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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.

Ezekiel Holliman of Warwick, Rhode Island

This chapter, like that on the Warner family, is based on Austin's works, *One Hundred and Sixty Allied Families* and his *Genealogical Dictionary of Rhode Island*. Like his son-in-law, John¹ Warner, Ezekiel¹ Holliman also had conflicts with the early authorities of Massachusetts; however, his were much more satisfactorily resolved.

1. LEONARD^B HOLYMAN of Cholesbury, Buckingham, England was born about 1520 and died 12 June 1573; he married JOANE (___), born about 1525. According to Dick and Angie Grigg, as referenced in the Ancestral File of The Genealogical Society of Utah, affiliated with The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, they were the parents of William^A Holyman.

Child:

2. ii. WILLIAM^A, b. about 1550; m. (1) ALICE (___); m. (2) PARNELL BOOTH.

2. WILLIAM^A HOLYMAN (*Leonard^B*) was born about 1550 and died after 1623. He was the churchwarden of Tring, Hertford, England. William married first ALICE (___) who was buried at Tring on 26 May 1590. William married second PARNELL BOOTH.

Children, born at Tring, Hertford, England:

3. i. WILLIAM JR., bur. 26 July 1623; m. 20 July 1607 GRACE NEELE.
ii. EZEKIEL¹, m. SUSANNA OXTON.
iii. JANE ?, m. WILLIAM HARDING.

3. EZEKIEL¹ HOLLIMAN (*William^A, Leonard^B*) was born at Tring, Hertford, England in 1586 and died at Warwick, Kent County, Rhode Island 17 September 1659. He married first SUSANNA OXTON (*John^A*), daughter of John^A Oxtton, alias Fox of Stanmore, Middlesex, England. He married second probably at Salem, Massachusetts around 1638 MARY (___) SWEET, widow of John Sweet.

Ezekiel came to America around 1634 and first settled at Dedham, Massachusetts. In 1637, he received a grant of land at Salem, Massachusetts. Around 1638 he married John Sweet's widow, Mary and had the name of her daughter Meribah changed to Renewed before she married John Gereardy.

Like his son-in-law, John¹ Warner, Ezekiel found himself in conflict with the authorities of Massachusetts. On 12 March 1638 he was summoned to the General Court "because he did not frequent the public assemblies and for seducing many, he was referred by the Court to the ministers for conviction." Later that year he began planning his escape from Massachusetts; on 8 October he was one of the twelve persons that bought land of Roger Williams at Providence, Rhode Island.

In 1639, Ezekiel baptized Roger Williams and was baptized by him, both being among the twelve original members of that church at Providence. He was an assistant pastor to Roger Williams and spread the Baptist doctrine at Providence, Portsmouth, Newport and Warwick. Rev. Hugh Peters of Salem in a letter to the church of Dorchester that same year alludes to Mary Holliman and others as having had "the great censure passed upon them in this our church."

Ezekiel Holliman and John Warner purchased (then Shawomet, now) Warwick from Minatonomi for 144 fathoms of Wampum with nine others on 12 January 1643. That same year, a lot of land that had been granted to him at Portsmouth was forfeited because he had not built upon it yet.

On 27 January 1645 he sold twenty-five acres and a share of meadow to John Field. Ezekiel served as a Member of Town Council in 1647 and a Member of Court of Trial in 1648, and Commissioner from 1652 through 1659, except for 1657. He also served as a Magistrate in 1656 and a Warden in 1658. During this time, he was made a Freeman in 1655. On 1 August 1654 he and John Greene Jr. were appointed to review the general laws of the colony and report to the next Court of Commissioners what they found "defective or any way jarring, etc."

He sold William Harris a right in Pawtuxet for £20 on 29 January 1651. Harris was to give James Sweet a cow or steer by 4 June and the balance in good merchantable "wampumeage" or cattle on 29 September 1653. On 13 July 1654, Ezekiel and Randall Holden bought a tract of land called Potowomut from Tacommanan for £15 and an annual giving of a coat as a gratuity.

Apparently, Ezekiel's widow was somewhat unable or unwilling to serve as executrix to the settlement of his estate in 1659. On 27 September Mary was summoned to appear before the Town Council for a progress report and on 5 October she was questioned again if she would fulfill this duty, the estate was spoiling, at which time she accepted.

The Town Council appointed Walter Todd, John Greene, and Thomas Olney as guardians for two grandchildren, John and Rachel Warner. John received all the housing and land in Warwick and Rachel got all the land in Providence. The guardians were to take charge of some livestock for the John's and Rachel's support, as well as their sisters' in England if necessary; they were to divide the stock between them when they were of age. Ezekiel's widow Mary received life use of the house and barn, meadow, etc. An inventory of his estate was valued at £168, 6s. 6d. and included a Bible, wearing apparel, bed, spit, bigger and lesser iron pot, mortar and pestle, horse, two mares, two colts, six cows, five two-year-olds, three yearlings, one sow and hog, three little pigs, a man servant Jo, and bushels of various grains. It saddens the modern reader to learn that Ezekiel was a slave-holder and that Jo was inventoried along with animals and possession. Despite the fact that he was a man of God, Ezekiel was also a man of his times and slave-holding was not uncommon in early New England.

On 22 February 1668, Mary surrendered her house to John Warner on condition that he allow her the mowing of the grass in the meadow yearly for her use and the liberty to be buried next to Ezekiel. However, in her will of 1681 she gives all interest in her house, lot, meadow and upland in Warwick to John and Renewed (Sweet) Gereardy of Providence although her step-grandson John² Warner was still living.

Child born in England by Susanna Oxton:

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 - ii. PRISCILLA², b. and d. in England; m. Long Marston, Hertsford, England on 6 June 1637 JOHN¹ WARNER (*Timothy^A*), b. London, England in 1615, d. at sea before 1 March 1652. See *John Warner of Warwick, Rhode Island* for more information.

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