

## WILLIAM HILTON

**MIGRATIONS/RESIDENCES:** To Plymouth, New England, on the *Anne* in 1623 at the age of 6 with his mother and sister Mary, age 5 (for whom there is no further record). Their father had arrived in 1621 on the *Fortune* and later moved the family to Maine. William, Jr., settled his family in Newbury and Charlestown, Massachusetts.<sup>1</sup>

**PARENTAGE/FAMILY:** Son of WILLIAM HILTON and his first wife, whose name is unknown (*GMB*, II:951-57; *PM*, 254-61),<sup>2</sup> and nephew of EDWARD HILTON (*GMB*, 947-51). The baptism of a son (probably John) born soon after the family's arrival in Plymouth by Rev. John Lyford disregarding that Hilton was not a member of the church, caused an uproar and likely contributed to the Hiltons' removal from Plymouth. William, Sr., had four more children born between 1636 and 1653 to his second wife, Frances – Magdalene, Mainwaring, Agnes, and William (again) – thus he had two sons named William who survived to adulthood.<sup>3</sup> See **COMMENTARY**.

**BIRTH/BAPTISM:** Baptized Northwich, Cheshire, England, 22 June 1617.<sup>4</sup>

**DEATH/BURIAL:** Died at Charlestown, 7 September 1675.<sup>5</sup>

**MARRIED:** (1) about 1640 (eldest child born June 1641).<sup>6</sup>

**BRIDE: SARAH GREENLEAF.**

**PARENTAGE/FAMILY:** Eldest daughter of Edmund and Sarah (More) Greenleaf, who came to Newbury, Massachusetts, about 1637. Her sister Elizabeth married first Giles Badger and second RICHARD BROWN (*GM2*, I:432-35), and sister Judith married first Henry Somerby and second Tristram Coffin, Jr. Eldest brother Enoch and younger brothers Stephen and Daniel, also emigrated. The will of Edmund Greenleaf, dated 22 December 1668, gave £10 to “my grandchild Elizabeth Hilton” and “to my Grandchild Sarah Winslow five pounds if her father pay me the foure pounds he oweth mee” [he apparently was unaware of Sarah's death the previous April].<sup>7</sup>

**BIRTH/BAPTISM:** Baptized St. Mary la Tour, Ipswich, England, 26 March 1620.<sup>8</sup>

**DEATH/BURIAL:** Died 1655.<sup>9</sup>

**MARRIED:** (2) Charlestown, 16 September 1659.<sup>10</sup>

**BRIDE: MEHITABLE NOWELL.**

**PARENTAGE/FAMILY:** Sixth of nine children of INCREASE and PARNELL (GRAY) (PARKER) NOWELL (*GMB*, II:1342-46; *WF*, 499-504). Her parents had come to Charlestown with the Winthrop Fleet in 1630. Of her siblings only two survived to adulthood – Samuel and Mary, whose first husband was Isaac Winslow, son of JOHN WINSLOW (*GMB*, III:2027-30; *PM*, 511-15) and his wife Mary Chilton, daughter of *Mayflower* passenger JAMES CHILTON (*GMB*,

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<sup>1</sup> Robert Charles Anderson, *The Great Migration Begins: Immigrants to New England, 1620-1633*, 3 vols. (Boston: NEHGS, 1995) [hereinafter *GMB*], II:951-53; Sybil Noyes, Charles T. Libby, and Walter Goodwin Davis, *Genealogical Dictionary of Maine and New Hampshire* (Portland, Me.: 1928-29; 1972) [hereinafter *GDMNH*], 335.

<sup>2</sup> Names in all capital letters followed by (*GMB*, *GM2*, *PM*, or *WF*) indicate individuals who are treated in *The Great Migration* series.

<sup>3</sup> *GMB*, II:952-57; *New England Historical and Genealogical Register*, vol. 1+ (Boston: NEHGS, 1847+) [hereinafter *NEHGR*], 31:183-84, 36:41-45.

<sup>4</sup> *GMB*, II:953; *GDMNH*, 335.

<sup>5</sup> *NEHGR*, 31:185-87.

<sup>6</sup> *GMB*, II:953.

