

# The English Origin of William<sup>1</sup> Gilson, John<sup>1</sup> Damon, and Hannah<sup>1</sup> Damon of Scituate, Massachusetts

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For a great many years it has been widely believed that William Gilson, who arrived in Scituate, Massachusetts by 1632, was originally from the county of Kent.<sup>[1]</sup> However, given the lack of direct evidence for this, Robert Charles Anderson concluded that William Gilson's origins were unknown.<sup>[2]</sup> William Gilson came over from England with his sister's children John and Hannah Damon. The name of William's wife was *Frances*; while she almost certainly came over with him, the first record of her in Massachusetts was when she and her husband were admitted to the Scituate church 8 January 1634/5.<sup>[3]</sup>

A search in online indexes of parish records returned the 1629/30 marriage of a William Gilson and "Francy Ansill" in the parish of St. Botolph, Colchester, Essex. The register of that parish was examined further, yielding the following two marriage records of interest:<sup>[4]</sup>

20 Feb. 1614/5	Mathew Damyon widower & Marie Gilson single
6 Jan. 1629/30	William Gilson of this p[ar]ish vidi & Francy Ansill of Stamway vido

A further examination of nearby Essex parish registers yielded the following entries in the register of West Bergholt, about 2 miles northwest of Colchester:<sup>[5]</sup>

## *Baptisms*

20 Feb. 1609/10	Dammannes child...by the name Mattheue
1 May 1616	Marie the daughter of Mathew Dameon
15 March 1617/8	John the sonne of Mathew Dameon
10 May 1620	Sarah the daughter of Mathew Dameon and Marie his wife
6 Oct. 1622	Anna the daughter of Mathew Dameon and Marie his wife

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<sup>1</sup> One early example of this was the following: "...the first settlements were made in Scituate... in 1628; and the names of these early settlers were William Gilson...and others, called 'Men of Kent,' probably from their having come from the County of Kent in England" (John S. Barry, *A Historical Sketch of the Town of Hanover, Mass., With Family Genealogies* [Boston, 1853], 10).

<sup>2</sup> Robert Charles Anderson, *The Great Migration Begins: Immigrants to New England, 1620–1633*, 3 vols. (Boston, 1995), 2:773–775; Robert Charles Anderson, *The Pilgrim Migration: Immigrants to Plymouth Colony 1620–1633* (Boston, 2004) [hereafter *Pilgrim Migration*], 223–226.

<sup>3</sup> *Pilgrim Migration*, 223–226; they were founding members nos. 2 and 3. On page 528 Anderson wrote that the evidence didn't necessarily require that John and Hannah came with their uncle by 1632 but may have joined him later; however, upon reexamination of the evidence he came to the conclusion that they did indeed accompany him (Robert Charles Anderson, *The Great Migration Directory: Immigrants to New England, 1620–1640*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. [Boston, 2025], 94).

<sup>4</sup> Register of St. Botolph, Colchester, Essex, 1560–1663 (Essex Record Office [ERO] D/P 203/1/1).

<sup>5</sup> Registers of St. Mary the Virgin, West Bergholt, Essex, 1559–1658, 1659–1734 (ERO D/P 59/1/1–2) [hereafter *West Bergholt PRs*].

1 Dec. 1624	Zacharie the son of Mathew Dameon & Marie his wife
17 June 1627	Sarah the daughter of Mathew Dameon & Mary his wife

*Burials*

28 Sept. 1625	Sarah daughter of Mathew Dameon & Mary his wife
25[?] Sept. 1626	Mathew husband of Marie Damion

*Marriages*

8 Feb. 1607/8	Mathew Damon and Helen Bradly
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Here we see that Matthew and Mary (Gilson) Dameon had, among others, children John and “Anna,” almost certainly the John and Hannah who sailed to Massachusetts with their uncle William Gilson.<sup>[6]</sup> No known Massachusetts records explicitly record John<sup>1</sup> Damon’s age at any point in his life, but his first marriage took place in 1644;<sup>[7]</sup> if he was about 25 at that time, he would have been born about 1619, a good match for this baptismal record.

