

Editorial

In the lead article, Bethney A. Bauchet identifies **The English Origin of Brothers Anthony¹ Tompson, William¹ Tompson, and John¹ Tompson of New Haven, Connecticut**. All three brothers arrived in New Haven by the early 1640s (Anthony and John at least by 1640), Anthony with three children by his first (unknown) wife in tow. The author identifies this first wife and locates their children's baptisms and the baptisms of the three brothers in the Lincolnshire parishes of Dunston and Metheringham.

The next article jumps forward in time over two centuries, a year into the U.S. Civil War, when a sailor named "Sewall" wrote a letter from his U.S. Navy vessel to his cousin Laura J. Littlefield of North Berwick, Maine. In **Dear Cousin Lau: An 1862 Letter Written Aboard the USS *Brandywine* at Hampton Roads**, author Priscilla Eaton details the events described in and surrounding that letter and the people involved, identifying the writer as Ordinary Seaman Sewall L. Goodwin.

The following article takes us back to the 1600s again, with **The Identities and Ancestry of Four Early Seventeenth-Century New England Women: Joan (Wife of Thomas¹ Chillingworth of Sandwich and Marshfield, Mass., and Thomas¹ Doggett of Concord, Weymouth, and Marshfield, Mass.), Susan (Wife of Nathan¹ Fiske of Watertown, Mass.), Mary (Wife of John² Dunham of Plymouth, Mass.), and Rose (Wife of John² Waterbury and Joseph¹ Garnsey of Stamford, Conn.)** from authors Janelle Robinson and Robert Battle. All four of the women listed in the title left descendants, but their identities remained unknown until author Robinson noticed that their current husbands were named as heirs to Roger¹ Porter of Long Sutton, Hampshire, who had come over to Massachusetts in 1638 with four daughters. This article identifies each of those daughters as the wives of the men in question and traces the known English ancestry of their parents.

We go back another century with the next two articles, a pair of submissions from authors Michael R. Paulick and Sue Allan providing further information about the ancestors of Richard¹ Masterson, immigrant to Plymouth, Massachusetts (and earlier a member of the Separatist congregation in Leiden). In the first of these, **The 1591 Will of Edmund Masterson, Father of John and Richard Masterson and Blandyna (Masterson) Ellis, Pilgrims in Leiden**, the recently discovered will of Richard¹ Masterson's father is presented in full along with translations of its associated probate documents. The following article traces the religious heritage of this family back another generation to Edmund's mother **Joan Masterson of Ashford, Kent, an Early English Dissenter**.

Jumping forward to the eighteenth century, in the next article author Alexander Bannerman identifies **Phebe, the Second Wife of Samuel Moulton (1710–1777) of Massachusetts and Connecticut**, as a daughter of Gershom and Hannah (Spencer) Palmer, as well as laying out what is known about Samuel's first and third marriages and his children by the first two marriages. The documentation used to determine the identity of that second wife illustrates the benefit of expanding the search for a particular person to include their other relatives and connections; in this case, Gershom Palmer did not mention his daughter in his will, but did name his Moulton grandchildren.

The next article takes us back to the seventeenth century again, with **The English Origin of Thomas¹ Carter of Charlestown, Massachusetts**. Author Randy A. West found records for Thomas Carter, his wife Mary, and their six immigrant children in the registers of Sundon, Bedfordshire, and Hitchin, Hertfordshire.

This is followed by the first half of author George W. Varney's long article on the life, family, and descendants of **Brewer⁶ Dodge of Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont, and Lower Canada**. Brewer Dodge, a Revolutionary War veteran, was included in genealogies of the Dodge and White families published at the turn of the twentieth century. This account corrects several errors in those works and offers an unusually detailed look at his life and the lives of his descendants.

In the next article, author Randy A. West presents records which provide **Confirmation of the London Marriage of John¹ Lay of Saybrook and Lyme, Connecticut**, a record which had earlier been tentatively identified as that of the immigrant.

Following the worthy tradition established by Henry B. Hoff in 2002 of providing in each Summer issue of the *Register* a list of New England-related articles appearing in peer-reviewed genealogical journals two years prior, the next item in this issue is a list of **New England Articles in Genealogical Journals in 2023**.

The last item in this issue is the third and final piece of **A Roll of Arms Registered by the Committee on Heraldry: Twelfth Part**. The final twenty-four entries include seventeenth- and eighteenth-century New England immigrants Alexander, Patrick, and Sueton Grant; Philemon Pormort; and Richard and Katherine Waring.

– Robert Battle and Christopher Challenger Child