<sup>7</sup> *GMB*, II:953; Mary Lovering Holman, comp. for Helen Pendleton (Winston) Pillsbury, *Ancestry of Charles Stinson Pillsbury and John Sargent Pillsbury*..., two volumes (Concord, NH: 1938, 1942) [hereinafter *Pillsbury*], 589-91 (Suffolk Co PR 7:112); James Edward Greenleaf, *Genealogy of the Greenleaf Family* (Boston: 1896), 72-73, 190-93; *NEHGR*, 38:300; Edith Bartlett Sumner, *Ancestry of Edward Wales Blake and Clarissa Matilda Glidden with Ninety Allied Families* (Los Angeles: 1948) [hereinafter *Blake-Glidden*], 132. See **page 6 for updated sources**.

<sup>8</sup> *Pillsbury*, 590-91; *Blake-Glidden*, 132.

<sup>9</sup> *Pillsbury*, 591.

<sup>10</sup> Roger D. Joslyn, comp. and ed., *Vital Records of Charlestown, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850*, 3 vols. (Boston: 1984) [hereinafter *Charlestown VR*], 1:38.

I:353-55; *PM*, 103-05). Isaac was brother of Edward Winslow, who married Mehitable's daughter Sarah.<sup>11</sup> Mehitable's half-sister, Sarah Parker, married Hugh Williams.<sup>12</sup>

The will of Increase Nowell, dated 23 June 1655 and proved 25 December 1655, divided his property, after the widow's thirds was separated, into six parts, of which daughters Mehitable and Mary each received one. Widow Parnell Nowell, executrix of the estate of Increase Nowell, deeded on 7 May 1675 "unto my loving Sonne in law William Hilton of Charlestown...mariner and to my daughter Mehettabell Hilton his wife, and the children of their two bodies," all of her dwelling house in Charlestown "with the garden, backe side, and land thereunto adjoyneing" containing about 40 poles of land bounded by "Towne Streets Easterly Towne house Hill westerly, Narrow lane southerly and John Baxter northerly." On 1 December 1675, Mehitabel Hilton acknowledged receipt of the "dwelling house which was my Father's with the Land adjoining to it" as her share, and acknowledged again on 19 November 1687 as "now wife of John Cutler Senr." On 16 April 1684, Mehitable Hilton widow and relict of Edward [*sic*] Hilton mortgaged to "my loving brother Samuel Nowel of Boston" the land with her dwelling house in Charlestown "(that was given me as a portion in marriage)" for £31.6. The mortgage was released 20 November 1684.<sup>13</sup>

She married (2) at Charlestown, by Samuel Nowell, Esq., Asst., 29 October 1684,<sup>14</sup> **John Cutler**, son of Robert and Rebecca (—) Cutler,<sup>15</sup> died Charlestown, 12 September 1694, in 66<sup>th</sup> yr.<sup>16</sup> John married (1) Anna Woodmansey, by whom he had: John, Timothy, who m. step-sister Elizabeth Hilton, Sarah, Samuel, Hannah, Robert, Rebecca, and Mary.<sup>17</sup> The will of John Cutler, dated 20 August 1692 and proved 15 November 1694, gave his wife half of the orchard in Eastfield, half of Dirty Marsh, and half of the cow's pasture.<sup>18</sup>

