

Ancestry of Alice Maud Clark

– An Ahnentafel Book –

Including Clark, Derby, Fiske, Bixby, Gilson, Glover, Stratton
and other families of Massachusetts



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Preface

I have been doing genealogy for around 30 years, and have recently embarked on the task of updating work that I'd started many years ago. I had written a book, mostly for my immediate family and siblings, *Ancestors of Lowell Clark Pratt*. One major flaw in that book is that although general sources were cited, it did not include footnotes for each fact. In this edition, I have striven to provide the source for every fact. This book covers Lowell Clark Pratt's maternal ancestors.

The internet is both a blessing and a curse for those seeking to understand their family roots. The amount of information available online is astounding and provides a very convenient way to do research. However, there is a lot of misinformation as well. The ease of copying information has also meant that errors have been copied over and over. One of the reasons for wanting to publish my research is to dispel misinformation, which has persisted for many years.

I have decided to organize this book in "Ahnentafel" format. This means that, rather than including chapters on various surnames, each "chapter" is about one family (husband and wife with a list of their children), with links forward and backward in time. The numbering system is explained at: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ahnentafel>

The book begins with my great-grandmother Alice Clark Pratt, with successive sections going backwards in time. This book is a work in progress. I encourage people who may have corrections or additional information to contact me, and I will incorporate changes in future editions. However, I will need reliable sources for every fact.

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Alice Maud Clark (1)

Alice Maud Clark was born 4 Sep 1863, in Weston, Mass. She was the daughter of [John Richardson Clark and Caroline Maria Derby](#). In 1887 she came to California to accept a position with J. W. Robinson's department store. She had worked for him in Waltham.¹ He wrote to her, asking her to bring a friend and assist him in the operation of his one-room store in Los Angeles. According to the *Pomona Progress-Bulletin*: "She and her friend hesitated about coming to Los Angeles. In those days Los Angeles was about as distant a Western outpost as one could think of. They dared each other to make the trip and soon found themselves on the train headed westward. During that journey -- and the trip in those days was a long and tedious one for passengers were not provided with the comfortable and convenient Pullmans of the present day -- Miss Clark formed the acquaintance of Harry S. Pratt who was also seeking something new in the land that was even then suggesting greater opportunities for young men."²



Alice (left) knitting with a friend, 1886

She and Mr. Pratt stayed at the same boarding house.³ When she first began work at the Robinson store in Los Angeles there were only five or six clerks. In 1890 she resigned her position and returned to Waltham. Two years later, on 5 May 1892, she was married to **Harry Stillman Pratt**. The marriage took place at the Orange Ave. house in Pomona where her only child, Lowell Clark Pratt was born.⁴

¹ Obituary in *Claremont Courier*, Sept. 10, 1948.

² "As We See It", *Pomona Progress-Bulletin*, Sept. 11, 1948.

³ Source unknown.

⁴ "As We See It", *Pomona Progress-Bulletin*, Sept. 11, 1948. However, the article says "996 Sheridan Ave."

In 1917, her marriage to Mr. Pratt ended in divorce. Their personalities were apparently incompatible. She was distraught at the separation. She never saw her ex-husband again. She did hear news of him through her son.⁵ Her sister, Josephine A. Clark, came to live with her in Claremont in 1919 and stayed until her death in 1929.⁶

Alice developed cancer and had two operations but did not die from it.⁷ She died 5 Sep 1948, and is buried in the Oak Park Cemetery in Claremont.⁸ Her obituary states, "although advanced in years, her friends marveled at her keen intellect and interest in affairs of the day."⁹



Alice with son Lowell Clark Pratt



We add to this account these recollections of Lucia Pratt Gilbertson: "Grandma Alice was a beautiful woman and was very proper and ladylike. She always wore a long skirt or dress and a black velvet ribbon around her throat. She was interested in my friends, and every year that I was in high school she bought a yearbook. She loved to go out to a restaurant to eat. I can't remember ever eating a dinner at her house, although she was a good cook. In later years she had three rooms in the upstairs of a house which was on a corner diagonally through the block from Grandma Neely's house in Claremont."

"She and my father wrote to each other every week, and she kept all his letters which became the basis for his book A Weekly Miracle. When he had trouble making ends meet during the depression he turned to her and she never failed him. She wasn't well-to-do but she had an adequate income from investments given to her in the divorce

settlement and left to her by her sister. She and my father shared an interest in music programs on the radio, especially opera."¹⁰

⁵ Information from Lucia Gilbertson.

⁶ Claribel R. Barrett, "Miss Josephine Adeleide Clark," p.2. Typescript copy of apparently unpublished manuscript.

⁷ Information from Lucia Gilbertson.

⁸ findagrave.com: Alice Clark Pratt

⁹ "As We See It", *Pomona Progress-Bulletin*, Sept. 11, 1948.

¹⁰ Recollections of Lucia Gilbertson.

Child:

1. **Lowell Clark Pratt**, b. 31 Dec 1894; d. 6 Jun 1979; m. Dorothy Louise Neely

John Richardson Clark (2) and Caroline Maria Derby (3)

John Richardson Clark was born 11 Jun 1824, in Westford, Mass. He was the son of [Horatio Clark and Betsey Bixby](#). When nine years old, his father having died, he came to Stony Brook to live with his uncle, Henry Coolidge. Mr. Coolidge and two other men conducted a large machine shop, Coolidge, Treat & Sibley. It was while employed by this firm that John R. Clark learned the machinist trade.¹¹



On 15 Sep 1846, in Weston, Mass., he married **Caroline Maria Derby**, daughter of [John Derby and Martha Fiske](#). She was born 6 Feb 1828, in Weston. Soon after their marriage, John R. Clark went to Springfield, Mass., where he was employed at the locomotive works of Boston & Albany. Later he was similarly employed in Boston.¹² His ambition was to become a locomotive engineer but did not pursue it due to his wife's fears for his safety.¹³

In 1851, John went to California via the Isthmus of Panama.¹⁴ (The Panama Canal was not built until much later.) While in California, he paid little attention to gold hunting, finding better prospects as a machinist with the firm of W. T. Garrett. He remained in California until 1854.

Caroline did not go with him. He is said to have taken the first weather vane to California, and to have built the first stationary engine in California -- in a flour mill.¹⁵ He went to California again in 1864 (or 1867)¹⁶ for a short period, and a third time in 1874 or 1875, when he stayed

¹¹ Obituary of John R. Clark, probably in a Waltham newspaper.

¹² Ibid.

¹³ A typescript one-page biography, probably written by Lowell C. Pratt.

¹⁴ Typescript notes by Lowell C. Pratt state that he "went to California four times, the first time in 1851, two years after the Gold Rush, travelling by ship to the Isthmus of Panama and crossing it to take another ship to San Francisco. He did not go to the Gold Fields but found employment in San Francisco."

¹⁵ Lowell C. Pratt, handwritten biographical notes on J. R. Clark. (Pratt wrote at least three versions). "In 1851, John R. Clark went to San Francisco, where he remained until 1854. In San Francisco he was employed as a machinist by W. T. Garrett. He..is said to have taken the first weather vane to California and to have built the first stationary engine in California – in a flour mill."

¹⁶ Typescript notes say 1864, but Pratt's handwritten notes say he went in 1867 and returned in 1868,

three years in San Francisco.¹⁷ When he returned to Waltham, Mass., he brought a diamond ring for each of his two daughters.¹⁸



John Richardson Clark, 1890



Caroline Maria (Derby) Clark

John R. Clark had first lived in Waltham in 1865. There he worked for the Waltham Watch Factory, part of the time in the machine shop and for a time as a foreman. He made several inventions, but never had any of them patented.¹⁹

¹⁷ Obituary.

¹⁸ Lowell C. Pratt.

¹⁹ Obituary.



John R. Clark and his tricycle

He took much interest in city affairs and at one time was a member of the Water Commission. He voted the Republican ticket all his life.²⁰

He retired in 1884, at age 60.²¹ In 1892 he and Caroline went to California to attend the wedding of their daughter, Alice, to Harry S. Pratt.²² In 1896, John and Caroline Clark celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary in Waltham. Among the gifts were a Morris reclining chair and a mahogany rocker, from the Universalist Society.²³

In 1903 a Waltham newspaper printed a picture of John R. Clark and two friends on their tricycles. "They not only are remarkably active men for their years, but they enjoy a ride of 15 or 20 miles on their wheels with all the zest of the youth on his first bicycle," the article states. John R. Clark was 80 years old at the time.²⁴ Another article mentions his fine collection of graphophone cylinders.²⁵

He died in Waltham on 3 Dec 1905, and is buried in the Mt. Feake cemetery.²⁶ He died at his home, 64 Chestnut St. The officiating minister was Rev. Frederick A. Taylor, of the Universalist Society.²⁷

²⁰ Ibid.

²¹ Ibid.

²² Lowell C. Pratt.

²³ "Golden Wedding" *Waltham News*, Sept. 16, 1896.

²⁴ "Veteran Tricyclists", *The Waltham Tribune*, 5 Nov 1903. See also, "The Oldest Cyclist in the Run..."

²⁵ Newspaper clipping.

²⁶ Visit to cemetery, 1994. Also: [findagrave.com:John R. Clark](http://findagrave.com:John.R.Clark)

²⁷ "Obsequies" (newspaper clipping).



Caroline Derby Clark visited California in 1892, 1907, and 1914. She had been in good health until she died of pneumonia on 5 Jan 1915, in Pomona, at the home of her daughter Alice. She had been ill for less than a week.²⁸ Her obituary says that she was "always interested in public affairs, and a woman of pleasing personality."²⁹

Lowell Pratt wrote in his diary: "At the close of a beautiful California day Grammy Clark passed away peacefully. At 10 o'clock in the evening she left us forever, although she will always be with us in spirit. We shall always remember her for her unselfish and loving disposition."³⁰ She is also buried at Mt. Feake Cemetery in Waltham.³¹

Caroline Derby Clark

Children:

1. Charles Edward Clark, b. 27 Jul 1848, Springfield, Mass.; d. 20 Jul 1927, Waltham, Mass.; bur. Mt. Feake Cem., Waltham, Mass.;³² m. Mary Stearns; Charles worked for 50 years in the Waltham Watch Factory

Child: (1) Josephine Maud Clark, b. 11 Oct 1874, Waltham, Mass.; d. 4 Apr 1961; bur. Mt. Feake Cem., Waltham, Mass.;³³ m. Carl Edwin Ward, 4 Oct 1904, Boston, Mass.;³⁴ no children; divorced³⁵

2. Josephine Adelaide Clark, b. 9 Mar 1856, Weston, Mass.; d. 24 Mar 1929, Claremont, Calif.; bur. Mt. Feake Cem.;³⁶ unm.; chief librarian at the U.S.D.A. and later at Smith College (1907-1919)

3. [Alice Maud Clark](#), b. 4 Sep 1863; d. 5 Sep 1948; m. Harry Stillman Pratt

²⁸ *Pomona Progress*, 6 Jan 1915, "Mrs. Clark Dies of Pneumonia"

²⁹ Ibid.

³⁰ Lowell Pratt's diary. He stated that "Mother and I had gone to bed and only Father, Dr. Turner and the nurse were with her when her life departed. From two o'clock in the afternoon she was unconscious, and her breathing was but the mechanical expiration which slowly became weaker and weaker. I went in to see her in the morning. She opened her eyes and looked at me but did not speak."

³¹ findagrave.com: [Caroline Clark](#)

³² findagrave.com: [Charles E. Clark](#)

³³ findagrave.com: [Josephine M Ward](#)

³⁴ Massachusetts, Marriages, 1841-1915," on findagrave.com. Carl was born in 1872 in Brattleboro, Vt.

³⁵ According to a database on ancestry.com, Carl's 2nd wife was Leota Jellison,; and he died 29 Dec 1921, in Washington, D.C.

³⁶ findagrave.com: [Josephine A. Clark](#)

Horatio Clark (4) and Betsey Bixby (5)

Horatio Clark was born 15 Feb 1797,³⁷ in Gorham, Me. He was the son of [Moses Clark and Martha Rogers](#). Horatio was a blacksmith and lived in Westford, Mass.³⁸ He married, 14 Sep 1819, **Elizabeth (“Betsey”) Bixby**, in Westford.³⁹ She was born 22 Feb 1798, in Westford, and was the daughter of [Asa Bixby Jr. and Lucy Gilson](#).⁴⁰ Horatio died 14 May 1833, in Westford.⁴¹ Intestate probate records include an inventory of his estate.⁴²



Betsey (Bixby) Clark

According to the Clark genealogy, Betsey married Henry Proctor, of Lowell, Mass., on 9 Apr 1835. He died 27 Feb 1841.⁴³ If this is true, it seems odd that in later records she is known as Betsey Clark, and not Betsey Proctor.

In 1850, she lived in Nashua, N.H., with two of her daughters and their husbands:

Betsey Clark, 49, b. MA
Dana Woodward, 39, painter, b. N.H.
Martha Woodward, 30, b. Mass.
Mariah Woodward, 4
Edward D. Woodward, 2
Albin Clifford, 26, carpenter, b. N.H.
Mariah Clifford, 27, b. Mass.

Four apparently unrelated persons, John Cilley, 19; Joseph Heald, 23; Charles Lawrence, 23, and Merrill Wither, 21, are also listed with the family.⁴⁴

³⁷ Clark, [Descendants of Hugh Clark](#), also Gorham VR. The Bixby genealogy incorrectly gives 1800. Note also that Lowell C. Pratt stated that Horatio died at age 36, which corroborates other information.

³⁸ Clark, [Descendants of Hugh Clark](#), p. 103.

³⁹ Vital Records of Westford, Mass., to the End of the Year 1849 (1915) (Henceforth: Westford VR) p. 147.

⁴⁰ According to the [A Genealogy of the Descendants of Joseph Bixby](#), however, the birth is not listed in Westford Vital Records.

⁴¹ Westford VR, based on church record kept by Rev. Leonard Luce.

⁴² Middlesex Probate #4511. His estate, valued at \$426.14, included many blacksmith tools. No real estate is listed, it's possible that was valued separately, or perhaps he owned no real estate.

⁴³ Clark, [Descendants of Hugh Clark](#), p. 103. The marriage of Henry Proctor and Betsey Clark is recorded in Lowell Vital Records, p. 154, however it does not say she was a widow, and it seems possible that it referred to a different another Betsey Clark.

⁴⁴ 1850 census.

According to the Clark genealogy, she lived in Woburn in 1866. She has not been found on the 1860, or 1870 census.

She died 15 Jun 1878, in Waltham,⁴⁵ in a railroad accident.⁴⁶ She was struck by a train while attempting to cross the track, and killed instantly.

An Old Lady Killed By Express Train

The 8:30 express from Boston this morning struck an unknown woman, who attempted to cross the track near the upper engine house, and killed her instantly. She was about seventy years of age, and was plainly but neatly attired in black. Her body was fearfully mangled. She had in her hand a small canvas bag, in which there was written "Betsey Clark," "Marin Knapp." The wife of Mr. John Clark, living on Chestnut Street, viewed the body at the freight house and recognized it as that of Mrs. Betsey Clark of Weston, the mother of her husband, who is at present in California. Medical Examiner Hosmer viewed the body, but will not hold and inquest. No blame is be laid to the employees of the railroad corporation, as they old lady stepped directly before the locomotive. She had just come from the house of her daughter-in-law, and was on her way to the depot to take the train for Boston. The body was not as badly mutilated as first reported. Her arms and legs were broken, a foot crushed, and there was a deep cut on her face beneath the mouth. The body has been taken to the residence of Mr. Clark.⁴⁷

She is probably buried in Mt. Feake cemetery, where, in John R. Clark's plot, there is a small headstone marked "mother."⁴⁸

Children:

1. Edward Clark, b. 1 Feb 1820; d. 30 Nov 1849; m. Catherine Harris Whitney; he was found dead in a field and may have been murdered

Children:

- (1) Ellen M. Clark, b. 3 Feb 1843, Weston, Mass.; d. 15 Mar 1878, Marlborough, Mass.; bur. Spring Hill Cem., Marlborough;⁴⁹ m. Thomas Livermore, 1 May 1869, Marlborough
- (2) John Horatio Clark, b. 31 Jul 1844; d. 16 Feb 1867, Marlborough, Mass.; bur. Mt. Feake Cem.⁵⁰
- (3) Clara Augusta Clark, b. 15 Mar 1848; d. 4 Jan 1870, Marlborough, Mass.

2. Martha Clark, b. 19 Dec 1820; d. 6 Jun 1869; m. (1st) Dana Woodward; 28 Jul 1839, Lowell, Mass.; m. (2nd) Thomas Russell Cushing, 11 Oct 1856, Waltham; Thomas was her brother-in-law, he died 5 Jan 1865, in W. Cambridge

Children:

- (1) Martha Woodward, b. abt. 1844; d. 26 Jul 1844, Lowell, Mass.
- (2) Lydia Maria Woodward, b. 19 Nov 1846; d. 7 Apr 1889; m. James Clark Knapp
- (3) Edward Dana Woodward, b. July 1848; m. (1st) Nellie Stewart, 19 May 1869, Charlestown, Mass.; m. (2nd) Edna Idella Stanhope, 4 May 1891, Malden, Mass.; he was divorced and living

⁴⁵ [A Genealogy of the Descendants of Joseph Bixby](#). p. 455.

⁴⁶ Death record obtained via New England Historic Genealogical Society.

⁴⁷ *Boston Globe*.

⁴⁸ [findagrave.com: Betsey Bixby Clark](#)

⁴⁹ [findagrave.com: Ellen Livermore](#)

⁵⁰ [findagrave.com: John Horatio Clark](#)

in 1910 in Boston; he is probably the Edward D. Woodward, age 76, who is buried in Hillside East Cemetery, Shrewsbury, Mass., who died 1925⁵¹

3. Lydia Maria Clark, b. 8 Jun 1822; d. 21 Jan 1856, Waltham, Mass.;⁵² m. (1st) Albin Reuben Clifford;⁵³ m. (2nd) Thomas Russell Cushing, 24 Jan 1854, West Cambridge, Mass.

Child:

- (1) Lucy Maria Cushing, b. 29 Nov 1855; d. 16 Dec 1902, Somerville, Mass.; m. John Tenney McCloud

4. [John Richardson Clark](#), b. 11 Jun 1824; d. 3 Dec 1905; m. Caroline Maria Derby

⁵¹ findagrave.com: [Edward D. Woodward](#)

⁵² "Massachusetts, Deaths, 1841-1915," familysearch.org. She is called "Maria L." in the death record, with parents Horatio and Betsey. The cause of death was consumption.

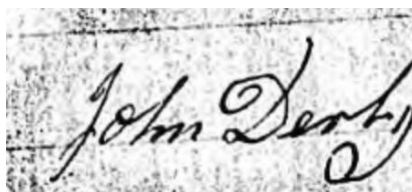
⁵³ The Clark genealogy has Abram Clifford. No such marriage has been found. Lydia Maria Clark, "of Lowell" m. Albin Reuben Clifford, 27 Oct 1842, in Waltham. It seems that this marriage must have ended in divorce. There is a record of Albin R. Clifford marrying Sarah J. Thompson in 1854, in New York City. They apparently moved to South Carolina.

John Derby (6) and Martha Fiske (7)

Capt. John Derby was born 17 May 1800, in Leominster, Mass.⁵⁴ He was the son of [John Derby and Mary Glover](#). According to the 1850 census, he was a farmer. He moved to Weston, Mass., probably before his marriage to **Martha Fiske**, on 9 Apr 1826, in Weston. She was the daughter of [Robert Fiske and Nancy Stratton](#).⁵⁵ She was born 9 Apr 1805⁵⁶ in Weston.

Capt. Derby was captain in the Weston Independent Light Infantry. He lived at what is now 228 Boston Post Road. A drawing of his house can be found in [Weston, A Puritan Town](#), by Emma Ripley.⁵⁷ Capt. Derby died 16 Oct 1871, in Weston. He and his wife Martha are buried in the Central Cemetery in Weston.⁵⁸ A death notice in the *Boston Herald* stated that his funeral was held in his home.⁵⁹

He left a will dated 7 Jun 1859. Token amounts of one dollar each was given to his children, named as Charles E. Derby; Caroline M. Clark, wife of John R. Clark; John L. Derby; and Ann Mary Derby. The remainder was given to his wife Martha.⁶⁰



signature of John Derby (from his will)

On the 1880 census, Martha (called "Patty") was living in Weston with her daughter Ann Jennison and her family. She died 27 Jun 1888, in Weston.⁶¹

Children:

1. Charles E. Derby, b. 16 Jan 1827; d. 12 Jul 1901, Camden, N.J.; bur. Evergreen Cem., Camden, N.J.;⁶² m. Susan Dillon, who was b. Nov 1834, and d. 20 Jun 1899⁶³

⁵⁴ Leominster Vital Records. Bromley incorrectly says 1801. His gravestone states that he died in 1871 at age 71.

⁵⁵ Frederick C. Pierce, [Fiske and Fiske Family](#) (1896).

⁵⁶ Bible Record: Bible of John R. and Caroline M. (Derby) Clark.

⁵⁷ Ripley, [Weston, A Puritan Town](#), pp. 154-157; Ripley incorrectly states that Captain John Derby was the brother of Samuel G. Derby who also lived in Weston. According to [Daby Dorby Data](#) (1967) this Samuel was born in Salem, the son of Richard and Lydia Derby.

⁵⁸ [Weston: Births, Deaths and Marriages 1707-1850](#) (1901), p. 354; Gravestone, see [findagrave.com: John Derby](#)

⁵⁹ Boston Herald, issue of 18 Oct 1871: "In Weston, 16th inst., Capt. John Derby, aged 71. Funeral at his late residence on Thursday, at half past two o'clock. Relatives and friends are invited to attend without further notice."

⁶⁰ Middlesex Probate #3219, available to subscribers on ancestry.com.

⁶¹ Massachusetts death record. Cause of death was given as "Abscess 3 weeks." Her place of birth is given as Weston.

⁶² [findagrave.com: Charles E. Derby](#)

⁶³ [findagrave.com: Susan Derby](#)

Child: (1) Orilla Sanderson Derby, b. 20 Mar 1860, N.J.; d. 29 Dec 1887, Camden, N.J.; bur. Evergreen Cem., Camden, N.J.;⁶⁴ m. Edwin Taft Milton, 6 Jan 1881, Waltham, Mass.⁶⁵

2. [Caroline Maria Derby](#), b. 6 Feb 1828; d. 5 Jan 1915; m. John Richardson Clark

3. John Lewis Derby, b. 16 Oct 1829; d. 23 Jan 1899, Somerville, Mass.;⁶⁶ bur. Central Cem., Weston, Mass.;⁶⁷ m. Elizabeth D. Wood;⁶⁸ he was a carpenter

Child: (1) Lizzie Maria Derby, b. 13 Mar 1860, Waltham, Mass.;⁶⁹ d. 2 Mar 1921, Everett, Mass.; m. Arthur Louis Rea, 31 Dec 1898, Manhattan, N.Y.⁷⁰ She and her husband are listed on the 1900 census in Somerville, Mass.

4. Ann Mary Derby, b. 24 Jun 1838; d. 19 Oct 1840, Weston, Mass.; bur. Central Cem.⁷¹

5. Ann Mary Derby, b. 9 Aug 1841; d. 10 Jun 1916; bur. Central Cem.;⁷² m. Henry Joel Jennison, who d. 29 Feb 1916; res. Weston, Mass.

Children:

(1) Charles H. Jennison, b. 1866; d. 28 Nov 1868, Alton, Ill.; bur. Weston Central Cem.⁷³

(2) Elden Hanson Jennison, b. 12 Dec 1869; d. 19 Dec 1956; bur. Weston Central Cem.;⁷⁴ m. (1st) Annie French Noble, 1 May 1893, in Waltham, Mass.;⁷⁵ m. (2nd) Mary Elizabeth Regan, 24 Jun 1916, in Boston⁷⁶

⁶⁴ [findagrave.com: Rillie Milton](#)

⁶⁵ "Massachusetts, Marriages, 1841-1915," familysearch.org. Edwin died 3 Jun 1925, in Laconia, N.H. He was proprietor of Milton's Lakeside House. He married, second, Martha Olive Wentworth, 28 Jun 1910, in Cambridge see "Massachusetts, Marriages, 1841-1915," familysearch.org.

⁶⁶ "Massachusetts, Deaths, 1841-1915," familysearch.org.

⁶⁷ [findagrave.com: John L. Derby](#)

⁶⁸ She was the daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth Wood. She died 5 May 1890.

⁶⁹ "Massachusetts, Births, 1841-1915," familysearch.org.

⁷⁰ "New York, Marriages, 1686-1980," index, *FamilySearch* .org. She is called "Lyzie Marie Derby," daughter of John Louis Derby and Lyzie Delmas. Due to 1900 census information, I feel certain this is the correct person.

⁷¹ [findagrave.com: Ann M. Derby](#)

⁷² [findagrave.com: Ann Jennison](#)

⁷³ [findagrave.com: Charles H. Jennison](#)

⁷⁴ [findagrave.com: Elden H. Jennison](#)

⁷⁵ "Massachusetts, Marriages, 1841-1915," familysearch.org. Annie died in 1915.

⁷⁶ "Massachusetts, State Vital Records, 1841-1920," familysearch.org

Moses Clark (8) and Martha Rogers (9)

Moses Clark was born 22 Nov 1763, in Newton, Mass.⁷⁷ He was the son of [Norman Clark and Hannah Bird](#). On 24 Jul 1788, he married **Martha Rogers**, of Newton.⁷⁸ She was born 17 Nov 1763, the daughter of [John Rogers and Hannah Williams](#).⁷⁹

By 1795, Moses Clark and family had moved to Gorham, Maine. He was a tanner. He died 2 Jan 1824, in Gorham. Martha Clark died 22 Nov 1829, in Gorham.⁸⁰ They are buried in the Old Cemetery in Gorham, also known as the South Street cemetery.⁸¹

Children:

1. Hannah Rogers Clark, b. 15 Dec 1788; d. 26 Oct 1812, Standish, Me.; m. Freeman Paine, 26 Oct 1812
2. Susanna ("Susan") Clark, b. 25 Sep 1790; d. 2 Mar 1834; m. Joseph Skillings, 6 Feb 1808; bur. Eastern Cem., Gorham;⁸² they lived in West Gorham
3. Martha "Patty" Clark, b. 16 Dec 1792; d. 1 Nov 1869; bur. Center Hill Cem., Minot, Me.;⁸³ m. John Quinby, 18 May 1815
4. John Rogers Clark, b. 14 Feb 1795; d. 20 Aug 1876; bur. West New Portland Cem.; m. Mary Hight, 5 Dec 1819; he carried on the tanner's business with his father; about 1822 he sold out and moved to New Portland⁸⁴
5. [Horatio Clark](#), b. 15 Feb 1797; d. 18 May 1833; m. Betsey Bixby
6. Leonard Clark, b. 5 Sep 1799; d. 22 Jul 1804; bur. South St. Cem., Gorham.



⁷⁷ Newton vital records, p. 39. His birth record is from the First Congregational Church.

⁷⁸ Newton vital records, p. 258.

⁷⁹ Harrison Williams, *Life, Ancestors and Descendants of Robert Williams* (1934), p. 119.

⁸⁰ Clark, *Descendants of Hugh Clark*, pp. 55-56.

⁸¹ See [findagrave.com: Moses Clark](#) and [findagrave.com: Martha Clark](#).

⁸² <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/121446253/susan-skillings>

⁸³ <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/71089947/martha-quinby>

⁸⁴ See *History of Gorham, Maine*, by Hugh D. McLellan

7. Leonard Clark, b. 13 Aug 1805; d. 22 Aug 1808; bur. South St. Cem., Gorham

Asa Bixby (10) and Lucy Gilson (11)

Asa Bixby Jr. was born 15 Mar 1761, in Westford, Mass.⁸⁵ He was the son of [Asa Bixby Sr. and Susanna Howard](#). In 1785, he married **Elizabeth Wilkinson**,⁸⁶ who died soon. He then married **Lucy Gilson** on 26 Mar 1793, in Groton.⁸⁷ She was born 1 Jan 1775, at Groton, Mass., the daughter of [Solomon Gilson and Mary -----](#).

The Bixby genealogy claims that Asa Bixby may have served three months at Cambridge during the Revolutionary War, however he is not listed in the DAR Patriot Index.⁸⁸

Asa and his father owned land in Ludlow, Vt. He died 21 Sep 1819, in Westford.⁸⁹ His widow Lucy married, 31 Jan 1822, Rev. Nathan Dana, a Baptist clergyman. They lived in Pittsford, Vt. After his death, 7 Jul 1833,⁹⁰ Lucy married a third time, 29 Feb 1834, to Thomas Steward, of Clarendon, who died 14 Sep 1840.⁹¹ Lucy died 24 Sep 1850, in Pittsford, Vt. She had been living with her daughter Lydia in Pittsford. A portrait of her appears in the Bixby genealogy.⁹²

Asa owned a house at what is now 47 Graniteville Road, Westford. It was inherited by son-in-law Horatio Clark, but he sold it in 1821.⁹³



Lucy (Gilson) Bixby, from the Bixby Genealogy

Children, born in Westford:

1. Asa Bixby, b. 9 Mar 1794; d. 7 Jan 1842, Groton, Mass.; m. Mary Gilson, 3 Jul 1817, Groton, Mass. Actor Bill Bixby, famous for his role in "The Incredible Hulk," was a great-great-great grandson of Asa and Mary (Gilson) Bixby. Mary Gilson was the daughter of [Simeon Gilson and Elizabeth Sartell](#).

⁸⁵ Westford vital records, p. 13.

⁸⁶ Intention recorded 21 Apr 1785. Westford vital records, Vol. 1, p. 136.

⁸⁷ Westford vital records, p. 136. The marriage was recorded at Westford but took place in Groton.

⁸⁸ Bixby, [Descendants of Joseph Bixby](#), p. 217.

⁸⁹ Westford vital records, p. 265.

⁹⁰ He is buried in the Congregational Cemetery in Pittsford: findagrave.com: [Rev. Nathan Dana](#)

⁹¹ See findagrave.com: [Thomas Steward](#)

⁹² Bixby, [Descendants of Joseph Bixby](#), pp. 216-217.

⁹³ Marilyn Day, [Westford Days: The Diaries of Emma, John W., and Ada Day, 1862-1878, and the Families](#) (1998), p. 384. In 1820, Clark sold the easterly half of the farm to his mother-in-law Lucy Bixby (who in turn, sold it in 1822); in 1821 Clark sold the westerly half of the farm and the house, to Thomas Wright.

2. Lucy Bixby, b. 29 Nov 1795; d. 29 Dec 1871, Watertown, Mass.; m. Artemas Rogers, 11 Jul 1816; Artemas Rogers was a watchmaker⁹⁴
3. [Elizabeth \("Betsey"\) Bixby](#), b. 22 Feb 1798; d. 15 Jun 1878; m. Horatio Clark
4. Susan Bixby, b. 29 Nov 1799; d. Jun 1882, Cambridge, Mass.; m. Henry William Cooledge, 10 Dec 1823
5. Lydia Maria Bixby, b. 10 Jan 1802; d. 13 May 1840, Pittsford, Vt.; bur. Meeting House Cem., Pittsford;⁹⁵ m. Oliver Brown, 14 Nov 1823
6. Mary Bixby, b. 30 Mar 1803; d. 12 Feb 1808
7. Levi Bixby, b. 18 Apr 1805; d. 11 Oct 1805
8. Mary Ann L. Bixby, b. 31 Jul 1810; d. 14 Mar 1833, Pittsford, Vt.; bur. Meeting House Cem., Pittsford;⁹⁶ m. Rufus Horton Green; no children

⁹⁴ He was the son of [Caleb Rogers](#).

⁹⁵ [findagrave.com: Lydia Brown](#)

⁹⁶ [findagrave.com: Mary Ann Green](#)

John Derby (12) and Mary Glover (13)

John Derby was born in 1780 or 1781 in Leominster, Mass., the son of [Joseph Darby and Abigail Bennett](#).⁹⁷ He married **Mary ("Polly") Glover**, 20 Dec 1800, in Leominster.⁹⁸ She was born 28 Jun 1776, in Milton, Mass., the daughter of [John Glover and Rachel Littlefield](#).⁹⁹

John Derby may have owned land in Weston, according to Emma Ripley.¹⁰⁰ None of his children were born there, however, and he died in Leominster, of paralysis, 15 Jan 1848.¹⁰¹ Mary died 14 Aug 1854, in Leominster, of old age.¹⁰²

Children:

1. [Capt. John Derby](#), b. 17 May 1800; d. 6 Oct 1871; m. Martha Fiske
2. Polly Derby, b. 1 Jan 1802
3. Edward Glover Derby, b. 3 Feb 1805; d. 18 Jun 1840, Townsend, Mass.; m. Laura Sherwin, 4 Jun 1827
4. Ira Derby, b. 17 May 1806; m. Louise Gerry, 17 Jan 1828, in Leominster
5. Mary Derby, b. 17 May 1808; d. New York City; m. John Pitts, 25 Nov 1826; they had one son, Friend Pitts
6. Joseph Derby, b. 28 Jul 1811; d. 11 Jun 1856, Boston, Mass.
7. Abigail H. Derby, b. 3 Jul 1814; d. 26 Feb 1892, Weston, Mass.;¹⁰³ unmarried
8. Elizabeth Derby, b. 3 Aug 1816; m. Frank Huntley; went west in 1857; probably the Elizabeth Huntly who lived in Mt. Pleasant, Ill., in 1870, with husband Francis and daughter Eliza.

⁹⁷ Leominster Vital Records (1911), p. 309, states John was son of Joseph and "Nabby".

⁹⁸ Leominster Vital Records, p. 191. His surname is spelled "Daby" and her first name is given as "Polly."

⁹⁹ Anna Glover, [Glover Memorials and Genealogies](#), (1867), p. 552.

¹⁰⁰ Emma Ripley, [Weston, A Puritan Town](#) (1961), p. 155.

¹⁰¹ Leominster Vital Records: Derby, John (farmer, married), s. Joseph and Nabby, Jan. 15, 1848, a. 67. Paralysis.

¹⁰² Mass. Vital Records, Holbrook collection on microfiche at Library of Congress. Also death record can be found online via New England Historical and Genealogical Society database.

¹⁰³ Mass. Death Record, ancestry.com, with image. Parents given as John Derby and Polly Glover.

Robert Fiske (14) and Nancy Stratton (15)

Robert Fiske was born 9 Jun 1775, in Waltham, Mass.,¹⁰⁴ the son of [Samuel Fiske and Abigail White](#). He married **Nancy Stratton**, 21 May 1801, in Weston.¹⁰⁵ She was born 31 Jul 1780, the daughter of [Daniel Stratton and Martha Fuller](#), of Weston.¹⁰⁶

After their marriage, Robert and Nancy lived in Weston. From tax lists, the family appears to have been rather poor. He was a farmer. He also held various minor town offices: in 1814 Robert was a field driver, in 1816 a surveyor of highways, and in 1819, a fence viewer.¹⁰⁷ He died 18 Feb 1843, and is buried in the Central Cemetery in Weston.¹⁰⁸ After his death, his widow Nancy lived with her son-in-law Capt. John Derby's family. Nancy died 24 Nov 1868. She is also buried in the Central Cemetery.¹⁰⁹

Children:

1. George Fiske, b. 25 Apr 1802; d. 22 May 1875; bur. Central Cem.;¹¹⁰ m. (1st) ?; m. (2nd) Eleanor "Ellen" Jane (Dunton) Travis
2. Mary ("Nancy") Fiske, b. 14 Nov 1803; d. 10 May 1849; bur. Central Cem.;¹¹¹ unm.
3. [Martha \("Patty"\) Fiske](#), b. 9 Apr 1805; d. 27 Jun 1888; m. Capt. John Derby; bur. Central Cem.
4. Orilla ("Rillie") Fiske, b. 31 Jan 1808; d. 12 Nov 1899;¹¹² bur. Grove Hill Cem.; m. Charles Sanderson, 9 Mar 1828, Waltham, Mass. Charles died 6 Oct 1849.
Children:
(1) Charles Edward Sanderson, b. 6 Jul 1835
(2) Lowell Sanderson, b. 13 Dec 1841, d. 18 Nov 1845, Waltham¹¹³
(3) Lowell Sanderson, b. 12 Mar 1847; d. 15 Mar 1915; bur. Grove Hill Cem., Waltham, Mass.¹¹⁴
5. Robert Fiske, b. 9 Feb 1815; d. 11 Apr 1878, Acton, Mass.; bur. Woodlawn, Cem.;¹¹⁵ m. Susan Ann Whitney
Children:

¹⁰⁴ Waltham Births, p. 38.

¹⁰⁵ Weston Marriages, p. 187: http://ma-vitalrecords.org/MA/Middlesex/Weston/Images/Weston_187.shtml

¹⁰⁶ Harriet R. Stratton, *A Book of Strattons*, Vol. 1, (1908), p. 209.

¹⁰⁷ *Town of Weston: Records of Town Clerk 1804-1826* (1894), pp. 139, 196, 251.

¹⁰⁸ findagrave.com: [Robert Fiske](#) The inscription is: "ROBERT FISKE / died / 18 Feb 1843 / Aet. 67"

¹⁰⁹ findagrave.com: [Nancy Fiske](#) The inscription is: "NANCY / wife of / Robert Fiske / died 24 Nov 1868 / Aet. 88"

¹¹⁰ findagrave.com: [George Fiske](#)

¹¹¹ findagrave.com: [Nancy Fiske](#)

¹¹² Death date from Bible record of John and Caroline Clark.

¹¹³ "Massachusetts, Deaths, 1841-1915," on familysearch.org.

¹¹⁴ "Massachusetts, Deaths, 1841-1915," on familysearch.org.

¹¹⁵ findagrave.com: [Robert Fiske Jr.](#)

- (1) Mary Ellen Fiske, b. 11 Jul 1849; d. 1934; bur. Green Cem., Carlisle, Mass.;¹¹⁶ m. Charles W. Cann
- (2) William Albert Fiske, b. 8 Feb 1850; m. Nellie M. Lunt, 12 Apr 1878, Weston/Wayland
- (3) Eliza Ann Fiske, b. 21 Feb 1854; d. 6 Jan 1883, Jersey City, N.J.; bur. Jersey City Cem.;¹¹⁷ m. Benjamin Folsom
- (4) Cora Fiske, b. 8 Feb 1858; d. 4 Oct 1933, Concord, Mass.; bur. Sleepy Hollow Cem., Concord;¹¹⁸ m. Henry Martin Whitney
- (5) Abbie Eva Fiske, b. 10 Nov 1859; d. Mary 29, 1927, Acton, Mass.; bur. Woodlawn Cem.; unm.
- (6) Charles H. Fiske, b. 15 Nov 1861; d. 9 Jan 1884, Concord, Mass.; bur Woodlawn Cem., Acton, Mass.
- (7) Susan Fiske, b. abt. Nov 1863; d. 4 Mar 1869; bur. Woodlawn Cem.
- (8) Herbert Clarke Fiske, b. 6 Jul 1866; d. 7 Mar 1869; bur Woodlawn Cem.
- (9) Emma Elvira Fiske, b. 23 May 1868; d. 7 Mar 1869; bur. Woodlawn Cem.

¹¹⁶ [findagrave.com: Mary Fiske Cann](https://www.findagrave.com/entry/11111111)

¹¹⁷ [findagrave.com: Eliza Fiske Folsom](https://www.findagrave.com/entry/11111111)

¹¹⁸ [findagrave.com: Cora Fiske Whitney](https://www.findagrave.com/entry/11111111)

Norman Clark (16) and Hannah Bird (17)

Norman Clark was born 13 Feb 1710/11, in Newton, Mass. He was the son of [William Clark and Hannah Kee](#).¹¹⁹ He married **Hannah Bird**, 1 Jun 1749, in Dorchester.¹²⁰ She was born 29 Sep 1725/6, in Dorchester, Mass.,¹²¹ and was the daughter of [Benjamin Bird and Joanna Harris](#).¹²²

Norman Clark was a selectman of Newton from 1759 to 1771. He died 12 Aug 1787.¹²³ He is buried in the East Parish Burying Ground in Newton. His large gravestone reads:

*In
Memory of
Cornet Norman Clark
who departed this life
August the 12th 1787. In
the 77th year of his
age.*

*From mortal Sickness I'm unty'd
Which soon may Snatch your fleeting breath
The great Physicians balm apply'd
Compleates the cure from pain and death.*¹²⁴

Children:

1. Hannah Clark, b. 21 May 1750; d. 31 Oct 1771, Newton
2. Norman Clark, b. 17 Oct 1751; d. 2 Apr 1815; m. (1st) [Althina Rogers](#); m. (2nd) Isabella (Ramsay) McIntyre¹²⁵
3. Susanna Clark, b. 21 May 1753; d. 1 Sep 1775



¹¹⁹ Newton vital records, p. 39.

¹²⁰ Newton vital records, p. 258. (The marriage took place in Dorchester but was recorded in Newton.)

¹²¹ Dorchester vital records: "Hannah ye Daughter of Benjamin Bird & Johannah his Wife was Born Sepr. 29th 1726."

¹²² Hannah was the 10th of 15 children. For the Bird family, see William Trask, "Thomas Bird of Dorchester, Massachusetts, and Some of His Descendants," *New England Historical & Genealogical Record*, Vol. 25, pp. 21-22, 25; for Joanna Harris' parents see Walter G. Davis, *Ancestry of Bethia Harris* (1934), p. 37.

¹²³ Clark, *Descendants of Hugh Clark*, pp. 3 -33.

¹²⁴ Visit to the cemetery, July 1994. findagrave.com: [Norman Clark](#)

¹²⁵ She is buried in the East Parish Burying Ground, Newton.

4. Benjamin Clark, b. 1 Nov 1754; d. 26 Apr 1755
5. Elizabeth Clark, b. 25 Jun 1756; d. 1821; m. Samuel Stone
6. Esther Clark, b. 25 Jun 1756; d. 1782; m. Seth Stone (brother of her sister Elizabeth's husband)
7. Caleb Clark, b. 5 Feb 1758; d. 9 Feb 1758
8. Benjamin Clark, b. 13 Apr 1759; d. 9 Mar 1802; bur. Skillington Cem., Skillington, Me.;¹²⁶ m. Betsey Mason; he was taken prisoner by Indians from Canada but was released
9. Joseph Clark, b. 24 May 1761; d. 10 Jun 1761
10. [Moses Clark](#), b. 22 Nov 1763; d. 2 Jan 1824; m. Martha Rogers (sister of his brother Norman's wife)

¹²⁶ <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/121582434/benjamin-clark>

John Rogers (18) and Hannah Williams (19)

John Rogers was born about 1724. His parents are not known. According to some sources, he was born 9 May 1724, in Boston, Mass., and was the son of Gamaliel Rogers and Mercy Emms.¹²⁷ However, there is no proof that the John born in Boston and John Rogers of Newton were the same person, and it seems unlikely that they were.¹²⁸

The history of Newton states that John Rogers was a descendant of John Rogers the martyr who was burned at the stake.¹²⁹ This would indicate a descent from Rev. Nathaniel Rogers of Ipswich, who was said to be a descendant of John the martyr.¹³⁰

John Rogers married **Hannah Williams**, 11 Dec 1745, in Newton.¹³¹ She was born 9 Oct 1723, in Newton, and was the daughter of [Isaac Williams and Martha Whitney](#).¹³²

John was a blacksmith and a clockmaker.¹³³ He made the clock in the Congregational Church, and "whoever looks upon its face may read, 'John Rogers, Newton, made it and gave it.'"¹³⁴ He also made machines and was an "ingenious man" according to Jackson. He bought six rods of land on the Roxbury highway in Newton in 1746.¹³⁵ He lived in Newton Corner. He held various town offices, including selectman (1769-70, 1772).¹³⁶

The following appeared in the Boston Post Boy, 24 Jun 1751:

Newton, 17 Jun 1751. On Monday, laft, the Houfe of Mr. John Rogers of this Town, was ftruck by the Lightning : The Chimney was fhatte'r'd and broke down from the Top to the

¹²⁷ Various Rootsweb databases list him as the son of Gamaliel Rogers and Mercy Emms. Indeed, a John Rogers was born to Gamaliel and Mercy, in Boston on 9 May 1724. However, there is no proof that the child born in Boston in 1724 was the same John Rogers who lived in Newton. In fact, nothing seems to connect the two, except that John Rogers of Newton would have been born in about 1724.

¹²⁸ One argument against this connection is that John Rogers and his wife Hannah Williams named children after Hannah's parents (Isaac and Martha), and it would seem likely he would have also honored his own parents by naming children after them as well. If this is true, his father's name was likely either John or Nathaniel, and his mother's name was probably Mary.

¹²⁹ Samuel Francis Smith, History of Newton, Massachusetts (1880), p. 506. When referring to John who made the clock in the Congregational church of Newton, it is stated: "This John Rogers is said to have been a lineal descendant of John Rogers, the martyr, who was burned at Smithfield."

¹³⁰ Whether or not the lineage from John the Martyr to Rev. Nathaniel Rogers is correct, it seems very likely that John Rogers of Newton was indeed a descendant of Rev. Nathaniel Rogers of Ipswich. Further research would be needed in order to establish a connection.

¹³¹ Vital Records of Newton, Mass., to the Year 1850 (1905), (henceforth: *Newton Vital Records*), p. 368.

¹³² *Newton Vital Records*, p. 212.

¹³³ Francis Jackson, A History of the Early Settlement of Newton, Mass., from 1639 to 1800 with a genealogical register of its inhabitants prior to 1800 (1854), pp. 402.

¹³⁴ Samuel Francis Smith, History of Newton, Massachusetts: Town and City.

¹³⁵ Jackson, pp. 402.

¹³⁶ Priscilla Ritter and Thema Fleishman, Newton, Mass., 1679-1779: A Biographical Directory (1982) (henceforth: *Newton Biographical Directory*), p. 98.

*Bottom ; the Windows burft open and broken ; the Doors of the Buffet fhiver'd to Pieces, and the Cheft of Drawers much damag'd ; and a loaded Gun by the Chimney difcharg'd and broken. Twelve Perfons were in the Room, at and near the Windows and Cheft of Drawers, and moft of them ftun'd for some Time, but foon recover'd ; and thro' the great Goodnefs of GOD, none wounded or ftruck dead.*¹³⁷

Hannah died 8 Jun 1779, in Newton, and is buried in the East Parish Burying Ground.¹³⁸ Her tombstone reads:

Here lie interred
The Remains of
M^{rs} Hannah Rogers
Wife of
Lieu^t John Rogers
Who died June 8th
1779 in ye 56th Year
of her age.¹³⁹

John married **Mary (Craft) Trowbridge**, 1 Oct 1780, in Newton.¹⁴⁰ She was born 11 Apr 1731, and was the widow of Thaddeus Trowbridge.

John Rogers is listed on the DAR Patriot Index, for “patriotic service.” He was a member of the committee to recruit soldiers, in 1780.

John died 19 Oct 1815, in Newton, at age 91.¹⁴¹ A death notice in the *Columbian Centinel* stated:

“In Newton, on Thursday, Mr. John Rogers, aged 91 years – Funeral tomorrow afternoon, half-past 3 o'clock – Relations and friends are requested to attend.^{142”}

He is buried in the East Parish Burying Ground, in Newton.¹⁴³

He left a will dated 7 Apr 1815, in which he calls himself “John Rogers senior of Newton...gentleman...being weak in body...” His bequests:

“To my son John Rogers Jun.; I give over and above what I have done for him, the use and improvement of my blacksmith shop for the term of two years from and after my decease

¹³⁷ Article obtained via America’s Historical Newspapers collection.

¹³⁸ *Newton Vital Records*, p. 496. According to *Newton Biographical Directory* she is buried in grave #390.

¹³⁹ findagrave.com: [Hannah Rogers](http://findagrave.com)

¹⁴⁰ *Newton Vital Records*, p. 368. For Mary's maiden name: *Newton Biographical Directory*, p. 99.

¹⁴¹ *Newton Vital Records*, p. 496.

¹⁴² Mass. *Columbian Centinel*, 21 Oct 1815. Available through America’s Historical Newspapers online collection.

¹⁴³ *Newton Biographical Directory*, p. 99. He is buried in grave #391, along with son Caleb. However I don’t think a gravestone exists. The cemetery is sometimes called the East Parish Burying Ground.

free of rent reserving to the occupant of my Clock shop the privilege of working in said blacksmith shop for the purpose of fixing any of the works necessary to be used in the making or fixing of clocks. I also give to my said son John all my blacksmith tools except one pair of bellws..."

I give to my daughter Mary Hammond one dollar in addition to what I have done for her in m life time.

I give to my daughter Anna Foley a Note of hand that I had against her late husband John Foley deceased...for the sum of one hundred dollars with the interest due on the same. I also give my said daughter Foley the improvement of one convenient room in my dwelling house in the town of Waltham, and one half of the shop near to said house.

To my grandchildren, the children of my late daughter Clark¹⁴⁴ I give and bequeath the sum of two hundred dollars to be divided equally among them...

To my son Isaac Rogers I give the note of hand that I hold against him for Two hundred and thirty five dollars with the interest due...

I give and bequeath to my daughter Martha Clark & her heirs two hundred dollars....

I give to my son Caleb Rogers the Feather bed in which I usually lodge with all the bedding and furniture belonging to the same, all my wearing apparel, and the sum of one hundred dollars per year to be paid to him annually during his natural life...

I give and devise to my two Grandsons John W. Rogers & Artemas Rogers and their heirs...all my Real Estate lying& being in the town of Newton, they paying their father Caleb Rogers one hundred dollars per year...and paying to their two brothers Edmund & Caleb , and their sister Eliza one hundred dollars each when they arrive to the age of twenty one years...

I also give & bequeath to the said Artemas Rogers all my other Estate not before bequeathed including any [?] that there may be in the proceeds of the sale of my Real Estate in Waltham

I give to my grandson Samuel Rogers the note of hand I hold against him

He appointed his son John Rogers and his grandson John W. Rogers as joint executors.

Children, by his first wife Hannah Williams, born in Newton:¹⁴⁵

1. John Rogers, b. 2 Feb 1746/7; died young

¹⁴⁴ This is Althina (Rogers) Clark

¹⁴⁵ *Newton Vital Records*.

2. Nathaniel Rogers, 8 Aug 1748; m. Susanna Hall
3. John Rogers, b. 14 Feb 1749/50; d. 3 Mar 1833, Westborough, Mass.; m. (1st) Mary Hall; m. (2nd) Sarah Hall; he was a blacksmith
4. Mary Rogers, b. 28 Jan 1752/3; d. 6 Jan 1833; bur. West Wardsboro Cem., West Wardsboro, Vt.;¹⁴⁶ m. Samuel Hammond, who participated in the Boston Tea Party
5. Caleb Rogers, b. 25 Oct 1754; d. 21 Oct 1761; bur. East Parish Burying Ground¹⁴⁷
6. Anna Rogers, b. 30 Nov 1757; d. about 1820; m. John Foley, 5 Feb 1778, in Newton
7. Althina Rogers, b. 6 Jan 1759/60; d. 17Apr 1807, Newton, suicide;¹⁴⁸ m. [Norman Clark Jr.](#) (brother of Moses Clark)
8. Isaac Rogers, b. 23 Dec 1760; living in 1815 (mentioned in father's will); it is possible that he was the Isaac Rogers who died 22 Sep 1820 in Wendell, Mass., in his 60th year¹⁴⁹
9. [Martha Rogers](#), 17 Nov 1763; d. 22 Nov 1829; m. Moses Clark
10. Caleb Rogers, b. 19 Apr 1765; d. 9 Mar 1839; m. (1st) Elizabeth ("Betsey") Horton; m. (2nd) Susanna Horton; he was a watchmaker; their son Artemas Rogers married [Lucy Bixby](#).

¹⁴⁶ [findagrave.com: Mary Hammond](#)

¹⁴⁷ [findagrave.com: Caleb Rogers](#)

¹⁴⁸ Newton VR says she "made away with herself."

¹⁴⁹ [findagrave.com: Isaac Rogers](#)

Asa Bixby Sr. (20) and Susannah Howard (21)

Asa Bixby Sr. was born 24 Feb 1734/5, in Westford, Mass.¹⁵⁰ He was the son of [David Bixby and Abigail Butterfield](#). He married **Susannah Howard** in about 1756.¹⁵¹ Efforts to trace her ancestry have been unsuccessful.

He married second, widow **Elizabeth Wilkinson**, on 26 Oct 1780, in Westford.¹⁵² She was born in about 1742, and died 26 Jun 1818.¹⁵³

Asa was a private in the Revolutionary War, serving under Capt. Joshua Parker and Col. Robinson.¹⁵⁴

Children, born at Westford:

1. Susannah Bixby, b. 27 Apr 1757; d. 1795, Cavendish, Vt.; m. Ephraim Dutton, 28 Jun 1779
2. [Asa Bixby Jr.](#), b. 15 Mar 1761; d. 21 Sep 1819; m. (1st) Elizabeth Wilkinson; m. (2nd) Lucy Gilson
3. Thomas Bixby, b. 21 Oct 1762; d. 16 Sep 1839, Ludlow, Vt.; bur. Pleasant View Cem.;¹⁵⁵ m. (1st) Lydia Searles, 28 Feb 1788; m. (2nd) Sarah (Bowker) Sargent; m. (3rd) Azubah ----
4. Abigail Bethia Bixby, b. 2 Jul 1764; d. 11 May 1822, Cavendish, Vt.; bur Cavendish Center Cem.;¹⁵⁶ m. Daniel Peck, 1787
5. Joseph Bixby, b. 19 May 1766; d. 26 May 1839, Mt. Holly, Vt.;¹⁵⁷ m. Molly ("Polly") Boyden, 17 Jul 1791, Ludlow, Vt.

¹⁵⁰ [Vital Records of Westford, Mass., to the End of the Year 1849](#) (1915), p. 13. (Henceforth "Westford vital records.") His name is recorded as "Asey Bigsbee."

¹⁵¹ Intention was recorded 17 Apr 1756. Westford vital records, p. 135.

¹⁵² Westford Vital Records, Vol. 1, p. 136. Her name is spelled "Welkinson."

¹⁵³ Williard Bixby, [A Genealogy of the Descendants of Joseph Bixby](#) (1914), p. 110.

¹⁵⁴ DAR Ancestor database. See DAR #201571, 32324, 747243,608214 and others.

¹⁵⁵ findagrave.com: [Thomas Bixby](#)

¹⁵⁶ findagrave.com: [Abigail Peck](#)

¹⁵⁷ findagrave.com: [Joseph Bixby](#)

Solomon Gilson (22) and Mary ----- (23)

Solomon Gilson was born 17 Jul 1737, in Groton, Mass.¹⁵⁸ He was the son of [John Gilson and Mary Shattuck](#). Solomon married **Mary** -----.

It is claimed by some descendants that he was a soldier in the Revolutionary War.¹⁵⁹ There is a Solomon Gilson of Groton listed as a private on a muster roll of those serving in 1775 under Capt. Asa Lawrence,¹⁶⁰ however this is almost certainly his son, Solomon Gilson Jr.

Children, born in Groton:

1. Solomon Gilson, b. 13 Sep 1758; d. 17 Mar 1838, in Groton; m. Tamar Lawrence
2. Simeon Gilson, b. 21 Apr 1761; d. 9 Aug 1842; bur. Groton Cem;¹⁶¹ m. Elizabeth Sartell
3. Jonas Gilson, b. 19 Oct 1763; d. 5 Jan 1837, Groton, Mass.; m. Abigail "Nabby" Green
4. Mary Gilson, b. 20 Jun 1766; d. 2 Jul 1776
5. Molly Gilson, b. 13 Aug 1767
6. Levi Gilson, b. 16 Feb 1770; d. 1830, Harrison, Me.; m. (1st) Sybil Lakin; m. (2nd) Philena Bucknell
7. Asa Gilson, b. 18 Jul 1772; d. 8 Nov 1835, Cambridge, Mass.; m. Sukey Gregg
8. [Lucy Gilson](#), b. 1 Jan 1775; d. 24 Sep 1850; m. (1st) Asa Bixby; m. (2nd) Rev. Nathan Dana; m. (3rd) Thomas Steward
9. Peter Gilson, b. 24 Mar 1777; d. 30 Nov 1865; bur. Hillside Cem., Townsend, Mass.,¹⁶² m. Rachel Dunn
10. Susan Gilson, b. Apr 1779

¹⁵⁸ Groton Vital records, p. 93.

¹⁵⁹ Elsie Merriam and Ruth Bennett, [Joseph Gilson of Groton, Mass., and Some of His Descendants](#) (1959), p. 42.

¹⁶⁰ He served from April to August 1775, in Col. William Prescott's regiment. [Groton during the Revolution](#) (1900), p. 21. Note: there is no one by the name Solomon Gilson listed in the DAR ancestor Index. Also it seems that Solomon Jr. did serve.

¹⁶¹ findagrave.com: [Simeon Gilson](#)

¹⁶² findagrave.com: [Peter Gilson](#)

Joseph Darby (24) and Abigail Bennett (25)

Joseph Darby Jr. was baptized 11 Apr 1742, in Harvard, Mass.,¹⁶³ the son of [Joseph Daby \(or Darby\) Sr. and Elizabeth Nurse](#).¹⁶⁴ He married **Abigail Bennett** on 22 Apr 1766, in Leominster.¹⁶⁵ The ceremony was performed by Rev. John Rogers. Abigail was born 30 Mar 1748, in Leominster,¹⁶⁶ the daughter of [Nathan Bennett and Abigail Whitcomb](#).¹⁶⁷ In 1760 her father died and she chose her grandfather Joseph Whitcomb as guardian, in 1762.¹⁶⁸

According to one source, Joseph was a private in the Revolutionary War, in Capt. David Wheeler's Co., Col. Nixon's Regt.¹⁶⁹ However, the DAR now says that "future applicants must prove service," apparently the evidence for his service not being solid.

