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# THE AXTELL FAMILY IN AMERICA. FIRST FIVE GENERATIONS.

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The earliest appearance of the name Axtell which has come to my knowledge dates back to the year 1585. In that year the "bon homes" of a monastery of the Augustinian order in Gatesden, Hertfordshire, England, made over their property to Henry the Eighth, and among the names signed to the deed was that of John Axstyl. The registration of baptisms and deaths in the parish churches of England began about 1538. At St. Peter's Church, Berkhampstead, a town in Hertfordshire, there is the record of the baptism of John Axtell, son of John, in 1539, and of William, son of John, in 1541. Five other entries of Axtells appear before 1614. From 1614 to 1628 there is a series of entries, as follows:

	John, s	son	of	William,	bap.	Aug.	14, 1614
	William,		64				1, 1616
1.	Thomas,	66	66	66	16	Jan.	26, 1619
	Daniel,	66	66	66	4.	May	26, 1622
	William,	66	66	+6	64	June	11, 1622
	Thomas,	46	46	61.	66	Oct.	31, 1624
	Samuel.		66	66	66	Dec.	15, 1624
	Avie, daugh	ter	"	66	64	Mar.	28, 1627
	Sarah, "		66	64	66	June	20, 1628

It appears from the above that there were two William Axtells rearing families in Berkhampstead between 1614 and 1628. One, perhaps, was the William who was a burgess in 1628 and common clerk in 1639.

If we assign the first four in the above list, with Samuel, born 1624, and one of the daughters to one William and the rest to the other, we avoid difficulties which any other division encounters, and make Thomas (born 1619) the emigrant to America, brother of Daniel (born 1622) the colonel under Cromwell, who was put to death in 1660 for his share in the death of Charles I.

Mary, daughter of Thomas, was baptized in Berkhampstead, September 25, 1639, and Henry, the second child, October 15, 1641. Soon after the latter date, the little family appear in Sudbury, Mass. Here, June 1, 1644, another Mary was born. Thomas, the father, died in 1646, and was buried August 1st of that year.

"The inventory of the goods of Thomas Axtell of Sudbury, lately deceased. Imprimis, his land and house £8, 10, cattle £8, 10, wearing apparell and bedding with his armes £10, for Brasse and pewter £5. He expressed that Mary his wife should have all his estate to bring up his children."

The widow married John Goodnow, September 19, 1656.

June 18, 1659, Edward Wright and Hannah Axtell of Sudbury were married. If the above identification of Thomas, born 1619, with Thomas of Sudbury be correct, this Hannah cannot have been his daughter. Who she was does not appear.

#### SECOND GENERATION

2. Henry Axtell (Thomas), born in England, 1641, took up land with the first proprietors of Marlboro'. Mass., in 1660. He married Hannah Merriam, June 14, 1665, and lived in the castern part of Marlboro'.

Children of Henry and Hannah:

i. Samuel, b. March 27, 1666; probably d. young.

ii. HANNAII, b. Nov. 18, 1667; untraced.

iii. Mary, b. Aug. 8, 1670; m. Zachariah Newton, 1698.

iv. Thomas, b. April 16, 1672. v. Daniel, b. Nov. 4, 1673. vi. Sarah, b. Sept. 18, 1675; untraced.

Henry Axtell was killed by the Indians early in 1676. The inventory of his estate is dated April 1 of that year. His widow married Will Taylor, July 5, 1677.

## THIRD GENERATION.

3. Thomas Axtell (Henry, Thomas), married November 2, 1697, Sarah Barker of Concord, and lived in the east part of Marlboro'. About 1735, he moved to Hassanamisco, afterwards Grafton. He died December 18, 1750. His wife died June 26, 1747.

Children of Thomas and Sarah:

i. Thomas, 4 b. Aug. 19, 1698; d. Dec. 22, 1698.

ii. Sarah, b. Feb. 16, 1703; m. Josiah Hayden, Feb. 7, 1721.

iii. Joseph, b. Aug. 1, 1705.

iv. Hannan, m. Zedekiah Drury of Sutton, July 20, 1738.

v. Thomas, b. May 11, 1712.

vi. John, b. April 15, 1715; d. April 10, 1742. vii. Abigail, b. Oct. S. 1717; m. Benjamin Pratt, Dec. 21, 1736.

