

# Contributing to Mayflower Scholarship

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# OVERVIEW

- **Presentation (60 mins.)**
  - Publishing your findings
  - Writing a journal article
  - Final steps
- **Q&A (30 mins.)**



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# What's Next?

*Publishing your findings*

# What are your goals

- Get your discoveries out there
- Foster further research
- Finetune your research skills
- Join the Mayflower Society
- Show off to other genealogists?



# Publication outlets

- Journals – (*Mayflower Descendant, Mayflower Quarterly Magazine, Register, TAG, TG, etc.*)
- Family Associations and Newsletters
- Books – (all my ancestors, descendency projects)
- Blogs (Vita-Brevis)
- Online Forums (WikiTree, FamilySearch)
- DNA projects (Genetics Column in *American Ancestors* magazine)

# Having Control over your Information

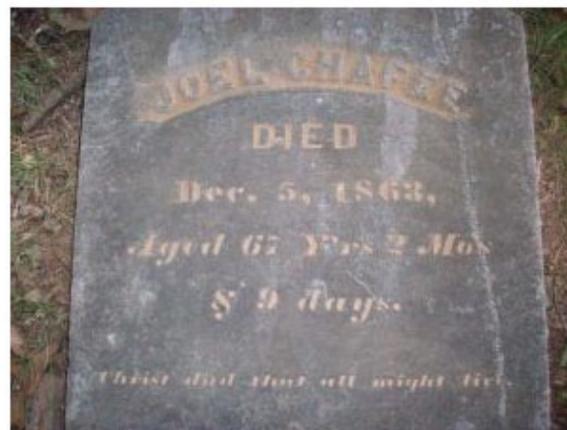
- Once it is published in a journal, some readers may only read your article and not look for further updates (although they should)
- Your own blog or WikiPage

# Blog Posts



## Off by ten years

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While I have written about reported birthdates ranging **over several years**, something else that happens from time to time is the reporting of death dates, especially gravestones, being off by a few years. Sometimes, when a gravestone date is off, it also creates an incorrect birthdate.

This example involves Joel Chaffee (usually spelled Chaffee) of Thompson, Connecticut. He is buried at Wilsonville Cemetery in Thompson and apparently has two gravestones, one that has fallen down and one that **still stands erect**. Both stones state

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## Family:Whitney, William Whitmore (1843-1929)

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Son or sons need their own page or pages.

**William Whitmore<sup>8</sup> Whitney** ([Reuben<sup>7</sup>](#), [Thomas<sup>6</sup>](#), [David<sup>5</sup>](#), [Nathan<sup>4</sup>](#), [Nathaniel<sup>3</sup>](#), [Benjamin<sup>2</sup>](#), [John<sup>1</sup>](#)), son of [Reuben<sup>7</sup>](#) and [Elizabeth H. \(Doan\) Whitney](#), was born 30 May 1843, prob. Hampden, ME, and died 19 Dec 1929, prob. Hampden, ME.

He married, 25 Jul 1875, Hampden, ME, **Hellen Maria Kimball**, or **Helen Maria Delano**, daughter of George Asbry and Susan V. (Gray) Delano. She was born 19 Jun 1853, Winterport, ME, and died 2 Feb 1897, prob. Hampden, ME. Both are buried in the Locust Grove Cemetery, Hampden, ME.

Children of William Whitmore<sup>8</sup> and Hellen Maria (Kimball) Whitney:

- i. **Willie<sup>9</sup> Whitney**, b. 29 Mar 1876, prob. Hampden, ME; d. 12 Oct 1876, prob. Hampden, ME. Buried in the Locust Grove Cemetery, Hampden, ME.
- ii. **Harry G. Whitney**, b. 1879; d. 1970; m. Gladys E. Clarke, b. 1898, d. 1969. Both are buried in the Locust Grove Cemetery, Hampden, ME. Known children are:
  - a. **Glenice Gueniveri<sup>10</sup> Whitney**, b. 1914; d. 1914; buried in the Locust Grove Cemetery, Hampden, ME.
  - b. **Maverick H. Whitney**, b. Dec 1915; m. Waverly M. Alexander, b. 1910. Both are buried in the Locust Grove Cemetery, Hampden, ME.
- iii. **Elizabeth Marie Whitney**, b. Aug 1884, prob. Hampden, ME; d. 16 Jun 1923; m. 12 Sep 1912, Bangor, ME, LeRoy Woodbury Nason. Buried in the Locust Grove Cemetery, Hampden, ME.

### Notes

Helen Maria Delano is a descendant of "Mayflower" passengers Richard Warren, William Brewster, Isaac Allerton, John Howland, and John Billington, as follows:

1. Richard Warren, m. Elizabeth Walker
2. Nathaniel Warren, m. Sarah Walker
3. Mercy Warren, m. Jonathan Delano
4. Jethro Delano, m. Elizabeth Pope

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 <p><b>Willard Alton Challenger</b> 31 Dec 1913 - 8 Nov 1986</p> <p>Husband of <a href="#">Daisy Dolores Horton</a></p> <p>Father of <a href="#">Joy (Challender) Child</a></p>	 <p><a href="#">Josiah Steward Challenger</a> 26 Jul 1841 - 25 Feb 1896 New Hanover, Burlington, New Jersey, USA</p>	 <p><a href="#">Samuel L. Challenger</a> 20 Sep 1802 - 11 Sep 1859 Cookstown, New Hanover Township, Burlington, New Jersey, United States</p>	<p><a href="#">Stacy Challenger</a> abt 1775 - abt 22 Jul 1853</p> <p><a href="#">Elizabeth Dennis</a> abt 10 Oct 1780 - abt 07 Sep 1852</p>	
	 <p><a href="#">Alton Russell Challenger</a> 26 Feb 1879 - 17 Dec 1973 Neponset, Bureau, Illinois, United States</p>	 <p><a href="#">Sarah Rebecca Steward</a> 09 Jan 1804 - abt 10 Apr 1866 Cookstown, Burlington, New Jersey</p>	<p><a href="#">Robert Thompson</a> 07 Jul 1795 - 21 Feb 1854 Industry, Franklin, Maine, United States</p>	<p>[Great-Great-Grandfather?]</p> <p>[Great-Great-Grandmother?]</p>
	 <p><a href="#">Alice Goodridge Thompson</a> 05 Jan 1844 - 17 Nov 1921 Industry, Franklin, Maine, United States</p>	 <p><a href="#">Emma Russell</a> 24 Oct 1808 - 31 Oct 1872 Madison, Somerset, Maine, United States</p>	<p>[Great-Great-Grandfather?]</p> <p>[Great-Great-Grandmother?]</p>	<p>[Great-Great-Grandfather?]</p> <p>[Great-Great-Grandmother?]</p>
	 <p><a href="#">Willard Lorenzo Severance</a> 01 Sep 1862 - 26 Feb 1947 Caneadea, Allegany, New York, United States</p>	 <p><a href="#">James Taggart Severance</a> 04 Sep 1824 - 20 Oct 1913 Granger, Allegany, New York, United States</p>	<p><a href="#">Marion Botsford</a> 09 May 1838 - 11 Dec 1893 Granger, Allegany, New York, United States</p>	<p><a href="#">Jonathan Severance III</a> 28 Oct 1788 - 19 Feb 1845</p> <p><a href="#">Eunice Taggart</a> 17 Aug 1792 - 26 Aug 1880</p>
 <p><a href="#">Elizabeth Belle Severance</a> 14 May 1883 - 29 May 1972 Caneadea, Allegany, New York, United States</p>	 <p><a href="#">Steven Henry Shank</a> abt 1834 - aft 1880 Cayuga, New York, United States</p>	<p><a href="#">Lurancy Perry</a> abt 1842 - 01 Jun 1904 Rushford, Allegany, New York, United States</p>	<p>[Great-Great-Grandfather?]</p> <p>[Great-Great-Grandmother?]</p>	
 <p><a href="#">Mary Rosetta Shank</a> 13 Feb 1860 - 01 Nov 1951 Oramel, Caneadea, Allegany, New York, United States</p>	 <p><a href="#">Lydia M. Franklin</a> 01 Mar 1815 - 28 Apr 1887</p>	<p>[Great-Great-Grandfather?]</p> <p>[Great-Great-Grandmother?]</p>	<p>[Great-Great-Grandfather?]</p> <p>[Great-Great-Grandmother?]</p>	

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**James Taggart Severance**

Born **4 Sep 1824** in **Granger, Allegany, New York, United States** ?

Son of [Jonathan Severance III](#) and [Eunice \(Taggett\) Severance](#) ANCESTORS

Brother of [Hugh McClellan Severance](#), [Jane Severance](#), [Elmira Severance](#), [Mary Ann \(Severance\) Young](#) and [John Severance](#)

Husband of [Marion Botsford](#) — married 22 Oct 1856 in Granger, Allegany, New York, United States ?

Father of [Willard Lorenzo Severance](#) DESCENDANTS

Died **20 Oct 1913** at age 89 in **Burton, Harvey, Kansas, United States** ?

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### Biography

He married Marian Bottsford in September 1856. They moved to Canada where he worked as a farmer; a public works contractor; a supervisor; an assessor and took a deep interest in public schools.

### Sources

- "The Descendants of Michael McClellan and Jane Henry" by Lois McClellan Patrie, 1970, 141 pp.
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- Kansas Death Certiate
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### DNA Connector

It may be possible to connect to these [autosomal DNA](#) profiles with James:

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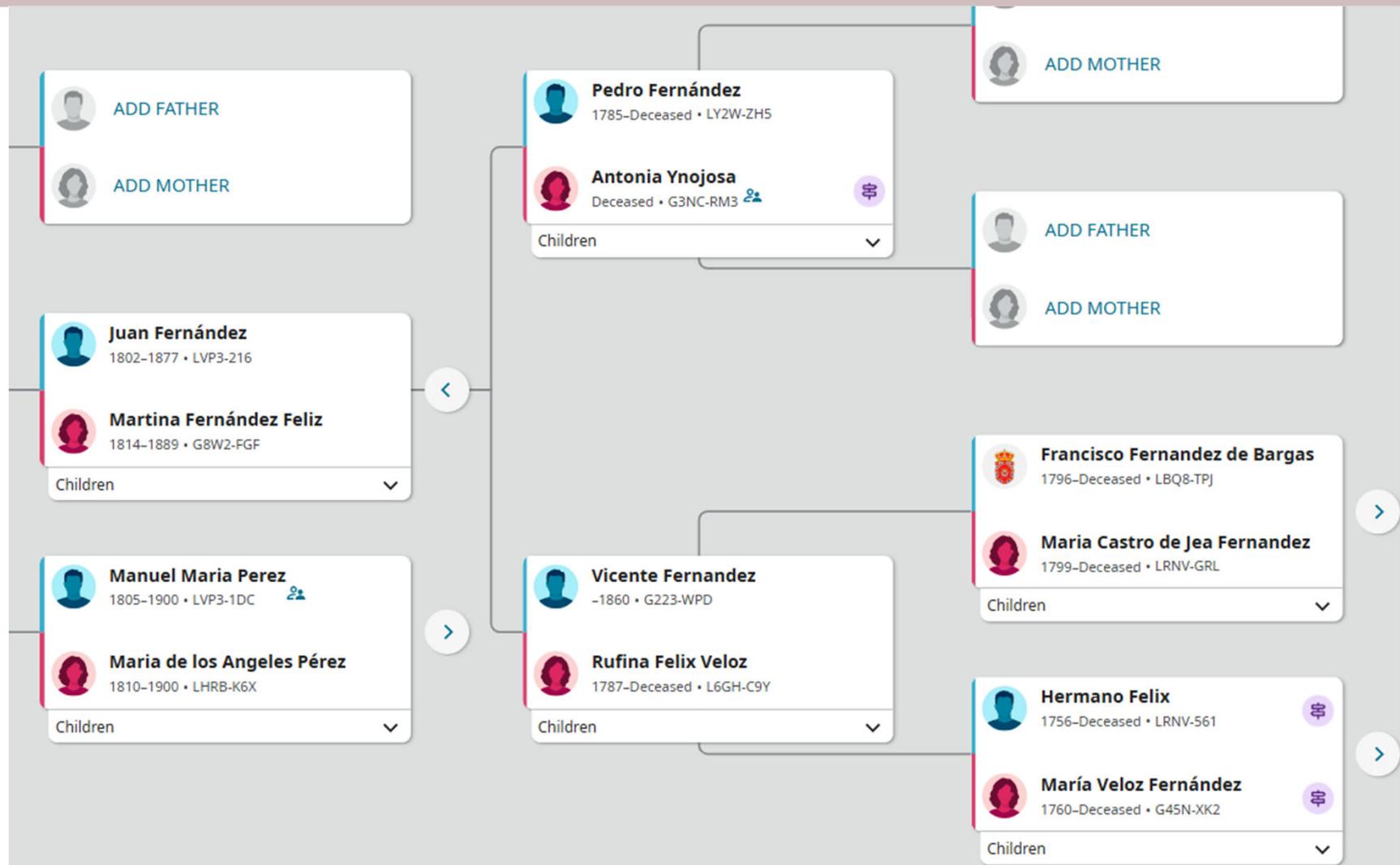
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### Research

[RootsSearch for James Severance](#) on genealogy websites. [test details]

# FamilySearch – learn to walk away

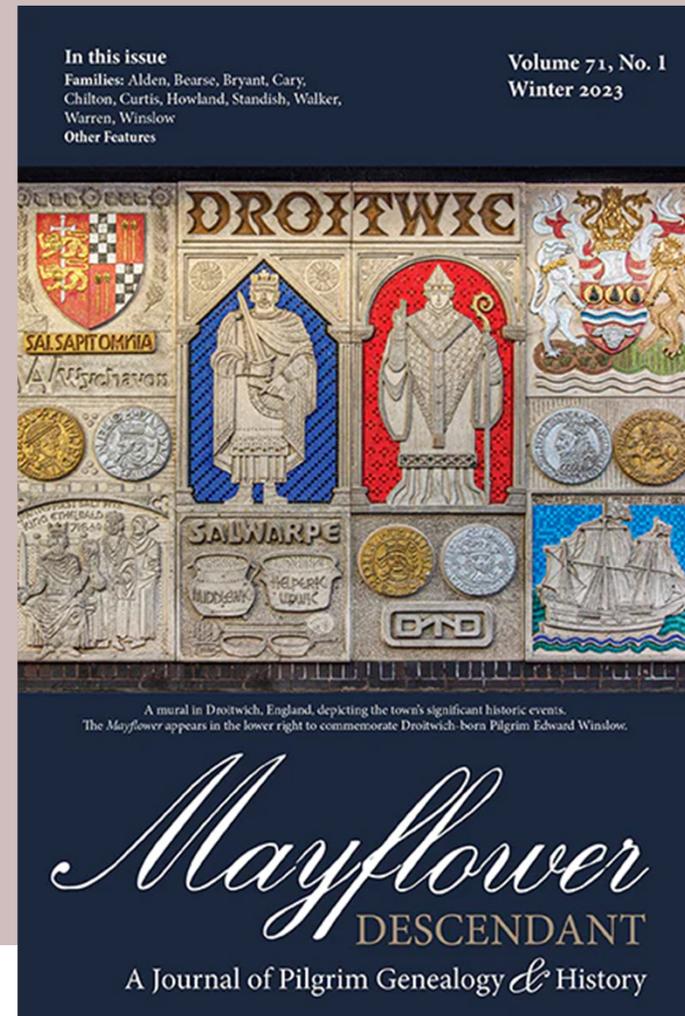


# Tip

Some journals may not  
accept your article if  
largely discussed online

# Mayflower Descendant

- Proof arguments with genealogical summaries
- Serial genealogies
- Problems within the first 5 or 6 generations and later