Abigail died 18 May 1824, in Leominster.¹⁷⁰ Joseph died 13 Sep 1825, "aged about 80," in Leominster.¹⁷¹

Children (surnamed could be spelled either Darby or Derby):

1. Nathan Derby, b. 4 Aug 1766, Leominster; d. 27 Jul 1836; m. Susan Thompson
2. Betsy Derby, b. 4 May 1769; m. Elias Daniels, 20 May 1798
3. Joseph Derby, b. 31 Mar 1771
4. Abigail Derby, b. 14 Jun 1775; m. William Buckley, 26 Mar 1803
5. Joshua Derby, b. 9 Mar 1777; d. 4 Dec 1845, Leominster; m. Olive Haws, 30 Jan 1799
6. [John Derby](#), b. 1781; d. 15 Jan 1848; m. Mary Glover
7. Damaris Derby, m. Abraham Daby, of Athol, on 30 May 1804, in Leominster

¹⁶³ Harvard Vital Records, p. 28: the baptism record says only "s. of Joseph."

¹⁶⁴Viola Bromley, [Derby Genealogy](#), p. 24. However, Bromley states that Joseph Jr. was born in 1745. . There was another Joseph Daby in town at the time, who, by wife Mary, had a son Benjamin, in 1746.

¹⁶⁵ Leominster vital records, p. 191. His surname was rendered as "Daby."

¹⁶⁶ Leominster vital records, p. 15.

¹⁶⁷ Ethel S. Bolton, "The Bennetts of Lancaster, Mass.," *New England Historical & Genealogical Register*, Vol. 56 (July 1902), p. 241.

¹⁶⁸ Worcester Probate Guardianship record #5019.

¹⁶⁹ Author unknown, [Daby-Dorby Data](#), (1967), p. 7.

¹⁷⁰ Leominster Deaths, p. 307. This is recorded under surnamed Darby, but merely says "w. Joseph." The death was recorded in a church record as 20 May 1824, aged 75, "Palsy probably."

¹⁷¹ Bromley, [Derby Genealogy](#), p. 29.

John Glover (26) and Rachel Littlefield (27)

John Glover was born 31 May 1753, in Milton, Mass.¹⁷² He was the son of [John Glover Sr. and Abigail Holmes](#).¹⁷³ He married **Rachel Littlefield**, 6 Jan 1776.¹⁷⁴ She was born in Stoughton, Mass., and was the daughter of [Moses Littlefield and Mary Mann](#). Her baptism is recorded in Randolph, Mass., 31 Mar 1754 – but the record only gives her father's name.¹⁷⁵

John and Rachel lived in Milton until about 1779; the family then moved to Lunenburg. He is listed on the 1790 census there. In about 1790 they moved to Grafton, Vt. Rachel died 22 Jul 1799, in Grafton.¹⁷⁶ In about 1800 John sold his farm in Grafton to his son Edward and returned to Milton. He later bought a farm in Randolph, Mass.

According to the Glover genealogy, he died 22 Jul 1829, in Randolph, but there is no evidence of this. A different John Glover died on that date.¹⁷⁷

He may have been remarried to Betsey Mann.¹⁷⁸

Children:

1. [Mary \("Polly"\) Glover](#) (twin), b. 28 Jun 1776; d. 14 Aug 1854; m. John Derby
2. Betsey Glover (twin), b. 28 Jun 1776; d. 30 Aug 1776
3. Edward Glover, b. 1 Jul 1777, d. 11 Dec 1838, Brighton, Mass.; m. Hannah Brown
4. John Glover, b. 27 Dec 1778
5. Lucy Glover, b. 2 Jul 1780; m. ----- Evans
6. Betsey Glover, b. 27 Mar 1783; d. 30 Mar 1807
7. Abijah Glover, b. 17 Sep 1784; d. 8 May 1833, Milton, Mass.; m. Hannah Hunt

¹⁷² Vital Records of Milton, Massachusetts, 1662-1843 (Online database: NewEnglandAncestors.org.) The birth record does not give Abigail's maiden name.

¹⁷³ Anna Glover, [Glover Memorials and Genealogies](#) (1867), pp. 521-522

¹⁷⁴ According to [Glover Memorials and Genealogies](#), but marriage record not found elsewhere.

¹⁷⁵ Vital Records of Randolph, Massachusetts to 1875 (Online database: NewEnglandAncestors.org) – based on First Congregational Church record. See also: Waldo Sprague, [Genealogies Of the Families of Braintree, Mass.](#) (NEHGS CD).

¹⁷⁶ According to [Glover Memorials and Genealogies](#), but death record not found elsewhere.

¹⁷⁷ The John Glover who died 22 Jul 1829, is buried in the Adams Cem., Wilbraham, Mass. He is called Leuit. John Glover, "in his 78th year" and had a wife, Marcy Colton. He is definitely a different John Glover. See [findagrave.com: Lt. John Glover](#)

¹⁷⁸ [Glover Memorials and Genealogies](#) (1867), pp. 521-522.

8. Lemuel Glover, b. 30 Aug 1787; m. Susan -----

9. Benjamin Glover, b. 30 Dec 1788; joined the army and d. Abt. 1815, when he “was drowned while crossing a bridge on his return home”; m. Polly Terry

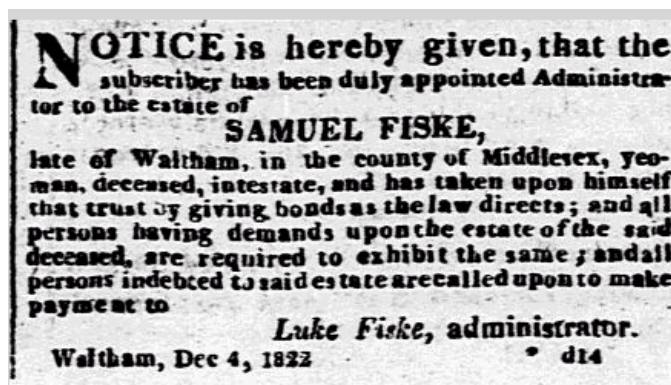
10. William Glover, b. 13 Apr 1789; d. 24 Jul 1864; bur. Pine Grove Cem., Leominster, Mass.;¹⁷⁹ m. Betsey Divol

¹⁷⁹ findagrave.com: [William Glover](http://findagrave.com)

Samuel Fiske (28) and Abigail White (29)

Samuel Fiske was born 2 Nov 1741, in Watertown, Mass. He was the son of Deacon [Samuel Fiske and Anna Bemis](#).¹⁸⁰ He married **Abigail White**, 29 Oct 1761. She was baptized 20 Aug 1738, in Watertown,¹⁸¹ the daughter of [Andrew White Jr. and Jane Dix](#).¹⁸² Samuel was a farmer and lived in Waltham.¹⁸³ There is an SAR application that states he was a Sgt. in Col. Brooks Regt., 4 Mar 1776, stationed at Dorchester Heights.¹⁸⁴

According to the DAR Patriot Index he died in 1797. However, this is apparently incorrect, as there is a death notice in the Boston *Independent Chronicle*, 16 Nov 1822, "In Waltham, 14th inst. Mr. Samuel Fisk, aged 81 years." The Boston *Recorder*, Nov. 23, has the same information, except spelled "Fiske." In a later newspaper¹⁸⁵, his estate is advertised, he is called "yeoman" and died intestate. The administrator of his estate was Luke Fiske, his grandson (son of Elijah Fiske). Checking the probate records confirms that this is the correct Samuel Fiske, as there are payments to his children. Therefore, it is certain that he died 14 Nov 1822, in Waltham.¹⁸⁶



His widow Abigail died in December 1829. A death notice in the American Traveler (Boston), on 9 Dec 1829, states: "In Waltham, Mrs. Abigail Fisk, widow of the late Mr. Samuel Fisk, aged 91."¹⁸⁷

Children:

¹⁸⁰ Frederick C. Pierce, *Fiske and Fisk Family* (1896), p. 151. However, his birth is not listed in the Watertown vital records.

¹⁸¹ Watertown vital records, 4:144:9.

¹⁸² Watertown vital records. The mother's name is not given in the birth record.

¹⁸³ Pierce, *Fiske and Fisk Family*, p. 151.

¹⁸⁴ SAR #33233 which was made in 1919 by Stanwood Lee Henderson

¹⁸⁵ Boston *Independent Chronicle*, 14 Dec 1822.

¹⁸⁶ As a confirmation of this, it would be a good idea to look up the administration of his estate.

¹⁸⁷ *American Traveler*, 8 Dec 1829, available via genealogybank.com

1. Abigail Fiske, b. 9 Feb 1762; d. 12 Jun 1842, Weston, Mass.; bur. Central Cem., Weston;¹⁸⁸ m. Joel Harrington
2. Anna Fiske, b. 11 Apr 1764; m. Peter Edes; possibly the Ana Edes, 81, who d. 18 Apr 1845 in Boston
3. Elijah Fiske, b. 26 Sep 1765; d. 15 Jul 1843, Waltham; m. Lydia Livermore
4. Jonas Fisk(e), b. 12 Apr 1768; d. 21 Sep 1822; bur. Grove Hill Cem., Waltham;¹⁸⁹ m. (1st) Ruth Pierce; m. (2nd) Abigail Pierce; res. Weston
5. Samuel Fiske, b. 24 Sep 1769; m. Hannah Babcock
6. William Fiske, b. 20 Dec 1770; d. 11 Jun 1844, Boston, Mass.; m. Eunice White; res. Boston; cabinetmaker
7. Francis Fiske, b. 24 Aug 1772; d. 15 Feb 1856, Saugus, Mass.;¹⁹⁰ m. Sarah Livermore
8. Robert Fiske, b. 15 Mar 1774; d. 30 Jun 1774
9. [Robert Fiske](#), b. 9 Jun 1775; d. 18 Feb 1843; m. Nancy Stratton
10. Polly Fiske, b. 24 Jun 1777; d. 8 Jun 1823; bur. Central Cem., Weston;¹⁹¹ m. Edward Child
11. Nathan Fiske, b. 6 Dec 1779;¹⁹² d. 27 Apr 1868; bur. Mt. Auburn Cem.;¹⁹³ m. Anna Livermore Mason; res. East Cambridge; grain dealer, deputy sheriff

¹⁸⁸ [findagrave.com: Abigail Harrington](#)

¹⁸⁹ [findagrave.com: Jonas Fisk](#)

¹⁹⁰ Ancestry.com: Massachusetts Death Records, 1841-1915.

¹⁹¹ [findagrave.com: Polly Child](#)

¹⁹² Waltham births, p. 38. His gravestone, however, says 6 Dec 1780.

¹⁹³ [findagrave.com: Nathan Fiske](#)

Daniel Stratton (30) and Martha Fuller (31)

Daniel Stratton was born 9 May 1748, in Weston, Mass.¹⁹⁴ He was the son of [Jonathan Stratton and Dinah Bemis](#). He was a carpenter and housewright, like his father. He seems to have been a man of energy and enterprise. Repeatedly he was taxed for his "faculty" (income from his trade). In 1777 he bought 99 acres of land with buildings from his brother Jonathan. With his father and brother Elisha, he responded to the Lexington alarm, 19 Apr 1775.¹⁹⁵

He married **Martha Fuller**, 30 Oct 1775, in Waltham. She was born 21 Aug 1755, and was the daughter of [Josiah Fuller and Abigail Williams](#).¹⁹⁶ Daniel was religiously "independent" and was not taxed for the minister. He served in many town offices, including constable in 1794.¹⁹⁷ He died 13 Oct 1816, at age 67, in Weston.¹⁹⁸ His widow Martha died 8 Oct 1820, aged 65.¹⁹⁹ They are both buried in the Central Cemetery in Weston.²⁰⁰ No will or other probate records have been found.

Children:

1. Daniel Stratton, b. 22 Apr 1777; d. 14 Apr 1837, Bolton, Mass.; m. Cally Smith
2. Elizabeth Stratton, b. 24 Nov 1778; d. 12 Dec 1846, Philadelphia; m. Jeddo Thayer
3. Martha ("Patty") Stratton (twin), b. 31 Jul 1780; d. 13 Nov 1828; bur. North Cem., Natick, Mass.;²⁰¹ m. (1st) Henry Coggin; m. (2nd) Levi Felch
4. [Nancy Stratton](#) (twin), b. 31 Jul 1780; d. 24 Nov 1868, m. Robert Fiske
5. Josiah Stratton, b. 1782; d. 14 Jun 1865, Woburn, Mass.; m. Sarah Russell
6. Dana Stratton, b. 1784; d. 19 Nov 1850, Malden, Mass.; m. Sarah Townsend
7. Samuel Stratton, b. 5 Dec 1787
8. Myranda Stratton, b. 1 May 1790; d. 16 Dec 1872, Groton, Mass.; m. Enoch Jones

¹⁹⁴ Weston Births, p. 577. http://ma-vitalrecords.org/MA/Middlesex/Weston/Images/Weston_577.shtml

¹⁹⁵ Harriet R. Stratton, [A Book of Strattons](#), vol. 1 (1908), pp. 208-209. For war service, also see DAR #315834, 661910, and others.

¹⁹⁶ [American Fuller Genealogy](#), vol. 3, p. 152.

¹⁹⁷ [Town of Weston : records of the First Precinct, 1746-1754, and of the town, 1754-1803](#).

¹⁹⁸ Weston deaths, p. 373.

¹⁹⁹ Weston VR, p. 577.

²⁰⁰ Visit to cemetery in 1994; findagrave.com: [Daniel Stratton](#) . Apparently there is no stone for Martha.

²⁰¹ findagrave.com: [Patty Felch](#)

9. Sarah (“Sally”) Stratton, b. 24 Jun 1794; d. 25 Jul 1834; bur. Central Cem., Weston, Mass.;²⁰² unm.

10. Dorcas Stratton, b. 23 Aug 1796; d. 20 Sep 1872, Framingham, Mass.; m. Francis Garfield

11. Calvin Stratton, b. 30 Mar 1798; d. 17 May 1823, Woburn

²⁰² [findagrave.com: Sally Stratton](https://www.findagrave.com/entry/111111111)

William Clark (32) and Hannah Kee (33)

William Clark was born 20 Jun 1686, in Newton, Mass.²⁰³ He was the son of [John Clark and Elizabeth Norman](#).²⁰⁴ On 11 Feb 1707/08, he married **Hannah Kee**²⁰⁵ of Newton. She died 9 Apr 1756, at age 77, in Newton.²⁰⁶ She is buried in the East Parish Burying Ground, in Newton (also known as Centre Street Cemetery).²⁰⁷

William Clark's house at Newton was burned 18 Mar 1729.²⁰⁸ In 1742, William deeded 185 acres of land to Norman Clark.²⁰⁹ He died 25 May 1737, in Newton.²¹⁰ William is also buried in the East Parish Burying Ground.²¹¹

Children:

1. Elizabeth Clark, b. 23 Aug 1709; unm.
2. [Norman Clark](#), b. 13 Feb 1711; d. 12 Aug 1787; m. Hannah Bird
3. Sarah Clark, b. 26 Mar 1714; m. Samuel Hilton, of Boston; settled in Lunenburg
4. William Clark, b. 10 Dec 1716; d. 28 Mar 1801, Barre, Mass.;²¹² m. Mary Marean; he was in the Revolutionary War²¹³
5. Caleb Clark, b. 3 Oct 1717; d. 31 Oct 1717
6. Hannah Clark, b. 3 Dec 1719; d. in Westminster, Mass.; m. Thomas Stearns
7. Joanna Clark, b. 11 Aug 1721



²⁰³ [Vital Records of Newton, Mass., to the Year 1850 \(1905\)](#), p. 39. (Henceforth "Newton vital records.")

²⁰⁴ John Clark, [Descendants of Hugh Clark](#), (1866), p. 20.

²⁰⁵ Newton Vital Records, p. 259. Efforts to trace Hannah's ancestry have been unsuccessful.

²⁰⁶ *Ibid.*, p. 433.

²⁰⁷ Findagrave.com: [findagrave.com: Hannah Clark](#)

²⁰⁸ [Descendants of Hugh Clark](#), p. 23.

²⁰⁹ Samuel F. Smith, [History of Newton, Mass.. Town and City, From its Earliest Settlement to the Present Time.](#) (1880), p., 114.

²¹⁰ Newton vital records. He died at the age of 50 years, 11 months and 5 days. According to Newton vital records, there is a duplicate record which states he was the son of Thomas and Mary Clark

²¹¹ Findagrave.com: [findagrave.com: William Clark](#) Plot #1100.

²¹² Barre Vital records.

²¹³ DAR Lineage Book.

Benjamin Bird (34) and Joanna Harris (35)

Benjamin Bird was born 13 Apr 1686, in Dorchester, Mass., the son of [Thomas Bird and Thankful Atherton](#). He married **Joanna Harris** of Ipswich, on 30 Jan 1710/1, in Boston.²¹⁴ The intention of marriage was recorded 30 Dec 1710.²¹⁵ She was born 18 Jan 1691/2, in Ipswich, Mass., and was the daughter of [John Harris and Mary Sparks](#).²¹⁶

Benjamin was for a while a wharfinger in Boston. In around 1722 he moved to Dorchester. He held various town offices there including Constable (1725, 1727), Selectman and Assessor (1728-32), Deputy to the General Court and Representative (1729-33, 1737). Benjamin and his son Samuel were in strong opposition to the Dorchester church and pastor during the "Whitefield excitement" in 1746-7.²¹⁷ Benjamin died 29 Mar 1757, in Dorchester,²¹⁸ and his widow Joanna died 7 May 1768,²¹⁹ probably in Newton.²²⁰

He left a will dated 27 Dec 1756 and proved 8 Apr 1757. He calls himself "Benjamin Bird of Dorchester, being of sound disposing mind & memory." His bequests:

"To my beloved wife Johannah & my son Jonathan Bird the Improvement of all my housing, and lands at Dorchester neck together with all my moveables, in doors & out as also about ten acres of Woodland at Needham lying without the Wall northerly of my farm bought of Jeremiah & Micail Woodcock during the natural life of my said wife provided she shall remain my Widow but in case my said wife shall marry again then my will is that she shall quit all to my said son Jonathan he paying her Twenty Pounds per annum during her life."

"I give to my Said Son Jonathan Bird all my Wareing apperell my watch & fire arms together with the fee of all the before mentioned estate real & Personal at Dorchester Neck with the ten acres of Woodland at Needham before named...he paying out to each of my other children or their heirs the respective sum & sums herein after mentioned..."

"I give to the heirs of my Late Daughter Mindwell Parker Decd the sum of Thirteen Pounds six Shillings & eight pence..."

"I give to my daughter Mary Peirce the sum of Thirteen Pounds six Shillings & eight pence..."

"I give to my daughter Ann Ireland or her heirs the sum of Thirteen Pounds six Shillings & eight pence..."

"I give to my son Benjamin Bird & his heirs the sum of Thirteen Pounds six Shillings & eight pence..."

²¹⁴ Marriages in Boston, 1700-1809 (Online database: NewEnglandAncestors.org.)

²¹⁵ Ipswich Vital records.

²¹⁶ Walter G. Davis, *Ancestry of Bethia Harris* (1934), p. 37.

²¹⁷ William Trask, "Thomas Bird of Dorchester, Massachusetts, and Some of His Descendants," *New England Historical & Genealogical Register*, Vol. 25, p. 5. For a biography of George Whitefield, see <http://www.christianword.org/revival/whitefield.html>

²¹⁸ Dorchester Vital Records: "Benjamin Bird Esqr. Died suddenly March 29th. 1757, In the 71st. Year of his Age."

²¹⁹ *Ancestry of Bethia Harris*, p. 37.

²²⁰ Newton Vital Records lists: "Widow Bird", of Dorchester, as dying in May 1768.

"I give to my son Saml Bird & his heirs the sum of Thirteen Pounds six Shillings & eight pence..."

"I give to my daughter Hannah Clark & her heirs the sum of Thirteen Pounds six Shillings & eight pence..."

"I give to my son John Bird & his heirs the sum of Thirteen Pounds six Shillings & eight pence..."

"I give to my daughter Susannah Bird & her heirs the sum of Thirteen Pounds six Shillings & eight pence..."

"I give to my daughter Sarah Hawes the like sum of Thirteen Pounds six Shillings & eight pence..."

"I give to my Sd. daughter Sarah Hawes & her heirs the Improvement of all my Housing & lands at Stoughton during her natural life and after her Decease to be Equally Divided among her children..."

"And further my will is that my said son Jonathan Bird shall pay to my daughter Sarah Hawes the sum of Five pounds fourteen shillings & eight pence annually during her life and at her death pay equally to every one of her children their full part & proportion of ninety eight pounds nine shilling and six pence which I hereby give to them out of my Estate.."

"I further give to my son John Bird...all my housing and lands in Needham excepting the ten acres before mentioned..."

"I further give to my son Jonathan Bird ... all the residue of my estate... saving & referring (?) nothing only Liberty for any & all my Children to the third generation to bury there dead in my Tomb in the burying ground in Dorchester..."

Jonathan Bird was named sole executor.

Children, first five born in Boston, the others in Dorchester:

1. Mindwell Bird, b. 8 Mar 1711/2; d. 18 Oct 1756, Newton, Mass.; bur. East Parish Burying Ground, Newton;²²¹ m. Ebenezer Parker
2. Mary Bird, b. 4 Jul 1713; d. about 1773; m. Naphtali Peirce
3. Ann Bird, b. 27 Nov 1714; d. 2 Apr 1799; bur. North Cem., Lunenburg, Mass.;²²² m. Lt. Abraham Ireland
4. Sarah Bird, b. 4 Oct 1716; d. 4 Jun 1782; m. Stephen Hawes
5. Benjamin Bird, b. 15 Jan 1716/7; d. 24 Nov 1787, Stoughton; m. Keziah White
6. Elizabeth Bird, b. 27 Jul 1721; d. 12 Sep 1736, Dorchester

²²¹ findagrave.com: Mindwell Parker

²²² findagrave.com: Anne Ireland

7. Thomas Bird, b. 29 Sep 1722; d. 27 Oct 1722
8. Rev. Samuel Bird, b. 27 Mar 1724; d. 3 May 1784, New Haven, Conn.,²²³ bur. Grove St. Cem.,²²⁴ m. (1st) Mabel Jenner; m. (2nd) Sarah Prout; attended Harvard Univ. but did not graduate due to doctrinal differences; chaplain in French & Indian War
9. Abigail Bird, b. 20 Jun 1725; d. 24 Sep 1725
10. [Hannah Bird](#), b. 29 Sep 1726; m. Norman Clark
11. John Bird, b. 22 Apr 1729
12. Ruth Bird, b. 16 May 1730; d. 15 Sep 1730
13. Susanna Bird, b. 20 Mar 1731/2; d. 26 Oct 1802; m. Enoch Glover
14. Joseph Bird, b. 9 Jun 1733; d. 24 Dec 1733, Dorchester
15. Jonathan Bird, b. 1 Jan 1734/5; m. Bebe Bird

²²³ See [History of the United Church of New Haven \(1942\)](#).

²²⁴ [findagrave.com: Samuel Bird](#)

Isaac Williams (38) and Martha Whitney (39)

Isaac Williams III was born 1 Nov 1686, in Cambridge Village (Newton), Mass. He was the son of [Capt. Isaac Williams and Elizabeth Hyde](#).²²⁵ He married **Martha Whitney**, 1 Feb 1708/9, in Netwon. She was the daughter of [Joshua Whitney and Abigail Tarbell](#).²²⁶

Isaac held various town offices include Constable (1721), and Selectman (1734, 1741-42, 1745, 1749). He left Newton in 1750.²²⁷ It is possible that he went to Plainfield, Conn., where some of his wife's brothers and sisters lived. An Isaac Williams and Martha Williams are on a January 1751 list of church members at Plainfield Congregational Church, along with his wife's brother Joshua Whitney Jr.²²⁸ If so, he must have returned to Newton, where he is buried.

Isaac died 17 Sep 1757, at age 72, in Newton. Martha died 2 Apr 1763, in Newton, at age 77. They are buried in the East Parish Burying Ground in Newton.²²⁹

He left a will dated 16 Sep 1757, in which he mentions wife Martha, sons Jonathan and Isaac Williams, daughters Elizabeth Read, Abigail Fuller, Mary Miller, and Hannah Rogers, and grandchildren Ephraim Spring, Nathaniel Spring, and Martha Spring.²³⁰

Children:

1. [Abigail Williams](#), b. 4 Oct 1710; d. 30 Sep 1796; m. Josiah Fuller
2. Jonathan Williams, b. 16 Dec 1711; m. Deborah Spring
3. Martha Williams, b. 18 Mar 1714; m. Nathaniel Spring; apparently died before 1757
4. Mary Williams, b. 14 Jun 1717; m. Joseph Miller
5. Phoebe Williams (twin), b. 9 Oct 1723; not mentioned in father's will
6. [Hannah Williams](#) (twin), b. 9 Oct 1723; d. 8 Jun 1779; m. John Rogers
7. Isaac Williams, b. 15 Jul 1725; m. (1) Sarah Stratton; m. (2) Elizabeth Cheney

²²⁵ H. Williams, *Life, Ancestors and Descendants of Robert Williams of Roxbury, Mass.* (1934), p. 99.

²²⁶ Frederick Pierce, *Descendants of John Whitney* (1895), p. 25.

²²⁷ Priscilla Ritter and Thema Fleishman, *Newton, Mass., 1679-1779: A Biographical Directory* (1982) (henceforth: *Newton Biographical Directory*), p. 125.

²²⁸ Plainfield Church Records, *New England Historical and Genealogical Register* Vol. 70 (1916), p. 176.

²²⁹ *Vital Records of Newton, Mass., to the Year 1850* (1905), p. 516. [findagrave.com: Isaac Williams III](https://www.findagrave.com/monument/111111111) and [findagrave.com: Martha Williams](https://www.findagrave.com/monument/111111111).

²³⁰ Middlesex Probate #24974.

8. Elizabeth Williams, m. Josiah Reed

David Bixby (40) and Abigail Butterfield (41)

David Bixby was born 16 Feb 1687/8, in Andover, Mass.²³¹ He was the son of [Daniel Bixby and Hannah Chandler](#). He married **Abigail Butterfield**, 4 Aug 1712, in Concord, Mass. She was born 4 Jun 1693, in Chelmsford, Mass.,²³² the daughter of [Joseph Butterfield and Lydia Ballard](#). She was living in 1764. David Bixby was living in Chelmsford in 1717, in an area which was later established as Westford. Bixby Hill was long a landmark in Westford. He was a weaver.²³³

David evidently died in 1767, because his will, dated 30 Apr 1764, was proved 3 Sep 1767. His will mentions wife Abigail, sons Asa and William, son Jacob and Jacob's children. His four daughters are mentioned but not named.

To Abigail, his "well beloved wife," "all my housel stufe or in Door moveable to be for her use and benefit during her natural life and at her Decease to be equally divided between my four Daughters or their heirs." "Also I give to my wife Abigail all my Life Stock and grain and meat...to be for her use and to dispose of as shee shall think proper." "...All my clothing that I leave to be equally divided between my two sons namely Asa and William after my Decease with what they have Recd to be their full share of my Estate..." "My son Jacob's children shall have five shillings paid them...to be their full share of my Estate with what I have given to my son Jacob their father to be paid them by my Executor." "My will is that my son William Bixby shall have the whole of my Moveable Estate (that is not disposed of) as the one half of the Live Stock meat and grain above mentioned and all other of my moveable estate not disposed of for his Reward as Executor."

Apparently there was a problem with the administration of David's estate -a note on the probate file states "Sepr 3 1767 the within named Executor refused to except of that trust." And in different handwriting, "nothing further done."²³⁴

Children:

1. Jonathan Bixby, b. 17 Nov 1714; not mentioned in father's will
2. Abigail Bixby, b. 13 Apr 1716; m. Zachariah Sartle, 11 Sep 1733; possibly m. 2nd Joshua Nevers
3. Lydia Bixby, b. 22 Oct 1717; m. Obadiah Jenkins, 21 Dec 1738; res. Groton

²³¹ Andover vital records, p. 65.

²³² Chelmsford Vital Records, p. 33. Ancestry.com has the original handwritten page image, which says "Abraham Butterfield and Abigail the Son and Daughter of Joseph & Lydia Butterfield was born June the 4th 1693."

²³³ Williard Bixby, [A Genealogy of the Descendants of Joseph Bixby](#) (1914), pp. 56-57.

²³⁴ Middlesex Probate #1811, available from both Ancestry.com and AmericanAncestors.org.

4. Hannah Bixby, b. 12 Sep 1719; m. David Brown
5. Joseph Bixby, b. 2 May 1721; probably d. 1763; m. Sarah Rhodes; res. Marblehead
6. Thankful Bixby, b. 15 Jan 1724/5; m. Jonathan Searles, 12 Oct 1748
7. Jacob Bixby, b. 12 Aug 1728; d. before 1764; m. Eunice Heald, 6 Apr 1749
8. David Bixby, b. 17 Jul 1729; not mentioned in father's will
9. [Asa Bixby](#), b. 24 Feb 1734/5; m. (1st) Susanna Howard; m. (2nd) Elizabeth (-----) Wilkinson
10. William Bixby, b. 19 Jul 1737; d. 1781, probably at Westford; m. (1st) Mary -----; m. (2nd) Lydia Farrington

John Gilson (44) and Mary Shattuck (45)

John Gilson was born 2 Mar 1697, in Groton, Mass, the son of [John Gilson and Sarah -----](#).²³⁵ John married **Mary Shattuck**, 8 Dec 1722, in Groton.²³⁶ She was the daughter of [John Shattuck and Mary Blood](#), and was born 11 Apr 1699, in Groton. John married second **Rachel -----**. He died November, 17, 1753 and is buried in the Old Cemetery in Groton.²³⁷

His will, dated 5 Nov 1753, gives his son John all his land, lying in that part of Groton which is now part of New Hampshire. To his son David, he gave his "great breaking up plough." To Amasa, he gave an addition 46 acres of land, in Groton. To his youngest son Solomon, all his land and buildings in Groton that was not already disposed of. His daughters Sarah Gilson and Mary Blood were to receive cash. An inventory was taken 8 Nov 1756.²³⁸

Children, born in Groton:²³⁹

1. Mary Gilson,²⁴⁰ b. 17 Nov 1723; m. James Blood
2. John Gilson, b. 12 May 1726; d. unknown;²⁴¹ m. (1st) Hannah Green; m. (2nd) Prudence Lawrence
3. David Gilson, b. 7 May 1728; d. 1 Sep 1728
4. Jonathan Gilson, b. 26 Aug 1729; d. 22 Oct 1744
5. Jeremiah Gilson, b. 31 Aug 1731; d. 11 Oct 1731
6. David Gilson, b. 27 Dec 1732; m. Annis Gilson
7. Amasa Gilson, b. 25 Aug 1735; d. Jan 1819; m. Mrs. Beulah Phelps
8. [Solomon Gilson](#), b. 17 Jul 1737; m. Mary -----
9. Sarah Gilson, b. 22 Dec 1743; m. Richard Williams

²³⁵ Groton Vital Records, p. 95.

²³⁶ Groton Vital Records, p. 74.

²³⁷ Groton Vital Records, p. 225. findagrave.com: John Gilson

²³⁸ David Jillson, [Genealogy of the Gillson and Jillson Family](#) (1876), p. 245.

²³⁹ Elsie Merriam and Ruth Bennett, [Joseph Gilson of Groton, Mass., and Some of His Descendants](#) (1959),

²⁴⁰ She was not the Mary Blood who died 11 Feb 1813 in Dunstable, because that Mary Blood was the unmarried daughter of James Blood.

²⁴¹ Said without sufficient proof to have died in 1787.

Joseph Daby (48) and Elizabeth Nurse (49)

Joseph Daby, or Darby, was born 15 Dec 1716, in Stow, Mass.²⁴² He was the son of [John Daby and Hannah Buttrick](#). He was a wheelwright and a joiner. He married first, **Elizabeth Nurse**, 8 Jun 1738, in Harvard, Mass.²⁴³ She was born 17 Aug 1715, in Billerica, Mass., the daughter of [Benjamin Nurse and Elizabeth Roberts](#).²⁴⁴

Bromley's Derby genealogy incorrectly states that Elizabeth Nurse's mother was Elizabeth Morse, widow of Joseph Morse. Elizabeth Morse did marry a Benjamin Nourse, but they were not the parents of Elizabeth (Nurse) Daby. (The will of Benjamin Nurse of Rutland, Mass., mentions daughter Elizabeth Daby.) Elizabeth Daby apparently died between 1753 and 1761, for Joseph married, on 11 May 1761, **Elizabeth Wheelock**, in Leominster, Mass.²⁴⁵

Some DAR applications claimed that Joseph was in the Revolutionary War in Capt. Simon Hunt's Company at Lexington.²⁴⁶ However the DAR currently states that "future applicants must prove service."

He died 24 Sep 1793, in Leominster.²⁴⁷ His widow, Elizabeth (Wheelock) Daby died 24 Dec 1803, at age 89, in Leominster.²⁴⁸

Children, by his first wife, Elizabeth Nurse:

1. Elizabeth Darby, b. 16 Oct 1738, Harvard; m. Simeon Willard²⁴⁹
2. Esther Darby, b. 17 Jul 1740, Harvard; m. Cornelius Lawler
3. [Joseph Darby](#), bapt. 11 Apr 1742, Harvard; d. 13 Sep 1825; m. Abigail Bennett
4. Mary Darby, bapt. 29 Apr 1744, Harvard
5. Benjamin Darby, bapt. 5 Oct 1746, Harvard; d. 15 Jan 1817; m. (2nd) Rebecca Hart²⁵⁰
6. Deliverance Darby, b. 27 Dec 1748, Harvard; d. 13 Dec 1823; m. Mrs. Rheuamah Brown; he was in the Revolutionary War

²⁴² Stow Vital Records.

²⁴³ Harvard VR, Vol. 1, p. 151. She is called "Eliz. Nurse" (not "Nourse") in the marriage record.

²⁴⁴ Walter G. Davis, [Ancestry of Sarah Johnson](#) (1960), p. 24.

²⁴⁵ Leominster Vital Records, p. 191.

²⁴⁶ DAR Lineage Book (1913), Application # 92793.

²⁴⁷ Leominster Vital Records, ("aged 77.") However, Bromley, [Derby Genealogy](#), pp. 24-25, says Sept. 7, 1792.

²⁴⁸ Leominster Vital Records, p. 306.

²⁴⁹ (no author given), [Daby-Dorby Data](#) (1967), p. 4. Bromley says "Simeon Perry."

²⁵⁰ Ibid, p. 8; Bromley says "Hunt."

7. Joshua Darby, b. 17 Oct 1751, Harvard

8. Simon Darby, b. 15 Oct 1753; d. 14 Apr 1812; m. Sarah Knight

Nathan Bennett (50) and Abigail Whitcomb (51)

Nathan Bennett was born 28 Oct 1722, in Lancaster, Mass.,²⁵¹ the son of [Capt. John Bennett and Bathsheba Phelps](#). He married **Abigail Whitcomb**, daughter of [Joseph Whitcomb and Damaris Priest](#). She was born 13 Apr 1728, in Lancaster, Mass.

According to an article written in 1900, her maiden name was thought to have been Darby or Stearns.²⁵² However, proof has been found that she was Abigail Whitcomb. I did a search on familysearch.org of Massachusetts birth records, in 1728-29, for Abigail Darby/Derby or Stearns, and none was found. Searching for just the first name Abigail revealed that Abigail Whitcomb was born 13 Apr 1728, in Lancaster, Mass., the daughter of [Joseph Whitcomb and Damaris Priest](#). This immediately seemed like a good match, because Abigail had a daughter, Damaris Bennett. In addition, the estate of Nathan Bennett was administered by Joseph Whitcomb. It was common for relatives to administer estates. Finally, proof that she was Abigail Whitcomb was found in the guardianship record for Nathan and Abigail's son John Bennett, who, in 1768, chose his grandfather Joseph Whitcomb as his guardian.²⁵³ Daughter Abigail also chose Joseph Whitcomb as guardian, in 1762.²⁵⁴

Nathan Bennett died 18 Apr 1760, in Leominster, at age 38.²⁵⁵ His estate was administered by his widow, Abigail, and Joseph Whitcomb.²⁵⁶

Abigail remarried Isaac Gibson, November, 27, 1766, in Leominster.²⁵⁷ She died 26 Nov 1808 in Grafton, Vt., in her 81st year. She is buried in the Middletown Cemetery there, along with her second husband.²⁵⁸ Her gravestone inscription is as follows:

Abigail Gibson
Wife of Isaac Gibson
Died Nov 26th 1808
In her 81st year.
Behold my soul
At freedom set,
My surety paid,

²⁵¹ Lancaster Births, p. 53. "Nathan Benitt y^e Son of John & Bathsheba Benitt was born y^e 28 day of October, 1722." http://ma-vitalrecords.org/MA/Worcester/Lancaster/Images/Lancaster_053.shtml

²⁵² Mehitabel Wilson, [John Gibson of Cambridge, Massachusetts, and His Descendants](#) (1900), p. 329.

²⁵³ Worcester Probate Court Guardianship record #5072. "John Bennett son of Nathan Bennett Decd. Personally appeared and acknowledged that he made the choice of his grandfather Joseph Whitcomb to be his guardian."

²⁵⁴ Worcester Probate Guardianship record #5019.

²⁵⁵ Leominster vital records. He is buried in the Pine Grove Cemetery: [findagrave.com: Nathan Bennett \(footstone\)](#)

²⁵⁶ Bolton, "The Bennetts of Lancaster, Mass.", *New England Historical & Genealogical Register*, Vol. 56, p. 245.

²⁵⁷ Abigail had one child, Anna Gibson, by her second marriage. Anna was born 6 Dec 1768, in Fitchburg, and died 4 Feb 1850, in Grafton, Vt. She married (1) Samuel Martin, and (2) Robert Park.

²⁵⁸ [John Gibson of Cambridge, Massachusetts, and His Descendants](#), p. 329. [findagrave.com: Abigail Gibson](#)

The dreadful debt.²⁵⁹

Children, born in Leominster:

1. [Abigail Bennett](#), b. 30 Mar 1748; d. 16 May 1824; m. Joseph Darby; in 1762, she chose her grandfather Joseph Whitcomb as her guardian
2. Nathan Bennett, b. 10 Nov 1750
3. John Bennett, b. 4 Mar 1753; in 1768, he chose grandfather Joseph Whitcomb as his guardian²⁶⁰
4. Damaris Bennett, b. 19 Oct 1755; d. 10 Jul 1839, Londonderry, Vt.; bur. Collins Cem.;²⁶¹ m. Silas Gibson, 20 Feb 1773, in Lunenburg, Mass.
5. Bathsheba Bennett, b. 11 Apr 1758; d. 24 Dec 1817, Grafton, Vt.; bur. Middletown, Cem.;²⁶² m. in 1778 her step-brother, Jonathan Gibson, son of her mother's second husband Isaac Gibson

²⁵⁹ The lines starting "Behold my soul" are from a Hymn.

²⁶⁰ Worcester Probate Court Guardianship record #5072.

²⁶¹ [findagrave.com: Damaris Gibson](#)

²⁶² [findagrave.com: Bathsheba Gibson](#)

John Glover (52) and Abigail Holmes (53)

John Glover was born 29 Jan 1726, in Milton, Mass.²⁶³ He was the son of [Edward Glover and Sarah Gill](#). He married **Abigail Holmes**, 31 Aug 1751.²⁶⁴ She was born in Roxbury, Mass., 30 Jul 1729, and was the daughter of [Ebenezer Holmes and Mary Houghton](#).²⁶⁵

John inherited a portion of the landed estate from his father, originally from his ancestor Henry Glover. He enlisted and served in the French and Indian War, from 1755 to 1756/7. John died suddenly, in Milton, 17 Oct 1759, at the age of 33. His widow Abigail married **Benjamin Tillson**, of Stoughton, in 1762.²⁶⁶ (According to the Tilson genealogy, the marriage took place 9 Jan Jan 1762, and was performed by Rev. Nathaniel Robbins, of Milton.²⁶⁷) Benjamin was born 10 Aug 1716, the son of John Tillson and Joanna Dunbar. He had six children by his first wife, Silence Cheaffe.

After her second marriage, Abigail went to Stoughton to live, and had five children.²⁶⁸ She died in Jan 1813, and is buried in the Wrentham Center Cemetery, Wrentham, Mass.²⁶⁹ Benjamin Tillson's date of death is not known.

Children, born in Milton:

1. [John Glover](#), b. 31 May 1753; m. Rachel Littlefield
2. Lemuel Glover, b. 22 Oct 1754
3. Edward Glover, b. 19 Oct 1757
4. Abijah Glover (posthumous), b. 7 Mar 1759/60; prob. d. young

²⁶³ Milton Vital Records: "John, Son of Edward and Sarah. 29 Jan 1726." It is not clear whether this was 1725/6 or 1726/7.

²⁶⁴ Anna Glover, [Glover Memorials and Genealogies](#) (1867), pp. 516-517.

²⁶⁵ [Vital records of Roxbury, Massachusetts, to the end of the year 1849](#).

²⁶⁶ Milton Vital Records: "Benjamin Tilson of Stoughton and Abigail Glover."

²⁶⁷ Mercer V. Tilson, [The Tilson Genealogy](#) (1911), p. 41. This source says that Abigail was the daughter of Abijah Holmes, however no records of any Abijah Holmes have been found in Massachusetts during the appropriate time period.

²⁶⁸ Ibid. The children's names were Nehemiah, Holmes, Rhoda, Elisha and Elizabeth.

²⁶⁹ [findagrave.com: Abigail Tillson](#)

Moses Littlefield (54) and Mary Mann (55)

Moses Littlefield was born 2 Jan 1732/3 in Braintree, Mass., the son of [Nathaniel Littlefield and Deborah Thayer](#).²⁷⁰ He married **Mary Mann**, 7 Aug 1751, in Braintree.²⁷¹ She was baptized 13 Sep 1730, in Scituate, Mass.,²⁷² the daughter of [Joseph Mann and Mary Joy](#).

He resided near what was later North Main St., Randolph, west side, on the hill near Blue Hill River.

He died intestate in 1776 in Braintree. On 25 Nov 1776 James Penniman was appointed administrator of his estate. An inventory included 30 acres of land, a "poor dwelling house," and shed to tie cattle in.²⁷³

Children:

1. Mary ("Molly") Littlefield, bapt. 31 Mar 1754; m. Joseph Hunt (int. 3 Feb 1776); she was bitten by a rattlesnake in Aug 1764, but recovered²⁷⁴
2. [Rachel Littlefield](#), bapt. 31 Mar 1754; d. 22 Jul 1799, Grafton, Vt.; m. John Glover
3. Moses Littlefield, bapt. 12 Oct 1755; m. Hannah Mann; res. Frankfort, Me., in 1800
4. Aaron Littlefield, b. 2 Aug 1759; bapt. 28 Jun 1761; d. 8 Jul 1840; bur. Central Cem., Randolph, Mass.;²⁷⁵ m. Meribah Thayer. He served in the Revolutionary War
5. Hannah Littlefield, bapt. 28 Jun 1761; m. Jacob Hunt; moved to Virginia; she was said to have died 17 Apr 1848, in Northfield, Oh.
6. Sarah Littlefield, bapt. 4 Sep 1763; m. ---- Wyman, moved to Lunenburg
7. Deborah Littlefield; m. Hope Bradley; moved to Braintree, Vt.
8. Elizabeth Littlefield
9. Beulah Littlefield, b. 12 Jun 1769; d. 13 Jun 1873, at age 104; bur. Oakland Cem., Randolph, Mass.;²⁷⁶ m. Joseph Hunt

²⁷⁰ Records of the town of Braintree.

²⁷¹ "Marriages in Braintree," *New England Historical and Genealogical Register*, vol. 60.

²⁷² Scituate VR.

²⁷³ Waldo Sprague, *Braintree Families*.

²⁷⁴ See Thomas Palmer, *Landscape with Reptile: Rattlesnakes in an Urban World* (2004), p., 171.

²⁷⁵ <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/32294526/aaron-littlefield>

²⁷⁶ [Findagrave.com: Beulah Hunt](https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/32294526/beulah-hunt).

Samuel Fiske (56) and Anna Bemis (57)

Deacon **Samuel Fiske** was born 4 Jan 1709/10, in Watertown, Mass,²⁷⁷ the son of [William Fiske and Hannah Smith](#). He married **Anna Bemis**, 26 Feb 1734. She was born 29 Apr 1714, in Watertown,²⁷⁸ the daughter of [John Bemis and Anna Livermore](#). Samuel died in prior to May 1761, when an inventory of his estate was made. A gravestone in the Grove Hill Cemetery for Samuel Fiske, died 22 Mar 1761, in his 52nd year, is probably his.²⁷⁹ His will mentions sons Samuel and William, and wife Anna.²⁸⁰

Samuel was a sealer of weights and measures in 1746, and was elected deacon of the Watertown church 27 Jun 1749. Afterwards he lived in Waltham.²⁸¹

His widow married **Hopestill Bent**, of East Sudbury, 26 Apr 1763, in Sudbury. He died in about Dec 1772.²⁸² She died in Waltham, of smallpox, a widow, 7 Jan 1793, at age 79.²⁸³

Children:

1. Anna Fiske, b. 14 Jan 1735; d. 2 Jun 1800; m. Samuel Gale
2. Elizabeth Fiske, bapt. 28 Aug 1737; m. Nathaniel Hobbs, of Weston
3. Grace Fiske, b. 7 Nov 1739; m. Samuel Flagg
4. [Samuel Fiske](#), b. 2 Nov 1741; d. 14 Nov 1822; m. Abigail White
5. Susanna Fiske, b. 6 Oct 1743; m. Eliphalet Hastings
6. Lucy Fiske, b. 21 Nov 1746; m. Enoch Hammond; res. Newton
7. William Fiske, b. 28 Dec 1753; d. 13 Aug 1803; m. (1st) Hannah Cook; m. (2nd) Ruth Smith; graduated Harvard College, 1772; lawyer, Justice of Peace; res. Waltham

²⁷⁷ Watertown VR: "Samuel Fiske son of William & Hannah Fiske was born January 4th 1709/10."

²⁷⁸ Watertown VR.

²⁷⁹ findagrave.com: [Samuel Fiske](#)

²⁸⁰ Frederick C. Pierce, [Fiske and Fisk Family](#) (1896).

²⁸¹ Henry Bond, [Genealogies of the Families and Descendants of the Early Settlers of Watertown, Mass.](#) (1860), p. 212.

²⁸² Ancestry.com: Newspaper Extractions from the Northeast. He was found dead in Waltham where his cart had run over him and broken his neck.

²⁸³ [Vital records of Waltham, Mass., to the Year 1850](#) (1904). Also Newspaper Extractions from the Northeast: Mrs. Anna Bent, at Waltham, age 79 years.

Andrew White (58) and Jane Dix (59)

Andrew White was born 29 Dec 1700, in Watertown, Mass.²⁸⁴ He was the son of [Andrew White and Sarah Sanderson](#). He married **Jane Dix**, 12 Dec 1722, in Watertown. She was born 18 Nov 1704, in Watertown,²⁸⁵ the daughter of [John Dix and Martha Lawrence](#). Andrew died intestate, in 1766.²⁸⁶

His widow Jane died 31 Dec 1793, in Watertown. Jane's death is recorded in the *Massachusetts Mercury*, as follows:

*At Watertown, 31ft ult. Mrs. JANE WHITE, relict of Mr. Andrew White, late of Watertown, deceased. – Her posterity are uncommonly numerous – she had 276 defcendants, viz. – 15 children (12 of whom had become heads of families) 96 grandchildren – 164 great-grandchildren, and one of the fifth generation.*²⁸⁷

Children, born in Watertown:

1. Jonas White, b. 18 Dec 1724; d. Dec 22 1798; m. Lois Stearns
2. Samuel White, b. 9 Apr 1726; d. 19 Jun 1810; m. Sybil Stone
3. Ruth White, b. Mar 17, 1727; m. Joseph Pierce
4. Sarah White (twin), b. 27 May 1730; m. Nathan Kendall
5. Martha White (twin), b. 27 May 1730; d. 9 Mar 1823, Cambridgeport; m. Nathaniel Livermore
6. Hannah White, b. 1 Jan 1731
7. Lydia White, b. 14 Aug 1733; d. 6 May 1777;²⁸⁸ m. Ephraim Pierce
8. Jedediah White, b. 3 Feb 1734/5; m. Elizabeth Wellington; said to have moved to Weston
9. Lucy White, b. 5 Dec 1736; m. Paul Wyman; lived in Woburn

²⁸⁴ Ancestry.com: Massachusetts Town and Vital Records, original image: "Andrew White, son of Andrew & Sarah White was born December 29, 1700."

²⁸⁵ Vital Records of Watertown: "Jane Dix Daughter of John and Martha Dix born ye: 18th: of November. 1704."

²⁸⁶ Middlesex Probate #24461.

²⁸⁷ *Massachusetts Mercury*, 14 Jan 1794, p. 3. Available through America's Historical Newspapers collection.

²⁸⁸ Bond, [Watertown](#).

10. [Abigail White](#), b. 20 Aug 1738; d. Dec 1829, Waltham; m. Samuel Fiske
11. Andrew White, b. 3 May 1741; m. Mary Cutting
12. Eunice White, bapt. 27 Mar 1743
13. Elijah White, bapt. 26 May 1745; m. Hannah Learned

Jonathan Stratton (60) and Dinah Bemis (61)

Jonathan Stratton was born 29 Jun 1716, in Concord, Mass., the son of [Samuel Stratton and Sarah Allen](#).²⁸⁹

Jonathan married **Dinah Bemis** 1 Nov 1738, probably in Waltham. The marriage was performed by Rev. Warham Williams.²⁹⁰ Dinah was born 23 Apr 1718, in Watertown, Mass., and was the daughter of [Joseph Bemis and Elizabeth Peirce](#).

Jonathan bought 40 acres of land in the northwestern part of Weston, in 1743. Later purchases increased his holdings to about 400 acres. He was a carpenter and housewright.

In 1757-9 he was in the French and Indian War, enlisting in Capt. Elisha Jones' company. He "returned from Lake George with Col. Nicholas" in 1759. He was at the battle of Lexington, 19 Apr 1776, under Capt. Samuel Lawson.²⁹¹

Jonathan is last mentioned in town records on a tax list dated 21 Oct 1801. He must have died between that time and 13 Oct 1802, when his widow and heirs appear on another tax list. The inventory of his estate was taken 3 Dec 1802. No record of his death or that of his widow have been found.²⁹²

Children, born/baptized in Weston:

1. Lucy Stratton, b. 10 Mar 1738/9; d. 1802; m. Daniel Livermore
2. Mary Stratton, b. 24 Nov 1740; d. 29 Sep 1742, of "throat distemper"
3. Mary Stratton, b. 20 Dec 1742; d. 1832; m. (1) William Bond; m. (2) Bezaleel Flagg
4. Beulah Stratton, b. 17 Jan 1744/5; m. Solomon Jones
5. Jonathan Stratton, b. 8 Mar 1746; d. 30 Nov 1819; bur. South Cem., Phillipston, Mass.;²⁹³ m. Sarah Child
6. [Daniel Stratton](#), b. 9 May 1748; d. 13 Oct 1816; m. Martha Fuller

²⁸⁹ Harriet R. Stratton, [A Book of Strattons](#), vol. 2 (1908), p. 21. In Vol. 1, it is said that his parents and origin are unknown, but vol. 2 explains the identification of Jonathan of Weston with the Jonathan born in Concord in 1716..

²⁹⁰ Weston Vital Records: "Mr Jonathan Stratton of Weston and Mrs Dinah Bemis of Waltham were married Nov. 1: 1738 by Rev. Warham Williams. Williams was a minister in Waltham."

²⁹¹ DAR Ancestor #A111141.

²⁹² [A Book of Strattons](#), pp. 200-203.

²⁹³ findagrave.com: Jonathan Stratton

7. Isaac Stratton, b. 26 Jun 1751; d. 23 Jan 1823; m. Sarah Jones
8. Elisha Stratton, b. 2 Oct 1753; d. 19 Nov 1817; bur. Central Cem., Weston, Mass.;²⁹⁴
m. Mehitable Russell
9. Sarah Stratton, bapt. 24 Aug 1755; m. Benjamin Cleveland
10. Elizabeth Stratton, b. 25 Sep 1757; d. 13 Mar 1835; m. Joseph Seaverns
11. John Stratton, bapt. 13 Jan 1760; d. 15 Nov 1802; m. Abigail Russell
12. Baraddy Stratton, b. 2 May 1762; d. 13 Jul 1765, "scalled by wort"

²⁹⁴ findagrave.com: [Elisha Stratton](http://findagrave.com)

Josiah Fuller (62) and Abigail Williams (63)

Ensign **Josiah Fuller** was born 2 Dec 1710, in Newton, Mass. He was the son of [Jeremiah Fuller and Thankful Bird](#).²⁹⁵ By 1750, he was known as Ensign Josiah Fuller.²⁹⁶

He married **Abigail Williams**, 14 Jan 1738/9, in Newton.²⁹⁷ She was born 4 Oct 1710 in Newton, and was the daughter of [Isaac Williams Jr. and Martha Whitney](#).²⁹⁸

Josiah lived near Waltham. He served as Selectman of Newton in 1751, 1756, 1759, 1760, and 1765. In 1761-62, he provided timber and received payment for labor and use of his team for building the Waltham Bridge.²⁹⁹

Josiah died 10 May 1793, in Newton, Mass. His widow Abigail died 30 Sep 1796, aged 84. They are buried in the River Street Cemetery in Newton.³⁰⁰ Josiah's death was noted in the *Independent Chronicle* as follows:

*"At Newton, Mr. Josiah Fuller, AEt. 83, being the last of the third generation of that name that came first into this country, and has left a widow aged 82, with whom he lived in a marriage state upwards of 54 years, and hath left nine children, the youngest of whom is upwards of 38 years old, 51 grandchildren, 16 great-grand children, all living."*³⁰¹

Children:

1. Josiah Fuller, b. 24 Oct 1739; d. 22 Mar 1825, Newton; bur. West Parish Burying Ground; m. (1) Anna Priest; m. (2) Eunice Fuller; m. (3) Mary Dana; m. (4) Mary Woodward; m. (5) Mary Perry
2. David Fuller, b. 13 Oct 1741; d. 13 Jan 1741/2
3. Phebe Fuller, b. 29 Jan 1744; m. William Clark Jr.

²⁹⁵ [American Fuller Genealogy](#), vol. 3, p. 152. For Thankful Bird, see *New England Historical and Genealogical Register*, vol. 25 (Jan. 1871), p. 22

²⁹⁶ Priscilla Ritter and Thema Fleishman, [Newton, Mass., 1679-1779: A Biographical Directory](#) (1982) (henceforth: *Newton Biographical Directory*), pp. 37-38.

²⁹⁷ *Newton Vital Records*, Vol.1, p. 287.

²⁹⁸ Frederick Pierce, [Descendants of John Whitney](#) (1895), p. 25.

²⁹⁹ *Newton Biographical Directory*, pp. 37-38.

³⁰⁰ Cemetery records. According to *Newton Biographical Directory* he is buried in grave #83. [findagrave.com: Josiah Fuller](#) Josiah's inscription appears to be: "In Memory of Ensign Josiah Fuller who departed this life May 10th 1793 aged 83." Abigail's gravestone is partly chipped off. It reads: "In memory of the widow Abigail Fuller Relict of Josiah Fuller who departed this life Sept 30th 1796." [findagrave.com: Abigail Fuller](#)

³⁰¹ *Independent Chronicle*, May 30th, 1793, available as part of America's Historical Newspaper collection.

4. Abigail Fuller, b. 24 Oct 1745; m. (1) John Barber; m. (2) Samuel Jenks
5. Anna Fuller, b. 4 Jun 1746; d. 13 Aug 1825, Charlton, Mass.; bur. Bay Path Cem.;³⁰²
m. Benjamin Williams
6. Mary Fuller, b. 30 Oct 1747; m. Thomas Miller Jr.
7. Thankful Fuller, b. 21 Feb 1750
8. Joseph Fuller, b. 29 Jul 1751; m. (1) Joanna Spring; m. (2) Elizabeth Bacon
9. Susanna Fuller, b. 2 Jun 1753; m. Stephen Hastings
10. [Martha \("Patty"\) Fuller](#), b. 21 Aug 1755; d. 8 Oct 1820; m. Daniel Stratton

³⁰² [findagrave.com: Anna Williams](#)

John Clark (64) and Elizabeth Norman (65)

John Clark was born 13 Oct 1641, in Watertown, Mass.,³⁰³ the son of [Hugh Clark and Elizabeth - ----](#). He married, first, **Abigail** ----. He married, second, **Lydia Buckminster**, 18 Nov 1680, in Roxbury, Mass. She died 2 Jan 1682, in Cambridge, Mass.³⁰⁴ He married, third, **Elizabeth Norman**, on 18 Dec 1684, in Newton. Mass.³⁰⁵

John received from his father, in 1681, 67 acres of land in Newton, then called New Cambridge, and moved there from Roxbury the same year. This land was located near the site of where the Baptist Theological Seminary was later built, and his house was near Lyman St.

