770 **ABIGAIL⁴ PATTEE**, born at Haverhill District, New Hampshire, 15 July 1741, daughter of Peter³ (*Richard², Peter¹*) and Elizabeth (Scribner) Pattee.^[25] She died before 1784, probably at New London, New Hampshire. James Lamb married second at New London 21 February 1784, **JUDITH AUSTIN**,^[26] born at Methuen, Massachusetts, 10 May 1760, daughter of John and Hannah (Nevins) Austin.^[27] She died after 24 August 1848^[28] and

²⁰ 1800 U.S. Census, Wendell, Cheshire County, New Hampshire, roll 20, p. 1053.

²¹ *New Hampshire Provincial and State Papers* [note 14], 30:244; Revolutionary War Pension File W21550 [note 10].

²² Revolutionary War Pension File W21550 [note 10].

²³ *Portsmouth Journal and Rockingham Gazette*, 20 March 1830 [note 12].

²⁴ Revolutionary War Pension File W21550 [note 10]. Administration on his estate was granted to Thomas Pike on 24 March 1830 at the request of Judith Lamb of Wendell (Sullivan County Probate A:58).

²⁵ Scalisi and Ryan, "Peter Pattee of Haverhill" [note 1], *Register* 146:329.

²⁶ Revolutionary War Pension File W21550 [note 10].

²⁷ *Vital Records of Methuen, Massachusetts to the End of the Year 1849* (Topsfield, Mass.: Topsfield Historical Society, 1909), 8 (birth, recorded as "Judah"), 140 (parents' marriage).

²⁸ Revolutionary War Pension File W21550 [note 10]. Judith was issued a widow's pension certificate on that date.

perhaps before the 1850 census.^[29] She was buried in Ironville Cemetery, Crown Point, Essex County, New York.^[30] A detailed account of the descendants of James and Judith (Austin) Lamb has been published online.^[31]

Children of James¹ and Abigail (Pattee) Lamb:

- i. JAMES² LAMB, b. N.H., probably Goffstown, N.H., ca. 1770;^[32] d. 16 Jan. 1851 age 81, bur. Noble Ferry Cemetery, Clinton, Maine.^[33] He settled at Fairfield, Maine, in 1792, coming from New London.^[34] He m. Fairfield 3 Dec. 1795 RUTH SPEARIN.^[35]
- ii. ?DAUGHTER, one of the two females in James Lamb's household in 1790.
- iii. JOHN ALEXANDER LAMB, b. New London, N.H., in 1775 or 1776; probably one of the four males under 16 in James Lamb's household in 1790. He "drifted away, supposed to have gone to New Brunswick. None of the family ever knew what became of him," according to John⁴ Lamb (*James*³⁻²⁻¹) — who, however, included in his family account a John S. Lamb, b. New Brunswick 23 Jan. 1806, d. Rangeley, Franklin Co., Maine, 18 March 1873,^[36] as if John S. Lamb might have been a son of John Alexander Lamb.^[37]

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²⁹ Judith was living in Schroom, New York, with her son, Joseph, in 1840 (Revolutionary War Pension File W21550 [note 10]), but not with him in the 1850 census (1850 U.S. Census, Schroom, Essex County, New York, roll 504, p. 277).

³⁰ "Essex County Cemetery Records" (http://www.rootsweb.com/~nyessex/g_m.htm, viewed 1 July 2008). This gives Judith's age as 91 years (which would place her death in 1851 or 1852), but no date of death.

³¹ Susan Nahas, "Descendants of James Lamb," *Susan's World of Genealogy* (<http://members.aol.com/picknell/lamb.html>, viewed 1 July 2008). James and Judith (Austin) Lamb had three sons born before 1790 but no daughters.

³² Based on age at death and the 1840 U.S. Census, Veterans Schedule, Clinton, Kennebec County, Maine, roll 142, p. 120 (James Lamb, age 69). In the 1850 U.S. Census of Clinton, roll 258, p. 292, James Lamb was age 85, born New Hampshire.

³³ Maine Old Cemetery Association, *Maine Cemetery Inscriptions: Kennebec County*, CD-ROM (Rockport, Maine: Picton Press, 1999), p. 1209 (War of 1812 marker on the grave). His wife Ruth is buried next to him but no dates are visible on her gravestone.

³⁴ Robert Charles Anderson and Roger D. Joslyn, "Part of Kennebec County, Maine, in 1800," *Register* 145 (1991):346–66 at 346–47, 352.

³⁵ Christine Roselee Brown, *Vital Records of Fairfield, Maine*, 2 vols. (Lenoir City, Tenn.: the author, 1980–83), 1:294 (called "Ruth Spencer" in the intentions, apparently).

³⁶ The entry for his death in the vital records of Rangeley, Maine, says he was born at St. John, New Brunswick, 25 January 1806.

³⁷ "Lamb." *Maine DAR Genealogical Records Committee Report: Series 2 (Maine Bible Records)*, vol. 21.1: *Miscellaneous Records*, typescript (Maine DAR, 1951), 6.

RICHARD SCARRITT OF NEW LONDON AND BRANFORD, CONNECTICUT

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Richard Scarritt of Branford, Connecticut, was the starting point for a descendency of the family as given in two volumes of *The Scarritt Clan in America* by Ralph E. Pearson, published in 1938 and 1948.^[1] The first record Pearson was able to find of this Richard Scarritt was a deed dated 30 March 1719 in which he purchased ten acres of land in Branford.^[2] He gave Richard's wife as Hannah _____, and he had no birth or death dates for either of them. He listed five children for this couple, but only had further information on three of them.

Easier access to records, especially through the microfilm-lending facilities of the Family History Library of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, has made it possible to learn new details about the early generations of this family. The purpose of this article is to describe the available information about Richard Scarritt's mother and possible father, identify Richard's wife, and provide additional information on his children and grandchildren.

Scarritts in New London

There are only a few instances of the name Scarritt or its variants in the vital records of Branford, and no record of the birth or marriage of Richard. In volume 2 of the Scarritt genealogy, Pearson listed several records he had discovered of a Richard Scarritt in New London, Connecticut, whom he suspected to be the father of the Richard in Branford, but he could not prove a connection.^[3] For unknown reasons, he apparently did not consult the vital records of either town. In New London, a birth is listed as follows:

Richard Scarritt, son of Ann Stedman, the now wife of Benjamin Lester, born May 24, 1690.^[4]

The child carried a different surname than either his mother or his mother's husband. Was Ann Stedman the widow of a Scarritt, carrying his posthumous child, but since remarried? Or was she unmarried until recently, and bold enough to name the child after the purported father?

The earliest record of the name Scarritt in New London, according to Caulkins' history, is on a list of new inhabitants that appear between 1670 and

¹ Ralph E. Pearson, *The Scarritt Clan in America*, vol. 1 (Middletown, Ohio: the author, 1938), vol. 2 (Falls Church, Va.: the author, 1948).

² *Ibid.*, 1:6.

³ *Ibid.*, 2:77–78.

⁴ New London Vital Records, 1896 official transcription [FHL 1,312,157], 1:20. Because of the importance of this entry, it was compared to the original in New London Deeds, 4:298 [printed], 37 [reverse numbering, starting from the back of Book 4].

1700, including “Scarritt, Richard, 1695.”^[5] No indication is given of what records were used to compile this list. There is also the birth record in New London of

Thomas Scarit, son of Richard and Penelope, born Aug 20, 1696^[6]

which indicates that the Richard Scarritt who was present in New London about that time was still alive and married to someone else. If Ann Stedman did have a child out of wedlock with Richard Scarritt, she might have been brought up on charges of fornication. Indeed, in the New London County Court records, Benjamin Lester was bound on 16 September 1690 for ten pounds to assure his wife's appearance at the next court. However, no reason for the appearance was stated. At court on 25 November 1690, Benjamin's wife did not appear after being called three times, and the court declared his bond forfeited. At court on 26 January 1690/1, Benjamin appeared in court “desiring favor & moderation of his forfeited bond.” The court ordered “that he pay forthwith five pound in good pay to the county treasury and in case he carry & behave himself orderly for the time to come this court will remit the other 5 pound.” Apparently his wife never had to appear.^[7] Because there was no actual trial, one can only speculate as to the reason she was called. The fact that this sequence began so soon after the child was born does suggest that Richard was illegitimate.

