

## Editorial

In this third issue published during the United States' semi-quincentennial anniversary, we continue our unplanned thread of articles featuring participants in the Revolutionary War. In the Spring issue we were introduced to Henry Sellingham, who though of Hessian birth enlisted on the American side in that conflict; the story continues in this issue with his son Jacob, who enlisted with his father when only 16 years old. The complexity of this war was evident in the Townsend family featured in this issue, with brothers finding themselves on opposite sides of the conflict.

Our lead article in this issue is **The Suffolk Roots of Simon Huntington of Norwich, England, Who Died En Route to New England in 1633, and His Kin in Great Yarmouth**. Author Clifford L. Stott explores the extended English family of Simon Huntington and his wife Margaret Barrett to demonstrate that the Norwich man long known to be the immigrant originated in the parish of Battisford, Suffolk, about 40 miles away.

Unlike Simon Huntington, Martin Townsend survived his voyage from England to New England, though like him, he also perished somewhere other than the family's intended destination—in his case dying while on a trip from Massachusetts down to South Carolina. In **The Descendants of Martin<sup>1</sup> Townsend of Watertown, Massachusetts**, author John D'Alessandro presents the recently confirmed English origin of the immigrant and traces three generations of his descendants in Massachusetts, Connecticut, Vermont, New York, and the Midwest.

Anne Needham came over to Massachusetts as a single woman on the Winthrop Fleet in 1630, where several years later she married Thomas Hett and with him left descendants to the present day. The origin of Hett was published in this journal in 2001; in this issue, author Randy A. West presents **The English Ancestry of Anne<sup>1</sup> Needham of Boston, Massachusetts, Wife of Thomas<sup>1</sup> Hett** in Spalding, Lincolnshire, identifying her parents as well as two generations of her mother's ancestors in that parish.

The origin of Rev. Samuel Whiting of Lynn, Massachusetts and the identity and ancestry of his second wife, Elizabeth St. John, have long been known; but the identity of his first wife, mother of his daughter Dorothy (Whiting) Weld, has remained undiscovered. In **The Identity and Ancestry of the First Wife of Rev. Samuel<sup>1</sup> Whiting of Lynn, Massachusetts**, author Robert Battle identifies her as Anne Revett of King's Lynn, Norfolk, tracing her ancestry in that town back to her grandparents.

The next item is the second half of George W. Varney's article covering the descendants of **Jacob and Henry Sellingham, Hessian Immigrants, of Boston, Ashburnham, and Ashby, Massachusetts**. In this part, Jacob's grandchildren and great-grandchildren are traced in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Iowa, and Canada.

Continuing the tradition begun by Henry B. Hoff in 2002, the final item in this issue is a list of **New England Articles in Genealogical Journals in 2024**.

– *Robert Battle and Christopher Challender Child*