

# Using Probate Records in Your Family History Research

*Class 3: Leveraging Probate Records  
in Your Family History Research*

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# Meet today's presenter



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# OVERVIEW

- **Presentation (60 mins.)**
  - What are probate records
  - Probate terminology
  - What information do they contain
- **Q&A (30 mins.)**

Sep: 19<sup>th</sup> 1690. The Inventory of Rob: Mackelaflin of Wenhamsdale  
 The house & servants acres of Land - - - - - 094 = 00 = 00  
 10 Cows & one yearling 7:10 one horse 4-10-00 - - - - - 009 = 00 = 00  
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 one mortising ax 4<sup>d</sup> handsaw & other iron utensills 3<sup>d</sup> Cow bell 2 - 000 = 09 = 00  
 Spinning wheel 12<sup>d</sup> Churn 4<sup>d</sup> distrying pan 6<sup>d</sup> 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> pounds sheepswood 2 002 = 03 = 06  
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# When to turn to probate records?

- Lack of vital records
- Verifying family connections
- Tracing land or family heirlooms

# As Vital Record Substitutes

- Provides approximate death date for an individual
- Offers proof of marriage of the subject of the probate record
- May supply married names for daughters of the subject
- May name all children of the deceased
- Guardianships list ages of minor children

# As Vital Record Substitutes

- Death:
  - Testate (Will): Deceased died *between* date will written and date will probated
  - Intestate (No Will): Deceased died *by* date estate probated
- Marriage:
  - Daughters listed with married names are married *by* date of will or date of probated estate
- Birth:
  - Guardianship assigned to minor children *under* 14
  - Minor children can choose their guardian if they are *over* 14

# Verifying Family Connections

- Wills may list family of deceased:
  - Spouse
  - Children
  - Grandchildren
  - Siblings
- Estate records may list extended family:
  - Inventories
  - Distributions

# Verifying Family Connections

- Help separate two people with same name
  - Through family listed
  - Through inventory items
- Help support/verify information found in genealogies
  - Verify daughters are listed with proper husbands
  - Support children who die before probate

# Tracing Property/Family Objects

- Cannot locate land records for an individual?
  - May have inherited property
- History of property owners
- Wills and inventories list household objects
  - May trace objects passed from generation to another

# Using Probate with Other Records

- Help verify information found in published genealogies/local histories
- Combined with census may show migration
  - Residence of children who have moved
  - Individuals listed in probate match family group in census
- Combine with several other records to draw conclusions about a family

# Abstracting a Will

# Why Abstract a Will?

- Keeps research organized
- Ensures analysis
- Easy to come back to
- Notes family relationships

# Will Abstract

## Probate Abstract Form

FHL film/DGS No.		Item #
County and State		Book and Page #
Type of Probate <input type="checkbox"/> Testate (Will) <input type="checkbox"/> Intestate (No Will)		Executor:  Administrator:
Deceased:	Occupation/Late of:	
Date of Will:	Date Estate Proved:	
Heirs (with Relationships)		
Witnesses:		

No. 30

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**PROBATE COURT,**  
**MOULTRIE COUNTY, ILL.**

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In the Matter of the Estate of

*William French*  
DECEASED.

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*A. J. French*  
Executor

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Bond, \$ 1500<sup>00</sup>

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*A. R. Bose* } Securities.  
*Dimeon French* }

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Date of Letters Sept 9<sup>th</sup> 1889

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*Settled*  
P. O. Address of Administrator :

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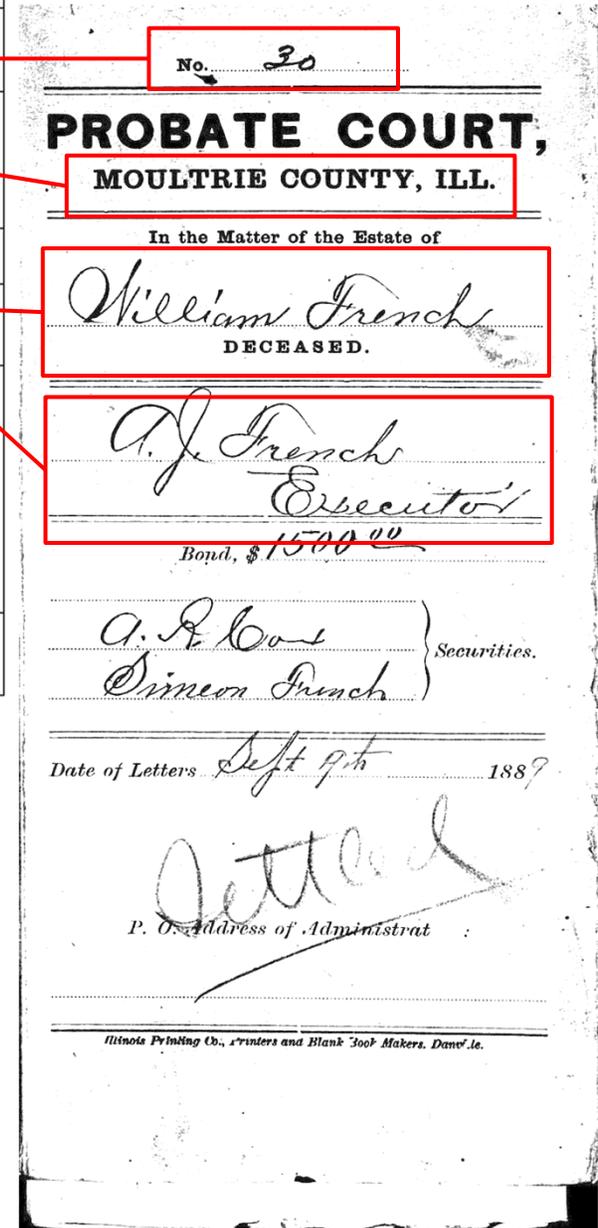
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William French  
Probate Packet No. 30  
19 Sept. 1889

William French, 1889, Will

Probate Abstract Form

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Deceased: William French		Occupation/Late of:	
Date of Will:		Date Estate Proved:	
Heirs (with Relationships)			
Witnesses:			



William French, 1889, Will

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<b>Deceased:</b> William French	<b>Occupation/Late of:</b> "living in Moultrie County, State of Illinois"
<b>Date of Will:</b> 26 August 1889	<b>Date Estate Proved:</b>
<b>Heirs (with Relationships)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Daughter Mary Hensley</li> </ul>	
<b>Witnesses:</b>	

*Nuncupative Will of William French*  
 On the 26<sup>th</sup> day of August 1889 William French living in Moultrie County State of Illinois stated as his will in the presence of Abednago Mainard Frances Maloney and A.J. French as follows:  
 It is my desire that you sell my two horses and Colt and give the proceeds of the sale to my daughter Mary Hensley and that you collect the weekly note and pay the money to my daughter Mary Hensley and that I believe you to be honest and I turn

**William French, 1889 Will**

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# QUESTIONS?

# Case Study: Two Men Named John Pulling

# Meet John Pulling

- Lived in the North of Boston
- Attended the “Old North Church”
- Children baptized at the “Old North Church”
- Married, as second wife, 1770s, Sarah (Thaxter) McBean
- Died in 1787

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## Family Group Sheet

Write dates as Day, Month, Year  
example: 1 Jan 1904

<b>Father</b>	Given Name(s)	John	Last Name	PULLING		
	Born	bap. 27 Feb 1736/7	Place	Boston, Suffolk Co., Mass. (Old North Church)		
	Died	25 Jan 1787	Place	Boston, Suffolk Co. Mass.		
	Married	14 Jan 1768	Place	Manchester, Salem Co., Mass		
	Father's Father <i>(first, middle, last)</i>	John PULLING (-1771)				
	Father's Mother <i>(first, middle, maiden)</i>	Martha MOUNTJOY				
Other Marriages <i>(first, middle, last)</i>	m(2) Sarah (THAXTER) McBEAN					
<b>Mother</b>	Given Name(s)	Annis	Last Name	LEE		
	Born	10 Oct 1743	Place			
	Died	19 Aug 1771	Place	Boston, Suffolk Co., Mass.		
	Mother's Father <i>(first, middle, last)</i>	Col. John LEE				
	Mother's Mother <i>(first, middle, maiden)</i>	Joanna RAYMOND				
	Other Marriages <i>(first, middle, last)</i>					
<b>Child #1</b>	Sex	F	Given Name(s)	Annis	Last Name	PULLING
	Born	bap. 29 Jan 1769	Place	Boston, Suffolk Co., Mass. (Old North Church)		
	Died	23 Nov 1867	Place	Salem, Essex Co., Mass.		
	Spouse <i>(first, middle, last)</i>	John JENKS III				
<b>Child #2</b>	Sex	M	Given Name(s)	John	Last Name	PULLING
	Born	bap. 22 Jul 1770	Place	Boston, Suffolk Co., Mass. (Old North Church)		
	Died		Place			
	Spouse					

1st Wife –  
Annis Lee

2nd Wife –  
Sarah Thaxter

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	Died	17 Dec 1843	Place	Abington, Plymouth Co., Mass.		
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John Pulling – Supplied Information

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	Thomas Thaxter & Judith Graves, - Jan. 8.	Joshu
	Thomas Fearing & Lydia Pinsky, - Jan. 21.	P. Te
	Thomas Stoetler & Holly Lewis, - Feb. 4.	
	Thomas Marsh Jr. & Lillis Gill, - April 1. 1778, Other	
	Benjamin Peirce & Sarah Fearing, Oct. 21.	Par

Rayward & Mary Howel both of Kingham  
 on Sep 19<sup>th</sup> 1772

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 & purpose of marriage between M<sup>r</sup>. John Pulling  
 of Boston & m<sup>rs</sup>. Sarah M<sup>rs</sup>. Bean of Kingham Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> 1772  
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 & Deborah Leach of King Dec.