**BIRTH/BAPTISM:** Born at Charlestown, 2 February 1637/8; baptized Charlestown 4 February 1637/8.<sup>19</sup>

**DEATH/BURIAL:** Died at Charlestown, 29 September 1711, age 74.<sup>20</sup>

**LAND/PROPERTY:** In May 1660, William Hilton of Charlestown, petitioned the General Court at Boston stating "Where as your petitioners father William Hilton came over into New England about the yeare Anno: Dom: 1621 : & yo<sup>r</sup> petitioner came about one Yeare & a halfe after, and In a little tyme following settled our selves upon the River of Pischatag. With Mr. Edw: Hilton, who were the first English planters there : W<sup>r</sup> having much Intercourse with y<sup>e</sup> Indeans by way of Trayd, & mutuall giving & receaving, amonst whome one Tahanto Sagamore of Penecooke, for diverse kindnesses received from your petitioners father & him selfe, did freely give unto the aforsd William Hilton Senior & William Hilton Junio<sup>r</sup> six Miles of Land liing on y<sup>f</sup> River Penneconaquigg, being a riverlett running into the river Penacooke to y<sup>e</sup> Eastward...also Two Miles of the best Meddow Land Liing on the North East side of the River of Pennicooke adjoining to the sd River...given in the P'sence of Darby Field & several Indeans In the yeare 1636...Your petitioner humbly Craveth that his Grant may bee confirmed by this Court..." The Court ruled that 300 acres of land was to be set aside for Hilton who sold it to Richard Russell. In March 1684/5, James Russell, executor of the estate of his father Richard petitioned the Court to authenticate that sale and the Court answered by granting Russell 1000 acres in lieu of the lands sold by Mr. Hilton to his father.<sup>21</sup>

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<sup>11</sup> *GMB*, III:1345.

<sup>12</sup> *NEHGR*, 82:172-77.

<sup>13</sup> *GMB*, III:1344; Thomas Bellows Wyman, *The Genealogies and Estates of Charlestown, Massachusetts: 1629-1818*, 2 vols. (Boston: 1879; rpt. in 1 vol., Somersworth, NH: 1982) [hereinafter *Wyman's Charlestown*], 504; Middlesex County, Massachusetts, Deeds (familysearch.org) [hereinafter *Middlesex Deeds*], 5:240-42, 9:55-56, 75, 10:75.

<sup>14</sup> *Charlestown VR*, 1:123; *Wyman's Charlestown*, 255.

<sup>15</sup> *GDMNH*, 335; *Wyman's Charlestown*, 254-55, 504.

<sup>16</sup> *Wyman's Charlestown*, 255; www.findagrave.com (g.s. photo).

<sup>17</sup> *Wyman's Charlestown*, 255.

<sup>18</sup> *Wyman's Charlestown*, 255.

<sup>19</sup> *Wyman's Charlestown*, 711; *Charlestown VR*, 1:6; *NEHGR*, 4:269.

<sup>20</sup> *GDMNH*, 335; *Charlestown VR*, I:229.

<sup>21</sup> *NEHGR*, 36:41-45.

William Hilton “had several grants of land in Newbury, but these grants are scattered through the Town Records, generally without dates, and in utter disregard of chronological order.” On 29 December 1649, he sold “James, his Indian, to George Carr, in exchange for quarter of a vessel.”<sup>22</sup>

On 29 September 1655, William Hilton, mariner, of Charlestown, purchased from Ralph Mousall “a dwelling house of myne standing...wapping Roe: Eastward in the sayd Towne, or towards the East end ther off....” Hilton sold this property to Matthew Price on 26 August 1659. In the “division of wood and commons one Mistick syde,” 1 March 1657/8, William Hilton received Lot #72 with 37 acres of woods and 6 commons. The survey of streets in Charlestown in 1670 described Broad Street as “From M<sup>r</sup>. Shepards House unto the extent of M<sup>r</sup>. Hilton’s Land, the breadth from M<sup>r</sup>. Shepards over to M<sup>r</sup> Chickerings, is Thirty five feet: from M<sup>r</sup>. Hiltons over to Cap<sup>l</sup>. Spragues is Twenty-four foot & a halfe.” On 5 July 1657, a grant of land was made to W<sup>m</sup> Hilton of Charlestown.<sup>23</sup>

**COMMUNITY:** Freeman of Massachusetts Bay, 18 May 1653.<sup>24</sup>

**CHURCH:** Mehitabel Hilton, “Increase Nowel’s daughter,” was admitted to the Charlestown church on 6 January 1666/7. Mr. William Hilton was admitted “by a letter of Dismission from the church of x<sup>t</sup> in Newbury,” 14 August 1670.<sup>25</sup>

**COURT:** William Hilton of Newbury was a defendant at the Salem court of 30 April 1640 in a suit by Thomas Tuck, and in June 1640 the court “On behalf of Thomas Tuck attached 26s. of William Hilton’s in Mr. Pester’s hands.” On 23 Aug 1661, William Hilton gave power of attorney to Samuel Adams to “defend his cause against Matthew Prise.”<sup>26</sup>

