

The English Origin of Widow Elizabeth¹ Hubbard of Boston, Massachusetts

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There is currently no published treatment of the family of widow Elizabeth¹ Hubbard of Boston, Massachusetts, who made her will in 1643. This will provides the clue to the English origin of her family as it names Stockdale Coddington and his wife Hannah, who were from Dorking, Surrey, England,^[1] as creditors of her estate. Elizabeth's will dated 29 December 1643 and proved 4 September 1644 is transcribed as follows:

Boston in new England the 29 of the 10th month 1643, I the said Elisabeth Hobert being not well & yet in perfect sence & understanding do make this my last will & testament, that my daughter Hannah Hobert & my sonne Benjamin Hobert, I do make them my whole executors joyntly together of all those goods w[hi]ch are mine to be disposed of & to whom as followeth, First w[i]th this Proviser namely that these my executors do pay out of this my goods three score & ten pounds & ten shillings to be paid to Hannah Carrington as soone as the goods can be sold for the payment of so much money. And also to pay to the said Stoctdell Carrington the somme of foure pounds & some odde money. Also I give to my sonne Richard Hobert twelve pence. Also I give to my daughter Hannah Hobert, to my sonne Benjamin Hobert & to my daught[e]r Sarah Hobert & to my daught[e]r Rachell Hobert equall portions alike of what there is left when all costs & chardges is paid. And that my yo[u]ngest daughter Rachel should have three pounds more then the rest of my three children, that is to say Hannah & Benjamin & Sarah, & that they be to have it of equall goods alike, that is to say such as is lefte to be distributed among them, Onely my mind is that the executors should have a tender care of their yo[u]ngest sister Rachel that she may not be left destitute of any Comfort lyes in them in any distresse shee may be put to. Also I have desired Robert Hull & Thomas Clarke to be overseers to see this my will & testament to be fulfilled as neere as they can, & hereunto I set my hand.

The marke of Elizabeth Hobbert. Witnesses: Robert Hull and Thomas Clarke.^[2]

The following entries from the Dorking parish registers, as well as other records, are used in the genealogical summary below of the family of Elizabeth Hubbard:

Baptisms:

23 November 1617	Han[n]a Hubbard daughter of Richard
24 February 1618/9	Richard Hubbard sonn of Richard
29 October 1620	Elizab: Hubbard daughter of Richard

¹ Leslie Mahler, "English Records for Stockdale¹ Coddington of Roxbury, Massachusetts," *The American Genealogist* 79 (2004):179–180.

² Suffolk County, Massachusetts, probate books, vol. 1 (transcript), p. 35–36, citing original p. 32 [FHL DGS no. 7703070, images 25–26].

[illegible] July 1623	Joseph Hubbard sonne of Richard
1 March 1624/5	Beniame Hubbard sonne of Richard
27 April 1628	Sarah Hubbard daught[e]r of Richard
1 March 1631/2	Rachell Hubbard daughter of Richard

Burials:

9 October 1635	Richard Hubbard
4 January 1641/2	Joseph Hubbard sonne of Richard
12 October 1642	Elizabeth Hubbard daughter of Richard Hubbard ^[3]

Genealogical Summary

RICHARD^A HUBBARD was born say 1592 (assuming age 25 at the baptism of his eldest known child) and married by 1617 **ELIZABETH¹** _____. He was, perhaps the “Richarde Hubberde of Dorking & [blank]” who married in Mickleham, Surrey, on 19 January 1616/7.^[4] He and his wife resided in Dorking, Surrey, and he was buried there on 9 October 1635. Richard’s nuncupative will, taken on 3 or 4 October 1635 and proved 9 January 1635/6, is transcribed as follows:

Memorandum that on or about the 3 or 4 daye of October Anno Domi[ni] 1635 Richard Hubbard of Darking Dyer being sick of body but in good and perfitt memory made his last will and testament nuncupative in thees words or to this effect following. I give or leave all my goods and whatsoever I have after my debts be payd unto my wife who I make my Executrix in the presenc of us Stockdale Cuddington and George Rogers.

1635 Januarie 9th: Elisabeth Hubbard widowe of Richard Hubbard of Darking above said was sworne.^[5]

Elizabeth and at least some of her children immigrated to New England by 1643 when she made her will in Boston, Massachusetts (see above). The inventory of the estate of “Elizabeth Hubbard, widdowe of Boston In new England who deceased the 6 day of the 11 m[on]th 1643 [6 January 1643/4]” was not dated but presented for probate on 4 September 1644. It was not totaled (calculated as £165), contained no real estate, and had debts of £74 18s., consisting of those debts mentioned in her will.^[6]

Children of Richard^A and Elizabeth¹ (_____) Hubbard (all baptisms in Dorking):

- i. HANNAH HUBBARD, bp. 23 Nov. 1617; living 29 Dec. 1643 (her mother’s will); no further record found.
- ii. RICHARD HUBBARD, bp. 24 Feb. 1618/9; living 29 Dec. 1643 (his mother’s will). He perhaps m. St. Mary, Guildford, Surrey, 24 Feb. 1638/9,

³ St. Martin, Dorking, Surrey, parish register, 1538–1770, Surrey History Centre, DOM/1/1, Surrey Parish Registers Browse, FindMyPast.com, images 26 (Hannah and Richard’s baptisms), 27 (Elizabeth’s baptism), 28 (Joseph and Benjamin’s baptisms), 29 (Sarah’s baptism), 31 (Rachel’s baptism), 62 (Richard’s burial), 65 (Joseph’s burial) and 66 (Elizabeth’s burial).

