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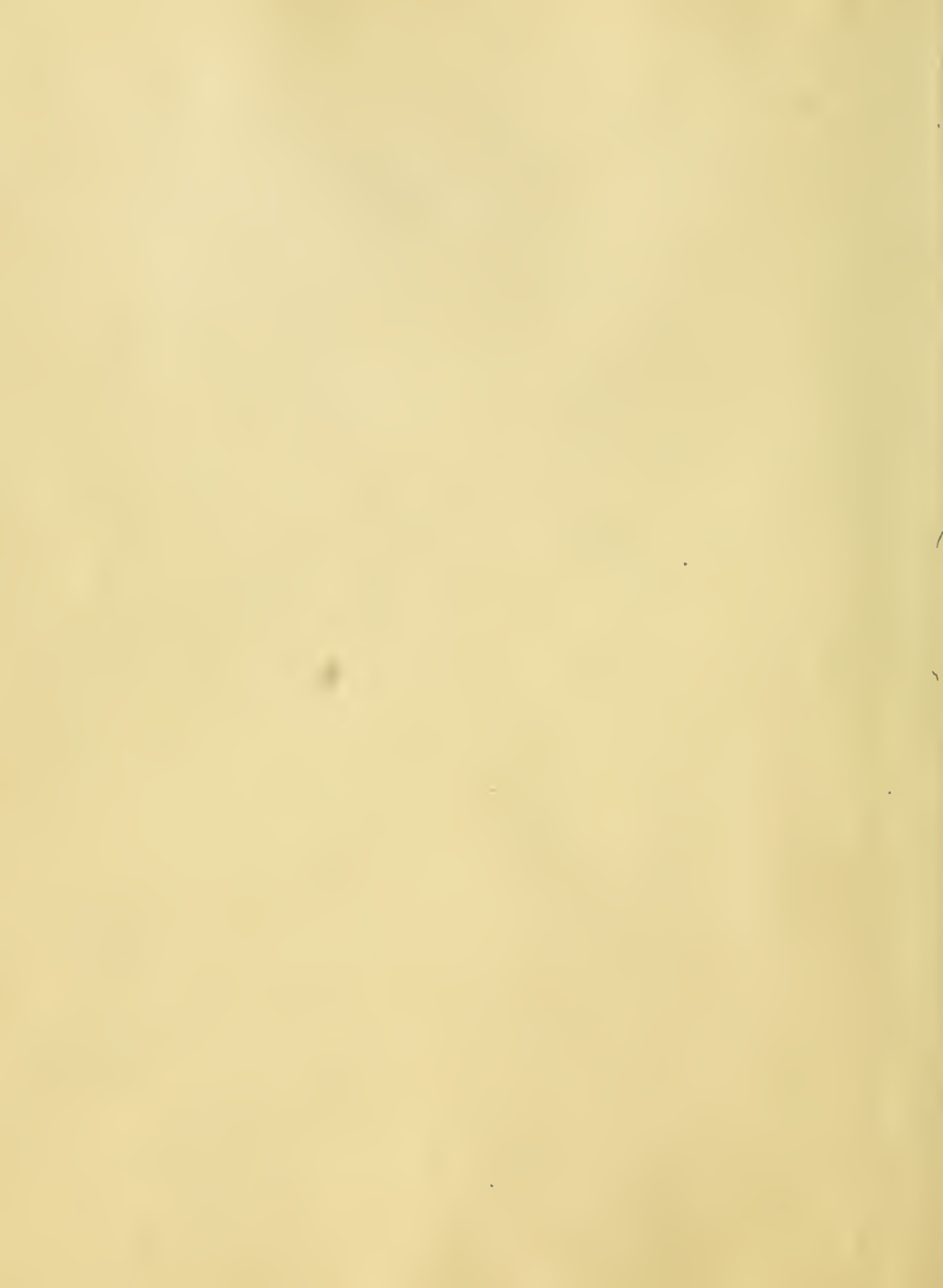
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# Genealogical Notes

Containing Brief Data of Sundry Ascendant Lines of the Author's Family, Compiled from Various Sources.

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# Introduction

The purpose of the publishing of these notes is merely to arrange in compact form a mass of genealogical data which the author has gathered from time to time as a sort of pastime. They are based on facts as nearly as known and no statement is made except on the authority of some trustworthy source. No doubt errors will be found in this little work.

It is not from particular pride that this work has been printed, but merely because it is interesting, in America, to have some idea of what blood one may be. It is pointed out, however, that all the author's ancestors were permanently established on American soil before the outbreak of the Revolutionary War. This is the real requirement of an American.

Every family has a tradition that it is descended from some famous man or some mighty king. In these notes there are no illustrious warriors or wealthy potentates, for nearly every man was a tiller of the soil. As a matter of fact great men seldom leave much of a posterity. The men who do things are almost always recruited from the great mass of people who draw their sustenance direct from Mother Earth.



As an aid in determining the chronology of events in England and Scotland, the following list of rulers is given.

James I was crowned king of Scotland on May 21, 1424

James II was crowned on Mar. 25, 1437

James III became king in 1460, when 8 years old

James IV was crowned about July 1, 1488

James V became king in October, 1513. He died Dec. 14, 1542

Henry VIII of England died in January, 1547

James VI was crowned king of Scotland July 29, 1567

Mary, Queen of Scots, was beheaded Feb. 8, 1587

Elizabeth, Queen of England, died Mar. 24, 1603

The Plantation of Ulster began in the reign of James VI, 1603-25

Charles I ascended the throne at the death of James, Mar. 27, 1625

Presbyterian rebellion was settled June 18, 1639

Charles I was beheaded Jan. 1, 1649  
 Oliver Cromwell died Sept. 3, 1658  
 Charles II became king in 1660. He died Feb. 1, 1685  
 James VII was deposed Nov. 5, 1688  
 William and Mary succeeded the Stewarts

The system of assigning numbers to descendants which is used in this work is one devised by the author and is unique in being capable of indefinite extension. The first child is number 1, the second, 2, etc. The number thus assigned becomes the key number for all the descendants of that person. The children of the fourth child are therefore numbered 41, 42, 43, etc. The children of the third child of the fourth child are 431, 432, 433, etc.

The numbers are in reality units, denoting the number of generations in a descent, enabling the reader to trace an ascent with little trouble, and also showing the nearness of relationship. No. 234567 would be a cousin to No. 234557, and No. 224567 would be several removes from 136875, and No. 123 would be a much earlier generation than 1347825. Numbers are thereby indefinitely reserved for unknown heirs.

In order to condense the genealogies as much as possible certain reference marks have been used to denote a few words which frequently recur. Those symbols are:

- § means born
- ¶ means baptized
- ‡ means married
- † means died

The authorities from which a large part of the material used in this work is drawn are; Mitchell's History of Bridgewater, Mass., Savage's Genealogical History of New England Settlers, Edsons Early Settled in Bridgewater, Edsons in England and America, Several Ancestral Lines of Josiah Edson, History of Madison County, N. Y., and the Scotch-Irish in America. A great deal of information has been obtained from family bibles, correspondence with distant kinfolk and from the records of state and national archives.

## The Settlement of Colerain, Mass.

The town of Colerain, Franklin County, Mass., was settled in 1736 by Scotch-Irish immigrants from the province of Ulster, in the north of Ireland, and was named after the town of Coleraine, near Londonderry. The Scotch in Ulster settled there during the reign of James I of England, owing to the disturbed condition of affairs in Scotland. Shortly after 1712 the owner of a certain large estate in the County of Londonderry was forced to raise the rents considerably on his tenants, owing to a large fine he had paid. This produced an almost total migration of his tenants to America.

A large number of these immigrants reached Boston Aug. 4, 1718, where they learned that newcomers would not be admitted to citizenship in any of the Puritan communities without first connecting themselves with the state church. The province of Massachusetts at that time had suffered from the incursion of the Indians, and its frontier line was in need of defenders. A large portion of these immigrants therefore settled at Worcester, which town was eventually organized in September, 1722. Getting into conflict with the English population there because of their Presbyterian faith, the Scotch prepared to move on. Accordingly, in 1736, a company was organized, consisting of 34 families, to purchase and settle a new township, on principles in keeping with their own. Thus originated Pelham, about 30 miles west of Worcester. Another colony removed about the same time to what is now the town of Colerain, 50 miles to the northwest of Worcester. Others settled in Otsego County, New York.

The body of tenants who left Ireland in 1718 to escape the increased rents on Hon. Richard Jackson's estate formed a principal part of that undisciplined body which brought about the surrender of the British army at Saratoga. From 1764 to 1774 the township of Hebron, lying north of Salem in Washington County, New York, was largely granted in patents of 2,000 acres each to commissioned officers, 200 acres each to non-commissioned officers and 50 acres each to privates who had served in the French and Indian war. These grants were made mostly to the officers and men of the 77th regiment of Montgomery's Highlanders, who had served in America for 7 years, taking part in the capture of Fort DuQuesne and the

## Fountain County, Indiana:

- 51 Lydia Alwilda, born 1843; died Mar. 30, 1849, æ 5 years, 7 months, 3 days
- 52 Ada R., born Mar. 21, 1846
- 53 Juliette A., born Nov. 12, 1848
- 54 Charles F., born Feb. 24, 1853

JOHN THOMAS married [second] on Nov. 8, 1855, in Attica, Mrs. Katherine (Williams) Little, born Nov. 28, 1828, in Freeport, Armstrong County, Pennsylvania, daughter of Jacob and Eliza (Bowers) Williams. He died at Dorchester, Saline County, Nebraska, aged 77. Their children were:

- 55 Emma Lillian, § Stanton, Goodhue County, Minn., Feb. 26, 1858 [p. 27]
- 56 Alwilda, § Feb. 22, 1864; † in infancy

Ada R. Thomas (52) married June 3, 1866, at Hastings, Minn., Charles Wesley Williams (125). They have one son: Leroy John Williams, § Hastings Oct. 24, 1867.

Juliette A. (53) married at Faribault, Minn., Nov. 19, 1867, Norman C. Johnson. They had one son: Merlin Chauncey Johnson, § Hastings Dec. 27, 1872.

Charles F. (54) married at Mount Vernon, Ill., in July, 1883, Adda E. Travers. Their children were all born at Dorchester, Neb.: 541—Charles F., § June, 1884, 542—Alwilda Edgarda, § January, 1886, 543—Miriam Eileen, § May, 1887, 544—Marie Alamo, § October, 1893.

According to a quit-claim deed dated Oct. 16, 1852, Pamela Thomas, widow of Edward Thomas, conveyed to John Thomas 163½ acres along the west bank of the Wabash River, in Warren County, Ind., together with 38¾ acres adjoining, described as touching the line of sections 1 and 2, township 21 north of range 8 west; consideration, \$10. This was the Edward Thomas farm.

"John Thomas, of Thomas & Son, dealers in hardware at Dorchester, was born in Warren County, Ohio, in 1815, where he remained until he attained the age of 21 years, when he went to Attica, Ind., where he learned the tinner's trade. In 1837 he opened a hardware store at that place. ¶ In 1855 he removed to Goodhue County, Minn., and engaged in farming. In 1866 he moved to Hastings, Minn., and went into the hardware business. In 1868 he went to Faribault, Minn., and engaged in the milling and lumber business. In 1872 he moved to Missouri and in 1874 came to this state and started a hardware store at Wilber and in 1879 moved the stock to Dorchester. ¶ Mr. Thomas has been married twice: in 1840 to Miss Nancy McKinnie in Henry County, Ind., by whom he had four children, three of whom are living. In 1857 he was married to Mrs. Katherine Little at Attica, Ind."—HISTORY OF NEBRASKA, 1882.

In the western part of York County, Pa., which later became Adams County, the Welsh Quakers had two prominent meetings—Warrington in the north central part and Menallen in the northwestern part. Among that portion of the records of the Warrington Monthly Meeting preserved by the Historical Society of Pennsylvania occurs the only mention of the name Edward Thomas I have ever found. Following are the children of John and Jane Thomas:

Lydia, § Oct. 3, 1777

Hannah, § April 8, 1783

Jonah, § Oct. 19, 1789

John, § Feb. 13, 1779

Rebekah, § July 30, 1785

Ann, § Sept. 24, 1792

Edward, § June 25, 1781

Elizabeth, § Oct. 18, 1787, † æ 4

Jane, § Mar. 3, 1795

Further records of Warrington Meeting are:—"John and Rebecca (Jones) Thomas [p. 8] produced certificate from Uwchlan, dated June 5, 1766, for themselves and children Jehu, Eleonar, John (2), Rebecka, Sarah, Dinah and Jonah." (Uwchlan Meeting was in eastern Chester County, where John (2) was born Dec. 3, 1750.)—"John Thomas (2) disowned by Warrington Meeting Jan. 10, 1778."—"John Thomas (2) offers acknowledgment Jan. 11, 1783,\* and with his wife Jane and children Lydia, John and Edward received into membership."—"John Thomas (2) requests certificate of removal to Menallen Nov. 7, 1795, with wife Jane and children John, Edward, Hannah, Rebecka, Jona, Ann and Jane. Certificate signed Dec. 12, 1795. Lydia Thomas, daughter of John and Jane, was given a certificate at the same time."—"John Thomas's certificate from Menallen received May 22, 1817."—FREDERIC A. THOMAS.

## Williams Family

**MARK WILLIAMS** is said to have been of Welsh descent, although there is a tradition in the family that his mother was Spanish.† His family, according to legend, came to Pennsylvania from New England,‡ and his wife is said to have been Pennsylvania Dutch, the family being originally from Holland. In 1802 Mark Williams and his family were living at Fairfield, Adams County, Pennsylvania, 8½ miles southwest of Gettysburg. Children:

- 1 John
- 2 Jacob, born Aug. 18, 1802
- 3 Sarah

**JACOB WILLIAMS** 2, born August 18, 1802, at Fairfield, Adams County, Pa., married May 4, 1826, near Pittsburgh, Eliza Bowers, born April 4, 1809, at Braddock, Allegheny County, Pa., on the battlefield where Gen. Braddock was defeated and killed. It is said that Jacob spoke a little Dutch, while his wife

\*This 5-year suspension was during the Revolutionary War. Was he a soldier?

†Jacob Williams was sexton of the Methodist Episcopal church at Freeport and also grave-digger at the old cemetery. He was reputed to be half-Indian, probably because of his black hair and swarthy complexion. The family lived on what was called the Island, at the edge of town.—F. A. T.

‡The story of the "Lost Prince" (Eleazar Williams), who almost convinced Napoleon that he was the son of the King of France, is interesting in this connection. Eleazar was the son of Thomas Williams, who was the son of John de Rogers, a Mohawk Indian (died in Canada in 1786) and Eunice Williams. Eunice was the daughter of John (§ Roxbury, Mass., Dec. 10, 1664: † at Deerfield, Mass., June 12, 1729), son of Samuel (§ in England in 1632, † Theoda, daughter of Capt. Wm. Park, and † Roxbury Sept. 28, 1698), youngest son of Robert and Elizabeth (Stalhan) Williams, who settled at Roxbury, Mass., about 1638. Eunice was carried away by the Indians when a child and was brought up among them, later refusing to go back to her family.—See American Cyclopædias.



spoke correct German. His mother made her home with them when they lived at Freeport, Armstrong County, where they owned and lived on an island called the Eddy, in the Allegheny River, where all their children were born, unless it be the younger ones, for the family later lived in town. He died Aug. 12, 1883, in Centerville, Ia., and she died there July 26, 1896. Their children were:

- 21 Celinda, ♀ Sept. 3, 1827 († Nov. 16, 1848, Aime Bourquin—see note)
- 22 Katherine, ♀ Nov. 25, 1828
- 23 Maria, ♀ Mar. 28, 1830 († Aug. 14, 1849, Matthew Nelson)
- 24 Emily, ♀ June 2, 1831 († July 19, 1849, William E. Smith)
- 25 John Wesley, ♀ July 12, 1833 († Sept. 6, 1855, Mary Elizabeth Bradley)
- 26 Henry S., ♀ Feb. 25, 1835; † April 16, 1839)
- 27 Oliver, ♀ Feb. 2, 1837
- 28 Mary, ♀ June 5, 1842 († Dec. 24, 1857, Samuel Borland)
- 29 Charles Wesley, ♀ Oct. 16, 1844 († June 3, 1866, Ada R. Thomas [p. 2])
- 20 Henry Milton, ♀ July 16, 1847 († Sep. 28, 1862, Hospital 2, Vicksburg, Miss.)

Aime Bourquin † Aug. 30, 1850, and Celinda (21) † Sept. 6, 1855, Otto Kunz. He died in Pittsburg Dec. 12, 1863, and she died Jan. 11, 1873.

Milton (20) was a soldier in Co. F, 17th Iowa Infantry, and was killed at the battle of Vicksburg. Oliver (27) and Charles Wesley (29) served over three years in the Civil War.

Mary Borland (28) † Mar. 22, 1862, at Freeport, Pa.

**KATHERINE WILLIAMS** (22) married [first] on Nov. 8, 1849, **WILLIAM LITTLE**, born in Maryland, it is believed, in 1826. He died Sept. 26, 1855, in Fulton City, Illinois, as a result of a fall from a building where he was employed as a carpenter. His widow married [second] on Oct. 26, 1856, \***JOHN THOMAS** (see page 2). Children of William and Katherine (Williams) Little:

**HOMER LITTLE**, born in Pennsylvania Sept. 19, 1850

**KNUTE ELWOOD LITTLE**, born at Attica, Ind., Jan. 19, 1854

Among the "Heads of Families in the First Census, 1790," are the following:

Head	Residence	Males over 16	Males under 16	Females	Slaves
Jacob Williams	Warrington tp., York Co., Pa.	1	2	5	
Daniel Williams	Same	1	1	4	
Mordecai Williams	"	1	0	1	
Abraham Williams	"	1	8	2	
John Williams	E. portion Cumberland Co., Pa.	2	4	5	3
William Williams	Same	2	0	2	
John Williams	Same	2	1	3	
Charles Williams	Same	1	5	1	
Mark Williams	N'hampton Co., Halifax dist., N. C.	1	3	2	1
Mark Williams	Dobbs Co., Newbern dist., N. C.	1	0	0	

In 1752 John Wesley, while preaching Methodism in Ireland, came across a peculiar colony of foreigners in County Limerick. They were German-Irish from the Palatinate on the Rhein, driven from Germany by the papal troops of Henry XIV. Being Protestants, the religion of Wesley made a deep impression upon them. In 1760 a party of these people, led by Philip Embury and his wife Mary Switzer (they were married in Rathkeale church Nov. 27, 1758), Peter Switzer, Paul Heck, Valer Tettler and Philip Morgan, embarked for America, landing at New York Aug. 10, 1760. Late in 1765 another vessel arrived, bringing Paul Ruckle, Luke Ross, Jacob Heck, Peter Barkman and **Henry Williams**, with their families.—**HISTORICAL NOTE.**

\*The dates on this page are copied from Jacob Williams' old Bible and ought to be correct.

## Bowers Family

The Bowers family is Pennsylvania-German. The name may have been originally Bauers. Among the heads of families enumerated in the first census, 1790, are: George Bower, 2 men over 16 years old and one female—Philip Bower, one man, one boy and two females—Jacob Bower, one man, three boys and three females—Martin Bower, three, one and three, respectively; all being inhabitants of the eastern portion of Cumberland County, Pa.

A letter from the adjutant general of the War Department, dated Dec. 27, 1910, contains this note:

"The records show that one George Bowers was a private in Capt. George Hubley's Company, German Battalion, Continental Troops, Revolutionary War. He is shown to have enlisted July 13, 1776, and to have deserted July 27, 1776."

In the Revolutionary Pension Rolls (Pennsylvania), we find that George Bowers, living in Allegheny County, received a yearly pension of \$96. He served in Weltner's German Regiment. He was placed on the pension rolls July 31, 1819. His age was given as 65 at that time. He died Nov. 4, 1827.

In the same volume appears the name of Sebastian Bowers, living in Armstrong County. He was granted a yearly pension of \$96 on July 23, 1824, having served as a private in the Maryland Continental Line. He was 74 years of age in 1823, and died April 3, 1826.

In the same book is George Bowers, Indiana County, aged 77 years when he was placed on the rolls, May 7, 1819, receiving \$96 annually. He was a private in the Maryland Continental Line. He drew a pension from June 9, 1818, until he had received at least \$1,462.92. [1835]

**ELIZA BOWERS.** born at Braddock, Allegheny County, Pa., on April 4, 1809, was believed to be of pure German extraction. Her mother's name was Yinkst or Jungst (spelled with two dots over the u, as below):

## Jungst Family

In German, Jungst (with the umlaut u) is pronounced Yeengst, and means 'youngest.' The Immigrant List of the Port of Philadelphia shows these names:

Passenger	Ship	Captain	From	Via	Date Landed
<i>Johann Andreas Jungst</i>	<i>Royal Union</i>	<i>Clem't Nicholson</i>	<i>Rotterdam</i>	<i>Ptsmouth</i>	<i>Aug. 15, 1750</i>
<i>Johannes Jungst</i>	<i>Edinburgh</i>	<i>John Lyon</i>	<i>Rotterdam</i>	<i>Cowes</i>	<i>Oct. 2, 1753</i>
<i>Johannes Jungst</i>	<i>Barclay</i>	<i>John Brown</i>	<i>Rotterdam</i>	<i>Cowes</i>	<i>Sep. 14, 1754</i>
<i>Heinrich Jungst</i>	<i>Chance</i>	<i>Charles Smith</i>	<i>Rotterdam</i>	<i>Cowes</i>	<i>Sep. 23, 1766</i>

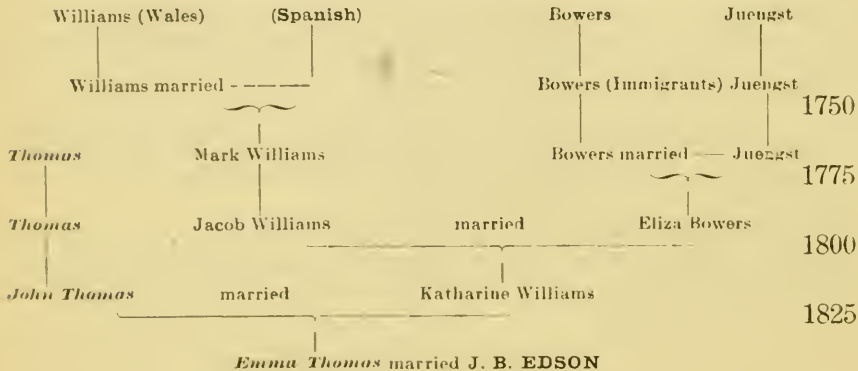
A careful examination of the Muster Rolls of Soldiers and Teamsters who

service in the French and Indian War fails to disclose the name of Jungst. \*\*\* I do not know where they first settled, but among the Early Settlers of Lancaster County the family can be found.—Librarian of the Pennsylvania State Library, March 28, 1906.