Ann (Stedman) Lester died at New London on 27 January 1711/2, and her death record included additional valuable information:

Ann Lester, wife of Benjamin, aged 43y, having been married 22y 2m and some odd days and left 9 sons and 2 daughters.^[8]

From this record, it appears that she married Benjamin Lester in November 1689, seven months before the birth of her son, Richard Scarritt. Benjamin remarried Elizabeth Plumley, widow, in 1713,^[9] and died 24 April 1727, according to *The Diary of Joshua Hempstead*.^[10] On 25 September 1728, Richard Scarritt of Branford quitclaimed for £60 his rights to land in the estate of Benjamin Lester to Daniel, David, Isaac, John, Jonathan, Timothy, and Benjamin Lester, all of New London, and Samuel Beebe Jr. and Nathaniel Newbury Jr., both of Plum Island.^[11] These were the seven surviving sons and two sons-in-law of Benjamin

⁵ Frances M. Caulkins, *History of New London, Connecticut, from the First Survey of the Coast in 1612, to 1860*, (New London: H. D. Utley, 1895), 264–65.

⁶ New London Vital Records, 1:21.

⁷ Connecticut State Library, RG 3, New London County, County Court, Trials, 7:30, 40, 43.

⁸ New London Vital Records, 1:37.

⁹ New London Vital Records, 1:40.

¹⁰ Joshua Hempstead, *Diary of Joshua Hempstead of New London, Connecticut . . . from September, 1711, to November, 1758*, Collections of the New London County Historical Society, vol. 1 (New London, 1901, repr. New London: the Society, 1985), 183.

¹¹ New London Deeds, 9:75.

and Ann (Stedman) Lester.^[12] There is no mention of Richard Scarritt in the distribution of Benjamin Lester, so it is not known how he had obtained a right to part of the estate.^[13] Perhaps the Lester children paid him to avoid further challenge to the estate.^[14]

Scarritts in Branford

The first record of the Scarritts in Branford was the birth of a son, Andrew, to Richard and Hannah Scarritt on 9 March 1718/9,^[15] just three weeks before the land transaction mentioned by Pearson. In this first deed found in Branford, Richard was called “of Branford.”^[16] The Branford vital records contain the births of five children in all, two marriages, and no deaths. The only entry for this family in the church records is a marriage of one of Richard and Hannah’s daughters.^[17] The land records, however, identify Hannah, wife of Richard Scarritt.

On 22 January 1734/5, land was laid out to the estate of Edward Frisbie Dec’d and Josiah Frisbie “upon the pitch of Richard Scarit in right of his wife Hannah formerly Hoadly.”^[18] This provides her maiden name, but Hannah is a common name among the Hoadleys, and the Hoadley genealogy^[19] does not have a Hannah who was married to a Scarritt. However, on 9 January 1721/2, Joshua Fuller of Branford, cordwinder, exchanged land with Joseph Frisbee, giving Fuller’s half of a tract in the fifth division “formerly layd out to Richard Scalet and myself in right of our wives unto the Estate of Edward and Saml Frisbee of Branford deceased,” This was also acknowledged by his wife Jemima Fuller.^[20] Then on 12 March 1722 [*sic*], Richard Scarit, husbandman, sold his part of the same tract, with his wife Hannah agreeing to give up her dower or thirds.^[21] Since it was the wives who owned the rights to the land, one can infer they inherited the land together from the Frisbie estate, and that Hannah was a sister to Jemima. The

¹² Two sons, Andrew and Thomas Lester, died after their mother but before their father (New London Vital Records, 1:40).

¹³ New London District Probate, C:201 (administrator’s bond), C:209–12 (inventory), C:270–74 (distribution naming Benjamin Lester’s children); file 3177.

¹⁴ Charles Dyer Parkhurst, “Parkhurst Manuscript of Early Families of New London and Vicinity,” 36 vols., bound manuscript at the Connecticut State Library (1938), citing records of the New London District Probate Court, says at 34:72: “Mch 27, 1728, Richard Scarit (sic) of Branford is admitted an appeal to Superior Court of New London September next, from the decree of Court May 3, 1727, relative to distribution of estate of Benjamin Lester, late of New London, decd — and he the sd Richard Scarritt (sic) is bound in bonds of £30 0 0.” The original court records have not been found.

¹⁵ Branford Vital Records, 3:43.

¹⁶ Branford Deeds, 4:216.

¹⁷ Branford First Congregational Church Records, 1:101: Anne Scarritt married Nathaniel Hoadley 12 December 1745 (from the Connecticut Church Record Index [FHL 0,002,830]).

¹⁸ Branford Deeds, 5:673.

¹⁹ Francis Bacon Trowbridge, *The Hoadley Genealogy: A History of the Descendants of William Hoadley of Branford, Connecticut* (New Haven: Tuttle, Morehouse & Taylor, 1894).

²⁰ Branford Deeds, 4:389–90.

²¹ Branford Deeds, 4:416–17.

Hoadley genealogy shows that William² Hoadley and his wife Abigail Frisbie had children Mary, Hannah, and Jemima, and lists no spouse or death date for Hannah. The daughter Mary was said to have married Adam Raynor and the daughter Jemima to have married Joshua Fuller.^[22] Abigail (Frisbie) Hoadley had died when her three children were very young, possibly soon after the birth of her third daughter in 1696,^[23] but certainly by 7 May 1702 when she was called deceased in a deed.^[24] Her father was Edward¹ Frisbie, and Samuel and Josiah Frisbie were her brothers who died without heirs.^[25] Thus Abigail's children shared equally in her share of her father's and brothers' estates. Further evidence is in a deed dated 12 October 1738 in which "Richard Scarit and Hannah Scarit my wife" sold a third of a salt meadow, "the 1/3 part our whole right, ye remainder belonging to Adam Raynor & Mary his wife and Joshua & Jemima Fuller."^[26]

Branford Land Records

There were many additional land records in Branford for Richard Scarritt. On 31 October 1721, the town laid out thirty acres in the fourth division to Joshua Fullor & Richr^d Scarit. Then on 23 March 1722, Joshua and Jemima Fuller sold to Richard Scarit, husbandman, their part of the first lot layed out to the estate of Edward deceased, a tract in the fourth division near Green Swamp.^[27]

On 7 March 1726/7, Richard and Hannah Scarit sold to widow Abigail Hoadley their 5½-acre right in the sixth Division "acrewing from ye right of Edward Frisbee of Branford lately dec'd." Both signed.^[28]

On 20 January 1728, the sixth division was laid out; Richard Scarit received the 65th lot of five acres 106 rods.^[29]

On 3 January 1729/30, Richard Scarit of Branford bought from Sam^l Butler of Middletown for thirty shillings, "one acre 40 rods of a grant to John Butler Senr

²² Trowbridge, *Hoadley Genealogy* [note 19], 10.

²³ Nora G. Frisbie, *Edward Frisbie of Branford and His Descendants* (Baltimore: Gateway Press, 1984), 29.

²⁴ Branford Deeds, 2:157, "and Josiah Frisbee will pay or cause to be paid unto the 3 children of his dec'd sister Abigail Hoadly formerly the wife of William Hoadly Junr aforesd £19-10 to be equally divided between them when they reach 18 yrs and if any dye before that age, their portion to the survivors . . . the 3 children viz Mary Hannah and Jemima Hoadly."

²⁵ Edward S. Frisbee D.D., *The Frisbee-Frisbie Genealogy* (Rutland, Vt.: Tuttle, 1926) 25, 28–29. Page 29 says Hannah Hoadley, daughter of Abigail (Frisbie) Hoadley, married Daniel Harrison, but that Hannah Hoadley was a different person, as shown by Branford Deeds, 6:579, wherein Daniel Harrison and his wife Hannah were mentioned as heirs of "our honoured father and mother Samuel and Abigail Hoadly late of Branford, dec'd."

²⁶ Branford Deeds, 6:195.

²⁷ Branford Deeds, 4:382, 418–19.

²⁸ Branford Deeds, 5:4. Widow Abigail Hoadley was possibly Hannah's aunt, wife of her father's brother Samuel.