## Pulling-McBean Marriage

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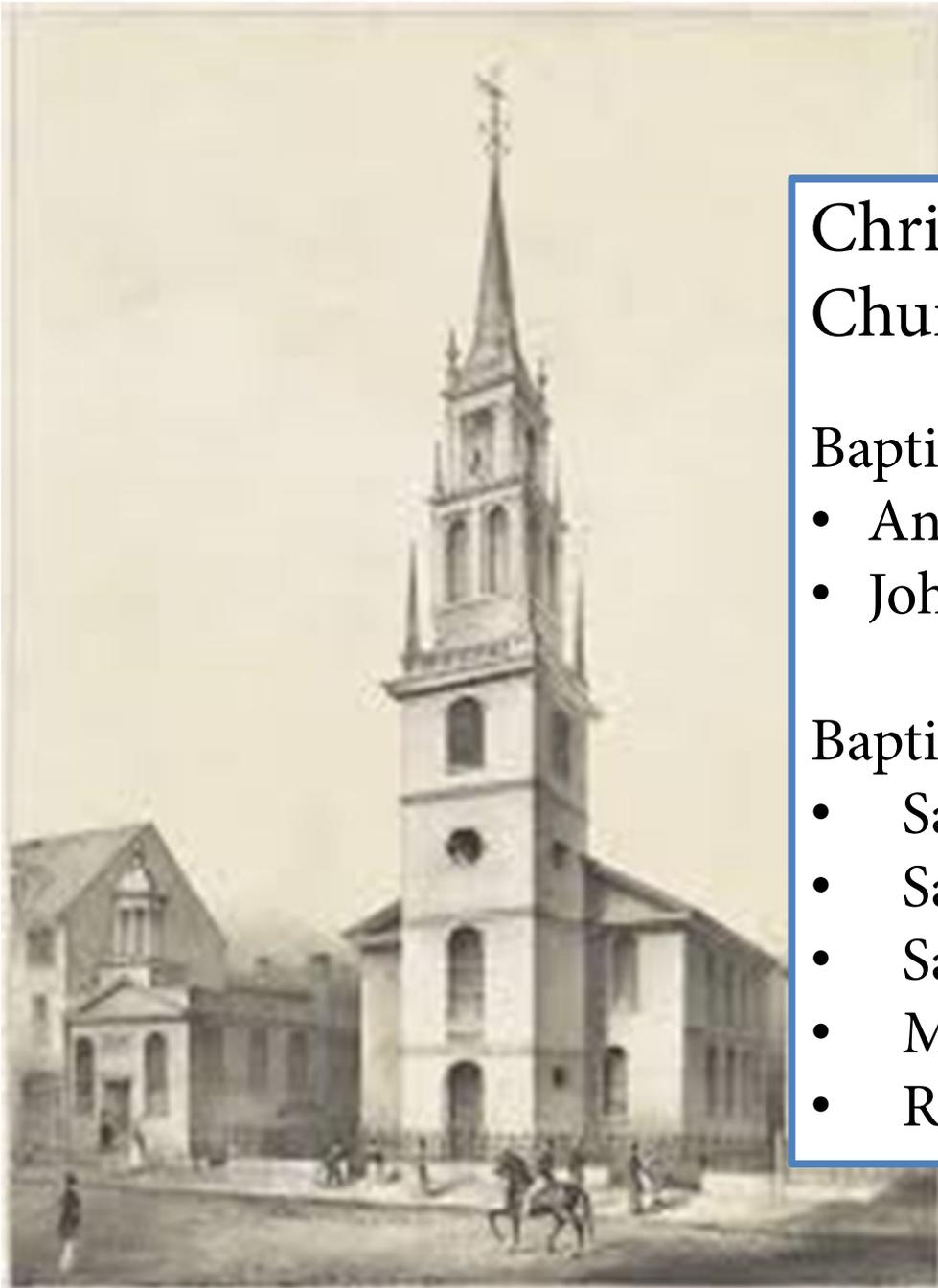
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<b>Child #2</b>	Married		Place			

Revised Family Group Sheet



## Christ Church (Old North Church)

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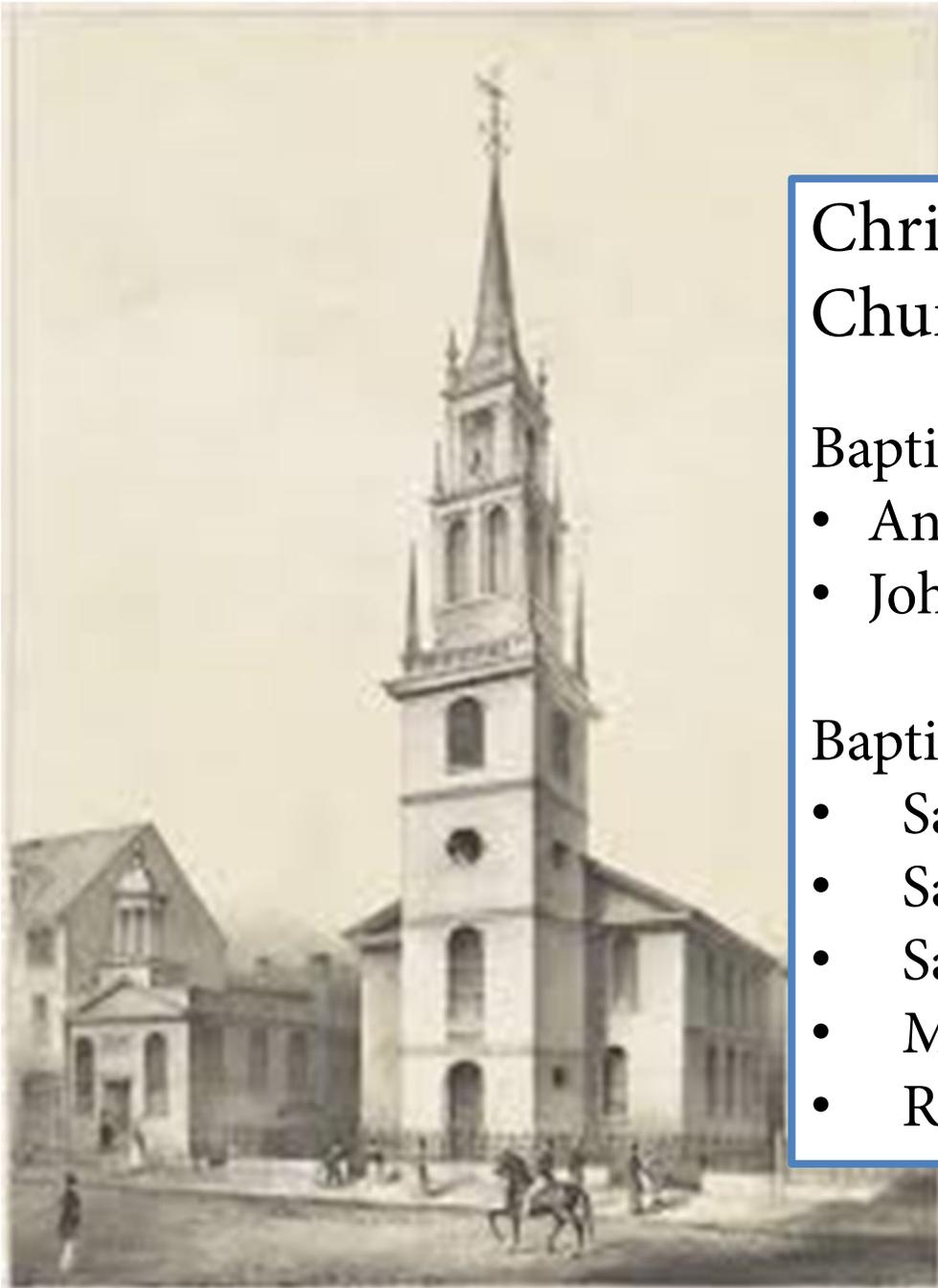
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- Sarah, bap. 23 May 1773
- Sarah, bap. 24 Oct 1773
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- Richard, bap. 4 Aug 1782

236		<i>Christ Church, Boston, Records</i>			[July	
May	7	Cunningham, James-Barton-Sylvester	Son of	James	& Rachel	Private
	9	Cary, William	Son of	William	& Mary	
	9	Polley, Jacob	Son of	Jacob	& Mary	
	14	Burrows, Katherine	Daug of	James	& Bethiah	Private
	21	Cornish, Sarah	Daug of	Abraham	& Margaret	Private
	23	Pulling, Sarah	Daug of	John	& Sarah	
	25	Monro, Sarah	Daug of	John	& Sarah	Private
June	6	Loring, John	Son of	John	& Barbara	
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Oct.	1	Robinson, Thomas	Son of	Thomas	& Sarah	64 <sup>th</sup> Reg.
	1	Latham, Elisabeth	Daug of	George	& Margaret	
	1	Lanham, Ann	Daug of	Bartholomew	& Mary	64 <sup>th</sup> Reg.
	1	Smith, Ann	Daug of	John	& Margaret	64 <sup>th</sup> Reg.
	24	Pulling, Sarah	Daug of	John	& Sarah	64 <sup>th</sup> Reg.
Nov.	7	Cordwell, Hannah	Daug of	William	& Esther	
	12	Till, Joseph	Son of	Edward	& Eleanor	
	12	Byrn, Mary	Daug of	Edward	& Eleanor	64 <sup>th</sup> Reg.
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## 1773 Old North Church Baptisms

# TWO men named John Pulling?

- Sally Pulling, bap. 10 Nov 1771:
  - Baptized 3 mos. AFTER Annis (Lee) Pulling died
  - Baptized 14 mos. BEFORE John marries Sarah (Thaxter) McBean
- Sarah Pulling, bap. 23 May 1773
  - Baptized 5 mos. AFTER John marries Sarah (Thaxter) McBean
- Sarah Pulling, bap. 24 Oct 1773:
  - Baptized @ 9 mos after John m. Sarah (Thaxter) McBean
  - Not enough months to have last Sarah, bap. in May and have a new baby



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**John PULLING**   
 Boston, MA: Old Cemeteries of Boston, 1649-1920  
 Vital Records (incl. Bible, Cemetery, Church and SSDI)  
[View Image](#)

CEMETERY: 1787  
 LOCATION: Boston, Suffolk, Massachusetts, United States  
 CEMETERY: Copp's Hill Cem  
 NAME  
 TEXT: John, Capt. [B204 - same entry] PS 3: "In Memory of Capt John Pulling / who departed this / life Jan. 25th / 1787 / in the 51st year / of his age."  
 Town Page Detail: [Boston](#)

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**John, Capt PULLING**   
 Boston, MA: Deaths, 1700-1799  
 Vital Records (incl. Bible, Cemetery, Church and SSDI)

DEATH: 1787  
 LOCATION: Boston, Suffolk, Massachusetts, United States  
 AGE: 45y  
 REFERENCE: Colonial Society of Massachusetts, Records of The Trinity Church in Boston, [Boston, 1982], Edited by Andrew Oliver and James Bishop Peabody. The original books are on deposit at New England Historic Genealogical Society in the MS Collection.  
 DATE OF : 28 Sept 1787  
 DEATH  
 TEXT: drowned; bur.  
 Town Page Detail: [Boston](#)

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**Pulling, Annis** [B204 - same entry]  
 PS 3: "Here lies buried / the Body of / M<sup>rs</sup> Annis Pulling / Wife to / M<sup>r</sup> John Pulling / Ob' 11<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>st</sup> 1771 / Aged 27 Years & 10 M<sup>o</sup>."

**Pulling, John**  
 [B204 - entry does not show line break before "1771"]  
 PS 3: "Here lies buried / the Body of / M<sup>r</sup> John Pulling / ob' 18<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>ry</sup> 1771 / Aged 71 Years."