Among the Heads of Families in the First Census, 1790, the following are to be found: William Yinksht, 2 males over 16 years old, 3 males under 16 and 3 females—William Yinksht, 1, 0 and 2, respectively; living in the eastern portion of Cumberland County—Henry Yentz, 1 each; in Dauphin County—Peter Yentz, 1, 2 and 3, respectively; in Donegal Township, Lancaster County.

— **JUENGST**, the maternal grandfather of Eliza Bowers, is said to have been born in Germany, and to have come to America at the age of 16. He is believed to have enlisted in the Revolutionary army at that time and to have served as a driver of a supply wagon. His daughter married a Bowers. (|| Bowers Family)

### CHART SHOWING WILLIAMS-THOMAS LINES



## Boone Family

**GEORGE BOONE B** was born in England, and was a member of the Established Church. He came from Exeter, England, landing at Philadelphia Oct. 10, 1717. He had 9 sons and 2 daughters.



- 1 Daniel
- 2 James
- 3 Squire
- 4 Edward
- 5 Jona
- 6 George
- 7 Samuel
- 8 Mary
- 9 Sarah
- 0 Hannah
- .1 Elizabeth

Was George Boone's wife Mary Morgan?—PENNSYLVANIA-GERMAN MAGAZINE, p.327, Oct., 1906

**SQUIRE BOONE** 3 married on July 23, 1720, at the Gwynedd Quaker Meeting [Bucks County], Pennsylvania, Sarah, daughter of Edward Morgan.\* Squire Boone was born near Exeter, England, and appears to have had no other christian name. Their children were:

- 31 Sarah, † April 7, 1724
- 32 Israel, † March 9, 1726
- 33 Samuel, † March 20, 1728
- 34 Jonathan, † Oct. 6, 1730
- 35 Elizabeth, † Dec. 5, 1732
- 36 Daniel, † Feb. 11, 1735
- 37 Mary, † Aug. 23, 1736; ‡ Gen. William Arthurs†
- 38 George, † Nov. 2, 1739
- 39 Edward, † Sept. 19, 1740

**DANIEL BOONE** 36, with his father and family, migrated in 1750 from Exeter Township, Berks County, Pa., to North Carolina. He married in 1755 REBECCA BRYAN. He died in Missouri on Sept. 26, 1820. Their children were:

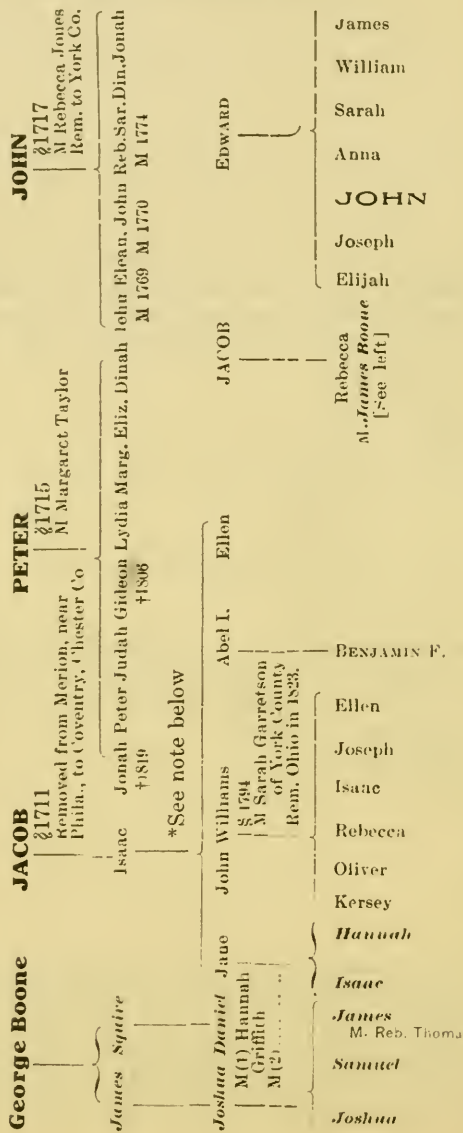
- 361 James: killed Oct. 10, 1774
- 362 Israel: killed Aug. 15, 1782
- 363 Daniel M.
- 364 Nathan
- 365 Susan
- 366 Jemima
- 367 Lavinia
- 368 Rebecca
- 369 Jesse

\*The name Edward in the Thomas family (page 1) may have originated from Edward Morgan—possibly through his grandson, Edward Boone. There is a tradition in the Thomas family "that John Thomas's (5) mother (grandmother? or great-grandmother?) was Daniel Boone's aunt. She was born in North Carolina, as was her husband; and also, the Boones came from North Carolina."

†Gen. Arthurs is said to have been killed by the Indians on the Susquehanna River. His daughter Rebecca married John McKinney, † 1840. She died in 1851: both buried in Youngsville, Warren County, Pa. They had a son—Matthew McKinney, † Sept. 23, 1803. Matthew McKinnie, father-in-law of John Thomas, was born Oct. 15, 1795. Lewis McKinnie, Nancy Thomas's nephew, from Knightstown (Wayne Township), Henry County, Ind., worked for John Thomas in the hardware store at Attica.

# PETER THOMAS

A Welsh Quaker, who came to Pennsylvania about the time of William Penn.



\* NOTE: Isaac Thomas married (1) Eleanor Miller of Exeter. He removed to Adams County, where he married (2), about 1794, Eleanor Williams. † The above diagram is based on the records of Frederic A. Thomas of New York City. He is the son of Benjamin F.

## Alden Family

**JOHN ALDEN** was born in England in 1599 and came to America in 1620, in the *Mayflower*. He was not one of the Pilgrims but came for adventure. In 1621 he married Priscilla, daughter of William Mullens. Mullens was also a passenger on the *Mayflower*, his wife Alice having died on the voyage. He is said to have been of the French family of Molines, or de Molineux. John Alden died at Duxbury, Massachusetts, on Sep. 12, 1687,\* and his wife Priscilla died at the same place on Feb. 5, 1688. Their children were:

1 Elizabeth, ‡ 1622	5 Ruth, ‡ 1631	9 Mary, ‡ 1643
2 John, ‡ 1624	6 Jonathan, ‡ 1633	10 David, ‡ 1646
3 Joseph, ‡ 1627	7 Rebecca, ‡ 1637	1 Priscilla
4 Sarah, ‡ 1629	8 Zachariah, ‡ 1641	

\*One authority gives Sep. 22, 1689

**JOSEPH ALDEN** 3, born in Bridgewater, Mass., married there in 1657 Mary, daughter of Moses Simmons, jr. Joseph Alden died Feb. 8, 1697. Children:

31 Isaac	34 Elizabeth
32 Joseph	35 Mary
33 John, ‡ 1674	

Isaac † Dec. 2, 1685. Mehitable, dau Samuel Allen. John † Hannah White and † Sep. 28 1730. Elizabeth † 1691 Benjamin Snow and † 1705. Mary † 1700 Samuel Allen.

**JOSEPH ALDEN, jr.**, 32 was born in 1667 and married in 1690 Hannah, daughter of Daniel Dunham. Joseph was called Deacon: he died Dec. 22, 1747, and his wife died Jan. 13, 1748. Their children were born in Plymouth, Mass.:

321 Daniel, ‡ Jan. 29, 1691	326 Joseph, ‡ Sep. 5, 1700
322 Joseph, ‡ Aug. 26, 1693	327 Jonathan, ‡ Dec. 3, 1703
323 Eleazer, ‡ Sep. 27, 1694	328 Samuel, ‡ Aug. 20, 1705
324 Hannah, ‡ in Feb., 1696	329 Mehitable, ‡ Oct. 18, 1707
325 Mary, ‡ Apr. 10, 1699	320 Seth, ‡ July 6, 1710

Joseph 322 † Dec. 9, 1695. Joseph 326 † Oct. 5, 1770.

**SAMUEL ALDEN** 323 married in 1728 Abiah, daughter of Josiah and Sarah (Packard) Edson [See Edson Family]. She was born in Bridgewater, Mass., on April 6, 1706. Their children were all born in Titicut, Mass.:

3281 Abiah, ‡ 1729	3284 Samuel, ‡ 1736	3287 Silas
3282 Mehitable ‡ 1732	3285 Josiah, ‡ 1738	3288 Mary
3283 Sarah ‡ 1734	3286 Simeon ‡ 1740	3289 Hosea

**SAMUEL ALDEN** married (2d) in 1752 Rebecca, daughter of Josiah and Mercy Washburn, born in 1712. He died aged 80 [1785].

**JOSIAH ALDEN** 3285 married in Wales, Mass., in 1761 Bathsheba Jones of Raynham, Mass. In later life Josiah accompanied his son Elijah to Brimfield, now called Wales, Mass. Their children were born in Bridgewater, Mass.

- 32851 Elijah
- 32852 Hazael
- 32853 Josiah
- 32854 Rebecca

Hazael † 1791 Bethany Wilbor. It also appears on record that Bethany Alden † 1791 Eliphalet White of Raynham.

**ELIJAH ALDEN** 32851 was born in Bridgewater, Mass., in 1763. He enlisted Feb. 1, 1777, as a private in Orring Stoddard's company, First Massachusetts regiment, commanded by Col. Josiah Vose, to serve throughout the War of the Revolution. He was transferred, between August, 1780, and the first of the following year, to Capt. Noah Allen's company, same regiment, and his name was last borne on a company payroll for April, 1781, without remark relative to his service. In 1783 he married Rebecca Fuller of Kingston, Mass. He died in 1843 in Bridgewater, where his children were all born.

- 328511 Elijah
- 328512 Martha
- 328513 Saphronia
- 328514 Gilbert
- 328515 Hazael

**GILBERT ALDEN** 328514 was born in Bridgewater, Mass., on Sept. 8, 1787, and married in Sturbridge on Feb. 16, 1815, Rachel, daughter of Nahum and Ruth (Newell) Smith, born in Sturbridge on May 4, 1788. He was a self-educated man, and held the office of examiner of school teachers in the Territory of Wisconsin, whither he immigrated from New York state in the early Forties. He died on April 10, 1854, at Bristol, Dane County, Wis., and his wife died at the same place on June 6, 1863. Their children were all born at Madison, N. Y.

- 3285141 Lucetta, † Feb. 9, 1816      3285144 Henrietta, † Feb. 15, 1821
- 3285142 Ruth † Sep. 8, 1817      3285145 William Erskine † Nov. 4, 1822
- 3288143 Angeline † Apr. 3, 1819      3285146 Adoniram Judson Oct. 12, 1827

Ruth † John Hanson, and she † in November, 1845 in Wisconsin. Angeline † Martin Mosher; they came to Wisconsin in 1850. William E. † Elizaoeth Dodge. Adoniram J. † (1) Feb. 28, 1853, Rowena N. Baker. He † (2) Apr. 8, 1865, Gertrude Farrand. He † May 6, 1911, at Burchard, Neb.

**Elijah Alden.**—Entering the Revolutionary army when a boy of 14, Elijah Alden adopted the intemperate and roving habits of a soldier. In 1832 he was living in Belchertown, Mass., although he never gained a residence anywhere. By trade he was a blacksmith: he was quite a large man, although at that time slightly stoop-shouldered, walking with a cane because of a lameness in his right

knee from a wound received in the war. He was very deaf, often declaring that he had not heard the frogs croak nor the birds sing in twenty years. He drew a pension, which supported him and his aged wife until he became an invalid, after which he was taken back to Bridgewater, his birthplace, and maintained by the town, according to the law of Massachusetts. He was a great talker, as was his son Gilbert, and read a great deal, but he never cared to accumulate property.

He had a big Bible in which was the whole Alden record. His name is carved on the Soldiers' Monument in Boston. After his death his widow drew a pension. She was subsequently taken from the poorhouse by her daughter Patty, but her condition was not bettered, for her children were poor. But she was contented enough, as her husband had always been, even when in jail for debt. Sometimes, when taking the debtor's oath to secure his release from prison, swearing that he possessed not a thing on earth, he used to add: "And I never expect to!"

According to the records Elijah Alden of Hampshire County was placed on the pension rolls Aug. 6, 1833, pension dating from Mar. 4, 1831, for service in the Massachusetts Continental Line, receiving \$21.10 a year.

## SMITH FAMILY

**NAHUM SMITH** enlisted March 10, 1777, as a private in Capt. Adam Martin's company, Fifteenth Massachusetts regiment, commanded by Col. Timothy Bigelow, to serve three years. He was transferred, between May, 1778, and January, 1780, to The Major's company, in the same regiment. He was honorably discharged on March 10, 1780, after three years of service. He married Ruth Newell. They died in Sturbridge, Mass., where their children were born.

- 1 Sarah, † Cully
- 2 Susan, † Dunbar
- 3 Rachel, † **Gilbert Alden**
- 4 Ruth, † Yale. Children: William, Carlos, Fred, Franklin, Sarah and Maria.
- 5 Marcus, † unmarried, hanging himself in his old age.
- 6 Daniel. Children: Jane, Melvina, Sumner, Daniel, etc.
- 7 Sumner. Children: Edwin, Jane, Henrietta, Adelbert, etc.
- 8 Vernon † unmarried: graduated from theological college; Baptist preacher.

**Nahum Smith** of Worcester County was placed on the pension rolls April 19, 1819, receiving \$96 a year from June 17, 1818. His pension was suspended under the Act of May 1, 1820. At the time of his application in 1818 he gave his age as 61 years: this would establish his birth in 1757. The old canteen which he carried through the war hung in after years in the cellarway of his house: it was of wooden staves, like a tiny keg, with a strap to go over the shoulder. His wife, Ruth Newell, was related to William L. Marcy, Secretary of State under President Polk.



## Simmons Family

**MOSES SIMMONS** came to America in 1621 in the ship *Fortune*. The family name was sometimes written Symonds, and Symonson. He was one of the original proprietors of the town of Bridgewater, selling his rights to Nicholas Byram. [See Byram Family]. Among other children he had:

- 1 Moses
- 2 Thomas, lived in Scituate, Mass., and his children were Moses, Aaron, etc.

**MOSES SIMMONS, jr.**, 1 died in 1689 at Duxbury, Mass. His children were:

- 11 Aaron
- 12 Mary, married **Joseph Alden**. [page 9]
- 13 Elizabeth, married Richard Dwelly.
- 14 Sarah, married James Nash.

## Dunham Family

**JOHN DUNHAM** was born in England in 1589. He was in Plymouth, Massachusetts, in 1633; a deacon in 1639; a representative the same year and several times thereafter. The name is variously spelled Denham, Dunhame and Donham in old records. He died Mar. 2, 1669. His children were:

- 1 John. Children: Jonathan and Samuel.
- 2 Benaiah. Children: Edmund, Elizabeth, Hannah and Benjamin.
- 3 Benjamin. Children: John and Benaiah.
- 4 Daniel. [See below]
- 5 Samuel. Children: Sarah and two boys.
- 6 Thomas. Married Martha, daughter of George Knott.
- 7 Joseph. Children: Eleazer, etc.

**DANIEL DUNHAM** 4 probably had several children, but only one is known:

- 41 Hannah, born in 1670, married in 1690 **Joseph Alden, jr.** [page 9]

## Packard Family

**SAMUEL PACKARD** was born at Windham, England, where he married Elizabeth. They came to America in the ship *Diligence*, which arrived at Ipswich, Mass., on Aug. 10, 1638. They settled at Hingham, later moving to West Bridgewater, where he was a constable and tavern-keeper. Children:

- |  |             |               |
|--|-------------|---------------|
| 1 Elizabeth, born at Windham, England. | 5 John      | 9 Israel      |
| 2 Samuel, born in Massachusetts.       | 6 Nathaniel | 10 Joel       |
| 3 Zacheus                              | 7 Mary      | 1 Deborah     |
| 4 Thomas                               | 8 Hannah    | 2 Deliverance |

**ZACHEUS PACKARD** 3 married Sarah, daughter of John Howard [See Howard Family]. He died Aug. 3, 1723. Their children were:

- 31 Israel, § 1680
- 32 Sarah, § 1682, married Capt. **Josiah Edson**.
- 33 Jonathan, § 1684
- 34 David, § 1687
- 35 Solomon, § 1689
- 36 James, § 1691
- 37 Zacheus, § 1693
- 38 John, § 1695
- 39 Abiel, § 1699

## Howard Family

**JOHN HOWARD**, with his brother James, came from England and settled in Duxbury, Mass. He was young when he came, and it is said he lived in the family of Miles Standish. He was one of the first military officers of Bridgewater, and took the oath of fidelity there in 1657. His descendants still own and live on the place where he first settled. He always wrote his name Haward, and his descendants did likewise until after 1700. It is remarkable that the two names Howard and Hayward, which have always been known as distinct families, were uniformly pronounced alike. They were perhaps the same originally, but in writing John omitted the y. He died about 1700. Children:

- 1 John
- 2 James
- 3 Jonathan
- 4 Elizabeth, married Edward Fobes
- 5 Sarah, married **Zacheus Packard**
- 6 Bethia, married Henry Kingman
- 7 Ephraim

## Edson Family

**JOSEPH EDSON** 1156 was the son of Deacon Samuel and Susannah (Orcutt) Edson. [See Edson Family.] He was born in Salem, Mass., in 1649, and married (1) in 1678 Experience, sister to John Field who came from Providence in 1677. Joseph Edson's marriage occurred the same year as his brother Samuel's, about two years after the death of the Indian chief, King Philip, and the end of Philip's war. He was about 37 years old at the time of his first marriage, having been a soldier in the late Indian war. His wife died in 1685, leaving three children:

- 11561 Joseph, § 1679
- 11562 Josiah, § 1682
- 11563 Experience, § 1685

**Joseph Edson** 1156 married (2) in 1686 Mary, daughter of George Turner, by whom he had three sons and two daughters. He became a proprietor of the town before 1683, and was a constable in 1687. He died about 1712.

11564 Benjamin, § 1686

11565 Samuel, § 1687

11566 Timothy, § 1689

11567 Mary, married John Lathrop

11568 Susannah, married Solomon Johnson

**Capt. JOSIAH EDSON** 11562 married in 1704 Sarah, daughter of Zacheus and Sarah (Howard) Packard [See page 13]. He possessed a very large and valuable real estate, and had a mind liberally endowed by nature. He was for a long time captain of a military company, many years a justice of the peace and a deacon in the church. He was 30 years a selectman, 1704-34; and a representative in the General Court of Massachusetts Colony for the years 1735-36-39-43 and '45. In fact, from his early manhood until almost the close of his life, Jan. 15, 1762, at the age of 72, he held some office of trust and importance. His chief occupation, however, was that of farming, and he took delight in improving the biggest and best-kept farm in Bridgewater. His wife died in 1754. Children:

115621 Sarah, § 1705, married Elisha Pierce, jr.

115622 Abiah, § 1705, married **Samuel Alden** [See page 9]

115623 Josiah, § Jan. 24, 1709. (See sketch below)

115624 Huldah, § 1713, married Nov. 18, 1738, Hezekiah Hayward

115625 Abiezar, § 1715

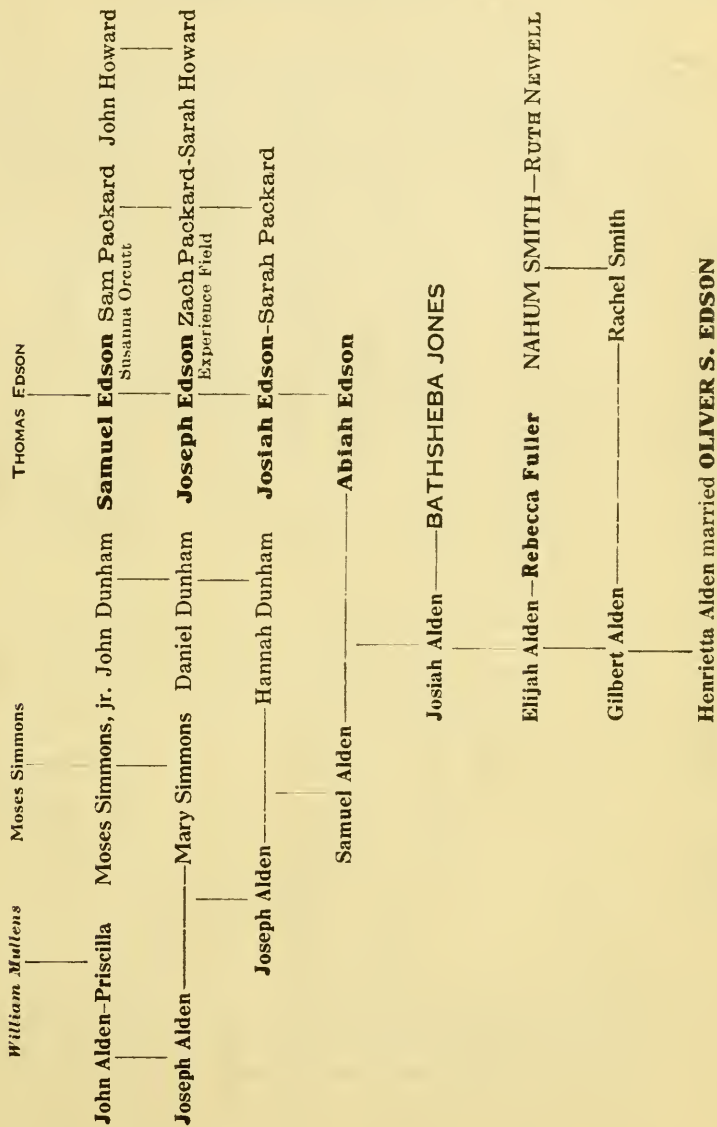
115626 Freeloze, § 1718, married Josiah Fobes

115627 Elijah, § 1720, married Ann Packard

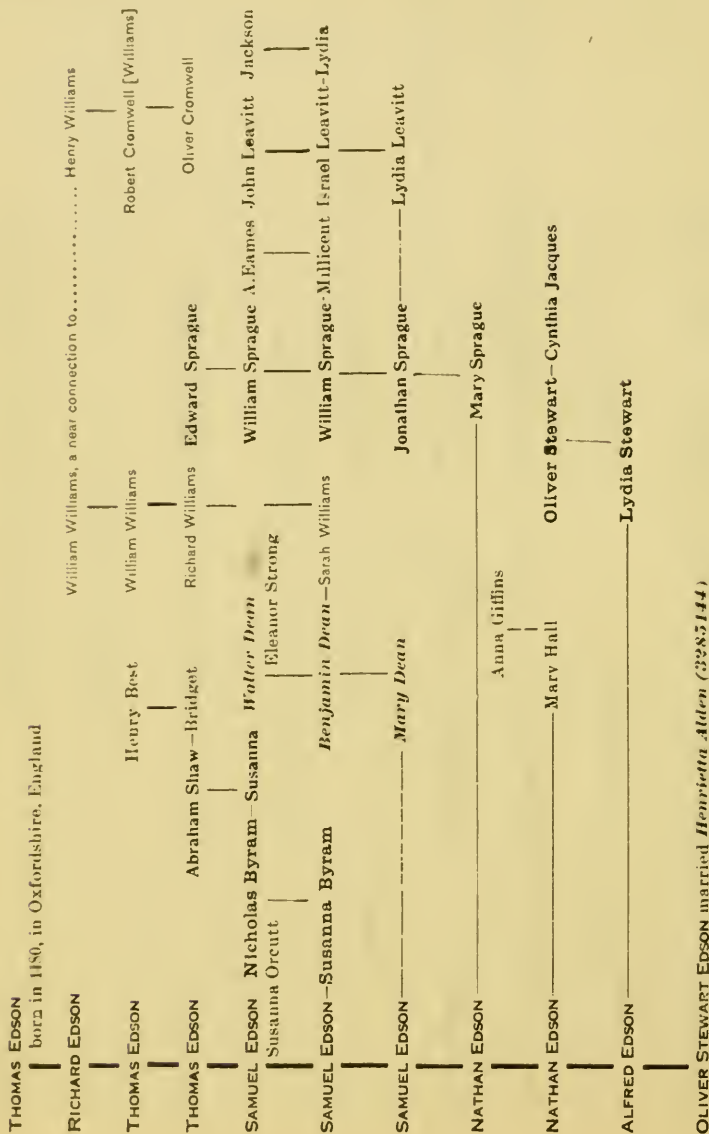
**Col. Josiah Edson** 115623 graduated at Harvard University in 1730. He was the owner of a large estate, and represented Bridgewater 12 years in the General Court at Boston, his term expiring in 1773, in the stormy years preceding the American Revolution. He was a colonel of a full regiment of militia, and when the crisis came the old man stuck to his king and colors. He saw only disaster in any attempt to coerce the parent government. In the excitement of the times he found his position unbearable to him, and in the autumn of 1774 he left his home and joined the British forces in Boston. In the early part of 1776 he accompanied the royalist troops to Halifax, Nova Scotia, later on returning to headquarters on Long Island, New York. On Sep. 23, 1778, by resolve of the General Court of Massachusetts, his property was confiscated and sold. He died Dec. 28, 1778, with the British army on Long Island, aged 69, depressed in spirits and broken-hearted. His widow lived to suffer from poverty, and is said to have been assisted by the town. Col. Edson was one of the 17 "rescinders" in the General Court when that body voted 92 against 17, on June 30, 1768, not to rescind their appeal to the other colonies to resist the oppression of the crown. He was also one of the 36 "mandamus councillors" of 1774.



