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# Helen Schatvet Ullmann (1937–2021)

## *In Memoriam*

Helen Schatvet Ullmann died at home in Acton, Massachusetts, on Saturday, October 9, 2021, after a long illness.

She had been involved as a volunteer with NEHGS for decades, having served as Associate Editor of the *Register*, Editor of *Western Massachusetts Families in 1790*, a Trustee, a Councilor, and an Honorary Trustee.

Helen was born in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn, New York, on November 30, 1937, and grew up in Darien, Connecticut. Her father, Charles Einar Shatvet, was three-quarters Norwegian; his paternal grandmother was an Adams from Massachusetts. Helen's mother, Marjorie Walcott Stevens, was born in New Jersey to parents with early New England ancestry. Helen received her BA in history from Mount Holyoke College and her MA in literature from Northeastern University.

In 1959 she married Laurence "Laurie" Ullmann, now a retired high school physics teacher. They had four children. Their son is deceased; their three daughters are all teachers. Helen and Laurie lived in Acton, Massachusetts, and for several years they were directors of the Nashua, New Hampshire, Family History Library.

In 1990 Helen became a Certified Genealogist and began working as a volunteer editor for NEHGS books. In 1992 she began reviewing articles submitted to the *Register* as well. In April 2001 she became Associate Editor of the *Register*, a position she held until her death. In 2002 she became a Fellow of the American Society of Genealogists and in 2009 Editor of *Western Massachusetts Families in 1790*, an NEHGS publication. She served as a Trustee of NEHGS 1991–1994, as a Councilor 2004–2009 and 2011–2013, and since 2015 as an Honorary Trustee.

Genealogy was Helen's full-time occupation, but she always had time to help people with their research. She wrote hundreds of books and articles, mostly about New England and Norwegian families. Her books are catalogued in the NEHGS library, and the Family History Library. Selected articles are listed on the American Society of Genealogists website ([fsg.org/fellow/current-fellows/helen-schatvet-ullmann](http://fsg.org/fellow/current-fellows/helen-schatvet-ullmann)). The Fall 2017 issue of the *Register* was in honor of Helen's 80th birthday, containing detail on her life (adapted above) and reprints of a few of her articles.

Helen was often called upon to edit articles and books because of her expertise. In many cases people she helped became friends because of her warm personality and thoughtfulness.

Helen will always be missed by her many colleagues and friends.

## Editorial

As part of our observance of the 400th anniversary of the *Mayflower*, the lead article of this issue is **Degory Priest, “Obstinate Brownist” of London: A Clue to the Origins of the *Mayflower* Passenger**. The authors are Sue Allan, Caleb Johnson, and Simon Neal, who have published several other *Mayflower*-related articles in the *Register*. In this article they describe the records that suggest that the Degory Priest, who was held in custody in London in 1609, was likely the *Mayflower* passenger. A 2005 article in *The American Genealogist* had suggested the *Mayflower* passenger was from Devon, where there were men named Degory in Priest/Prust families. Perhaps the family of Degory Priest of London was from Devon.

**Incorrect and Incomplete: Mark Parmelee and Ruth Brown of Connecticut**, by Shannon Green, treats one of the Brown families of Colchester, Connecticut, namely the family to which Ruth (Brown) Parmelee belonged. Donald Lines Jacobus tried to disentangle the various Brown families of Colchester, including Ruth’s family, and the author has added to Jacobus’s work by research in Connecticut deeds and other original records.

**Samuel Mills of Dedham, Massachusetts, and His Descendants**, by the late associate editor Helen Shatvet Ullmann, who published books and articles on unrelated Mills families, most recently on John Mills of Braintree, Massachusetts, in the Summer 2021 *Register*. The current article treats Samuel’s children and grandchildren. Although Samuel had only one son to leave descendants, that son, Benjamin, had twelve children, of whom nine were sons.

In **Three Men Named Benjamin Streeter: Unraveling Records for the Post-Revolutionary Period**, Robert J. Roselli shows that three men named Benjamin Streeter, descendants of Stephen<sup>1</sup> Streeter of Gloucester, Massachusetts, all fought in the American Revolution. The author shows that some records had been assigned to the wrong Benjamin.

In **Some English Records of Robert<sup>1</sup> Woodmansey, Schoolmaster of Boston, Massachusetts**, author Robert Battle clarifies the schoolmaster’s marriages and career in England.

**Some English Records of Walter Tybbot of Gloucester, Massachusetts, and His Wives and Children**. Author Chase W. Ashley, has put together a clear account of Walter Tybbot and his family, mostly based on records in Bristol, England. Previous researchers had not found that Bristol was his place of origin.

**The Wives of Rev. Francis<sup>A</sup> Boughey, Father of Elizabeth<sup>1</sup> (Boughey) Harris of Roxbury and Muddy River, Massachusetts**, by Robert Battle, expands on the Harris article in the Winter 2001 *Register*.

We continue **William<sup>1</sup> Woodbury of Salem and Beverly, Massachusetts**, by David C. Dearborn and John Bradley Arthaud, with Nicholas<sup>3</sup> (*Nicholas<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>*) Woodbury and his brother Joseph<sup>3</sup>, as well as the descendants of both. This family had several marriages between cousins, particularly descendants of William<sup>1</sup> and of his brother John<sup>1</sup>.

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# Degory Priest, “Obstinate Brownist” of London: A Clue to the Origins of the *Mayflower* Passenger

*Sue Allan, Caleb Johnson, and Simon Neal*

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Previous attempts to identify the origins of *Mayflower* passenger Degory Priest have focused on a baptism of a Digorius, son of Peter Prust, on 11 August 1582, at Hartland, Devonshire, and the Prust family located within that county.<sup>[1]</sup> However, Degory Priest is called “of London” in his Leiden marriage record of 4 November 1611.<sup>[2]</sup> The Devonshire origin has remained the best-available hypothesis in large part because nothing — outside of his marriage record — has been discovered that could tie Degory Priest to London or to any Priest family living there. In this article, we will show that a man named Degory Priest was arrested in 1609 under warrant from the Bishop of London, and was imprisoned at Bridewell, at St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, for being an “obstinate Brownist.”

In 1552, the Bishop of London was granted (by King Edward VI) a house at Bridewell, in St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, to “chastize and reduce to good order” the “poor by idleness or unthriftiness, as riotous spenders, vagabonds, loiterers, lewd strumpets, and their companions.”<sup>[3]</sup> Primarily accepting vagabonds and beggars that were rounded up by constables, the facility quickly grew. Between March 1600 and March 1601, the hospital records indicate they maintained 2,730 persons.<sup>[4]</sup>

With the ascension of King James I in 1603, the hospital and prison were, on rare occasions, used to hold religious recusants. The minute books of the Court of Governors for Bridewell and Bethlem are voluminous — the book covering the period of 1604 to 1610 alone is 939 pages. The entire volume was reviewed for recusant activity. On 7 December 1605, a Catholic priest named Silvester Norris was being held prisoner. In 1606 William Vavisor and Ann Freerey were identified as recusants, though whether they were Papists or Brownists is not specified. That same year, a number of Papist recusants were identified: William Proben, Mr. Galloway of Holborne (who allegedly owned a book called *Epistle of Comfort*), Henry Clarke, Mary Kitchen, Joan Wynbancke, Henry Wise, Henry Smyth, an “Irish woman . . . who can speak no English,” and Nicholas Spencer. However, this handful of persons was

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<sup>1</sup> John G. Hunt, “Notes: Origins of Digory Priest, Early Settler in Plymouth, New England,” *Register* 111 (1956):320; Patricia Law Hatcher, “The English Origin of Degory<sup>1</sup> Priest of the *Mayflower*: An Evaluation,” *The American Genealogist* 80 (2005):241–260.

<sup>2</sup> *Ondertrouw-en trouwboeken (der Niet-Gereformeerden): Huwelijken 1592–1646* [FHL DGS 5,850,310, image 184 of 704].

<sup>3</sup> Thomas Bowen, MA, *Extracts from the Records and Court Books of Bridewell Hospital* (London: n.p., 1798), 6.

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.*, 26.

insignificant compared to the overall number of persons being held by the institution.<sup>[5]</sup>

Only one group of recusants explicitly identified as Brownists are found in the minute book, at the court session held on 4 October 1609:<sup>[6]</sup>

Edward Alsoppe Diggerie Preist Edward Phippe	}	Three obstinate Brownistes sent in by two sev <sup>r</sup> all warr <sup>tes</sup> from my lo: the Bushoppe of London, willfully refusing to come to Churche, are by order of Court kepte according to the warrant
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Since Degory Priest is a fairly distinctive name, and two years later a Degory Priest of London was betrothed to widow Sarah (Allerton) Vincent within the Separatist congregation in Leiden, this appears to be a solid identification. However, the next weekly court session, on 11 October 1609, adds some slight ambiguity to the identifica;tion:<sup>[7]</sup>

Preest	}	Diggerie Preest an old prison <sup>r</sup> sent in from the Bushope of London is nowe by warr <sup>t</sup> from his lo: dd <sup>[8]</sup>
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If the term “old” was intended to represent Degory Priest’s age, it seems out of place. Degory deposed in Leiden on 5 September 1619 that he was 36 years old,<sup>[9]</sup> and he deposed (somewhat conflictingly) in April 1619 that he was about 40 years old.<sup>[10]</sup> Whatever his exact age, he would have been around 26 to 30 years old in 1609, and so is unlikely to have been called “old.” However, “old prisoner,” which is a term used frequently throughout this set of records, is likely an indication of the duration of time he had been in custody, rather than a reference to his actual age. The Court of Governors’ responsibility was to turn around vagrants, indigent, and poor, by assigning them to masters or otherwise reforming them, so that they did not become long-term financial burdens. As such, we believe this individual is still quite probably the man who later fled to Leiden, and traveled on the *Mayflower*. Alternatively, it could be a father or uncle of the *Mayflower* passenger, who shared his recusant beliefs with a family member of the same distinctive name.

<sup>5</sup> Bridewell and Bethlem Minutes of the Court of Governors, 1559–1689, BCB-05 (November 1604 – July 1610). Images of the original pages available are on FindMyPast.co.uk, images 202, 238, 240, 249, 264, 272, 273, and 366 of 939.

<sup>6</sup> Ibid., fol. 386 (image 824 of 939).

<sup>7</sup> Ibid., fol. 388 (image 826 of 939).

<sup>8</sup> After reviewing hundreds of court entries that use this abbreviation, we have concluded it stands for “delivered.” The phrase “dd by passe” is common, and in one case it was written out unabbreviated, “delivered by pass.” In another place, a vagrant named Agnes Jones is “dd to her mother.” Those who were not “dd” were typically “kept to work.”

<sup>9</sup> Ewout Henricsz Craen notary records, Leiden Archives 0506/134 p. 121. This notary declaration of Degory Priest’s age appears to have not been previously recognized, as we have not seen it in print or ever used to help refine Degory Priest’s estimated birth year.

<sup>10</sup> Leiden Archives 0508/79M, p. 287.



With a very promising Brownist named Degory Priest identified in London, we next undertook a search of the Priest families in the region to see if we could identify a family from which he might have come. The most promising Priest family we found is located at St. Clement Danes. There we found the burial of “Digorie Priest a poore man” on 26 June 1629.<sup>[11]</sup> Could this be the *Mayflower* passenger Degory Priest’s father, uncle, or nephew? While we found no other record of this Degory, a man named Walter Priest, a surgeon, was also buried at St. Clement Danes two years earlier in February 1627.<sup>[12]</sup> Walter had married Jane Challice there on 25 May 1602.<sup>[13]</sup> He was a defendant in a chancery lawsuit over tenement leases, Woodward vs. Talbot, in 1603.<sup>[14]</sup> The couple had five children whose baptisms are in the parish registers between 1605 and 1612, namely Jane, William and Henry (twins), Henry (again), and Edward.<sup>[15]</sup>

St. Clement Danes is the church where Puritan theologian Henry Smith lectured, beginning about 1587. Smith was buried there on 4 July 1591.<sup>[16]</sup> Perhaps Henry Smith’s theology had an influence on the Priest family that attended there.

Looking in the records of St. Clement Danes for other usage of the distinctive name “Degory,” we encountered a Degory Harrys buried on 9 November 1607; a Degory Bellingsly baptized on 7 October 1585; a Degory Dible baptized 20 June 1624; and a Degory Butler buried there on 18 January 1655.<sup>[17]</sup> A cursory review of these families did not turn up anything noteworthy.

Two miles south of St. Clement Danes, at St. Olave, Southwark, is found another Priest family — perhaps a branch of the same family. Lying at the southern end of London’s then only bridge across the Thames, Southwark was just a short walk away from the City of London, yet outside of its closely organized civic life. From the earliest times it became a place of refuge for the dispossessed, outcasts, and fugitives from justice or persecution (at home or abroad). In the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, many refugees from Flanders and Holland settled in Southwark, which may have contributed towards it becoming one of the strongholds of non-conformism in the London area.

At St. Olave, Southwark, we found John Priest, leather-dresser, who married first, Sara Swetinge, on 4 October 1584, and secondly, Ellen Sannkes, 6 May 1594, at the parish church.<sup>[18]</sup> He left a will dated 14 June 1610,<sup>[19]</sup> which listed no surviving children. In it, he stated that he was born in Leicestershire, and he mentioned his brother Henry. Henry Priest had a son named Thomas who also took up residency in St. Olave, and gained his freedom from the

<sup>11</sup> City of Westminster Archives Centre, Record set, Westminster Burials.

<sup>12</sup> Ibid.

<sup>13</sup> City of Westminster Archives Centre, Record set Westminster Marriages

<sup>14</sup> The National Archives, Chancery Proceedings, C 2/JasI/W21/69.

<sup>15</sup> City of Westminster Archives Centre, Record Set Westminster Baptisms.

<sup>16</sup> City of Westminster Archives Centre, Record set Westminster Burials.

<sup>17</sup> City of Westminster Archives Centre Record sets Westminster Baptisms, and Westminster Burials.

<sup>18</sup> London Metropolitan Archives, London, England: Reference P69/BOT2/A/003/MS09223.

<sup>19</sup> Prerogative Court of Canterbury Wills, PROB 11/116/121.

Worshipful Company of Haberdashers in 1616.<sup>[20]</sup> Another apparent brother, Richard, was a tailor at St. Olave.<sup>[21]</sup>

There were several Priests in the records of the Company of Clothworkers of London. In the Clothworkers rolls, there were two masters with the Priest surname taking on apprentices: William Priest (in 1600 and 1607), and Robert Priest (1601–1614, *passim*), though no specific parish in London was identified for them. A Walter Priest, son of William Priest, clothworker, became a freeman in the Haberdasher's company in 1594.<sup>[22]</sup> And on 25 September 1615, clothworker Franco Wright took on an apprentice named John Priest, son of John Priest, tailor of Holland Swaine, Yorkshire.<sup>[23]</sup>

Looking for other families at St. Olave using the name Degory, there was a man named Degory Balley baptized on 7 November 1596, son of Richard and Jane (Horsley) Balley, and a Digory Thomas, tailor, who was buried on 16 April 1621.<sup>[24]</sup> A cursory review of those two families did not turn up anything noteworthy.

An Edward Alsop, pin maker, had a daughter Elizabeth, baptized at St. Olave on 12 April 1618.<sup>[25]</sup> He could be the same man who was arrested along with Degory Priest. There was also a Vincent family living at St. Olave, Southwark. Since Degory Priest married Sarah (Allerton) Vincent in Leiden in 1611, and she was the widow of John Vincent of London, it seems possible the Vincent, Allerton, and Priest families may have known each other prior to their removal to Leiden. A John Vincent married at St. Olave in 1593 to Joyce Woodhall, and they had two children, Anne and Katherine.<sup>[26]</sup> In 1608 a boy named John Vincent “sent in from the Highe Comission Court” was “sent to Newgate” prison.<sup>[27]</sup>

Also found residing in the parish of St. Olave, Southwark, was Eleanor (Godley) Penry, widow of separatist minister John Penry. Penry matriculated at Peterhouse, Cambridge, in December 1580,<sup>[28]</sup> the same month as *Mayflower* pilgrim William Brewster. Penry was executed by hanging on 29 May 1593,<sup>[29]</sup> about a month after separatists Henry Barrowe and John Greenwood were similarly executed. Eleanor Penry was buried at St. Olave on 2 February 1594,

<sup>20</sup> London Metropolitan Archives, Worshipful Company of Haberdashers, Register of Apprentice Bindings 1602–1611, CLC/L/HA/C/011/MS15860/003, fol. 160; and the Register of Freedom Administrations 1526–1613, CLC/L/HA/C/007/MS15857/001, fol. 178.

<sup>21</sup> Richard Priest, tailor, was buried at St. Olave on 20 October 1603 (London Metropolitan Archives, London, England; Reference Number: P71/OLA/009, Parish Registers, St. Olave, Bermondsey, 1583–1627).

<sup>22</sup> London Metropolitan Archives, Worshipful Company of Haberdashers, Register of Apprentice Bindings 1591–1596, CLC/L/HA/C/011/MS15860/002, fol. 166.

<sup>23</sup> Records of London's Livery Companies: Apprentices and Freemen, 1400–1900, <https://londonroll.org>.

<sup>24</sup> Parish Registers of St. Olave, Bermondsey [note 21].

<sup>25</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>26</sup> Parish registers of St. Olave, Southwark, Surrey [note 18].

<sup>27</sup> Bethlem Hospital Patient Admission Registers and Casebooks, Minutes of the Court of Governors 1559–1689, BCB-05, fol. 312.

<sup>28</sup> Joseph Foster, *Alumni Oxonienses: The Members of the University of Oxford, 1500–1714*, 4 vols. (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1891), 3:1114.

<sup>29</sup> William Pierce, *John Penry: His Life, Times and Writings* (London: Hodder and Stoughton, 1928), Chapter IV.

and her daughter Comfort was buried a month earlier.<sup>[30]</sup> Another of Penry's daughters, Deliverance, married Samuel Whittaker, and they eventually joined to the English Reformed Church in Amsterdam in 1618.<sup>[31]</sup> Robert Browne — the original Brownist himself — was schoolmaster at St. Olave from 1586 to 1589.<sup>[32]</sup>

While we have not conclusively identified *Mayflower* passenger Degory Priest's parentage, we do believe that the Degory Priest, Brownist, who was taken in by warrant of the Bishop of London in 1609, and held at Bridewell in St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, was likely the *Mayflower* passenger; and that he may have come from one the Priest families residing in the parishes of St. Clement Danes, Middlesex, and St. Olave, Southwark, in London.

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<sup>30</sup> Parish Registers of St. Olave, Bermondsey [note 21].

<sup>31</sup> Polly Ha, *English Presbyterianism 1590–1640* (Palo Alto, Calif.: Stanford University Press, 2010), 170; A. C. Carter, "Two Interesting Documents found in the Register of the Consistory at the English Church in Amsterdam," *Studies in Church History, Volume 2* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1965):310–319.

<sup>32</sup> John Waddington, *Historical Papers, First Series: Congregational Martyrs* (London: Elliot Stock, 1861), 46.

# Incorrect and Incomplete: Mark Parmelee and Ruth Brown of Connecticut

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The Fall 1899 issue of the *Register* includes the family of Mark Parmelee, son of Job Parmelee and Betty Edwards, in an article, “The Descendants of John Parmelee,” compiled by Ralph D. Smyth.<sup>[1]</sup> Mark’s family was treated again in *Families of Early Guilford* compiled by Alvan Talcott.<sup>[2]</sup> Smyth was a respected Guilford historian and probate court judge.<sup>[3]</sup> Talcott was a doctor, genealogist, and the Guilford town registrar.<sup>[4]</sup> They were contemporaries who conducted their research in the late nineteenth century, and their research was published posthumously. This article will show that both treatments are incorrect and incomplete. Decades later, Donald Lines Jacobus tried to disentangle various Brown families of Colchester, Connecticut, including Mark’s wife’s family.<sup>[5]</sup> This article will augment Jacobus’s research.

According to Smyth’s research published in the *Register*, Mark Parmelee was born on 25 April 1727 and married Ruth Brown of Colchester on 25 September 1743. Mark would only have been 16 at the time of his marriage, which was not typical.<sup>[6]</sup> Talcott read the year as 1721. A later transcription of the Guilford vital records was completed in 1914 by James N. Arnold and incorporated as part of the Lucius Barnes Barbour Collection.<sup>[7]</sup> Arnold transcribed Mark’s year of birth as 1727.<sup>[8]</sup> A closer examination of the Guilford vital records indicates Mark’s birth is recorded as 1721; it was likely misread as 1727 because of the tail of the “9” in the line above.<sup>[9]</sup> Although Smyth read the year of marriage as 1743, both Talcott and Arnold read it as 1745. The microfilm is faded, but it looks like 1745; as marriages were not entered chronologically, surrounding entries do not help in discerning the exact year.<sup>[10]</sup> They were married in Colchester by Ephraim Little, minister,

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<sup>1</sup> R. D. Smyth, comp., and Bernard C. Steiner, “The Descendants of John Parmelee,” *Register* 53 (1899): 410.

<sup>2</sup> Alvan Talcott, comp., and Jacquelyn L. Ricker, ed., *Families of Early Guilford, Connecticut* (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1984), 950.

<sup>3</sup> Ralph Dunning Smith, comp., and Lewis H. Steiner, ed., *The History of Guilford, Connecticut from Its First Settlement in 1639, From the Manuscripts of Hon. Ralph D. Smith* (Albany, N.Y.: J. Munsell, 1877), 5–6; *Obituary Record of Graduates of Yale College – 1875* (New Haven, Conn.: Yale University, 1875), 175. This man also styled himself as Ralph Dunning Smyth.

<sup>4</sup> Talcott and Ricker, *Families of Early Guilford* [note 2], ix.

<sup>5</sup> Donald Lines Jacobus, “Notes on Browns of Colchester, Conn.,” *The American Genealogist* 35 (1959):127–128, 139–145, 245–246.

<sup>6</sup> Donald Lines Jacobus, *Genealogy as Pastime and Profession*, 2nd rev. ed. (Baltimore: Genealogy Publishing Co., 1968), 23.

<sup>7</sup> Barbour Collection of Connecticut Vital Records, citing Guilford Vital Records, introduction.

<sup>8</sup> Barbour Collection of Connecticut Vital Records, citing Guilford Vital Records, 191.

<sup>9</sup> Guilford, Connecticut, births, marriages, and deaths vol. 2 [FHL DGS 7,731,271, image 261].

<sup>10</sup> Guilford births, marriages, and deaths, vol. 2 [FHL DGS 7,731,271, image 273].

but a record of the marriages he performed in Colchester during this period does not include Mark and Ruth.<sup>[11]</sup>

The names and dates of birth for the children of Mark and Ruth appear to have been taken primarily from the Guilford vital records for both the Smyth and Talcott assemblages. There are several differences between them and even more discrepancies when compared with the Arnold transcription (see Table 1).

**Table 1:** Comparison of names and birthdates for children of Mark and Ruth Parmelee

Ralph D. Smyth's research <sup>[a]</sup>	Alvan Talcott's research <sup>[b]</sup>	James Arnold transcription <sup>[c]</sup>
	Ruth, b. 21 Mar 1746	
Abigail, b. 15 Sep 1744	Abigail, b. 15 Sep	Abigail, b. 15 Sep 17[45]
Huldah, b. 1 May 1745	Huldah, b. 1 May	
	Levi, b. 20 Aug 1748	Levy, b. 20 Aug 1748
Lucy, b. 20 Aug 1748		Lucy (?), b. [20 Aug 1748]
Elizabeth, b. 29 Sep 1751	Elizabeth, b. 29 Sep 1751	Elizabeth, b. 29 Sep 175[1]
Levi, b. 24 Dec 1753	Levi, b. 24 Dec 1753	Levi, b. 24 Dec 1753
Mary, b. 26 May 1754	Mary, b. 26 May 1755	Mary, b. [26 May] 175[4]
a. R. D. Smyth, comp., and Bernard C. Steiner, "The Descendants of John Parmelee," <i>The New England Historical and Genealogical Register</i> 53 (1899), 410. b. Alvan Talcott, comp., and Jacquelyn L. Ricker, ed., <i>Families of Early Guilford, Connecticut</i> (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1984), 950. c. "Connecticut: Vital Records (The Barbour Collection), 1630-1870," database, <i>AmericanAncestors.org</i> , Guilford volume, 187-194.		

Smyth indicates daughter Abigail was born on 15 September 1744, which was 12 months after the marriage date as he reported it. Talcott does not record her year of birth. The Arnold transcription brackets the year 1745, indicating she was born on 15 September and the year was inferred to be 1745. With a marriage date of 25 September 1745 as reported by Talcott and Arnold, this would indicate Mark and Ruth married 10 days after Abigail's birth, which would have been unusual.

Smyth and Talcott both identified a daughter named Huldah born on May 1; Smyth further specified her year of birth as 1745. It is not likely Huldah was born less than eight months after her sister Abigail. The Arnold transcription does not include a daughter named Huldah.

Smyth identified Mark's child born on 20 August 1748 as "Lucy." Talcott identified the child as "Levi." Arnold transcribed this child as "Levy." The entry clearly says "son," indicating it was a male child.<sup>[12]</sup> Therefore, this child would not be a daughter named Lucy. The "Lucy" the Arnold transcription identifies

<sup>11</sup> Frederic W. Bailey, *Early Connecticut Marriages as Found on Ancient Church Records Prior to 1800*, 7 vols. (New Haven, Conn.: Bureau of American Ancestry), 3:97-100; repr. as 1 vol., Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1968).

<sup>12</sup> Guilford, Connecticut, births, marriages, and deaths vol. 2 [FHL DGS 7,731,271, image 285].

as a possible daughter of Mark and Ruth referred to Guilford vital records volume 2, page 79, which was the same page where Abigail was listed. Just under Abigail's name there was another daughter of Mark and Ruth listed at the bottom of the page, but the edge has been eroded over time.<sup>[13]</sup> Smyth and Talcott likely read this daughter as Huldah, but by the time Arnold transcribed it decades later, it was worn away. Perhaps that is why the transcription is listed with a question mark and the date in brackets. Some researchers have incorrectly assumed Lucy and Levi were twins, but the entries are on different pages and recorded at different times.<sup>[14]</sup>

According to Smyth, daughter Mary was born 26 May 1754, a short five months after son Levi. According to Talcott, she was born 26 May 1755, a year and 5 months after Levi. The Arnold transcription appears to be unsure of the entire date based on its use of brackets. The five entries before and the five entries after are all 1755; therefore, Mary was likely born in 1755.

Both genealogical summaries include a death date for Mark's son Levi, who was born in 1753. Smyth reported that he died on 30 May 1764, whereas according to Talcott, he died 30 March 1764. The source was likely a mortality schedule manuscript that is extant, which reads "Mark Parmelee's son," died on 30 March 1764.<sup>[15]</sup> But this was likely an unknown son that died young as Levi survived childhood and lived until 1835, where he died at the age of 82 in Warren, Connecticut.<sup>[16]</sup>

Although it appears that Talcott's access to the original Guilford records in his role as town registrar allowed for a more accurate reading of the records, his treatment of Mark's family is also not without errors. Talcott includes Ruth Parmelee, born 21 March 1746, as Mark's eldest child. Smyth does not include Ruth as Mark's child and there is no Ruth with this birthdate in the Guilford vital records. Ruth's placement in Mark's family is correct, but her the birth year of 1746 is incorrect. It is unclear what additional sources Talcott used to supplement his research aside from the town vital records. An understanding of Mark's life after his residency in Guilford provides additional evidence for his family, including a son that neither genealogical summary included.

### Mark Parmelee's Life After Guilford

Mark's father, Job Parmelee, died in 1765.<sup>[17]</sup> Mark sold all remaining property in Guilford after his father's death and then Mark Parmelee "of Guilford" purchased 50 acres of property in Litchfield, Connecticut later that year.<sup>[18]</sup> He

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<sup>13</sup> Ibid., image 283.

<sup>14</sup> Ibid., images 283, 285.

<sup>15</sup> "Record of mortality, Guilford, 1646–1843," manuscript; New Haven Colony Historical Society, New Haven, Connecticut [FHL DGS 7,833,428, image 24].

<sup>16</sup> Warren Society Church (Warren, Connecticut), 2:60a ["a" meaning upside down from the back of the book], entry for death of Levi Parmelee [FHL DGS 8,200,363, image 167]. The age at death of 82 is consistent with a 1753 birth.

<sup>17</sup> Guilford births, marriages, and deaths vol. 2 [FHL DGS 7,731,271, image 316].

<sup>18</sup> Guilford Deeds, 9:49; 9:55; Litchfield Deeds, 5:479.

continued to buy and sell property in Litchfield through 1776, including a sale to his son Levi for, “Love, Good Will, & Parental Affection.”<sup>[19]</sup>

Mark was active in the Judea Society in Woodbury as early as 1769. This would become the Washington Congregational Church.<sup>[20]</sup> His son Timothy’s 1769 baptism is recorded in Washington, Connecticut.<sup>[21]</sup> The town of Washington was carved from various towns, including Litchfield and Woodbury in 1779.<sup>[22]</sup> Mark lived in the part of Litchfield that eventually became Washington, and he executed land transactions in Washington between 1784 and 1788.<sup>[23]</sup>

While Mark lived in Litchfield, his daughter Ruth Parmelee married Isaac Wedge in 1774.<sup>[24]</sup> Ruth and Isaac were married by Increase Moseley, the same Justice of the Peace in Litchfield who witnessed all eight deeds Mark was a party to in Litchfield between 1765 and 1776.<sup>[25]</sup> Based on census correlation, Ruth was born between 1756 and 1760, not 1746 as Talcott suggested.<sup>[26]</sup> Given a 1774 marriage date, Ruth was likely born closer to 1756.

Mark Parmelee moved to Clarendon, Vermont, where he lived from 1788 until 1795, when he sold his land holdings in Vermont to his son, Timothy Parmelee.<sup>[27]</sup> Mark and Timothy were both enumerated there in 1790.<sup>[28]</sup> Between 1795 and 1800 Mark and Timothy moved back to Litchfield County, Connecticut, this time settling in the town of Warren. Timothy purchased land in Warren in 1797, but there are no deeds in Mark’s name.<sup>[29]</sup>

Warren, Connecticut, carved from the town of Kent in 1786, is where four of Mark’s children lived at the turn of the century: Levi, Timothy, Huldah with her husband Daniel Swan, and Ruth with her husband Isaac Wedge.<sup>[30]</sup> In 1800 Timothy was enumerated one household away from Ruth, who was enumerated one household away from Huldah. Mark and Levi were enumerated next to each other.<sup>[31]</sup>

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<sup>19</sup> Litchfield Deeds, 5:479; 6:266; 7:336; 4:420; 4:423; 8:39; 9:113; 10:33.

<sup>20</sup> First Congregational Church (Washington, Connecticut), v. 1 meetings of the Ecclesiastical Society 1741–1785, 88 [FHL DGS 8,141,618, image 51]. At the time, it was called the Judea Society in Woodbury.

<sup>21</sup> Barbour Collection of Connecticut Vital Records, citing Washington Vital Records, 70.

<sup>22</sup> Connecticut State Library, “Connecticut Town Guides,” *CT State Library* (<https://cdm15019.contentdm.oclc.org/digital/collection/p128501coll2/id/458942> : accessed 20 March 2020).

<sup>23</sup> Washington Deeds, 1:253; 2:111; 3:80. These are deeds in which Mark is selling land located in Washington that he previously purchased in Litchfield.

<sup>24</sup> Kent Vital Records, 2:58 [FHL DGS 7,734,019, image 199], Wedge–Parmelee marriage (1774).

<sup>25</sup> Litchfield Deeds, 5:479; 6:266; 7:336; 4:420; 4:423; 8:39; 9:113; 10:33.

<sup>26</sup> Correlation of age range of eldest female in Isaac Wedge’s household in 1800 and 1810; Ruth headed her own household in 1820 and 1830 (1800 U.S. Census, Warren, Litchfield County, Connecticut, roll 2, p. 815; 1810 U.S. Census, Warren, roll 2, p. 82; 1820 U.S. Census, Warren, roll 1, p. 331; 1830 U.S. Census, Warren, roll 11, p. 373).

<sup>27</sup> Clarendon, Vermont, Deeds, 4:169; 6:38.

<sup>28</sup> 1790 U.S. Census, Clarendon, Rutland County, Vermont, roll 12, p. 233, Mark Parmerly and Timothy Parmerly.

<sup>29</sup> Warren Deeds 3:179. No deeds for Mark Parmelee found searching Grantee index 1786–1927 and Grantor index 1786–1927, is <https://www.warrenct.org/town-clerk>.

