

Ancestors of William Bennett Dickison

Generation No. 1

1. William Bennett Dickison^{1,2,3,4,4}, born Feb 09, 1834 in Vevay, Switzerland County, Indiana; died Apr 24, 1898 in Peoria County, Illinois. He was the son of **2. Griffith Dickison** and **3. Achsah Bennett**. He married **(1) Ann W. Wilkinson**^{5,6,7,8} Mar 15, 1855 in Radnor Township, Peoria County, Illinois⁹. She was born Mar 15, 1835 in Parke County, Indiana, and died Jun 25, 1925 in Berkley, California. She was the daughter of Aaron Gregg Wilkinson and Sarah Hopkins Harlan.

Notes for William Bennett Dickison:

Historical Encyclopedia of Illinois (edited by Newton Bateman, L.L.D., and Paul Selby, A.M.) and History of Peoria County (edited by David McCulloch), Illustrated; Volume II; Chicago and Peoria: Munsell Publishing Company, Publishers 1902; pp. 729-730.

DICKISON, WILLIAM B.: Farmer; was born February 9, 1834 in Indiana. His parents were Griffith and Achsah (Bennett) Dickison, the latter a native of Chautauqua County, New York. John Dickison, his grandfather, settled at Mossville, in 1835, with his wife, Mary (White) Dickison, his brother Griffith and Aaron G. Wilkinson. In 1855, William B. Dickison and his father bought a farm in Section 35, Radnor Township, and later, for a quarter of a century, they lived in Richwoods Township, where the former filled the office of Supervisor. March 15, 1855. Mr. Dickison married Anna Wilkinson, in Radnor Township. She was born in Indiana, March 15, 1835, a daughter of Aaron G. and Sarah (Harlan) Wilkinson, natives respectively of Virginia and Ohio. Her grandparents in the maternal line were Joseph and Sarah J. Harlan, he born in Ohio, she in Maryland. To Mr. and Mrs. Dickison were born three children: Elizabeth B., Charles D. and William Ernest. Elizabeth B. married Frank P. Epperson, now deceased. Charles D. married Flora Frye, who was born in Kickapoo Township, in 1858, a daughter of Henry A. and Anna (Deen) Frye, born in Pennsylvania, and at Cincinnati, Ohio, respectively, and is the owner of a fine farm of 160 acres in connection with which he manages a dairy, selling milk in Peoria. He is a Mason and has been School Director. His three children are named Elva May, Anna Elizabeth, and William E. Mrs. William B. Dickison is a Presbyterian. She and her daughter, Mrs. Epperson, also a widow, live at 1001 Knoxville Avenue, Peoria.

1880 United States Census, Family History Library Film 1254241, NA Film Number T9-0241, Page Number 384B:

William B. is listed as a 46 year old male, occupation farmer, born in Indiana. His father is listed as born in Indiana and his mother in New York. Ann Dickison is listed as a 45 year old housekeeper, born in Indiana. Her father is listed as born in Virginia and her mother in Ohio. William E. is a 19 year old male, employed as a farmer.

More About William Bennett Dickison:

Burial: Dickison Cemetery, Dunlap, Illinois

Notes for Ann W. Wilkinson:

Obituary Notice. The Peoria Journal; June 29, 1925, p. 14:

Mrs. Ann Dickison

Mrs. Ann Dickison, a former resident of Peoria and widow of W.B. Dickison, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Epperson of Berkeley, Cal., June 25, aged 90 years, 3 months and 10 days.

The body is being brought to Peoria for burial. Funeral services will be held at the Ziegler chapel on Wednesday, July 1, at 2 o'clock.

Interment will be in the Dickison Cemetery, near Dunlap, Ill.

The Peoria Star; July 1, 1925, p. 20:

Mrs. Ann Dickison Rites Held Today

Ninety years ago in 1835, Aaron Wilkinson came by ox team from Rockport, Ind., overland and settled in the fertile Kickapoo valley in the vicinity of Dunlap. The youngest member of the pioneer family was Ann, a baby of six months. She grew to gracious womanhood and in 1855 became the wife of William B. Dickison. She resided in Peoria County until four years ago and then took up her residence in Berkeley, Cal. where she had previously spent several winters.

She passed away on Monday, June 25, at the great age of 90 years, three months and ten days, and last evening the body, accompanied by Mrs. E. D. Epperson, her daughter, and Mrs. W.H. Lambert, her grand-daughter, arrived here. The funeral was this afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Ziegler mortuary chapel and the interment was in

the Dickison Cemetery.

Mrs. Dickison is survived by her daughter, Mrs. Epperson, and one son, Chas. D. Dickison of Peoria. One son, Ernest, is dead. Mrs. Dickison lived to see 17 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren. She was a remarkable woman - the type that made the country great, that made its homes the sheet anchor of the nation. Her friendships were many and sincere and in her passing there is sorrow, but it is the sorrow tempered and softened by tenderest memories of a long lifetime of truest womanhood and devotion.

More About Ann W. Wilkinson:
Burial: Dickison Cemetery, Dunlap, Illinois

Marriage Notes for William Dickison and Ann Wilkinson:
Illinois Statewide Marriage Index 1763 - 1900 (WWW Document). URL
<http://www2.sos.state.il.us/cgi-bin/marriage>.

Dickinson, William, Groom
Ann Wilkinson, Bride

Generation No. 2

2. Griffith Dickison^{10,11,12,13}, born Nov 27, 1811 in Vevay, Switzerland County, Indiana; died Mar 14, 1886 in Peoria County, Illinois. He was the son of **4. John A. Dickison** and **5. Mary White**. He married **3. Achsah Bennett** Sep 06, 1829 in Vevay, Switzerland County, Indiana.

3. Achsah Bennett^{14,15}, born Jan 01, 1800 in Chautauqua County, New York¹⁶; died Sep 12, 1858 in Radnor Township, Peoria County, Illinois. She was the daughter of **6. Abijah Bennett** and **7. Elizabeth Prow**.

Notes for Griffith Dickison:

Illinois Land Sales: (WWW Document). URL
<gopher://UICVM1.CC.UIC.EDU:8013/0%7Edb.LANDSALES/re.280017>.

Purchaser: DICKISON, GRIFFITH
Date: 06/27/1835
Acres: 75.44
Price: \$1.25
Type of sale: Federal sale (FD)
County: 72
Section: 6

Section Part: W2NE
Township:09N
Range: 07E
Meridian: 4
Purchaser Res:
Arch. Vol. No: 697
Vol. Page No.:093
Cash warrant code:
Record corrected:0

Illinois Land Sales: (WWW Document). URL
gopher://UICVM1.CC.UIC.EDU:8013/0%7Edb.LANDSALES/re.280016.

Purchaser: DICKISON, GRIFFITH
Date: 07/03/1835
Acres: 37.72
Price: \$1.25
Type of sale: Federal sale (FD)
County: 72
Section: 6
Section Part: SENE
Township:09N
Range: 07E
Meridian: 4
Purchaser Res:
Arch. Vol. No: 697
Vol. Page No.:093
Cash warrant code:
Record corrected:0

The 1850 IL Census lists the members of Griffith's household:

Griffith Age 38 Farmer Value of real estate owned 8800 Born IN
Axa Age 45+ Born NY
Wm. B. Age 16 Farmer Attended school in past year. Born IN
Abijah Age 10 Attended school in past year. Born IL
Nelson Ramer Age 18 Laborer Born Twp
Alpherius Ramer Age 17 Born Twp
Susanna Ramer Age 9 Attended school in past year. Born IL

1880 United Census, Family History Library Film 1254241; NA Film Number T9-0241, Page
Number 376D:

Note: Surname spelled Dickinson.

Griffith Age 69 Farmer Born IN Father Born MD Mother Born KY

Sarah, wife Age 44 Housekeeping Born OH Father Born VA Mother Born PA
Daniel, son Age 14 At Home Born IL Father Born IN Mother Born OH
Fannie, daughter Age 14 At Home Born IL Father Born IN Mother Born OH
Joseph, son Age 10 At Home Born IL Father Born IN Mother Born OH
Mary, daughter Age 9 At Home Born IL Father Born IN Mother Born OH
Estella, daughter Age 7 At Home Born IL Father Born IN Mother Born OH
Fredrick, son Age 5 At Home Born IL Father Born IN Mother Born OH

Other members of the household:

Denton Kays Age 44 Laborer Born OH Father Born PA Mother Born MD
Michael Spellman Age 40 Laborer Borne Ireland

Atlas Map of Peoria County, Illinois; 1873.

GRIFFITH DICKINSON was born in the territory of Indiana, on the 27th day of November 1811, in what is now Switzerland county. His father, John Dickinson, was a native of Maryland, and emigrated to Indiana when a small boy. He married Mary White. The subject of this memoir is the oldest child. His early life was spent in the wilderness of that frontier territory, where he enjoyed but limited advantages of education. He was brought up on a farm till the age of twenty-four years when he came to Peoria with his wife and two children, having married in his native place Miss Achsah Bennett, a native of Western New York. Mr. Dickinson came to Peoria in a four-horse wagon, arriving here on the 24th of April, 1835. He rented land for a few years near Mossville and afterwards purchased the same, remaining on it about one year, when he sold out in consequence of the unhealthiness of the place, and bought six miles west, in the town of Radnor, where he remained till 1866 when he came and bought the place where William Giles now resides. In February, 1873, he sold that place, and the same day purchased the place where he now resides, on the Knoxville road, two miles from the court house square. He has thirteen acres in this place, which makes a pleasant and valuable homestead.

Mr. Griffith Dickinson's principal business while living in the country was farming and handling stock. By economy, industry, and perseverance, he amassed a considerable fortune. He owns about a thousand acres of land of excellent quality on some of which he is pasturing and feeding large numbers of cattle. He has made money by speculating in lands and stocks, and has considerable in railroad shares and United States bonds.

In politics, Mr. Dickinson was originally a whig, but became a republican when the latter party was organized. He takes no active part in politics, except to make it a point to vote at each election, deeming that a duty of all good citizens. Mr. Dickinson is one of our most successful business men. His talents and energies as a financier, and his industry and good management in his business relations, have placed him in possession of a comfortable fortune, and he has a reputation for honor and integrity among his fellow citizens. His education has been mostly acquired in the school of experience, and he has a good knowledge of human nature, and is independent in his views and opinions. He has the esteem and confidence of a large circle of acquaintances.

His first wife died September 12, 1858. On the 24th of November, 1859, he was married to

Miss Margaret Johnson of Peoria county, by whom he has three children. He has been married three times, and has had, in all, ten children.

Historical Encyclopedia of Illinois (edited by Newton Bateman, L.L.D., and Paul Selby, A.M.) and History of Peoria County (edited by David McCulloch), Illustrated; Volume II; Chicago and Peoria: Munsell Publishing Company, Publishers 1902.

RADNOR TOWNSHIP, By Napoleon Dunlap.

p. 791. One of the earliest, if not the first settler in the township, was Erastus Peet, who came in 1834. His little daughter of four years, having become lost, and a fire having swept over the prairie in the night time, she perished in the flames and her body was discovered the next day. Robert Cline came in 1835, from Oswego County, New York, and, after remaining two years at Hale's Mill, settled on Section 35, and two years later on Section 13. He was killed by lightning on April 21, 1849. William Gifford, who came from Barnstable, Massachusetts, in 1836, erected the first frame house, on the south half of Section 28. Moses Harlan settled on Section 22 in the same year. He was County Commissioner in 1838, and two years in the Legislature, 1838-40. His son, George B. Harlan, settled on Section 2 in 1836. He was a Justice of the Peace for some years and a member of the Board of Supervisors for one or two years, besides holding other local offices. William Knott settled on Section 26 in the same year; also John L. Wakefield, who came from Butler County, Ohio to Peoria County in 1834, but settled on Section 18 in Radnor in 1836. Aaron G. Wilkinson and his brother, Abner Russell, Calvin Blake, Charles, Richard and George Wilkins, Anson Bushnell his brothers, Horace and Alvin, Thomas Shaw, James _____ and his brother-in-law, Griffith Dickinson, all came about the year 1837.

p. 793. The first election in Radnor was held at the house of Alva Dunlap in 1842. It was then Benton Precinct, composed of Radnor and Kickapoo townships. An election had previously been held in the woods in Kickapoo, north of where the village now is. At this election in Radnor Smith Dunlap, father of the writer, was elected Justice of the Peace, and continued to serve in that capacity until the adoption of township organization. The first annual town meeting of the Town of Benton (afterwards named Radnor) was held at the residence of Jonathan Brassfield. Alva Dunlap was chosen Moderator and Nathaniel T. A. Shaw, Clerk; Jonathan Brassfield was elected Supervisor; Nathaniel T.A. Shaw, Town Clerk; Lewis Harlan, Assessor; Jonathan Brassfield, Griffith Dickinson and William Wilkinson, Commissioners of Highways; Phineas R. Wilkinson, Collector; Lorennes Shaw, Overseer of the Poor; George B. Harlan and Smith Dunlap, Justices of the Peace; John M. Hendricks and Phineas R. Wilkinson, Constables. Fifteen dollars were appropriated for contingent expenses and fifty dollars for road purposes.

p. 794. (RE: January 1843 meeting of the Board of Trustees.) The office of Trustee having now become elective, Griffith Dickinson, Horace Bushnell, Joseph Chapin, Jonathan Brassfield and Nelson Bristol were the first to be elected. Trustees before then having been appointed.