# Chart Showing the Alden Ancestry



# Chart Showing the Edson Ancestry



## Stewart Family

**OLIVER STEWART** was born March 2, 1761, in Colerain, Franklin County, Massachusetts.\* He enlisted in February, 1778, to serve three weeks as a private in Col. Seth Warner's regiment of Continental troops in the Revolutionary War, being at that time a youth of barely 17 years. In October he enlisted for six weeks in Capt. John Armstrong's company, in Col. John Williams' regiment of New York state troops. He served a week during the following June in Capt. Adiel Sherwood's company in the same regiment. Enlisting again in May, 1780, he served seven months in Capt. Harrison's company, Col. Harper's regiment, New York line. He was three days under arms in the same service at the alarm at Ft. George, and three days at the alarm at Kingsbury.

At the time of his enlistment he was living at Hartford, Washington County, New York. On April 3, 1784, he married **Cynthia Jacques**, who was born Sept. 2, 1765, said to have been of French descent. In the first census, 1790, Oliver Stewart and his family were living at Westfield town, Washington County. According to the History of Madison County, he came to Stockbridge with his family about 1796. He was living at Augusta, Oneida County, when, on Sept. 11, 1832, he applied for a pension. He was placed on the rolls April 8, 1833, receiving an annual allowance of \$79.56, dating from March 4, 1831, under the Act of June 7, 1832.

His wife died Sept. 9, 1835.† She is said to have been a woman of fine character and intelligence. Oliver Stewart was a man of forceful character and natural ability, set out by an active and well-disciplined mind. He died at Stockbridge, N. Y., on March 21, 1858, aged 97 years, being one of the last survivors of the War for American Independence.‡ His children were:

- 1 Lydia, ♀ in Washington County, N. Y., April 25, 1785, m. **Alfred Edson**
- 2 Charles, ♀ July 27, 1787
- 3 Samuel, ♀ Mar. 1, 1789
- 4 Henry Wells, ♀ June 17, 1791
- 5 Ezra J., ♀ April 7, 1793
- 6 Acynthia, ♀ Mar. 25, 1795
- 7 Enos, ♀ at Stockbridge, July 13, 1798
- 8 Lucretia, ♀ Sept. 5, 1800
- 9 Hannah, ♀ Aug. 1, 1803
- 0 Ruth, ♀ Nov. 11, 1806

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\*This location is supplied by the records in the office of the Bureau of Pensions, Washington, D. C., as having been stated in the application for a pension. The family tradition has it that he was born in Ireland, coming to America at the age of 16 and joining the revolutionists.

† Oliver Stewart married (2) on Jan. 6, 1844, in Stockbridge, Mrs. Margarita Spoor. She died there on June 21, 1854.

‡ The last survivor of the Revolution was Daniel F. Bakeman, who died at Freedom, Cattaraugus County, N. Y., on April 5, 1869, aged 100 years, 6 months and 8 days.

**CHARLES STEWART**, (2), born July 27, 1787, was married on Dec. 24, 1809. There is a family tradition that he entered the U. S. navy as a cabin-boy, when about twelve years old, on a ship commanded by his uncle. He died, according to the History of Madison County, in Wisconsin. His children were:

Ezra, John, Bruce, Charles, Wallace, Amanda, Ruth Ann, Melvina, Marcena and Martha.

**Samuel Stewart** (3) married May 30, 1822.

**Ezra Stewart** (5) married Feb. 24, 1839; † in Stockbridge, N. Y., July 8, 1866.

**Acynthia Stewart** (6) married Jan. 8, 1820, Charles Doolittle.

**Enos Stewart** (7) married July 6, 1841.

**Lucretia Stewart** (8) married Dec. 25, 1821, David Brewer.

**Hannah** (9) and **Ruth** (0) died when young.

### Stewart Family Data

In the "Officer's Register," one Charles Stewart of New York state is recorded as having been commissioned second lieutenant in the Fifteenth Infantry on Apr. 14, 1812, first lieutenant on Aug. 15, 1813, and honorably discharged June 15, 1815.

As a rule, family traditions are very deceptive guidances in determining the real facts. The reference to an uncle is probably derived from a hazy knowledge of the life of **Admiral Charles Stewart**, born July 18, 1778, in Philadelphia, the youngest member of the family, of Irish parents. His father died in 1780. At the age of thirteen Charles entered the merchant service as a cabin-boy aboard an Indiaman. He was commissioned a lieutenant in the navy on March 9, 1798. From 1817 to 1820 he was commander of the Mediterranean squadron, after which he commanded the Pacific fleet four years. On his return home he was tried by a court martial, but acquitted. He was a member of the board of naval commissioners, 1830-33, and in 1837 succeeded Barron as commandant of the Philadelphia navy yard. In 1857 he was placed on the reserved list. His daughter, Delia Tudor Stewart, became the mother of Charles Stewart Parnell. Admiral Stewart died at Bordentown, N. J., Nov. 7, 1869.

**COL. CHARLES STEWART** of Flemington, N. J., was born in Ireland in 1829. He was the son of Robert of Gortla, Ireland, and grandson of Charles Stewart, who fought at the battle of the Boyne. He came to America in 1750, settling in New Jersey. His biography is written in the military annals of the American revolution. He married Mary Johnston, and died June 24, 1800, at Flemington. He had a son, Samuel Robert, who had a son, Rev. Charles Samuel Stewart, who was a chaplain in the navy, born at Flemington Oct. 16, 1795, married June 3, 1822, and died at Cooperstown, N. Y., Dec. 14, 1870.\*

\* Capt. Cecil Stewart, grandson of Rev. Charles S. Stewart, informs me that in his records of the family there is no mention of any named Oliver.

In the records in the office of the commissioner of pensions, Washington, D. C., this datum was found: Charles Stewart was pensioned from January 31, 1815, on account of a shell wound of the right knee incurred January 21, 1815, on the U. S. ship Macdonough in an engagement off the Canary Islands with the British. The Macdonough was a privateer, not a commissioned naval vessel, and there is none of her rolls on file in the Department.

## Hall Family

**MARY HALL** was born in Ireland in 1740. Her mother's name was **Anna Giffins**. At the age of seventeen she embarked for America in company with her aunt. A short way out from New York harbor the ship was wrecked. As they went down into the water a sailor grasped Mary by the hair, rescuing her and her aunt. Mary had sewed some gold guineas in three rows around her skirt, money which her aunt is said to have given her to induce her to emigrate to America. The weight of the garment was so great that the girl let it loose into the water in order to save herself.

It is said that Mary's father came over to America to induce his daughter to return to Ireland, but she refused to leave her employment in New York City. Mr. Hall returned to the old country, where his wife died soon after his return, and he died not long afterwards. Mary married **Nathan Edson** (1345435) on Sept. 2, 1766, in Bridgewater, Mass. He had been a soldier in the French and Indian war, serving in a Massachusetts regiment from May 6, 1761, until Nov. 20, 1862. He may have met his future wife during those times.

## Sprague Family

**EDWARD SPRAGUE** of Upway, Dorsetshire, and of Devonshire, England, had three sons who emigrated to America, although he himself never left England. He died in 1614, leaving these three boys:

- 1 Ralph, who settled in Charleston, Mass., in 1629. † 1650
- 2 Richard, who came to America in 1629
- 3 William, who came at the same time

**WILLIAM SPRAGUE** 3 settled at Hingham, Mass., in 1629. He married in 1635 **Millicent**, daughter of **Anthony Eames**. He graduated from Harvard College the next year. He died Oct. 26, 1672, at Marshfield, where he had removed early, and his wife died Feb. 8, 1696. Their children were:

- 31 Anthony
- 32 John, † 1638
- 33 Samuel, † 1640
- 34 Jonathan, † 1648, settling at Weymouth
- 35 William, † May 7, 1650



- 36 Elizabeth
- 37 Persis, † 1643
- 38 Joanna, † 1644
- 39 Mary, † 1652
- 30 Hannah, † Feb. 25, 1655

**WILLIAM SPRAGUE** 35, born May 7, 1650, was probably the father of Jonathan, as given below. In this respect the records are a bit indefinite, saying that Jonathan was the son of William of Providence.

**JONATHAN SPRAGUE** 355 married Lydia, the daughter of Israel and Lydia Jackson) Leavitt of Hingham. He settled in Bridgewater, Mass. Their children were:

- 3551 Lydia, † 1715; married, 1733, Sol Perkins
- 3552 Hannah, † 1717; married Solomon Bates
- 3553 Jonathan, † 1720; went to Stafford, Conn.
- 3554 Mary, † 1723; married in 1738 **Nathan Edson** 1345435
- 3555 Sarah, † 1725
- 3556 John, † 1727
- 3557 Content, † 1729; m. Howard, of Dartmouth
- 3558 Betty, † 1731; m. Seth Snow, about 1749
- 3559 Benjamin, † 1736

## Leavitt Family

**JOHN LEAVITT** was born about 1625, probably the son of Thomas Leavitt, an early settler of New England.

**ISRAEL LEAVITT** 3 settled in Hingham, Mass., where he married June 10, 1677, Lydia, daughter of Abraham Jackson of Plymouth. He died Dec. 26, 1696. His widow afterwards married Preserved Hall. In 1708 she and her children were living at Hingham.

- 31 John, † July 6, 1678; † July 29, 1749
- 32 Israel, † Aug., 1680
- 33 Solomon, † Feb. 24, 1682
- 34 Elisha, † July 16, 1684
- 35 Abraham, † Nov. 27, 1686
- 36 Sarah, † Feb. 8, 1689
- 37 Lydia, married **Jonathan Sprague** 355
- 38 Hannah, † June 30, 1693
- 39 Mary, † Feb. 18, 1696

John 31 had a son John, whose wife died April 13, 1797.  
Abraham 35 married Rebecca Lincoln, born Aug. 1, 1697.

## Dean Family

**WALTER DEAN** was born in Chard, Somersetshire, England. He and his younger brother John came to America, Walter settling at Taunton, Mass., in 1637, and John settling at Cohamet the same year. Two years later John came and settled at Taunton, where he married Alice and died in 1660. Walter married **Eleanor Strong**. Their children were:

- 1 Ezra, married Dec. 17, 1697, Bethiah, daughter of Deacon Samuel Edson
- 2 Joseph
- 3 Benjamin

**BENJAMIN DEAN** 3 married on Jan. 6, 1681, Sarah Williams. Their children were:

- 31 Hannah, § 1682
- 32 Israel, § 1685
- 33 Mary, married **Samuel Edson** (134543)
- 34 Damaris, § 1689
- 35 Sarah
- 36 Elizabeth
- 37 Mehetable
- 38 Benjamin, § 1699
- 39 Ebenezer, § 1705
- 30 Lydia
- 3.1 Josiah, § 1707

## Williams Family

**WILLIAM WILLIAMS** lived at Synwell, Gloucestershire, England, and was said to have been of the immediate family of Cromwell. Sir Richard Williams assumed the name Cromwell in order to obtain the estates of his maternal uncle, Thomas Cromwell, Earl of Sussex, who was Secretary of State during the reign of Henry VIII. This Sir Richard was the son of Morgan Williams of Glamorganshire, Wales, the first of the family to have a surname. Morgan was the son of William, the son of Evan, the son of Thomas, thought to have been a descendant of Carradock of Glamorganshire, Wales, who was descended from Brutus, first king of the Britons. The royal family of Tudor of England and Stewart of Scotland are descended from this stock.

Sir Richard Williams had a son Henry, who married Elizabeth Stewart, an aunt of King Charles. Henry had a son Robert, married Elizabeth, daughter of Sir James Boucher, of royal descent. Henry was the father of Oliver Cromwell, born at Huntingdon April 25, 1599, Lord Protector of England. His son Richard was born in Huntingdon in 1625 and died in Wales in 1712. He had a son James

Williams of Northampton, Mass., who died at Waterbury, Connecticut, in 1740, who was the grandfather of Benjamin Franklin, Col. Jonathan Williams, William Williams, signer of the Declaration, and Thomas Paine.

**WILLIAM WILLIAMS** of Synwell, Gloucester, lived in Wooten-under-Edge. He died in September, 1618. His son was:

**RICHARD WILLIAMS**, born in Gloucester, England, was baptized Jan. 28, 1606. He came to America in 1636, having married on Feb. 11, 1632, **Frances**, daughter of **John** and **Jane Deighton** of Gloucester. He died at Taunton in 1693, his children being:

- 1 John, baptized in Gloucester on Mar. 27, 1634
- 2 Elizabeth, baptized in Gloucester Feb. 7, 1635
- 3 Samuel, born at Taunton, Mass.
- 4 Nathaniel, † Feb. 7, 1641; married Elizabeth Rogers
- 5 Joseph
- 6 Thomas, married \*Mary, who after his death married James Keith
- 7 Benjamin, married Rebecca, daughter of Lieutenant-Gov. George Macey
- 8 Hannah

Sarah Williams, who married **Benjamin Dean**, was probably the granddaughter of Richard.

\*Thomas 6 had Maria, † 1689, Jonathan, Sarah, Macey, Hannah, Bethiah, Mehitable, Damaris.

## Byram Family

**NICHOLAS BYRAM** was, according to tradition, the son of an English gentleman of the County of Kent, who removed to Ireland about the time his son was born. He sent young Nicholas when 16 years old to visit friends in England, in charge of a man who betrayed his trust, robbed the boy of his money and sent him to the West Indies, where he was sold to service to pay his passage. After his time expired he made his way to New England and settled at Weymouth. He married **Susanna**, daughter of **Abraham** and **Bridget (Best) Shaw**, of Dedham.

In 1660 he bought the three proprietary or original shares, or purchase rights, in the town of Bridgewater, belonging to Moses Simmons, Philip Delano and George Soule. He settled in Bridgewater soon after, where he died in 1688, his wife dying about 1698. Their children were born at Weymouth:

- 1 Nicholas
- 2 Abigail, married Thomas Whitman in 1656
- 3 Deliverance, married John Porter in 1660
- 4 Experience, married John Willis
- 5 Susanna, † 1648, married **Samuel Edson** (13454)
- 6 Mary, married Samuel Leach



## Shaw Family

**ABRAHAM SHAW** came from Kent, England, settling at Dedham, Mass. A tradition says he was the son of an English gentleman. He married June 24, 1616, **Bridget**, daughter of **Henry Best**. She was born April 9, 1592.

Their daughter **Sasanna** married **Nicholas Byram**.

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## Edson Family

**THOMAS EDSON** was born in Adderbury, Oxfordshire, England, about 1480. The family was old in England, as the ending -son denotes Saxon or Danish origin. The name Addison bears a resemblance, and the town of Adderbury may have derived its name from the same source. As a family name it is rarely found either in England or America. Thomas was a small land-owner and married **Juliana**, daughter of **John and Elizabeth (Fox) Bustard**. Their children were born in Adderbury.

- 1 Richard
- 2 Margaret

**RICHARD EDSON 1** had three children. His wife's name was **Agnes**. He was buried in 1558.

- 11 Christiana
- 12 Anne
- 13 Thomas

**THOMAS EDSON 13** had five children, whose baptism was recorded in the church at Fillongley. His wife's name was **Ellen**. He died in 1587, and was buried at Fillongley.

- 131 Elizabeth, ¶ Aug. 21, 1562
- 132 Nicholas, ¶ Oct. 28, 1565
- 133 Richard, ¶ May 9, 1568
- 134 Thomas, ¶ Sep. 7, 1572
- 135 William, ¶ Nov. 1, 1576. † Nov. 22, 1576

**THOMAS EDSON 134** married **Elizabeth Copson** Nov. 1, 1596. Their children were baptized in Fillongley.

- 1341 William, ¶ Mar. 4, 1598
- 1342 Anna, ¶ Aug. 22, 1602
- 1343 Nicholas, ¶ Mar. 6, 1607
- 1344 Amphyllis, ¶ Aug. 12, 1610
- 1345 Samuel, ¶ Sep. 5, 1613

- 1346 Joshua, ¶ Feb. 2, 1616  
 1347 Walter, ¶ Jan. 30, 1619

**SAMUEL EDSON** 1345 married in Warwickshire, England, **Susanna Orcutt**, who was born there in 1618. He was a millwright. They came to America about 1639, shortly after their marriage, and settled at Salem, Mass. They later removed to Bridgewater, which became the family seat of the Edsons in America for the next two centuries. From Deacon Samuel Edson is descended everyone entitled to the name now living in the United States. He became prominent in the affairs of his town, and his posterity for nearly three hundred years have respected the example of his life. He died July 19, 1692, and his wife died Feb. 20, 1699. Their first six children were born at Salem: the last two in Duxbury Plantation.

- 13451 Susanna, § 1640, † Rev. James Keith about 1664  
 13452 Sarah, § about 1641, † Nov. 7, 1663, John Dean of Taunton  
 13453 Elizabeth, § 1643, † Richard Phillips of Weymouth  
 13454 Samuel, § 1645  
 13455 Mary, § about 1647, † Nicholas Byram, jr.  
 13456 Joseph, § 1649 [¶ Edson Family, page 13]  
 13457 Josiah, § 1651, † Mary Dean of Taunton  
 13458 Bethiah, § about 1653, † Ezra Dean of Taunton

**SAMUEL EDSON** 13454 was a conspicuous figure in the early colonial days of Bridgewater, where he married in 1678 **Susanna**, daughter of **Nicholas** and **Susanna (Shaw) Byram** [¶ page 22.] She was born in Weymouth in 1648. He died in Bridgewater April 10, 1719, and she died there March 12, 1741. Their children were born in Bridgewater.

- 134541 Susanna, § Jan. 15, 1679, † John Hayward, jr., in 1699  
 134542 Elizabeth, § Aug. 29, 1684, † Samuel Packard in 1705  
 134543 Samuel, § Jan. 14, 1689

In the spring of 1676, during King Philip's war, Samuel Edson 13454 was a member of a company of 21 soldiers who went out one day to meet another company under Captain Church. Failing to meet it, they came unexpectedly upon a party of Indians, fought them and took 17 of them prisoners with considerable plunder. These prisoners were sold for money and the town voted "that the soldiers that took them should have it."

**SAMUEL EDSON** 134543 at an early age turned from the Puritanism of his fathers to the Church of England. At the age of 19 he married, at Taunton, **Mary**, daughter of **Benjamin** and **Sarah (Williams) Dean** [¶ page 21]. They were married Jan. 1, 1708. On Jan. 23, 1747, they deeded 14 acres of land at Bridgewater to a society in England for the propagation of the gospel in foreign parts, the income from which was to be appropriated to the support of public worship in the Protestant Episcopal Church in Bridgewater. It was leased to John Edson of that town for 999 years at an annual rent of \$21. Samuel Edson died in his

native town on Dec. 27, 1771, his wife having died at the same place Feb. 5, 1770. She was said to have been descended on her mother's side from the family of Oliver Cromwell. Their children were all born in Bridgewater.

1345431 Susanna, § Dec. 14, 1708

1345432 Bethiah, § Jan. 2, 1710

1345433 Mary, § Mar. 9, 1712

1345434 Samuel, § Mar. 14, 1714

1345435 Nathan, § Mar. 14, 1716

1345436 Abel, § Jan. 19, 1718

1345437 Obed, § Dec. 31, 1720

1345438 Elizabeth, § Dec. 16, 1722

1345439 Silence, § Nov 9, 1726

1345430 Ebenezer, § Dec. 7, 1727

134543.1 John, § Mar. 30, 1729

134543.2 Ezra, § July 28, 1730

134543.3 Sarah, § May 27, 1732

**NATHAN EDSON** 1345435 was a soldier in King George's War, which began in 1744, when he was 28 years old, and ended with the Peace of Aix-la-Chapelle, signed Oct. 7, 1748. He served from Mar. 25, 1748, until Dec. 21 as a sentinel in Capt. Thomas Henderson's company.\* For a time this force was stationed at "Pleasant Point." He died three years later, 1751. On Feb. 27, 1738, he married in Bridgewater Mary, daughter of Jonathan and Lydia (Leavitt) Sprague, born on May 4, 1722 [p. 19]. Their children were born in Bridgewater.