# Background & Publishing Process

- Mayflower Descendant ran 1899-1937; 1985-present
- Record articles (transcription)
- Correcting outdated information
- A new genealogical discovery (origins/spouses/children)
- Straightforward Genealogy (6th, 7th generation, allied families)
- Article length:
  - Shorter: 2 – 5 pages
  - Longer: sometimes published in multiple installments

# Publishing Process

- Download template
- Contact editor with plans to publish
  - Letter of agreement
- Write article, review past research/literature review
- Filling in gaps
- Genealogical Analysis
- Editorial review

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## General guidelines

-  It is advisable to send an email describing your proposed article to the editor at [mayflower@nehgs.org](mailto:mayflower@nehgs.org).
-  Ideally, your article should be written as a Microsoft Word file and submitted as an email attachment to [mayflower@nehgs.org](mailto:mayflower@nehgs.org). If you prefer to submit a paper copy or a file on CD, mail to Editor, Mayflower Descendant, 99–101 Newbury Street, Boston, MA 02116.
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## How to submit an article

The editor welcomes articles, especially from new authors. Articles typically focus on subjects of interest to descendants of early Massachusetts residents and fall into one of the following categories:

1. continuing genealogical analysis of the Pilgrim families in New England and their origins in England and Holland, and re-examinations of older problems;
2. focus on towns, both in Plymouth Colony and in England and Holland from whence Pilgrims sprang;
3. genealogical summaries of other “non-Mayflower” families in eastern Massachusetts;
4. treatment of *Mayflower* families, often beyond the fifth generation, in geographical locations beyond eastern Massachusetts, highlighting the *Mayflower* “diaspora”; and

[AmericanAncestors.org/publications/mayflower-descendant](https://AmericanAncestors.org/publications/mayflower-descendant)

# The Point of Your Article is?

- How you found the records?
- What you found in the records?
- Both?
- How your interpretation of records makes a genealogical argument
- New argument or revisiting an old theory?
- Record transcriptions
- Straightforward genealogy

# Organization by Article Type

# Correcting Outdated Information

- Summary of past research
- Discussion of incorrect information
  - Why is it incorrect
  - What new evidence exists
- Corrected genealogical summary

# A New Genealogical Discovery

*English/Dutch origins; parentage, spouse, or additional child/ren; etc.*

- Summarize past research
- Your analysis [proof argument]
- Genealogical summary (if needed)

# Straightforward Genealogy

*Sixth or Seventh generations; or allied families*

- Minimal introduction
- How this family connects to other *Mayflower* families
- Beginning generation
- Subsequent generations (see later slides relating to expanded and consolidated generations)

# Record transcription

- Introduction
  - Provenance of record set; how they were discovered
  - Why these records might be useful
- Transcribe and/or annotate
- Transcribe
- Transcribe

Tip

Concentrate on one main  
conclusion in the genealogical  
analysis.

# General Considerations

- ✓ Summarizing Past Research
- ✓ Are you correcting or improving past research?
- ✓ Is this the first treatment ever?
- ✓ Presenting negative evidence
- ✓ What goes in the argument versus genealogical summary
- ✓ How much is too much
- ✓ Presenting evidence in a journal versus the magazine

# Literature Review: Summarizing Past Research

# Literature Review (17<sup>th</sup> Century)

- *The Great Migration Directory Immigrants to New England, 1620-1640*
- *Founders of Early American Families* (immigrants to the thirteen colonies between 1607-1657)
- Hollick, *New Englanders in the 1600s* (published articles and books between 1980-2010)
- Torrey, *New England Marriages Prior to 1700*
- Sanborn, *Third Supplement to Torrey*

# Literature Review (18<sup>th</sup> Century)

- American Genealogical and Biographical Index
- PERSI
- Maine, N.H., Vt., and Western Mass. Families in 1790
- Regional journals of interest

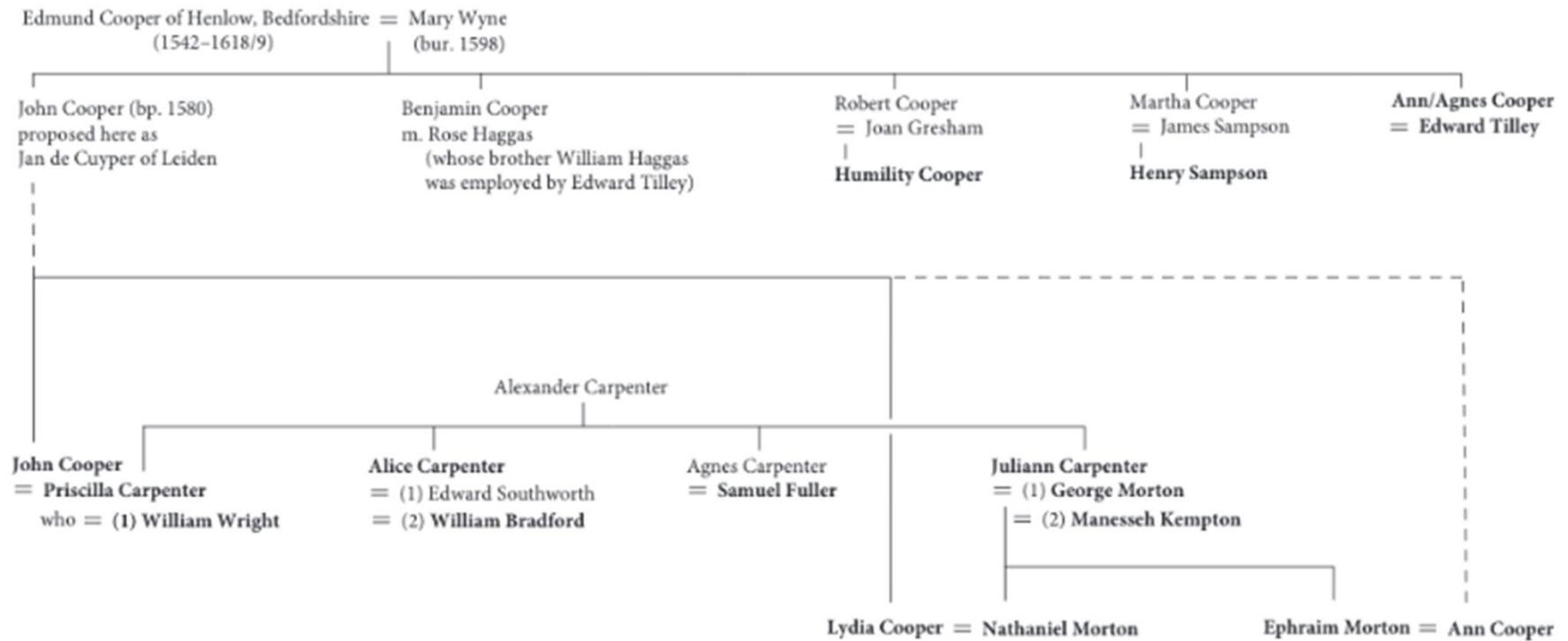
# Mayflower Specific Review

- *Mayflower Descendant*
- *Mayflower Quarterly*
- Silver Books, 5<sup>th</sup> Generation Database
- AmericanAncesTREES, applications database
- Check with Plymouth too!

Tip

You may miss  
something, it happens

# Cooper Family (2019)



Immigrants to Plymouth Colony in bold.

Dashed lines are being proposed in this article and not proven.

# Cooper Family (2014)

Children of Edmund<sup>A</sup> and Jane (Staresmore) Cooper:<sup>[106]</sup>

- i. WILLIAM COOPER, b. *ca.* 1600.
- 4 ii. JOHN COOPER, bp. Frolesworth, 27 Dec. 1601;<sup>[107]</sup> m. PRISCILLA (CARPENTER) WRIGHT in Plymouth, Mass., 27 Nov. 1634.<sup>[108]</sup>
- iii. ELIZABETH COOPER, b. *ca.* 1602; perhaps m. JOHN HUNT in Frolesworth, 30 Apr. 1633.<sup>[109]</sup>
- iv. CHRISTIAN COOPER, bp. Frolesworth, 1 June 1606;<sup>[110]</sup> m. RICHARD NORTH in Frolesworth, 21 Oct. 1628.<sup>[111]</sup>
- v. JUDITH COOPER, bp. Frolesworth, 22 Nov. 1607,<sup>[112]</sup> d. bef. 1619.
- vi. MARY COOPER, bp. Frolesworth, 24 Feb. 1608.<sup>[113]</sup>
- vii. KATHERINE COOPER, b. *ca.* 1609.
- viii. GEORGE COOPER, b. *ca.* 1611.
- ix. FRANCIS COOPER, bp. 25 Oct. 1612.<sup>[114]</sup>
- 5 x. LYDIA COOPER, bp. 30 Jan. 1613;<sup>[115]</sup> m. NATHANIEL MORTON in Plymouth, Mass., 25 Dec. 1635.<sup>[116]</sup>
- xi. SAMUEL COOPER, b. *ca.* 1616.

# Covering & Correcting Past Research

# Stating Erroneous Claims

- Briefly in the text
- In a footnote
- Not at all



Tip

Don't be too "mean" to  
past genealogists

THE "LOVING COSENS":  
HERBERT PELHAM, SIR ARTHUR HESILRIGE,  
AND GOV. EDWARD<sup>1</sup> WINSLOW

*Kenneth W. Kirkpatrick\**

*"I realize that these maunderings about the Winslows will infuriate ... [b]ut if research into them will bring out facts, it is worth the effort to state them."*

— John G. Hunt, *Of Mary Brewster*, part two (1985)

In 1965, John G. Hunt published the first in a series of ingenious *TAG* and *Register* articles,<sup>[1]</sup> attempting to exploit two clues to a major, and tantalizing, 'hole' in the ancestry of Edward<sup>1</sup> Winslow (1595-1655), thrice governor of the Plymouth colony — namely, the identity of the wife or mother of Edward's paternal grandfather, Kenelm<sup>B</sup> Winslow of Kempsey, co. Worcester. These clues are:

{a} In letters to John Winthrop, governor of the Massachusetts Bay colony, dated 5 May 1647 and 14 July 1648, Herbert Pelham [III], first treasurer of Harvard College, twice referred casually to Edward<sup>1</sup> as "my Cosen Winslow."<sup>[2]</sup> (*N.b.*, Hunt mentions only the earlier of these letters.)

{b} In a letter to Winslow dated 8 October 1650, Sir Arthur Hesilrige, a prominent statesman under the Commonwealth, addressed him as "My honrd cosen," and signed the letter — and a post-script — as "yr affectionate kinsman," and "yor affectionate cosen." His wife, Dorothy (Greville), Lady Hesilrige, wrote a note to Winslow on the *dorso* of this letter, addressing him as "good cosen," and

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\* The author has a special interest in the 'plausible, but problematic' royal descents of several early New England colonists. He wishes to express, at the outset, his indebtedness to John G. Hunt, whose spadework turned up a treasure-trove of factual nuggets, and whose courage in publishing theories based on the same, often in the face of unfriendly criticism, inspires Mr. Kirkpatrick with the conviction that it is better to share one's findings and hypotheses in print, even at the risk of being proved wrong, than to sit on them in silence for fear of ridicule. He also wishes to express his deep gratitude to David H. Kelley, *emeritus* of the University of Calgary, for his friendship and encouragement, and for graciously sharing his extensive notes and thoughts. Without Hunt and Kelley, this article could not have been contemplated, let alone written. (Neither, however, is in any way to blame for the author's errors of fact or judgment.)

# Example

## THE PARENTS OF ISAAC<sup>4</sup> JOHNSON, HUSBAND OF MARGARET MILLER OF MIDDLETOWN, CONNECTICUT

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Between 1948 and 1951 two genealogies were published that gave conflicting reports on the parents of “Isaac Johnson Jr.,” who married Margaret Miller in Middletown, Connecticut, on 12 September 1695, and died there 23 March 1744 [1743/4].<sup>[1]</sup> Both claimed that Margaret’s husband Isaac was descended from John<sup>1</sup> Johnson of Roxbury, Massachusetts, but the genealogies identified two different Isaacs, each with a documented birth or baptism. Paul Franklin Johnson, who wrote the 1951 genealogy on the descendants of John<sup>1</sup> Johnson, identified Margaret’s husband Isaac as the son of Isaac<sup>3</sup> (*Isaac<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*) and Mary (Harris) Johnson, born in Middletown 19 December 1670.<sup>[2]</sup> In her 1948 Stevens-Miller work,<sup>[3]</sup> Mary Lovering Holman identified Margaret’s husband Isaac as the son of Nathaniel<sup>3</sup> (*Isaac<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*) and Mary (Smith) Johnson, baptized in Roxbury, Massachusetts, 2 April 1676, later of Woodstock, Connecticut.<sup>[4]</sup> Within Holman’s own well-documented work was most of the solution — which actually confirms Paul Franklin Johnson’s less documented conclusion.