More About Griffith Dickison:

Burial: Mar 1886, Dickison Cemetery, Dunlap, Illinois

Census: 1830, IN Switzerland County¹⁷

Occupation: Farmer

Notes for Achsah Bennett:

1935: Griffith and Achsah Bennett Dickison were cosigners of all deeds to Achsah's death. (This is why Wm. B., Abijah and Roxy were not able to claim any of his late holdings.) His divorced and his common-law wives did not sign any deeds after Achsah's death, but leaving heirs to claim Dower Rights and clouding all titles to that extent, until the Purchasers bought quit claim deeds from all heirs. The children of Achsah were estopped of their claims as she had signed deeds. (from notes of J.C. Huff, c. 1950)

More About Achsah Bennett:

Burial: Dickison Cemetery, Dunlap, Illinois

Marriage Notes for Griffith Dickison and Achsah Bennett:

Switzerland County, Indiana "Grooms Book:" Griffith Dickison married September 6, 1829 to Achey Bennett by John K. Walker, J.P.

Children of Griffith Dickison and Achsah Bennett are:

- i. Roxana Jane Dickison, born 1831 in Vevay, Switzerland County, Indiana; died WFT Est. 1861-1925; married Lyman N. Hitchcock Jan 21, 1849; born WFT Est. 1803-1834; died WFT Est. 1861-1919.
- 1 ii. William Bennett Dickison, born Feb 09, 1834 in Vevay, Switzerland County, Indiana; died Apr 24, 1898 in Peoria County, Illinois; married Ann W. Wilkinson Mar 15, 1855 in Radnor Township, Peoria County, Illinois.
- iii. Griffith Abijah Dickison¹⁸, born Jan 21, 1840 in Radnor Township, Peoria County, Illinois; died May 09, 1882 in Radnor Township, Peoria County, Illinois; married Anna Atkinson Oct 14, 1866 in Peoria County, Illinois¹⁹; born Feb 27, 1844 in Oxfordshire, England; died Jul 13, 1888 in Radnor Township, Peoria County, Illinois.

Notes for Griffith Abijah Dickison:

Griffith Abijah was educated in district schools and at Henry College in Mercer County. He owned 375 acres of land in a high state of improvement, was a Republican in politics; and held several local offices. He enlisted on May 2, 1862 in the Co. A. Ill. Light Artillery and mustered out at the close of the war (History of Peoria County, pub. Johnson & Co.)

Dickison, Griffith A. (son of Griffith), farmer, sec. 35, P. O. Alta. Was born in the township Jan. 27, 1840. His education was in the district schools of this county and at Henry College, Mercer county. In 1866 he married Miss Annie Adkinson of Oxford, England born February 27, 1844. They have five children - Nelly born 1867, Fanny born Aug. 20, 1870, Olive born Dec. 6, 1872, Laura N. born Aug. 24, 1874. and George

A. born June 24, 1877. Griffith A. owns 375 acres of of land in a high state of improvement; he is a republican in politics and has held several local offices. He enlisted May 2, 1862 in Co. A. 2d Illinois Light Artillery and served to the close of the war. (History of Peoria County 1880, pub. Johnson & Co.)

More About Griffith Abijah Dickison:

Burial: Dickison Cemetery, Dunlap, Illinois

Military service: May 02, 1862, Co. A. , 2d Illinois Light Artillery

Occupation: Farmer

More About Anna Atkinson:

Burial: 1888, Dickison Cemetery, Dunlap, Illinois

Generation No. 3

4. John A. Dickison^{20,21}, born 1787 in Kentucky; died May 12, 1854 in Radnor Township, Peoria County, Illinois. He was the son of **8. Griffith Dickenson, Sr.** and **9. Sarah**. He married **5. Mary White** Abt. 1810.

5. Mary White^{22,23}, born Nov 27, 1791 in Kentucky; died Oct 10, 1859 in Medina Township, Peoria County, Illinois.

Notes for John A. Dickison:

John served in the war of 1812. (unverified information)

SWITZERLAND COUNTY: Original Land Entries Tract Book. p. 187.

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Township 2, Range 3W continued

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Township 3, Range 3W

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THE HOOSIER JOURNAL OF ANCESTRY:

Page 5, Township 2, Range 2 West:

John Dickson, 159 acres, Section 4, 10 Feb. 1814

THE HOOSIER JOURNAL OF ANCESTRY, Vol. VII-II, April 1980, page 40:

Refer to the map of last issue for location of these lands. Remember that most pioneers bought their land on installments of four payments, one down and one each year. These dates, from the county records are the dates that the land was paid for, so in most cases it was bought three years earlier.

Page 5, Township 2, Range 2 West:

John Dickson, 160 acres, Section 10, 11 Aug. 1817

WILL RECORD, Vol. 1, 1823-1847, Switzerland County, Indiana, p. 58; LDS Microfilm #1310446:

re: Estate of John Cruger, deceased; May Term 1832:

Joseph McHenry & John Dickinson Admin. Come the said administrators and files here in Court their account with the said estate and their vouchers which account is in the words and figures following to wit of said Estate.

To amount of sale bill as heretofore reported	Mixes Judgement	\$385.94	1/2
By amount of claims heretofore reported at Nov. term of 1830-1831		162.99	
" Cash paid J.R. Whitaker as per Voucher No. 23		4.77	
" Cash paid Collector for tax as per Voucher 24		.62	
" Cash paid W.C. Keen Voucher 25		1.50	
" John Dickenson services attending May term 1832		1.00	

That said Estate is now finally closed and settled: the said Administrators knowing of no future monies to be collected or claims against said Estate and with the same closed and that the said John Dickenson and Joseph McHenry retain the said Five hundred and fifteen Dollars and ninety six cents as the guardians of the minor child of said Cruger.

May 14, 1832 John Dickenson for himself (his mark)
and Joseph McHenry

Which being inspected by the Court is approved and ordered that this estate is now finally settled and closes and that a complete record thereof has been made and that said Admins. pay the legal costs herein to be taxed by the Clerk.

WILL RECORD, Vol. 1, 1823-1847, Switzerland County, Indiana, p. 88; LDS Microfilm #1310446:

November Term 1832

Now here comes William Andrews one of the heirs of Robert R. Andrews, deceased, and files his petition praying this Court to appoint John Dickinson as guardian of his person and property and reports that he the said William Andrews was Sixteen years of age on the 27th

day of October 1832. Therefore the said John Dickinson is by the Court here appointed Guardian of the Person and Estate of the said William Andrews until he arrives at full age by his entering into bond with Edw. Edwards his security in the sum of One hundred Dollars, conditioned as here in Open Court and receives his letters of Guardianship under the Seal of the probate Court. Therefore the Said John Dickenson is duly authorized to take upon himself the duties of Guardian of Said William Andrews according to law.

WILL RECORD, Vol. 1, 1823-1847, Switzerland County, Indiana, p. 107; LDS Microfilm #1310446:

February Term 1833, 11th Day

John Dickinson Guardian of William Andrews, Infant son of Robert R. Andrews, Deceased. Reports that nothing has come to his hands belonging to his said Ward since his appointment as guardian. February 11th, 1833.

John Dickinson (his mark)

WILL RECORD, Vol. 1, 1823-1847, Switzerland County, Indiana, p. 269; LDS Microfilm #1310446:

February Term 1835

In the matter of John Dickinson Guardian of William M. Andrews over 14 years of age. It is ordered by the Court that a citation issue for said Guardian citing him to appear here on the first day of the next term of this Court and Render a full and true account of his Guardianship in this behalf.

WILL RECORD, Vol. 1, 1823-1847, Switzerland County, Indiana, p. 281; LDS Microfilm #1310446:

May Term 1835, 1 day's Causes

In the Matter of John Dickinson Guardian of Henry Andrews.

Now here comes the Said Guardian and files his report in the words and figures following, to wit: To the Probate Court of Switzerland County, May Session 1835. The undersigned Guardian of William Andrews beg leave to report that since his appointment as such Guardian no Monies, Chattel, or effects have come to his hands belonging to his said ward and prays the Court to release him from further duties as such Guardian. As said Ward is going at large where he pleases and is not in any way under his control, and the Said Guardian Charges nothing for his Services as such.

John Dickinson, Guardian

Wherefore the Court now here release discharge Said John Dickinson from further Duties as

Such Guardian.

Listed in the 1850 IL CENSUS with members of his household:

John Dickinson age 62 Farmer Value of owned real estate 1000 Born KY
Mary age 60 Born KY
Jane Chamberlain age 37 Born IN
John Dickinson age 21 Farmer Born IN
John A. Chamberlain age 19 Attended school in past year. Born IN
Hannah Mary Chamberlain age 13 Attended school in past year. Born IN
Mathias Daner age 40 Farmer Born Germany
Elizabeth Daner age 11 Attended school in past year. Born Germany
Mathias Daner age 9 Attended school in past year. Born Germany

Mathias Daner and his two children may have worked for John on the farm.

More About John A. Dickison:

Burial: May 1854, LaSalle Cemetery, Medina Township, Peoria County, Illinois
Census: 1820, Switzerland County, Indiana, page 173, 1820
Occupation: Farmer

Notes for Mary White:

Mary, "Polly", White was the niece of John White of White Sulphur Springs, Virginia.

More About Mary White:

Burial: La Salle Cemetery, Medina Township, Peoria County, Illinois

Children of John Dickison and Mary White are:

- 2 i. Griffith Dickison, born Nov 27, 1811 in Vevay, Switzerland County, Indiana; died Mar 14, 1886 in Peoria County, Illinois; married (1) Achsah Bennett Sep 06, 1829 in Vevay, Switzerland County, Indiana; married (2) Margaret Catherine Johnston Nov 24, 1859 in Dunlap, Radnor Township, Peoria County, Illinois; married (3) Sarah A. Robinson Abt. 1864 in Peoria County, Illinois.
- ii. Jane Dickison²³, born Oct 02, 1813 in Vevay, Switzerland County, Indiana; died Apr 18, 1892 in Peoria County, Illinois; married Horton Chamberlin Apr 15, 1830 in Vevay, Switzerland Co., IN²⁴; born 1807 in New York (Hudson River); died 1836 in Switzerland County, Indiana.

Notes for Horton Chamberlin:

Will Record Vol. 1, 1823-1847, Switzerland County, Indiana, p. 496;
LDS Microfilm #1310446.

May Term 1837

Estate of Horton Chamberlin, Dec.

James Chamberlin Admin. It is ordered that this matter stand Co____ter and until the next term of this Court.

Portrait Biographical Album of Peoria County, Illinois, Containing Full Page Portraits and Biographical Sketches of Prominent and Representative Citizens of the County; Chicago: Biographical Publishing Co. 1890; pp. 477-478.

HORTON CHAMBERLIN, the father of Mrs. Thomas Hough, of Medina Township, died at his home near Vevay, in Switzerland County, Ind., in the fall of 1836. He was born on the Hudson River, in New York, being a son of Aaron and Hannah (Runnels) Chamberlin, who were also natives of the Empire State, whence, after a few years of wedded life, they removed to Ohio and still later to Switzerland County, Ind. After having lived in that county some years, Aaron Chamberlin sold his property there, and removing to Iowa located on a farm a few miles west of the city of Burlington. There he and his wife spent the remainder of their days, the one living to the age of ninety-three and the other to that of eighty-six years. They were active members of the Old School Baptist Church, as was their son Horton and his wife, known to all their acquaintances as people of deep religious feeling and consistent lives. They had eight sons and two daughters, the daughters only being now alive.

Our subject was in his boyhood when his parents became residents of the Hoosier State, going into a new country near Vevay, where the boy became a man. He adopted the occupation of a farmer, making Switzerland County his home until death. His career was cut short in his thirtieth year, he having been born in 1807. He was a Whig in politics, and in religion of the Baptist faith, having a consistent Christian character. He married Jane Dickison, a native of Switzerland County, born near Vevay October 2, 1813. She was reared to womanhood in that county, continuing to reside there until a year after the death of her husband, when she came with her parents to Illinois, bringing with her three fatherless children. In Medina Township, this county, her son Francis died at the age of five years, and Aaron in 1862 after his marriage to Sarah Robinson and the birth of two children, mother and children also being now deceased.

The parents of Mrs. Chamberlin were John and Mary (White) Dickison, natives of Virginia and Kentucky, respectively. The former had been taken to Kentucky when young and had there grown to man's estate, crossing the Ohio River and making a settlement in the wilds of Switzerland County, Ind., while yet a single man. There he married his wife, who had been reared on the opposite side of the river. After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Dickison purchased new land, beginning to

improve a home on which they continued to reside until 1837. They then emigrated to Illinois, settling in Medina Township, this county, which was their place of abode during the balance of their lives. Mr. Dickison was sixty-four years of age and his widow sixty-six when called whence. The latter was a Baptist. Their daughter, the wife of our subject, was the second child in a family of four sons and four daughters. Three of the latter are still living, all now quite old and all widows of farmers.

The only living child of our subject and his estimable wife is a daughter, Hannah M., wife of Thomas Hough, to whom she was married on the farm they now occupy. Mr. Hough had come to this county in 1859, since which time he has been successfully engaged in farming and stock-raising here. He has a fine farm, the most of which is under cultivation and well stocked, being also supplied with good farm buildings and all necessary implements and machines. He was born in Bucks County, Pa., near Doylestown, September 11, 1826, coming of old Pennsylvania stock, of the Quaker faith. He is the only son of his parents and has one sister living. He grew to manhood in his native county and was there first married to Isabella Polk. That lady was born and reared also in Bucks County, belonging to an old Pennsylvania family, many members of which were quite prominent. She died when but twenty-five years old, leaving two children - Robert and Isabel. The former married Barbara Knupp and is farming in Washington County, Iowa. The daughter is the wife of James H. Paden, a dealer in musical instruments in Greeley, Col.