4. Daniel<sup>3</sup> Axtell (Henry.<sup>2</sup> Thomas<sup>1</sup>), born November 4, 1673; died January, 1735. In 1695 Elder William Pratt organized a church in Dorchester, Mass., and soon after went to South Carolina to plant his church there as a missionary colony. In his diary, he records a very hospitable reception by Lady Axtell, the widow of Landgrave Daniel Axtell, who went from England to South Carolina about 1680. Probably Daniel Axtell of Massachusetts accompanied Mr. Pratt on one of his earlier voyages to South Carolina. May 12, 1702, he married Thankful, daughter of Elder Pratt, and lived in South Carolina till about 1707, when he returned to Massachusetts and became a large landholder in Berkley, then a part of Dighton and Tanuton. A release, dated March 16, 1703, from Daniel Axtell of Carolina, county of Bartley, on Ashley river, made out in favor of his brother Thomas of Massachusetts, establishes the relationship. A clause in Lady Axtell's will leaving property to her "kinsman Daniel Axtell in New England" shows a relationship there. But the landgrave could not have been the son of the regicide, since the landgrave had a daughter of age in 1678, as appears from his will made that year in England.

Children of Daniel and Thankful:

i. Elizabeth. b. April 28, 1703; m. - Burt.

ii. Daniel, b. Oct. 24, 1704.

iii. Rebecca, b. Nov. 22, 1706; probably m. Jacob Cooke of Abington, Nov. 11, 1736.

iv. Hannah, b. April 10, 1710; m. Joseph Edmister, Feb. 18, 1741.

v. William, b. April 13, 1713.

vi. Henry, b. June 24, 1715.

10. vii. Samuel, b. Oct. 25, 1717.

viii. EBENEZER, b. March 24, 1724.
 ix. THANKFUL. b. Dec. 8, 1725.

x. Thomas, b. Sept. 15, 1727.

### FOURTH GENERATION.

- JOSEPH AXTELL (Thomas, Henry, Thomas), married Abigail Hayden of Sudbury. February 4, 1730. He lived at first in Marlboro, but after 1746 in Grafton. His children were born in Marlboro', and were:
  - i. ELIZABETH, b. Aug. 7, 1730; m. (?) Nathaniel Cooper of Grafton, April 22, 1746.
  - ii. MARY, b. Jan. 18, 1732; m. Samuel Giles of Hopkinton, Nov. 16, 1749.
- 13. iii. Daniel, b. Jan. 14, 1734.
  - iv. Abigail, b. Oct. 12, 1738; m. Moses Eager, July 18, 1759.
- 5. Thomas Axtell (Themas, Henry, Thomas), removed from Marlboro' to Grafton. May 13, 1736, he married Elizabeth Sherman of Marlboro', who received as her marriage portion a large tract of land in the north part of Grafton, a part of which remains in the hards of her descendant Axtells. October 6, 1760, Thomas, now a widower, married Mary Sanger, by whom he had several children, all of whom died young. Thomas died 1798.

Children of Thomas and Elizabeth:

- SARAH, 5 b. April 25, 1737; m. James McClellan of Sutton, Feb. 2, 1758.
- ii. ELIZABETH. b. April 26, 1739; m. Ephraim Lyon, Nov. 27, 1760.
- iii. HANNAH, b. Oct. 6, 1741; m. Jason Waite.
- 14. iv. John, b. June 3, 1744.
  - v. Thomas, b. Dec. 16, 1746.
  - vi. and vii. MARY and PHUBE, b. March 12, 1748. Possibly Mary may be the Polly Axtell who in. George Smith in Graffon, 1786. Phobe in. Thomas Kidder, and afterwards joined the Shakers.
- DANIEL<sup>4</sup> ANTELL (Daniel, Heavy, Thomas<sup>1</sup>), married September 15, 1787, Waitstill Babbitt. He lived in Berkley, and was prominent in town and church affairs. First wife died 1757; second wife, Phebe Reed. Daniel died September 21, 1761. His widow married Capt. James Foster of Rochester. Children:
  - i. Daniel,<sup>5</sup> ii. Thankful, } b. Feb. 29, 1739.
  - iii. Elizabeth, b. Dec. 17, 1742; m. Isaac Tubbs, Dec. 26, 1768.