# Example

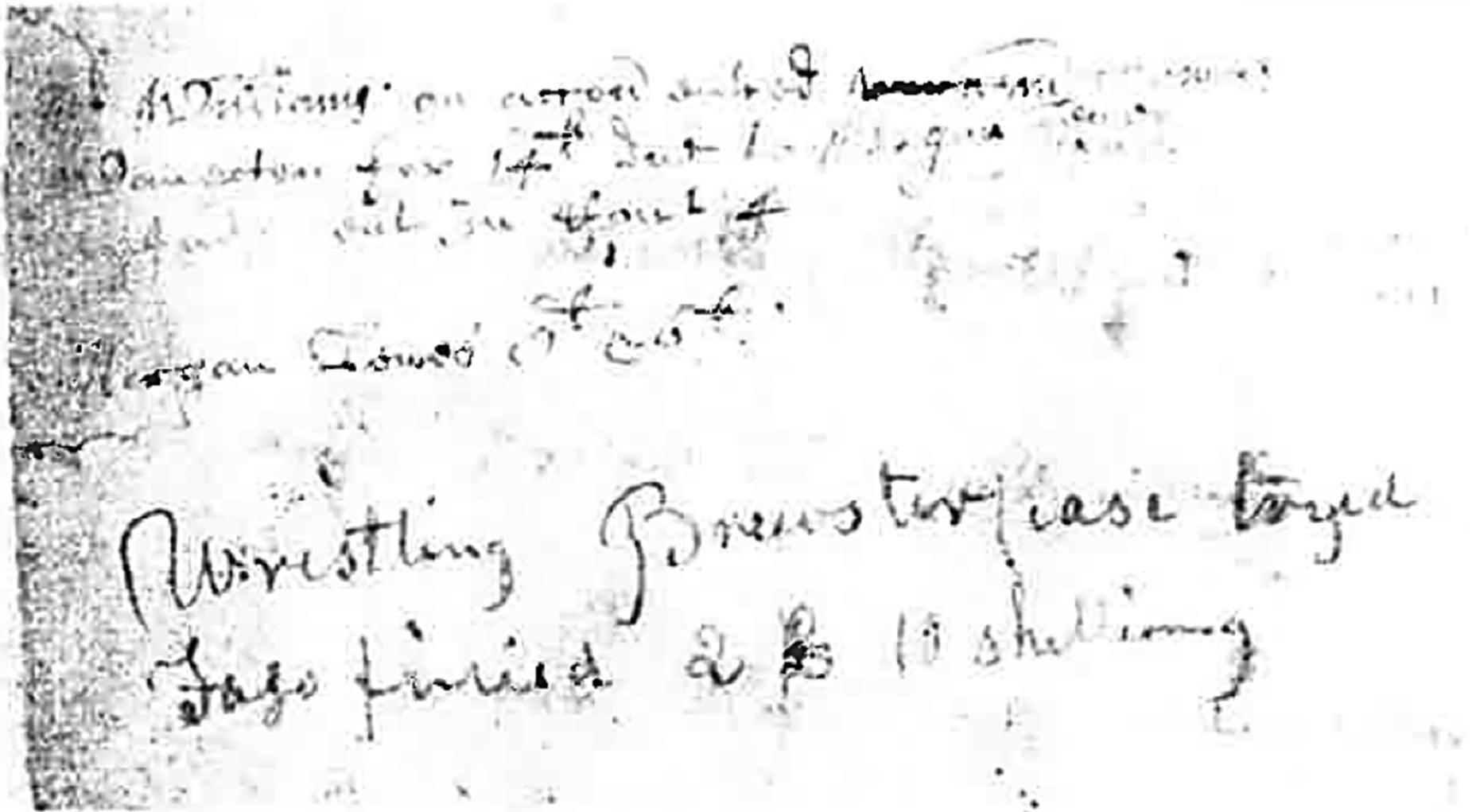
## FOSTER

Foster is an occupational surname, a broken form of Forester. England was a heavily wooded country when surnames became customary and there must have been many foresters on the baronial and lesser estates. In dealing with the English origin of emigrants to America many genealogists have discarded all inhibitions and respect for evidence and have produced fantastic pedigrees. It must be said that the English practitioners of Victorian days were not behind our own in perpetuating this form of family fiction, some of which still remains to be corrected. The chapter on the English Fosters in the American *Foster Genealogy* is nothing short of ridiculous, so much so, in fact, that few, if any, others of its kind surpass it in this quality. Except for a very few statements it can be discarded as of no value except as a horrible example.

# Savage on Wrestling Brewster

his f. in the Mayflower, d. "a young man unm." bef. his f. says Gov. Bradford, but Caulkins, in Hist. of Norwich, 115, refers to an idle tradit. that makes him ancest. of Sir Christopher Brewster of our days. Sir Christopher perhaps may descend from a gr.s. of the Elder, and youngest s. of Love, wh. rec. this name, prob. sev. yrs. after d. of his uncle. In a very agreea. Memoir of the "Life and Time of Elder Brewster," by Rev. Ashbel Steele, Phila. 1857, the author too easi. assum. that this s. of the great Elder was of Portsmouth 1629, and built up his case on three piles of fictitious paper: The first, a forged deed of 6 Dec. 1629 (wh. fell on Sunday), of ld. in Portsmouth, that was not so call. bef. May 1653, but always Strawberry Bank, with prob. false grantor and witnesses, and writ. in language of one hundred and fifty yrs. later use; next, a fabricat. fam. rec. whereby it is shown, that Wrestling B. was m. 1630 to E. S. had s. John, b. 20 Jan. 1631, and daur. 3 May 1636, nam. Love Lucretia!!! and the w. d. in childbed, thirty-eight yrs. after (perhaps the ch. had it liv. would have seem. to require double name, and so been bapt. Mephistophiles Beelzebub); that E. S. the w. is call. d. of Augustine Story, one of the illustrious grantees in the more ambitious forgery of the Wheelwright deed of all New Hampsh. from the Ind. made also on Sunday in an *earlier* mo. of the *same* yr. and little more than eight yrs. after Wrestling came over the Atlantic, with his f.; and the third fountain of evidence is from many, near. all spurious, accounts of business transactions, wh. by patient investigat. are found to be almost wholly fanciful. In his new Ed. Mr. Steele will, no doubt, correct those childish fictions of the last century. WRESTLING, Duxbury, br. of Nathaniel of the same, had, with his br. William, gr. of lds.

# Fake Records, be relentless



# QUESTIONS?

# **Journal Articles *without* genealogical summaries**

## IDENTIFYING SALLY RICE (ca. 1760–1835), WIFE OF ELIAB BREWER OF LUDLOW, VERMONT

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Sally Rice married Eliab Brewer at Rutland, Massachusetts, on 18 February 1782.<sup>[1]</sup> Their children were recorded at Paxton, Massachusetts, in the 1780s and 1790s,<sup>[2]</sup> and the family ultimately moved to Ludlow, Vermont, where Sally died 3 January 1835 aged 74.<sup>[3]</sup> This age at death would indicate she was born about 1760, which is consistent with Sally's age ranges in censuses.<sup>[4]</sup> The 1858 Rice genealogy identifies this Sally Rice as possibly a daughter of Bezaleel<sup>5</sup> Rice, Jr. (*Bezaleel<sup>4</sup>, David<sup>3</sup>, Henry<sup>2</sup>, Edmund<sup>1</sup>*) and his first wife, Susanna Jennings of Framingham, Massachusetts.<sup>[5]</sup> Temple's *History of Framingham* states that Bezaleel<sup>5</sup>'s daughter Sarah married \_\_\_\_\_ Brewer of Paxton.<sup>[6]</sup> Bezaleel<sup>5</sup> Rice's will, dated 18 December 1801, proved 18 June 1806, mentions his daughter Sarah Brewer, but not her residence.<sup>[7]</sup> However, the recorded Sarah, daughter of Bezaleel and Susanna Rice, was born at Framingham 5 September 1750,<sup>[8]</sup> ten years before Eliab Brewer (1760–1835), her supposed husband.<sup>[9]</sup> A 1750 birth date is also inconsistent with Sally's age at death or in censuses. Since Bezaleel<sup>5</sup> was married twice and several of his children died young, perhaps the Sarah Rice

<sup>1</sup> *Vital Records of Rutland, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849* (Worcester, Mass.: Franklin P. Rice, 1905), 117. Sally was (and still is) a common nickname for Sarah.

<sup>2</sup> Marcia L. Membrino and Paul A. Russell, ed., *Paxton, Massachusetts, Births, Marriages and Deaths 1748–1850* (Bowie, Md.: Heritage Books, 1996), alphabetical, unpaginated.

<sup>3</sup> Robert Charles Anderson, "Ancestry of President Calvin Coolidge," *The American Genealogist* 53 (1977):65–74 at 66, 160–67, citing Vermont Vital Records.

<sup>4</sup> In the 1800 census of Paxton, the oldest female in the household of Eliab Brewer was aged between 26 and 45 (1800 U.S. Census, Paxton, Worcester County, Massachusetts, roll 16, p. 499). Eliab Brewer has not been found in the 1810 census. In the 1820 census of Ludlow, the oldest female in the household of Eliab Brewer was aged 45 and older (1820 U.S. Census, Ludlow, Windsor County, Vermont, roll 128, p. 422). In the 1830 census of Ludlow, the household of Israel Brewer (son of Eliab and Sally), included a female aged between 70 and 80 (1830 U.S. Census, Ludlow, roll 187, p. 156). Thus, based on the 1800 and 1830 censuses, Sally (Rice) Brewer was born between 1754 and 1760. Israel Brewer is shown as her son in Anderson, "Ancestry of President Calvin Coolidge" [note 3], *The American Genealogist* 53:66.

<sup>5</sup> Andrew Henshaw Ward, *A Genealogical History of the Rice Family: Descendants of Deacon Edmund Rice* (Boston: C. Benjamin Richardson, 1858), 89–90.

<sup>6</sup> Josiah H. Temple, *History of Framingham, Massachusetts, Early Known as Danforth's Farms, 1640–1880, with a Genealogical Register* (Framingham, Mass.: the town, 1887; repr. Somersworth, N.H.: New England History Press, 1988), 683.

<sup>7</sup> Middlesex County Probate, File 18681.

<sup>8</sup> *Vital Records of Framingham, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* (Boston: NEHGS, 1911), 172.

<sup>9</sup> Anderson, "Ancestry of President Calvin Coolidge" [note 3], *The American Genealogist* 53:66.

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born in 1750 also died young, and Sally (Rice) Brewer was a younger half-sister born later.

Susanna (Jennings) Rice died at Framingham 15 September 1750, ten days after the birth of her daughter Sarah.<sup>[10]</sup> The other children of Bezaleel<sup>5</sup> and Susanna were Bezaleel<sup>6</sup>, born 1744 (died 1748), Hezekiah, born 1745, and Susannah, born 1748.<sup>[11]</sup> Bezaleel<sup>5</sup> Rice married second Sarah Bent at Framingham on 13 March 1751; their eldest child was another Bezaleel<sup>6</sup>, born at Framingham 5 December 1751.<sup>[12]</sup>

Stephen Jennings, father of Susanna (Jennings) Rice, died after his daughter Susanna, so his will was sought since it might well list her heirs. Stephen died at Framingham 8 October 1763, and his will dated 16 June 1763, proved 26 December 1763, names his grandchildren Hezekiah and Susanna Rice only.<sup>[13]</sup> This omission indicates that the Sarah Rice born in 1750 had died by 1763. Since Bezaleel<sup>5</sup> Rice mentioned a daughter Sarah Brewer in his will, Sally (Rice) Brewer must have been a later child of Bezaleel<sup>5</sup> Rice, by his second [and only other recorded] wife, Sarah Bent.<sup>[14]</sup> Sarah (Bent) Rice's siblings, Mary (Bent) Goodenow and David Bent, moved to Rutland, Massachusetts,<sup>[15]</sup> where Sally Rice and Eliab Brewer were married in 1782.

Among the younger children of Bezaleel<sup>5</sup> and Sarah (Bent) Rice were Nathan, born 18 August 1756, and Mary, born 28 March 1762.<sup>[16]</sup> Sally (Rice) Brewer would have been born between these two siblings, about 1760.

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<sup>10</sup> *Vital Records of Framingham* [note 8], 461.

<sup>11</sup> *Ibid.*, 167, 169, 172 (births), 460 (death).

<sup>12</sup> *Ibid.*, 363 (marriage), 167 (birth of second "Bezaleel").

<sup>13</sup> *Ibid.*, 445; Middlesex County Probate Records, File 12569.

<sup>14</sup> For several earlier generations of the ancestry of Sally (Rice) Brewer, see Gary Boyd Roberts, *Ancestors of American Presidents, 2009 Edition* (Boston: NEHGS, 2009), 104, 106, 108–09, 554. Sally Rice and Eliab Brewer were second cousins as their maternal grandfathers were brothers (Allen Herbert Bent, *The Bent Family in America* [Boston: D. Clapp & Son, 1900], 19–20). Sally and Eliab had multiple descents from Edmund<sup>1</sup> Rice.

<sup>15</sup> Bent, *Bent Family* [note 14], 20, 28–29.

<sup>16</sup> *Vital Records of Framingham* [note 8], 170–71.

## IDENTIFYING JONATHAN PINNEY (ca. 1754–1812) OF GUILFORD AND PLYMOUTH, VERMONT

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Bryant and Baker's history of Plymouth, Vermont, claimed that Jonathan Pinney (ca. 1754–1812) of Guilford and later Plymouth, Vermont, husband of Priscilla Grover, was born in England.<sup>[1]</sup> Previous attempts to place Jonathan Pinney in one of the New England Pinney or Penny families have been unsuccessful.<sup>[2]</sup> However, the names of Jonathan's children, as given by Bryant and Baker, and confirmed in the Vermont Vital Records, helped to identify a family that fits perfectly as Jonathan's.<sup>[3]</sup>

One of Jonathan Pinney's children was named Dellano, and that name suggested a search of Delano–Pinney/Penny marriages, and led to the family of John Penny and Elizabeth Delano, the latter a fifth-generation descendant of both Edward Doty and John Alden of the *Mayflower*, with an account in the 1996 five-generation study of the descendants of Edward<sup>1</sup> Doty.<sup>[4]</sup> John and Elizabeth (Delano) Penny, originally from Harwich, Massachusetts, moved to Nine Partners, Dutchess County, New York, where John died in 1756 or 1757. Elizabeth later lived at New Braintree and Warwick, Massachusetts, and her second husband David Ayres, a widower, lived at Guilford, Vermont, with either Elizabeth or a third wife.<sup>[5]</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Blanche Brown Bryant and Gertrude Elaine Baker, *Early Settlers, Plymouth, Vermont, Including their Genealogical Records* (Springfield, Vt.: W. L. Bryant Foundation, 1975), 308–11.

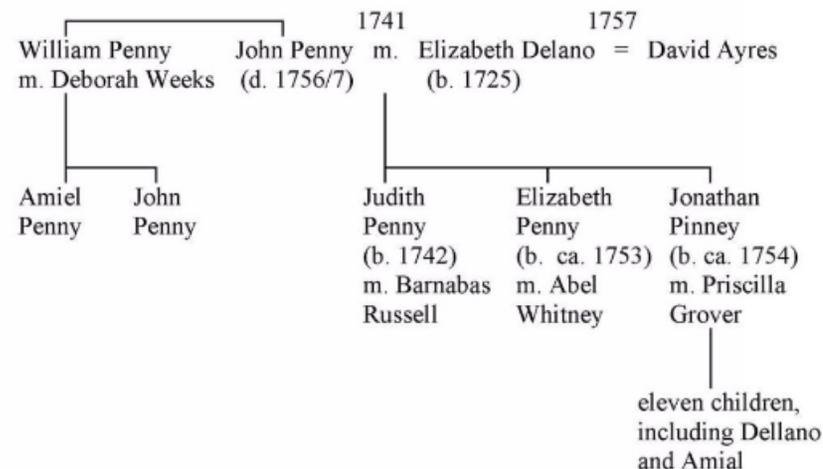
<sup>2</sup> Robert Charles Anderson, "Ancestry of President Calvin Coolidge," *The American Genealogist* 53 (1977):65–74 at 67, 160–67.