**Pulling, John, Capt.** [B204 - same entry]  
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**Pulling, Martha** [B204 - same entry]  
 PS 3: "Here Lies The Body Of / M<sup>rs</sup> Martha Pulling / The Wife Of M<sup>r</sup> / John Pulling / Died Jan<sup>r</sup> 31<sup>st</sup> / 1753."

Burials and Funerals 801

			Years Old
1787 August	2	Sarah Daughter of George Lusk Deceased	Æs. 6 years
	3	Mrs. Mary Underwood	40
	6	Mrs. Sarah Tucker at Roxbury	80
	15	Mrs. Dennis	26
	25	Mrs. Mary Clark at Milton	79
September	23	Mr. Benjamin Hodgkins	40
	24	Mrs. Brown wife of John Brown	26
October	28	Capt. John Pulling drowned	45
	19	Richard Son of Capt. John Pulling Decd.	22 M.
	24	Peggy Daughter of John Wyer	10 M.

YEAR.	NAME.	CASE.	NO.	Y
	<b>Pullen</b>			
	<b>Pullin</b>			
	<b>Pulling</b>			
	<i>cont.</i>			
1854	Augustus . . .	administration	39464	1
1870	Cyrus . . . . .	administration	50900	1
1796	Hannah . . . .	guardianship	20617	1
1718	John . . . . .	will . . . . .	3992	1
1771	John . . . . .	will . . . . .	14853	1
1787	John . . . . .	will . . . . .	18825	1
1788	John . . . . .	administration	19000	1
1796	John . . . . .	guardianship	20618	1
1856	John C. . . . .	administration	40281	1
1772	Joseph . . . . .	guardianship	15164	1
1863	Maria A. . . . .	administration	44536	1
1736	Mary . . . . .	administration	6821	1
1772	Mary . . . . .	division . . . .	15264	1
1722	Richard . . . . .	will . . . . .	4555	1
1772	Robert . . . . .	will . . . . .	15105	1
1809	Sarah . . . . .	will . . . . .	23446	18
1872	Susanna G. C. . .	will . . . . .	52369	18
	<b>Pulow</b>			18

18825 John Pulling	1787	Will	86	84
		Probate + Letters	86	83
		Bond	no record	
		Warr <sup>t</sup> for Inv.	no record	
		Inv.	87	402
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		Power	87	405
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		Com <sup>r</sup> Return.	no record	
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		Bond.	no record	
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# Suffolk Co., Mass. Probate Index

### Probate Abstract Form

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<b>County and State</b> Suffolk Co., Massachusetts		<b>Book and Page #</b> Vol. 86, pp. 84-85	
<b>Type of Probate</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Testate (Will)</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Intestate (No Will)</b>		<b>Executor:</b> Wife Sarah Pulling & Joshua Orne, Esq.  <b>Administrator:</b>	
<b>Deceased:</b> John Pulling		<b>Occupation/Late of:</b> Gentleman / Boston, Suffolk Co., Mass.	
<b>Date of Will:</b> 10 March 1793		<b>Date Estate Proved:</b> 13 Feb 1787	
<b>Heirs (with Relationships)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Wife, Sarah Pulling:</u> one-half of my real estate</li> <li>• <u>Son, John Pulling:</u> "the great Bible bequeathed to me"</li> <li>• Children: remaining four-sixths of estate                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Annis</li> <li>○ Sarah</li> <li>○ Martha</li> <li>○ Richard</li> </ul> </li> </ul>			
<b>Witnesses:</b> Stephen Lewis, Robert <u>Hichborn</u> , Benjamin Lir			

*18825*

*Pulling in*

*I, John Pulling of Boston in the County of Suffolk  
Gentleman do make & ordain this my last Will & Testament  
in manner following viz: Imprimis I give and devise unto my  
well beloved Wife Sarah Pulling after all my just debts are paid  
one half of my Real Estate and one third of my Personal Estate to  
her and her heirs forever in full of her right of Dower in my Estate.  
Item I give to my Son John Pulling the great Bible bequeathed  
to me by my honoured Father and which it was his wish  
and is my Wish to have kept in the Family. Item All the  
rest and residue of my Estate after all my just Debts are paid  
I give and bequeath as follows viz: two sixth parts thereof  
to my Son John and the other four sixths to my Children.*

John Pulling, Will, 1787, v. 86, pp. 84-85

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<b>Witnesses:</b> Stephen Lewis, Robert Hichborn, Benjamin Lincoln, Jr.			

*I give and bequeath as follows viz: two sixth parts thereof to my Son John and the other four sixths to my Children, Annis Sarah Martha and Richard equally to be divided between them to have and to hold the said residue in their said proportions to them and their Heirs forever, And I hereby constitute and appoint my said Wife and my good friend Joshua Orne Esq<sup>r</sup> of Marblehead executors of this my last Will & Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this tenth day of March A<sup>d</sup> Domini 1783.*

*J<sup>n</sup> Pulling & Seal*

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## Family Group Sheet

Write dates as Day, Month, Year  
example: 1 Jan 1904

<b>Father</b>	Given Name(s)	John	Last Name	PULLING
	Born	bap. 27 Feb. 1736/7	Place	Boston, Suffolk Co., Mass. (Old North Church)
	Died	25 Jan 1787	Place	Boston, Suffolk Co., Mass.
	Married	3 Jan 1773	Place	Hingham, Plymouth Co., Mass.
	Father's Father <small>(first, middle, last)</small>	John PULLING (-1771)		
	Father's Mother <small>(first, middle, maiden)</small>	Martha MOUNTJOY		
Other Marriages <small>(first, middle, last)</small>	(m1) Annis LEE			
<b>Mother</b>	Given Name(s)	Sarah	Last Name	THAXTER
	Born	1746	Place	likely Hingham, Plymouth Co., Mass.
	Died	17 Dec 1843	Place	Abington, Plymouth Co., Mass.
	Mother's Father <small>(first, middle, last)</small>	Samuel THAXTER		
	Mother's Mother <small>(first, middle, maiden)</small>	Abigail SMITH		
	Other Marriages <small>(first, middle, last)</small>	(m1) Duncan McBEAN; (m3) Thomas REED		
<b>Child #1</b>	Sex	F	Given Name(s)	Sarah
			Last Name	PULLING
	Born	bap. 24 Oct 1773	Place	Boston, Suffolk Co., Mass. (Old North Church)
	Died		Place	
	Spouse <small>(first, middle, last)</small>			
	Married		Place	

**Christ Church (Old North Church)  
Baptisms for a John Pulling and Sarah:**

- Sally, bap. 10 Nov 1771
- Sarah, bap. 23 May 1773
- ~~Sarah, bap. 24 Oct 1773~~
- ~~Martha, bap. 11 Jun 1780~~
- ~~Richard, bap. 4 Aug 1782~~

<b>Child #2</b>	Sex	F	Given Name(s)	Martha
			Last Name	PULLING
	Born	bap. 11 Jun 1780	Place	Boston, Suffolk Co., Mass. (Old North Church)
	Died		Place	
Spouse <small>(first, middle, last)</small>				
Married		Place		
<b>Child #3</b>	Sex	M	Given Name(s)	Richard
			Last Name	PULLING
	Born	bap. 4 Aug 1782	Place	Boston, Suffolk Co., Mass. (Old North Church)
	Died		Place	
Spouse <small>(first, middle, last)</small>				
Married		Place		

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# John Pulling & Sarah Thaxter FGS



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# Search Results



## Christ Church (Old North Church)

### Baptisms for John Pulling and Sarah:

- Sally, bap. 10 Nov 1771
- Sarah, bap. 23 May 1773

## Trinity Church, Boston

### Baptisms for John Pulling and Sarah Ellingwood:

- Agnes, bap. 17 Sep 1780
- Hannah, bap. 14 Apr 1782
- John Henry, bap. 10 Apr 1784
- Richard, bap. 13 Nov 1785

RECORDS OF TRINITY CHURCH IN BOSTON

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Sponsors Mr. Wentworth Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Reed  
 5 Abigail Daughter of Phillip Ridgeway by Abigail Vose his wife p. B.  
 10 Sukey Daughter of Ebenezer Oliver by Susanna Jhonnot his wife  
 Sponsors Henry Johnson Mrs. Berlune Mrs. Williams  
 17 Betsy Daughter of Jona. Williams Jr. Deed. by Margaret Goldthwait his  
 wife  
 Sponsors Jno. Williams Esq. Mrs. Goldthwait Mrs. Inman  
 Charles Giles Son of Charles Giles Atkins by Hannah Dayley his wife  
 Sponsors Mr. Welch Mr. Wittington Elis. Hylor  
 Agnes Daughter of John Pulling Jr. by Sarah Ellingwood his wife  
 Sponsors John Taylor & Wife Hannah Watts  
 21 Elisabeth Wife of William Whipple an Adult  
 Witnesses Mr. Jones Mrs. Bailey  
 John Son of the above. Six years old  
 Sponsors Mr. Bailey Mrs. Bailey Mr. Jones  
 Elisabeth Daughter of William Davis by Ann Chase his wife  
 Sponsors Edwd. Davis Miss Winslow Miss Scott  
 Elisabeth Daughter of John Chaloner by Ann \_\_\_\_\_ his wife  
 Sponsors Mr. Jones Mrs. Chanel Mrs. Pascoa  
 October 1 Thomas Jones Son of Lazarus Rigond by Elisabeth Jones his wife  
 Sponsors Mr. Domeck Mr. Barnard & Wife  
 8 Frederick Son of Phillip Echert by Sarah Coolidge his wife  
 Sponsors Mr. Ballard & Wife Mrs. Cowley  
 Elisabeth Jones Daughter of John Rupe Deed. by Elisabeth Ash his wife  
 Sponsors Mr. Jones & Wife Miss Rupe  
 The above Account of Baptisms is just & true  
 Attest Samuel Parker Minister  
 1780  
 October 15 Abigail Daughter of John Bell by Mary Robins his wife  
 Sponsors Abra. Holland Mrs. Robinson Mrs. O Daniels  
 21 John Son of Nicholas Plume by Elisabeth Kellen p. B.  
 22 Polly Daughter of John Lindapaun by Margt. Frankford his wife  
 Sponsors Mr. Frankford & wife Mrs. Smith  
 Rose a Negro Woman Adult  
 Witnesses Thomas Moore & Wife  
 27 George Son of Gideon Stearns by Sarah Williams his wife  
 Sponsors Mr. Burke Mr. Dumont Mrs. Chapman  
 29 John Son of Dublin & Catharine Servs. of Mr. Broom  
 30 Mary Daughter of John Kennedy by Mary White his wife p. B.  
 November 5 Thomas Son of Thomas Rice by Elisabeth Cooper his wife  
 Sponsors Mr. Sangar Mr. Clark & wife  
 6 William Son of Nathanael Wales by Susanna Griggs his wife p. B.  
 7 Joseph Peter Laurens Son of Joseph Mountaine by Sarah Fothergill his  
 wife  
 12 William Joseph Price Son of William Selby by his wife  
 Sponsors Mr. Yancy Mr. Turner Mrs. Gould  
 Catharine Daughter of John Perkins by Mary Hilt his wife  
 Sponsors Mr. Frankford & Wife Mrs. Hilt  
 The above Account of Baptisms is just & true  
 Attest Samuel Parker Minister