<sup>30</sup> See Huldah Parmelee marriage to Daniel Swan (Kent Vital Records, 2:57 [FHL DGS 7,734,019, image 198]), and Ruth Parmelee marriage to Isaac Wedge (Kent Vital Records, 2:58 [FHL DGS 7,734,019, image 199]).

<sup>31</sup> 1800 U.S. Census, Warren, Litchfield County, Connecticut, roll 2, p. 815–816.

Mark Parmelee died in Warren, Connecticut, on 3 December 1808,<sup>[32]</sup> leaving no estate to be probated.<sup>[33]</sup> His widow, likely Ruth (Brown) Parmelee, died in Warren on 17 July 1810.<sup>[34]</sup>

### Ruth Brown's Origins

Smyth named Mark's wife as, "Ruth Brown of Colchester," and provided no additional details on her parentage; Talcott simply listed her name. Donald Lines Jacobus, however, published genealogies of unrelated Brown families that migrated to Colchester which provided evidence of Ruth Brown's origins.<sup>[35]</sup>

Town records indicate Ruth Brown, daughter of Samuel Brown, was born on 2 November 1726.<sup>[36]</sup> Jacobus noted that there were three men named Samuel Brown in Colchester in the early 1700s.<sup>[37]</sup> Even though town records record marriages and births, it is difficult to determine which Samuel Brown is associated with which record. Correlating town records with land records prove that Ruth Brown, wife of Mark Parmelee, was the daughter of Samuel Brown, son of Thomas Brown.

Jacobus identified two wives and six children associated with Samuel Brown, son of Thomas Brown.<sup>[38]</sup> There is a separate list of four children that Jacobus speculated might also belong to this Samuel Brown.<sup>[39]</sup> The following deeds confirm that one Samuel Brown fathered nine children, including the Ruth Brown who married Mark Parmelee:

- On 27 November 1716, Thomas Brown of Colchester gave to his, "well beloved Son Samuel Brown of Colchester" 30 acres to him and his "heirs of his body lawfully Begoton forever."<sup>[40]</sup>
- On 28 July 1743, Samuel Brown gave 30 acres to David Brown, "for the consideration of the love & good Will I bare to my Dutifull Son David Brown . . . portion of the Lands given to me by my Hon.d father late of said Colchester Decd to be disposed of to my Sons . . . Deed of Gift from my sd father Dated 27th Day of Novm AD 1716."<sup>[41]</sup>
- On the same day, David Brown sold this land to Hezekiah Kilborn for 230 pounds.<sup>[42]</sup>

<sup>32</sup> Warren Society Church (Warren, Connecticut), 2:5a ["a" meaning upside down from the back of the book], entry for death of Mark Parmeley [FHL DGS 8,200,363, image 193].

<sup>33</sup> Based on a page-by-page review for one year after Mark's death of Litchfield, Connecticut, District Probate, probate record books, vol 8 [FHL DGS 7,627,335, images 191–258]. The probate court minute book is not indexed.

<sup>34</sup> Warren Society Church (Warren, Connecticut), 2:7a ["a" meaning upside down from the back of the book], entry for death of "Wife of Mark Parmeley" [FHL DGS 8,200,363, image 192]. No given name is specified to confirm this is Ruth and not an unknown second wife.

<sup>35</sup> Jacobus, "Notes on Browns of Colchester" [note 5], *The American Genealogist* 35:127–128, 139–145, 245–246.

<sup>36</sup> Colchester Deeds, 3:8 [FHL DGS 7,833,556, image 30].

<sup>37</sup> Jacobus, "Notes on Browns of Colchester," [note 5], *The American Genealogist* 35:142.

<sup>38</sup> *Ibid.* *The American Genealogist* 35:127–128.

<sup>39</sup> *Ibid.*, *The American Genealogist* 35:142–143.

<sup>40</sup> Colchester Deeds, 2:189 [FHL DGS 8,140,486, image 397].

<sup>41</sup> Colchester Deeds, 4:233 [FHL DGS 7,833,556, image 385].

<sup>42</sup> Colchester Deeds, 4:138 [FHL DGS 7,833,556, image 337].



- On 27 April 1749, Daniel Brown of Lime, Samuel Brown of Bolton, and Thomas Brown of Fairfield for 230 pounds quitclaimed to Hezekiah Kilborn any claim they might have on the land where Hezekiah now lived. The land description is the same 30 acres that Samuel Brown gave to his son David in 1743 and that David sold to Hezekiah Kilborn. Mark Parmele was a witness.<sup>[43]</sup>
- On 17 May 1749, Elisha Smith and Elisabeth his wife of Fairfield; John Smith and Keziah his wife of Fairfield; and Mark Parmele & Ruth his wife of Guilford quitclaim to Hezekiah Kilborn any claim they might have on the land where Hezekiah now lives. The deed specifies, “Elisa Ruth & Keziah are the Daughters & Coheirs of Samuel Brown Late of Colchester.” The land description is the same 30 acres that Samuel Brown gave to son David in 1743 and that David sold to Hezekiah Kilborn.

These deeds imply that David, Daniel, Samuel, Thomas, Elizabeth, Ruth, and Keziah were all the, “heirs of his [Samuel’s] body lawfully Begoton.” The only surviving child listed in the genealogical summary that is not contemplated in these deeds is Amos Brown, who would not have reached full age until 1751. However, another deed proves he was Samuel’s son.<sup>[44]</sup>

Town records note a 1724 marriage between Samuel Brown and Mercy Brown in Colchester.<sup>[45]</sup> Some have speculated that she was a third wife of Samuel Brown, son of Thomas, and was the mother of his last four children. This is incorrect, however. Samuel Brown married Priscilla Kent of Suffield in 1715.<sup>[46]</sup> She was the daughter of Samuel Kent.<sup>[47]</sup> Samuel Kent included her in the will he wrote in 1737, after the birth of Priscilla’s last child, Amos Brown.<sup>[48]</sup>

## Genealogical Summary

**1. SAMUEL BROWN** was born in Westfield, Massachusetts, 8 June 1692, son of Thomas and Hannah (Lee) Brown.<sup>[49]</sup> He died before 17 May 1749, when he was referred to as “Samuel Brown late of Colchester Dec<sup>d</sup>”<sup>[50]</sup> He married first

<sup>43</sup> Colchester Deeds, 6:358 [FHL DGS 8,140,487, image 475].

<sup>44</sup> Colchester Deeds, 6:114 [FHL DGS 2,840,487, image 346].

<sup>45</sup> Colchester Deeds, 2 II:444 [FHL DGS 8,140,486, image 530].

<sup>46</sup> Suffield, Connecticut, Vital Records, 1:161 [FHL DGS 7,730,434, image 82. This is their intention, dated 12 March 1714/5. Suffield was part of Massachusetts at the time of the marriage. See also Suffield, Connecticut, “Suffield Record – Births, Marriages, and Deaths Vol. 1” p. 38 [FHL DGS 7,730,434, image 145; this appears to be a transcription]. The Suffield record of their intention and marriage are in the Barbour Collection of Connecticut Vital Records, citing Suffield Vital Records, 144.

The Colchester record of their marriage is in Colchester Meeting Town Records, 4 vols. (1697–1729), 1:198; digital image, Connecticut State Library, Main Vault 974.62 C671. Also numbered as page 190.

<sup>47</sup> “Family History of Samuel Kent,” online at [www.suffieldhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.suffieldhistoricalsociety.org); L. Vernon Briggs, *Genealogies of the Different Families Bearing the Name of Kent in the United States* (Boston: Rockwell and Churchill Press, 1898), 162.

<sup>48</sup> Hampshire County, Massachusetts, Samuel Kent probate file (1740), case 82–34, box Hampshire 82. See also *Hampshire County, MA: Probate File Papers, 1660–1889*, on [AmericanAncestors.org](http://AmericanAncestors.org).

<sup>49</sup> Jacobus, “Notes on Browns of Colchester, Conn.,” [note 5], *The American Genealogist* 35:127.

<sup>50</sup> Colchester Deeds, 6:38 [FHL DGS 8,140,487, image 306].

in Colchester 12 May 1713, **ELIZABETH COLLINS**,<sup>[51]</sup> daughter of Benjamin<sup>2</sup> (*Henry*<sup>1</sup>) and Elizabeth (Leach) (Putnam) Collins.<sup>[52]</sup> She died in Colchester on 2 July 1714.<sup>[53]</sup> He married second in Colchester on 11 April 1715 or in Suffield on 12 April 1715, **PRISCILLA KENT**, born in Suffield 24 February 1694/5, daughter of Samuel<sup>2</sup> (*Thomas*<sup>1</sup>) and Priscilla (Hunter) Kent.<sup>[54]</sup>

Known child of Samuel and Elizabeth (Collins) Brown, born in Colchester:

- i. DANIEL BROWN, b. 12 June 1714.<sup>[55]</sup>

Known children of Samuel and Priscilla (Kent) Brown, all born in Colchester:

- ii. DAVID BROWN, b. 29 March 1716.<sup>[56]</sup>
- iii. SAMUEL BROWN, b. 12 Dec. 1718; d. Guilford, Conn., 5 Oct. 1719.<sup>[57]</sup>
- iv. ELIZABETH BROWN, b. 16 Nov. 1720.<sup>[58]</sup>
- v. SAMUEL BROWN, b. 10 March 1723.<sup>[59]</sup>
- vi. THOMAS BROWN, b. 9 Nov. 1724.<sup>[60]</sup>
- 2 vii. RUTH BROWN, b. 2 Nov. 1726.<sup>[61]</sup>
- viii. KEZIAH BROWN, b. 5 Dec. 1728.<sup>[62]</sup>
- ix. AMOS BROWN, b. 1 Dec. 1730.<sup>[63]</sup>

**2. RUTH BROWN**, daughter of Samuel and Priscilla (Kent) Brown was born in Colchester, Connecticut, on 2 November 1726,<sup>[64]</sup> and she died in Warren, Connecticut, on 17 July 1810.<sup>[65]</sup> She married in Colchester on 25 September 1745, **MARK PARMELEE**.<sup>[66]</sup> He was born in Guilford, Connecticut, on

<sup>51</sup> Colchester Meeting Town Records, 4 vols. (1697–1729), 1:196; digital image, Connecticut State Library, Main Vault 974.62 C671. Also numbered as p. 189.

<sup>52</sup> Jacobus, “Notes on Browns of Colchester, Conn.” [note 5], *The American Genealogist* 35:246; Frederick W. Wead, “The Family of Nathaniel<sup>2</sup> Kirtland,” *The American Genealogist* 36 (1850):90–91; Robert Charles Anderson, George F. Sanborn, Jr. and Melinde Lutz Sanborn, *The Great Migration: Immigrants to New England, 1634–1635, Volume II, C–F* (Boston): NEHGS, 2001), 164–169 (Henry Collins).

<sup>53</sup> Colchester Meeting Town Records, 4 vols. (1697–1729), 1:198; digital image, Connecticut State Library, Main Vault 974.62 C671. Also numbered as page 190.

<sup>54</sup> “Family History of Samuel Kent,” online at [www.suffieldhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.suffieldhistoricalsociety.org); Briggs, *Families Bearing the Name of Kent* [note 47], 162.

<sup>55</sup> Colchester Meeting Town Records, 4 vols. (1697–1729), 1:198; digital image, Connecticut State Library, Main Vault 974.62 C671. Also numbered as page 190.

<sup>56</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>57</sup> Colchester Meeting Town Records, 4 vols. (1697–1729), 1:196; digital image, Connecticut State Library, Main Vault 974.62 C671. Also numbered as p. 189.

<sup>58</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>59</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>60</sup> Colchester Deeds, 3:8 [FHL DGS 7,833,556, image 30].

<sup>61</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>62</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>63</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>64</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>65</sup> Warren Society Church (Warren, Connecticut), 2:7a [“a” meaning upside down from the back of the book], entry for death of “Wife of Mark Parmeley” [FHL DGS 8,200,363, image 192].

<sup>66</sup> Guilford births, marriages, and deaths vol. 2 [FHL DGS 7,731,271, image 273].

25 April 1721,<sup>[67]</sup> son of Job<sup>3</sup> (*John*<sup>2-1</sup>) and Betty (Edwards) Parmelee. He died in Warren on 3 December 1808.<sup>[68]</sup>

Known children of Mark and Ruth (Brown) Parmelee; all but the last likely born in Guilford (order uncertain):

- i. ABIGAIL PARMELEE, b. 15 Sept. [1746?];<sup>[69]</sup> m. Madison, Conn., 9 April 1764, DEMETRIUS CRAMPTON.<sup>[70]</sup>
- ii. LEVI PARMELEE, b. 20 Aug. 1748;<sup>[71]</sup> d. probably Guilford, 20 Aug. 1751.<sup>[72]</sup>
- iii. ELIZABETH PARMELEE, b. 29 Sept. 175[?].<sup>[73]</sup>
- iv. LEVI PARMELEE, b. 24 Dec. 1753;<sup>[74]</sup> d. Warren 17 Jan. 1835.<sup>[75]</sup> m. Litchfield, Conn., 18 Feb. 1775, SARAH SWAN.<sup>[76]</sup>
- v. MARY PARMELEE, b. 26 May 1755.<sup>[77]</sup>
- vi. RUTH PARMELEE, b. 1756–1760;<sup>[78]</sup> d. likely Warren, after 2 Sept. 1830;<sup>[79]</sup> m. Kent, Conn., 10 Oct. 1774, ISAAC WEDGE.<sup>[80]</sup>
- vii. HULDAH PARMELEE, b. 1 May;<sup>[81]</sup> m. Kent 17 Feb. 1775, DANIEL SWAN.<sup>[82]</sup>
- viii. Unknown male PARMELEE, d. Guilford 30 March 1764.<sup>[83]</sup>
- ix. TIMOTHY PARMELEE, bp. likely in Woodbury, Conn., on 5 Feb. 1769.<sup>84</sup>

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<sup>67</sup> Ibid., image 261.

<sup>68</sup> Warren Society Church (Warren, Connecticut), 2:5a [“a” meaning upside down from the back of the book], entry for death of Mark Parmeley [FHL DGS 8,200,363, image 193].

<sup>69</sup> Guilford births, marriages, and deaths vol. 2 [FHL 7,731,271, image 283]. A 1746 birth would be consistent with other births recorded on the page and with a 1745 marriage.

<sup>70</sup> North Madison Congregational Church (Madison, Connecticut), church records vol. 1, p. 140 [FHL DGS 8,616,668, image 79].

<sup>71</sup> Guilford births, marriages, and deaths vol. 2 [FHL DGS 7,731,271, image 285].

<sup>72</sup> “Record of mortality, Guilford, 1646–1843,” manuscript; New Haven Colony Historical Society, New Haven, Connecticut [FHL 7,833,428, image 21]. This indicates an unnamed child of Mark Parmelee died on this date.

<sup>73</sup> Guilford births, marriages, and deaths vol. 2 [FHL DGS 7,731,271, image 287].

<sup>74</sup> Ibid., image 291.

<sup>75</sup> Warren Society Church (Warren, Connecticut), 2:60a [“a” meaning upside down from the back of the book], entry for death of Levi Parmelee [FHL DGS 8,200,363, image 167].

<sup>76</sup> Litchfield Town Records, vol. 1, p. 113 [FHL DGS 7,734,299, image 127].

<sup>77</sup> Guilford births, marriages, and deaths vol. 2 [FHL DGS 7,731,271, image 291].

<sup>78</sup> Approximate year of birth is based age range of eldest female in Isaac Wedge’s household in 1800 and 1810; Ruth headed her own household in 1820 and 1830. See note 26.

<sup>79</sup> Warren Deeds, 7:238, Ruth quitclaimed land to son Lyman Wedge.

<sup>80</sup> Kent Vital Records, 2:58 [FHL DGS 7,734,019, image 199].

<sup>81</sup> Smyth and Steiner, “Descendants of John Parmelee,” [note 1], *Register* 53:409–410, and Talcott and Ricker, *Families of Early Guilford* [note 2], 950. Not legible today, but as both Smyth and Talcott agree on the name, day, and month, it was likely legible in the 1800s.

<sup>82</sup> Kent Vital Records, 2:57 [FHL DGS 7,734,019, image 198].

<sup>83</sup> “Record of mortality, Guilford, 1646–1843,” manuscript; New Haven Colony Historical Society, New Haven, Connecticut [FHL DGS 7,833,428, image 24].

<sup>84</sup> Barbour Collection of Connecticut Vital Records, citing Washington Vital Records, 70.

# Samuel Mills of Dedham, Massachusetts, and His Descendants

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[Editor: The author prepared a paper with more detail on Samuel Mills's descendants in the third generation and beyond, planned to be presented in Special Collections, online at [AmericanAncestors.org](http://AmericanAncestors.org) and on [FamilySearch.org](http://FamilySearch.org).]

There are three earlier compilations of material on descendants of Samuel Mills of Dedham. The first, by William Prescott Greenlaw, is a manuscript in the R. Stanton Avery Special Collections Department of the New England Historic Genealogical Society [NEHGS], "Descendants of Samuel Mills" Mss A 4650 (1921). The second is "A Genealogy of the Mills Families of Needham with Chart of the Fuller Families with Historical Data, 1619–1953," compiled by Frederic A. Jones in 1953, also in the Special Collections Department, Mss A 9414. The third, by Betty Post, began with Greenlaw as her source and continued into Vermont, published as *Early Mills Families of Vermont* (Lakewood, Colo.: the author, 1992).

**1. SAMUEL<sup>1</sup> MILLS** was born in England, about 1619. The earliest known trace of him in New England was recorded about November 1640 when Thomas Lechford, among other court records, wrote

Samuell Milles of Weymouth in New England aged about 21 years servant of Mr. Henry Waltham sworne saith upon his oath that about two months since Morgan Craver singing in the mill house by the fire one of Scituate came into the house . . .<sup>[1]</sup>

Samuel died in Dedham on 7 January 1694/5.<sup>[2]</sup> He married first in Dedham on the 11th of the 1st month [March] 1644/5, **FRANCES PIMBROOK**<sup>[3]</sup> who died in Dedham on 14 May 1684.<sup>[4]</sup> Samuel then married second in Dedham on 3 February 1684[/5], Mary Twitchell,<sup>[5]</sup> probably **MARY (RIGGS) TWITCHELL**. One might think she was Mary, born in Dorchester 1 September 1658, or Marie,

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<sup>1</sup> *Note-book Kept by Thomas Lechford, Esq., Lawyer, in Boston, Massachusetts Bay, from June 27, 1638, to July 29, 1641*, Edward Everett Hale, Jr., ed. (Cambridge, Mass.: J. Wilson and Son, 1885, repr. Picton Press: Camden, Maine, 1988), 373. Unfortunately, Henry Waltham's origins are unknown (Robert Charles Anderson, *The Great Migration: Immigrants to New England 1634–1635, Volume V, M–P* [Boston: NEHGS, 2007], 209–216).

<sup>2</sup> Don Gleason Hill, *The Record of Births, Marriages and Deaths and Intentions of Marriage in the Town of Dedham, Volumes 1 & 2, with an Appendix Containing Records of Marriages before 1800, Returned from Other Towns, under the Statute of 1857, 1635–1845* (Dedham, Mass.: Dedham Transcript, 1886), 25.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, 126.

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.*, 20.

<sup>5</sup> *Ibid.*

born in Medfield, Massachusetts, in 1667, both daughters of Benjamin and Mary (Riggs) Twitchell,<sup>[6]</sup> although it seems unlikely that Samuel married a woman so much younger than himself. It has been suggested that Benjamin Twitchell, baptized in Chesham, Buckinghamshire, on 10 June 1599, was probably killed by the Indians in Medfield in 1675/6,<sup>[7]</sup> but he actually died in Sherborn, Massachusetts, on 17 December 1681.<sup>[8]</sup> Thus it seems most likely that Samuel Mills's second wife was Mary (Riggs) Twitchell, baptized in Nazeing, Essex, 1 July 1622, daughter of Edward and Elizabeth (Holmes) Riggs, and widow of Benjamin Twitchell.<sup>[9]</sup> She died in Dedham on 30 October 1694.<sup>[10]</sup>

Samuel is said to have been a "townsman" in Dedham as of "11-11-1644."<sup>[11]</sup> Samuel must have joined the church because he was made a freeman in May 1645.<sup>[12]</sup> On the 16th of the 7th month [September] 1647, Samuel Mills of Dedham granted to Thomas Dudley of Roxbury, Esq., 12 acres of fenced-in land in Dedham "whereof 4 Acres are broken vp," lying on the south side of the Charles River near Mr. Parker's farm on the south. The condition (revealing that this was a mortgage) was that Mills should pay Thomas £8, i.e. 20s in "good dry cleane wheate the first of May next coming" and 20s in "good butter well salted . . . putt vp in a vessell the 16th of September 1648" and to pay the same each May and September for three years, "& if he will he may pay halfe cheese instead of butter."<sup>[13]</sup>

Dedham town records show "Sam<sup>ll</sup> Milles" paying taxes in 1659 and in many years thereafter.<sup>[14]</sup> On 18 July 1660, the town granted "libertie" to Samuel "to take his deuision in a pcell of land need about the falles."<sup>[15]</sup>

On "31:1:69" [31 March 1669] at a town meeting "Samll Mills came this daye, desiring that himselfe, and some other neighbours might have libertie to build a Carte Bridge over Charles River at that place where passage haue bene used to be made by Canooes, and that Liberty also might be giuen

<sup>6</sup> Ralph Emerson Twitchell, *Genealogy of the Twitchell Family* (New York: the author, 1929), 4.

<sup>7</sup> *Ibid.*, 1–2.

<sup>8</sup> Suffolk County Probate, File 1208, Benjamin Twitchell, Sherborne, inventory dated 29 December 1685. He died 17 December 1781; son Joseph posted bond 29 December 1681.

<sup>9</sup> Twitchell, *Twitchell* [note 6], 4; Robert Charles Anderson, *The Great Migration Begins: Immigrants to New England, 1620–1633*, 3 vols. (Boston: NEHGS, 1995), 3:1584.

<sup>10</sup> Hill, *Births, Marriages, Deaths, Intentions, Dedham* [note 2], 25, "the wife Samuell Mills"; William Richard Cutter, *New England Families Genealogical and Memorial*, 4 vols. (New York: Lewis History Co., 1914), 4:1946.

<sup>11</sup> William Prescott Greenlaw, "Descendants of Samuel Mills," manuscript (1921), in the R. Stanton Avery Special Collections Department of NEHGS, Mss A 4650, image 1 on a scan created by Judith Lucey, Senior Archivist at NEHGS, in January 2021; Cutter, *New England Families* [note 10], 4:1946.

<sup>12</sup> Robert Brand Hanson, *Vital Records of Dedham, Massachusetts, 1635–1845: Revised and Expanded Edition* (Camden, Maine: Picton Press, 1997), 687; Nathaniel B. Shurtleff, *Records of the Governor and Company of the Massachusetts Bay in New England*, 5 vols. (Boston: William White, 1853–1854), 2:294.

<sup>13</sup> *Suffolk Deeds, Liber I* (Boston: Rockwell & Churchill, 1880), 83, image 99, online at FamilySearch.org.

<sup>14</sup> Don Gleason Hill, ed., *The Early Records of the Town of Dedham, Massachusetts, 1659–1673* (Dedham, Mass.; Dedham Transcript, 1894), 33, etc.

<sup>15</sup> *Ibid.*, 22.

them to make vse of Timber in the Common Lands sufficient for the vse. This left to further consideration.”<sup>[16]</sup>

Among other deeds, on 4th day of the tenth month [December] 1674, Samuel Mills of Dedham, yeoman, for love and affection gave 20 acres of upland, meadow, and swamp on the Charles River and the right in two “Cow Commons” in Dedham to his son Benjamin Mills. Benjamin had this deed recorded on 19 February 1694/5, about six weeks after his father’s death.<sup>[17]</sup> On 29 July 1673, 25 April 1676, and 30 July 1678, Samuel Mills served on juries at the Suffolk County Court.<sup>[18]</sup> At the 29 October 1678 session of the Suffolk County Court, Samuel and Benjamin Mills were listed among those who had taken the Oath of Allegiance.<sup>[19]</sup>

A number of deeds from and between Samuel’s descendants refer to land inherited from him. In particular there is a deed dated 4 March 1746/7 from Jonathan Mills of Needham to Joseph Mills of Natick which mentions, among other pieces, his right to a 60-acre lot in Dedham granted to “my great-grandfather Samuel Mills” in 1676, bounding north on the Charles River and south on the line between Medfield and Dedham.<sup>[20]</sup>

On 7 March 1694/5, the Suffolk County Probate Court appointed Benjamin Mills, son of Samuel Mills late of Dedham, administrator on Samuel’s estate. Benjamin posted bond with John Aldis, yeoman and William Deane, carpenter, all of Dedham. The inventory, dated 30 March 1695 and presented in court on 6 June 1695, states that Samuel died in Dedham in January 1694/5, and it totaled £99-10-0. Besides various household items, tools and a mare, there were “The House and Barn, Orchards, Upland and Meadow at home, . . . 15 acres of upland at y<sup>e</sup> old landing place below Kindricks, . . . 2 Cow Common Rights” and “An acre & half of Swamp at thee Brooks & Cedar Swamp.” Oddly however, on 3 February 1699, Benjamin petitioned the court saying that his father had made a will in 1694 and given it to Thomas Batelle of Dedham for safekeeping. Batelle had then given it to William Deane who was now living in Rehoboth, but Deane refused to give it up. Deane was then summoned on 3 February 1699 to appear on 29 February [*sic*, must be 1700, which would be a leap year], but evidently he did not appear.<sup>[21]</sup> Benjamin then instigated a case in the Suffolk County Inferior Court of Common Pleas in April 1700. The court summoned Deane to appear at the Inferior Court of Common Pleas at Boston on the first Tuesday of April in 1700,<sup>[22]</sup> but when the case came up, the petitioner Mills failed to appear.<sup>[23]</sup> Nor is there any indication of how the assets were distributed. The inventory lacks any suggestion of a feminine presence. But it is possible that “Wearing

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<sup>16</sup> *Ibid.* 169.

<sup>17</sup> Suffolk County Deeds, 17:15, acknowledged 12 March 1664/5 and recorded 19 February 1694/5, image 513.

<sup>18</sup> *Records of the Suffolk County Court, 1671–1680*, Publications of the Colonial Society of Massachusetts, vol. 29–30 (Boston: the Society, 1933), 29:270, 680, 924.

<sup>19</sup> *Ibid.*, Publications 29:976.

<sup>20</sup> Suffolk County Deeds, 73:133–134, image 143.

<sup>21</sup> Suffolk County Probate, 13:559, 612; 18 [new series]:23, 25. File 2215.

<sup>22</sup> Suffolk County Court Files, document 4630 [FHL 0,910,807].

<sup>23</sup> Suffolk County, Court of Common Pleas, 1699–1701 [FHL DGS 8,297,325], 38.

Apparrell Linnen and Woollen” could include his wife’s clothing, but it was only valued at £2. On the other hand there was only “one pewter platter, a pint pot and porringer.”

Children of Samuel<sup>1</sup> and Frances (Pimbrook) Mills, born in Dedham:

- i. SAMUEL<sup>2</sup> MILLS, b. 20 1st month [March] 1646 [1645/6];<sup>[24]</sup> bp. 29 March 1646;<sup>[25]</sup> d. “ye next month” “1 of the 2 mo” [April] 1646.<sup>[26]</sup>
- ii. SAMUEL MILLS, d. 15 10th month [Dec.] 1649.<sup>[27]</sup>
- 2 iii. BENJAMIN MILLS, b. 20 1st month [March] 1651 [1650/1],<sup>[28]</sup> bp. 13 2 mo [April] 1651;<sup>[29]</sup> m. (1) MARY THORNE; (2) SARAH TAYLOR.
- iv. ELIZABETH MILLS, b. 10 9th month [Nov.] 1652,<sup>[30]</sup> bp. 5d 10m [Dec.] 1652.<sup>[31]</sup>
- v. STEPHEN MILLS, d. 3 10th month [Dec.] 1653.<sup>[32]</sup>
- vi. SARAH MILLS, b. 5 9th month [Nov.] 1654;<sup>[33]</sup> m. in Dedham 7 6 [month], 1676 SAMUEL BARBER.<sup>[34]</sup> An inventory of the estate of Samuel Barber of Dedham was taken on 29 April 1690, “Sarah Barbur,” administratrix, making her oath.<sup>[35]</sup> On 5 Dec. 1701, Benjamin Mills of Dedham sold land described as bounding on “the heirs of Samuel Barber Late of sd Dedham.<sup>[36]</sup> Thus, he was not the Samuel, son of George and Elizabeth (Clarke) Barbour, b. 6 11 [Jan.] 1646[/7], who m. 22 Dec. 1674, Mary Harding, and d. in Medfield, Mass., 29 Dec. 1736.<sup>[37]</sup>

Sarah Mills’s husband Samuel’s origins are obscure. On 24 Feb. 1672/3 a Samuel Barber was “allowed to sojourn with Michael Metcalf” in Dedham, and on 4 August 1674 he was “allowed to sojourn at Nathaniel Gay’s house for [the] present.”<sup>[38]</sup> Both these items suggest that he was not the son of George Barbour, although he may have been a near relation. A Samuel Barber made his mark [like a “C”] as a witness on a

<sup>24</sup> Hill, *Births, Marriages, Deaths, Intentions, Dedham* [note 2], 3.

<sup>25</sup> Don Gleason Hill, *The Record of the Baptisms, Marriages, and Deaths and Admissions to the Church and Dismissions Therefrom . . . Town of Dedham, Massachusetts 1638–1845 and also All the Epitaphs . . .* (Dedham, Mass.: Dedham Transcript, 1888), 29; Hanson, *Vital Records of Dedham* [note 12], 149.

<sup>26</sup> Hill, *Births, Marriages, Deaths, Intentions, Dedham* [note 2], 128.

<sup>27</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>28</sup> *Ibid.* 5; Cutter, *New England Families* [note 10], 4:1946, says 13 April 1651.

<sup>29</sup> Hill, *Record of the Baptisms . . . Dedham* [note 25], 32, “some of our sister Mills.”

<sup>30</sup> Hill, *Births, Marriages, Deaths, Intentions, Dedham*, 5; Cutter, *New England Families* [note 10], 4:1946, says 5 December 1652.

<sup>31</sup> Hill, *Record of the Baptisms . . . Dedham* [note 25], 33, “daughter of o’ sister Mills.”

<sup>32</sup> Hill, *Births, Marriages, Deaths, Intentions, Dedham* [note 2], 128, spelled “Stefeny Mills.”

<sup>33</sup> *Ibid.*, 6.

<sup>34</sup> *Ibid.*, 14. This name has often been transcribed as “Millens” but the original is rather clearly written “Milles” [Dedham original vital records on FHL 0,593,353].

<sup>35</sup> Suffolk County Probate, File 1724, Samuel Barber, only the inventory; Records 2 (new series):455.

<sup>36</sup> Suffolk County Deeds, 20:590, image 521.

<sup>37</sup> Edmund Dana Barbour, “Descendants of Captain George Barbour of Medfield,” typescript (Boston: 1907), in the R. Stanton Avery Special Collections Department of NEHGS, also online at FamilySearch.org. This erroneously says George married second Sarah Millens.

<sup>38</sup> Hanson, *Vital Records of Dedham*, [12], 494.

deed from Benjamin Mills, Sr., to his son Ebenezer on 28 April 1704.<sup>[39]</sup> This Samuel was probably a son of Samuel and Sarah (Mills) Barber.

A contemporary Sarah Mills married in Dedham on 27 6th month [Aug.] 1678, John Fuller,<sup>[40]</sup> probably the son of Robert Fuller of Dorchester and Dedham, b. 26 Nov. 1649.<sup>[41]</sup> Sarah and “her Father John Mills of Brantery” posted bond on the estate of John Fuller on 24 Dec. 1678.<sup>[42]</sup> Sarah then died on 26 May 1679.<sup>[43]</sup>

Children of Samuel and Sarah (Mills) Barber, born in Dedham:

1. *Hannah Barber*, b. 25 July 1676.<sup>[44]</sup>
2. *Joseph Barber*, b. 9 April 1680.<sup>[45]</sup>
3. *Samuel Barber*, b. 8 Aug. 1683; d. 28 Oct. 1683.<sup>[46]</sup>
4. *Samuel Barber*, b. 26 June 1685.<sup>[47]</sup>
5. *Sarah Barber*, b. 3 April 1687.<sup>[48]</sup>

- vii. REBECCA MILLS, b. 10 2nd month [April] 1657,<sup>[49]</sup> bp. 17 3m [May] 1657;<sup>[50]</sup> m. 5 10th month [Dec.] 1682, SAMUEL RICE,<sup>[51]</sup> b. Dedham ca. 1658, d. Woodstock, Conn., 2 Sept. 1711, son of John and Ann (Hackly) Rice. They went to Woodstock about 1688 or 1689.<sup>[52]</sup>

**2. BENJAMIN<sup>2</sup> MILLS** (*Samuel<sup>1</sup>*), son of Samuel and Frances (Pimbrook) Mills, was born in Dedham on the 20th of the 1st month [March] 1651 [1650/1],<sup>[53]</sup> He died in Needham, Massachusetts, on 18 June 1734.<sup>[54]</sup> He married first in Dedham on the 1st of the 5th month [July] 1674, **MARY THORNE**.<sup>[55]</sup> Given her age at death, she was born about 1653, so she is probably the “Marye

<sup>39</sup> Suffolk County Deeds, 23:208, image 221.