The above data provides a likely motivation for William Gilson to take the middle two surviving children of Matthew Dameon with him. As can be seen among the other events recorded in West Bergholt, the Damons’ father Matthew died in 1626, leaving his widow Mary to look after her five surviving children on her own, as well as her older but still underage stepson. Matthew’s nuncupative will was made 24 September and proved 20 October 1626:

I mathew damion being very weake & sicke but in good memory doe make this my last will & testam[en]t: that is to say, I will give my sonne Mathew Damion my litle black Calfe and nothing els. And all that ever I have beside I give unto my wife to bring up my Children, she shall take all, & pay all.  
[witnessed by Robt Fowle and Joane Emmerson; both signed by mark]<sup>[8]</sup>

It would have been beneficial all around for William and Frances Gilson to take John and Hannah Damon with them. As younger children, and fatherless besides, John and Hannah’s prospects in England would not have been as good as in New England, with greater potential there for land ownership, and also as heirs to the Gilsons, who had no children of their own. And, at ages 14 and 10, John and Hannah were old enough to be useful to the Gilsons, of particular importance given William Gilson’s apparently advanced years.<sup>[9]</sup>

<sup>6</sup> The spelling of the surname was widely variant. In most of the English records the name was spelled to indicate the presence of an “e” sound after the “m” (*Dameon, Damion, Damyon*, etc.), but not invariably (e.g., the 1607/8 marriage record of “Mathew Damon” noted above). In Massachusetts records the name was generally spelled *Daman, Damon, Damman*, etc.

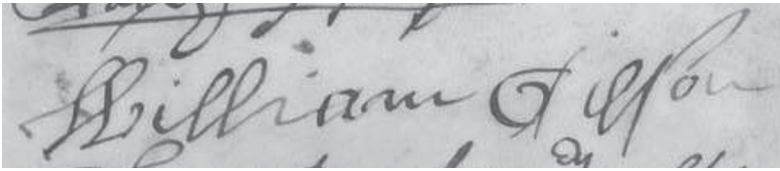
<sup>7</sup> *Vital Records of Scituate, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850*, 2 vols. (Boston, 1909) [hereafter *Scituate VRs*], 2:96: John [Damen] and Katherine Merrit, d. Henry, June --, 1644.

<sup>8</sup> ERO D/ACW 10/206.

<sup>9</sup> Sometime between 1632 and 1639, William Gilson was considered to be “ancient” (*Pilgrim Migration*, 225).

## Genealogical Summary

The parents of William<sup>1</sup> Gilson and Mary (Gilson) Dameon have not yet been discovered, nor has the identity of William's first wife (or that of Frances's first husband).<sup>[10]</sup> The first record for this Gilson family found so far is the 1614/5 marriage record of Mary Gilson noted above in the parish of St. Botolph, Colchester. At his own marriage there 15 years later, William Gilson was said to be "of" that parish. He was certainly there by 5 November 1624, when he signed as a witness to the will of Robert Littlebury of St. Botolph, Colchester, baker:<sup>[11]</sup>



While the Gilson forebears remain to be found, the Dameon family had a long presence in the Essex parishes in the vicinity of Colchester. Though doubtless related to other Dameons in this area, the first definite ancestor of the immigrants was

1. **JOHN<sup>C</sup> DAMEON**, born say 1520; died probably in Great Horkesley, Essex about March 1574/5; married **JOAN** \_\_\_\_\_.

The nuncupative will of "John Damyon of much horsley...husbandman being syck in body" was dated March 1574[5] (no day given), with no probate recorded. In it he left £5 to each child (unnamed) except for his eldest son Jonas; the residue was to go to his wife Joan and son Jonas, who were to be executors.<sup>[12]</sup>

Known children of John<sup>C</sup> and Joan (\_\_\_\_\_) Dameon:<sup>[13]</sup>

- i. **JONAS DAMEON**, b. say 1550; bur. Elmstead, Essex 20 May 1601;<sup>[14]</sup> m. **MARGARET** \_\_\_\_\_ (bur. Little Horkesley, Essex 11 Dec. 1610).<sup>[15]</sup>

The will of "Jonas Damyon of elmsted being sick in body" was dated 1 May and proved 27 July 1601. The right side of the sheet is mangled

<sup>10</sup> In 1629/30 the widow Frances Aunsill was said to be "of Stamway" (Stanway, Essex). Unfortunately, the extant registers of that parish begin in 1704, with no surviving bishop's transcripts before 1639.