**OCCUPATION:** Distinguished master mariner, navigator and cartographer, he sailed to Surinam, London, Barbados, Carolina, etc. In the autumn of 1662, his ship *Adventure* carried an exploratory expedition “for ye discovery of Cape Feare [now North Carolina] and more South parts of Florida,” that also included his son-in-law, Edward Winslow, and brother-in-law Enoch Greenleaf. A map in the British Museum in London is labeled “Discovery made by William Hilton of Charles towne in New England mariner from Cape Hatterask Lat: 35, 30, to ye west of Cape Roman, in Lat 32. 30, in ye yere 1662.” Another voyage was made in August 1663 during which they explored the entrance to Port Royal Sound, noting just inside the entrance the existence of a headland – a high point of land used as a reference point by mariners. This was later called Hilton’s Head in his honor. In 1664 he published a work about his explorations, *A Relation of a Discovery Lately Made on the Coast of Florida*.<sup>27</sup>

**PERSONAL:** A facsimile of the signature of William Hilton of Charlestown appears in *NEHGR*, 36:41.

**ESTATE:** Administration of the estate of William Hilton of Charlestown was given to his widow, Mehitabel, on 14 January 1675/6. Inventory taken 23 September 1675 totaled £166.2s., including £40.18s. in money and plate and £41.18s.6d. “goods in the Shop.” The only real estate was a wood lot of 17 acres “liing Above mistik” valued at £2.<sup>28</sup>

The will of Nowell Hilton of Charlestown, Massachusetts, who had shipped out with the crew of the *Success* in 1683, appointed “my Trusty and loving Kinsman Nathaniell Cutler of the Parish of Stepney in the County of Middlesex [England], Sawyer,” his attorney with authority to collect any money owed to him including his wages and bequeathed all of his estate to Cutler. The will was signed 6 October 1687 and witnessed by Mary Story, Cuthbert [Stoy or Story], and Samuel Sapp “at the two Anchors and Three Starrs on Wapping wall.” It was proved 17 September 1689 at Doctors Commons, London.<sup>29</sup>

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<sup>22</sup> *NEHGR*, 31:183.

<sup>23</sup> *Wyman’s Charlestown*, 504; *Third Report of the Record Commissioners of the City of Boston: containing the Charlestown Land Records, 1638-1802* (Boston: 1883), 78, 137-38, 150-51; Middlesex Deeds, 2:85-86; *Middlesex County, MA: Abstracts of Court Files, 1649-1675*. (Online database: AmericanAncestors.org, NEHGS, 2003), (Unpublished abstracts by Thomas Bellows Wyman, “Abstract of Middlesex court files from 1649,” n.d.), 1:131 (no description of the land).

<sup>24</sup> *NEHGR*, 3:192, 31:183.

<sup>25</sup> *GDMNH*, 335; *Wyman’s Charlestown*, 504; *NEHGR*, 23:284, 435, 31:184.

<sup>26</sup> *Middlesex Ct Abst*, 1:132; *NEHGR*, 31:183; *Records and Files of the Quarterly Courts of Essex County, Massachusetts, 1636-1686*, 9 vols. (Salem: 1897-1909), 1:18.

<sup>27</sup> *GDMNH*, 335; *NEHGR*, 34:199, 124: 90-108.

<sup>28</sup> Middlesex County, Massachusetts, Probate, microfilm NEHGS [hereinafter Middlesex PR], #11558.

<sup>29</sup> *GDMNH*, 335; *NEHGR*, 32:50-51, 38:73.