13454351 Nathan, § 1739

13454352 Sarah, † Jan. 31, 1760, Solomon, son Sol and Lydia (Sprague) Perkins

13454353 Mary, † James Snow

13454354 She † a Kendell and lived near Black River, Jefferson Co., N. Y.

13454355 He settled in New Orleans about 1817

The widow was appointed administratrix upon the death of her husband in 1751. She rendered her final account Oct. 27, 1755, as "Mary Edson," her children evidently being of age.

**NATHAN EDSON** 13454351 served as a soldier in the French and Indian war and in the Revolution. He enlisted May 6, 1761, in Capt. Lemuel Dunbar's company and served until Dec. 7. He enlisted again Mar. 23, 1762, and served in Capt. Josiah Dunbar's company until Nov. 20. He married in Bridgewater on Sept. 2, 1766, **Mary Hall** [page 19], born in Ireland in 1740. Immediately after their marriage they moved to Petersham, Worcester County, in the central part of the state, at that time on the frontier of settlements. Nathan was in Bridgewater, however, at the time hostilities against the British began. As a minute-man in Capt. Josiah Hayden's company he marched from that town on the alarm from Lexington, Apr. 19, 1775, and took part in that memorable fight. He enlist-

\* Muster Rolls in the office of the Secretary of State, Boston, Mass., vol. xcii, p. 195.

ed on May 1, 1775, and took part in the siege of Boston and the battle of Bunker Hill. After the war he removed to Madison County, New York, being the first settler of Stockbridge, in 1791. He was an honorable and much-respected man in his town of Stockbridge, then called Smithfield, where he died Aug. 16, 1825. His wife died in the same town Dec. 12, 1838. Their children were all born in Petersham, Mass.

- 134543511 Anna, ♀ Nov. 15, 1767, † Robt. W. Seaver, Feb. 26, 1786
- 134543512 Nathan, ♀ Mar. 31, 1769
- 134543513 John, ♀ Feb. 1, 1771
- 134543514 Willard, ♀ Oct. 14, 1772, killed by lightning, aged 14
- 134543515 Alfred, ♀ Nov. 13, 1774
- 134543516 Barnabas, ♀ Feb. 27, 1776, † Anna Walsworth, 1798
- 134543517 Mary, ♀ Mar. 24, 1778, † John Devine, (2) John Thurston, (3) Mich-
- 134543518 Calvin, ♀ June 10, 1780, † Dorothy May, Sep. 4, 1801 [ael Tooke
- 134543519 Sarah, ♀ May 14, 1783
- 134543510 Olive, ♀ May 24, 1785, † Zenas Cole

Nathan 134543512 married Miss White of Oneida County. He died in New York City.

John's first wife was Sarah; his second wife was Clarissa. He removed shortly after the great eclipse of 1806 to the locality of Batavia.

**ALFRED EDSON** 134543515 did not come to Stockbridge until after his father, who came with his sons John, Barney and Calvin and daughters Nancy, Polly, Sarah and Olive.\* In 1796 he married Eunice Snow, who died with her first child. Alfred came to Stockbridge afterward, where he married on Aug. 9, 1801, **Lydia**, daughter of **Oliver and Cynthia (Jacques) Stewart**, born in Washington County, New York, Apr. 25, 1780 [page 17]. He was an honest man and a good farmer. His wife survived him, dying Sep. 7, 1838. Their children were born in Stockbridge, Madison Co., N. Y.

- 1345435151 Willard, ♀ June 4, 1802, † Mary A. Ferguson
- 1345435152 Eunice Snow, ♀ July 8, 1803, † Nathaniel C. Gregg
- 1345435153 Robert Stewart, † unmarried near Batavia, N. Y.
- 1345435154 Lydia
- 1345435155 Henry Wells, † Mehetable Orcutt
- 1345435156 Charlotte
- 1345435157 Oliver Stewart, ♀ Aug. 1, 1813
- 1345435158 Lavina
- 1345435159 Samuel Stewart, ♀ Oct. 1, 1816, † Mary Green
- 1345435150 Sarah, ♀ Feb. 6, 1823, † James Madison Alby
- 134543515.1 Rudolphus, † when a young man

**OLIVER STEWART EDSON** 1345435157 married in Stockbridge on Oct. 27, 1841, **Henrietta**, daughter of **Gilbert and Rachel (Smith) Alden**, born in Madison, Madison County, N. Y., Feb. 15, 1821 [page 10]. In 1845 they emigrated to Dane

\* History of Madison County, N. Y., by James H. Smith, Syracuse, 1880.



County, Wisconsin territory, where all their children except Oliver C. were born. Later the family removed to Blainstown, Iowa. He was a successful farmer and a man of sterling qualities and his wife was a well-read, intellectual woman. He died Aug. 11, 1897, at Olathe, Kan., and she died at Burchard, Neb., on Dec. 13, 1907. Their children were:

- 13454351571 Oliver Cromwell, § July 31, 1843, † Oct., 1845
- 13454351572 Montrose, § Sep. 13, 1845, † Dec., 1845
- 13454351573 Azelia, § Feb. 12, 1847, † W. C. Henry
- 13454351574 Angeline, § Apr. 4, 1849, † M. L. Allison
- 13454351575 Emma, § Jan. 6, 1851, † J. H. Henry
- 13454351576 Rowena, § Apr. 25, 1852, † J. L. Stevens
- 13454351577 William, § Feb. 7, 1854, † Feb., 1854
- 13454351578 James Bassett, § Sep. 5, 1855

**JAMES BASSETT EDSON** 13454351578 was the only surviving son of Oliver Stewart Edson. He married at Wilber, Saline County, Nebraska, on Oct. 31, 1877, Emma Lillian, daughter of John and Katherine (Williams) Thomas, born Feb. 26, 1858 [page 3]. He has engaged in various businesses with success, the family home now being at Cuba, Republic County, Kansas. His children are:

- 134543515781 James Oliver, § Sep. 9, 1878, at Wilber, Neb.
- 134543515782 William Henry, § Dec. 13, 1879, at Wilber, Neb.
- 134543515783 Charles Leroy, § Sep. 6, 1881, at Wilber, Neb.
- 134543515784 George Thomas, § Jan. 2, 1884, at Marcus, Ia.
- 134543515785 Frederic K., § Mar. 10, 1886, at Cuba, Kan.
- 134543515786 Henrietta Alden, § Dec. 30, 1888, at Cuba, Kan.
- 134543515787 Albert Borchers, § Dec. 23, 1892, at Sacramento, Cal.

**GEORGE THOMAS EDSON** 134543515784 married at Olathe, Kan., April 17, 1907, Emmette Gertrude, daughter of John W. and Eliza (McCoy) Oliver, born near that town on May 18, 1885. Their children are:

- 1345435157841 Laura Angeline, § Feb. 11, 1908, at Rumley, Ark.
- 1345435157842 Philip Oliver, § July 20, 1912, at Olathe, Kan.

## Revolutionary Service of Nathan Edson

**NATHAN EDSON** 13454351 served at various times throughout the Revolutionary war. He enlisted Apr. 21, 1777, as a sergeant in Capt. Edward Cobb's company, in Col. Jonathan Titcomb's regiment of Continental forces and served until June 21, at Bristol, Rhode Island. A fortnight later, July 9, he reenlisted in the same company, then in Col. Thomas Robinson's regiment, and served until Dec. 31, in Rhode Island. He enlisted the next day, Jan. 1, 1778, as a sergeant in Capt. Joseph Cole's company in Col. John Jacobs' regiment and served until Oct. 3. His name does not appear on the muster rolls after that date.

## JAKWAY FAMILY

**JACQUAYS** - this is the way it was spelled on July 29, 1679, on a petition to the king from certain inhabitants of the Narragansett country, praying his majesty to put an end to the differences about the government thereof between Rhode Island and Connecticut (III R. I. Colonial Records, 60).

The signer of this petition was a settler of Kingston, R. I., where he died in 1711. His wife was named Hannah, and Thomas was their fourth child.

**THOMAS JACKWAIS**—thus it was spelled when he was granted the franchise of citizenship on May 6, 1712, by the General Assembly of Rhode Island (IV R. I. Colonial Records, 150) - married **Hannah Spink**, daughter of Robert of Kingston, son of Robert of the same town. Thomas and his wife both died in 1744 in Exeter township, formerly part of Kingston. Jonathan was their fifth child;

Simeon

Spink

45 Jonathan, born July 2, 1739, in Stonington, R. I.

**JONATHAN JAKWAY** was born July 2, 1739, in Stonington, R. I.\* His wife was **Lucretia Wells**, born August 13, 1744, in Stonington, R. I. They were married in Exeter. In 1773 the family moved to Cambridge, New York, where they remained two years. In 1775 they moved to Fort Miller and resided two years. In 1777 they went to Kingsbury for three years. In 1780 they settled at West Hartford, Washington county. He died there on Sept. 20, 1824, and his wife died there on February 24, 1836.† Their children were:

451 Asenith, born June 5, 1763

452 Cynthia, born Sept. 2, 1765, married April 3, 1784, **Oliver Stewart** (17)

453 Hannah, born Feb. 24, 1768

454 Jonathan, born Apr. 10, 1770

455 Elisha, born May 2, 1773

456 Spink, born May 15, 1774

457 George, born May 10, 1777

458 Simeon, born Jan. 6, 1780

459 Thomas, born May 26, 1782

450 John, born Sept. 23, 1784

45x Henry, born July 4, 1788

In his last will, executed Aug. 16, 1824, admitted to probate before the surrogate of Washington county on Nov. 15, 1824, Jonathan Jakway names his wife Lu-

\*Dates of birth of parents and children are copied from Jonathan Jakway's bible.

†From grave-stone inscriptions copied in the old Jakway cemetery in West Hartford, on the farm of Henry E. Jakway (Smith Basin), which the author of these Notes visited on July 23, 1917. "The locality and site of this graveyard is truly magnificent," says Hon. James Gibson in his *Graves and Graveyards of Washington County*, "on elevated ground—the view on the east limited only by the Green Mountains of Vermont; on the north unbounded except as the eye exhausts the limit of sight: on the northwest, the Adirondacks; on the west, the Saratoga mountains, and on the south by the Catskills." The place is partially enclosed by a stone wall and is well kept.

cretia and children Spink, Jonathan, Simeon, Elisha, George, Thomas, Henry, Asenath Durham, Cynthia Stewart, Hannah Sloan, and his two brothers, Simeon and Spink. Cynthia (wife of Oliver Stewart) was living in western New York.\*

### Inscriptions in the Jakways† Cemetery

West Hartford, Washington county, N. Y.

**Jonathan Jakway**, died Sept. 20, 1824, aged 85 years, 2 months, 18 days

**Lucretia Wells**, wife of Jonathan Jakway, died Feb. 24, 1836, aged 91 y 6 m 0 d

JONATHAN JAKWAY - blank

ELISHA JAKWAY, † died May 14, 1856, age 83

Lydia, wife of Elisha Jakway, died Sept. 17, 1842, aged 61

John Jakway, died April 12, 1883, aged 81

Thomas Jakway, died Dec. 15, 1913, aged 73 [49 years, 7 months 0 days

Georgiana A. Wood, wife of Thomas H. Jakway, died Feb. 23, 1895, aged

Jonathan Jakway, born July 6, 1806, died Aug. 2, 1889

Almira Jakway, died May 17, 1875, aged 66 years, 10 months, 20 days

SPINK JAKWAY, died June 20, 1843, aged 69

Spink Jakway, born Jan. 20, 1814, died Sept. 18, 1896

Albina H., daughter of Spink and Mary Jakway, d. Apr. 14, '46, age 3-4-24

GEORGE JAKWAYS, died Nov. 18, 1825, age 48 years, 6 mo., 8 days

SIMEON JAKWAYS, died Oct. 17, 1825, age 45 years, 9 mo., 11 days

Sarah, wife of Simeon Jakway, died July 31, 1838, aged 49

THOMAS JAKWAY, died Sept. 16, 1841, in 60th year. (He married Polly Razez, a native of Massachusetts. Son: Hon. Peltiah Jakway of Fort Ann.)

### HENRY JAQUES OF NEWBURY, MASS.

Henry Jaques came to America in 1640, settling at Newbury, Mass. He married Oct. 8, 1648, Ann, probably the daughter of Richard Knight. He died Feb. 24, 1687, aged 69, and she died Feb. 22, 1705. Children:

HENRY, born July 30, 1649; died before his father in 1687. Children—Henry

MARY, born Oct. 23, 1653. Married Richard Brown

HANNAH, married Ephraim Plummer

RICHARD, born 1658; married Jan. 18, 1682, Ruth, daughter of Samuel Plummer. Children—Richard, born Dec. 5, 1682, died young; Richard, born Jan. 6, 1684, drowned May 28, 1683?

STEPHEN, born Sept. 6, 1661; married May 13, 1684, Deborah, daughter of Samuel Plummer: free-man, 1690. Children—Stephen, § July 23, 1686, Samuel, § Mar. 19, 1692, Mary, § Sept. 26, 1694, Sarah, § Sept. 23, 1697, Richard, § April 1, 1700, Benjamin, § Sept. 23, 1702, and Ann, § Feb. 25, 1705

SARAH, born Mar. 20, 1664; married John Hale, jr.

DANIEL, born Feb. 20, 1667. Married Mar. 20, 1693, (m. 2 Susanna): children—Daniel, § Dec. 27,

\*A family tradition relates that a Dr. Jaques of New York City, dying unmarried after the death of his sister Cynthia (1835), willed to her heirs a considerable property, Oliver Edson receiving \$150.

†The name is spelled two ways—Jakway and Jakways. In Vital Records of Rhode Island, vol. 5, part 1, page 30, it states: "Thomas Jackwise and Hannah Spink were married on October 24, 1725, by William Spencer, justice of the peace."

‡Elisha Jakway's will, dated Mar. 10, 1849, probated July 14, 1856, mentions three children: John, Jonathan and Almira.

1693, Richard, § Feb. 2, 1696

ELIZABETH, born Oct. 23, 1669; married Luke Perkins of Ipswich

RUTH, born April 14, 1672, and ABIGAIL, born Mar. 11, 1674

## Dr. John Jakway of Cayuga County

John Jakway, one of the younger sons of Jonathan and Lucretia (Wells) Jakway, was born Sept. 23, 1784, in Hartford, Washington county, N. Y. He settled at Cato, Cayuga county, where he engaged in merchandising and the practice of medicine and surgery. He never married. He died at Cato on April 30, 1845, in his 61st year. In his will, dated Feb. 18, 1844, and probated Sept. 10, 1845, he distributed his large estate, consisting of some 1,300 acres of land in Cayuga, Steuben, Wayne and Erie counties, N. Y., Crawford county, Pa., and Ingham county, Mich., and personal property to the value of over \$50,000, to his brothers and sisters, and their heirs. The following heirs were interested:

ASENATH, m. (1) Fisher, (2) Durham. Children: Betsy m. James Orton, Hester m. Ira Orton, both of Lucern, Warren county, Lucretia m. Joseph Boyce, Hannah m. Titus Wilder, Harriet m. Amplus Cole, all three of Conneaut, Erie county, Pa., Fisher A. Durham of Marathon, Cortland county, or Asa F. Durham, and Herman Fisher, deceased, who had Fitch Fisher, Lois Fisher and Harriet Fisher. Lucretia Boyce had an eldest son, Robert I. Fisher. Asenath died shortly before the testator.

CYNTHIA m. Oliver Stewart. Children: Charles, Ezra J., Enos, all of Stockbridge, Cynthia m. Charles Doolittle of Stockbridge, Samuel of Wales, Erie county, Lucretia m. David Brewer of Wales, and Lydia, deceased, whose heirs were Willard Edson, Eunice m. Nathaniel C. Gregg, Robert Edson, Samuel Edson, Lavina Edson, Charlotte m. David Michael, Sally m. Madison Albee, Henry W. Edson and Rodolphus A. Edson, all of Stockbridge, and Oliver Edson of the state of Wisconsin. 10-11-1848.

HANNAH m. (1) Sloan, (2) Hiram Arnold. Children: Jonathan F. Sloan, her eldest son, Archibald Sloan (who had a son Robert and daughter Temperance m. Robins) and Robert H. Sloan. Hannah lived in Spring, Crawford county, Pennsylvania, in 1848.

JONATHAN is provided for by bequests to others.

ELISHA. Children: Polly and Emeline. See page 29.

SPINK. Children: Simeon, Thomas Henry, minors in 1845, Asenath Melissa, Cynthia Matilda, Lucretia Aramitta and Hannah Albina, all of Hartford, Washington county.

GEORGE. Children: Benjamin of Victory, Cayuga county, Archibald, Cynthia, Mary Ann, all of Sterling, Cayuga county, Fanny m. John Pelton, Abigail m. Ira Lindsley, Lucretia, all of Lucerne, Warren county, and Herman, who left home about 1840, and was supposed to be dead.

SIMEON. Children: Harriet, eldest daughter, of Lucerne, Israel of Cato, Rynier of Whitelake, Oakland county, Mich., Hannah m. Almon Little of Hartford and Sarah m. Thos. Orton of Lucerne.

THOMAS. Children: Ira of Cato, Spink, Peltiah, both of Fort Ann, Washington county, Morgan of Cato, Nancy m. Oliver Harris of Byron, Kent county, Mich., Mary of Fort Ann, Esther of Cato and Laura of Fort Ann.

HENRY died in Dansville, Steuben county, where his children lived. Elias, George, Emeline m. Holden and Lucretia m. Percy Sanders or Saunders.

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Jakway is pronounced Jake-way. Sometimes the name is spelled Jaques, Jacques, Jaquith, Jackwish, etc. In South Kingston, R. I., records occurs the name Jackquaw. In vol. 5, part 4, page 38, it says: "Sarah Jagers married Joseph Stewart"

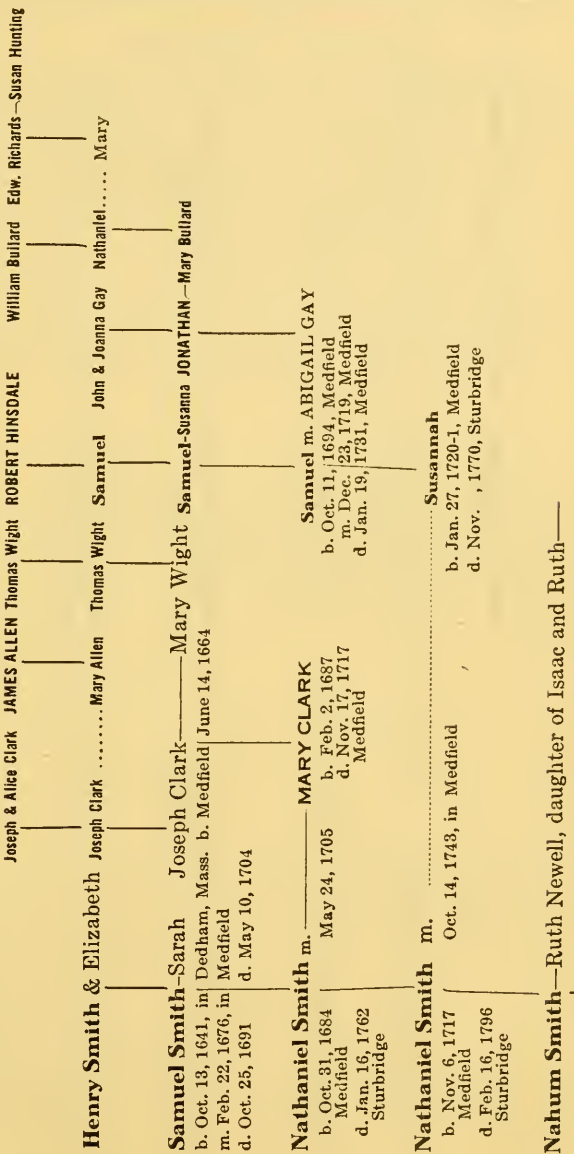
In Heads of Families in the First Census (1790) there were living in Litchfield, Conn., Daniel Jake-way, one man over 16 years of age, one boy under 16 and three females; Ebenezer Jackaway, two, two and four; Simeon Jackaway, one, two and two, and Aaron Jackaway, 3, 1 and 3, respectively.

William Jacques, a resident of Ontario county, western New York, in 1833, was placed on the Revolutionary pension rolls on Nov. 5, 1819, drawing \$96 annually for service in the Continental line. His age on Oct. 8, 1819, was 61 years.—Born in 1758. Jonathan Jakway was not a soldier of the Revolution.



# Chart of Smith Ancestry

EARLIEST SETTLERS OF DEDHAM, MEDFIELD AND STURBRIDGE, MASS.

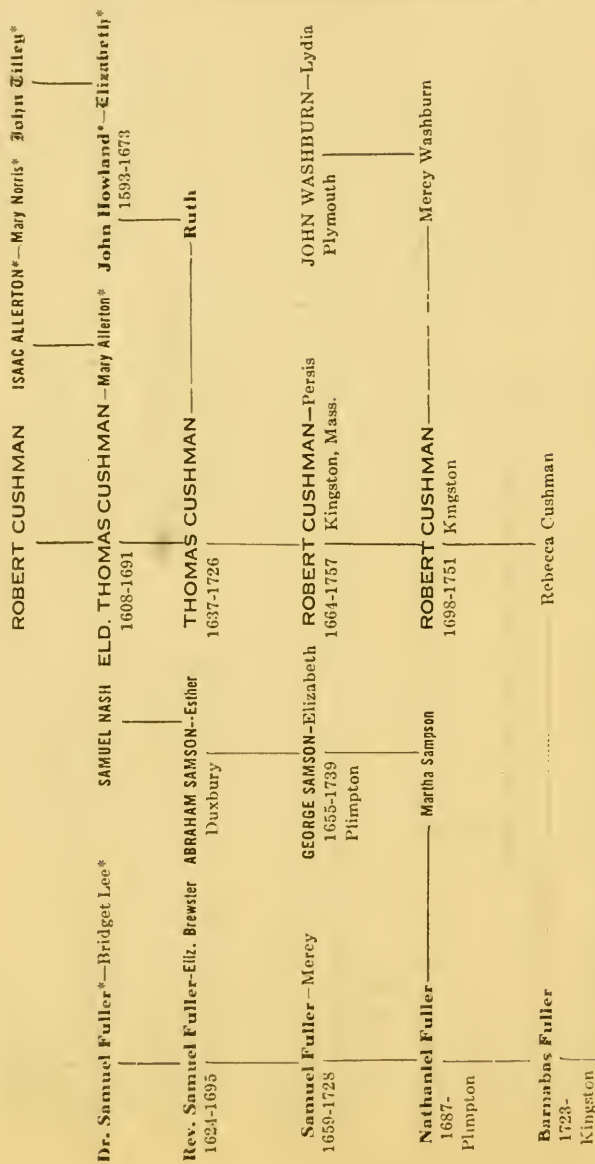


Rachel Smith — GILBERT ALDEN

(Oct. 11, 1920)

# Chart of Fuller Ancestry

EARLIEST SETTLERS OF PLYMOUTH, PLIMPTON AND KINGSTON, MASS.