Mr. Hough lived for a time in Montgomery County, Pa., whence he came to Illinois, subsequently marrying the daughter of our subject. She was born after the death of her father and was but nine months old when her mother came to this county. She was given good advantages and, becoming very well educated, taught school for a time before her marriage. Mr. Hough has also had some experience in pedagogical work. Both are numbered among the most intelligent citizens of this section, worthily filling their spheres in life and being useful to those about them. Mr. Hough has held the local offices of the township and has been Deacon in the Baptist Church, of which both he and his wife are active members; he is a sound Republican. Mr. and Mrs. Hough are the parents of four children, of whom Mary J. and Elizabeth died young, and John C. and Charles F. are still at home.

The original member of the Hough family in America came hither from London as early as 1664. The first to abandon the Quaker faith, to which the family adhered strictly for several generations, was Robert Hough, the father of Thomas Hough. That gentleman was a farmer, occupying an estate which had been in the family three generations, in Doylestown Township, Bucks County, Pa. He was an ardent Whig, prominent in local politics. He died when fifty-five years of age. His wife was Miss Mary Evans, of the same county, who survived him, dying in 1876, at the age of seventy six years; she was a Baptist. Robert Hough was the son of Richard Hough, and he the son of Joseph Hough. Going back yet another

generation we find another Richard Hough, who, on settling in America, secured land from King George III, the same being held by his direct descendants until the death of Robert Hough. The family during all these generations were farmers, prominent among the citizens of Buck County.

- iii. James W. Dickison²⁵, born Feb 17, 1816 in Switzerland County, Indiana; died Jan 18, 1854 in Radnor Township, Peoria County, Illinois; married Jane Sturm Mar 21, 1844 in Peoria County, Illinois²⁶; born Apr 14, 1822 in Ohio; died Dec 29, 1885 in Peoria County, IL.

More About James W. Dickison:

Burial: La Salle Cemetery, Medina Township, Peoria County, Illinois

Occupation: Farmer

- iv. Susan Dickinson²⁷, born Aug 30, 1818 in Switzerland County, Indiana; died Feb 18, 1888 in Peoria County, Illinois; married Joseph Adkinson Dec 01, 1835 in Peoria County, Illinois; born Sep 06, 1813 in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania²⁸; died Feb 1896 in Radnor Township, Peoria County, Illinois.
- v. William Dickison²⁹, born Oct 06, 1820 in Switzerland County, Indiana; died Sep 03, 1849 in Peoria County, IL.

More About William Dickison:

Burial: La Salle Cem, Peoria Co, ILL

Occupation: Farmer

- vi. Mary Ann Dickison²⁹, born Apr 02, 1823 in Vevay, Switzerland County, Indiana; died Oct 09, 1899 in Peoria County, Illinois; married Walter Morris Evans Dec 23, 1849 in Peoria County, Illinois; born Apr 11, 1820 in Norristown, Pennsylvania; died Mar 17, 1879 in Peoria County, Illinois.
- vii. Elizabeth Dickison²⁹, born Nov 10, 1825 in Switzerland County, Indiana; died Jul 21, 1904 in Peoria County, Illinois; married John Sturm Mar 24, 1842 in Peoria County, Illinois; born Jan 25, 1817 in Ohio; died Feb 15, 1888 in Peoria County, Illinois.

Notes for Elizabeth Dickison:

Notes on the family of Elizabeth and John Sturm from the notes of Ella Louise Wookey Dickison, 1935.

More About Elizabeth Dickison:

Burial: La Salle Cemetery, Medina Township, Peoria County, Illinois

Notes for John Sturm:

Sturm family is buried in LaSalle Cemetery west of Rome, Illinois. John

Sturm is in the Peoria County History of 1880.

Portrait Biographical Album of Peoria County, Illinois, Containing Full Page Portraits and Biographical Sketches of Prominent and Representative Citizens of the County; Chicago: Biographical Publishing Co. 1890; pp. 499-500.

JOHN STURM. Among the early settlers of Medina Township whose life work has been successfully pursued, may be numbered John Sturm, now deceased. He was a fine representative of the hard-working, progressive agriculturist, and of the man of studious habits, intelligence and upright character. Beginning his career with a small capital, he acquired a landed estate of about thirteen hundred acres, the greater part of which was place under good cultivation prior to his death. By reason of his enterprise and interest in the material prosperity and increase in civilization of this section, he became influential in the community, but not as a politician or public officer. He had no desire for official honors, being content to act well his part as a private citizen.

Mr. Sturm was a son of the Buckeye State, born January 25, 1817, and had passed his three-score years and ten when called from time to eternity, the date of his demise being February 15, 1888. He had accompanied his parents to Medina Township, this county, where the remainder of his youth was passed and the many years of his active life. In this township he married Miss Elizabeth Dickison, who proved a true helpmate to her good husband, working hard with him to accumulate the fine property in which she now holds her dowry rights. She was born in Switzerland County, Indiana, November 10, 1825, coming to Illinois with her parents in 1837. She was the recipient of very careful home training and a practical education, and is now numbered among the kind matrons and genial neighbors of the section in which she lives. Her beautiful home is gladly sought by her acquaintances, and many are the social hours spent by them under its roof.

Mrs. Sturm is a daughter of John and Polly (White) Dickison, natives of the Blue Grass State, of Southern parentage and mixed ancestry. Soon after their marriage they located in Switzerland County, Indiana, among the early settlers. There their seven children were born, three of whom are yet living, all on farms, and two in Medina Township. In 1837 they made the overland journey to Central Illinois, bringing such articles as were necessary to furnish their home in a new country. They located on a tract of wild prairie which they reclaimed from its primitive condition, finally acquiring a large property. A part of the land upon which Mossville is located belonged to them. Mr. Dickison died in 1852 and his wife about two years later, each having reached the age of sixty-five years. They were highly regarded among the early settlers of the township as honest, upright and hospitable citizens.

Our subject and his good wife became the parents of eight children. A son, John, died in the flower of manhood soon after reaching his majority, and Alvin when four years old. The living members of the family are: Mary, wife of Frederick Webster, a farmer in Champaign County; Wallace, a farmer in his native township, who married Anna Bland; Frank, a farmer in the same township, who married Jane Bland, and after her death Elizabeth Schilwacher; Albert, who married Nancy Buttles, of Indiana, and occupies a farm in this county, Mark, who operates and lives upon his mother's farm; Laura, wife of William Johnson, a farmer in Woodford County. Mark was first married to Miss Jenny Knupp, of Iowa, who died leaving one child, after which the widower married Sena Kruse, of Chillicothe.

More About John Sturm:

Burial: Feb 1888, LaSalle Cemetery, Medina Twp., Peoria County, IL

- viii. John Quincy Adams Dickison²⁹, born Jul 03, 1828 in Switzerland County, Indiana; died Sep 30, 1859 in Peoria County, IL; married Annette Grey.

Notes for John Quincy Adams Dickison:

Information on the family of John Quincy Adams and Annette "Achsah" Dickison taken from the 1935 notes of Ella Louise Wookey Dickison.

6. Abijah Bennett^{30,31,32,33,34,35,36,37,38,39,40,41,42,43,44}, born Bef. 1772 in Connecticut; died Nov 07, 1846 in Rising Sun, Indiana. He was the son of **12. Daniel Bennett**. He married **7. Elizabeth Prow** Nov 1792.

7. Elizabeth Prow⁴⁵.

Notes for Abijah Bennett:

Downs, John P. & Hedley, Fenwick Y. History of Chautauqua County, New York, and its People. American Historical Society, Boston, 1921. Page 155:

Towns - Ellery

Ellery was set off from the "mother town" Chautauqua, February 29, 1821, but the first settlement was made by William Bemus in the spring of 1806, at Bemus Point; Jeremiah Griffith about two weeks after settled at Griffith's Point. His children were John, Seth, Samuel, Polly, Jeremiah and Alexander. A little later the same spring, Alanson Weed came with his family and settled in Ellery, about two miles south of Dewittville. Abijah Bennett came with him, stayed during the summer, and the next winter brought his family.

Edson, Obed & Merrill, Georgia Drew. History of Chautauqua County, New York. W.A. Fergusson, Publisher; Boston, Mass., 1894. Pages 183, 209, 859:

Page 183: Jeremiah Griffith settled in Ellery in 1806 a little later than Bemus. He was born in Norwich, Connecticut, July 28, 1758, and married Mary Cropsey. He removed to Rensselaer County, New York, in early life, thence to Madison County in 1800. He started for the Western Reserve with his wife and six children with an ox team and a "wooden shod" sled, and with a few cows and sheep driven by his boys. At Batavia he met Alanson Weed and Abijah Bennett who induced him to settle on Chautauqua lake.

Page 859: The first settlement (at Ellery) was made by William Bemus in the spring of 1806 at Bemus Point. Jeremiah Griffith, about two weeks after, settled at Griffith's Point. His children were John, Seth, Samuel, Polly, Jeremiah and Alexander. A little later, and the same spring, Alanson Weed came with his family and settled in Ellery about two miles south of Dewittville. Abijah Bennett came with him, stayed during the summer, and the next winter brought his family.

Page 209: The facts which entitled Chautauqua to be organized as a separate county having been duly certified, Governor Tompkins and the council of appointment February 9, 1811, appointed the requisite county officers and Chautauqua became fully established as an independent and separate county. Zattu Cushing was appointed first judge, Matthew Prendergast, Philo Orton, Jonathan Thompson, William Alexander, associate judges; Jeremiah Potter, John Silsbee, Abijah Bennett, Asa Spear, Justus Himman, Benjamin Barrett, David Pratt and Selah Pickett, justices of the peace; John E. Marshall clerk; David Eason sheriff; Squire White surrogate; David G. Gould and Philo Hopson coroners.

Mills, Donna, Compiler. War of 1812 Soldiers of Chautauqua County. The USGenWeb Project. URL: <http://www.rootsweb.com>:

Captain Silsby's Company - December 20, 1813 - February 3, 1814

Captain - John Silsby

Lieutenant - Charles Bemus

Ensign - Clark Parker

Sergeants - Zephania Phelps, Abijah Bennett, Peter Simmons, John Wisner, Wm. Russell (substitute for H. Tinkcom), David Bly.

Corporals - Robert Latham, Stephen Deming, Samuel Griffith, Hezekiah Seymour, asa Martin

Drummer - John Lee

Fifers - Myron Bly, Alanson Root

History of Dearborn, Ohio and Switzerland Counties, Indiana from their Earliest Settlement. Illustrated., Chicago: Weakley, Harraman & Co., Publishers. 1865:

Abijah Bennett, Rising Sun, native of Fairfield County, Connecticut. Died 7 February 1846, age 78 years. Settled in Rising Sun 1817.

Abijah Bennett, Rising Sun, native of Fairfield County, Connecticut, died in the place of his adoption, Rising Sun. Mr. Bennett settled in Rising Sun in 1817, by the citizens of which place he was at several times entrusted with important civil stations, which he performed to their satisfaction. He was universally esteemed by all who knew him.

Miscellaneous notes:

Abijah D. Bennett, salesman, moved to Illinois and died there.

Abijah Bennett of Rising Sun was a hatter. Moved to Illinois in 1832.

Bennett & Morgan Hat Shop, 1833-34 East side of Main between Front and Market Streets (Rising Sun).

Children of Abijah Bennett and Elizabeth Prow are:

- i. Daniel Bennett, born Jan 11, 1794 in Chautauqua County, New York; died Feb 11, 1883 in Mageestown, Pennsylvania; married (1) Lydia Rew; married (2) Dorothy Annis Sep 15, 1816 in Ellery, New York; born Oct 13, 1796 in Thetford (Orange), Vermont; died Nov 03, 1843 in Rome Township (Crawford), Pennsylvania.
- ii. Mary Bennett⁴⁶, born Oct 16, 1795 in New York; died Sep 12, 1841 in Indiana; married Hezekiah H. Seymour Dec 09, 1813 in New York; born Bef. Mar 12, 1794 in New York; died Nov 28, 1858.

More About Hezekiah H. Seymour:

Christening: Mar 12, 1797, Greenfield, Saratoga, New York

- iii. Nancy Bennett, born 1797.
- 3 iv. Achsah Bennett, born Jan 01, 1800 in Chautauqua County, New York; died Sep 12, 1858 in Radnor Township, Peoria County, Illinois; married Griffith Dickison Sep 06, 1829 in Vevay, Switzerland County, Indiana.
- v. David Bennett, born 1802.
- vi. Gibbert Bennett, born 1804.
- vii. Roxana Bennett, born 1806.
- viii. William Bennett, born 1810.
- ix. Betsey Bennett, born 1812.
- x. Abijah B. Bennett^{47,48}, born Nov 20, 1820 in Indiana; died Nov 03, 1897 in Dallas County, Missouri; married (1) Nancy J. Petty; died Abt. 1935; married (2) Elizabeth Coon; married (3) Susanna Nancy Dugan; married (4) Barbara Margaret Sweaney Oct 03, 1878 in Dallas County, Missouri; died Abt. 1935.

Notes for Abijah B. Bennett:

1880 United States Census, Jasper, Dallas County, Missouri. Family History Library Film 1254684; NA Film Number T9-0684, Page Number 289A:

Abijah Age 59 Born INFarming Father Born --Mother Born IN
Barbara, wife Age 36 Born TNKeeping HouseFather Born --Mother Born NC
Andrew, son Age 16 Born MO Farming

Permela, daughter Age 14 Born MO

Artelus, son Age 10 Born MO

Hela, son Age 8 Born MO

Other members of the household:

Nancy Swiney Age 14 Born MO (stepdaughter)

Orfea Swiney Age 9 Born MO (stepdaughter)

Mary Hawks Age 4 Born MO (niece)

More About Abijah B. Bennett:

Burial: Lone Rock Cemetery, Dallas, Missouri

Generation No. 4

8. Griffith Dickenson, Sr.^{49,50,51}, born Dec 25, 1762 in Hanover County, Virginia⁵²; died Aft. 1830 in Switzerland County, Indiana. He was the son of **16. William Dickenson, Sr.** and **17. Sarah Daniel**. He married **9. Sarah** Oct 12, 1785.

