

## Editorial

*In Memoriam:* The interval between the publications of the Winter 2025 issue and this one was marked by the passing of Robert Charles Anderson, FASG, founder and director of American Ancestors' Great Migration Study Project and a long-time consulting editor of the *Register*. In those roles, he read and evaluated virtually every article in the pages of this journal having to do with early colonial New Englanders or their ancestral origins, many times improving them with his vast knowledge of the people and places involved. We are grateful to include a picture of his monumental work in the field of genealogy, penned by his long-time colleague and friend, David Curtis Dearborn, FASG, with which we begin this issue.

– Robert Battle

A previous article identified the first husband of immigrant Anne<sup>1</sup> (\_\_\_\_) (Hutchinson) Hawkes as Nicholas Hutchinson, a glazier in Norwich, England. In the lead article, **The Identity and Ancestry of Anne<sup>1</sup> (\_\_\_\_) (Hutchinson) Hawkes of Charlestown and Lynn, Massachusetts**, authors John C. Brandon and Robert Battle identify Anne herself beginning with lawsuits which Anne and her second husband Adam Hawkes brought against three successive generations of Sheenes in the county of Norfolk, England, together with a number of wills and parish records recording several generations of her ancestors in Norfolk and Suffolk.

In the next article, author Maureen Markt Dearborn identifies **The Sons-in-Law of James White of Dorchester, Massachusetts**. While New England boasts a comparatively extensive array of surviving vital records, they do not always allow for the identification of wives and their parents. In this instance, the 1713 will of James White was instrumental in identifying two of his daughters as wives of related Humphrey men.

Though millions can trace their descent from travelers from England to New England in the Puritan Great Migration, immigration to New England did not cease in 1640 but has continued ever since, in varying patterns and for various reasons. Our next article, **Uncovering the Ancestry of Margaret Burton, Norwich Matron**, looks at several related immigrants to New England from Scotland in the nineteenth century. Author Willard S. Moore focuses in particular on the Scottish-born wife of William Burton of Norwich, Connecticut, whose name was recorded variously as Margaret Galbraith and Margaret MacFarlane, tracing her intriguing ancestry through

complications of illegitimacy, name changes and variations, and incomplete surviving records.

The following item in this issue concerns the **Bible of Captain John Moody of Gilmanton, New Hampshire**. The main scribe of the family information contained in this Bible was the titular Capt. John Moody (1739/40–1829). Author Virginia D. Hansen puts this family Bible in context (including mention of an article written about this Moody family by Robert Charles Anderson in 1985, an unintentional nod to the long history of his genealogical contributions), transcribes the family records recorded in it (covering events from 1739/40 through 1892), and adds annotations and references to many of those events from vital records and other sources.

The next short article identifies **The Probable Marriage of Robert<sup>1</sup> Winchell of Dorchester, Massachusetts, and Windsor, Connecticut**. Author Randy A. West has found the marriage of a Robert Winchell at the right time and in the right part of England to be that of the immigrant. The first name of the immigrant's wife does not appear in any known New England records, making this identity tentative, as it relies solely on the name of the groom. However, the bride's name was uncommon, and it was given to one of the immigrant's grandchildren, with no other apparent namesake. In addition, the author has found a baptismal record in the same parish that could be that of the immigrant Robert Winchell.

We then finish the long article asking the question **Was John Rows, whom Patience (Baker) Rows Divorced in 1728 for Desertion, the Father of John Rowse, whom Alice (Hazen) Rowse Divorced in 1758 for Desertion, Both in New London County, Connecticut?** In the first half of this article, author Allan H. Rouse mentioned a family history which had been composed by his great-great-grandfather Rev. Lucius C. Rouse in 1845, comparing that history to early records of New London County, Connecticut, and elsewhere to ask and attempt to answer the titular question. This half of the article treats the grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren of the second John Rouse, coming full circle with John's great-grandson Lucius and the situation in which he composed that history. This article is instructional as a well-detailed look at one instance of the ordinary and extraordinary people, motives, and situations leading to the spread of settlers from Connecticut and the other New England states across the country in the nineteenth century.

In this issue we continue with the second third of **A Roll of Arms Registered by the Committee on Heraldry: Twelfth Part**, containing the next twenty-four entries (nos. 838–861). This set of entries includes early New England immigrants John Freke, Elizabeth (Bosvile) (Harlakenden) Pelham, Hezekiah Hoare, and William Goddard.

– Robert Battle and Christopher Challenger Child