<sup>11</sup> ERO D/ACW 9/247. He was probably the William Gilson who was one of nine men sued by John Lucas shortly before 20 June 1632 for the erection of new mills "to the prejudice of" Canwick Mill, "an ancient mill in Colchester," and the diversion of the millstream (catalog entry for The National Archives [UK] E 134/8Chas1/Mich18).

<sup>12</sup> ERO D/ABW 12/149.

<sup>13</sup> The implication of John's will is that there were more than these two.

<sup>14</sup> Register of St. Anne and St. Lawrence, Elmstead, Essex, 1557–1661 (ERO D/P 168/1/1): Jones [sic] Damyan. Elmstead is about 5 miles from Great Horkesley, on the other side of Colchester.

<sup>15</sup> Register of St. Peter and St. Paul, Little Horkesley, Essex, 1568–1794 (ERO D/P 307/1/1) [hereafter *Little Horkesley PRs*]: Margrett Dameon widow.

and partially missing, but enough can be seen on the surviving portions to know the following: he named brother Mathew Damyon executor (along with another person whose name did not survive); his wife was alive but unnamed; he had four children (John, William, Margaret, and Mary); the supervisor was John Caly; the testator signed it by mark; and the witnesses were John Hersaw, Thomas Bancks, and Valenten Lambard (by mark).<sup>[16]</sup>

Jonas's widow "Margaret Damyon of Litell hocksley" wrote her will less than a year later (dated 6 Dec. 1601 and proved 18 Dec. 1610); in it she named son John Damyon, son William Damyon (executor), daughter Margaret Damyon, and daughter Mary Damyon; she signed by mark; witnesses were Andrew Prestone and Henry Sardlaff[?].<sup>[17]</sup>

Children of Jonas and Margaret (\_\_\_\_) Dameon:

1. *John Dameon.*
2. *William Dameon.*
3. *Margaret Dameon.*
4. *Mary Dameon*, bp. Little Horkesley 4 June 1593.<sup>[18]</sup>

2 ii. MATTHEW<sup>B</sup> DAMEON, b. say 1555.

2. **MATTHEW<sup>B</sup> DAMEON** (*John<sup>C</sup>*), born say 1555; buried Little Horkesley, Essex 27 July 1623;<sup>[19]</sup> married Great Horkesley 2 June 1580 **BRIDGET SMITH**<sup>[20]</sup> (buried there 5 August 1627).<sup>[21]</sup>

As noted above, Matthew Dameon was an executor of his brother Jonas's 1601 will. He was also a witness to the wills of Christopher Syday of Great Horkesley (1597),<sup>[22]</sup> Elizabeth Thurmode of Great Horkesley (1597),<sup>[23]</sup> William Dillock the elder of Little Horkesley (1605/6),<sup>[24]</sup> Agnes Thurmwood of Great Horkesley, widow (1611),<sup>[25]</sup> Roger Mylles of Great Horkesley, yeoman (1614/5),<sup>[26]</sup> and John Man of Little Horkesley, yeoman (1618);<sup>[27]</sup> in each case he signed by mark.<sup>[28]</sup> He was a supervisor of the 1614/5 will of Robert Portway of West Bergholt, husbandman, along with his son Matthew.<sup>[29]</sup> The will of

<sup>16</sup> ERO D/ABW 12/274.

<sup>17</sup> ERO D/ACW 5/92.

<sup>18</sup> *Little Horkesley PRs*: Marie Damon the dawghter of Jonas Damon.

<sup>19</sup> *Little Horkesley PRs*: Mathewe Dameon.