9. Sarah, born Bef. 1767; died Aft. 1830 in Switzerland County, Indiana⁵³.

Notes for Griffith Dickenson, Sr.:

Griffith Dickenson enlisted in 1777 under Capt. Richard Anderson, 5th VA Regt., Col. Ball, Gen. Hand's Brigade, for 3 years. Was at Valley Forge. Discharged near Williamsburg.

SWITZERLAND COUNTY: Original Land Entries Tract Book. p. 186.

FORMAT: Section - Purchaser - year - page;

Township 2, Range 3W

2 - Stillwell, Heady & Griffy Dickison 1804 - 8;

Dufour: SWISS SETTLEMENTS OF SWITZERLAND COUNTY, INDIANA, Indiana Historical Collections, vol. 13:

Page 7: The first settlers of the county, or rather of the territory embraced in the limits of the county, were the Cottons, Dickason, Picketts, Drakes, Maguire, Rayl, David and Stewart, who severally settled within a few miles of the present location of Vevay. William Cotton, and Griffith Dickason settled on Indian Creek sometime in 1798 or 1799, Heathcoat Picket above the mouth of Hunts Creek about 1796 or 97.

Page 23: The first of the colony had as neighbors when they came to New Switzerland, a family named Maguire who lived in a cabin near where William Halls house stands, John Rayl who lived in the bottom opposite the foot of Vevay Island, Heathcoat Pickett the grandfather of Benjamin Picket living near where the Brick house stands on the farm above the mouth of Hunts Creek now owned by Julius McMakin - Griffith Dickason and William Cotton who

lived on Indian Creed near to where John Bakes resides -

Page 37: In Town 2 Range 3w N.W. qr Sec 2 and S.W qr Sec. 2 entered Oct 9 1804 by Griffith Dickason and Stilwell Heady containg 325 acres -

Page 85: In 1812 Hiram Ogle, the father of Achillis & Hiram Ogle came to the neighborhood of Vevay and settled on Indian Creek immediately below Griffith Dickason. He contracted with John David Dufour to clear some land in the Ohio river bottom opposite the Island above Vevay. He cleared for him under that contract ten or twelve acres and a two story hewed log house was built on that land. The house stood somewhere near where the barn of Mrs. Jagers now stands. Mr. Ogle and his neighbor Dickason, became rivals in raising corn; for one, two or perhaps three years Mr. Dickason raised more corn than Mr. Ogle. Ogle then took an oath that he would not shave until he raised more corn than Dickason and he kept that oath, for the writer recollects to have been at Ogle's at a corn husking the year that Ogle raised more corn than Dickason. At that corn husking, which was during the day time, there was much fun and frolic among all present, for the girls of the neighborhood had met for a quilting and a dance was in expectancy in the evening. A few days after the husking and quilting, Ogle happening in town was asked which raised the most corn, he or Dickason, when he replied "by G---d I did, dont you see I have shaved."

Page 104: After the farmers began to raise wheat some of the horse mill owners procured bolts, and flour began to be used more than ever before. Of the horse mills of early days, the writer recollects one opposite Carrollton owned by Edward McIntire the grand father of Joseph H. Netherland, one on what is now the pauper farm, then owned by James Rous, one in Vevay on the lot on which the Russell house now stands owned by one McFall, one on the farm which Samuel Protsman owned, which was built by John Protsman the father of Samuel and William Protsman; one in the edge of Cotton Township in Sec. 7, T 2, R. 2, near to Andrew Houze's present residence - and owned by James Dugan, and the one built by Henry Hannas already mentioned. Griffith Dickason and William Cotton built water mills on Indian Creek on their respective lands which were great conveniences to the surrounding farmers. At quite an early day of the settlement at Vevay they went to mill at Hartford. To get there they put their sacks of wheat or corn in a canoe, went up the river to the mouth of Laughery Creek, thence up the creek as far as they could go with the canoe, there they hired some one to furnish horses to take their grists to the mill perhaps four or five miles, and when ground to bring it back to the Canoe. If we were compelled to go through the same process at this day to get our bread we would be sure to think and that truly that we had to "earn our bread by the sweat of the brow."

Page 367: "At the March Term of the Court on the first day Honorable Elijah Sparks circuit Judge and William Cotton associate Judge were in attendance." (the year was 1815)

"On the first day of the term, the following named persons were sworn as Grand Jurors, John Gilliland foreman James Stewart James McKay, Adoat (?) Sample, William Harcoat, Norman B. McGruder, William Smith, Peter Lock, Nicholas Lentz, John Campbell, Zela Moss, Solomon Nighswonger, Griffith Dickerson, (Dickason) William T. Huff, John Mills, John Rayl, Thomas Gilliland, John Fenton and Philip Fry."

HISTORY OF DEARBORN, OHIO AND SWITZERLAND COUNTIES, INDIANA FROM

THEIR EARLIEST SETTLEMENT. Illustrated., Chicago: Weakley, Harraman & Co., Publishers. 1865:

Page 990: The First Settlers. The first settler in the county, of whom any definite account can be given, was Heathcoat Picket,* who located above Plum Creek, about three miles above Vevay, in 1795, and there built a cabin and resided for several years. There was an abundance of wild game, and their bread was made from corn ground on a hand-mill. The family consisted of the father, mother, two sons and one daughter, who endured many privations, and often narrowly escaped the tomahawks and scalping knives of the savage Indians. In 1798 the Cotton and Dickason families settled on Indian Creek, a few miles back from the Ohio River, and in 1799 Robert Gullion settled on the Ohio River bottom, above the mouth of Log Lick Creek. In 1800 Louis Jones settled on Bryant's Creek and entered land, on which he died about 1813. He was a native of Virginia, and there married Elizabeth Boccock, who died about 1823. They moved from Virginia to Kentucky, and settled at the mouth of the Kentucky River, and from there came into this county. Two of their children, Stephen Jones and Mrs. George Palmer, are living in Posey Township.

Heathcoat Picket was a man of considerable energy and for many years piloted flat-boats down the river. He was notable as a pedestrian and perhaps made more trips to New Orleans as pilot of flat-boats and returned by land through the Indian country on foot, than any other person of his or any other period. He is said to have made over twenty trips in this manner. He also built the first flat-boat, known as an "Orleans boat," ever built in the county of Switzerland. Robert Drake, who also settled in this locality about 1798, married a sister of Heathcoat Picket, lived on Plum Creek for some time, removed to Arnold's Creek, and came to Pleasant Township and purchased part of Section 16, or the school section. While living on Plum Creek in the year 1800 he had a daughter born, said to have been the first child born in the county. John Rayl located here about the same time at the foot of Vevay Island. Griffith Dickason joined the band about the same period, and one Maguire was also among the number.

*There is a tradition that Heathcoat Picket erected the first cabin in the county, and there seems to be some foundation for its truthfulness, as some authority is given for the statement that he located in the county as early as 1790.

Page 1004: After the farmers began to raise wheat, some of the horse-mill owners procured bolts, and flour began to be used more than ever before. Of the horse-mills of the early days, one was opposite Carrollton, owned by Edward McIntire, the grandfather of Joseph H. Netherland; one on what is now the pauper farm, then owned by James Rous; one in Vevay, on the lot on which the Russell House now stands, owned by one McFall; one on the farm which Samuel Protsman owned, which was built by John Protsman, the father of Samuel and William Protsman; one on the edge of Cotton Township, in Section 7, Town 2, Range 2, near Andrew Houze's present residence, and owned by James Dugan; and the one built by Henry Hannas, already mentioned. Griffith Dickason and William Cotton built water-mills on Indian Creek, on their respective lands, which were great conveniences to the surrounding farmers.

Page 1005: Other Early Settlers. In 1812, Hiram Ogle, the father of Achilles and Hiram Ogle, came to the neighborhood of Vevay, and settled on Indian Creek, immediately below Griffith Dickason. He contracted with John David Dufour, to clear some land in the Ohio River bottom, opposite the island above Vevay. He cleared for him under that contract, ten or

twelve acres, and a two-story hewed log house was built on that land. The house stood somewhere near where the barn of Mrs. Jagers now stands. Mr. Ogle and his neighbor, Dickason, became rivals in raising corn; for one or two, or perhaps three years, Mr. Dickason raised more corn than Ogle. Ogle then took an oath that he would not shave until he raised more corn than Dickason. At that corn husking, which was during the day time, there was much fun and frolic among all present, for the girls of the neighborhood had met for a quilting, and a dance was in expectancy in the evening. A few days after the husking and quilting, Ogle happening in town, was asked, which raised the most corn, he or Dickason? When he replied, "I did: don't you see I have shaved."

Page 1138: Chapter XII. Jefferson Township. First Settlement - Organization - Villages - Churches - General Improvements.

The early settlement of that part of Switzerland County, now known as Jefferson Township, has been fully treated of in the previous chapters of this work, relating to the first settlement of the county, and the early history of the town of Vevay.

It will be remembered, that the Cottons, the Dickasons and the few families of the early Swiss were the real pioneers of this township. Old Mr. Drake, father of Delivan Drake, a well known citizen of Vevay, is also remembered among the first of the hardy soldiers of the army of progress, who began the battle with the crude elements in this township. He had a daughter born here in 1803, who was the first white child born in the county, so at least we are informed on good authority. However, a Swiss child was born in the same year, and so was the venerable John F. Cotton, the former in the vicinity of Vevay, the latter on Indian Creek.

As stated elsewhere, Heathcoat Picket located within the present limits of the township in 1790 to 1795 and John Tague about the same time, or perhaps a year or two previous. William Cotton brought all his worldly goods on horseback, with his wife and two children, when he first came to the township. John Tague and Nicholas Lentz located back on the hills as early as 1798, and were the first to settle there. Griffith Dickason was another who early entered land in the township. He came from Kentucky. Stilwell Heady, "good old Stilwell," was another Kentuckian and Methodist of many virtues, who cast his lot with the first people of this locality. During quarterly meetings "Brother Heddy's" was the place of rendezvous for the preachers and visiting members of the church. His chickens were pronounced excellent by all those whose teeth they tickled.

THE HOOSIER JOURNAL OF ANCESTRY, Vol. VII-I, Jan. 1980:

Switzerland County Probate Order Book 1, Dated Nov. 1814 to Sept. 1824.

136 - 21 Jun 1821 LA to Hannah Lambertson on estate of Samuel Lambertson with Griffiths Dickerson and Jonas Batavia as securities.

THE HOOSIER JOURNAL OF ANCESTRY, Vol. 9/23; April/July 1982:

Switzerland County History. Switzerland County was established 1 Oct. 1814. The first commissioners were Jacob Short, Jesse L. Holman and Alex A. Meek. Bids were let for the

building of a courthouse on May 2, 1814, let to John Tandy.

The first families located in Switzerland County in 1795, the first being Heathcoat Pickett on Plum Creek of that year. He had the first flat-boat. Cotton & Dickason were on Indian Creek in 1798, Robert Gullion came in 1799, Louis Jones was on Bryants Creek in 1800.

More About Griffith Dickenson, Sr.:

Burial: Switzerland County, Indiana

Census: 1820, Dickinson, Griffith, Indiana, Switzerland County, Jefferson Township, page 173, 1820

Military service: 1777, 5th Va. Regt.⁵⁴

Notes for Sarah:

Wife, Susan - last name may have been Perry which appears as the middle name of their second son, William. This is the first appearance of this name in the family and since they had the practice of naming their children after family members, one might assume that Perry was a family name of William's mother, Susan.

Children of Griffith Dickenson and Sarah are:

- 4 i. John A. Dickison, born 1787 in Kentucky; died May 12, 1854 in Radnor Township, Peoria County, Illinois; married Mary White Abt. 1810.
- ii. William Perry Dickinson^{55,56}, born Apr 12, 1790 in Kentucky; died Dec 26, 1872 in Switzerland County, Indiana; married Ann Hollcroft Abt. 1815; born Mar 05, 1791 in Kentucky; died May 16, 1877 in Switzerland County, Indiana.

Notes for William Perry Dickinson:

1850 IN Census, Switzerland County, page 038, 1830:

William age 63 Value of real estate owned = 5000 Born KY
Ann age 68 Born PA
Griffith age 11 Born IN
James age 16 Born IN
Achsa age 16 Born IN
George W. age 14 Born IN
Richard Holdcroft age 85 Born PA

LDS has William Perry Dickason born 04/12/1790 in Hanover County, VA and died 12/26/1873 in Indiana (AFN:1XMT-THR).

More About William Perry Dickinson:

Census: 1820, Switzerland County, Indiana, page 174, 1820⁵⁷

- iii. Hannah Dickerson⁵⁸, born Feb 14, 1799 in Switzerland County, Indiana; died May 30, 1854; married (1) Hugh Hollcroft Nov 24, 1814 in Switzerland County, Indiana; born Abt. 1795; died Bef. 1817; married (2) Samuel Lambertson Jul 28, 1817; married (3) Henry Waltz Sep 06, 1824.
- iv. Daniel Dickinson⁵⁸, born Abt. 1801 in Switzerland County, Indiana;

married Cynthia Oaks Dec 25, 1823.

Notes for Daniel Dickinson:

THE HOOSIER JOURNAL OF ANCESTRY, Vol. VII-II, April 1980,
page 40.

Refer to the map of last issue for location of these lands. Remember that most pioneers bought their land on installments of four payments, one down and one each year. These dates, from the county records are the dates that the land was paid for, so in most cases it was bought three years earlier.

Page 5, Township 2, Range 2 West:

Daniel Dickerson, 160 acres, Section 10, 3 June 1817

- v. Sarah Dickinson⁵⁸, born Abt. 1803 in Switzerland County, Indiana; married Davenport Oaks Jan 09, 1841 in Switzerland County, Indiana⁵⁹.
- vi. Griffith Dickinson, Jr., born Abt. 1808 in Switzerland County, Indiana.