Daniel, the son, d. 1772, probably unmarried.

Thankful married Elisha Crane, 1774. Among her descendants is J. E. Crane of Taunton, who still preserves the memorandum book of his ancestor Daniel Axtell.<sup>4</sup>

 WILLIAM<sup>4</sup> AXTELL (Daniel,<sup>3</sup> Heary,<sup>2</sup> Thomas<sup>1</sup>), married Hannah Spooner of Middleboro', November 2, 1739. Removed from Berkley about 1743, probably into Taunton.

Children of William and Hannah:

- 16. i. HENRY, bapt. Aug. 30, 1741.
- ii. William, bapt. Aug. 29, 1742.
   iii. Benjamin, b. 1744(?).
  - iv. Joanna, b. 1746.
- 19. v. SILAS, b. 1748(2).

Joanna married Bernice Crane of Berkley, January 15, 1763. She lived to be one hundred years old, dying in 1846. Her grandson, Rev. Silas Axtell Crane, D.D., was an Episcopalian clergyman greatly honored and loved. He died at East Greenwich, R. I., in 1872.

9 HENRY<sup>4\*</sup> AXTELL (Daniel, Henry, Thomas), married Jemima Leonard, 1787. He removed about 1740 or '41, with the Leonards to Mendham, N. J., where he died 1753 or '54. His widow married Matthew Lumm. Children:

20. i. HENRY,5 b. March 16, 1738.

- ii. Phebe, b. 1740; m. Daniel Drake, Dec. 27, 1759. iii. Hannan, b. 1742; m. Zephaniah Burt, May 29, 1764.
- iv. Bethany, b. 1744; m. Artemas Day, Jan. 21, 1767.

v. Calvin, b. 1750.

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22. vi. LUTHEP, b. April 22, 1753.

10. Samuel<sup>4</sup> Axtell (Daniel, Henry, Thomas<sup>1</sup>), married Hannah Hatheway of Freetown about 1740, and spent his days in Berkley; died February 25, 1769. Children:

i. Samuel, 5 b. 1741; d. 1755.

ii. HANNAR, b. Sept. 6, 1744; m. Samuel Tubbs, Aug. 23, 1762.

iii. Thankful, b. 1746; d. Oct. 26, 1760.
iv. Ebenezer, b. Feb. 9, 1749.

23. 24. v. Ezra, b. Oct. 25, 1751.

V. EZRA, D. OCL, 25, 1761.
 vi. ABIGAIL, b. Feb. 14, 1754; m. Jonathan Reed, Nov. 5, 1772.
 vii. SAMUEL, b. Jan. 8, 1756.
 viii. LOUISA, b. July 9, 1758; untraced.
 ix. HENRY, b. May 3, 1761.
 x. THANKFUL, b. Nov. 15, 1762; untraced.
 xi. LURANA, b. Oct. 28, 1765; m. Pitts Phillips, Feb. 6, 1788.

- 11. Ebenezer<sup>4</sup> Axtell (Daniel, Henry, Thomas). Berkley records say, "Ebenezer Axtell late of Mendom in Jarzes but now an inhabitant of Berkley and Hannah Hatheway of Berkley were mar-, ried Oct. 15, 1751." He is mentioned frequently as filling town offices. Children:

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- i. Rebeckan, <sup>6</sup> b. Aug. 9, 1752; untraced. ii. Thomas, b. July 15, 1755. iii. каспец, b. April 5, 1757; probably the Rachel Axtell who m. Jacob Goldthwait of Uxbridge, April 14, 1785.
- 12. Thomas4 Axtell (Daniel, Henry, Thomas4). There is no record of Thomas in Berkley, though the "Axtell Memorial" says he moved in 1769 or '70 from Massachusetts to New Jersey with his two sons. My informants say he married Hannah Goebel (a New England name, found in the Concord records) in 1746, and died in 1758. His widow married Nathan Lincoln. He probably followed Henry to New Jersey before 1750. Children:
  - i. Daniel, 5 b. April 12, 1748. 28.