## Family Group Sheet

Write dates as Day, Month, Year  
example: 1 Jan 1906

<b>Father</b>	Given Name(s)	John	Last Name	PULLING
	Born	ca 1742	Place	
	Died	by 28 Sep 1787	Place	Boston, Suffolk Co., Mass.
	Married	3 Jan 1771	Place	Boston, Suffolk Co., Mass.
	Father's Father (first, middle, last)			
Father's Mother (first, middle, maiden)				
Other Marriages (first, middle, last)				
<b>Mother</b>	Given Name(s)	Sarah	Last Name	ELLINGWOOD
	Born	25 Aug 1747	Place	Boston, Suffolk Co., Mass.
	Died	17 Dec 1808	Place	Boston, Suffolk Co., Mass.
	Mother's Father (first, middle, last)		Israel ELLINGWOOD	
	Mother's Mother (first, middle, maiden)		Susanna RAND	
Other Marriages (first, middle, last)				
<b>Child #1</b>	Given Name(s)	Sally	Last Name	PULLING
	Born	bap. 10 Nov 1771	Place	Boston, Suffolk Co., Mass. (Old North Church)
	Died	17 Apr 1772	Place	Boston, Suffolk Co., Mass.
	Spouse (first, middle, last)			
	Married		Place	
<b>Child #2</b>	Given Name(s)	Sarah	Last Name	PULLING
	Born	bap. 23 May 1773	Place	Boston, Suffolk Co., Mass. (Old North Church)
	Died	prob. by 1782	Place	
	Spouse (first, middle, last)			
	Married		Place	
<b>Child #3</b>	Given Name(s)	Agnes	Last Name	PULLING
	Born	bap. 17 Sep 1780	Place	Boston, Suffolk Co., Mass. (Trinity Church)
	Died		Place	
	Spouse (first, middle, last)			
	Married		Place	

## Family Group Sheet

Write dates as Day, Month, Year  
example: 1 Jan 1906

Father (first, middle, last)		John PULLING		
Mother (first, middle, maiden)		Sarah ELLINGWOD		
<b>Child #4</b>	Given Name(s)	Sarah	Last Name	PULLING
	Born	bap. 14 Apr 1782	Place	Boston, Suffolk Co., Mass. (at Trinity Church)
	Died		Place	
	Spouse (first, middle, maiden)			
	Married		Place	
<b>Child #5</b>	Given Name(s)	John Henry	Last Name	PULLING
	Born	bap. 10 Apr 1784	Place	Boston, Suffolk Co., Mass. (at Trinity Church)
	Died		Place	
	Spouse (first, middle, maiden)			
	Married		Place	
<b>Child #6</b>	Given Name(s)	Richard	Last Name	PULLING
	Born	bap. 13 Nov 1785	Place	Boston, Suffolk Co., Mass. (at Trinity Church)
	Died	by 19 Oct 1787	Place	Boston, Suffolk Co., Mass.
	Spouse (first, middle, last)			
	Married		Place	
<b>Child #7</b>	Given Name(s)		Last Name	
	Born		Place	
	Died		Place	
	Spouse (first, middle, last)			
	Married		Place	
Sources of information				

# John Pulling & Sarah Ellingwood

*Appurtenances . £10. ) 10. 2-*  
*Real Estate.*  
*Mansion House & Land, at the bottom of Cross street. . . . 350-*  
*Wharf & Stores, Southeast side Fish Street. . . . 700-*  
*The Shop & Land, Southeast side of said Street. . . . 160-*  
*Allowed £30. to the Widow. . . . £1371. 18. 0.*  
  
*Edward Wild, Samuel Ruggles, Jacob Cooper.*  
*Suffolks. Sarah Pulling, Executrix, presented the aforesaid*

Docket No.  
 18825  
 John Pulling,  
 m. Sarah  
 (Thaxter)  
 McBean

Docket No.  
 19000  
 John Pulling,  
 m. Sarah  
 Ellingwood

*1 pair small scales. . . . . 4-*  
*1 Tea Kettle. . . . . 3. 6.*  
*70 Ounces silver. . . . . 21- 22, 18. 2.*  
*The deceased's mansion house near Oliver's dock. . . . 450-*  
*£ 514. 8. 11.*  
  
*John Cunningham, Robert Hickborn, Paul Revere.*  
*Suffolks. Sarah Pulling, Administratrix, presented the foregoing*  
*& made oath, that it contains a true & perfect inventory of the estate*

Inventories of both men

Appearances £10. 3 10. 0

Real Estate.

Mansion House & Land at the bottom of Prob Street. . . . . 350-

Wharf & Stores, Southeast side Fish Street. . . . . 700-

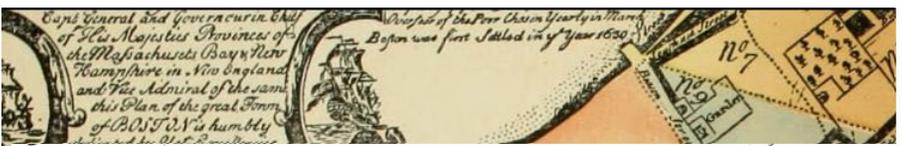
The Shop & Land, Southeast side of said Street. . . . . 160-

Allowed £ 30. to the Widow. . . . .

£ 1371. 18. 0.

Edward Weld, Samuel Ruggles, Jacob Cooper.

Suffolks. Sarah Pulling, Executrix presented the a foregoing



1 pair small scales. . . . . 4

1 Teakettle. . . . . 3. 6.

70 ounces flour. . . . . 21

22. 18. 2.

The deceased's mansion house near Oliver's dock. . . . . 450-

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# Two Men Named John Pulling

## **John Pulling, b. 1736/7**

- Known as Capt. and Jr. at some point in life
- Married a woman named Sarah (Thaxter) McBean – 3 Jan 1773
- Had a dau. Sarah in 1773

## **John Pulling, b. ca. 1742**

- Known as Capt. and Jr. at some point in life
- Married a woman named Sarah Ellingwood – 3 Jan 1771
- Had a dau. Sarah in 1773

# Two Men Named John Pulling

## **John Pulling, b. 1736/7**

- Lived in the North End at some point
- Baptized all his children at Christ Church (Old North)
- Involved with the wharfs
- Died 25 Jan 1787

## **John Pulling, b. ca. 1742**

- Lived in the North End at some point
- Baptized two children at Christ Church (Old North)
- Involved with the wharfs
- Died by 28 Sep 1787

# Case Study: Unknown Wives

# Joseph F. Greenough

- Died: Boston, 20 March 1906
- Died Intestate
- Per Docket Book had a lengthy estate

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

CITY OF **545**  
**BOSTON.**

**RETURN OF A DEATH—1906.**

FULL NAME Joseph F Greenough Registered No. 2581

Place of Death } Boston Hotel Vendome, Commonwealth Av.  
and Residence }

Date of Death March 20 1906. Age 69 years 2 months 20 days.

STATISTICAL DETAILS.			PHYSICIAN'S CERTIFICATE.
SEX	COLOR	SINGLE, MARRIED, WID., DIV.	
<u>M</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>M</u>	I HEREBY CERTIFY that I attended deceased during last illness, from _____ 1906, to _____ 1906, that to the best of my knowledge and belief death occurred on the date stated above, and that the CAUSE OF DEATH was as follows:
Maiden Name .....			
Husband's Name .....			<u>Chronic Diffuse Nephritis</u>
Birthplace <u>New York N Y</u>			<u>Several Months</u>
Name of Father <u>William H Greenough</u>			(Signed) <u>James B Bell</u> M.D. <u>March 21</u> 1906
Birthplace of Father <u>Bradford</u>			
Maiden Name of Mother <u>Harriet H Fay</u>			SPECIAL INFORMATION from Hospitals, Institutions, Transients, or Recent Residents.
Birthplace of Mother <u>Cambridge</u>			
Occupation <u>Retired Merchant</u>			Usual Residence <u>New York N Y</u> Filed <u>March 22</u> 1906.
Informant .....			
Place of Burial or removal <u>Cambridge (Mt Auburn)</u>			A true copy. Attest: <u>EWM Glenew</u>
Undertaker <u>A L Eastman</u>			

Joseph F. Greenough, Death

FORBES—At Dorchester, March 19, Alexander C. Forbes, 62 yrs.

GATELY—At Arlington, March 20, Mary Gate-ly, 82 yrs.

GODFREY—In this city, March 19, Alice God-frey, 50 yrs.

GOODWIN—At Allston, March 20, Mary A., widow of John D. Goodwin, 80 yrs.

GREENOUGH—In this city, March 20, Joseph S. Greenough, in his 70th year. Funeral at Christ Church, Cambridge, Thursday at 12 o'clock noon.

GUTHRIE—At Roxbury, March 20, Charles F., infant son of John J. and Katharine M. Guthrie, 4 mos. 22 dys.

HOLLAND—At Malden, March 19, Patrick J. Holland.