The will of Mehitable Cutler, relict widow of Lt. John Cutler of Charlestowne, was dated 8 December 1709 and proved 22 October 1711. She gave to her sister Mary Long “my newest and best Whood...”; to the Rev. Mr. Simon Bradstreet, she gave a seal<sup>d</sup> ring; to “my maid Elizabeth Lord for extraordinary service above her wages” £5; to “my two sons John and Richard Hilton” all of the remainder on condition that they “maintaine and support their brother Samuel Hilton with all needful supplies dureing his naturall Life as far as my Estate shall extend.” John and Richard were made executors. In an addendum, she gave to “Elizabeth Lord my Maid and my daughter Elizabeth Cutler [step-daughter Elizabeth (Hilton) Cutler] all my Wareing apparel to be equally devided between them...” Inventory was taken [30?] October 1711 and included the “house & land” valued at £200, “two pipes of Wine” (£30), 44 gallons of rum (£26), “12 gall<sup>n</sup> of Stild Spirits” (£3) and other items indicating she was the proprietress of an ordinary.<sup>30</sup>

The will of Richard Hilton was begun on 10 January, signed on 16 January 1720/1, and proved 6 February 1720/1. He gave to the “heirs of my Cosins M<sup>rs</sup> Mary Attwood and M<sup>rs</sup> Deborah Skinner of Boston my now dwelling hous and barn and Land adjoining” in Charlestown. They were to pay the “Heirs of my Aunt M<sup>rs</sup> Mary Long of Charlestown” the full value of the house and barn as determined in his inventory. To “my Cosin Thomas Lord” of Charlestown a “parcel of Land at dirty marsh Containing one acre and a half.” To “my brother John Hilton the Improvement of my hous and barn and Land adjoining During his natural Life.” If Richard’s moveable estate was insufficient to bury him, each of the heirs “shall abate proportionable of there Legacie so far as is needful” for that task. If there was a surplus from his moveables after his burial, then half was to go to his sister Elizabeth Cutler and half to the heirs of his Aunt Mary Long. Capt. Richard Foster, Sr., and Thomas Lord were named executors. The inventory taken [8?] February 1720/21 included “one dweling hous and barn” (£75), the land under and adjoining (£80), and one and a half acres of marsh (£22).<sup>31</sup>

On 14 January 1741, William Skinner of Boston, gentleman, for himself and as attorney to Nathaniel Hodgdon, cordwainer, and Anne his wife; William Phillips, mariner, Sarah Phillips, singlewoman, and Joshua Atwood, shipwright, all of Boston; John Chamberlain of Chelsea, yeoman, and Mary his wife; John Atwood of Bradford, Essex County, trader; Francis Skinner of Newport, Newport County, Rhode Island, bookseller; and Thomas Skinner of Marblehead, Essex County, silversmith, sold the estate of Richard Hilton, deceased, late of Charlestown, to Hugh Furz.<sup>32</sup>

**CHILDREN** of William and Sarah (Greenleaf) Hilton, born at Newbury:<sup>33</sup>

- i. **SARAH<sup>3</sup> HILTON**, b. June 1641; d. 4 April 1667, age 26, bur. Copps Hill, Boston<sup>34</sup>; m. by 1661,<sup>35</sup> **EDWARD WINSLOW**, son of JOHN and MARY (CHILTON) WINSLOW (*GMB*, I:353-55, III:2027-30; *PM*, 103-05, 511-15), b. abt. 1636<sup>36</sup>; d. Boston, 19 Nov. 1682, in 48<sup>th</sup> yr., bur. Copps Hill.<sup>37</sup> Edward m. (2) Boston, 8 Feb. 1668, **Elizabeth Hutchinson**.<sup>38</sup>
- ii. **CHARLES HILTON**, b. July 1643; d. “young,” prob. bef. grandfather Greenleaf’s will, 22 Dec. 1668.
- iii. **MARY HILTON**, b. abt. 1645; d. of small-pox, 15 July 1678, age 33<sup>39</sup>; m. Charlestown, 2 Oct. 1666,<sup>40</sup> **WILLIAM MARSHALL**. He m. (2) 14 Jun 1681,<sup>41</sup> **Lydia (Maynard) Hale** [who m. (1) **Samuel Hale**; (3) as his third wife, **Samuel Ballatt**].<sup>42</sup>

<sup>30</sup> *GDMNH*, 335; Middlesex PR, #5540.

<sup>31</sup> *Wyman’s Charlestown*, 505; Middlesex PR, #11557.

<sup>32</sup> Middlesex Deeds, 41:708-10.