More About Griffith Dickinson, Jr.:

Census: 1830, Switzerland County, Indiana, page 038, 1830

- vii. Elijah Dickinson⁶⁰, born Mar 31, 1810 in Switzerland County, Indiana; married Martha Elizabeth Heady Feb 18, 1829 in Switzerland County, Indiana⁶¹; born 1809 in Switzerland County, Indiana.

Notes for Elijah Dickinson:

The 1850 IN Census lists all members of Elijah's household:

Elijah Dickerson age 44 Value of owned real estate 1000 Farmer

Martha age 41

James age 19 Farmer

Clarissa A. age 18 Attended school in the past year.

Elizabeth age 16 Attended school in the past year.

Sarah E. age 15 Attended school in the past year.

Rebecca age 13 Attended school in the past year.

Susan J. age 11 Attended school in the past year.

Mary H. age 9 Attended school in the past year.

William age 7 Attended school in the past year.

Charlotte age 5

Benjamin F. age 2 Attended school in the past year.

More About Elijah Dickinson:

12. Daniel Bennett^{63,64,65,66,67}, born Apr 06, 1725 in Connecticut; died in Cayuga County, New York. He was the son of **24. Captain Nathan Bennett** and **25. Deborah Curtiss**.

Notes for Daniel Bennett:

Monroe, John D. Chapters in the History of Delaware County, New York. Delaware County Historical Association, 1949. Page 27:

Another settlement, made in 1764, was called New Stamford, and was located on Town Brook near Hobart. Its settlers were largely from Stamford, Connecticut. The settlement was based on two deeds made by Robert Livingston of Clermont, one dated November 5, 1763, and the other dated January 4, 1764, together conveying 16,110 acres in Great Lot No. 42, Hardenbergh Patent, to which the grantor gave the name, "The Lothians." The tract was surveyed and mapped by Henry Wooster in 1764. The grantees in the deed of November 5, 1763, all but four from Stamford, with the acreage conveyed to each, were as follows:

Grantee: Daniel Bennett
Acres: 358

Page 28: Daniel Bennett was a tailor, but helped to survey the lots conveyed to the Connecticut grantees, and settled in New Stamford with his son Abijah, prior to the Revolution. Both were taken by the Indians in the spring of 1780, sometime after the capture of Harper. They were taken to Canada and held until the end of the war. While a prisoner Daniel was employed in making clothing for the British troops. His descendants say he was taken by Brant, but Gould, who had the story from Isaac, Daniel's son, does not mention Brant as the captor.

Murray, David. Delaware County, New York: History of the Century, 1797-1897. W. Clark, Delhi, N.Y., 1898. Pages 547-549:

The present town of Stamford was formerly a part of Ulster county, or as it was termed "Original County;" that is it was a county organized before New York State was under its first constitution as a state. An Act to divide the Province of New York into provinces, shires and counties was passed November 1, 1683. The act provided: "That the said province be divided into twelve counties," to wit: City and County of New York, Westchester, Ulster, Dutchess, Orange, Richmond, Kings, Queens, Suffolk, Dukes and Cornwall. The two latter counties were afterward surrendered to Massachusetts.

The first known settlers in the town were Dr. Stewart and John and Alexander More, who emigrated from Scotland in 1773. Two years afterwards, they were followed by James Stewart, William Fraser, Simon Fraser, Daniel and Abijah Bennett. Others who came were Elijah Baldwin, son of Caleb Baldwin, a captain in the Revolutionary army, who came to Stamford early in 1792, Philander Smith, a practicing physician, Stephen Beers, a native of Stamford, Connecticut, Heth Griffin, Burton Judson, Isaac Could, and Benjamin Gilbert.

These pioneers located in what was called the Township Valley, on Town Brook, and about five miles from its mouth. It was the intention of the early settlers to make this place the center of business. Accordingly, an act was passed by the Legislature, surveys made and a town plot, one mile square, was laid out into plots forty rods square, with eight streets running at right angles. For a new country this locality was quite thickly settled previous to the Revolution, most of the settlers coming from Stamford, Connecticut. The Indians and Tories drove them out and many of them were compelled to return to their native State. But with the close of the war they returned and again sought the beautiful valley.

The first town meeting was held at the house of Peter Knapp on Tuesday, April 2, 1793. Patrick Lane was superintendent of the meeting and Peter Osborn moderator. These officers were elected for one year: George Squires, town clerk; Samuel Ingersoll, constable; Andrew Beers, supervisor; Joshua Wright, Silas Knapp, Abijah Bennett, assessors; Daniel Bennett, Samuel Merriam, Israel Inman, commissioners of highways; Hugh Rose and James Grant, overseers of the poor; George McKenna, Ezra Hart, Peter Osborn, Allen Grant, Salmon Mallett, Jacob Smither, John Wright, district road masters; Abraham Gould, Ezra Hait, Simon Frasier, fence viewers and damage 'prisers; Peter Shearman, Zalmon Tousey, Israel Inman, pound masters. The next annual town meeting was held at the house of Philo Norton.

Biographical Review: Biographical Sketches of the Leading Citizens of Delaware County, New York. Biographical Review Publishing Co., Boston, 1895. Section 10:

Daniel Bennett, came from Connecticut to Delaware County, New York, as a surveyor, and, buying a tract of land in Stamford (New York), began to clear away the forest. While thus engaged, he was surprised and captured by the famous Indian chief, Captain Brant, and his band of savages, who took him to Canada, where he remained in captivity six years. Discovering that he was a tailor by trade, the British forced him to make clothing for the army officers, keeping him thus occupied until the close of the Revolution, allowing him small wages in payment for his work. The soldiers often robbed him of his earnings; but, by covering his gold pieces and using them as buttons, and by other ingenious devices, he contrived to conceal, and thus retain, a part of his earnings. After his release he returned to Stamford to engage in farming, and built a log cabin, in which he dwelt some years. Daniel Bennett's family consisted of seven children: William; Abijah; John; Isaac; Charity; and two other daughters whose names are not recorded. All grew up, though not one of them is now living. Mr. and Mrs. Bennett both lived to a good old age, he dying while on a visit to one of his sons in Cayuga County. He was a man of industry and intelligence, liberal in his religious views, and in politics what was then known as a Whig, or Patriot.

Children of Daniel Bennett are:

- 6 i. Abijah Bennett, born Bef. 1772 in Connecticut; died Nov 07, 1846 in Rising Sun, Indiana; married Elizabeth Prow Nov 1792.
- ii. Charity Bennett⁶⁸
- iii. Daughter Bennett⁶⁹
- iv. John Bennett⁶⁹
- v. Sarah Bennett^{69,70}, married Lieutenant Joseph Hull.

Notes for Sarah Bennett:

Orcutt, Samuel and Beardsley, Ambrose. The History of the Old Town of Derby, Connecticut, 1641-1880. Springfield, Mass., 1880. Page 576:

Lieutenant Hull married Sarah, daughter of Daniel Bennett of Huntington, son of Nathan, son of Isaac of Stratford, son of James of Fairfield, who came from Concord, Mass., in 1639.

Captain Hull owned and occupied the Bennett farm, a large tract of land on the west side of the Ousatonic, in the latter part of his life.

Notes for Lieutenant Joseph Hull:

Orcutt, Samuel and Beardsley, Ambrose. The History of the Old Town of Derby, Connecticut, 1641-1880. Springfield, Mass., 1880. Page 576:

Lieutenant Hull - he is sometimes called in the family, captain because captain of a vessel, but he was a lieutenant in the Revolutionary army - is said to have been entirely engaged in the war during the Revolution. His coolness, presence of mind and energy of character as well as fearlessness, is manifested in the following anecdote: While on his way to New Haven, just as he came to the top of the hill in West Haven, he saw some British soldiers advancing towards him. It was too late to retreat, and he at once resorted to a ruse, and turning in his saddle he motioned as if for his company to hasten forward, then riding forward demanded a surrender. The men, believing the enemy close at hand in numbers and that resistance would be unavailing, delivered up their swords.

- vi. William Bennett⁷¹
- vii. Isaac Bennett^{71,72,73,74}, born Mar 12, 1777; died Apr 15, 1864 in Delaware County, New York; married Nany Foot; born Jul 31, 1784 in Connecticut; died Feb 10, 1850 in Delaware County, New York.

Notes for Isaac Bennett:

Biographical Review: Biographical Sketches of the Leading Citizens of Delaware County, New York. Biographical Review Publishing Co., Boston, 1895. Section 10:

Isaac Bennett, son of Daniel, was born in Hartford, Connecticut, March 12, 1777, and came to Stamford in childhood. He married Nany Foot, also a native of Connecticut, where she was born in 1785. He began life as a merchant, but after a time turned his attention to agriculture. He first bought forty-two acres of land and then added to it from time to time, until he became the possessor of a farm of two hundred and ten acres, besides a wood-lot of fifty. He was a hardworking, frugal man, who began life with no capital save energy and ability, and raised himself to

the independent and desirable position of a well-to-do farmer solely by his own exertions. He was Supervisor for several terms, and held other minor offices. He was a man of a benevolent nature and enlightened views. Believing in the goodness of God and man, his opinions were reflected in his religious belief, which was that of the Universalist church. In politics he was, like his father, a Whig, but became a Republican on the formation of that part. He died at the old homestead, April 15, 1864; but his wife had departed this life fourteen years earlier, on February 10, 1850. Their children were: Mrs. Laura Griffin and Mrs. Charlotte Stevens, both deceased; Mrs. Volucia Grant, now a resident of Hobart; Daniel R. Bennett, a farmer, who died December 23, 1846, at the age of thirty-two, who at the time of his death was town Supervisor; John M. Bennett, who died in 1887, aged sixty-six years; and Oscar I. Bennett, the youngest of the family.

Generation No. 5

16. William Dickenson, Sr.⁷⁵, born Abt. 1725 in Virginia; died 1764 in Louisa County, Virginia. He was the son of **32. Nathaniel Dickenson, Jr.** and **33. Mary Thomson**. He married **17. Sarah Daniel**.

17. Sarah Daniel, born Bef. 1725; died Bef. Jan.

Children of William Dickenson and Sarah Daniel are:

- i. William Dickenson, Jr.⁷⁵, born Abt. 1745.
- ii. Thomas Dickenson, Sr.⁷⁵, born Abt. 1747; died Sep 1816 in South Carolina.
- iii. Agatha Dickenson⁷⁵, born Abt. 1749; married Mr. Oyster.
- iv. Charles Dickenson⁷⁵, born Abt. 1751 in Louisa County, Virginia; died Oct 1776 in Louisa County, Virginia; married Sarah; died Aft. 1776.
- v. John Dickenson⁷⁵, born Abt. 1753.
- vi. Sarah Dickenson⁷⁵, born Abt. 1755; married James Gentry Jan 15, 1778 in Louisa County, Virginia.
- vii. Elizabeth Dickenson⁷⁵, born Abt. 1759 in Louisa County, Virginia; married David Sims, Jr. Feb 13, 1779 in Louisa County, Virginia.
- 8 viii. Griffith Dickenson, Sr., born Dec 25, 1762 in Hanover County, Virginia; died Aft. 1830 in Switzerland County, Indiana; married Sarah Oct 12, 1785.

24. Captain Nathan Bennett^{76,77,78,79,80,81,82}, born Aug 06, 1697 in Connecticut; died Sep 19, 1748. He was the son of **48. Isaac Bennett** and **49. Elizabeth Rose**. He married **25. Deborah Curtiss** Feb 25, 1723/24 in Stratford, Connecticut.

25. Deborah Curtiss^{83,84,85,86,87,88}, born Sep 28, 1699 in Stratford, Connecticut; died Sep 16, 1785 in Ripton, Connecticut. She was the daughter of **50. Lieutenant Ebenezer Curtiss** and **51. Ruth Porter**.

Children of Nathan Bennett and Deborah Curtiss are:

- 12
- i. Daniel Bennett, born Apr 06, 1725 in Connecticut; died in Cayuga County, New York.
 - ii. Ruth Bennett⁸⁹, born Apr 10, 1727.
 - iii. Anne Bennett⁸⁹, born Jun 25, 1731.
 - iv. Betty Bennett⁸⁹, born Jul 26, 1729.

Generation No. 6

32. Nathaniel Dickenson, Jr.⁹⁰, born Abt. 1700 in New Kent County, Virginia; died Sep 1753 in Louisa County, Virginia. He was the son of **64. Nathaniel Dickenson, Sr.** and **65. Elizabeth Garland**. He married **33. Mary Thomson** Abt. 1720 in Virginia.

33. Mary Thomson⁹⁰, born Abt. 1698 in New Kent County, Virginia; died Abt. 1761 in Louisa County, Virginia.

Children of Nathaniel Dickenson and Mary Thomson are:

- i. Nathaniel Dickenson III⁹⁰, born Abt. 1721 in Hanover County, Virginia; died Bef. Mar 1783 in Louisa County, Virginia; married (1) Lucy Dabney Abt. 1755 in Hanover County, Virginia; born Abt. 1730 in Virginia; died Bef. 1775 in Louisa County, Virginia; married (2) Elizabeth Brown Luck Abt. 1775 in Virginia.
- ii. Griffith Dickenson, Sr.⁹⁰, born Abt. 1723 in Hanover County, Virginia; died 1799 in Washington County, Virginia; married Sarah Terrell Abt. 1750 in Virginia; died 1803.