29. ii. Thomas, b. 1750(?).

<sup>\*</sup>The list of children here given accords with that in "The Axtell Memorial." Between Bethauy, b. 1744, and Calvin, b. 1750, there is room for two children. Possibly Ebenezer Axtell, ensign in New Jersey troops in the Revolution, belongs here. Also Henry S. Axtell of Bradford, N. Y., b. 1796, may be a descendant of a missing son. He claimed relationship with this family.

## FIFTH GENERATION.

- Daniel<sup>5</sup> Axtell (Joseph, Thomas, Henry, Thomas), lived in Grafton, Mass., where November 12, 1754, he married Elizabeth Whittemore. After the Revolution, he went to Grafton, Vt., where he died September 1, 1799. His widow died March 20, 1812. Children of Daniel and Elizabeth:
  - i. Moses, 6 b. Jan. 11, 1755; lived in Delaware Co., N. Y.; served in the 30. Revolution.
  - ii. AARON, b. March 23, 1757; lived in western New York; served in 31. the Revolution.
  - the Revolution.

    iii. Danflet, b. May 1, 1759; served in the Revolution, 1778; removed to Delaware Co., N. Y.

    iv. Aricall, b. 1763; untraced.

    v. Joseph, b. 1763; a soldier, 1780; removed to Grafton, Vt.

    vi. Betsey, b. 1765(?); untraced.

    vii. Alexander, b. 1767(?); lived in Grafton, Vt. 32.
  - 33.

- 1782. Widow married in 1784, John Knox. Child of John and ---:
  - i. John, 6 b. 1778(?). Descendants live in Jay, Me.
- 15. Thomas Axtell (Thomas, Thomas, Henry, Thomas), married June 10, 1777, Deborah Jones of Franklin. He died in Grafton, 1819. In the army 1780.

Children of Thomas and Deborah:

i. Спьов, 6 b. July 11, 1778; unm.; d. 1851. ii. Seth, b. July 28, 1780; d. 1798.

iii. Thomas, b. May 2, 1783; m. Hannah Walker, 1808. 36. iv. Deborah, b. May 21, 1788; m. Samuel Green of Westboro'. No children.

v. Olive, b. 1790; d. 1819, unm.

- vi. John, b. July 15, 1792; d. young.
- 16. Henry Axtell (William, Daniel, Henry, Thomas). Henry Axell (sic) was a seaman from Massachusetts, engaged July 10, 1776, for five months. Henry Axtell of Berkley, in 1777, enlisted for three years in Zebedee Ripley's co., Col. G. Bradford. Also mentioned as in the Continental army, 1780, 1782. This agrees with a tradition among his descendants, as follows: "A soldier of the Revolution, a sergeant in Washington's Life Guard, at the battle of Stony Point, later with Wayne in the Indian war. A. prisoner on ship Jersey, escaping by filing off his chain with a nail; lost at sea." The identification here made seems very probable.

i. HENRY COPSE, 6 b. 1786; broker, New York city.

- ii. Louisa b. about 1788; m. David Elderkin at Providence, R. L., May 20, 1807.
- 17. WILLIAM<sup>5</sup> AXTELL (William, Daniel, Henry, Thomas<sup>1</sup>), married Mercy Lincoln of Taunton, June 23, 1763. Marched at the alarm April 19, 1775; served in 1777 and 1778. In 1790, he was in Norton; the same year moved to Sutton.

Children of William and Mercy:

- i. HANNAH,6 m. Bartholomew Putnam of Sutton.
- ii. William, m. Rebeckah Axtell, dau. of 27.