<sup>40</sup> Hill, *Births, Marriages, Deaths, Intentions, Dedham*, [note 2], 17; *Massachusetts, Town and Vital Records, 1620–1988*, original Dedham records, 78, image 20 of 1916, online at Ancestry.com.

<sup>41</sup> William Hyslop Fuller, *Genealogy of Some Descendants of Captain Matthew Fuller, John Fuller of Dedham, John Fuller of Lynn, John Fuller of Ipswich, Robert Fuller of Dorchester and Dedham*, vol. 3 of a series (n.p.: the author, 1914), 247; William Hyslop Fuller . . . (Palmer, Mass.: the author, 1919), 212.

<sup>42</sup> Suffolk County Probate, File 1017, John Fuller; *ibid.*, Records, 12:1, 247; New Series, 1:142.

<sup>43</sup> Hill, *Births, Marriages, Deaths, Intentions, Dedham* [note 2], 15.

<sup>44</sup> *Ibid.*, 14.

<sup>45</sup> *Ibid.*, 17.

<sup>46</sup> *Ibid.*, 19 (birth), 20 (death).

<sup>47</sup> *Ibid.*, 21.

<sup>48</sup> *Ibid.*, 22.

<sup>49</sup> *Ibid.*, 7.

<sup>50</sup> Hill, *Record of the Baptisms . . . Dedham*, [note 25], 34.

<sup>51</sup> Hill, *Births, Marriages, Deaths, Intentions, Dedham* [note 2], 17.

<sup>52</sup> Clarence Winthrop Bowen, *The History of Woodstock, Connecticut, Genealogies of Woodstock Families*, 8 vols. (Worcester, Mass.: American Antiquarian Society, 1943), 8:205-206. Edward F. Everett in “John Rice of Dedham,” *Dedham Historical Register* 9 (1898):5-7, says Samuel Rice’s family is not known. Bowen probably had other evidence not known to Everett.

<sup>53</sup> Hill, *Births, Marriages, Deaths, Intentions, Dedham* [note 2], 5; Cutter, *New England Families* [note 10], 4:1946, says 13 April 1651.

<sup>54</sup> Massachusetts State Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, “Vital Records of Needham, Massachusetts,” typescript (1959) at NEHGS, 146; Robert Brand Hanson, ed., *Vital Records of Needham, Massachusetts, 1711–1845* (Camden, Maine: Picton Press, 1997), 187.

<sup>55</sup> Hill, *Births, Marriages, Deaths, Intentions, Dedham* [note 2], 13.



daughter of our brother Thorne” baptized at the First Church in Boston on the 29th of the 5th month 1655. “Willyam Thorne a laborer” had been admitted to the church there on 17 April 1647, having had children baptized earlier in Roxbury.<sup>[56]</sup> Mary died in Needham on 7 May 1718 aged 65 and was buried in the Old Burying Ground in Needham.<sup>[57]</sup> Benjamin was “of Needham” when he married second in Marlborough, Massachusetts, on 10 November 1718, **SARAH TAYLOR.**<sup>[58]</sup>

On 4 October 1674, Benjamin’s father Samuel gave him 20 acres of upland meadow and swamp on the Charles River in Dedham and the right of two “Cow Commons.”<sup>[59]</sup> In “the next year the town of Dedham granted Benjamin a small parcel adjoining.”<sup>[60]</sup>

This would be the Benjamin Mills credited with £1–3–6 on a list of soldiers under Capt. Thomas Brattle dated 19 October 1675, and he was on a similar list dated 24 August 1676, in a section of names credited to Dedham.<sup>[61]</sup> A list of “Indian Children Put to Service. 1676” included “to Benjamin Mills of Dedham, a boy aged about six yeares named Joseph Spoonant late Marlborow [Marlborough].” He was to be “religiously educated and taught to read the english tounge.”<sup>[62]</sup> Benjamin must have joined the church before 8 May 1678 when he was made a freeman.<sup>[63]</sup>

Apparently it was in 1697, if not before, that Benjamin’s career as a miller developed. Benjamin was called before the Inferior Court of Common Pleas in the January 1698[/9] term to answer to Samuel Parker of Newton “for that the said Benjamin Mills in 1697 did erect a dam across Charles River runing betwixt the townes of Dedham and Newton . . . the natural course of the water stopt . . . arose so high that in ye sd year 1697 and in this present year 1698 it did over flow . . . the meadow ground of the sd Parker lying in Dedham . . . betwixt the upper and lower Falls containing about two acres so that he hath not onely been deprived of the benefit of ye grass that grew thereupon but . . . of a passage to go unto his other meadow and woodland . . .”<sup>[64]</sup>

Benjamin owned considerable land in Dedham, probably most, if not all, in the section which was set off as the new town of Needham in 1711. On 12

<sup>56</sup> Robert J. Dunkle and Ann S. Lainhart, *The Records of the Churches of Boston*, CD-ROM (Boston: NEHGS, 2002). Other baptismal records for William’s children before he joined the church at Boston appear in *Vital Records of Roxbury, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849*, 2 vols. (Salem, Mass.: Essex Institute, 1925), 1:340. One says he was of Muddy River [Brookline] and another “of Boston Church.”

<sup>57</sup> Hanson, *Vital Records of Needham* [note 54], 188, from her gravestone; Charles Curtis Greenwood, *Epitaphs from the Old Burying Ground, Needham, Massachusetts, with Notes* (Dedham: H. H. McQuillen, 1898), 1; photograph of the gravestone online at FindaGrave.com, memorial #60202405.

<sup>58</sup> *Vital Records of Marlborough, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849* (Worcester, Mass.: Franklin P. Rice, 1908), 285; reported to Needham, as in “Needham Marriages,” *Register* 56 (1902):36.

<sup>59</sup> Suffolk County Deeds, 17:15, image 513.

<sup>60</sup> George Kuhn Clarke, *History of Needham, Massachusetts, 1711–1911* (Cambridge, Mass.: University Press, 1912), 44.

<sup>61</sup> George M. Bodge, “Soldiers in King Philip’s War,” *Register* 41 (1887):277–278; *ibid.*, 43 (1889):272.

<sup>62</sup> Joseph Willard, “Indian Children Put to Service. 1676,” *Register* 8 (1854):272.

<sup>63</sup> Shurtleff, *Records of the Governor and Company of Massachusetts Bay* [note 12], 5:538.

<sup>64</sup> Suffolk County Court Files, document 3809 [FHL 0,910,801].

November 1697, Benjamin Mills of Dedham bought from James MacKanab [*sic*] of Dedham 9 acres “as laid out to Daniel Mackia near the lower falls in Dedham.”<sup>[65]</sup> On 31 October 1699, he bought various cow common and sheep rights.<sup>[66]</sup> On 5 December 1701, Benjamin Mills Sen<sup>r</sup> of Dedham sold for £83 to Jonathan Gay of Dedham, “the whole of that tract of land that was in the possession of my Late Hon<sup>d</sup> Father Sam<sup>l</sup> Mills Late of Dedham,” bounded by the Charles River, running along to land “belonging to the heirs of Samuel Barber Late of sd Dedham.”<sup>[67]</sup> [This Samuel Barber was probably the husband of Benjamin’s sister Sarah.] On 2 March 1702/3, Benjamin Mills of Dedham, miller, sold to John Parker 4 acres of upland in Dedham.<sup>[68]</sup> Also on 2 March 1702/3, Benjamin Mills, Sr., miller, for the liberty of taking up 20 acres in Natick Dividend “as by deed under the hand & seal of George Robin will more fully appear,” sold to George Robin of Watertown, planter, 19 acres in Dedham on the Watertown line.<sup>[69]</sup> On 2 May 1704, he sold 100 acres in Dedham, on the Watertown line, to Jonathan Gay,<sup>[70]</sup> and on the same day Jonathan sold Benjamin Mills, miller, 15 acres at the “landing place in Dedham” near Kendrick’s bridge.<sup>[71]</sup>

Benjamin was a surveyor of highways in 1702, ’07, and on July 2, 1705, was licensed by the selectmen of Dedham to keep a public house at the Lower Falls, although most of the Mills land was at the Upper Falls, and east of the present Central Avenue . . . Benjamin, and his son of the same name, repeatedly received the usual bounty of ten shillings for killing a wolf . . .<sup>[72]</sup>

A major deed from Benjamin Sen<sup>r</sup> to his son Benjamin Jun<sup>r</sup> of Dedham, blacksmith, is dated 7 August 1703. In this he conveyed 20 acres of meadow, 6 of upland and swamp and another 6 of upland, 70 rods of “rocky land,” and a third of his sawmill on the Charles River.<sup>[73]</sup> On 18 August 1703, Benjamin Mills, Sen<sup>r</sup> of Dedham, Miller, gave his son Joseph a house and barn with 50 acres bounded northeast by the Charles River, which had been given him by his father, Samuel Mills of Dedham.<sup>[74]</sup> On 28 April 1704, Benjamin gave his son Ebenezer 50 acres in Dedham, part meadow, part upland and swamp. Samuel Barber, probably Benjamin’s nephew, made his mark.<sup>[75]</sup> There are other deeds between Benjamin and his sons that do not mention the relationship. Benjamin gave several more pieces of land to his son Joseph on 12 February 1705/6, with some complex provisions designed to ensure that Joseph was able to take possession of another 20-acre lot. All seven other sons are named in the deed.<sup>[76]</sup> On 6 March 1705/6, Benjamin gave his son William 50 acres in

<sup>65</sup> Suffolk County Deeds, 53:212, image 508, recorded 8 March 1736.

<sup>66</sup> Suffolk County Deeds, 59:215, not recorded until 2 September 1740.

<sup>67</sup> Suffolk County Deeds, 20:590, image 521.

<sup>68</sup> Suffolk County Deeds, 38:17, image 318.

<sup>69</sup> Suffolk County Deeds, 49:21, image 374, recorded 27 August 1734.

<sup>70</sup> Suffolk County Deeds, 21:563, image 844.

<sup>71</sup> Suffolk County Deeds, 23:208, image 221.

<sup>72</sup> Clarke, *Needham* [note 60], 44–45.

<sup>73</sup> Suffolk County Deeds, 23:39, image 49.

<sup>74</sup> Suffolk County Deeds, 22:436, not filmed, viewed at the Massachusetts State Archives.

<sup>75</sup> Suffolk County Deeds, 23:208, image 221.

<sup>76</sup> Suffolk County Deeds, 22:437, not filmed, viewed at the Massachusetts State Archives.

Dedham, bounding north on the Charles River.<sup>[77]</sup> On 6 June 1718, Benjamin, Sr., now of Needham, gave his son Isaac 60 acres of land in Needham.<sup>[78]</sup> And on 10 June he gifted two parcels in Needham, the acreage not specified, to his son Jacob.<sup>[79]</sup> On 6 August, still in 1718, he made a further gift to his son Benjamin, again no acreage given.<sup>[80]</sup>

Benjamin served as one of the first selectmen for the new town of Needham in 1711 and probably served again in 1719 as no “Jr.” appears with his name.<sup>[81]</sup> Benjamin Mills, again without the suffix “Jr.” and sometimes as “Sener,” also served in other offices over the years, as constable in 1712 and again as constable as well as collector and tythingman in 1714 and as surveyor of highways in 1715. In 1713 he was on a “Committee to the Great and General Court” in place of a representative.<sup>[82]</sup> On 16 August 1728, Benjamin Mills testified in Superior Court in Boston regarding a land dispute. Not only the autograph, but the whole document, appears to be in Benjamin’s hand and orthography:<sup>[83]</sup>

Benjamin mills of near seaventy eight years of age testefieth saieth that my farther and I facht wood of the neack of upland and allso to turne Catteal to feading on the aforesaid upland that lies on the wedst Side of the meadow formerly belonging to thomas Paine: and formerly there wase a haye prarie[?] betwene the meadow and the upland: and when this haye feance was dec..ed Thomas Paine: made two peices of Deech: one piece joined to the deich & was the uper end neare the upland: the othere pece feining to a natral Crike tords the lore End of the meadow; and when Thomas Paine was deiching I hapnd to com and see him: and when I had veued the two peceses of dichs: I asked him why he deed not tacke in that . . . corner: as I supposed to be neare six Rods: that is betwene the short dich and the old Cart way: and he said it was not worth a fenceing: then I asked him why he Deid not Deige alitel nearer the upland at the uper Deich: and he ancred that it was as neare as wasse Conuenent and he thought it was bgowns[?] a nouf: and I uary weal Remember that there wase three tackes Stied[?] Sum Rouds be low the natral Crike: that stude betwene Meadcalf and Paine:

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A number of deeds among Benjamin’s children serve to verify their identities. For example, on 5 June 1706, Benjamin Mills, Jr., and Samuel Mills, both of Dedham, for “divers good causes” quitclaimed to their brother Joseph Mills of Dedham their right to a certain messuage given by a “Deed of entailment . . . from our Hon<sup>d</sup> grandfather Samuel Mills . . . unto our father Benjamin Mills of Dedham . . . now in possession of our brother Joseph.” Benjamin, Sr., Jonathan Gay and Ebenezer Mills witnessed. Benjamin, Jr., and Samuel did not acknowledge the deed until 29 November 1710 and it was

<sup>77</sup> Suffolk County Deeds, 55:114, image 414, acknowledge 24 February 1712[/?], recorded 22 November 1737.

<sup>78</sup> Suffolk County Deeds, 34:62, image 354.

<sup>79</sup> Suffolk County Deeds, 35:27, image 37.

<sup>80</sup> Suffolk County Deeds, 71:157, image 167, recorded 8 February 1746.

<sup>81</sup> Clarke, *Needham* [note 60], 648; Needham Old Town Book [FHL 0,968,019], 5, 52.

<sup>82</sup> Needham Old Town Book [FHL 0,968,019], 7, 12–14, 19, 27.

<sup>83</sup> Suffolk County Court Files, document 21919 [FHL 0,913,343].

recorded on 4 November 1715.<sup>[84]</sup> Some years later, on 17 April 1721, Joseph quitclaimed this same right to his brothers Zachariah and Israel and the heirs of his brother Benjamin.<sup>[85]</sup>

On 20 May 1710/1, Benjamin, Jr., sold 50 rods of land on the Charles River and the land where the smith shop stood to his father.<sup>[86]</sup> On the same day, Benjamin, Sr., gave to his son Zechariah Mills of Dedham, blacksmith, several parcels of land in Dedham, including the “rocky land where the smith shop now standeth.”<sup>[87]</sup> On 28 March 1713, Benjamin Sen<sup>r</sup> sold for a “valuable sum” to his son Joseph Mills “land between the towns of Medfield, Wrentham, Mendam [*sic*, Mendon] and Providence . . . being 9 Cow Commons,” etc.<sup>[88]</sup> And on “the last day of April” 1713, he gave another 6 acres to Zachariah.<sup>[89]</sup> On 12 February 1716/7, Benjamin, Sr., of Needham, miller, again for love and affection, gave many pieces of land, including his house, barn “Calash house with one half of my Sawmill, One half of my Corn mill, the Bunching Mills with One half of the Dam that is on Our Side of the River, with half of the Dam” and many other pieces of land to his son Israel Mills of Needham, miller. Mary made her mark.<sup>[90]</sup> On 3 June 1718, Benjamin gave another two tracts of land in Needham to his son Zachariah.<sup>[91]</sup> On 10 June 1718, Benjamin, Sr., of Needham gave his son Jacob two tracts of land there.<sup>[92]</sup> A few weeks later, on 6 August 1718, Benjamin, Sr., gave land, the acreage not specified, to his son Benjamin, miller.<sup>[93]</sup> The family had a custom of marking trees on the boundaries between their land with their initials.

On 18 December 1711, Benjamin was appointed to a committee of nine men assigned to locate a meeting house in Needham. At a March meeting in 1711/2, Benjamin Mills, Sr., was on the committee “to treat with Rev<sup>d</sup> Demming.”<sup>[94]</sup> Benjamin was dismissed from the Dedham church to the Needham church on 6 March 1719/20.<sup>[95]</sup> On 20 December 1731, Benjamin Mills of Needham, miller, gave to his son Isaac Mills “eight of my Cow Commons Rights in undivided or Wast land in the township of Dedham” and his right to five other cow common rights in Dedham, “late the rights of my hon<sup>d</sup> father Samuel Mills.”<sup>[96]</sup>

There is no probate record for Benjamin in Suffolk County. However, two files for his son Israel serve as a good substitute, and the disputed probate of another son, Samuel, provides a good comparison. On 10 November 1735, the

<sup>84</sup> Suffolk County Deeds, 30:62, image 649.

<sup>85</sup> Suffolk County Deeds, 36:93, image 397.

<sup>86</sup> Suffolk County Deeds, 39:266, image 278.

<sup>87</sup> Suffolk County Deeds, 36:92, image 397.

<sup>88</sup> Suffolk County Deeds, 48:299, image 329.

<sup>89</sup> Suffolk County Deeds, 39:267, image 278.

<sup>90</sup> Suffolk County Deeds, 35:30, image 39.

<sup>91</sup> Suffolk County Deeds, 39:266, image 277.

<sup>92</sup> Suffolk County Deeds, 35:27, image 37.

<sup>93</sup> Suffolk County Deeds, 71:157, image 167, not recorded until 8 February 1745, the same day his grandson son Nehemiah recorded the land he received by dividing his father’s estate with his brother Josiah. The deeds probably dealt with the same land, or much of it.

<sup>94</sup> Needham Old Town Book [FHL 0,968,019], 6, 8.

<sup>95</sup> Cutter, *New England Families* [note 10], 4:1946.

<sup>96</sup> Suffolk County Deeds, 47:137, image 489.

probate court directed the selectmen of Needham to determine whether Israel Mills of Needham, miller, was “an Idiot or Non Compos person . . . Uncapable of managing his own affairs.” The report back on 5 December 1735, signed by Robert Fuller [his son Benjamin’s widow’s second husband], Zechariah Mills [his brother], and Jonathan Huntting said he was not capable. Zechariah and another brother, William, were appointed guardians on 6 December 1735. An inventory, totalling £764-5-6, revealed that Israel owned considerable land and other assets. Then on 28 April 1737, there was some objection to Zechariah’s and William’s management. On 1 January 1737[8], Ebenezer Woodward and Michael Dwight of Dedham and William Mills of Needham posted bond, and another inventory was taken on 6 February 1737[8].<sup>[97]</sup>

However, when Israel died in 1752, a whole new file was started. On 29 May 1752, the court appointed Zechariah administrator. On 27 April 1753, the estate was divided among brothers William, Zechariah, Isaac, and the heirs of brothers Benjamin and Joseph. Items sold at a “Publick Sale” were itemized.<sup>[98]</sup>

The son Samuel’s probate dragged on for years. On 12 December 1733, his brothers William Mills of Needham as administrator and Isaac Mills of Needham and Michael Dwight of Dedham as sureties posted bond. An inventory dated 2 March 1734 totaled £611-19-5. On 16 March 1736, Zachariah, Isaac, Nehemiah (son of Benjamin), and Josiah all objected to William’s account that the judge had allowed on 25 April 1735, claiming that many of the items were not supported by proper vouchers and others were “extravagantly charged.” A division was made on 27 April 1739 and another division on 7 June 1749, but on 27 December 1749 Nathaniel Dewing of Weston, who had bought some of the shares, with Isaac and Jacob Mills, appealed again. The final outcome is not apparent, but clearly many pieces of land in Needham were in dispute.<sup>[99]</sup> There are many deeds and a number of court cases in Suffolk County records, but it does not seem necessary to describe them all as the structure of the family is not in doubt.

After Benjamin’s death his widow moved to Southborough in Worcester County where she brought suit against his son Israel. About the first of July 1734 (about two weeks after Benjamin’s death) she “was possessed of two cows about eight years old of a Dark spotted colour both of the value of twenty four pound, one Large Brass Kettle of the value of Eight pounds, all of the value of thirty two pounds as of her own estate and casually lost them and they came into the def<sup>t</sup> Hands and he knew them to be the plant yet the Def<sup>t</sup> at a place called Needham in Southborough [*sic*] aforesaid Converted them to his own use.” On 13 August 1735, the jury awarded Israel costs of court, but Sarah appealed to the next Superior Court of Judicature, saying she had not expected any opposition so had not summoned witnesses. Various witnesses testified that Benjamin had often said that they were his wife’s cows, and that the kettle was his. Benjamin’s son Zechariah said that they were “the produce of the

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<sup>97</sup> Suffolk County Probate, File 6795, Israel Mills; also in Records 19 [new series]:50–57; 32:281, 378; 33:396.

<sup>98</sup> Suffolk County Probate, File 10055, Israel Mills; also Records, 46:205, 279; 47:528; 48:66.

<sup>99</sup> Suffolk County Probate, File 6512, Samuel Mills; also Records, New Series 17:442-450 and 42:471.

Stock of Catt<sup>ll</sup> which my Hon<sup>rd</sup> Mother in Law [i.e., stepmother] brought with her about the time of her marriage.” The papers even include the Marlborough Town Clerk, James Woods’s, testimony of Benjamin and Sarah’s marriage. The Superior Court awarded Sarah £28 and £12-1-6 costs, which were paid by Israel’s brother William.<sup>[100]</sup>

Children of Benjamin<sup>2</sup> and Mary (Thorne) Mills, all born in Dedham:

- i. BENJAMIN<sup>3</sup> MILLS, b. 7 4th month [June] 1675;<sup>[101]</sup> d. Needham 10 Sept. 1720 aged 46, bur. Old Burying Ground, Needham;<sup>[102]</sup> m. ca. 1711 SARAH LEARNED.<sup>[103]</sup> On 14 Oct. 1728, Benjamin and Sarah’s son Josiah chose “my uncle Ebenezer Learned of Oxford” his guardian. This must be Col. Ebenezer<sup>4</sup> (*Isaac*<sup>3-2</sup>, *William*<sup>1</sup>) Learned who d. in Oxford, Mass.<sup>[104]</sup> Thus, Sarah (Learned) Mills was Sarah<sup>4</sup>, b. Sherborn, Mass., 6 March 1682, daughter of Isaac<sup>3</sup> (*Isaac*<sup>2</sup>, *William*<sup>1</sup>) and Sarah (Bigelow) Learned.<sup>[105]</sup>
- ii. MARY MILLS, b. 25 2nd month [April] 1677;<sup>[106]</sup> d. 6 May 1677.<sup>[107]</sup>
- iii. SAMUEL MILLS, b. 7 March 1677/8;<sup>[108]</sup> d. 4 Nov. 1733;<sup>[109]</sup> unmarried. Suffolk Co. Court files contain many papers relating to his dispute with Josiah Smith over 24 acres of swampy land,<sup>[110]</sup> and Samuel’s estate was the subject of prolonged litigation (see above).
- iv. JOSEPH MILLS, b. 10 1st month [March] 1680;<sup>[111]</sup> d. Needham 14 Dec. 1745;<sup>[112]</sup> m. Dedham 1 May 1706, HANNAH GAY,<sup>[113]</sup> b. Dedham 12 March 1683/4, daughter of Jonathan and Mary (Bullard) Gay.<sup>[114]</sup>

<sup>100</sup> Suffolk County Court Files, document file 40393 [FHL 0,913,648 (18 papers)], the execution on 42455 [FHL 0,913,800]; Worcester County Court of Common Pleas, Proceedings & Executions, 1731–1737, 1:203 [FHL 0,838,526].

<sup>101</sup> Hill, *Births, Marriages, Deaths, Intentions, Dedham* [note 2], 14.

<sup>102</sup> Greenwood, Old Burying Ground, 2; Hanson, *Vital Records of Needham*, [note 54], 187; photograph of the gravestone online at FindaGrave.com, memorial #60202082.

<sup>103</sup> First child was born 24 August 1712 (Hanson, *Vital Records of Needham* [note 54], 70).

<sup>104</sup> Suffolk County Probate, File 4754, Records, 13 [new series]:22, 24; 26:463, Josiah Mills’s guardianship, 1712. Suffolk County Probate, Josiah Mills’ guardianship, File 4754, Records, 13 [new series]:22, 24; 26:463; William Law Learned, *The Learned Family* (Albany: J. Munsell’s Sons, 1882), 27–30.

<sup>105</sup> *Vital Records of Sherborn, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* (Boston: NEHGS, 1911), 59 (birth), 149 (parents’ marriage); Learned, *Learned Family* [note 104], 17–18. The family moved to Framingham where Isaac died on 15 Sept. 1737 (*Vital Records of Framingham, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* [Boston: NEHGS, 1911], 448). See also William Barry, *A History of Framingham, Massachusetts* (Boston: James Munro & Co., 1847), 315, names Sarah but with no husband.

<sup>106</sup> Hill, *Births, Marriages, Deaths, Intentions, Dedham* [note 2], 14.

<sup>107</sup> *Ibid.*, 15.

<sup>108</sup> *Ibid.*, 16.

<sup>109</sup> Hanson, *Vital Records of Needham* [note 54], 189.

<sup>110</sup> Beginning with the grant to Samuel in 1705 (Suffolk County Court Files, 6385 [FHL 0,911,430]).

<sup>111</sup> Hill, *Births, Marriages, Deaths, Intentions, Dedham* [note 2], 19, in a group after 1684.

<sup>112</sup> An inquisition decided that he “came to his Death in the course of Divine Providence in a fainting Fit at His work near his Dwelling in Needham” (Suffolk County Court Files, document 61274 [FHL 914,447]).

<sup>113</sup> Hill, *Births, Marriages, Deaths, Intentions, Dedham* [note 2], 36.

<sup>114</sup> *Ibid.*, 19; Joseph Mills’s probate (see below); Frederick Lewis Gay, “John Gay, of Dedham, Massachusetts, and Some of his Descendants,” *Register* 33 (1879):46; Hill, *Births, Marriages,*

- v. WILLIAM MILLS, b. 2 May 1682;<sup>[115]</sup> d. Needham 9 July 1759;<sup>[116]</sup> m. (1) 28 May 1714, MARY WARE;<sup>[117]</sup> b. 6 April 1691, daughter of Ebenezer and Martha (Herring) Ware. Mary must have d. in 1722 or 1723, and William m. (2) at the Second Church in Roxbury, Mass., 17 June 1724, MARY (MOREY) WATSON,<sup>[118]</sup> b. Roxbury 11 Aug. 1682,<sup>[119]</sup> bp. there 20 Aug. 1682,<sup>[120]</sup> daughter of Thomas and Susanna (Newell) Morey, and widow of Charles Watson. Mary d. in Needham 3 Oct. 1759.<sup>[121]</sup>
- vi. EBENEZER MILLS, b. 12 5th month [July] 1684;<sup>[122]</sup> d. perhaps Needham 1731–1733 as he was in court in 1731 but is not mentioned in his brother Samuel's 1733 probate file (see above). Ebenezer left no probate in Suffolk Co. He was often a defendant in court, several times in cases involving sheep and lambs, but he was never a plaintiff.<sup>[123]</sup>
- vii. MARY MILLS, b. 29 Dec. 1686;<sup>[124]</sup> d. Dedham 5 Nov. 1694.<sup>[125]</sup>
- viii. ZECHARIAH MILLS, b. 3 June 1689;<sup>[126]</sup> m. ca. 1719 MARGARET KENDRICK,<sup>[127]</sup> b. Newton 15 Nov. 1696, daughter of John and Esther (Hall) Kendrick,<sup>[128]</sup> d. Newton, Mass., in Feb. 1771;<sup>[129]</sup> He is called Zachary in Greenlaw, "Descendants of Samuel Mills" [note 11], image 4.
- ix. ISRAEL MILLS, b. say 1692,<sup>[130]</sup> d. Needham 15 April 1752;<sup>[131]</sup> unmarried. See the discussion of his probate records above. On 12 Feb. 1716/7, Israel's parents gave him a great deal of property, his dwelling house,

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*Deaths, Intentions, Dedham* [note 2], 17 (parents' marriage); Bowen, *History of Woodstock* [note 52], 5:299.

<sup>115</sup> Hill, *Births, Marriages, Deaths, Intentions, Dedham* [note 2], 18.

<sup>116</sup> First Church records as in George Kuhn Clarke, "Deaths Recorded by the Rev. Jonathan Townsend, A.M., Minister of the First Church in Needham, 1749–1762," *Register* 56 (1902):269.

<sup>117</sup> Emma F. Ware, "Genealogy of Robert Ware of Dedham, Mass.," *Register* 41 (1887):29–30; Clarke, *Needham*, [note 60], 50.

<sup>118</sup> *Vital Records of Roxbury* [note 56], 2:282; "Second Church of Roxbury," in Dunkle and Lainhart, *Records of the Churches of Boston* [note 56]. Mary Watson's identity as William's second wife is supported by Suffolk County Deeds, 81:251.

<sup>119</sup> *Vital Records of Roxbury* [note 56], 1:251 (birth as Mory or Morey), 2:289 (parents' marriage). Thomas Morey's will, signed as "Morry," dated 24 December 1717 and proved 20 January 1717[18], named his wife Susanna and gave his daughter Mary Watson £60 (Suffolk County Probate, File 3930, Records, 20:189).

<sup>120</sup> [Sixth] *Report of the Record Commissioners Containing the Roxbury Land and Church Records*, 2nd ed. (Boston: Rockwell and Churchill, 1884), 137.

<sup>121</sup> Clarke, "Deaths Recorded by the Rev. Jonathan Townsend," [note 116], *Register* 56:269.

<sup>122</sup> Hill, *Births, Marriages, Deaths, Intentions, Dedham* [note 2], 19, says "son of Benjamin Miller," but Hanson corrected it to "Milles."

<sup>123</sup> Suffolk County Court Files, documents 15008a, 16023, 19634, 19691, 19879, 19952, 20007, 20330, 20447, 22972, 23997, 23998, 29049, 29050, 31811, 32363 (1731).

<sup>124</sup> Hill, *Births, Marriages, Deaths, Intentions, Dedham* [note 2], 22.

<sup>125</sup> *Ibid.*, 25, "daughter of Benjamin Mills."

<sup>126</sup> *Ibid.*, 23, spelled "Zachary."

<sup>127</sup> First child born 13 November 1720 (Hanson, *Vital Records of Needham* [note 54], 68).

<sup>128</sup> *Vital Records of Newton, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* (Boston: NEHGS, 1905), 125, under "Kenrick." Esther's maiden name is from Elizabeth Blodgett Hall, "Genealogy of John<sup>8</sup> William Kendrick back to his Immigrant Ancestors" (1979) [FHL 929.273/K347h], 36.

<sup>129</sup> *Vital Records of Newton* [note 128], 480.

<sup>130</sup> There are no published 1692 births.

<sup>131</sup> Hanson, *Vital Records of Needham* [note 54], 188.

barn “Calash House,” half of his sawmill and cornmill and half of the dam along with other pieces of land.<sup>[132]</sup> He was in court a number of times, usually for debt or as a creditor,<sup>[133]</sup> but the most interesting case is the one brought by his stepmother, detailed above. On 12 June 1738, Israel being “non compos mentis,” his guardian, Ebenezer Woodward, sold Israel’s share of his brother Samuel’s estate as well as his interest in the sawmill to their brother William Mills.<sup>[134]</sup> Shortly before his death, on 23 Nov. 1751, Israel himself sold 1½ acres near the Lower Falls to Ebenezer Bartlett.<sup>[135]</sup>

- x. JOANNA MILLS, b. 24 Sept. 1694.<sup>[136]</sup> She must have d. without heirs before her brother Jacob’s probate in 1723.
- xi. JACOB MILLS, b. 24 July 1697;<sup>[137]</sup> d. at George’s Fort, Maine, 8 May 1723;<sup>[138]</sup> unmarried. A Jacob Mills was on the muster roll of Col. John Wheelwright & Company from 22 Aug. to 27 Nov. 1722. Most of the men were listed as being from York, some from Wells and a few from Massachusetts.<sup>[139]</sup>

Jacob’s father, for love and affection, gave Jacob two tracts of land in Needham on 10 June 1718.<sup>[140]</sup> On 8 Sept. 1721, Jacob Mills of Needham, cordwainer, sold 30 acres of land in Needham to [his brother] Isaac.<sup>[141]</sup>

On 18 Sept. 1723, the Suffolk Co. Probate Court summoned seven brothers, Benjamin, Samuel, Joseph, William, Ebenezer, Zechariah and Israel to appear, saying that Isaac Mills of Needham, had presented Jacob’s nuncupative will in court. George Philips and Jonathan Stratton testified that they were soldiers with Jacob at Georges Fort when Jacob was taken ill the previous April and that he had died there on 8 May. Jacob had said that his brother Isaac should have all his estate. Benjamin, Zechariah and Israel signed their agreement, but no assent by the other brothers appears. The court allowed the will on 23 Sept. 1723, and Isaac posted bond with Israel Mills and Eleazer Kingsbury. Jacob’s inventory included a small house, some land and his cordwainer’s tools. Over thirteen years later, on 14 June 1737, the court approved Isaac’s account.<sup>[142]</sup>

<sup>132</sup> Suffolk County Deeds, 35:30, image 39.