More About Griffith Dickenson, Sr.:
Degree: 1799, Washington Co., VA

- iii. Sarah Dickenson⁹⁰, born Abt. 1724 in Hanover County, Virginia; died Jan 1789 in Louisa County, Virginia; married William Snelson 1745; born Abt. 1722 in Hanover County, Virginia; died 1780 in Louisa County, Virginia.
- 16 iv. William Dickenson, Sr., born Abt. 1725 in Virginia; died 1764 in Louisa County, Virginia; married Sarah Daniel.
- v. Mourning Dickenson⁹⁰, born Abt. 1726 in Hanover County, Virginia; died in Halifax County, Virginia; married Nathaniel Barksdale 1747 in Louisa County, Virginia; born Abt. 1723 in Hanover County, Virginia; died Abt. 1789 in Halifax County, Virginia.
- vi. John Dickenson⁹⁰, born Abt. 1728 in Virginia; died Abt. 1807 in Granville County, North Carolina; married Elizabeth Peace; died Aft. 1796.
- vii. Elizabeth Dickenson⁹⁰, born Abt. 1730 in Virginia; died in Louisa County, Virginia.
- viii. Rachel Dickenson⁹⁰, born Abt. 1732 in Hanover County, Virginia; married Samuel Parris, Jr. Aft. 1753 in Louisa County, Virginia; born Abt. 1730.
- ix. Agnes Dickenson⁹⁰, born Abt. 1733 in Hanover County, Virginia; died in Greenville County., South Carolina; married Nathaniel Austin Abt. 1754

in Louisa County, Virginia; born Abt. 1720 in Yorkshire, England; died Feb 13, 1798 in Gilder, Greenville County, South Carolina.

48. Isaac Bennett^{91,92,93,94,95}, born Abt. 1650; died May 23, 1720. He married **49. Elizabeth Rose** Jun 02, 1683 in Stratford, Fairfield County, Connecticut.

49. Elizabeth Rose^{96,97,98,99}, born Feb 1658/59 in Stratford, Fairfield County, Connecticut. She was the daughter of **98. Robert Rose** and **99. Rebecca**.

Notes for Isaac Bennett:

"History and Genealogy of the Families of Old Fairfield," Donald Lines Jacobus, M.A., Fairfield, Connecticut 1932; Volume I, page 74:

Not related, so far as records show, to the James Bennett family.

Will 11 January 1714/5, proved 1 July 1720; son Nathan; daughters Sarah Wheeler, Mercy Davis, Elizabeth Price, Mary and Hannah Bennett, bed and furniture and old English 10 apiece; wife Elizabeth.

Children of Isaac Bennett and Elizabeth Rose are:

- i. Daniel Bennett^{100,101}, born Mar 09, 1683/84.
- ii. Mercy Bennett^{102,103}, born Abt. 1688; married Samuel Davis Jun 1708.
- iii. Sarah Bennett^{104,105}, born Abt. 1688; died Abt. 1773; married Robert Wheeler Jun 1708.
- iv. Elizabeth Bennett^{106,107}, born Abt. 1692; married Ephraim Price Nov 13, 1712; died in Newark, New Jersey.
- 24 v. Captain Nathan Bennett, born Aug 06, 1697 in Connecticut; died Sep 19, 1748; married Deborah Curtiss Feb 25, 1723/24 in Stratford, Connecticut.
- vi. Mary Bennett^{108,109}, born Abt. 1698; married Daniel Beardsley Mar 06, 1717/18.
- vii. Hannah Bennett¹¹⁰

50. Lieutenant Ebenezer Curtiss^{111,112,113,114,115,116,117,118}, born Jul 26, 1657 in Stratford, Fairfield County, Connecticut; died Dec 10, 1751 in Stratford, Fairfield County, Connecticut. He was the son of **100. Captain William Curtiss** and **101. Mary**. He married **51. Ruth Porter** 1690 in Connecticut.

51. Ruth Porter^{119,120,121,122,123,124,125}, born Nov 22, 1669 in Stratford, Fairfield County, Connecticut; died May 28, 1739 in Stratford, Fairfield County, Connecticut. She was the daughter of **102. Sergeant Nathaniel Porter** and **103. Hannah Groves**.

Notes for Lieutenant Ebenezer Curtiss:

Curtiss, Frederic Haines. A Genealogy of the Curtiss Family: Being a Record of the Descendants of Widow Elizabeth Curtiss who settled in Stratford, Connecticut, 1639-40. Rockwell and Churchill Press, Boston, Massachusetts, 1903. Page 11:

He represented Stratford at the General Court in May, 1724. January 26, 1702-3, the town of Stratford granted liberty to Ebenezer Curtiss, James Lewis and Edmund Lewis to erect a sawmill near Misha hill. His will was filed at Fairfield, Connecticut, October 1, 1751.

Children of Ebenezer Curtiss and Ruth Porter are:

- i. Ebenezer Curtiss^{126,127}, born Abt. 1690 in Stratford, Fairfield County, Connecticut; died 1749; married (1) Mary; married (2) Abigail Clarke Nov 25, 1730.
- ii. Hannah Curtiss^{128,129,130,131}, born Apr 30, 1691 in Stratford, Fairfield County, Connecticut; died 1749.
- iii. Samuel Curtiss^{132,133,134,135}, born Sep 27, 1693 in Stratford, Fairfield County, Connecticut; died Mar 18, 1715/16.
- iv. Ruth Curtiss^{136,137,138,139}, born Jan 07, 1695/96 in Woodbury, Litchfield, Connecticut; died Nov 09, 1726 in Woodbury, Litchfield, Connecticut; married Nathaniel Sherman Nov 22, 1720.
- 25 v. Deborah Curtiss, born Sep 28, 1699 in Stratford, Connecticut; died Sep 16, 1785 in Ripton, Connecticut; married Captain Nathan Bennett Feb 25, 1723/24 in Stratford, Connecticut.
- vi. Sarah Curtiss^{140,141,142,143}, born Apr 07, 1702 in Statford Township, Fairfield County, Connecticut; died Sep 26, 1769 in Stratford, Connecticut; married Theophilus Nichols Jan 27, 1723/24; died in Stratford, Connecticut.

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64. Nathaniel Dickenson, Sr.¹⁴⁴, born Abt. 1678; died Bef. 1742 in Caroline County, Virginia. He was the son of **128. William Dickenson** and **129. Mary Garland**. He married **65. Elizabeth Garland**.

65. Elizabeth Garland^{144,145}, born Abt. 1684; died Aft. 1742. She was the daughter of **130. Edward Garland, Sr.** and **131. Martha Jane Hensley**.

Children of Nathaniel Dickenson and Elizabeth Garland are:

- 32 i. Nathaniel Dickenson, Jr., born Abt. 1700 in New Kent County, Virginia; died Sep 1753 in Louisa County, Virginia; married Mary Thomson Abt. 1720 in Virginia.
- ii. Griffith Dickenson, Sr.¹⁴⁶, born Abt. 1704; died Aft. 1778; married Sarah.
- iii. Elizabeth Dickenson¹⁴⁶, born 1706 in New Kent County, Virginia; married Benjamin Terry, Sr. Abt. 1724; born 1704 in Lunenburg County, Virginia; died Dec 28, 1760 in Pittsylvania County, Virginia.
- iv. Mary Dickenson¹⁴⁶, born Abt. 1710 in New Kent County, Virginia; married Thomas Spencer; born Sep 05, 1689 in St. Peter's Parish, New Kent County, Virginia; died Abt. 1734 in Hanover County, Virginia.
- v. John Dickenson, Sr.¹⁴⁶, born Abt. 1712 in Virginia; died Jun 1788 in Halifax County, Virginia; married Rebecca Dudgeon Abt. 1732; born Abt. 1715.

98. Robert Rose^{147,148,149,150,151}, born 1619 in Ipswich, Suffolk, England; died May 09, 1683 in Wethersfield, Suffolk, England. He was the son of **196. Robert Rose** and **197. Margery Evered**. He married **99. Rebecca** Oct 07, 1651 in Branford, New Haven, Connecticut.

99. Rebecca^{152,153}, born Abt. 1623 in Stratford, Fairfield, Connecticut.

Notes for Robert Rose:

Adams, Sherman W. and Stiles, Henry Reed. The History of Ancient Wethersfield, Connecticut. Grafton Press, New York, 1904. Page 589:

Robert, twin of John; married before 7 October, 1651, when his wife Rebecca testified at New Haven (Proprietor's Rec., II, 66).

Jacobus, Donald Lines, M.A. History and Genealogy of the Families of Old Fairfield, Volume I. The Tuttle, Morehouse & Taylor Company, New Haven, Connecticut, 1930. Pages 505-506:

Rose, Robert, son of Robert. Colonial grant of 50 acres, May 1668, for service in Pequot War (1637).

Born about 1619, came with his parents on the Frances in 1634 aged 15. Settled in Wethersfield, removed to Branford, and soon after 1655 to Stratford, where he died early in 1683.

Married Rebecca. She married (2) in 1685, Henry Allen.

On 1 November 1679, Robert Rose of Stratford conveyed to son-in-law Moses Johnson of Woodbury, land in Woodbury, "granted to me as gratification for servis don by me in ye pequad war."

Inventory 9 March 1682/3. Widow Rebecca; children Mary Johnson, Rebecca Stevens, and Elizabeth, Sarah, Hannah and Mercy Rose. Agreement 10 June 1685 between Rebecca Rose, widow; Moses Johnson; Isaac Bennett for himself and his brother-in-law Obadiah Stephens; and John Minor, Jr.; making allowance for their two sisters-in-law Hannah and Mercy Rose.

In 1685 Moses Johnson of Woodbury conveyed to his father-in-law Henry Allyn of Stratford all right in the Estate of Robert Rose lying undivided between the children of said Rose. A mutual distribution was made 1686 by the heirs to the Estate of Robert Rose, viz: Henry Allyn in behalf of Moses Johnson; Obadiah Stephens of Stamford; Isaac Bennet and wife Elizabeth, for himself and in behalf of John Minor, Jr., and Hannah Rose (Stratford Deeds).

More About Robert Rose:

Burial: May 1683

Children of Robert Rose and Rebecca are:

- i. Mary Rose^{154,155,156}, born Apr 20, 1655 in Branford, Connecticut; died

1726 in New London, Connecticut; married Moses Johnson; died in Woodbury, Connecticut.

More About Mary Rose:

Burial: New London, Connecticut

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- ii. Rebecca Rose^{157,158}, born Jul 14, 1657 in Stratford, Fairfield, Connecticut; died Jan 19, 1727/28 in Stamford, Fairfield, Connecticut; married Obadiah Stevens; died in Stamford, Fairfield, Connecticut.
 - iii. Elizabeth Rose, born Feb 1658/59 in Stratford, Fairfield County, Connecticut; married Isaac Bennett Jun 02, 1683 in Stratford, Fairfield County, Connecticut.
 - iv. Dorcas Rose^{159,160}, born Apr 1661 in Stratford, Fairfield, Connecticut.
 - v. Sarah Rose^{161,162,163}, born Aug 1664 in Branford, Connecticut; died 1731 in Woodbury, Litchfield, Connecticut; married John Minor, Jr..
 - vi. Hannah Rose^{164,165,166}, born Abt. 1668 in Branford, New Haven, Connecticut; died 1742; married (1) Isaac Stiles, Jr.; married (2) Samuel Harger May 09, 1693; married (3) John Tibbals Mar 28, 1700.
 - vii. Mercy Rose^{167,168}, born Mar 03, 1672/73 in Stratford, Fairfield, Connecticut; died Abt. 1733 in Stratford, Connecticut.

Notes for Mercy Rose:

Jacobus, Donald Lines, M.A. History and Genealogy of the Families of Old Fairfield, Volume I. The Tuttle, Morehouse & Taylor Company, New Haven, Connecticut, 1930. Page 506:

Administration granted, 25 January 1733 (1733/4), to Nathan Bennett of Stratford.

100. Captain William Curtiss^{169,170,171,172,173,174,175}, born Jun 21, 1618 in Nazing, Essex, England; died Dec 21, 1702 in Stratford, Fairfield County, Connecticut. He was the son of **200. John Curtis** and **201. Elizabeth Hutchins**. He married **101. Mary** Bef. 1642. **101. Mary**¹⁷⁶.

Notes for Captain William Curtiss:

Curtiss, Frederic Haines. A Genealogy of the Curtiss Family: Being a Record of the Descendants of Widow Elizabeth Curtiss who settled in Stratford, Connecticut, 1639-40. Rockwell and Churchill Press, Boston, Massachusetts, 1903. Pages 3-5:

William Curtiss, born England 1618; married (i) Mary, married (ii) Sarah, daughter of Matthew Morris, of Hartford, Connecticut, and widow of William Goodrich, of Wethersfield, Connecticut, about 1680. He came to Stratford, Connecticut, with his mother and brother John, and his name appears among the list of property owners of 1650. He was an original proprietor, of Stratford, Connecticut, and was a most prominent man. As early as 16550 he had attained the rank of sergeant, and represented Stratford at the General Court, almost

continuously from 1667 to 1668. May 8, 1672, liberty was granted by the General Court to Mr. Samuel Sherman, Lt. William Curtiss, Joseph Judson, and John Minor, themselves and their associates, to erect a plantation at Pomperaug (Woodbury). In June, 1672, he was appointed captain of the "Train Band" of Stratford, and at the same time the General Court declared that "until further order be taken, Capt. Nathan Gold shall be deemed Chief Military Officer of Fairfield County, and Capt. William Curtiss his second." In August, 1672, Capt. William Curtiss was appointed by the General Court one of six commissioners, with the Governor, Deputy Governor, and Assistants as a War Council against the Dutch at New York, "to act as the Grand Committee of the Colony in establishing and commissioning Military Officers, in pressing men, horses, ships, barques or other vessels, arms, ammunition, provisions, carriages, or whatever they judge needful for our defense, and to manage, order and dispose of the Militia of the Colony in the best way and manner they can for our defense and safety." He distinguished himself for bravery in King Philip's War. October, 1675, upon the report of the Indians being ready at Narragansett to attack Connecticut, Capt. William Curtiss was appointed to command those forces raised in Fairfield County, with power to appoint his inferior officers. In 1676 he was a commissioner of both Stratford and Woodbury. In May, 1676, he was chosen an Assistant, or member of the Governor's Council. He died in Stratford, Connecticut, December 21, 1702. His wife died 1701.

