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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.

William White of Boston, Massachusetts

The information for this chapter comes solely from Dorothy (Bennett) Inderkum of Sacramento, California. Her principle sources were a typescript at the *New England Historic Genealogical Society*, "The William White Line" by Winifred (Loving) Holman and various records of Suffolk County, Massachusetts. This William White should not be confused with the one of Mayflower fame. However, it is interesting to note that anyone descended from Samuel and Sarah (Harrington) Bennett, including the compiler, is descended from William White in two ways through both the Bennett and Harrington families. See those chapters for more information.

1. WILLIAM¹ WHITE was born about 1600 and died in Boston, possibly on 30 October 1673 and certainly before the end of that year. (*Suffolk Probate Records*) William married ELIZABETH ___; she probably died in Boston on 23 December 1690 (*Hartford Times*, 5 November 1949).

William was a bricklayer by trade and worked at the Iron Works in Lynn, Massachusetts at one point. His work took him to other locations in New England as well. In February 1655 he was at Warwick, Rhode Island. He was granted a house lot adjoining his son-in-law "Benjamin Herndell" [Benjamin Harrington] on 17 October 1656. That same year, he had supervised the bricklaying at Winthrop's stronghold on Fisher's Island and had been in Providence, Rhode Island. On 27 February 1657, William was granted a share for his "meddow" near another son-in-law, Thomas Walling. He was settled in Boston again by 16 October 1662. He bought a house on town land from Nathaniel Woodward, for which he had to pay rent to the town. (*Suffolk Deeds*, 7:110) This land was later granted to William on 14 March 1669/70. (*Boston Record Commissioners*, 7th Report, p. 53, 1881)

Apparently the relationships within the family were not always smooth. On 17 February 1659, Benjamin Hearnden [Benjamin Harrington] became involved with the law in regard to his "breach of peace and fright, Comitted [*sic*] on the family of william white, of this Towne." In a separate incident, William's daughter, Margaret, already married to Robert Colwell, ran away with her married neighbor, Thomas Walling; both deserted their families. Colwell secured his divorce 2 July 1667; Margaret had returned to Boston and was ordered to be publicly whipped 15 stripes and was fined £5 in October 1666. Colwell went to Long Island, Walling also obtained a divorce and he married Margaret in 1669. After his death in 1674, her third husband, Daniel Abbott, took her to court. Apparently they reconciled, she was named in his will.

William White made his will 13 October 1673. His wife was to have "all my vissable estate so long as she was a widowe and to have her thirds if she remarried; two Sonnes Isaacke & Cornelius White; two sonnes & 1 daughter Susanna Waggett, wife of Thomas Waggett after the decease of wife; to son William White 5 shillings... to other 3 daughters, Elyzabeth Hamden, wife of Benjamyne... Margaret Wallen, wife of Thomas Wallen, and Ustrulla Bennett, the wife of John Bennett each 4 shillings." The will was proved 31 January 1673/4. From the probate records, William may have died on 30 October 1673.

On 28 Dec 1676, William's widow signed her mark to the following: "Elizabeth White of Boston, relict of William White late of Boston, deeded for love etc. to her Son Cornelius White that part of land which his father (bequeathed to him) excepting the house wherein I dwell which is his after my decease and which I reserve to my Selfe during my life." (Suffolk Deeds, 12:325)

Children, all living in 1673, order and date of birth unknown:

- * ii. ELIZABETH², b. ca. 1630; d. after Dec 1701; m. (1) in MA before Dec 1647 BENJAMIN¹ HARRINGTON, d. at Providence, RI between 1 Feb 1686/87 and 17 May 1687; m. (2) in Providence between 4 April and 20 Oct 1688, as his second wife, RICHARD PRAY. See *Benjamin Harrington of Providence, Rhode Island* for more information.
- iii. WILLIAM, b. ca. 1633; may have m. at Boston 4 Aug 1653 PHILLIPA WOOD, d. at Boston 5 July 1654.
Child, surname *White*: 1. *Dorcas*, b. at Boston 19 April 1654; d. there 30 Sep 1655.
- iv. MARGARET, b. ca. 1635; d. 1717 or later; m. (1) ROBERT COLWELL; div. 21 July 1667; m. 19 June 1669 (2) THOMAS WALLING, d. 19 July 1674; m. (3) DANIEL ABBOTT.
- * v. URSULA, b. ca. 1637; m. Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA in 1635 JOHN² BENNETT (*Edward*¹), b. Wiltshire, England 1630, d. Stonington, New London Co., CT 22 October 1691, son of Edward¹ and Alice (Egington) Bennett; direct ancestors of the compiler, see *Edward Bennett of Rehoboth, Massachusetts* for more information.
- vi. SUSANNA, b. ca. 1640; m. THOMAS WAGGETT, who may have m. (2) in 1688 Elizabeth (___); was "of Boston" in 1673.
- vii. ISAAC, b. ca. 1643; m. before 1672 SUSANNA (___).
Child, surname *White*: 1. *Susanna*, b. 12 Feb 1672.
- viii. CORNELIUS, b. 7 January 1646; d. in Boston 1688; probably m. PRISCILLA DAVIS.
Children, surname *White*: 1. *John*, b. in Boston 1679. 2. *Nathan*, of Boston. 2. *Cornelius*, b. in Boston 1675; d. at Taunton, MA 1754.

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