<sup>133</sup> Suffolk County Court Files, documents 23998, 24039, 24099 [all on FHL 0,901,287], 29050 [FHL 0,901,327].

<sup>134</sup> Suffolk County Deeds, 56:126, image 694. See also Suffolk County Court Files, document 43555 [FHL 0,913,821] and 46651 [FHL 0,913,836].

<sup>135</sup> Suffolk County Deeds, 81:234, image 247.

<sup>136</sup> Hill, *Births, Marriages, Deaths, Intentions, Dedham* [note 2], 26.

<sup>137</sup> *Ibid.*, 27.

<sup>138</sup> Suffolk County Probate, Jacob Mills, File 4792.

<sup>139</sup> William Blake Trask, “Letters of Col. Thomas Westbrook,” *Register* 48 (1894):285.

<sup>140</sup> Suffolk County Deeds, 35:27, image 37, online at FamilySearch.org.

<sup>141</sup> Suffolk County Deeds, 40:203, image 217.

<sup>142</sup> Suffolk County Probate, Jacob Mills, File 4792; Records, 10 [new series]:323; 23:94; 33:201.



- xii. ISAAC MILLS, b. 9 Jan. 1699/1700;<sup>[143]</sup> d. Needham 15 Sept. 1793 aged 93 years, “the youngest of 9 sons”;<sup>[144]</sup> m. Newton 24 Oct. 1722, ABIGAIL WARD,<sup>[145]</sup> b. Newton 22 Jan. 1698/9, daughter of Edward and Grace (Lovering) Ward.<sup>[146]</sup>

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<sup>143</sup> Hill, *Births, Marriages, Deaths, Intentions, Dedham* [note 2], 30.

<sup>144</sup> Boston Athenaeum, *Index of Obituaries in Boston Newspapers, 1704–1795*, 3 vols. (Boston: G. K. Hall & Co., 1968), 3:137, citing the *Columbian Centinel*, Boston, 2 October 1793, p. 3, “At Needham, Mr. Isaac Mills, Æt 94 [sic].

<sup>145</sup> *Vital Records of Newton* [note 128], 340.

<sup>146</sup> *Ibid.*, 197 (birth); Lucius R. Paige, *History of Cambridge, Mass. 1630 to 1877* (Boston: H. O. Houghton and Co., 1877), 676 (parents’ marriage); Charles Martyn, *The William Ward Genealogy . . .* (New York: A. Ward, 1925), 20.

# Three Men Named Benjamin Streeter: Unraveling Records from the Post-Revolutionary War Period

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Several compiled genealogies, DAR records and applications, family trees, local histories and other reputable publications have intermixed genealogical information between three individuals with the same name: Benjamin Streeter. These men, born between 1737 and 1762 in Massachusetts, all descend from Stephen<sup>2</sup> (*Stephen*<sup>1</sup>) and Deborah (\_\_\_\_\_) Streeter.<sup>[1]</sup> Published accounts have interchanged the names of the parents and spouses of these men, mixed dates and locations of their genealogical events, and attributed military records to the wrong Benjamin Streeter. The primary purpose of this article is to clarify genealogical information applicable to each of these men. Previously unpublished biographical information will also be presented.

## 1. Benjamin Streeter (1737–after 1810)

Benjamin Streeter was born 5 December 1737 in Attleborough, Bristol County, Massachusetts, the son of Josiah<sup>4</sup> (*John*<sup>3</sup>, *Stephen*<sup>2-1</sup>) and Hannah (Day) Streeter.<sup>[2]</sup> The family was quite poor. Josiah was given 40 acres of land in Cumberland, Providence County, Rhode Island, by his sister Mary and brother-in-law, Ebenezer Ward, “in consideration of love, good will, and affection which I bear towards my loving brother.”<sup>[3]</sup> Josiah and his family moved there in 1747. Soon thereafter a warning was issued to Josiah by the Cumberland town council.<sup>[4]</sup> They requested that a certificate be obtained from the selectmen of Attleborough if Josiah wished to remain in Cumberland. On 15 May 1749, Josiah Streeter’s request was read and dismissed at an Attleborough town meeting.<sup>[5]</sup> This was partly a consequence of Josiah’s

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<sup>1</sup> Vital records purportedly copied from a Streeter Bible give Deborah’s surname as Smith (Milton B. Streeter, “Streeter–Adams Records from a Streeter Family Bible,” *Register* 85 [1931]:382–385). However, some information from this source has been proven to be incorrect and the source is suspected to be fraudulent (Helen Schatvet Ullmann, “Notes on a Line from Henry Adams,” *Register* 153 [1990]:213–214). Consequently, the Streeter Family Association does not recognize unsubstantiated genealogical information provided from this source. No corroborating evidence has been found to support the Smith surname for Deborah.

<sup>2</sup> *Attleboro Births, Marriages, Deaths, 1693–1870* [FHL 0,580,654, image 91 of 539, p. 120].

<sup>3</sup> Cumberland, Providence County, Rhode Island, Deeds 1:107–109.

<sup>4</sup> Milford B. Streeter, *A Genealogical History of the Descendants of Stephen and Ursula Streeter of Gloucester, Mass., 1642, Afterwards of Charlestown, Mass. 1644–1652 with an Account of the Streeters of Goudherst, Kent, England* (Salem, Mass.: Eben Putnam, 1896), 19–20.

<sup>5</sup> *Attleboro Town Records 1699–1778* [FHL 0,580,658, image 612 of 1069, p. 216].

inability to pay his taxes in 1745.<sup>[6]</sup> Consequently, Josiah was ordered to leave Cumberland in 1749.<sup>[7]</sup>

Josiah sold his 40 acres in Cumberland for £200, and in 1749 he moved his family to Coventry, Kent County, Rhode Island.<sup>[8]</sup> While living in Coventry, Josiah participated in the French and Indian War. He served as a private in the First Company of Col. Christopher Harris's Regiment. He was discharged in December 1756.<sup>[9]</sup>

Josiah's brother-in-law, Ebenezer Ward, had moved his family in 1756 to Crum Elbow Precinct in Dutchess County, New York. Josiah followed them to Dutchess County in 1759, moving to an area known as the Gore, which was claimed by both the Beekman Patent and the Philipse Patent.<sup>[10]</sup> Josiah and his son Josiah Jr. signed a petition in 1763 protesting the "intolerable" leases associated with the Beekman Patent.<sup>[11]</sup> Interestingly enough, there is no record of Josiah ever paying taxes in either patent or anywhere else in Dutchess County. He continued to live in the area and was named as a defendant in at least two Dutchess County court cases.<sup>[12]</sup> Ebenezer Ward's generosity had apparently run out, for he sued Josiah Streeter for a debt of £22 in 1766.<sup>[13]</sup>

Benjamin Streeter accompanied his parents to Dutchess County and enlisted in the New York provincial army on 3 April 1760. He was listed on the muster roll of Captain Mead under the name of "Benjamin Streeter" of Rhode Island, farmer, 22 years old.<sup>[14]</sup> Like his father, Benjamin was also listed as a defendant in a Dutchess County court case on 2 November 1762.<sup>[15]</sup> Benjamin married Abigail (surname unknown) in 1759 or 1760. No record of the marriage has been found. Since they were married during the period when Benjamin was moving between Rhode Island and New York, the marriage could have occurred in either place. Their oldest son, Benjamin Jr., was most likely born in New York.

Benjamin, his parents, and his brother Josiah all moved their families to Chesterfield, Cheshire County, New Hampshire, before the outbreak of the Revolutionary War. Josiah Streeter, yeoman, of Chesterfield, purchased the east half of Lot No. 13 in the 15th Range in Chesterfield from Josiah Willard on 20 September 1774.<sup>[16]</sup> Most sources infer that it was Josiah Streeter Jr. who

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<sup>6</sup> *Ibid.*, image 617 of 1069, p. 226.

<sup>7</sup> Streeter, *Stephen and Ursula Streeter* [note 4], 20.

<sup>8</sup> Cumberland, Providence County, Deeds 1:333–334.

<sup>9</sup> Howard M. Chapin, *Rhode Island in the Colonial Wars: a List of Rhode Island Soldiers & Sailors in the Old French & Indian War, 1755–1762* (Providence, R.I.: Rhode Island Historical Society, 1918), 19, 134.

<sup>10</sup> Frank J. Doherty, *The Settlers of the Beekman Patent, Dutchess County, New York: An Historical and Genealogical Study of All the 18th Century Settlers in the Patent*, Vol. 1 (Pleasant Valley, N.Y.: the author, 1990), 1:386–387.

<sup>11</sup> *Ibid.*, 387.

<sup>12</sup> Dutchess County, New York, (Dockets of) Writs and Executions, 1758–1772 [FHL 0,925,057, Vol. E, images 202 and 256 of 531].

<sup>13</sup> *Ibid.*, image 256 of 531.

<sup>14</sup> Edmund B. O'Callaghan and Berthold Fernow, *Muster Rolls of New York Provincial Troops, 1755–1764*, Collections of the New-York Historical Society for the Year 1891, New York, 1892, 260–261.

<sup>15</sup> Dutchess County, Writs and Executions, 1758–1772 [note 12], image 111 of 531.

<sup>16</sup> Cheshire County, New Hampshire, Deeds, 19:248.

purchased this land, not his father. This lot was never sold by Josiah Streeter (Jr. or Sr.). Josiah Jr. died before 1786, so if this was his land, it should have been inherited by his wife and family. Instead, a portion of Lot No. 13, 15th Range was sold by Hannah Streeter (wife of Josiah Sr.), and Benjamin Streeter (her son) to James Snow on 27 April 1791.<sup>[17]</sup> The rest of the same lot was sold by Benjamin to Enoch Streeter in 1792.<sup>[18]</sup> This indicates that it was Josiah Sr., not Josiah Jr., who originally purchased this lot. Hannah was not involved in the sale in 1792. It is likely that she died between 1791 and 1792. Josiah Streeter signed a declaration in Chesterfield on 12 June 1776, promising to oppose, with arms, the hostile proceedings of the British against the United American Colonies.<sup>[19]</sup> Assuming this was Josiah Streeter Sr., he would have died in Chesterfield between 12 June 1776 and 27 April 1791.

An entry in the town records of Chesterfield recorded 8 June 1772, refers to a road that was approved to run between the properties of Ebenezer Streeter and Benjamin Streeter, then running past Benjamin Streeter's house and through his land to Silas Thompson's land.<sup>[20]</sup> Benjamin Streeter, husbandman, sold two parcels of land in Chesterfield in 1774, each of 50 acres.<sup>[21]</sup> The dates that these tracts were obtained are unknown. They were recorded in the proprietor's book for Chesterfield, but this book has been lost.

Benjamin Streeter served in the Revolutionary War from Chesterfield as a private in Captain Kimball Carlton's 8th Company, Moses Nichols's Regiment, and General Stark's Brigade.<sup>[22]</sup> The spelling of his name on the rolls was "Benja Stretor."<sup>[23]</sup> The 8th Company left Chesterfield on 22 July 1777 and marched to Charlestown, Massachusetts, and then on to Bennington, Vermont, where they engaged the British, Tories, and Indians in the Battle of Bennington on 16 August 1777.<sup>[24]</sup> The soldiers were discharged 23 September 1777 and returned to Chesterfield. Benjamin was paid for 2 months and 2 days and also for traveling 28 miles to Charlestown and for traveling 90 miles home.<sup>[25]</sup>

Benjamin Streeter was one of the inhabitants of Chesterfield who voted on 2 May 1781 to approve a measure in favor of accepting the incorporation of townships in Chester County, New Hampshire, into union with the Territory of Vermont.<sup>[26]</sup> The freemen of Chesterfield and other Cheshire County townships voted in favor of the motion, resulting in the short-lived formation of Washington County, Vermont.

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<sup>17</sup> Cheshire County Deeds, 24:377.

<sup>18</sup> Cheshire County Deeds, 19:445–446.

<sup>19</sup> Oran E. Randall, *History of Chesterfield, Cheshire County, N. H.* (Brattleboro, Vt.: D. Leonard, 1882), 51–52.

<sup>20</sup> Cheshire County, New Hampshire, Deeds, 24:48–49, 392.

<sup>21</sup> *Chesterfield New Hampshire Town Records* [FHL DGS 5,510,579, image 91 of 610, Vol. 1 (1770–1793), 168–169].

<sup>22</sup> Randall, *History of Chesterfield* [note 19], 96.

<sup>23</sup> *U.S. Revolutionary War Rolls, 1775–1783*, New Hampshire, Littlefield's Company, 1775 (Folder 109) – Rawlings' Company, 1775 (Folder 135), Muster Roll, Capt. Kimball Carlton, image 154 of 527, online at Ancestry.com.

<sup>24</sup> Randall, *History of Chesterfield* [note 19], 95–100.

<sup>25</sup> *U.S. Compiled Revolutionary War Military Service Records, 1775–1783*, New Hampshire, Nichols' Militia Regiment, image 1614 of 2343, online at Ancestry.com.

<sup>26</sup> Randall, *History of Chesterfield* [note 19], 68.

Benjamin was referred to as Lt. Benjamin Streeter in the town records of Chesterfield on 6 June 1782.<sup>[27]</sup> This was probably not a military title. He was again listed in 1785 as Lt. Benjamin Streeter in Warren Snow's School Ward (No. 18) in Chesterfield.<sup>[28]</sup> Benjamin Streeter, gentleman, and his wife Abigail sold land in Chesterfield in 1784,<sup>[29]</sup> and again in 1792.<sup>[30]</sup>

Benjamin Streeter of Chesterfield purchased two tracts of land in Tinmouth, Vermont, from Jabez Fargo in June 1792.<sup>[31]</sup> Benjamin's oldest son, Benjamin Jr., remained in Chesterfield, but the rest of the family moved to Tinmouth in 1792. Benjamin's son Eliab was married in Tinmouth in 1793.<sup>[32]</sup> Benjamin Streeter signed a petition for the annexation of Tinmouth to Wallingford, Vermont, in October of 1793.<sup>[33]</sup> He also signed petitions in 1793 and 1797 supporting the taxation of land for the repair and construction of roads and bridges.<sup>[34]</sup>

By 1799 Benjamin had moved to Phelps, Ontario County, New York, where he appears on the 1800 census<sup>[35]</sup> and on tax lists between 1800 and 1804.<sup>[36]</sup> On 21 June 1804, he purchased one acre of land in Phelps, part of Lot 39.<sup>[37]</sup> He sold this to his son Thomas on 6 January 1808.<sup>[38]</sup> Benjamin Streeter was listed on the 1810 census of Phelps with one male and one female 45 and over.<sup>[39]</sup> This is the last record for Benjamin Streeter that has been found in Phelps. Presumably he died shortly after the census was taken.

The same one-acre lot that Benjamin sold to his son Thomas in 1808 was deeded by Thomas to Abigail Streeter in 1813 for a yearly rent of six cents if demanded, "to have and to hold . . . for and during the natural life of the party of the second part [Abigail]."<sup>[40]</sup> Benjamin had a daughter named Abigail, but this deed does not refer to her. His daughter married Eusebius Fargo about 1806 and they were living in Genesee County, New York, in 1810.<sup>[41]</sup> This deed was a gift from Thomas to his mother, Abigail. It suggests that Benjamin died before 30 April 1813, when this indenture was made. Benjamin and Abigail's

<sup>27</sup> *Chesterfield New Hampshire Town Records* [note 21], images 160 and 161 of 610, Vol. 1 (1770–1793), pp. 307–308.

<sup>28</sup> *Ibid.*, image 43 of 610, Vol. 1 (1770–1793), 75.

<sup>29</sup> Cheshire County, New Hampshire, Deeds, 9:525–527.

<sup>30</sup> Cheshire County, New Hampshire, Deeds, 19:445–446.

<sup>31</sup> Tinmouth, Vermont, Deeds, 1771–1886, 2:311 and 2:311–312.

<sup>32</sup> Tinmouth Town Records Vol. 1, 1770–1874, p. 12.

<sup>33</sup> *The Tinmouth Channel, Quarterly Journal of the Tinmouth Historical and Genealogical Society*, Fall 1999, Vol. 1, No. 1, p. 5.

<sup>34</sup> *Manuscript Vermont State Papers, 1777–1946*, Vermont. Office of Secretary of State, Vermont State Archives, bulk 1777–1861, SE-118, Vol. 19, p. 63, Record ID: 24564, Record Date: September 1793; and SE-118, Vol. 20, p. 109, Record ID: 24563, Record Date: 14 September 1797.

<sup>35</sup> 1800 U.S. Census, Phelps, Ontario County, New York, p. 5, Benjamin Streeter.

<sup>36</sup> *New York Tax Assessment Rolls of Real and Personal Estates 1799–1804; Phelps, Ontario County*, 1800: image 17 of 24; 1801: image 14 of 26; 1802: image 21 of 34; 1803: image 18 of 28; 1804: image 19 of 32, online at Ancestry.com.

<sup>37</sup> Ontario County, New York, Deeds, 11:150.

<sup>38</sup> Ontario County, New York, Deeds, 13:552.

<sup>39</sup> 1810 U.S. Census, Phelps, Ontario County, p. 3, Benj. Streeter.

<sup>40</sup> Ontario County, New York, Deeds, 19:153–154.

<sup>41</sup> 1810 U.S. Census, Riga, Genesee County, New York, p. 3, Usephus Fargoe. Elias Streeter and Stephen Streeter, brothers of Abigail Fargo, are also listed in the same census of Riga.

son, Nathaniel, sold the same one-acre lot on 25 April 1817,<sup>[42]</sup> so Abigail died probably between 30 April 1813 and 25 April 1817.

Reputable genealogies, including the Mayflower “Silver Book” on the descendants of William Bradford,<sup>[43]</sup> and a work chronicling the descendants of Moses and Tamzen Wheat,<sup>[44]</sup> state that Benjamin Streeter married Jemima (Wheat) Morse/Moss, widow of Joseph Morse, as his second wife. They further state that the couple moved to Phelps before 1800. The Bradford genealogy states they were married 5 June 1794.<sup>[45]</sup> This appears to be a misinterpretation of what is written in the Wheat genealogy that “She married (2) Benjamin Streeter Sr.; sold her right in Joseph’s farm near Athol, Mass. . . . June 5, 1794, shortly before her second marriage.”<sup>[46]</sup> No relevant documentary evidence was presented in either of these compiled genealogies. In fact, there is absolutely no evidence that Benjamin Streeter married Jemima Morse. As reported above, deeds recorded in Chesterfield in 1784 and 1792 show that Benjamin’s wife was named Abigail and a deed in Phelps shows that Abigail was living in Phelps as late as 1813.

The widow Jemima Morse was listed in the 1795 and 1797 tax lists of Concord, Essex County, Vermont.<sup>[47]</sup> Her sons James Morse and Amasa Morse were also living in Concord at that time. Jemima Morse was probably the female 45 and over listed in the 1800 census of Concord in the household of her son, James Morse.<sup>[48]</sup> Jemima Morse made a claim in 1798 against the estate of her deceased son-in-law, Obed Gilbert, and was paid \$2.25 from the estate on 27 November 1800 in St. Johnsbury, Caledonia County, Vermont.<sup>[49]</sup> Obed Gilbert was the first husband of Jemima’s daughter Ann Ripley Morse. Jemima could not have been in Phelps by 1800, as claimed in the above genealogies. Since Benjamin Streeter lived in Phelps in 1800 with his wife Abigail, and the widow Jemima Morse lived in Concord at the same time, it is highly unlikely that they were ever married to each other. It has been suggested that Benjamin may have married second Jemima “Mima,” the daughter of Joseph and Jemima Morse, rather than the widow Jemima Morse. However Mima married John Lyford in 1798 and was still married to him in 1850.<sup>[50]</sup> The widow Jemima Morse most likely died in Concord, Vermont, between 27 November 1800 and 1810.

Although Benjamin Streeter died probably between 1810 and 1813 in Phelps, there are at least three DAR applications that state that he died

<sup>42</sup> Ontario County, New York, Deeds, 33:388.

<sup>43</sup> Ann S. Lainhart and Robert S. Wakefield, *Mayflower Families Through Five Generations, Descendants of the Pilgrims Who Landed in Plymouth Massachusetts December 1620, Volume 22 William Bradford* (Plymouth, Mass.: General Society of Mayflower Descendants, 2014), 334.

<sup>44</sup> Silas C. Wheat and Helen Love Scranton, *Wheat Genealogy* (Guilford, Conn.: Shore Line Times Pub. Co., 1960), 48.

<sup>45</sup> *Mayflower Families . . . William Bradford* [note 43], 334.

<sup>46</sup> Wheat, *Wheat Genealogy* [note 44], 48.

<sup>47</sup> *1781–1825 Town Tax List, Concord, Essex Co., Vermont*, Records abstracted by Janice Boyko from microfilm F7956 of the original Town & Land Record Books (<http://www.nekg-vt.com/misc/concord-tax-list.php>), accessed 3/17/2019.

<sup>48</sup> 1800 U.S. Census, Concord, Essex County, Vermont, p. 5, James Morse.

<sup>49</sup> Probate records, Caledonia County, Vermont, 1796–1924, Vol. 1, pp 22–25 and 114–115. The author wishes to thank Peter Haskel for discovering this record.

<sup>50</sup> 1850 U.S. Census, Garland, Penobscot County, Maine, Family no. 113, John Lyford.

1 March 1835 in Chesterfield, New Hampshire.<sup>[51]</sup> In fact, this is the date that Benjamin's son, Benjamin Streeter Jr. died in Chesterfield. Probate records in Cheshire County from 1835 mention Benjamin's wife Sarah and list his children as Abigail, Benjamin, Lucinda, Clark, Squire, Solomon, and Rhoda.<sup>[52]</sup> This is clearly the family of Benjamin Streeter Jr., not Benjamin Streeter Sr.

Information about the children of Benjamin and Abigail (\_\_\_\_\_) Streeter can be found in the 1896 Streeter genealogy.<sup>[53]</sup>

## 2. Benjamin Streeter (1762–1844)

Benjamin Streeter, the son of Zebulon<sup>5</sup> (*Stephen*<sup>4</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>3</sup>, *Stephen*<sup>2-1</sup>) and Tabitha (Hovey) Streeter, was born 21 April 1762 in Douglas, Worcester County, Massachusetts.<sup>[54]</sup> The family moved in 1770 from Warwick, Franklin County, Massachusetts, to Winchester, Cheshire County, New Hampshire,<sup>[55]</sup> and about 1777 moved to Surry, New Hampshire.<sup>[56]</sup> Zebulon was a shoemaker by trade, but after moving to Surry, he became a well-known minister of the Universalist Church of New England. Zebulon Streeter was a town moderator, tax collector, and selectman in Surry.<sup>[57]</sup> He served in 1759 in the French and Indian War under Capt. Samuel Davis,<sup>[58]</sup> and served in the Revolutionary War in 1776 as a private in Wingate's New Hampshire Regiment under Capt. William Humphrey.<sup>[59]</sup>

Zebulon obtained land rights in Concord, Orange County, Vermont, in 1781.<sup>[60]</sup> Although he lived in Surry, he played a large role in the establishment of Concord. On 7 September 1785, Zebulon purchased the land rights of twelve delinquent proprietors there.<sup>[61]</sup> He was moderator of the Concord Town Meeting in 1789<sup>[62]</sup> and paid taxes in Concord until his death in 1808.

<sup>51</sup> *Lineage Books of the Charter Members of the Daughters of the American Revolution*, 152 vols. (Washington, D.C.: National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, 1899–938), Lineages 27523, 31009, 51312.

<sup>52</sup> Cheshire County, New Hampshire, Probate Estate files, 1769–1885, Cases S411–S467; 1829–1838, Case S441.

<sup>53</sup> *Stephen and Ursula Streeter* [note 4], 28. The unnamed daughter listed in this work was Abigail (Streeter) Fargo (H. W. Beckworth, *History of Iroquois County* (Chicago: H. H. Hill and Co., 1880), 440). She was born in Chesterfield about 1782, and died at age 74 on 1 August 1856 in Mason County, West Virginia (Deaths 1853–1879, Mason County, West Virginia, 404 [FHL 0,567,384, image 72 of 691]).

<sup>54</sup> *Douglas Births, Marriages and Deaths*, p. 67, image 37 of 741, online at Ancestry.com; *Vital Records of Douglas, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849* (Worcester, Mass.: F. P. Rice, 1905), 59.

<sup>55</sup> Frank Burnside Kingsbury, *History of the Town of Surry, Cheshire County, New Hampshire* (Surry, N.H.: by the town, 1925), 107.

<sup>56</sup> *Ibid.*, 137.

<sup>57</sup> *Ibid.*, 892.

<sup>58</sup> D. Hamilton Hurd, *History of Worcester County Massachusetts, with Biographical Sketches*, 2 vols. (Philadelphia: J. W. Lewis & Co., 1889), 2:1312.

<sup>59</sup> *U.S. Revolutionary War Rolls, 1775–1783* [note 23], New Hampshire, Walkers Company, 1777 (Folder 160) – Various Organization, Nos. 1–169 (Folders 175–177), Muster Roll, Capt. William Humphreys Company, image 149 of 778, online at Ancestry.com.

<sup>60</sup> *Streeter, Stephen and Ursula Streeter* [note 4], 33.

<sup>61</sup> *Vermont Town Clerk Vital and Town Records, 1732–2005, Concord, Essex County* [FHL 0,027,993, image 32 of 512].

<sup>62</sup> *Ibid.*, image 40 of 512.

Benjamin Streeter moved to Concord before 1785, becoming one of the earliest residents of that town. He purchased rights to 100 acres of land at a Concord town meeting on 13 September 1786.<sup>[63]</sup> He purchased an additional 50 acres from his father in 1787.<sup>[64]</sup> At a town meeting 19 February 1794, Benjamin was voted as selectman of Concord and was also designated as a fence viewer.<sup>[65]</sup> In 1796 he was voted as “grand tythingman” (peace officer),<sup>[66]</sup> served in 1797 and 1800 as a “lister” (tax collector),<sup>[67]</sup> and was a highway surveyor in 1798.<sup>[68]</sup> He took the Freeman’s oath in Concord (then in Essex County) on 2 September 1794,<sup>[69]</sup> and appeared on tax rolls of Concord for several years thereafter.

Benjamin volunteered during the Revolutionary War in the Vermont Militia under Captain Peter Page in Colonel Ebenezer Walbridge’s Regiment.<sup>[70]</sup> This Regiment was sent in 1781 from Skenesborough, New York (current-day Whitehall) to Castleton, New York, to meet a threatened invasion by the British commander, Col. Barry St. Leger. Benjamin served from 6 August 1781 to 20 November 1781, and was paid on 23 November 1781 for serving 107 days.<sup>[71]</sup> He was issued a delinquent payment in 1783 for his 103-mile march back home from New York.<sup>[72]</sup>

There were two men with the name Benjamin Streeter living in Concord between 1796 and 1808 (see Ben Streeter (1754–1840) below). To distinguish between them, Joseph Ball, the Concord town clerk, designated Benjamin, son of Zebulon, as Benjamin Streeter 2<sup>nd</sup>. The family record for Benjamin, his wife and his children, recorded the birth of Benjamin Streeter 2<sup>nd</sup> as 21 April 1762.<sup>[73]</sup> This is the same date recorded in Douglas, Massachusetts, Benjamin’s place of birth. However, in transferring information to the official file cards, Mr. Ball wrote the birth date of Benjamin Streeter 2<sup>nd</sup> as 17 February 1762.<sup>[74]</sup> Both dates appear as Benjamin Streeter’s birth date in various genealogical records. The correct date is 21 April 1762.

Benjamin married Miss Lucy Farnsworth in Concord, Vermont, on 18 October 1792.<sup>[75]</sup> The family left Concord before 1840, moving to nearby

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<sup>63</sup> *Ibid.*, image 33 of 512.

<sup>64</sup> Streeter, *Stephen and Ursula Streeter* [note 4], 82.

<sup>65</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>66</sup> *Vermont Town Clerk Vital and Town Records, 1732–2005, Concord, Essex County* [note 61], image 44 of 512].

<sup>67</sup> *Ibid.*, image 54 of 512.

<sup>68</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>69</sup> *Ibid.*, image 42 of 512.

<sup>70</sup> *U.S. Revolutionary War Rolls, 1775–1783* [note 23], Vermont, Olcott’s Regiment 1771-1781 (Folder 67)-Various Organizations (to Assist Sheriff) (Folder 119), Muster Roll of Capt. Peter Page, image 370 of 711, on Ancestry.com.

<sup>71</sup> *U.S. Compiled Revolutionary War Military Service Records, 1775–1783* [note 25], Vermont, Walbridge’s Regiment, image 332 of 632, on Ancestry.com.

<sup>72</sup> *Ibid.*, image 334 of 632.

<sup>73</sup> *Vermont Town Clerk Vital and Town Records, 1732–2005, Concord, Essex County* [note 61], image 144 of 512, on Ancestry.com.

<sup>74</sup> *Vermont Vital Records, 1720–1908*, 1870 and Prior, Stowell, D - Strong, L, image 1557 of 3591, on Ancestry.com.

<sup>75</sup> *Vermont Town Clerk Vital and Town Records, 1732–2005, Concord, Essex County* [note 61], image 144 of 512.



Orleans County, Vermont. Lucy died in Charleston, Orleans County, on 10 February 1842,<sup>[76]</sup> and Benjamin died there on 18 January 1844.<sup>[77]</sup> Both are buried in Buck Cemetery in East Charleston, as is their son Daniel.

The children of Benjamin and Lucy (Farnsworth) Streeter were *Hannah Streeter*, born Concord, Essex County, Vermont, 14 October 1797; died Concord 24 February 1814 age 16,<sup>[78]</sup> and *Daniel Streeter*, b. Concord 24 July 1799;<sup>[79]</sup> died Concord 8 January 1873;<sup>[80]</sup> married ca. 1823 *Mary Jackson*.<sup>[81]</sup> A third child, *Berron or Benoni Streeter*, is sometimes attributed to Benjamin and Lucy. Indeed, an official record in Concord, states that Benoni Streeter, son of Benjamin and Lucy Streeter died 2 September 1793 at the age of 27 [and thus born ca. 1766], and is buried in Pike Cemetery, Concord, Vermont.<sup>[82]</sup> Benjamin and Lucy could not have been the parents of Benoni, born 1766. They both would have been under four years old when Benoni was born. The recorder obviously made an error in assigning Benjamin and Lucy as Benoni's parents. Again, the town record provides the correct parents.<sup>[83]</sup> Benoni was actually a younger brother of Benjamin Streeter. He is buried in Pike Cemetery, next to his parents, Zebulon and Tabitha (Hovey) Streeter.<sup>[84]</sup>

### 3. Benjamin (“Ben”) Streeter (1754–1840)

Benjamin Streeter, the son of Benjamin<sup>4</sup> (*Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Stephen*<sup>2-1</sup>) and Elizabeth (Bump/Bumpas) Streeter, was born in Middleborough, Plymouth County, Massachusetts, 7 May 1754.<sup>[85]</sup> Little is known about his parents. Vital records from Providence, Rhode Island, show that his parents lost two children in 1752, both under 4.<sup>[86]</sup> Benjamin Sr. inherited 7 acres of land in Cumberland, Rhode Island, after the death of his father, Joseph, and sold this land to his brother, Ebenezer, in 1752.<sup>[87]</sup> The family moved to Middleborough between 1752 and 1754. Benjamin Streeter Sr. served during the French and Indian War as a private in Capt. Benjamin Pratt's Company from Middleborough between 29 May 1758

<sup>76</sup> Photograph of gravestone at FindaGrave.com, memorial #181853505; Streeter, *Stephen and Ursula Streeter* [note 4], 82.

<sup>77</sup> *Vermont Vital Records, 1720–1908* [note 74], image 1555 of 3591, on Ancestry.com.