<sup>20</sup> Register of All Saints, Great Horkesley, Essex, 1558–1685 (ERO D/P 205/1/1) [hereafter *Great Horkesley PRs*]: Mathewe Damyon & Brygett Smyth.

<sup>21</sup> *Great Horkesley PRs*: Bridget the relic of Mathew Damian.

<sup>22</sup> ERO D/ACW 4/89, dated 14 April 1597.

<sup>23</sup> ERO D/ACW 3/161, dated 18 Nov. 1597.

<sup>24</sup> ERO D/ACW 7/94, dated 6 Feb. 3 James (1605/6). He was called "Mathew Damon ye elder"; one of the other witnesses was "John Damon," perhaps his son.

<sup>25</sup> ERO D/ACW 5/176, dated 22 Aug. 1611.

<sup>26</sup> ERO D/ACW 6/117, dated 23 Feb. 1614/5.

<sup>27</sup> ERO D/ACW 8/157, dated 16 Nov. 1618.

<sup>28</sup> Except for the 1597 will of Elizabeth Thurmode, which listed the witnesses without signatures or marks. In each case his mark was three upright lines, usually joined across the top by another straight line. This was the same mark used on his own will (with shakier lines probably due to his illness).

<sup>29</sup> ERO D/ACW 6/108, dated 25 Jan. 1614/5 (supervisors "Mathew Dameon of great Horkesleigh & Mathew Dameon of west Bergeholt").

“Mathewe Dameon of Litle Horxlye in the county of Essex yeoman being sicke in body” was dated 23 February 1621/2 and proved 10 September 1623:

to wife Bridget Dameon customary tenement with orchard, garden, and 2 crofts in Little Horkesley (about 2 acres), held by copy from the manor of Little Horkesley, for her life, then to son Joseph Dameon, he to pay to my son Mathewe Dameon £20 within a year and a month after the death of Bridget; to son Zachary Dameon my customary tenement called Crosse House *alias* Smythes with orchard and croft in Great Horkesley held of the manor of Great Horkesley, he to pay to my wife Bridget Dameon 40s. yearly for her life, and £5 to my son John Dameon within a year and a month after Bridget’s death; to son John Dameon 2 acres of copy land called Langfennes in Great Horkesley, he to pay to my wife Bridget Dameon 13s. 4d. yearly for her life; to my daughter Sara’s children 5s. each when 21; to servant Dorothe Sternes<sup>[30]</sup> 5s.; residue to wife Bridget Dameon, she to be executrix; signed by mark; witnesses Gregory Franklin, Christopher Sadler, and John Condall (by mark).<sup>[31]</sup>

Known children of Matthew<sup>b</sup> and Bridget (Smith) Dameon (bp. Great Horkesley):

- 3 i. MATTHEW<sup>A</sup> DAMEON, bp. 15 April 1581.
- ii. JOHN DAMEON, bp. 22 July 1582;<sup>[32]</sup> d. prob. in Great Horkesley between 8 Feb. 1649/50 and 1 June 1650 (from the dates of his will); m. perhaps secondly after 1617 BENNET (PRESTON) WRIGHT (app. d. bef. 1650),<sup>[33]</sup> widow of John Wright.<sup>[34]</sup> From his will it would seem that John Dameon left no surviving children.

The will of “John Damion the elder of much horksleigh in the Countie of Essex Blacksmith being sicke & weake in body” was dated 8 Feb. 1649/50 and proved 1 June 1650:

to daughter-in-law Hanna Potter and her daughter Annis Potter 50s. equally divided; to daughter-in-law Sara Wright croft called Hackells (about 1.5 acres) for her life, then to Zacharias Damion son of my brother Zacharias Damion of Bergholt; to daughter-in-law Sara Wright bed and bedding (described), a brown cow with a “mealie nose” (in lieu of the £5 given to her by John Wright her father), and a little iron pot; to brother Joseph Damion 1s.; to Mathew Damion

<sup>30</sup> She was perhaps the sister of that name of Isaac<sup>1</sup> Stearns of Watertown, Mass., bp. 14 Oct. 1599 in Fordham, Essex, a parish bordering West Bergholt and about half a mile from Little Horkesley (see MASSOG 31 [2007]:20).