Rebecca Fuller — ELIJAH ALDEN of Bridgewater, Mass.

\* Came in the Mayflower, 1620

## ANCESTRY OF REBECCA FULLER

### FULLER FAMILY

**Dr. SAMUEL FULLER** came with his brother Edward in the *Mayflower*, 1620. He had been a deacon eight years with the Pilgrims at Leyden, Holland. His first wife, Elsie Glasscock, died before 1613. He married (2) at Leyden April 30, 1613, Agnes, daughter of Alexander Carpenter; she died within a few years. He married (3) at Leyden May 27, 1717, **Bridget Lee**. He was the first physician of Plymouth Colony, a forceful leader in the new settlement, and died in the summer of 1633, worn down by the duties of ministering to the people during a general sickness. His will was dated July 30, 1633, and was probated in October. His widow Bridget died some time after Mar. 11, 1664. The Plymouth records before 1648 have long been lost. His son Samuel was the only one of his children reckoned in the "division of cattle," May 22, 1627. He may have had more than these children:

- 1 Samuel, § about 1625, at 'Rocky Nook,' Plymouth
- 2 Mercy
- 3 Noah

**Rev. SAMUEL FULLER** was a minister. He preached sixteen years at Middleborough and was ordained there Dec. 26, 1694, when the church was eventually organized. He died at Middleborough Aug. 17, 1695, in his 71st year, if his gravestone be correct. His widow, whose maiden name was given in the church history of Middleborough as **Elizabeth Brewster**, whom he did not marry before 1650, died Nov. 11, 1713, in Plympton.\* In the agreement of heirs, Oct. 1, 1695, these children are mentioned:

- 11 Samuel, § 1659
- 12 Mercy, *wife of Daniel Cole*
- 13 Experience, *wife of James Wood*
- 14 John, *the second son*
- 15 Elizabeth, *wife of Samuel Eaton*
- 16 Hannah, *wife of Eleazer Lewis*
- 17 Isaac, *a minor*

**SAMUEL FULLER, Jr.**, born in 1659, married **Mercy**. He occupied and inherited his father's farm in Plymouth. The births of their children are given in the Plymouth records, *old style, which was then 10 days behind universal time*:

- 111 Nathaniel, § Nov. 14, 1687; † Jan. 24, 1711-2, *Martha Sampson*.
- 112 Samuel, Aug. 30, 1689
- 113 William, Feb. 14, 1691; † Aug. 26, 1692
- 114 Seth, Aug. 30, 1692
- 115 Ebenezer, March 24, 1695
- 116 Benjamin, March 7, 1696

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\*Plympton was organized Nov. 26, 1695, as the west precinct of Plymouth, and incorporated 1707.

- 117 Elizabeth, Mar. 30, 1697  
 118 John, Dec. 19, 1698 † Feb. 7, 1723-4, Deborah Ring  
 119 Jabez, June 6, 1701 † Nov. 12, 1724, Deborah Soule  
 110 Mercy, Oct. 3, 1702  
 11x James, Feb. 27, 1704 † May 22, 1729, Mercy Perkins  
 The Plympton records say "Samuel Fuller, jr., died April 18, 1728."

**NATHANIEL FULLER** married in Plympton, Mass., Jan. 24, 1711-2,\* **Martha Sampson**, who was born in that locality Oct. 25, 1689, daughter of George and Elizabeth Sampson. Their children were born in Plympton:

- 1111 Sarah, Sept. 23, 1712  
 1112 Ruth, Mar. 4, 1714  
 1113 Amos, Feb. 12, 1719  
 1114 Nathaniel, May 26, 1721  
 1115 Barnabas, Sept. 25, 1723; † Mar. 26, 1748, *Rebecca Cushman*  
 1116 Jesse, Feb. 18, 1726  
 1117 Samuel, Nov. 11, 1729

**BARNABAS FULLER** married in Kingston,† Mass., Mar. 26, 1748, **Rebecca Cushman**, born in Kingston Apr. 9, 1730, daughter of Robert and Mercy (Washburn) Cushman. He was a mariner and settled in Kingston, where their children were all born. Their son Barnabas was washed overboard at sea and drowned on Nov. 25, 1792, at the age of 24 and is buried at Kingston. In later life the parents moved to Hebron, Maine, with some of the children.

- 11151 Jesse, Oct. 3, 1748 † Jan. 11, 1778, Ruth Prince  
 11152 Barzillai, Jan. 17, 1751 † July 20, 1786, Mary Cushman  
 11153 Robert, June 3, 1752  
 11154 Martha, Jan. 11, 1754  
 11155 Azuba, June 29, 1756  
 11156 Joshua, Feb. 8, 1758 † Mar. 28, 1759  
 11157 Mary† Rebecca, May 19, 1761; † Aug. 31, 1783, **Elijah Alden**  
 11158 Ruth, Sept. 17, 1764 † Oct. 19, 1780, Ichabod Bradford  
 11159 Barnabas, June 19, 1768  
 11150 Isaac, Apr. 30, 1771; baptized June 23

\***TIME RECKONING.** It will be well to note that England and her colonies, by not having adopted Pope Gregory's revision of the calendar, were reckoning time out of accord with the rest of the world and had fallen behind. The year used to begin Mar. 25, and March was called the first month, April was the second, etc. So, to avoid confusion, writers often used to double date all days from Jan. 1 to Mar. 24. (In this book, where a single date is given, it is the later dating.) By Feb. 29, 1700, the English had lost 10 days; then 11. This was changed in 1752, when the year started Jan. 1. Sept. 3 that year was called Sept. 14. In calculating ages this should be considered.

†Kingston was incorporated June 16, 1726, from the town of Plymouth.

‡"Mary" Rebecca was christened Rebecca when all the children then living were baptized in the First Church of Kingston on Nov. 5, 1769.

## SAMPSON FAMILY

**ABRAHAM SAMPSON** was perhaps a brother to Henry Sampson who came in the first ship from England in 1620. Abraham settled in Duxbury, as early as 1638. He married about 1640 **Esther Nash**, daughter of Samuel Nash. He and Henry Sampson were original proprietors of Bridgewater. He was living in Duxbury in 1686.\* Among his children were:

- 1 Abraham, married Lora, daughter of Alexander Standish
- 2 Samuel, killed in King Philip's war, 1675 or 1678
- 3 George, 1655
- 4 Isaac, 1660, married Lydia, daughter of Alexander Standish

**GEORGE SAMPSON** was an early settler of Plympton, 1680. He married **Elizabeth**, born in 1657. She died in Plympton May 27, 1727, in her 71st year; and he died there July 26, 1739, in the 85th year of his age. Their children were born in Plympton, Mass.

- 31 Joseph, July 14, 1679
- 32 Abigail, Jan. 22, 1681
- 33 Judith, Mar. 3, 1683
- 34 Ruth, Dec. 22, 1684
- 35 Benjamin, Sept. 19, 1686
- 36 Martha, Oct. 25, 1689; † Jan. 24, 1712, **Nathaniel Fuller**
- 37 George, Mar. 10, 1691
- 38 Elizabeth, Dec. 22, 1692
- 39 William, July 8, 1695
- 30 Seth, Dec. 22, 1697

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## NASH FAMILY

**SAMUEL NASH** was born about 1602 and came to Plymouth colony about 1630. In 1633 he was taxed half as high as Captain Standish. He was a settler of Duxbury in 1643. He was sheriff of the colony in 1652, representative in 1653 at the old colony court at Weymouth, and held the rank of lieutenant under Captain Myles Standish. He was one of the 56 original proprietors of Bridgewater and was one of the commissioners appointed by the court to purchase the new plantation of the Indians. In his old age† he lived with his son-in-law, William Clark. Among his children were:

- 1 Martha, married William Clark
- 2 Esther, married **Abraham Sampson**

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\*Widow Esther Sampson became the second wife of John Soule, son of George. The son Samuel left a widow Esther and several small children, among them Samuel and Ichabod. Mitchell says the elder Abraham had a second wife.

†In a deposition made July 6, 1682, Samuel Nash stated he was aged "80 years or thereabouts."

## CUSHMAN FAMILY

**ROBERT CUSHMAN** was one of the leaders with Carver and Martin in the enterprise of settling the Leyden pilgrims in America. He was instrumental in obtaining the royal permission and in chartering the two ships, the *Mayflower* and the *Speedwell*. They sailed from Southampton, England, Aug. 5, 1620, he being appointed assistant 'governor'. But the *Speedwell* proved unseaworthy and the passengers were transferred to the *Mayflower*, which proceeded on the voyage to America, while Cushman put back to Southampton in the *Speedwell*. There he was in charge of the remainder of the pilgrim refugees until the next year, when he brought them over in the ship *Fortune*, arriving at Plymouth Nov. 9, 1621. On Dec. 12, although a layman, he preached the first sermon in America—"Sin and Danger of Self-Love." He went back to England in the *Fortune*, leaving his young son Thomas in the care of William Bradford. Cushman was captured and detained 14 days in France, later returning to England. He never came again to America but remained there as business agent of the colonists. After his death in 1626, at the age of about 42, his family came over, it is said. He was married (2) in Leyden, Holland, June 3, 1617, to Mary Chingleton of Sandwich in the county of Kent, England, he being then designated as a wool carder of Canterbury, also in Kent, where he was born about 1584. Son, by his first wife:

- 1 Thomas, § February, 1608, in England

**Elder THOMAS CUSHMAN** became a very prominent man in Plymouth, Mass., where he was made freeman in 1633. He married in March, 1636, **Mary Allerton**, born in Holland in 1616, who came in the *Mayflower* with her parents, Isaac and Mary (Norris) Allerton. He was made ruling elder of the Plymouth church Apr. 6, 1649. He died Dec. 10, 1691, and on his grave-stone he is called 'that precious servant of God.\*' His widow died Nov. 28, 1699, last of the *Mayflower* passengers. Their children were all born in Plymouth:

- 11 Thomas, § Sept. 16, 1637
- 12 Mary *Hutchinson of Lynn*
- 13 Sarah, married Apr. 11, 1661, *John Hawks of Lynn*
- 14 Lydia, married *William Harlow, Jr.*
- 15 Isaac, § Feb. 8, 1647-8
- 16 Elkanah, § June 1, 1651
- 17 Fear, § June 20, 1653
- 18 Eleazer, § Feb. 20, 1657

**THOMAS CUSHMAN** married (1) in Plymouth Nov. 17, 1663, **Ruth Howland**, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Tilley) Howland. She died several years later, leaving the son Robert and perhaps other children. Thomas married (2) on Oct. 16, 1679, Abigail Fuller.† He died in Plympton, where he had settled on a

\*"On the Tenth day of December that Precious and Eminent Servant of God deceased, the Elder Thomas Cushman, being entered into the 84th Year of his Age."—Stone erected by the church some 24 years after his death.

†Probably the daughter of Robert Fuller, Salem, 1639



farm, on Aug. 23, 1726, in his 89th year. Children, all born in Plymouth:

- 111 Robert, Oct. 4, 1664
- 112 Job, 1680
- 113 Barnabas, *baptized* Mar. 13, 1684
- 114 Samuel, § July 16, 1687 † Dec. 8, 1709, Fear Corser
- 115 Benjamin, *baptized* Mar. 1, 1691 † Jan. 8, 1712, Sarah Eaton

**ROBERT CUSHMAN** married in 1697, at the age of 32, **Persis**,\* who was born in 1670. He lived in later life in that part of Plymouth which was set off as Kingston,† where his wife died Jan. 14, 1743-4, in her 73d year.‡ He died there Sept. 30, 1757, aged 92. The births of their children are in the Plymouth records:

- 1111 Robert, July 2, 1698
- 1112 Ruth, Mar. 25, 1700 † Jan. 28, 1716, Luke Perkins
- 1113 Abigail, July 3, 1701 † John Leonard (int. Apr. 17, 1727)
- 1114 Hannah, Dec. 25, 1704 † Moses Washburn (int. May 23, 1727)
- 1115 Thomas, Feb. 14, 1706 † Mehetabel Faunce (int. Feb. 18, '38)
- 1116 Joshua, Oct. 14, 1708 † Mary Soule
- 1117 Jonathan, July 28, 1712 † Susanna Benson (int. July 19, 1735)

**ROBERT CUSHMAN** dwelt in Kingston. He married there—their intention of marriage was recorded in Plymouth Apr. 17, 1725—**Mercy Washburn**, who was born in Plymouth Apr. 21, 1702, daughter of John and Lydia Washburn. He died in Kingston Sept. 13, 1751, at the age of 53. His widow married Nov. 14, 1764, Dea. John Fuller§ and after his death Sept. 25, 1778, in his eightieth year, she made her home with her daughter Rebecca.¶ She died in Kingston on May 3, 1796, at the age of 94. Children of Robert and Mercy Cushman, Kingston:

- 11111 Lydia, Sept. 29, 1726 † Jan. 21, 1746, Josiah Fuller
- 11112 Jerusha, Jan. 15, 1728 † Oct. 30, 1747, Ebenezer Cobb, jr.
- 11113 Rebecca, Apr. 9, 1730 † Mar. 26, 1748, **Barnabas Fuller**
- 11114 Mercy, June 5, 1731 † Aug. 26, 1754, James Harlow, jr.
- 11115 Hannah, July 2, 1732 † Sept. 14, 1755, John Cobb
- 11116 Thankful, Mar. 10, 1734 † Aug. 23, 1748
- 11117 Ruth, Dec. 22, 1735 † Oct. 18, 1757, Samuel Rickard, jr.
- 11118 Abigail, Apr. 3, 1737 † Dec. 4, 1755, Benjamin Robbins
- 11119 Robert, Oct. 27, 1738 † July 31, 1760, Martha Delano
- 11110 Job, Jan. 27, 1740 † Jan. 28
- 1111.1 Elkanah, Dec. 29, 1740 † Aug. 18, 1748
- 1111.2 Martha, Sept. 14, 1742 † Aug. 23, 1748
- 1111.3 Isaac, Mar. 10, 1745

\*Possibly **Persis Shaw**, daughter of Jonathan and Persis Shaw, son of John & Alice of Plymouth.

†Kingston was incorporated from Plymouth June 16, 1726, with a slice off Plympton.

‡Robert Cushman married (2) at the age of 80, in Marshfield, Feb. 2, 1744, Prudence Sherman.

§Dea. John Fuller's first wife, Deborah, died Nov. 8, 1763, aged 65 yrs., 3 mos. and 15 days.

¶Private record, from a census of Kingston families, 1796, by Rev. Z. Willis.

## ALLERTON FAMILY

**ISAAC ALLERTON** came over in the *Mayflower*. He was born in 1586\* and married (1) at Leyden, Holland, Nov. 4, 1611, *newstyle*, **Mary Norris**. She was from Newbury, England, and he was from London.† **Mary** died at Plymouth Feb. 25, 1621, leaving three children.‡ He married (2) at Plymouth between July, 1623, and June 1, 1627, Fear Brewster, daughter of Elder William. She died in Plymouth in 1634. He married (3), before 1644, Joanna, who outlived him. Isaac Allerton was one of the historic founders of Plymouth Colony, assistant—or councillor—1621, 1634, and a successful business man, making three trips to England on governmental matters. He met reverses, however, and moved to New Amsterdam, at that time under Dutch rule. Later he settled in New Haven, Conn., where he died between Feb. 1 and 12, 1659, aged 72. Children:

- 1 Bartholomew, *Leyden*. Returned to England to reside.
- 2 Remember, *Leyden*. † *Moses Maverick of Marblehead, Mass.*
- 3 Mary, 1616, *Leyden*. † 1636 **Thomas Cushman**
- 4 Sarah
- 5 Isaac, 1630, *Plymouth*. Graduated 1650 *Harvard College*; protegee of his grandfather, Elder William Brewster. Settled at New Haven, and later in Virginia.

## HOWLAND FAMILY

**JOHN HOWLAND** came with the Pilgrims in the *Mayflower*. He was born in 1593 in England. He married at Plymouth, before 1624, **Elizabeth Tilley**, born in 1607, daughter of John Tilley. John Howland was one of the governor's assistants many years, a very respectable and useful man in the colony. He died at *Rocky Nook* in Plymouth on Mar. 5, 1673, and his widow died Dec. 31, 1687, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. James Brown, in Swansea, Mass. Children:

- 1 Desire, † 1643 *Capt. John Gorham*
- 2 Elizabeth, † (1) *Ephraim Hicks*; (2) *John Dickenson*
- 3 John, eldest son. He † *Mary Lee* and settled in *Barnstable*
- 4 Jabez, † *Bethiah Thatcher of Yarmouth, settling in Taunton*
- 5 Lydia, † *James Brown*
- 6 Hannah, † *Jonathan Bosworth of Hull*
- 7 Hope, † *Elder John Chipman*
- 8 Joseph, † 1664 *Elizabeth, only child of Thomas Southworth*
- 9 Isaac, † *Elizabeth, daughter of Joseph Vaughan*. He † in *Middleborough* Mar. 9, 1723-4, and she † there Oct. 29, 1727, at the age of 75
- 0 Ruth, † 1664 **Thomas Cushman, jr.**

## TILLEY FAMILY

**JOHN TILLEY** and his family were passengers on the memorable *Mayflower*. Little is known of them, for the parents died during that first disastrous winter in the New World, when it seemed that fate might spare but few to fall victims to the lurking savages. They died between Jan. 11 and Apr. 10, 1621. Child:

- 1 Elizabeth, 1607, † **John Howland**

\*In a deposition given in Plymouth Sept. 26, 1639, he gave his age as 53.

†The name is sometimes Alderton. John Allerton also came in the *Mayflower*, but his kinship to Isaac is not known. He died between Jan. 11 and Apr. 10, 1621, at Plymouth.

‡Perhaps Sarah was her daughter. Isaac Allerton's sister Sarah married (1) Degory Priest, who died at Plymouth Jan. 1, 1621; (2) Godbert Godbertson.

The greatest period of immigration to the New England colonies was between 1630 and 1640. At the latter date there was a population in New England of about 21,000. The immigrants were almost wholly from the small farms and villages of England. However, after 1640 more persons went back to the old country than came over, it is said.



AMERICAN INDIAN

## ANCESTRY OF NAHUM SMITH

### SMITH FAMILY

**HENRY SMYTH**, born in 1606, came from New Buckenham, in County Norfolk, England, with his wife **Elizabeth** and two children,\* sailing from Great Yarmouth on the *Rose of Sharon*, which arrived at Boston, Mass., on June 20, 1637. They settled at Dedham,† Mass., where on Aug. 11 he was promised the next lot to be granted by the town, and on Nov. 28 he became a proprietor. His wife was admitted to the church‡ in July, 1639, and he joined Sept. 22. He was made freeman May 13, 1640. His house was burned in 1640. He removed to Medfield§ in 1651-2, and owned a farm on South street, his lot being at the foot of Rev. Wilson's field. He was a very respectable man, was selectman of Medfield 13 years, and was the ancestor of a numerous and worthy family. His wife died June 12, 1670, aged 67, and he died in 1687, aged 80. His will was dated Aug. 2, 1683, and was proved Mar. 3, 1687. Children:

- 1 John, born in England.
- 2 Seth, born in England. † Dec. 27, 1660, Mary Thurston. He † June 30, 1682
- 3 Daniel, Oct. 13, 1639, Dedham. † Mar. 1, 1641
- 4 Samuel, Oct. 13, 1641, Dedham.
- 5 Joseph, Aug. 15, 1643, Dedham. † July 14, 1661, in Medfield

\*He passed the examination Apr. 12, 1637, sailing soon after. He was called husbandman, age 30; wife Elizabeth, age 34, and children John and Seth.

†Dedham was organized pursuant to an order Sept. 3, 1635, of the General Court of the Colony of Massachusetts Bay, Boston, that a plantation be settled two miles above Charles River. The first recorded town meeting was held Oct. 18, 1636, at Watertown, the actual settlement beginning 1636-7.

‡The church was formed Nov. 8, 1638, Rev. John Allen being the first pastor.

§Medfield was incorporated May 22, 1650, from a part of the township of Dedham.

#### WATERTOWN:

John & Isabel Smith. She † Oct. 12, 1639, ae 60  
Thomas & Mary Smith.

- 1 James, Sept. 18, 1637
- 2 John, Nov. 22, 1639; † Nov. 28
- 3 Thomas, Aug. 26, 1640
- 4 John, Dec. 10, 1641
- 5 Joseph, June 10, 1643

Daniel & Elizabeth. He † July 14, 1660  
1 Daniel, Sept. 27, 1642

#### DEDHAM:

Benjamin Smith was received into the church on  
May 28, 1641. He † Aug. 10, 1641, Mary Clarke.  
Benjamin & Martha Smith.

- 1 Benjamin, Oct. 24, 1646

Christopher Smith joined the church in October,

1642. He † Aug. 2, 1654, Mary (Martha) Metcalf.  
Christopher † Nov. 7, 1676.

- 1 John, Nov. 19, 1655
- Mary Smith, widow, † June 4, 1684
- John & Margaret Smith.
- 1 John, July 5, 1644
- John Smith † Aug. 14, 1645
- John & Lydia Smith.

- 1 Elizabeth, Oct. 18, 1658; † Nov. 30, 1658
- 2 Lydia, Apr. 10, 1660
- Mary Smith † Dec. 20, 1641
- Mary Smith † Dec. 24, 1642
- Lydia Smith † Apr. 2, 1654
- Mary Smith † May 10, 1676

#### MEDFIELD:

Henry, son John & Lydia Smith, † Aug. 30, 1673

**SAMUEL SMITH** inherited land and buildings in Medfield from his father. He married (1) in Medfield Dec. 22, 1669, *Elizabeth Turner*, born in 1647, daughter of John Turner, a merchant of Roxbury, Mass. During King Philip's war the Indians made an attack upon Medfield, Feb. 21, 1676. At the approach of the savages Elizabeth took her youngest child, Samuel, and ran toward the fort, but was overtaken and killed. The boy was stunned and left for dead, but he revived and crept to the body of his mother, where he was later rescued. The father married (2) a year later, Feb. 22, 1677, **Sarah (Clark) Bowers**, born Feb. 20, 1651, daughter of Joseph and Alice (Pepper) Clarke, and widow of John Bowers, who with his father was "slaine by ye Indians" on that memorable day, Feb. 21, 1676. Samuel Smith died in Medfield Oct. 25, 1691, aged 50 years, and his widow died there May 20, 1704, aged 56. His children were born in Medfield, Mass.