<sup>78</sup> *Vermont Town Clerk Vital and Town Records, 1732–2005, Concord, Essex County* [note 61], image 144 of 512, on Ancestry.com.

<sup>79</sup> FindaGrave.com, memorial #181853584, accessed 6 July 2019.

<sup>80</sup> *Vermont Vital Records, 1720–1908, 1871 and Later, Stokes–Strong*, image 3737 of 4525, on Ancestry.com.

<sup>81</sup> *Vermont Town Clerk Vital and Town Records, 1732–2005, Concord, Essex County* [note 61], image 141 of 512, on Ancestry.com.

<sup>82</sup> *Vermont Vital Records, 1720–1908* [note 74], Concord, image 1571 of 3591, on Ancestry.com.

<sup>83</sup> *Vermont Town Clerk Vital and Town Records, 1732–2005, Concord, Essex County* [note 61], image 141 of 512, on Ancestry.com.

<sup>84</sup> FindaGrave.com, memorial #106588988, accessed 6 July 2019.

<sup>85</sup> James N. Arnold, *Vital Record of Rhode Island, 1636–1850, First Series, Births, Marriages and Deaths* (Providence. R.I.: Narragansett Historical Publishing Co, 1892), Vol. 3: Providence County, Part V: Cumberland, p. 124.

<sup>86</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>87</sup> Cumberland, Rhode Island, Deeds, 2:32–33.

and 25 August 1758.<sup>[88]</sup> Benjamin's oldest son, Joseph Streeter of Wrentham, Massachusetts, inherited land in Cumberland from his grandmother, Elizabeth (Titus) Streeter, which he sold on 11 June 1776.<sup>[89]</sup> Benjamin Streeter Sr. probably died between 1758 and 1776. Benjamin's wife, Elizabeth, died after 25 December 1756, the birth date of her last child.

Benjamin Streeter, Jr. is referred to in several records as "Ben" Streeter. He is the "other" Benjamin Streeter living in Concord, Vermont, mentioned in the preceding sketch. While still a resident of Massachusetts, Ben enlisted in the Continental Army on 13 November 1776 at Peekskill, Westchester County, New York.<sup>[90]</sup> He served under Capt. Isaac Pope and Col. William Shepard in the 4th Massachusetts Regiment. He is listed as "Benjamin Strater" on Capt. Pope's rolls.<sup>[91]</sup> He participated in the battles of Trenton and Princeton in December of 1776. According to his pension application, Benjamin was captured at Mile Square during the New York Campaign, and was exchanged in January of 1777.<sup>[92]</sup> Massachusetts troop records give the date he was taken prisoner as 4 May 1780.<sup>[93]</sup> Ben was present at Saratoga for the surrender of Burgoyne in September 1777. Although not mentioned in his pension application, Ben's unit was one of those that spent the brutal winter of 1777–78 at Valley Forge. The 4th Massachusetts merged with other units and was later known as the 2nd Massachusetts Regiment and the 23rd Continental Regiment. Benjamin was discharged 8 June 1783, after serving seven and a half years.

Ben has been labeled a rover,<sup>[94]</sup> and justifiably so. After the war, he moved to New Hampshire, staying in Littleton for about five years. He moved his family to Hartford, Washington County, New York, about 1790. By September of 1796 he had moved again, this time to Concord, Essex County, Vermont.<sup>[95]</sup> Between 1808 and 1810 he moved back to Littleton.<sup>[96]</sup> According to his pension application he was a resident of Concord in 1819. However he was not listed on the tax rolls of Concord. The 1820 census shows him living in St. Johnsbury,<sup>[97]</sup> probably close to the boundary with Concord. He remained in Vermont until 1838. His pension record includes an affidavit signed by him on 28 October 1838, and verified by Varney Chili, commissioner for the

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<sup>88</sup> D. Hamilton Hurd, *History of Plymouth County Massachusetts, with Biographical Sketches* (Philadelphia: J. W. Lewis & Co., 1884), 95.

<sup>89</sup> Cumberland County, Rhode Island, Deeds, 5:369.

<sup>90</sup> Benjamin Streeter, Revolutionary War Pension File, S42416, *U.S. Compiled Revolutionary War Military Service Records, 1775–1783* [note 25], Massachusetts, Fourth Regiment, image 727 of 1109.

<sup>91</sup> *List of Massachusetts Troops, 1776–1789*, Fold3.com, All Titles, Numbered Record Books, Records of Military Operations and Service, Officers and Enlisted Men, 3 - List of Massachusetts Troops, 1776–1780, p. 330 (<https://www.fold3.com/image/286762905>).

<sup>92</sup> *Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty Land Warrant Application Files*, Application S42416, Benjamin Streeter.

<sup>93</sup> *Revolutionary War Service Records*, Fold3.com, All Titles, Revolutionary War Service Records, Massachusetts Fourth Regiment, Individual, Strater, Benjamin, page 2 (<https://www.fold3.com/image/1/18980158>).

<sup>94</sup> Streeter, *Stephen and Ursula Streeter* [note 4], 274.

<sup>95</sup> *Vermont Town Clerk Vital and Town Records, 1732–2005, Concord, Essex County* [note 61], image 50 of 512, on Ancestry.com.

<sup>96</sup> 1810 U.S. Census, Littleton, Grafton County, New Hampshire, p. 3, Ben Streeter.

<sup>97</sup> 1820 U.S. Census, St. Johnsbury, Caledonia County, Vermont, p. 8, Benjamin Streeter.

County of Erie, New York, in which Streeter states that he has moved from Vermont to New York to live with his daughter.<sup>[98]</sup> The Final Payment Voucher issued from the Albany, New York, agency gives the date of death for Benjamin Streeter as 2 September 1840.<sup>[99]</sup> This same date is written next to Benjamin Streeter's name on the Pension Payment Record at the Albany agency.<sup>[100]</sup>

Ben Streeter married Aletheur Morse, daughter of Joseph and Jemima (Wheat) Morse. They were married on 25 March 1784 in Richmond, Cheshire County, New Hampshire.<sup>[101]</sup> Aletheur's mother was the same Jemima Wheat mentioned in the first sketch above, said by some to have been the second wife of Benjamin Streeter of Phelps. Aletheur was born on 10 February 1762 in Hopkinton, Middlesex County, Massachusetts,<sup>[102]</sup> and was the widow of a Mr. Cummings.

Aletheur died probably in Concord before 1838, the year Benjamin decided to move to New York and live with his daughter, Jemima Cheney. Jemima was the widow of Moses Cheney and lived in Holland, Erie County, New York.<sup>[103]</sup> It seems likely that Ben died in Erie County, but Benjamin's son, Samuel, was granted administration of the estate of Benjamin Streeter "late of Hartford" in Washington County, New York, on 7 September 1846.<sup>[104]</sup> Ben may have owned real estate in Washington County when he died, although no record has yet been located. Samuel lived in Littleton, New Hampshire, when his father died and was apparently in no hurry to travel to Hartford to administer his father's estate.

Information about the children of Benjamin and Aletheur (Morse) Streeter can be found in the 1896 Streeter genealogy.<sup>[105]</sup>

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<sup>98</sup> Benjamin Streeter Revolutionary War Pension File [note 90], Affidavit signed by Benjamin Streeter on 28 October 1838 in Erie County, New York.

<sup>99</sup> *Revolutionary War Service Records*, Fold3.com, All Titles, Final Payment Vouchers Index for Military Pensions, 1818–1864, New York, S, Streeter, Benjamin, page 1 (<https://www.fold3.com/image/256686964>).

<sup>100</sup> U.S., *Revolutionary War Pensioners, 1801–1815, 1818–1872*, T718: 1818–1872, 04: Revolutionary War, 1833–1848, image 244 of 424, Benjamin Streeter, on Ancestry.com.

<sup>101</sup> *Richmond, New Hampshire, Vital Records* [FHL DGS 7,749,894, image 58 of 343, p. 36].

<sup>102</sup> Massachusetts, Town and Vital Records, 1620–1988, Hopkinton Vital Record Transcripts, p. 136, image 135 of 459 at Ancestry.com. Her given name is spelled different ways. The spelling on her birth record is "Alithea." Her husband's Revolutionary War pension application spells it "Allather." The spelling on two of her sons' birth records (Ezekiel and Samuel) is "Allathera." Their marriage record spells her name "Aletheur."

<sup>103</sup> The 1855 New York State census shows that Joshua Cheney, son of Jemima, had lived in Holland, Erie County, for 23 years. He would have been about 14 years old when he first arrived in Holland. This would indicate that he moved there about 1832 with his mother and siblings. (1855 State Census of New York, 1855, Holland, Erie County, Family 67, Joshua Cheney).

<sup>104</sup> New York Probate Records, 1629–1971, Washington County, Letters of Administration 1844–1850, Vol. D [FHL 0,513,881, image 270 of 385, p. 377].

<sup>105</sup> Streeter, *Stephen and Ursula Streeter* [note 4], Appendix A, pp. 274–279.

# The English Origins of Walter Tybbot of Gloucester, Massachusetts, and His Wives and Daughters

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From a genealogical standpoint, Walter Tybbot (also spelled Tibbot, Tippet and other ways) was one of the central figures in early Gloucester, Massachusetts. Although he left no sons, through his daughters he was related to the Dikes, Clarks, and Haskells; his will suggests an unspecified relationship to the Babsons and the Hills; and through his widow, he was connected to John Harding of Gloucester and Weymouth. In the profile for Walter Tybbot in his 1860 *History of Gloucester*, Babson did a good job piecing together the New England evidence to create a partial picture of Walter's familial relationships, but he lacked any evidence from English sources to fill in the blanks. Other writers have, unfortunately, filled in a number of the blanks with mistaken assumptions and erroneous factual claims. This article presents evidence from English records that allows us to correct some of those errors and provide a more complete picture of Walter Tybbot's extended family.

## Background

The basic facts related to Walter Tybbot's life in New England are well established. Walter immigrated to New England in 1640 as part of the Blinman Company, led by Rev. Richard Blinman.<sup>[1]</sup> The Company initially settled in Green's Harbor (later called Marshfield) in the Plymouth Colony, where in 1641, Walter and some other members of the Company were propounded for freemanship.<sup>[2]</sup> The Company, however, quickly had a falling out with other residents of Green's Harbor and, in 1642, resettled in Gloucester in the Massachusetts Bay Colony.<sup>[3]</sup> Walter became a freeman of the Massachusetts Bay Colony in 1642<sup>[4]</sup> and was chosen as a Gloucester town selectman in 1642–1646 and in 1650–1651.<sup>[5]</sup> He made his will in June 1651 and died in August of that year.<sup>[6]</sup> In his will, Walter made bequests to his wife (not named); grandson Richard Dicke; Elizabeth Dick; daughter Mary Haskell, her husband William

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<sup>1</sup> See, e.g., "Focus on Clerical Companies," *Great Migration Newsletter* 23:3 (July–September 2014), 20–21.

<sup>2</sup> "Focus on Clerical Companies" [note 1], 20.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>4</sup> Nathaniel B. Shurtleff, ed., *Records of the Governor and Company of the Massachusetts Bay in New England*, 5 vols. in 6 (Boston: William White, 1853–1854), 2:292.

<sup>5</sup> John J. Babson, *History of the Town of Gloucester, Cape Ann, Including the Town of Rockport* (Gloucester, Mass.: Proctor Brothers, 1860), 584.

<sup>6</sup> George Francis Dow, *The Probate Records of Essex County, Massachusetts*, 3 vols. (Salem, Mass.: Essex Institute, 1916–1920), 1:132–133.

Haskell, William Haskell's son Joseph and his other three sons (unnamed); son-in-law Edward [sic] Clarke; John Clark and Joseph Clark; Elinor Babson, wife of James Babson; and Zebulon Hill and John Hill.<sup>[7]</sup> After Walter's death, his widow married John Harding in Gloucester in April 1652.<sup>[8]</sup>

From Walter Tybbot's will and Gloucester records, Babson was able to deduce that, in addition to daughter Mary who had married William Haskell, Walter had had a daughter named Agnes who had married, first, a man with the last name Dicke/Dike<sup>[9]</sup> and had children by him named Elizabeth and Richard, and then married, second, Edmund Clarke.<sup>[10]</sup> Babson did not, however, suggest Walter's place of birth or origin, suggest the source of his connection to Rev. Blinman, say what the name of Walter's wife was, say whether Walter's wife at the time of his death was the mother of his daughters Agnes and Mary, or say that his daughter Agnes was the mother of Edmund Clarke's children.

Claims regarding Walter Tybbot's place of origin and connection to Rev. Blinman have since been made based on beliefs about Rev. Blinman's activities and whereabouts prior to emigrating. John Winthrop Sr. wrote that Rev. Blinman had been a minister in Wales and "came over with some friends of his,"<sup>[11]</sup> and Calamy's 1775 *Nonconformist's Memorial* stated that Blinman had been minister of Chepstow in Monmouthshire, Wales.<sup>[12]</sup> Based no doubt directly or indirectly on these sources, Felch, in his 1899 *Register* article on "The Blynman Party," stated that the Blinman Company came from Wales, mainly from Monmouthshire and that "[t]he members were largely, it is supposed, members of his church, at Chepstow, Monmouthshire."<sup>[13]</sup> Based on Felch's article and the evidence showing that Walter Tybbot was part of the Blinman Company, Mary Walton Ferris, in her 1943 *Dawes-Gates Ancestral Lines*, stated that Walter was a Welshman and suggested that he came from Chepstow.<sup>[14]</sup> However, while evidence shows it is likely that Richard Blinman

<sup>7</sup> *Probate Records of Essex County* [note 6], 1:132–133. Gloucester records clearly establish that the "Edward Clarke" referred to in Walter Tybbot's will was actually Edmund Clarke, who should not be confused with the younger Edward Clarke of Haverhill.

<sup>8</sup> *Vital Records of Gloucester, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849*, 3 vols. (Salem, Mass.: Essex Institute, 1923), 2:258.

<sup>9</sup> The name is spelled both ways in both English and Gloucester records. See, e.g., *Gloucester, Massachusetts. Names and Property of Early Settlers 1642–1714/15 Compiled from First Volume of Town Records* (Gloucester, Mass.: Archives Committee of the City of Gloucester, 1995), 23–24.

<sup>10</sup> Babson, *History of the Town of Gloucester* [note 5], 173. The basis for the deduction is (1) the fact that Walter's will referred to Edward [sic] Clarke as his son-in-law, thus establishing that Walter had another daughter besides Mary and that that other daughter was married to Edmund Clarke, and (2) the fact the marriage record of Elizabeth Dike and Zebulon Hill refers to Elizabeth as the daughter of Agnes Clarke, thus establishing that Walter's daughter who was married to Edmund Clarke was named Agnes. and that she was the mother of Elizabeth and Richard Dike (*Vital Records of Gloucester* [note 8], 2:286).

<sup>11</sup> James Kendall Hosmer, ed., *Winthrop's Journal: "History of New England." 1630–1649*, 2 vols. (New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1908), 2:58.

<sup>12</sup> Edmund Calamy, *The Nonconformist's Memorial: Being an Account of the Ministers Who Were Ejected or Silenced After the Restoration, Particularly by the Act of Uniformity, Which Took Place on Bartholomew-day, Aug. 24, 1662. Containing a Concise View of Their Lives and Characters, Their Principles, Sufferings, and Printed Works. Volume II* (London: Button and Son, 1775), 352.

<sup>13</sup> W. Farrand Felch, "The Blynman Party," *Register* 53 (1899):234.

<sup>14</sup> Mary Walton Ferris, *Dawes-Gates Ancestral Lines: A Memorial Volume Containing the American Ancestry of Rufus R. Dawes. Volume I—Dawes and Allied Families* (privately printed, 1943) 607.

was born in Chepstow,<sup>[15]</sup> it is also likely that he was never the vicar of Chepstow, except possibly briefly after he returned to England in 1659.<sup>[16]</sup> Wherever Blinman may have served after he was ordained in Wells, Somerset, in 1636, by 1639 he had been “put out” and was seen at various locations along the Welsh-English border, including in Herefordshire, Denbighshire, and Shropshire.<sup>[17]</sup> Of the three other members of the Blinman Company whose origins have been identified, Obadiah Bruen came from Tarvin, Cheshire,<sup>[18]</sup> Hugh Calkin came from Waverton, Cheshire.<sup>[19]</sup> and Hugh Prichard probably came from Broughton, Denbighshire.<sup>[20]</sup> There thus appears to be no reason to believe that all or most of the members of the Blinman Company came from Wales or were connected to Rev. Blinman as a result of being members of the Chepstow church.

In *Dawes-Gates Ancestral Lines*, Ferris stated, without citing any source, that the name of Walter Tybbot’s wife was Mary.<sup>[21]</sup> No prior source has been found that suggests any first name for Walter’s wife, and no evidence has been found that suggests that her name was Mary. She is referred to only as “my wif” in Walter’s will<sup>[22]</sup> and as “Widdow Tibbit” in the record of her subsequent marriage to John Harding.<sup>[23]</sup> It appears likely that Ferris misread a source that referred to Walter Tybbot and his daughter Mary as referring to Walter and his wife.<sup>[24]</sup> Ferris’s apparent error appears to have then been relied on by Edith Bartlett Sumner in her 1959 *Descendants of Thomas Farr*, which repeats the

<sup>15</sup> According to *Alumni Oxonienses*, Richard Blinman was the son of William Blinman of Chepstow, Monmouthshire. See Joseph Foster, *Alumni Oxonienses: The Members of the University of Oxford, 1500–1714: Their Parentage, Birthplace, and Year of Birth, With a Record of Their Degrees. Volume I Early Series* (Oxford: Parker and Co., 1891), 139. Consistent with that claim, the Chepstow parish registers contain not one, but two, entries for the baptism on 2 February 1608/9 of Richard Blinman, son of William Blinman. See *Parish Registers of Chepstow, Monmouthshire, Wales* [FHL DGS 4,393,990, images 154 and 155]. However, it is unclear whether the information in Blinman’s *Alumni Oxonienses* entry was based on contemporaneous Oxford records or later secondary sources and, as noted in *Chepstow Parish Records*, the entries for Blinman’s baptism in the Chepstow register were clearly inserted at a later time, which raises issues about their reliability. See Ivor Waters, *Chepstow Parish Records* (Chepstow: The Chepstow Society and the Newport and Monmouthshire Branch of the Historical Association, 1955), 2.

<sup>16</sup> According to *Chepstow Parish Records*, [note 15], 3, 125, Abraham Drew was the vicar of Chepstow from 1609 until he died in 1646, while Blinman was only possibly the vicar there in 1659. According to Susan Hardman Moore, *Abandoning America: Life-stories from Early New England* (Woodbridge, Suffolk: Boydell Press, 2013), 56–58, no evidence survives that shows whether Blinman held a church after returning to England.

<sup>17</sup> Moore, *Abandoning America* [note 16], 56–58.

<sup>18</sup> Donald Lines Jacobus, “Ancestry of Obadiah and Mary Bruen,” *The American Genealogist* 26 (1950):12–25.

<sup>19</sup> Roy Edwards, *Outline of the English Origins of Hugh Calkins* (monograph at NEHGS, 2000).

<sup>20</sup> Moore, *Abandoning America* [note 16], 256.

<sup>21</sup> Ferris, *Dawes-Gates Ancestral Lines* [note 14], 1:608.

<sup>22</sup> *Probate Records of Essex County* [note 6], 1:132–133.

<sup>23</sup> *Vital Records of Gloucester* [note 8], 2:258.

<sup>24</sup> See, e.g., Henry Howland Crapo, *Certain Comeoverers. Volume I* (New Bedford, Mass.: E. Anthony & Sons, 1912), 16, which lists two Tibbots, “Tibbot Mary, 1640” and “Tibbot, Walter 1640,” on a list of immigrant ancestors. This list could easily be misread to suggest that Mary was Walter’s wife, when in fact the reference is to his daughter Mary.

claim (without sources or explanation) that Walter's wife was named Mary.<sup>[25]</sup> In reliance on both Ferris and Sumner and using an estimated date of birth for Walter's elder daughter Agnes of 1622, the entry for Walter Tybbot's marriage in Torrey's *New England Marriages Prior to 1700* states that Walter married a woman named Mary by 1622.<sup>[26]</sup> The possible true identity of Walter Tybbot's wife is suggested by an Essex Quarterly Court record of a 1648 Gloucester presentment, and resulting fine, against Joane Tippitt for "second drunk."<sup>[27]</sup> However, that piece of evidence apparently went unnoticed by Ferris, Farr, and other genealogists.

Lastly, a number of secondary sources, including Savage's 1860 *Genealogical Dictionary of the First Settlers of New England*<sup>[28]</sup> and Winthrop Sargent's 1922 *Early Sargents of New England*,<sup>[29]</sup> have claimed that Walter Tybbot's daughter Agnes was the mother of Edmund Clark's daughter Abigail. Ferris, in her *Dawes-Gates Ancestral Lines*, following Babson's lead, stated that Walter's daughter Agnes married, first, a man with the last name Dike and had children by him named Elizabeth and Richard and then married, second, Edmund Clark. Ferris, like Savage and Sargent, also claimed that Agnes was the mother of Edmund Clark's daughter Abigail, in addition to his sons John and Joseph.<sup>[30]</sup> In reliance on Savage, Sargent, and Ferris and on Ferris's estimated date of birth for Abigail Clark of 1632–1633, the entry for Edmund Clark's marriage in Torrey's *New England Marriages Prior to 1700* states that Edmund married Agnes (Dike?) Tybbot by 1632.<sup>[31]</sup> Ferris's work, however, besides stating that Abigail Clark, supposedly Agnes's daughter from her second marriage, was born about 1632–1633, also states that Richard Dike, Agnes's son from her first marriage, was born about 1640.<sup>[32]</sup> Although apparently unnoticed by Ferris and others, the conflict inherent in those dates suggests that the assertion that Walter Tybbot's daughter Agnes was the mother of both Richard Dike and Abigail Clark is problematic at best.

### St. Philip & St. Jacob Parish, Bristol Register Entries

Modern databases often allow the discovery of relevant records that were not found by earlier researchers. In the case of Walter Tybbot, a search on FamilySearch.org for Walter Tybbot (or variants thereof) born in England in 1580 to 1590, found the following three records from the register of St. Philip & St. Jacob parish in Bristol. A subsequent visual review of images of the St.

<sup>25</sup> Edith Bartlett Sumner, *Descendants of Thomas Farr of Harpswell, Maine and Ninety Allied Families* (Los Angeles: American Offset Printers, 1959), 293–294.

<sup>26</sup> Clarence Almon Torrey, *New England Marriages Prior to 1700*, 3 vols. (Boston: NEHGS, 2015), 3:1518.

<sup>27</sup> George Francis Dow, *Records and Files of the Quarterly Courts of Essex County, Massachusetts*, 9 vols. (Salem, Mass.: Essex Institute, 1911–1921), 1:157.

<sup>28</sup> James Savage, *A Genealogical Dictionary of the First Settlers of New England, Showing Three Generations of Those Who Came Before May, 1692, on the Basis of Farmer's Register*, 4 vols. (Boston: Little, Brown and Company, 1860), 1:393.

<sup>29</sup> Winthrop Sargent, *Early Sargents of New England* (privately printed, 1922), 23.

<sup>30</sup> Ferris, *Dawes-Gates Ancestral Lines* [note 14], 1:608.

<sup>31</sup> Torrey, *New England Marriages Prior to 1700* [note 26], 1:319.

<sup>32</sup> Ferris, *Dawes-Gates Ancestral Lines* [note 14], 1:608.

Philip & St. Jacob parish register at a Family History Center affiliate library provided the exact wording of the records, which contained additional details.

- 1630: Agnes Tippet the wife of Water tippet was buried the xxii day of March<sup>[33]</sup>
- 1630: Water Tippet of this parish and Jone Hill of the parish of Bedminster were married the xxiii day of May<sup>[34]</sup>
- 1631: Henry Dicke of London marchant tayler and Agnes Tibbot the daughter of Walter Tibbott of this parish were married the ix th Day of February<sup>[35]</sup>

Additional FamilySearch.org searches for records for persons with the surname Dicke or Dike (or variants thereof), born in Bristol in 1610 to 1650, with father Henry, found the following additional records in the St. Philip & St. Jacob parish register. Again, a subsequent visual review of images of the parish register provided additional details and the exact wording.

- 1632: Elizabeth Dike the daughter of Henry Dike was baptized the third of February dwelling without the gate<sup>[36]</sup>
- 1637: Henrie Dicke the sonn of Henrie Dicke by Annes his wyffe was Baptized the xviii th daie of octobar<sup>[37]</sup>
- 1642: James Dicke the sonn of Henrie Dicke by Ann his wyffe was Baptized the ninthe daie of January<sup>[38]</sup>

The key record that makes it highly probable that all these records relate to Walter Tybbot of Gloucester and his family is the record of the marriage of Henry Dicke and Agnes Tibbott, daughter of Walter Tibbott, on 9 February 1631/2. As mentioned above, Babson had deduced from Gloucester records that Walter Tybbot had a daughter named Agnes who had been married first to a man with the last name Dike and by him had children named Elizabeth and Richard. The St. Philip & St. Jacob parish record is so fully consistent with those facts, and it is so unlikely that there would be another Walter Tibbot with a daughter named Agnes who married a man named Dicke or Dike in the relevant time frame, that the record must be assumed to relate to the first marriage of Agnes, the daughter of Walter Tybbot of Gloucester.

Besides the records listed above, no other English or Welsh records likely to relate to Walter Tybbot, daughters Agnes or Mary, or son-in-law Henry Dicke/Dike have so far been found, either in the St. Philip & St. Jacob parish register

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<sup>33</sup> Parish registers of St. Philip & St. Jacob, Bristol, England, Volume 2 (1621–1658) [FHL DGS 4,230,624, image 79].

<sup>34</sup> Parish registers of St. Philip & St. Jacob, Bristol, England, Volume 2 (1621–1658) [FHL DGS 4,230,624, image 57].

<sup>35</sup> Parish register of St. Philip & St. Jacob, Bristol, England, Volume 2 (1621–1658) [FHL DGS 4,230,624, image 59].

<sup>36</sup> Parish register of St. Philip & St. Jacob, Bristol, England, Volume 2 (1621–1658) [FHL DGS 4,230,624, image 21].

<sup>37</sup> Parish register of St. Philip & St. Jacob, Bristol, England, Volume 2 (1621–1658) [FHL DGS 4,230,624, image 32].

<sup>38</sup> Parish register of St. Philip & St. Jacob, Bristol, England, Volume 2 (1621–1658) [FHL DGS 4,230,624, image 43].



or elsewhere. Those records are sufficient, however, to provide significant new information about Walter Tybbot's place of origin, the possible source of his connection to Rev. Blinman, the identities of his wives and the mother of his children, his relationship to Elinor Babson, Zebulon Hill, and John Hill, and the parentage and origin of Elizabeth and Richard Dike and Abigail and John Clarke.

### Walter Tybbot's Place of Origin and Parentage

The St. Philip & St. Jacob parish register records place Walter Tybbot in Bristol in 1630–1632. Those records, together with the fact that no records have been found for Walter elsewhere in England or Wales, mean that, contrary to prior assertions that Walter came to New England from Chepstow, Monmouthshire, or elsewhere in Wales, it is probable that Walter Tybbot came from Bristol and likely that he was born in or near Bristol. That assertion is further supported by the fact that searches on FamilySearch.org find a significant number of Tippet/Tybbot families in Bristol and the surrounding areas in the early 1600s. Although no record for the baptism of a Walter Tybbot (or any spelling variation thereof) has been found, a promising candidate for his father (or at least an uncle) appears to be a William Tippet who had a son named Richard who was baptized at St. Philip & St. Jacob, Bristol in 1589 (five years after Walter's estimated date of birth).<sup>[39]</sup>

### Source of Connection to Rev. Blinman

In 1659 Rev. Richard Blinman left New England and returned to England. His whereabouts immediately upon his return are uncertain, and it is possible that he was briefly the vicar at Chepstow.<sup>[40]</sup> By 1665, however, he was living in Bristol and remained there until his death in 1681.<sup>[41]</sup> The burials of Richard Blinman and his wife Mary are recorded in the St. Philip & St. Jacob, Bristol parish register.<sup>[42]</sup>

The fact that Rev. Blinman was buried in the same parish where Walter Tybbot and his family members lived is probably not a coincidence. Since St. Philip & St. Jacob parish was also the place of origin of the family of Francis Brewster of New Haven,<sup>[43]</sup> it appears that the parish was a hotbed of Puritanism and a fertile source of New England immigrants. It is perhaps most likely that Rev. Blinman had connections in St. Philip & St. Jacob parish

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<sup>39</sup> Parish register of St. Philip & St. Jacob, Bristol, England, Volume 1 (1576–1621) [FHL DGS 4,230,614, image 39].

<sup>40</sup> See note 16.

<sup>41</sup> Moore, *Abandoning America* [note 16], 56–58. Greenwood, upon whom a number of later writers have relied, mistakenly stated that Blinman's will was made and proved in 1687 (see Isaac J. Greenwood, "Rev. Blinman of Marshfield, Gloucester and New London," *Register* 54 [1900]:4243), when in fact it was made and proved in 1681 (see Consistory Court of Bristol, England. Original Wills & Admons., 1681–1686 [FHL DGS 8,037,009, images 12 and 13]).

<sup>42</sup> Parish register of St. Philip and St. Jacob, Bristol, England, Volume 4 (1671–1699) [FHL DGS 4,230,665, images 173 (for Richard's wife, Mary) and 175 (for Richard)].

<sup>43</sup> Donald Lines Jacobus, "The Family of Rev. Nathaniel Brewster: III: The Brewsters and the Castle of Bristol," *The American Genealogist* 13 (1936):10.

before he left for New England, which provided him the opportunity to recruit Walter Tybbot's family to join him and also provided him with a welcome place to settle in his later years after he returned to England.

### Walter Tybbot's Wives

The records for the burial of Agnes Tippet, wife of Water Tippet, on 30 March 1630 and the marriage of Water Tippet and Jone Hill on 24 May 1630 establish that Walter Tybbot had two wives, neither of them named Mary. Since the estimated dates of birth of Walter Tybbot's daughters are both well before 1630,<sup>[44]</sup> their mother was no doubt Walter's first wife, Agnes, who was buried in March 1630. That assertion is also supported by the fact that Walter's eldest daughter was named Agnes.

No record of the marriage of Walter Tybbot and his first wife Agnes has been found. Based on daughter Agnes's date of marriage to Henry Dicke (February 1631/2) and the date of the birth of her last child (Joseph Clark, 1650<sup>[45]</sup>), she was probably born sometime in 1608-14, which, together with Walter's estimated date of birth of about 1584, suggests that Walter married his first wife Agnes sometime between 1605 and 1614. Since the only records in England or Wales for Walter, his wife Agnes and his daughters are from Bristol, it is likely that Walter and his wife Agnes were married, and his daughters born, in or near Bristol, England.

The marriage record of Water Tippet and Jone Hill on 24 May 1630 establishes the identity of Walter Tybbot's second wife, her place of origin, and the date and place of their marriage. It is uncertain whether Hill was Jone's maiden name or the name of a prior husband. Since no record of Jone's death or any subsequent marriage for Walter Tybbot has been found, it is highly probable that Walter's second wife, Jone Hill, was the "Joane Tippet" who was fined at Essex Quarterly Court in 1648 for "second drunk." It is therefore also highly probable that Jone was Walter's wife at the time of his death in 1651 and the "Widdow Tibbitt" who married John Harding in 1652. No record has been found that suggests that Walter and Jone had any children together.

### Wife Jone Hill and the Hill Siblings

As mentioned above, Walter Tybbot's will included bequests to Elinor Babson, Zebulon Hill and John Hill.<sup>[46]</sup> Land records related to John Hill's estate establish that Elinor, Zebulon, and John were siblings and were also siblings of a Philip Hill of Bedminster, Somerset, England.<sup>[47]</sup> Although Zebulon and

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<sup>44</sup> Per the discussion in the following paragraph, the estimated date of birth of Walter's daughter Agnes is between 1608 and 1614. The estimated date of birth of Walter's daughter Mary is between 1618 and 1625, based on the date of her marriage to William Haskell in November 1643.

<sup>45</sup> *Vital Records of Gloucester* [note 8], 1:150.

<sup>46</sup> *Probate Records of Essex County* [note 6], 1:132-133.