<sup>31</sup> ERO D/ACW 9/168.

<sup>32</sup> *Great Horkesley PRs*: John Damyon [no parents given].

<sup>33</sup> She was not mentioned in John Dameon’s will (see below).

<sup>34</sup> There were several different John Dameons living in the same cluster of parishes at the same time, making it difficult to tell which one was which. While this John Dameon may have married earlier, if he had any children it would seem from the provisions of his will that they did not survive. The only marriage of which we can be certain is the one given here, from the terms of his will and from records left by John Wright, Bennet’s first husband. “Jhon Wright & Benet Presne” were m. 21 April 1608 in Great Horkesley; the baptisms of John Wright’s children John and Sarah were recorded there in 1609 and 1612; and the burial of John Wright there on 20 May 1617 (*Great Horkesley PRs*). The will of “John Wrighte of much Horseley...Blacksmith” was dated 30 Dec. 1616 and proved 2 June 1617; in it he mentioned (among others) wife Bennet Wright, son John Wright, eldest daughter “Annys” Wright, daughter Sarah Wright (to whom he left £5), daughter Mary Wright, and brother Thomas Preston of Colchester, collar maker (ERO D/ACW 8/37).

of West Mersea butcher 1s.; to brother Zacharias Damion of West Bergholt my linen and woolen clothing; to my brother Zacharias's four children 20s. each; to my brother Mathew Damion's two children Zacharias and Marie 20s. each; to Sara Wright daughter of John Wright of St. Buttolph's, Colchester, bed and bedding and the furniture that "John Wright had away with it"; to said Sara Wright a joined cupboard in possession of said John Wright; to daughter-in-law Marie Rice £6 (at 20s. per year) towards her yearly rent; to said Marie Rice a cow (described) and a load and a half of brush when she leaves my house; residue to son-in-law John Wright of St. Buttolph's, Colchester, he to be executor; signed John Damion; witnesses Tho Gardner and Robert Draper (by mark).<sup>[35]</sup>

- iii. SARAH DAMEON, bp. 4 Jan. 1584/5;<sup>[36]</sup> m. Great Horkesley 29 May 1611  
THOMAS GREENE.<sup>[37]</sup>

Children of Thomas and Sarah (Dameon) Greene:

1. (prob.) *Samuel Greene*, bp. Great Horkesley 27 Jan. 1613/4.<sup>[38]</sup>
2. [*other child(ren)*] (Sarah's father left her "children" money in his will, implying there was more than one.)

- iv. JOSEPH DAMEON, bp. 24 Feb. 1593/4;<sup>[39]</sup> d. aft. 1650 (when he was named in his brother John's will); m. West Bergholt 27 Nov. 1625 MARY OWRES/HOWERS<sup>[40]</sup> (bur. Little Horkesley 7 Nov. 1633).<sup>[41]</sup> From the terms of Mary's will they seem to have had no surviving children.

The will of "Mary Damyon the wife of Joseph Damyon of little Horksleigh...husbandman" was dated 2 Nov. 1633 and proved 17 Jan. 1633/4; in it she left her husband Joseph Damyon the copyhold tenement where they lived with 3 acres adjoining it for his life (then to her sister Elizabeth Howers); to William Hichin of Cockford, Essex, husbandman, or to his children if he dies, £10 3 years after the death of her husband; to Henry Haughton curate of Little Horkesley 20s. (same time); said sister Elizabeth to be executrix.<sup>[42]</sup>

- v. ZACHARY DAMEON, bp. 17 March 1594/5;<sup>[43]</sup> bur. West Bergholt 1651;<sup>[44]</sup> m. there 4 June 1626 ELIZABETH BURGESS<sup>[45]</sup> (bur. there 6 Dec. 1662).<sup>[46]</sup>

The will of "Elizabeth Dammon of Weast Bergholt...widdo" was dated 25 May 1661 and proved 12 Feb. 1662/3; in it she named sons Mathew

<sup>35</sup> ERO D/ACW 15/221. The fact that John referred to his brother Matthew's "two children" Zachary and Mary makes sense given that they were Matthew's only children left in England, with the possible exception of his oldest son Matthew (John and Hannah had left for New England 18 years earlier, and both Sarahs were dead).