²⁹ Branford Deeds, 5:499.

dec'd the whole grant being 20 acres not yet layd out." Scarit sold this parcel to widow Elizabeth Harrison of Branford for £4-7-6 on 20 March 1731/2.^[30]

On 29 March 1731, Richard Scarit of Branford bought from Dorcas Wheeler, widow of Branford, for £9, 1½ acres in the 7th lot fourth Division. Adam Rayner was a witness.^[31]

On 25 October 1731, Richard Scarit of Branford, yeoman, sold to William Dudley of the North parish of Guilford, yeoman, for £32, "4 acres in the 1st lot 4th Division at the easternmost end of my land."^[32]

On 1 April 1734, Richard Scarit sold to William Luddington, cordwainer of Branford, for £54 "my now dwelling house with appurtenances and 1½ acres land which I formerly bought of Dorcas Wheeler . . . at Libbies Hill . . . 7th lot, 4th Division, reserving to myself the mills and ye liberty of ye stream which runs through this land, with free liberty of ingress and egress thereto for ye term of one year next coming and then to take off at my pleasure." He signed the deed.^[33]

Also on 1 April 1734, Richard Scarit of Branford sold to Wm Dudley of Guilford for £42, six acres in the "1st Lotment in the fourth division" of Branford "to be taken off from ye East end of my lot," bounded by "land I formerly sold to said Dudley" on the east.^[34]

On 30 January 1737/8, Richard Scarit and Hannah Scarit sold for £200 to Mr. Jonathan Rose of Branford, twenty acres in the first lot, fourth division, at Libbies Hill "being the whole of sd Scarit right." He signed and she signed by mark.^[35]

Also on 30 January 1737/8, Richard Scarit bought from Isaac Cook of Branford for £100, ten acres with a house thereon, part saltmarsh and part upland at Stoney Creek, "all the upland on ye south side of ye highway that I bought of Noah Tuttle and ½ the salt marsh thereunto adjoining . . . reserving to myself the East side of said meadow . . . allowing said Scarit his heirs etc liberty to come to ye head of ye Creek to land Eels, oysters, clams, etc."^[36]

A deed of 16 October 1738 is the last record of Richard Scarritt.^[37] His wife Hannah was still called "widow Hannah Scarritt" in a pair of deeds dated 31 July 1751, the last record found for her.^[38] In one of these deeds she sold her right of dower to her son, Richard, stating "ye same may be divided or disposed of as fully & lawfully as if my estate therein was fully ended" so there is no posthumous division of her dower amongst her heirs from which we could narrow down her death date. There is no probate record for either Richard or Hannah.

³⁰ Branford Deeds, 5:148, 300.

³¹ Branford Deeds, 5:233.

³² Branford Deeds, 5:273.

³³ Branford Deeds, 5:456.

³⁴ Branford Deeds, 5:610.

³⁵ Branford Deeds, 6:92.

³⁶ Branford Deeds, 6:435.

³⁷ Branford Deeds, 6:133.

³⁸ Branford Deeds, 7:186, 212.

Genealogical Summary

1. **RICHARD² SCARRITT** was born at New London, Connecticut, 24 May 1690, his father's identity uncertain but possibly he was an older Richard Scarritt who died at New London 5 March 1716.^[39] Richard² Scarritt's mother was Ann Stedman, born in June 1668, daughter of Thomas and Hannah (Isbell) Stedman.^[40] Ann married in November 1689 Benjamin² Lester (*Andrew*¹). Richard² Scarritt died between 16 October 1738, the date of his last land transaction,^[41] and 19 February 1739/40, on which date his daughter, Abigail, was married at New London and called "daughter of Richard of Branford, dec'd."^[42] He was married say 1718 (based on the birth of their first known child), to **HANNAH HOADLEY**, daughter of William and Abigail (Frisbie) Hoadley of Branford, Connecticut. Hannah was born at Branford 27 April 1693,^[43] and was still living there as a widow on 31 July 1751.

The Scarritt genealogy lists five children for this couple: Anne, Lester, Ransom, Jeremiah, and James. Of Lester the genealogy says, he "moved to New York in 1795," and of Ransom, "supposed to have moved to Boston."^[44] No evidence of these two sons has been found, although there was a descendant of Richard and Hannah named Lester Scarritt who moved from Connecticut to New York between the 1810 and 1820 censuses.^[45] And Richard and Hannah also had two descendants named Ransom Scarritt.^[46] Alternatively, a supposed son named

³⁹ *Hempstead Diary* [note 10], 54. As shown in the text above, this older Richard Scarritt married Penelope _____, who probably was "Old Goodwife Scarritt" who died at New London 5 December 1721 (*ibid.*, 116). They had a son Thomas Scarritt, born at New London 20 August 1696, who married with intentions dated 1 September 1723, Joanna Chapman (*ibid.*, 134). Thomas and Joanna had at least four children: *Thomas, Hannah, Molly*, and an *unnamed daughter* (*ibid.*, 541, 626, 581, 418). As a result, it seems unlikely this Thomas Scarritt was identical with Thomas Skerret who married Alice Ward on 6 August 1728 at Plymouth, Massachusetts (Lee D. Van Antwerp, *Vital Records of Plymouth, Massachusetts, to the Year 1580*, Ruth Wilder Sherman, ed. [Camden, Maine: Picton Press, 1993], 95, 174)

⁴⁰ New London Vital Records, 1:19, but whether born in New London is not clear: "The testimony of Mrs. Elizabeth Trueman & Mrs. Susannah Fox they both declare of their certain knowledge that they very well knew and were well acquainted with Robert Isbell sometime of New London deceased & that at his decease he left two children named Eleazer & Hannah Isbell and that she the s^d Hannah was married to Thomas Stedman which s^d Stedman had by his s^d wife two children a son & daughter. The son's name was John the daughter's name was Ann Stedman who married to Benjamin Lester. The above s^d Ann Stedman was borne June 1668; John Stedman was borne December 25th 1669. The persons above named made this declaration & gave in their testimony March 4th 1708/9 before me: Daniel Wetherell, Assistant."

⁴¹ Branford Deeds, 6:133.

⁴² New London Vital Records, 2:49.

⁴³ Branford Deeds, 2:343.

⁴⁴ Pearson, *Scarritt Clan* [note 1], 1:6.

⁴⁵ 1810 U.S. Census, Wolcott, New Haven County, Connecticut, roll 2, p. 672, Lester Scarritt and a female, both age 16–26, with one male under 10; 1820 U. S. Census, Smyrna, Chenango County, New York, roll 66, p. 335, Lester Scarrot and a female, both age 26–45, with one male under 10, one male 10–16, and one female under 10. See Pearson, *Scarritt Clan* [note 1], 2:100.

⁴⁶ Pearson, *Scarritt Clan* [note 1], 1:61; 2:1.

Lester could be a confused memory of Richard's stepfather, Benjamin Lester, and Richard's son-in-law, Daniel Lester (who married Abigail Scarritt). The other three children, Anne, Jeremiah and James, left records that prove their connection. In addition, there were four other children of Richard and Hannah, for whom documentation exists, either vital records or sales of inherited land.

There are land records that suggest there was an eighth child, a daughter. On 27 September 1750, Hannah Scariot of Branford sold to Obadiah Winters of Branford "all my right in undivided lands and commonage in Branford." She was called "widow" when she acknowledged this deed on 11 October 1750.^[47] Then on 5 October 1751, Obadiah Winter of Branford sold to Thomas Rogers of Branford "all the right in undivided land, common, etc in Branford that I lately purchased of my mother in law (widow) Hannah Scarit of Branford."^[48] This suggests he was married to an unknown daughter of Richard and Hannah. But since no children of Obadiah and this unknown daughter had a share in Richard Scarritt's estate, it would appear that she had died without surviving children before 1757 (and perhaps even before 1750). Beginning in 1757 five of the six known children of Richard Scarritt (Jeremiah, Abigail, Mary, James, and Anne) began selling their father's land, each claiming a one-sixth share (Richard Jr. kept his share).^[49]

The term "mother-in-law" was sometimes used for "stepmother," but since Hannah was still called widow and named Scarritt in 1751, she does not appear to have remarried after her husband's death. She was about 25 years old when she married Richard Scarritt, which does leave room for the possibility that Hannah had married first a widower named Winter who already had a son named Obadiah,^[50] and this widower died soon afterward, leaving Hannah available to marry Richard Scarritt.

⁴⁷ Branford Deeds, 7:122.

⁴⁸ Branford Deeds, 7:199–200.