<sup>47</sup> The existence of a sibling relationship between Zebulon Hill and John Hill is established by a 1685 agreement in which John is referred to as Zebulon's brother (Essex County Deeds, 8:17; FHL DGS 7,462,656, image 73). The existence of a sibling relationship between John Hill and Elinor (Hill) Babson is established by a 1708 agreement pursuant to which Eleanor Bapson made

John Hill said they were from Bristol,<sup>[48]</sup> a Bedminster parish register record of the baptism on 21 March 1619/20 of Zabulon, son of Philip Hill,<sup>[49]</sup> suggests that Zebulon and the other Hill siblings were probably the children of an elder Philip Hill of Bedminster. The fact that all of the other recipients of bequests in Walter Tybbot's will were his relatives by blood or marriage, together with the fact that Walter Tybbot's second wife was Jone Hill of Bedminster, suggests that the Hill siblings were probably related to Jone.

The close connection between Walter Tybbot and Elinor, Zebulon, and John Hill indicated by Walter's bequests to them suggests that, beyond merely being relatives of his second wife Jone, they may have at one time been under his care or otherwise lived with him. One scenario that could have resulted in that situation is if the Hill siblings were Jone's children from her first marriage and came to live with Walter after he married their mother. This scenario seems unlikely, however, as depositions by John Hill in 1677, in which he stated that he was 42 years old,<sup>[50]</sup> and the Beverly town record of John Hill's death in February 1707/8, which states that he was 72 when he died,<sup>[51]</sup> indicate that John was born about 1635, five years after Jone Hill married Walter. Another scenario could have been that Jone was a close relative of the Hill siblings (perhaps an older sibling or aunt), that sometime after Jone's marriage to Walter, but before 1640, the parents of the Hill siblings died and Walter took young Elinor, Zebulon, John, and perhaps Philip into his home in Bristol, and that, when Walter and Jone immigrated to New England, Elinor, Zebulon, and John came with them while Philip remained in England. A third scenario could have been that Jone was a close relative of the Hill siblings but that the Hill siblings did not live with Walter and Jone in England or immigrate with them and that, instead, Elinor, Zebulon, and John immigrated to New England sometime after Walter and Jone had settled there and, when they immigrated, were taken into Walter's household in Gloucester in return for working in his home and on his lands there.<sup>[52]</sup> Unfortunately, the Bedminster parish register records prior to 1650 only exist in the bishop's transcripts, which are themselves only available for a handful of years and in generally

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an assignment to "my loving sister" Abigail Hill, relict and administrator of the estate of "my brother" John Hill. See Essex County Deeds 20:180 [FHL DGS 7,462,661, image 452].

<sup>48</sup> Zebulon testified in 1652 that he used to live "in Bristol, in Ould England." *Records and Files of the Quarterly Courts of Essex County* [note 27], 1:264. The record of John Hill's death in the Gloucester town vital records states that he was from "county Bristol, England." See also *Vital Records of Beverly, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849*, 2 vols. (Topsfield, Mass.: Topsfield Historical Society, 1907), 473.

<sup>49</sup> Bedminster Parish Bishop's Transcripts [FHL DGS 7,767,924, image 1734]. See also Dean Crawford Smith, *The Ancestry of Samuel Blanchard Ordway, 1744–1916* (Boston: NEHGS, 1990), 331–333.

<sup>50</sup> *Records and Files of the Quarterly Courts of Essex County*, [note 27], 6:349, 373.

<sup>51</sup> *Vital Records of Beverly* [note 48], 2:473.

<sup>52</sup> Walter Tybbot had significant landholdings in Gloucester (see *Gloucester, Massachusetts. Names and Property of Early Settlers 1642–1714/15 Compiled from First Volume of Town Records*, Archives Committee, City of Gloucester, 1995, 78), and, since he would have been 58 when he settled there in 1642, he could no doubt have used the assistance of younger hands.

poor condition,<sup>[53]</sup> making definitive determination of the relationship between Jone Hill and the Hill siblings difficult.

### Daughter Agnes Tybbot's Husbands and Children

The discovery of the records for the marriage of Walter Tybbot's daughter Agnes and Henry Dicke in Bristol on 9 February 1631/2 and the baptisms of their children there between 1632 and 1642 provides significant new information about both the Dikes and the Clarks. The records establish that Walter Tybbot's daughter Agnes married, first, a man named Henry Dicke/Dike, a merchant taylor from London, and that Henry was the father of Elizabeth and Richard Dike who received bequests in Walter Tybbot's will. The records of the baptism of Agnes's and Henry's children also show that Agnes had her last known child by Henry Dicke/Dike in January 1642/3 and therefore could not have married Edmund Clarke until sometime after that date. Since Edmund Clarke's daughter Abigail, was probably born about 1633,<sup>[54]</sup> that means that Edmund Clarke must have had a marriage prior to his marriage to Agnes and that his daughter Abigail was a product of this marriage.

The evidence regarding Agnes's children by Henry Dicke/Dike, however, is not inconsistent with Agnes's being the mother of Edmund Clarke's sons John and Joseph. Since Gloucester town vital records show that Joseph, the son of Edmund Clarke and his wife Agnes, was born in November 1650,<sup>[55]</sup> Agnes's parentage of Joseph is not in doubt. Agnes's parentage of John Clarke is somewhat less clear. Edmund's will establishes that John was older than his brother Joseph but still a minor when the will was made in February 1666.<sup>[56]</sup> This indicates that John was probably born sometime between 1645 and 1659. Since that time frame was well after the baptism of Agnes's last known child by Henry Dicke/Dike (James in January 1642/3), it is quite possible that, after that date, Henry died and Agnes married Edmund Clarke and had John. The fact that the time frame for John's estimated date of birth is long after his sister Abigail was born but close to when his brother Joseph was born, suggests that John, like Joseph, was most probably the son of Edmund's second wife, Agnes (Tybbot) Dicke/Dike. That assertion is further supported by the fact that Edmund's sons John and Joseph received equal bequests of 20 shillings in Walter Tybbot's will, while Edmund's daughter Abigail received no bequest.<sup>[57]</sup>

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<sup>53</sup> See Bishop's transcripts for St. John Baptist's Church, Bedminster 1598–1812 [FHL DGS 4,007,832, images 385–401] and Bedminster Parish Bishop's Transcripts, 1598–1830 [FHL DGS 7,767,924, images 1729–1736].

<sup>54</sup> The Gloucester town vital record of Abigail's death states that she was in her 78th or 79th year when she died on 8 March 1710/1 (*Vital Records of Gloucester* [note 8], 3:373). This would mean that she was born sometime in March 1632 and March 1634. A date of birth sometime before 1634 is also consistent with the fact that Abigail married William Sargent in September 1651 (*Vital Records of Gloucester* [note 8], 2:130).

<sup>55</sup> Gloucester Births, Deaths, and Marriages, 1634–1727 [available on Archive.org], 7; *Vital Records of Gloucester* [note 84], 1:150.

<sup>56</sup> Edmund's will includes a bequest to "Eldest Sonn John Clerke . . . when hee Shall attayne the age of twenty & one years" [*Probate Records of Essex County* [note 6], 2:28–30].

<sup>57</sup> *Ibid.*, 1:132–133.

The date and location of Agnes and Edmund's marriage and location of son John's birth are uncertain. Based on the date of birth of Agnes's last known child by Henry Dicke/Dike (James in January 1642/3) and the probable date of birth of Agnes' presumed first child by Edmund Clarke (John, sometime between 1645 and 1649), Henry died and Agnes married Edmund probably sometime between 1643 and 1648. The most probable scenario is that Agnes's first husband, Henry Dicke/Dike, died between 1642 and 1645 in or near Bristol, that Agnes married Edmund Clark about, say, 1646, in or near Bristol, that Agnes and Edmund's son John was born in or near Bristol about, say, 1647, and that Agnes and Edmund immigrated with their children in 1648 or 1649 to Gloucester, where Agnes's father, Walter Tybbot, lived. An alternative possibility is that, after Agnes's husband, Henry Dicke/Dike, died, Agnes immigrated to Gloucester with her children Elizabeth and Richard Dike sometime between 1643 and 1645, that Agnes met and married Edmund Clarke in or near Gloucester about 1646, and that Agnes and Edmund's son John was born in or near Gloucester in 1647–1648. What makes the second scenario less probable is that no record has been found of Edmund's presence in or near Gloucester until 1649.<sup>[58]</sup>

### Genealogical Summary

**WALTER TYBBOT** was born about 1584 probably in or near Bristol, England. He married, first, a woman named **AGNES**, probably sometime between 1605 and 1614 in or near Bristol. Agnes was buried at St. Philip & St. Jacob's in Bristol on 30 March 1630, and Walter married, second, **JONE/JOANE HILL**, on 24 May 1630 at St. Philip & St. Jacob's. Walter immigrated to New England in 1640 as part of the Blinman Company, settling briefly in Green's Harbor in the Plymouth Colony before removing to Gloucester in the Massachusetts Bay Colony in 1642. Walter Tybbot died in Gloucester on 15 August 1651. His widow, Jone/Joane, married John Harding in Gloucester on 22 April 1652.

Children of Walter and Agnes (\_\_\_\_\_) Tybbot:

- i. **AGNES TYBBOT**, b. probably between 1608 and 1614 in or near Bristol;<sup>[59]</sup>  
m. (1) St. Philip & St. Jacob, Bristol, 9 Feb. 1631/2, **HENRY DICKE/DIKE**.

<sup>58</sup> The earliest record that has been found that establishes Edmund Clark's presence in New England is a Gloucester land record that appears to have been recorded in 1649 which describes land of John Bourne lying between the lands of Water Tybbot and Mr. Clarke [Gloucester Town Records, Volume I (1642–1715) [available on archive.org], 7. Babson suggested that Edmund may have been the Edmund Clark in Lynn in 1636 and then in Sandwich (Babson, *History of the Town of Gloucester* [note 5], 68). However, there is no evidence that establishes that Edmond Clarke of Sandwich was actually ever in Lynn, the amount of land granted to him in Sandwich suggests that he was younger and less well off than Mr. Clarke of Gloucester, and there is no evidence connecting him to Edmund Clarke of Gloucester. For the land grant to Edmond Clarke of Sandwich, see, e.g., *Library of Cape Cod History & Genealogy*. No. 104. *Sandwich and Bourne Colony and Town Records* (Yarmouthport: C. W. Swift, 1912).

<sup>59</sup> Agnes's date of birth is estimated as probably between 1608 and 1614 based on the date of her marriage (February 1631/2). Her probable place of birth is based on the fact the only known records for her and her father are from Bristol, England.

Agnes m. (2) probably between 1643 and 1648, in or near Bristol, EDMUND CLARKE.

Children of Henry and Agnes (Tybbot) Dicke/Dike:

1. *Elizabeth Dicke/Dike*, bp. St. Philip & St. Jacob 3 Feb. 1632/3; d. Salem before 29 March 1699;<sup>[60]</sup> m. Gloucester 16 Nov. 1651, *Zebulon Hill*.<sup>[61]</sup>
2. *Henry Dicke/Dike*, bp. St. Philip & St. Jacob in Oct. 1637; no further record.
3. *Richard Dicke/Dike* b. about 1640,<sup>[62]</sup> presumably in Bristol; d. Gloucester 4 May 1729;<sup>[63]</sup> m. Gloucester 7 Aug. 1667, *Rebecah Doliver*.<sup>[64]</sup>
4. *James Dicke/Dike*, bp. St. Philip & St. Jacob 9 Jan. 1642/3; no further record.

Children of Edmund and Agnes (Tybbot) (Dicke/Dike) Clarke:

5. *John Clarke*, b. probably about 1647 in or near Bristol; d. Gloucester 2 Jan. 1681/2;<sup>[65]</sup> never married.
  6. *Joseph Clarke*, b. Gloucester 16 Nov. 1650;<sup>[66]</sup> d. Gloucester 29 Nov. 1696;<sup>[67]</sup> m. Gloucester 27 March 1682, *Hannah Davis*.<sup>[68]</sup>
- ii. MARY TYBBOT, b. probably between 1618 and 1625 in or near Bristol;<sup>[69]</sup> d. Gloucester 16 Aug. 1693;<sup>[70]</sup> m. Gloucester 6 Nov. 1643, WILLIAM HASKELL.<sup>[71]</sup>

Children of William and Mary (Tybbot) Haskell:<sup>[72]</sup>

1. *William Haskell*, b. Gloucester 26 Aug. 1644; d. Gloucester 5 June 1708; m. Gloucester 3 July 1667, *Mary Browne*.
2. *Joseph Haskell*, b. Gloucester 2 June 1646; d. Gloucester 12 Nov. 1727; m. Gloucester 2 Dec. 1674, *Mary Graves*.

<sup>60</sup> Elizabeth died probably sometime before 29 March 1699 since there is no reference to her in the will of her husband "Zebulon Hill of the town Salem" dated that date. See *Essex County Probate Records* 307:156–158 [FHL DGS 7,704,835, images 92–93].

<sup>61</sup> *Vital Records of Gloucester* [note 8], 2:286.

<sup>62</sup> Richard Dicke/Dike's date of birth was about 1640, based on the record of his death in Gloucester town vital records, which states that he was about 89 years old when he died in 1729. See *Vital Records of Gloucester* [note 8], 3:119.

<sup>63</sup> *Vital Records of Gloucester* [note 8], 3:119.

<sup>64</sup> *Ibid.*, 2:179.

<sup>65</sup> *Ibid.*, 3:93.

<sup>66</sup> *Ibid.*, 1:150.

<sup>67</sup> *Ibid.*, 3:93.

<sup>68</sup> *Ibid.*, 2:134.

<sup>69</sup> Mary's date of birth is estimated as probably between 1618 and 1625, based on her marriage in November 1643. Her probable place of birth is based on the fact the only known records for her and her father are from Bristol.

<sup>70</sup> *Ibid.*, 3:162.

<sup>71</sup> *Ibid.*, 2:556.

<sup>72</sup> Except as noted, the sources for all the information for the children of Mary and William Haskell are *Vital Records of Gloucester* [note 8], *Volume I—Births*, 329–347; *Volume II—Marriages*, 265–274; and *Volume III—Deaths*, 162–167.

3. *Benjamin Haskell*, b. about 1648,<sup>[73]</sup> presumably in Gloucester; d. Gloucester before 25 May 1741;<sup>[74]</sup> m. Gloucester 21 Nov. 1677, *Mary Riggs*.
4. *John Haskell*, b. about 1649,<sup>[75]</sup> presumably in Gloucester; d. Gloucester 2 Feb. 1717/8; m. Gloucester 20 May 1685, *Mary Baker*.
5. *Mary Haskell*, b. probably about 1652<sup>[76]</sup> in Gloucester; d. Beverly 1737;<sup>[77]</sup> m. Beverly in April 1673, *Edward Dodge*.<sup>[78]</sup>
6. *Ruth Haskell*, b. about 1654,<sup>[79]</sup> presumably in Gloucester; d. Beverly 26 Nov. 1714;<sup>[80]</sup> m. Beverly 2 Dec. 1674, *Nehemiah Grover*.<sup>[81]</sup>
7. *Mark Haskell*, b. Gloucester 8 April 1658; d. Gloucester 8 Sept. 1691; m. Gloucester 16 Dec. 1685, *Elizabeth Giddings*.
8. *Sarah Haskell*, b. Gloucester 28 June 1660; d. Gloucester 4 March 1690/1; m. Gloucester 5 Feb. 1684/5, *Edward Harradan*.
9. *Elinor Haskell*, b. Gloucester 28 May 1663; d. after 29 Oct. 29, 1734;<sup>[82]</sup> m. Gloucester 12 Nov. 1685, *Jacob Griggs*.

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<sup>73</sup> Benjamin's date of birth is estimated based on (1) inferred birth order based on the order of bequests in his father's will (*Essex County Probate Records* 303:318–320 [FHL DGS 7,704,242, images 434–435]) and (2) the date of brother Joseph's birth (June 1646) and the estimated date of brother John's birth (1649).

<sup>74</sup> Date of probate of Benjamin's will (*Essex County Probate Records* 324:51 [FHL DGS 7,704,842, image 226]).

<sup>75</sup> John's date of birth of about 1649 is based on the Gloucester town vital records of his death which state that he was aged about 69 when he died in February 1717/8 (*Vital Records of Gloucester* [note 8], 3:165).

<sup>76</sup> Mary's date of birth is estimated based on (1) inferred birth order based on the order of bequests in her father's will (*Essex County Probate Records* 303:318–320 [FHL DGS 7,704,242, images 434–435]) and (2) the estimated date of birth of her brother John (1649) and the estimated date of birth of her younger sister Ruth (1654).

<sup>77</sup> *Vital Records of Beverly* [note 48], 2:423.

<sup>78</sup> *Ibid.*, 2:150.

<sup>79</sup> Ruth's date of birth of about 1654 is based on the Beverly town vital record of her death, which states that she was about 60 years old when she died in November 1714. See next note.

<sup>80</sup> *Vital Records of Beverly* [note 48], 2:458.

<sup>81</sup> *Ibid.*, 2:150.

<sup>82</sup> Elinor died sometime after 29 October 1734, based on being referenced as a living person in the division of her late husband's personal estate on that date (*Essex County Probate Records* 321:201–203 [FHL DGS 7,704,234, images 356–357]).

# The Wives of Rev. Francis<sup>A</sup> Boughey, Father of Elizabeth<sup>1</sup> (Boughey) Harris of Roxbury and Muddy River, Massachusetts

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The family of Francis<sup>A</sup> Boughey, vicar of Stokesay and rector of Hodnet (both in Shropshire), father of Elizabeth<sup>1</sup> (Boughey) Harris of Roxbury and Brookline, Massachusetts, was developed in an earlier article from two letters preserved by Elizabeth's descendants and from the parish registers of Stokesay and Farnworth near Prescott, Lancashire, where Francis Boughey had previously served as a preacher.<sup>[1]</sup> Since then, new evidence has come to light, both confirming the family structure as given and providing more detailed information on Rev. Francis Boughey's marital history.

On 18 November 1670, Thomas Boughey of London, gentleman, and Hannah (Boughey) Wilding (along with Hannah's husband Roger Wilding of Shrewsbury, clothier), as "two & only surviving of the children of Francis Baughy late of Hodnett . . . Salop Clarke deceased" brought suit in an attempt to recover the estate of their late father from James Lowe and Lawrence Jeffries.<sup>[2]</sup> The answer of James Lowe was dated 15 February 1670/1, and that of Lawrence Jeffries 8 March 1670/1. From the complaint and replies, the following facts emerge:

- Francis Boughey had three sons (Bold, Thomas, and Timothy)<sup>[3]</sup> and five daughters (described in the complaint as "the one married to ye Orator Roger Wilding another married to one Thomas Roe And A third married unto William Brewce<sup>[4]</sup> & two other daughters living late in London or some other places unknown to your Orators").<sup>[5]</sup> According to the complaint, all of these children were by Francis's wife Jane; according to the answers, they were by both Jane and by Francis's prior wife (" . . . the said Francis Boughey . . . had by Jane and another his former Wives . . ."). The complaint makes no mention of any wife or wives before Jane.

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<sup>1</sup> Robert Battle, "The English Origin of Elizabeth (Boughey) Harris of Roxbury and Brookline, Massachusetts" *Register* 159 (2005): 327–332; and Gale Ion Harris, "Robert<sup>1</sup> Harris of Roxbury and Muddy River, Massachusetts," *Register* 175 (2021):48–49.

<sup>2</sup> The National Archives, C 10/158/21.

<sup>3</sup> His son Francis was not included, perhaps indicating that he had been dead for a considerable time.

<sup>4</sup> "Presilia Bruce wife to William" was buried 1 Aug. 1663 at St. Bride, Fleet Street, London (Registers of St. Bride, Fleet Street, 1653–1672; London Metropolitan Archives, P69/BRI/A/005/MS06540/001, images on Ancestry.com).

<sup>5</sup> This matches well with his known daughters from the original article: Elizabeth (Boughey) Harris (one of the two of London or unknown location), Hannah (Boughey) Wilding, Katherine (Boughey) Thorpe (the other of London or unknown location), Mary (Boughey) Roe, and Priscilla (Boughey) Bruce. His daughter Anna died in infancy; probably Judith did as well.



- Francis Boughey remarried Margaret \_\_\_\_\_ and died intestate in 1654.
- After Francis Boughey's death, there was a dispute between Margaret (\_\_\_\_\_) Boughey and her stepchildren regarding Francis's estate, which was resolved by agreeing to arbitration by a neutral third party (Thomas Gilbert of Edgmond, Shropshire, clerk, and Arthur Ward of Hinton, Shropshire, gent.). The agreement was drawn up 8 May 1655, by the terms of which each of Francis Boughey's children was to receive £13-6-8, and his widow Margaret was to enjoy the rest of his estate for her lifetime. The complainants claimed that after Margaret's death the estate was to be divided among Francis's children; this was disputed by the defendants, who claimed that the estate was Margaret's to do with as she wished.
- According to the defendants, on 4 December 1663 Margaret (\_\_\_\_\_) Boughey gave her property to James Lowe and his son Thomas Lowe in trust for her daughter Priscilla, wife of Lawrence Jeffries, then a year or two later moved into James Lowe's house in Stoke upon Tern, Shropshire, where she spent the remainder of her life, dying there 1 May 1670. Again according to the defendants, she had made a nuncupative will 6 August 1669, of which James Lowe was executor. The complainants contended that this was a fraudulent will.<sup>[6]</sup>

The marriage of this Margaret and Francis Boughey had taken place 28 April 1641 in Welshpool, Montgomery, Wales: "Franciscus Boughey, clericus, Vicarius de Stokesay et Margarita, Vidua Joh'is Laurence, Clerici, defuncti" (Francis Boughey, clerk, vicar of Stokesay, and Margaret, widow of John Lawrence, clerk, deceased); her late husband John Lawrence, curate of Welshpool, had been buried there 15 May 1640.<sup>[7]</sup>

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<sup>6</sup> Fraudulent or not, the will was proved in the Consistory Court of Lichfield on 6 May 1670 by executor "Jacobus Low" (images on findmypast.co.uk database *Staffordshire, Dioceses of Lichfield and Coventry Wills and Probate 1521-1860*): Margaret Boughey late of Newport in the County of Salop widow; legatees daughter Priscilla Jeffries in London (her husband Lawrence Jeffries) and Mr. John Malden, minister; executor James Low of Stoake upon Tearne, Salop; witnesses Thomas Low and Mary Low. The complainants suggested that Lawrence Jeffries was an illegitimate son of Margaret, apparently not aware that he was in fact her son-in-law.

<sup>7</sup> "Welsh Pool Registers: some extracts from the old registers of St. Mary's Church, with annotations by Miss Mary Newell Owen" in *Collections, Historical & Archaeological Relating to Montgomeryshire*, 36 (1912), 4-5.

Margaret had been married at least once before her marriage to John Lawrence. As noted above, her daughter Priscilla was the wife of Lawrence Jeffries of London; she was almost certainly the Priscilla Lawson who married "Lawrenc Jeffery" 29 November 1650 at All Hallows London Wall, London (All Hallows London Wall register, 1559-1653; London Metropolitan Archives, P69/ALH5/A/001/MS05083, images on Ancestry.com). "Pressilla Lawson daughter of Christor Lawson Tayler & of Margreat his wife out of Ely Rents in Holborne" was baptized 5 January 1624/5 at St. Andrew, Holborn, London; and "Christor Lawson a Man Taylor out of Ely Rentes", a plague victim, was bur. there 16 October 1625 (St. Andrew, Holborn, registers, 1623-1642; London Metropolitan Archives, P82/AND/A/001/MS06667/02; images on Ancestry.com). The will of this "Christopher Lawson of the parish of St. Andrewes Holborne Taylor" was dated 13 October 1 Charles (1625) and proved 26 October 1625 (Prerogative Court of Canterbury Wills, 115 Clarke, PROB 11/147/104); in it he named (among others) son William, daughter Priscilla, and wife Margaret (executrix). The marriage record of Christopher Lawson and Margaret \_\_\_\_\_ has not yet been discovered.

As noted in the original article, Francis Boughey's wife Jane was buried 11 July 1640 in Stokesay. She was doubtless the "Jane Belson, Spinster," who with "Francis Boughey, Clerk," received a license to marry 29 May 1619.<sup>[8]</sup> The answers given by Lowe and Jeffries to the lawsuit above indicate that Francis Boughey had married at least once before his marriage to Jane; almost certainly this prior wife was the "Martha uxor Francisci Boughey cl[er]ici" (Martha wife of Francis Boughey, clerk) who was buried 20 December 1616 in Solihull, Warwickshire.<sup>[9]</sup> As noted above, according to Thomas Boughey and Thomas and Hannah (Boughey) Wilding, all of Francis Boughey's children were by Jane; while Lowe and Jeffries suggested that Francis had children by both of his former wives. Without at least an approximate birthdate for Elizabeth<sup>1</sup> (Boughey) Harris, her maternity remains undetermined.

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<sup>8</sup> William Fergusson Irvine, *Marriage Licences Granted Within the Archdeaconry of Chester in the Diocese of Chester*, vol. 2 1616–1624 (The Record Society for the Publication of Original Documents Relating to Lancashire and Cheshire, vol. 56 [1908]), 86: "Francis Boughey, Clerk, and Jane Belson, Spinster. At St. Oswald's, Chester." Where the marriage occurred is not known; it does not appear in the registers of St. Oswald's [FHL 2,068,352].

<sup>9</sup> Registers of Solihull, 1538–1769 [FHL 0,234,504]. According to the Clergy of the Church of England Database (theclergydatabase.org.uk), "Francis Boughe" was appointed preacher and curate at Solihull 14 September 1616.

# Some English Records of Robert<sup>1</sup> Woodmansey, Schoolmaster of Boston, Massachusetts

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In a 1993 *Register* article, Leo H. Garman detailed the Massachusetts career and family of Robert<sup>1</sup> Woodmansey (“Woodmansee”), schoolmaster of Boston.<sup>[1]</sup> While a number of possible clues to his English origin were presented, the conclusion reached was that the only certain knowledge of that origin was his record at Cambridge University (matriculated 1609, B.A. 1612–3, M.A. 1616).<sup>[2]</sup>

In an unrelated search through the parish registers of St. Margaret, King’s Lynn, Norfolk, I happened across the 1630/1 baptism of “Sarah Woodmansea the dau: of Mr. Robt Woodmansea scholemaster.” Subsequent searching determined that Robert Woodmansey was the master of the Loughborough Grammar School (in Loughborough, Leicestershire) from about 1619 to 1627,<sup>[3]</sup> and master of the grammar school in King’s Lynn from 1627 to 1634.<sup>[4]</sup> In both places he had children baptized. No further information has been found regarding his own origin before his Cambridge career, or the identity of his first wife.

Woodmansey entries in the parish registers of All Saints, Loughborough, Leicestershire, are:<sup>[5]</sup>

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- <sup>1</sup> Leo H. Garman, “Early Woodmansees in America” *Register* 147 (1993):35–48 (especially, 43–47). Robert Woodmansey is also covered in Robert Charles Anderson, *The Great Migration: Immigrants to New England, 1634–1635, Volume VII T–Y* (Boston: NEHGS, 2011), 523–536, which for the most part follows Garman’s analysis.
  - <sup>2</sup> Garman, “Early Woodmansees in America” [note 1], 43–44. Garman thought the most likely (though not certain) record pertaining to the immigrant other than that scholastic record was the marriage of Robert Woodmansey and Anna Richardson 29 November 1621 in Kirk Ella, Yorkshire. However, Anderson points out that this is probably not the right marriage. While the proximity of Kirk Ella to Rowley, Yorkshire, where Rev. Ezekiel Rogers preached, might account for why a local family went to New England (see *Great Migration Newsletter* 18 [2009]: 22, 27–8), it is more likely that this lone Woodmansey entry in the Kirk Ella parish registers belongs to a family that lived a short distance north in Cherry Burton, Yorkshire, where baptisms of several children of a Robert Woodmansie are recorded between 1623 and 1632, along with the burial of Robert Woodmansie on 1 February 1657/8 and the burial of Anna Woodmansey, widow, on 13 March 1664/5 (Arthur T. Winn, *The Registers of the Parish Church of Cherry Burton, Co. York 1561–1740* [n.p.: The Yorkshire Parish Register Society, 1903]).
  - <sup>3</sup> Nigel Watson, *Five Hundred Years Enduring: a History of Loughborough Grammar School* (London: James and James, 2000), 12–13: “[Mr Spong, the previous master] departed in 1619 . . . His place was taken by Mr Woodmansey . . . Woodmansey left Loughborough in 1627 . . .”
  - <sup>4</sup> Henry J. Hillen, *History of the Borough of King’s Lynn*, 2 vols. (Norwich: The East of England Newspaper Co., n.d.), 2:866: “Masters of the Grammar School . . . 1627 Robert Woodmansea, M.A. [followed by] 1634 John Rawlinson, M.A.”
  - <sup>5</sup> Parish registers of All Saints, Loughborough, Leicestershire (images on findmypast.co.uk), reviewed 1619–1629.

*Baptisms*

- 1622/3 Feb 28 Elisabeth Woodmansey daughter of Mr. Robt Woodmansey Scholemaister  
 1624/5 Jan 28 John the sonne of Mr. Robert Woodmansey  
 1627 Mar 25 Ann: Woodmansey dought of Mr. Robt

Woodmansey entries in the parish registers of St. Margaret, King's Lynn, Norfolk, are:<sup>[6]</sup>

*Baptisms*

- 1628/9 Mar 13 Mary Woodmansea the dau: of Robt Woodmansea  
 1630/1 Feb 2 Sarah Woodmansea the dau: of Mr. Robt Woodmansea scholemaster  
 1632/3 Jan 27 Rebecca Woodmansea the dau: of Mr. Robt Woodmansea Schoolemaster

*Burials*

- 1634/5 Mar 7 Rebecca Woodmansea the dau: of Mr. Robt Woodmansea

## APPENDIX: ROBERT WOODMANSEY OF ST. ANDREW, NORWICH

One of the possible clues uncovered by Garman was the baptism of Mary Woodmansey, daughter of Robert, at St. Andrew, Norwich, Norfolk, 26 September 1624. As a mark against this, Garman stated that “no other clues point to Norfolk.”<sup>[7]</sup> As it is now evident that the immigrant was indeed in Norfolk close to this time, it is worthwhile to disprove the identity of the immigrant with the man of that name in Norwich.

There were actually two baptisms of children of this Robert Woodmansey at St. Andrew, Norwich: that of Mary noted above (“Mary ye daughter of Robt Woodmansye”) and that of “Dorathy the daughter of Robert Woodmanse” 29 September 1626.<sup>[8]</sup> In addition, shortly before the baptism of his daughter Mary, he had another daughter of the same name buried: “Mary the daughter of Robert Woodmansey” was buried 5 March 1623/4 at St. Andrew.<sup>[9]</sup>

This Robert Woodmansey was almost certainly the groom in the following marriage recorded 2 May 1621 in Ketteringham, Norfolk: “Robert Woodmansie and Dorothy Ganning both single persons.”<sup>[10]</sup> It was seemingly the habit of the original register’s scribe to put notes in the margin if it had come to his attention that one or both parties had since died; these notes were carried over into the transcript. In this case, in the margin next to this marriage appears “he deade.” While it is not possible to pinpoint a death date from this note, it does cast doubt on whether this could be the record of a man who lived for many decades thereafter (and whose death then in Massachusetts was unlikely to be so noted on this record).

<sup>6</sup> Parish registers of St. Margaret, King's Lynn, Norfolk (images on findmypast.co.uk).

<sup>7</sup> Garman, “Early Woodmansees in America” [note 1], 44.

<sup>8</sup> Registers of St. Andrew, Norwich, Norfolk (images on findmypast.co.uk).

<sup>9</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>10</sup> Transcript of parish registers of Ketteringham, Norfolk (images on findmypast.co.uk).

We can reasonably determine when this Robert Woodmansey died. Recorded among the burials of St. Andrew, Norwich, was that of “Robert Wadmanse” on 26 December 1626.<sup>[11]</sup> His widow was probably the “Dorothy Woodmansy” who married “Thomas Bary” on 3 December 1627 in Wramplingham, Norfolk.<sup>[12]</sup>

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<sup>11</sup> Registers of St. Andrew, Norwich [note 8].

<sup>12</sup> Registers of Wramplingham, Norfolk (images on findmypast.co.uk).