March 21, 1906

*The Boston Evening Transcript*

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1906.	Mar. 29	Petition for adm. by Archibald M. Howe - Letter		880	452
"	"	Bond 500,000 Surety, Fidelity and Deposit Company		"	"
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"	3	Injunction Ordered. Injunction Issued			
"	5	Injunction Returned			filed
"	17	Affdt. notice of appointment.		881	130
"	23	blain of Appeal			filed
June	26	Petr. for Sale of Personal Estate			
Aug	2	Inventory. Absol Est. \$2000. Acc. \$798.014. 24		885	232
1907.	May 27	R. M. Morehead, Dickerman, attys. for Emma P. Grunough			filed
June	4	Petr. for Partial Distribution Feb. 3. 1908 Decree.		917	55
July	9	Petr. for Instructions. July 25, Decree.		903	30
"	11	Answer of Martha D. Grunough			filed

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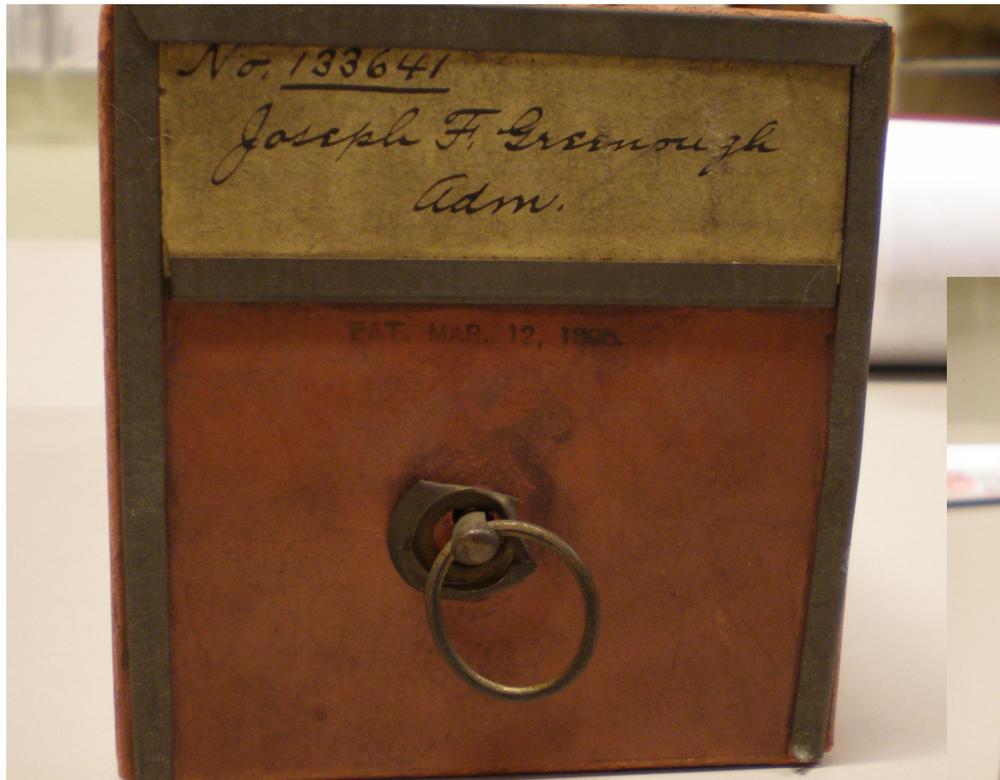
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1913 Feb. 6. Petn for Confirmation of Sale by Adm'r, Mich. 13, Decree - 1021 47  
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## Probate Packet

[E. G.]  
[198]

TO THE HONORABLE THE JUDGE OF THE PROBATE COURT IN AND FOR THE  
COUNTY OF SUFFOLK:

REPRESENTS *Emma P. Greenough of the City, County and State*  
of ~~Boston~~ *New York* in the ~~County of Suffolk,~~

that *she* is *the widow*  
of *Joseph P. Greenough* late of Boston in the County of Suffolk,  
deceased, and *is* interested in the estate of said deceased; that *she* is  
aggrieved by a decree of the Probate Court held at Boston, in said County of Suffolk, on the  
*third* day of *February* A. D. *1908*, whereby said  
Court *decreed that Martha D. Greenough is the lawful*  
*widow of said Joseph P. Greenough, and that said*  
*Martha D. Greenough, as widow, is entitled to the*  
*sum of One Hundred and Fifty-two Thousand five*  
*hundred Dollars (\$152,500.) in the partial distri-*  
*bution of said estate.*

## Two Wives?

[R. G.]  
[198]

TO THE HONORABLE THE JUDGE OF THE PROBATE COURT IN AND FOR THE  
COUNTY OF SUFFOLK:

REPRESENTS **Joseph Ferdinand Greenough**  
of Boston, ..... in the County of Suffolk, .....

that ..... he ..... is **x the son and only heir-at-law and next of kin**  
of **Joseph Fay Greenough** ..... late of Boston, ..... in the County of Suffolk,  
..... deceased, and **is** interested in the estate of said deceased; that he is  
aggrieved by a decree of the Probate Court held at Boston, in said County of Suffolk, on the  
**third** ..... day of **February** ..... A.D. 1908, whereby said  
Court **determined and decreed that Martha D. Greenough (formerly**  
**Martha D. Higgins)** is the widow and **Laura T. Ripka, Lillie**  
**Hegermann Lindenkrone, Lillie H. Ellis, Grace Ely Fay, Philip**  
**V. R. Ely, Prescott Ely and Arthur C. Ely** are the only heirs-  
at-law and next of kin of said deceased and ordering a partial  
distribution of the estate of said deceased among said alleged  
widow and next of kin .....

## And a Son?

[S. G.]  
[1908]

TO THE HONORABLE THE JUDGE OF THE PROBATE COURT IN AND FOR THE  
COUNTY OF SUFFOLK:

REPRESENTS Mary Magdalen Greenough  
of Boston,.....in the County of Suffolk,.....

that she is ~~x~~ the widow  
of Joseph Fay Greenough late of Boston,..... in the County of Suffolk,  
.....deceased, and is interested in the estate of said deceased; that she is  
aggrieved by a decree of the Probate Court held at Boston, in said County of Suffolk, on the  
third day of February A.D. 1908, whereby said  
Court determined and decreed that Martha D. Greenough (formerly  
Martha D. Higgins) is the widow and Laura T. Ripka, Lillie  
Hegermann Lindenkrone, Lillie H. Ellis, Grace Ely Fay, Philip  
V. R. Ely, Prescott Ely and Arthur C. Ely are the only heirs-  
at-law and next of kin of said deceased and ordering a partial  
distribution of the estate of said deceased among said alleged  
widow and next of kin

## Third Wife?

## Probate Abstract Form

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<b>Deceased:</b> Joseph F. Greenough		<b>Occupation/Late of:</b> Boston, Suffolk Co., Massachusetts	
<b>Date of Will:</b>		<b>Date Estate Proved:</b> 26 March 1906	

### Heirs (with Relationships)

- Widow – Martha D. Greenough
- Sister – Lillie Hegermann Lindenkrone
- Sister – Laura T. Ripka
- Niece – Lillie N. Ellis
- Nephew – Philip V.R. Ely
- Nephew – Prescott Ely
- Nephew – Arthur C. Ely
- Niece – Grace Ely Fay

...thereto in the proportion specified, as follows:

Martha D. Greenough, widow, \$5000 and one half of the re-

Lillie Hegermann Lindenkrone, sister, one sixth of the re-

Laura T. Ripka, sister, one sixth of the remainder.

Lillie H. Ellis, children one thirtieth of the remainder.

Philip V. R. Ely, of a one thirtieth of the remainder.

Prescott Ely, deceased one thirtieth of the remainder.

Arthur C. Ely, sister. one thirtieth of the remainder.

Grace Ely Fay, one thirtieth of the remainder.

Distribution – 3 Feb 1908

Estate of Joseph F. Greenough, deceased,  
In the Matter of the Petition of Philip V. R.  
Ely for Partial Distribution.

Amendment to Answer of  
Mary Magdalen Greenough.

And now comes Mary Magdalen Greenough and amending the  
answer heretofore filed by her in the above matter in accordance  
with the order of the Court, says that, she was married to said  
Joseph F. Greenough, deceased, in the City and State of New York  
on the ninth day of February, A. D. 1886, and at other times there-  
after, and that she was married to said Joseph F. Greenough, deceased,  
in the City of Philadelphia and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on or  
about the twelfth day of February, A. D. 1886.

Mary Magdalen Greenough,

## Answer of Mary Magdalen Greenough

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Suffolk, ss. Probate Court.

Estate of Joseph F. Greenough, deceased.  
In the Matter of the Petition of Philip V. R.  
Ely for Partial Distribution.

Amendment to Answer of  
Joseph Ferdinand Greenough.

And now comes Joseph Ferdinand Greenough and amending the  
answer heretofore filed by him in the above matter in accordance  
with the order of the Court, says that, he was born in the City  
and State of New York on the eighteenth day of November, A. D. 1886.

Joseph Ferdinand Greenough,  
By his Attorneys.

## Answer of Joseph Ferdinand Greenough

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New York, Sept 17 1907

A Transcript from the Records of the Marriages reported to the Department of Health of The City of New York.

The City of New York. STATE OF NEW YORK. No. of Certificate, 5125

**CERTIFICATE AND RECORD OF MARRIAGE**

(Groom) Joseph Day Greenough and (Bride) Martha Dorotia Higgins

Residence	<u>Cambridge Mass</u>	Residence	<u>Cambridge Mass</u>
Age	<u>40yr</u>	Age	<u>40yr</u>
Color	<u>White</u>	Color	<u>White</u>
Single, Widowed or Divorced	<u>Single</u>	Single, Widowed or Divorced	<u>Single</u>
Occupation	<u>Merchant</u>	Maiden Name if a Widow	<u>-----</u>
Birthplace	<u>New York City</u>	Birthplace	<u>Dublin Ireland</u>
Father's Name	<u>William H Greenough</u>	Father's Name	<u>Lawlet Higgins</u>
Mother's Maiden Name	<u>Harriet H Greenough</u>	Mother's Maiden Name	<u>Eliya Faye</u>
Number of Groom's Marriage	<u>1<sup>st</sup></u>	Number of Bride's Marriage	<u>1<sup>st</sup></u>

I hereby Certify, that the above-named groom and bride were joined in marriage by me in accordance with the laws of the State of New York, at ----- (Street Church) in the Borough of -----, City of New York, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of August 1894 1907

Witnessed by William Kirkus Jr to the -----

Signature of person performing the Ceremony: William Kirkus MA  
 Official Station: Westminster Grace Church Society

This transcript of record, the Department of Health of the City of New York does not certify to the truth of the record transcribed, and no inquiry as to the facts reported has been provided for by law.

Marriage of Martha D. Higgins

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION.

The intestate and Martha D. Higgins, being at that time domiciled in Massachusetts, were married in New York August 9, 1874. It is conceded by both the other parties claiming to be his widow, that if this contract of marriage was not terminated during the life time of the intestate by a valid decree of divorce, the said Martha D. Higgins is the lawful widow of the said intestate and entitled as such to a distributive share of his estate, unless on some principle of estoppel she is precluded from asserting her rights to the same. The other claimants rely on the validity of a decree of divorce granted by a Colorado Court June 14, 1886. The libel on which this divorce was based purports to be brought and signed by the aforesaid Martha D. Greenough, who denies that she ever brought said libel and declares that the signature affixed to said libel is not hers. There is conflicting evidence on this point, and the burden of proof is on those who maintain that the signature is genuine. But in view of the conclusions of law which I have reached, it appears to me immaterial for the decision of this case whether she signed it or not. Neither the intestate nor said Martha D. Greenough had ever lived in Colorado, and so far as appears no attempt was made by either of them to establish a domicile in that State. The pro-

## Memorandum

# Final Decision

**TO DISTRIBUTE \$600,000.**  
**Eight Heirs of Joseph F. Greenough  
to Benefit by Order of Court—  
Legal Widow Among Them.**

Authority was yesterday given by Judge Grant of the probate court, to Archibald M. Howe, administrator of the estate of Joseph F. Greenough, who died in 1906, leaving an estate worth \$2,000,000, to distribute \$600,000 among the following: Martha H. Greenough, held to be the lawful widow, and the next of kin, Laura T. Ripka, Lillie Hesperman Linderkrone, Lillie H. Ellis, Grace Ely Fay, Philip V. R. Fay, Prescott Ely Fay and A. C. Ely.