⁴⁹ Branford Deeds, 7:596, where on 4 February 1757, Jeremiah Scarit sold to Daniel Frisbie his one-sixth part in land at Stony Creek "of my Honoured Father Rich^d Scarit dec'd"; 7:595, where on 21 March 1757, Daniel Lester & wife Abigail and Mary McLean of New London "(Abigail & Mary are children of Rich^d Scarit of Branford dec'd)" sold a third of ten acres of land "that was ye estate of Aforesd Rich^d Scarit dec'd and is in partnership with Rich^d Scarit and Dan^l Frisbie and Nathan Hoadly and James Scariot" at Stony Creek; 7:707, where on 8 February 1759, James Scarot of Wallingford sold a right of land at Stony Creek – "my whole right which came to me by my Honoured Father Richard Scariot dec'd, being 1/6 of ye whole 10 acres"; 9:82–83, where on 9 February 1768, Nathaniel and Anne Hoadley, husband and wife of Branford, sold a small piece of land at Pine Brook in Branford, "the whole right descending to sd Anne from her Honored Father Rich^d Scarit late of Branford dec'd."

⁵⁰ The name Obadiah Winter suggests a descent from John^l Winter of Scituate, Massachusetts, who had a son named Obadiah (James Savage, *A Genealogical Dictionary of the First Settlers of New England*, 4 vols. [Boston: Little, Brown & Co., 1860–62; repr. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1965], 4:606; Samuel Deane, *History of Scituate, Massachusetts, from Its First Settlement to 1831* [Boston: J. Loring, 1831; repr. Baltimore: Clearfield, 1995], 386–87. But no descendants of John^l Winter have been found in or near Branford.

There was one other deed involving Obadiah Winter and widow Hannah Scarit, dated 31 July 1751, in which they sold for £31 to Isaac Cook, Jr., of Branford, two acres 127 rods of the seventh Division “to be layed out of ye estate of Willm Hoadly ye first dec’d.”^[51] It is not known how they came to be in joint possession of this land.

Children of Richard² and Hannah (Hoadley) Scarritt, all born probably at Branford:

- i. ANDREW³ SCARRITT, b. 9 March 1718/19;^[52] d. before his father, evidently without children.
- 2 ii. ABIGAIL SCARRITT, b. 12 May 172[];^[53] m. DANIEL LESTER.
- 3 iii. RICHARD SCARRITT, b. 17 Aug. 1723.^[54]
- 4 iv. ANNE SCARRITT, b. 28 May 1726;^[55] m. NATHANIEL HOADLEY.
- v. ?DAUGHTER, b. say 1729; d. without surviving children before 1757; possibly m. OBADIAH WINTER of Branford who referred to widow Hannah Scarritt as “mother-in-law” in 1751. He bought land in Waterbury, Conn., in 1766,^[56] and presumably was the Obadiah Winter who m. there 25 April 1768 Phebe Gordon.^[57]
- 5 vi. MARY SCARRITT, b. say 1732; m. DANIEL MCCLEAN.
- 6 vii. JEREMIAH SCARRITT, b. say 1734; m. MARY WHEADON.
- 7 viii. JAMES SCARRITT, b. 2 Sept. 1737;^[58] m. LOVE HALL.

(to be continued)

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⁵¹ Branford Deeds, 7:186.

⁵² Branford Vital Records, 3:43.

⁵³ Branford Vital Records, 3:45, the last digit unreadable in the original record, perhaps 1721 as that would provide two-year spacing between children, and that year fits with her probable age at death, as will be seen below.

⁵⁴ Branford Vital Records, 3:53.

⁵⁵ Branford Vital Records, 3:59.

⁵⁶ Waterbury Deeds, 12:48, as “Obadiah Winter of Branford” (courtesy of Susan Rhodes).

⁵⁷ Waterbury Vital Records, 2:62.

⁵⁸ Branford Vital Records, 3:112 [note that the Barbour Index has this listed as 3:108, but the actual page has 112 written at the top].

IDENTIFYING MERCY, WIFE OF THOMAS⁴ HINCKLEY
OF HARWICH, MASSACHUSETTS, AS
MERCY (BANGS) (HINCKLEY) COLE

Glade Ian Nelson

(concluded from Register 162 [2008]:112)

NOTE: In response to Part 1 of this article, Mercy (Bangs) Hinckley) Cole's death date of 27 March 1747 at Eastham was kindly provided by Ellen St. Sure of Brewster, Massachusetts. It is found in the unpublished diary of Benjamin Bangs (1721–1769), a grandson of Mercy's brother Edward Bangs.^[139]

Joshua and Thomas Hinckley Sell Land in Truro, Massachusetts

That excellent publication, the *Mayflower Descendant*, published many valuable genealogical records. One fine serialization was “Unrecorded Barnstable County Deeds,” an attempt to compensate for the lack of land records caused by a fire in the court house in 1827.^[140] Volume 21 (1919) contained printed abstracts of three deeds then in the possession of Mrs. Susan J. Dyer of Provincetown. All three deeds involved Benjamin Collins as grantee and related to land in the town of Truro. Two of the deeds unquestionably deal with property which had belonged to Capt. Jonathan Bangs, an early proprietor of Truro. It appears that the third deed also deals with Bangs' property and is the key to identifying Mercy (Bangs) (Hinckley) Cole. The three deeds contain the following pertinent information:

Deed 1. Joseph Mayo, as guardian to Elisha Bangs and Samuel Bangs, all of Harwich sold on 19 June 1744 to Benjamin Collins, “one sixth part of a lot of Land Laying in Truro afore said on the west side of Stouts creek meadow so called said Lot of Land being Laid out to Captⁿ Jonathan Bangs and to Edward Bangs his son – and also one sixth part of a lot of meadow by said Stouts creek Laid out to the said Captⁿ Jonathan Bangs & Edward his son.” The deed was acknowledged the same day by Joseph Mayo and Samuel Bangs before Joseph Freeman, Justice of the Peace.^[141] [Elisha Bangs and Samuel Bangs were the two youngest sons of Jonathan Bangs Jr., and grandsons of Truro proprietor Capt. Jonathan Bangs].^[142]

¹³⁹ Benjamin Bangs, “Diary, 1742–1765,” at the Massachusetts Historical Society. Entry of 27 March 1747, “this night mr joseph Coles wife died very suddenly at Easth.”

¹⁴⁰ Marjorie Hubbell Gibson, *Historical and Genealogical Atlas and Guide to Barnstable County, Massachusetts (Cape Cod)* (Teaticket, Mass.: Falmouth Genealogical Society, 1995), 1.

¹⁴¹ “Unrecorded Barnstable County Deeds” [note 48], *Mayflower Descendant* 21:133. This deed was noted in Austin, *Stephen Hopkins* [note 11], 148.

¹⁴² Dean Dudley, *History and Genealogy of the Bangs Family in America* (Montrose, Mass.: A. W. Brownell, 1896), 34–35.

Deed 2. Nathaniel Nickerson of Chatham, Mass., and Thankful his wife, sold on 28 August 1760, to “Benjamin Collins, Jonathan collings jr. & Ruth collings, widow of Silvanus collings Late of Truro Deceas^d all of Truroe . . . all that our Right and titles of lands and meadow grownds in Truroe aforesd Divided or undivided which came unto us in Right of our Honrd Decea^{sd} mother mary Nickerson, Daughter of Cap^t Jonathan Bangs of Harwich Deceas^d.” Nathaniel Nickerson did not sign the deed, but his wife Thankful signed by mark, and acknowledged it at Truro 28 August 1760 before Barnabas Paine, Justice of the Peace.^[143]

Deed 3. Joshua Hinckley “of a Place called & known by y^e Name of Oblong in y^e Government of New York,” and Thomas Hinckley, of Harwich, Mass., sold on 11 November 1757 to Benjamin Collins, “all That our parcel of woodland Lying in Truro being our Right and Intrest in ye Third Lot Lying on ye South Side of Pamet River So Called.” The deed was signed by Thomas Hinckley only, with Solomon Pepper and Nathaniel Stone as witnesses. It was acknowledged by Thomas Hinckley 11 November 1757 before Nathaniel Stone, Justice of the Peace.^[144]

Deeds 2 and 3 above meet the legal terms of a “release” deed, defined as “[A] document by which a person gives up, to another, his right to something in which he has a just claim. Such conveyance must be, under common law, to a person who has either possession or an interest in the property.”^[145]

The Joshua and Thomas Hinckley in deed 3 above are clearly the two sons of Thomas⁴ Hinckley and his wife Mercy. The third lot, on the south side of Pamet River in Truro, was laid out on 4 September 1716 to Capt. Jonathan Bangs and Benjamin Collins “in equal share.” It was the “Easterly division of the land belonging to the proprietors of Truro lying between the Southerly sid of pamet great medow and the line or rang between Eastham and Truroe,” and contained “about two hundred twenty and two acres be it more or less.”^[146] On a map of Truro showing divisions of land from proprietors’ records, the third lot on the south side of Pamet River is clearly identified as belonging to Jonathan Bangs and Benjamin “Collines.”^[147]

How did the brothers have a “Right and Interest” in this property in 1757?