His will was entered for Probate December 31, 1702, at Fairfield, Connecticut, and reads as follows:

Fairfield Probate Records, Vol. 1702-1750, Page 9:

Will of William Curtis

In the name of God, Amen, I William Curtiss of Stratford in the County of Fairfield in ye Colony of Connecticut being aged & weak of body yet through ye goodness of God of perfect memory & understanding do make this my Last Will & Testament as followeth Imp's I Commit my Soule to God hoping for Salvation in & through ye righteousness & Merits of Jesus Christ my Only Saviour & Redeemer & my body after this Life to be decently buried at ye discretion of my surviving Relations. And having disposed of all my Children in Marriage & gave them such portions as I thought fitt according to my ability & having Now but Little to dispose of my Will is that after Funerall Expences & Just Debts being paid my Estate be disposed of as followeth:

I Give and bequeath to my Loving Son Daniell Curtiss my Comman Meadow Lyeing In the great Neck & my meadow in ye Salt Pond in said Neck & one third part of all my Land Lyeing in Paquanock field & four acres in the New Pasture rand a fourth part of all my wood land laid out and to be laid out.

It. I give & bequeath to my Loveing Son Ebenezer Curtiss three acres of Meadow Lying at Nesumpaws being the equall half of my Lot out there and one third part of all my Land Lyeing In Paquanock field & halff my farme in the woods on Turkey hill & one fourth part of all my Wood Land Layd out or to be laid out.

It. I give and freely bequeath to my Loveing Son Zachariah Curtiss one acre of Meadow at Nesumpaws and one acre of Land at ye North Ende of the Towne next adjoining to his owne land & one third part of all my Land lyeing in Paquanocke field & half my farme at Turkey Hill

& one forth part of all my Wood land laid out and to be laid out.

It. I give & freely bequeath to my Loveing Sonn Josiah Curtiss one acre of Land at the North End of the Towne & four acres of land Lyeing next to Samuell French his land & three acres of Land In the Intack & three acres of Land near harveys Farme in the Ox pasture & two acres & half of Land in the farfield & two acres of Land of the two miles division near Nesumpaws Creek and one quarter part of all my wood land laid out & to be laid out.

It. I give to my Daughter, Sarah Wells five pounds; and to my daughter Elizabeth Rose five pounds and to my Son Joshua Curtiss five pounds; to be paid by my Executors hereafter named. I Also give to Jonathan Curtiss the Son of Jonathan Curtiss the summ of twenty shillings, all the Rest of my Estate within doors and without Goods & Chattells I freely Give & bequeath to my four sons Daniell, Ebenezar, Zachariah & Josiah to be Equally divided amongst them: and I do hereby ordaine and make my said Sons Daniell Curtiss, Ebenezar Curtiss, Zachariah Curtiss and Josiah Curtiss sole Executors of this my Last will & testament allways during Life Reserving for my Comfort to dispose of any of my owne Estate that this is my Last Will & Testament Revoking all other wills this fifteenth day of December in ye year of our Lord God 1702.

William Curtiss.

Signed and declared by the said William Curtiss to be his Last Will and testament in presents of us

Joseph Curtiss
John Beach

Mr. Joseph Curtiss & Mr. John Beach appeared ate ye Prorogative Court held in Fairfield on the 31st of December 1702 and made oth that they saw Capt. William Curtiss signe ye above Instrument and heard him declare it to be his Last Will and testament and that they Judged him to be Competent.

Captaine William Curtiss of Stratford being deceased his Last Will & Testament being Exhibited to ye Prorogative Court Siting in Fairfield December 31st 1702 ye said Will being proved is by the Court approved and is ordered to be Recorded.

Nathan Gold, Clerk

Orcutt, Samuel. A History of the Old Town of Stratford and the City of Bridgeport, Connecticut. Fairfield County Historical Society, 1886. Page 1178:

William Curtiss came to Stratford with his widowed mother Elizabeth, and his brother John, and was one of the first settlers of the place in 1639. His will was dated December 15, 1702; he died December 21, 1702, and his will was proved December 31, 1702. His first wife, whose name is not known, died, and he married second, about 1680, Sarah, widow of Ensign William Goodrich, of Wethersfield, and daughter of Matthew Morris, of Hartford. She died about the same time he did. The will of his mother Elizabeth was proved "4th, 4th, 1665."

Jacobus, Donald Lines M.A. History and Genealogy of the Families of Old Fairfield, Volume I. Fairfield, Connecticut, 1932. Page 170:

Deputy for Stratford, October 1667, May and October 1668, May and October 1669, May and October 1670, May 1671 (called Lt. Joseph by error), May and October 1672, May and October 1673, May and October 1674, May and October 1675, October 1676, May and October 1677, May and October 1678, May and October 1679, May 1680, October 1681, May and October 1682, May, July and October 1684, May 1685, October 1686, January and March 1687, May and June 1692. Commissioner for Stratford, 1672-75, for Stratford and Woodbury, 1676-79, for Stratford, 1680-87, 1689-97. Called Lieutenant, October 1667; Captain, Stratford Trainband, June 1672; Second Military Officer, Fairfield County, June 1672; Captain, Fairfield County Troop, November 1673, October 1675; Militia Committee, June 1672; War Committee, August 1673.

Baptized at Nazing, county Essex, England, 21 June 1618; Captain William died at Stratford, 21 December 1702.

Will 15 December 1702, proved 31 December 1702; sons Daniel, Ebenezer, Zechariah, Josiah; daughters Sarah Wells, Elizabeth Rose; son Joshua Curtiss; Jonathan the son of Jonathan Curtiss.

He married second Sarah, widow of Ensign William Goodrich of Wethersfield, and daughter of Mathew Marvin of Norwalk, baptized at Great Bentley, county Essex, England, 27 December 1631, died about 1702.

More About Captain William Curtiss:

Baptism: Jun 21, 1618

Children of William Curtiss and Mary are:

- i. Sarah Curtiss^{177,178,179,180,181}, born Oct 10, 1642 in Stratford, Fairfield County, Connecticut; died 1733; married Mr. Wells.
- ii. Jonathan Curtiss^{182,183,184,185,186}, born Feb 14, 1643/44 in Stratford, Fairfield County, Connecticut; died 1681 in Stratford, Fairfield County, Connecticut; married Abigail Thompson 1669 in Stratford, Fairfield County, Connecticut; died Mar 02, 1730/31 in Stratford, Fairfield County, Connecticut.
- iii. Joshua Curtiss^{187,188,189,190,191}, born Oct 06, 1646 in Stratford, Fairfield County, Connecticut; died 1705 in Cohansey, New Jersey.
- iv. Abigail Curtiss^{192,193,194,195}, born Apr 21, 1650 in Stratford, Fairfield County, Connecticut; died Apr 21, 1650 in Stratford, Fairfield County, Connecticut.
- v. Daniel Curtiss^{196,197,198,199,200}, born Nov 16, 1652 in Stratford, Fairfield County, Connecticut; died Feb 06, 1718/19 in Fairfield County, Connecticut; married (1) Mary Jennings; born Abt. 1668; died May 1698; married (2) Elizabeth Blagge.
- vi. Elizabeth Curtiss^{201,202,203,204,205}, born Sep 13, 1654 in Wethersfield, Hartford, Connecticut; died Nov 13, 1671 in Stratford, Fairfield County, Connecticut; married Mr. Rose.

- 50 vii. Lieutenant Ebenezer Curtiss, born Jul 26, 1657 in Stratford, Fairfield County, Connecticut; died Dec 10, 1751 in Stratford, Fairfield County, Connecticut; married Ruth Porter 1690 in Connecticut.
- viii. Zechariah Curtiss^{206,207,208,209,210}, born Nov 14, 1659 in Stratford, Fairfield County, Connecticut; died Jun 12, 1748 in Stratford, Fairfield County, Connecticut; married Hannah Porter; born Apr 10, 1665 in Stratford, Fairfield County, Connecticut; died Feb 14, 1737/38.
- ix. Josiah Curtiss^{211,212,213,214,215}, born Aug 30, 1662 in Stratford, Connecticut; died Nov 20, 1745 in Stratford, Connecticut; married (1) Abigail Judson Jul 1692; died 1697; married (2) Mary Beach 1698; died in Stratford, Fairfield County, Connecticut.

102. Sergeant Nathaniel Porter^{216,217,218,219,220,221,222,223,224,225}, born Jul 19, 1640 in Windsor, Hartford, Connecticut; died Jan 14, 1679/80 in Stratford, Fairfield County, Connecticut. He was the son of **204. John Porter** and **205. Anna Rosanna White**. He married **103. Hannah Groves**.

103. Hannah Groves^{226,227,228,229,230}, born Abt. 1643 in Essex, England; died 1671. She was the daughter of **206. Philip Groves** and **207. Anna Hawley Smith**.

Notes for Sergeant Nathaniel Porter:

Jacobus, Donald Lines, M.A. History and Genealogy of the Families of Old Fairfield, Volume I. The Tuttle, Morehouse & Taylor Company, New Haven, Connecticut, 1930. Pages 487-488:

Porter, Nathaniel, son of John. Sergeant, Stratford Train Band.

Born at Windsor, 19 July 1640, died at Stratford, January 1680.

Will 10 January 1679 (1679/80); Inventory 30 January 1679 (1679/80); son John one-half of house and homelot at 21, the other half at death of my wife Elizabeth, who was to have use of all housing and lands until John should come to age, and thereafter one-half; daughter Mary Porter, 40 pounds; residue to six children, Nathaniel, Hannah, Sarah, Ruth, John and Mary Porter; friends, cousin Nicholas Camp, Samuel Eells, Jehiel Preston, and John Birdsey, overseers.

Inventory of Elizabeth, 21 February 1683 (1683/4), presented by Jehiel Preston, who was appointed to administer with Camp, Eells, and Birdsey.

Receipts given 16 December 1692 by Robert Royce and Mary Royce, formerly Porter daughter of Nathaniel of Stratford; by Ebenezer and Ruth Curtis, John Porter, Sarah Porter, and Nathaniel Porter, the last-named of Fairfield. Receipts exhibited 10 July 1696.

Married (1) Hannah Groves, daughter of Philip. The children of Hannah Porter shared in the estate of Ellen Bostwick, 1677, in recompense for care given her.

Married (2) Elizabeth Baldwin, daughter of John, baptized 19 August 1649.

Sergeant Nathaniel died at Stratford 14 January (1679/80); Elizabeth died 6 February 1683 (1683/4).

Cook, William Grant. William Grant Cook: His Ancestors and Descendants. Chicago, Illinois 1942. Page 125:

Was at Hartford, Connecticut 1660, and was made a freeman in 1669. He left a good estate. He married Hannah, daughter of Philip Groves.

Children of Nathaniel Porter and Hannah Groves are:

- i. Hannah Porter^{231,232,233,234,235}, born Apr 10, 1665 in Stratford, Fairfield County, Connecticut; died Feb 14, 1737/38; married Zechariah Curtiss; born Nov 14, 1659 in Stratford, Fairfield County, Connecticut; died Jun 12, 1748 in Stratford, Fairfield County, Connecticut.
- ii. Sarah Porter^{236,237,238}, born Sep 03, 1667 in Stratford, Fairfield County, Connecticut; died Mar 25, 1738 in Connecticut; married Nathaniel Beach Apr 29, 1686.
- 51 iii. Ruth Porter, born Nov 22, 1669 in Stratford, Fairfield County, Connecticut; died May 28, 1739 in Stratford, Fairfield County, Connecticut; married Lieutenant Ebenezer Curtiss 1690 in Connecticut.
- iv. Nathaniel Porter^{239,240,241,242}, born Aug 27, 1672 in Stratford, Fairfield County, Connecticut; died 1727 in Stratford, Fairfield County, Connecticut; married Rebecca Wheeler Abt. 1699; born Abt. 1672; died Bet. 1708 - 1713.

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128. William Dickenson^{243,244}, born Abt. 1652 in Virginia; died Aft. 1734 in Hanover County, Virginia. He was the son of **256. Griffith Dickinson** and **257. Elizabeth Springall**. He married **129. Mary Garland**.

129. Mary Garland²⁴⁴.

Notes for William Dickenson:

November 11, 1701, Essex County, VA: William Dickenson presented evidence for John Thomason vs. Richard Googy. (Essex County Deeds & Will Book 10, page 100)

December 4, 1704, King William County, VA: William Dickinson is mentioned as one of the commissioners, with Theo. Spencer and Thomas Butler in the 1704 suit of Phillip Whitehead vs. the estate of John Pettivor, deceased.

Children of William Dickenson and Mary Garland are:

- i. Thomas Cooper Dickenson²⁴⁴, born Abt. 1673; died Abt. Jun 13, 1734 in Caroline County, Virginia; married Susanna Robinson; died Aft. 1734.
- ii. Griffith Dickenson, Sr.²⁴⁵, born Abt. 1675.
- 64 iii. Nathaniel Dickenson, Sr., born Abt. 1678; died Bef. 1742 in Caroline

- County, Virginia; married Elizabeth Garland.
- iv. William Dickinson²⁴⁶, born Abt. 1685 in Virginia; married Mary MacGehee; born 1690 in New Kent County, Virginia.

130. Edward Garland, Sr.^{246,247,248}, born Abt. 1664; died 1719. He was the son of **260. Peter Garland**. He married **131. Martha Jane Hensley**.