<sup>3</sup> Bryant and Baker, *Early Settlers, Plymouth, Vermont* [note 1], 308–11; Vermont Vital Records (most of Jonathan's children were unrecorded at birth, but their death records list their parents as Jonathan and Priscilla). A full list of Jonathan and Priscilla's children is also given in the membership application of Mary Eunice Kidder on Jonathan Pinney (c.1755–1812, Massachusetts), National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, Office of the Registrar General, Washington, D.C., 1 February 1966.

<sup>4</sup> Peter B. Hill, *Mayflower Families Through Five Generations, Volume II, Part II, Edward Doty* (Plymouth, Mass.: General Society of Mayflower Descendants, 1996), 81. A more thorough treatment of part of this family appeared in Eugene Cole Zubrinsky, "The Penn(c)ys of Harwich, Massachusetts, and Upstate New York," *The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record* [NYGBR], 133 (2002):83–98 at 83–86, 201–16. Zubrinsky clarifies at pages 96–97 an early error, showing that John Penny (Jr.), son of John and Elizabeth (Delano) Penny, was not the John Penny who remained in New York, and married Desire Crosby. This last John Penny was likely a nephew of the John Penny who married Elizabeth Delano, and probably a son of William and Deborah (Weeks) Penny (see chart on facing page). For several earlier generations of the ancestry of John and Elizabeth (Delano) Penny, see Gary Boyd Roberts, *Ancestors of American Presidents, 2009 Edition* (Boston: NEHGS, 2009), 104-05, 107, 110, 608.

<sup>5</sup> Zubrinsky, "The Penn(c)ys" [note 4], NYGBR 133:86, where footnote 20 includes a discussion of which David Ayres married Mary Perkins at New Braintree in 1768.

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The children of John and Elizabeth (Delano) Penny were born in the 1740s and 1750s, and two of these children who can be identified as adults also moved to Guilford, Vermont: Judith Penny and her husband Barnabas Russell, and Elizabeth Penny and her husband Abel Whitney.<sup>[6]</sup> Abel owned lots 37 and 38 in Guilford, adjacent to lot 39, owned by Jonathan Pinney.<sup>[7]</sup>

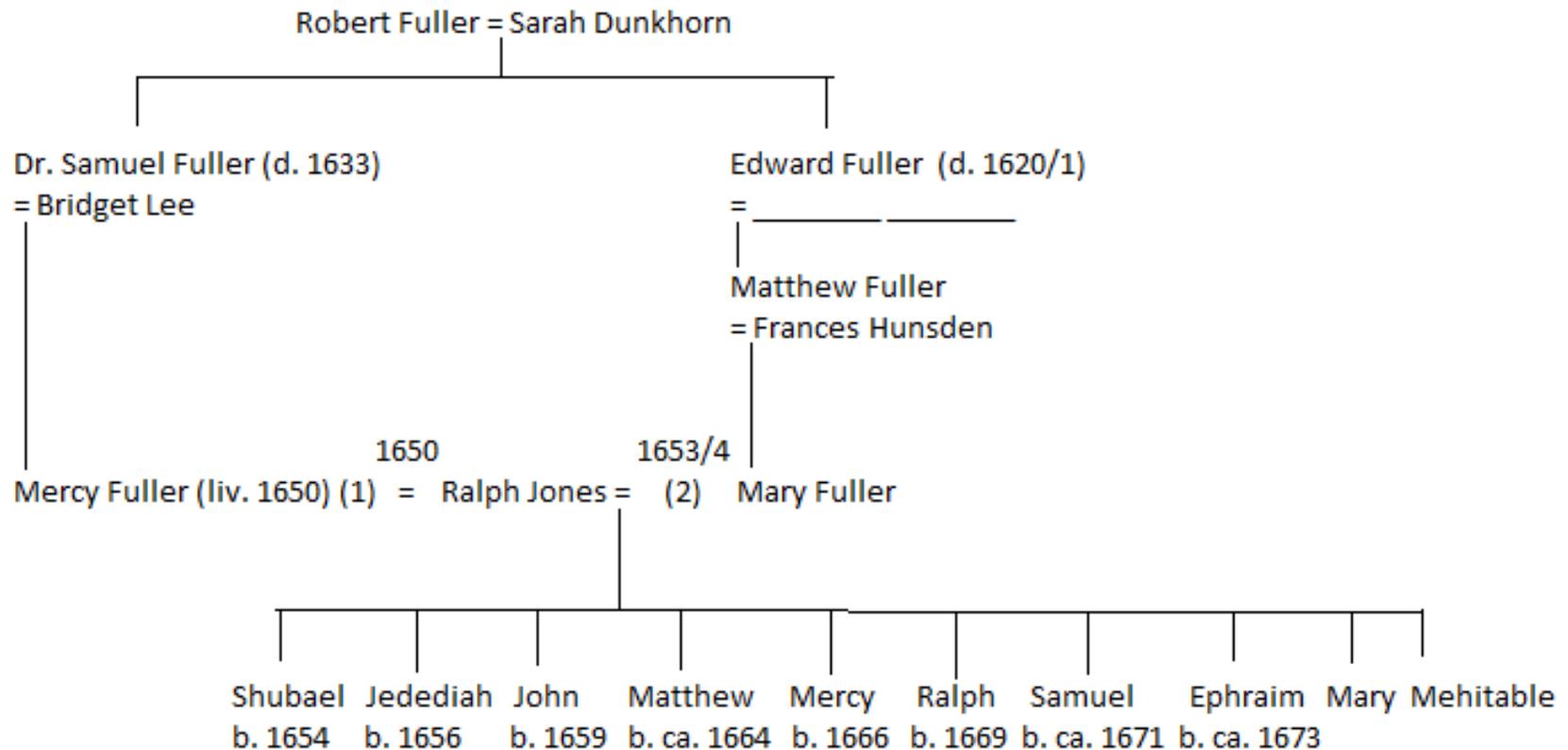
Jonathan Pinney fits well as the youngest child of John and Elizabeth (Delano) Penny, born about 1754 in Nine Partners. Since Elizabeth (Delano) (Penny) Ayres' father and brother were named Jonathan, one would expect she would give that name to a son. As mentioned above, the fact that Jonathan Pinney named a son Dellano is further indication Elizabeth was Jonathan's mother. Jonathan also named a son Amial, perhaps for Amiel Penny, who would have been Jonathan Pinney's first cousin (see chart).

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<sup>6</sup> Zubrinsky, "The Penn(c)ys" [note 4], NYGBR 133:85–86.

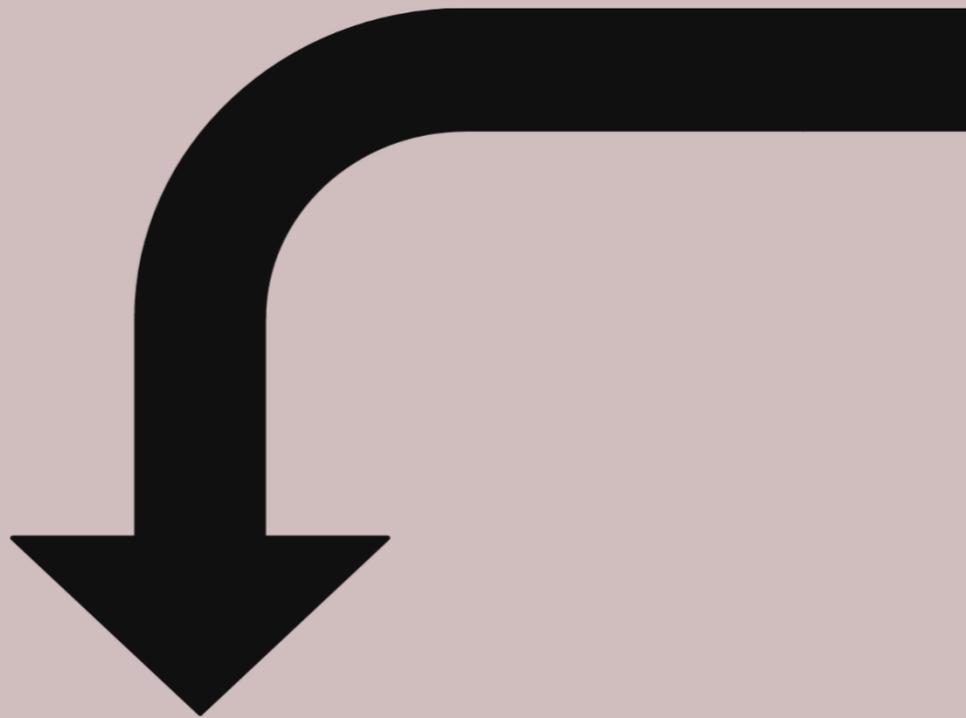
<sup>7</sup> Guilford Land Records, 3:436; 4:9; 7:81, 83, 208, 374, show Abel Whitney owned lots 37 and 38 in Guilford; Guilford Land Records, 4:17, show Jonathan Pinney owned adjacent lot 39. For Russell, see Scott Andrew Bartley, ed., *Vermont Families in 1791, Volume 2* [Saint Albans, Vt.: Genealogical Society of Vermont, 1997], 177–78.

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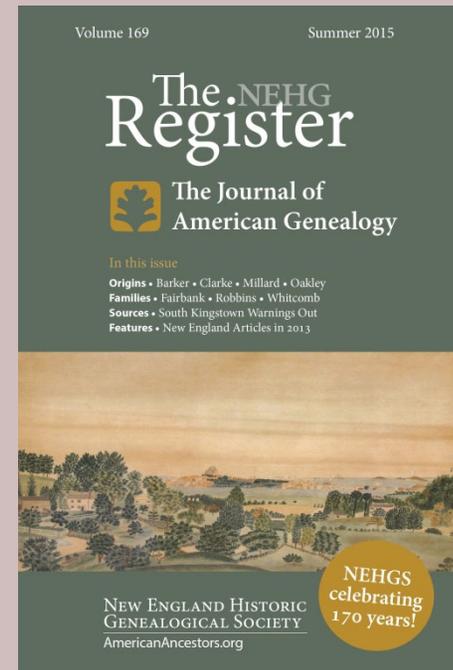
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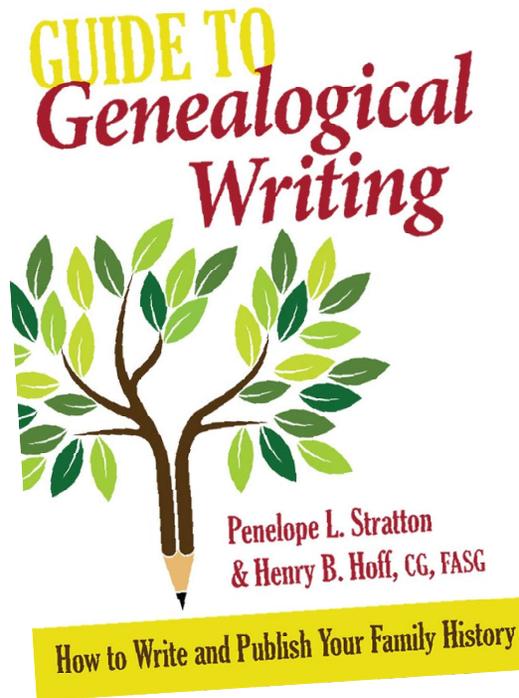


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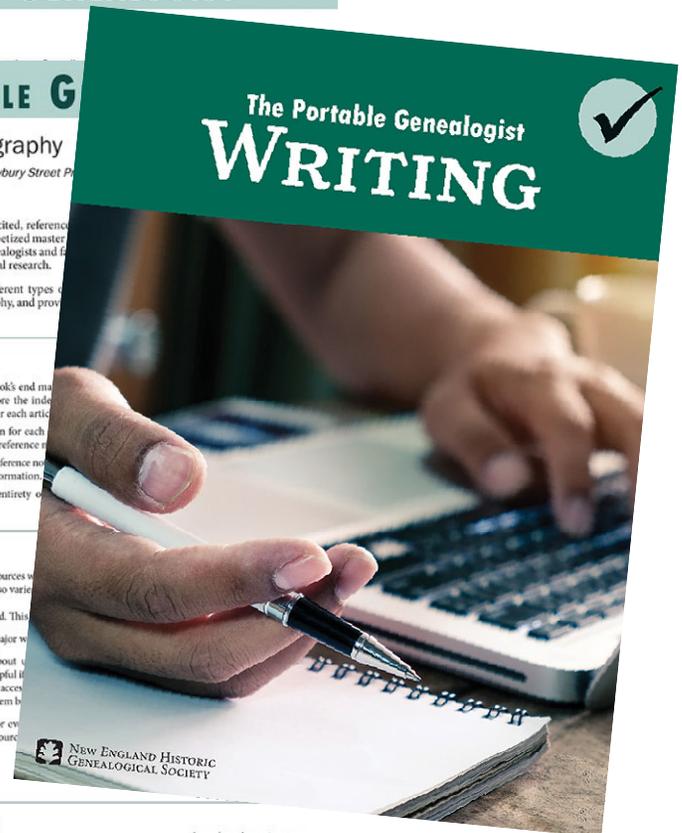
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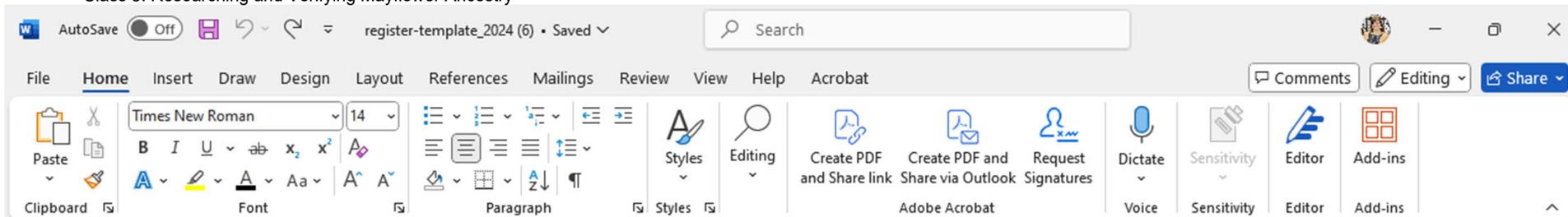
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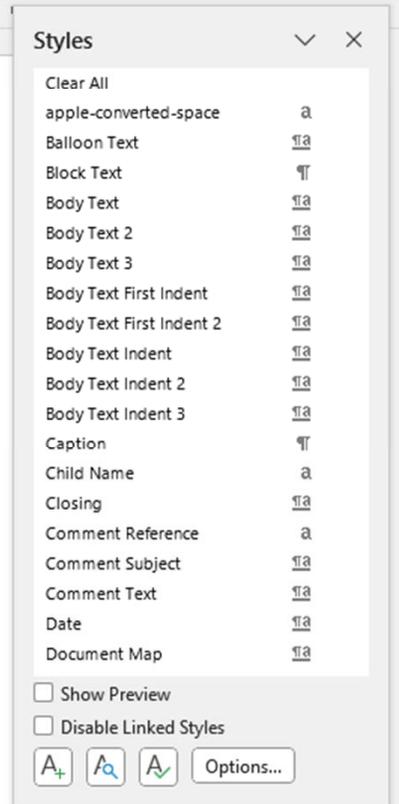
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3. RICHARD<sup>1</sup> SHERMAN (1.iv) was baptized in Dedham 3 March 1576/7, and died in Boston, Massachusetts, 30 May 1660. He married first in Higham, Suffolk, 13 August 1612, ALICE CAGE, born say 1588, died in the early 1630s. He married second in or before 1635, either in England or in Massachusetts, ELIZABETH \_\_\_\_\_. She married second after 6 March 1661/2, Thomas Robinson.<sup>[371]</sup> Richard left a will dated 7 April 1660, proved 31 July 1660. Elizabeth left a will dated 21 August 1666, proved 16 November 1667.<sup>[372]</sup>