# William<sup>1</sup> Woodbury of Salem and Beverly, Massachusetts

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*(continued from 175 [2021]:222)*

**6. NICHOLAS<sup>3</sup> WOODBURY** (*Nicholas<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>*), was born at Salem “last of” July 1656. He married in Salem 4 June 1684, **MARY ELLIOT**,<sup>[169]</sup> who was baptized in East Coker, Somerset, 11 January 1662, daughter of Andrew<sup>1</sup> and Mary (Vivion) Elliot.<sup>[170]</sup>

By a deed dated 20 May 1690, Samuel Morgan of Beverly, cooper, mortgaged for £14 to Nicholas Woodbury of Beverly, mariner, a parcel of upland and meadow in Beverly.<sup>[171]</sup>

Nicholas died in Barbados 13 October 1691, aged 34.<sup>[172]</sup> By his will, dated 12 October 1691 and filed 28 August 1693, Nicholas Woodbury of Beverly, mariner, “now in y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Island of Barbados being at p<sup>r</sup>sent very Ill in body but of Sound & disposing mind memory & understanding” made the following bequests:<sup>[173]</sup>

To his apprentice Thomas Dallison, all his mariner instruments and books. To his loving wife Mary Woodbery, £100 current money of New England and his household stuff for her own use. To his wife Mary during her widowhood, the profit, management and enjoyment of his homestead farm on which she lived in full of her dower and for the payment of his debts and maintenance and education of his children. Mary to have the use, service and command of his Negro man Tobey for ten years following the day of his death, after which Tobey was to have his freedom. To his two daughters Judith and Mary Woodbery, £50 each when they turned 17 or married. To his unborn child, £50 when he or she reached the age of 18. To his son William Woodbery, his lands and houses in North Yarmouth in the Kingdom of England, his lands and estate in New England and his estate in Barbados when he reached the age of 21. He appointed his wife Mary sole executrix and guardian of his children, and appointed his loving friend John Pilgrim, merchant, executor in trust in the Island of Barbados “to take care of my affairs & Concerns here for y<sup>e</sup> benefit of my wife & children & to remit what Effects Shall come to his hands to my Said Wife in New England.”

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<sup>169</sup> *Vital Records of Beverly* [note 28], 2:354, “at Salem.”

<sup>170</sup> Ferris, *Dawes-Gates* [note 4], 2:331; East Coker Parish Register, baptisms, marriages, burials, D/P/COK/E/2/1/1, 1560–1714 [FHL Digital Collection, DGS 4,185,740, Image 34 of 53].

<sup>171</sup> Essex County Deeds, 9:82, recorded 7 March 1692/3.

<sup>172</sup> *Vital Records of Beverly* [note 28], 2:617, which does not list the place of death.

<sup>173</sup> Essex County Probate, File 30474. The original will survives, but much of the right-hand portion of the page is missing. A complete recorded copy appears in Essex County Probate, 303:111–112 [FHL 0,860,485, images 429–430 of 593].

By an instrument dated 11 February 1698/9, Thomas Elkins Sen<sup>r</sup> of Salem, boatman, mortgaged his house and land in Salem for £13 19s. 6d. to Mrs. Mary Woodbery, widow and relict of Nicholas Woodbery, late of Beverly, mariner.<sup>[174]</sup>

Mary married second in Beverly between 11 February 1698/9 and 1702, KINSLEY HALL of Exeter, New Hampshire.<sup>[175]</sup> Mary's mother, Mary Elliot of Beverly, left a will dated 8 December 1718 and probated 1 August 1720, by which she left all her "wearing clothes" to her two daughters, Mary Hall and Emma Blowers, to be equally divided between them.<sup>[176]</sup> On 2 June 1718, Capt. Kingsley Hall, sometime of Exeter, New Hampshire but now of Beverly, Gent., in consideration of love, confirmed a marriage contract between him and his wife Mary.<sup>[177]</sup> By her will, dated 30 June 1719 and probated 4 February 1729, Mary Hall of Beverly "heretofore relict of Nicholaus Woodbury late of s<sup>d</sup> Beverly Marriner deceased Now Wife of Capt<sup>n</sup> Kinsley Hall Sometime of Exeter in N. Hampshire but now of Beverly afores<sup>d</sup> Gentleman by virtue of an agreem<sup>t</sup> & Covenant of Marriage made between us Dated June 5<sup>th</sup> Anno Dom one thous<sup>d</sup> Seven hundd & four," made bequests to her grandsons Nicholas Woodbury and Andrew Woodbury; to her granddaughter Mary Hall, daughter of her daughter Mary deceased; to her now husband; household goods to be equally divided between her daughter Judith now wife of James Lane of Gloucester yeoman and her two granddaughters Elizabeth and Mary Hall. She appointed her loving son-in-law James Lane sole executor. The will was witnessed by Andrew Elliot, James Smith and William Elliot Jun<sup>r</sup>.<sup>[178]</sup>

Children of Nicholas<sup>3</sup> and Mary (Elliot) Woodbury, born in Beverly:

- i. WILLIAM<sup>4</sup> WOODBURY, b. 29 March 1685; the only son living at the time of his father's death; d. Beverly 25 March 1718. At the 27 June 1704 term of the Essex County Court of General Sessions of the Peace, Abigail Bradford of Beverly accused William Woodbury of Beverly, son of Nicholas, of begetting her with child. She was fined 40s. and he was ordered to pay maintenance on the child.<sup>[179]</sup> William m. by 1706, REBECCA \_\_\_\_\_.<sup>[180]</sup> William d. intestate, and on 1 June 1719 letters of administration were granted to his widow Rebecca. An inventory valued his real estate at £821 5s. 2d. and his personal possessions at £122 5s. 6d. On 4 April 1726, a committee was appointed to set off the widow's third and divide the remaining two-thirds among the surviving children. Rebecca d. by 24 Aug. 1734 when a committee was appointed to divide the real estate that

<sup>174</sup> Essex County Deeds, 13:82, recorded 13 February 1698/9.

<sup>175</sup> Noyes, Libby, and Davis, *Genealogical Dictionary of Maine and New Hampshire* [note 136], 300; Marston Watson, *Royal Families . . . Governor Thomas Dudley and Descendants Through Five Generations*, 2nd ed. (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 2004), 14.

<sup>176</sup> Essex County Probate, File 8763. Note that Emma married first Andrew<sup>3</sup> Woodbury (No. 9, below) and second Rev. Thomas Blowers.

<sup>177</sup> Essex County Deeds, 34:259, recorded 1 December 1718.

<sup>178</sup> Essex County Probate, File 12210.

<sup>179</sup> Melinde Lutz Sanborn, *Lost Babes: Fornication Abstracts from Court Records Essex County, Massachusetts, 1692 to 1745* (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1992), 13.

<sup>180</sup> Their oldest known child was born in 1707.

had been set out to her by right of dower. On 4 Nov. 1734, the real estate was divided among the Woodbury children: Nicholas, Andrew, Samuel, Anna, and Rebecca.<sup>[181]</sup>

Children, b. Beverly: 1. *Nicholas Woodbury*, b. 3 Oct. 1707; d. Beverly 25 Oct 1761, aged 54 years 22 days;<sup>[182]</sup> m. Beverly 30 Dec. 1730, *Lydia Elliot*.<sup>[183]</sup> On 7 Dec. 1761, Lydia was named administratrix of his estate, with Noah Cressey, weaver, and William Elliot, mariner, as sureties. On 12 Oct. 1765, two-thirds of his real estate was divided among his surviving children: Nicholas Woodbury (eldest son), Andrew Woodbury, and Emma “now” Morse.<sup>[184]</sup> 2. *Anna Woodbury*, bp. 7 May 1710; m. Beverly 29 Oct. 1724, *Luke Morgan*,<sup>[185]</sup> b. there 4 Sept. 1704; drowned Cape Sable, Nova Scotia, between April and Oct. 1732, son of Luke<sup>3</sup> (*Samuel*<sup>2</sup>, *Robert*<sup>1</sup>) and Susannah (Pitts) Morgan.<sup>[186]</sup> 3. *Andrew Woodbury*, b. 26 April 1712; possibly the man of that name who m. Beverly 19 Aug. 1736, *Joanna Dodge*, who d. Beverly 23 March 1808, aged 92y, daughter of Robert and Lydia (Woodbury) Dodge (see 8.iii.4 below).<sup>[187]</sup> Andrew d. Beverly 29 Jan. 1757,<sup>[188]</sup> intestate, and on 28 Feb. 1757, Joanna Woodbury, widow, was appointed administratrix, and she, as principal, and Joshua Dodge, yeoman, Nicholas Woodbury, mariner, and Robert Roundy, weaver, all of Beverly, as sureties, gave £1,000 bond. An inventory, dated 2 May 1757, listed real estate valued at £248 3s. 4d., and personal items worth £91 12s. 6d.<sup>[189]</sup> 4. *Rebecca Woodbury*, b. 17 July 1715; probably the Rebecca who m. Ipswich 20 April 1734, *Nathaniel*<sup>4</sup> *Woodbury*,<sup>[190]</sup> bp. Beverly 31 July 1715; son of Ebenezer<sup>3</sup> (*John*<sup>2-1</sup>) and Hannah (Dodge) Woodbury.<sup>[191]</sup> 5. *Samuel Woodbury*, b. 8 Sept. 1717; d. Beverly 3 Nov. 1756, aged 40;<sup>[192]</sup> m. after intentions published in Beverly 24 Feb. 1739/40, *Judith Ober*,<sup>[193]</sup> b. Beverly 30 April 1721, daughter of Hezekiah<sup>2</sup> (*Richard*<sup>1</sup>) and Anna (Morgan) Ober (see 2.iv.5

<sup>181</sup> Essex County Probate, File 30526.

<sup>182</sup> *Vital Records of Beverly* [note 28], 2:617.

<sup>183</sup> *Ibid.*, 2:353.

<sup>184</sup> Essex County Probate, File 30476. Apparently only three of their nine children survived their father; see births at Beverly (Town Records, FHL 0,002,038, image 131): 1. *William Woodbury*, born 12 August 1735. 2. *Joanna Woodbury*, born 13 February 173[?6]/7. 3. *Susanna Woodbury*, born 5 March 1737[?8]. 4. *Emma Woodbury*, born 13 September 1741; married Beverly 25 October 1765, *Mark Mors[e]*, of Marblehead (*Vital Records of Beverly* [note 28], 2:344). 5. *Nicholas Woodbury*, born 31 May 1743. 6. *Joseph Woodbury*, born 4 June 1747. 7. *Andrew Woodbury*, b. 2[0 or 1? blurred] 1750. 8. *Eliot Woodbury*, born 15 June 1754. 9. *Lydia Woodbury*, born 26 June 1758.

<sup>185</sup> *Vital Records of Beverly* [note 28], 2:351.

<sup>186</sup> Morgan, *Descendants of Robert Morgan* [note 71], 61.

<sup>187</sup> *Vital Records of Beverly*, 2:610.

<sup>188</sup> *Ibid.*, 2:605.

<sup>189</sup> Essex County Probate, File 30339.

<sup>190</sup> *Vital Records of Ipswich, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849*, 2 vols. (Salem, Mass.: Essex Institute, 1910), 2:465, bride of Beverly.

<sup>191</sup> Derby, “John Woodbury and Some of His Descendants” [note 3]. Eight children, the first one baptized in Beverly, the last seven baptized in Salem, New Hampshire, are shown for this couple.

<sup>192</sup> *Vital Records of Beverly* [note 28], 2:613.

<sup>193</sup> *Ibid.*, 2:353.



above).<sup>194</sup> Samuel d. intestate, and letters of administration on his estate were granted on 28 Feb. 1757 to his brother Nicholas Woodbury of Beverly, mariner, with Joshua Dodge, yeoman, and Robert Roundy, weaver, both of Beverly, as sureties.<sup>[195]</sup> Judith was probably the “wid. [of] Sam[ue]l Woodberry” who d. Beverly 21 Dec. 1756.<sup>196</sup> On 4 April 1757, guardians were appointed for Samuel’s minor children: Francis, Curtis, Judith, Dorcas, Dixey, and Rebecca Woodbury.<sup>[197]</sup>

- ii. JUDITH WOODBURY, b. 31 March 1686; d. 1775; m. (1) Beverly 23 May 1704, WILLIAM<sup>4</sup> WOODBURY,<sup>[198]</sup> bp. 2 Feb. 1678/[9?]; d. Gloucester 17 Jan. 1712/3,<sup>[199]</sup> son of William<sup>3</sup> (*Humphrey*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>) and Hannah (Haskell) Woodbury. On 5 June 1704, William Woodbury signed a receipt on behalf of his wife Judith, a daughter of Nicholas Woodbury, deceased, for £50 due her from his mother-in-law, Mrs. Mary Woodbury, for Judith’s portion of her father’s estate.<sup>200</sup> On 23 Aug. 1711, William Woodbury of Gloucester, house carpenter (wife Judith consenting) sold an acre of land near Halibut Point in Gloucester for 40 shillings to Samuel Gott of Gloucester, weaver.<sup>[201]</sup> She m. (2) after intentions published in Gloucester 16 April 1715,<sup>[202]</sup> Deacon JAMES LANE of Gloucester. Judith, with William Elliott, Jr., and Caleb Woodbury as sureties, was appointed administratrix of William’s estate 31 Jan. 1714/5.<sup>203</sup> Judith Lane was left one shilling by the will of her grandmother Mary Elliot, dated 8 Dec. 1718.<sup>204</sup>

Children, by first husband, b. Gloucester:<sup>[205]</sup> 1. *Nicholas Woodbery*, b. 10 June 1707; d. Gloucester 18 June 1707.<sup>[206]</sup> 2. *Judith Woodbery*, b. 12 July 1710; m. Gloucester 30 May 1732, *William Norwood*.<sup>[207]</sup> Children, by her second husband:<sup>[208]</sup> 3. *William Lane*, b. 24 Aug. 1716. 4. *Ruth Lane*, b. 27 Dec. 1718. 5. *Josiah Lane*, b. 29 March 1721. 6. *Mary Lane*, b. 25 March 1723. 7. *John Lane*, b. 8 Aug. 1725; d. 14 April 1732. 8. *James Lane*, b. 9 Oct. 1729.

<sup>194</sup> Arthaud, “Ober Family” [note 67], *The Essex Genealogist* 39:180; Katherine P. Loring and May Toomey, “Genealogy of the Ober Family,” typescript (Beverly, Mass., 1941), in the R. Stanton Avery Special Collections Department of NEHGS, Mss. A 124, p. 17.

<sup>195</sup> Essex County Probate, File 30502. See W. R. Cochrane, *History of Francestown, N.H.* (Nashua, N.H.: J. H. Barker, 1895), 998–1000, for some of the descendants of Samuel’s son, Curtis<sup>6</sup> Woodbury (1744–1815).

<sup>196</sup> *Vital Records of Beverly* [note 28], 2:615.

<sup>197</sup> Essex County Probate, File 30370.

<sup>198</sup> *Vital Records of Beverly* [note 28], 2:352, 354.

<sup>199</sup> *Vital Records of Gloucester, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849*, 3 vols. (Salem, Mass., Essex Institute, 1923), 3:330.

<sup>200</sup> Essex County Probate, File 30474.

<sup>201</sup> Essex County Deeds, 24:103, recorded 16 November 1711.

<sup>202</sup> *Vital Records of Gloucester* [note 199], 2:591.

<sup>203</sup> Essex County Probate, File 30525.

<sup>204</sup> Essex County Probate, File 8768.

<sup>205</sup> *Vital Records of Gloucester* [note 199], 1:786.

<sup>206</sup> *Ibid.*, 3:330.

<sup>207</sup> *Ibid.*, 2:590.

<sup>208</sup> John Bradley Arthaud, “The John Wallis Family of Cape Ann, Massachusetts,” *Register*, 152 (1998):286–310, 391–414 and 153 (1999):29–51, 183–206, 293–318, and 489–498, at 291–293, where four of the Lane children are followed.

- iii. ANDREW WOODBURY, b. 25 May 1688; d. 27 July 1688.
- iv. MARY WOODBURY, b. 23 Aug. 1689; d. by 30 June 1719 (not named in her mother's will); m. Beverly 22 May 1712, her stepbrother, JOSIAH HALL,<sup>[209]</sup> b. Exeter, N.H. ca. 1680, son of Kinsley Hall, her mother's second husband, by his first wife, Elizabeth Dudley.<sup>[210]</sup>
- Children: 1. *Elizabeth*<sup>5</sup> *Hall*, b. ca. 1716; d. Portsmouth, N.H. 21 July 1774, aged 58; buried at Point of Graves Cemetery, Portsmouth;<sup>[211]</sup> m. Portsmouth 13 Dec. 1733,<sup>[212]</sup> *Tobias Lear*, b. Portsmouth 29 March 1706; d. 6 Nov. 1781, son of Tobias<sup>2</sup> (*Tobias*<sup>1</sup>) and Hannah (Smith) Lear.<sup>[213]</sup> 2. *Mary Hall*, b. ca. 1717; d. 11 April 1789, aged 72; m. *John Langdon*, b. Portsmouth 8 May 1707; d. there 27 Feb. 1780, son of Tobias<sup>2</sup> (*Tobias*<sup>1</sup>) and Mary (Hubbard) Langdon of Portsmouth.<sup>[214]</sup> They are buried in the Langdon Family Cemetery, Portsmouth.<sup>[215]</sup>
- v. (twin son), b. 19 Oct. 1691; d. young.
- vi. (twin son), b. 19 Oct. 1691; d. young.

7. **JOSEPH<sup>3</sup> WOODBURY** (*Nicholas*<sup>2</sup>, *William*<sup>1</sup>), was born 20 September 1659 and baptized in Salem 20 November 1665.<sup>[216]</sup> He married in Manchester, Massachusetts, 19 December 1687, **ELIZABETH WEST**,<sup>[217]</sup> born 26 September 1663;<sup>[218]</sup> died in Manchester 27 October 1714, aged 51, daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Jackson) West.<sup>[219]</sup> By a deed dated 1 May 1607 [*sic*] Thomas West of Beverly, yeoman, conveyed to his daughter Elizabeth Woodbury and son-in-law Joseph Woodbury as a marriage dower, two parcels of upland in Manchester and Beverly, totaling about 66 acres.<sup>[220]</sup> On 1 March 1703/4, West

<sup>209</sup> *Vital Records of Beverly* [note 28], 2:353.

<sup>210</sup> Noyes, Libby, and Davis, *Genealogical Dictionary of Maine and New Hampshire* [note 136], 300; Watson, *Governor Thomas Dudley* [note 175], 14, 43.

<sup>211</sup> FindaGrave.com, memorial #7348799; "Gravestone Inscriptions in Point of Graves Cemetery," *The New Hampshire Genealogical Record*, 1 (1903–1904):18–19.

<sup>212</sup> Joshua W. Peirce, "A Record of Births, Marriages and Deaths in Portsmouth, N.H., from 1706 to 1742," *Register*, 25 (1871):120.

<sup>213</sup> Noyes, Libby, and Davis, *Genealogical Dictionary of Maine and New Hampshire* [note 136], 422. They were the grandparents of Tobias<sup>7</sup> Lear (1762–1816), U.S. consular officer and George Washington's private secretary (John A. Garraty and Mark C. Carnes, eds., *American National Biography* 24 vols. (New York: Oxford University Press, 1999), 13:331–332; Watson, *Governor Thomas Dudley* [note 175], 43, 127–128).

<sup>214</sup> Noyes, Libby, and Davis, *Genealogical Dictionary of Maine and New Hampshire* [note 136], 414. Their son, John<sup>6</sup> Langdon (1741–1819) was a noted merchant who served as both president and governor of New Hampshire and represented the state for several terms in the U.S. Senate. His home on Pleasant Street in Portsmouth, built in 1784, is one of the most acclaimed Georgian structures in America (*American National Biography* [note 213], 13:138–39; Watson, *Governor Thomas Dudley* [note 175], 43, 127).

<sup>215</sup> FindaGrave.com, memorials #7359753 and 7359790.

<sup>216</sup> *Vital Records of Salem* [note 33], 2:441.

<sup>217</sup> *Vital Records of Manchester, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849* (Salem, Mass.: Essex Institute, 1903), 226, recorded also in *Vital Records of Beverly* [note 28], 2:355, citing a court record.

<sup>218</sup> *Vital Records of Beverly* [note 28], 1:361.

<sup>219</sup> *Vital Records of Manchester* [note 217], 295.

<sup>220</sup> Essex County Deeds, 22:227, acknowledged 2 January 1710/1, recorded 31 January 1710/[11].

conveyed about 10 acres of his farm in Beverly to Joseph for £40, forgiving £10 of the price as part of his daughter Elizabeth's marriage dower.<sup>[221]</sup>

On 3 December 1694, Joseph Woodbury was appointed administrator of the estate of his uncle, Isaac<sup>2</sup> Woodbury, and he posted £160 bond, with Thomas West and Richard Ober as sureties.<sup>[222]</sup>

On 7 May 1696, Joseph Woodbury of Manchester, mariner, bought a dwelling house and two acres of land for £23 from Daniel and Elce [i.e., Alice] Williams of Manchester, said house and land adjoining land of Jenkin Williams.<sup>[223]</sup> By a deed dated 1 May 1699, Thomas West of Beverly, yeoman, conveyed for "a valuable quantity of money" to his son-in-law Joseph Woodbury of Manchester, mariner, about three acres of marsh on the east side of Chubb Creek and about three acres of upland at Chubb Point in Manchester.<sup>[224]</sup>

Captain Thomas West died in Beverly 28 March 1723 in his 81st year.<sup>[225]</sup> On 12 May 1723 Samuel West, with Robert Woodberry of Beverly<sup>[226]</sup> and Thomas Smith of Ipswich, was appointed administrator of "his" father's estate. On 25 December 1724, £9 from the estate was paid at £1 2s. 6d. to each of the "eight of us" due "our father" Joseph Woodberry: Robert Woodbery, guardian [of Benjamin, not stated in receipt], Joseph Woodberry, by mark, Shadrach Norton, Richard Leach, Nathaniel Master, Richard P[e]arce, John Woodbery, and Isaiah Foster. Robert Woodberry signed a receipt on 14 January 1723/4 for £24 3s. and acknowledged the sale of two acres and 52 poles that had been ordered by the court on the last Tuesday of October 1723. On 30 October 1725, Robert Woodberry signed a receipt for £36 14s. 11d., part of what was due him from the estate of Thomas West, received from Samuel West, late of Beverly, the administrator of his father's estate. Robert, as guardian to Benjamin Woodberry, signed a receipt 23 May 1726 for 22s. 11d. that was due Benjamin as part of his father's estate.<sup>[227]</sup>

Joseph died in Manchester 14 October 1714, aged 52.<sup>[228]</sup> Joseph Woodbery, mariner of Manchester, signed his will by mark on 12 October 1714. He named "four sons" Joseph, Samuel, John, and Benjamin, who were to receive all of his real estate. There were individual bequests to his daughters (no surnames) Sarah, £30 "above already;" Elizabeth, £50; Abigail, £50; Hannah, £60; and Ann, £50. Wife Elizabeth and son Samuel were named executors. He named Isaac Woodbery and Richard Over [*sic*] overseers. The land was divided on

<sup>221</sup> Essex County Deeds, 22:230, acknowledged 2 January 1710/[1], recorded 6 February 1710/[1?].

<sup>222</sup> Essex County Probate, File 30406. Thomas West was Joseph's father-in-law, and Richard Ober was Joseph's brother-in-law.

<sup>223</sup> Essex County Deeds, 22:228, acknowledged 7 February 1703/4, recorded 31 January 1710/1.

<sup>224</sup> Essex County Deeds, 23:35, acknowledged 2 January 1710/1 by Capt. Thomas West, recorded 25 January 1710/1. Both parcels lie on the west side of Boardman Avenue in Manchester-by-the-Sea, on either side of the MBTA commuter rail tracks.

<sup>225</sup> *Vital Records of Beverly* [note 28], 2:599.

<sup>226</sup> Robert<sup>4</sup> Woodbury (*Isaac<sup>3</sup>, Humphrey<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*) married at Chebacco [part of Ipswich] 11 December 1693, Mary West, who was born in Beverly 4 May 1676, a sister of Elizabeth (West) Woodbury (see above). Although a distant kinsman of Joseph, Robert was a maternal uncle of Joseph's children as the men had married sisters (Derby, "John Woodbury and Some of His Descendants" [note 3], *Historical Collections of the Essex Institute*, 35 (1899):257-272; 36 (1900):31-38 at 268).

<sup>227</sup> Essex County Probate, File 29384.

<sup>228</sup> *Vital Records of Manchester* [note 217], 295.

17 December 1716 among the four sons. Among the more than forty receipts to legatees and for business debts, Robert Woodbury, administrator, was occasionally identified as the guardian of John and Benjamin.<sup>[229]</sup>

Children of Joseph<sup>3</sup> and Elizabeth (West) Woodbury, born in Manchester:<sup>[230]</sup>

- i. SARAH<sup>4</sup> WOODBURY, b. 27 Aug. 1688; m. (1) by 30 Sept. 1707, when both were fined 40s. each for fornication before marriage,<sup>[231]</sup> WILLIAM<sup>2</sup> HORSHAM/HORSOM, b. Manchester 1 Feb. 1685;<sup>[232]</sup> d. by 1717, son of William<sup>1</sup> and Sarah (Allen) Horsham.<sup>233</sup> On 7 March 1716/7, Sarah Horsham signed a receipt for £32 16s. 2½*d.* in satisfaction of her share in the personal estate of her father Joseph Woodbury, late of Manchester, deceased. It was witnessed by her brother Joseph Woodbury and his wife Ruth.<sup>[234]</sup> She m. (2) Manchester 4 April 1717 RICHARD PEARCE.<sup>[235]</sup> Richard “Parce” signed a receipt for £7 10s. due “my wife Sarah” on 27 Aug. 1722.

Children, by her first husband, b. Manchester, possibly incomplete 1. *Mary Horsham*, b. 15 April 1707. 2. *Jacob Horsham*, b. 3 Sept. 1709.<sup>[236]</sup> Children, by her second husband: 3. *Sarah Pearce*, b. 21 Sept. 1717.<sup>[237]</sup> 4. *Maryam Pearce*, b. 18 July 1722.<sup>[238]</sup>

- ii. JOSEPH WOODBURY (TWIN), b. 22 May 1690; d. before 8 June 1761 (date of probate); m. (1) by 15 Jan 1716/7, RUTH MASLER, when they were fined 40s. in Essex County Court of General Sessions for fornication before marriage.<sup>[239]</sup> He m. (2) Manchester 18 June 1723, ELIZABETH DOLAN,<sup>[240]</sup> who d. presumably before her husband (as she is not mentioned in his probate). He was known as Capt. Joseph Woodbury. On 8 June 1761, Andrew Woodbery, with John Allen and Timothy Dunaway as sureties, was granted administration of Joseph’s estate. Seven parcels of land were valued at £84 6s. 8*d.* The division of land into seven parts on 5 April 1762 settled #1 on Ruth Balch, wife of Andrew Balch, a daughter; #2 on Hannah Truel, a daughter; #3 on Andrew Woodbury, a son; #4 and #5 omitted in file; #6 on legal representatives of Joseph Woodbury, a deceased son; and #7 on Abigail Lee, widow, a daughter.<sup>[241]</sup>

Children, first three with Ruth, all born in Manchester:<sup>[242]</sup> 1. *Ruth Woodbury*, b. 6 July 1716; m. Beverly, 21 Jan. 1745, *Andrew Balch*,<sup>[243]</sup>

<sup>229</sup> Essex County Probate, File 30439.

<sup>230</sup> *Vital Records of Manchester* [note 217], 126.

<sup>231</sup> Sanborn, *Lost Babes* [note 179], 16.

<sup>232</sup> *Vital Records of Manchester* [note 217], 65.

<sup>233</sup> John T. Hassam, “The Hassam Family,” *Register* 24 (1870):416.

<sup>234</sup> Essex County Probate, File 30439.

<sup>235</sup> *Vital Records of Manchester* [note 217], 178, 205.

<sup>236</sup> *Ibid.*, 65.

<sup>237</sup> *Ibid.*, 101.

<sup>238</sup> *Ibid.*, 100.

<sup>239</sup> Sanborn, *Lost Babes* [note 179], 27.

<sup>240</sup> *Vital Records of Manchester* [note 217], 126.

<sup>241</sup> Essex County Probate, File 30440.

<sup>242</sup> *Vital Records of Manchester* [note 217], 125–126, variant spellings.

<sup>243</sup> *Vital Records of Beverly* [note 28], 2:356.

b. Beverly 17 Feb. 1706/7;<sup>[244]</sup> d. Keene, N.H., 22 June 1779,<sup>[245]</sup> son of John<sup>4</sup> (John<sup>3</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) and Elizabeth (Ober) Balch (see 2.iv.3 above).<sup>[246]</sup> 2. *Abigail Woodbury*, b. 5 June 1718; m. Manchester, 16 Oct. 1740, *John Lee*,<sup>[247]</sup> b. Manchester 21 April 1719; d. 1748 when letters of administration were granted to his widow Abigail, son of John<sup>3</sup> (John<sup>2</sup>, Henry<sup>1</sup>) and Mary (Seaward) Lee.<sup>[248]</sup> 3. *Samuel Woodbury*, b. 19 Sept. 1720; m. after intentions published in Manchester 22 Jan. 1743/4, *Sarah Prasson/Presson*,<sup>[249]</sup> They had three children, b. Manchester.<sup>[250]</sup> Samuel d. by 23 Jan. 1755 when his widow Sarah m. (2) Manchester<sup>[251]</sup> *Timothy Donoway*. On 8 June 1761, Timothy Donaway, seaman, with Andrew Woodbury, gentleman, and John Allen, innholder, as sureties, all of Manchester, was appointed guardian of Samuel Woodberry, under 14, son of Samuel Woodbury, late of Manchester, deceased.<sup>[252]</sup> 4. *Joseph Woodbury*, b. 7 Jan. 1723/4; d. before 7 Sept. 1761 (date of probate).<sup>[253]</sup> 5. *Andrew Woodbury*, b. 28 March 1725, bp. 3 April 1726; d. young. 6. *Hannah Woodbury*, b. 27 April 1729; d. after 5 April 1762; m. after intentions published in Ipswich 9 Nov 1754, *Moses Truel*.<sup>[254]</sup> 7. *Andrew Woodbury* (again), bp. 7 Nov. 1731; d. Hopkinton, N. H., 24 July 1808;<sup>[255]</sup> m. Manchester 18 Nov. 1754, *Elizabeth Tuck*.<sup>[256]</sup> 8. *Elizabeth Woodbury*, bp. 20 Oct. 1734, daughter of Joseph. No mother named.

iii. ELIZABETH WOODBURY (TWIN), b. 22 May 1690; m. Manchester 25 Dec. 1709, SHADRACH NORTON,<sup>[257]</sup> who was dead by 16 March 1737/8 when his widow Elizabeth declined administration in favor of [her brother-in-law] Nathaniel Masters. His estate was valued at £230 3s. 5d.<sup>[258]</sup>

<sup>244</sup> *Ibid.*, 1:32.

<sup>245</sup> Frank H. Whitcomb, *Vital Statistics of the Town of Keene, New Hampshire, Compiled from the Town Records, First Church and Family Records, the Official Fisher Record and the Newspapers* (Keene, N.H.: Sentinel Printing Co. 1905), 145.

<sup>246</sup> Robin Balch Hodgkins, *Descendants of John Balch* (Beverly, Mass.: Beverly Historical Society, 2014), 28; Arthaud, "Ober Family" [note 67], *The Essex Genealogist*, 39 (2019):175–90 at 177.

<sup>247</sup> *Vital Records of Manchester* [note 217], 226.

<sup>248</sup> Thomas Amory Lee, "The Lee Family of Marblehead," *Historical Collections of the Essex Institute* 52 (1916):157–158.

<sup>249</sup> *Vital Records of Manchester* [note 217], 226.

<sup>250</sup> *Ibid.*, 126–127: Ruth Woodbury, born 28 April 1746; Samuel Woodbury, born 12 August 1748; and Sarah Woodbury, born 9 August 1751. As shown below, there also appears to be an unrecorded daughter Lucy.

<sup>251</sup> *Ibid.*, 226.

<sup>252</sup> Essex County Probate, File 30504. A small handwritten note in the file, signed with the initials of John Choate, Essex County probate judge, reads: "Guardianship to Timothy Donaway on Samuel and Lucy Woodbery, Children of Samuel Woodbery, [indecipherable] Andrew Woodbery and deacon Allen Bondsmen."

<sup>253</sup> Essex County Probate, File 30441. John Austin, with Jonah Stone and Andrew Woodbery as sureties, granted bond on the estate of Joseph Woodberry, Jr.

<sup>254</sup> *Vital Records of Ipswich* [note 190], 2:466.

<sup>255</sup> FindAGrave.com, memorial #59007555.

<sup>256</sup> *Vital Records of Manchester* [note 217], 226.

<sup>257</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>258</sup> Essex County Probate, File19634.

Children, b. Manchester, possibly incomplete:<sup>[259]</sup> 1. *Mary Norton*, b. 5 May 1711/2 [sic]; m. Manchester 26 April 1733 *John Forster*.<sup>[260]</sup> 2. *Joseph Norton*, b. 20 April 1715. 3. *Asarias/Azariah Norton*, b. 24 July 1721; m. Manchester 25 Oct. 1739,<sup>[261]</sup> *Abigail Masters* (see 7.v.4).