- iii. MERCY, m. John Titus of Sutton.
- iv. HENRY, lost at sea about 1807.
- v. Betsey, married Tarrant Sibley of Petersham.
- 18. Benjamin<sup>5</sup> Axtell ( William, Daniel, Henry, Thomas<sup>1</sup>), served a short time in the war of the Revolution; married Jemima Briggs of Rehoboth, February 19, 1778; removed to Westmoreland, N. H. Children of Benjamin and Jemima:
  - i. Daniel, untraced; probably at Danby, Vt., 1827-8.
  - 39. ii. SILAS.
    - iii. Benjamin, untraced.
    - iv. Jemima, unm.
- 19. SILAS<sup>5</sup> AXTELL (William, Daniel, Henry, Thomas<sup>1</sup>), was in the Revolutionary war; married — Hoskins: removed to Wilmington, Vt., where he died in 1801. Children:
  - i. Silas. 6 b. Nov. 25, 1785, at Wilmington, Vt.; Perry, Lake Co., Ohio. ii. Salmon, b. July 11, 1792, at Wilmington; physician at Fort Ann, 41.
  - Three daughters, who married respectively --- Hastings, -Crosby and --- Nims.
- 20. Henry Axtell (Henry, Daniel, Henry, Thomas). "The old major" was a man of property and influence in Mendham, N. J. Served as major of Morris Co. militia in the Revolution. Was

twice married; first, June 18, 1760, to Mary Beach; second,

- January 7, 1767, to Phebe Condit Day, He died April 6, 1818. By first wife:
  - i. Hannau. 6 b. Oct. 15, 1761: m. Lozier.
  - MARY, b. 1763: m. Stephen Ludlow.
  - 42. iii. David. b. 1765; m. Hannah Johnson, Mendham, N. J.
    - By second wife:
    - i. Lurana, b. Oct. 20, 1767; m. January, 1783, Samuel Beach.
  - ii. Silas, b. April 5, 1769; m. Elizabeth Loree, Jan. 9, 1791.
  - iii. Pheee, b. June 23, 1771; m. Isaac Clark, Oct. 1, 1793.
    iv. Henry, b. June 9, 1773. (Rev. Henry Axtell, D.D., Geneva, N. Y.)
    v. Rhoda, b. April 11, 1775; m. Simeon Cory, May 26, 1798.
    vi. Joseph, b. March 14, 1777; d. young.
- 21. Calvin<sup>5</sup> Axtell (Henry, Daniel, Henry, Thomas<sup>1</sup>), married Mary Mills, November 7, 1771. He spent his days in Mendham, N. J. Children of Calvin and Mary:
  - i. Philip Lindley.6
  - іі. Тімотну. 46.
  - iii. Samufl, unm.
    - iv. Calvin, untraced.
- 22. Luther<sup>5</sup> Axtell (Henry, Daniel, Henry, Thomas<sup>1</sup>), married June 10, 1778, Hannah Condit About 1780 moved to Washington Co., Pa., where he died June 2, 1812.

Children of Luther and Hannah:

RUFUS,6 LURANA and HENRY d. young.

- i. Pinlip, b. Feb. 10. 1781. 47. 48.
  - LUTHER, b. July 25, 1783.
     MARY, b. Feb. 7, 1786; m. Edward Ross.
    - iv. Hannah, b. April 13, 1788; m. Rufus Dodd.
    - v. Jemima, b. Dec. 4, 1790; m. Freeman Dodd.
    - vi. Bethany. b. April 7, 1793; m. Joseph Ruggs.