<sup>33</sup> *GDMNH*, 335; *Vital Records of Newbury, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849* (Salem, Mass.: 1911) [hereinafter *Newbury VR*], 1:223-24; *Wyman’s Charlestown*, 504; *NEHGR*, 23:436, 31:184.

<sup>34</sup> Robert Moody Sherman and Verle Delano Vincent, comp., rev. by Robert S. Wakefield, *Mayflower Families Through Five Generations...* [hereinafter *MF*], *Volume Fifteen, Family of James Chilton* (Plymouth, Mass.: General Society of Mayflower Descendants, 1997), 14.

<sup>35</sup> *GDMNH*, 335 *GMB*, III:2030; *Boston Births, Baptisms, Marriages, and Deaths, 1630-1699*, Ninth Report of the Boston Record Commissioners (Boston: 1883), 80 (eldest child b. Boston, 18 June 1661).

<sup>36</sup> *GMB*, III:2029; *MF*, 15:14.

<sup>37</sup> *MF*, 15:14.

<sup>38</sup> *GMB*, III:2030; *MF*, 15:14.

<sup>39</sup> *GDMNH*, 335; *Wyman’s Charlestown*, 657.

<sup>40</sup> *Charlestown VR*, I:24; *Wyman’s Charlestown*, 504, 657.

<sup>41</sup> *Wyman’s Charlestown*, 657.

<sup>42</sup> *Wyman’s Charlestown*, 53, 454, 657.

- iv. **ANNE/HANNAH HILTON**, b. 12 Feb. 1648[9]; m. Newbury, 2 July 1668,<sup>43</sup> **JONATHAN WOODMAN**, son of EDWARD and JOANNA (—) WOODMAN (*GM2*, VII:516-22), b. Newbury, 5 Nov. 1643.<sup>44</sup>
- v. **ELIZABETH HILTON**, b. 6 Nov. 1650; bp. 3 Oct 1675 (“Elisabeth Cutler, ye wife of Timothy Cutler (cous. Hilton’s dauh); d. bet. 30 Nov. 1726 and 20 Apr. 1733<sup>45</sup>; m. Charlestown, 22 Dec. 1673,<sup>46</sup> her step-brother, **TIMOTHY CUTLER**, son of John and Anna (Woodmansey) Cutler,<sup>47</sup> d. 21 October 1694, in 42<sup>nd</sup> year.<sup>48</sup>
- vi. **WILLIAM HILTON**, b. 28 June 1653; d. prob. bef. grandfather Greenleaf’s will, 22 Dec. 1668.

**CHILDREN** of William and Mehitable (Nowell) Hilton, born and baptized at Charlestown:<sup>49</sup>

- vii. **NOWELL HILTON**, b. 4 May 1663, bp. 10 May 1663 (called “the son of my Cousen Hilton” by the minister); d. bet. 6 Oct. 1687 and 17 Sept. 1689.<sup>50</sup>
- viii. **EDWARD HILTON**, b. 3 Mar. 1666 [1665, Co. Rec. 3:67]; bp. 4 Mar. 1666; not mentioned in mother’s or sibling’s wills.
- ix. **JOHN HILTON**, bp. 24 May 1668; d. bef. 14 Jan. 1741<sup>51</sup>; m. **SARAH PARRUCK**, dau. of John and Sarah (Smith) Parruck, bp. 25 Dec. 1681.<sup>52</sup>
- x. **RICHARD HILTON**, b. 13 Sept. 1670; bp. 18 Sept. 1670; d. Charlestown, 25 Jan. 1720/1, about 50<sup>53</sup>; m. Charlestown, 22 Jan. 1711/2,<sup>54</sup> **ELIZABETH LORD**, dau. of Samuel and Elizabeth (Ted) Lord, b. Charlestown, 27 June 1669, bp. 21 May 1676<sup>55</sup>; d. 22 Sept. 1718.<sup>56</sup>
- xi. **CHARLES HILTON**, b. 19 April 1673; bp. 27 Apr. 1673 (“ye son of Couse Will: Hilton, & of Mehetabel his wife”); not mentioned in mother’s or siblings’ wills.
- xii. **SAMUEL HILTON**, living 8 Dec. 1709 when mother designated in her will that his brothers were to take care of him for life. Not mentioned in brother Richard’s will 1721.