The widow was married to Greenough in 1874. In 1885 Greenough married Emma P. Eaton, and in 1885 he married Mary M. Kerekas, a Hungarian artist. All three women claimed to be the lawful widow. A compromise was effected, under which all three and Joseph F. Greenough, son of the last wife, will share part of the estate.

**REFRIKED BY JUDGE.**

- **Widow: Martha D. Higgins**
- **Sisters, Nieces and Nephews**
- **Others:**
  - Emma (Pomeroy) Eaton (wife #2)
  - Mary M. Kerekas (wife #3)
  - Joseph F. Greenough (son by wife #3)

# QUESTIONS?

# Case Study: Tracing Family Bible

# Bible of John Pulling

- Listed in his Inventory, taken in 1787
- Widow, Sarah (Thaxter) (McBean) (Pulling) Reed bequeathed it in her will, written 1832
- Mentioned as owned by Harvey H. Pratt (Sarah's great-great-grandson) in 1909

# Family Group Sheet

Write dates as Day, Month, Year  
example: 1 Jan 1904

<b>Father</b>	Given Name(s)	John	Last Name	PULLING
	Born	bap. 27 Feb 1736/7	Place	Boston, Suffolk Co., Mass. (Old North Church)
	Died	25 Jan 1787	Place	Boston, Suffolk Co., Mass.
	Married	3 Jan 1773	Place	Hingham, Plymouth Co., Mass.
	Father's Father <i>(first, middle, last)</i>	John PULLING ( - 1771)		
	Father's Mother <i>(first, middle, maiden)</i>	Martha MOUNTJOY		
	Other Marriages <i>(first, middle, last)</i>	(m1) Annis LEE		
<b>Mother</b>	Given Name(s)	Sarah	Last Name	THAXTER
	Born	1746	Place	likely Hingham, Plymouth Co., Mass.
	Died	17 Dec 1843	Place	Abington, Plymouth Co., Mass.
	Mother's Father <i>(first, middle, last)</i>	Samuel THAXTER		
	Mother's Mother <i>(first, middle, maiden)</i>	Abigail SMITH		
Other Marriages <i>(first, middle, last)</i>	(m1) Duncan McBEAN; (m3, 1793) Thomas REED			

<b>Child #1</b>	<b>S</b>	Given Name(s)	Sarah	Last Name	PULLING
	Born	bap. 24 Oct 1773	Place	Boston, Suffolk Co., Mass. (Old North Church)	
	Died	28 Nov 1817	Place	Abington, Plymouth Co., Mass.	
	Spouse <i>(first, middle, last)</i>	Lt. Isaac REED			
	Married	12 May 1793	Place	Abington, Plymouth Co., Mass.	
<b>Child #2</b>	<b>S</b>	Given Name(s)	Martha	Last Name	PULLING
	Born	bap. 11 Jun 1780	Place	Boston, Suffolk Co., Mass. (Old North Church)	
	Died	1 Feb. 1818	Place	Abington, Plymouth Co., Mass.	
	Spouse <i>(first, middle, last)</i>	Nathan Gurney, Jr.			
	Married	8 Aug 1816	Place	Abington, Plymouth Co., Mass.	
<b>Child #3</b>	<b>M</b>	Given Name(s)	Richard	Last Name	PULLING
	Born	bap. 4 Aug 1782	Place	Boston, Suffolk Co., Mass. (Old North Church)	
	Died	17 Nov 1783	Place	Boston, Suffolk Co., Mass.	
	Spouse <i>(first, middle, last)</i>				
	Married		Place		

## John Pulling & Sarah Thaxter FGS

3 Great Forks 21.00 2 powdering tubs 200  
 4 Silver Table Spoons 6.00  
 14 Silver Tea Spoons 7.00

\$24	00	107
6	00	
7	00	
146	25	
375	50	
420	75	
165	00	
420	75	

Amount of Real Estate

Money in the Plymouth Savings Institution 165.00  
 Marshfield Feb. 26. 1844 \$420.75

John Ford }  
 Wm. Weston } Appraisers  
 Elisha Hunt }

Plymouth Co. At a Court of Probate holden at Scituate, in and for said County, on the first Tuesday of March 1844 Warren D. Thomas one of the Executors of the last will & Testament of Deacon Thomas late of Marshfield in said County deceased, made oath that the foregoing Inventory contains the whole of the Estate of said deceased, so far as the same has come to his hands or knowledge. It is therefore ordered that the same be accepted and recorded.

Warren D. Thomas J. Probator

Plymouth Co. To Warren D. Thomas & Seth J. Thomas Esq. Executors of the last will and Testament of Deacon Thomas late of Marshfield in said County, deceased. Writing.

Application having been made to me for the sale of the personal estate of said deceased, and it appearing to me that it will be most for the interest of all concerned that the same should be sold, you are hereby ordered to sell the same either at public or private sale and account with me for the proceeds thereof.

Given under my hand this fifth day of March 1844.  
 Aaron Hobart Judge of Probate

In the Name of God Amen.

I Sarah Reed of Abington in the County of Plymouth and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, being, as on this third day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two, make and publish this my last will and Testament (Repealing all others) in manner following viz:  
 First I give and bequeath my large Bible (formerly Mr. Pillsbury's)

108 to Mrs. Mary Jewell of Medford Mass. Second I give and bequeath to my Granddaughter Sally Lane one of my large Silver Spoons. Third I give and bequeath to my Granddaughter Lucy J. Reed my Silver Ocean Pot. Fourth I give and bequeath to my Granddaughter Martha P. Reed one of my large Silver Spoons. Fifth I give and bequeath to my Granddaughter Mary H. Crocker one of my large Silver Spoons. Sixth I give and bequeath to my Granddaughter Betsey C. Jenkins one of my large Silver Spoons. Seventh I give and bequeath to my Granddaughter Ruth S. Jenkins one of my large Silver Spoons. Eighth I give and bequeath to my Grandson Isaac Reed Jr. one of my large Silver Spoons, also fifteen dollars in money. Ninth I give and bequeath to my Grandson Nathan P. Cursey my silver pepper box. Tenth I give and bequeath to my Great Granddaughter Sally S. Reed my best Bed, Bedstead, Curtains, Counterpane Blanket, one pair of linen Sheets and pillow Cases and one pair of Cotton Sheets and pillow Cases. Eleventh I give and bequeath to Jesse Reed husband of Lucy J. my sundry gun Clock. Twelfth I give and bequeath to my Granddaughters before named viz. Sally, Lucy J. Martha P. Mary H. Betsey C. and Ruth S. all the residue or remainder of my real and personal Estate, at my decease to be equally divided between them. Lastly I appoint Henry Thurston of Hingham County of Plymouth, sole Executor of this my last will and Testament. Witness my hand and seal the day and year above written.

Sarah Reed (seal)  
 Signed, Sealed, and published by the said Sarah Reed, declaring this to be her last will and Testament in the presence of us, who at her request were called as witnesses to the same, and in her presence did hereunto subscribe our names  
 Eben W. Parin  
 Ezekiel Thurston  
 Martha Smith

In the Name of God Amen  
 I Sarah Reed of Abington in the County of Plymouth

# Will of Sarah Reed, 1844

Third Day of February in the Year of our Lord one thousand  
eight hundred and thirty two, make and publish this my  
last will and Testament (Revoking all others) in manner  
following viz:  
First I give and bequeath my large bible (formerly Mr Pullings)

108 to Mrs. Mary Jenks of Medford Mass.

Second I give and bequeath to my Granddaughter Sally Lane one  
of my large Silver Spoons.

Third I give and bequeath to my Granddaughter Lucy J. Reed  
my Silver Cream Pot.

Fourth I give and bequeath to my Granddaughter Martha  
P. Pratt one of my large Silver Spoons

Fifth I give and bequeath to my Granddaughter Mary  
" " " " " "

## Will of Sarah Reed, 1844

## Probate Abstract Form

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<b>Deceased:</b> Sarah Reed		<b>Occupation/Late of:</b> Abington, Plymouth Co., Mass.	
<b>Date of Will:</b> 10 March 1832 Codicil: 6 Apr 1838		<b>Date Estate Proved:</b> 5 March 1832 ("first Tuesday of March	
<b>Heirs (with Relationships)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mrs. Nancy Jenks, of Medford, Mass.: "my large bible (formerly Mr. Pulling's)</li> <li>• Granddaughter, Sally Lane: one of my large silver spoons &amp; equal share of real/personal estate income of 1/3 of 3/8</li> <li>• Granddaughter, Lucy J. Reed: my silver cream pot &amp; equal share of real/personal estate 5/8th share</li> <li>• Granddaughter, Martha P. Pratt: one of my large silver spoons &amp; equal share of real/personal estate income of 1/3 of 3/8</li> <li>• Granddaughter, Mary H. Cushing: one of my large silver spoons &amp; equal share of real/personal estate 5/8th share</li> <li>• Granddaughter, Betsey G. Jenkins: one of my large silver spoons &amp; equal share of real/personal estate 5/8th share</li> <li>• Granddaughter, Ruth T. Jenkins: one of my large silver spoons &amp; equal share of real/personal estate 5/8th share</li> <li>• Grandson, Isaac Reed, Jr.: one of my large silver spoons, \$15 in money &amp; income of 1/3 of 3/8 (codicil)</li> <li>• Grandson, Nathan P. Gurney: my silver pepper box &amp; 5/8th share (from codicil)</li> <li>• Jesse Reed (husband of Lucy J. above): my mahogany desk</li> </ul>			

## Will Abstract

# Mrs. Nancy Jenks

- Likely Annis Pulling
  - bap. Boston, Suffolk Co., Mass., 29 Jan 1769
  - d. by 31 Oct 1836
  - bur. Salem, Essex Co., Mass.
  - m. Salem, 13 Oct. 1791, John Jenks III
- Daughter of Capt. John Pulling and his first wife Annis Lee

**T**HAT we, Gamaliel Hodges, merchant, and Amos Choate esquire, as sureties, and Annis Jenks, widow, as principal, all of Salem in the County of Essex

within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, are holden and stand firmly bound and obliged unto Daniel A. White Esquire, his successors or assigns, in the full sum of twelve thousand dollars, to be paid unto the said Daniel A. White, his successors or assigns, in the office of Judge of the Probate of Wills, and for granting Letters of Administration on the Estates of persons deceased, in the said County of Essex: - To the true payment whereof, we jointly and severally bind ourselves, and our several and respective heirs, executors and administrators, firmly, by these presents.