Richard Sherman emigrated to Boston in 1634 or 1635 with his three youngest daughters. He is treated in *Great Migration, 1634–1635*.<sup>[373]</sup>

Children of Richard and Alice (Cage) Sherman:

- i. ANNA SHERMAN, bp. Dedham 21 Nov. 1613; bur. there 26 June 1665, unmarried. She was named in her father's 1660 will.
- ii. WILLIAM SHERMAN, bp. Dedham 22 Oct. 1616; d. young.<sup>[374]</sup>
- iii. PRISCILLA SHERMAN, bp. Dedham 27 Sept. 1618; bur. there 6 March 1666/7; m. (1) after Oct. 1657 (when his first wife died) MARTIN GARWOOD, bur. Dedham 10 Dec. 1681; (2) Dedham 13 Sept. 1683, as his second wife, WILLIAM SMITH of Dedham, clothier, whose will dated 11 Jan. 1685/6 was proved 24 Dec. 1687.<sup>[375]</sup>
- iv. SAMUEL SHERMAN, b. say 1620; named in the 1643 will of his uncle Samuel Sherman (no. 8) but not in his father's 1660 will.
- v. ALICE<sup>2</sup> SHERMAN, b. say 1623; m. by 1644 THOMAS<sup>1</sup> SPAULE, who m. (2) Boston 18 Aug. 1653, Mary Gutteridge.<sup>[376]</sup> He left a will dated 23 Feb. 1670/1, proved 29 April 1671,<sup>[377]</sup> mentioning wife Mary; daughter Mary, wife

# Documenting the “patrilineage” or “mayflowerage”

**SAMUEL CHURCHILL**<sup>7, 6</sup> (*Josiah Churchill<sup>6</sup>, Hannah Bartlett<sup>5</sup>, Robert Bartlett<sup>4</sup>, Joseph Bartlett<sup>3</sup>, Mary<sup>2</sup> Warren, Richard<sup>1</sup>. Also Josiah Churchill<sup>6</sup>, Hannah Bartlett<sup>4</sup>, Sarah<sup>3</sup> Cooke, Jacob<sup>2</sup>, Francis<sup>1</sup> and Patience Harlow<sup>6</sup>, Eleazer Harlow<sup>5</sup>, Samuel Harlow<sup>4</sup>, Rebecca Bartlett<sup>3</sup>, Mary<sup>2</sup> Warren*), born at Plymouth, Massachusetts 10 July 1754, son of Josiah and Patience (Harlow) Churchill.<sup>28</sup> His death date is unknown, but was probably

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<sup>28</sup> *MF5G*, 12, Cooke (1996), 1–28, 46–55, 88–90, 178, 456–57; *MF5G*, 18, Warren, Part 1 (2004), 1–4, 12–13, 16–17, 59–60, 65–66; *MF5G*, 18, Warren, Part 2 (2011), 24–25, 45; van Antwerp and Sherman, *Vital Records of Plymouth*, 107 (birth), 102 (marriage of parents).

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2. **NATHAN<sup>6</sup> CANNON** (*Nathan Cannon<sup>5</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>4</sup>, Elizabeth<sup>3</sup> Howland, Joseph<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), born probably at Barnstable, Massachusetts, circa 1766, and baptized at West Parish Church 13 July 1773.<sup>26</sup> He died at Fairfield, Maine, 1 April 1832.<sup>27</sup> He married at Fairfield 22 April 1790, **RACHEL LANDERS**. She was born probably at Barnstable, circa 1766, daughter of Thomas and Jerusha (Parker) Landers. Rachel died at Fairfield 3 August 1847.<sup>28</sup>

Children of Nathan<sup>6</sup> and Rachel (Landers) Cannon:<sup>29</sup>

- i. **MELINDA<sup>7</sup> CANNON**, b. 29 Oct. 1790; d. Norridgewock, Maine, March 1834; m. Fairfield 3 June 1813, **MELZAR LINDSEY**.<sup>30</sup>
- ii. **THOMAS B. CANNON**, b. 23 Aug. 1792; d. Fairfield 16 Nov. 1870; m. Fairfield 6 Dec. 1831, **BETSEY EMERY**.<sup>31</sup>
- iii. **THANKFUL CANNON**, b. 29 June 1794; d. Fairfield 4 March 1870; m. Fairfield 10 March 1822, **JOSHUA NYE**.<sup>32</sup>
- iv. **NATHAN CANNON**, b. 11 March 1796; d. Fairfield 25 May 1884; m. int. Fairfield 27 June 1819, **SARAH HOLWAY**.<sup>33</sup>
- v. **MARY CANNON**, b. 6 June 1798; d. Fairfield 12 March 1829; m. Fairfield 19 Jan. 1826, **BENJAMIN AMES**.<sup>34</sup>
- vi. **ELIZA CANNON**, b. 4 Oct. 1800; d. Fairfield 28 Sept. 1827.<sup>35</sup>
- vii. **TIMOTHY CANNON**, b. 28 Sept. 1802; d. prob. Fairfield, aft. 1830; m. int., Fairfield 14 April 1827, **SOPHIA C. WEEKS**.<sup>36</sup>
- viii. **LEMUEL CANNON**, b. 13 Nov. 1804; d. Fairfield 16 Jan. 1831.<sup>37</sup>
- ix. **STEPHEN CANNON**, b. 16 Dec. 1807; d. Fairfield 14 Feb. 1879; m. int. Fairfield, Jan. 1836, **MARY JONES**.<sup>38</sup>
- x. **HEMAN CANNON**, b. 22 Feb. 1809; d. Fairfield 13 April 1817.<sup>39</sup>

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*Mayflower Descendant*

Winter

Children of John<sup>5</sup> and Sarah (Skinner) Taylor, first two b. at Hebron:<sup>34</sup>

- ii. JOHN TAYLOR<sup>6</sup>, b. 30 April 1739; no further record.<sup>35</sup>
- iii. SARAH TAYLOR, b. 28 June 1742; no further record.<sup>36</sup>
- 2 iv. ANNA TAYLOR, b. Bolton 3 April 1744;<sup>37</sup> m. SAMUEL JONES.<sup>38</sup>

2. ANNA TAYLOR<sup>6</sup> (*John Taylor<sup>5</sup>, Desire<sup>4</sup> Fuller, Samuel<sup>3-2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>*), was born at Bolton, Connecticut, 3 April 1744 and died at Middlefield, Massachusetts, 14 May 1788.<sup>39</sup> She married at Enfield, Connecticut, 31 December 1767, SAMUEL JONES, born at Enfield 14 February 1733/34, son of Caleb and Miriam (Parsons) Jones.<sup>40</sup> Samuel married second, at Becket, Massachusetts, 6 September 1788, Rebecca Crane.<sup>41</sup> He died probably at New York, after 1813.<sup>42</sup>

Children of Samuel and Anna (Taylor)<sup>6</sup> Jones, b. at Enfield:<sup>43</sup>

- i. ANNA JONES<sup>7</sup>, b. 9 Nov. 1768; m. Middlefield 24 July 1794, JOHN COBB.<sup>44</sup>
- ii. SAMUEL JONES, b. 17 May 1770; m. (int. at Middlefield 23 April 1792) ELIZABETH "BETSEY" SKINNER<sup>7</sup>, b. Colchester, Conn., 16 Sept. 1768, dau. of William and Elizabeth (Church)<sup>6</sup> Skinner (*Hannah<sup>5</sup> Fuller, Thomas<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, Samuel<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>*).<sup>45</sup>
- iii. BIDEAR JONES, b. 4 June 1772; d. Buckland, Mass., Dec. 1800; m. there ca. 1795, NANCY TAYLOR, b. Charlemont, Mass., 9 Jan. 1773, dau. of Samuel and Esther (White) Taylor; d. Ashland, Mass., 19 Aug. 1861. Nancy m. (2) Levi Cook.<sup>46</sup>

# Ongoing Generations

- 12 vi. MARTHA ORCUTT, b. ca. 1708; m. SOLOMON WASHBURN<sup>6</sup> (*Samuel Washburn<sup>5</sup>, Samuel<sup>4</sup>, Elizabeth Mitchell<sup>3</sup>, Jane<sup>2</sup> Cooke, Francis<sup>1</sup>; Abigail Leonard<sup>5</sup>, Jacob<sup>4</sup>, Sarah Chandler<sup>3</sup>, Isabella<sup>2</sup> Chilton, James<sup>1</sup>*).
- 13 vi. DAVID ORCUTT, b. say 1710; m. SUSANNAH PACKARD<sup>6</sup> (*Mary Harris<sup>5</sup>, Mercy Latham<sup>4</sup>, Susanna Winslow<sup>3</sup>, Mary<sup>2</sup> Chilton, James<sup>1</sup>*).
- 14 vii. MOSES ORCUTT, b. say 1713; m. MERCY ALLEN.
- 15 viii. CALEB ORCUTT, b. ca. 1715; m. MEHITABLE HARVEY.

3. **ANDREW<sup>2</sup> ORCUTT** (*William<sup>1</sup>*), was baptized at Scituate (now Norwell), Massachusetts, 24 March 1667.<sup>16</sup> He was living at the time of his wife's death and might have died around 1752.<sup>17</sup> He married about 1692, **FRANCES WARD**.<sup>18</sup> She was born at Hingham, Massachusetts, 18 February 1670/1, daughter of Henry and Remember (Farrow) Ward.<sup>19</sup> She died at Weymouth 2 April 1737.<sup>20</sup>

Andrew Orcutt of Weymouth purchased sixty acres of land from Benjamin Orcutt of Weymouth for eight hundred pounds on 3 December 1741.<sup>21</sup> Andrew Orcutt's family is also covered in the *History of Weymouth*.<sup>22</sup>

Children of Andrew and Frances (Ward) Orcutt, b. at Weymouth:<sup>23</sup>

- i. ANDREW ORCUTT, b. 21 July 1693; d. Weymouth 11 March 1704/5.<sup>24</sup>
- 16 ii. WILLIAM ORCUTT JR., b. Weymouth 13 Aug. 1695; m. SARAH LEONARD<sup>5</sup> (*Jacob<sup>4</sup>, Sarah Chandler<sup>3</sup>, Isabella<sup>2</sup> Chilton, James<sup>1</sup>*).
- 17 iii. FRANCES ORCUTT, b. 5 Aug. 1696; m. 5 Feb. 1717, EPHRAIM BURRELL of Weymouth.
- iv. MARY ORCUTT, b. 25 Aug. 1699; d. Weymouth 21 Sept. 1699.<sup>25</sup>
- v. SAMUEL ORCUTT, b. 10 Aug. 1700; d. Weymouth 24 Aug. 1700.<sup>26</sup>
- vi. MERCY ORCUTT, b. 3 Aug. 1702; d. Weymouth 19 Sept. 1702.<sup>27</sup>
- vii. ANDREW ORCUTT, b. 20 Feb. 1704/5; probably died young.<sup>28</sup>
- 18 viii. REMEMBER ORCUTT, b. 1706; m. prob. Boston 28 Dec. 1724, ABRAHAM SHAW.

<sup>16</sup> "Records of the Second Church of Scituate, now the First Unitarian Church of Norwell, Mass.," *Register* 57 (1903): 179.

<sup>17</sup> Andrew's nephew, Andrew<sup>3</sup> (Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>) is referred to as Andrew Orcutt "Jr" on his marriage intention 21 March 1752, but without that suffix 11 Aug. 1752. This "Jr" suffix might have also been in reference to Andrew<sup>2</sup>, son of Andrew<sup>1</sup>, although no records of him as an adult have been found.

<sup>18</sup> Based on birth of first child in 1693.

<sup>19</sup> Hingham Vital Records, 1635-1780, p. 22, FH. #423520, image #23.

<sup>20</sup> *Vital Records of Weymouth, Massachusetts, to the year 1850* (Boston: NEHGS, 1910), 2:310.

<sup>21</sup> Suffolk Deeds, 61:103.

<sup>22</sup> *History of Weymouth, Massachusetts in Four Volumes* (Weymouth, Mass.: Weymouth Historical Society, 1923), 4:447.

<sup>23</sup> *Register* 4 (1850): 171 (Andrew), 172 (William, "Francis son of" [sic]); *Vital Records of Weymouth*, 1:201-03.

<sup>24</sup> *Vital Records of Weymouth*, 2:310.

<sup>25</sup> *Vital Records of Weymouth*, 2:310.

<sup>26</sup> *Vital Records of Weymouth*, 2:310.

<sup>27</sup> *Vital Records of Weymouth*, 2:310.

<sup>28</sup> See discussion pertaining to father's death.