- iv. ABIGAIL WOODBURY, b. 4 July 1692; d. Manchester “beginning” of May 1751,<sup>[262]</sup> m. in Beverly 24 Nov. 1715, as his first wife,<sup>[263]</sup> RICHARD LEACH, b. Manchester 6 May 1690,<sup>[264]</sup> d. between 2 Feb. 1761 (will signed, daughter Hannah Orsment sole executor) and 13 March 1765 (appraisers appointed),<sup>[265]</sup> son of Samuel<sup>3</sup> (*Robert*<sup>2</sup>, *Lawrence*<sup>1</sup>) and Hannah (Baldwin) Leach.<sup>[266]</sup> By a deed dated 17 Dec. 1732, Richard Leach of Manchester, shoreman, and Abigail his wife, sold for £16 10s. to Richard Thistle, husbandman, and Hezekiah Ober, shoreman, both of Beverly, 5 acres of woodland in Manchester, being the northerly half of a 10-acre woodlot that belonged to the estate of “our brother” Samuel Woodbury, late of Manchester, deceased, and adjoins the land of “our brother” Benjamin Woodbury.<sup>[267]</sup>

Children, b. Manchester:<sup>[268]</sup> 1. *Elizabeth Leach*, b. 1 April 1717; d. 3 April 1718. 2. *Benjamin Leach*, b. 13 Jan. 1718; d. young. 3. *Hannah Leach*, b. 13 Dec. 1720; m. 8 Aug. 1739, *John Orsment Jr.*<sup>[269]</sup> 4. *Benjamin Leach* (again), b. 2 Jan. 1723/4. 5. *Abigail Leach*, bp. 15 May 1726. 6. *Andrew Leach*, b. ca. 1730;<sup>[270]</sup> d. “of the Small pox in London the Last February” 1750.<sup>[271]</sup> 7. *Samuel Leach*, b. 19 Oct. 1731. 8. *Richard Leach*, b. 9 Oct. 1735.

- v. HANNAH WOODBURY, b. 31 Aug. 1694; d. Manchester 4 Jan. 1771, aged 77 years, 4 months, and 4 days,<sup>[272]</sup> m. Beverly 24 Nov. 1715, NATHANIEL MASTERS,<sup>[273]</sup> b. Manchester 23 March 1692; d. 16 Nov. 1738, in his 47th year,<sup>[274]</sup> son of Abraham and Abigail (Kilham) Masters.<sup>[275]</sup> He was received into full communion into the First Church in Beverly from Man-

<sup>259</sup> *Vital Records of Manchester* [note 217], 98.

<sup>260</sup> *Ibid.*, 202.

<sup>261</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>262</sup> *Ibid.*, 266.

<sup>263</sup> *Ibid.*, *Vital Records of Beverly* [note 28], 2:188.

<sup>264</sup> *Vital Records of Manchester* [note 217], 76.

<sup>265</sup> Essex County Probate, File 16511. Widow and daughter Abigail were named. Abigail presumably was unmarried as after her death his estate was to be divided among his unnamed grandchildren.

<sup>266</sup> F. Phelps Leach, *Lawrence Leach of Salem, Massachusetts, and Some of His Descendants*, 3 vols., (East Highgate, Vt.; F. P. Leach, 1924–1926), 1:18–19. Hannah, Benjamin and Samuel follow as heads of family at 1:37.

<sup>267</sup> Essex County Deeds, 79:3, recorded 5 April 1740.

<sup>268</sup> *Vital Records of Manchester* [note 217], 73, 75 (Leach, alphabetical), 85, first four as Leach, Andrew not recorded.

<sup>269</sup> *Ibid.*, 186.

<sup>270</sup> Leach, *Lawrence Leach* [note 266], 1:19.

<sup>271</sup> *Vital Records of Manchester* [note 217], 266.

<sup>272</sup> *Ibid.*, 276.

<sup>273</sup> *Vital Records of Beverly* [note 28], 2:352, both of Manchester.

<sup>274</sup> *Vital Records of Manchester* [note 217], 276, has year as 1758, an obvious misreading of gravestone. See probate file.

<sup>275</sup> *Ibid.*, 91.

chester on 29 April 1716.<sup>[276]</sup> Robert Woodbery, Robert Haskell, and John Low were appointed 18 Dec. 1738 to appraise his estate.<sup>[277]</sup>

Children, b. Manchester:<sup>[278]</sup> 1. *Hannah Masters*, b. 18 May 1717. 2. *Elizabeth Masters*, b. 23 June 1718; d. 2 Aug. 1718. 3. *Nathaniel Masters*, b. 16 Dec. 1719. 4. *Abigail Masters*, bp. 10 Dec. 1721 (see 7.iii.3). 5. *Elizabeth Masters* (twin), bp. 14 Oct. 1722, d. young. 6. *Ruth Masters* (twin), bp. 14 Oct. 1722, d. young. 7. *Samuel Masters*, b. 16 Jan. 1723/4. 8. *Ruth Masters*, b. 6 Nov. 1725, d. young. 9. *Sarah Masters*, b. 26 Nov. 1727. 10. *Ruth Masters* (again), b. 4 Sept. 1729. 11. *Benjamin Masters*, b. 22 Aug. 1731. 12. *Joseph Masters*, bp. 24 Dec. 1732. 13. *Andrew Masters*, b. 7 March 1735. 14. *Elizabeth Masters* (again), bp. 6 March 1736/7.

- vi. SAMUEL WOODBURY, b. 15 April 1697; d. before 15 Jan. 172[1]/2 (date of probate); m. after intentions published in Manchester 18 Oct. 1719, MARY HILTON,<sup>[279]</sup> daughter of Lt. William<sup>3</sup> (*William*<sup>2-1</sup>) and Margaret (Stilson) Hilton. No known children. She m. (2) Manchester 15 April 1723,<sup>[280]</sup> Benjamin Presson.<sup>[281]</sup> Robert Woodbury of Beverly, with Joseph Woodbury and John Knowlton both of Manchester as sureties, was appointed administrator of Samuel's estate 15 Jan. 172[1]/2. On 14 Feb. 1721/2, Mary signed by mark a receipt for £55 13s. for payment from Robert Woodberry, Sr., of Beverly, Joseph Woodbury, Richard Pearce, Richard Leach, Shadrach Norton, and Nathaniel Masters. Robert, as guardian of John and Benjamin Woodberry, made payment. On 29 Sept. 1722, Robert filed a list of payments to heirs and creditors in the summer of 1722. Joseph Woodberry by mark, Richard Leach, John Woodberry, Nathaniel Masters, Richard Parce, Shadrach Norton, and Robert Woodberry petitioned the court on 5 Oct. 1722 to have a committee appointed to divide Samuel's estate. After the widow Mary's dower was set off, eight shares were to be divided 8 Oct. 1722 among Samuel's sisters and brothers: Sarah Pearse, Jos[eph] Woodbury, Elizabeth Norton, Abigail Leach, Hannah Masters, John Woodbury, Anna Woodbury, and Benjamin Woodbury. The division was reported 7 Nov. 1722.<sup>[282]</sup>
- vii. JOHN WOODBURY, b. 4 April 1701; d. Brookfield, Mass., before 7 Feb. 1749/50; m. Ipswich 12 April 1723, SARAH KNOWLTON,<sup>[283]</sup> b. Manchester 24 Oct. 1704,<sup>[284]</sup> d. after 15 May 1751, daughter of Ezekiel and Sarah (Leach) Knowlton.<sup>[285]</sup> On 7 Feb. 1749/50, Sarah Woodbury, widow, with Oliver Hayward, Esq., as surety, was appointed administratrix of the estate of

<sup>276</sup> *Historical Collections of the Essex Institute*, 36 (1900):157.

<sup>277</sup> Essex County Probate, File 17834. Benjamin Woodbury was administrator on 4 January 1739/40. Widow Hannah paid £41 [?]s. on 1 April 1740 to Richard Coy and Benjamin Woodbury for a note that Nathaniel signed 15 November 1738.

<sup>278</sup> *Vital Records of Manchester* [note 217], 89–91, many variant spellings of the surname.

<sup>279</sup> *Ibid.*, 226, groom Woodbury.

<sup>280</sup> *Ibid.*, 226.

<sup>281</sup> Noyes, Libby, and Davis, *Genealogical Dictionary of Maine and New Hampshire* [note 136], 337.

<sup>282</sup> Essex County Probate, File 305002.

<sup>283</sup> *Vital Records of Ipswich* [note 190], 2:464, both of Beverly; also *Vital Records of Beverly* [note 28], 2:346 "at Ipswich."

<sup>284</sup> *Vital Records of Manchester* [note 217], 72 (birth), 184 (parents' marriage).

<sup>285</sup> Leach, *Lawrence Leach* [note 266], 1:16.

her late husband John Woodbury, cordwainer. The inventory, presented 28 March 1750, totaled £197 1s. Sarah filed a report 15 May 1751.<sup>[286]</sup>

Children, b. Manchester:<sup>[287]</sup> 1. *John Woodbury*, b. 27 Feb. 1723/4. 2. *Sarah Woodbury*, b. 19 April 1725; d. presumably Brookfield 29 Oct. 1787; m. *Peter Hill*.<sup>[288]</sup> 3. *Elizabeth Woodbury*, b. 6 April 1726. 4. *Jeremiah Woodbury*, b. 23 Sept. 1727; m. Brookfield 22 March 1750, *Sibell Jerusha Tooker/Tucker*.<sup>[289]</sup> 5. *Ezekiel Woodbury*, b. 4 Dec. 1734;<sup>[290]</sup> d. Barre, Mass., 21 Oct. 1821, aged 87;<sup>[291]</sup> m. (1) Brookfield, 19 Aug. 1755, *Mary Barnes*,<sup>[292]</sup> b. ca. 1734, d. Barre 25 May 1772 in her 39th year;<sup>[293]</sup> m. (2) Sunderland, Mass., 25 Oct. 1774, *Anna Hubbard*,<sup>[294]</sup> b. ca. 1738, d. Barre 11 Sept. 1824, aged 86.<sup>[295]</sup> Ezekiel does not appear as a grantor or grantee in Essex Co. deeds up to 1799. Ezekiel Woodbury, yeoman of Barre, Mass., signed his will 11 Jan. 1820. After provisions for his wife Anna, he bequeathed \$100 each to “my children” Lucy Stratton, Anna Wood, Knowlton Woodbury, Mary Thomas, Charlotte Messinger, John Woodbury, and Editha Thresher. He then left \$50 to the lawful heirs of his deceased daughter Rebecca Blake and \$50 to his grandson Jonathan Blake, “son of Rebecca.” All payments to be made within three years after this death. He gave one dollar to “my daughter Dorothy Totman to be paid by his executor (no time stated). Ezekiel then left the remainder of his estate to his son Hubbard Woodbury, who was named executor.<sup>[296]</sup> Ezekiel’s first marriage in Brookfield, where his brother Jeremiah flourished, and the first name of Knowlton for his apparently oldest son support this placement.

- viii. ANNA(H) WOODBURY, b. 5 Sept. 1703; d. Manchester “near the close” of May 1774, aged 73;<sup>[297]</sup> m. Ipswich 2 Nov. 1724, ISRAEL FOSTER,<sup>[298]</sup> b. Salem 22 Feb. 1703; d. before 5 Dec. 1748 (widow Anna, with Robert Herrick, Manchester, and Benjamin Woodbury, Beverly, as sureties, appointed administrator of his estate), son of John<sup>3</sup> (*Samuel*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>) and Margaret

<sup>286</sup> Worcester County Probate, File 67401.

<sup>287</sup> *Vital Records of Manchester* [note 217], 125–126, first four children.

<sup>288</sup> J. H. Temple, *History of North Brookfield, Massachusetts* . . . (North Brookfield, Mass.: Town of Brookfield 1887), 625.

<sup>289</sup> *Vital Records of Brookfield, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849* (Worcester, Mass., F. P. Rice, 1909), 443.

<sup>290</sup> Temple, *History of North Brookfield* [note 288], 796, birthdate and parents’ names.

<sup>291</sup> *Vital Records of Barre, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849* (Worcester, Mass.: F. P. Rice, 1903), 276; FindaGrave.com, memorial #123660184, which lists his birthdate as 17 December 1734. The stone is not contemporary and has numerous individuals listed with historical data. No primary source for his birth or his parents’ names has been found.

<sup>292</sup> *Vital Records of Brookfield* [note 289], 443.

<sup>293</sup> *Vital Records of Barre* [note 291], 276.

<sup>294</sup> *Ibid.*, 223, “at Sunderland.”

<sup>295</sup> *Ibid.*, 276.

<sup>296</sup> Worcester County Probate, File 67387; will filed 6 November 1821.

<sup>297</sup> *Vital Records of Manchester* [note 217], 254, widow.

<sup>298</sup> *Vital Records of Ipswich* [note 190], 2:464, “both of Manchester.”



(Jacobs) Foster.<sup>[299]</sup> The land was divided into nine shares on 7 Aug. 1752.<sup>[300]</sup>

Children, b. Manchester: <sup>[301]</sup> 1. *Margaret Foster*, b. 8 May 1726. 2. *Anna Foster*, b. 19 July 1728; m. Beverly 12 Aug. 1747, *Benjamin Ober*,<sup>[302]</sup> b. there 14 June 1724; d. Manchester 27 Nov. 1818, son of Hezekiah<sup>2</sup> (*Richard*<sup>1</sup>) and Anna (Morgan) Ober (see 2.iv.5 above).<sup>[303]</sup> 3. *Israel Foster*, b. 8 May 1731. 4. *Elizabeth Foster*, b. 1 Jan. 1733/4. 5. *Jacob Foster*, b. 2 May 1737. 6. *Samuel Foster*, b. 10 Feb. 1740. 7. *Daniel Foster*, b. after 27 July 1738 (mother appointed guardian 27 July 1752);<sup>[304]</sup> d. “at Sea, Last Fall” [1757].<sup>[305]</sup> 8. *Benjamin Foster*, b. 28 May 1745.

- ix. BENJAMIN WOODBURY, b. 21 June 1705; bur. Beverly 6 Aug. 1776, aged 71;<sup>[306]</sup> m. Manchester 15 Nov. 1725, ELIZABETH CARTER,<sup>[307]</sup> bp. Salem 22 Aug. 1708,<sup>[308]</sup> d. after 6 Aug. 1776, daughter of Obed and Elizabeth (Chinn) Carter. Elizabeth acquired the west half of her father’s house and lot in Salem on the division of his estate in 1726; she and her husband conveyed their portion for £47 to Richard Elvins of Salem, baker, on 12 March 1728/9.<sup>[309]</sup> Elizabeth, widow, declined administration of Benjamin’s estate in favor of “eldest” son Benjamin. Benjamin, (Jr. or Sr.?) yeoman of Beverly, with James Woodberry, gentleman of Beverly, and Andrew Woodberry, gentleman of Manchester, as sureties, was named administrator on 2 September 1776. The same day a committee was appointed to appraise Benjamin’s estate.<sup>[310]</sup> A division on 30 August 1777 assigned shares to Hannah Edwards, a daughter; Azariah Woodberry, a son; Benjamin Woodberry, “eldest son;” legal representatives of Elizabeth Lee, a daughter; legal representatives of Anna Stone, a daughter; and Mary Lee, a daughter. Signed in order by Benjamin Woodberry, William Stone, Hannah Edwards and John Edwards, Mary Lee, by mark, and Solomon Lee, Azariah Woodbery, and William Elliott (presumably an heir of Elizabeth Lee).

Children, last seven b. Beverly:<sup>[311]</sup> 1. *Elizabeth Woodbury*, bp. Manchester 17 July 1726; presumably d. young. 2. *Obed Woodbury*,

<sup>299</sup> An article on the descendants of Margaret (Jacobs) Foster by William Wyman Fiske, forthcoming in the *Register*, includes a documented account of the male-line ancestry of Israel Foster.

<sup>300</sup> Essex County Probate, File 9870.

<sup>301</sup> *Vital Records of Manchester* [note 217], 49–50, alphabetical. An article on the descendants of Margaret (Jacobs) Foster by William Wyman Fiske is forthcoming in the *Register* (see note 299).

<sup>302</sup> *Vital Records of Beverly* [note 28], 2:120.

<sup>303</sup> Arthaud, “Ober Family” [note 67], *The Essex Genealogist*, 40 (2020):25–28; Loring and Toomey, “Ober Family” [note 194], p. 24.

<sup>304</sup> Essex County Probate, File 9986, Samuel, Daniel, and Benjamin (order of naming) under 14 years.

<sup>305</sup> *Vital Records of Ipswich* [note 190], 2:464, both of Manchester.

<sup>306</sup> *Vital Records of Beverly* [note 28], Beverly VRs, 2:618.

<sup>307</sup> *Vital Records of Manchester* [note 217], 226.

<sup>308</sup> *Vital Records of Salem* [note 33], 1:160, one of three children of Obed Carter baptized that day.

<sup>309</sup> *The Essex Antiquarian*, 9 (1905):163; Sidney Perley, *The History of Salem, Massachusetts* (Salem, Mass.: the author, 1924–1928), 3:339.

<sup>310</sup> Essex County Probate, File 30361.

<sup>311</sup> *Vital Records of Beverly* [note 28], 1:386–387, 89, as children of Robert and Elizabeth Woodbery.

b. 20 April 1730; d. "at sea" 1754;<sup>[312]</sup> m. Beverly 16 Nov. 1752, *Anna Woodbury*,<sup>[313]</sup> b. Beverly 14 June 1730;<sup>[314]</sup> d. there 1757.<sup>[315]</sup> 3. *Benjamin Woodbury*, b. 17 Jan. 1733/4; m. Beverly 10 April 1764,<sup>[316]</sup> *Martha Woodbury*.<sup>[317]</sup> 4. *Mary Woodbury*, b. 8 March 1734; m. Beverly 7 Nov. 1776,<sup>[318]</sup> as his second wife, *Solomon Lee*.<sup>[319]</sup> 5. *Anna Woodbury*, b. 17 Feb. 1735; m. Beverly, 24 Sept. 1761, *William Stone*.<sup>[320]</sup> 6. *Elizabeth Woodbury* (again), b. 5 Jan. 1737; d. Manchester 8 April 1777, aged "47, 48, or 49," unnamed widow of Lt. Thomas;<sup>[321]</sup> m. Beverly 12 Feb. 1754, *William Elliot, Jr.*,<sup>[322]</sup> b. Beverly 22 June 1731,<sup>[323]</sup> "lost at Sea in a Storm," 5 March 1755 aged 22 [*sic*],<sup>[324]</sup> son of John and Hannah (Waldram) Elliott.<sup>[325]</sup> m. (2) Manchester 3 Dec. 1771, Lt. Thomas Lee.<sup>[326]</sup> 7. *Hannah Woodbury*, b. 6 March 1739; m. (1) Beverly 18 Jan. 1760, *William Bennett*,<sup>[327]</sup> who d. at sea in the West Indies Oct. or Nov. 1760;<sup>[328]</sup> m. (2) Manchester 17 Dec. 1761, *John Edwards, Jr.*<sup>[329]</sup> 8. *Ezra Woodbury*, b. 19 Dec. 1740, bp. as Azariah, First Church, Beverly, 21 Dec. 1740;<sup>[330]</sup> m. Manchester 11 Sept. 1765, *Anne Bennett*.<sup>[331]</sup>

(to be continued)

<sup>312</sup> *Ibid.*, 2:612.

<sup>313</sup> *Ibid.*, 2:349. No known children.

<sup>314</sup> *Ibid.*, 1:386, daughter of Elisha<sup>5</sup> (*William*<sup>4</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>3</sup>, *Humphrey*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>) and Joanna (Ober) Woodbury.

<sup>315</sup> *Ibid.*, 2:615, unnamed widow of Obed.

<sup>316</sup> *Ibid.*, 2:351, intention, naming the groom as "Jr."

<sup>317</sup> Probably daughter of Thomas<sup>5</sup> and Lucy (Herrick) Woodbury (*Robert*<sup>4</sup>, *Isaac*<sup>3</sup>, *Humphrey*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>) (*Historical Collections of the Essex Institute* 36 [1900]:33).

<sup>318</sup> *Vital Records of Beverly* [note 28], 2:355, groom of Manchester.

<sup>319</sup> *Historical Collections of the Essex Institute* 52 (1916):147.

<sup>320</sup> *Vital Records of Beverly* [note 28], 2:351, groom of Manchester.

<sup>321</sup> *Vital Records of Manchester* [note 217], 272.

<sup>322</sup> *Vital Records of Beverly* [note 28], 2:355.

<sup>323</sup> *Ibid.*, 1:120.

<sup>324</sup> *Ibid.*, 2:428.

<sup>325</sup> Elizabeth Elliot, widow, with Isaac Woodberry and Benjamin Woodberry as sureties, was appointed administrator of William's estate on 22 March 1756 (Essex County Probate, File 8788).

<sup>326</sup> *Vital Records of Manchester* [note 217], 162.

<sup>327</sup> *Vital Records of Beverly* [note 28], 2:352.

<sup>328</sup> Davis, *Ancestry of Sarah Stone* [note 88], 17; Davis, *Massachusetts and Maine Families in the Ancestry of Walter Goodwin Davis*, 3 vols. [note 88], 3:392.

<sup>329</sup> *Vital Records of Manchester* [note note 217], 141.

<sup>330</sup> *Vital Records of Beverly* [note 28], 1:391 as son of Robert Woodbury.

<sup>331</sup> *Vital Records of Manchester* [note note 217], 226, groom of Beverly.

## Additions and Corrections

**COLE.** “The Peter<sup>2</sup> Lurvey Family of Essex County, Massachusetts, Maine, and Vermont,” by John Bradley Arthaud and Ernest Hyde Helliwell, III, 154 (2000):387–409. The latter author has pointed out that the Cole article cited in note 42 (on page 391) shows Mary (Cole) Lurvey as the daughter of Benjamin and Sarah (Thistle) Cole.

**DEREHAUGH.** “English Ancestry of Anne (Derehaugh) Stratton of Salem, Massachusetts,” by Robert Battle, 155 (2001):367; 156 (2002):39–61. At 156:58, Agnes (Thurston) (Derehaugh) Whipple died before 2 September 1568 when administration of her estate was given to John Thurston, esq., during the minority of William “Derawghe” (Consistory Court of Norwich Admons, 5:295 [FHL 0,173,446]).

**CRUTTENDEN.** “The Ancestry of Abraham Cruttenden,” by Martha A. Lynes, 160 (2006):199–214. At 214, Elizabeth Cruttenden married Jasper Stillwell on 26 November 1657 (*The American Genealogist* 31 [1955]:173).

**WALLIS.** “The Nathaniel and Anna (Balch) (Rich) Wallis Family of Beverly, Massachusetts,” by Michael Boyer O’Leary and John Bradley Arthaud, 161 (2007):138–145. Ernest Hyde Helliwell, III, has pointed out that Margaret Wallis (1.iii) married David<sup>3</sup> Ellenwood, born in Beverly 11 December 1698 and buried there 6 March 1777 aged 78, son of Benjamin<sup>2</sup> (*Ralph*<sup>1</sup>) and Mary (\_\_\_\_\_) Ellenwood (*Vital Records of Beverly, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849*, 2 vols. [Topsfield, Mass.: Topsfield Historical Society, 1907], 1:120; Robert Charles Anderson, George Freeman Sanborn Jr., and Melinde Lutz Sanborn, *The Great Migration: Immigrants to New England, 1634–1635, Volume II C–F* [Boston: NEHGS, 2001], 423). At page 140 of the article, Margaret’s husband is mistakenly shown as his slightly older first cousin, David Ellenwood, baptized in Beverly 16 August 1696. Benjamin Ellenwood, shoreman of Beverly, in his will signed 31 December 1730, made bequests to his six named sons and his six named daughters. He also made a specific bequest to his grandson Benjamin, “son of my son David” (Case 8691, *Essex County, MA: Probate File Papers, 1638–1881*, online at AmericanAncestors.org).

**EATON.** “The Ancestry of Anne Wilkenson, Wife of George Lloyd, Bishop of Chester,” by Scott G. Swanson, 171 (Fall 2017):292–298 at 295. Mr. Theophilus Eaton and Anne Yaill were married in Knutsford, Cheshire, 4 July 1627. The image of the record is now accessible on findmypast.co.uk and FamilySearch.org.

**RAWSON.** “Rebecca’s Siblings: The Overlooked Children of Secretary and Edward<sup>1</sup> Rachel (Perne) Rawson,” by Alwin E. Schmidt, Jr., 173 (2019):26–36,

163–174, 238–247. Randy A. West has added the following information (and pointed out that Simon Neal’s email address is [simon@nealresearch.co.uk](mailto:simon@nealresearch.co.uk)):

Documentation has been found for the legend that Rebecca Rawson had a child by her husband Thomas Rumsey (p. 244). “Samuel Son of Rebekah Rawson Spinster begotten as she affirmeth by Thomas Rumsey of Canterbury who was Married to her at Boston in New England by y<sup>e</sup> Name of Sr: Tho: Hales Kn<sup>t</sup>: & Baronett as appears by Certificate under y<sup>e</sup> Ministers hand who Married them John Willson Clerk borne in M<sup>r</sup> Coopers house in Salmons Lane the day of his Baptizing (St. Dunstan, Stepney, Middlesex, parish register 1656–1710 [London, England, Church of England Baptisms, Marriages and Burials, 1538–1812, database at Ancestry.com, image 186 of 627]).

**SPAULDING.** “How Edward<sup>1</sup> Spaulding, a Puritan Farmer from the Norfolk-Suffolk Border, Came to Prosper in New England,” by Stephen Waasa Spalding, 173 (2019):220–231. At 221, 229–230, the following dates have been corrected by the author:

John Spaldinge the sonne of Edward Spaldinge & Margaret[et] his wife was baptized the *first daie* of May [1629]

Samuell Spaldeing the sonne of Edward Spaldinge & Margaret his wife was baptized the *v<sup>th</sup> daie* of May [1630]

Hester Spaldwin the daughter of Edward Spaldwin was buried the *sixteene day of July* [1638]

**COLLINS.** “The Family and American Descendants of Deacon Edward Collins of Cambridge, Medford, and Charlestown, Massachusetts,” by James Wade Ferris Collins, 174 (2020):258–272. At 261, the father of William Ward, husband of Abigail Collins, should be shown as William Ward, son of William<sup>1</sup> Ward. Add the following citation to note 269: M. Wheeler Molyneaux, “Some Descendants of William Ward of Middletown, CT,” *The American Genealogist* 54 (1978): 129–138, at 133–134.

**NYE.** “New England Articles in Genealogical Journals in 2018,” 174 (2020):273–286. At 375, second column, read Nye: see Natale instead of Nye: see Bowers.

**HATCH.** “Updates to the Ancestry of Brothers Thomas<sup>1</sup> and William<sup>1</sup> Hatch of Scituate Massachusetts,” by Edward R. Taylor and Randy A. West, 174 (2020):303–313. At 312 note 90, read Robert Chittenden was a brother of William who married Eleanor/Elinor Hatch, instead of Robert Chittenden was a grandson of Thomas Chittenden, a brother of William who married Elinor Hatch.

**INDEX OF PERSONS.** Additions and Corrections, 174 (2020):380, in the first column the entry for Cowens should read Thomas G. Cowens instead of David G. Cowens.

**CARVER.** “The Probable Origin of *Mayflower* Passenger John Carver and the Minter Family in Suffolk,” by Sue Allan, Caleb Johnson, and Simon Neal, 174 (2020):5–20. On page 9, in the middle of the second paragraph, read Roger and Sarah (Willett) (Minter) Symonson instead of Roger and Sarah (Willett) (Minter) (Symonson) Eastman.

**CARVER.** “A Note on the English Origin of Robert Carver of Marshfield and Richard Carver of Watertown,” by Sue Allan, Caleb Johnson, and Simon Neal, 174 (2020):29–20. Randy A. West has added the following information:

The authors indicated that the Robert Carver who had children baptized at St. Mary Matfelon, Whitechapel, is almost certainly the Marshfield man. Positive proof is in the baptismal entries for his children William and John, recorded in the chapel register of St. John, Wapping, which gives Robert’s occupation as a sawyer (St. John, Wapping, Middlesex, chapel register, 1617–1665 [London, England, Church of England Baptisms, Marriages and Burials, 1638–1665, database at Ancestry.com, images 31, 34 of 131]). This occupation corresponds to that given for Robert Carver in a 1641 Plymouth Colony deed (Nathaniel B. Shurtleff, ed., *Records of the Colony of New Plymouth in New England*, 12 vols. in 9 [Boston: W. White, 1855–1861], 12:75). See *Register* 170 (2016):336, for the practice of Wapping sending their chapel register entries to Whitechapel.

**LOW.** “Descendants of Thomas Low, the Immigrant to Ipswich, Massachusetts, for Three Generations,” by Edward E. Steele, 174 (2020):350–358. At page 354, Mary (Perkins) (Quarles) (Chapman) Low was the daughter of John and Mary (Fiske) Perkins (Essex County, Massachusetts, Probate Files 21241 and 21428).

**LOW.** “Descendants of Thomas Low, the Immigrant to Ipswich, Massachusetts, for Three Generations,” by Edward E. Steele, 174 (2020):350–358; correction at 362, should read Elizabeth (Spofford) Sessions was the third wife of John Low, not Thomas Low.

**STILES.** “Notes on the Stiles Family of Millbrook, Bedfordshire, and Windsor, Connecticut,” by B. Darrell Jackson, 175 (2021):154–159. A license was issued by the Bishop of London on 21 May 1629 and the marriage license allegation [application] was recorded as follows: “W[h] daie appeared p[er]donsllie John Stiles of the p[ar]ish of Endfeild in the Countie of Midd[lesex] husband & a batchelour aged about 32 yeares and aleldggeth that he intendeth to maarrrie w[i] Rachel Bedell of the same parish miden abed about 20 myears and lawfull daughter of Michael Bedell who giues his free Consent . . . to be married in the parish aforesaid” (London and Surrey, England. Marriage Bonds and Allegations, 1597–1921, online at Ancestry.com).

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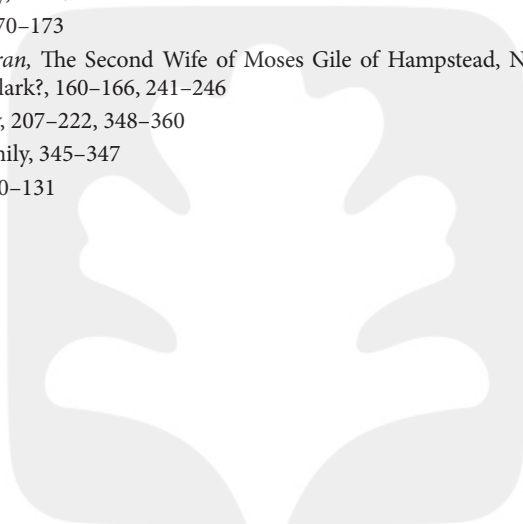
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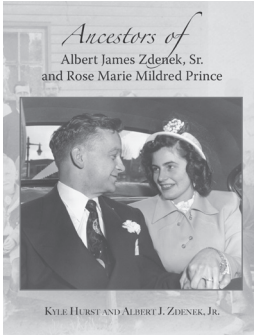
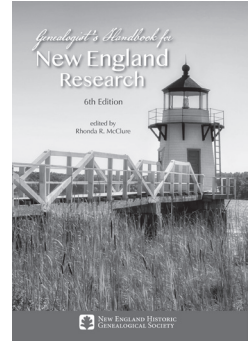
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#### **Ancestors of Albert James Zdenek, Sr. and Rose Marie Mildred Prince**

*By Kyle Hurst and Albert J. Zdenek, Jr.*

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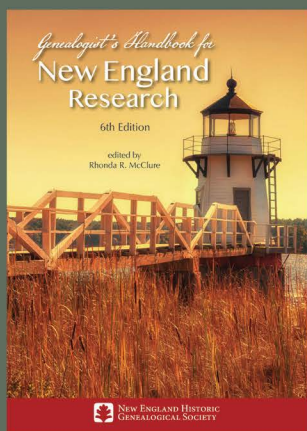
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#### **Western Massachusetts Families in 1790**

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With the passing of editor Helen Schatvet Ullmann, CG, FASG, in October 2021, the Western Massachusetts Families in 1790 Study Project will come to an end. NEHGS would like to thank all those who submitted their work to provide valuable resources for New England families heading north into Vermont or west into New York and beyond. All sketches are available to members online at [AmericanAncestors.org](http://AmericanAncestors.org). Sketches have also been gathered for the public in four print volumes. A fifth volume of the final 75 sketches will be published in 2022.

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