Sealed with our seals.—Dated the tenth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighteen.

THE CONDITION OF THIS OBLIGATION IS SUCH, That if the above-bounden Annis Jenks, who is - - - nominated and allowed to be Guardian unto Mary Orne Jenks, Annis Pulling Jenks ~~a~~ Minor George Washington Jenks, Richard Pulling Jenks and Horace Howard Jenks, minors and children of John Jenks

Salem: said county merchants

## Guardianship of Children



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To the Honorable *Amiel A White* Esquire, Judge of

Probate for the County of Essex.

HUMBLY shews *George W Jenks* of *Salem*  
in said County, *Merchant* That *Annis Jenks* last  
an inhabitant of *Salem* in said county, *Widow* has lately, viz.  
*within one week* died intestate, leaving goods and estate, of  
which administration is necessary:—That your petitioner is *the eldest Son of*  
*and is deiced by the heirs of*

said deceased, and has a legal right to take such administration, and is ready to give bond with sufficient sureties for the faithful discharge thereof. Wherefore he prays, that your Honor would appoint ~~him~~ administrator as aforesaid, agreeably to law in such cases made and provided.

Dated at *Salem* this *twenty first* day of *October* A. D. 1836

ESSEX, ss. At a Court of Probate holden at *Salem* in and  
for said County, on the *first* Tuesday in *November*, A. D. 1836.

The foregoing petition being duly considered; It is thereupon decreed by the Court here, that administration, as therein prayed for, be granted to said *George W. Jenks*,  
he giving bond according to law for his faithful discharge of that trust. *A. A. White* Judge of Probate.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS—That we, *George W. Jenks* of *Salem* in said County, *Merchant*, *Mary J. Jenks* of said *Salem* *Singletown* and *George W. Jenks* of said *Salem* *Esquire*

within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, are holden and stand firmly bound and obliged unto *A. A. White* Esq. Judge of Probate of Wills, and for granting administration within the County of Essex, in the full and just sum of *Six* thousand dollars, to be paid to the said *A. A. White* and his successors in said office, to the true payment whereof we do bind ourselves and each of us, our and each of our heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally, by these presents, sealed with our seals

Annis Jenks Probate

## Family Group Sheet

Write date as Day, Month, Year  
example: 1 Jan 1904

<b>F</b> Father	Given Name(s)	Isaac	Last Name	REED
	Born	Place		
	Died	Place		
	Married	Place		
	Father's Father (first, middle, last)			
	Father's Mother (first, middle, maiden)			
Other Marriages (first, middle, last)				
<b>M</b> Mother	Given Name(s)	Sarah	Last Name	PULLING
	Born	19 Oct 1773	Place	Boston, Suffolk Co., Mass.
	Died	28 Nov 1817	Place	Abington, Plymouth Co., Mass.
	Mother's Father (first, middle, last)	Capt. John PULLING Jr.		
	Mother's Mother (first, middle, maiden)	Sarah THAXTER		
	Other Marriages (first, middle, last)			
<b>M</b> Child #1	Given Name(s)	John Pullen	Last Name	REED
	Born	15 Sep 1795	Place	Abington, Plymouth Co., Mass.
	Died	Place		
	Spouse (first, middle, last)			
	Married	Place		
	<b>F</b> Child #2	Given Name(s)	Lucy Johnson	Last Name
Born		29 May 1800	Place	Abington, Plymouth Co., Mass.
Died		Place		
Spouse (first, middle, last)		Jesse REED		
Married		15 Jan 1818	Place	Abington, Plymouth Co., Mass.
<b>F</b> Child #3		Given Name(s)	Martha Pulling	Last Name
	Born	16 Mar 1802	Place	Abington, Plymouth Co., Mass.
	Died	9 May 1879	Place	Abington, Plymouth Co., Mass.
	Spouse (first, middle, last)	Seth Pratt		
	Married	2 May 1819	Place	Abington, Plymouth Co., Mass.

## Family Group Sheet

Write date as Day, Month, Year  
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Father (first, middle, last)		Lt. Isaac REED		
Mother (first, middle, Maiden)		Sarah PULLING		
<b>M</b> Child #4	Given Name(s)	Isaac	Last Name	REED
	Born	21 Jan 1806	Place	Abington, Plymouth Co., Mass.
	Died	Place		
	Spouse (first, middle, maiden)	Rachel Jenkins REED		
	Married	24 Sep 1826	Place	Abington, Plymouth Co. Mass.
	<b>F</b> Child #5	Given Name(s)	Betsy Gannett	Last Name
Born		25 Aug 1807	Place	Abington, Plymouth Co., Mass.
Died		Place		
Spouse (first, middle, maiden)		Meritt JENKINS, Jr.		
Married		6 Oct 1828	Place	Abington, Plymouth Co., Mass.
<b>F</b> Child #6		Given Name(s)	Ruth Torrey	Last Name
	Born	31 July 1809	Place	Abington, Plymouth Co., Mass.
	Died	Place		
	Spouse (first, middle, last)	John Woodbridge JENKINS		
	Married	15 May 1828	Place	Abington, Plymouth Co., Mass.
	<b>F</b> Child #7	Given Name(s)		Last Name
Born		Place		
Died		Place		
Spouse (first, middle, last)				
Married		Place		
Sources of information				

# Isaac Reed & Sarah Pulling FGS

### Probate Abstract Form

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<b>Deceased:</b> Isaac Reed		<b>Occupation/Late of:</b> Gentleman/Abington, Plymouth Co., Mass.	
<b>Date of Will:</b> 10 March 1832 Codicil: 6 Apr 1838		<b>Date Estate Proved:</b> 5 March 1832 ("first Tuesday of March	
<b>Heirs (with Relationships)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wife, Nancy</li> <li>• Son, William Lincoln Reed</li> <li>• Daughter, Anice Reed</li> <li>• Mention of first wife &amp; sisters</li> <li>• Daughter, Sally Lane</li> <li>• Daughter, Lucy J. Reed</li> <li>• Daughter, Martha P. Pratt</li> <li>• Daughter, Mary H. Cushing</li> <li>• Daughter, Betsey G. Jenkins</li> <li>• Daughter, Ruth T. Jenkins</li> <li>• Son, Isaac Reed, Jr.</li> <li>• Thomas Drayton, of N. Bridgewater, who was brought up in my family</li> </ul>			

Be it remembered, that I Isaac Reed of Abington in the County of Plymouth, Gentleman, being of sound mind and memory, do make this my last Will and Testament in manner as follows. —

First of all I recommend my Soul into the hand of God who gave it, hoping through Jesus Christ my Redeemer for sanctification, pardon and eternal life; and my Body I commit to the earth as it was, in the assured hope of its resurrection at the last day. And as to my worldly goods with which God hath blessed me, I give and bequeath them in the following manner. —

1<sup>st</sup> To my beloved Wife Nancy Reed I give the improvement of one half of all my real Estate during her natural life; and also one half of all my personal estate forever and in addition thereto my Horse and Chaise and Clock. —

2<sup>nd</sup> To my Son William Lincoln Reed — and my Daughter Anice Reed I give three hundred Dollars each.

3<sup>rd</sup> All my right in that Estate in Boston which belongs to my first Wife and Sisters — and my right therein is one half of the House and one eighth of the House Lot I give to my Daughters Sally Lane, Lucy J. Reed, Martha P. Pratt — Mary H. Cushing — Betsey G. Jenkins — and Ruth T. Jenkins — and to my Son Isaac Reed son to be equally divided between them — And my Will is that my interest in said Estate shall be appraised by Nathaniel Gurney Esq. — and in case of his death or refusal to serve, by some suitable Man to be named by my Executors — and what each one so receive

Lt. Isaac Reed, Will, 1847

Probate Abstract Form

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<b>Type of</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Probate Testate (Will)</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Intestate (No Will)</b>		<b>Executor:</b> Henry Thaxter Ezekiel Thaxter (codicil)  <b>Administrator:</b>	
<b>Deceased:</b> Sarah Reed		<b>Occupation/Late of:</b> Abington, Plymouth Co., Mass.	
<b>Date of Will:</b> 10 March 1832 Codicil: 6 Apr 1838		<b>Date Estate Proved:</b> 5 March 183 March	

**Heirs (with Relationships)**

*Reed*

- Mrs. Nancy Jenks, of Medford, Mass.: "my large bible (formerly Mr. Pulling's)
- Granddaughter, Sally Lane: one of my large silver spoons & equal share of real/personal estate income of 1/3 of 3/8 *m. Charles Lane Jr.*
- Granddaughter, Lucy J. Reed: my silver cream pot & equal share of real/personal estate 5/8th share *db Sarah (Pullen) Reed*
- Granddaughter, Martha P. Pratt: one of my large silver spoons & equal share of real/personal estate income of 1/3 of 3/8 *db Sarah (Pullen) Reed*
- Granddaughter, Mary H. Cushing: one of my large silver spoons & equal share of real/personal estate 5/8th share *m. Greenwood Cushing 19 Aug. 1824 Abington*
- Granddaughter, Betsey G. Jenkins: one of my large silver spoons & equal share of real/personal estate 5/8th share *db Sarah (Pullen) Reed*
- Granddaughter, Ruth T. Jenkins: one of my large silver spoons & equal share of real/personal estate 5/8th share *db Sarah (Pullen) Reed*
- Grandson, Isaac Reed, Jr.: one of my large silver spoons, \$15 in money & income of 1/3 of 3/8 (codicil) *sb Sarah (Pullen) Reed*
- Grandson, Nathan P. Gurney: my silver pepper box & 5/8th share (from codicil) \*
- Jesse Reed (husband of Lucy J. above): my mahogany desk

*Reed*

**Witnesses:**

*\* sb Martha (Pullen) Gurney*

# Sarah (Thaxter) Reed Probate

## Family Group Sheet

Write dates as Day, Month, Year  
example: 1 Jan 1904

<b>F</b> Father	Given Name(s)	Isaac	Last Name	REED
	Born	ca 1770	Place	
	Died	21 Oct 1847	Place	Abington, Plymouth Co., Mass.
	Married	12 May 1793	Place	Abington, Plymouth Co., Mass.
	Father's Father (first, middle, last) Father's Mother (first, middle, maiden) Other Marriages (first, middle, last) (m2, 1819) Nancy LINCOLN			
<b>M</b> Mother	Given Name(s)	Sarah	Last Name	PULLING
	Born	19 Oct 1773	Place	Boston, Suffolk Co., Mass.
	Died	28 Nov 1817	Place	Abington, Plymouth Co., Mass.
	Mother's Father (first, middle, last) Capt. John PULLING Jr. Mother's Mother (first, middle, maiden) Sarah THAXTER Other Marriages (first, middle, last)			
<b>M</b> Child #1	Given Name(s)	John Pullen	Last Name	REED
	Born	15 Sep 1795	Place	Abington, Plymouth Co., Mass.
	Died		Place	
	Spouse (first, middle, last) Married			
<b>F</b> Child #2	Given Name(s)	Sarah R. "Sally"	Last Name	REED
	Born	est. 23 Sep 1797	Place	Abington, Plymouth Co., Mass.
	Died	29 Jun 1871	Place	Boston, Suffolk Co., Mass.
	Spouse (first, middle, last) Charles LANE, Jr. Married 7 Sep 1815 Abington, Plymouth Co., Mass.			
<b>F</b> Child #3	Given Name(s)	Lucy Johnson	Last Name	REED
	Born	29 May 1800	Place	Abington, Plymouth Co., Mass.
	Died		Place	
	Spouse (first, middle, last) Jesse REED Married 15 Jan 1818 Abington, Plymouth Co., Mass.			