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10. **NATHAN<sup>3</sup> ORCUTT** (*William<sup>2-1</sup>*), was born say 1706. He died at Stafford, Connecticut, 4 September 1746.<sup>41</sup> He married at Woodstock, Connecticut, 31 July 1734, **PHEBE LILLIE**.<sup>42</sup> She was baptized at Reading (now part of Wakefield), Massachusetts, 26 May 1717, daughter of Samuel and Abigail (Wright) Lillie. She married second by 4 July 1749, John Cross.<sup>43</sup>

Phebe Orcutt of Stafford was the administratrix of Nathan Orcutt's estate on 3 August 1747, with William Orcutt, also of Stafford, as surety. This William is probably Nathan's cousin William<sup>3</sup> Orcutt (*Andrew<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>*), as no records show Nathan's father in Stafford. The inventory of Nathan Orcutt, late of Stafford, was taken 2 October 1746. On 4 July 1749, John Cross and Phebe his wife were appointed guardian to the children. Nathan's estate was distributed on 25 June 1751. Named in the distribution were Phebe, relict of the deceased, Nathan Orcutt, "only son to ye Dec<sup>d</sup>," and daughters Phebe and Hannah Orcutt.<sup>44</sup>

Children, b. Stafford:<sup>45</sup>

- i. **NATHAN<sup>4</sup> ORCUTT**, b. 29 Nov. 1736; d. Stafford 6 Oct. 1758, unm. His will dated 15 May 1758, named his mother Phebe Cross, sisters Hannah Rockwell and Phebe Yeomans, wife of Jonathan, and nephew Nathan Yeomans, and legacies to males born to his sister Phebe that may reach 21.<sup>46</sup>
- ii. **HANNAH ORCUTT**, b. 19 Jan. 1738/9; d. Stafford 11 Nov. 1776; m. Stafford 15 Dec. 1757, **Samuel Rockwell**, b. Stafford 28 Nov. 1727, son of Benjamin and Margaret (Parke) Rockwell; d. Stafford 24 Nov. 1794, bur. Old Stafford Cem., Stafford. Samuel m. (2) at Stafford 3 Sept. 1778, Hannah (Johnson) Lee, who d. at Stafford 16 Dec. 1834, ac. 82, widow of Elias Lee Jr. and prob. dau. of John and Mary (Robinson) Johnson.<sup>47</sup>

<sup>41</sup> Stafford Vital Records (Barbour), 2:169.

<sup>42</sup> Connecticut, Church Record Abstracts, 1630-1920, Vol. 133 Woodstock, image 128, database online at Ancestry.com.

<sup>43</sup> Thomas W. Baldwin, *Vital Records of Wakefield, Massachusetts, to the year 1850* (Boston: NEIGS, 1912), 79 (baptism); Thomas W. Baldwin, *Vital Records of Reading, Massachusetts to the year 1850* (Boston: NEIGS, 1912), 384 (marriage of parents); Clarence Winthrop Bowen, Donald Lines Jacobus, and William Herbert Wood, *The History of Woodstock Connecticut - Genealogies of Woodstock Families, Volume Seven* (Worcester, Mass., 1943), 223-24 (Lilly family).

<sup>44</sup> Connecticut Probate Record of Nathan Orcutt of Stafford, 1746, Hartford Probate District, No. 4040; Charles William Mainwaring, *A Digest of Early Connecticut Probate Records*, vol. 3, Hartford District, 1729-1750 (Hartford, Conn.: R.S. Peck & Co., 1906), 609-10.

<sup>45</sup> Stafford Vital Records (Barbour), 1:15 (Nathan), 17 (Hannah), 28 (Phebe), 30 (Samuel).

<sup>46</sup> Stafford Vital Records (Barbour), 2:171, "as Nathaniel"; Connecticut Probate Record of Nathan Orcutt of Stafford, 1758, Hartford Probate District, No. 4041.

<sup>47</sup> Stafford Vital Records (Barbour), 2:126 (marriage of Hannah Orcutt and Samuel Lee), 1:20 (Samuel's birth), 1:13 (marriage of Samuel's parents), 2:131 (Samuel's second marriage), 2:182 (death of Samuel's second wife), Hannah (Orcutt) Rockwell's death appears in Stafford Vital Records, 2:177 as "Phebe, w. Samuel, d. Nov. 11, 1776." [Phebe was the name of one of Hannah and Samuel's daughters], but appears correctly in Record of the First Congregational Church, Stafford, Connecticut, 1757-1817, FH. #7951348, 51 [image 756], as "Hannah, w. Samuel, d. Nov. 11, 1776;" Samuel's second marriage

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Children, b. and bap. Stafford:<sup>48</sup>

1. **Benjamin<sup>3</sup> Rockwell**, b. 27 Oct. 17\_\_; bap. 18 June 1769; killed East Hartford, Conn., 18 July 1803; m. Stafford 9 April 1795, his step-sister, **Hannah Lee**, b. prob. Willington say 1777, dau. (likely posthumous) of Elias and Hannah (Johnson) Lee; liv. Stafford 8 Feb. 1800.<sup>49</sup>
2. **Phebe Rockwell**, b. 14 Aug. 1760; bap. 18 June 1769; m. Stafford 29 March 1781, **Daniel Johnson**.<sup>50</sup>
3. **Hannah Rockwell**, b. 15 Oct. 1762; "baptized in private, being sick," 3 Sept. 1766 (in private); d. Stafford 5 Sept. 1766.<sup>51</sup>
4. **Job Rockwell**, b. 29 Dec. 1764; "baptized in private, being sick," 27 Aug. 1766; d. Stafford 31 Aug. 1766.<sup>52</sup>
5. **Job Rockwell**, b. 31 Aug. 1766; bap. 18 June 1769; d. Willet, Cortland Co., N.Y., 15 Oct. 1846, aged 79 years 6 months; m. Willington 26 Nov. 1796, **Deborah Jones**, b. 1776; d. German, Cortland Co., N.Y., 18 Feb. 1841, age 65; both bur. Willet Cem., Willet, Cortland Co., N.Y.<sup>53</sup>

also appears in these church records to "Mrs. Hannah Lee, of Willington," 54 [image 757], and Samuel's death appears on 83 [image 772]; Willington Vital Records (Barbour), B:48 (marriage of Elias Lee Jr. and Hannah Johnson and Elias's death there 22 Sept. 1776), A:57 (marriage of John Johnson and Mary Robinson on 29 Oct. 1747, these are probably Hannah's parents given several Willington deeds with this Johnson family). See also Christopher C. Child, "Who's Phebe," on VitalBrevit.AmericanAncestors.org, 5 November 2018, and discussion under Benjamin Rockwell.

<sup>48</sup> Stafford Vital Records (Barbour), 2:8 (Benjamin), 11 (Phebe), 13 (first Hannah), 16 (first Job), 27 (Samuel, Margaret and second Hannah); Record of the First Congregational Church, Stafford, Connecticut, 1757-1817, FH. #7951348, 12 [image 735] (first Job), 13 [image 736] (first Hannah), 15 [image 737] ("four children of Mr. Samuel Rockwell & Hannah his wife, named Benjamin, Phebe, Job and Samuel), 19 [image 19] ("two children of Mr. Samuel Rockwell & Hannah his wife: The first named Hannah, the second Margaret"). The second Job's birth date is taken from the Peter Rockwell Bible, transcription at Onondaga County Public Library, Syracuse, N.Y. (Peter was a son of Job and Deborah [Jones] Rockwell).

<sup>49</sup> Record of the First Congregational Church, Stafford, Connecticut, 1757-1817, FH. #7951348, 101 [image 782] "Mr. Benjamin Rockwell, died aged \_\_\_\_\_. He was killed almost instantaneously in East Hartford (on a journey to Hartford) by one of his wagon wheels running over his body", 89 [image 776] (marriage); Estate of Elias Lee Jr., Willington, 1777, No. 1341, Stafford Probate District, shows the administration on 5 July 1779 of Elias's estate to "widow of said Deceased for support 2 children under the age of 4 years." Only a daughter Sarah, b. 19 May 1775 is found in Willington Vital Records (Barbour), B:48. The parentage of the younger Hannah (Lee) Rockwell (born say 1777) is implied in Willington Deeds, 1E:331-32, FH. #8299465, image 465-66, in a 31 August 1797 deed (acknowledged at Stafford 8 Feb. 1800, and recorded 1 Jan. 1810) between Hannah Rockwell, Samuel Rockwell, Hannah Rockwell, 2nd, and Sally Lee [these last the two children in the 1779 probate] with Samuel Johnson (likely the elder Hannah's brother); The Lee family is also treated in Leonard Lee, *Supplement to John Lee of Farmington, Hartford Co., Conn., and His Descendants (published in 1897) 1634, 1900* (Meriden, Conn.: Record-Republican Print, 1900), 47, with several errors regarding the vital events for Elias and Hannah.

<sup>50</sup> Record of the First Congregational Church, Stafford, Connecticut, 1757-1817, FH. #7951348, 62 [image 761] (marriage).

<sup>51</sup> Stafford Vital Records (Barbour), 2:173.

<sup>52</sup> Stafford Vital Records (Barbour), 2:173.

<sup>53</sup> Peter Rockwell Bible; Isabel Beck Miller Weigold, *Record of marriages kept by Rev. David Lillibridge, Baptist Church, Village Hill, Willington, Connecticut* (Willington, Conn.: the author,

# Families already treated well

as a son of William Orcutt.

The descendants of Jane Washburn are continued for two further generations in the Francis Cooke volume of *Mayflower Families Through Five Generations*.<sup>15</sup> This genealogy will cover William's other children, likely by his second wife.

Children of William Orcutt, possibly by Jane Washburn:

- i. JOANNA ORCUTT, b. say about 1694 or earlier; m. 14 July 1715, BENJAMIN EDSON.
- ii. ELIZABETH ORCUTT, b. say about 1696 or earlier; m. 31 Jan. 1716/7, EBENEZER FRENCH.

Children of William Orcutt, probably by Hannah Smith, possibly not in the correct order:

- 9 iii. JANE ORCUTT, b. say 1704; m. JOSHUA WARREN.
- 10 iv. NATHAN ORCUTT, b. say 1706; m. PHEBE LILLIE.
- 11 v. DELIVERANCE ORCUTT, b. ca. 1707; m. (1) JOSEPH WASHBURN<sup>6</sup> (*Josiah Washburn<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>, Elizabeth Mitchell<sup>2</sup>, Jane<sup>2</sup> Cooke, Francis<sup>1</sup>*); m. (2) ABIEL PACKARD.

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<sup>15</sup> "John Adams diary, 17, 16 April – 14 June 1771, online at [Masslist.org/digitaladams/archive/doc?id=D17](http://Masslist.org/digitaladams/archive/doc?id=D17).

<sup>16</sup> Stafford Deeds, 1:415, FHL #8141256, image #245.

<sup>17</sup> *MF5C*, 12, Cooke (1996), 112–13.

# Cross Referencing

## Genealogical Summary

1. **JOHN COATS**<sup>8,7,8</sup> (*John Coats*<sup>7,6,7</sup>, *Austus Gray*<sup>6,5,6</sup>, *Edward Gray*<sup>5</sup>, *Anna Little*<sup>4</sup>, *Ephraim Little*<sup>3</sup>, *Anna*<sup>2</sup> *Warren*, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>; *Elizabeth Pabodie*<sup>4,5</sup> [wife of *Edward Gray*<sup>5</sup>], *William Pabodie*<sup>3</sup>, *Elizabeth*<sup>2</sup> *Alden*, *John*<sup>1</sup>; *Judith Tilden*<sup>4</sup> [wife of *William Pabodie*<sup>3</sup>], *Hannah Little*<sup>3</sup> [sister of *Ephraim Little*<sup>3</sup>]), born at Stonington, Connecticut, 10 March 1771, son of John and Elizabeth (Stewart) Coats,<sup>11</sup> died in Pharsalia, New York, 28 January 1858.<sup>12</sup> He married first, about 1793–94, **REBECKAH (BROWN) PEABODY**, born at Stonington 12 March 1767, daughter of Nehemiah and Rebeckah (Lewis) Brown, formerly wife of William Peabody (brother of Lucy in next sentence).<sup>13</sup> Rebeckah died 31 March 1807 in Pharsalia.<sup>14</sup> John married, second, about 1807–08, **LUCY PEABODY**<sup>6,7,7</sup> (*Thomas Paybody/Peabody*<sup>5,6,6</sup>, *William Pabodie*<sup>4,5</sup> [brother of *Elizabeth Pabodie*<sup>4,5</sup>, wife of *Edward Gray*, above]; *Jerusha Starr*<sup>5</sup> [wife of *William Pabodie*<sup>4,5</sup>], *Thomas Starr*<sup>4</sup>, *Hannah*<sup>3</sup> *Brewster*, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *William*<sup>1</sup>), *Elizabeth*<sup>2</sup> *Alden*, *John*<sup>1</sup>), born at Stonington 26 June 1777, daughter of Thomas and Ruth

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6. *Samuel Rockwell*, b. 14 May [1769?]; bap. 18 June 1769.
  7. *Margaret Rockwell*, b. 18 Dec. 17[\_\_\_]; bap. 19 June 1774.
  8. *Hannah Rockwell*, b. 14 Aug. 1772; bap. 19 June 1774; d. 24 June 1858, bur. Southside Cem., Plymouth, Chenango Co., N.Y.; m. Stafford 13 July 1797, *Luke Cushman*<sup>6,7</sup> (*William*<sup>5-4, 6-5</sup>, *Eleazer*<sup>3</sup>, *Mary*<sup>2</sup> *Allerton*, *Isaac*<sup>1</sup>; *Elizabeth Coombs*<sup>4</sup> [wife of Eleazer Cushman], *John*<sup>3</sup>, *Sarah*<sup>2</sup> *Priest*, *Degory*<sup>1</sup>), b. Stafford 12 June 1767, son of William and Abi (Parker) Cushman; d. Stafford 17 July 1853; bur. West Village Cem., Stafford.<sup>54</sup>

# Tip

You'll likely find other problems once you get to the summary!