He had a land dispute with a neighbor, Joseph Bartlett, and when Bartlett attempted to build a house on this land, Clark pulled it down. He was sued by Bartlett and compelled to pay damages.

In about 1688, he built a saw mill, on the Upper Falls of the Charles River.

He died 6 Jan 1694/5, in Newton.³⁰⁶ His homestead was afterward conveyed by his widow to her brother, William Norman, of Boston. He left a will, which was proved 25 Mar 1695. His will mentions his "dear and Loving wife," sons John and William, as well as "small children" and "daughters" (not named.) More details of his will are included in the [Descendants of Hugh Clark](#).³⁰⁷

Child, by his first wife Abigail:

1. John Clark, b. 1680; d. 22 Jun 1730; m. Ann Peirce

Children, by his third wife Elizabeth Norman:

2. [William Clark](#), b. 20 Jun 1686; d. 25 May 1737; m. Hannah Kee
3. Ann Clark, b. 18 May 1688; m. John Billings
4. Martha Clark, b. 11 Jan 1690; unm.
5. Esther Clark, b. 1 Mar 1692

³⁰³ Watertown VR, p. 9, "John the son of Hugh & Elizabeth Clarke born 13 (8)" (the 8th month being October in that time.)

³⁰⁴ See Alicia Crane Williams, [Early New England Families](#).

³⁰⁵ Newton VR, p. 258, although the printed record calls her "Elizabeth Morman."

³⁰⁶ Newton VR.

³⁰⁷ John Clark, [Descendants of Hugh Clark](#), (1866), pp. 18-20.

6. Hannah Clark, b. 20 Apr 1693; d. same day
7. Moses Clark, b. 19 Jul 1695; died young

Thomas Bird (68) and Thankful Atherton (69)

Thomas Bird was born 4 May 1640, in Dorchester, Mass., the son of [Thomas Bird and Ann ---](#).³⁰⁸ He married **Thankful Atherton**, 2 Dec 1665, in Dorchester.³⁰⁹ She was the daughter of [Humphrey Atherton and Mary -----](#), and was baptized 28 Apr 1644, in Dorchester.³¹⁰

Thomas died 30 Jan 1710, in Dorchester. He left no will, but an inventory of his estate mentioned a "Negro manservant" and "Negro maid servant," along with his house, lands, orchard and meadow. On 8 Mar 1710/11, an agreement was made between his widow and his children. In part, it states that "the Children agree to pay their Mother" and "annual rent" and the mother is free to "enjoy, during her life, one third part of all the housing, convenient part of the cellar, and liberty of the Oven as she shall have occasion, and the little Garden and such part of the fruit of any of the Fruit Trees on any part of the Lands as she desires for her own eating..." The document is signed by Thankful Bird, Joseph Bird, Benjamin Bird, Jeremiah Fuller, Jonathan Jones, Sarah Jones, John Clark, Isaac Howe, Submit How, Edward White, Patience White, Mary Bird, and Mercy Bird.³¹¹

Thankful died 11 Apr 1719, in Dorchester.³¹² They are both buried in the Dorchester North Burying Ground.³¹³

Children:

1. Joseph Bird, b. 1 Oct 1666; d. 9 Mar 1711/12, due to a gun accident; m. (1st) Miriam ----; m. (2nd) Johanna Leeds
2. [Thankful Bird](#), b. 6 Feb 1667; d. 1729; m. Lieut. Jeremiah Fuller
3. Sarah Bird, b. 24 Oct 1669; m. Jonathan Jones
4. Thomas Bird, b. 11 Aug 1673; probably lost in 1690 expedition to Canada
5. Mary Bird, b. 26 Jan 1674; m. Jonathan Kelton
6. Submit Bird, b. 13 May 1678; m. Isaac How

³⁰⁸ Ancestry.com. *Massachusetts, Town and Vital Records, 1620-1988*. "Thomas, the son of Thomas Bird & Anne his wife, was born the 4th (3d) 1640."

³⁰⁹ Ancestry.com. *American Marriages Before 1699*

³¹⁰ Massachusetts Births and Christenings, database on Familysearch.org. Also see *Putnam's Historical Monthly* vol. 7.

³¹¹ William Trask, "Thomas Bird of Dorchester, Massachusetts, and Some of His Descendants," *New England Historical & Genealogical Record*, Vol. 25, pp. 21-22.

³¹² Dorchester VR: "Thankfull Bird widdow Dyed Aprill 11th 1719."

³¹³ findagrave.com: [Thomas Bird](http://findagrave.com) and [Thankful Bird](http://findagrave.com)

7. Mercy Bird, b. 6 Feb 1679
8. Patience Bird, b. 19 Nov 1681; d. 25 Dec 1681
9. Patience Bird, b. 27 Nov 1683; d. 11 Dec 1757; m. Edward White
10. [Benjamin Bird](#), b. 13 Apr 1686; d. 29 Mar 1757; m. Joanna Harris

① John Harris (70) and Mary Sparks (71)

John Harris was a fisherman in the Isle of Shoals. His origins are unknown. His wife was **Mary Sparks**. Their marriage bond was issued 24 Jun 1687. It is possible that John was the son of William Harris of Smuttynose Island (an island in the Isles of Shoals, now in the state of Maine.)

John and Mary settled in Ipswich, Mass., and built a house on land built in 1685. Mary died 6 May 1730, and John died 8 Dec 1738, both in Ipswich.³¹⁴

Children, born in Ipswich:

1. John Harris, b. 19 Nov 1690; d. 30 Dec 1736; m. Elizabeth -----; he “commanded several merchant sea vessels.”
2. [Joanna Harris](#), b. 18 Jan 1691/2; d. 7 May 1768; m. Benjamin Bird
3. Mary Harris, b. 19 Jul 1694; m. Archelaus Lakeman
4. Thomas Harris, b. 10 Oct 1696; d. 1763; m. (1st) Margaret -----; m. (2nd) Elizabeth Potter
5. Sarah Harris, b. 4 Oct 1698; m. Capt. Robert Swan

³¹⁴ Walter Goodwin Davis, [The Ancestry of Bethiah Harris](#) (1934), p. 37. Also Ipswich VR for their deaths, in which John is called a fisherman.

Isaac Williams (76) and Elizabeth Hyde (77)

Capt. **Isaac Williams** was born 11 Dec 1661, in Cambridge Village (now Newton), Mass. He was the son of [Isaac Williams and Martha Parke](#). He married **Elizabeth Hyde**, before 1686.³¹⁵ She was born 4 Sep 1659, in Cambridge Village (Newton), the daughter of [Jonathan Hyde and Mary French](#). She died 26 Jun 1699, in Newton.³¹⁶

He married, second, in about 1701, **Mary (Griffin) Hammond**, the widow of Nathaniel Hammond.³¹⁷ She died 13 Oct 1732, in Roxbury, Mass.³¹⁸ He married, third, **Hannah** -----.

He was a captain of the militia and a Selectman.³¹⁹

He died 27 Jun 1739, in Roxbury, and is buried in the Eliot Burying Ground, in Roxbury, Mass.³²⁰

Children:³²¹

1. [Isaac Williams](#), b. 1 Nov 1686; d. 17 Sep 1757; m. Martha Whitney
2. Jonathan Williams, b. 5 Nov 1687; not mentioned in father's will
3. Mary Williams, m. Benjamin Payson
4. John Williams, b. 30 Apr 1689; d. 9 Dec 1765, Pomfret, Conn.; bur. South Cem.;³²² m. Mary Goad
5. Capt. William Williams, b. 19 Sep 1690; d. 4 Feb 1767/8, Mansfield, Conn.; bur. Pink Cem.;³²³ m. Experience Wilson
6. Lt. Ebenezer Williams, b. 16 Oct 1691; d. 6 Aug 1740, Lebanon, Conn.; bur. Goshen Cem.;³²⁴ m. Mary Vetch
7. Samuel Williams, b. 11 Feb 1693; m. (1st) Abigail Godard; m. (2nd) Abigail Wood
8. Martha Williams, b. 12 Sep 1694; m. Jacob Payson

³¹⁵ Ancestry.com. *U.S., New England Marriages Prior to 1700*.

³¹⁶ Newton VR, Vol.1, p. 516.

³¹⁷ Torrey, *New England Marriages to 1700*.

³¹⁸ Roxbury VR.

³¹⁹ H. Williams, *Life, Ancestors and Descendants of Robert Williams of Roxbury, Mass.* (1934), p 93.

³²⁰ findagrave.com: Isaac Williams

³²¹ *Life, Ancestors and Descendants of Robert Williams of Roxbury, Mass.*, p 99-100.

³²² findagrave.com: John Williams

³²³ findagrave.com: William Williams

³²⁴ findagrave.com: Ebenezer Williams

9. Daniel Williams, b. 22 Oct 1695; d 7 Jan 1771, Roxbury, Mass.; bur. Eliot Burying Ground;³²⁵ m. Hannah Holbrook
10. Elizabeth Williams, b. 23 Sep 1697; unm.

³²⁵ findagrave.com: Daniel Williams

Joshua Whitney (78) and Abigail Tarbell (79)

Joshua Whitney was born 15 Feb 1635/6, in Watertown, Mass., the son of [John Whitney and Eleanor ----](#). He married first, **Mary ----**, who died 17 Mar 1671/2. He married, second, **Abigail Tarbell**, 30 Sep 1672, in Watertown. She was the daughter of [Thomas Tarbell and Mary ----](#). There is no evidence that he ever had a wife named Lydia, as is often claimed.³²⁶

Joshua was a proprietor of Groton, Mass., and a deacon in the church there. He is said to have returned to Watertown “for a few years” after Groton was burnt in 1676 during King Philip’s War. He was a selectman in Groton in 1681, 1683, 1684, 1687, and 1702. In 1684 he was a constable, in 1685, tithing-man. He also served the town in various other minor offices.

Joshua died 1 Aug 1719 in Groton, and is buried in the Old Cemetery.³²⁷ His widow Abigail survived him.³²⁸

Joshua Whitney left a will, which I transcribe here in full:³²⁹

In the name of God Amen, I Joshua Whitney of Grotton in ye county of Middlesex Within her Majs province of Massachusetts Bay in New England aged about Seventy Six years being week of Body but of sound and perfect mind and memory praise be to God almighty for it do make and ordain this my (present?) and Last will and Testament in manor and form following, that is to say, I first and principally do Commend my Sole into ye hands of almighty God hoping (through?) it merits and mediation of Christ my Saviour to have full and free pardon and forgiveness for all my sins and so inherit Eternal Life & my Body I doo Commit to ye Earth to a decent burial in such place as providence of God shall appoint and ye prudence of friends will think (meet?) and as touching ye disposal of all such Temporal Estate as God hath in being pleased in (?) to bestow on me I do so give and bequeath of same in manner following.

First. I do will and appoint that my just Debts be paid and my funeral charges (?) by my Executors .

it – I do will and bequeath until Abigail my (now named?) wife ye free use of a quarter of ye income of all my Real Estate in Grotton both housing and Lands during her continuing to be my widow and also ye free use of my Moveable Estate during her widowhood as before sd excepting ye Utensils of Husbandry and if her my beloved wife should be ocation to marry again I will unto her two Cows to be at her own disposal. Further more I give her my beloved wife in ye time of her widowhood free liberty to Bestow so much of ye Moveable Estate that is in her hands as she in providence shall think fit and that she can spare unto each of her children as she shall Conceive shall stand in most need.

It – unto my son William Whitney I do give and Bequeath all my housing and Lands (so me appertaining?) in Grotton afore sd for ever – excepting a small parcel of meadow at Beaver Brook next to Capt Prescotts meadow

³²⁶ Robert Charles Anderson ([The Great Migration](#), Vol. 7, p. 371) says: “In his 1855 genealogy of the Whitney Family, Henry Bond stated that Joshua Whitney, son of the immigrant, had three wives, the first of whom was named Lydia, although no dates or other evidence were associated with this supposed wife. All succeeding secondary sources have repeated this claim. ... “We propose that the Mary Whitney ... was the wife of Joshua, that she was the mother of the two children born in Groton in the 1660s, and that Joshua did not have a wife named Lydia. There may have been some confusion with Joshua’s older brother Jonathan, who did have a wife named Lydia.”

³²⁷ [findagrave.com: Joshua Whitney](#)

³²⁸ She was not the Abigail Whitney who died 8 Nov 1725. That Abigail was apparently the unmarried daughter of John Whitney and Mary ----.

³²⁹ Middlesex Probate #24703

there and also ye privileges excepted that were (?) to his mother as above he paying what is hear after by me appointed for him to pay.

It – I will unto my son Joshua Whitney thirty pounds to be paid unto him by his brother William Whitney, he not to be compelled to pay any until four years after my decease and then to pay Seven pounds ten shillings a year until ye whole be compleated but if in case ye providence of God should so order it so that (?) he my son Joshua Whitney should happen to Dye before ye time of ye sd Legacy set by me be paid or any part thereof should be paid that then ye Legacy shall Cease and be Null and shall not be demanded .

It – unto my son Cornelius Whitney I do will and bequeath that small parcel of meadow at Beaver Brook above mentioned which together with what money he hath received of his brother William Whitney and ye promis of a small parcel of meadow that sd William bought of Nathaniel (Lawrance?) and which he had promised to give to Cornelius a deed of wh compleates of to ye full (?) of which I do se of ocation to give unto him excepting a musket gun which I do give unto him.

It – unto my son David Whitney ye money which he hath already received of his brother William Whitney and several other things which he hath already received of me compleats to ye whole which I do se ocation to give unto him .

It unto my five Daughters. Viz Mary Peirce Eleanor Shephard Sarah Juell Martha Williams and Elizabeth Farnsworth I do will that they have five pounds apiece paid unto them by my son William Whitney not to be compelled to pay any until a year after my decease, and ye other to be paid out of my moveable estate .

It – until my eldest daughter Hutchin's children I do will and bequeath ten pounds of money in manor following that is to say to her eldest come to ye age of one and twenty years and to ye rest thirty shillings apiece as they shall (?) and come to there full age to receive there portion which completes to ye whole which I do (?) (?) and do se Cause to give unto her and as to my Eldest daughter wife to Thomas Woods I give unto her in ye time of her life ye full proportion of my Estate which I do se ocation to give unto her.

As concerning ye moveables which may be left after my wife's decease I do will and bequeath them unto my five daughters now living and to my daughter Hutchins three daughters they all to have an equal share with one of my own daughters viz Mary Peirce Eleanor Shephard Sary Juell Martha Williams and Elizabeth Farnsworth – and so do ordain constitute and make my well beloved wife aforementioned and to my son William aforesd to be my Sole Executors of this my Last Will and Testament and I do hear by revoke make null and void all former wills and testaments by me made at my (?) and this my will let no man revoak. In witness whereof I ye sd Joshua Whitney unto this my Last will and testament do affix my hand and seal this seventeenth day of April Anno Dom. one thousand seven hundred and thirteen in ye twelfth year of her Majs reign.

Children, by his first wife Mary:

1. Joshua Whitney, b. 14 Jun 1665, Groton; d. 1 Dec 1753, Plainfield, Conn.; m. (1st) Mary ----; m. (2nd) Sarah Fellows, 11 Dec 1751, in Plainfield; he was 85 and she 84 at the time of their marriage. Joshua apparently had no children of his own; he left a will dated 15 Oct 1751 mentioning his siblings, as follows: brothers William Whitney and Cornelius Whitney, heirs of sister Abigail Hutchings, deceased; heirs of sister Mary Peirce, deceased; sister Elizabeth Farnum; sister Martha Williams; heirs of sister Elinor Shepard; sister Sarah "Tylor," kinswoman Mary Lawrence³³⁰
2. Sarah Whitney, b. 10 Oct 1668; m. (1st) Nathaniel Jewell, 11 Jul 1704, Plainfield, Conn.;³³¹ m. (2nd) ----- Tyler (or Taylor)

Child, probably by Mary:

³³⁰ Images of will on Ancestry.com, Connecticut Wills and Probate Records.

³³¹ Barbour Collection of Conn. Vital Records.

3. Hannah Whitney, b. say 1670; m. Thomas Woods

Children, by his second wife Abigail Tarbell (birth order uncertain for those with no birth dates):³³²

4. Abigail Whitney, m. John Hutchins; she died before Oct 1751, when her brother Joshua left a will mentioning the heirs of Abigail "Hutchings," deceased.
5. Mary Whitney, b. 1 Jul 1675; d. 29 Dec 1749; bur. Old Burying Ground, Groton, Mass.;³³³ m. Ephraim Pierce
6. William Whitney, b. 28 Feb 1677/8; d. 4 May 1754, Lebanon, Conn.; bur. Goshen Cem., Lebanon, Conn.;³³⁴ m. (1st) Lydia Perham; m. (2nd) Margaret Mirick, 25 Apr 1717, Newton, Mass.
7. Cornelius Whitney, m. Sarah Shephard
8. David Whitney, b. about 1682; d. 1 Nov 1769, Canaan, Conn.; bur. Mt. View Cem., North Canaan, Conn.;³³⁵ m. Elizabeth Warren, 20 Jan 1712/3, Plainfield, Conn.³³⁶
9. Eleanor Whitney, m. Samuel Shepard; died before Oct 1751 when her brother Joshua mentions in his will the heirs of Elinor Shepard, deceased.
10. Elizabeth Whitney, m. Ebenezer Farnsworth, 17 Apr 1706/7, Groton, Mass.³³⁷
11. [Martha Whitney](#), b. about 1686; d. 2 Apr 1763; bur. East Parish Burying Ground, Newton, Mass.; m. Isaac Williams Jr.

³³² This information comes from various sources, to be added soon. It should be noted that Joshua Whitney did not have a daughter named Alice. She was not mentioned in his will and it was an error in an earlier book that was repeated later by others, without any primary evidence.

³³³ [findagrave.com: Mary Peirce](#)

³³⁴ [findagrave.com: William Whitney](#)

³³⁵ [findagrave.com: David Whitney](#)

³³⁶ Barbour Collection of Conn. Vital Records.

³³⁷ Groton Vital Records.

Daniel Bixby (80) and Hannah Chandler (81)

Daniel Bixby (or Bigsbie) was born in about 1651, in Ipswich, Mass., the son of [Joseph Bixby and Sarah Riddlesdale](#).³³⁸ He married **Hannah Chandler**, 2 Dec 1674, in Andover, Mass.³³⁹ She was the daughter of [Thomas Chandler and Hannah \(Brewer?\)](#). (Thomas Chandler mentioned his daughter Bixby in his will.)

Daniel had moved to Andover, prior to his marriage. He was a farmer and a carpenter.³⁴⁰ Daniel died 7 May 1717, aged "about 66 years", in Andover, Mass.³⁴¹ He left a will, dated 12 Apr 1715, and proved 5 Jul 1717. In it, he mentions all of his sons except for Daniel and Jonathan. All his lands and buildings were to be enjoyed jointly by his wife and his son Joseph, who were made executors.³⁴² Hannah died 20 Nov 1730, in Andover.³⁴³

Children:

1. Daniel Bixby, b. 18 Sep 1675; probably died before father
2. Hannah Bixby, b. 13 Dec 1679; m. Stephen Barnard Jr.
3. Thomas Bixby, b. 18 Dec 1681; m. Deborah Elkins
4. Sarah Bixby, b. 19 Jan 1685; d. 7 Jul 1742
5. Jonathan Bixby, b. probably 1685; m. Rachel Hobart
6. [David Bixby](#), b. 15 Feb 1687/8; m. Abigail Butterfield
7. Mephibosheth Bixby, b. 3 Apr 1690; d. 20 Mar 1767; m. Mary Emmons
8. Mary Bixby, b. 12 Apr 1693; m. George Holt
9. Joseph Bixby, b. 5 Mar 1695/6; m. Experience Frost

³³⁸ See John B. Threlfall, "John Wyatt of Ipswich, Mass., and his wife Mary (___) Riddlesdale," *New England Historical & Genealogical Register*, vol. 143 (1989), pp. 213-220. Also, John B. Threlfall, "The English Ancestry of Joseph Bixby of Ipswich and Boxford, Mass.," *New England Historical and Genealogical Register*, July 1987.

³³⁹ Andover Marriages, p. 53. http://ma-vitalrecords.org/MA/Essex/Andover/Images/Andover_M053.shtml

³⁴⁰ Williard Bixby, *A Genealogy of the Descendants of Joseph Bixby* (1914), pp. 34-35.

³⁴¹ Andover Deaths, p. 390. http://ma-vitalrecords.org/MA/Essex/Andover/Images/Andover_D390.shtml

³⁴² *A Genealogy of the Descendants of Joseph Bixby*, pp. 34-35.

³⁴³ Andover Deaths, p. 390. http://ma-vitalrecords.org/MA/Essex/Andover/Images/Andover_D390.shtml

Joseph Butterfield (82) and Lydia Ballard (83)

Joseph Butterfield was born 15 Aug 1649, in Woburn, Mass., the son of [Benjamin Butterfield and Ann -----](#). He went to Chelmsford with his father's family. He married **Lydia Ballard**, 12 Feb 1674. She was born 30 Apr 1657, in Andover, Mass., the daughter of [William Ballard and Grace -----](#).³⁴⁴

Joseph died in 1720, before 22 Dec 1720 when an inventory of his estate was made. A full list of heirs is not given but widow Lydia signed one of the papers, and it was stated that Joseph had only one surviving son, Joseph Jr.³⁴⁵

Children:³⁴⁶

1. Lt. Joseph Butterfield, b. 6 Jun 1680; m. Sarah Fletcher
2. Benjamin Butterfield, m. Elizabeth -----
3. Tabitha Butterfield, b. 29 May 1687; m. Ephraim Waters
4. Isaac Butterfield, b. 1 Oct 1689 (twin); d. 4 Nov 1689
5. Jacob Butterfield, b. 1 Oct 1689 (twin); d. 1728; m. Phebe ----
6. Anna Butterfield, m. Simon Tompson
7. [Abigail Butterfield](#), b. 4 Jun 1693 (twin); m. David Bixby
8. Abraham Butterfield, b. 4 Jun 1693 (twin)³⁴⁷

³⁴⁴ She is often identified as Grace Berwick. However, James Henderson, in NEHGR 163:32, states that no evidence has been found to support that claim. He suggests she may have been Grace Lovejoy.

³⁴⁵ George Gordon, "The Butterfields of Middlesex," *New England Historical and Genealogical Register* (NEHGR), vol. 44 (1890), pp. 35-36.

³⁴⁶ The births of twins Abigail and Abraham Butterfield are not listed in the NEHGR article, but are recorded in Chelmsford Vital Records.

³⁴⁷ Chelmsford VR.

John Gilson (88) and Sarah ----- (89)

John Gilson was born 23 Apr 1674/5, in Groton, Mass., the son of [Joseph Gilson and Mary Cooper](#).³⁴⁸ His wife **Sarah** *may have been Sarah Blood*, who was born 17 Apr 1675, in Groton, the daughter of Nathaniel Blood and Hannah Parker.³⁴⁹ However, The Story of the Bloods argues against this idea, stating that she was not among the 32 heirs of Capt. James Parker listed in 1729.³⁵⁰

John died 10 Sep 1707, in Groton.³⁵¹ His widow was appointed administrator of his estate, which was settled 2 Jun 1716.³⁵² She married **Richard Warner**, 17 May 1708/9, in Groton.³⁵³ She had four children by her second marriage. She died 3 Sep 1759, in the 85th year of her age. She is buried alongside her husband, in the Walton Cemetery, Pepperell, Mass.³⁵⁴

Children, born in Groton:

1. [John Gilson](#), b. 2 Mar 1697/8; d. 17 Nov 1753; m. Mary Shattuck
2. Sarah Gilson, b. 1 May 1700; m. Jeremiah Farnsworth
3. Michael Gilson, b. 14 Oct 1702; d. probably in 1750, in New Hampshire; m. Susannah Sawtell
4. Susannah Gilson, b. 28 May 1704
5. Ebenezer Gilson, b. 10 Dec 1707; m. Annis Searl

³⁴⁸ David Jillson, Genealogy of the Gillson and Jillson Family (1876), p. 240.

³⁴⁹ John Linzee, The History of Peter Parker and Sarah Ruggles of Roxbury, Mass., their Ancestors and Descendants (1913), p. 213. Note that Linzee says "probably", although others have stated as a fact that John's wife Sarah was Sarah Blood.

³⁵⁰ Roger Deane Harris, Story of the Bloods (1960).

³⁵¹ Groton Deaths, p. 226. http://ma-vitalrecords.org/MA/Middlesex/Groton/Images/Groton_D226.shtml

³⁵² Genealogy of the Gillson and Jillson Family, p. 240.

³⁵³ Groton Marriages, p. 76. http://ma-vitalrecords.org/MA/Middlesex/Groton/Images/Groton_M076.shtml The record does not say she was a widow, however.

³⁵⁴ findagrave.com: [Sarah Warner](#)

John Shattuck (90) and Mary Blood (91)

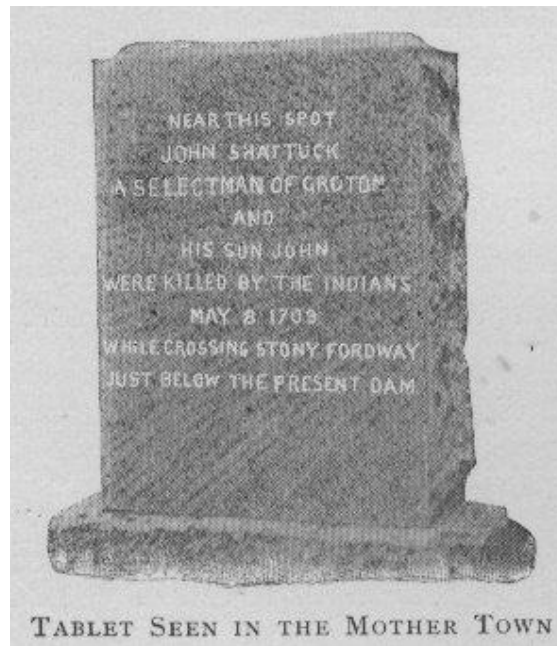
John Shattuck was born 4 Jun 1666, in Watertown, Mass.,³⁵⁵ the son of [John Shattuck and Ruth Whitney](#). His father died in 1675, when he was just 9 years old, and his mother remarried.

He was a farmer, and moved to Groton, Mass., where he joined the church in 1707. He married **Mary Blood**. She was born 1 Sep 1672, in Groton,³⁵⁶ and was the daughter of [James Blood and Elizabeth Longley](#).

On 8 May 1709, he and his eldest son were killed by Indians. "Tradition says that this massacre occurred while they were crossing the Nashua River, in the vicinity of the Stony-Ford-Way, near Hollingsworth's mills, on the return of Mr. Shattuck from his lands on the west side of the river."

He was a Selectman at the time of his death.

A tablet was erected in 1882.³⁵⁷



Besides losing her husband and eldest son, Mary's father James Blood had been killed by Indians in 1692, and her uncle William Longley and his family was also killed, in 1694.³⁵⁹

³⁵⁵ Watertown VR.

³⁵⁶ Groton VR. She is called Mary, d. of James.

³⁵⁷ Samuel Green, [The Natural History and Topography of Groton, Mass.](#), Vol. 2 (1914), p. 189.

³⁵⁸ [Beside Old Hearth Stones](#), online at <http://www.ma-roots.org/books/hearth/photos/30.jpg> It is not clear whether this tablet is still standing, and if so, exactly where it is.

³⁵⁹ Samuel Green, [Epitaphs from the Old Burying Ground in Groton, Mass.](#) (1878), p. 254.

Mary “remained a widow 47 years” and died 4 Mar 1756.³⁶⁰

Children:

1. John Shattuck, b. 6 Jan 1691; d. 8 May 1709, killed by Indians along with his father
2. Jonathan Shattuck, b. 20 Jun 1693; d. 18 Sep 1771, Pepperell; m. Elizabeth Chamberlain
3. David Shattuck, b. 28 Apr 1696; d. young
4. [Mary Shattuck](#), b. 11 Apr 1699; m. John Gilson
5. Sarah Shattuck, b. 5 Oct 1701
6. Lydia Shattuck, b. 1 Mar 1704; d. 23 Oct 1783, Pepperell; m. Isaac Williams
7. Elizabeth Shattuck, b. 1 Mar 1704; d. 4 Apr 1796; bur. Walton Cem., Pepperell;³⁶¹
m. Isaac Lakin
8. Hannah Shattuck, bapt. 2 May 1707; d. young
9. Patience Shattuck, b. 18 Feb 1709, probably d. young

³⁶⁰ Lemuel Shattuck, Memorials of the Descendants of William Shattuck (1855), pp 77-81.

³⁶¹ [findagrave.com: Elizabeth Lakin](#)

John Daby (96) and Hannah Butterick (97)

John Daby was born 26 Jan 1687, in Stow, Mass., the son of [Thomas Daby and Mary Browne](#).³⁶² His surname was sometimes spelled “Darby.” He married **Hannah Butterick**, who died 17 Nov 1744. She is buried in the Harvard Center Cemetery. Her epitaph says she was 58 years and 5 months old.³⁶³ She was born 6 Jun 1685, in Stow, Mass., the daughter of [John Butterick and Mary Blood](#).³⁶⁴

He married, second, **Elizabeth (----) Holden**, of Groton, Mass., 20 Apr 1747. She was the widow of William Holden. Born in about 1705, she died 9 Sep 1767, in her 62nd year, in Harvard, and is buried in the Harvard Center Cemetery.³⁶⁵

John was one of the original petitioners for the creation of the town Harvard, in 1731. His estate was partly within the old Lancaster bounds. John was a blacksmith. Together with his son Joseph, who was a joiner, he built a saw and grist mill “upon the stream at the western foot of Pine Hill.” His sawmill is mentioned in the town records as early as 1733, when he provided a part of the material for the meetinghouse.³⁶⁶

John died 6 Jan 1769, in Harvard, Mass., and is buried in the Harvard Center Cemetery.³⁶⁷ His gravestone is inscribed:

Here lies the Body
of M^r John Daby
who Departed this
Life Jan^y 6th AD 1769
Aged 80 years and
11 months.

*Tis but a few whose Days amount
To three score years and ten;
And all beyond that short Account,
Is Sorrow, Toil and Pain.*

*Our Vitals with laborious Strife
Bear up the crazy load.*

³⁶² Stow VR, Vol. 1, p. 28, for all except Mary’s maiden name.

³⁶³ [findagrave.com: Hannah Daby](#); epitaph: HERE LIES BURIED / Ye BODY OF MRs / HANNAH DABY /Ye WIFE OF / Mr JOHN DABY / WHO DEPARTED / THIS LIFE NOVEMbr / 17th AD 1744 / AGE 58 YEARS /& 5 M.

³⁶⁴ Richard Butrick, [Butrick, Butterick, Buttrick in the USA](#) (1979); also, see the 1718 will of John Butterick, Middlesex Probate #3793, in which he says “I have given to my daughter Hannah Twenty Five pounds at her marriage to John Daby.” John Daby also signed the probate papers.

³⁶⁵ [findagrave.com: Elizabeth Daby](#)

³⁶⁶ Viola Bromley, [Derby Genealogy](#) (1911), p. 19.

³⁶⁷ [findagrave.com: John Daby](#)

*And drag those poor Remains of Life,
Along the tiresome Road*

He left a will, dated 9 May 1766, mentioning his wife Elizabeth, granddaughters Molly Wheeler and Molly Gates (the children of his daughter Mary), the “female heirs of my daughter Hannah Whitcomb,” sons Simon, Nahum, and Joseph Daby, and grandson Thomas Daby.³⁶⁸

Children:³⁶⁹

1. Nahum Daby, b. 23 Feb 1712/13; d. 12 Mar 1770/71, Stow; m. Mary Shelden³⁷⁰
2. Simon Daby, b. 27 Feb 1714, Stow; d. 18 Dec 1802; bur. Harvard Center Cem.;³⁷¹ m. (1st) Mercy Williams; m. (2nd) Esther Foster; m. (3rd) Judith (Cole) Symonds
3. [Joseph Daby](#), b. 15 Dec 1716, Stow; d. 24 Sep 1793 m. Elizabeth Nurse
4. Hannah Daby, b. 9 Jan 1720, Stow; m. William Whitcomb³⁷²
5. Mary Daby, b. 27 Oct 1722; d. before 1760; m. (1st) Thomas Wheeler Jr.; m. (2nd) Silas Gates³⁷³
6. Robert Daby, b. 27 Oct 1722; not mentioned in father’s will
7. John Daby, b. abt. 1740; not mentioned in father’s will
8. (?) Thomas Daby³⁷⁴

One of his younger children was probably the child of John whose death is recorded in Harvard, Mass., on 10 Apr 1750.

³⁶⁸ Worcester Probate #15037.

³⁶⁹ Stow VR for births of Simon, Joseph, Hannah and Mary. Other births from Bromley, [Derby Genealogy](#).

³⁷⁰ Harvard VR, p. 152, records the intention: “Nahum and Mary Shelden of Reading, int. Apr. 1, 1742.” The Derby Genealogy says he had a prior marriage, to Hannah -----; but I see no evidence of this.

³⁷¹ findagrave.com: [Simon Daby](#)

³⁷² Harvard VR: m. 6 Apr 1744.

³⁷³ Julius Gates, [Silas Gates of Stow, Mass.](#) (1907)

³⁷⁴ Listed by Bromley, without any proof.

Benjamin Nurse (98) and Elizabeth Roberts (99)

Benjamin Nurse was born 28 Jan 1689/90, in Reading, Mass., the son of [Francis Nurse and Sarah Craggen](#).³⁷⁵

He married **Elizabeth Roberts**, 24 Dec 1713, in Reading.³⁷⁶ She died in Harvard, Mass., 29 May 1739, “aged about 50.”³⁷⁷ She was said to have been born 3 Aug 1690, in Reading, Mass.,³⁷⁸ the daughter of [Abraham Roberts and Sarah Burnap](#).

Benjamin married, second, **Hannah (Rogers³⁷⁹) Atherton**, 13 May 1740, in Harvard.³⁸⁰ He moved to Rutland, Mass., in about 1740. In 1747 he was on a committee to petition the General Court to fortify the town.³⁸¹

He made a will, in Rutland, dated 9 Apr 1760,³⁸² and proved 4 Dec 1775.³⁸³ In it he mentions “the marriage agreement made with his wife Hannah, by which he left her only a bed and bedding and the choice of his cows.” He also gives to son Joshua “all his lands, meadows and buildings, one half of a saw mill, three quarters of the saw, one half of the irons belonging thereto and the mill privilege, his livestock, tools, wearing-apparel, cash and writings.” Joshua was also made executor. Also mentioned were son Benjamin, the children of his daughter Elizabeth Daby, and daughters Sarah Marble and Mary Powers.³⁸⁴

Children, by his first wife Elizabeth Roberts:

1. [Elizabeth Nurse](#), b. 17 Aug 1715; m. Joseph Daby
2. Benjamin Nurse, b. 9 Dec 1716; d. 20 Jun 1806, Littleton, N.H.; m. Martha Nurse³⁸⁵
3. Joshua Nurse, b. 17 Dec 1719; m. Mary Sampson; he and his family moved to Rutland.

³⁷⁵ Reading VR, Vol. 1, p. 165. Sarah’s maiden name not given in the birth record, but see The American Genealogist (TAG), Vol. 65 (1994), pp. 81-85.

³⁷⁶ Reading VR, Vol. 1, p. 404. Her name given as “Robarts” in the record.

³⁷⁷ Harvard VR, Vol. 1, p. 288. “Elizabeth, w. Benjamin, May 29, 1739. [a. abt. 50 y. CR1]

³⁷⁸ James Jackson, [History of Littleton, N.H.](#), (1905), p. 361. However, I find no such birth record. It does however agree with an age of about 50 given in her death record.

³⁷⁹ Ibid.

³⁸⁰ Harvard VR, Vol. 1, p. 196. “Benjamin and wid. Hannah Atherton, May 13, 1740.”

³⁸¹ [History of Littleton, N.H.](#), p. 361. This source is incorrect in stating that he died 6 Jan 1761, and his widow died 9 Dec 1763. First, no such records are found in Rutland or any other town in Massachusetts. Second, his will, proved in Dec 1775, would hardly be proved 14 years after his death. His will also shows that his wife Hannah survived him. Therefore I reject the 1761 death date.

³⁸² This is not the date of his death, as is sometimes stated.

³⁸³ Walter G. Davis, [Ancestry of Sarah Johnson](#) (1960), p. 24.

³⁸⁴ Ibid. Also see the Worcester Probate #43858, available at AmericanAncestors.org, to NEHGS members.

³⁸⁵ Harvard VR: Benjamin [Nurse] Jr. m. Martha Nurse.

4. Sarah Nurse, b. 2 May 1723; m. Joseph Marble³⁸⁶
5. Mary Nurse, b. 30 Nov 1725; m. Edward Powers

³⁸⁶ Rutland VR.

John Bennett (100) and Bathsheba Phelps (101)

Capt. John Bennett was born in about 1693, in Lancaster, Mass., the son of [Samuel Bennett and Mary -----](#).³⁸⁷ His surname was sometimes spelled "Bennit." He married **Bathsheba Phelps**, 23 Jul 1718, in Lancaster.³⁸⁸ She was born 7 Mar 1696, in Lancaster, the daughter of [Edward Phelps and Ruth Andrews](#).³⁸⁹

He made a will dated 9 Feb 1757, in which he mentioned all his children, and appointed his son Nathan as executor. When Nathan died in 1760, he wrote a codicil, in which he stated that because his son Nathan had been executor but "is since deceased" he appointed his son Elisha as executor.³⁹⁰

John died 29 Jun 1761, and his widow died 7 Feb 1762, in Lancaster. They are buried in the Old Settlers Cemetery in Lancaster.³⁹¹ His epitaph:

"In Memory of Cap^t.
John Bennitt, who
died June y^e 5th 1761,
Aged 68 years.
O Death Thoust Conquered me,
I by thy Dart am Slain,
But CHRIST has conquered thee,
And I shall Rise again."



Gravestone of Bathsheba Bennett

³⁸⁷ Ethel S. Bolton, "The Bennetts of Lancaster, Mass.", *New England Historical & Genealogical Register*, Vol. 56 (July 1902), p. 243.

³⁸⁸ Lancaster VR, p. 17.

³⁸⁹ Oliver Phelps, *The Phelps Family of America* (1899), p. 1580.

³⁹⁰ Worcester Probate #5071.

³⁹¹ findagrave.com: John Bennett Sr. and findagrave.com: Bathsheba Bennett

Children:³⁹²

1. John Bennett, b. 23 Jan 1718/9; d. 30 Dec 1748; bur. Old Settlers Cem., Lancaster,³⁹³ m. Keziah Wheeler
2. Bathsheba Bennett, b. 18 Dec 1720; d. 16 Oct 1805; bur. Old Settlers Cem., Lancaster,³⁹⁴ m. Edward Robbins
3. [Nathan Bennett](#), b. 28 Oct 1732; d. 18 Apr 1760, Leominster; m. Abigail Whitcomb
4. Jotham Bennett, b. 8 May 1726; d. 28 Feb 1804; bur. Pine Grove Cem., Leominter, Mass.,³⁹⁵ m. Elizabeth Carter
5. Elisha Bennett, b. 17 Jul 1728; d. 5 Mar 1769; m. (1st) Lois Wilder; m. (2nd) Mary Larkin
6. Jacob Bennett, b. 16 Sep 1734; m. (1st) Anna Boynton; m. (2nd) Elizabeth Wilder; moved to Leominster
7. Thomas Bennett, b. 3 Aug 1736; d. before 1784; m. Lydia Longley

³⁹² The Bennetts of Lancaster, Mass.", *New England Historical & Genealogical Register*, Vol. 56.

³⁹³ [findagrave.com: John Bennett Jr.](#)

³⁹⁴ [findagrave.com: Bathsheba Robbins](#)

³⁹⁵ [findagrave.com: Jotham Bennett](#)

Joseph Whitcomb (102) and Damaris Priest (103)

Capt. Joseph Whitcomb was born in about 1700, the son of [David Whitcomb and Mary Hayward](#). He married **Damaris Priest**, 20 Jan 1725, in Lancaster, Mass.³⁹⁶ She was baptized 2 Apr 1710, in Lancaster,³⁹⁷ and was the daughter of [John Priest and Anna Houghton](#).

In 1760 he was co-administrator of his son-in-law Nathan Bennett's estate. He later was given guardianship to two of Abigail's children.

In about 1760 Joseph and Damaris moved to Swanzey, N.H. There he and his soon erected a saw mill and a grist mill.³⁹⁸

Damaris died 12 Nov 1770, in Swanzey.³⁹⁹ He died in Nov 1792, at age 92.⁴⁰⁰

Children:

1. [Abigail Whitcomb](#), b. 13 Apr 1728, Lancaster; d. 26 Nov 1808; m. (1st) Nathan Bennett, and (2nd) Isaac Gibson
2. Joseph Whitcomb, b. 15 Mar 1731/2, Lancaster; d. 1802, Grafton, Vt.?.; m. Elizabeth Wheelock; from 1760 to 1790 was a the "most prominent business man in West Swanzey"
3. Benjamin Whitcomb, b. 1 Sep 1735, Lancaster; died young
4. Jonathan Priest Whitcomb, b. 14 Jan 1740; d. 13 Jun 1792; bur. Mt. Caesar Cem., Swanzey, N.H.;⁴⁰¹ m. Dorothy Carter
5. Elisha Whitcomb, b. 18 Oct 1742; d. 17 Sep 1814, Swanzey, N.H.; bur. Mt. Caesar Cem.;⁴⁰² m. Joanna Whitcomb
6. Damaris Whitcomb, b. 21 May 1746; d. 6 Jul 1820; bur. Pine Grove Cem., Leominster, Mass.;⁴⁰³ m. Jonathan Carter, 3 Apr 1765, in Leominster
7. Philemon Whitcomb, b. 29 Oct 1748; m. (1st) Martha Sawyer; m. (2nd) Anna Aldrich

³⁹⁶ Lancaster Records, p. 73.

³⁹⁷ Lancaster Records, Vol. 1, p. 274: she is called "Damaris daughter of John Priest."

³⁹⁸ Benjamin Read, [History of Swanzey, N.H.](#) (1892), p. 222.

³⁹⁹ New Hampshire Births, Deaths and Marriages, database with images, NEHGS.

⁴⁰⁰ findagrave.com: Joseph Whitcomb

⁴⁰¹ findagrave.com: Jonathan Priest Whitcomb

⁴⁰² findagrave.com: Elisha Whitcomb

⁴⁰³ findagrave.com: Damaris Carter

8. Elizabeth Whitcomb
9. Abijah Whitcomb, b. 25 Jun 1751, Lancaster;⁴⁰⁴ d. 17 May 1817; bur. Mount Caesar Cem., Swanzey, N.H.;⁴⁰⁵ m. (1st) Susanna Warner; m. (2nd) Mary Seaver
10. Anna Whitcomb, b. 1755; m. John Carter

⁴⁰⁴ Lancaster Records, p. 76.

⁴⁰⁵ [findagrave.com: Abijah Whitcomb](https://www.findagrave.com/entry/Abijah-Whitcomb)

Edward Glover (104) and Sarah Gill (105)

Edward Glover was born 26 Apr 1681, in Milton, Mass.,⁴⁰⁶ the son of [Henry Glover and Hannah -----](#). He married, first, **Sarah Gill**, of Dorchester, 23 Oct 1718, in Dorchester, Mass.⁴⁰⁷ She died 1 Feb 1740, in Milton. Her date of birth and ancestry are not known.

He married, second, **Mrs. Mary Blake**, 24 Oct 1741.⁴⁰⁸

Edward Glover inherited his father's homestead. He died 14 May 1745, in Milton.⁴⁰⁹ His widow Mary survived him. Whether or not she remarried, and the date of her death, is not known.

Children, by his first wife Sarah Gill:

1. Edward Glover, b. 26 Oct 1719; d. 2 Oct 1757, Milton; served in French & Indian War; unm.
2. Hannah Glover, 20 Jun 1721; d. 22 Nov 1772, Marshfield; m. Jeremiah Phillips
3. Mary Glover, b. 30 Mar 1723; d. 1 Dec 1805; unm.
4. [John Glover](#), b. 20 Jan 1726; d. 17 Oct 1759; m. Abigail Holmes
5. Moses Glover, b. 22 Jun 1730; d. 7 Nov 1789; m. Jerusha Crane
6. Henry Glover, b. 22 Aug 1732; d. 21 Aug 1800, West Dedham; m. Hannah Lewis

⁴⁰⁶ Milton VR, his mother's name is not given in the record.

⁴⁰⁷ Dorchester VR, Vol. 1, p. 108. Although the marriage was also recorded in Milton, it seems clear it must have occurred in Dorchester, because the Dorchester record names the minister, Rev. Joseph Morse, who was a minister at Dorchester

⁴⁰⁸ According to Anna Glover, [Glover Memorials and Genealogies](#) (1867), pp. 512-513, but I don't see this listed in Milton VR.

⁴⁰⁹ Glover, [Glover Memorials and Genealogies](#), pp. 512-513.

Ebenezer Holmes (106) and Mary Houghton (107)

Ebenezer Holmes was born 16 Nov 1701 in Dorchester, Mass.,⁴¹⁰ the son of [Ebenezer Holmes and Mary Wales](#). He married **Mary Houghton**, 13 Jan 1724, in Dorchester. She was the daughter of [Joseph Houghton and Jane Vose](#), of Milton.

On 28 Mar 1727, "Ebenezer Holmes and wife Mary (which Mary is granddaughter to Nathaniel Wales, late of Boston, Decd and an heir to part of his estate) in consideration of seven Pounds paid by Joseph Weld of Roxbury, yeoman" sold 1/20 part of common lands then in Dorchester, later part of Stoughton.⁴¹¹

He died 24 Jul 1743, in Dorchester.⁴¹² His widow married **Dea. Abijah White**, 2 Feb 1748/9, in Dorchester.⁴¹³

Children, born in Dorchester:

1. Ruth Holmes, b. 7 Nov 1725; probably the Ruth Holmes who married Samuel Fenno
2. Ebenezer Holmes, b. 13 Aug 1727
3. [Abigail Holmes](#), b. 20 Jul 1729; d. Jan 1813, Wrentham, Mass.; m. (1st) John Glover; m. (2nd) Benjamin Tillson⁴¹⁴
4. Zibiah Holmes, b. 6 Nov 1731; 10 Jul 1752; bur. Pearl St. Cem., Stoughton, Mass.;⁴¹⁵ m. Seth Morton
5. Mary Holmes, b. 1733 (?); m. Joseph Williams, 10 May 1753 in Roxbury

⁴¹⁰ Dorchester VR.

⁴¹¹ George A. Gray, [The Descendants of George Holmes of Roxbury](#) (1908), pp. 35-36.

⁴¹² Ancestry.com: Massachusetts Town and Vital Records, database with image, based on First Church of Dorchester record, in which he is called Ebenezer Holmes Jr. The Holmes genealogy, cited above, says "no record of his death has been found, but it was probably near the year 1746," but I feel certain that the 1743 date must be correct.

⁴¹³ Dorchester VR: "Abijah White, & Mary Holmes, both of Dorchester were Married By Ye Revd. Mr. Jonathan Bowman on Feb. 2. 1748." By context it is seen to be 1748/9.

⁴¹⁴ Not "Stilson."

⁴¹⁵ [findagrave.com: Zibiah Morton](#)

Nathaniel Littlefield (108) and Deborah Thayer (109)

Nathaniel Littlefield was born 6 Apr 1691, in Braintree, Mass.,⁴¹⁶ the son of [Edmund Littlefield and Elizabeth Mott](#). “He lived on the plantation granted to his father in the valley of the Blue Hill River.”

“In 1715 his father gave him half of his homestead of 125 acres & 1/4 part of his saw mill. He was a partner in the Land Bank scheme of 1740.” He was surveyor of highways 1727-1730. He was elected constable in 1736 but refused the position.⁴¹⁷

He married, first, **Abigail Spear**, 18 Dec 1718, in Boston.⁴¹⁸ She was the daughter of Ebenezer Spear and Rachel Deering. She was buried 10 Mar 1726/7. He married, second, **Deborah Thayer**, 6 Apr 1731, in Boston.⁴¹⁹ She was the daughter of [Nathaniel Thayer and Hannah Hayden](#).⁴²⁰

Nathaniel died 20 May 1757, in Braintree, in an area that later became part of Randolph. Deborah died in 1782. She made a will dated 27 May 1763 and proved 18 Jun 1782, in which she mentioned sons Moses and Job, and daughters Deborah and Elizabeth.⁴²¹

Children, by his first wife Abigail:

1. Micah Littlefield,⁴²² bur. 29 Mar 1720
2. Mary Littlefield, b. 20 Nov 1721; m. (1st) Stephen Payne; m. (2nd) Gideon Stetson
3. Edmund Littlefield, b. 3 Apr 1724; m. Mary Castle
4. Nathaniel Littlefield, b. 21 Feb 1725/6; d. 4 Oct 1800; bur. Old Cem., Avon; m. Hannah Curtis

Children, by his second wife Deborah, born at Braintree (Randolph):

5. [Moses Littlefield](#), b. 2 Jan 1732/3; d. 1776; m. Mary Mann
6. Deborah Littlefield, b. about 1734; d. 4 May 1814; bur. Oakland Cem., Randolph, Mass.;⁴²³ m. (1st) Samuel Dyer; m. (2nd) Seth Mann
7. Job Littlefield, b. “about” 2 Sep 1737; d. 11 Feb 1809

⁴¹⁶ Braintree VR. “Son of Edmund Littlefield & Elizabeth.”

⁴¹⁷ Waldo Sprague, Braintree Families (card index, on CD).

⁴¹⁸ Boston VR, although the marriage record says “on Brantrey” so it may have taken place in Braintree.

⁴¹⁹ Thwing collection. They were married by Habijah Savage.

⁴²⁰ [Generations of Littlefield Tracks in America](#), pp. 41-42.

⁴²¹ Sprague, Braintree Families.

⁴²² Sprague, Braintree Families, only says “child” without giving a name.

⁴²³ <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/40413484/deborah-mann>

8. Elizabeth Littlefield, b. about 1742; m. John Jordan

Joseph Mann (110) and Mary Joy (111)

Joseph Mann (or Man) was born 27 Dec 1694 in Scituate, Mass.,⁴²⁴ the son of [Thomas Mann and Sarah Ensign](#).⁴²⁵

He married **Mary Joy**, 24 Mar 1720, in Hingham.⁴²⁶ She was born 4 May 1700 in Hingham, Mass., the daughter of [Thomas Joy and Elizabeth Stodder](#).⁴²⁷

He moved from Scituate, Mass., to Boston, in 1732, and then to Braintree, in an area which later became Randolph, Mass. He died there in about 1747.⁴²⁸

Children, born in Scituate:

1. Joseph Mann, b. 10 Oct 1722; d. before 1804; m. Elizabeth (Vinton) Niles; “he was a lame man yet served for a time in the Revolutionary War”
2. Seth Mann, b. 1724; d. 28 Jan 1815; m. (1st) Rachel Spear; m. (2nd) Elizabeth Dyer; m. (3rd) Deborah (Littlefield) Dyer; he had 18 children
3. Ephraim Mann, b. 1728; bapt. 4 Aug 1728; d. 23 Sep 1803; m. Sarah Glover; served in French & Indian War
4. [Mary Mann](#), b. 1730; bapt. 13 Sep 1730;⁴²⁹ m. Moses Littlefield
5. Delight Mann, b. 1732; bapt 24 Sep 1732; m. Ephraim Hunt Jr.

⁴²⁴ Scituate VR: “Joseph s. of Thomas.”

⁴²⁵ I have seen her identified as “Sarah Woodworth” but a search has not turned up any reliable sources for this.

⁴²⁶ Scituate VR, p. 200, which says “Joseph and Mary Joy, d. Thomas, Mar. 24, 1720, in Hingham.”

⁴²⁷ [Thomas Joy and His Descendants](#).

⁴²⁸ [Mann Memorial](#)

⁴²⁹ Scituate VR, p. 243.

William Fiske (112) and Hannah Smith (113)

William Fiske was born 23 Feb 1663/4, in Watertown, Mass., the son of [John Fiske and Sarah Wyeth](#).⁴³⁰ He married **Hannah Smith**, 25 Oct 1693, in Watertown.⁴³¹ She was born 27 Dec 1672, in Watertown, Mass., the daughter of [John Smith and Mary Beech](#).⁴³²

William was Selectman in 1717. He was a farmer. He died in 1742. His will was made 18 Feb 1734, and proved 29 Mar 1742.⁴³³ His will mentions his sons Thomas, John, William and Samuel. Samuel was named executor. His wife is not mentioned and presumably had died.⁴³⁴

Children:

1. William Fiske, b. 24 Aug 1694; d. 13 Dec 1702
2. Hannah Fiske, b. 13 Oct 1696; not mentioned in father's will
3. Mary Fiske, b. 16 Jan 1698; d. 13 Dec 1702
4. Thomas Fiske, b. 12 Sep 1701; d. 27 Sep 1778; bur. Grove Hill Cem., Waltham;⁴³⁵
m. Mary Pierce
5. William Fiske, b. 13 Mar 1703; d. 28 Mar 1760; bur. Grove Hill Cem., Waltham;⁴³⁶
m. Mary Sanderson
6. John Fiske, 24 Aug 1706; m. Sarah Child; res. Waltham
7. [Samuel Fiske](#), b. 4 Jan 1709; prob. d. 22 Mar 1761; m. Anna Bemis

⁴³⁰ Watertown VR: "Willyam sonn of John & Sary Borne 23 12 mo. 1663." Note that the 12th month was February.

⁴³¹ Torrey, [New England Marriages Before 1700](#).

⁴³² Watertown VR: "Hanah Daughter of John and Mary, borne 27 of December 1672." Her mother's maiden name is from other sources.

⁴³³ Frederick Pierce, [Fiske and Fisk Family](#) (1896), p. 92. Also Middlesex Probate #7674.

⁴³⁴ Middlesex Probate #7674.

⁴³⁵ findagrave.com: [Thomas Fiske](#)

⁴³⁶ findagrave.com: [William Fiske Jr.](#)

John Bemis (114) and Anna Livermore (115)

John Bemis was born 6 Oct 1686 in Watertown, Mass,⁴³⁷ the son of [John Bemis and Mary Harrington](#). He married, first, **Hannah Warren**, 9 May 1710, in Watertown.⁴³⁸ She was the daughter of Daniel Warren and Elizabeth Whitney. He married, second, **Anna Livermore**, 2 Apr 1713, in Watertown.⁴³⁹ She was baptized 23 Nov 1690 in Watertown,⁴⁴⁰ the daughter of [Samuel Livermore and Anna Bridge](#). Her father died when she was an infant, and when her mother remarried, her father-in-law Oliver Wellington became her guardian.

John was a constable (1730) and selectman (1735).⁴⁴¹ John died 11 Jan 1754, in Waltham, Mass., and is buried in the Grove Hill Cemetery, Waltham.⁴⁴²

He left a will⁴⁴³ in which he mentions his wife Anna, sons John, Josiah, Abraham, Abijah, and Elisha, daughter in law Mary Child, daughters Anna Fisk, Grace Child, and Lydia Dix, Susannah Gearfield.

After John's death, Anna married **Jonas Smith**, 5 Dec 1759, in Waltham. She was his fourth wife. Jonas died 15 Oct 1765, in Waltham.⁴⁴⁴

Child, by his first wife Hannah:

1. John Bemis, b. 11 Feb 1710/11; m. Hannah Warren

Children, by his second wife Anna:

2. [Anna Bemis](#), b. 29 Apr 1714; m. (1st) Samuel Fiske; m. (2nd) Hopestill Bent
3. Josiah Bemis, b. 29 Feb 1715/6; d. 3 Oct 1797; m. Elizabeth Warren
4. Abraham Bemis, b. 27 Dec 1717; m. Susannah Flagg; m. (2nd) Mary (-----) Whitney
5. Grace Bemis, b. 5 Nov 1719; m. Joshua Child
6. Lydia Bemis, b. 5 Apr 1721; m. [Jonas Dix](#)

⁴³⁷ Watertown VR: "John Bemish son of John & Mary born the sixth October [1686]"

⁴³⁸ Watertown VR.

⁴³⁹ Watertown VR: "John Bemis Junr and Anna Livermore both of Watertown were joyned in marriage the 2 of April 1713 by Mr. Samuel Angier Minister in Watertown."

⁴⁴⁰ Watertown VR, vol. 4: on 23 Nov 1690 five children were baptized, including "one of Samuel Livermore's called Anna."

⁴⁴¹ Thomas Draper, [The Bemis History and Genealogy](#) (1900), p. 70.

⁴⁴² findagrave.com: John Bemis

⁴⁴³ Middlesex Probate #1533.

⁴⁴⁴ It is not clear whether Anna survived him.

7. Abijah Bemis, b. 16 Mar 1722/3; m. Dinah Hagar
8. Elisha Bemis, b. 20 Mar 1725/6; m. Lucy Elton
9. Elizabeth Bemis, b. 23 Mar 1727/8; not mentioned in father's will
10. Nathaniel Bemis, b. 6 May 1730; not mentioned in father's will
11. Susanna Bemis, b. 3 Apr 1722; m. Elisha Garfield
12. Phineas Bemis, b. 24 Mar 1734

① Andrew White (116) and Sarah Sanderson (117)

Andrew White married **Sarah Sanderson**, 4 Feb 1695/6, in Woburn, Mass.⁴⁴⁵ Andrew's origin is unknown; he may have been an immigrant. Sarah was born 17 Mar 1668/9, in Watertown, the daughter of [William Sanderson and Sarah -----](#). They lived in Watertown, Mass.⁴⁴⁶

Children, born in Watertown:

1. Sarah White, b. 17 Nov 1696
2. [Andrew White](#), b. 29 Dec 1700; d. 1766; m. Jane Dix
3. William White, b. 18 Dec 1702; m. Sarah Cutting
4. Hannah White, b. 15 Jan 1708/9; m. Jonathan Learned

⁴⁴⁵ Woburn VR says "Andrew White and Sarah Sanderson of Watertown, Feb. 4, 1696." Torrey says "prob. 1695/6."