- There is no extant record of Joshua and Thomas, individually or jointly, acquiring as proprietors, or by purchase, any property in Truro. As shown in Part 1, their children were all born in Harwich or Brewster, Massachusetts, until at least 1749.

¹⁴³ “Unrecorded Barnstable County Deeds” [note 48], *Mayflower Descendant* 21:134.

¹⁴⁴ *Ibid.*, 21:133.

¹⁴⁵ Val D. Greenwood, *The Researcher’s Guide to American Genealogy*, 3rd ed. (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 2000), 409.

¹⁴⁶ Truro Proprietor’s Records [FHL 0,911,762], 80.

¹⁴⁷ J. H. Dyer and William D. Park, “Map of Truro,” undated, showing divisions of land from proprietors’ records. The author expresses particular thanks to Richard A. Haskell of Truro for a copy of this map.

- Their father Thomas, who died in 1710 before he was 30 years old, is never mentioned in the Truro proprietors' records. No inventory has been found of his estate which might have listed real property.
- Their paternal grandfather, Samuel Hinckley, died in 1697 (in his father's lifetime) in Barnstable, Massachusetts, and apparently held property only in West Barnstable.
- The brothers' maternal grandfather, Thomas Pope, lived in Plymouth and Dartmouth, Massachusetts, and does not appear to have ever been in the Truro area.
- The brothers' paternal great-grandfather, Gov. Thomas Hinckley, died in 1706 at Barnstable. His will left to his sons several small parcels of property in Barnstable and mentioned a grant to him in Little Compton (now in Rhode Island). There is no indication Gov. Hinckley ever had land dealings in Truro, far removed from his home in Barnstable.

The early Truro proprietor's records appear to be complete. However, they are very faint in many places and difficult to read. They do not show any Hinckleys there during Thomas⁴ Hinckley's lifetime, but three of Thomas's siblings (Samuel, Shubael, and Lydia) later resided in Truro.

The conclusion is that the "Right and Interest" claimed by the brothers Joshua and Thomas must have come to them through their mother Mercy, just as deed 2 above states that Nathaniel Nickerson had a "right" through his deceased mother Mary (Bangs) Nickerson, daughter of Jonathan Bangs.

To review the evidence presented thus far, Mercy Bangs, born in 1682, can be identified as having married first Thomas⁴ Hinckley and second Joseph Cole, for the following reasons:

- She was right age to have married both men (Thomas was born in 1680, Joseph was born in 1677), and the right age to have had children between 1707 and 1721.
- The Bangs genealogy does not assign her another husband.
- Two of Mercy's siblings married two of Thomas's siblings: Samuel Bangs married Mary Hinckley in 1704, and Lydia Bangs married Shubael Hinckley in 1712. Often there were multiple marriages between the children of two couples in the colonial period.
- Deed 3 above indicates that the brothers Joshua and Thomas Hinckley, known to be sons of Thomas⁴ Hinckley, were grandsons of Capt. Jonathan Bangs.

After the following account of the Bangs family, two more factors are examined below, and they provide further supporting evidence:

- Thomas⁴ Hinckley's oldest son was named Joshua, a name not previously found anywhere in the Hinckley family — but found in the Bangs family.
- Other candidates to be the Mercy who first married Thomas⁴ Hinckley and second Joseph Cole are eliminated with two exceptions. And there is no other evidence to support either of the two exceptions.

The Bangs Family and the Collins Connection

CAPT. JONATHAN² BANGS (*Edward¹*) was born about 1640, son of Edward and Rebecca (____) Bangs.^[148] He died, probably at Harwich, Massachusetts, 19 November 1728 at age 88 and was buried in the Old Burial Ground, now located in Brewster, Massachusetts.^[149] He married first at Eastham, Massachusetts, 16 July 1664, **MARY MAYO**,^[150] daughter of Capt. Samuel and Thomasine (Lumpkin) Mayo.^[151] She died on 26 January 1711 in her 66th year and was buried with her husband.^[152] Jonathan married second **SARAH** _____, who died 11 June 1719^[153] in her 78th year and was buried with him.^[154] He married third, with intentions at Eastham dated 23 July 1720, **RUTH (COLE) YOUNG**,^[155] born at Eastham 15 April 1651, daughter of Daniel and Ruth (Collier) Cole, and widow of John Young.^[156]

According to the Bangs genealogy, Jonathan probably settled at what was then Eastham, now Brewster, “about 1694, inheriting his father’s lands between Sautucket river and Namskeket. He was a Selectman of Eastham three years and in 1674, ‘76 and ‘82, ‘83, ‘87 and ‘88 he was Deputy to the Old Colony Court; and, in 1692, Representative to the General Court at Boston. He was also some time Town Treasurer of Eastham. He was a military man and captain of militia, and he always had the term ‘Capt.’ Applied to him.”^[157]

Capt. Bangs likely never lived in Truro, although he was an early proprietor and extensive land speculator there.

Children of Capt. Jonathan² and Mary (Mayo) Bangs, all births recorded at Eastham, Massachusetts:^[158]

¹⁴⁸ Robert Charles Anderson, *The Pilgrim Migration: Immigrants to Plymouth Colony, 1620–1633* (Boston: NEHGS, 2004), 23–29 at 27.

¹⁴⁹ Charles E. Mayo, *Mortuary Record from the Gravestones in the Old Burial Ground in Brewster, Mass., with Biographical and Genealogical Notes* (Yarmouth, Mass.: Register Publishing Co., 1898), 71. The notes are separate from the inscriptions except that the author has apparently added maiden names for the wives in parentheses in the inscriptions.

¹⁵⁰ Bowman, “Eastham and Orleans Vital Records” [note 28], *Mayflower Descendant* 4:29; George Ernest Bowman, “Plymouth Colony Vital Records,” *Mayflower Descendant* 1 (1899):139–48 et seq., including 19 (1917):110.

¹⁵¹ Jean (May) Mayo-Rodwick, *Rev. John Mayo and his Descendants*, 4th ed. (Las Cruces, N.M.: Blood Ties Inc., 2001), 18, 28–29.

¹⁵² Mayo, *Mortuary Record* [note 149], 71, her maiden name, Mayo, in parentheses.

¹⁵³ Dudley, *Bangs Family* [note 142], 22.

¹⁵⁴ Mayo, *Mortuary Record* [note 149], 71, says only June 1719; no maiden name provided. In McLean, “Descendants of Thomas Crosby” [note 37], *Record* 71:234, the author suggests that Sarah was Sarah (____) (Crosby) Miller.

¹⁵⁵ Bowman, “Eastham and Orleans Vital Records” [note 28], *Mayflower Descendant* 28:111.

¹⁵⁶ Anderson, *Pilgrim Migration* [note 148], 128–33 at 131; Langlois, “John Young” [note 52], *Mayflower Descendant* 54:99–100.

¹⁵⁷ Dudley, *Bangs Family* [note 142], 22.

¹⁵⁸ Bowman, “Eastham and Orleans Vital Records” [note 28], *Mayflower Descendant* 4:29–30; Bowman, “Plymouth Colony Vital Records,” [note 150], *Mayflower Descendant* 19:110.

- i. CAPT. EDWARD³ BANGS, b. 30 Sept. 1665; d. 22 May 1746^[159] in his 81st year, bur. near his father in the Old Burial Ground in Brewster;^[160] m. (1) ca. 1690 RUTH ALLEN,^[161] d. 22 June 1738 in her 68th year, bur. with her husband,^[162] daughter of James and Elizabeth (Partridge) Allen,^[163] m. (2) Eastham 16 Jan. 1738/9 Mrs. RUTH MAYO,^[164] who d. 17 Aug. 1747.^[165] He was one of the eight founders of the Harwich, Mass., church 16 Oct. 1700.^[166] His first wife Ruth was likely the Ruth Bangs admitted to the Harwich church 22 June 1701.^[167] His will, dated 14 April 1746 and proved 11 June 1746, provided that his wife Ruth was to have “all the goods she brought with her.”^[168]
- ii. REBECCA BANGS, b. 1 Feb. 1667.
- iii. JONATHAN BANGS, b. 30 April 1670; d. Eastham 11 May 1670.^[169]
- iv. MARY BANGS, b. 14 April 1671.
- v. JONATHAN BANGS JR., b. 4 May 1673; d. probably Harwich between 3 Feb. 1736/7 (date of will) and 6 March 1736/7 (date will proved);^[170] m. (1) before 1696 ELIZABETH _____;^[171] m. (2) EXPERIENCE BERRY,^[172] daughter of John Berry.^[173]

¹⁵⁹ Dudley, *Bangs Family* [note 142], 31.