By *Elizabeth*:—

- 41 Elizabeth, Sept. 15, 1670. † Oct. 1, 1671
- 42 Elizabeth, Feb. 29, 1672 ‡ Apr. 25, 1692, Eleazer Partridge and † 1704
- 43 Samuel, May 26, 1674 ‡ Aug. 14, 1695, in Dedham, Elizabeth Adams

By *Sarah*:—

- 44 Sarah, Jan. 8, 1679 † 1679 —?
- 45 Henry, Dec. 16, 1680 ‡ (1) Feb. 20, 1703, Deborah Pratt
- 46 Daniel, Dec. 26, 1682 † May 26, 1704
- 47 Nathaniel, Oct. 31, 1684
- 48 Abigail, Dec. 18, 1686 ‡ Apr. 23, 1705, John Fisher
- 49 Mary, Nov. 22, 1688 ‡ Nov. 25, 1706, Henry Plimpton
- 40 Prudence, July 19, 1691 ‡ May 24, 1711, Joseph White.

**NATHANIEL SMITH** had the homestead on South street, buying the rights of the other heirs. He married (1) in Medfield May 24, 1705, **Mary Clark**, born Feb. 2, 1687, daughter of Capt. Joseph and Mary (Wight) Clark. She was his second cousin, and died Nov. 17, 1717, after the birth of her son Nathaniel. The father married (2) soon after, *Lydia Partridge*. In 1755 they removed to Sturbridge, Worcester county, Mass., having sold out to his son Elisha. Some of his sons had already located at Sturbridge, Joseph having been constable of the second town meeting there in 1739. He died in Sturbridge Jan. 16, 1762, aged 77, his widow surviving him for many years.\* His children were born in Medfield.

By *Mary*:—

- 471 John, Jan. 22, 1707 † Jan. 31, 1707
- 472 Joseph, June 2, 1709
- 473 David, Apr. 16, 1711 ‡ Apr. 2, 1737, Hannah Lovell
- 474 Jesse, June 28, 1714 Removed with Joseph to Sturbridge
- 475 Nathaniel, Mar. 2, 1716 † July 19, 1716
- 476 Nathaniel, Nov. 6, 1717

\* Either Nathaniel's widow or the widow of Nathaniel Smith, jr., lived to an extreme old age, for there was an expression current in Sturbridge a hundred years ago—"as old as Granny Smith"—which is supposed to refer to her.



By Lydia:—

- 477 Lydia, Dec. 20, 1720 † Feb. 6, 1744, John Marsh of Sturbridge  
 478 Deborah, Oct. 18, 1723 † (1) Daniel Plunkett: (2) Aaron Allen  
 479 Elisha, Mar. 20, 1726 † June 27, 1751, Sybil Hamant. He † Oct. 3, 1760  
 470 Mary, Oct. 26, 1729 † Oct. 26, 1729

**NATHANIEL SMITH** grew up on his father's farm in Medfield. He married there (1) Oct. 14, 1743, **Susanna Hinsdale**, born Jan. 27, 1721, daughter of Samuel and Abigail (Gay) Hinsdale. They removed to Sturbridge in 1751, although they may have left Medfield earlier. His wife died in Sturbridge in November, 1770, aged 49. He married (2) Nov. 28, 1771, *Mary Stone* of Woodstock, Conn. He died in Sturbridge Feb. 16, 1796, at the age of 78. Children:

By *Susanna*:—

- 4761 Mahuman, Sept. 18, 1744, *Medfield* † Martha Searles (int. Oct. 12, 1771)  
 4762 Nathan, Nov. 22, 1746, *Medfield* † Jan. 13, 1768, Sarah Pike  
 4763 Sarah, Sept. 21, 1751, *Sturbridge* † Dec. 25, 1774, Parker Hooker  
 4764 Lois, Sept. 17, 1753, *Sturbridge* † Dec. 25, 1774, Fletcher Foster  
 4765 David, Aug. 27, 1756, *Sturbridge* † Dec. 12, 1778, Hannah Marsh  
 4766 Nahum, Sept. 18, 1758, *Sturbridge*

By *Mary*. All born in *Sturbridge*:—

- 4767 Samucl, Feb. 28, 1775  
 4768 Nathaniel, July 31, 1776  
 4769 Elizabeth, Apr. 28, 1779

**NAHUM SMITH** served in the Revolutionary war. He enlisted Mar. 10, 1777, as a private in Capt. Adam Martin's company in the 15th Massachusetts regiment, commanded by Col. Timothy Bigelow, and served three years. He was transferred between May, 1778, and January, 1780, to the Major's company, in the same regiment, and was honorably discharged Mar. 10, 1780. He married in Sturbridge May 10, 1784, **Ruth Newell**, born Jan. 10, 1764, daughter of Isaac and Ruth (Dewing) Newell. They always lived in Sturbridge, on a farm. He was placed on the pension rolls Apr. 19, 1819, and received an allowance of \$96 a year until his pension was suspended under the Act of May 1, 1820. His death occurred Jan. 20, 1826, at the age of 67, and his widow died Apr. 13, 1835, aged 71. Their children were all born in Sturbridge:

- 47661 Sally, June 29, 1784 † Cully  
 47662 Susanna, Apr. 1, 1786 † Dunbar  
 47663 Rachel, May 7, 1788 † Feb. 16, 1815, **Gilbert Alden**  
 47664 Ruth † *Yale*: children: William, Carlos, Fred, Franklin, Sarah & Maria  
 47665 Marcus, 1794 *Disappointed in love; never married. Hanged himself in old age*  
 47666 Daniel *Children: Jane, Melvina, Sumner, Daniel, &c.*  
 47667 Sumner *Children: Edwin, Jane, Henrietta, Adelbert, &c.*  
 47668 Vernon *Graduated theological college; Baptist minister: † unm. Sept., 1834*

Many of the children settled in Madison county, N. Y.



## CLARK FAMILY

**JOSEPH CLARKE** was born in County Suffolk, England.\* He married **Alice Pepper**. He bought an acre of land next Vine Brook in Dedham, Mass., from Edward Alleyn, according to the records of the town meeting Sept. 28, 1640. He was an influential man in Dedham, and was one of the earliest settlers of Medfield, where he was admitted a freeman May 15, 1653, and was selectman in 1650. He lived on the west side of South street, near Oak. He died in Medfield on Jan. 6, 1684. In his will, dated June 24, 1682, probated July 4, 1684, he mentions his wife Alice and children Joseph, Ephraim, John, Nathaniel, Rebecca, the wife of John Richardson, another, the wife of John Adams, and his grandson, John Bowers. Alice died Mar. 17, 1711. The first six children were born in Dedham; the others, in Medfield.

- 1 Joseph, July 27, 1642
- 2 Benjamin, Feb. 9, 1644 † Nov. 19, 1665, Dorcas Morse
- 3 Ephraim, Feb. 4, 1646 † Mar. 6, 1669, Mary Bullin
- 4 Daniel, Sept. 29, 1647 *Mortally wounded by Indians, dying Apr. 9, 1676, aged 28*
- 5 Mary, Mar. 12, 1649 † Sept. 26, 1673, Jonathan Boyden
- 6 Sarah, Feb. 20, 1651 † (1) Jan. 7, 1674, John Bowers; (2) **Samuel Smith**
- 7 John, Oct. 26, 1652 † Jan. 9, 1780, Mary Sheffield
- 8 Nathaniel, Oct. 6, 1658 † — 26, 1704, Experience Hinsdale & † July 11, 1733
- 9 Rebecca, Aug. 16, 1660 † May 1, 1679, John Richardson

**SARAH CLARK** married (1) in Medfield on Jan. 7, 1674, John Bowers, jr. They had one child, John, born Jan. 2, 1676. When the Indians attacked Medfield on Feb. 21, 1676, the husband and his father were slain. The young widow married (2) Feb. 22, 1677, **Samuel Smith**, whose first wife, Elizabeth Turner, had been killed by the Indians. Sarah's son John grew up, became an ensign in the trained band of soldiers and married Nov. 30, 1702, Hannah Partridge and had nine children. He died July 13, 1729, and his widow married (2) Nov. 12, 1734, Lieut. Eleazer Bullard.

**JOSEPH CLARK** married in Medfield June 25, 1663, **Mary Alien**, born in Dedham Dec. 11, 1641, daughter of James and Anne (Guild) Allen. He built a malt house in Medfield and became prosperous. He owned land in Medfield and Wrentham, and served as selectman for the town, and as deputy to the General Court. She died May 5, 1702, and he died Sept. 4, 1702, aged 60. Their children were all born in Medfield.

- 11 Joseph, June 14, 1664
- 12 John, May 31, 1666 † Aug. 27, 1691
- 13 Jonathan, Mar. 14, 1668 † Nov. 15, 1690
- 14 Esther, Mar. 12, 1670 † Thomas Thurston
- 15 Thomas, Aug. 6, 1672 † Dec. 18, 1690

**Dedham Records:** Rowland Clarke died Feb. 2, 1633-9. Widow Mary Clark joined the church Apr. 1, 1642; died May 22, 1642. Priscilla married July 25, 1639, Nathaniel Coleborne. Mary married Aug. 10, 1641, Benjamin Smith. Elizabeth married Nov. 24, 1642, George Barber.

\*"Four brothers—Thomas, John, Carew and Joseph Clark—came from Bedfordshire, England, and settled in America. Thomas (1593-1697) was a carpenter in Plymouth, 1623; the others settled elsewhere. . . Joseph married Alice Pepper and settled in Dedham." *New England Families.*



- 16 Mary, May 24, 1674 † May 5, 1675  
 17 Daniel, Mar. 17, 1676, twin † June 9, 1694  
 18 Leah, Mar. 17, 1676, twin † May 28, 1676  
 19 Solomon, July 8, 1678 † Oct. 24, 1698, Mary White, in Dedham  
 10 David, Sept. 25, 1680 † Oct. 14, 1703, Mary Wheelock, and † 1714  
 1.1 Moses, July 2, 1685, twin † Dec. 27, 1685  
 1.2 Aaron, July 2, 1685, twin † Nov. 8, 1705, Mary Morse & † Wrentham 1751  
 (Son of Joseph Clark died Jan. 6, 1683-4.—Medfield records.)

**Captain JOSEPH CLARK** was a cordwainer by trade, and was a sealer of leather in 1695. He rose to the rank of captain during the French war. He manufactured malt, succeeding in the business of his father: he built a grist mill. He married (1) in Medfield Apr. 8, 1686, **Mary Wight**, born in 1667, daughter of Thomas and Mehetable (Cheney) Wight. She died on Dec. 16, 1705, at the age of 38. He later married *Abigail*, widow of Samuel Smith<sub>22</sub> (son of Seth).\* Capt. Clark died in Medfield July 13, 1731, aged 67. Widow Abigail died there Sept. 5, 1768. His children were all born in Medfield.



By Mary:—

- 111 Mary, Feb. 2, 1687 † May 24, 1705, **Nathaniel Smith**  
 112 Mehetable, Dec. 7, 1690  
 113 Hannah, Dec. 1, 1692 † Apr. 4, 1709, John Robins  
 114 Esther, Mar. 2, 1695 † Jan. 23, 1716, Ebenezer Turner  
 115 Joseph, June 9, 1697  
 116 Hepzibah, Feb. 2, 1699  
 117 Thomas, June 7, 1703

By Abigail:—

- 118 Abigail, Sept. 23, 1711

## ALLEN FAMILY

**JAMES ALLEN** was in Dedham, Mass., as early as 1637. He was a grandson of REGINALD ALLEN of Colby, a village in Norfolk, England, a few miles northeast of Norwich, a man of considerable property. James was a nephew of Rev. John Allen, first minister of Dedham, baptized at Colby, England, May 22, 1597, the eighth of the fifteen children of Reginald Alleyn: John married (1) at Wrentham, Suffolk, England, Oct. 22, 1622, Margaret Morse. EDWARD ALLEN of Dedham died at Boston Sept. 8, 1642. James Allen married in Dedham Mar. 16, 1638, **Anne Guild**. He had six acres there on Apr. 6, 1638; joined the church on Oct. 2, 1646, and was among the important men of the town. He was one of the original thirteen settlers of Medfield, where his wife died Mar. 29, 1672-3, and he died Sept. 27, 1676. All their children but one were born in Dedham.

\*Samuel Smith, the son of Seth and Mary (Thurston) Smith, was born Nov. 20, 1665, and died on May 27, 1694, leaving a widow Abigail and two children: Mary, § 1690, and Samuel, § Mar. 11, 1693.

- 1 John, Dec. 4, 1639 † July 3, 1696
- 2 Mary, Dec. 11, 1641, *twin* † June 25, 1663, **Joseph Clark**
- 3 Martha, Dec. 11, 1641, *twin* † Dec. 22, 1663, William Sabine
- 4 Sarah, May 4, 1644 † Jan. 15, 1667, Domingo White
- 5 James, Apr. 28, 1646 († Dec. 12, 1673, Lydia Adams)
- 6 Nathaniel, Aug. 29, 1648 † Apr. 10, 1677, Mary Frisall
- 7 Joseph, June, 1652, *Medfield* † Hannah, and † Jan. 14, 1704

James Allen, the father, was admitted a freeman in Dedham in 1647.

### WIGHT FAMILY

**THOMAS WIGHT** came from the Isle of Wight, England, with his wife **Alice** and three sons, settling in Watertown, Mass., in 1636. He removed to Dedham soon after, where he was admitted to town meetings July 18, 1637, and thereafter took a leading part in the affairs of the town. He

*Thomas Wight*

and his wife joined the church at Dedham on Sept. 6, 1640, and their son Henry joined Aug. 14, 1646, and his wife Jane on June 12, 1653. Thomas Wight became well to do, and was one of the original proprietors of Medfield in 1652. His wife died in Medfield July 15, 1655, and he died Mar. 17, 1674.

- 1 Henry, *born in England* He † in Dedham Feb. 27, 1680: Jane † May 10, 1684
- 2 John, *born in England* † Sept. 28, 1653, Medfield
- 3 Thomas, *born in England*
- 4 Anne † Apr. 11, 1655, Isaac Bullard
- 5 Mary † May 21, 1657, Thomas Ellis, Medfield, and † Mar. 7, 1693
- 6 Samuel, Feb. 5, 1640, *Dedham* † Mar. 25, 1662-3, Hannah Albie *John*
- 7 Ephraim, Jan. 27, 1646, *Dedham* † Mar. 2, 1668, Lydia Morse (*Daniel, Sam,*

**THOMAS WIGHT, Jr.**, married **Mehetable Cheney**, born on June 1, 1643 daughter of William and Margaret Cheney of Roxbury. He was a farmer in Medfield, and the Indians burned his home and destroyed his stuff in 1676, leaving him and his family destitute. However, at the time of his death in 1690 his estate was valued at £239 7s 8d. Children, born in Medfield:

- 31 Mehetable, June 12, 1663
- 32 Thomas, Oct. 27, 1665
- 33 Mary, 1667 † Apr. 8, 1683, **Capt. Joseph Clark**
- 34 Eleazer, June 1, 1670
- 35 Joshua, July 52, 1679

### CHENEY FAMILY

**WILLIAM CHENEY** was early in Roxbury, Mass., where he was a director of the Roxbury Free Latin school, founded in 1645; was collector of taxes, select-

\*Thomas Wight married in Medfield Dec. 7, 1665, Lydia Penniman.

man and constable. He died June 30, 1667, aged 63. His widow **Margaret** married (2) Burge and died in July, 1686. William Cheney was admitted freeman in 1666. They may have had children before coming to Roxbury.

- 1 John, Sept. 29, 1639 † young
- 2 John, Sept. 25, 1640
- 3 Mehetable, June 1, 1643 † **Thomas Wight, Jr.**
- 4 Joseph, June 6, 1647 † Mar. 12, 1668, Hannah Thurston, Medfield

## HINSDALE FAMILY

**ROBERT HINSDALE** was born in England. His ancestral line is traced through the French family of De Hinnisdal as far back as 1170. He married **Anne Woodward**, daughter of Peter Woodward,\* and was in Dedham as early as July 18, 1637. He was one of the founders of the church there on Nov. 8, 1638, was a freeman Mar. 13, 1639, and a member of the artillery company in 1645. A series of calamities was destined to befall him and his descendants in this line. After aiding materially with his wisdom, energy and bold genius in the development of Dedham he removed to Medfield and there aided in forming the church, of which he became deacon. He later removed to Hadley and resided there several years. His wife died there June 4, 1666.† Two years later he married Elizabeth, widow of John Hawks. Later they separated, and he fell into differences with the authorities. In 1669 he removed to Pocumtucke (Deerfield) a settlement well out in the wilderness. There he was gathering his harvest in the cornfield Sept. 18, 1675, when the Indians suddenly appeared and killed him and his three sons, Samuel, Barnabas and John. On that day Capt. Lathrop with the flower of Essex fell there at Bloody Brook before the onset of the red men. His widow later married Thomas Dibble. Children of Robert and Anne:

- 1 Elizabeth, *born in England?* † at Boston July 7, 1657, James Rising
- 2 Samuel, *born in England?* [Taylor of Hadley]
- 3 Barnabas, Nov. 13, 1639, *Dedham* † 1666, Sarah (White), widow of Stephen
- 4 Gamaliel, Mar. 5, 1642, *Dedham* † in Medfield Nov. 7, 1672, Rachel Martin
- 5 Mary, Feb. 14, 1644, *Dedham* † in Medfield June 4, 1664, Daniel Weld
- 6 Experience, Jan. 23, 1646, *Dedham* † 1672, Mary Hawks (*John*) and † 1676
- 7 John, Jan. 27, 1648, *Dedham* [Plimpton‡ and † 1681]
- 8 Ephraim, Sept. 26, 1650, *Dedham* † in Medfield Sept. 28, 1676, Mehetable

**SAMUEL HINSDALE** married in Medfield. Oct. 31, 1660, **Mehetable Johnson**, born in September, 1644, baptized Mar. 29, 1646, daughter of Humphrey and Ellen (Cheney) Johnson of Roxbury. He removed to Hadley in 1666 and a few years later settled in Deerfield. There he was killed on Sept. 18, 1675, by the

\*Peter Woodward was received in Dedham church Jan. 7, 1642; wife received Apr. 7, 1643. Peter Woodward, sr., died May 9, 1635, aged 82. He was in Dedham Sept. 28, 1640. Anne Woodward died June 4, 1666. Robert Woodward died Dec. 31, 1638. Mr. William Woodward died June 26, 1669.

†Date given in "New England Families." Compare with above Woodward records.

‡Mehetable was born Sept. 15, 1655, daughter of John and Jane (Dummin) Plimpton.

Indians during King Philip's war, together with his father and brothers Barnabas and John. The widow Mehetable married (2) John Root and (3) John Coleman of Hatfield. She died Aug. 4, 1689, aged 44. Children of Samuel and Mehetable:

- 21 Menetable, Oct. 18, 1663, *Medfield* † Sergt. Obadiah Dickinson
- 22 Mary, July 22, 1665, *Medfield* † Thomas Sheldon
- 23 Anne, Feb. 22, 1667, *Hadley* † Martin Kellogg
- 24 Samuel, *Hadley*
- 25 Sarah, *Hadley*\* †1692 Samuel Janes
- 26 Mahuman, 1673, *Deerfield*† † Mary Rider
- 27 John, *Deerfield* He died 1705, unmarried, in *Deerfield*

**SAMUEL HINSDALE** was born about 1669 in *Hadley, Mass.*, and was a little boy when his father was killed. He grew up and learned the trade of tanner, and lived in *Mendon, Mass.* He married **Susanna Rockwood**, born Oct. 31, 1675, daughter of Deacon Samuel and Hannah (Ellis) Rockwood of *Medfield*. He died in *Sherborn, Mass.*, on Aug. 18, 1694, and his youthful widow returned to the home of her parents in *Medfield* and there her son was born. She married (2) Ebenezer Thompson of *Medway*,† and had seven children: Ebenezer, Feb. 16, 1698, Susannah, Feb. 29, 1700, Eleazer, Mar. 15, 1702, Abigail, July 23, 1704, Joseph, Oct. 23, 1706, Benoni, Nov. 18, 1708, and Mehetable, Feb. 13, 1710. Susanna died in *Medfield* Aug. 4, 1712, aged 36. Child of Samuel and Susanna:

- 241 Samuel, Oct. 11, 1694, *Medfield*

**SAMUEL HINSDALE** married in *Medfield* Dec. 23, 1719, **Abigail Gay**, born in *Dedham* Feb. 17, 1700, daughter of Jonathan and Mary (Bullard) Gay of *Needham*.§ He lived in *Medfield*, and was the sole beneficiary in the will of his grandfather, Deacon Rockwood, who died Dec. 17, 1728. He died in *Medfield* on Jan. 19, 1731, at the early age of 36. The widow probably remarried and may have removed. The name was often spelled *Hinsdell*. Children were born in *Medfield*:

- 2411 Susanna, Jan. 26, 1721 † Oct. 14, 1743, **Nathaniel Smith, jr.**
- 2412 Samuel, Sept. 24, 1722 † (1) Esther, and (2) Nov. 17, 1777, Mrs. Abigail
- 2413 Mahuman, Aug. 15, 1724 † Mar. 31, 1727 Searles
- 2414 Robert, Apr. 17, 1726 (Robert of *Medway* † July 4, 1753, Thankful Pen-
- 2415 Abigail, Jan. 31, 1728 niman)
- 2416 Mary, Mar. 21, 1730

\*"Samuel Hinsdale of *Hadley*," say the town records of *Dedham* May 18, 1669, "in the county of *Hampshire*, having purchased some property in *Pocumtucke* in the land granted and laid out to the inhabitants of *Dedham*, and made improvement by ploughing land there, came this day to the selectmen and gave account of the reason of his so doing and demanded the laying out of the rights he had so purchased of one of the inhabitants of *Dedham* that he might settle himself upon it." His demand was refused. In 1650 8,000 acres in *Pocumtucke* had been granted *Dedham* in lieu of *Natick*.

