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I am seeking all genealogical and biographical details for the family documented below including their ancestors, children, and grandchildren and the spouses thereof, including the full names of those spouses' parents. All additions and corrections within this scope, however speculative, will be greatly appreciated.

Luke Bromley of Stonington, Connecticut

Viola A. Bromley's *The Bromley Genealogy: Being a Record of the Descendants of Luke Bromley of Warwick, R.I., and Stonington, Conn.* was the principal source of biographical detail for the following chapter. Although some variations of the name, such as "Brumbly" or "Brumbley" came in to use later, the name is spelled as "Bromley" in the earliest records. Viola Bromley mentioned the possibility of descent from Sir Thomas Bromley or kinship to William Bromley, Queen Anne's Secretary of State, no evidence has been found to substantiate these claims. It seems quite probable that there are errors of omission and interpretation in Ms. Bromley's work. Bromley is also the name of a small town in England.

1. LUKE[1] BROMLEY was born in England in 1605, probably the "old brvmly" buried on 9 October 1697 in Stonington, New London County, Connecticut (*Diary of Manassah Miner, 25*). He married HANNAH STAFFORD (*Thomas*[1], *Roger*[A]), born at Providence, Providence County, Rhode Island in 1640 to Thomas[1] and Elizabeth (___) Stafford. Viola Bromley stated that nothing was known of Luke's wife and that Hannah Stafford married his son Luke Jr. without indicating her birthdate. This marriage seems highly unlikely given the fact that Luke Jr. was almost twenty years younger than Hannah; Hannah was almost certainly the wife of Luke Sr.

Luke first appeared in New England in Rhode Island. He may have come from England with William[1] Billing and Thomas[1] Stafford who had first travelled to Virginia. He is named among the settlers of Warwick, Rhode Island 23 January 1648, only five years after the town's patent was granted. In 1663, Luke purchased a mill. John Sweet of Warwick sold to:

> Samuel Stafford of Warwick in the Colony of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, and to Luke Bromley of ye aforesaid, Colony miller, all right, title, and interest in a tract of land, twenty acres more or less commonly called ye mill lot, with all manner of building late in ye occupation of Mathias Harvey, all priviledges as woods, meadows, pastures, feedings, commons of pastures for any cattle that I cann in any wayes claim in persuance of ye antient graunt made by ye townesmen of Warwick for £120... to be paid in cattle-corn or other goods at market prices, always provided that said John Sweet inhabits his own dwelling-house with one acker of land so long as any part of the payment remains unpaid. (*Town Record of*

Warwick, RI [hereinafter *TRW*], A:236; dated 21 June 1667; recorded 16 September 1667)

On 30 September 1667, at a town meeting in Warwick it was "Ordered that Luke Bromley the present miller, be received into ye towne, he being one of the purchasers of ye mill, with Samuel Stafford and whereas they did both of them promise to submit to ye orders of ye towne, they had this day leave to sett their hands to ye Towne book which they did do in this Towne meeting." (*TRW*, A:135)

"Luke Bromley landed ten gallons of liquor by Mr. Lee from Boston in ye beginning of September, 1673," (*TRW*, general record). "On May 24, 1675, Luke Bromley of Warwick, plaintiff, entered a complaint with £20 sterling damage, against Samuel Pratt of Narragansett in ye Colony of Rhode Island," (*TRW*, A:A). In 1677, Luke was appointed a juryman (*TRW*, A:153).

In November of 1681, a committee of Stonington, Connecticut laid out 100 acres to Luke Bromley. That same year, he sold land to Thomas Edwards. On 14 June 1683, Luke bought land, and probably a mill, from Thomas Bell. Luke later sold this land to Isaac Curtis on 28 April 1690. During this time, he had also purchased land and a saw mill on 8 May 1696, which he sold to Samuel Yeomans on 9 January 1697.

Children, born probably at Warwick, Rhode Island, order uncertain:

i. LUKE[2] JR., b. ca. 1665; probably the "Lvke brvmly" who drowned at the saw mill in Stonington on 19 Feb 1696/97 and was buried on the 21st (*Diary of Manassah Miner, 21*). m. TAMZON PACKER, m. (2) 17 Jan 1698 ROBERT[2] PARKE (*Robert*[1]) (see *Robert Parke of Mystic, Connecticut*).
Children, surname *Bromley*: 1. *Tamzon*, b. 16 Sept 1692. 2. *William*, b. 12 April 1693. 3. *Thomas*, b. 29 March 1695; d. 1697.