¹⁶⁰ Mayo, *Mortuary Record* [note 149], 72, called Capt.

¹⁶¹ Dudley, *Bangs Family* [note 142], 31–32, says their first child was born at Harwich in April 1691. Mayo-Rodwick, *Rev. John Mayo* [note 151], 46, says they married about 1687 and their first child, Joshua, was born about 1688.

¹⁶² Mayo, *Mortuary Record* [note 149], 72, her maiden name in parentheses.

¹⁶³ Charles Edward Banks, *The History of Martha's Vineyard, Dukes County, Massachusetts*, 3 vols. (Edgartown, Mass.: Dukes County Historical Society, 1966), 3:4.

¹⁶⁴ Bowman, “Eastham and Orleans Vital Records” [note 28], *Mayflower Descendant* 19:101; Dudley, *Bangs Family* [note 142], 31–32. Capt. Edward Bangs of Harwich and Mrs. Ruth Mayo of Eastham filed intentions 26 December 1738 (Kelley and Straw, *Vital Records, Town of Harwich* [note 13], 73). Mayo-Rodwick, *Rev. John Mayo* [note 151], 70–71, claims that this Ruth Mayo was the daughter of Jonathan and Thankful (Twining) Mayo, born 16 March 1719/20 or 1720/1, and that her husband Edward was the son of Edward and Ruth (Allen) Bangs. However, Dudley, *Bangs Family* [note 142], 33, shows that Edward, son of Edward and Ruth (Allen) Bangs, did not marry a Ruth Mayo. In addition, the use of “Capt.” and “Mrs.” in the marriage intentions suggests that the groom was an older man and that the bride was a widow. There is no other candidate to be Mrs. Ruth Mayo shown in the first four generations of *Rev. John Mayo*. Nevertheless, that work clearly has not treated the vital records of all Mayos on Cape Cod.

¹⁶⁵ Mayo-Rodwick, *Rev. John Mayo* [note 151], 71, citing research by Harry L. Mayo.

¹⁶⁶ Bowman, “First Parish in Brewster, Formerly Harwich” [note 31], *Mayflower Descendant* 4:242–44.

¹⁶⁷ *Ibid.*, 4:245.

¹⁶⁸ Edward Bangs will and letters of administration, Barnstable County Probate Records [FHL 0,904,601], 8:72–74.

¹⁶⁹ Bowman, “Eastham and Orleans Vital Records” [note 28], *Mayflower Descendant* 4:29. Bowman, “Plymouth Colony Vital Records” [note 150], *Mayflower Descendant* 19:110.

¹⁷⁰ Jonathan Bangs will, Barnstable County Probate Records [FHL 0,904,599, item 2], 5:380.

¹⁷¹ Bowman, “Harwich Vital Records” [note 20], *Mayflower Descendant* 5:89. Their first child was born at Harwich in September 1696 (Kelley and Straw, *Vital Records, Town of Harwich* [note 13], 13).

¹⁷² Dudley, *Bangs Family* [note 142], 33.

¹⁷³ Otis, *Barnstable Families* [note 6], 1:20.

- vi. HANNAH BANGS, b. 14 March 1676; perhaps the Hannah who m. before 1704 JOHN CROSBY, b. Eastham or Harwich 4 Dec. 1670, d. 25 May 1714, son of Thomas and Sarah (_____) Crosby.^[174]
- vii. TAMSON/THOMASINE BANGS, b. 5 May 1678; m. JOSEPH BURGESS,^[175] son of John and Mary (Worden) Burgess of Yarmouth, Mass.^[176]
- viii. CAPT. SAMUEL BANGS, b. 12 July 1680; d. 11 June 1750^[177] in his 69th year, probably at Harwich, bur. near his father;^[178] m. (1) Harwich 13 Jan. 1704 MARY HINCKLEY, b. Barnstable, Mass., 22 July 1678, d. probably Harwich 7 Jan. 1741 in her 64th year, bur. with her husband,^[179] daughter of Samuel and Sarah (Pope) Hinckley (see Part 1 of this article). Two of Mary Hinckley's brothers married two of Samuel's sisters: Thomas Hinckley married Mercy Bangs and Shubael Hinckley married Lydia Bangs. Samuel Bangs m. (2) Harwich 1 April 1742 MARY (_____) RIDER.^[180] His will, dated 6 June 1750, was proved 25 June 1750.^[181]
- ix. MERCY BANGS, b. 7 Jan. 1682; d. Eastham 27 March 1747; m. (1) ca. 1705 THOMAS HINCKLEY, d. probably Harwich before 4 Oct. 1710; m. (2) Harwich 5 Oct. 1715 JOSEPH COLE (see Part 1 of this article).
- x. ELIZABETH BANGS, b. 16 May 1685. Apparently she eloped and was married in Boston without her parents' approval; she "made her publick acknowledgment, with expressions of repentance, and was accordingly forgiven and accepted by y^e chh" on 21 Dec. 1729.^[182] However, no record of her marriage has been found.
- xi. SARAH BANGS, b. Aug. 1687;^[183] d. probably Truro, Mass., 2 April 1759;^[184] m. Truro 8 Jan. 1707 BENJAMIN COLLINS,^[185] b. Eastham 6 Feb. 1687,^[186] d. Truro 23 Dec. 1756,^[187] son of Joseph and Ruth (Knowles) Collins.^[188]

¹⁷⁴ Mayo-Rodwick, *Rev. John Mayo* [note 151], 28. McLean, "Descendants of Thomas Crosby" [note 37], *Record* 71:237–38, did not make this identification but mentioned that the inventory of John Crosby's estate was witnessed by William Crosby and Jonathan Bangs.

¹⁷⁵ Dudley, *Bangs Family* [note 142], 35.

¹⁷⁶ Katharine W. Hiam, *Burgess Genealogy* (Boston: NEHGS, 1997), 77, 83.

¹⁷⁷ Dudley, *Bangs Family* [note 142], 36.

¹⁷⁸ Mayo, *Mortuary Record* [note 149], 68, called Capt.

¹⁷⁹ *Ibid.*, 68.

¹⁸⁰ Kelley and Straw, *Harwich Town Records* [note 13], 79. She is identified as "probably daughter of Mr. Sunderland" in "The Bangs Family," *Register* 10 (1856):157–59 at 157.

¹⁸¹ Samuel Bangs will and letters testamentary, Barnstable County Probate Records [FHL 0,904,601], 8:383–84.

¹⁸² Bowman, "First Parish in Brewster, Formerly Harwich" [note 31], *Mayflower Descendant* 6:216.

¹⁸³ Bowman, "Eastham and Orleans Vital Records" [note 28], *Mayflower Descendant* 4:30. The printed record gives the year as 1689, probably a typographical error.

¹⁸⁴ Stanley Newcomb Collins, Jr., "Joseph Collins of Eastham and Three Generations of His Descendants," *Register* 151 (1997):3–30 at 14, quoting North Truro Church Records at NEHGS.

¹⁸⁵ Dudley, *Bangs Family* [note 142], 26.

¹⁸⁶ Bowman, "Eastham and Orleans Vital Records" [note 28], *Mayflower Descendant* 3:230.

¹⁸⁷ Collins, "Joseph Collins of Eastham" [note 184], *Register* 151:14. This date is not found in Bowman, *Vital Records of Truro* [note 39].

¹⁸⁸ Collins, "Joseph Collins of Eastham" [note 184], *Register* 151:14. Benjamin Collins did not have a sister named Mercy (*ibid.*, 151:6–7).