†Mahuman Hinsdale was the first child born in *Pocumtucke* (*Deerfield*), *Mass.* He was the father of Col. Ebenezer Hinsdale, who graduated from *Harvard College* in 1727, ordained Dec. 12, 1733, a missionary, later chaplain at *Fort Dummer* but became colonel, and gave name to *Hinsdale, N. H.*

‡*Medway* was established in 1713 from *Medfield*.

§*Needham* was established in 1711 from territory belonging to *Dedham*.



## JOHNSON FAMILY

**JOHN JOHNSON** is said to have come from Heron Hill, near London, and to have been closely related to Capt. Edward Johnson of Woburn, Mass., who was a son of William Johnson of St. George's parish, Canterbury, Kent. He came over in 1630, doubtless in the fleet with Winthrop, with his wife **Margery** and children Isaac and Humphrey and perhaps others. He settled in Roxbury, where he asked admittance Oct. 19, 1630, and was made freeman May 18, 1631. He was a man of estate and distinction and was chosen as representative to the first General Court, 1634, and represented his town for many years. He was a member of the artillery company in 1638, and was surveyor of arms and ammunition. His wife died or was buried June 9, 1655. He married (2) Grace, widow of Barnabas Fawer. He died Sept. 30, 1659. In his will he speaks of his five children.

- 1 Isaac, born in England
- 2 Humphrey, born in England

**HUMPHREY JOHNSON** married in Roxbury Mar. 20, 1643, **Ellen Cheney**, perhaps sister of William.\* He removed to Scituate, but later returned to Roxbury† after his father's death.

- 21 †Mehetable, ¶ Mar. 29, 1646, *Roxbury* ‡ Oct. 31, 1660, **Samuel Hinsdale**
- 22 Martha, ¶ Sept. 12, 1647, *Roxbury* ‡ Mar. 27, 1666, Obadiah Morse, Medf'd
- 23 Deborah, Jan. 20, 1650-1, *Roxbury*
- 24 John, Mar. , 1653, *Scituate*
- 25 Joseph, June 24, 1655, *Scituate*
- 26 Benjamin, Aug. 27, 1657, *Scituate*
- 27 Margaret, Dec. , 1659, *Scituate*

## ROCKWOOD FAMILY

**RICHARD ROCKWOOD** and his wife **Agnes** came from England to Dorchester, Mass., 1635, but later settled in Braintree. Agnes died there July 9, 1643. He had a second wife, and died in 1660. Perhaps his wife was the daughter of Zachary Bicknell, whose estate they sold to William Read.§ The name was generally spelled Rockett, and Richard may have been a brother to John. Doubtless he and Agnes had more than these children:

- 1 Nicholas, born in England
- 2 John, Dec. 1, 1641, *Braintree* ‡ Sept. 15, 1662, Joan Foard, in Braintree

**NICHOLAS ROCKWOOD** married (1) in Braintree, Mass., **Jane Adams**. They removed to Medfield, where Jane died Dec. 15, 1654. He married (2) July

\*William Cheney's estate inventoried £886 11s 4d. See page 44.

†Savage's Genealogical Dictionary. "Humphrey Johnson had: Joseph, 1676, at Hingham, and Isaac, 1677, at Scituate." "Humphrey Johnson married in Roxbury Dec. 6, 1678, Abigail May, and had: John, Nov. 17, 1679." "The younger Humphrey was one of the soldiers drafted from Hingham for the Narragansett campaign, 1675, in the company of the brave Capt. Isaac Johnson of Roxbury."

‡Mehetable was born in September, 1644, and was 16 years old when married.

§Col. Rec. I, 189. The vital records of Braintree contain nothing of Richard or Nicholas.

16, 1656, *Margaret Holbrook*, daughter of John Holbrook, the first. She died April 23, 1670. He married (3) May 25, 1675, *Silence Duntling*. She died Nov. 9, 1677. He was made freeman in Medfield in 1666 and died Jan. 27, 1681.

By *Jane*:—

- |                             |                  |                                       |
|-----------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 11 Samuel,                  | <i>Braintree</i> | ‡ Dec. 15, 1671, <i>Hannah Ellis</i>  |
| 12 Benjamin, Sept. 8, 1651, | <i>Medfield</i>  | ‡ Sept. 27, 1678, <i>Judeth Ellis</i> |
| 13 Josiah                   |                  | ‡ May 9, 1677, <i>Mary Twichell</i>   |

By *Margaret*:—

- |                             |   |
|-----------------------------|---|
| 14 Elizabeth, Apr. 3, 1657  | ‡ Dec. 24, 1678, <i>John Partridge, jr.</i> |
| 15 Joseph                   | ‡ Apr. 2, 1679, <i>Hannah Partridge</i>     |
| 16 John, Feb. 12, 1663      | ‡ July 19, 1688, <i>Bethiah Twichell</i>    |
| 17 Nathaniel, Feb. 23, 1666 | ‡ Dec. 7, 1698, <i>Johanna Ellis</i>        |

By *Silence*:—

- |  |                 |
|--|-----------------|
| 18 Isaac, July 22, 1677  | + Oct. 11, 1677 |
| <i>Priscilla</i> married Feb. 28, 1683, <i>Robert Corbet</i> . |                 |

**SAMUEL ROCKWOOD** married (1) in Medfield Dec. 15, 1671, **Hannah Ellis**, born in Medfield Apr. 9, 1651, daughter of John and Susanna (Lumber) Ellis. She was the first white child born in the town of Medfield, which fact was stated on her tombstone, a portion of which is still standing. He was made freeman in 1682. His wife died in Medfield May 7, 1717, aged 66. The old deacon married again, May 6, 1718, in Dedham, Sarah (Deering) Hawes, whose first husband was John Hawes, whom she married in Dedham May 27, 1683. Deacon Rockwood died in Medfield on Dec. 17, 1728, leaving his property to his grandson, Samuel Hinsdale. Six of the Rockwood name had graduated from New England colleges up to 1828, two each from Harvard, Dartmouth and Middleborough. Children, all born in Medfield, by first wife:

- |                                |  |
|--------------------------------|--|
| 111 Hannah, Oct. 5, 1673       |  |
| 112 Susanna, Oct. 31, 1675     | ‡ <b>Samuel Hinsdale</b>                         |
| 113 Samuel, Apr. 10, 1677      | † Apr. 25, 1684                                  |
| 114 Abigail, May 17, 1679      | ‡ Nov. 30, 1696, <i>Joshua Wight</i> , in Dedham |
| 115 Eleazer, Apr. 18, 1681     | † May 16, 1693                                   |
| 116 Patience, May 14, 1682     | † Feb. 1, 1682(-3)                               |
| 117 Joseph, Sept. 8, 1686      |  |
| 118 Deliverance, Mar. 10, 1689 | † Jan. 6, 1692                                   |

## ELLIS FAMILY

**JOHN ELLICE** was from England and was an early and influential settler of Dedham, Mass., where he was admitted to the church July 17, 1640. There he married (1) Nov. 10, 1641, **Susanna Lumber** (Lombard). They removed to

Dedham:— *Anne Ellice* ‡ Sept. 19, 1638, *Edward Colver*. *Richard* ‡ Sept. 19, 1650, *Elizabeth French*. *Joseph* + Mar. 6, 1663-4. *John* + Jan. 18, 1667-8. Medfield:— *Thomas* ‡ May 21, 1657, *Mary Wight* and † Dec. 12, 1690. Billerica:— *Elizabeth* ‡ May 1, 1677, *Benjamin Bullard* of Medfield. *Ruth* ‡ Mar. 31, 1675, *John Brackett*.



Medfield on the establishment of the town. There the wife died Apr. 4, 1654. He married (2) June 16, 1655, *Joan Clapp*, widow of John Clapp of Dorchester. He was made freeman in Dedham June 2, 1641, and died in Medfield April 2, 1697. His widow Joan died Mar. 4, 1704.

By *Susanna*:—

- 1 John, Apr. 26, 1646, *Dedham* † Feb. 1, 1678, *Mary Herring*, in Medfield
- 2 Hannah, Apr. 9, 1651, *Medfield* † Dec. 15, 1671, **Samuel Rockwood**

By *Joan*:—

- 3 Samuel, May 24, 1660 † Mar. 24, 1684
- 4 Joseph, Oct. 24, 1662 † Nov. 23, 1688, *Lydia Lovell*
- 5 Eleazer, Apr. 24, 1664 † Oct. 26, 1687, *Mary Metcalf*

## GAY FAMILY

*John Gaye*

**JOHN GAYE** came from England to Watertown, Mass., where he was admitted freeman May 6, 1635. He removed to Dedham and was present at a town meeting there Aug. 18, 1636. He married a widow, **Joanna**. She had a son, John Baldock, jr.,

born June 24, 1635 (perhaps in England, although recorded in Dedham), who was baptized in the Dedham church Aug. 8, 1639, at the same time as their son Samuel. Joanna Gay had been received into the church July 25, 1639, and her husband joined Apr. 12, 1644. John Gay was one of the conspicuous men of his time, frequently mentioned in the town and church records, and acquired a valuable estate. In 1654 he received a dividend of land on the north side of Charles River, near Natick, in a bend of the river. He died in Dedham Mar. 4, 1688, and his widow Joanna died Aug. 14, 1691. Children, born in Dedham:

- 1 Samuel, Mar. 10, 1639 † Nov. 23, 1661, *Mary Bridge*
- 2 Hezekiah, July 3, 1640 † Nov. 28, 1669
- 3 Elizabeth † 1660 *Richard Martin\**
- 4 Nathaniel, Jan. 11, 1643 † *Lydia Starr*
- 5 Joanna, Mar. 23, 1645 † Mar. 29, 1664, *Nathaniel Whiting*
- 6 Eleazer, June 25, 1647 † *Lydia*
- 7 Abiel, Apr. 23, 1649 † Jan. 23, 1677, *Daniel Hawes*
- 8 Judith, Apr. 23, 1649 † Jan. 8, 1672, *John Fuller*
- 9 John, May 6, 1651 † Feb. 13, 1679, *Rebecca Bacon*
- 0 Jonathan, Aug. 1, 1653 † Aug. 29, 1682, *Mary Bullard*
- x Hannah, Oct. 16, 1656 † Jan. 22, 1661

**JONATHAN GAY** married in Dedham Aug. 29, 1682, **Mary Bullard**, born in Dedham Dec. 24, 1659, daughter of Nathaniel and Mary (Richards) Bullard.

\*Savage's Genealogical Dictionary.

†Needham was established in 1711 from territory belonging to Dedham.

They lived in that part of the town which was set off as Needham in 1711. She died a widow Mar. 7, 1757, aged 97 years, 2 months. Children, all born in Dedham:

- 01 Hannah, Mar. 12, 1684 † May 1, 1706, Joseph Mills
- 02 Mary, Sept. 23, 1685
- 03 Jeremiah, Mar. 26, 1690
- 04 Sarah, Apr. 7, 1692 † Mar. 25, 1714, Noah Allen, in Medfield
- 05 Jonathan, July 5, 1696
- 06 Abigail, Feb. 17, 1700 † Dec. 23, 1719, **Samuel Hinsdale III**, Medfield

Eleven of the Gay name had by 1828 been graduated at Harvard, of which five were clergymen, and three at other New England colleges.

## BULLARD FAMILY

**WILLIAM BULLARD** was in Dedham, Mass., as early as 1636. He was born in England in 1594, and was probably an elder brother of Benjamin, George\* and Robert Bullard† of Watertown, Mass. He and John Bullard‡ were "accepted of the town to have part of those lands formerly granted to Edward Alleyn," July 6, 1638. William and his wife§ were admitted into the church Dec. 13, 1639, and he was made freeman on May 13, 1640. He married (2) Mary Griswold, widow of Francis Griswold of Charlestown, where he resided from 1658 until 1677, but they had no children. In his will, dated July 5, 1679, he stated he was 85 years old, and names his two daughters and two sons, although the oldest son was dead. He died in Dedham on Dec. 23, 1686, aged 92, at the home of his daughter, the widow Farrington. His children were born in England: he may have had more.

- 1 Elizabeth † Moses Collier of Woodbridge, N. J.
- 2 Mary † Apr. 23, 1649, John Farrington. He † June 27, 1676
- 3 Isaac † Apr. 11, 1655, Anne Wight, and † May 11, 1676
- 4 Nathaniel † Dec. 15, 1658, *Mary Richards*

**NATHANIEL BULLARD** married in Dedham Dec. 15, 1658, **Mary Richards**, born in Dedham Sept. 29, 1639, daughter of Edward and Susan (Hunting) Richards. He was made freeman in 1690 in Dedham, and died there May 1, 1705. The widow died Feb. 24, 1723, aged 83. Children, born in Dedham:

Benjamin Bullard owned land in Watertown, 1644. Benjamin Bullard † Apr. 5, 1659, Martha Pidge, in Dedham. She died in Medfield Jan. 4, 1676-7, leaving several little children.

\*George Bullard's wife Margaret † Feb. 8, 1639-40, in Watertown. George and Beatrix Bullard, Watertown, had: Mary, Feb. 12, 1639-40; Jacob, Apr. 6, 1642; Jonathan, July 12, 1647. Beatrix † in Dedham May 29, 1652. George † last of April, 1655, the widow Mapelhead, in Watertown, where he died Jan. 14, 1688-9. Nathaniel † Dec. 9, 1669, Hester Morse, in Watertown.

†Robert, husband of Anne Bullard, was buried in Watertown June 29, 1639, aged 40.

‡John Bullard and wife were received in the Dedham church July 2, 1639. John and Magdaline had: Joseph, Apr. 26, 1643; Michall, Mar. 21, 1648. Magdalen † in Medfield Nov. 29, 1661. John † in Dedham July 4, 1668. Magdalin † Dec. 18, 1655, John Partridge, in Medfield.

§Perhaps Sarah Bullard, who died Nov. 16, 1654. The name was often spelled Bullward.

- 41 Mary, Dec. 24, 1659 † Aug. 29, 1682, **Jonathan Gay**  
 42 Susanna, Aug. 19, 1661  
 43 Sarah, July 31, 1665  
 44 Judah, Aug. 5, 1667  
 45 Martha, Aug. 6, 1670  
 46 Nathaniel, Jan. 3, 1680, *only son* † Jan. 3, 1682

## RICHARDS FAMILY

**EDWARD RICHARDS** came from England and settled in Dedham, Mass., in 1638, where on Nov. 23 of that year he was "propounded to consideration as a townsman against ye next meeting." The minutes of the selectmen for May 17, 1639, inform us that "Whereas Thomas Hastings hath sold unto Edward Richards all yt his lot formerly graunted unto him, without consent of ye town and contrary unto an order made Sept. 14, 1636, whereby ye said lot is become forfeited unto ye town," yet on Nov. 19 they "agreed that a committee be assigned to give estate to Edward Richards of ye lot he bought of Thomas Hastings, provided he subscribe his name unto ye town book before." He was a shoemaker, and soon rose to a position of respect and influence in the colony. He married in Dedham on Sept. 10, 1638, **Susan Hunting**, a sister of Elder John Hunting.\* He was made freeman June 2, 1641. He was admitted into the church July 17, 1640, and his wife joined Jan. 19, 1645. He was chosen selectman Jan. 1, 1646. He died in Dedham Aug. 25, 1684, and his widow a few weeks later, Sept. 9, 1684. From his will made in 1684, shortly before he died, we learn that John and Nathaniel were then living, that Mary married Nathaniel Bullard and that another daughter married a Hearsay. Children were born in Dedham.



- 1 Mary, Sept. 29, 1639 † Dec. 15, 1658, **Nathaniel Bullard**
- 2 John, July 1, 1641 † Oct. 1, 1672, Mary Colebourne. He † Dec. 21, 1688
- 3 Dorcas, Sept. 24, 1643 † Oct. 12, 1648
- 4 Nathaniel, Jan. 25, 1648 † Feb. 12, 1678, Mary Aldis
- 5 Sarah, May 25, 1651

\*John Hunting was one of the organizers of the church at Dedham in 1638, and was ruling elder many years. He came from England in 1638 with his wife Esther and elder children. The wife died May 4, 1676, and Elder John died Apr. 12, 1688. "Much of the detail concerning the family," says Savage, "is obtained from the will of the wife Esther, made Jan. 4, 1676, with the consent and confirmation of her husband and probated Feb. 12, 1685, in which John is called the eldest son, the children of her deceased daughter Ware, and others are mentioned, as Samuel, her son of Charlestown and his wife Hannah, Esther daughter of son-in-law John Peck of Rehoboth; and a legacy of some amount from her brother Francis Seaborn in England is spoken of as due them." Children:

- |                         |  |
|-------------------------|--|
| 1 Mary                  | Received into the church Apr. 30, 1643; † (1) William Jay? † (2) Buckner |
| 2 Margaret              | ‡ Mar. 24, 1646, Robert Ware, and † July 22, 1664                        |
| 3 Esther                | ‡ Dec. 26, 1649, Nathaniel Fisher  |
| 4 John                  | ‡ Apr. 18, 1671, Elizabeth Payne, daughter of Thomas                     |
| 5 Samuel, July 22, 1640 | Baptized Aug. 9, 1640 † Dec. 24, 1662, Hannah Hackborne                  |
| 6 Nathaniel             | Baptized Dec. 24, 1643 † Jan. 1, 1644                                    |

Ann Utting received into church Dec. 11, 1640. Ann Wing (Utting—ch. rec., wid.) † Jan. 30, 1642.

## ANCESTRY OF RUTH NEWELL

### NEWELL FAMILY

**ABRAHAM NEWELL** sailed from Ipswich, England, in the ship *Francis* in 1634, with his wife **Frances** and five children. When they arrived there were six children, for Jacob was born on the voyage. The father was 50 years old, as he was born in 1584, the mother was 40, Faith was 14, Grace was 13, Abraham was 8, John was 5 and Isaac was 2. Abraham Newell was a tailor by trade and established himself in Roxbury, Mass., where he was made freeman Mar. 4, 1635. He died June 13, 1672, aged 88, and his widow died Jan. 13, 1683, "aged 100," according to the church record. Their children were.

- 1 Faith † Bennett
- 2 Grace † Sept. 14, 1644, William Tay of Boston and † Apr. 11, 1712, aged 91
- 3 Abraham
- 4 John
- 5 Isaac, born in 1632, in England
- 6 Jacob, born in 1634, at sea

**ISAAC NEWELL** married in Roxbury on Dec. 14, 1659, **Elizabeth Curtis**, born in Roxbury, daughter of William and Sarah Curtis. He died in Roxbury on Dec. 8, 1707, aged 75. Their children were born in Roxbury:

- 51 Isaac, Dec. 11, 1660
- 52 Josiah † at age of 16
- 53 Sarah, Mar. 22, 1665
- 54 Abraham † at age of 11
- 55 Elizabeth, Jan. 6, 1669 † same day as sister Hannah
- 56 Hannah, Feb. 4, 1671 † Apr. 9, 1690, John Holmes
- 57 Ebenezer, Nov. 29, 1673
- 58 Experience, Jan. 29, 1678 † May 23, 1700, Samuel Willis
- 59 Josiah, Mar. 6, 1680 † in Dedham Jan. 21, 1702, Hannah Fisher

**ISAAC NEWELL** married **Sarah**. He was overseer of highways in Roxbury, where his children were born. He removed in later years to Dudley, in the south part of Worcester county, adjoining the present state of Connecticut. He died in Dudley, Mass., on Mar. 28, 1738, aged 77. He may have had other children:

- 511 Isaac, Feb. 1, 1688
- 512 Philip, Mar. 26, 1693
- 513 Mehetable, Apr. 2, 1695
- 514 Abigail † young
- 515 Jonathan, Oct. 10, 1701
- 516 Benjamin, Jan. 20, 1703 † May 4, 1726, Sarah Polly

**ISAAC NEWELL** married in Roxbury Dec. 14, 1714, **Abigail Griggs**. They removed to Thompson, Conn., just south of Dudley, Mass., in about 1723. On

July 20, 1737, Isaac Newell, "living in a place known by the name of Thompson Parish belonging to Killingly, County of Windham, Colony of Connecticut," paid £150 for a farm in New Medfield, Mass. The name of New Medfield, settled originally by people from Medfield, was later changed to Sturbridge. It adjoins Thompson on the north and Dudley on the west, and the Newells were among the earliest settlers. He was a deacon of the church at Sturbridge, where he died Mar. 29, 1767, aged 79. His wife Abigail died Mar. 21, 1765. They doubtless had children born elsewhere, but these are recorded in Massachusetts:

- 5111 Sarah, Jan. 4, 1716, *Roxbury* † May 10, 1734, Aaron Martyn, Thompson  
 5112 Isaac, Jan. 11, 1718, *Roxbury*  
 5113 John, Mar. 25, 1722, *Roxbury* † May 31, 1744, Susanna Child, Woodstock

*Lucy, baptized May 27, 1739, New Medfield*

**ISAAC NEWELL** married in Needham, Mass., Dec. 5, 1745, **Ruth Dewing**, born in Needham Apr. 4, 1726, (Dunkley) Dewing. Needham and at that time adjoined Roxbury, where they raised a large family. The name *Ruth* has come down appearing first in the Bowers in the Alden family. It is said known as the "Smith dummy" has been inherited from this strain. Isaac Newell died in Sturbridge May 7, 1790, aged 72, and the widow died Dec. 25, 1793.



- 51121 Elizabeth, Feb. 13, 1747 † Aug. 20, 1747  
 51122 Isaac, Sept. 9, 1748 † young\*  
 51123 Jacob, June 13, 1750 † (int. May 12, 1775) Chloe Marsh  
 51124 Abraham, Aug. 4, 1754  
 51125 Mary, June 5, 1755  
 51126 Samuel, Apr. 20, 1757 † (int. Nov. 1, 1785) Susanna Fisk  
 51127 Stephen, June 30, 1760 † (int. Aug. 7, 1786) Thankful Smith  
 51128 Isaac, Mar. 5, 1762 † (int. Oct. 6, 1793) Mary Ammidown  
 51129 Ruth, Jan. 10, 1764 † May 10, 1784, **Nahum Smith**  
 51120 Nathaniel, Feb. 1, 1766 † (int. Dec. 3, 1790) Eunice Marsh  
 5112.1 Elizabeth, June 18, 1768

Samuel (51126) Newell's daughter Dolly married William Learned Marcy, born Dec. 12, 1786, at Sturbridge, died July 4, 1857, at Ballston Spa, N. Y., U. S. senator, governor of New York, etc.

\*There is recorded in Sturbridge the marriage intention of Isaac Newell and widow Mary Bretton Sept. 6, 1772.