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Father		(first, middle, last) Lt. Isaac REED		
Mother		(first, middle, maiden) Sarah PULLING		
<b>F</b> Child #4	Given Name(s)	Martha Pulling	Last Name	REED
	Born	16 Mar 1802	Place	Abington, Plymouth Co., Mass.
	Died	9 May 1879	Place	Abington, Plymouth Co., Mass.
	Spouse (first, middle, maiden) Seth PRATT Married 2 May 1819 Abington, Plymouth Co. Mass.			
<b>F</b> Child #5	Given Name(s)	Marah Hobart "Mary H."	Last Name	REED
	Born	1 Apr 1804	Place	Abington, Plymouth Co., Mass.
	Died	2 May 1885	Place	Abington, Plymouth Co., Mass.
	Spouse (first, middle, maiden) Greenwood CUSHING Married 19 Aug 1824 Abington, Plymouth Co., Mass.			
<b>M</b> Child #6	Given Name(s)	Isaac	Last Name	REED
	Born	21 Jan 1806	Place	Abington, Plymouth Co., Mass.
	Died	10 Aug 1882	Place	South Abington, Plymouth Co., Mass.
	Spouse (first, middle, last) Rachel Jenkins REED Married 24 Sep 1826 Abington, Plymouth Co., Mass.			
<b>F</b> Child #7	Given Name(s)	Betsy Gannett	Last Name	REED
	Born	25 Aug 1807	Place	Abington, Plymouth Co., Mass.
	Died	29 Nov 1870	Place	East Bridgewater, Plymouth Co., Mass.
	Spouse (first, middle, last) Meritt JENKINS, Jr. Married 6 Oct 1825 Abington, Plymouth Co., Mass.			
Sources of information				
#8 Ruth Torrey REED, b. 31 Jul 1809, Abington; m. 15 May 1828, Abington, John Woodbridge JENKINS				
#9 Anna Jenks REED, b. 13 Dec 1811, Abington				

# Isaac Reed & Sarah Pulling FGS

was on the corner of what were then called Ann and Cross sts. The British made diligent search for him, and I have heard my great-grandmother give a very vivid description of their searching the house to find him, and how he avoided capture by her concealing him under an empty winebutt in the cellar. He escaped from Boston in a small skiff, while the British had possession, by disguising himself as a fisherman; was challenged while passing under the hawser of a British man-of-war and landed on Nantasket beach.”

The wife who very bravely shared her husband's exile was a Hingham woman whose maiden name was Sarah Thaxter. Pulling was her second husband, as she was his second wife. She belongs more really to his fame than does Annis Lee, his first wife, because she suffered much for and with him. For a time she was in concealment in an old cooper shop on the Cohasset shore, and in that rude dwelling she gave birth — before being joined by her husband — according to the statement of

## 128 OLD BOSTON DAYS & WAYS

Harvey H. Pratt, her great-great-grandson and a well-known Boston attorney, to a girl baby. Mr. Pratt owns the Bible from which the wife

Mary C. Crawford, *Old Boston Days & Ways*

## HARVEY H. PRATT, ATTORNEY, DIES

Was President of Scituate  
Historical Society

Harvey Hunter Pratt, well-known attorney, prominent citizen of North Scituate, and president of its historical society, died yesterday at his winter home in Beverly, where he had been confined for some weeks, from hardening of the arteries.

He had long been a familiar figure in law and in politics. He was born in Philadelphia, Feb. 24, 1860, son of Henry Jones and Maria J. (Hunter) Pratt. After receiving his preliminary education in the schools of Abington, he turned to the study of law, read for his profession in the office of Keith & Simmons at Abington. He later entered the Harvard law school and was graduated in 1893.

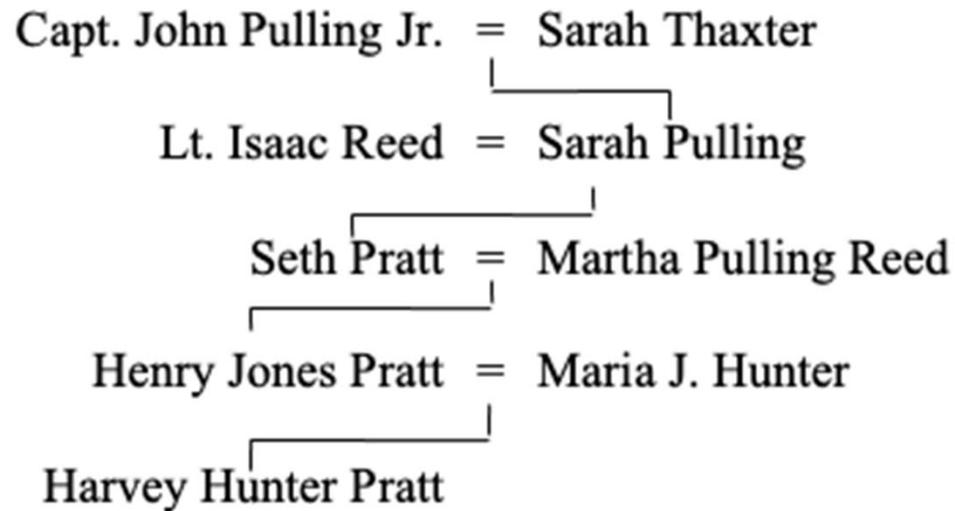
Admitted to the bar, he formed a partnership with the late John F. Simmons of Hanover, and for several years practised as a member of the Abington firm of Simmons & Pratt. His Boston office was opened in 1889.

Mr. Pratt's earlier connections were with journalism. These began in 1880, when he became editor and publisher of the Abington News, a short-lived four-

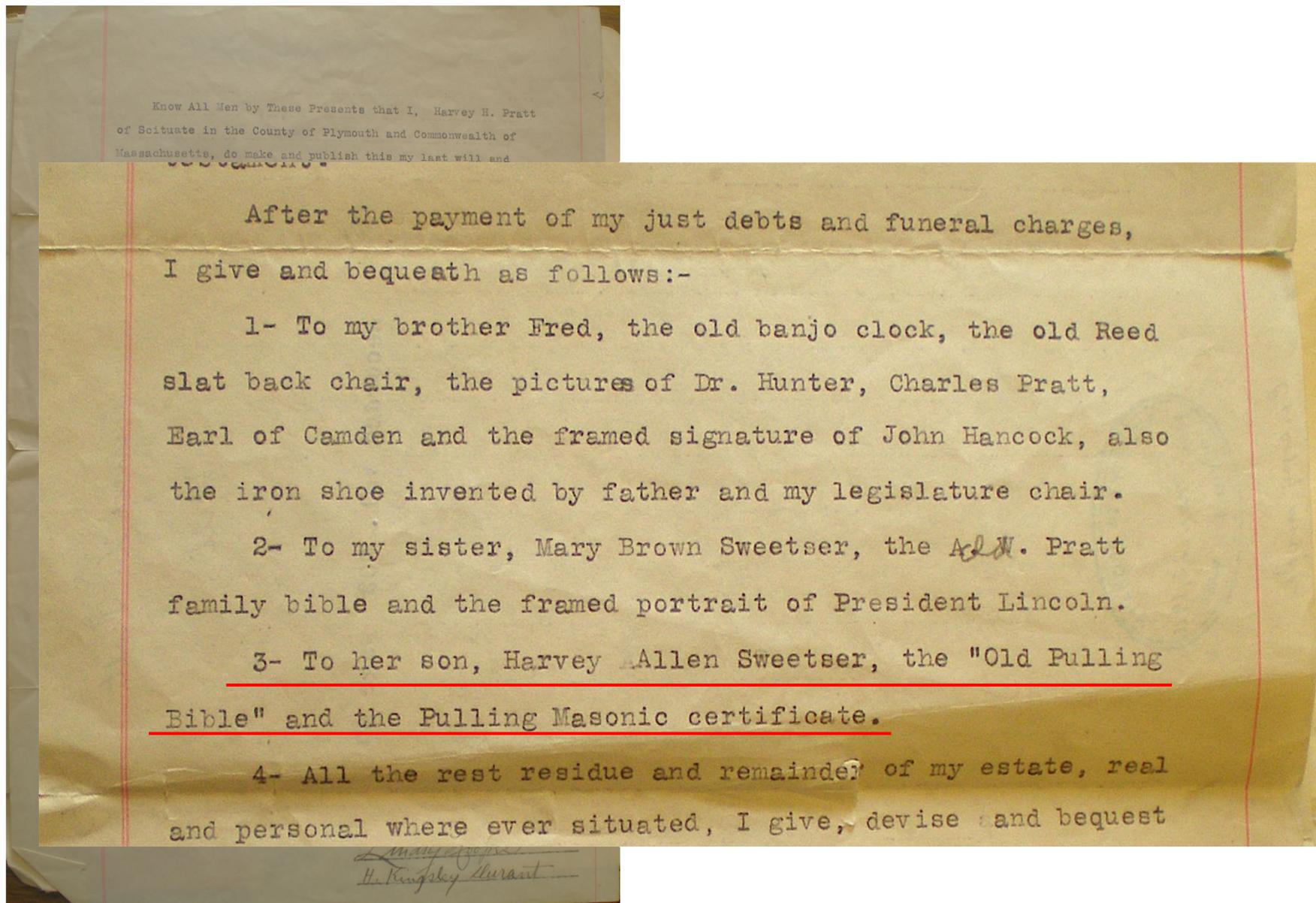
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## Obituary of Harvey H. Pratt

## PULLING ANCESTRY OF HARVEY H. PRATT



### Harvey H. Pratt Ancestry



Harvey H. Pratt, Will, 1926

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