Benjamin Collins was the grantee in the three deeds mentioned earlier, and son-in-law to Capt. Jonathan Bangs with whom he held several pieces of land in Truro as joint owners. Benjamin was one of the early proprietors of Truro and was a “flourishing and quite extensive farmer in those days, owning hundreds of acres of wood, meadow and high marsh lands at the head of Pamet (River) near the ocean.”^[189]

- xii. LYDIA BANGS, b. 2 Oct. 1689; d. Harwich 18 May 1715;^[190] m. Eastham 17 April 1712 SHUBAEL HINCKLEY, b. Barnstable 1 May 1690, d. after 23 Nov. 1766, probably at Truro, son of Samuel and Sarah (Pope) Hinckley (see Part 1 of this article). Two of Shubael Hinckley’s siblings married two of Lydia’s siblings: Mary Hinckley married Samuel Bangs and Thomas Hinckley married Mercy Bangs.

Naming Customs

Choosing names for children in early eighteenth century New England was usually carefully and deliberately done.^[191] “Many children bore the same first names as their parents, or a dead sibling, or an esteemed relative or friend.”^[192] Often names were “an attempt to remember and keep alive a person who has died, an effort to ease bereavement by symbolic reincarnation, the creation of a namesake.”^[193]

Joshua is a given name not found in any direct male ancestor or known uncle, either by blood or marriage, of Thomas Hinckley in all ancestral lines in New England. Therefore, the name would probably have been chosen because of one of three reasons: (1) it was a name of importance to Mercy’s family, (2) it was the name of a prominent civic, religious, or political figure, or (3) Thomas and Mercy just liked the name. There is no evident person filling the description for the second reason in the eastern Cape Cod area in the early 1700s. The first reason is the more logical, especially because Joshua was the first known child. Their second known child was named Thomas, the same as his father, great-grandfather Hinckley, and great-grandfather Pope. In addition, Thomas⁴ Hinckley had a paternal uncle Thomas Hinckley, who had bequeathed him one fourth of his property, and a maternal uncle Thomas Pope.

Mercy Bangs had a paternal uncle named Joshua Bangs. He was born in 1637 and died in 1710, survived by a wife but no children. His estate settlement papers

¹⁸⁹ Ibid., *Register* 151:14, citing Frederick S. Rich, *Wellfleet, Truro and Cape Cod* (Wellfleet, Mass., 1844), 229.

¹⁹⁰ Kelley and Straw, *Vital Records, Town of Harwich* [note 13], 18.

¹⁹¹ Daniel Scott Smith, “Child-Naming Practices, Kinship Ties, and Change in Family Attitudes in Hingham, Massachusetts, 1641 to 1880,” *Journal of Social History* 18 (1985):541–66.

¹⁹² Justin Kaplan and Anne Bernays, *The Language of Names* (New York: Simon & Schuster, 1997), 35.

¹⁹³ Mary V. Seeman, “The Unconscious Meaning of Personal Names,” *Names: Journal of the American Name Society* 31 (1983):237–44.

refer to him as “Lieut.” Joshua Bangs. He had had one child, Joshua Bangs Jr., born in 1673 and died in 1706, before his father, leaving no descendants.^[194]

Mercy’s uncle Joshua Bangs was evidently in poor health on 20 February 1706/7 when he made his will.^[195] However, he lived for almost three more years, dying at Eastham 11 January 1709/10.^[196] Thomas and Mercy’s son Joshua was born on 29 March 1707, during this interval. The evidence points to the probability that Joshua Hinckley was named for his mother’s uncle as an honor to an esteemed relative in poor health, not expected to live much longer, and who had no descendants to carry on his name. Perhaps there was even hope that a namesake child would receive an inheritance.^[197] However, such was not the case. There was no codicil, and the will named his wife Hannah and his seven sisters by name. His only surviving brother, Capt. Jonathan Bangs, was not mentioned in the will.

Search for Mercy Candidates

Eastham, settled in 1644, was one of four original towns on Cape Cod. It was the parent town of Harwich (1694), and subsequently the remaining towns east and north along the Cape.^[198] “Eastham was the only township below Yarmouth on Cape Cod, until 1694,” when Harwich was incorporated by settlers from Eastham.^[199] Mr. Samuel Treat, who began his tenure as the first regularly called minister in 1672, considered the “whole of the Cape below Yarmouth to be within the limits of Eastham.”^[200] Treat served in Eastham, as well as in Harwich and Truro, until his death in 1715/6.^[201] In the last half of the 1600’s there were scattered inhabitants between the settlements of Eastham and Yarmouth, but these two centers were the ecclesiastical, political, and record-keeping centers for the entire eastern half of the Cape. Consequently the records of Eastham are important in confirming the identity of Mercy (Bangs) (Hinckley) Cole.

Thomas⁴ Hinckley, Mercy’s first husband was born in 1680; therefore, her birth year would logically be between 1680 and 1685. The birth of her first known

¹⁹⁴ Dudley, *Bangs Family* [note 142], 19.

¹⁹⁵ Joshua Bangs will, Barnstable County Probate Records [FHL 0, 904,598, item 3], 3:379–80.

¹⁹⁶ Bowman, “Eastham and Orleans Vital Records” [note 28], *Mayflower Descendant* 6:203. Letters testamentary were granted 7 February 1709/10 (Barnstable County Probate Records, 3:381).

¹⁹⁷ For specific reference to naming children after childless men who left wills in Hingham, Mass., see Smith, “Child-Naming Practices” [note 191], *Journal of Social History* 18:553.

¹⁹⁸ Gibson, *Atlas and Guide to Barnstable County* [note 140], 10, 12, 18, 22, 26, 30, 34, 36.

¹⁹⁹ Enoch Pratt, *A Comprehensive History of Eastham, Wellfleet and Orleans, from 1644 to 1844* (Yarmouth, Mass.: W. S. Fisher and Co., 1844), 45.

²⁰⁰ *Ibid.*, 46.

²⁰¹ *Ibid.*, 54.

son in 1707 would most likely place her birth before 1689. All references to any Mercy born in Eastham from 1676 through 1692 were examined.^[202]

There were ten possible candidates born at Eastham who can be identified as married to other men after 1705. They were:

1. Mercy Smith, b. 17 Sep. 1676 to John and Mary (Eldridge) Smith,^[203] either she or #2 presumably was the Mercy Smith who m. Eastham 15 Feb 1703/4 James Maker.^[204]
2. Mercy Smith, b. 17 Feb. 1678 to Jeremiah and Hannah (Atwood) Smith.^[205]
3. Mercy Crosby, b. 14 or 15 April 1678 to Thomas and Sarah (_____) Crosby,^[206] m. Yarmouth 10 Aug. 1708 Josiah Miller.^[207]
4. Mercy Knowles, b. 13 Sept. 1681 to Samuel and Mercy (Freeman) Knowles,^[208] m. Eastham 23 July 1702 Thomas Rich.^[209]
5. Mercy Crisp, b. 15 Oct. 1681 to George and Hephzibah (Cole) Crisp,^[210] m. Eastham 13 Oct. 1703 Joseph Rogers.^[211]
6. Mercy Mayo, b. 19 Jan. 1685 to Thomas and Barbara (Knowles) Mayo,^[212] m. 30 Oct. 1707 Jonathan Godfrey.^[213]

²⁰² The last child of Mercy (Bangs) (Hinckley) Cole was born in 1721. If Mercy were 45 then, she would have been born about 1676. For a discussion of this kind of search, see Robert S. Wakefield, "The 'Only Girl in Town' Theory," *The American Genealogist* 72 (1977):39–41.

The IGI (International Genealogical Index) shows "Mercy Prence" as the wife of Thomas⁴ Hinckley; however, no possible candidate has been found. Thomas¹ Prence (ca. 1600–1673) of Eastham and Plymouth, Massachusetts, had only daughters who remained in New England (Anderson, *Pilgrim Migration* [note 148], 374–81 at 380–81), and so he would not have had a great-granddaughter there with the surname Prence. John¹ Prince of Hull, Massachusetts, had only one granddaughter named Mercy Prince (born about 1688), but she married Shubael Weeks (Ethel Farrington Smith, *Early Families of Hull, Massachusetts* [Boston: NEHGS, 2007], 159).

²⁰³ Bowman, "Eastham and Orleans Vital Records" [note 28], *Mayflower Descendant* 8:92; James Savage, *A Genealogical Dictionary of the First Settlers of New England*, 4 vols. (Boston: Little, Brown & Co., 1860–62; repr. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1965), 4:122.

²⁰⁴ Bowman, "Eastham and Orleans Vital Records" [note 28], *Mayflower Descendant* 8:93.

²⁰⁵ *Ibid.*, 4:140; Alicia Crane Williams, "Stephen Wood *alias* Atwood of Eastham, Massachusetts," *Mayflower Descendant* 46 (1997):131–36 et seq., at 131–32.