## CURTIS FAMILY

**WILLIAM CURTIS** came from England in the *Lion*, arriving at Boston on Sept. 16, 1632, with his wife **Sarah** and children Thomas, Mary, John and Philip. They settled in Roxbury, where he was a freeman Mar. 4, 1633, the first named in the list of that day. His eldest son, William, who came in 1631, perhaps with Eliot in the *Lion*, was a "hopeful scholar, but God took him in 1634," says the church record. The son Thomas died June 26, 1650, of "long and tedious consumption," probably unmarried. The father died Dec. 8, 1672, aged 80, and his widow died the following spring, on Mar. 26, 1673, aged 73. Children:

- 1 William, *born in England* † 1634
- 2 Thomas † June 26, 1650
- 3 John
- 4 Philip
- 5 Hannah, *born in Roxbury* ‡ Aug. 25, 1651, William Geary
- 6 Elizabeth ‡ Dec. 14, 1659, **Isaac Newell**
- 7 Isaac, July 22, 1641

## DEWING FAMILY

**ANDREW DEWING** was an early settler of Dedham, Mass., his name being signed to the "covenant" in the towne booke. He is listed as a member of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company in 1644 from Natick, a settlement belonging to the town of Dedham. He was received into the first church of Dedham Apr. 19, 1646, and was made freeman May 16, 1646. He was one of the surveyors in 1651, constable in 1664 and served the town on several important committees and in minor offices. Dec. 14, 1664: "A bill is orderd to be giuen to Andr. Duein to receaue of the constable 20s for killing two woolues in the towne." His first wife, *Lydia*, died Oct. 13, 1651, her three months old baby dying a week later. He married (2) Nov. 10, 1652, **Anne Donstall**. His will, dated Sept. 8, 1677, probated Oct. 30, is in the Suffolk county probate records, vol. vi, page 207. His death occurred Sept. 16, 1677, in Dedham. Children:

By *Lydia*—

- 1 John, Feb. 16, 1650 † *in infancy*
- 2 John, July 19, 1651 † Oct. 20, 1651

By *Anne*—

- 3 Andrew, § Jan. 26, 1656
- 4 Rachel, \* June 27, 1658 (Church record. No further account found)
- 5 Lydia, § about 1660\* ‡ Dec. 15, 1633, John Bacon, jr.
- 6 Jonathan, § Apr. 3, 1663 ‡ Jan. 7, 1692, Susanna Bacon, sister to John, jr.
- 7 Anne, \* May 6, 1666 ‡ Feb. 17, 1686, Daniel Wight, son of Henry and Jane
- 8 Deborah, § Oct. 1, 1668 (Goodenough) Wight

\*Lydia is mentioned in her father's will as his oldest daughter. She died Nov. 17, 1754.

**ANDREW DEWING** married in Dedham Dec. 27, 1682, **Dorothy Hyde**.<sup>\*</sup> He inherited land from his father's estate and also was granted some small parcels of land by the town. He was a farmer, and resided in the part of Dedham set off as Needham in 1711. He was one of the petitioners for the incorporation of Needham. There he died Jan. 14, 1718, aged nearly 62. Children, born in Dedham:

- 31 Andrew, Sept. 25, 1683 † Feb. 15, 1709, Abigail Fisher, daughter of John
- 32 Martha, Nov. 30, 1685 † Mar. 24, 1686 [beth Warren
- 33 Henry, Oct. 16, 1690 † (1) Dec. 4, 1716, Mehetable Ellis; (2) Mrs. Eliza-
- 34 Esther, Sept. 21, 1692 † Sept. 15, 1714, John Parker: Newton
- 35 Edmond, Sept. 9, 1694
- 36 Dorothy, July 26, 1697

**EDMOND DEWING** married in Needham May 26, 1723, **Ruth Dunkley**, baptized in Lexington, Mass., Dec. 10, 1699, daughter of Nathaniel and Mary (French) Dunkley. He resided in Needham on land received from his father. He died there Sept. 1, 1751, aged 58, and she died Sept. 5, 1755, aged 56. Children, born in Needham:

- 351 Josiah, Apr. 11, 1724 † (1) Apr. 22, 1747, Mary Newell; † (2) Marg't Gay
- 352 Ruth, Apr. 4, 1726 † Dec. 5, 1745, **Isaac Newell** of Sturbridge
- 353 Elizabeth, Mar. 22, 1728 † Jan. 21, 1729
- 354 Edmond, Dec. 28, 1729 † June 1, 1750
- 355 Joshua, Mar. 23, 1732 † in infancy
- 356 Andrew, Mar. 23, 1733 † Sept. 17, 1761, Esther Richardson
- 357 Mary, June 6, 1735 † Aug. 19, 1751
- 358 Timothy, July 13, 1738 † Sept. 23, 1760, Abigail Parker: Natick
- 359 Hezekiah, Sept. 9, 1740 † Nov. 29, 1763, Eunice Bugbee: Woodstock, Ct.

## DUNKLEY FAMILY

**ELNATHAN DUNKLEY** married in Dedham, Mass., Dec. 14, 1656, **Silence Bowers**, daughter of George and Barbara Bowers of Cambridge. He died in Dedham Feb. 17, 1670. His widow married May 25, 1675, *Nicholas Rockwood* of Medfield as his third wife and died Nov. 9, 1677. Only two children of Elnathan

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<sup>\*</sup>Nicholas Ide died May 16, 1717, in Dedham. Nicholas Hide is mentioned in the will of Alexander Winchester of Rehoboth, Mass., June 4, 1647:—"Toby Cox oweth me 23 or 25 shillings. The 3 or 5 shillings more than 20 I appoint to Nicholas Hide for the pains he took about the boards." Nicholas Ide was bequeathed ten bushels of rye by the will of Thomas Blise, Plymouth Colony, Oct. 7, 1647:—"I give unto Nathaniel, the son of my son-in-law, Nicholas Ide, my brown heifer and my two steer calves which are at the island." The will also speaks of "my son Nathaniel," "my son-in-law, Thomas Willmore," "my eldest daughter and her husband, Thomas Willmore," "my four children," "my daughter Mary and her husband, Nathaniel Harmon." Jonathan Hides married May 6, 1673, Dorothy Kidder, in Billerica, and had: Jonathan, Mar. 24, 1674, and Dorothy, May 26, 1675.

†Mary Newell was born Oct. 23, 1721, daughter of Josiah and Hannah (Fisher) Newell. She died in Needham Apr. 11, 1760, and her husband married June 26, 1766, the daughter of Nathaniel Gay.

Dunkley were recorded in the Dedham town book and three others are given in the church records, but he may have had other children. A Nathan and an Elnathan Dunklin, as well as a Nathaniel Dunklin, are listed from Charlestown as soldiers in King Philip's war in the summer of 1676.\* Elnathan Dunkley first appears in Dedham,† when "he was summoned by the selectmen on ye 12 of ye 11 month, 1651 (Jan. 12, 1652), and was according to ye court order, in that case provided, placed in service for one whole year next ensuing to dwell with Anthony Fisher, sr.," etc. His taxes were not high‡ and after his death his children were bound out, and his widow did what she could to keep the children near her. She had been admitted into the church Oct. 1, 1665. From Apr. 15, 1674, to Apr. 15, 1675, she and another widow were allowed £3 for sweeping out the meeting house and ringing the bell, and in the following month she became the third wife of Nicholas Rockett of Medfield. By him she had a son Isaac, born July 22, 1677, who died Oct. 11, and she died Nov. 9—four weeks later. Children of Elnathan and Silence, recorded in Dedham:

- 1 Ruth, Mar. 11, 1661-2
- 2 Elnathan, baptized Oct. 29, 1665
- 3 David, Apr. 2, 1666
- 4 Hannah, baptized Apr. 26, 1668
- 5 Nathaniel, baptized Apr. 11, 1669 † Mar. 23, 1695-6, Mary (French) Sharp

**NATHANIEL DUNKLEY** was bound out when a boy. He was in Woburn in 1693, and later in Watertown. He married Mar. 23, 1696, **Mary (French) Sharp**, born Apr. 30, 1670, in Billerica, Mass., widow of Robert Sharp and daughter of Capt. William and Mary (Lothrop)-Stearns French of Billerica. She was first married to Robert Sharp,§ born 1665, who died Aug. 26, 1693, in Wells, leaving:

Robert, Apr. 13, 1688

William, Jan. 31, 1689-90

Mary, Feb. 21, 1691-2 † Cornelius Tarbell of Salem

Nathaniel Dunkley and his wife Mary were admitted to the church in Watertown on Dec. 18, 1698. They removed to Lexington, Mass., about 1699, as in that year he owned land in Cambridge Farms (Lexington), and their letter of dismissal from the church at Watertown is dated Aug. 25, 1705. He was very religious by spells and

\*Nathan Dunklen † Dec. 15, 1686, Hannah Wyer in Charlestown. In assignment of wages King Philip's war—Nathan Dunklin, £3-9s-10d, Aug. 24, 1676; Elnathan Dunklin, £3-18s-6d, Jan. 24, 1677. This was probably Elnathan, jr., as he had daughters Silence, who died young, and Hannah. Among the soldiers credited with pay under Capt. Hunting in summer 1676 was Nathaniel Dunklin, £5-5-0.

†There is a tradition that he was a Scotch boy, kidnapped by English sailors and carried to New England. It is said that David, Duncklee (Hezekiah, Nathaniel, Elnathan,) had notice from England that a fortune awaited his family there, but he was probably unable to prove his descent.

‡In 1653 he was paying county taxes to the amount of 5 shillings. In 1659 he had a school tax of 7 pence, which increased yearly, and in 1669 it was 6 shillings 4½ pence. On Feb. 1, 1668-9, he had granted him by the town "one parcell of upland about 5 acres, abutting Charles river on south, Nathaniel Fisher on west, upon waste lands on all other parts." He had also purchased lands at Wollumoon-pooag of the Indians.

§Supposed to be the son of John Sharp of Boston and grandson of Robert of Braintree.

Death recorded in Billerica, as also the births of his children. After his death the young widow probably went to live in Watertown with her mother, the wife of Isaac Mixer.

regarded himself a great sinner when he confessed repentance of misdeeds. On Mar. 1, 1714, the selectmen of Lexington ordered him and John Harrington, James Wilson, Joseph Tidd, John Lawrence, Thomas Mead, Joseph Fassett, Philip Burdoo and others to keep certain highways open. He lived on Bedford road in the northwest part of Lexington, near the boundary of what was incorporated as Bedford in 1729. His wife Mary died Sept. 17, 1729, aged 59. He remarried later.\* Their children, except Silence, were baptized in Lexington:

- 51 Silence, Feb. 20, 1698, *Watertown* † Dec. 7, 1720, Caleb Putnam, in Danvers
- 52 Ruth, ¶ Dec. 10, 1699, *Lexington* † Mar. 26, 1723, **Edmond Dewing**
- 53 David, ¶ Sept. 21, 1701
- 54 Elnathan, ¶ Apr. 11, 1703
- 55 Jonathan, ¶ Jan. 7, 1705
- 56 Hannah, ¶ May 18, 1707
- 57 † Hezekiah, ¶ Nov. 21, 1708 † Oct. 17, 1734, Damaris Wilson, Lexington
- 58 Robert, ¶ Apr. 9, 1710 Settled in Brimfield

## BOWERS FAMILY

**GEORGE BOWERS** is supposed to have come from Scotland. He was in Plymouth, Mass., as early as 1639. He removed to Cambridge, where his wife **Barbara** died Mar. 25, 1644. He married (2) Apr. 15, 1649, *Elizabeth Worthington*. He died late in 1656, his will of Nov. 8 being probated Dec. 30, shortly after the marriage of his daughter Silence. His widow, perhaps, married June 25, 1657, Henry Boutwell. He names these children, except Ruth, in his will:†

By *Barbara*—

- 1 Ruth, § 1620, in Europe † Aug. 15, 1639, Richard Knowles, in Plymouth
- 2 Benanuel, *born in Europe* † Dec. 9, 1654, Elizabeth Dunster, in Cambridge
- 3 John, *born in Europe* † Bridget Thompson. *Graduated Harvard College 1649; he*  
[† June 14, 1687, Derby, Ct.]
- 4 Patience
- 5 Silence † Dec. 14, 1656, **Elnathan Dunkley**, Dedham

By *Elizabeth*—

- 6 Jerathmeel, May 2, 1650

## FRENCH FAMILY

Lieut. **WILLIAM FRENCH** was born Mar. 15, 1603, in Halsted, Essex county, England. He married (1) *Elizabeth Symmes*, daughter of Rev. William Symmes, and had four children born in England. They came to America in the ship *Defence* in the summer of 1635 and settled in Cambridge. In 1652 he was one of the proprietors and earliest settlers of Billerica. He was a lieutenant in the militia, and after-

\*His second wife was Hannah. In a deed given April 2, 1734, in which he conveys the home farm of 60 acres in Lexington to his son Hezekiah, Nathaniel speaks of "Hannah, my now married wife."

†See "Descendants of David Dunklee of Amherst, N. H., and his sister, Hannah D. Howe, of Milford, N. H.," by Mrs. A. M. Duncklee, Milford, 1908.

‡John Bowers, who was in Medfield in 1649, was perhaps a connection of George. John, jr., † Jan. 6, 1674, Sarah Clark, in Medfield.



wards captain. He was the son of THOMAS FRENCH and wife Mary, of Halsted, England. He was a prominent man in Billerica, being the first deputy or representative of the town in the General Court at Boston, 1663. He was active in instructing the Indians and was the author of a letter telling of the conversion of the natives which was published in London in the famous tract, "Strength Out of Weakness." His wife Elizabeth died Mar. 31, 1668, aged about 65.\* He married (2) May 6, 1669, in Billerica, **Mary (Lothrop) Stearns**, born Oct. 4, 1640, in Barnstable, daughter of Thomas and Sarah (Larned)-Ewer Lothrop and widow of John Stearns,† who died in Billerica on Mar. 5, 1663-9. Capt. French died Nov. 20, 1681, in Billerica. His widow Mary married (3), as his third wife, June 20, 1684,‡ Isaac Mixter of Watertown, but they had no children. Isaac Mixter, an aged man, died Nov. 22, 1716, in Watertown, Mary, the heroine of this complicated pedigree, was still living in 1735, very aged, according to the History of Watertown. Children of William French:

By Elizabeth—

- 1 Francis, § about 1624 in England † Apr. 10, 1661, Lydia Bonnell of Milford§
- 2 Elizabeth, § about 1629 † Sept. 19, 1650, Richard Ellis, in Dedham
- 3 Mary, § about Jan. —, 1633 † Jonathan Hyde of Newtown
- 4 John, § about Feb. —, 1635 † (1) June 21, 1659, Abigail Coggan; † (2) July 3, 1663, Hannah Burrage; (3) Jan. 14, 1668, Mary Rogers; (4) Jan. 16, 1677-8
- 5 Sarah, § Mar. —, 1638, Cambridge † Aug. 15, 1660, Jonathan Peake
- 6 Jacob, § Mar. 16, 1639-40 † (1) Sept. 20, 1665, Mary Champney; (2) July 30,
- 7 Hannah, § Apr. 12, 1641 † June 20, 1642 [1685. Mary Convers
- 8 Hannah, § Feb. 17, 1643-4 † Sept. 6, 1661, John Brackett
- 9 Samuel, § Dec. 3, 1645 † July 15, 1646
- 0 Samuel, § about 1648 † Dec. 24, 1682, Sarah Cummings

By Mary—

- .1 Mary, § Apr. 3, 1670, Billerica † (2) Mar. 23, 1695-6, Nathaniel Dunkley
- .2 Sarah, § Oct. 29, 1671 † May 6, 1691, Joseph Crosby of Billerica
- .3 Abigail, § Apr. 14, 1673 † Apr. 13, 1674
- .4 Hannah, § Jan. 25, 1676 † Oct. 5, 1693, John Child of Watertown

William French (Nathaniel, William, John, Lieut. William) was the first martyr of the Revolution.

\*Elizabeth Symmes was born 1603 in County Kent, England, daughter of Rev. William Symmes who was ordained 1588 and later preached at Sandwich, County Kent, and was a son of Rev. William Symmes, a firm Protestant in the reign of Queen Mary.

†John Stearns was the son of Isaac and Mary Stearns of Watertown, Mass., and was born in England about 1630. He married in Barnstable, Mass., Nov. 20, 1656, Mary Lothrop. Children:

- 1 Isaac, Apr. 17, 1658, Billerica † Oct. 19, 1659
- 2 Samuel, Sept. 3, 1659
- 3 Isaac, Dec. 23, 1661
- 4 Nathaniel, Nov. 30, 1663 † young
- 5 Thomas, Dec. 6, 1665

John Stearns's first wife, whom he married in 1653, was Sarah Mixter, daughter of Isaac and Sarah Mixter of Watertown. She died June 18, 1654, leaving a son John, born the second week in May, 1651.

‡And again on June 29, 1687. Isaac Mixter was a brother to Sarah, who was his third wife's first husband's first wife. Go get something that can heat that.

§The New England Historical and Genealogical Register for October, 1890.

¶His fourth wife was Mary (probably daughter of Francis Littlefield), widow of John Kittredge.

•William French had two daughters Mary and three Hannah. Hannah 8 died May 9, 1674.



## LOTHROP FAMILY

**Rev. JOHN LOTHROP**, the most distinguished\* of the ministers who came to Massachusetts, was the twelfth child of THOMAS LOWTHROPP of Cherry Burton, later of Ettan, Yorkshire, England. He was baptized Dec. 20, 1584, in Ettan. He married (1) Oct. 10, 1610, **Hannah Howse**, daughter of Rev. John Howse, rector of Eastwell, County Kent. They came to Scituate, Mass., before 1629. His wife died Aug. 30, 1630, in Scituate. He married (2) Feb. 17, 1635-6, *Ann Hammond*, a widow. They removed to Barnstable about 1638, where he was pastor of the Church of Christ. He died Nov. 8, 1653, aged 69, his will of Aug. 10 being probated March 7, following. His widow Ann died Feb. 25, 1687-8. Children:

By *Hannah*—

- 1 Thomas, \* Feb. 21, 1612-3, *Eastwell* † Dec. 11, 1639, **Sarah (Larned) Ewer**
- 2 Jane, § Sept. 29, 1614 † Apr. 8, 1635, Samuel Fuller, son of Edward
- 3 Ann, § Mar. 12, 1616
- 4 John, § Feb. 22, 1617-8 Died in England?
- 5 Barbara, § Oct. 1, 1619 † July 19, 1638, John Emerson
- 6 Benjamin † Martha He died July 3, 1691
- 7 *Judge Samuel of Norwich, Ct.* † (1) Nov. 28, 1644, Elizabeth Scudder; (2) Abigail
- 8 *Capt. Joseph, 1624* † Dec. 11, 1650, Mary Ansell He † 1702
- 9 Sarah † Nathaniel Rice of New London, Conn.

By *Ann*—

- 0 Barnabas, \* June 6, 1636, *Scituate* † Dec. 1, 1658, Susanna Clark, dau. of Thos.
- .1 *Daughter, 1638* † 1638
- .2 Abigail, \* Nov. 2, 1639, *Barnstable* † Oct. 7, 1657, James Clark
- .3 Bathshua, Feb. 27, 1641 † Alexander Marsh, and † Jan. 8, 1723
- .4 John, Feb. 9, 1644 † Jan. 3, 1672, Mary Cole, jr., and † Sept. 18, 1727
- .5 *Son, 1649* † 1649

**THOMAS LOTHROP** married Dec. 11, 1639, **Sarah (Larned) Ewer**, born in England about 1607-8, daughter of Robert Larned (Linnett or Linnell) and widow of Thomas Ewer who died in 1638. She and her first husband, to whom she was married in London, England, on Jan. 13, 1623-4, embarked from London in June 1635, in the ship *James*, he aged 40, she, 28, with children:

*Sarah*, 1627 † 1645 Thomas Blossom

*Henry*, 1629 † Mary

*Elizabeth*, 1631 Buried Apr. 9, 1641

*Thomas*, 1633 † Hannah

At the time of her marriage she is said to have owned a house and ten plots of land in Charlestown. Her two eldest children lived with her father in Barnstable. Thomas Lothrop died Dec. 11, 1701. Children:

- 11 Mary, Oct. 4, 1640, *Barnstable* † (1) John Stearns; (2) **William French**

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\*Amos Otis Papers, vol. ii, page 162.

- 12 Hannah, Oct. 18, 1642  
 13 Thomas, July 7, 1644 ‡ May 20, 1667, Sarah Farrar and † Feb. 6, 1711-2  
 14 Meletiah, Nov. 2, 1646  
 15 Bethia, July 23, 1649 ‡ July, 1668, John Hinckley and † July 10, 1697

### HOWES FAMILY

Rev. JOHN HOWSE was rector of Eastwell, County Kent, England. He never came to America. Children:

- 1 Thomas Was of London  
 2 Samuel Was of Scituate, Mass.  
 3 Hannah ‡ Oct. 10, 1610, **Rev. John Lothrop**  
 4 Peniah ‡ Robert Larned, as his second wife

### LEARNED FAMILY

**ROBERT LARNED** came from England and settled in Barnstable, Mass. The name was variously spelled, as was the careless custom of the day, being sometimes Lendall, Linnell, Linnett and perhaps Leonard. His first wife's name is unknown: his second wife was Peniah Howse, daughter of Rev. John. Among her children was:

- 1 Sarah, § 1607-8 ‡ (1) Jan. 13, 1623-4, Thomas Ewer; (2) **Thomas Lothrop**

### WASHBURN FAMILY

JOHN<sup>9</sup> WASHBURN (John,<sup>6</sup> Norman,<sup>7</sup> descendant of Sir Roger of Little Washbourne, Worcester county, England, in the thirteenth century, living in 1299) was born at Wickenford, England. He married Eunice. He was buried Jan. 8, 1546, at Bengeworth and she was buried there May 13, 1547. Children:

- 1 Katharine  
 2 John  
 3 Alis  
 4 William

JOHN<sup>10</sup> WASHBURN was born at Bengeworth. He married Mar. 21, 1542, *Jane Bushnell*, who died in 1556-7, and he died in October, 1593.

JOHN<sup>11</sup> WASHBURN was born in Bengeworth. He married July 6, 1596, *Martha Stephens*. He died in 1624 and she died in 1627.

- 1 John, † July 2, 1597, Bengeworth, parish of Evesham, Worcester county  
 2 Jane  
 3 son  
 4 daughter ‡ Isaac Averell

JOHN<sup>12</sup> WASHBURN married Nov. 23, 1618, **Margery Moore**, baptized on Nov. 3, 1588, daughter of Robert and Ellen (Taylor) Moore. He came to Duxbury, Mass., as early as 1632. In 1635 the wife and two sons, John, aged 15, and Philip, aged 11, came over. He was among the first freemen of Duxbury, and he and his

















































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