⁴ St. Michael, Mickleham, Surrey, parish register, 1549–1713 Surrey History Centre, MIC/1/2, Surrey Parish Registers Browse, online database at FindMyPast.com, image 36. Mickleham is adjacent to Dorking.

⁵ Archdeaconry Court of Surrey, original wills, London Metropolitan Archives, DW/PA/05/1636/050, *London, England, Wills and Probate, 1507–1858*, Ancestry.com.

⁶ Suffolk County, Massachusetts, probate papers, case #30 [FHL DGS 102840309, image 119].

- ELIZABETH TUBBE.^[7] Richard probably remained in England as he was not named an executor in his mother's will whereas his oldest sister and younger brother were. He was possibly the father of (bp. Dorking): (1) *Alice Hubbard*, bp. 19 April 1640; and (2) *Richard Hubbard*, bp. 18 Dec. 1642.^[8]
- iii. ELIZABETH HUBBARD, bp. 29 Oct. 1620; bur. Dorking 12 Oct. 1642.
- iv. JOSEPH HUBBARD, bp. [*illegible*] July 1623; bur. Dorking 4 Jan. 1641/2.
- v. BENJAMIN HUBBARD, bp. 1 March 1624/5; probably resided in Oyster Bay, Long Island, N.Y., and died between 17 May 1675 (witnessed a deed)^[9] and 27 Feb. 1682[/3] (mentioned as deceased in a deed).^[10]
- vi. SARAH HUBBARD, bp. 27 April 1628; living 29 Dec. 1643 (her mother's will); no further record found.
- vii. RACHEL HUBBARD, bp. 1 March 1631/2, d. Beverly, Mass., 1 Feb. 1717/8;^[11] m. by 1658, WILLIAM GRIGGS, who m. (1) by 1640, an unknown wife.^[12] William d. between 10 Feb. 1694[/4?] (his will) and 25 Dec. 1697 (his inventory).^[13] On 14 May 1712, Rachel deeded to her son Jacob all her interest in the estate of "my brother Benja[*min*] Hubbard of Long Island in the government of New York deceased."^[14] Children (b. Boston, Mass.): (1) *Jacob Griggs*, b. 30 Nov. 1658; (2) *Hannah Griggs*, b. 12 March 1659[/60]; and (3) *Rebecca Griggs*, b. 3 April 1662.^[15]

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⁷ St. Mary, Guildford, Surrey, parish register, 1541–1653 (Surrey History Centre, GUM/1/1) [Surrey Parish Registers Browse, online database at FindMyPast.com, image 82] ("married by Licence Richard Hubberd of Darkin & Elisabeth Tubbe"). St. Mary, Guildford is about 12 miles west of Dorking.

⁸ St. Martin, Dorking, Surrey, parish register [note 3], images 34 ("Alicce Hubbard daughter of Richard") and 36 ("Richard Hubbard sonne of Richard Hubbard").

⁹ *Oyster Bay Town Records*, John Cox, Jr., ed. (New York: Tobias A. Wright, 1916–1940), 1:91–92 ("Oyster Bay . . . Josias Latting, of ye aboveSd place & Towne, in ye North rideing of New Yorke Sheere, upon Long Island, . . . Sold . . . unto William Buckler, of Oyster Bay . . . my house & plott of land by ye Towne, of Oyster Bay . . . witness Tho: Townesend [and] Benjamen Hubard").

¹⁰ *Oyster Bay Town Records*, 1:167–168 [note 9] ("Caleb wright of oyster Baye in ye north riding of yorkshire, upon Longisland, haveing Assigned to me A sartaine tractt of land at ye sedor poynt soe Called By my Brother in law Josias Latting, which land was formerly layd out to Benjamin Hubard now deaseased for six Accars . . .").

¹¹ Second Church of Beverly, Massachusetts, church records, 1715–1847, p. 363 [FHL DGS 8485417, image 142] ("The Widow Rachel Griggs departed this Life aged about 90 years"). *Vital Records of Beverly, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849*, 2 vols. (Topsfield, Mass.: Topsfield Historical Society, 1906–1907), 2:457.

¹² H. Minot Pitman, "Early Griggs Families of Massachusetts," *Register* 123 (1969):169–174, at 172.

¹³ Essex County, Massachusetts, probate papers, file #11926, *Essex County: MA: Probate file Papers, 1638–1881*, AmericanAncestors.org. Will proved and inventory exhibited on 18 July 1698.

¹⁴ Essex County, Massachusetts, deeds, vol. 29, fol. 263r–263v [FHL DGS no. 7462664, images 575–576].

¹⁵ [Ninth] *Report of the Record Commissioners, Containing Boston Births, Baptisms, Marriages, and Deaths, 1630–1699* (Boston: Rockwell and Churchill, 1883), 68 ("Jacob of William & Rachel Griggs"), 73 ("Hannah of William & Rachel Griggs of Rumney Marsh"), and 84 ("Rebecca of William & Rachel Griggs of Rumney Marsh").