²⁰⁶ Bowman, "Eastham and Orleans Vital Records" [note 28], *Mayflower Descendant* 4:31.

²⁰⁷ McLean, "Descendants of Thomas Crosby" [note 37], *Record* 71:235; Sherman and Sherman, *Vital Records of Yarmouth* [note 116], 1:137.

²⁰⁸ Bowman, "Eastham and Orleans Vital Records" [note 28], *Mayflower Descendant* 6:205.

²⁰⁹ Virginia Knowles Hufbauer, *Descendants of Richard Knowles, 1637–1973* (San Diego, Calif.: Ventures International, 1974), 15; Barbara Lambert Merrick, *Mayflower Families in Progress: William Brewster of the Mayflower and the Fifth Generation of Descendants of his Daughter, Patience* (Plymouth, Mass.: General Society of Mayflower Descendants, 2001), 78.

²¹⁰ Bowman, "Eastham and Orleans Vital Records" [note 28], *Mayflower Descendant* 3:180.

²¹¹ Alice W. A. Eastgate and Ann T. Reeves, *Mayflower Families Through Five Generations . . . Vol. 19, Family: Thomas Rogers* (Plymouth, Mass.: General Society of Mayflower Descendants, 2000), 27.

²¹² Bowman, "Eastham and Orleans Vital Records" [note 28], *Mayflower Descendant* 8:94.

²¹³ Hufbauer, *Descendants of Richard Knowles* [note 209], 9.

7. Mercy Paine, b. 5 Aug. 1686 to Samuel and Patience (Freeman) Paine,^[214] m. Eastham 23 Nov. 1710 Benjamin Cooke.^[215]
8. Mercy Freeman, b. 3 Aug. 1687 to John and Sarah (Merrick) Freeman,^[216] identified as the first wife of Chillingsworth Foster.^[217]
9. Mercy Pepper, b. 7 Aug. 1690 to Isaac and Apphia (Freeman) Pepper, m. Eastham 16 Oct. 1711 William Freeman.^[218]
10. Mercy Twining, b. 8 Sept. 1690 to Steven and Abigail (Young) Twining,^[219] m. 10 July 1713 Joseph Lupton.^[220]
11. Mercy Nickerson, b. 17 March 1691/2 to William and Mary (Snow) Nickerson, m. Harwich 1 April 1714 Joseph Johnson.^[221]

Besides one of the Mercy Smiths (#1 or #2), there were two other candidates not identified as married after 1705:

12. Mercy Bills, b. 14 April 1679 to Thomas and Joanna (Twining) Bills.^[222] *The Twining Family* shows no information beyond her name and birth year.^[223]
13. Mercy Bangs, b. 7 Jan. 1682 to Jonathan and Mary (Mayo) Bangs.^[224]

No close connection has been found between the Hinckley family and either the Bills or the Smith families in the period in question. Of course, there could be other Mercy candidates, but Mercy Bangs is the most logical candidate to have been Thomas⁴ Hinckley's wife, based upon all the evidence presented in this article.

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²¹⁴ Merrick, *William Brewster* [note 209], 108.

²¹⁵ Austin, *Stephen Hopkins* [note 11], 38, 103.

²¹⁶ Bowman, "Eastham and Orleans Vital Records" [note 28], *Mayflower Descendant* 3:180.

²¹⁷ Austin, *Stephen Hopkins* [note 11], 94.

²¹⁸ Susan E. Roser, "Two Daniel Coles of Eastham, Massachusetts, and Two Wives Named Mercy," *The American Genealogist* 75 (2000): 124–29 at 127.

²¹⁹ Bowman, "Eastham and Orleans Vital Records" [note 28], *Mayflower Descendant* 4:34.

²²⁰ Thomas Jefferson Twining, *The Twining Family: Descendants of William Twining, Sr., of Eastham, Massachusetts*, rev. ed. (Fort Wayne, Ind.: the author, 1905), 25.

²²¹ Austin, *Stephen Hopkins* [note 11], 136.

²²² Bowman, "Eastham and Orleans Vital Records" [note 28], *Mayflower Descendant* 3:179.

²²³ Twining, *Twining Family* [note 220], 18.

²²⁴ Bowman, "Eastham and Orleans Vital Records" [note 28], *Mayflower Descendant* 4:30.

NEW ENGLAND ARTICLES IN GENEALOGICAL JOURNALS IN 2006

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This annual feature in the *Register* indexes certain genealogical journals nineteen months after the close of the publication year. Not all articles in each journal are included. Some articles are not relevant to New England, some are too general, and others are insufficiently documented.

Listed below are the seventeen journals indexed (with abbreviations). Next is an *index* to surnames, places, and some subjects occurring in the titles of articles (or commentary) in these journals in 2006. The index is to the *bibliography* by author that follows; “a&c” is used to indicate additions and corrections to articles since 2000 (only the original author is cited).

Photocopies of articles for personal research can be obtained (for a fee) from libraries or from NEHGS Research Services (www.NewEnglandAncestors.org → Databases & Research → Photocopy Service).

CA	<i>Connecticut Ancestry</i>
CN	<i>Connecticut Nutmegger</i>
GMN	<i>Great Migration Newsletter</i>
MASSOG	<i>MASSOG: A Genealogical Magazine for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts</i>
MD	<i>Mayflower Descendants</i>
MG	<i>The Maine Genealogist</i>
MQ	<i>The Mayflower Quarterly</i>
NEA	<i>New England Ancestors</i>
NGSQ	<i>National Genealogical Society Quarterly</i>
NHGR	<i>The New Hampshire Genealogical Record</i>
NYGBR	<i>The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record</i>
<i>Register</i>	<i>The New England Historical and Genealogical Register</i>
RIR	<i>Rhode Island Roots</i>
TAG	<i>The American Genealogist</i>
TEG	<i>The Essex Genealogist</i>
TG	<i>The Genealogist</i>
VG	<i>Vermont Genealogy</i>

- Account Books: see Salls
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Age at Marriage: see Cummings
Albany: see Brooks
Alger: see Fiske
Aliens: see Bartley
Allen: see Hull
Allerton: see Bumpus
American Revolution: see Brooks; Sherman
Andrews: see Anderson
Appleton: see Mahler
Archer: see Graves
Archives: see Daly; Duffy; Hickey; McColgan
Ashton: see Brayton
Austin: see Mathews
Azores: see Meggison
Baptists: see Prechtel-Kluskens
Bartlett: see Bartlett
Battey: see Sorensen
Beecher: see Hatcher
Benedict: see Grey; Olson
Berkley, Mass.: see Bartley
Beverly, Mass.: see Bartley; Taylor & Fipphen
Bickford: see Rand
Bidwell: see Fisher
Billerica, Mass.: see Fitzpatrick; Taylor
Billing(s): see Rodgers
Bisby: see Mahler
Bishop: see Hull
Black: see Sanders; Taylor & Fipphen
Blake: see Rand
Blakeman: see Mahler
Blood: see Taylor
Bolton, Conn.: see Henderson
Bolton, Mass.: see Peach
Borden: see Lamar
Boston, Mass.: see Bell; Biraghi; Daly; Drummey; Duffy; Hickey; Hill; Odiorne; Nylander; Reik; Scannell; Stott & Kaufmann
Bouton: see Hull
Boxford, Mass.: see Fiske
Bracy: see Mahler
Bradford: see Bartley; Mulrey; Sherman
Bragdon: see Eaton
Braman: see Shaw
Brattleboro, Vt.: see Nichols
Brewster: see Bangs
Bridgeport, Conn.: see Jessup & Chatfield
Bridgewater, Mass: see Phillips
British Columbia: see Shields
Brock: see Myers
Brookfield, Conn.: see Jessup & Chatfield; Locke & Jessup; Remington & Jessup
Brooks: see Chatfield
Brown: see Miller; Sanders
Burgess: see Henderson; Hollick
Burlington, N.J.: see Hull
Burlington, Vt.: see Otto
Buttolph: see Fitzpatrick
Buxton, Me.: see Anderson
Calkins: see Jessup & Chatfield
Cambridge, Mass.: see Mahler & Anderson
Cameron: see McGrath
Campbell: see MacGunnigle
Canfield: see Hull & Jessup
Canoe Camp, Pa.: see Morehouse
Canterbury, Conn.: see Mulrey
Cape Cod, Mass.: see Flynn; Meggison
Chamberlain: see Salls
Chase: see Black; Ryan & Scalisi
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