⁴⁴⁶ Bond, [Watertown](#).

John Dix (118) and Martha Lawrence (119)

John Dix was born 6 Mar 1672/[3?], in Watertown, Mass.,⁴⁴⁷ the son of [John Dix and Elizabeth Barnard](#). He married **Martha Lawrence**, 29 Nov 1697, in Watertown.⁴⁴⁸ She was born in about 1676 in Watertown, the daughter of [George Lawrence and Elizabeth Crispe](#).

Six months prior to her marriage to John, Martha was convicted of fornication with an unknown man.⁴⁴⁹

John died prior to 22 Jul 1726 when administration was granted for his estate.⁴⁵⁰ George Lawrence was made guardian of the four youngest children.⁴⁵¹

Children, born in Watertown:

1. Elizabeth Dix, b. 6 May 1700; d. before 1723?; m. Richard Beers
2. John Dix, b. 18 May 1702; d. 11 Jun 1787; m. (1st) Mary Cook; m. (2nd) Rebecca (-----) Wellington
3. [Jane Dix](#), b. 18 Nov 1704; d. 31 Dec 1793; m. Andrew White
4. Lydia Dix, b. 7 Feb 1705/6
5. Edmund Dix, b. 17 Dec 1706; m. Suffie -----
6. Samuel Dix, b. 28 Jun 1708; m. Hannah Cook
7. Abigail Dix, b. 23 Jul 1710; m. (1st) Peter Ball; m. (2nd) William Rice
8. Anne Dix, b. 17 Jan 1711/2; m. Thomas Sanderson
9. Joel Dix, b. 2 Oct 1713
10. Benjamin Dix, b. 10 Feb 1714/5; m. Mehitable Sanderson
11. James Dix, b. 13 Oct 1716; d. 19 Apr 1801, Sudbury; m. (1st) Sarah Bond; m. (2nd) Submit (Fairbanks) Fairbanks

⁴⁴⁷ Watertown VR: "John son of John and Elizabeth born the sixth of March 1672."

⁴⁴⁸ Watertown VR: "John Deex & Martha Lawrance both of water town wear Joyned in marriage november 29: 1697; before Thomas Danforth Esqr."

⁴⁴⁹ Roger Thompson, [Sex in Middlesex: Popular Mores in a Massachusetts County, 1649-1699](#) (1989), p. 100.

⁴⁵⁰ Middlesex Probate #6302.

⁴⁵¹ Middlesex court record #6303 for Guardianship.

12. Joseph Dix, b. 11 Jun 1719

13. Jonas Dix, b. 21 May 1721; d. 30 Aug 1783; bur. Grove Hill Cem., Waltham; m. [Lydia Bemis](#)

Samuel Stratton (120) and Sarah Allen (121)

Samuel Stratton was born in 1684 in Concord, Mass., the son of [Samuel Stratton and Elizabeth Fletcher](#).⁴⁵²

Samuel married **Sarah Allen** 11 Jan 1709/10, in Concord. The marriage was performed by Rev. Joseph Estabrooke.⁴⁵³ Sarah was born 30 May 1690, in Sudbury, Mass., the daughter of [Samuel Allen and Jane Ross](#).⁴⁵⁴

Samuel and Sarah lived in Concord until about 1736, when they moved to Rutland, Mass. The date of his death is not known. But he was living in 1762 when the estate of his father was finally divided when his mother died at age 99.

Sarah died, at the home of her daughter Sarah Watson,⁴⁵⁵ in Rutland, on 10 Apr 1790. This date is derived from her age at death, as given in a death notice in the *Massachusetts Spy*, issue of 20 May 1790, which stated "At Rutland, Mrs. Sarah Stratton, relict of the late Mr. Samuel Stratton, aged 99 years, 10 months, and 11 days."⁴⁵⁶

Children, born in Concord:

1. Thomas Stratton, b. 10 Mar 1710; m. Sarah Ball
2. Sarah Stratton, b. 6 Apr 1712; d. 3 Feb 1723
3. Hezekiah Stratton, b. 8 Sep 1714; m. Dorothy Hubbard
4. [Jonathan Stratton](#), b. 29 Jun 1716; d. about 1802; m. Dinah Bemis
5. Jane Stratton, b. 14 Dec 1717; m. John Fletcher
6. Mary Stratton, b. 27 Oct 1719; m. Timothy Brown
7. Samuel Stratton, b. 1 Feb 1720/1; d. 18 Jul 1809; m. Mary Eaton
8. Elizabeth Stratton, b. 13 Mar 1723

⁴⁵² Harriet R. Stratton, [A Book of Strattons](#), vol. 1 (1908), p. 171.

⁴⁵³ Ibid.

⁴⁵⁴ Sudbury Births, p. 11. Jane's surname is not given in the record, but is inferred from other sources.

⁴⁵⁵ [A Book of Strattons](#), vol. 2, p. 21.

⁴⁵⁶ *Massachusetts Spy*, 20 May 1790. This disagrees with the 15 Mar 1789 death date given in [A Book of Strattons](#). If she was indeed born 30 May 1690, and was the age given in the *Massachusetts Spy*, her death date would have been 10 Apr 1790, which seems more logical since the newspaper was published in May 1790, and they would not be likely to be publishing a death notice more than a year after the fact..

9. Ebenezer Stratton, b. 13 Feb 1725; d. 30 Oct 1741, Rutland

10. Sarah Stratton, b. 8 Apr 1733; m. John Watson, in Rutland

Joseph Bemis (122) and Elizabeth Peirce (123)

Joseph Bemis was born 17 Nov 1684, in Watertown, the son of [John Bemis and Mary Harrington](#). He married **Elizabeth Peirce**, 15 Oct 1706, in Watertown, Mass.⁴⁵⁷ She was born 9 Sep 1687, in Watertown,⁴⁵⁸ the daughter of [Joseph Peirce and Martha \[Brayton?\]](#). He died 9 Jun 1741 in Waltham. He left a will dated 4 May 1738 and proved 20 Jul 1741.⁴⁵⁹ He mentions wife Elizabeth, daughters Elizabeth Barnard, Sarah Bemis, Susanna Viles, Hannah Jones, Dinah Bemis, Keziah Bemis, the children of daughter Mary Priest; and sons Joseph and Benjamin Bemis. His widow was made sole executrix.

“Joseph Bemis of Waltham...being weak in body but of Perfect mind and memory...”
“unto Elizabeth my well beloved wife the free use and improvement of my whole Estate both Reall and personal during the time of her remaining my Widow. But if she Sees Reason to Marry then my will is that she shall have the Profits or Reasonable Rents of one third part of my Real Estate.”...“Unto my daughter Elizabeth Barnard, the sum of Twenty Pounds...”...“Unto my daughter Sarah Bemis, the sum of Fifty Pounds, to be paid to her within two years next after my wife’s decease, but in case she marrys then to have thirty pounds therof at marriage and the remainder at the time above mentioned, and the privilege of a room in my dwelling house while she remains a Single Woman.”...“Unto my daughter Susanna Viles the sum of twenty pounds...”...“Unto my daughter Hannah Jones the sum of ten pounds...”...“Unto my daughter Dinah Bemis the sum of Fifty Pounds to be paid to her within five years next after my wife’s decease, but in case she marrys before that time to have thirty pounds therof at marriage and the remainder at the time above mentioned.”...“Unto my daughter Kezkiah Bemis the sum of Fifty Pounds to be paid to her within five years next after my wife’s decease, but in case she marrys before that time to have thirty pounds therof at marriage and the remainder at the time above mentioned.”...“Unto the Five children of my daughter Mary Priest Decd the sum of Five pounds to each of them...”...“At my wife’s decease all my Household Stuff within doors be divided into Seven Equal parts or shares and each of my said Six daughters to have one Share and the five children of my above mentioned daughter Mary Priest to have one share equally amongst them...”...“Unto my son Joseph Bemis and to my son Benjamin Bemis all my housing and lands together with all the rest and residue of my personal or moveable estate of what nature or nomination soever or whatever...to be divided in to two equal parts or shares between them by a committee appointed by the Judge of Probate for that purpose, and when so divided my will is that my sd son Joseph Bemis shall have the privilege to choose which part to have ...”

⁴⁵⁷ Watertown VR. “Joseph Bemis & Elisabeth Peirce, both of water town, wear joined in marriage the 15th of October 1706 by mr Samuel Angier Minister in water town.”

⁴⁵⁸ Watertown VR: “Elizabeth the daughter of Joseph & Martha [Peirce] borne 9th of September 1687.”

⁴⁵⁹ Middlesex Probate #1542.

The inventory of his estate includes two “old Bibles,” and many books, including a “Speling book,” several sermons, and a book “of Doctor Mather’s composing”, and a book “on looking to Jesus.” His real estate included “a mantion house and barn together with ninety acres of land. His widow Elizabeth died 10 Feb 1753 in Weston, Mass.⁴⁶⁰

Children:

1. Elizabeth Bemis, b. 11 Jul 1707; m. (1st) James Barnard; m. (2nd) Daniel Bond; one grandson and one son-in-law of hers were said to have taken part in the “Boston Tea Party.’
2. Mary Bemis, b. 11 Jun 1709; d. before 1738; m. Josiah Priest, 18 Sep 1727
3. Sarah Bemis, b. 11 Nov 1711; m. Bezaleel Flagg, 12 Mar 1746
4. Hannah Bemis, b. about 1713; d. 27 Dec 1798;⁴⁶¹ m. Moses Jones
5. Susanna Bemis, b. 13 Jan 1714/5; said to have d. 28 Nov 1785;⁴⁶² m. John Viles, 2 Jul 1731
6. [Dinah Bemis](#), b. 23 Apr 1718; m. Jonathan Stratton
7. Abigail Bemis, b. 3 Apr 1720; not mentioned in father’s will
8. Joseph Bemis, b. 10 Apr 1723; m. Ruth (Simonds?)
9. Benjamin Bemis, b. 19 Apr 1725; d. 7 Mar 1793, Cornish, N.H.;⁴⁶³ m. Sarah (-----) Bright
10. Keziah Bemis, b. 7 Aug 1726; m. Samuel Parkhurst, 16 Feb 1744

⁴⁶⁰ Weston VR: “Mrs. Elizabeth Bemis (widow of Mr. Joseph Bemis of Waltham, Deceased) died in Weston Feb 10 A.D. 1753 aged about 66 years.”

⁴⁶¹ Weston VR, she is called “widow Hannah Jones,” no age is given.

⁴⁶² However, I can’t find any death record.

⁴⁶³ New Hampshire Births, Deaths and Marriages (NEHGS), with image. The death record says 68 years old.

Jeremiah Fuller (124) and Thankful Bird (125)

Lieut. Jeremiah Fuller was born 4 Mar 1658, in Cambridge Village, now Newton, Mass.⁴⁶⁴ He was the son of [John Fuller and Elizabeth \(Cole?\)](#).

He married four times. His first wife **Mary (Bass?)** died 17 Aug 1689, in Newton.⁴⁶⁵ His second wife **Elizabeth Blake**⁴⁶⁶ died 3 Jul 1700, in Newton.⁴⁶⁷ His third wife was **Thankful Bird**, daughter of [Thomas Bird and Thankful Atherton](#). She was born 6 Feb 1667, in Dedham, Mass. She died 27 Apr 1729, in Newton.⁴⁶⁸ Finally, he married **Rachel** -----, who died in 4 Jan 1741/2, in Newton.⁴⁶⁹

Jeremiah died 23 Dec 1743, in Newton.⁴⁷⁰

Children, by his second wife Elizabeth Blake:

1. Elizabeth Fuller, b. 14 Apr 1694; d. 22 Jun 1694
2. Jeremiah Fuller, b. 3 Jul 1697; d. 4 May 1703

Children, by his third wife, Thankful Bird:

3. Thomas Fuller, b. 12 Sep 1701; d. 13 Nov 1748; m. Elizabeth Ball
4. Joshua Fuller, b. 12 Apr 1703; d. 23 Aug 1777; bur. West Parish Burying Ground, Newton, Mass.;⁴⁷¹ m. (1st) -----; m. (2nd) Anna Stearns
5. Thankful Fuller, b. 23 Dec 1704; d. 19 Apr 1745; m. Noah Wiswall
6. Jeremiah Fuller, b. 1 Nov 1707; d. 28 Aug 1711
7. Elizabeth Fuller, b. 24 Aug 1709; d. 28 Aug 1711 (?)
8. [Josiah Fuller](#), b. 2 Dec 1710; d. 10 May 1793; m. Abigail Williams

⁴⁶⁴ Newton VR, Vol. 1, p. 71. He is called son of "John and Elizabeth."

⁴⁶⁵ Newton VR, Vol. 1, p. 449.

⁴⁶⁶ Torrey's New England Marriages Before 1700 calls her Elizabeth Blake.

⁴⁶⁷ Newton VR, Vol. 1, p. 448.

⁴⁶⁸ Newton VR, Vol. 1, p. 450.

⁴⁶⁹ Newton VR, Vol. 1, p. 450.

⁴⁷⁰ Newton VR, Vol. 1, p. 448.

⁴⁷¹ findagrave.com: [Joshua Fuller](#)

① Hugh Clark (128) and Elizabeth ----- (129)

Hugh Clark was born in about 1613, almost certainly in England, although nothing of his origin is known. He married **Elizabeth** ----.⁴⁷² He was in Watertown, Mass., by 1641. He moved to Roxbury, Mass., in 1657.⁴⁷³

The following court record is found: on 10 Sep 1665, he “was called before ye church & charged with telling a lye in ye face of ye Court, slandering Authority in saying that his son in law was Committed for Murder which was proved.” “It appeared to ye church yt his soul was sick & needed medicine & therefore dispensed a publick admonition unto Him...Hugh Clark told myself yt his aim & intent in what he said in ye Court was to get some satisfaction & recompense for ye wrong yt was done to his son in law.”⁴⁷⁴

According to Early New England Families, the only married daughter he had at the time was Elizabeth, wife of Joseph Buckminster. As there is no record of Joseph being accused of murder, it is possible, according to this source, that son-in-law refers to a step-son. Elizabeth may have had a son by a previous marriage – or Hugh may have had a previous wife.⁴⁷⁵

In 1666, he was made a member of the Artillery Co. in Roxbury.⁴⁷⁶

His wife Elizabeth died in Roxbury 11 Dec 1692,⁴⁷⁷ and Hugh died 20 Jul 1693, in Roxbury.⁴⁷⁸ It appears that there are no probate records.

Children, born in Watertown, Mass.:

1. [John Clark](#), b. 13 Oct 1641; d. 6 Jan 1694/5; m. (1st) Abigail -----; m. (2nd) Lydia Buckminster; m. (3rd) Elizabeth Norman
2. Uriah Clark, b. 5 Jun 1644; d. 26 Jul 1721, Watertown; m. (1st) Joanna Holbrook; m. (2nd) Mary (Twells/Twelves) King; m. (3rd) Martha (Trescott) (Hewin) Adams⁴⁷⁹

⁴⁷² Findagrave.com calls her “Elizabeth Baldwin” but the sources cited are notoriously unreliable. It is not impossible that she was Elizabeth Baldwin but more evidence is required, and unreliable sources should be ignored.

⁴⁷³ Alicia Crane Williams, Early New England Families Vol. 2. (2019), pp. 54-58. See also: John Clark, Records of the Descendants of Hugh Clark (1866), pp. 17-18.

⁴⁷⁴ Records Relating to the Early History of Boston

⁴⁷⁵ Early New England Families Vol. 2.

⁴⁷⁶ Records of the Descendants of Hugh Clark, p. 18.

⁴⁷⁷ Roxbury Deaths, p. 490. She is called wife of Hugh, her first name is not given in the record.

⁴⁷⁸ Roxbury Deaths, p. 490. His surname is given as “Clarke.”

⁴⁷⁹ Early New England Families Vol. 2

3. Elizabeth Clark, b. 31 Jan 1647/8; m. (1st) Joseph Buckminster; m. (2nd) Abial Lamb;⁴⁸⁰ moved to Framingham, Mass.
4. Esther/Hester Clark,⁴⁸¹ b. about 1651; d. 15 Jun 1738, Pomfret, Conn.; bur. South Cem., Pomfret, Conn.;⁴⁸² m. John Grosvenor

⁴⁸⁰ See NEHGR 62:385, for evidence that Elizabeth married, second, Abiel Lamb.

⁴⁸¹ NEHGR 72:139 shows that Hugh Clark was the father-in-law of John Grosvener.

⁴⁸² Findagrave.com: Esther Grosvenor.

① Thomas Bird (136) and Ann ----- (137)

Thomas Bird was born in about 1613 in England. He immigrated to New England in 1639⁴⁸³ and joined the church in Dorchester, Mass., in 1642. His wife was **Ann -----**.⁴⁸⁴ He was made a bailiff in 1654. He was a tanner, living on what was later called Humphreys Street, with his tan yard nearby. Jonas Humphrey and his son James were also tanners and lived nearby.⁴⁸⁵

The house built by Thomas Bird was later called the Bird-Sawyer house. The house, with additions, survived into the 20th century.⁴⁸⁶

Thomas died 8 Jun 1667, aged 54, in Dorchester⁴⁸⁷. He left a will dated 12 Jul 1666 and proved 17 Jul 1667. He mentioned his wife Ann, and children Thomas, John, James and Sarah.⁴⁸⁸ His widow Ann died 21 Aug 1673, in Dorchester.⁴⁸⁹ In his diary, her pastor, Rev. Samuel Danforth said "Aug. 17, 1673. Old Goody Bird of Dorchester, falling down a trap door, in her own house, broke her neck. She never spake more, but two days after died."⁴⁹⁰

Children:

1. [Thomas Bird](#), b. 4 May 1640; d. 30 Jan 1709/10; m. Thankful Atherton
2. John Bird, b. 11 Mar 1641; d. 2 Aug 1732; m. Elizabeth Williams
3. Samuel Bird, bapt. Apr 1644; presumably died before 1666 (not mentioned in father's will)
4. James Bird, b. about 1647; d. 1 Sep 1723; m. (1st) Mary George; m. (2nd) Ann Withington; he was a tanner
5. Sarah Bird, bapt. 12 Aug 1649; d. 24 Apr 1669
6. Joseph Bird, d. 26 Sep 1665

⁴⁸³ Robert Charles Anderson, *The Great Migration Directory* (2015).

⁴⁸⁴ She was not Anne Wells. A Thomas Bird married Anne Wells 26 Jul 1640 in London, England, but this can't be the same couple because Thomas was already in Dorchester by 1639 and had a son born there 4 May 1640.

⁴⁸⁵ William Trask, "Thomas Bird of Dorchester, Massachusetts, and Some of His Descendants," *New England Historical & Genealogical Register*, Vol. 25, pp. 21-22.

⁴⁸⁶ <http://www.dorchesterhistoricalsociety.org/blog/?p=912>

⁴⁸⁷ Dorchester VR.

⁴⁸⁸ For a detailed summary, see *New England Historical and Genealogical Register (NEHGR)*, Vol. 16, p. 161.

⁴⁸⁹ Dorchester VR; she is called Ann, "w. of Thomas."

⁴⁹⁰ Tenney Smith, *Charles Smith and Rachel Amy Bryant, Their Ancestors and Descendants* (1938), pp. 115-116.

①Humphrey Atherton (138) and Mary ----- (139)

Although there are some inaccuracies, it's worth seeing [Wikipedia: Humphrey Atherton](#)

Maj. Gen. Humphrey Atherton was born in England. He was in Dorchester, Mass., by 1636.⁴⁹¹ The claim that he was from Lancashire, England, "is based on nothing more than the occurrence of that surname in that English county," according to Robert C. Anderson.⁴⁹² Similarly, there is no evidence that he was in Massachusetts prior to 1636.

He was made freeman 2 May 1638, in Dorchester. He was a member of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company by 1638, and by 1650 was its captain. In 1661 he attained the title of Major General.⁴⁹³ He had been a representative to the General Court, 1639-41, and in 1653 he was chosen Speaker of the House.

In 1645 he was appointed to the first school committee in America.⁴⁹⁴

Atherton also served as superintendent of the Praying Indians, from 1658-1661. During the 1640s he was sent on several missions to subdue the Indians of Rhode Island. Atherton was a large landowner, including land in what became the town of Milton, Mass., as well as two 500-acre tracts of land "as reward for public services."⁴⁹⁵

His wife was **Mary** ----. It has been claimed that she was Mary Wales, but this appears based on insufficient evidence.

In 1659, he and several partners bought two large tracts of land in Rhode Island, from the Narangansett Indians.⁴⁹⁶

A story about his dealings with the Indians was told about a time "when he was sent to Pessacus, an Indian Sachem, with twenty men, for the purpose of demanding three hundred fathom of wampum, arrears due to the Colony. For some time Pessacus refused to allow him to come into his presence, putting him off with evasive answers. Finally, however, Atherton led his men to the door of the wigwam, and, leaving them outside, entered, pistol in hand. He then seized Pessacus by the hair, and dragged him out from among a large number of his attendants, threatening to kill the first one who attempted to interfere."⁴⁹⁷

⁴⁹¹ Robert Charles Anderson, [The Great Migration Directory](#) (2015). There is no evidence that he came in 1635 as is often claimed.

⁴⁹² Robert Charles Anderson, [The Great Migration](#), p. 102, sketch on John Maudsley. Anderson concludes that "This will serve as a clue for further research, but does not come close to constituting proof of origin."

⁴⁹³ "Notes on the Atherton Families," *Putnam's Historical Monthly*, Vol. 7.

⁴⁹⁴ William Orcutt, [Good Old Dorchester](#) (1891), p. 301.

⁴⁹⁵ John F. Martin, [Profits in the Wilderness: Entrepreneurship in New England](#) (1991), p. 62.

⁴⁹⁶ *Ibid.*

⁴⁹⁷ Orcutt, [Good Old Dorchester](#) (1891), p. 70. Note: by retelling this story I am in no way condoning Atherton's actions!

Atherton, as Magistrate, was a persecutor of Quakers. In 1658, a law was passed punishing Quakers by death. Myer Dyer was hanged on Boston Common in June 1660.

“As Mary Dyer’s lifeless body swung from the gallows Humphrey Atherton...pointed to it and said in jest, ‘She hangs like a flag.’”⁴⁹⁸

He died 16 Sep 1661, in Boston. The cause of death was a fall from his horse, on Boston Common, after reviewing his troops. The story of Humphrey Atherton’s death has been repeated many times and various versions can be found. Atherton had “reviewed his battalion one afternoon on [Boston] Common, and in the evening had started for home ‘in great pomp and pride.’”⁴⁹⁹ As he rode home, Atherton was killed by a fall from his horse, the horse either running over or being startled by a cow in its way.⁵⁰⁰ Quakers saw this as Divine Retribution – punishment for Atherton’s unjust treatment of Quakers and his haughtiness. The event was told in a play, *John Endicott*, by Longfellow:

ENDICOTT: And did not some one say, or have I dreamed it, That Humphrey Atherton is dead?

BELLINGHAM: Alas! He too is gone, and by a death as sudden. Returning home one evening, at the place, Where usually the Quakers have been scourged, His horse took fright, and threw him to the ground, So that his brains were dashed about the street.

ENDICOTT: I am not superstitious, Bellingham, and yet I tremble lest it may have been A judgement on him.⁵⁰¹

He is buried in the North Cemetery, Dorchester. His grave marker has the following inscription:

HERE LYES OUR CAPTAIN AND MAJOR OF SUFFOLK WAS WITHALL
A GODLEY MAGISTRATE WAS HE AND MAJOR GENERALL
TWO TROUPS OF HORS WITH HIM HERE CAME SUCH WORTH HIS LOVE DID CRAVE
TEN COMPANYES OF FOOT ALSO MOURNING MARCHT TO HIS GRAVE
LET ALL THAT READ BE SURE TO KEEP THE FAITH AS HE HATH DON
WITH CHIRST HE LIVS NOW CROWND
HIS NAME WAS HUMPRY ATHERTON⁵⁰²

His probate records can be found in the *New England Historical and Genealogical Register*, vol. 32. His heirs are listed as Hopestill Atherton (usually written as “Hope”), Watching Atherton, Elizabeth Mather, Rest Swift, Margaret Trobridge, Isabel Wales, Mary Weeks, and Patience Humphrey, all deceased, and to Thankful Bird, the only surviving daughter.⁵⁰³

⁴⁹⁸ E. Digby Baltzell, *Puritan Boston and Quaker Philadelphia* (1996), p. 142.

⁴⁹⁹ Rowland Allen, *The New England Tragedies in Prose* (1869), p. 63.

⁵⁰⁰ William Orcutt, *Good Old Dorchester* (1891), p. 70.

⁵⁰¹ *The Poetical Works of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow*, p. 370

⁵⁰² findagrave.com: Humphrey Atherton .

⁵⁰³ NEHGR 32:197-201.

Children:

1. Jonathan Atherton
2. [Isabel Atherton](#), m. Nathaniel Wales Jr.
3. Elizabeth Atherton, d. 15 May 1678; m. Timothy Mather
4. Consider Atherton, m. Anne Annable
5. Mary Atherton, d. 17 Sep 1692; bur. North Burying Ground, Dorchester;⁵⁰⁴ m. (1st) William Billings; m. (2nd) Joseph Weeks
6. Margaret Atherton, m. James Trowbridge
7. Rest Atherton, bapt. 26 May 1639; m. Obidiah Swift
8. Increase Atherton, bapt. 2 Jan 1641/2; d. abt. 1673, at sea
9. [Thankful Atherton](#), bapt. 28 Apr 1644; d. 11 Apr 1719; m. Thomas Bird Jr.
10. Rev. Hope Atherton, bapt. 30 Aug 1646; d. 8 Jun 1677, Hatfield, Mass.; m. Sarah Hollister; grad. Harvard;⁵⁰⁵ in 1676, as chaplain, he became lost in the "Falls Fight," in which many colonists were slaughtered by Indians. He escaped and returned to Hatfield but suffered from hallucinations from which he never recovered.
11. Watching Atherton, bapt. 24 Aug 1651; m. Elizabeth Rigby
12. Patience Atherton, bapt. 2 Apr 1654; m. Isaac Humphrey

⁵⁰⁴ [findagrave.com: Mary Weeks](#)

⁵⁰⁵ See [Biographical Sketches of Graduates of Harvard Univ.](#), Vol. 2.

Isaac Williams (152) and Martha Parke (153)

Capt. Isaac Williams was born 1 Sep 1638 in Roxbury, Mass., the son of [Robert Williams and Elizabeth -----](#).⁵⁰⁶

He married **Martha Parke** by about 1660. She was born 2 Mar 1641/2, in Roxbury, Mass., the daughter of [William Parke and Martha Holgrave](#).⁵⁰⁷

After his marriage, his father-in-law purchased for him a large 500-acre farm in the west of Cambridge Village, now Newton, Mass.

Isaac held various offices including captain of a troop of horse, selectman, and Deputy to the General Court. He was also a deacon in the church.

Martha died 24 Oct 1675, at the age of 34, having had eight children. She is buried in the East Parish Burying Ground, Newton, Mass.⁵⁰⁸

Isaac married, second, on 13 Nov 1677, in Rehoboth, Mass., **Judith (Hunt) Cooper** of Taunton. She was born 21 Apr 1648, in Rehoboth, Mass., the daughter of Peter Hunt. (Her birth record calls her "Judah.")⁵⁰⁹ She was the widow of Nathaniel Cooper.

Isaac had two sons and two daughters by his second wife. When Isaac was in his 65th year, he attempted to disinherit by deed the children of his first wife, in order to give everything to his son Ephraim. When he died, this led to legal proceedings brought by Martha's children. "The will was set aside and is not upon record and the attempted injustice signally failed, and the estate was finally settled by mutual agreement among all the children."⁵¹⁰

Isaac did leave a will, dated 31 Jan 1703/4. He mentions his wife Judith, sons Isaac Williams, Elizur Williams, Ephraim Williams who was given "when he comes of age, the house I now dwell in and the barn and the land and meadow adjacent being now all the land under my improvement." Son William Williams got nothing, as he had "already received his portion," as had son John, "before he dyed." "I have already given to my daughter Martha thirty pounds and I do give her four children three pounds apiece..." "I have already given to my daughter Elizabeth thirty six pounds, and I give her fourteen pounds..." "I do give to my daughter Sarah

⁵⁰⁶ She has been called Elizabeth Stalham, but this appears to be speculation. See TAG 74:297.

⁵⁰⁷ This is the only instance where I find that Robert Charles Anderson, [The Great Migration Begins](#), appears to be mistaken. In his sketch on William Parke he says "no further record" for William's daughter Martha, but lists his daughter Deborah as having married Isaac Williams. But a paper in the probate file of Isaac Williams specifically says that the children's late mother Martha was the daughter of William Parke of Roxbury. And the birth records for his children has their mother's name as Martha, not Deborah.

⁵⁰⁸ findagrave.com: Martha Williams

⁵⁰⁹ Rehoboth VR.

⁵¹⁰ H. Williams, [Life, Ancestors and Descendants of Robert Williams of Roxbury, Mass.](#) (1934), p 93.

Williams forty pounds to be paid to her one half at her marriage and the other half at my wife's decease."⁵¹¹

He died 11 Feb 1707/8, in Newton, Mass., and is buried in the East Parish Cemetery, Newton.⁵¹² He was "buried under arms by the company of Foot."⁵¹³

Judith died 7 Apr 1724 in Newton, and is also buried in the East Parish Burying Ground.⁵¹⁴

Children, by his first wife Martha:

1. Isaac Williams, b. 1660; d. 7 May 1661
2. [Isaac Williams](#), b. 11 Dec 1661; d. 27 Jun 1739; m. Elizabeth Hyde
3. Martha Williams, b. 27 Dec 1663; m. John Hunt
4. Rev. William Williams, b. 2 Feb 1665; d. 29 Aug 1741; his funeral sermon preached by Jonathan Edwards; bur. Hill Cem., Hatfield;⁵¹⁵ m. (1st) Elizabeth Cotton; m. (2nd) Christian Stoddard
5. John Williams, b. 31 Oct 1667; d. 15 Nov 1702, Stonington, Conn.; m. Martha Wheeler
6. Eleazer Williams, b. 22 Oct 1669; d. 19 May 1725, Stonington, Conn.; bur. White Hill Graveyard, Mystic, Conn.;⁵¹⁶ m. [Mary Hyde](#)
7. Hannah Williams, b. 8 Oct 1671, d. 28 Apr 1739; m. [Ichabod Hyde](#)
8. Thomas Williams, b. 23 Dec 1673; may have died before his father

Children by his second wife, Judith:

⁵¹¹ Middlesex Probate #29472.

⁵¹² [findagrave.com: Isaac Williams](#)

⁵¹³ H. Williams, *Life, Ancestors and Descendants of Robert Williams of Roxbury, Mass.* (1934), p 93.

⁵¹⁴ [findagrave.com: Judith Williams](#)

⁵¹⁵ [findagrave.com: Rev. William Williams.](#)

⁵¹⁶ [findagrave.com: Eleazer Williams.](#)

9. Elizabeth Williams, b. about 1678; d. 26 Dec 1771, Canterbury, Conn., “in her 94th year”;⁵¹⁷ m. Jonathan Hyde, 3 Jan 1698/9⁵¹⁸
10. Peter Williams, b. 31 Aug 1680; d. 1732; unm.
11. Sarah Williams, b. 2 Oct 1688 (twin)
12. Mary Williams, b. 2 Oct 1688 (twin)
13. Ephraim Williams, b. 21 Oct 1691; d. 11 Aug 1754, Deerfield, Mass; bur. Old Deerfield Burying Ground;⁵¹⁹ m. (1st) Elizabeth Jackson; m. (2nd) Abigail Jones; d. Aug 1754

⁵¹⁷ Death date and age from William Stowell, “Four Generations of Descendants of Jonathan Hyde of Newton, Mass.,” *New England Historical and Genealogical Register*, vol. 71 (1917), p. 268. [Life, Ancestors and Descendants of Robert Williams of Roxbury, Mass](#) calls Elizabeth a twin of Hannah, but there is no such birth record. However, it is known that Isaac did have a daughter named Elizabeth, from two sources. Hannah’s will, dated 5 Feb 1738/9, mentions her sister Elizabeth Hyde. Also Isaac Williams’ will mentions his “daughter Elizabeth” whom he gave 14 pounds in addition to the 36 pounds he had already given her.

⁵¹⁸ Newton Vital Records. The marriages is also given in NEHGR 71:268, cited above.

⁵¹⁹ findagrave.com: [Ephraim Williams](#).

① Jonathan Hyde (154) and Mary French (155)

Jonathan Hyde was born about 1626, probably in England. Jonathan came to New England in 1639 on the ship *Jonathan*. His brother, Deacon Samuel Hyde, was on the same ship. In 1647 Jonathan and his brother Samuel both settled in Cambridge Village, now Newton, Mass. He married, first, **Mary French**, daughter of [William French and Elizabeth -----](#). She was born in about 1633, in England, and died 27 May 1672, in Cambridge Village (Newton). She is buried in the East Parish Cemetery in Newton.⁵²⁰ Jonathan married 8 Jan 1673, at Newton, **Mary Rediat**, who was born in about 1650, probably in Sudbury, Mass., the daughter of John Rediat and Ann Dolt.

Jonathan was a selectman in Newton in 1691. His second wife died 5 Sep 1708, in Newton. He died intestate in Newton on 5 Oct 1711, aged 85.

Children, by his first wife Mary French:

1. Jonathan Hyde, b. 1 Apr 1651; d. young
2. Samuel Hyde, b. 23 May 1653 (twin);
3. Joshua Hyde, b. 23 May 1654 (twin); died in infancy
4. Joshua Hyde, b. 4 Apr 1654; d. 21 Apr 1656
5. Elizabeth Hyde, b. 4 Apr 1654 (twin); d. young
6. Jonathan Hyde, b. 1 Apr 1655; d. 1726; m. (1st) Dorothy Kidder; m. (2nd) Abigail (Stiles) Curtis
7. John Hyde, b. 6 Apr 1656; d. 22 Sep 1738; m. Hannah (Jackson) Kendrick
8. Abraham Hyde, b. 2 Mar 1657/8; d. 2 Feb 1658/9
9. [Elizabeth Hyde](#), b. 4 Sep 1659; d. 20 Jun 1699; m. Capt. Isaac Williams
10. Daniel Hyde, b. 2 Aug 1661; d. 3 Oct 1661
11. William Hyde, b. 12 Sep 1662; d. 8 Dec 1699; m. Elizabeth Hyde, his cousin once removed

⁵²⁰ [findagrave.com: Mary Hyde](#)

12. Eleazer Hyde, b. 11 Mar 1663/4; d. 30 Sep 1731; m. Hannah Hyde, his cousin once removed

13. Daniel Hyde, b. Jan 1665/6

14. Ichabod Hyde, b. 22 Sep 1668; d. 3 Nov 1700; m. [Hannah Williams](#)

15. Joseph Hyde, b. 27 May 1672

Children by his second wife Mary Rediat:

16. Mary Hyde, b. about 1674; d. 30 Jul 1672; m. [Eleazer Williams](#)

17. Hannah Hyde, b. 4 Oct 1677; d. 10 May 1679

18. Sarah Hyde, b. 1 Apr 1679; m. John Osland

19. Ruth Hyde, b. 3 Oct 1682; d. 21 Dec 1682

20. Isaac Hyde, b. 31 Oct 1685; probably d. young

21. Jacob Hyde, b. 9 Apr 1687; d. 17 Jul 1712, "in the army in Canada,"; m. Bethia Hyde

22. Lydia Hyde, b. 1 Mar 1688/9

23. Anna Hyde, b. 28 Aug 1692; m. Richard Barnes

① John Whitney (156) and Eleanor ---- (157)

Other internet sources: wiki.whitneygen.org

John Whitney was baptized 20 Jul 1592, at St. Margaret, Westminster, England, son of Thomas Whitney and Mary Bray.⁵²¹ He married **Eleanor** (or Elinor), by 1619. The family immigrated to New England in 1635 on the ship *Elizabeth & Ann*.

Eleanor died 11 May 1659, at Watertown. John married, second, **Judah (-----) Clement**, 29 Sep 1659, in Watertown. She was the widow of Robert Clement. She apparently died before him, as she is not mentioned in his will.

John was a tailor. He served as selectman in Watertown, in 1637, 1647, 1650-and 1654. He was constable in 1641 and 1656.

John died 1 Jun 1673, in Watertown. He left a will dated 3 Apr 1673 and proved 17 Jun 1673. In it he mentions his sons John, Richard, Thomas, Jonathan, Joshua and Benjamin.⁵²²

Children:⁵²³

1. Mary Whitney, bapt. 23 May 1619; bur. 15 Feb 1626/7
2. [John Whitney](#), bapt. 14 Sep 1621; d. 12 Oct 1692, Watertown; m. Ruth Reynolds
3. Richard Whitney, bapt. 6 Jan 1723/4; living 1691; m. Martha Coldam
4. Nathaniel Whitney, b. about 1626; sailed with family to New England, no further record
5. Thomas Whitney, bapt. 10 Dec 1627; d. 20 Sep 1719, Watertown; m. Mary Kedell
6. Mary Whitney, bapt. 29 Sep 1629; probably d. young
7. Jonathan Whitney, b. about 1634; d. 1 Jan 1702/3, Sherborn, Mass.; m. Lydia Jones
8. [Joshua Whitney](#), b. 15 Feb 1635/6, Watertown; d. 1 Aug 1719; m. (1st) Mary ----; m. (2nd) Abigail Tarbell
9. Caleb Whitney, bur. Watertown, 12 Jul 1640

⁵²¹ For his ancestry, the most recent article (which supersedes other articles) is : Robert L. Ward and Tim Doyle, "The Whitney Lineage of John¹ Whitney of Watertown, Mass.," *The American Genealogist*, Vol. 81, pp. 249-258.

⁵²² Robert Charles Anderson, [The Great Migration](#), Vol. 7 (featured name), which contains much more detail, including a summary of John's will and several land transactions.

⁵²³ See [The Great Migration](#), cited above, as well as wiki.whitneygen.org

10. Benjamin Whitney, b. 6 Jun 1643, Watertown; d. 26 Mar 1723, Sherborn, Mass.;
m. (1st) Jane -----; m. (2nd) Mary Poor

① Thomas Tarbell (158) and Mary ----- (159)

Thomas Tarbell “the ancestor of all the early Tarbell families of New England,” settled in Watertown [Mass.] as early as 1647. On 30 Mar 1663, he and his wife **Mary** sold his house and land there, and moved to Groton, Mass. Mary died there 29 Apr 1674, aged 54 years.

When Groton was destroyed during King Phillip’s War, Thomas moved to Charlestown, Mass., where he married, 15 Aug 1676, second, **Susanna (-----) Lawrence**,⁵²⁴ widow of John Lawrence, who had died in about 1672.⁵²⁵ She died 5 Jan 1690/1, probably in Charlestown. Thomas is said to have died of smallpox 11 Jun 1678.⁵²⁶

Children, by his first wife Mary:

1. Thomas Tarbell, d. 27 Apr 1678, Charlestown, of smallpox; m. Anna (or Hannah) Longley
2. Mary Tarbell, d. 26 Apr 1676; m. Jonathan Sawtell, of Groton
3. Sarah Tarbell,⁵²⁷ b. about 1648; d. 1715; m. Cornelius Church, of Groton and Charlestown; no children; she left a will in which she mentions her sister’s son James Bennett, and Samuel Cutler Jr., “who married my sister’s daughter.”
4. [Abigail Tarbell](#), m. Joshua Whitney
5. John Tarbell, b. about 1654; d. 25 Mar 1715, Salem, Mass.; m. Mary Nurse, 25 Oct 1678; she was the daughter of [Francis and Rebecca \(Towne\) Nurse](#)
6. Elizabeth Tarbell, b. 5 Jan 1656/7; d. 25 Jul 1684; m. James Bennett, 4 Feb 1680
7. William Tarbell, b. 26 Feb 1658/9; soldier in King Phillip’s War; in 1683, he and Thomas Mitchell and 12 others “signed articles of agreement to proceed on a voyage in the sloop Swan of Charlestown to the Bahama Islands to work upon the Spanish Wrecks...The fourteen named persons deserted the said sloop in her voyage before her return, whereupon, on June 25, 1684, Thomas Waffe commander of said sloop, took steps to recover damages from them...” William may have been the William Tarbell who appeared at Bridgehampton, L.I., and had descendants.
8. Martha Tarbell, unmarried in 1682/3, but probably m. Thomas Mitchell, 18 May 1685

⁵²⁴ Charlestown VR, p. 101: “Thomas Tarball & Susanna Lawrence, widow, m. by Maj. William Hawthorne, Magist., Aug. 15, 1676.”

⁵²⁵ John Lawrence of Charlestown, Mass., born about 1620, son of Henry Lawrence.

⁵²⁶ Charles Henry Wight, “Thomas Tarbell and Some of His Descendants,” *New England Historical and Genealogical Register* (NEHGR), vol. 61 (1907), p. 70.

⁵²⁷ She did not marry [Francis Nurse Jr.](#), as has been claimed. See TAG 69.

① Joseph Bixby (160) and Sarah Riddlesdale (161)

Joseph Bixby was baptized 28 Oct 1621, at Little Waddingfield, Suffolk, England, the son of George Bixby and Anna Cole.⁵²⁸

He was a carpenter.

He married **Sarah (Riddlesdale) Heard**, probably in 1647. He made a marriage contract with her on 15 Dec 1647 and probably was married soon after. She was baptized at Assington, England, 16 Nov 1623, the daughter of Edward Riddlesdale and Mary -----.⁵²⁹ She was the widow of Luke Heard. In the marriage contract it was agreed that the two children of Sarah's by her late husband Luke Heard be well brought up and taught to read and write, among other things.

He died 19 Apr 1701, in Boxford, Mass.⁵³⁰ He left a will, dated 11 Nov 1699, which is transcribed in the Bixby genealogy. He mentions sons Joseph, George, Jonathan, Daniel and Benjamin, and daughters "Mary Ston" and "Abegal." His will was proved 5 Mar 1703/4.⁵³¹

The year of his widow Sarah's death is not given in the Boxford records: "Sarah Bixbe a widow of 84 Years of aege desead in Juen the third." But by inference it is thought that she died in 1703, based on the following. On 17 Jan 1702/3 she had been dismissed from the Topsfield church to the church in Boxford, which had recently been organized. The inventory of her husband's will was filed in April 1704 "when it was evident that the widow was not living."⁵³² However, John B. Threlfall seems to have been unconvinced and listed her birth year as in the range from 1703 to 1705.⁵³³

Children:

1. Joseph Bixby, b. about 1648-49; d. 1725; m. Sarah Gould
2. [Daniel Bixby](#), b. about 1651; d. 7 May 1717; m. Hannah Chandler

⁵²⁸ John B. Threlfall, "The English Ancestry of Joseph Bixby of Ipswich and Boxford, Mass.," *New England Historical and Genealogical Register*, Vol. 141 (1987), p. 238. Note, the information on Joseph's wife was corrected in a later article, cited below.

⁵²⁹ John B. Threlfall, "John Wyatt of Ipswich, Mass., and his Wife Mary (____) Riddlesdale," *New England Historical and Genealogical Register*, Vol. 143 (1989), p. 220.

⁵³⁰ Willard G. Bixby, *A Genealogy of the Descendants of Joseph Bixby* (1914), p. 7. The year of his death, in the Boxford records, is illegible, but the year 1701 is inferred from the inventory of his estate.

⁵³¹ Bixby, *A Genealogy of the Descendants of Joseph Bixby*, pp. 7-24.

⁵³² *Ibid.*, p. 24

⁵³³ NEHGR 143:220.

3. Benjamin Bixby, b. about 1653; d. 1727; m. (1st) Mary -----; possibly married (2nd) Mary --

4. Sarah Bixby, d. 18 Jan 1657
5. Nathaniel Bixby, d. 11 Jul 1658
6. Mary Bixby, b. 18 Feb 1659; m. ----- Stone
7. George Bixby, d. after 1729; m. Rebecca Porter
8. Jonathan Bixby, b. about 1666/7; d. 1717; m. Sarah Smith
9. Abigail Bixby, possibly m. William Bennet, although Topsfield church records record the death of Abigail Bixby, "an aged woman" 7 Nov 1758.

Thomas Chandler (162) and Hannah (Brewer?) (163)

Capt. Thomas Chandler was baptized 9 Aug 1628, in Bishops-Stortford, England, the son of [William Chandler and Annis Bayford](#).⁵³⁴ He came to New England in 1637 with his parents, and was in Andover, Mass., by 1645. He married **Hannah** ----- in about 1650. She has been called Hannah Brewer, daughter of Daniel Brewer, but this has not been proven.⁵³⁵

Thomas was a blacksmith and iron worker. He was a representative to the General Court in 1678 and 1679. He died early in 1702/3, probably in Andover.⁵³⁶

His widow Hannah died 25 Oct 1717, in Andover.

Thomas left a will dated 13 Sep 1700, and proved 8 Feb 1702/3, which is transcribed in the Chandler genealogy.

Children:

1. Thomas Chandler, b. 2 Oct 1652; d. 6 Jun 1659
2. John Chandler, b. 14 Mar 1655; m. Hannah Abbott
3. [Hannah Chandler](#), b. 2 Dec 1674; d. 20 Nov 1730; m. Daniel Bixby
4. William Chandler, b. 28 May 1659; m. Eleanor Phelps
5. Sarah Chandler, b. 20 Dec 1661; m. Samuel Phelps
6. Thomas Chandler, b. 9 Oct 1664; m. Mary Peters
7. Henry Chandler, b. 28 May 1667; m. Lydia Abbot
8. Joseph Chandler, b. 3 Aug 1669; m. Sarah Abbot

⁵³⁴ G. Andrews Moriarty, "Ancestry of William Chandler of Roxbury, Mass." *New England Historical and Genealogical Register*, Vol. 85 (1933), p. 144.

⁵³⁵ Robert Charles Anderson, [The Great Migration](#), is skeptical that Daniel had a daughter named Hannah. See also [Dawes-Gates Ancestral Lines](#).

⁵³⁶ NEHGR 85:144.

① Benjamin Butterfield (164) and Ann ----- (165)

Benjamin Butterfield was presumably born in England. His wife was named **Ann -----**. He was in Charlestown, Mass., by 1638, Woburn, by 1640, before moving to Chelmsford, by 1654. His wife died 19 May 1661, in Chelmsford.⁵³⁷ He died 2 Mar 1687/8, in Chelmsford.⁵³⁸ He left a will mentioning sons Nathaniel, Samuel and Joseph; children of his deceased son Jonathan; and Deborah, wife of son Nathaniel.

Children, the first two probably born in England, the next three in Woburn:

1. Jonathan Butterfield, d. 3 Apr 1673; m. Mary Dixon
2. Mary Butterfield, d. 5 Sep 1666; m. Daniel Blodgett
3. Nathaniel Butterfield, b. 14 Feb 1642/3; living 1719; m. Deborah Underwood
4. Samuel Butterfield, b. 17 May 1647; d. 1714 or 1715; m. Mary -----
5. [Joseph Butterfield](#), b. 15 Aug 1649; d. 1720; m. Lydia Ballard

⁵³⁷ Chelmsford Deaths, p. 371.

⁵³⁸ George Gordon, "The Butterfields of Middlesex," *New England Historical and Genealogical Register* (NEHGR), vol. 44 (1890), pp. 33-35.

① William Ballard (166) and Grace ----- (167)

William Ballard was born in England in about 1617.⁵³⁹ His wife was **Grace -----**. She has been called Grace Berwick, but there is no evidence for this.⁵⁴⁰ There is also no reason to believe that he was the William Ballard who came to New England in 1634 on the ship *Mary and John*.⁵⁴¹ He is also not to be confused with another man of the same name who was in Lynn, Mass., by 1635.

William is first found in the records of Andover, Mass., on 25 Mar 1651, when he was made a freeman.⁵⁴² He died intestate 10 Jul 1689 in Andover.⁵⁴³ Letters of administration were granted to his son Joseph. Probate records also mention his widow Grace, sons William and John, son-in-law William Blunt. The records also mention heirs Henry Holt, John "Spalden," Samuel Butterfield, Joseph Butterfield, and Abigail Ballard.

Children:⁵⁴⁴

1. Joseph Ballard; b. about 1645; d. 29 Dec 1722; m. (1st) Elizabeth Phelps; m. (2nd) Rebekah (-----) Horne; he was instrumental in spreading the witchcraft hysteria from Salem to Andover, in 1692. See <http://www.legendsofamerica.com/ma-andover.html>
2. William Ballard, d. about 1723; m. Hannah Hooper; moved to Plainfield, Conn.
3. Sarah Ballard, d. 25 Nov 1733; m. Henry Holt, Jr.
4. John Ballard, b. 17 Jan 1653; d. 18 Dec 1715; m. Rebekah Hooper
5. Elizabeth Ballard, d. 11 Jul 1689; m. William Blunt
6. Hannah Ballard, b. 14 Aug 1655; m. John Spalding
7. [Lydia Ballard](#), b. 30 Apr 1657; m. Joseph Butterfield
8. Abigail Ballard, living and unmarried in 1660
9. Ann Ballard, m. Samuel Butterfield

⁵³⁹ His age is from a deposition he made in 1662 when he is called "about 45."

⁵⁴⁰ James Henderson, in NEHGR 163:32, states that no evidence has been found to support her being Grace Berwick. He suggests she may have been Grace Lovejoy.

⁵⁴¹ Robert Charles Anderson, *The Great Migration*, vol. 1, p. 151: "There is no reason to connect William Ballard of Andover with the passenger of 1634."

⁵⁴² *Ibid.*, citing EQC 1:218.

⁵⁴³ Andover deaths, p. 384.

⁵⁴⁴ Charles Farlow, *Ballard Genealogy* (1911).

Joseph Gilson (176) and Mary Cooper (177)

Joseph Gilson married **Mary Cooper** 18 Nov 1661, in Chelmsford, Mass. His parents and origin are not known, although some have speculated he was the son of Thomas Gilson.

Mary Cooper was born in about 1641, the daughter of [Timothy Cooper and Elizabeth -----](#).⁵⁴⁵

Joseph was an original proprietor of Groton, Mass., and received a 9-acre grant of land there.

Joseph died, probably in 1676 in Concord; his widow Mary Gilson was granted administration of his estate on 3 Oct 1676. He had gone to Concord, probably, when Groton was deserted due to Indian attacks during King Phillip's War.

Children:⁵⁴⁶

1. Mary Gilson, b. 17 Nov 1662, Chelmsford; m. John Mackmillen, 11 Dec 1684, Salem
2. Joseph Gilson, b. 8 Mar 1667/8; d. about 1739; m. Elizabeth Lawrence⁵⁴⁷
3. Sarah Gilson, b. 25 Jun 1669, Groton
4. Anna Gilson, b. 22 Feb 1670, Chelmsford
5. [John Gilson](#), b. 23 Apr 1674/5; d. 10 Sep 1707; m. Sarah -----

⁵⁴⁵ Marilyn Fitzpatrick, "Timothy Cooper of Lynn, Mass.", *The Essex Genealogist* (TEG) Vol. 11 (1991), p. 212-13.

⁵⁴⁶ According to the article cited above, there is no evidence for a son named Timothy.

⁵⁴⁷ TEG 11, cited above, based on Middlesex Probate #13772. In one of the probate papers "Elizabeth, wife of Joseph Gilson" is listed as one of the heirs of Peleg Lawrence. Note, Joseph Gilson did not have a wife named Hepzibah, that was apparently a transcription error occurring the one of the printed records for the birth of one of his children.

John Shattuck (180) and Ruth Whitney (181)

John Shattuck was born 11 Feb 1646/7 in Watertown, Mass., the son of [William Shattuck and Susanna -----](#). He married **Ruth Whitney**, 20 Jun 1664, in Watertown, when he was only 17 years old. She was born 15 Apr 1645, and was the daughter of [John Whitney Jr. and Ruth Reynolds](#).

He was a carpenter.

During King Phillip's War, in 1675, a military company was organized under Capt. Richard Beers, of Watertown. John Shattuck was a sergeant in this company which undertook an expedition to Hadley. On 4 Sep 1675, enroute to the town that is now Northfield, Mass., the company was attacked by "a large force of Indians who lay concealed, suddenly arose and fell upon them with overpowering fury. Of the thirty-six men of whom the company was composed, sixteen only escaped death. Capt. Beers was killed. Sergeant Shattuck, one of the sixteen whose lives were preserved, was immediately despatched as a messenger to the Governor of the Colony to announce the result of the expedition."

On 14 Sep 1675, 14 days after the battle, at the *Three Cranes Tavern*⁵⁴⁸ in Charlestown, Sgt. Shattuck was heard to say to the effect, "'I hear the Marlborough Indians, in Boston in prison, and upon trial for their lives, are likely to be cleared by the court: for my part,' said he, 'I have been lately abroad in the country's service, and have ventured my life for them, and escaped very narrowly; but if they clear these Indians, they shall hang me up by the next, before I ever serve them again.'"

Within a quarter of an hour after saying these words, Shattuck took the Charlestown ferry, headed for Boston. "The ferry boat being loaded with horses and the wind high, the boat sunk." There were several other men in the ferry but only Shattuck drowned. The (Christian) Indians were indeed found innocent of any crime. Some saw Shattuck's sudden death as divine punishment.⁵⁴⁹

On 6 Mar 1677, his widow Ruth married **Enoch Lawrence**, and in 1678, they moved to Groton, Mass. Ruth had four more children by her second husband.⁵⁵⁰

Children:

1. [John Shattuck Jr.](#), b. 4 Jun 1666; d. 8 May 1709; m. Mary Blood

⁵⁴⁸ See Roger Thompson, [Charlestown, From Deference to Defiance](#), for information on the Three Cranes Tavern and its proprietor Robert Long.

⁵⁴⁹ Lemuel Shattuck, [Memorials of the Descendants of William Shattuck](#) (1855), pp. 69-70. For the story of his death, see also Roger Thompson, [Divided We Stand: Watertown, Mass., 1630-1680](#) (2001).

⁵⁵⁰ Harry S. Pratt, husband of Alice Maud Clark, was a descendant of Ruth by her second husband Enoch Lawrence.

2. Ruth Shattuck, b. 24 Jun 1668; prob. d. 16 Jun 1748; m. Jonathan Farnsworth
3. William Shattuck, b. 11 Sep 1670; m. Hannah Underwood
4. Samuel Shattuck, b. about 1673; d. 22 Jul 1758; m. Elizabeth Blood

James Blood (182) and Elizabeth Longley (183)

James Blood was born in about 1646, probably in Lynn, Mass., the son of [Richard Blood and Isabel -----](#). He married **Elizabeth Longley**, 7 Sep 1669, in Groton, Mass.⁵⁵¹ She was the daughter of [William Longley and Joanna \(Goffe?\)](#). She died “about the beginning of December” 1676, in Lynn.⁵⁵²

He married, second, **Abigail Kemp**, 20 Dec 1686, in Watertown. She was the daughter of Samuel Kemp and Sarah Foster.

James died 13 Sep 1692 in Groton, “killed by ye French and Indian enemy.” In 1695, his widow Abigail had an illegitimate child.⁵⁵³ According to court records, she was unable to name the father because she “had had to do with so many.”⁵⁵⁴

Children, by his first wife Elizabeth:

1. Richard Blood, b. 29 May 1670; d. 8 Jul 1670
2. [Mary Blood](#), b. 1 Sep 1672; d. 4 Mar 1756; m. John Shattuck
3. Elizabeth Blood (twin), b. 27 Apr 1675; d. 20 Oct 1759; m. Samuel Shattuck
4. Hannah Blood, b. 27 Apr 1675; d. 6 Feb 1675/6

Children, by his second wife, Abigail:

5. James Blood, b. 12 Aug 1687; m. Catherine (Nutting?)
6. John Blood, b. 16 Mar 1689; d. 23 Aug 1758; m. Joanna Nutting
7. Martha Blood, b. 20 Oct 1692; m. (1st) Thomas Jewell; m. (2nd) Joseph Parham

⁵⁵¹ Torrey’s [New England Marriages Before 1700](#).

⁵⁵² Lynn VR, p. 429. She is called wife of James.

⁵⁵³ [Story of the Bloods](#) (1960), p. 166.

⁵⁵⁴ Roger Thompson, [Sex in Middlesex](#) (1989).

Thomas Daby (192) and Mary Browne (193)

Thomas Daby (or Darby) was born in about 1657.⁵⁵⁵ Despite some claims to the contrary, his parents and origin remain unknown.⁵⁵⁶ He moved in 1684 from Concord, to Stow, Mass. A Joseph Daby had also come from Concord to Stow in 1683, and was likely related, perhaps his brother.⁵⁵⁷ (Joseph Daby died 22 Feb 1734 in Stow, at age 80.⁵⁵⁸)

According to Viola Bromley, in the Derby Genealogy (1905), “Joseph and Thomas Daby, Darby or Derby, who removed from Concord to Stow, are supposed to have been brothers, but documentary proof of such a relationship has not been found. Nor is it known whether they or either of them belong to the Derby family of Plymouth, that of Braintree, or that of Weymouth, Mass., or whether they were immigrants, born in England.”