2. ii. WILLIAM, b. ca. 1668; m. LYDIA BILLING.

iii. [ELISHA?], bur. 25 Feb 1697/8 (*Diary of Manassah Miner, 27*).

iv. [THOMAS?]. Mannasah[2] Miner (*Thomas*[1]) wrote of his apprentice: 2 Nov 1697 "Thomas Bromly was brouvght hether;" 30 Dec 1697 "Thomas brvmlys indentvr made;" 27 Dec 1715 "Thomas brumlees time was out;" 29 Dec 1715 "brumly skipt" (*Diary of Manassah Miner, 26, 27, 127*).

2. WILLIAM[2] BROMLEY (*Luke*[1]) was born probably in Warwick, Rhode Island about 1668 and died in New London, New London County, Connecticut between 30 July 1700 and 6 January 1701. He married LYDIA BILLING (*William*[2-1]) who was christened at New London, New London County, Connecticut on 1 September 1672 and died in the county during August 1747. Lydia married second before 23 July 1704 SAMUEL COYE of Preston, Connecticut when they were admitted to the church there (*First Church in Preston, CT*, 130). She was the daughter of William[1] and Mary (___) Billing.

William Bromley sold land to Christopher Champlain on 30 July 1700. He died before 6 January 1701, when an inventory of his estate was taken. Books, cows, mares, colts, a bed, furniture, wearing clothes, etc, are listed, amounting to £29, 03s; the house and land were appraised at £90. The children were named as Ledea, Lucke, William, Hana, Elicia, and Eyesb. (*Probate Record*, New London, CT, A:93) After the settlement of William's outstanding debts,

£100-4-8 was distributed to his heirs; Lydia received £20 and a third of the real estate; the eldest son, Luke, got a double portion of £19-1-10 and the rest of the children each received £9-10-11. (*Probate Journal*, New London, CT, 1:126)

On 23 April 1715, Samuel and Lydia Preston gave half of their farm, about 60 acres to Luke[3] "Brumbly" (*Preston, CT Land Records* [hereinafter *PLR*, 3-34.) On 14 May 1731, they gave "to loving son Luke Brumbly about one half of the land or farm that our Honored father William Billing of Stonington, Conn., gave to Lydia Coye," (*PLR*, 4-693) which he, in consideration of a deed from father and mother Samuel and Lydia Coye of Preston, resigned all right to land that "my grandfather William Billing of Stonington gave to my mother." (*PLR*, 5-108) Lydia (Billing) (Bromley) Coye's will was dated 30 December 1745 and proved 12 August 1747:

> To my loving husband, Samuel Coye, the land this house stands on and one rod of land all around this house, which house stands upon the land my honored father gave to me in his last will and testament, also the improvement of all the rest of my land lying south of ye land of my husband and I have given to my son Luke Brumbley by deed except 10 acres around and adjoining the House my son William Brumbley now lives in. To my son Luke Brumbley 5 shillings which with that I have already given him by deed is his share of my estate. To son William Brumbley all my land lying south of land given to son Luke [life use for Samuel Coye]. To each of my three daughters, Lydia Charles, Hannah Foster, and Hepsibah Burleson, £40 apiece. (*Probate Records*, New London, Ct, E:558; *Probate Journal*, 5:61)

Children:

i. LYDIA[3], c. 5 Oct 1690; m. RICHARD CHARLES.
   Child, surname *Charles*: 1. *Mary*, b. 21 Oct 1724.

ii. LUKE, c. 29 May 1692; d. 21 April 1784; m. 12 Dec 1733 PRISCILLA AYERS, b. ca. 1699, d. 2 Jan 1795, daughter of Nathaniel Ayers.

iii. WILLIAM, c. 21 Oct 1694; d. Preston, CT 7 Jan 1769; m. Judith ___.
   Child, surname *Bromley* (George Burton Eldred): 1. *Bethuel*, b. Preston, CT 22 Dec 1737; d. 1808; m. (1) Lydia McCleveland; m. (2) 21 Dec 1758 Arabella Herrick; m. (3) after 24 July 1773 Susanna Weller.

iv. HANNAH, c. 16 May 1696; m. JOSEPH FOSTER.

v. ELISHA, c. 29 May 1698.

* vi. HEPZIBAH, c. 7 April 1700; m. in Hartford, Hartford Co., CT 28 Feb 1727/8 JOHN[3] BURLESON (*John*[2], *Edward*[1]), b. at Suffield, Hartford Co., CT 28 December 1701, d. 1759, son of John[2] and Sarah (Holliday) Burleson. See *Edward Burleson of Suffield, Connecticut* for more information.

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