- 23. EBENEZER<sup>5</sup> Axtell (Samuel, Daniel, Henry, Thomas 1). Beyond the entry of his birth Berkley records are silent concerning him. Ebenezer Axtell, of Berkley, served six months in Rhode Island, 1778, and is mentioned as Ebenezer Axtall in Rhode Island records. There was also an Ebenezer, ensign in Morris Co. militia, N. J. See note to Henry, 9.
- 24. Ezra<sup>5</sup> Axtell (Samuel, Daniel, Henry, Thomas), was a soldier in the Revolution; settled in Pittsford, Vt.; removed to Pierpont, St. Lawrence Co., N. Y., about 1816, where he died July, 1831. Children:
  - i. John, 6 b. 1787; a Presbyterian clergyman in northern New York and 49. Canada.
  - ii. Henry, b. Dec. 27, 1790; Pierpont, N. Y.; m. Sarah T. Woodruff, 50. Jan. 22, 1812.
  - SAMCEL b. 1792; m. 1811, Zenlath Stearns; d. in the army at Platts-burg, N. Y., 1812. 51.

iv. Dolly, m. — Morgan. v. Hannah, b. April 13, 1796; m. Daniel Church, 1816.

vi. EBENEZER, Oneida Co., N. Y.

vii. Lurana, b. Jan. 27, 1804; m. Dorus Leonard, 1820.

viii. Ezra, b. 1806; d. 1828.

ix. ABIGAIL, b. Jan. 2, 1811; m. Alva Leonard, 1830.

25. Samuel Axtell (Samuel, Daniel, Henry, Thomas), was a soldier of the Revolution, after which he went to Chester, Vt., and settled in what was then a wilderness. About 1785, married Celia Dean of Taunton, Mass. She died December 5, 1806. His second wife was Martha Earle, who died 1859. Samuel died July 5, 1835. Children of Samuel and Celia:

i. Dean.<sup>6</sup> ii. Alvin. These d. young. iii. Sylvia, b. March 15, 1794; m. September, 1813, Daniel H. Rice.

iv. Celia, d. young.

v. Lorica, b. Aug. 25, 1799; m. Henry Chandler; d. 1877.

vi. Saran M., b. Aug. 10, 1801; m. Ira Clark.

53. vii. Samuel, b. February, 1804; m. Martha M. Page; d. at Rutland, Wis., 1867.

viii. Caroline A., m. --- Parker of Chester. Vt.

- Henry Axtell (Samuel, Daniel, Henry, Thomas), possibly what is put under 16 belongs here.
- 27. THOMAS AXTELL (Ebenezer, Daniel, Henry, Thomas ) an only son; married Rebecca French, August 9, 1775 (Berkley); moved to Sutton, Mass., and afterwards, 1800, to Peru (now Windsor), Mass., where he died February 10, 1816.

Children of Thomas and Rebecca:

i. Rebecca, 6 b. about 1777; m. her 2d cousin, William Axtell (38), Feb. 28, 1797, and —— Hathaway of Worthington, Mass. ii. Thomas, b. 1789. Western New York.

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82. Daniel<sup>5</sup> Axtell (Thomas, Daniel<sup>3</sup> Henry, Thomas), fived in New Jersey, and about 1780 removed to western Pennsylvania; married Ruth Tuthill about 1770; died 1826.

Children of Thomas and Ruth (order uncertain, and information very incomplete):

59. i. LINCOLN, 6 b. Sept. 15, 1777(?).

60. ii. ELIAB.

ili. Isaac Tuthill. Mt. Vernon, Knox Co., Ohio. iv. Thomas, b. Jan. 81, 1780(?). Monroc Co., Ohio. v. AMZI. vi. DANEL. 61.

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vii. Joseph S., b. 1792.

viii.-x. Three daughters, RHODA, ELIZABETH and POLLY.

29. THOMAS AXTELL (Thomas. 4 Daniel. 3 Henry. 2 Thomas 1), married (in New Jersey) Mary Tuthill; went with his brother to western Pennsylvania; died July 12, 1808. His first wife died 1791; second wife, Ellen McLean.

Children of Thomas and Mary:

i. NATHAN,6 b. about 1780.

ii. Hannah, m. Levi Lindley. iii. Sarah, m. Timothy Lindley. iv. Cecilia, m. Darling Day. v. Phebe, m. Ichabod Dilley.

vi. RUTH, untraced.

vii. Samuel. b. Nov. 25, 1791; physician, Sheakleyville, Pa.

Children of Thomas and Ellen:

ix. Charles, b. July 10, 1796. Iroquois Co., Ill.

x. Thomas. Solsberry, Ind.

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