According to William G. Derby, Daby-Dorby Data (1967), he married **Mary Browne**, daughter of [John Browne and Hester Makepeace](#). Although no marriage record has been found, this seems plausible, since he will of John Browne, dated 1697, mentions son-in-law Thomas Darby.⁵⁵⁹

Bromley states, “Thomas Daby was a Narragansett soldier under Capt. Joseph Sill in King Phillip’s War, 1676, and may have been the Thomas Daby who joined the First Church of Salem, Mass., October 5, 1683.”

Whether Thomas was the Thomas Daby of Salem, is uncertain. Salem and Stow are not particularly near each other. In the Salem vital records, three children are listed as being born to a Thomas Daby, with no mother’s name provided. Did Thomas of Stow have connections or possibly family in Salem? Or was this a different person? In any case, only one child of Thomas and Mary, John, has a birth listed in the vital records of Stow.

Thomas was elected Deacon of the Church in Stow in 1706.⁵⁶⁰

Mary died 4 Jan 1727[/8?], in Stow.⁵⁶¹ Thomas died in 13 Oct 1738 in Holliston, Mass., and is buried in the Old Cemetery there. His gravestone inscription calls him “Deacn Thomas Daby, of Stow” who died in his 82nd year.⁵⁶²

⁵⁵⁵ According to his gravestone inscription which says he died (in 1738) in his 82nd year.

⁵⁵⁶ Apparently without any proof whatsoever, some web pages call him the son of John Derby or Darby of Salem. I have not found a shred of evidence for this assertion or even proof that such a John Derby even existed. It remains possible that this is true but if so nobody seems to have published the reasoning by such an assertion.

⁵⁵⁷ Viola Bromley, The Derby Genealogy.

⁵⁵⁸ [findagrave.com: Joseph Daby](#)

⁵⁵⁹ Although this may not seem like solid enough evidence, I know of no other men named Thomas Darby living in the area at that time. John Browne had lived in Marlborough, which is not too far from Stow.

⁵⁶⁰ Bromley, Derby Genealogy.

⁵⁶¹ Stow Vital records. She is called wife of Dea. Thomas Daby.

⁵⁶² [findagrave.com: Thomas Daby](#)

Unfortunately, no will or other probate papers have been found for Thomas Daby. Clearly, more research on this family is warranted.

Children:

1. Anna Daby,⁵⁶³ b. about 1681; d. 23 Dec 1773; m. Dea. Jonathan Rice, 25 Mar 1702, in Concord⁵⁶⁴
2. (*possibly*) Elizabeth Daby, bapt. 2 Nov 1684, Salem; no further record;
3. (*possibly*) Mary Daby, bapt. Jul 1685, Salem; according to Daby-Dorby Data, she d. 10 May 1765; and m. Edward Cleveland. However I cannot find any proof of this claim.
4. John Daby, b. 26 Jan 1687, Stow; d. 6 Jan 1769; m. (1st) Hannah Butterick; m. (2nd) Elizabeth (-----) Holden
5. Esther Daby, bapt. 19 Oct 1690, Salem; no further record
6. (*possibly*) Joseph Daby; included by both Bromley and Daby-Dorby Data, with no explanation or other information
7. (*possibly*) William Daby, b. about 1695; d. 10 Nov 1739, Pomfret, Conn.; m. Elizabeth Spalding, 9 Jun 1718, in Canterbury, Mass.

Comments: Both Bromley and William G. Derby, in their genealogies, include a child Robert Daby in the list of Thomas' children. However, this Robert, who married Martha Wormsdale, was born in Boston in 1679, the son of Robert Darby and Sarah Sanderson. (See Thwing Collection of Boston records.)

⁵⁶³ Listed in William G. Derby, Daby-Dorby Data, but not included in Bromley's Derby Genealogy. Since this Anna was "of Stow" she was probably Thomas' daughter although Joseph Daby also lived in Stow.

⁵⁶⁴ Concord Vital Records: "Jonathan Rice, of Sudbury & Anna Darby, of Stow were married by ye Reverend mr Josseph Estabrook march 25th, 1702."

John Butterick (194) and Mary Blood (195)

John Butterick was born 21 Sep 1653 in Concord, Mass.,⁵⁶⁵ the son of [William Butterick and Sarah -----](#).

He married **Mary Blood**, 8 Apr 1679, in Stow, Mass.⁵⁶⁶ She was born 4 Mar 1654/5, in Concord,⁵⁶⁷ the daughter of [Robert Blood and Elizabeth Willard](#).

John left a will, dated (20?) Jun 1717 and proved 22 Apr 1718. In it he mentions his wife Mary, eldest son John, son Joseph, daughters Hannah (wife of John Daby), and Rachel (wife of Isreal Heald).

His widow Mary died 14 Feb 1723/4, in Stow.⁵⁶⁸

Children, born in Stow:

1. John Butterick, b. 1 May 1680; d. 26 Feb 1745; m. Elizabeth Faulkner
2. Mary Butterick, b. 17 Apr 1683; not mentioned in father's will
3. [Hannah Butterick](#), b. 6 Jun 1685; d. 17 Nov 1744; m. John Daby
4. Joseph Butterick, b. 10 Mar 1687; d. 13 Nov 1751, Littleton, Mass.; bur. Old Burying Ground, Littleton;⁵⁶⁹ m. Elizabeth Lawrence
5. Rachel Butterick, d. 26 Jan 1746/7, Stow;⁵⁷⁰ m. Isreal Heald (who changed his name to "Hale")

⁵⁶⁵ Concord Births, Marriages and Deaths: "John, Sonne of William Buttrike & Sara his wfe, borne 21 Septem. 1653."

⁵⁶⁶ Stow Vital Records.

⁵⁶⁷ Concord Births, Marriages and Deaths, p. 8: "mary daftuer of Robert Blod & Elizabeth his wife borne, 4: march: 54: 55.

⁵⁶⁸ Stow Deaths, p. 238, "Mary [Buttereck], wid. John, Feb. 14, 1723-4."

⁵⁶⁹ findagrave.com: [Joseph Buttrick](#)

⁵⁷⁰ Stow Vital Record – listed as Rachel Hale, w. of Israel.

Francis Nurse (196) and Sarah Craggen (197)

Francis Nurse was born 3 Feb 1660 /1 in Salem Village, Mass., the son of [Francis Nurse and Rebecca Towne](#).

Francis married **Sarah Craggen** in about 1685. She was born 10 Aug 1664 in Woburn, Mass., the daughter of [John Craggen and Sarah Dawes](#).⁵⁷¹ Francis died intestate 5 Feb 1715/6, in Reading. "The family homestead of 72 acres was valued at £200." Heirs were listed as children Francis, Benjamin, Jonathan, Josiah, Sarah, Joshua, Caleb, Nathaniel and Abigail. Sarah died in about 1746.⁵⁷²

Children:

1. Francis Nurse, b. 10 Mar 1686; d. 15 Mar 1686
2. Francis Nurse, b. 3 Jan 1688; d. 15 May 1733; m. Martha Hartshorne
3. [Benjamin Nurse](#), b. 28 Jan 1689/90; d. 1775; m. (1st) Elizabeth Roberts; m. (2nd) Hannah (Rogers) Atherton
4. Jonathan Nurse, b. 4 Mar 1691/2; d. 1718; m. Abigail Hornden
5. Josiah Nurse, b. 9 Sep 1694; d. 4 Apr 1718; m. Mary Eaton
6. Sarah Nurse, b. 27 Jan 1696/7; m. Henry Sawyer
7. Joshua Nurse, b. 15 Jul 169-; d. 8 Jun 1717
8. Caleb Nurse, b. 15 Jan 1701/2; d. 4 Aug 1727; unm.; cordwainer
9. Nathaniel Nurse, b. about 1704; d. 29 May 1717
10. Abigail Nurse, b. about 1704

⁵⁷¹ Barbara Mathews, "Francis² and Sarah (Craggen) Nurse of Reading, Mass.", *The American Genealogist*, vol. 69 (1994), p. 85.

⁵⁷² Walter Goodwin Davis, [The Ancestry of Sarah Johnson](#) (1960), pp. 23-24. However, caveat as Davis says Francis's wife was Sarah Tarbell, and later research, cited above, shows her to have been Sarah Craggen.

Abraham Roberts (198) and Sarah Burnap (199)

Abraham Roberts was the son of [Giles Roberts and ----- Sheldon](#). He was born in about 1654, probably in Blackpoint, Me. He married **Sarah Burnap**. She was born 6 Nov 1653, the daughter of [Robert Burnap and Ann -----](#).⁵⁷³ She died 4 Apr 1696, in Reading.⁵⁷⁴

He married, second, **Susanna Thompson**, 7 Mar 1700, at Woburn.⁵⁷⁵ She died 27 Feb 1725/6, in Reading.⁵⁷⁶ He married third, **Elizabeth Peirce**, 8 Jun 1726, in Reading.

He died intestate 12 Sep 1731, recorded in both Reading and Wakefield. The Wakefield record states that he died of "apoplexy."⁵⁷⁷

His intestate probate records mention Sarah and Samuel Foster, Mary and William Sheldon, John and Abigail Eaton, Benjamin and Elizabeth Nurse, Caleb and Anne Taylor.⁵⁷⁸

Children:

1. Sarah Roberts, b. about 1679; d. before Feb 1762; m. Sarah Foster, 13 Oct 1701, Reading
2. Mary Roberts, b. 7 Dec 1681, Reading;⁵⁷⁹ m. William Sheldon, 5 Oct 1714, Reading
3. Elizabeth Roberts, b. 19 Nov 1684, Lynn;⁵⁸⁰ probably died young. It is possible she was the Elizabeth who married Benjamin Nurse, but this appears unlikely due to Elizabeth (Roberts) Nurse having died at "age about 50."
4. Ann Roberts, b. 2 Apr 1686, Lynn;⁵⁸¹ m. Caleb Taylor, 5 Aug 1707, Reading
5. [Elizabeth Roberts](#), possibly b. 3 Aug 1690, Reading⁵⁸²; d. 9 May 1739 "aged about 50"; m. Benjamin Nurse
6. Abraham Roberts, b. about 1691; d. 19 Oct 1714, Reading⁵⁸³

⁵⁷³ The will of Robert Burnap of Reading mentions "son" (meaning son-in-law) Abraham Robbert. Middlesex Probate #3609.

⁵⁷⁴ Burnap-Burnett Genealogy, in [Essex Institute Historical Collections](#) (1921), p. 186.

⁵⁷⁵ Recorded in Reading VR, but states "at Woburn."

⁵⁷⁶ Reading VR; she is called "w. of Abraham."

⁵⁷⁷ Reading VR; Wakefield VR.

⁵⁷⁸ Middlesex Probate #19343.

⁵⁷⁹ Reading VR, "Mary [Robbarts], d. Abraham, Dec. 7, 1681."

⁵⁸⁰ Lynn VR: "Elizabeth, d. Abraham [Roberds], Nov. 19, 1684."

⁵⁸¹ Lynn VR: "Ann, d. Abraham.»

⁵⁸² According to History of Littleton, N.H. However, this birth is not found in Reading VR.

⁵⁸³ Reading VR, he died "in his 24th year."

7. Abigail Roberts, b. about 1694; d. after 13 May 1759; m. John Eaton, 28 Dec 1721,
Reading

Samuel Bennett (200) and Mary ----- (201)

Samuel Bennett was born 22 Jul 1665 in Lancaster, Mass., the son of [George Bennett and Lydia Kibby](#). He married **Mary** -----.

During the latter years of his life he lived in Shrewsbury.⁵⁸⁴ His will dated 10 Dec 1733, left the bulk of his property to his youngest son Jonathan. He calls himself Samuel Bennett of Shrewsbury, husbandman. He mentions wife Mary, eldest son Samuel, second son John, third son Joseph, fourth son Josiah, and youngest son Jonathan; eldest daughter Mary Phelps, second daughter Elizabeth Houghton, and third daughter Abigail How.⁵⁸⁵

He died 6 Jul 1742, in Shrewsbury, Mass. He is buried in the Old Settlers Cemetery in Lancaster.⁵⁸⁶

Children:

1. Samuel Bennett, b. 1690; d. 5 Dec 1762, in Shrewsbury (now Boylston); m. Tabatha Wheeler
2. [Capt. John Bennett](#), b. 1693; d. 5 Jun 1761; m. Bathsheba Phelps
3. Mary Bennett, m. Edward Phelps
4. Elizabeth Bennett, b. 9 Nov 1699; d. 13 Jan 1739; m. Joshua Houghton
5. Joseph Bennett, bapt. 1708; d. 1754; m. Elizabeth -----
6. Josiah Bennett, bapt. 1708; m. (1st) Hannah Rice; m. (2nd) Abiall Graves
7. Jonathan Bennett, bapt. 1708; m. Martha Harris
8. Abigail Bennett, bapt. 1711; m. Phineas How

⁵⁸⁴ Ethel S. Bolton, "The Bennetts of Lancaster, Mass.", *New England Historical & Genealogical Register*, Vol. 56 (July 1902), p. 242.

⁵⁸⁵ Worcester Probate #5112.

⁵⁸⁶ findagrave.com: Samuel Bennett

Edward Phelps (202) and Ruth Andrews (203)

Edward Phelps was born in about 1663 in Newbury, Mass., the son of [Edward Phelps and Elizabeth Adams](#). He married **Ruth Andrews**, 9 Mar 1682/3, in Andover, Mass.⁵⁸⁷ She was born in Andover, Mass., 27 May 1664,⁵⁸⁸ the daughter of [Robert Andrews and Grace -----](#).

Edward was a weaver. He moved from Andover to Lancaster, Mass.

He died 30 Nov 1747, in Lancaster. He made a will, dated 28 Feb 1735, and proved 4 Apr 1749, in which his wife Ruth and all his children are mentioned (except for Lydia and the first Bathsheba.)⁵⁸⁹

Children, the first five born in Andover, the others born in Lancaster:

1. Ruth Phelps, b. 1 Jun 1684; d. 25 Dec 1739, Lancaster; bur. Old Settlers Burying Ground, Lancaster,⁵⁹⁰ m. Thomas Carter
2. Hannah Phelps, b. 4 Nov 1685; d. 10 Apr 1737, Lancaster; m. John Fletcher
3. Lydia Phelps, b. 10 Jan 1687; d. before 1735 (not mentioned in father's will)
4. Elizabeth Phelps, b. 27 Jan 1689; d. 28 Dec 1770, Lancaster; m. Col. Samuel Willard
5. Bathsheba Phelps, b. 8 May 1692; d. 24 Feb 1694
6. Edward Phelps, b. 20 Mar 1694; d. 7 Mar 1784, Lancaster; m. Mary Bennett
7. [Bathsheba Phelps](#), b. 7 Mar 1696; d. 7 Feb 1762; m. Capt. John Bennett
8. Robert Phelps, b. 8 May 1699; d. 19 Mar 1748/9, Lancaster; m. Dorothy Wright
9. Joshua Phelps, b. about 1701; d. 3 Jul 1784, Lancaster; m. (1st) Rebecca Beaman; m. (2nd) Rebecca Kendall
10. Rebecca Phelps, b. about 1703; m. Joseph Wilson; had 13 children

⁵⁸⁷ Andover VR.

⁵⁸⁸ Andover VR, "Ruth, d. Robert."

⁵⁸⁹ Worcester Probate #46278.

⁵⁹⁰ findagrave.com: [Ruth Carter](#)

11. Sarah Phelps, b. 18 Dec 1705; d. 19 Jun 1776; bur. South Cem., Lunenburg, Mass.⁵⁹¹
m. Benjamin Goodridge

David Whitcomb (204) and Mary Hayward (205)

David Whitcomb was born 20 Feb 1668 in Lancaster, Mass.,⁵⁹² the son of [Josiah Whitcomb and Rebecca Waters](#). He married widow **Mary (Hayward) Fairbanks**, 31 May 1700 in Lancaster.⁵⁹³ She was born 21 Sep 1667, in Concord, Mass., the daughter of [Joseph Hayward and Hannah Hosmer](#).⁵⁹⁴ She had married **Jonathan Fairbanks** 24 Aug 1688 in Watertown.⁵⁹⁵ He and one of their children was killed in the massacre of 11 Sep 1697 at Lancaster. Mary was taken captive by the Indians and taken to Canada. She was later rescued and ransomed by the government and returned to her surviving children. "She was received at 'Cascoe Bay, y 17 January, 1698-9, aboard the Province Gally."⁵⁹⁶

According to the Whitcomb genealogy, "While in captivity she acquired a knowledge of herbs which resulted in her afterwards dispensing medicine and being called 'Doctress.' They lived in the Southeast corner of Bolton, Mass., where they kept a tavern..."⁵⁹⁷

David died intestate 11 Apr 1730, in Lancaster, and is buried in the Old Common Burying Ground.⁵⁹⁸ Probate records exist and mention widow May, sons David, Jonathan, Benjamin and Simon; and Rebecca Sawyer "the only daughter."⁵⁹⁹ Mary died 5 Jan 1733, in Lancaster, and is also buried in the Old Common Burying Ground.⁶⁰⁰

Children:⁶⁰¹

1. Dea. David Whitcomb, d. 1786; m. Betty White, 13 Jan 1730/1
2. Jonathan Whitcomb, b. 22 Apr 1702; d. 7 Oct 1743; bur. Old South Burying Ground, Bolton, Mass.;⁶⁰² m. Rachel Woods

⁵⁹¹ [findagrave.com: Sarah Goodridge](#)

⁵⁹² Lancaster VR.

⁵⁹³ Lancaster VR: "David Whitcomb and Widow Mary Fairbank, May 31, 1700."

⁵⁹⁴ Concord VR "mary daughter of Joseph heaward & hanna his wife borne 21 sept 1667." Note: her father Joseph Hayward, who died in 1714, left a will mentioning daughter Mary Whitcomb and "son" David Whitcomb. Mary was not a descendant of Resolved White.

⁵⁹⁵ Watertown VR. "Upon ye 24th of August 1688 I maryed in my house in Water town Jonatan Fairbanks of Lancaster & Mary Haward of Concord wth ye consent of Friends ye being published according to law."

⁵⁹⁶ Lorenzo Fairbanks, [Genealogy of the Fairbanks Family in America](#) (1897), p. 49.

⁵⁹⁷ Charlotte Whitcomb, [The Whitcomb Family in America](#) (1904), p. 398.

⁵⁹⁸ [findagrave.com: David Whitcomb](#)

⁵⁹⁹ Worcester Probate #24405, available via AmericanAncestors.org, to NEHGS members.

⁶⁰⁰ [findagrave.com: Mary Whitcomb](#)

⁶⁰¹ The Whitcomb Family, pp. 398-99.

⁶⁰² [findagrave.com: Jonathan Whitcomb](#)

3. [Joseph Whitcomb](#), b. 1700; d. Nov 1792; m. Damaris Priest
4. Rebecca Whitcomb, b. about 1705; bapt. 1708; d. 28 Jan 1792; bur. Chocksett Burial Ground, Sterling, Mass.; ⁶⁰³m. Ezra Sawyer
5. Benjamin Whitcomb, b. 26 Oct 1710; d. Oct 1778; m. Dorothy White
6. Simon Whitcomb, bapt. 7 Mar 1713/4; m. Thankful Houghton

⁶⁰³ findagrave.com: [Rebecca Sawyer](#)

John Priest (206) and Anna Houghton (207)

John Priest was born 1 Nov 1681, in Woburn, Mass.,⁶⁰⁴ the son of [John Priest and Rachel Garfield](#). He married **Anna Houghton**. She was born 8 May 1684, in Lancaster, Mass.,⁶⁰⁵-the daughter of [John Houghton and Mary Farrar](#).

Anna died 3 Apr 1751, in Bolton, Mass. She is buried in the Old Common Cemetery, Lancaster, Mass.⁶⁰⁶ John died intestate, 29 Sep 1756, in Bolton, Mass. He is also buried in the Old Common Cemetery, Lancaster.⁶⁰⁷

Probate records mention eldest daughter Anna, wife of Jeremiah Holman; second daughter Mary Houghton; Damaris, wife of Joseph Whitcomb; Oliver Stone, and Hepzibah, the wife of John Houghton Jr. A memorandum was added which appears to be dated 22 Jun 1761, which calls Mary the widow of Jon^a Houghton, Timothy Kneeton who married the eldest daughter of Mariah and Oliver Stone.⁶⁰⁸

Children:

1. Abigail Priest, b. about 1706; d. 25 Sep 1723, in her 17th year
2. Anna Priest, bapt. 12 Sep 1708; m. Jeremiah Holman, 23 Jan 1720/1⁶⁰⁹
3. Mary Priest, bapt. 12 Sep 1708; m. Ebenezer Houghton, 23 Jan 1720/1,⁶¹⁰ m. (2nd) Jonathan Houghton, 20 Jan 1725⁶¹¹
4. [Damaris Priest](#), bapt. 21 Apr 1710; d. 12 Nov 1770; m. Joseph Whitcomb
5. Rachel Priest, bapt. 20 Dec 1713; m. Hezekiah Whitcomb, 3 Apr 1729;⁶¹² the probate records of Worcester Co. contain an index record for Rachel Whitcomb of Bolton, who left a will proved 1768.
6. Hepzibah Priest, bapt. 8 Apr 1716; m. John Houghton Jr., 13 Nov 1735⁶¹³

⁶⁰⁴ Woburn VR: "John, son of John."

⁶⁰⁵ NEHGR 17:70. "Daughter of John and Mary Houghton."

⁶⁰⁶ [findagrave.com: John Priest](http://findagrave.com:John Priest).

⁶⁰⁷ [findagrave.com: Anna Priest](http://findagrave.com:Anna Priest).

⁶⁰⁸ Worcester Probate #47969.

⁶⁰⁹ NEHGR 17:72. Although only baptism dates are known, it's possible she was a twin of Mary; they were married the same day.

⁶¹⁰ NEHGR 17:72.

⁶¹¹ Lancaster VR.

⁶¹² NEHGR 17:74.

⁶¹³ Lancaster VR.

7. Jonathan Priest, bapt. 9 Nov 1718; probably d. young
8. Mariah Priest, bapt. 30 Jul 1721; d. 13 Jun 1754, Harvard, Mass.; m. Oliver Stone
9. Jonathan Priest, b. 1725; d. 23 Apr 1738; aged 12 years 7 months; bur. Old Common Burial Ground, Lancaster⁶¹⁴

⁶¹⁴ [findagrave.com: Jonathan Priest.](https://www.findagrave.com/monument/144444444)

① Henry Glover (208) and Hannah ----- (209)

Henry Glover was born in about 1641. His parents and origin are not known.⁶¹⁵ “He lived in Boston as early as 1660, and appears to have continued there about five years.” He married **Hannah -----** in about 1662.

In an indenture dated 5 Feb 1673/4 “Henry Glover of Milton, and Hannah his wife” conveyed land in that town to David Henshaw.

Hannah was admitted to the church at Milton 24 Aug 1684.⁶¹⁶

Henry died 6 Apr 1713, in Milton, Mass.⁶¹⁷ Hannah died 20 Sep 1720, in Milton, in her 79th year.⁶¹⁸ She is said to have been buried in the Old Burying Ground at Milton but no gravestone survives.

Children:

1. Thomas Glover, b. 25 Jun 1663; d. 10 Nov 1715, Milton; m. Susannah Bradley
2. Hannah Glover, b. 1665; d. 1759; m. Thomas Evans
3. Elizabeth Glover, b. 24 Apr 1667; d. 24 Apr 1752, Milton; unm.
4. Henry Glover, b. 20 Aug 1670; d. Lebanon, Conn.; m. Mary Crehore
5. Sarah Glover, b. 16 Nov 1672; died young
6. Mary Glover, b. 13 Nov 1674; d. 6 Apr 1713; unm.
7. Abigail Glover, b. 12 Jun 1677; m. Thomas Ellis
8. Alice Glover, b. 20 Jul 1679; d. 17 Sep 1713; unm.
9. [Edward Glover](#), b. 26 Apr 1681; d. 14 May 1745; m. (1st) Sarah Gill; m. (2nd) Mary (-----) Blake
10. Sarah Glover, b. 5 Aug 1685; d. 25 Jun 1742

⁶¹⁵ [Glover Memorials and Genealogies](#) makes the claim that he was the son of Henry and Abigail Glover of Dedham, Mass. However, Robert Charles Anderson, in *The Great Migration*, states that there is no evidence that this couple had any children.

⁶¹⁶ Anna Glover, [Glover Memorials and Genealogies](#).

⁶¹⁷ Milton VR, p. 213, listed as “Henery.” The Glover genealogy incorrectly says 1714.

⁶¹⁸ Milton VR, p. 213.

Ebenezer Holmes (212) and Mary Wales (213)

Ebenezer Holmes was baptized 30 Oct 1670, in Roxbury, Mass.,⁶¹⁹ the son of [Nathaniel Holmes and Patience Topliffe](#).

He married, first, on 2 Feb 1692, in Boston, **Sarah (Leadbetter) Withington**.⁶²⁰ She was born 20 Feb 1659 in Dorchester, the daughter of Henry Leadbetter and Sarah Tolman. She was the widow of Henry Withington. She died 18 Dec 1696, in Dorchester.

Ebenezer married, second, **Mary (Wales) George**, 5 Aug 1697, in Dorchester.⁶²¹ She was born 9 Feb 1658, in Boston, the daughter of [Nathaniel Wales and Isabel Atherton](#). She was the widow of Nicholas George Jr., who died 9 Apr 1691, in Boston. She had married Nicholas 4 Jun 1684 in Dorchester.⁶²²

“In 1710 Ebenezer sold land in Dorchester bordered by the west bank of ‘Naponsett’ river. In 1718 he entered a dissent against the Indian tenants having liberty to vote.”

“He and his son Nathaniel both lost money in the Robert Auchmuty’s ‘Manufacturing Co.’ scheme.”

His wife Mary died 18 Oct 1732, in Dorchester.⁶²³

In 1741 Ebenezer sold his place to his son Nathaniel and in 1745 they both moved to Stoughton.⁶²⁴

Ebenezer died in Stoughton, Mass., 1 Feb 1746/7, in the 77th year of his age.⁶²⁵

Children, born in Dorchester:

1. Mary Holmes, b. 2 Feb 1693; d. 7 Sep 1718; m. Charles King
2. Submit Holmes, b. 12 Dec 1696; d. 14 Dec 1696
3. Nathaniel Holmes, b. 30 Apr 1698; d. 8 May 1790; m. (1st) Sarah Withington; m. (2nd) Sarah Ellis

⁶¹⁹ Roxbury Births, p. 185: “Ebenezer [Homes], s. Nath[aniel], bp. 30: 8m: 1670” (from church record).

⁶²⁰ Boston VR, p. 203: they were married by Samuel Sewall. The marriage was also recorded in Dorchester.

⁶²¹ Dorchester VR, p. 102: “Ebenezer Holmes was married to Mary George ye 5 day of August [1697] by reverent mr. Danforth.”

⁶²² Dorchester VR, p. 100 – they were married by Simon Bradstreet.

⁶²³ Dorchester VR: “Mary ye Wife of Ebenezer Holmes Died October 18th 1732 in ye 74th year of her Age.”

⁶²⁴ George A. Gray, [The Descendants of George Holmes of Roxbury](#) (1908), pp. 20-21.

⁶²⁵ Stoughton VR.

4. [Ebenezer Holmes](#), b. 16 Nov 1701; d. 24 Jul 1743; m. Mary Houghton

Joseph Houghton (214) and Jane Vose (215)

Joseph Houghton was born 1 Jul 1657 in Lancaster, Mass., the son of [Ralph Houghton and Jane Stowe?](#).⁶²⁶ He married **Jane Vose**, 31 Oct 1693, in Milton, Mass.⁶²⁷ She was born 21 Nov 1668, in Milton, the daughter of [Edward Vose and Abigail Sharp](#).

Joseph lived "on a part of his father's homestead deeded to him in 1699, situated on the present Canton Avenue opposite Atherton Street."⁶²⁸

Jane died 2 Oct 1707, in Milton. Joseph married, second, **Margaret Reding**, on 8 Dec 1708, in Milton.⁶²⁹ Joseph died 22 Mar 1737, in Milton.⁶³⁰ His widow died about a month later. She left a will which was proved 5 May 1737. She gave her entire estate to "son in law Joseph Bent and Martha his wife."⁶³¹

Children, born in Milton:

1. Nathaniel Houghton, b. about 1696; d. 13 Mar 1772; bur. Milton Cem., Milton, Mass.;⁶³² m. Deborah Belcher
2. Ebenezer Houghton, bapt. Oct 1697; d. 24 Jan 1783; m. Sarah Evans
3. Abigail Houghton, b. 5 Jan 1699; d. 5 Jun 1755, Milton; m. Benjamin Crane
4. Jane Houghton, b. 9 Mar 1700; d. before 23 Oct 1754; m. Jonathan Capen
5. Martha Houghton, b. 24 Apr 1701; d. 4 Dec 1766; m. Joseph Bent
6. [Mary Houghton](#), b. 14 Apr 1703; m. (1st) Ebenezer Holmes; m. (2nd) Dea. Abijah White
7. Joseph Houghton, b. 22 Oct 1704; d. 19 Nov 1715
8. Benjamin Houghton, b. 6 Apr 1706; d. 20 Apr 1706

⁶²⁶ Lancaster VR: "Joseph the sonn of Ralph Houghton and Jane his wife :was borne the 1=5 mon 1657." Note that the year began in March, so July was the 5th month.

⁶²⁷ Milton VR: "Joseph Haughton of Lancaster and Jane Vose of Milton Oct 31, 1693."

⁶²⁸ Ellen Vose, [Robert Vose and His Descendants](#) (1932), p. 21.

⁶²⁹ Milton VR.

⁶³⁰ Milton VR.

⁶³¹ Suffolk Probate #1695, ancestry.com.

⁶³² [findagrave.com: Nathaniel Houghton](#)

Edmund Littlefield (216) and Elizabeth Mott (217)

Edmund Littlefield was born in about 1653, in Wells, Me, the son of [Anthony Littlefield and Mary Page](#). He married first, an unknown wife, probably in Maine. He married, second, on 30 Dec 1690 in Braintree, Mass., **Elizabeth Mott**, daughter of [Nathaniel Mott and Hannah ----](#).⁶³³ She was born 17 Mar 1671, in Braintree.⁶³⁴

From Sprague's Braintree families: "He first appears in town records in 1700 when he was appointed one of a committee to run the town line between Braintree and Weymouth, and Braintree and Dorchester, and did the latter again in 1703.

In 1708 he was elected to act as constable in place of Thomas Copeland, deceased. In 1700 he was one of the one hundred purchasers of the common lands of Boston, now chiefly in the town of Randolph and Holbrook, and was granted a share of these lands. Where he lived previous to this time is not on record but soon after this purchase he settled on the 19th & 20th lots of the Sixth Division, south of Great Pond where Littlefield's saw mill was an important land mark often mentioned in deeds and other documents.

"The dam and outline of the unused mill pond are still to be seen (1950) near where Norroyay river or brook enters Great Pond. His descendants remained on these lands for many years, one of them being his great grand daughter Beulah (Littlefield) Hunt who died on part of the homestead in 1873 aged 104 years. His house was probably the one sold by his son Nathaniel in 1743 (S. D. 66:122) which stood at the north end of the lot on a knoll by Blue Hill River at Quincy line where the Howard Johnson restaurant now is."⁶³⁵

Edmund died 9 Apr 1718, in Braintree.⁶³⁶

Children, by his first wife:

1. Edmund Littlefield
2. Samuel Littlefield
3. Mary Littlefield, m. John Harding, Jr.

Children, by his second wife, Elizabeth:

4. [Nathaniel Littlefield](#), b. 6 Apr 1691; d. 20 May 1757; m. (1st) Abigail Spear; m. (2nd) Deborah Thayer

⁶³³ Waldo C. Sprague, Families of Braintree, Mass. Although I don't see this in the published vital records of Braintree, Sprague says it is based on a church record.

⁶³⁴ Braintree VR, also Sprague.

⁶³⁵ Waldo C. Sprague, Families of Braintree, Mass.

⁶³⁶ Braintree VR.

5. Elizabeth Littlefield, b. 21 Apr 1694; m. William Linfield
6. Sarah Littlefield, b. 4 Dec 1695; m. Ebenezer Niles
7. Anna Littlefield, b. 25 Mar 1698; m. Christopher Dyer
8. Abigail Littlefield, b. 17 Nov 1700; m. John Smith
9. Lydia Littlefield, b. 29 Mar 1702; m. Nathaniel Spear
10. Levi Littlefield, b. 13 Dec 1703; bur. Mar 1704
11. Deborah Littlefield, b. 23 Dec 1705; m. Samuel Capen
12. Hepzibah Littlefield, b. 15 Dec 1707; d. 23 Jan 1708
13. Ruth Littlefield, b. 6 Mar 1709/10; m. (1st) John Dyer; m. (2nd) Samuel Payne, Jr.
14. Dorcas Littlefield, b. 17 Aug 1713; m. David Horton

Nathaniel Thayer (218) and Hannah Hayden (219)

Nathaniel Thayer was born 1 Jan 1657/8, in Braintree, Mass., the son of [Richard Thayer and Dorothy Pray](#). He married **Hannah Hayden**, 27 May 1679, in Braintree.⁶³⁷ She was born 3 Jan 1659/60 in Braintree, the daughter of [John Hayden and Hannah Ames](#).

He resided on his father's estate, but owned much land in the "Purchase Lands" now Randolph and Holbrook. He was elected constable 1707, and hogreave 1719.

He died 28 Mar 1728, in his 70th year, in Braintree, and is buried in the Elm Street Cemetery there.⁶³⁸

Hannah Thayer, widow, was made administrator of Nathaniel Thayer, housewright, and was bonded with Ephraim Thayer, weaver, and Richard Thayer, blacksmith, Apr. 22, 1729. The estate contained among other things "two houses about a mile and a half, one from the other, with about 20 acres to each house or 24 a. at most, and as it will be a damage to divide either of them they were settled on two sons Zachariah and Hezekiah."⁶³⁹

Hannah died, as "widow Thayer," in 1743, buried 29 Sep 1743, in Braintree.⁶⁴⁰

Children:

1. Nathaniel Thayer, b. about 1681; d. 3 Jan 1752; bur Elm St. Cem.;⁶⁴¹m. (1st) Sarah Wales; m. (2nd) Relief Hyde; m. (3rd) Sarah Thompson
2. Richard Thayer, b. about 1682; d. 11 Feb 1760, Bridgewater, Mass.; bur. First Parish Burying Ground, Brockton, Mass.;⁶⁴² m. Susannah White
3. Daniel Thayer, b. about 1686 (?); d. 16 Jan 1787 (?); m. Elizabeth Thompson
4. Hannah Thayer, b. 17 Feb 1685/6; d. 14 Nov 1762; bur. Elm St. Cem.; m. Thomas Vinton
5. Zachariah Thayer, b. 16 Mar 1686/7; d. 8 Feb 1755; m. (1st) Elizabeth Curtis; m. (2nd) Abigail Seeley
6. Ruth Thayer, b. 17 Jul 1689; m. Joseph Tower

⁶³⁷ Braintree VR, p. 719: "Nathaniel Thayer & Hannah Hoiden were married the 27th of May by Mr. Joseph Dudley, 1679."

⁶³⁸ findagrave.com: [Nathaniel Thayer Sr.](#)

⁶³⁹ Waldo Sprague, Braintree Families. Sprague contains further details.

⁶⁴⁰ Braintree VR only says Widow Thayer "the aged" bur. Sept. 29, 1743.

⁶⁴¹ findagrave.com: [Nathaniel Thayer Jr.](#)

⁶⁴² findagrave.com: [Richard Thayer](#)

7. Dorothy Thayer, m. Joseph Ludden
8. Lydia Thayer, m Nehemiah Hayden
9. Hezekiah Thayer, b. about 1696/7; d. May 1774; m. Christian Aspinwall
10. [Deborah Thayer](#), d. 1782; m. Nathaniel Littlefield
11. Esther Thayer, m. Josiah Hobart

Thomas Mann (220) and Sarah Ensign (221)

Thomas Mann (or Man) was born 15 Aug 1650 in Scituate, Mass., the son of [Richard Mann and Rebecca -----](#). He married **Sarah (Ensign) Wade**, daughter of [Thomas Ensign and Elizabeth Wilder](#), and widow of Joseph Wade. She was born in about 1650-probably in Scituate. Sarah was convicted of fornication in 1665, when she was about 15 years old.⁶⁴³

In some deeds Thomas Mann is styled a wheelwright.

Thomas died probably in 1732, and left a will, dated 13 Feb 1723/[4] and proved 12 Jul 1732. His will mentions sons Thomas, Joseph, Benjamin and Ensign Mann; and daughters Sarah Gibbs, Mary Mann, and Elizabeth Mann. His wife Sarah is not mentioned and so presumably preceded him in death.⁶⁴⁴

Children:

1. Josiah Mann, b. 11 Mar 1679; not mentioned in father's will
2. Thomas Mann, b. 5 Apr 1681; m. Deborah Joy
3. Sarah Mann, b. 15 Nov 1684; m. John Gibbs
4. Mary Mann, b. 15 Mar 1688[/9?]; unm. in 1723
5. Elizabeth Mann, b. 10 Mar 1692[/3?]; unm. In 1723
6. [Joseph Mann](#), b. 27 Dec 1694; d. about 1747; m. Mary Joy
7. Ensign Mann, b. say 1696; m. Tabitha (Stodder) Vinal
8. Benjamin Mann, b. 19 Feb 1697[/98?]; m. Martha Curtis

⁶⁴³ Robert E. Bowman, "Ensigns Revisited," *The American Genealogist* (TAG), v. 73 (1998), pp. 251-253. See also a prior article: Eugene Stratton, "Mann-Ensign Notes," TAG: 61 (1985), p. 46. There is no reason to suspect that Thomas Mann had another wife, sometimes called Sarah Woodworth.

⁶⁴⁴ George S. Mann, [The Mann Memorial](#) (1884), pp. 61-63.

Thomas Joy (222) and Elizabeth Stodder (223)

Thomas Joy was born 25 Nov 1669, in Hingham, Mass., the son of [Joseph Joy and Mary Prince](#).⁶⁴⁵ He married **Elizabeth Stodder**, 6 Mar 1694/5, in Boston, Mass.⁶⁴⁶ They were married by Samuel Sewell. Elisabeth was born 1 Dec 1667 in Hingham, the daughter of [Sgt. Samuel Stodder and Elizabeth Gill](#).⁶⁴⁷ Her surname was sometimes spelled Stoddard.

Thomas "lived in the paternal homestead on Main St., nearly opposite the old meetinghouse."⁶⁴⁸ He died in Hingham 11 Oct 1718, at age 49. His widow Elizabeth died 14 Jan 1749/50 in Hingham, at age 82.⁶⁴⁹

Children:

1. Hezekiah Joy, b. 11 Sep 1695; d. 15 Nov 1772; m. Hannah -----; no children
2. Elizabeth Joy, b. 6 Mar 1697/8; m. Baruch Jordan
3. [Mary Joy](#), b. 4 May 1700; m. Joseph Mann
4. Thomas Joy, b. 25 Jun 1703; d. 14 Jan 1766; m. Desire Beal
5. Samuel Joy, b. 1706; d. 28 Nov 1792; m. Thankful Lincoln

⁶⁴⁵ [History of the Town of Hingham](#) (1893), Vol. 2, p. 397.

⁶⁴⁶ [Boston Births, Baptisms, Marriages and Deaths, 1630-1699](#), p. 224: "Thomas Joy & Elizabeth Stoddard were married by Samuel Sewall Esq. J. Pac. Mar. 6." [1694/5].

⁶⁴⁷ [History of the Town of Hingham](#) (1893), Vol. 2, p. 193.

⁶⁴⁸ [The Joy Genealogy](#) (1968).

⁶⁴⁹ [History of the Town of Hingham](#) (1893), Vol. 2, p. 397. I do not find any probate records for Thomas.

① John Fiske (224) and Sarah Wyeth (225)

For further details on this family, see [Michael Roman's page on John Fiske](#).

John Fiske was born in about 1619 in England, the son of Nathaniel Fiske and Dorothy Symonds.⁶⁵⁰ His time of arrival in Massachusetts is not known, but according to the Fiske genealogy, his father accompanied him on the voyage and died at sea.

He married **Sarah Wyeth**, 11 Dec 1651, in Watertown, Mass.⁶⁵¹ She was baptized 28 Oct 1632, in Saxtead, England, the daughter of [Nicholas Wyeth and Margaret Clarke](#).

John died intestate 28 Oct 1684, in Watertown.⁶⁵²

Children:

1. Sarah Fiske, b. 1 Feb 1652
2. John Fiske, b. 7 Nov 1653; d. 14 Feb 1653/4
3. John Fiske, b. 20 Nov 1655; d. 6 Jan 1718; m. (1st) Abigail Parks; m. (2nd) Hannah Richards
4. Margaret Fiske, b. 28 Nov 1658; d. 15 Jan 1750; unmarried
5. Mary Fiske, b. 5 Jul 1661; d. 5 Jan 1723/4; m. Joseph Mason
6. [William Fiske](#), b. 23 Feb 1663; d. 1742; m. Hannah Smith
7. Martha Fiske, b. 15 Dec 1666; m. George Adams
8. Elizabeth Fiske, b. 11 May 1669; m. Simon Mellen
9. Nathaniel Fiske, b. 11 Sep 1672
10. Abigail Fiske, b. 8 Oct 1675; d. 29 Apr 1759; m. Dea. Jonathan Sanderson

⁶⁵⁰ Watertown VR: "Willyam sonn of John & Sary Borne 23 12 mo. 1663." Note that the 12th month was February.

⁶⁵¹ However she is not mentioned in the will of Nicholas Wyeth, proved in 1680.

⁶⁵² Frederick C. Pierce, [Fiske and Fisk Family](#) (1896), pp. 71-72.

John Smith (226) and Mary Beech (227)

John Smith was born 10 Dec 1641, in Watertown, Mass., the son of [Thomas Smith and Mary Knopp](#).⁶⁵³ He married **Mary Beech** (not Beers), 19 Apr 1665, in Watertown.⁶⁵⁴ She was born 11 Dec 1641, in Watertown, the daughter of [Richard Beech and Mary -----](#).⁶⁵⁵

Children:⁶⁵⁶

1. Mary Smith, b. 15 Jun 1667; m. Thomas Coolidge
2. John Smith, b. 8 Aug 1668; m. Mary ----
3. Abigail Smith, b. 29 Jun 1670
4. [Hannah Smith](#), b. 27 Dec 1672; m. William Fiske
5. Sarah Smith, b. 7 Jun 1675
6. Samuel Smith, b. 10 Mar 1669/70

⁶⁵³ Watertown VR: "John [Smith] the son of Thomas & Mary borne 10 (10) 1641." Also Bond, Watertown.

⁶⁵⁴ Watertown VR: "1665. John Smith & Mary Beech weare Maryed 19 of aprill."

⁶⁵⁵ Watertown VR, " Mary the daughter of Richard & Mary Beech borne (11) 10 [1641]." Note that she was born one day after her husband.

⁶⁵⁶ Bond, [Watertown](#). Unfortunately John Smith apparently did not leave a will, and therefore I am relying entirely on Bond for the information on his children.

John Bemis (228) and Mary Harrington (229)

Because Alice Clark has two different descents from this couple, John Bemis and Mary Harrington are also ahnentafel numbers 244-245.

John Bemis was born in Aug 1659 in Watertown, Mass, the son of [Joseph Bemis and Sarah -----](#). He married **Mary Harrington**, in about 1680. She was born 12 Jan 1663/4 in Watertown, the daughter of [Robert Harrington and Susanna George](#).

Mary died 8 Sep 1716, in Watertown. She is buried in the Grove Hill Cemetery in what is now Waltham.⁶⁵⁷

John married, second, **Sarah (Holland) Phillips**, 1 Jan 1716/7. She was the widow of Jonathan Phillips, and the daughter of Nathaniel Holland. He married, third, **Judith (Jennison) Barnard**, daughter of Samuel Jennison and Judith Newcomb, and widow of James Barnard.⁶⁵⁸

John died 24 Aug 1732, and is buried in the Grove Hill Cemetery, in Waltham, Mass.⁶⁵⁹

Child, by his first wife Mary:

1. Beriah Bemis, b. 23 Jun 1681; d. 4 Nov 1768; bur. Grove Hill Cem.;⁶⁶⁰m. (1st) Daniel Child; m. (2nd) Joseph Peirce; m. (3rd) John Whitney
2. Susanna Bemis, b. 24 Dec 1682; d. 15 Nov 1703; bur. Grove Hill Cem.;⁶⁶¹ m. John Hastings
3. [Joseph Bemis](#), b. 17 Nov 1684; d. 9 Jun 1741; m. Elizabeth Peirce
4. [John Bemis](#), b. 6 Oct 1686; d. 11 Jan 1754; m. (1st) Hannah Warren; m. (2nd) Anna Livermore
5. Mary Bemis, b. 24 Sep 1688; m. Isaac Stearns
6. Samuel Bemis, b. 1690; d. Aug 1776, Spencer, Mass. (where he was one of the first settlers); bur. Old Spencer Cem.;⁶⁶² m. (1st) Sarah Barnard; m. (2nd) Elizabeth Stone
7. Lydia Bemis, b. 1692; m. Jonathan Fiske

⁶⁵⁷ [findagrave.com: Mary Bemis](#)

⁶⁵⁸ Thomas Draper, [The Bemis History and Genealogy](#) (1900), p. 55.

⁶⁵⁹ [Findagrave.com: John Bemis](#).

⁶⁶⁰ [findagrave.com: Beriah Whitney](#)

⁶⁶¹ [findagrave.com: Susannah Hastings](#)

⁶⁶² [findagrave.com: Samuel Bemis](#)

8. Hannah Bemis, b. 9 Oct 1694; d. Oct 1700
9. Isaac Bemis, b. 7 Aug 1696; d. 22 Dec 1739, Boston; bur. Kings Chapel Burying Ground⁶⁶³
10. Jonathan Bemis, b. 30 Apr 1699; d. young
11. Jonathan Bemis, b. 17 Nov 1701; d. 25 Mar 1768; bur. Grove Hill Cem.; ⁶⁶⁴ m. (1st) Anna Livermore; m. (2nd) Huldah Livermore
12. Abraham Bemis, b. 26 Nov 1703
13. Susanna Bemis, b. 3 Dec 1705 (twin); d. 28 Nov 1785; bur. Grove Hill Cem.;⁶⁶⁵ m. John Viles
14. Hannah Bemis, b. 3 Dec 1705 (twin); d. 2 Jul 1731; m. (1st) John Flagg; m. (2nd) Capt. John Brown

⁶⁶³ [findagrave.com: Isaac Bemis](#)

⁶⁶⁴ [findagrave.com: Jonathan Bemis](#)

⁶⁶⁵ [findagrave.com: Susannah Viles](#)

Samuel Livermore (230) and Anna Bridge (231)

Samuel Livermore was baptized 15 Aug 1641 in New Haven, Conn., the son of [John Livermore and Grace Sherman](#).⁶⁶⁶ He moved to Watertown, Mass., with his parents in 1650.

Samuel married **Anna Bridge**, 4 Jun 1668, in Watertown. She was sometimes called Hannah in various records.⁶⁶⁷ She was born in about 1646, probably in Cambridge, Mass., and was the daughter of [Matthew Bridge and Anna Danforth](#).

Samuel died 14 Jan 1690/91 in Watertown, and is buried in the Old Burying Ground in Watertown.⁶⁶⁸ His widow married, second, **Oliver Wellington**. She died 28 Aug 1727 in Watertown. She is buried in the Old Burying Place, in Watertown.⁶⁶⁹

Children:⁶⁷⁰

1. Anna Livermore
2. Grace Livermore, b. 28 Sep 1671; d. 4 Nov 1703; bur. Grove Hill Cem., Waltham;⁶⁷¹ m. Samuel Harrington
3. Lt. Samuel Livermore, b. 27 Apr 1673; d. 23 May 1719; bur. Old Burying Place, Watertown;⁶⁷² m. Hannah ----- (who died at age 19); m. (2nd) Elizabeth -----; m. (3rd) Sarah (Nevinson) Stearns
4. Daniel Livermore, b. 3 Feb 1675; d. 16 Nov 1720; bur. Old Burying Place, Watertown;⁶⁷³ m. Mary Coolidge; m. (2nd) Mary -----
5. Thomas Livermore, b. 5 Jan 1676; d. 8 May 1761; m. Mary Bright
6. Jonathan Livermore, b. 19 Apr 1678; d. 8 Nov 1705; bur. Old Burying Place, Watertown;⁶⁷⁴ m. Rebecca Barns; he was a tanner
7. Matthew Livermore, b. 12 Jan 1680

⁶⁶⁶ Robert Charles Anderson, [The Great Migration](#), Vol. IV, p. 300 (sketch on his father John Livermore.)

⁶⁶⁷ However I believe Anna is the correct name: not only is she called Anna on her gravestone, but also the probate records of her father all call her "Anna."

⁶⁶⁸ [findagrave.com: Samuel Livermore](#)

⁶⁶⁹ [findagrave.com: Anna Wellington](#)

⁶⁷⁰ Most of the information on children is from Bond, [Watertown](#).

⁶⁷¹ [findagrave.com: Grace Harrington](#).

⁶⁷² [findagrave.com: Samuel Livermore Jr.](#)

⁶⁷³ [findagrave.com: Daniel Livermore](#)

⁶⁷⁴ [findagrave.com: Jonathan Livermore](#).

8. John Livermore, b. 24 Feb 1681; d. 18 Apr 1717, Watertown; bur. Old Burying Place, Watertown;⁶⁷⁵ apparently unm.
9. Abigail Livermore, b. 9 Oct 1683; d. 31 Oct 1743
10. Nathaniel Livermore, b. 29 Dec 1685; d. 26 Feb 1712, Waltham, killed "by the fall of a tree"; bur. Grove Hill Cem., Waltham;⁶⁷⁶ m. Sarah Harrington
11. Lydia Livermore, b. 26 Jul 1687; d. 5 Jun 1760; bur. Old Spencer Cem.;⁶⁷⁷m. Joshua Eaton
12. [Anna Livermore](#), bapt. 23 Nov 1690; m. (1st) John Bemis; m. (2nd) Jonas Smith

⁶⁷⁵ [findagrave.com: John Livermore.](#)

⁶⁷⁶ [findagrave.com: Nathaniel Livermore.](#)

⁶⁷⁷ [findagrave.com: Lydia Eaton.](#)

① William Sanderson (234) and Sarah ----- (235)

For more details on this family see: [The Family Connection: William Sanderson](#)

William Sanderson was born perhaps about 1635.⁶⁷⁸ He took the oath of fidelity in 1652. He married **Sarah** -----, 18 Dec 1666, in Watertown, Mass.⁶⁷⁹ He moved from Watertown to Groton, Mass. His name was sometimes spelled “Sanders” in town records.

He was killed in the Abenaki attack on Groton, 27 Jul 1694. Although not recorded in the town records, his probate record gives his death date and states that he “dyled by cruell heathen hands.” He died intestate. His estate was valued at £54.⁶⁸⁰

Children:⁶⁸¹

1. John Sanderson, b. 13 Oct 1667
2. [Sarah Sanderson](#), b. 17 Mar 1668/9; m. Andrew White
3. William Sanderson, b. 6 Sep 1670; m. (1st) Abigail Traine; m. (2nd) Anna Shattuck
4. Mary Sanderson, b. 30 Nov 1671
5. Hannah Sanderson, b. 3 May 1674, Groton
6. Lydia Sanderson, b. 21 Apr 1679
7. Joseph Sanderson, b. 28 Aug 1680; d. 1736; m. Sarah Page

⁶⁷⁸ His parents are unknown. Some think he may have been related to, and perhaps a nephew of, Robert and Edward Sanderson of Watertown.

⁶⁷⁹ Watertown VR: “Willyam (sic) Sandors & Sary ____ were marryed 18 – 10 mo 1666.” (December was the 10th month).

⁶⁸⁰ Middlesex Probate #19828, online at AmericanAncestors.org, for NEHGS members.

⁶⁸¹ Bond, Watertown.

John Dix (236) and Elizabeth Barnard (237)

John Dix was born 4 Sep 1640 in Boston, Mass., the son of [Edward Dix and Jane -----](#).⁶⁸² His father died when he was 20, and he chose John Wincoll for his guardian.

John married **Elizabeth Barnard**, 7 Jan 1670/1, in Watertown.⁶⁸³ She was born in about 1648, in Watertown, the daughter of [John Barnard and Phoebe Whiting](#).

In 1677, John Dix lent money to John Whitaker. As it was a risky loan, Dix demanded collateral, including several cows, pigs, corn, and wood. When two of the pigs were seized by John Hammond, in regards to another matter, Dix complained to the court. He accused Hammond of stealing a ram from him. Hammond sued both Dix and Whitaker for slander and defamation.⁶⁸⁴

John died 7 Nov 1714 in Watertown.⁶⁸⁵

John made a will dated 20 Sep 1714. He names his wife Elizabeth, son John, children of daughter Elizabeth Stearns, daughters Abigail Grout, and Deborah Phillips, and sons Edward and Joseph.⁶⁸⁶

The probate records contain a petition by Samuel Philips of Weston, his wife Deborah, and Abigail Grout, complaining to the judge that their father left “a fair and valuable estate in land” to their mother, but she, “by reason of her great age which hath impaired her understanding and through want of capacity to manage such affairs hath...much wasted the sd estate...” The estate “hath so imprudently managed as that the income of it hath been very small and our mother hath put herself out to boarding...” The rest is difficult to read, but it seems that their mother was too old to manage the family estate which was given to her and the children wanted the right to take control. On 29 Jul 1728 Elizabeth, the widow, and all the heirs were ordered to appear in court to resolve this matter.

Children:⁶⁸⁷

1. Elizabeth Dix, b. 4 Dec 1671; d. 16 Jun 1712; m. Nathaniel Stearns
2. [John Dix](#), b. 6 Mar 1672/3; d. 1726; m. Martha Lawrence

⁶⁸² Ancestry.com, Mass. Town and Vital Records (with images): “John, the son of Edward and Jane Dikes born the 4th of the 7th month 1640.”

⁶⁸³ Watertown VR, which says 7 Jan 1670.

⁶⁸⁴ For details, see Roger Thompson, *Divided We Stand: Watertown, Mass., 1630-1680* (2001), pp. 180-81.

⁶⁸⁵ Watertown Vital Records.

⁶⁸⁶ Middlesex Probate #6301.

⁶⁸⁷ Most of the information on children is from Bond, Watertown.

3. Mary Dix, b. 27 Feb 1674/5; d. 10 Jun 1676
4. Abigail Dix, b. 15 Mar 1676/7; d. 29 Nov 1753;⁶⁸⁸ m. Jonathan Grout, of Sudbury
5. Rebecca Dix, b. 1 Mar 1678/9; d. 31 Mar 1679 (age 30 days)
6. Deborah Dix, b. 20 Jul 1680; d. 10 Nov 1771, Weston; m. Samuel Phillips
7. Edward Dix, b. 25 Sep 1682
8. Joseph Dix, b. 8 Sep 1686
9. Jane Dix, bapt. 13 Oct 1689; probably d. young (not mentioned in father's will)

⁶⁸⁸ Sudbury VR.

① George Lawrence (238) and Elizabeth Crispe (239)

George Lawrence was born in about 1637, presumably in England. There is no known relationship between him and John Lawrence who lived in Watertown, Mass., at about the same time. His date of arrival is not known, and he is not found in the records of Watertown, Mass., until his marriage. He married **Elizabeth Crispe**, 29 Sep 1657, in Watertown. She was born 8 Jan 1636/7, in Watertown, the daughter of [Benjamin Crisp and Elizabeth -----](#).⁶⁸⁹

Elizabeth died 28 May 1681, in Watertown.⁶⁹⁰ George married, second, 16 Aug 1691, **Elizabeth (-----) Holland**, perhaps the widow of Joseph Holland.

On 3 Nov 1691, George was excused by the court from serving as constable, "in that he could not read a word."⁶⁹¹

He died 21 Mar 1708/9, "an aged man," in Watertown,⁶⁹² and left a will. His estate was valued at £171. He gave to his wife Elizabeth, "my present Dwelling House, my new barn and lands therto adjoining in estimation 30 acres...and ten acres of woodland." "Two youngest children Joseph & Rachel" son George Lawrence, sons Benjamin and Daniel, daughters Elizabeth Whitney "living at Stow", Hannah Sattle "living at Groton", Grace Eades "living at Charlestown," Judith Stearns "living in Cambridge Farms," Mercy Baker "living at Yarmouth," Martha Dix, Sarah Rider, Mary Flegg, and granddaughter Mary Earle. His funeral charges included expenses for 16 gallons of wine, "suger and spice," five "hattbands," and 43 pairs of gloves.⁶⁹³

Children, by his first wife, Elizabeth Crispe:

1. Elizabeth Lawrence, b. 30 Jan 1658/9; d. 8 Feb 1741, Bolton, Mass.,⁶⁹⁴ m. Thomas Whitney
2. Judith Lawrence, b. 12 Mar 1660; m. John Stearns
3. Hannah Lawrence, b. 24 Mar 1661/2; m. Obidiah Sawtell; res. Groton, Mass.
4. John Lawrence, b. 25 Mar 1664;⁶⁹⁵ d. 15 Jun 1674; "accidently killed" "by being run over by a load of bricks"

⁶⁸⁹ For Elizabeth's birth and marriage, besides Watertown Vital Records, see Robert Charles Anderson, The Great Migration Begins, sketch on her father Benjamin Crisp.