**RESOURCES:** Louise Hall, “New Englanders at Sea: Cape Fear Before the Royal Charter of 24 March 1662/3,” *NEHGR*, 124:88-108, describes William Hilton’s involvement in the exploration of the Carolina and Florida coasts.

**COMMENTARY:** The identity of the various William Hiltons of New Hampshire, Maine and Massachusetts has been a problem for genealogists for well over a century. In 1882 John T. Hassam concluded in his article “The Dover Settlement and the Hiltons,”<sup>57</sup> that William<sup>1</sup> Hilton had two sons named William -- one was the eldest surviving child by his first wife (the subject of this sketch, who was briefly in Maine and then removed to Newberry and Charlestown) and the other was the youngest child by his second wife (who settled and stayed in York, Maine) – with a span of 36 years between them. William<sup>2</sup> Hilton (the younger son) was born about 1653 according to a deposition stating his age in 1677 as 24. William<sup>2</sup> Hilton (the elder son, b. 1617) had a son William<sup>3</sup> Hilton whose birth was recorded at Newbury on 28 June 1653, for whom there is no further record. Since this means an uncle and a nephew were the same age, it is not to be wondered that this conclusion is subject to question, but it is supported by evidence.

In *Genealogical Dictionary of Maine and New Hampshire* under the sketch for William<sup>2</sup> Hilton (the younger son), the authors state that he was “a fully proven half-bro. of Wm. (the elder son)...He grew up with his step fa. White, without benefit of education....” The step-father in question was Richard White,

<sup>43</sup> *Newbury VR*, 2:233.

<sup>44</sup> *Newbury VR*, 1:554 (no year).

<sup>45</sup> *GDMNH*, 335 (will and probate).

<sup>46</sup> *Wyman’s Charlestown*, 50; *Charlestown VR*, 1:89.

<sup>47</sup> *GDMNH*, 335.

<sup>48</sup> *GDMNH*, 335.

<sup>49</sup> *GDMNH*, 335; *Wyman’s Charlestown*, 504; *Charlestown VR*, 1:43, 54; *NEHGR*, 25:313, 344, 26:50, 52, 544; 31:184.

<sup>50</sup> *GDMNH*, 335; *Wyman’s Charlestown*, 504 (will and probate).

<sup>51</sup> When the land of his brother Richard Hilton, in which John had a life estate, was sold by the heirs.

<sup>52</sup> *Wyman’s Charlestown*, 504, 730.

<sup>53</sup> *GDMNH*, 335; *Charlestown VR*, 1:268.

<sup>54</sup> *Charlestown VR*, 1:235; *Wyman’s Charlestown*, 504, 630.

<sup>55</sup> *Wyman’s Charlestown*, 630.

<sup>56</sup> *GDMNH*, 335; *Wyman’s Charlestown*, 504.

<sup>57</sup> *NEHGR*, 36:46

second husband of William<sup>1</sup> Hilton's second wife, Frances \_\_\_\_ White was the administrator of William<sup>1</sup> Hilton's estate. By Richard, Frances had two children: son Sampson White and daughter Frances White. In 1671 young Frances was punished for telling "a slanderous lie ag. her half-br. Wm. Hilton."<sup>58</sup> That intriguing story will be investigated further when the Early New England Families Study Project deals with the younger William<sup>2</sup> Hilton (who married by 1678). Although not a common practice in New England, giving the same fist name to two children of a father, usually with different mothers, is not unheard of.

Update 6/26/14:

Page 1: The maiden name of Sarah (Greenleaf) Hilton's mother has been corrected from "Dole" to "More" based on the following sources: *NEHGR*, 122:28-36, Dorothy Greenleaf Boynton, "Sara First Wife of Edmund Greenleaf," and *The American Genealogist*, 56:107, Roger T. Joslyn, "Edmund Greenleaf & Sarah Moore, Further on the Marriage." Correction submitted by westtrack@comcast.net.

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<sup>58</sup> *GDMNH*, 336, 748.