<sup>36</sup> *Great Horkesley PRs*: Sara Damyon [*no parents given*].

<sup>37</sup> *Great Horkesley PRs*: Thomi Grene & Sara Damyn.

<sup>38</sup> *Great Horkesley PRs*: Samuuell Grene [*no parents given*].

<sup>39</sup> *Great Horkesley PRs*: Josephth Damyon [*no parents given*].

<sup>40</sup> *West Bergholt PRs*: Joseph Dameon singlem[an] & Marie Owres singlewom[an].

<sup>41</sup> *Little Horkesley PRs*: Mary the wife of Joseph Damyon.

<sup>42</sup> ERO D/ACW 12/33.

<sup>43</sup> *Great Horkesley PRs*: Sachary Damyon [*no parents given*].

<sup>44</sup> *West Bergholt PRs*: [Zach--- Dameon] husband of Eliz. Dameon [*date and the top of the name concealed in a wrinkle in the sheet; date between 19 May and 10 July 1651*].

<sup>45</sup> *West Bergholt PRs*: Zachary Dameon and Elizab. Burges.

<sup>46</sup> *West Bergholt PRs*: Elizabeth Damyon widow.

Damman and Zachariah Damman (the latter executor) and daughters Elizabeth Sadler (wife of John Sadler) and Mary Pennock (wife of John Pennock).<sup>[47]</sup>

Children of Zachary and Elizabeth (Burgess) Dameon (bp. West Bergholt):

1. *Elizabeth Dameon*, bp. 18 March 1626/7.<sup>[48]</sup>
2. *Zachary Dameon*, bp. 21 Dec. 1628.<sup>[49]</sup>
3. *Matthew Dameon*, bp. 20 Feb. 1630/1.<sup>[50]</sup>
4. *John Dameon*, bp. 2 March 1632/3;<sup>[51]</sup> bur. West Bergholt 16 Sept. 1649.<sup>[52]</sup>
5. *Mary Dameon*, bp. 21 June 1635.<sup>[53]</sup>

3. **MATTHEW<sup>A</sup> DAMEON** (*Matthew<sup>B</sup>, John<sup>C</sup>*), baptized Great Horkesley 15 April 1581;<sup>[54]</sup> buried West Bergholt 25[?] September 1626; married there first 8 February 1607/8 **HELEN BRADLEY**;<sup>[55]</sup> married second at St. Botolph, Colchester 20 February 1614/5 **MARY GILSON** (sister of William<sup>1</sup> Gilson). She died probably after 27 November 1640, when she was named in her daughter Sarah's burial record.

Matthew Dameon was a supervisor of the 1614/5 will of Robert Portway of West Bergholt, husbandman, along with his father.<sup>[56]</sup> He was a supervisor of and witness to the 1617/8 will of George Lorkin of West Bergholt, laborer;<sup>[57]</sup> and he witnessed the 1620 will of Christopher Fuller the elder of West Bergholt, yeoman.<sup>[58]</sup> Unlike his father, Matthew seems to have been literate, signing his name each time he was a witness. See above for Matthew Dameon's own will, dated 24 September and proved 20 October 1626.

Child of Matthew<sup>A</sup> and Ellen (Bradley) Dameon:

- i. **MATTHEW DAMEON**, bp. West Bergholt 20 Feb. 1609/10.

Children of Matthew<sup>A</sup> and Mary (Gilson) Dameon (bp. and bur. West Bergholt):

- ii. **MARY DAMEON**, bp. 1 May 1616. She was named in her uncle John Dameon's 1650 will.

<sup>47</sup> ERO D/ACW 16/188.

<sup>48</sup> *West Bergholt PRs*: Elizabeth the daughter of Zacharie Dameon and of Elizabethhe his wife.