⁶⁹⁰ Watertown VR.

⁶⁹¹ Emily Leavitt, "Descendants of George Lawrence," *New England Historical and Genealogical Register*, Vol. 46 (1892), pp. 149-150.

⁶⁹² Watertown Vital Records.

⁶⁹³ Middlesex Probate #13685. For a transcription, see: <http://www.geneamusings.com/2012/10/amanuensis-monday-will-of-george.html?m=1>

⁶⁹⁴ Whitneygen.org and Bolton VR.

⁶⁹⁵ Watertown VR.

5. Benjamin Lawrence, b. 2 May 1666 (twin);⁶⁹⁶ d. 1733?; m. (1st) Mary Clough; m. (2nd) Ann (-----) Phillips; m. (3rd) Ann (-----) Adams; m. (4th) Elizabeth Bennett; he was a waterman, of Charlestown, Mass.
6. Daniel Lawrence, b. 2 May 1666 (twin); d. 20 Oct 1743, Charlestown, Mass.,; bur Phipps St. Burying Ground;⁶⁹⁷ m. (1st) Sarah Adams; m. (2nd) Hannah Mason; m. (3rd) Maud Russell
7. George Lawrence, b. 4 Jun 1668; d. 5 Mar 1736; m. Mary Hemenway ⁶⁹⁸
8. Mary Lawrence, b. 11 Dec 1671; m. (1st) John Earl; m. (2nd) Michael Flagg
9. Sarah Lawrence, b. 4 Dec 1674 (?);⁶⁹⁹ d. 14 Aug 1714, Roxbury, Mass.; bur. Eliot Burying Ground;⁷⁰⁰ m. Thomas Rider
10. Mercy Lawrence, m. William Baker
11. [Martha Lawrence](#), m. John Dix
12. Grace Lawrence, b. 2 Jun 1680; d. 1758, Charlestown;⁷⁰¹ m. John Edes⁷⁰²

Children, by his second wife, Elizabeth Holland:

13. Rachel Lawrence, b. 14 Jul 1694 (twin)
14. Patience Lawrence, b. 14 Jul 1694 (twin); not mentioned in father's will
15. Joseph Lawrence⁷⁰³

⁶⁹⁶ Watertown VR: "Beniamin & Danill Laurence Sons of George & Elizabeth Lauerance Borne 2 d 3d o 1666" – in that time, the year began in March and so May was the third month.

⁶⁹⁷ Findagrave.com: Daniel Lawrence

⁶⁹⁸ Michael Leclerc, "Mary³ Hemenway, Wife of George² Lawrence of Watertown, Mass.," *New England Historical and Genealogical Register*, Vol. 162 (2008), p. 15.

⁶⁹⁹ Not listed in Watertown VR.

⁷⁰⁰ Findagrave.com; Sarah Rider.

⁷⁰¹ Middlesex Probate #6836.

⁷⁰² John Edes was convicted in 1697 of fornication "with his now wife" Grace Lawrence: Roger Thompson, *Sex in Middlesex* (1989), p. 100.

⁷⁰³ Since his birthdate is not known, it's possible he was a son by George's first wife. However since George's will calls Rachel and Joseph his two youngest children, it seems more likely he was a child from his second marriage.

Samuel Stratton (240) and Elizabeth Fletcher (241)

Samuel Stratton was born 5 Mar 1660, in Concord, Mass., the son of [Samuel Stratton and Mary Frye](#).⁷⁰⁴ He inherited his father's homestead in Concord. In town records he is called a weaver. He married **Elizabeth Fletcher**, 28 Nov 1683, in Concord.⁷⁰⁵ She was born 24 Aug 1663, in Concord,⁷⁰⁶ the daughter of [Francis Fletcher and Elizabeth Wheeler](#).

Samuel died 30 Nov 1717, in Concord, in his 58th year.⁷⁰⁷ He is buried in the South Burying Ground in Concord.⁷⁰⁸ He left a will, which is transcribed in [A Book of Strattons](#). In it he mentions his wife Elizabeth, sons Hezekiah, Benjamin, Samuel, John and Joseph; and daughters Mary Stratton, Anna Stratton, and Elizabeth Minott.⁷⁰⁹

His widow died 18 Apr 1762, in Concord, "in the hundredth year of her age."⁷¹⁰ She is also buried in the South Burying Ground.⁷¹¹ After her death, the heirs petitioned the court "for the real estate itself to be proportionately divided by the commissioners." (Rather than selling the land and dividing the money). On 22 Oct 1762 those receiving land were: Samuel Stratton, eldest son; the heirs of Hezekiah Stratton, second son; Joseph Stratton; Benjamin Stratton, youngest son (for whom Jonathan Hewwood signed as guardian); Jonathan Minott (in right of Elizabeth, eldest daughter); James Dawson (in right of Mary, second daughter); and Mrs. Anna Billing, widow.⁷¹²

Children, born in Concord:

1. [Samuel Stratton](#), b. 1684; living in 1762; m. Sarah Allen
2. Hezekiah Stratton, b. 1688; d. Dec 1756; m. Elizabeth Hawkes; settled in Northfield
3. John Stratton, b. 17 Jul 1690; d. 1722/3; m. Elizabeth Carter; apparently no children
4. Elizabeth Stratton, b. 16 Feb 1692; living 1762; m. Jonathan Minot
5. Joseph Stratton, b. 31 Jan 1695/6; d. between 1773 and 1802; m. Rachel Woolley
6. Mary Stratton, b. 5 Mar 1698; living 1762; m. James Dawson, 16 Oct 1718

⁷⁰⁴ Concord VR.

⁷⁰⁵ Concord VR: 9th month was November.

⁷⁰⁶ Concord VR, which of course does not give her mother's maiden name.

⁷⁰⁷ Concord VR; gravestone.

⁷⁰⁸ [findagrave: Samuel Stratton](#)

⁷⁰⁹ Harriet R. Stratton, [A Book of Strattons](#), vol. 1 (1908), pp. 166-67. See also Middlesex Probate #21875.

⁷¹⁰ Concord VR.

⁷¹¹ [findagrave: Elizabeth Stratton](#)

⁷¹² Robert Rogers, "Anna Stratton, wife of Joseph Billing(s) of Concord, Mass.", *New England Historical and Genealogical Register* (NEHGR), vol. 160 (2006), p.p. 15-16. See also Middlesex Probate #21875.

7. Benjamin Stratton, b. 1 Dec 1701; d. 29 Nov 1779; unm.; “non compos” for many years; William Wheeler was his guardian
8. Anna Stratton, b. 26 Nov 1704; living in 1762; m. Joseph Billings⁷¹³

⁷¹³ Robert Rogers, “Anna Stratton, wife of Joseph Billing(s) of Concord, Mass.,” *New England Historical and Genealogical Register* (NEHGR), vol. 160 (2006), p.p. 15-16.

Samuel Allen (242) and Jane Ross (243)

Samuel Allen was born 8 Apr 1658, in Newbury, Mass., the son of [John Allen and Sarah -----](#).⁷¹⁴ He married **Jane Ross**, 4 Jan 1683[/4?], in Sudbury.⁷¹⁵ She was born 26 Aug 1664, the daughter of [James Ross and Mary Goodenow](#).

There is a record of a Jane Ross, who died 28 Dec 1702, in Sudbury, which is often assumed to be hers, even though the original record clearly states this Jane was the daughter of Samuel, not the wife.

He married, second, **Abigail ----**, who died 26 Mar 1714, in Wayland, Mass.⁷¹⁶ Samuel died 28 Aug 1720, in Sudbury.⁷¹⁷ He died intestate, but probate records list his seven surviving children. Joseph Doan (or Dean) was appointed guardian to the three youngest.⁷¹⁸

Children, by his first wife Jane:

1. John Allen, b. 5 Jul 1686; m. Sarah ----; moved to Sutton, Mass.
2. Samuel Allen, b. 13 Mar 1687/8, Sudbury; d. 19 May 1689
3. [Sarah Allen](#), b. 30 May 1690; d. 10 Apr 1790; m. Samuel Stratton
4. Ephraim Allen, b. about 1691; d. 15 Feb 1776, Northboro, Mass.; m. Susanna Beacon
5. Silence Allen, m. John Shattuck, 24 Dec 1716; res. Westboro.

Children, by his second wife Abigail:

6. Moses Allen, b. 9 Sep 1705; d. 1721, Boston, of smallpox
7. Aaron Allen, b. 31 Dec 1707
8. Abigail Allen, b. 14 Mar 1710; living 1732 in Dedham

⁷¹⁴ Newbury VR. The record does not give his mother's name.

⁷¹⁵ Sudbury VR (marriages, p. 163). She is called "Jane Rosse."

⁷¹⁶ Wayland VR.

⁷¹⁷ Sudbury VR (deaths, p. 295).

⁷¹⁸ Middlesex Probate #350 for estate, and #351 for guardianship.

Joseph Peirce (246) and Martha (Brayton?) (247)

Joseph Peirce⁷¹⁹ was the son of [Anthony Peirce and Ann ----](#). His birth is not recorded, but he was probably born around 1643-1647. His first wife, **Martha**, may have been **Martha Brayton**, daughter of Francis Brayton.⁷²⁰

He married, second, **Elizabeth (Kendall) Winship**, of Cambridge, on 15 Jun 1698, in Watertown.

On 22 Dec 1713, Elizabeth Peirce, widow, of Watertown, and Jacob Peirce, were admitted to administer the estate of Joseph Peirce of Watertown, who died intestate.⁷²¹ He was probably the Joseph Pierce who died 25 Nov 1713 and is buried in the Grove Hill Cemetery, Waltham.⁷²²

Children, by his first wife:

1. Joseph Peirce, b. 2 Oct 1669; d. 13 Mar 1753, Weston; m. (1st) Ruth Holland; m. (2nd) Hannah Munroe; m. (3rd) Beriah (-----) Child
2. Francis Peirce, b. 27 Jul 1671; d. 22 Apr 1728; m. Hannah Johnson
3. John Peirce, b. 27 May 1674, d. 1744; m. Elizabeth Smith
4. Mary Peirce, b. 26 Nov 1674
5. Benjamin Peirce, b. 25 Mar 1677; m. (1st) Elizabeth Hall; m. (2nd) Hannah Ash
6. Jacob Peirce, b. 25 Dec 1678; d. 8 Dec 1740; m. Hannah Lewis
7. Martha Peirce, b. 24 Dec 1678; m. William Whitney
8. Stephen Peirce, b. Oct 1683; m. Abigail Bemis
9. Israel Peirce, b. 7 Oct 1685; m. Sarah Holland; no children mentioned in his will
10. [Elizabeth Peirce](#), b. 9 Sep 1687; d. 10 Feb 1753; m. Joseph Bemis

⁷¹⁹ Later generations tended to spell the name as "Pierce," but earlier records use "Peirce."

⁷²⁰ Frederick Mead, "A Brayton-Peirce Relationship", *The American Genealogist* (TAG) Vol. 27 (1950) pp. 97-98.

⁷²¹ Middlesex Probate #17514. The probate records do not give a list of heirs. See also Frederick C. Pierce, [Peirce Genealogy](#) (1880), p. 27.

⁷²² findagrave.com: Joseph Pierce

① John Fuller (248) and Elizabeth (Cole?) (249)

John Fuller was born in England in about 1611. He settled in Cambridge Village, later called Newton, Mass., by 1650. His wife was **Elizabeth (Cole?)**.⁷²³ He purchased 750 acres of land on the south side of the Charles River. He later added an additional amount bringing the total to at least 1000 acres. This tract of land was long known as the "Fuller Farm."⁷²⁴

He was a maltster. John died 7 Feb 1697/8, in Newton, at age 87.⁷²⁵ He is buried in the East Parish Burying Ground in Newton, but his gravestone is missing. He made a will in which he divided his land among his five surviving sons with the stipulation that they should not sell it to any stranger without first offering it to a relative. Elizabeth died 13 Apr 1700, in Newton.⁷²⁶

Children:

1. Elizabeth Fuller, d. 28 Nov 1685; m. Job Hyde
2. John Fuller, b. 1645; d. 21 Jan 1720, Newton; bur. East Parish Burying Ground;⁷²⁷ m. (1st) Rebecca Boylston; m. (2nd) Margaret -----
3. Jonathan Fuller, b. 1648; d. 12 Aug 1722, Newton; bur. East Parish Burying Ground;⁷²⁸ m. Mindwell Trowbridge
4. Capt. Joseph Fuller, b. 10 Feb 1652; d. 5 Jan 1740; bur. East Parish Burying Ground;⁷²⁹ m. Lydia Jackson
5. Joshua Fuller, b. 2 Apr 1654; d. 27 Jun 1752; bur. East Parish Burying Ground;⁷³⁰ m. (1st) Elizabeth Ward; m. (2nd) Elizabeth Buckminster
6. [Jeremiah Fuller](#), b. 4 Mar 1658; d. 23 Dec 1743; m. (1st) Mary (Bass?); m. (2nd) Elizabeth Blake; m. (3rd) Thankful Bird; m. (4th) Rachel -----
7. Bethiah Fuller, b. 23 Nov 1661; living 1696; m. Nathaniel Bond

⁷²³ The identification of Elizabeth as Elizabeth Cole rests on the following evidence. William Cole of Lavenham, Suffolk, England, made a will in 1652, proved in 1653, in which he mentioned his "daughter Elizabeth the now wife of John Fuller in New England." According to the article in the New England Historical and Genealogical Register, John Fuller of Newton, Mass., *may be* the person referred to in this will. It is probably true but not a fact.

⁷²⁴ American Fuller Genealogy.

⁷²⁵ Newton vital records, based on gravestone.

⁷²⁶ American Fuller Genealogy. See also <http://www.johnfullerofnewton.com>.

⁷²⁷ findagrave.com: [John Fuller Jr.](#)

⁷²⁸ findagrave.com: [Jonathan Fuller](#)

⁷²⁹ findagrave.com: [Joseph Fuller](#)

⁷³⁰ findagrave.com: [Joshua Fuller](#)

8. Isaac Fuller, b. 2 Dec 1665; d. 6 Oct. 1691; bur. East Parish Burying Ground⁷³¹

⁷³¹ [findagrave.com: Isaac Fuller](https://www.findagrave.com/entry/111111111)

Ninth Generation

This section provides abbreviated information. Refer to the sources listed here for further details. ① indicates the first male for a given family surname to immigrate to New England. I will only include those who lived in New England for at least part of their lives.

①Robert Williams (304) and Elizabeth ----- (305)

Robert WILLIAMS was baptized 11 Dec 1608, at the parish of St. Nicholas, Great Yarmouth, Norfolk, England, the son of Stephen Williams and Margaret Cooke. In 1623, began an apprenticeship to a cordwainer (shoemaker), in Norwich, England. He married, about 1628, **Elizabeth -----**. She has been called Elizabeth Stalham, but, according to Martha Hoffman Rising, “proof for this identification, however, has not been found.”

In 1637 he and his family immigrated to New England, either on the ship *Rose* or on the *Dorothy & John*. The family consisted of himself, his wife, four children, and two servants. He settled in Roxbury, Mass. In 1644 he was a member of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company. His wife Elizabeth died 28 Jul 1674 in Roxbury. He married, second, **Margaret (-----) Fearing**, widow of John Fearing of Hingham, Mass. Robert died 1 Sep 1693 in Roxbury. He made a will dated 26 Nov 1685.

Robert and Elizabeth Williams were the parents of [Isaac Williams](#).

Sources: Donald Lines Jacobus, [The Granberry and Allied Families](#), pp. 347-48; Marsha Hoffman Rising, “Was Elizabeth, Wife of Richard Cutter of Cambridge, Mass., daughter of Robert Williams of Roxbury,” *The American Genealogist* (TAG), vol. 74 (1999), pp. 294-96.

William Parke (306) and Martha Holgrave (307)

Dea. William PARKE was baptized 21 Sep 1607, in Semer, Suffolk, England, the son of [Robert Parke and Martha Chaplin](#). He immigrated to New England in Feb 1630/1 on the ship *Lyon*, settling in Roxbury, Mass.

He married **Martha HOLGRAVE**, by 1637. She was born “say 1617,” the daughter of [John Holgrave](#).

He served as Deputy to the General Court for various years starting in 1644 until 1680. He died 11 May 1685, in Roxbury and is buried in the Eliot burying ground [[gravestone](#)]. He made a will dated 20 Jul 1684 and proved 30 Jul 1685, in which he mentions, among many others, “my son Isaac Williams’s children.” His widow died 25 Aug 1708, “in her 94th year.”

William and Martha were the parents of [Martha Parke](#), wife of Isaac Williams.

Source: Robert Charles Anderson, [The Great Migration Begins](#) (featured name).

① William French (310) and Elizabeth ----- (311)

William FRENCH was born in about 1603 or 1604, in England. He immigrated to New England in 1635 on the ship *Defense*, first settling in Cambridge, Mass., and moving to Billerica by 1652. His first wife, **Elizabeth -----**, died 31 Mar 1668 in Billerica. He married, second, **Mary (Lothrop) Stearns**, widow of John Stearns.

William was a tailor. He sent, to a friend in England, "the relation of one Indian of two years profession, that I took from his own mouth by an Interpreter, because he cannot speak or understand one word of English." This was, in 1652, included in a pamphlet called *Strength of Weakness; or a Glorious Manifestation of the Further Progress of the Gospel among the Indians of New -England...*, published in London.⁷³²

He died in Billerica, 20 Nov 1681, "in his 78th year." His widow Mary married, third, Isaac Mixer on 29 Jun 1687, in Billerica. Among the children of William and his first wife Elizabeth was **Mary French**, wife of Jonathan Hyde.

Source: Robert Charles Anderson, The Great Migration (featured name).

Comments: Claims that his first wife was Elizabeth Symmes, or that he was from Halstead, England, are false.

① William Chandler (324) and Annis Bayford (325)

William CHANDLER was baptized 12 Oct 1595, at Bishops-Stortford, Hertfordshire, England, the son of Henry Chandler and Anne -----. He married first, at Bishops-Stortford, **Alice Thorogood**, on 29 Jan 1621/2. He had two children by this marriage. Alice was buried 15 Jun 1625. He married, second, 6 Nov 1625, at Farnham, **Annis BAYFORD**. She was baptized at Farnham 12 Jun 1603, the daughter of Francis Bayford and Johan -----.

"William Chandler learned the trade of point making, the making of lace tags for fastening clothing which were in vogue before buttons came into use." William, Annis, and four children immigrated to New England in 1637, settling in Roxbury, Mass. It is possible that they immigrated in order to follow Rev. John Eliot, who had come from the same area to Roxbury a few years earlier.

William died in Roxbury 26 Jan 1641/2. The church record that he, "a Christian & Godly broth^r dyed of a Consumption." Rev. Eliot wrote of him, "William Chandler he came to N.E. about the year 1637...he lived a very religious & Godly life among us, & fell into a consumption, to w^h he had bene long inclined; he lay neare a yeare sick, in all w^h time, his faith, patiens, & Godlynesse & contention so shined...he was pore, but God so opened the hearts of his nabs to him y^t he never wanted..."

His widow Annis married, second, **John Dane**, on 2 Jul 1643. He died in 1658 and she married, third, on 9 Aug 1660, at Roxbury, **Dea. John Parmenter**. She survived her third

⁷³² A reprint of this pamphlet was published in 1865 and is available online via Google Books. French's letter is essentially an account of interviewing the Indian through an Interpreter. This shows that William French had some education, as many men of this time could not even write their own name.

husband, who died 1 May 1671. Annis died 15 Mar 1682/3, being called "Old Mother Parmiter, a blessed saint."

William Chandler and Annis Bayford were the parents of [Lt. Thomas Chandler](#).

Source: G. Andrews Moriarity, "Ancestry of William Chandler of Roxbury, Mass.," *The New England Historical and Genealogical Register*, vol. 85 (1931), pp. 141-44.

① Timothy Cooper (354) and Elizabeth ----- (355)

Timothy COOPER immigrated to New England in 1638, settling in Lynn, Mass.⁷³³ He was probably born about 1615 to 1620, based on the birth of his oldest child in 1641. He married **Elizabeth -----**. He was one of the petitioners for the new town of Groton, Mass., but it seems he never lived there, as he is called Timothy Cooper of Lynn in probate records.

He probably died shortly before 8 Mar 1659, when an inventory was made of his estate. His estate was valued at £177. On 29 Mar 1659 administration of his estate was granted to his widow Elizabeth.

Timothy and Elizabeth Cooper were the parents of [Mary Cooper](#), wife of Joseph Gilson.

Source: Marilyn Fitzpatrick, "Timothy Cooper of Lynn, Mass.," *The Essex Genealogist (TEG)* Vol. 11 (1991), p. 212-13.

Comments: The article cited above says he was probably born at Weston Hall, Warwickshire, England, the brother of John Cooper of that place. This statement is based on the fact that the will of John Cooper mentions his brother Timothy, "now in New England."

① William Shattuck (360) and Susanna ----- (361)

William SHATTUCK was born in about 1622. His parents and origin in England are unknown. It is possible that he was related in some way to the widow Damaris Shattuck, who was in Salem, Mass., in 1641, but this is mere conjecture. He was in Watertown, Mass., by 1642. There is no evidence of his arrival in New England before that time. He married **Susanna -----**, by around 1642, either in England or soon after his arrival in Massachusetts.

William was a weaver. He served as surveyor of highways. He died 14 Aug 1672, at age 50, in Watertown. He left a will dated 3 Aug 1672 and proved 29 Aug 1672, which is transcribed in the Shattuck genealogy (see sources below). The inventory of his estate amounted to £434, which is a good estate for the time.

His widow Susanna married Richard Norcross, on 18 Nov 1673, in Watertown. She died 11 Dec 1686, in Watertown. William and Susanna Shattuck were the parents of [John Shattuck](#).

Source: Lemuel Shattuck, Memorial of the Descendants of William Shattuck (1855).

⁷³³ Robert Charles Anderson, The Great Migration Directory (2015).

Comments: There is a wealth of false genealogical information about William Shattuck to be found on the internet. The claim that his wife was Susanna Hayward seems to be totally without merit or proof.

John Whitney (362) and Ruth Reynolds (363)

John WHITNEY Jr. was baptized 14 Sep 1621 in Isleworth, England, the son of [John Whitney and Elinor ----](#).

John immigrated with his parents to New England in 1635, settling in Watertown, Mass. He married **Ruth REYNOLDS**, in about 1643. She was born in about 1623, the daughter of [Robert Reynolds and Mary -----](#). John was selectman in Watertown in 1673 and for several years following.

He died 12 Oct 1692 in Watertown. The inventory of his estate included about 210 acres of land. His widow Ruth survived him. John Whitney and Ruth Reynolds were the parents of [Ruth Whitney](#), wife of John Shattuck.

Sources: For baptism, Robert Charles Anderson, [The Great Migration](#) (sketch on his father, John Whitney Sr.); Bond, [Watertown](#); [Descendants of John Whitney](#).

Richard Blood (364) and Isabel ----- (365)

Richard BLOOD was born in England, the son of [James Blood and Ellen -----](#).⁷³⁴ He married **Isabel -----**, whom some sources call Isabel Wilkinson (see comments below). He apparently came to Lynn, Mass., with his father and brothers, in about 1640. Richard "was one of the original petitioners to General Court to settle the tract which became Groton, and was its largest proprietor, owning a sixty-acre right. He was a selectman of the town for many years, and served as town clerk in 1669."⁷³⁵

He died 7 Dec 1683, in Groton,⁷³⁶ intestate. His estate was valued at £180. His widow survived him.⁷³⁷

Among the children of Richard and Isabel Blood was [James Blood](#).

Sources: See footnotes.

⁷³⁴ According to [The Story of the Bloods](#) (1960), he was born in about 1617, since he deposed in 1660 that he was about 43 years old. However, this same book claims that his father James was born in about 1605. Obviously, both cannot be true. [Descendants of Thomas Farr](#) (1959) also states that he was the son of James who was born in about 1605, but does not give an estimated birth year for Richard. Perhaps the deposition was inaccurate or there was a transcription error.

⁷³⁵ Edith Sumner Bartlett, [Descendants of Thomas Farr](#), p. 30. See also Caleb Butler, [History of the Town of Groton](#) (1848), p. 265.

⁷³⁶ Groton VR "Richard [Blood], h. Issable, 7: 10: 1683." (Note: the 10th month was December, not October.)

⁷³⁷ Middlesex Probate #2074. [Descendants of Thomas Farr](#), p. 30, errs in saying it was valued at only £18.

Comments: While it is possible that his wife was Isabel Wilkinson, Descendants of Thomas Farr does not make this claim, and that book seems to be the most reliable source. The Story of The Bloods, p. 164, says that she was mentioned in the will of Henry Wilkinson of Nottingham, England, as a “cousin” (possibly niece) but “her own name may or may not have been Wilkinson.”

① William Longley (366) and Joanna (Goffe?) (367)

William LONGLEY immigrated to New England in 1638, settling first in Lynn, Mass.⁷³⁸ He is called “Langley” in some of the records. His wife Joanna may have been **Joanna GOFFE**,⁷³⁹ who was born in about 1619. William settled in Groton, Mass., where he was an original proprietor. He was town clerk 1666 and 1667⁷⁴⁰ He died 29 Nov 1680, in Groton.⁷⁴¹

He made a will in which he mentions wife Joanna Longly, son Jonathan (and his sons William and Nathaniel), son William, daughters Mary Lemmon (and her sons Samuel and Nathaniel); and daughters Hannah Tarbell, Lidea Nutten, and Sarah Rand.

His widow Joanna married, second, **Benjamin Crisp**. She died 18 Apr 1698, at age 79, in Charlestown, and is buried in the Phipps St. Cemetery there.⁷⁴² She left a will, dated 13 Apr 1698, in which she mentions granddaughters Mary and Elizabeth “Shaddock” (Shattuck), apparently the children of Elizabeth (Longley) Blood, who had died. Joanna’s will also mentioned daughters Mary Loman, Sarah Rand and Lidea Nutting; granddaughters Sarah Nutting, Elizabeth Langley, and Anna Laurance; grandsons William Langley and Samuel Loman; three grandchildren in captivity “If they return” (children of her son William Longley Jr. who was killed by Indians with three of his children taken captive.)

Among the children of William and Joanna Longley was **Elizabeth Longley**, wife of James Blood.

Sources: Middlesex Probate #14335 (William Longley) and #5320 (Joanna Crisp); Robert Charles Anderson, The Great Migration Begins (sketch on Benjamin Crispe); other sources cited in footnotes.

Comment: William Longley’s will does not mention daughter Elizabeth (who had predeceased him) or any of her children. Joanna Crisp’s will does mention granddaughters Mary and Elizabeth Shattuck, but does not say these were children of her daughter Elizabeth. Apparently the identification of Elizabeth Longley, wife of James Blood, is based on this.

⁷³⁸ Robert Charles Anderson, The Great Migration Directory.

⁷³⁹ Sarah Watts, daughter of William and Joanna Longley, claimed to be the daughter of the sister of Thomas Goffe (who never immigrated to New England). See Wyman, Charlestown, p. 413.

⁷⁴⁰ Groton During the Indian Wars, p. 75.

⁷⁴¹ Groton VR, p. 244.

⁷⁴² [findagrave.com:Joanna Crispe](http://findagrave.com:JoannaCrispe)

① John Browne (386) and Hester Makepeace (387)

John BROWNE was born in about 1631, probably in Scotland. Robert Charles Anderson argues that he was not the son of John and Dorothy Browne of Sawbridgeworth, Hertfordshire.⁷⁴³

He married, in Boston, Mass., on 24 Apr 1655, **Hester MAKEPEACE**, daughter of [Thomas Makepeace and Alice Brasier](#). Hester was born “say” 1635 in Massachusetts.⁷⁴⁴ Her name was sometimes written as “Esther.”

According to Paige’s [History of Cambridge](#), John lived in Menotomy,⁷⁴⁵ and “sold his estate 27 Oct 1655, and four days afterwards bought in Marlborough; in the deed of purchase, he is styled ‘Scotsman.’”⁷⁴⁶ In 1678 he sold his farm in Marlborough and probably moved soon after to Falmouth. He then moved to Watertown, Mass. His will is dated 20 Nov 1697, in which he is called “late of Falmouth.” His will mentions wife Hester, sons John, Thomas, Daniel and Joseph, daughter Deborah Meacham, and sons in law John Gustin, John Adams, Thomas Darby, and John Hartshorne.⁷⁴⁷ John Browne and Hester Makepeace were the parents of [Mary Browne](#), wife of Thomas Daby.

Sources: See footnotes.

① William Buttrick (388) and Sarah ----- (389)

Sgt. William BUTTRICK was born in about 1616. He immigrated to New England in 1635, settling in Concord, Mass. He married, first, **Mary Hastings**, daughter of Thomas Hastings. He had one child by her. She died in 1653, and he married, second, **Sarah -----** (see comments). Sarah died 17 Jul 1664, in Concord. He married, third, **Jane Goodenow**, probably the widow of [Thomas Goodenow](#).

William attained the rank of Sergeant in the Train Band.

He died 3 Jun 1698, in Concord. He made a will dated 1 Mar 1687 and proved 28 Jun 1698. The inventory of his estate included “a Negro man, a cripple.”

William and Sarah were the parents of [John Buttrick](#).

Source: Robert Charles Anderson, [The Great Migration](#) (featured name).

Comments: His wife Sarah has been called Sarah Bateman, however, Robert Charles Anderson, cited above, states that this is based on the fact that Thomas Bateman of Concord, in his will, referred to William Buttrick as “brother.” However, Thomas also calls two other men

⁷⁴³ See Robert Charles Anderson, [The Great Migration Begins](#), vol. 1, p. 257, which states “Bond had disproved this by citing a deed in which the husband of Esther Makepeace was called ‘a Scotchman,; and by pointing out that the land records quite clearly show that John Brown had only the two daughters [Bond 731]; the grant of two acres directly to these two daughters especially disproves the possibility of a son John.”

⁷⁴⁴ For John and Hester’s marriage, and Hester’s parents and approximate birth date, see the sketch on Thomas Makepeace in Robert Charles Anderson, [The Great Migration](#).

⁷⁴⁵ Now Arlington, Mass.

⁷⁴⁶ Lucius Paige, [History of Cambridge, Mass.](#), p. 502.

⁷⁴⁷ Middlesex Probate #3064.

“brothers,” and this probably refers to church brothers, not a kinship. Also, Thomas’ father does not mention any daughter named Sarah in his will.

Robert Blood (390) and Elizabeth Willard (391)

Robert BLOOD was born, presumably in England, in about 1626, the son of [James Blood and Ellen -----](#), who immigrated to New England in 1640. He married **Elizabeth WILLARD**, 8 Apr 1653, in Concord, Mass. She was born “say 1633,” the daughter of [Simon Willard and Mary Sharp](#).

His wife Elizabeth died 29 Aug 1690, in Concord, and he married, second, widow **Hannah (Jenkins) (Balke) Parker**, daughter of Joel Jenkins of Malden, and widow of Capt. John Balke, and of Joseph Parker.⁷⁴⁸

Robert and his brother John owned “Blood Farms,” about 2000 acres of land, in what is now Carlisle, Mass.

Robert died 22 Oct 1701, in Concord, intestate. His widow Hannah died 13 Dec 1716 in Concord.

Robert Blood and Elizabeth Willard were the parents of [Mary Blood](#), wife of John Buttrick.

Sources: [Story of the Bloods](#) (1960), p. 144; Edith Sumner Bartlett, [Descendants of Thomas Farr](#) (1959), p. 30.

① Francis Nurse (392) and Rebecca Towne (393)

Frances NURSE was born in about 1618-20. He immigrated to New England in 1639.⁷⁴⁹ He settled in Salem, Mass., and is first seen in the court records on 31 Mar 1640: “Francis Nurse a youth for stealing of victualls and for suspicion of breaking a house.”⁷⁵⁰

In about 1645, he married **Rebecca TOWNE**. She was baptized 21 Feb 1621/2, in Yarmouth, Norfolk, England, the daughter of [William Towne and Joanna Blessing](#).

Francis was a tray maker, and probably also made other wooden household articles. He “was frequently in the courts,” for example when he sued Jonathan Porter and wife Eunice for slander in 1654.⁷⁵¹

In 1692, “the black cloud of the witchcraft delusion descended upon Salem Village.”⁷⁵² Rebecca was a 71-year old invalid who had raised a family of eight children. The Nurse family

⁷⁴⁸ The marriage date is recorded both in Chelmsford and in Concord. Chelmsford has 8 Aug 1690, impossible since Robert’s first wife was still alive. Perhaps the Chelmsford record was a clerical error and was recorded after the fact. Concord has a date of 8 Jun 1696.

⁷⁴⁹ Robert Charles Anderson, [The Great Migration Directory](#) (2015).

⁷⁵⁰ Walter Goodwin Davis, [The Ancestry of Sarah Johnson](#) (1960), p. 14, citing Essex Co. Quarterly Court records.

⁷⁵¹ [The Ancestry of Sarah Johnson](#).

⁷⁵² *Ibid.*

had been involved in several land disputes which could have caused ill-feeling among some residents of Salem.

Soon after the first of the women had been accused of witchcraft, Rebecca Nurse discovered that her name had also been mentioned as a suspect. Brought to court, she said, "I am innocent as the child unborn, but surely, what sin hath God found out in me unrepented of that He should lay such an affliction on me in my old age." On 23 Mar 1692, a warrant was issued for her arrest, upon the complaint of Edward and John Putnam. (The Putnam family was among those that had been involved in land disputes with Rebecca and her husband.)

As in other cases, Rebecca's examination by judges was accompanied by "great noises by the afflicted." She repeated her assertion that she was innocent but was committed to the Salem jail. The proceeding was a travesty of justice, conducted in a climate of hearsay, slander and hysteria.

Rebecca was indicted on 2 Jun 1692 and subjected to a physical examination by a jury of women. They found what a majority believed to be a mark of the devil - although two of the women disagreed, saying her mark was due to natural causes. Rebecca asked that others examine her before she was brought to trial, but the request was denied.

Rebecca was tried on 29 Jun 1692. Her accusers included the four young girls who initiated the witchcraft hysteria in Salem, Rev. Parris, and several members of the Putnam family. Rebecca's son, son-in-law and daughters-in-law spoke in her defense, and 38 members of the community signed a declaration defending her character.

The jury first returned a verdict of "not guilty." Some of the other women who had been accused of witchcraft confessed to being witches, in hopes that their death sentences would be dropped. One of these women, Goody Hobbs, had muttered, "she is one of us." In light of this, the judge asked that the verdict be reconsidered. When Rebecca was asked what Goody Hobbs had meant, she didn't answer. Later she explained that she had not heard the question, as she was hard of hearing, and Goody Hobbs had probably meant that they were imprisoned together. The Governor granted a reprieve, but when Rebecca's accusers renewed their outcry, it was withdrawn.

On 3 Jul 1692, Rebecca Nurse was excommunicated, "abandoned to the devil and eternally damned." On 19 Jul 1692 she was driven in a cart with four other women to Gallows Hill where she was hung. Tradition says that at midnight, Francis Nurse, his sons and sons-in-law found Rebecca's body in the common grave where it had been flung and carried it home for proper burial.

One of Rebecca's sisters, Mary (Towne) Estey, was also hung on charges of witchcraft. The last of the executions in Salem took place in September 1692. In all, 19 people were put to death. The trials ended perhaps because too many people of good reputation had been accused.

Francis Nurse survived until 25 Nov 1695. By 1703 the General Court made payments to the heirs of the victims and £25 was paid to the heirs of Rebecca Nurse. In 1706, Ann Putnam, one of the original four hysterical young women, made a written statement of remorse. She said that the devil had deceived her into accusing innocent people and mentioned "Goodwife Nurse" in particular. In 1712 the pastor who had cast Rebecca out of the church formally cancelled the excommunication.

The house where Francis and Rebecca Nurse lived still stands and is maintained by an historical society [see [Rebecca Nurse Homestead](#)]. The story of Rebecca Nurse is well known and she is a major character in Arthur Miller's play, *The Crucible*, as well as the TV series "Three Sovereigns for Sarah."

Francis and Rebecca Nurse were the parents of [Francis Nurse Jr.](#)

Sources: [The Ancestry of Sarah Johnson](#) (1960); [Dommerich Family](#) (1930); Sidney Perley, [History of Salem](#) (1928); C. S. Tapley, Rebecca Nurse, [Saint But Witch Victim](#) (1930); [University of Virginia Salem Witch Trial Site](#); [Wikipedia: Rebecca \(Towne\) Nurse](#)

① John Craggen (394) and Sarah Dawes (395)

John CRAGGEN was "probably the John 'Cragon' transported with other Scottish prisoners from the battle of Dunbar on the ship John and Sarah, which landed in Boston on 8 December 1651." He married **Sarah DAWES** 4 Nov 1661, in Woburn, Mass. Her origin is unknown. She was born in about 1635.

In about 1656, she had at one or possibly two children out of wedlock, by **Daniel Mecrist, alias Mackdonnell**, who was born in Scotland.⁷⁵³ Sarah and Daniel were both servants of tanner John Wyman of Woburn. Daniel, then 36, was convicted of fornication. Sarah was sentenced to be whipped or pay 40 shillings, but Francis Kendall saved her a whipping by paying the fine for her.

John Craggen died 27 Oct 1708 in Woburn. Sarah died 23 Dec 1725, also in Woburn. John and Sarah Dawes were the parents of [Sarah Dawes](#), wife of Francis Nurse Jr.

Sources: Barbara Matthews, "Francis and Sarah (Craggen) Nurse of Reading, Mass.," *The American Genealogist* (TAG), vol. 69, pp. 81-85; for more about Sarah and Daniel: see Diane Rapaport, "Scots for Sale: The Fate of Scottish Prisoners in Seventeenth Century Massachusetts," *New England Ancestors Magazine*, vol. 4, Winter 2003, p. 31.

① Giles Roberts (396) and ----- Sheldon (397)

Giles ROBERTS lived, by 1658, in Black Point, which later became part of Scarborough, Me. He had a grant of 50 acres in 1662. He died in about Jun 1667, in Black Point. He left a will, which is transcribed in *The Genealogical Magazine* (1907). His wife's first name is not known, but she was the daughter of [Godfrey Sheldon and Alice Frost](#).

Giles Roberts and ----- Sheldon were the parents of [Abraham Roberts](#).

Sources: *The Genealogical Magazine* (1907); for Sheldon: *The Essex Genealogist*, vol. 26 (2000), p. 121.

⁷⁵³ He was one of the Scottish prisoners taken at the Battle of Worcester and taken to Massachusetts as an indentured servant.

Comments: I have not seen the following source: Joann Nichols, Descendants of Giles Roberts of Scarborough, Maine (1994).

Robert Burnap (398) and Ann ----- (399)

Robert BURNAP was baptized 28 Nov 1627 in Hodsden Chapel, Herfordshire, England, the son of [Robert Burnap and Agnes Miller](#). He came to New England with his father, after 1640, settling first at Roxbury, Mass., and soon moving to Reading, Mass.

His wife Ann died 25 Jun 1661, in Reading. Robert married, second, on 28 May 1662, **Sarah Brown**.

Robert was selectman in Reading for many years, during the interval from 1670 to 1694. Robert died 18 Oct 1695, in Reading. He left a will.

Robert and Ann Burnap were the parents of [Sarah Burnap](#), wife of Abraham Roberts.

Sources: Burnap-Burnett Genealogy (1925).

①George Bennett (400) and Lydia Kibby (401)

George BENNETT first appears in the records of Lancaster, Mass., in 1658, at the time of his marriage. His origins and date of immigration are not known. He married **Lydia KIBBY**, 13 Jun 1658, in Lancaster. She was born in about 1637, the daughter of [Henry Kibby and Rachel Linton](#).

George was killed by Indians 22 Aug 1675, in a massacre during King Phillip's war. On 3 Jul 1679, his widow married **George Hewes**, in Concord, Mass.

George Bennett and Lydia Kibby were the parents of [Samuel Bennett](#).

Sources: NEHGR 56:241-42; Stevens-Miller (for Henry Kibby), vol. 1.

①Edward Phelps (404) and Elizabeth Adams (405)

Edward PHELPS was in Newberry, Mass., by 1651. He was apparently the brother of Henry and Nicholas Phelps, and the son of Eleanor (-----) (-----) Tresler.

He married **Elizabeth ADAMS**, daughter of [Robert Adams and Eleanor -----](#). She was born in about 1627.

He moved from Newberry, to Andover, Mass. He died in Andover, 3 Oct 1689. His widow stated that "he died lately and so suddenly after his sickness seized him that he had no time to set his house in order." Elizabeth died 4 May 1718, in Andover, in her 91st year.

Edward Phelps and Elizabeth Adams were the parents of [Edward Phelps Jr.](#)

Sources: The Phelps Family of America (1899); TAG 10:16; Andover VR.

① Robert Andrews (406) and Grace ----- (407)

Robert ANDREWS was in Boxford, Mass., by 1656.⁷⁵⁴ According to tradition he was from Boxford, England.⁷⁵⁵ He purchased 200 acres of land in Boxford, Mass., in 1661. He may have been a carpenter or joiner, as carpenter's tools were included in the inventory of his estate.

His wife was **Grace -----**, in about 1637.⁷⁵⁶ He died 29 May 1668, in Topsfield, Mass.⁷⁵⁷ He left a will, dated 16 May 1668 and proved 1 Jul 1668. Daughter Ruth is mentioned but she was unmarried at the time.⁷⁵⁸ His widow Grace survived him, and died 25 Dec (1700 or 1701), in Boxford.⁷⁵⁹ She also left a will, which was proved 4 Jan 1702/Boxford, England. She mentions daughter Ruth "felpsh."⁷⁶⁰

Robert and Grace Andrews were the parents of [Ruth Andrews](#), wife of Edward Phelps Jr.
Sources: see footnotes.

Josiah Whitcomb (408) and Rebecca Waters (409)

Josiah WHITCOMB was born in about 1638 in Dorchester, Mass., the son of [John Whitcomb and Frances Coggan](#). He moved with his father's family to Lancaster, Mass., in 1654. He married **Rebecca WATERS**, 4 Jan 1664/5, in Lancaster. She was born in about 1645 in Dorchester, the daughter of [Lawrence Waters and Ann Linton](#).

Josiah earned a bounty in 1668 for killing a wolf. During Queen Anne's War (1702-1717) he was a commander of a garrison for protection against the Indians. The garrison was in the part of Lancaster that later became Bolton, Mass. In 1705 he was selectman, and in 1710 he represented Lancaster at the General Court. He died 21 Mar 1718/9 in Lancaster, and is buried in the Old Common Burying Ground [[gravestone](#)]. He left a will. His wife survived him, also left a will, and died before 18 Feb 1725/6, when her will was proved.

Josiah Whitcomb and Rebecca Waters were the parents of [David Whitcomb](#).
Source: [The Whitcomb Family in America](#) (ca. 1904); for Rebecca's birth and parents see Robert Charles Anderson, [The Great Migration](#) (sketch on her father Lawrence Waters).

⁷⁵⁴ Sidney Perley, [The History of Boxford, Essex County, Mass.](#) (1880), p. 24

⁷⁵⁵ Perley, [History of Boxford](#), makes this claim without proof.

⁷⁵⁶ Torrey's [New England Marriages Before 1700](#). It is sometimes stated that she was Grace Melburn. I have searched for some evidence of this and found nothing published about it. It appears to be an example of a genealogical falsehood, oft-repeated but without any credible evidence.

⁷⁵⁷ Topsfield VR. "Robert Andrews dyed the 29th of May 1668." (Age not given).

⁷⁵⁸ Probate record online at Ancestry.com.

⁷⁵⁹ Printed Boxford VR records: "Andrus, Gras, wid. Dec. 25 [1700-01/]."

⁷⁶⁰ Essex Probate Case #629, available online to NEHGS members at AmericanAncestors.org. The writing is difficult to read. However subsequent papers in the probate file clearly state Edward Phelps.

Joseph Hayward (410) and Hannah Hosmer (411)

Joseph HAYWARD was born 26 Mar 1643, in Concord, Mass., the son of [George Hayward and Mary -----](#).⁷⁶¹ He married, first **Hannah HOSMER**, 26 Oct 1665, in Concord. She was born 16 Aug 1644, in Concord, the daughter of [James Hosmer and Alice -----](#). She died 16 Dec 1675 in Concord.⁷⁶² She was the mother of six children.

Joseph married, second, **Elizabeth (Treadway) Hapgood**, 2 Mar 1676, in Concord. She was the daughter of Nathaniel Treadway and Sufferance Haynes, and the widow of Shadrack Hapgood. Joseph had four more children by his second wife.

Joseph died 13 Oct 1714 in Concord. He is buried in the South Burying Place [\[gravestone\]](#). His second wife had died 18 Sep 1714, in Watertown, Mass.

Joseph Hayward and Hannah Hosmer were the parents of [Mary Hayward](#), wife of David Whitcomb.

Sources: Concord VR; Middlesex Probate #10987; other sources TBD.

① John Priest (412) and Rachel Garfield (413)

John PRIEST was born in about 1648. He lived in Woburn, Mass. He is said to have served in King Phillip's War, and soon after, married **Rachel GARFIELD**. She was born 23 Nov 1656, in Watertown, Mass., the daughter of [Samuel Garfield and Mary Benfield](#).

The first three children of John and Rachel were born in Woburn. By 1688, he owned property in Lancaster, Mass. The proprietors of Lancaster voted him a special grant of thirty acres on the easterly side of Bare Hill. John died intestate in late 1704, in Lancaster. An inventory of his estate was made 21 Dec 1704. The probate records include a list of his heirs, as follows: Rachel Priest, widow; John Priest, eldest son (who received a double portion); Daniel Priest, second son; Joseph Priest; Gabriel Priest, other son; daughters Elizabeth, Hannah and Mary.

Rachel died 17 May 1737, in Harvard, Mass., in her 81st year. She is buried in the Harvard Center Cemetery [\[gravestone\]](#).

John Priest and Rachel Garfield were the parents of [John Priest Jr.](#)

Sources: [The Priest Family](#) (1900); [History of Harvard, Mass.](#) (1894); Middlesex Probate #18143

Comments: It has been claimed that he was the son of John and Sarah Priest of Woburn. This is possible, but I have not seen the proof. Further, there is no evidence at all that he was related to Degory Priest of the Mayflower.

⁷⁶¹ Concord VR: "Joseph the sonne of Georg Heyward was born 26: 1: 1643" - Note that the 1st month was March.

⁷⁶² Concord VR. The cause of death is not given; she is called wife of Joseph.

John Houghton (414) and Mary Farrer (415)

John HOUGHTON was born in about 1650, the son of [John Houghton Sr. and Beatrix -----](#). He married **Mary FARRER** (or FARRAR), 22 Jan 1671/2, in Lancaster, Mass. She was born in about 1649, and was the daughter of [Jacob Farrer and Ann -----](#).⁷⁶³ She died 9 (or 7) Apr 1724, in Lancaster, in her 76th year. She is buried in the Old Common Cemetery in Lancaster [[gravestone](#)]. John married, second, **Hannah (Atherton) Wilder**, daughter of James Atherton and widow of John Wilder.

John was “a noted figure in the history of Lancaster, where he was known as ‘Esquire’ or ‘Justice’ and served the town repeatedly as moderator, selectman, assessor, schoolmaster, representative to the General Court, town clerk, and clerk of the writs.”

He died 3 Feb 1736/7, in Lancaster, in his 87th year. He is buried in the Old Common Burial Ground in Lancaster. He did not leave a will, but probate records include an inventory and other records regarding the settlement of his estate. The administrator was Jacob Houghton. Among those mentioned were Simon Whitcomb, heirs of Jonathan Houghton, Henry Houghton, and others. His estate was valued at £789, a large amount, and included 62 ½ ounces of silver. His widow Hannah died 4 Jan 1737/8. John Houghton and Mary Farrar were the parents of [Anna Houghton](#), wife of John Priest.

Sources: NEHGR 79:394; Worcester Probate #31019.

Nathaniel Holmes (424) and Patience Topliff (425)

Nathaniel HOLMES was born 1 Feb 1639 in Roxbury, Mass., the son of [George Holmes and Deborah -----](#). He is said to have married, first, **Sarah Wiswall**. She was baptized Feb (12th month) 1642/3, in Dorchester, Mass., the daughter of Thomas Wiswall. The date of her death is not known. There were no children by his first wife.⁷⁶⁴

Nathaniel married, second, **Patience TOPLIFF**, 27 Mar 1667, in Dorchester. She was born in July 1644 in Dorchester, the daughter of [Clement Topliff and Sarah -----](#).

Nathaniel was a bricklayer. After his marriage he lived for a time in Dorchester and then returned to Roxbury, by about 1670, when his wife Patience was admitted to the Roxbury church. He also lived in Dedham for a time. He was a selectman at Roxbury (in 1688) and a representative in the General Court. He served in King Phillip’s War, going to Mt. Hope, 3 Jul 1674, in Capt. Hutchinson’s company.

His wife Patience died 11 Mar 1696, in Roxbury.

Nathaniel died 12 Feb 1712/3, in Roxbury,⁷⁶⁵ having made a will dated 4 Mar 1702 and proved 12 Mar 1712/[3/]. His will is transcribed in the Holmes genealogy, and includes

⁷⁶³ For Jacob Farrer see NEHGR 95:10.

⁷⁶⁴ Given that there is no marriage record, no death record, and no children, one wonders what the evidence is for the marriage.

⁷⁶⁵ Roxbury VR. The record says 12th of February 1712 but by context it is seen that it is 1712/3.

bequests to sons Ebenezer, Ichabod, and Jehosophat; and daughters Charity, Mehitable, Obedience, Patience and Thankful.

Nathaniel Holmes and Patience Topliffe were the parents of [Ebenezer Holmes](#).

Source: George A. Gray, The Descendants of George Holmes of Roxbury (1908).

Nathaniel Wales (426) and Isabel Atherton (427)

Nathaniel WALES was baptized 18 Apr 1623, in Caverly, Yorkshire, England, the son of [Nathaniel Wales Sr.](#) and his unknown first wife. He immigrated to Massachusetts with his father in 1635. He married, by about 1649, **Isabel ATHERTON**, daughter of Maj. Gen. [Humphrey Atherton and Mary -----](#).

It appears that “for a short time at least” he was a resident of Falmouth, Mass. He apparently did not “entirely forswear the faith and practice of the Church of England.” Having had three of his children baptized by a Mr. Robert Jordaine of Falmouth, the court required him to “desist from any such practices in the future,” and also appear before the court to explain his past actions. (Robert Jordaine, “having received his priest’s orders from the Established Church continued his allegiance thereto, which was contrary to the practice of the other clergy of the Colony.”)

His wife Isabel died 18 Dec 1661, in Boston. In his will dated 18 May 1662, he calls himself a ship carpenter, of Boston. He died two days later, 20 May 1662.

Among his children was [Mary Wales](#), whose second wife was Ebenezer Holmes.

Source: John Redington of Topsfield, Mass., and Some of His Descendants, with notes on the Wales Family (1909), pp. 49-50; Robert Charles Anderson, The Great Migration (sketch on his father Nathaniel Wales Sr.)

①Ralph Houghton (428) and Jane (Stowe?) (429)

Ralph HOUGHTON was born in about 1623, perhaps in Lancaster, England. He married **Jane (STOWE)**,⁷⁶⁶ who was born in about 1626. Ralph’s ancestry is not known, although it is thought that he may have been a cousin of John Houghton of Lancaster, Mass.

“About the year 1646-7, John and Ralph Houghton came to Watertown, Mass., and in 1647, with eight others, bought a tract of land from the Indians, ten miles long and eight brought, which they called Lancaster, incorporated in 1652.” Ralph, a good penman, was Lancaster’s first Clerk of the Writs. He also served as representative in 1673 and 1689.

During King Phillip’s War, Lancaster was burned by the Indians in 1675 and Ralph (who was away at the time) went to Woburn and Dorchester and later Milton, Mass., where he

⁷⁶⁶ The Houghton genealogy calls her Jane Stowe, but no evidence is provided.

settled. His widow Jane died 10 Jan 1701, in Milton, aged 75, and he died 15 Apr 1705, also in Milton, aged 82.

Ralph and Jane Houghton were the parents of [Joseph Houghton](#).

Sources: [Ancestry of John Barber White](#) (1913); [The Snow-Estes Ancestry](#) (1939), pp. 359-361; Torrey's New England Marriages Before 1700.

Edward Vose (430) and Abigail Sharp (431)

Edward VOSE was born in about 1636, possibly in Ditton, Lancashire, England, the son of [Robert Vose and Jane Moss](#). He married **Abigail SHARP**, by 1666. She was born in about 1648, and was the daughter of [Robert Sharp and Abigail Wright](#).

He inherited the homestead farm of 100 acres, from his father. He was a selectman in 1694 and 1695, and also served as surveyor of highways and constable.

Abigail died 18 May 1712, in Milton, Mass. Edward died 29 Jan 1716, also in Milton. He left a will mentioning his children as well as "the children of his daughter Jane Houghton" who received, as they became of age, a "good cow." His estate was large, amounting to £1760 in real estate and £140 personal. Edward and Abigail are both buried in the Milton Cemetery [\[Edward Vose gravestone, Abigail Vose gravestone\]](#).

Robert Vose and Abigail Sharp were the parents of [Jane Vose](#), wife of Joseph Houghton.

Sources: [Robert Vose and Descendants](#) (1932).

Anthony Littlefield (432) and Mary Page (433)

Anthony LITTLEFIELD was baptized 7 Oct 1621, in Titchfield, Hants., England, the son of [Edmund Littlefield and Agnes Austin](#). He immigrated to New England in 1638 with his parents. He married, "by about 1652," **Mary PAGE**, daughter of [Thomas Page and Elizabeth Felkin](#), of Saco, Me. She was born "say 1636." Anthony took the oath of allegiance at Wells, Me., in 1653. He lived in the part of Wells that was later set off as Kennebunk. He died in about Jul 1662. His widow Mary survived him and "apprenticed her son Edmund to his uncle Francis Littlefield."

Anthony Littlefield and Mary Page were the parents of [Edmund Littlefield](#).

Sources: Waldo Sprague, Families of Braintree, Mass. (manuscript on NEHGS CD); Walter Goodwin Davis, [The Ancestry of Annis Spear](#) (1945); NEHGR 67:348; 86:71; for Mary Page: Robert Charles Anderson, [The Great Migration](#) (sketch on her father Thomas Page.)

Comments: Robert C. Anderson complains that the [Ancestry of Annis Spear](#) and the [Genealogical Dictionary of Maine and New Hampshire](#) do not provide evidence for Mary Page's being the wife of Anthony Littlefield.

① Nathaniel Mott (434) and Hannah ----- (435)

Nathaniel MOTT was in Scituate, Mass., by 1643. In 1645 he was a soldier in the Naraganset expedition. On 25 Dec 1656, in Braintree, Mass., he married **Hannah (-----) SHOOTER**, widow of Peter Shooter.

Nathaniel lived in what is now East Braintree. He had lived in 1663 on "Mr. Parker's farm," perhaps far from the center of settlement. He was killed by Indians 23 Feb 1675/6, according to Braintree records. There was no probate. Nathaniel and Hannah Mott were the parents of [Elizabeth Mott](#), wife of Edmund Littlefield.

Sources: Waldo Sprague, Families of Braintree (manuscript on NEHGS CD); NEHGR 67:23.

Comments: According to Sprague, Hannah (-----) Shooter may have been the Hannah Niles who was born 16 Feb 1636/7, daughter of John Niles. However, Robert Charles Anderson, in [The Great Migration](#) sketch on John Niles says of this Hannah, "no further record."

Richard Thayer (436) and Dorothy Pray (437)

Richard THAYER was baptized 10 Feb 1624/5 at St. Mary's Church, Thornbury, Gloucestershire, England, the son of [Richard Thayer and Dorothy Moritmore](#). He "was one of the eight children who came over with his father in 1641," according to Sprague. He purchased his father's homestead in Braintree, Mass., in 1648.

He married **Dorothy PRAY**, 24 Dec 1651, in Braintree, Mass. She was born in about 1634 in England, the daughter of [Quinton Pray and Joan -----](#). When 16 years old, in Lynn, Mass., Dorothy deposed that John Bond tried to rape her. According to one account, she was in the kitchen of the Hardman house when Bond "took her up in his arms and carried her out of the kitchen into another room upon the second floor, where there was a bed standing."⁷⁶⁷ Another account states that she escaped "by climbing a ladder to an overhead room and falling through an unfinished open floor into the room she had just vacated."⁷⁶⁸

In 1668 he became involved in land disputes because his title was not clear to some of his Iron Works lands. Sprague writes: "About 1680 he returned to England and made claims for land which so alarmed the Braintree inhabitants that they sent a petition to the throne in England in rebuttal (Mass. Archives 3:34 & 1:87). In 1685 he again laid claim to large tracts of the Iron Works land. He only succeeded however in obtaining the remaining estate of Increase Robinson of Taunton, the administrator of the estate of John Payne of Boston who had sold him by defective title a small piece of land belonging to the creditors of the Iron Works Co. in Braintree. He also became in litigation from a contract for building a vessel at Braintree in 1688 (Suffolk Court Rec. #1342 & #947)."

⁷⁶⁷ *The Essex Genealogist*, vol. 16 (1996), p. 112.