# Just doing the genealogical summary

Children of John and Abigail (Aspinwall) Child, born Woodstock:<sup>[33]</sup>

- i. DOROTHY<sup>4</sup> CHILD, b. 6 Oct. 1722; d. Woodstock 4 March 1804; m. (1) Woodstock 19 May 1743<sup>[34]</sup> EBENEZER SMITH, JR., b. Barrington, R.I., ca. 1720, son of Ebenezer and Sarah (\_\_\_\_) Smith,<sup>[35]</sup> d. Woodstock 9 Sept. 1767.<sup>[36]</sup> She m. (2) (int. Oxford, Mass., 26 Sept. 1773)<sup>[37]</sup> THOMAS DAVIS, b. Roxbury 4 Nov. 1715, son of Samuel and Mary (Chamberlain) Davis,<sup>[38]</sup> d. Oxford 1 Aug. 1778.<sup>[39]</sup>
- ii. SARAH CHILD, b. 12 May 1724; d. Woodstock 5 April 1805; m. Woodstock 19 Feb. 1746/7<sup>[40]</sup> JEDIDIAH MORSE, b. Woodstock 8 July 1726, son of John and Sarah (Peake) Morse,<sup>[41]</sup> d. there 29 Dec. 1819.<sup>[42]</sup>
- iii. ABIJAH CHILD, b. 7 Sept. 1726; d. Woodstock 18 May 1777; published intentions at Woodstock 29 Oct. 1748<sup>[43]</sup> to marry PRISCILLA MORSE, b. Woodstock 2 Feb. 1729/30, daughter of John and Sarah (Peake) Morse,<sup>[44]</sup> d. there 22 Dec. 1760<sup>[45]</sup> — by whom Abijah had a son *Abijah<sup>5</sup> Child, Jr.*, b. Woodstock 27 March 1749.<sup>[46]</sup> Abijah and Priscilla's marriage never took place and Priscilla m. Woodstock 11 Oct. 1750<sup>[47]</sup> John<sup>5</sup> Perrin, b. Rehoboth, Mass., 19 March 1717/18, son of John<sup>4</sup> (*John<sup>3-2-1</sup>*) and Rachel (Ide) Perrin,<sup>[48]</sup> d. Woodstock 24 March 1807.<sup>[49]</sup> Abijah<sup>4</sup> Child m. (1) Woodstock 18 Sept. 1749<sup>[50]</sup> ABIGAIL JOHNSON, b. Woodstock 20 Aug. 1727, daughter of Isaac and Abigail (Peake) Johnson,<sup>[51]</sup> d. there 9 Sept. 1774.<sup>[52]</sup> Abijah<sup>4</sup> Child m. (2) Woodstock 13 April 1775<sup>[53]</sup> ELIZABETH PERRIN, b. Woodstock 23 Sept. 1727, daughter of John<sup>4</sup> (*Samuel<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2-1</sup>*) and Abigail (Morris) Perrin,<sup>[54]</sup> d. there 9 May 1777.<sup>[55]</sup>
- iv. ABIGAIL CHILD, b. 1 Jan. 1728/9; m. Woodstock 11 Oct. 1750<sup>[56]</sup> NATHAN AINSWORTH, b. Woodstock 20 July 1715, son of Edward and Joanna (Hemingway) Ainsworth,<sup>[57]</sup> d. there 6 Dec. 1794.<sup>[58]</sup>
- v. JOHN CHILD, b. 8 Aug. 1733; d. Woodstock 28 July 1768; m. Woodstock 22 Jan. 1756<sup>[59]</sup> SYBIL BUGBEE, b. Woodstock 14 Jan. 1737, daughter of Jonathan and Eunice (Draper) Bugbee,<sup>[60]</sup> d. there 11 March 1802.<sup>[61]</sup>
- vi. SHUBAEL CHILD, b. 13 Aug. 1735; d. Woodstock 7 June 1811; m. Woodstock 27 Dec. 1759<sup>[62]</sup> ABIGAIL BOWEN, b. Woodstock 1 March 1739, daughter of Isaac and Jerusha (Prentice) Bowen,<sup>[63]</sup> d. there 14 May 1788.<sup>[64]</sup>
- vii. BENAIAH CHILD, b. 17 April 1740;<sup>[65]</sup> d. by 1764 (since not in his father's administration).
- viii. HANNAH CHILD, b. 3 Oct. 1742;<sup>[66]</sup> d. by 1800; m. Woodstock 17 June 1762<sup>[67]</sup> JAPHETH BICKNELL, b. Rehoboth, Mass., 6 Jan. 1741/2,<sup>[68]</sup> d., probably Rensselaerville, N.Y., between 1800 and 1810, illegitimate son of Japheth Bicknell and Rachel Perrin, and nephew of John<sup>5</sup> Perrin (*John<sup>4-3-2-1</sup>*) of Rehoboth and Woodstock, mentioned above under Abijah Child. Japheth and Hannah moved to Albany Co., N.Y., before 1790, according to Bowen's *Woodstock*.<sup>[69]</sup> Japheth was recorded in the 1800 census in Rensselaerville, but with no woman of an age to be Hannah.<sup>[70]</sup>

# Filling in Gaps

- Don't let gaps in your research prevent you from writing
- Keep a running list of items to review
- *OR* mark gaps within your draft
- You won't find everything!

# Omission versus Commission

iii. AUGUSTA TAYLOR LIPPITT, b 14 Oct. 1863; liv. Denver Colo| 13 June 1902.<sup>788</sup>

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<sup>788</sup> 1900 U.S. Census, Denver, Arapahoe Co., Colo., - James Lippitt household; "Died. ... Mrs. Athalia B. Lippitt ... leaves four children ... Miss Augusta Lippitt, in Denver," *The Wilmington [N.C.] Messenger*, 10 June 1902, p. 1; Augusta may have married Sept. 1903, Dennis J. Tirsway (ca. 1863-1955). <CHRIS: source?>.

# Summarizing records searched

- For Mayflower Descendant, articles generally avoid a “travelogue”
- Might be summarized by record type, i.e. a summary of land records, or in chronological order
- Pick the presentation that keeps your argument moving

## Succinct ways to indicate you looked

vi. CYNTHIA SPRAGUE, b. ca. 1796; d. May 1870, residing in Coventry, unnm.<sup>27</sup>

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<sup>27</sup> 1870 U.S. Federal Census Mortality Schedule, Coventry, Tolland, Conn., Cynthia Sprague. Death not found in Coventry Vital Records.

## Summaries, Full Transcriptions, or Images

1. **RICHARD<sup>B</sup> TOPLEY** (also written as Toplif, Toplief, and variants) was of Harrietsham, Kent, by 1562 when his oldest known child was baptized there. He was buried in Harrietsham 3 December 1591.<sup>[7]</sup> In his 1591 will he left an annuity to his wife **ALICE**, wording which strongly suggests she was not the mother of his own children, whose baptismal records show only their father's name. As Richard Topley of Harrietsham, Kent, yeoman, he left a will dated 24 October 1591, proved 12 December 1591,<sup>[8]</sup> mentioning wife Alice; son Edward Topley (to receive "all lands"); son Thomas Topley (to receive specific amounts at ages 26 and 28); daughter Margaret; the children of daughter Agnes, wife of Thomas Shawe (one named Richard); daughter Alice and her son, George Brockhull; and wife Alice's two children. Son Edward was to be executor. Witnesses were Thomas Shawe, cleric, John Stile, and Stephen Osmer.

## Summaries, Full Transcriptions, or Images How easy is it for others the get this record?

Eleazer May's Worcester County administration identifies four of his children, as follows:<sup>[24]</sup>

I, Erastus May, of New Braintree, in the County of Worcester, do depose and say that my Father, Eleazer May, died in said New Braintree on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of February, A.D. 1853. that he was at the time of his decease a pensioner of the United States at the rate of \$26.20, per annum, – that he left no Widow – that he left one Son, to wit, myself and one daughter supposed to be now living, to wit, Sophia Strickland – and that all the other children of said deceased are known to have deceased previous to said 21<sup>st</sup> of February, 1853, except Susan Segers and Elotia Connover[?], who left this Commonwealth more than 30 years ago, have not been heard of since & are supposed to be dead. [signed] Erastus May

Worcester Ms. May 10, 1853. Sworn to before me,

Charles G. Prentiss, Justice of the Peace

# Explaining Conflicting Evidence

from Steuben Co.<sup>[21]</sup> – and so certainly the Lydia, born in Pennsylvania, but raised in Steuben Co., of parents (John Franklin and Esther Daggett) born in Vermont. Westmoreland, New Hampshire, the birthplace of Esther (Daggett) Franklin, was one of the towns that on 5 April 1781 voted to unite with Vermont as part of the Eastern Union (two months later the town chose to remain in New Hampshire).<sup>[22]</sup> Thus three of Esther's children claimed her birthplace as Vermont, rather than New Hampshire.

# Facts that do not need significant explanation

- iii. SUSAN GIDDINGS, b. Ipswich ca. 1793; d. Beverly 11 April 1860; after pub. at Beverly 7 April 1811, m. Francestown in 1811, MARK DODGE MORGAN, b. Beverly 4 Aug. 1789, son of William and Esther (Dodge) Morgan; d. Beverly 12 April 1866.<sup>11</sup>

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<sup>11</sup> Giddings, *The Giddings Family*, 36; Massachusetts Vital Records, Deaths, 1860, 138:-137 (Susan) 1866, 192:-139 (Mark); *Vital Records of Beverly, Massachusetts to the End of the Year 1849* (Topsfield, Mass.: Topsfield Historical Society, 1906), 2:-214 (marriage of Mark and “Susannah Giddings of Francestown, N.H”), 215 (marriage intention of Mark’s parents), 1:-229 (Mark’s birth, with middle name); *New Hampshire VRs* (marriage, month and day omitted); Joseph Thompson Dodge, *Genealogy of the Dodge Family of Essex County, Mass. 1629–1894*, 2 vols. (Madison, Wisc.: Democrat Printing Company, 1894), 2: 128 (Mark’s parents).

# Summarizing Evidence of Non-Principal Subjects

# Expanding the Article's Focus

THE PARENTAGE OF SARAH CHILD (1724–1805),  
WIFE OF JEDIDIAH MORSE OF WOODSTOCK,  
CONNECTICUT, AND OTHER BICKNELL,  
CHILD, AND MORSE CORRECTIONS

## The Parentage of Japheth Bicknell

Before compiling an account of the children of John Child and Abigail Aspinwall, as well as their spouses and spouses' parents, two other issues needed to be further clarified because of mistakes in printed sources. The first was the

## The Non-Marriage of Abijah Child and Priscilla Morse

Looking at Rachel's brother John<sup>5</sup> Perrin leads back to the family of John Child, Jr. Volume eight of Bowen's *Woodstock* says that John<sup>5</sup> Perrin (*John*<sup>4-3-2-1</sup>)

# Footnote Summaries

- i. ROXALANA MORSE, b. 20 July 1789; d. Charlton, Mass. 15 May 1874; m. Douglas 7 Aug. 1806, OTIS FARNUM, b. in April 1782, son of Joshua and Margaret (Legg) Farnum; d. Charlton 21 Oct. 1821; both bur. Bay Path Cem., Charlton.<sup>63</sup>

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<sup>63</sup> Massachusetts Vital Records, Deaths, 1874, 267:316 (Roxalana's death); *Vital Records of Douglas*, 106; *Vital Records of Charlton, Massachusetts to the end of the year 1849* (Worcester, Mass.: Franklin P. Rice, 1905), 247 (Otis's death); online images of gravestones at FindAGrave.com by Fred Saar (memorial #20498241); Russell Clare Farnham, *The New England Descendants of the Immigrant Ralph Farnum of Rochester, Kent County, England and Ipswich, Massachusetts* (Portsmouth, N.H.: Peter E. Randall, 1999), 1: 551, 2: 898–900, which states Otis was the son of Thomas and Mary (Davidson) Farnum, who married in 1792, ten years after Otis's birth. This Thomas was the son of Joshua and Margaret (Legg) Farnum. Among sources cited are Worcester Deeds, 199:579, where Otis Farnum purchases from Calvin Farnum of Brimfield (another son of Joshua and Margaret) all his rights of the Charlton real estate (one quarter) of the deceased Thomas Farnum, although no kinship between Otis and Thomas is stated. However the probate of Thomas Farnum (Worcester County Probate Records #19960, available on AmericanAncestors.org, therein see image 32 especially), contains a settlement of land where John, Joshua, Calvin, and Otis Farnum are given equal shares, and are referred to as "the four brothers of said deceased [Thomas Farnum], thus indicating Otis was a brother of Thomas, and therefore a son of Joshua and Margaret.

# Footnote Summaries

iv. LEVINA MORSE, b. 16 June 1796; d. Oxford, Mass. 6 Feb. 1863; m. Thompson 31 Oct. 1815, JOEL CHAFFEE, b. Thompson 27 Sept. 1785, son of Thomas and Mary (May) Chaffee; d. Pomfret, Conn. 5 Dec. 1853; both bur. Wilsonville Cem., Thompson.<sup>66</sup>

<sup>66</sup> Massachusetts Vital Records, Deaths, 1863, 167: 261 (Levina's death); *Register* 155 [2001]: 307 (marriage); Thompson Vital Records (Barbour), 1: 17 (Joel's birth); *Vital Records of Dudley*, 150 (marriage of Joel's parents); Charles R. Hale Collection, citing *Hartford Times*, 31 December 1853, "Joel Chaffee, Rhodesville (Pomfret), Dec. 5, age 67" (death not found in Pomfret or Thompson vital records), death also reported in *Hartford Courant*, 21 December 1853, 10; online images of gravestones at FindAGrave.com by Bill Warner (memorial #40876580, Levina #12499393, Joel, whose stone says he died 5 December 1863, which is off by ten years).

# QUESTIONS?

# Citation Styles

# Standard Short References

## Key to Standard Citations Used in *Mayflower Descendant*

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*Barbour*: Lucius Barnes Barbour, “Barbour Collection of Connecticut Vital Records prior to 1850.” Card file. N.d. Connecticut State Library, Hartford. (also available on microfilm and in various online databases); given with reference to original town volume and page such as Windham Vital Records (Barbour), 2:22.

NEHGS: New England Historic Genealogical Society

FHL: Family History Library, Salt Lake City, Utah, in reference to film, fiche, or DGS numbers [citations are listed as FHL 1234567]

MD: *Mayflower Descendant*

*Register*: *New England Historical and Genealogical Register*

*MF5G*: *Mayflower Families Through Five Generations*, [volume xx], [Mayflower surname] (Plymouth, Mass.: General Society of Mayflower Descendants, year); given as such as *MF5G*, 21, Billington (2014), 100.

*MFIP*: *Mayflower Families in Progress*, [Mayflower surname], Plymouth, Mass.: General Society of Mayflower Descendants, year); given as such as *MFIP*, Soule (2015), 153.

*MQ*: *Mayflower Quarterly*

*New Hampshire VRs*: Card file of Vital Records of New Hampshire early to 1900, Registrar of Vital Statistics, Concord, N.H. (also available on microfilm and online at FamilySearch.org).

*TAG*: *The American Genealogist*

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# Final Steps in Publication

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# Queries

According to the vital records of Liverpool, Nova Scotia Abigail Morton of Liverpool, daughter of Silvanus Morton and Mary Morton, married Raphael Wheeler late of Maryland 16 November 1772.<sup>2</sup> The same vital records state that Raphael Wheeler died 10 July 1780; Abigail was a widow before the marriage date of 1786, but other records prove that the Abigail Morton who married at Plymouth in 1786 was the daughter of Ezekiel Morton. In 1798 Abigail Clark sold to Sylvanus Finney and Caleb Finney her share in her father's estate, stating in the deed "I Abigail Clark widow and daughter of Mr. Ezekiel Morton, late of Plymouth deceased . . ."<sup>3</sup> The administrated bond for Thomas Clark was signed by Abigail Clark, Ezekiel Morton jun. gent, and Caleb Morton all of Plymouth.<sup>4</sup>

Abigail Wheeler of Liverpool, Nova Scotia, granted power of attorney to Clement Wheeler of Charles County, Maryland, on 1 March 1785. This power was granted so that he could represent her in the collection of debts owed her in Maryland and to lease for the best annual rent, land in which she had an interest called "Planters Delight."<sup>5</sup> This document and others show that Abigail (Morton) Wheeler, widow of Raphael Wheeler, had moved to Charles County, Maryland. She originally planned to return to Nova Scotia, but other evidence strongly suggests that she married and remained in Charles County.