<sup>49</sup> *West Bergholt PRs*: Zacharie sonne of Zachary Dameon & Eliz. his wife.

<sup>50</sup> *West Bergholt PRs*: Mathew son of Zacharie Dameon & Eliz. his wife.

<sup>51</sup> *West Bergholt PRs*: John son of Zach. Dameon & Eliz. his wife.

<sup>52</sup> *West Bergholt PRs*: John son of Zach. Dameon & Eliz. his wife.

<sup>53</sup> *West Bergholt PRs*: Marie daughter of Zacharie Dameon & Eliz. his wife.

<sup>54</sup> *Great Horkesley PRs*: Mathew Damin [*no parents given*].

<sup>55</sup> She was perhaps the "Ellyine the dawighter of Richard Bradlly" bp. 14 April 1575 in West Bergholt (*West Bergholt PRs*).

<sup>56</sup> ERO D/ACW 6/108, dated 25 Jan. 1614/5 (supervisors "Mathew Dameon of great Horkesley & Mathew Dameon of west Bergeholt").

<sup>57</sup> ERO D/ACW 8/172, dated 13[?] March 1617/8.

<sup>58</sup> ERO D/ACR 8/270, dated 22 June 1620.

- iii. JOHN<sup>1</sup> DAMEON/DAMON, bp. 15 March 1617/8; d. prob. Scituate, Mass. bef. 23 Oct. 1676;<sup>[59]</sup> m. there (1) June 1644 KATHERINE<sup>2</sup> MERRITT<sup>[60]</sup> (d. there 8 Dec. 1655);<sup>[61]</sup> m. there (2) 15 Jan. 1659/60 MARTHA<sup>2</sup> HOWLAND<sup>[62]</sup> (b. abt. 1639;<sup>[63]</sup> d. Hingham, Mass. 17 Dec. 1732;<sup>[64]</sup> m. [2] there 19 Feb. 1679/80 Peter Bacon).<sup>[65]</sup> *Twelve children.*<sup>[66]</sup>
- iv. SARAH DAMEON, bp. 10 May 1620; bur. 28 Sept. 1625.
- v. ANNA/HANNAH<sup>1</sup> DAMEON/DAMON, bp. 6 Oct. 1622. She was named in her uncle William Gilson's will 26 Jan. 1639/40; no definite record has been found of her after that.<sup>[67]</sup>
- vi. ZACHARY DAMEON, bp. 1 Dec. 1624. He was named in his uncle John Dameon's 1650 will.
- vii. SARAH DAMEON (again), bp. 17 June 1627; bur. 27 Nov. 1640.<sup>[68]</sup>

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<sup>59</sup> When inventory of his estate was taken (Plymouth Co., Mass. probate records, 1676–1678 part 2, pp. 41–42; FSL DGS 7051111 image 416).

<sup>60</sup> *Scituate VRs*, 2:96 (dau. of Henry Merritt).

<sup>61</sup> *Scituate VRs*, 2:379.

<sup>62</sup> *Scituate VRs*, 2:96.

<sup>63</sup> She was a daughter of Arthur<sup>1</sup> and Martha (\_\_\_\_\_) (Walker) Howland; see Robert S. Wakefield and Robert M. Sherman, "Arthur Howland of Plymouth, Mass., 1640, His Wife Margaret (\_\_\_\_\_) Walker, and Their Children" *NGSQ* 71 (1983):84–93, esp. 89–90.

<sup>64</sup> Hingham, Mass. vital records, 1635–1780, p. 260 (FSL DGS 7009274 image 147).

<sup>65</sup> Hingham, Mass. vital records, 1635–1780, p. 51 ½ (FSL DGS 7009274 image 38).

<sup>66</sup> For them and their descendants, see Richard A. Damon, Jr. and D. Bradford Damon, *Damon Family of Scituate, Mass. Genealogy, 2000* (Dexter, Mich., 2002).

<sup>67</sup> *Pilgrim Migration*, 224.

<sup>68</sup> *West Bergholt PRs*: Sarah ye daughter of Marie Dameon wid.