⁷⁶⁸ *The Essex Genealogist*, vol. 6 (1986), p. 122. Since these accounts seem to contradict each other, it would be useful to check again the original Essex Co. court records on this case.

Richard died 27 Aug 1695, in Braintree, at age 71. He is buried in the Hancock Cemetery, in Quincy, Mass. Dorothy died 11 Dec 1705, in Braintree [[gravestone](#)]. Richard Thayer and Dorothy Pray were the parents of [Nathaniel Thayer](#).

Sources: Waldo Sprague, Families of Braintree (manuscript on NEHGS CD); History of Quincy.

John Hayden (438) and Hannah Ames (439)

John HAYDEN was born “say” 1634, probably in Dorchester, Mass., the son of [John Hayden Sr. and Susanna -----](#). He married **Hannah AMES**, 6 Apr 1660, in Braintree, Mass. They were married by Governor Endicott. Hannah was born 12 May 1641, in Braintree, the daughter of [William Ames and Hannah -----](#).

Hannah died of smallpox, along with a servant girl, 3 Jul 1690, in Braintree. John died 29 May 1718, in Braintree, aged 83. He left a will dated 25 May 1718.

John Hayden and Hannah Ames were the parents of [Hannah Hayden](#), wife of Nathaniel Thayer.

Sources: Dean Crawford Smith, [The Ancestry of Eva Belle Kempton](#) Part 3 (1996); Waldo Sprague, Genealogy of Braintree Families (manuscript on CD); for birth and marriage: Robert Charles Anderson, [The Great Migration Begins](#) (sketch on his father John Hayden Sr.)

①Richard Mann (440) and Rebecca ----- (441)

Richard MANN was in Scituate, Mass., by Jan 1644 when he took the oath of allegiance. He married **Rebecca -----**. He drowned, in Feb 1655/6, in Scituate. An inquest was taken 16 Feb 1655/6, in which it was found that “by coming over the pond from his owne house towards the farmes, that hee brake through the iyce, and was in soe deep that hee could not git out, and by reason of the cold of the weather and water made him unable to healp himselfe, neither could any other psent aford him any healp that could healp him out, though they used their best endeavors for the space of about an houre, as is reported to us by the witnesses that saw him, in which time hee died.”

He did not leave a will, but probate records include an inventory of his estate. His wife survived him, and married, second, **John Cowan**.

Richard and Rebecca Mann were the parents of [Thomas Mann](#).

Sources: [The Mann Memorial](#); see also TAG 27 and NYGBR 30.

Comments: Some family trees on the internet claim his wife was Rebecca Short, but I have not found any evidence for this.

① Thomas Ensign (442) and Elizabeth Wilder (443)

Thomas ENSIGN was baptized Apr 1599 in Rye, Suffolk, England, the son of Thomas Ensing and Constance Pilcher. He married first, **Hannah or Anna Wiborne**, 27 Apr 1629.

He immigrated to Mass., in 1638 settling in Scituate, where his first wife “probably died in Scituate 1638.”

Thomas married, second, **Elizabeth WILDER** 17 Jan 1638/[9], probably in Scituate, Mass. She was born in about 1618 and was “apparently the daughter of Martha Wilder of Hingham.”

Thomas died between 16 Jul 1663, when he wrote his will, and 17 Feb 1663/4, when the inventory of his estate was made, probably in Scituate. His widow survived him and died after Nov 1676, and before Nov 1686.

Thomas Ensign and Elizabeth Wilder were the parents of [Sarah Ensign](#), wife of Thomas Mann.

Sources: Robert Bowman, “Ensigns Revisited,” TAG 73:251-253, and Paul Reed, “The English Ensigns,” TAG 75:1-4.

Joseph Joy (444) and Mary Prince (445)

Ens. Joseph JOY was born 1 Apr 1645 in Boston, Mass., the son of [Thomas Joy and Joan Gallop](#). He married **Mary PRINCE**, 29 Aug 1667, in Hingham, Mass. She was baptized 29 Jul 1649 in Scituate, Mass., the daughter of [John Prince and Margaret -----](#).

Joseph lived opposite the meeting house (“which he was thought to have been the builder”) in Hingham. He was a carpenter, and, in 1673, served as constable.

Joseph died 31 May 1697, at age 52, in Hingham. He had made a will dated 4 Aug 1690 at which time he was “being bound upon a voyage at sea.” His widow Mary died 23 Jun 1726, in Scituate. Joseph Joy and Mary Prince were the parents of [Thomas Joy](#).

Sources: [The Joy Genealogy](#) (1968); [History of Hingham](#).

Comments: There is no evidence that he died at sea, his will being made seven years before his death.

Samuel Stodder (446) and Elizabeth Gill (447)

Sgt. Samuel STODDER was baptized 14 Jun 1640, in Hingham, Mass., the son of [John Stodder and Hannah -----](#). He married **Elizabeth GILL**, Feb 1667, in Hingham.⁷⁶⁹ She was born in Jun 1647, in Hingham, the daughter of [Thomas Gill and Hannah Otis](#).

⁷⁶⁹ NEHGR 2:253.

Samuel served in King Phillip's War. In the fall of 1676 he was granted fourteen shillings by the town, to repay him for his gun lost in active service. In 1678 he was constable in Hingham, and in 1691 and 1695 he served as selectman.

Elizabeth died 8 May 1693, in Hingham, in her 43rd year. Samuel married, second, on 12 Jan 1698/9, **Martha (Beal) Chubbuck**, widow of John Chubbuck and daughter of Nathaniel Beal. Samuel died 16 Sep 1731, at age 91, recorded in Cohasset, Mass.⁷⁷⁰ He left no will. Samuel Stodder and Elizabeth Gill were the parents of [Elizabeth Stodder](#) wife of Thomas Joy.

Source: [The Stoddard Family](#) (1912).

① Nicholas Wyeth (450) and Margaret Clarke (451)

Nicholas WYETH was born in about 1595, according to his purported age at death. However some sources claim he was baptized 20 Jan 1600 in Saxtead, Suffolk, England. He married Margaret CLARKE. They immigrated to Massachusetts sometime after 1640,⁷⁷¹ and Margaret died soon after, apparently of childbirth. He was in Cambridge, Mass., by 1645, when he bought "a house and land on the Westerly side of Garden Street, near Phillips Place, which remained in possession of his descendants...for more than two centuries." He was a mason.⁷⁷²

He married, second, **Rebecca (Craddock) Andrews**, widow of Thomas Andrews. Thomas died 19 Jul 1680 in Cambridge, Mass., at age 85.⁷⁷³ His widow Rebecca married, third, **Thomas Fox**.

The "confession" (testimony) of Nicholas Wyeth was among those recorded by Rev. Thomas Shepard. He stated that "I went through many difficulties before and when I came to sea." He added that one of his two children died at sea.⁷⁷⁴

Nicholas Wyeth and Margaret Clarke were the parents of [Sarah Wyeth](#), wife of John Fiske.

Sources: Besides footnotes, see [Michael Roman's page](#).

Comments: Some sources claim he was the son of John and Margaret Wyeth, and that Margaret was the daughter of Thomas Clarke and Rose Keridge. This may be true but I have not seen the evidence for it.

⁷⁷⁰ Cohasset VR, saying he was "of Hingham."

⁷⁷¹ He is not mentioned in Robert Charles Anderson, [The Great Migration Directory](#).

⁷⁷² Lucius Page, [History of Cambridge, Mass.](#) (1877), pp. 702-703.

⁷⁷³ [Vital Records of Cambridge, Mass., to the Year 1850](#), vol. 2, p. 799: "Nicholas [Withe], July 19, 1680, a. 85 y." (based on gravestone record in Mount Auburn Cem.)

⁷⁷⁴ Malcom Gaskill, [Between Two Worlds: How the English Became Americans](#) (2014), p. 167.

① Thomas Smith (452) and Mary Knapp (453)

Thomas SMITH immigrated to Massachusetts in 1636, and settled in Watertown.⁷⁷⁵ He married **Mary KNAPP**, by 1637, presumably in Watertown.⁷⁷⁶ His surname is sometimes spelled “Knopp.” She was baptized 19 Aug 1613 in Wormingford, England, the daughter of [William Knapp and Judith Tue](#).

Thomas died 10 Mar 1692/3 in Watertown, aged 92. He left a will dated 16 Mar 1687/8. The inventory of his estate amounted to only £73, indicating he was much poorer than average.

Thomas Smith and Mary Knapp were the parents of [John Smith](#).

Sources: Dean Crawford Smith, [The Ancestry of Eva Belle Kempton](#); Bond, [Watertown](#); for Mary Knapp, see Robert Charles Anderson, [The Great Migration Begins](#) (sketch on her father William Knopp or Knapp).

① Richard Beech (454) and Mary ----- (455)

Richard BEECH immigrated to Massachusetts in 1639, and settled in Watertown.⁷⁷⁷ He married **Mary -----**.⁷⁷⁸

According to Roger Thompson, the Beech family was a “long term problem,” in Watertown, due to his having to be supported by the town. In 1660, the Beech’s were “one of four families named after a survey of educational standards ordered by the General Court; with four young children, they were in need of relief because of their negligence and carelessness. For the last five years of Richard Beech’s life, 1669-1673, the town had to provide steady assistance. The Beech family was probably in abject poverty for such concern to be shown.”⁷⁷⁹ He died 24 Oct 1674, in Watertown.⁷⁸⁰ Richard and Mary Beech were the parents of [Mary Beech](#), wife of John Smith.

Sources: see footnotes.

① Joseph Bemis (456) and Sarah ----- (457)

Joseph BEMIS was born in about 1619 in England. He immigrated to Massachusetts in 1640, and settled in Watertown.⁷⁸¹ He may have been accompanied by a sister, as a Mary Bemis was married there in Mar 1644/5.

⁷⁷⁵ Robert Charles Anderson, [The Great Migration Directory](#) (2015).

⁷⁷⁶ Henry Bond, [Genealogies of the Families and Descendants of the Early Settlers of Watertown, Mass.](#) (1860).

⁷⁷⁷ Robert Charles Anderson, [The Great Migration Directory](#) (2015).

⁷⁷⁸ Henry Bond, [Genealogies of the Families and Descendants of the Early Settlers of Watertown, Mass.](#) (1860).

⁷⁷⁹ Roger Thompson, [Divided We Stand: Watertown, Mass., 1630-1680](#) (2001), p. 110-.

⁷⁸⁰ Watertown VR; Bond, Watertown.

⁷⁸¹ Robert C. Anderson, [The Great Migration Directory](#) (2015).

Joseph married **Sarah** -----, probably in Watertown in about 1640. She was born in about 1622. Joseph was surveyor of highways in 1658/9, and constable in 1667. In 1674 he and two others were on a committee to go about the town and make sure children were taught “to Read the English tung,” as well as the catechism.⁷⁸²

In 1679, Joseph was taken to court by Anthony White, for non-payment of a debt. Joseph “utterly refused” to pay. There was bad blood between the White and Bemis families due to tattling about card-playing and one of the Bemis boys “procuring” young married woman in order to “be abused.” The court ordered Bemis to pay some, but not all, of the debt that Anthony White had claimed.⁷⁸³

Joseph left a will. He died 7 Aug 1684, in Watertown. His wife survived him. She probably died in about 1712, when Joseph’s estate was divided among the children.

Among the children of Joseph and Sarah Bemis was [John Bemis](#).

Source: Mary Lovering Holman, Ancestry of Col. John Harrington Stevens and his wife Frances Helen Miller, vol. 1 (1948); Middlesex probate #1541; Roger Thompson, Divided We Stand: Watertown, Mass., 1630-1680 (2001), for details on the White vs. Bemis court case.

① Robert Harrington (458) and Susanna George (459)

Robert HARRINGTON was born in about 1616. The date of his immigration to Massachusetts is not known, but it was apparently after 1640 (see comments). He “came to Watertown, where he was given a homestall by Dea. Hastings and is reckoned as a proprietor in a list in 1642-1644.”⁷⁸⁴ He married **Susanna GEORGE**, 1 Oct 1648, in Watertown, Mass.⁷⁸⁵ She was born in about 1632, the son of [John George](#).

In the 1650s he was convicted of minor offenses such as cutting trees on public lands. However, in time he “became one of the town’s most trusted citizens.”⁷⁸⁶ Robert was Selectman at Watertown for a total of 15 years during the interval of 1679-1700. He was a miller.⁷⁸⁷ In 1664 and 1665 he was a constable.⁷⁸⁸

Susanna died 6 Jul 1694, in Watertown [[gravestone](#)]. He died 17 May 1707, at age 91, in Watertown, and is buried in the Arlington Street Cemetery there [[gravestone](#)]. He wrote a will dated 1 Jan 1704/5. The inventory of his estate included over 640 acres of land, his entire estate being valued at £717, indicating that he was prosperous.

Robert Harrington and Susanna George were the parents of [Mary Harrington](#), wife of John Bemis.

⁷⁸² Apparently they were not instructed in spelling.

⁷⁸³ Thompson, Divided We Stand, pp. 184-85.

⁷⁸⁴ See Mary Lovering Holman, Ancestry of Col. John Harrington Stevens and his wife Frances Helen Miller, vol. 1 (1948), henceforth referred to as “Stevens-Miller.”

⁷⁸⁵ Watertown VR: “Robert Herington & Susan George Maryed the first of October.” See Stevens-Miller for reasons why the year should be 1648 instead of 1649.

⁷⁸⁶ Stevens-Miller.

⁷⁸⁷ Weis, Early Generations of the Family of Harrington.

⁷⁸⁸ Stevens-Miller.

Sources: See footnotes.

Comments: It has been claimed that he was the Robert Harrington who was baptized 1 Oct 1616, in Southwold, Suffolk, England, the son of Robert Harrington and Joan Jentilman. While not impossible, the evidence is not convincing.

Some sources claim that he immigrated in 1634. Since he's not listed in Robert Charles Anderson's *The Great Migration Directory* (2015), it is assumed that there must be no credible evidence that he was in Massachusetts by 1640.

① John Livermore (460) and Grace Sherman (461)

John LIVERMORE was born in about 1606, son of Daniel Livermore and Elizabeth Hammond, of Wethersfield, Essex, England. He immigrated to Massachusetts in 1634 on the ship *Francis*, settling in Watertown, Mass. He married **Grace SHERMAN** by about 1636. She was baptized 18 Jun 1616 in Dedham, Essex, England, the daughter of [Edmund Sherman and Grace Makin](#). John was a potter. He moved to Wethersfield, Conn., by 1636, New Haven, Conn., by 1640, and returned to Watertown, Mass., in about 1650. He was a constable in Watertown and a Corporal in the train band in New Haven.

He wrote a will dated 10 Jan 1682[3] and proved 16 Jun 1684. He died 14 Apr 1684, in Watertown. Grace survived him. She made a will dated 29 Dec 1690. She died 14 Jan 1690/1, in Chelmsford, Mass. John Livermore and Grace Sherman were the parents of [Samuel Livermore](#).

Source: Robert Charles Anderson, [The Great Migration](#) (featured name).

Matthew Bridge (462) and Anna Danforth (463)

Matthew BRIDGE was born "say 1618," the son of [John Bridge](#) and his unknown first wife. He immigrated to Massachusetts in 1634 with his parents. He married **Anna DANFORTH**, by 1645. She was baptized 3 Sep 1622 in Framlingham, Essex, England, the daughter of [Nicholas Danforth and Elizabeth Barber](#).

In May 1637, "by some mischance, he killed John Abbot, for which he was arrested." However in on 19 Sep 1637, "Matthew Bridge appearing, and no evidence coming in against him, he was quit by proclamation."⁷⁸⁹

As early as 1643, Matthew owned land at Cambridge Farms, later called Lexington, Mass. He may have continued to live in Cambridge, however, until about 1668. He was one of the largest landowners in Lexington, owning as much as 400 acres of land there. He and his wife both signed statements attesting to the Christian character of Winnefred Holman, who

⁷⁸⁹ Oliver Ayer Roberts, [History of the Military Company of the Massachusetts, Now Called the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company](#), vol. 1 (1895), p. 128.

was accused of witchcraft (and found innocent.) He was a member of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company.

Matthew died 28 Apr 1700, in Lexington⁷⁹⁰. His widow Anna died 9 Dec 1704, also in Lexington. Matthew Bridge and Anna Danforth were the parents of [Anna Bridge](#), wife of Samuel Livermore.

Sources: [Descendants of John Bridge \(1884\)](#); for estimated birth date and marriage of Matthew Bridge, see Robert Charles Anderson, [The Great Migration](#) (sketch on Matthew's father John Bridge).

①Edward Dix (472) and Jane ----- (473)

Edward DIX was born by about 1610. His parents' names and origin in England are unknown. He immigrated to Massachusetts in 1630, settling in Boston, Mass., and moving to Watertown, Mass. in 1634. He married, by 1637, **Jane -----**, who was the mother of all his children. "She died after the birth of youngest child Rebecca on 18 Feb 1641/2." He married, second, **Susanna -----**. Edward was a selectman in Watertown in 1649, and possibly a constable.

He died 9 Jul 1660 in Watertown. He made a will dated 25 Jun 1660 and proved 2 Oct 1660. His second wife Susannah survived him. Edward and Jane Dix were the parents of [John Dix](#).

Source: Robert Charles Anderson, [The Great Migration Begins](#) (featured name).

①John Barnard (474) and Phebe Whiting (475)

John BARNARD was born in about 1607. His parents' names and origin in England are unknown. He immigrated to Massachusetts in 1634, on the ship *Elizabeth*, and settled in Watertown. He married, in England, by about 1632, **Phebe WHITING**. She was the daughter of Anthony Whiting and Anne Sherman, of Dedham, Essex, England.⁷⁹¹

John was a selectman in Watertown in 1643. He was buried in Watertown on 23 Jun 1646, being only about 39 years old. His widow Phebe did not remarry. She was involved in several land disputes. She died 1 Aug 1685, in Watertown. The inventory of her estate included over 300 acres of land. John and Phebe were the parents of [Elizabeth Barnard](#), wife of John Dix.

Source: Robert Charles Anderson, [The Great Migration](#) (featured name).

⁷⁹⁰ Lexington VR.

⁷⁹¹ See Michael Johnson Wood, "The Earliest Shermans of Dedham, Essex, and Their Wives," NEHGR 167:35, for her ancestry.

① Benjamin Crisp (478) and Bridget ----- (479)

Benjamin CRISP (or CRISPE) was born in about 1610. He immigrated to New England by 1631. He was probably the Benjamin “Cribb,” who, along with two others, was whipped for stealing 3 pigs. He deposed later that in 1631 he was servant to Major Gibbons, of Charlestown, Mass.

Benjamin lived in Watertown, Mass., and married **Bridget -----**, by 1636. He became a freeman in 1646. He was a mason. He moved to Groton, Mass., in 1666. His wife Bridget died at about the time of King Phillip’s War (1675-76). She may have died as a consequence of the raid on Groton during the war. He married, second, **Joanna (Goffe?) Longley**, widow of [William Longley](#). In about 1681 he returned to live in Watertown, Mass. There he had the job of sweeping the meeting house and ringing the bell.

He died between in 1683, between 5 Nov and 21 Dec. Joanna survived him and died 18 Apr 1698, in Charlestown. Benjamin and Bridget Crisp were the parents of [Elizabeth Crispe](#), wife of George Lawrence.

Source: Robert Charles Anderson, [The Great Migration Begins](#) (featured name).

Samuel Stratton (480) and Mary Frye (481)

Samuel STRATTON was born in England, the son of [Samuel Stratton and Alice -----](#). He was baptized 10 Feb 1625/[6] in Podington, Co. Bedford, England. He came to Watertown, Mass “as early as 1647,” with his parents. He married **Mary FRYE**, 25 Mar 1651, in Watertown. Her parents are unknown (see comments).

Samuel and family moved to Concord, Mass., in about 1655. Mary died there 27 Oct 1674. The next year he married **Hannah Wheat**, daughter of Moses Wheat. Samuel died 5 Dec 1707, in Concord. His second wife survived him. He had 10 children by his first wife, none by his second. Among the children of Samuel Stratton and Mary Frye was [Samuel Stratton](#).

Sources: [A Book of Strattons](#) (1908), Vol. 1; Early New England Families [NEHGR]

Comments: [A Book of Strattons](#), cited above, states that Mary was “probably” the daughter of John Frye, who died in Andover in 1693. However, this appears very unlikely. First, John Frye left a will, and even though Mary had died by then, one would expect him to mention some of his grandchildren by her. Second, there is a passenger list for the immigration of John and his family and no child named Mary is included.

Francis Fletcher (482) and Elizabeth Wheeler (483)

Francis FLETCHER was born in about 1636, probably in England, the son of [Robert Fletcher](#). He lived in Concord, Mass. He married **Elizabeth WHEELER**, 11 Oct 1656, Concord. She was baptized 3 Jan 1635/6, in Cranfield, Bedfordshire, England, the daughter of [George Wheeler and Catherine Pin](#).

“Francis became a large landowner in Concord....he was in ‘full communion’ with the Concord church in 1677, and admitted Freeman the same year. At that time he owned 437 acres of land in Concord.”

His wife Elizabeth died 14 Jun 1704, in Concord. He survived her, but the date of his death is not known, nor are there any probate records.

Francis Fletcher and Elizabeth Wheeler were the parents of [Elizabeth Fletcher](#), wife of Samuel Stratton.

Source: Edith Bartlett Sumner, The Ancestry of Edward Wales Blake and Clarissa Matilda Glidden (1988), p. 98; Concord VR; for Wheeler, see John Brooks Threlfall, Fifty Great Migration Colonists; also see [Michael Roman’s page on Francis Fletcher](#).

John Allen (484) and Sarah ----- (485)

John ALLEN was born in England, say 1630, the son of [Walter Allen and Rebecca Ward](#). He married **Sarah** -----. He lived in Newberry, Mass., until 1662, when he moved to Sudbury, Mass. He was a tailor. His farm was in the part of Sudbury which is now Wayland, Mass.

In 1676, Sudbury was attacked, during King Phillip’s War. John petitioned the General Court for losses of £60. John’s wife Sarah died 12 Jan 1701/2, in Sudbury. He married, second, **Mary** -----. John died 1 Dec 1711 in Sudbury. He left a will dated 9 Aug 1708. His second wife Mary survived him, and probably is the Mary Allen who died 30 Aug 1727 in Sudbury.

John and Sarah Allen were the parents of [Samuel Allen](#).

Source: Walter Allen of Newberry, Mass., and Some of His Descendants (1896).

① James Ross (486) and Mary Goodenow (487)

James ROSS was a Scottish prisoner, taken prisoner following the battle of Worcester⁷⁹² and transported along with many other prisoners to Boston, Mass., in 1652, on the ship *John and Sara*. As an indentured servant, he was convicted in 1655 for “shamefull abuse & violence” directed at his master John Rudducke of Sudbury, Mass., and at his fellow servants. He was sentenced to “thirty nine stripes,” thrown into prison, and fined six shillings.⁷⁹³

James and **Mary GOODENOW**, had an illegitimate daughter, Mary, born 25 Dec 1656. In 1658, he was “convicted by his owne confession of fornicacion committed with Mary the daughter of Thomas Goodenow.” The court ordered a whipping (21 stripes on his naked body)

⁷⁹² It was the final battle of the English Civil War, where Oliver Cromwell defeated the (mostly Scottish) Royalist followers of Charles II. See https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_Worcester

⁷⁹³ Diane Rapaport, “Scots for Sale: The Fate of Scottish Prisoners in Seventeenth Century Massachusetts,” *New England Ancestors Magazine*, vol. 4, Winter 2003, pp. 30-32.

and insisted that he marry Mary, and on 5 Dec 1658, in Sudbury, they were married.⁷⁹⁴ Mary was born 25 Aug 1640, in Sudbury, the daughter of [Thomas Goodenow and Jane ----](#).

In 1676 he served in King Phillip's War,⁷⁹⁵ James died 18 Sep 1690 in Sudbury.⁷⁹⁶ He and Mary were the parents of [Jane Ross](#), wife of Samuel Allen.

Sources: See footnotes.

Anthony Peirce (492) and Ann -----(493)

Anthony PEIRCE was baptized 8 Apr 1611 at St. Edmond, Norwich, Norfolk, England, the son of [Joseph Peirce and Elizabeth Trull](#). He immigrated "apparently in 1632 or 1633"⁷⁹⁷ before his father (who came in about 1636). He settled in Watertown, Mass. He was made a freeman in 1634.

Anthony died 9 May 1678 (as "Anthony Pers") in Watertown. His widow Ann died 20 Jan 1682/[3] in Watertown.

Anthony and Ann Peirce were the parents of [Joseph Peirce](#).

Source: Patricia Law Hatcher, "The Peirce Family of Norwich, England, and Watertown, Mass.", *The American Genealogist* (TAG) vol. 84 (2010), p. 177; Bond, [Watertown](#).

Comments: Bond states that Anthony left a will dated 6 Sep 1671, but it is not found in the Middlesex Co. probate records. (Only an inventory is found). It is quite likely that Anthony was a weaver, like his father, as his inventory contains a loom. Bond says he had a first wife, Sarah --- but TAG 84 only mentions Ann. Apparently there is no evidence for a prior wife.

⁷⁹⁴ NEHGR 17:256. However, according Diane Rapaport, she (initially) refused. This is a little confusing because according to Rapaport the court case for fornication was in 1658, but Sudbury records show the birth of their illegitimate daughter in 1656, with James Ross recorded as the father. Why did it take the court 2 years?

⁷⁹⁵ NEHGR 40:399.

⁷⁹⁶ NEHGR 18:141.

⁷⁹⁷ Despite this immigration date he is not included in Robert Charles Anderson's [The Great Migration Begins](#).

Tenth Generation

This section provides abbreviated information. Refer to the sources listed here for further details. ① indicates the first male for a given family surname to immigrate to New England. I will only include those who lived in New England for at least part of their lives.

①Robert Parke (612) and Martha Chaplin (613)

Robert PARKE was baptized 3 Jun 1580 in Poslingford, Suffolk, England, the son of Robert Parke and Alice Chaplin. He married his cousin, **Martha CHAPLIN**, 9 Feb 1601/2, in Semer, Suffolk, England. She was baptized 4 Feb 1583/4, in Semer, the daughter of William Chaplin and Agnes Holborough.

Robert and his family immigrated to New England in 1639, settling in Wethersfield, Conn.⁷⁹⁸ His son William had preceded him to New England. In 1644, Robert married, second, **Alice (Freeman) Tompson**. He moved to New London (Pequot), Conn., in about 1650, and to Mystic (Stonington), Conn., by about 1655. He died 4 Feb 1664/5, in Mystic. He made a will dated 14 May 1660 and proved 14 Mar 1664/5.

Robert Parke and Martha Chaplin were the parents of [William Parke](#).

Sources: *The Genealogist* (TG) vol. 4 (1983), pp. 176-177; *The American Genealogist* (TAG), vol. 82, p. 259.

①John Holgrave (614) and Elizabeth? ----- (615)

John HOLGRAVE was born in about 1590. He married **Elizabeth -----**, but it's not certain whether or not she was his first wife. John's origin in England is not known. He immigrated to New England in 1633, settling in Salem, Mass. In 1634 he was Deputy to the General Court, for Salem. He also served on the Massachusetts Bay grand jury in 1637, and Essex grand jury in 1654 and 1655.

John was a fisherman. He moved to Maine in the late 1650s or early 1660s. He died intestate before 26 Jul 1666, when administration of his estate was granted at Casco court.

John Holgrave was the father of [Martha Holgrave](#), wife of William Parke. (It is possible that Elizabeth was William's mother, but it's not certain since John may have had an earlier wife.)

Source: Robert Charles Anderson, [The Great Migration Begins](#) (featured name).

⁷⁹⁸ Robert Charles Anderson, [The Great Migration Directory](#) (2015). This is in disagreement with TG:4 which claims he first came in 1630 with the Winthrop fleet and returned to England before coming over a second time.

① Robert Reynolds (726) and Mary ----- (727)

Robert REYNOLDS was born about 1598, based on his estimated date of marriage. He married **Mary -----** by about 1623. He immigrated to New England in 1634 and was admitted to the Boston church 10 Aug 1634. He was a shoemaker.

Robert supported Capt. Robert Keayne in one of his “public disputes,” and Keayne remembered him in his will “as a token of respect to him...not forgetting a word that he spoke publicly and seasonably in the time of my distress and other men’s vehement opposition to me.”

Robert Reynolds died 27 Apr 1659, in Boston. He left a will dated 20 Apr 1658 and proved 27 Jul 1659. His wife Mary died 18 Jan 1663[/4?] in Boston.

Robert and Mary Reynolds were the parents of [Ruth Reynolds](#), wife of John Whitney.

Source: Robert Charles Anderson, The Great Migration (featured name).

Comments: Robert Charles Anderson, cited above, sees no evidence that Robert Reynolds was ever in Watertown, Mass., or Wethersfield, Conn.

① James Blood (728) and Ellen ----- (729)

James BLOOD was born in about 1605, presumably in England. He married **Ellen-----**. He immigrated to New England in 1640, settling in Concord, Mass.⁷⁹⁹ He may have been from Puddington, Norfolk, England, as two of his sons sold an estate there in 1649.

He was a sergeant in Concord. He may have lived for a time in Chelmsford, Mass., as he was justice of the peace there in 1660.

Ellen died 1 Aug 1674, in Concord. He died 17 Nov 1683, in Concord, Mass. He made a will, dated 18 Jun 1680 and proved 18 Dec 1683. Not all of his children were mentioned, apparently they were provided for before his death.

James and Ellen Blood were the parents of both [Richard Blood](#) and [Robert Blood](#).

Sources: Edith Bartlett Sumner, Descendants of Thomas Farr (1959).

Comments: Ellen has been called Ellen Harrison, but there seems to be no proof of this.

① Thomas Makepeace (774) and Alice Brasier (775)

Thomas MAKEPEACE was baptized 22 Sep 1595, in Burton Dassett, Warwickshire, England, the son of William Makepeace. He married **Alice BRASIER** 10 Oct 1620, at Alkerton, Oxfordshire, England. They immigrated to Massachusetts in 1635, settling first in Dorchester, and moving to Boston by 1648. He was a merchant. The inventory of his estate “included an extensive list of cloth and other dry goods, far beyond needed by a single household.”

⁷⁹⁹ Robert Charles Anderson, The Great Migration Directory (2015).

He married, second, by 1641, **Elizabeth (Hawkredd) (Coney) Mellowes**, widow of John Coney and of Oliver Mellowes. He died between 30 Jun 1666 (when he made his will), and 2 Mar 1666/7 (date of inventory.) Thomas and Alice were the parents of [Hester Makepeace](#), wife of John Brown.

Source: Robert Charles Anderson, [The Great Migration](#) (featured name).

Comment: A daughter by his second marriage had the unusual name of Waitawhile Makepeace.

① Simon Willard (782) and Mary Sharp (783)

Maj. Simon WILLARD was baptized 7 Apr 1605 in Horsmonden, Kent, England, the son of Richard Willard. He married **Mary SHARP** 13 Oct 1628, in Marden, Kent, England. He immigrated to New England in 1634, settling in Cambridge, Mass. The following year the family moved to Concord, Mass.

Mary died sometime between Nov 1649 and about 1653, when Simon married, second, **Mary** -----. He moved to Lancaster, Mass., in 1660, Groton, Mass., in 1672, and finally Charlestown, Mass., where he took refuge during King Phillip's War. Simon Willard was a soldier, surveyor, fur trader, and innkeeper. As a surveyor, he "was called upon repeatedly to assist in establishing the boundaries between towns within Massachusetts Bay, and also between Massachusetts Bay and other colonies."

He also served as Deputy for Concord to the Massachusetts Bay General Court, during many years from 1636 to 1653.

He is perhaps best known for his military service, having been made Sergeant Major in 1652, and commander-in-chief of the Narragansett Expedition in 1654 and 1655.

In August 1675, at the age of 70, he "led a troop of horsemen to the relief of Brookfield." During the next few months he helped organize the defense of the towns of Lancaster, Groton, Chelmsford, and Dunstable. He "remained active in the colony's military and civil affairs until just a few days before his death." He died 24 or 25 Apr 1676, in Charlestown. An inventory of his estate contained over 1400 acres of land that he owned, but no values were assigned. This is in addition to a large amount of land already given away including 1000 acres to son-in-law Robert Blood. His widow Mary (his second wife, not Mary Sharp), married, second, **Joseph Noyes**, 14 Jul 1680.

Simon Willard and Mary Sharp were the parents of [Elizabeth Willard](#), wife of Robert Blood.

Sources: Robert Charles Anderson, [The Great Migration](#) (featured name); TAG 80:25.

Comments: Robert Charles Anderson, cited above, disputes the claim that Simon married Elizabeth Dunster and Mary Dunster.

One of Simon's children by his first wife had the unusual name of Abovehope Willard.

① William Towne (786) and Joanna Blessing (787)

William TOWNE was baptized 18 Mar 1598/9, in the church of St. Nicholas, Great Yarmouth, Norfolk, England, the son of John Towne and Elizabeth ----. He married, at the same church, on 25 Apr 1620, **Jone (Joanna) BLESSING**. The Blessing surname is not found in England at the time, therefore it is likely she was a foreigner, perhaps from Germany, as “many emigrants from Germany and the Low Countries having been attracted to Yarmouth by the herring fisheries in the sixteenth century.”

William and his family immigrated to New England in 1639.⁸⁰⁰ They settled in Salem, Mass. In 1651 he purchased land in Topsfield, Mass., in 1651. He sold his land in Salem in 1652, and purchased additional land in Topsfield in 1656. In 1670 Joanna became involved in a series of lawsuits brought by and against Rev. Thomas Gilbert, the minister at Topsfield. It was claimed that he overindulged in alcohol on a certain occasion, but Joanna, who had been present, defended him.

William died intestate before – probably soon before – June 1673 when Joanna was appointed administrator of his estate. The estate was not divided until 1682, probably due to her death. One of the heirs was Francis Nourse.

William Towne and Joanna Blessing were the parents of [Rebecca Towne](#), wife of Francis Nurse, and famous Salem witchcraft victim.

Source: Walter Goodwin Davis, Ancestry of Lieut. Amos Towne (1927).

① Godfrey Sheldon (794) and Alice Frost (795)

Godfrey SHELDON was born in about 1599. He married **Alice FROST** 11 Mar 1620/21 at Bakewell, Derbyshire, England. The date of their immigration to New England is not known, but certainly after 1640.

He lived in Black Point (Scarborough), Me. He made a will dated 13 Mar 1663/4, and proved Apr 1670. His wife survived him.

Godfrey Sheldon and Alice Frost were the parents of [----- Sheldon](#), wife of Giles Roberts.

Source: Marilyn Fitzpatrick, “Descendants of Godfrey Sheldon,” *The Essex Genealogist*, vol. 26 (2006), p. 121.

① Robert Burnap (796) and Agnes Miller (797)

Robert BURNAP was born in about 1595, probably in Stanstead Abbots, Hertfordshire, England, the son of Thomas Burnap and Alice Cramphorne. He married **Agnes MILLER**, in about 1624.

⁸⁰⁰ Robert Charles Anderson, The Great Migration Directory (2015).

She was sometimes called Anne. She was baptized 3 May 1600, the daughter of John Miller and Joan Thurgood.

Robert immigrated to New England sometime after 1640 (see comments), settling first in Roxbury, Mass, and moving soon to Reading, Mass. He served as selectman at Reading in 1654, 1658, 1662, and 1670.

Agnes (or Anne) died 27 Apr 1681, in Reading. Robert died 27 Sep 1689, in Reading. He left a will, which is summarized in the source cited below.

Robert Burnap and Agnes Miller were the parents of [Robert Burnap Jr.](#)

Source: [Burnap-Burnett Genealogy](#) (1925).

Comments: The source cited above claims that he immigrated to New England in 1638, but he is not listed in Robert Charles Anderson's *The Great Migration Directory*, indicating that there is insufficient evidence of his arrival by 1640.

①Henry Kibby (802) and Rachel Linton (803)

Henry KIBBY immigrated to New England in 1636, and settled in Dorchester, Mass.⁸⁰¹ He married **Rachel LINTON**. She was born in about 1612, and was the daughter of [Richard Linton](#).

Henry was a tailor. He was a member of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company.

Rachel died 28 May 1657, in Dorchester. Henry married, second, as her third husband, **Grizzell (Fletcher) (Jewell) Greggs**, daughter of [Robert Fletcher](#), and widow of Thomas Jewell and Humphrey Greggs. Henry died intestate 10 Aug 1661, in Dorchester. After his death, Grizzell married, fourth, John Gurney, and fifth, John Burge. She died 9 Jul 1669 in Charlestown, having survived four of her five husbands.

Henry Kibby and Rachel Linton were the parents of [Lydia Kibby](#), wife of George Bennett.

Source: [Stevens-Miller](#); for his second wife Grizzell see [The Ancestry of Eva Belle Kempton](#), part 4; Suffolk County Wills abstract in NEHGR.

①Robert Adams (810) and Eleanor ----- (811)

Robert ADAMS was born in about 1601. He immigrated to New England in 1638, settling in Newbury, Mass.⁸⁰² He married **Eleanor** ----.

Robert was a tailor. His wife Eleanor died 12 Jan 1677 in Newbury. Robert married, second, **Sarah (Glover) Short**, 6 Feb 1678. She was the widow of Henry Short. Robert died 12 Oct 1682 in Newbury, at age 81. He made a will dated 7 Mar 1680/1, and proved 27 Nov 1682. His will mentions, among others, his daughter Elizabeth, wife of Edward Phelps, to whom he gave one cow.

Robert and Eleanor Adams were the parents of [Elizabeth Adams](#), wife of Edward Phelps.

⁸⁰¹ Ibid.

⁸⁰² Robert Charles Anderson, [The Great Migration Directory](#) (2015).

Source: Genealogical History of Robert Adams (1900).

Comments: The source above states his wife may have been Eleanor Wilmot, but this is not proven and I feel there is insufficient evidence.

①John Whitcomb (816) and Frances Coggan (817)

John WHITCOMB was born “by 1598,” the son of Thomas Whitcomb and Joanna Pope, of Taunton, Somerset, England. He married, at St. Mary Magdalene, in Taunton, 26 Nov 1623, **Frances COGGAN**, daughter of Henry Coggan.

John and his family immigrated to New England in 1635 on the ship Hopewell. They settled in Dorchester, Mass., moving to Scituate, Mass., by 1639, and to Lancaster, Mass., by 1654. He was constable in Scituate in 1652.

John died intestate 24 Sep 1662, in Lancaster. His widow Frances died 17 May 1671 in Lancaster. She left a will.

John Whitcomb and Frances Coggan were the parents of [Josiah Whitcomb](#).

Sources: Robert Charles Anderson, The Great Migration (featured name); see also Stevens-Miller.

①Lawrence Waters (818) and Ann Linton (819)

Lawrence WATERS was born “by about 1609.” He married, in about 1634, **Ann LINTON**. She was the daughter of [Richard Linton](#).

He immigrated to New England in 1635, settling in Watertown, Mass. He was a carpenter. In 1637/8 his wife was, among others, admonished for dancing. In 1645, he moved to Lancaster, Mass., and in 1675, he took refuge (due to King Phillip’s War) in Charlestown, Mass. In Oct 1676 he is called “aged and blind.”

His wife died 6 Feb 1680[/1?] in Charlestown. He died intestate 9 Dec 1687, aged “near 85,” in Charlestown.

Lawrence Waters and Ann Linton were the parents of [Rebecca Waters](#), wife of Josiah Whitcomb.

Sources: Robert Charles Anderson, The Great Migration (featured name); also Stevens-Miller.

① George Hayward (820) and Mary ----- (821)

George HAYWARD immigrated to New England in 1637.⁸⁰³ He settled in Concord, Mass., where he was made freeman in 1638. He married **Mary -----**, in about 1638. He built a saw-mill “as early as 1664,” and later added a corn mill.

George died 29 Mar 1671, in Concord. He drowned, and there was an inquest after his death. It was reported that, “He was overthrowne by the strength of the streame, and so drowned in the river by the iron works as he was returning to goe home after he had bien healing William Frizzell over the river, in a canoe. He died intestate, his estate being divided between his widow Mary and their seven children. Mary died 12 Mar 1693 in Concord.

George and Mary Hayward were the parents of [Joseph Hayward](#).

Source: Edith B. Sumner, [Ancestry of Edward Wales Blake and Clarissa Matilda Glidden](#) (1948)

① James Hosmer (822) and Alice----- (823)

James HOSMER was baptized 8 Dec 1605 in Hawkhurst, Kent, England, the son of Stephen Hosmer and Dorothy Selden. He married, first, **Ann ----**, by about 1633. In 1635, James sailed to New England on the ship *Elizabeth* with his wife, two daughters, and two “maidservants,” but his wife Ann “probably died aboard ship or soon after arrival in New England.”

James settled in Cambridge, Mass., and moved to Concord, Mass., in about 1637. He was a clothier, in England. By about 1637, he married, second, **Mary ----**. She was buried in Concord, 11 May 1641. He married, third, **Alice ----**, by 1642. She died in Concord 3 Mar 1664/5. James died 7 Feb 1685/[6/] in Concord, having survived three wives. He did not leave a will but divided his estate by a deed dated 1 Mar 1683/[4?].

James Hosmer and his third wife Alice were the parents of [Hannah Hosmer](#), wife of Joseph Hayward.

Source: Robert Charles Anderson, [The Great Migration](#) (featured name).

Samuel Garfield (826) and Mary Benfield (827)

Samuel GARFIELD was baptized 1 Oct 1613, in Coventry, Warwickshire, England, the son of [Edward Garfield](#). He married first, **Susanna -----**, who died 2 May 1652. He married, second, **Mary BENFIELD**, 28 Sep 1652, in Watertown.

Samuel died 10 Nov 1684. He left a will dated 15 Sep 1684 and proved 16 Dec 1684. His widow Mary moved to Lancaster, Mass., in 1708. She also left a will, dated Jan 1708/9, and proved exactly one year later, in Lancaster, Mass. Her will mentions, among others, daughter Rachel Priest.

⁸⁰³ Robert Charles Anderson, [The Great Migration Directory](#) (2015).

Samuel Garfield and Mary Benfield were the parents of [Rachel Garfield](#), wife of John Priest.

Sources: Robert Charles Anderson, [The Great Migration](#) (sketch on his father, Edward Garfield); Bond, [Watertown](#); also NGSQ vol. 27 (1939) no. 3 (which I have not seen).

① John Houghton (828) and Beatrix ----- (829)

John HOUGHTON was born in about 1624. He immigrated to New England. He married **Beatrix** -----. He is not found in New England records until Mar 1659 when his son Robert was born in Dedham, Mass. Soon afterwards he moved to Lancaster, Mass. It is not known if he was related to Ralph Houghton, of Lancaster. When Lancaster was attacked during King Phillips War, he escaped to Charlestown, Mass., but returned eventually to Lancaster.

John died 29 Apr 1684, in Lancaster. He wrote a will dated 8 Apr 1684 and proved 17 Jun 1684. His wife Beatrix survived him. She must have died by 4 Apr 1721 when his estate was divided among his heirs.

John and Beatrix Houghton were the parents of [John Houghton Jr.](#)

Source: NEHGR 79:393-94.

Comments: He is not the John Houghton who came over on the *Abigail* in 1635.

① Jacob Farrer (830) and Ann ----- (831)

Jacob FARRER (or FARRAR) was baptized 21 Aug 1614 at Heptonstall, Halifax, Yorkshire, England, the son of Jacob Farrer Sr. and Mary Haughton. He married, first, **Grace Deane**, 28 Nov 1640, at Halifax. He had one child by this marriage. He married second, probably around 1642-1645, **Ann** -----.

Jacob immigrated to New England in 1652, with Jacob's brother John. His wife and children remained in England. He settled first in Dedham, Mass. On 18 Mar 1652/[3?] he agreed with the selectman's request that he keep school, undertaking "to teach to read English and the Accidence & the rules & practice thereof."

Jacob and his brother soon afterwards moved to Lancaster, Mass. His wife and children joined him there in 1658. He was a surveyor, and laid out many of the lots in Lancaster. In 1675, during King Phillip's War, their eldest son Jacob was killed in Monoco's raid on Lancaster. After this, he and his wife and daughter Mary went to live in Woburn, Mass. He died in Woburn 14 Aug 1677. The inventory of his estate totaled £177. His wife survived him, and married second, 2 Nov 1680, John Sears of Woburn.

Jacob and Ann Farrer were the parents of [Mary Farrer](#), wife of John Houghton.

Source: NEHGR 95:10-11.

① George Holmes (848) and Deborah ----- (849)

George HOLMES was baptized 21 Jul 1594 at All Saints , Nazeing, Essex, England, “apparently” the son of George Holmes and Elizabeth -----.⁸⁰⁴ He married **Deborah -----**.⁸⁰⁵ He immigrated to New England in 1638.⁸⁰⁶ The Holmes family was “part of a group of Puritans known as the Nazeing Christians under Rev. John Eliot, settling in Roxbury.”⁸⁰⁷

He died 18 Dec 1645, in Roxbury, Mass., according to town records, but Rev. Eliot wrote in church records under “Month 12 Day 2 1645” that “George Holmes a godly brothr dyed of a feav” [fever]. He left an undated will, naming his wife as sole “executresse.” His children are not named.⁸⁰⁸ His widow was buried 11 Feb 1662/3 in Roxbury.⁸⁰⁹

George and Deborah Holmes were the parents of [Nathaniel Holmes](#).

Sources: see footnotes.

① Clement Topliff (850) and Sarah ----- (851)

Clement TOPLIFF (or “TOPLIFFE”) was born 17 Nov 1603 in England. He married **Sarah -----** in about 1635. He immigrated to New England in 1636, settling in Dorchester, Mass.⁸¹⁰ He was admitted to the church and became a freeman, but “seems to have taken no prominent part in public affairs.” In 1653 he and Benjamin Bates signed an agreement with the town to be herdsmen. His name was spelled “Topley” in the agreement. His farm was near Topliff Street, which still exists in Dorchester.

He died 24 Dec 1672, in Dorchester. He left a will dated 26 Jan 1666 and probated 31 Jan 1672. Among others he mentions daughter Patience, who was still unmarried at the time. The inventory of his estate amounted to £156. His widow Sarah died 29 Jul 1693 in Dorchester. Clement and Sarah Topliff were the parents of [Patience Topliff](#), wife of Nathaniel Holmes.

Source: Elizabeth Day McCormick, [McCormick-Hamilton, Lord-Day Ancestral Lines](#) (1957).

Comments: Despite giving an exact birthdate for Clement Topliff, no parents or place of birth are given in the source cited above.

⁸⁰⁴ Robert Charles Anderson & Alvin Ray Smith, “The Genealogy of Edward1 Riggs of Roxbury, Mass., Revisited,” *The Genealogist* (TG) Vol. 23 (2009), p. 132. The authors note that the baptism record does not give parents names but there are records of the burials of George Holmes and Elizabeth and no other candidates for George’s parents.

⁸⁰⁵ [The Descendants of George Holmes of Roxbury](#) (1908).

⁸⁰⁶ Robert Charles Anderson, [The Great Migration Directory](#) (2015).

⁸⁰⁷ Anderson & Smith, TG 23:133.

⁸⁰⁸ [The Descendants of George Holmes of Roxbury](#) (1908).

⁸⁰⁹ [The Descendants of George Holmes of Roxbury](#). The burial of “Widdow Homes” is recorded in Rev. Eliot’s diary on “Moneth 11, day 6, 1662.”

⁸¹⁰ Robert Charles Anderson, [The Great Migration Directory](#) (2015).

①Nathaniel Wales (852)

Nathaniel WALES was baptized 26 Feb 1586/7 in Calverly, Yorkshire, England, the son of John Wales. Two of his brothers were Puritan ministers in England. He married his first wife, whose name is unknown, by 1613. He and his family immigrated to New England in 1635 on the ship *James*. The voyage encountered a powerful storm but survived, unlike another ship, the *Angel Gabriel*. Nathaniel and his family settled first in Dorchester, Mass., moving to Boston in 1654.

Nathaniel was a weaver. By about 1636 his first wife had died, and he married, second, **Susannah Greenway**, daughter of John Greenway.

Nathaniel died 4 Dec 1661, in Boston. He left a will dated 20 Jun 1661. His second wife survived him. Nathaniel Wales and his first wife were the parents of [Nathaniel Wales Jr.](#)

Source: Robert Charles Anderson, [The Great Migration](#) (featured name).

Comments: Anderson, cited above, argues that Nathaniel had only two wives and neither of them was an Atherton. Although he calls Humphrey Atherton his brother-in-law, this can be explained by his son, Nathaniel Wales Jr. marrying Humphrey Atherton's daughter Isabel.

①Robert Vose (860) and Jane Moss (861)

Robert VOSE was born in about 1599, the son of Thomas Vose and Margery ---- of Garston, Lancashire, England. He married **Jane MOSS**, in 1629, the marriage license being issued 26 Jul 1629. He and his family immigrated to New England after Mar 1650 and before Jul 1654, settling in Dorchester, Mass. On 13 Jul 1654 he purchased 500 acres of land, the estate of John Glover. The land was mainly in the part of town which was incorporated as Milton, Mass., in 1662. He was one of three petitioners for the new town. He became the largest landowner of Milton. In 1669 and 1677 he was selectman.

His wife Jane died in Oct 1675, in Milton. Robert died 11 Oct 1683, in Milton. They are buried in the Milton Cemetery but their graves are unmarked.

Robert Vose and Jane Moss were the parents of [Edward Vose](#).

Source: [Robert Vose and Descendants](#) (1932).

①Robert Sharp (862) and Abigail Wright (863)

Robert SHARP was born in about 1615. He *may* have been the Robert Sharp, son of Richard Sharp, who was baptized at St. Mary Islington, Middlesex, England, on 21 Sep 1617. This is not certain but should be examined further, according to Robert Charles Anderson.

At age 20, Robert immigrated to New England in 1635 on the ship *Abigail*, settling first in Boston, Mass. He moved to Braintree, Mass., and then to Rehoboth, Mass., by 1643. In about 1642 he married **Abigail WRIGHT**. She was born in about 1623, the daughter of [Richard Wright and Margaret -----](#).

Robert was a carpenter. In 1650, the family returned to Boston, Mass. He lived in the area of Muddy River. He died intestate before 26 Jul 1654, when an order for the distribution of his estate was made. Abigail married, second, **Thomas Clapp**, and third, **William Holbrook**. She left a will dated 28 Nov 1702, and proved 13 Feb 1707/[8], in which she is called Abigail Holbrook of Scituate.

Robert Sharp and Abigail Wright were the parents of [Abigail Sharp](#), wife of Edward Vose.

Source: Robert Charles Anderson, [The Great Migration](#) (featured name).

①Edmund Littlefield (864) and Agnes Austin (865)

Edmund LITTLEFIELD was baptized 27 Jun 1592, at Titchfield, Hants, England, the son of Francis Littlefield and Mary ----. He married, at Titchfield on 16 Oct 1614, **Agnes AUTSIN**. She was also called Anne and Annis. Agnes was presumably the child of that name who was baptized at Titchfield 1 Feb 1596/7. Although her parents' names were not recorded, probate records show that Agnes was the daughter of Richard Austin and Agnes/Annis -----. Richard was also called "Richard Attnoke alias Austin."

Edmund Littlefield with two of his older boys immigrated to New England in 1638 on the ship *Bevis*.⁸¹¹ They settled in Exeter, N.H., with Rev. John Wheelright, who was involved with the Antinomian controversy. Wheelright had been banished from Boston in Nov 1637. Edmund Littlefield was one of the signers of the Exeter combination, "an agreement for self-government" on 5 Jun 1639. In 1643, Edmund and his family accompanied Wheelwright to Wells, Me. He was granted 100 acres of land there. Edmund was a selectman in Wells in 1654 and 1657. He had a license to sell strong liquor and wine to Indians.

Edmund made his will 11 Dec 1661. He must have died by 17 Dec 1661, when his widow Annis and three of her sons made an agreement "never to trouble one another about the will." Annis made her will 12 Dec 1677, and it was proved 2 Apr 1678.

Edmund Littlefield and Agnes/Annis Austin were the parents of [Anthony Littlefield](#).

Source: Walter Goodwin Davis, [The Ancestry of Annis Spear](#) (1945).

Comments: Davis, in the source cited above, states that Edmund left his wife and other children behind when he came to New England, but they joined him later on the *Bevis*. However, Robert C. Anderson states that Edmund himself came over on the *Bevis*.

①Thomas Page (866) and Elizabeth Felkin (867)

Thomas PAGE was born in about 1606. He married **Elizabeth FELKIN**, 20 Aug 1628, at St. Martin Ludgate, London, England. She was the daughter of Christopher Felkin.

⁸¹¹ Robert Charles Anderson, [The Great Migration Directory](#) (2015).

Thomas immigrated to New England in 1635, on the ship *Increase*, settling in Saco, Me. Besides his wife and two children, he brought two servants.

He was a tailor in England. His master was his father-in-law, Christopher Felkin, of Fenchurch Street, London.

In Saco, he supported the Anglican minister. He died in about 1645, probably in Saco, Me. His wife had also probably died by that time.

Thomas Page and Elizabeth Felkin were the parents of [Mary Page](#), wife of Anthony Littlefield.

Sources: Robert Charles Anderson, [The Great Migration](#) (featured name); TAG 71.

①Richard Thayer (872) and Dorothy Mortimer (873)

Richard THAYER was baptized 5 Apr 1601 in Thornbury, Gloucestershire, England, the son of Richard Thayer and Ann Gibbs. He married, first, **Dorothy MORTIMER**, 5 Apr 1624, in Thornbury. She was the daughter of William Mortimer. Dorothy was buried 17 Jan 1640/41 in Thornbury.

“Immediately after the death of his wife Richard Thayer with his eight small children embarked for America and came to Braintree” [Sprague]. His brother Thomas already was established in Braintree, Mass. He married, second, **Jane (Hellyer) Parker**, widow of John Parker, and daughter of William Hellyer.

Richard died, possibly in Barbados, between 12 Mar 1660/1 (when he wrote a letter from Barbados) and 10 Apr 1663, when his son made a deed calling his father deceased.

Richard Thayer and Dorothy Mortimer were the parents of [Richard Thayer Jr.](#)

Sources: Dean Crawford Smith, [The Ancestry of Eva Belle Kempton](#), part 3; Sprague, Braintree Families.

①Quinton Pray (874) and Joan ----- (875)

Quinton PRAY was born in about 1595. He married **Joan -----**.⁸¹² He may have been from Frant, Sussex, England, an iron-making town.⁸¹³ On the other hand, the name Quinton was “not uncommon in Scotland.” The Praey family is also found in Belgium.⁸¹⁴ In some records his first name is spelled “Quentin.”

He “appears to be one of the ironworkers who came to Lynn [Mass.] in 1643, under the auspices of the Iron Works Company.”⁸¹⁵ He was certainly in Lynn, Mass., by 1646, where he

⁸¹² Waldo Sprague, Braintree Families (NEHGS CD).

⁸¹³ *The Essex Genealogist (TEG)*, Vol. 20 (2000), p. 70.

⁸¹⁴ TEG 20:71.

⁸¹⁵ NEHGR 55:280.

was employed in the Iron Works as a “fineryman.”⁸¹⁶ In 1648 he was fined for swearing, the witness being Nicholas Pinion.⁸¹⁷ In 1649 he was fined “for striking Nicholas Penion with a staff, with an iron two feet long on the end of it, and breaking his head; and for striking Thomas Billington; also for swearing.”⁸¹⁸ Pray deposed that he met Pinion “ye last Lord’s day coming out of his corn, and heard him swear, by God, all his pumpions were turned to squashes, and by God’s blood he had but one pumpion of all.”⁸¹⁹

By 1651 he was in Braintree, Mass., where he lived near the forge on the Monatiquot river.⁸²⁰ At Braintree, he was a skilled forgerman who “ran the forge,” and was also sometimes at Saugus.⁸²¹ He remained in Braintree “after the demise of the ironworks.”⁸²²

He died intestate 17 Jun 1667 in Braintree. His wife Joan survived him and was administrator of his estate. The inventory of his estate was amounted to only £74, with no real estate.⁸²³

Quinton and Joan Pray were the parents of [Dorothy Pray](#), wife of Richard Thayer Jr.

Sources: See footnotes.

Comments: According to *The Essex Genealogist*, vol. 20 (2000), p. 71, an article on the Pray and Pinion families by Roger Josyln, FASG, is forthcoming in the *New England Historical and Genealogical Register*. However it is not clear whether this article is still being prepared.

①John Hayden (876) and Susanna ----- (877)

John HAYDEN was born by about 1609, based on the estimated date of his marriage. He immigrated to Massachusetts in 1632, settling first in Dorchester, Mass. By about 1634, he married **Susanna -----**, probably in Dorchester. In 1639, they moved to Braintree, Mass.

In 1647 he petitioned the court for help “in regard of his own infirmity & his child bereaved of his senses.” The court gave him £5 for his “distracted or possessed child” (Joseph).

John died between 31 Oct 1678 (date of his will) and Feb 1681[/?] (date of inventory of his estate). The inventory of his estate totaled £125, not a large sum. Susanna’s date of death is not known, but she had died by 3 Oct 1684.

John and Susanna Hayden were the parents of [John Hayden Jr.](#)

Source: Robert Charles Anderson, [The Great Migration Begins](#) (featured name).

⁸¹⁶ Sprague.

⁸¹⁷ *The Essex Antiquarian*, vol. 6 (1902), p. 109.