By deed dated the 31st of March 1789 and recorded the 4th of April 1789, Samuel Douglass and Abigail his wife of Charles County sold to Samuel Hanson of the same place, for the sum of seventy-four pounds, ten shillings, and three pence current money, any interest or claim that the couple held jointly or separately in one third part of a tract of Charles County land called "Planters Delight," containing 300 acres. This interest was for and during the respective lifetime of both Samuel Douglass and Abigail his wife.<sup>6</sup> Abigail would have had dower rights, exactly

<sup>1</sup> *Mayflower Families Fifth Generation Descendants 1700–1880*, online database at AmericanAncestors.org, Edward Doty, 2:273; Deborah Wentworth Lansing, "Additions and Corrections to the *Mayflower Families* Volumes," *MD 68* (2020): 105–08, in the last issue, also repeats this parentage based on the *Mayflower Families* citation (although the crux of these corrections was the addition of a child of Thomas and Abigail, since Thomas himself was an Edward Doty descendant). The parents of Abigail Morton, wife of Thomas Clark, are unknown.

<sup>2</sup> "The Vital Records of Liverpool, Nova Scotia." *Register* 126 (1972): 281.

<sup>3</sup> Plymouth County Deeds, 88:190.

<sup>4</sup> Plymouth County Probate Records, docket no. 4404.

<sup>5</sup> Charles County Deeds, online at the Maryland Archives: mdlandrec.net, z 3: 124, Abigail Wheeler, "being about to

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# Thanking Colleagues: Giving Credit

<sup>1</sup> Records for this article were obtained in many different places. The authors wish to acknowledge Valerie Beaudreault, Jason Harrison, Judith Huber Halseth, Field Horne, Michael J. Leclerc, Molly Lindahl, Michael Meggison, Harold Gail Severance, Mary Maxine Challender Smith, Bruce J. Veazie, Pat Wainwright, and the staff of the Onondaga County Public Library and Bradford Area Public Library for their helpful and knowledgeable assistance.

<sup>8</sup> Archdeaconry Court of Canterbury, registered wills, 48:295 [FHL 0,188,946]. Certain bequests to non-relatives have been omitted here. The authors extend grateful thanks to Jerome E. Anderson for reading the wills of Richard Topley and his son Edward.

# Final Steps

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# My first MD article 2004

1. **GEORGE ROGERS**, son of Ebenezer<sup>4</sup> (*Daniel*,<sup>3</sup> *Samuel*,<sup>2</sup> *James*<sup>1</sup>) and Dorothy (Denison) Rogers,<sup>[28]</sup> was born in Norwich, Conn., say 1740 and died in Whately, Mass., on 29 October 1823.<sup>[29]</sup> George married first **MARGARET CASWELL** probably in Norwich, Conn., *circa* 1765.<sup>[30]</sup> Margaret, daughter of Nathan<sup>6</sup> (*Daniel*,<sup>5</sup> *Mary Ramsden*,<sup>4</sup> *Daniel*,<sup>3</sup> *Rachel*<sup>2</sup> *Eaton*, *Francis*<sup>1</sup>) and Hannah (Shaw) Caswell,<sup>[31]</sup> was born in Norwich say 1745 and died there on [14 August] 1776.<sup>[32]</sup> George married second **ANN BREWSTER** probably in Lebanon, Conn., *circa* 1780.<sup>[33]</sup> Ann, daughter of Comfort<sup>5</sup> (*Benjamin*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *William*<sup>1</sup>) and Deborah (Smith) Brewster,<sup>[34]</sup> was born there on 10 May 1741<sup>[35]</sup> and died in

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25. William Gerald McLoughlin, ed., *The Diary of Isaac Backus* (Providence, 1979) 2: 676, 1 Nov. 1767. "Nathan and his wife from Norwich" were visiting his parents' in Middleborough.
  26. *Caswell Gen.*, MD, 40 [1990]: 146.
  27. For Nathan Caswell's descent from Francis Eaton, see George Freeman Sanborn Jr., "Mary (Ramsden) Caswell: A New Francis Eaton Line?" in MD, 39 [1989]: 1-3.
  28. *Rogers Gen.*, 82.
  29. Corbin Collection, Reel #82-36A Whately, age 82; Whately Baptist Church Records [FHL #0886750]. He was buried in the Eastern Whately Cem. (or Hope Hill Cem.), Whately.
  30. This is an estimate based on the birth of their first child Benjamin Shaw Rogers.
  31. MD, 40 [1990]: 145; Lee Douglas Van Antwerp and rev. by Robert S. Wakefield, *Mayflower Families Through Five Generations, Volume Nine: Family of Francis Eaton* (Plymouth, Mass., 1996), 87.
  32. *Ebenezer Rogers Bible*. [Note: No citable source has been found for the day and month.]
  33. Ann was single in 1779 from her brother's estate and a mother in 1781.
  34. *Jonathan<sup>2</sup> Brewster*, 190.
  35. *Barbour VRs*, 22: 28.

# Next issue!

## CORRECTION

In my previous article “George Rogers of Norwich” [*MD*, 53 [2004]: 19-28], footnotes 32 and 66 indicated that no citable source could be found for the day and month for the birth date of Elisha Merrick Rogers and the death date of Margaret (Caswell) Rogers. These two dates come from the same source, the papers of James S. Rogers, a manuscript collection at the New England Historic Genealogical Society. The item is a questionnaire answered by Albert Wyman Rogers, a grandson of Ebenezer Rogers of Albion, N.Y.<sup>[2]</sup>

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2. James S. Rogers Papers, manuscript at the New England Historic Genealogical Society, Boston, Mass., call number Mss 305/II/C/1/25/1651.

# Journal to Blogpost

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and 2 May 1667, Elizabeth (Nichols) Bowen, daughter of John Nichols and widow of Thomas<sup>2</sup> Bowen (*Richard*).<sup>123</sup>

Ruth married by 6 June 1655, probably at Duxbury, JOHN<sup>2</sup> SPRAGUE. He was born about 1630, son of Francis and \_\_\_\_\_ Sprague. John was killed during King Philip's War at Pierce's Battle in Pawtucket, Rhode Island 25 March 1676.<sup>124</sup>

Ruth married second, \_\_\_\_\_ THOMAS, suggested by Robert S. Wakefield to be John Thomas of Marshfield.<sup>125</sup>

Child of Samuel<sup>2</sup> Fuller (*Samuel*<sup>1</sup>) and Ruth<sup>2</sup> Bassett:

- i. LT. JOHN<sup>3</sup> SPRAGUE, b. prob. Duxbury, ca. 1655; d. Lebanon, Conn., 6 March 1727/8; m. (1) prob. at Duxbury, bef. 6 Nov. 1683, LYDIA \_\_\_\_\_, d. Lebanon 18 July 1725; (2) LOIS<sup>3</sup> (STANDISH) CALKINS, b. at Bridgewater of Duxbury, Mass. say 1686, dau. of Josiah<sup>2</sup> (*Myles*<sup>1</sup>) and Sarah (Allen) Standish, and widow of Hugh Calkins; d. after 16 April 1731. John and Lydia had seven children, all of whom married and left descendants.<sup>126</sup>

Children of John<sup>2</sup> and Ruth (Bassett) Sprague:<sup>127</sup>

- ii. ELIZABETH<sup>3</sup> SPRAGUE, b. ca. 1657; d. Plympton, Mass. 27 May 1727; m. ca. 1678, GEORGE SAMPSON, b. ca. 1655, son of Abraham and \_\_\_\_\_ Sampson; d. Plympton 26 July 1739.<sup>128</sup>
- iii. RUTH SPRAGUE, b. at Marshfield, Mass., 12 Feb. 1659/60; living at Dart-

<sup>123</sup> *MSC*, 10, Samuel Fuller (2013), 5–8; Saxbe, *Richard Bowen (1594?-1675), of Rehoboth*, 35.

<sup>124</sup> Anderson, *The Pilgrim Migration*, 449; Arnold, *Vital Record of Rehoboth*, 1:919.

<sup>125</sup> Maclean W. McLean, "John<sup>2</sup> Sprague (c. 1635–1676) of Duxbury, Mass.," *TAG* 41 (1965):179.

<sup>126</sup> *MSC*, 14, Standish (2007), 6–7, 19; Shurtleff, *Records of the Colony of New Plymouth*, 6:115; Lebanon Vital Records (Barbour), 1:280. John and Lydia's daughter Lydia Sprague and her husband George Way are ancestors of Sir Winston (Leonard) (Spencer) Churchill (1874–1965), Prime Minister of the United Kingdom (and his niece Anne Clarissa Churchill, was the second wife of Robert Anthony Eden, 1<sup>st</sup> Earl of Avon, known as Sir Anthony Eden, Churchill's successor as Prime Minister); Natacha Rambova (born Winifred Kimball Shughnessy, later Hudnut) (1897–1966), costume and set designer, actress and Egyptologist, wife of movie idol Rudolph Valentino; Marion Michael Morrison, known as John Wayne, actor (1907–1979); and Peter Paul Montgomery Buttigieg (b. 1982), Mayor of South Bend, Indiana. See Gregory Bell Smith, *The American Ancestry of Sir Winston Leonard Spencer Churchill* (Tuckahoe, N.Y.: n.p., 2014), 3–5, 91–92, 123–24, 146–47; Scott C. Steward, "Six Generations of the Anglo-American Ancestry of Sir Winston Churchill," *NIEXUS* 13 (1996): 166–72; Charles Mosley, *Burke's Peerage, Baronetage & Knightage, 107th Edition, Vol. II* (Wilmington, Del.: Burke's Peerage & Gentry, 2003), 2623–25 (Churchill, Eden), William B. Murray, *The Descendants of Jonathan Murray of East Canfield, Connecticut* (Peoria, Ill.: Illinois Valley Publishing Co., 195–), 6–8, 16–18, 49–50, 102; John T. Fitch, *Descendants of Reverend James Fitch 1622–1702* (Rockport, Me.: Picton Press, 2003), 1:521–23; Michael Morris, *Madam Valentino: The Many Lives of Natacha Rambova* (New York: Abbeville Press, 1991), 19–29 (Natacha Rambova); Gary Boyd Roberts, *Notable Kin Volume Two* (Santa Clarita, Calif.: Carl Boyer, 3rd, 1999), 118–19 (John Wayne); Christopher C. Child, "Mayor Pete's Cousins, *Vita-Brevis.org*, 17 June 2019 (Pete Buttigieg). These descents will be charted in the forthcoming *Mayflower 500* by Gary Boyd Roberts.

<sup>127</sup> Maclean W. McLean, "John<sup>2</sup> Sprague (c. 1635–1676) of Duxbury, Mass.," *TAG* 41 (1965):180–81.

<sup>128</sup> "Plympton, Mass. Vital Records, *MD* 5 (1903):183; Robert S. Wakefield, "The Daughters of Abraham<sup>1</sup> Sampson (born 1614?) of Duxbury MA," *TAG* 63 (1988):207–10.

## Mayor Pete's cousins

🕒 June 17, 2019 📁 American History, Genealogical Writing 📍 Brick Walls, Critical Analysis, Road Trips, Serendipity, Spotlight 👤 Christopher C. Child



I have been exploring the ancestry of the twenty-plus 2020 presidential candidates. Although I will likely wait some time until the number is reduced before reporting on most of them, I was recently surprised to find in the ancestry of South Bend Mayor Pete Buttigieg, via a small amount of his New England ancestry, connections to two prominent figures in the United Kingdom!

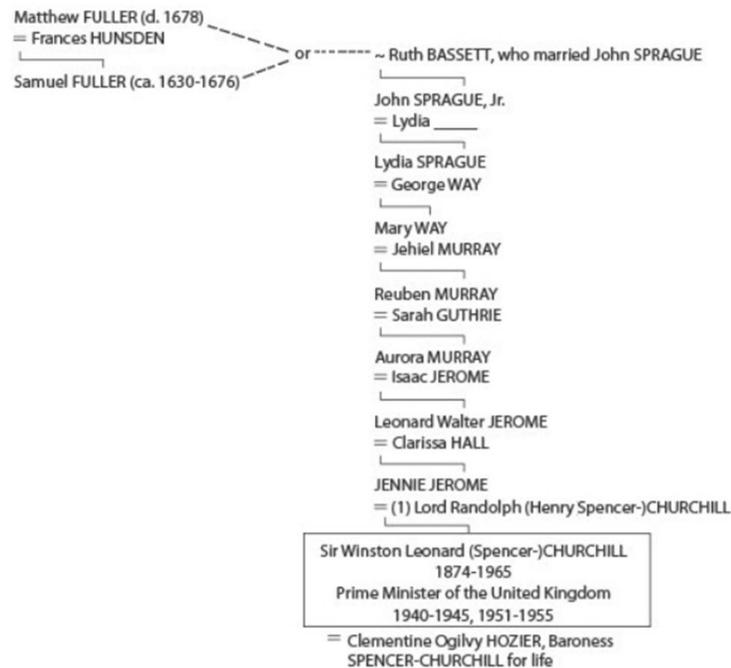


Most surprising, as also stated in the Averill genealogy, was that Solomon Murray's brother Reuben Murray was the great-grandfather of Lady Randolph Churchill (born Jennie Jerome in Brooklyn, New York), mother of Sir Winston Churchill. This connection makes Mayor Pete and Winston Churchill fourth cousins four times removed (see chart below).[7]

And as a final teaser, through the ancestors of Solomon and Reuben Murray's mother Mary (Way) Murray, both Churchill and Buttigieg (along with actress Natacha Rambova, another cousin, and actor John Wayne, a descendant of Mrs. Mary Way Murray's sister), have an almost certain *Mayflower* descent, discussed in a forthcoming article in this summer's issue of *Mayflower Descendant*, via a surprising connection through Y-DNA research. Stay tuned![8]

# Blogs are even easier

**ETA:** As a result of a lengthy article by Pamela R. Paschke and Raymond T. Wing, based on a comprehensive Big-Y DNA study of 25 Fuller men, Matthew Fuller, previously considered a son of *Mayflower* passenger of Edward Fuller, has been shown to be an agnate relative of the passengers Edward and Samuel Fuller, but cannot be their descendant. Related to this study, the five candidates of paternity of Lt. John Sprague that I discussed have been reduced to two men – Dr. Matthew Fuller and his son Samuel – who are not descendants of passengers Edward or Samuel Fuller. Winston Churchill’s revised Fuller (but likely not *Mayflower*) lineage is outlined below. [Subscribe](#) to the the *Mayflower Descendant* to learn more about these recent developments (also discussed in this more recent [post](#)).



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