⁸¹⁸ *The Essex Antiquarian*, 6:160. TEG 20:71 states that the Prays and Pinions “are of the same family, although obviously there was no love lost between Quinton¹ Pray and Nicholas¹ Pinion.”

⁸¹⁹ *The Essex Antiquarian*, 6:160

⁸²⁰ Sprague.

⁸²¹ TEG 20:67.

⁸²² TEG 20:76.

⁸²³ Sprague.

① William Ames (878) and Hannah ----- (879)

William AMES may have been the William Ames baptized 6 Oct 1605 in Bruton, Somersetshire, England, the son of John Ames and Christian Browne, but this is not certain, and “there is no direct evidence.” He immigrated to New England in 1640, settling in Braintree, Mass.⁸²⁴ In about 1640, he married **Hannah** -----.

He died 1 Jan 1653, in Braintree. His widow Hannah married, second, **John Niles**. She died 31 Jan 1702/3, in Braintree.

William and Hannah Ames were the parents of [Hannah Ames](#), wife of John Hayden.

Source: Dean Crawford Smith, [The Ancestry of Eva Belle Kempton, part 3](#).

Comments: William Ames is often confused by another man of the same name who lived in Cambridge, Mass.

① Thomas Joy (888) and Joan Gallop (889)

Thomas JOY was born in about 1611. He immigrated to New England in 1636, settling first in Boston, Mass.⁸²⁵ He married **Joan GALLOP** in about 1637. She was baptized 20 Sep 1618 in Bridgport, England, the daughter of [John Gallop and Christobel Brushett](#).

Thomas was a “house carpenter, builder, millwright and architect.” He has been credited with “the design and construction of the best dwellings and meetinghouses of his day in New England.” Prof. John Fiske called him “the excellent 17th century architect” who “had a characteristic style.”

In 1646 he became involved with a “political agitation” called Dr. Child’s Memorial, named after Dr. Robert Child. This was “a protest against certain illiberal customs of the period & particularly against the narrow policy of the Colonial government which since 1631 had restricted the right of suffrage to the members of the local Puritan churches.” Thomas Joy, who was not a freeman, supported this movement. Some of the petitioners were thrown into prison, others heavily fined. Most of them returned to England. Gov. John Winthrop, in his History of New England, wrote: “There was also one Thomas Joy, a young fellow, a carpenter, whom they had employed to get ‘hands’ to the petition.” Joy was “laid hold on & kept in irons for about four or five days. He then humbled himself, confessed what he knew, blamed himself for meddling in matters not belonging to him & blessed God for those irons upon his legs, hoping they would do him good while he lived. So he was let out on reasonable bail.”

Soon after this incident, and probably because of it, he moved to Hingham, Mass. There he erected or enlarged a gristmill. By 1658 Thomas became a member of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company. In some deeds he is called “of Boston” and in others “of Hingham.” He apparently never relinquished all his business interests in Boston. In 1659 he and two others were appointed to “survey the mill bridge whether the foundation & timber worke bee firme.” In 1657, he and Bartholomew Bernard, were given a contract to build

⁸²⁴ Robert Charles Anderson, [The Great Migration Directory](#) (2015).

⁸²⁵ Robert Charles Anderson, [The Great Migration Directory](#) (2015).

Boston's first "Town House." This was an important public edifice, used for meetings of elders, merchants, and included an armory. This structure was in a space at the head of what was later State Street, in Boston. The building was completed in 1666. "This first capitol of Massachusetts stood for over half a century. Josselyn, and English traveler, speaks of it as a 'Town House built on pillars where the merchants may confer: In the chamber above they keep their monthly courts.' It was destroyed by fire in 1711." On the same site was then built the Old State House.

In 1665 Joy was finally admitted freeman. In 1676, he was on trial for "reproaching General Winslow, the authorities of the colony & other misdemeanors." His son Ephraim testified that Thomas was in prison about June or July 1676 According to the Joy Genealogy, this suggests that "Joy was a ready & forcible speaker, whose criticisms the government could not afford to overlook."

In his later years he apparently returned to Hingham, where he died 21 Oct 1678, in his 69th year. He left a will dated 8 Jul 1677, in which he calls himself "now of Hingham." His estate was valued at £258. Although this is not a large sum, it is likely that he had already distributed much of his lands among his children. His widow Joan died 20 Mar 1690/1, in Hingham. Thomas and Joan Joy are buried in the churchyard in the back of the meeting house in Hingham. It seems that the original stones do not survive, but replacement markers were erected later. Thomas Joy and Joan Gallop were the parents of [Joseph Joy](#).

Sources: The [Joy Genealogy](#) (1968), which contains considerably more information on his most interesting man; [History of Hingham](#); for Joan Gallop's baptism, see Robert Charles Anderson, [The Great Migration](#) (sketch on her father John Gallop).

① John Prince (890) and Margaret ----- (891)

John PRINCE and his wife **Margaret** ----- were in Hingham, Mass., by about 1646-1648. His parents and origin are not known. There is no known relationship with another John Prince who lived for a time in Hingham before moving to Hull, Mass.

John was constable in 1674. He died 7 Feb 1689/90, presumably in Hingham. He left a will dated 10 Jun 1689, mentioning his wife Margaret, three daughters: Mary Joy, the wife of Joseph Joy; Sarah Sayer, the wife of Thomas Sayer; and Deborah King, the wife of William King; as well as grandson William King, granddaughter Deborah King; grandson Thomas Sayer; and grandson Joseph Joy. His widow Margaret died 28 Mar 1703, in Hingham.

John and Margaret Prince were the parents of [Mary Prince](#), wife of Joseph Joy.

Sources: [History of Hingham](#); will of John Prince (Suffolk probate, available on Ancestry.com).

① John Stodder (892) and Hannah ----- (893)

John STODDER immigrated to New England in 1638.⁸²⁶ He married **Hannah -----**.

John died 19 Dec 1661, in Hingham. He made a will dated 20 Nov 1661 and roved 31 Jan 1661/2. The inventory of his estate amounted to £124. His will is transcribed in the Stoddard genealogy cited below.

John and Hannah Stodder were the parents of [Samuel Stodder](#).

Source: [The Stoddard Family \(1912\)](#); [History of Hingham](#).

① Thomas Gill (894) and Hannah Otis (895)

Thomas GILL was born in about 1616, presumably in England. He immigrated to New England in 1635, settling in Hingham, Mass.⁸²⁷ He married **Hannah OTIS**, by 1643. She was baptized 16 Aug 1618, at St. John Glastonbury, Somerset, England, the daughter of [John Otis](#).

Thomas owned land near what was later Main and South streets in Hingham. He was constable in 1668, and selectman in 1645, 1676, 1684, and 1690. His house was destroyed by fire on 4 May 1650.

His wife Hannah died 25 Jan 1675/6 in Hingham. Thomas died 24 Feb 1704/5, in Hingham, at age "about 89 years."

Thomas Gill and Hannah Otis were the parents of [Elizabeth Gill](#), wife of Samuel Stodder.

Sources: [History of Hingham](#); for Hannah Otis: Robert Charles Anderson, *The Great Migration* (sketch on her father John Otis.)

① William Knapp (906) and Judith Tue (907)

William KNAPP was baptized 1 Jan 1580/1 in Bures St. Mary, Suffolk, England, the son of Thomas Knopp and Alice Howlatt. His name is sometimes spelled "Knopp," but descendants use the Knapp spelling. He married **Judith TUE**, 11 Jan 1606/7, in Wormingford, England. She was baptized 31 May 1589 in Wormingford, the daughter of John Tue and Cicely -----.

William was a carpenter. He immigrated to Massachusetts in 1630 and settled in Watertown., Mass. In 1633, he was censured by the court for swearing. In 1641 he was fined for selling beer without a license. According to Roger Thompson, he was a "foul mouthed drunkard, despised by his neighbors." He was once reviled as a "thievish knave" and was a "patriarch of a brood of helions."⁸²⁸ In 1650, in his seventies, he paid Phoebe Page five shillings for a kiss, and "old Knap said that young men would only give a touch but he would give her a

⁸²⁶ Robert Charles Anderson, [The Great Migration Directory](#) (2015)

⁸²⁷ Robert Charles Anderson, [The Great Migration Directory](#) (2015) . He is, however, not included in Anderson's [The Great Migration](#).

⁸²⁸ Roger Thompson, [Divided We Stand: Watertown, Mass., 1630-1680](#) (2001), p. 110.

cleaving kisse and old Knap did afterward desire to kisse her again upon that five shillings & she answered no.”⁸²⁹

His wife Judith had died by 1651. William married, second, **Priscilla (-----) Akers, in** about June 1651. In October 1651 he was cited for “scurulus and undecent words” against the schoolmaster. In 1655, his children refused to provide “necessities” for him, and the selectman of Watertown took charge of his estate.

William died intestate 30 Aug 1659, in Watertown. His second wife Priscilla died before 1 Apr 1662.

William Knapp and Judith Tue were the parents of [Mary Knapp](#), wife of Thomas Smith.
Sources: Robert Charles Anderson, [The Great Migration Begins](#) (featured name); NEHGR 147 (1993):324-325; Roger Thompson, [Divided We Stand: Watertown, Mass., 1630-1680](#) (2001); Roger Thompson, [Sex in Middlesex](#) (1989).

①John George (918)

John GEORGE was probably born in England in about 1590. He immigrated to New England sometime in the 1640s and lived in Watertown, Mass. The name of his first wife (the mother of his children) is not known. He married, second, **Anne (-----) Goldstone**, widow of Henry Goldstone.

He died intestate in 1647, soon before 12 Jun 1647 when an inventory was made of his estate. His widow was made guardian of John’s two children, Robert and Susanna. She died 26 Apr 1670 in Watertown, as “Hannah George, widow, aged 79 years.”

John George was the father of [Susanna George](#), wife of Robert Harrington.
Source: Robert Charles Anderson, [The Great Migration](#) (sketch on Henry Goldstone); Stevens-Miller, p. 161.

①Edmund Sherman (922) and Grace Makin (923)

Edmund SHERMAN was born “by about 1574,” perhaps in Dedham, Essex, England, the son of Edmund Sherman and Ann Pellett.

He married **Grace MAKIN**, by 1599. She was the daughter of Tobias Makin and Kathreine Westbrome. He immigrated to New England in 1635, settling first in Watertown, Mass., and moving to Wethersfield, Conn., by 1638 and New Haven, Conn. in 1640. He was selectman in Watertown in 1635.

He died in either late 1640 or early 1641, specifically between 29 Oct 1640 and May 1641. He left a will, but it does not survive.

⁸²⁹ Roger Thompson, [Sex in Middlesex](#) (1989), p. 94. Phoebe Page had a reputation for sexual promiscuity.

Edmund Sherman and Grace Makin were the parents of [Grace Sherman](#), wife of John Livermore.

Sources: Robert Charles Anderson, [The Great Migration](#) (featured name); Michael Johnson Wood, "The Earliest Shermans of Dedham, Essex, and Their Wives," part 6, NEHGR vol. 168 (2014), pp. 18-19.

①Dea. John Bridge (924)

John BRIDGE was born "by about 1593" based on the estimated date of his marriage. He married his first wife, whose name is unknown, by about 1618. He and his family immigrated to New England in 1634, settling in Cambridge, Mass. He served there as selectman various times between 1635 and 1646. He was a deacon in the church.

John's first wife died sometime between 1 May 1654, when she witnessed a deed (without her name being used) and 29 Nov 1658, when John married (by marriage contract), second, **Elizabeth (-----) (Bancroft) Saunders**, widow of Roger Bancroft and Martin Saunders.

John died 15 Apr 1665, in Cambridge. He left a will, which was undated.

John Bridge and his unknown first wife were the parents of [Matthew Bridge](#). (Only one other child of theirs, Thomas Bridge, is known.)

Source: Robert Charles Anderson, [The Great Migration](#) (featured name).

①Nicholas Danforth (926) and Elizabeth Barber (927)

Nicholas DANFORTH was baptized 1 Mar 1589/[90?] in Framlingham, Suffolk, England, the son of Thomas Danforth and Jane Sudbury. He married **Elizabeth BARBER**, 11 Feb 1617/8, in Aspall, Suffolk. She died in 1629 in England. He came to Massachusetts in 1635. According to Robert Charles Anderson, "The range of offices to which Nicholas Danforth was elected or appointed indicates a high level of education." Among these offices was that of Deputy to the Massachusetts Bay General Court, in 1636 and 1637. He not live long in the New World, dying in Apr 1638, and leaving seven children, only one of whom was married by that time. Cotton Mather, in writing a biography of his son Rev. Samuel Danforth, that Nicholas was "a gentleman of such estate and repute in the world, that it cost him a considerable sum to escape the knighthood, which King Charles I imposed on all of so much per annum; and of such figure and esteem in the Church, that he procured that famous lecture at Framlingham, Suffolk, where he had a fine manor..." Nicholas Danforth and Elizabeth Barber were the parents of [Anna Danforth](#), wife of Matthew Bridge.

Sources: Robert Charles Anderson, [The Great Migration](#) (featured name), Mary Walton Ferris, [Dawes-Gates Ancestral Lines](#).

Comments: Some have suggested that he had a daughter Martha who married Richard French, but Robert Charles Anderson disputes this claim.

① Samuel Stratton (960) and Alice ----- (961)

Samuel STRATTON was born in about 1592, the son of John Stratton and Alice ----. He married **Alice -----**, "say 1624." He immigrated to New England by Dec 1647, and settled in Watertown, Mass. He married, second, **Margaret (?) Parker**, 27 Aug 1657, in Boston.⁸³⁰

In 1648, Margaret Jones, a midwife and healer, was accused of witchcraft. Alice Stratton was a friend of Margaret's, and visited her in prison with a Bible. "An onlooker recorded how one day in the cell both women were racked by sobs over the terrible turn Jones' life had taken."⁸³¹ Margaret was executed 15 Jun 1648, by hanging from an Elm tree on Boston Common. She is said to have been the first person executed for witchcraft in the Massachusetts Bay Colony. Court papers state that "Samuel Stratton said that Jones' wife Died wrongfully, and was no witch and that the magistrates would doe anything for bribes..." Alice stated she was "no more a witch than she was" and that "her blood would be required at the magistrate's hands." Samuel and Alice incurred the displeasure of the magistrates for saying so, and was forced to pay a fine for speaking their minds.

Samuel died 25 Dec 1672, in Watertown. He left a will, which is transcribed in [A Book of Strattons](#). His widow Margaret died 7 Dec 1676.

Samuel and Alice Stratton were the parents of [Samuel Stratton Jr.](#)

Sources: [A Book of Strattons](#); Eugene Stratton, "The Possible Origin of Samuel Stratton of Watertown, Mass.," TAG 65(1990):200-202; Raymond David Wheeler, "The Father of Samuel Stratton of Watertown, Mass.," TAG 68 (1993), p. 84.

① Robert Fletcher (964)

Robert FLETCHER was born in about 1593. His origin and the name of his wife are unknown. He immigrated to New England in 1637,⁸³² and settled in Concord, Mass.

In the 1650s and 1660s he was frequently a member of the petit jury in Concord. By about 1669, he is said to have been "bereaved of sight." However, the document that others have cited concerning this is not to be found. It is quite possible that he did indeed go blind but proof is lacking.

He died 3 Apr 1677 in Concord. He left a will dated 4 Feb 1672. His wife was living in 1672, and may have survived him.

Robert Fletcher was the father of [Francis Fletcher](#).

Source: Dean Crawford Smith, [The Ancestry of Eva Belle Kempton](#), part 4, pp. 273-276.

⁸³⁰ According to New England Families Study Project [NEHGS], there is no evidence she was Margaret Bowlins.

⁸³¹ Peter F. Stevens, [Forgotten Tales of Massachusetts](#) (2009).

⁸³² Robert Charles Anderson, [The Great Migration Directory](#) (2015).

① George Wheeler (966) and Catherine Pin (967)

George WHEELER was born in about 1605 or 1606. He *may* have been the George Wheeler who was baptized 23 Mar 1605/6 in Cranfield, Bedfordshire, England, the son of Thomas Wheeler. (See comments, below). He married **Catherine PIN** 8 Jun 1630 in Cranfield. She was born “say” 1610. They immigrated to New England in 1639, settling in Concord, Mass.⁸³³ By 1654, his land holdings in Concord were “considerable.” By 1673 he owned over 330 acres of land. Catherine died in Concord 2 Jan 1684/5. He died in 1687 in Concord, leaving a will dated 28 Jan 1684, which is transcribed in the source below.

George Wheeler and Katherine Pin were the parents of [Elizabeth Wheeler](#), wife of Francis Fletcher.

Source: Dean Crawford Smith, [The Ancestry of Eva Belle Kempton](#), part 3 (1996), pp. 439-444.

Comments: Dean Crawford Smith states that while George may have been the son of Thomas Wheeler, there is some doubt. On the positive side, his date of birth of 1605/6 closely matches the baptism date, and since he married Catherine in Cranfield, the location also matches. However, Thomas Wheeler did not mention George in his will, even though he mentioned his other sons. In addition, although many Wheelers lived in Concord at this time, no records exist in which George calls any of them “brother” or “kinsman.” Smith sums up saying simply that “no conclusion can be reached.”

① Walter Allen (968) and Rebecca Ward (969)

Walter ALLEN was born in about 1601. He immigrated to New England in 1638, settling in Newbury, Mass.⁸³⁴ He married **Rebecca WARD**, by about 1630, in England. Rebecca was born in about 1610, the daughter of Edward Ward and (probably) Judith ----.

Walter Allen was described variously as a farmer, planter, shopkeeper, and “Haberdasher of Hatts.” He moved to Watertown, Mass., in about 1652. In 1665 he bought 60 acres near the Concord boundary, in what was afterwards called Weston, Mass. In about 1673 he moved to Charlestown, Mass. His wife Rebecca died there 7 Aug 1678. He married, second, 29 Nov 1678, in Charlestown, **Abigail Rogers**. He died 8 Jul 1681, at age 80. He had also owned land in Sudbury and Haverhill. He wrote a will, which is rather difficult to decipher, and possibly in his own handwriting.

Walter and Rebecca Allen were the parents of [John Allen](#).

Sources: Allen Bent, [Walter Allen of Newbury and Some of His Descendants](#) (1896); Wyman, [Charlestown](#); Middlesex Probate #361; for identification of Rebecca Ward: Leslie Maher, “The English Origin of Nathaniel Ward...,” *The American Genealogist* (TAG), vol. 83 (2008), p. 13.

Comments: Bent, cited above, says Walter Allen’s estate amounted to £3015, a huge sum for those days. Wyman says £312. Looking at the inventory record it looks more like “30:15” but it

⁸³³ Robert Charles Anderson, [The Great Migration Directory](#) (2015).

⁸³⁴ Robert Charles Anderson, [The Great Migration Directory](#) (2015).

is clearly not 3015, because the individual amounts do not sum to anything near that amount, but instead seem to be something more like what Wyman asserts.

① Thomas Goodenow (974) and Jane ----- (975)

Thomas GOODENOW was born in about 1608, the son of Thomas Goodenow and Ursula ----- . He married **Jane** ----- . He immigrated to New England in 1638, on the ship *Confidence*, settling first in Sudbury, Mass.⁸³⁵ His unmarried sister Ursula accompanied him on the *Confidence*.

He was one of the proprietors of Sudbury, and petitioned for Marlborough in 1656, being there at its incorporation. He was selectman in Marlborough in 1661, 1662, and 1664. He died in Oct 1666, in Marlborough, Mass. He left a will dated 29 Sep 1666, and died not long after, as his will was proved 24 Oct 1666. His wife, whom he called his "Loveing yoak fellow" in his will, survived him. It is possible that she was the Jane Goodenow who married [William Buttrick](#).

Thomas and Jane Goodenow were the parents of [Mary Goodenow](#), wife of James Ross.

Source: Dean Crawford Smith, [The Ancestry of Eva Belle Kempton](#), part 3 (1996); TAG 61:67; History of Marlborough.

Comment: Thomas Goodenow was an ancestor of Henry David Thoreau.

① John Peirce (984) and Elizabeth Trull (985)

John PEIRCE was born in about 1588, probably in or near Norwich, Norfolk, England. He married **Elizabeth TRULL**, 17 Apr 1610, at St. Edmund, Norwich. She was baptized 13 Apr 1590, the daughter of Robert Trull and Mary Ladyman.

John immigrated to New England in 1636, settling in Watertown, Mass. He died there 19 Aug 1661. He left a will, mentioning his wife Elizabeth and son Anthony. His widow Elizabeth died in Watertown 12 Mar 1666/7. She also left a will, mentioning five children and seven grandchildren.

John Peirce and Elizabeth Trull were the parents of [Anthony Peirce](#).

Source: Patricia Law Hatcher, "The Peirce Family of Norwich, England, and Watertown, Mass.," *The American Genealogist* (TAG) vol. 84 (2010), pp. 181-182.

⁸³⁵ Robert Charles Anderson, [The Great Migration Directory](#) (2015).

Eleventh Generation

This section provides abbreviated information. Refer to the sources listed here for further details. ① indicates the first male for a given family surname to immigrate to New England. I will only include those who lived in New England for at least part of their lives. This is the earliest generation of Alice Maud Clark's ancestors in America.

①Richard Linton (1606)

Richard LINTON was born approximately 1585 to 1590. He married **Elizabeth** -----, but she was probably not his first wife, and not the mother of his children. He immigrated to New England by about 1643, settling in Watertown, Mass. Soon afterwards he moved to Lancaster, Mass.

Richard died intestate 30 Mar 1665, in Lancaster. He had disposed of his lands via deeds, which are summarized in Stevens-Miller, cited below. His widow Elizabeth survived him, and probably died by 1674.

Richard Linton was the father of both [Rachel Linton](#), wife of Henry Kibby, and [Ann Linton](#), wife of Lawrence Waters.

Source: Stevens-Miller, vol. 1, pp. 98-100; Robert Charles Anderson, The Great Migration Begins (comment only).

Comments: He was not the Richard Linton who immigrated in 1630, according to Robert Charles Anderson, cited above.

①Edward Garfield (1652)

Edward GARFIELD was baptized 28 Jul 1583, in Hillmorton, Warwickshire, England, the son of Thomas Garfield and Agnes -----. The name of his first wife, the mother of his first three children, is unknown. She probably died in England. Edward immigrated to New England in 1634, settling in Watertown, Mass. He married, second, **Rebecca** -----, by 1635. He was selectman in Watertown in 1637, 1654, and 1661, and constable in 1660.

Rebecca died 16 Apr 1661 in Watertown, and he married, third, **Joanna** (-----) **Buckmaster**, widow of Thomas Buckmaster.

Edward died 14 Jun 1672 in Watertown. The death record says "aged about 97" but based on his baptism he was probably more like 89. He left a will dated 30 Dec 1668 and proved 11 Jul 1672. The inventory of his estate was valued at £457, a sizeable amount.

Edward Garfield was the father of [Samuel Garfield](#).

Sources: Robert Charles Anderson, The Great Migration (featured name); NEHGR 156 (for English origin.)

①Richard Wright (1726) and Margaret ----- (1727)

Richard WRIGHT was born in about 1596. He married, first, **Margaret -----**.

Richard immigrated to New England in 1630, settling in Lynn, Mass. He moved several times, first to Boston and Braintree, Mass., and to Rehoboth, Mass., by 1643. In 1646 he returned to England until 1649 when he returned to Boston, before moving to Ipswich, Mass., by 1652. Finally he moved to Twelve Mile Island⁸³⁶ in 1662, and Podunk, Conn., (“in what is now East Hartford”) in 1666. According to Gail Ion Harris, Podunk was “an area known for its remote location across from the main settlements on the west side of the Connecticut [river] and for its genealogical difficulties.”

“Richard Wright did not own much land in New England, but preferred to lease large estates from wealthier colonists.”

His wife Margaret died between 1623 and 1643. It is likely that she was alive in 1630 as there is a record of a Margaret Wright joining the Boston church then.

Richard married, second, a woman whose name is not known, although she was “possibly a widow Sabin, mother of William Sabin of Rehoboth.”

Late in his life he was called Captain Wright.

Richard died after 15 Mar 1677/8, perhaps in Podunk, Conn.

Richard and Margaret Wright were the parents of [Abigail Wright](#), wife of Robert Sharp.

Sources: Robert Charles Anderson, [The Great Migration Begins](#) (featured name); Gail Ion Harris, “Capt. Richard Wright of Twelve Mile Island and the Burnhams of Podunk,” TAG 67 (1992):32-38.

①John Gallop (1778) and Christabell Brushett (1779)

John GALLOP was born in about 1593. He married **Christabell BRUSHETT** 19 Jan 1617[/8], in Bridport, Dorsetshire, England. He immigrated to New England in 1630, settling in Boston, Mass.

John was a fisherman and mariner. He is called a “coastal trader, moving up and down from Maine to Connecticut, carrying goods for Winthrop and others.” He lived in Boston, but also maintained a residence on [Gallop’s Island](#), an island in Boston harbor named after him.

In 1636, on a trading voyage to Long Island, Gallop came upon the boat of John Oldham, who had been killed by Indians who had boarded the boat. Gallop “took countermeasures, as a result of which several Indians were drowned.”

During the Pequot War (1637), he saved the wife of Mononotto (a Pequot chief), and wounded Indians with her, bringing them food and carrying their wounded to where they could be treated by a surgeon.⁸³⁷

⁸³⁶ A large “farm “ on the same side of the river, near the dividing line between the modern Lyme and East Haddam, Conn.

⁸³⁷ Mononotto’s wife is said to have been named Wincumbone. She in turn had saved the lives of two English “maids.” It is not known what her ultimate fate was.

John died in Jan 1649/50, soon before 10 Jan 1649/50, in Boston, “of a great griping in his bowels.” He made a will dated 20 Dec 1649 and proved 9 Feb 1649[/50]. The inventory of his estate amounted to about £311. Christabell died 27 Sep 1655, in Boston. She also made a will. John Gallop and Christabell Brushett were the parents of [Joan Gallop](#), wife of Thomas Joy. **Source:** Robert Charles Anderson, [The Great Migration Begins](#) (featured name).

①John Otis (1790)

John OTIS was born in about 1585. His first wife’s name is not known. He was from Glastonbury, Somerset, England. John immigrated to New England in 1635, settling in Hingham, Mass. He was a selectman in Hingham for two terms.

His first wife (the mother of all his children), died 28 Jun 1653, in Hingham. He married, second, **Elizabeth (----) Stream**, a widow. John moved to Weymouth, Mass. He died 31 May 1657, in Weymouth. He made a will, dated 30 May 1657 (the day before he died) and proved 28 Jul 1657. His second wife Elizabeth also made a will, dated 22 Sep 1672 and proved 17 Jul 1676, she apparently having died sometime in 1676.

John Otis was the father of [Hannah Otis](#), wife of Thomas Gill.

Source: Robert Charles Anderson, [The Great Migration](#) featured name).

Comments: Robert Charles Anderson, in the source cited above, states that there are no contemporary documents supporting the claim that John Otis’ (first) wife was named Margaret.

Here Lies: A Graveyard Guide

The following is a list of known ancestors of Alice (Clark) Pratt, where a photo of a gravestone exists. The number in the first column is the Ahnentafel number, relative to Alice. All towns are in Massachusetts unless otherwise noted. I count nine of Alice's ancestors with gravestones dated prior to 1700, the oldest being that of Humphrey Atherton, who died in 1661.

A#	Name	Findagrave Photo	Cemetery	City
1	Alice (Clark) Pratt	Alice Clark Pratt gravestone	Oak Park	Claremont, CA
2	John Richardson Clark	John R. Clark gravestone	Mt. Feake	Waltham
3	Caroline (Derby) Clark	Caroline Clark gravestone	Mt. Feake	Waltham
6	John Derby	John Derby gravestone	Central	Weston
7	Martha (Fiske) Derby	Martha Derby gravestone	Central	Weston
8	Moses Clark	Moses Clark gravestone	Old Cem.	Gorham, ME
9	Martha (Rogers) Clark	Martha Clark gravestone	Old Cem.	Gorham, ME
14	Robert Fiske	Robert Fiske gravestone	Central	Weston
15	Nancy (Stratton) Fiske	Nancy Fiske gravestone	Central	Weston
16	Norman Clark	Norman Clark gravestone	East Parish	Newton
19	Hannah (Williams) Rogers	Hannah Rogers gravestone	East Parish	Newton
30	Daniel Stratton	Daniel Stratton gravestone	Central	Weston
32	William Clark, d. 1737	William Clark gravestone	East Parish	Newton
33	Hannah (Kee) Clark	Hannah Clark gravestone	East Parish	Newton
38	Isaac Williams, d. 1757	Isaac Williams gravestone	East Parish	Newton
39	Martha (Whitney) Williams, d. 1763	Martha Williams gravestone	East Parish	Newton
44	John Gilson, d. 1753	John Gilson gravestone	Old Cem.	Groton
50	Nathan Bennett, d. 1760	Nathan Bennett (footstone)	Pine Grove	Leominster
51	Abigail (Whitcomb) (Bennett) Gibson	Abigail Gibson gravestone	Middletown	Grafton, VT
56	Samuel Fiske, d. 1761	Samuel Fiske gravestone	Grove Hill	Waltham
62	Josiah Fuller	Josiah Fuller gravestone	West Parish	Newton
63	Abigail (Williams) Fuller	Abigail Fuller gravestone	West Parish	Newton
68	Thomas Bird, d. 1710	Thomas Bird gravestone	North	Dorchester
69	Thankful (Atherton) Bird, d. 1719	Thankful Bird gravestone	North	Dorchester
76	Isaac Williams, d. 1739	Isaac Williams gravestone	Eliot	Roxbury
78	Joshua Whitney, d. 1719	Joshua Whitney gravestone	Old Cem.	Groton
89	Sarah (Blood?) (Gilson) Warner	Sarah Warner gravestone	Walton	Pepperell
96	John Daby	John Daby gravestone	Old Cem	Harvard
97	Hannah (Buttrick) Daby	Hannah Daby gravestone	Old Cem.	Harvard
100	John Bennett	John Bennett gravestone	Old Settlers	Lancaster
101	Bathsheba (Phelps) Bennett	Bathsheba Bennett gravestone	Old Settlers	Lancaster
102	Joseph Whitcomb	Joseph Whitcomb gravestone	Mt. Caesar	Swanzy, NH
114	John Bemis, d. 1754	John Bemis gravestone	Grove Hill	Waltham
138	Humphrey Atherton, d. 1661	Humphrey Atherton gravestone	North	Dorchester
152	Capt. Isaac Williams, d. 1708	Isaac Williams gravestone	East Parish	Newton
153	Martha (Park) Williams, d. 1675	Martha Williams gravestone	East Parish	Newton
155	Mary (French) Hyde, d. 1672	Mary Hyde gravestone	East Parish	Newton
192	Thomas Daby, d. 1738	Thomas Daby gravestone	Old Cem.	Holliston
200	Samuel Bennett, d. 1742	Samuel Bennett gravestone	Old Settlers	Lancaster

204	David Whitcomb	David Whitcomb gravestone	Old Common	Lancaster
205	Mary (Hayward) Whitcomb	Mary Whitcomb gravestone	Old Common	Lancaster
206	John Priest	John Priest gravestone	Old Common	Lancaster
207	Anna (Houghton) Priest	Anna Priest gravestone	Old Common	Lancaster
218	Nathaniel Thayer, d. 1728	Nathaniel Thayer gravestone	Elm St.	Braintree
228	John Bemis, d. 1732	John Bemis gravestone	Grove Hill	Waltham
229	Mary (Harrington) Bemis, d. 1716	Mary Bemis gravestone	Grove Hill	Waltham
230	Samuel Livermore, d. 1690	Samuel Livermore gravestone	Old Cem.	Watertown
231	Anna (Bridge) Wellington, d. 1727	Hannah Wellington gravestone	Old. Cem.	Watertown
240	Samuel Stratton	Samuel Stratton gravestone	South	Concord
241	Elizabeth (Fletcher) Stratton	Elizabeth Stratton gravestone	South	Concord
246	Joseph Pierce	Joseph Pierce gravestone	Grove Hill	Waltham
304	Robert Williams, d. 1693	Robert Williams (footstone?)	Eliot	Roxbury
305	Elizabeth Williams d. 1674	Elizabeth Williams gravestone	Eliot	Roxbury
306	William Park, d. 1685	William Park gravestone	Eliot	Roxbury
367	Joanna (Goffe?) (Longley) Crisp d 1698	Joanna Crispe gravestone	Phipps St	Charlestown
408	Josiah Whitcomb, d. 1718	Josiah Whitcomb gravestone	Old Common	Lancaster
410	Joseph Hayward, d. 1714	Joseph Hayward gravestone	South	Concord
413	Rachel (Garfield) Priest d 1737	Rachel Priest gravestone	Harvard Ctr	Harvard
415	Mary (Farrar) Houghton, d. 1724	Mary Houghton gravestone	Old Common	Lancaster
430	Edward Vose	Edward Vose gravestone	Milton	Milton
431	Abigail (Sharp) Vose	Abigail Vose gravestone	Milton	Milton
436	Richard Thayer, d. 1695	Richard Thayer gravestone	Hancock	Quincy
458	Robert Harrington, d. 1707	Robert Harrington gravestone	Old Cem.	Watertown
459	Susanna (George) Harrington, d. 1694	Susanna Harrington gravestone	Old Cem.	Watertown

First Arrivals

The following ancestors of Alice (Clark) Pratt are known to have immigrated to New England by 1635. These ancestors, with one exception, are featured in Robert Charles Anderson's The Great Migration Begins (1620-1633 arrivals) and The Great Migration (1634-1635 arrivals).

A#	Name	Date	Ship	Residences
472	Edward Dix	1630		Boston, Watertown
906	William Knapp ⁸³⁸	1630		Watertown
1726	Richard Wright	1630		Lynn, Boston, Braintree, etc.
1778	John Gallop	1630		Boston
478	Benjamin Crisp	1631		Charlestown, Watertown, Groton
306	William Parke	1631	<i>Lyon</i>	Roxbury
876	John Hayden	1632		Dorchester, Braintree
614	John Holgrave	1633		Salem, Maine
460	John Livermore	1634	<i>Francis</i>	Watertown, Wethersfield, New Haven
474	John Barnard	1634	<i>Elizabeth</i>	Watertown
726	Robert Reynolds	1634		Boston
782	Simon Willard	1634		Cambridge, Concord, Lancaster, etc.
924	John Bridge	1634		Cambridge
1652	Edward Garfield	1634		Watertown
922	Edmund Sherman	1635		Watertown, Wethersfield, New Haven
1790	John Otis	1635		Hingham, Weymouth
156	John Whitney	1635	<i>Elizabeth & Ann</i>	Watertown
310	William French	1635	<i>Defense</i>	Cambridge, Billerica
388	William Buttrick	1635		Concord
852	Nathaniel Wales	1635	<i>James</i>	Dorchester, Boston
774	Thomas Makepeace	1635		Dorchester, Boston
926	Nicholas Danforth	1635		Cambridge
862	Robert Sharp	1635	<i>Abigail</i>	Boston, Braintree
816	John Whitcomb	1635	<i>Hopewell</i>	Dorchester, Scituate, Lancaster
822	James Hosmer	1635	<i>Elizabeth</i>	Cambridge, Concord
866	Thomas Page	1635	<i>Increase</i>	Saco
818	Lawrence Waters	1635		Watertown, Lancaster, Charlestown
894	Thomas Gill ⁸³⁹	1635		Hingham

⁸³⁸ In The Great Migration Begins, Robert Charles Anderson spells his name as "Knopp."

⁸³⁹ Not included in The Great Migration.

Miscellaneous Facts and Superlatives

Oldest. Sarah (Allen) Stratton (1690-1790) lived to the age of 99 years, 10 months and 11 days, (death notice in the *Massachusetts Spy*.) Her mother-in-law Elizabeth (Fletcher) Stratton (1663-1762) lived to be 98.

Died Youngest. John Shattuck died in 1675 at age 28, by drowning.

Children. Jonathan Hyde had 23 children, 15 by his first wife Mary French, and 8 more by his second wife, Mary Rediat. Benjamin and Joanna (Harris) Bird had 15 children in 24 years. The number of children is not counted for earlier generations, but for those where the data is included in this book 62 of 187 individuals (33%) had 10 or more children. Only Alice Clark herself had just one child. The average number of children (which may be somewhat undercounted) is 8.1.

Earliest Marriage. Hannah Chandler married at age 15, many other women married at 16. Men tended to marry later: John Shattuck (mentioned above) married at 17, and Samuel Fiske at 19.

Longest/Shortest Marriage. Samuel Fiske and Abigail White were married 61 years. Alice's parents, John Richardson Clark and Caroline Maria Derby were married 59 years. John Glover and Abigail Holmes were married just 8 years. More recently, Horatio Clark and Betsey Bixby were married 13 years.

Number of Marriages. Jeremiah Fuller was married 4 times. Of male ancestors included in this book, 56 of 192 (29%) had two or more marriages. Of women, 16 of 185 (9%) had more than one marriage. The number of individuals with multiple marriages may be undercounted, however.

Where they Lived. Most of Alice's ancestors lived in Massachusetts. Many (192+) were born in England and came to Massachusetts during the 1600s. Only 1 ancestor was born in Connecticut, and 3 in Maine. Alice has no known ancestors born in New Hampshire although Joseph and Damaris Whitcomb died there. 156 of her ancestors were born in Massachusetts.

The table below shows towns in Massachusetts where the total of births and deaths add up to 10 or more.

Town	# born ⁸⁴⁰	# died	Total Events	Earliest birth
Watertown	29	37	66	Joshua Whitney (1636)
Newton	10	20	30	Jeremiah Fuller (1658)
Concord	9	20	29	Joseph Hayward (1643)

⁸⁴⁰ Includes baptisms.

Town	# born ⁸⁴⁰	# died	Total Events	Earliest birth
Lancaster	10	17	27	Joseph Houghton (1657)
Braintree	6	16	22	Hannah Ames (1641)
Dorchester	11	10	21	Josiah Whitcomb (1638) ⁸⁴¹
Milton	5	13	18	Jane Vose (1668)
Groton	6	11	17	Mary Blood (1672)
Hingham	6	9	15	Samuel Stodder (1640)
Roxbury	4	11	15	Isaac Williams (1638)
Weston	5	8	13	Daniel Stratton (1748)
Boston	2	10	12	Joseph Joy (1645)
Waltham	1	10	11	Robert Fiske (1775)
Andover	2	8	10	Hannah Chandler (1659)
Reading	3	7	10	Sarah Burnap (1653)

First born in America. The first to definitely be born in New England was Joshua Whitney, born 15 Feb 1635/6, in Watertown. John Hayden was probably born in about 1634 in Dorchester.

Earliest Gravestones Still Standing. Maj. General Humphrey Atherton died in 1661 and his flat slab gravestone from 1661 survives. Mary (French) Hyde – the same woman who had 15 children - died in 1672 and her gravestone in Newton, Mass., is still standing.

Gravestone Locations. The following cemeteries, all in Massachusetts, have five or more of Alice's ancestors:

Graveyard	Town	Number
Old Common	Lancaster	9
East Parish	Newton	9
Grove Hill	Waltham	5
Central	Weston	5

Slavery. Although slavery was not common in New England, two of Alice's early ancestors are known to have had slaves. Thomas Bird's will (died 1710) mentions a "negro manservant" and a "negro maid servant." The will of William Buttrick, who died in 1698, mentions "a negro man, a cripple."

Causes of Death. Most of the causes of death of Alice's ancestors are either unknown or not unusual. The following are a few that are more notable:

Name	Cause of Death	Year	Place (all in Mass.)
Richard Mann	Drowned in an icy pond	1655/6	Scituate
Humphrey Atherton	Fell from his horse	1661	Boston

⁸⁴¹ Possibly John Hayden 1634 but Dorchester didn't keep records that early.

Name	Cause of Death	Year	Place (all in Mass.)
George Hayward	Drowned in river	1671	Concord
Ann (-----) Bird	Fell down trap door and broke neck	1673	Dorchester
John Shattuck	Drowned when ferry sank	1675	Charlestown
George Bennett	Killed by Indians	1675	Lancaster
Nathaniel Mott	Killed by Indians	1675/6	Braintree
Hannah (Ames) Hayden	Smallpox	1690	Braintree
James Blood	Killed by "French & Indian enemy"	1692	Concord or Groton?
Rebecca (Towne) Nurse	Executed (by hanging) for witchcraft	1692	Salem
William Sanderson	Killed by Indians	1694	Groton
John Shattuck Jr.	Killed by Indians	1709	Groton
Anna (Bemis) Bent	Smallpox	1793	Waltham
Betsey (Bixby) Clark	Struck by a train	1878	Waltham

Occupations. Alice's father [John Richardson Clark](#) worked in the Waltham Watch Factory as a machinist and foreman. Her grandfather [Horatio Clark](#) was a blacksmith, and her great-grandfather [Moses Clark](#) was a tanner. Her great-great grandfather [John Rogers](#) was a clock maker, and some of the clocks he made still exist.

Most of the occupations of Alice's early ancestors are unknown, and undoubtedly many were simply farmers. She had no ancestors who were doctors or ministers that I know of. Four of her early ancestors that were somewhat prominent/interesting were Humphrey Atherton, Thomas Joy, Simon Willard and John Gallop. [Humphrey Atherton](#) (d. 1661) was Major General of the militia, and also a magistrate. [Simon Willard](#) (1605-1676) was a sergeant major who commanded an expedition against the Narragansett Indians. He was also a surveyor, fur trader innkeeper and merchant. [John Gallop](#) (1593-1649/50) was a fisherman and mariner, who sailed up and down the coast from Maine to Connecticut. [Thomas Joy](#) (c1611-1678) was perhaps the most skilled builder and architect of his time, famous for building Boston's first State House.

A woman of note was [Mary \(Hayward\) \(Fairbanks\) Whitcomb](#), who, after being taken captive by Indians, gained a knowledge of herbs, and was known as a "doctress."

Not including those mentioned above, other occupations represented are as follows:

Occupation	Persons
Blacksmith	John Daby, Thomas Chandler
Carpenter	Daniel Bixby, Joseph Bixby, John Shattuck, Robert Andrews, Joseph Joy, Lawrence Waters, Robert Sharp, William Knapp.
Fisherman	John Harris, John Holgrove
Housewright/Carpenter	Daniel Stratton Jr., Daniel Stratton Sr.

Occupation	Persons
Maltster	John Fuller
Mason	Nicholas Wyeth, Benjamin Crispe
Merchant	Thomas Makepeace
Miller	Robert Harrington
Potter	John Livermore
Ship Carpenter	Nathaniel Wales
Shoemaker	Robert Reynolds
Shopkeeper/Haberdasher	Walter Allen
Tailor	John Whitney, William French, John Allen, Henry Kibby, Robert Adams
Tanner	Thomas Bird
Weaver	David Bixby, Edward Phelps, Samuel Stratton, William Shattuck, Nathaniel Wales, John Peirce
Wheelwright & joiner	Joseph Daby

In The Courts. Of course, the major court case involving an ancestor of Alice Maud Clark was the witchcraft trial of her ancestor Rebecca (Towne) Nurse. Other (mostly minor) offenses tried in court or by the church are listed in the table below:

Name	Year	Description/Comments
William Knapp	1633	Censured by the court for swearing. He was later at court for other minor offenses.
Matthew Bridge	1637	Arrested for killing a man named John Abbott, but released due to lack of evidence.
Francis Nurse	1640	Cited "for stealing of victualls and for suspicion of breaking a house."
Samuel & Alice Stratton	1648	Fined for displeasing magistrates because they disagreed with the execution of a woman who was accused of witchcraft.
Sarah Dawes	1656	She had at least one, possibly two children out of wedlock; sentenced to whipping but a fine was paid instead.
James Ross	1658	Convicted of fornication; had an illegitimate daughter. Sentenced to whipping and ordered to marry the mother of his child (Mary Goodenow).
Nathaniel Wales	1660	Cited for having his children baptized by a minister who was associated with the Church of England.
Hugh Clark	1665	on 10 Sep 1665, he "was called before ye church & charged with telling a lye in ye face of ye Court, slandering Authority in saying that his son in law was Committed for Murder ..."
Sarah Ensign	1665	Convicted of fornication, when she was 15 years old.
John Dix	1677	Sued for slander and defamation.
Joseph Bemis	1679	Taken to court for refusal to pay a debt.

Martha Lawrence	1697	Convicted of fornication with an unknown man, prior to her marriage to John Dix Jr.
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What's in a Name?

About 375 individual are named in this book, comprising the known ancestors of Alice Maud Clark who lived at least part of their lives in America. The most common given names for Alice's female ancestors were the "usual suspects" – Mary (30), Elizabeth (26), Hannah (15), Sarah (15), Ann/Anne/Anna (11), Abigail (9) and Martha (9). Some unusual female names were Christabell Brushett, Bathsheba Phelps and Damaris Priest. The name Damaris comes from a Greek woman named in the New Testament (Acts of the Apostles). There were also two women named Thankful – Thankful Atherton and her daughter Thankful Bird.

The most common male names were John (44), Thomas (15), Joseph (13), Robert (13), William (13) and Samuel (11). An unusual name was Quinton Pray.

Middle names did not appear until more recently- only Alice herself and her parents are known to have had middle names. We don't know the reason why Alice's middle name was "Maud" or why her father's middle name was "Richardson." No one else in the family has the name Maud and there is no Richardson connection as far as we know. Perhaps their parents just liked these names. I have always liked the name of Alice's mother, Caroline Maria Derby.

Military Service

The following is a list of Alice Maud Clark's ancestors who fought in some war, or may have done so. (Some of the Revolutionary War soldiers are not definite. These rows are shaded: see comments.).

A#	Name	War	Comments
10	Asa Bixby Jr.	Revolutionary War	Doubtful. Not listed in DAR Patriot Index
20	Asa Bixby Sr.	Revolutionary War	DAR ancestor # A010573. Private. Served under Capt. Joshua Parker, Col. Joseph Robinson.
24	Joseph Darby Jr.	Revolutionary War	DAR ancestor #A029763. However, DAR says "future applicants must prove service."
30	Daniel Stratton	Revolutionary War	DAR ancestor # A111111 – Lexington Alarm under Capt. Samuel Lamson
48	Joseph Darby Sr.	Revolutionary War	DAR ancestor #A029762.. However, DAR says "future applicants must prove service."
52	John Glover	French & Indian War	1755 to 1756/7.
60	Jonathan Stratton	Revolutionary War	DAR ancestor #A111141 – Lexington Alarm under Capt. Samuel Lamson
		French & Indian War	To Lake George in 1759 under Capt; Elisha Jones' company.
180	John Shattuck	King Phillip's War	Sergeant. Took part in expedition to Hadley, and fought in battle.
192	Thomas Daby	King Phillip's War	
412	John Priest	King Phillip's War	"said to have served..."
424	Nathaniel Holmes	King Phillip's War	To Mount Hope in Jul 1674 under Capt. Hutchinson
446	Samuel Stodder	King Phillip's War	
486	James Ross	King Phillip's War	

Although the Gilson Genealogy claims that Solomon Gilson was in the Revolutionary War, I feel certain that it was his son, Solomon Gilson Jr., and not Solomon Sr., who was a Revolutionary War soldier.

1850 Census Information

This section seeks to list all of Alice Maud Clark's ancestors who are found on the 1850 census, along with the families they are living with. To save space, the last two columns are omitted. These columns, which were left blank for all of these records, are: "Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper or convict" and "Persons over 20 yrs of age who cannot Read & Write." NOTE: although census records can provide valuable genealogical information, it should be taken with a grain of salt, as census takers often estimated people's ages, and may not always have been accurate about other information as well. In this section, Alice's ancestors are highlighted in blue.

John Richardson Clark and Caroline Maria (Derby) Clark and family lived in Waltham Mass.

Page 663 **Location:** Waltham, Middlesex, Mass. **Enumerated on:** 3rd day of September 1850

Line #	Dwelling houses ⁸⁴²	Families ⁸⁴³	Name of every person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June 1850 was in this family	Age	Sex	Profession, Occupation or Trade of each male person over 15	Value of Real Estate Owned	Place of Birth naming the State, Territory, or Country	Married within the year	In School within the year
11	572	764	John Clark	24	M	Merchant	800	(Massachusetts)		
12			Caroline "	20	F			"		
13			Chas. "	1	M			"		
14			Edward Crosby	22	M	"		"		
15			Eliza "	19	F			"		1
16			Wm. Barrett	25	M	Carpenter		"		1

John and Martha (Fiske) Derby were living in Weston, Mass. Michael Dole may have been a hired hand or boarder:

Page 381. **Location:** Weston, Middlesex, Mass. **Enumerated on:** 11th day of August 1850

Line #	Dwelling houses	Families	Name of every person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June 1850 was in this family	Age	Sex	Profession, Occupation or Trade of each male person over 15	Value of Real Estate Owned	Place of Birth naming the State, Territory, or Country	Married within the year	In School within the year
14	125	126	John Derby	50	M	Farmer	3500	(Mass.)		
15			Martha "	45	F			"		
16			Ann "	8	F			"		1
17			Michael Dole	23	M	Farmer		Ireland		

⁸⁴² The full heading is: "Dwelling houses numbered in the order of visitation"

⁸⁴³ The full heading is "Families numbered in the order of visitation"

Nancy (Stratton) Fiske, a widow, was also in Weston, living with her daughter Orilla (Fiske) Sanderson:

Page ? **Location:** Weston, Middlesex, Mass.. **Enumerated on:** 26th day of August 1850

Line #	Dwelling houses	Families	Name of every person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June 1850 was in this family	Age	Sex	Profession, Occupation or Trade of each male person over 15	Value of Real Estate Owned	Place of Birth naming the State, Territory, or Country	Married within the year	In School within the year
17	462	627	Orilla Sanderson	42	F			(Mass.)		
18			Chas."	14	M			"		1
19			Lowell"	3	M			"		
20			Nancy Fisk	69	F			"		

Betsey (Bixby) Clark a widow, was in Nashua, N.H., living with two of her daughters and their families:

Page 557 **Location:** Nashua, Hillsborough, N.H. **Enumerated on:** 9th day of August 1850

Line #	Dwelling houses	Families	Name of every person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June 1850 was in this family	Age	Sex	Profession, Occupation or Trade of each male person over 15	Value of Real Estate Owned	Place of Birth naming the State, Territory, or Country	Married within the year	In School within the year
21		579	Betsey Clark	49	F			Massachusetts		
22			Dana Woodward	39	M	Painter		New Hampshire.		1
23			Martha "	30	F			Massachusetts		
24			Mariah "	4	F					
25			Edward D.	2	M					
26			Albin Clifford	26	M	Carpenter		New Hampshire		
27			Mariah "	27	F			Massachusetts		
28			John Gilley	19	M	None				
29			Joseph Heald	23	M	Machinist		Maine		
30			Charles Lawrence	23	M	"		Vermont		
31			Merrill Within	21	M	"		Maine		

Alice Maud Clark had two other ancestors living in 1850. Mary (Glover) Derby lived in Leominster, Mass., but cannot be found on the 1850 census. Also Lucy (Gilson) (Bixby) (Dana) Stewart died in September 1850 in Pittsford, Vermont.

1860 Census Information

This section seeks to list all of Alice Maud Clark’s ancestors who are found on the 1860 census, along with the families they are living with. To save space, the last column is omitted. This column, which is left blank for all of these records, are: “Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper or convict.” Also to save space, the Column “Color” is omitted. In this section, Alice’s ancestors are highlighted in blue.

John R. and Martha (Derby) Clark were living in Waltham, Mass..

Page 649. **Location:** Waltham, Middlesex, Mass. **Enumerated on:** 29th day of June 1860

Line #	Dwelling houses	Families	Name of every person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June 1860 was in this family	Age	Sex	Profession, Occupation or Trade of each male person over 15	Value of Real Estate	Value of Personal Estate	Place of Birth naming the State, Territory, or Country	Married within the year	Attended School within the year	Persons over 20 yrs of age who cannot read & write
1	971	1052	John R. Clark	35	M	Machinist	2000	1200	Mass.			
2			Caroline M. “	31	F				“			
3			Chas. E.	11	M				“		1	
4			Josephine A.	4	F				“			
5			Chas. O. Jenneson	19	M				“			
6			Henry J. “	18	M				“			
7			Geo. S. Taylor	23	M				N.J.			

Still in Weston, Mass. were **John and Martha (Fiske) Derby**Page6?. **Location:** Weston, Middlesex, Mass. **Enumerated on:** 22nd day of June 1860

Line #	Dwelling houses	Families	Name of every person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June 1860 was in this family	Age	Sex	Profession, Occupation or Trade of each male person over 15	Value of Real Estate	Value of Personal Estate	Place of Birth naming the State, Territory, or Country	Married within the year	Attended School within the year	Persons over 20 yrs of age who cannot read & write
22	40	42	John Derby	60	M	Farmer	3000	400	Mass.			
23			Martha "	55	F							
24			Ann M.	18	F							
25			Charles Thompson	15	M	Farm Laborer						
26			William O Hayward	23	M	Chair Maker						
27			Zenas Folger	27	M	"			Maine			

Also in Weston, Mass., widow **Nancy (Stratton) Fiske** lived with her son Robert Fiske Jr. and his family. Note that even 4 year old Robert attended school.

Page 114 **Location:** Weston, Middlesex, Massachusetts. **Enumerated on:** 2nd of July 1860

Line #	Dwelling houses	Families	Name of every person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June 1860 was in this family	Age	Sex	Profession, Occupation or Trade of each male person over 15	Value of Real Estate	Value of Personal Estate	Place of Birth naming the State, Territory, or Country	Married within the year	Attended School within the year	Persons over 20 yrs of age who cannot read & write
31	105	114	Robert Fiske	47	M	Farmer		200	Mass.			
32			Susan A. "	38	F				"			
33			Mary E.	11	F						1	
34			Albert W.	10	M				"		1	
35			Eliza A.	6	F				"		1	
36			Robert	4	M				"		1	
37			Cora	2	F				"			
38			Abby	8/12	F				"			
39			Nancy	80	F							

1870 Census Information

This section seeks to list all of Alice Maud Clark's ancestors who are found on the 1870 census, along with the families they are living with. To save space, the last column is omitted. This column, which is left blank for all of these records, are: "Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper or convict." Also to save space, the Column "Color" is omitted. None of Alice's ancestors had parents of foreign birth, so that column is skipped as well. In this section, Alice and her ancestors are highlighted in blue.

John R. and Caroline (Derby) Clark continue to live in Waltham, Mass.

Page ? **Location:** Waltham, Middlesex, Mass. **Enumerated on:** 12th of August 1870

Line #	Dwelling houses	Families	Name of every person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June 1870 was in this family	Age at last birthday	Sex	Profession, Occupation or Trade of each person, male or female	Value of Real Estate	Value of Personal Estate	Place of Birth naming the State, Territory of U.S.; or the country if of foreign birth.	If born within the year, state the month	If married within the year, state the month	Attended School within the year
27	1233	1483	J. R. Clark	46	M	in Watch Factory	4000	1500	Mass.			
28			Carrie M. "	42	F	keeping house						
29			Edward "	22	M	in Watch Factory						
30			Josephine A. "	14	F	At School						1
31			Alice M. "	7	F	At School						1

John and Martha (Fiske) Derby continue to live in Weston.

Page 18 **Location:** Weston, Middlesex, Mass. **Enumerated on:** 26th of August 1870

Line #	Dwelling houses	Families	Name of every person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June 1870 was in this family	Age at last birthday	Sex	Profession, Occupation or Trade of each person, male or female	Value of Real Estate	Value of Personal Estate	Place of Birth naming the State, Territory of U.S.; or the country if of foreign birth.	If born within the year, state the month	If married within the year, state the month	Attended School within the year
30	134	145	Derby, John	70	M	Farmer	3000	1000	Mass.			
31			" , Patty	65	F	keeping house			"			

1880 Census Information

To save space, some of the column headings have been removed or abbreviated. This was done without the loss of any important information.

John R. and Caroline (Derby) Clark are in Waltham as they have been for many years.

Location: Waltham, Middlesex, Mass. **Enumerated on:** June 3rd 1880

Address: 13 Chestnut Street..

Line#	Name of every person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June 1880 was in this family	Sex	Age	Relationship	Single	Married	Widowed	Maimed, crippled or bedridden	Profession, Occupation or Trade of each person, male or female	Sickness or Disability	Place of Birth	Place of Birth: Father	Place of Birth: mother
5	Clark John R	M	55			1			Machinist		Mass.	Mass.	Mass.
6	" Caroline M	F	52	wife		1			keeping house		Mass.	Mass.	Mass.
7	" Alice M	F	16	daughter	1				at school		Mass.	Mass.	Mass.
8	Illingsworth, Elbridge M	M	40	boarder	1				engineer		Mass.	England	Mass.
9	Rogers, Lucy M	F	24	boarder	1				works in watch factory		Mass.	Mass.	Mass.
10	Harrison, Jennie M.	F	18	boarder	1				works in watch factory		Mass.	Mass.	Mass.

Caroline's mother "**Patty**" (**Fiske**) **Derby** lives by herself in Weston; but next door to her daughter Ann (Derby) Jennison and her family.

Location: Weston, Middlesex, Mass. **Enumerated on:** June 1st 1880 (no street given)

Line #	Name of every person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June 1880 was in this family	Sex	Age	Relationship	Single	Married	Widowed	Maimed, crippled or bedridden	Profession, Occupation or Trade of each person, male or female	Sickness or Disability	Place of Birth ...	Place of Birth: Father	Place of Birth: mother
11	Derby, Patty	F	75				1		Keeping house		Mass.	Mass.	Mass.