131. Martha Jane Hensley^{249,250}.

Children of Edward Garland and Martha Hensley are:

- 65 i. Elizabeth Garland, born Abt. 1684; died Aft. 1742; married Nathaniel Dickenson, Sr..
- ii. Peter Garland²⁵¹, born Abt. 1686.
- iii. John Garland²⁵¹, born Abt. 1688.
- iv. Martha Garland^{251,252}, born 1690 in New Kent County, Virginia; died 1749 in Louisa County, Virginia; married John Cosby Apr 1705 in Virginia; born Abt. 1680 in York County, Virginia; died 1761 in Louisa County, Virginia.

196. Robert Rose^{253,254,255,256,257}, born Abt. 1594 in Elmswell On Rye, Suffolk, England; died Apr 04, 1665 in Branford, New Haven, Connecticut. He was the son of **392. Robert Rose** and **393. Mary Evered**. He married **197. Margery Evered** Bef. 1619 in Watertown, Litchfield, Connecticut.

197. Margery Evered^{258,259,260,261}, born Bet. 1589 - 1594 in Elmswell, Suffolk, England; died Bef. 1664 in East Hampton, New York. She was the daughter of **394. Thomas Gawdy Everard** and **395. Agnes Mannock**.

Notes for Robert Rose:

Adams, Sherman W. and Stiles, Henry Reed. The History of Ancient Wethersfield, Connecticut. Grafton Press, New York, 1904. Page 589:

Rose, Robert, born in England 1594, came, with his wife Margery, and 8 children to New England from Ipswich, County Suffolk, England, in the ship Francis, in 1634. He was one of the "Adventurers" from Watertown, Massachusetts, who first settled Wethersfield; was a large land holder here, a soldier in the memorable Pequot campaign; constable in 1639-40; juror in 1641; representative to General Court 1641-2-3; had many offices conferred upon him by the Town and Court; and in 1644 removed to Totoket (Branford), where shortly after June 7, 1664, he married (2) Elizabeth of New Haven, widow of Edward Parker, and who had previously been the widow of John Potter. This marriage was probably at Branford, as, on the above mentioned day, as we learn from the New Haven (Proprietors' Rec. III, p. 40), the widow Parker was about to leave New Haven "to change her condition." She died at New Haven 28 July, 1677. Mr. Rose died shortly after his marriage, in 1664, his will being dated 25 August of that year proven at Branford, 4 April, 1665 and probated at New Haven, 14 November 1666. It devised to widow and 8 children - of whom only John, Elizabeth and Mary are named - and gave 6 pounds, 13 shillings to the Branford church. Inventory of estate amounted to 826 pounds, 9 shillings, 7 pence (Branford Town Record and New Haven County

Probate 1, Part 2, p. 7).

Children: the ages affixed to the first eight are those found in the register of the Crown Officers, who licensed the departure of all emigrants to America from England. (See Drake's Families of New England and Orcutt's History of Stratford, Connecticut.)

More About Robert Rose:

Burial: Apr 04, 1665, Branford, New Haven, Connecticut

Children of Robert Rose and Margery Evered are:

- i. John Rose^{262,263}, born 1619 in Ipswich, Suffolk, England; died 1683 in Branford, Connecticut.

Notes for John Rose:

Adams, Sherman W. and Stiles, Henry Reed. The History of Ancient Wethersfield, Connecticut. Grafton Press, New York, 1904. Page 589:

John, twin of Robert, born 1619; probably remained in Wethersfield some time after his father's removal to Branford, as we find in W.T.V. (I. 29) a fence tax recorded to him in 1647. He died at Branford 1683.

- 98 ii. Robert Rose, born 1619 in Ipswich, Suffolk, England; died May 09, 1683 in Wethersfield, Suffolk, England; married Rebecca Oct 07, 1651 in Branford, New Haven, Connecticut.
- iii. Elizabeth Rose^{264,265}, born Abt. 1621 in Elmswell, Suffolk, England; died Jul 22, 1659 in Branford, New Haven, Connecticut; married Micah Taintor; born 1621.
- iv. Mary Rose^{266,267}, born Abt. 1623 in Elmswell, Suffolk, England.
- v. Samuel Rose^{268,269}, born 1625 in Elmswell, Suffolk, England; died 1698 in Newark, New Jersey.

Notes for Samuel Rose:

Adams, Sherman W. and Stiles, Henry Reed. The History of Ancient Wethersfield, Connecticut. Grafton Press, New York, 1904. Page 589:

Samuel became a first settler of Newark, New Jersey. Will dated 1698 (Mail & Express, 15 June, 1901). Born 1625.

- vi. Sarah Rose^{270,271}, born 1627 in Elmswell, Suffolk, England.
- vii. Daniel Rose^{272,273}, born 1631 in Ipswich, Suffolk, England; died 1696 in Wethersfield, Hartford, Connecticut.
- viii. Dorcas Rose^{274,275}, born Abt. 1632 in Elmswell, Suffolk, England; died 1708 in Branford, New Haven, Connecticut; married Daniel Swaine Jul 26, 1653 in Branford, New Haven, Connecticut; died 1691.

Notes for Dorcas Rose:

Adams, Sherman W. and Stiles, Henry Reed. The History of Ancient Wethersfield, Connecticut. Grafton Press, New York, 1904. Page 589:

Dorcas, born 1632, married 26 July 1653, Daniel Swaine; in record of her marriage in Branford (Ch. Recs.) She is called "Dorothy daughter of Robert," but Savage says Dorcas. Daniel Swaine died 1691 leaving Widow "Dorcas" and 6 children (New Haven Probate Record and County Court Record).

- ix. Hannah Rose^{276,277}, born 1634 in Elmswell, Suffolk, England.
- x. Jonathan Rose^{278,279}, born 1636 in Branford, New Haven, Connecticut; died 1684; married Charity Ward Jan 05, 1668/69 in Branford, New Haven, Connecticut.

200. John Curtis^{280,281,282,283}, born Bef. Sep 15, 1577 in Nazing, Essex, England; died 1639 in Wethersfield, Hartford, Connecticut. He was the son of **400. William Curtis** and **401. Agnes**. He married **201. Elizabeth Hutchins** Apr 19, 1610 in Nazing, Essex, England.

201. Elizabeth Hutchins^{284,285,286,287}, died 1658 in Stratford, Connecticut.

Notes for John Curtis:

Curtiss, Frederic Haines. A Genealogy of the Curtiss Family: Being a Record of the Descendants of Widow Elizabeth Curtiss who settled in Stratford, Connecticut, 1639-40. Rockwell and Churchill Press, Boston, Massachusetts, 1903. Pages vii-ix, xi-xii and xxvi-xxvii:

The Probable English Ancestry of the Curtiss Family of Stratford, Connecticut.

There came to New England in the ship "Lyon," which sailed from London, June 22, 1632, William Curtiss and Thomas Ufford, both natives of Nazing, Essex County, England. Landing at Boston, New England, on Sunday, September 16, 1632, they proceeded to Roxbury, where John Eliot, the "Apostle to the Indians," who was the brother-in-law of William Curtiss, had settled the previous year. In the ship "Lyon," so Mr. Winthrop tells us, there came one hundred and twenty-three passengers, of whom fifty were children. These persons were all of the better class, were well educated and possessed a certain degree of wealth that enabled them to live in the enjoyment of comforts.

On the records of Nazing, England ("The Curtiss Family," by Stiles H. Curtiss, A.M. N.E. Genealogical and Historical Register, July, 1889), we find that William Curtiss was baptized November 12, 1592, and married Sarah, daughter of Bennett Eliot, of Nazing, August 6, 1618. The baptisms of his several children also appear on these records. William Curtiss died in Roxbury, New England, December 8, 1672, aged 81 years, and Sarah his widow, March 20, 1673, aged 73 years. Most of the historians have supposed this William Curtiss to have been the husband of widow Elizabeth Curtiss, of Stratford, Connecticut, but my researches have led me to believe he was brother of her husband, who was John Curtiss. The Nazing records also show the following entries:

John Curtis, baptized September 15, 1577.

John Curtyce married Elizabeth Hutchins, April 19, 1610; and the following baptisms, supposedly those of their children:

John Curtis, February 26, 1614-15; William Curtis, June 21, 1618; and Thomas Curtis, March 12, 1619-20.

John Curtis, aged 21, sailed with Thomas Heath, aged 23, in the ship "Safety," August 10, 1635. This may have been the above son, as the name of Heath is found both in Nazing and Roxbury.

John Curtis of London, England, had his coat of arms confirmed May 9, 1632, just forty-two days before William of Roxbury sailed for New England. In the visitation of London, in 1633, his name does not appear. In "A Note of ye Estates and Persons of the Inhabitants of Roxsbury," 1638-40, appears the name of John Corteis, having fifteen acres of land and with five persons in his family. No further mention of this family appears on the Roxbury records, but in 1639 a John Curtis was a resident of Wethersfield, Connecticut, and owned land in that town on what was then called "The North Road to the Great Meadow." Thomas Ufford, who left Roxbury in 1635, with William Pynchon, we also find in Wethersfield at this time. Reverend Thomas Hooker, the famous divine of Hartford, was a native of Morfield, Leicestershire, England. He was a Fellow of Emmanuel College about the same time as John Eliot, and Eliot assisted him in his school at Little Baddow, Essex. Through persecution Hooker left England and sought refuge in Holland. After a while he heard that some of his Essex friends were going to New England, and he speedily united with them and sailed in the "Griffin" from Downs in 1633. It is therefore probable that when he settled in Hartford many of the Roxbury people, natives of Essex, joined him there.

John Curtis left Wethersfield in 1640 for Cuphag (Stratford), and his name disappears, but we find the name of widow Elizabeth Curtiss and her two sons on the earliest records of Stratford. It is therefore probable that the father died soon after arriving at Stratford, or on the journey. Thomas Ufford left Wethersfield at about the same time and went to Milford, but a few years later we find him in Stratford where he, with his family, spent the remainder of his life. There has been a tradition in Stratford that the Ufford and Booth families had intermarried with the Curtiss before they left England, but this I have been unable to substantiate. Mr. Trumbull in his "History of Connecticut," in writing of the settlement of Stratford, says that "Mr. John and Mr. William Curtiss and Mr. Joseph Hawley were from Roxbury, and Mr. William Judson, and Mr. William Wilcoxson from Concord, in Massachusetts." "These were the first principal gentlemen in the town and church of Stratford." "A few years after the settlement commenced, Mr. John Birdseye removed from Milford and became a man of eminence both in the town and church." "Mr. Adam Blackman who had been episcopally ordained in England, and a preacher of some note, first at Leicester and afterwards in Derbyshire, was their minister and one of the first planters. It is said that he was followed by a number of the faithful into this country." "These doubtless collected about him in the infant settlement." Mr. Blakeman is supposed to have come to Stratford from Wethersfield, and as the house lot of widow Elizabeth Curtiss was near or adjoining that of Mr. Blakeman's, this family may have come to Stratford to be under his ministry. In the will of Elizabeth Curtiss, John Birdseye, Henry Wakelyn, and Joseph Hawley were appointed overseers. Of these Joseph Hawley came from Roxbury, New England, and also came to this country in the ship "Planter," in 1635, with

Adam Blakeman, William Wilcoxson, and William Beardsley. William Curtiss's family furnishes us with further proof of his having come from Wethersfield, Connecticut and Nazing. He married for his second wife Sarah, daughter of Matthew Morris, of Hartford, Connecticut, and widow of William Goodrich, of Wethersfield, Connecticut, and two of his daughters married into Wethersfield families - those of Rose and Welles. The latter perhaps was John Welles, son of Governor Thomas Wells, as on the records John Welles calls John Curtiss uncle.

The Curtiss family was from all accounts one of the most prominent among the first settlers of Stratford, and it has been claimed that they suggested naming the town Stratford-on-Avon, England. If this be true it adds another proof towards the acceptance of the pedigree with the coat-of-arms, for Makestoke and Hatton were but small hamlets and Stratford-on-Avon was the nearest town of any size. That the name of Curtiss was well known in Shakespeare's own town is shown by the fact that that poet used it as one of the characters in "The Taming of the Shrew." William Beardsley, Thomas Alsop, and Richard Booth are also supposed to have been natives of Stratford-on-Avon, England, and as the Earl of Warwick had letters patent to that part of Connecticut, it is more than probable that many of the early settlers throughout that colony were from Warwickshire.

The Curtiss Coat of Arms.

The coat-of-arms on the title page of this book is claimed to be the one borne by the ancestor of the Stratford, Connecticut branch of the Curtiss family. An ancient emblazonment on parchment has been in the possession of this branch of this family beyond any doubt for over one hundred and fifty years and is owned today by an elderly lady residing in Bridgeport, Connecticut. It is claimed this emblazonment was brought over to his country by the first ancestor, but this I have been unable to substantiate. On the reverse side of this parchment certain data relating to the Stratford and Roxbury members of the family have been written, supposedly in the handwriting of Joseph Curtiss, Town Clerk of Stratford, Connecticut, 1678-1728.

The records of the College of Heraldry, in London, England, show that this coat-of-arms was confirmed to "John Curtis, of London, Gentleman, son of William Curtis, of Hatton in the County of Warwick, Gentleman, son of Eustace Curtiss, of Malestock, in the said County, Gentleman, son of William who was son and heir of John Curtis, of Malestock aforesaid, Gentleman, by Sir Richard St. George Clarencieux, the 9th of May, 1632," in the 8th year of the reign of King Charles I, and that this crest was granted at the same time. In the visitation of London, in 1633, the name of John Curtis does not appear, so it is probable that he left for New England soon after having these arms confirmed.

The curious description of these arms on the records is as follows: "Azure a fesse dancette between three ducal crowns or," "Crest: A Lyon in his ppr. collers Issuing forth of his Collers Or and Azure supporting in his right pawe a Shield Azure & thereon a fess dancette Or Mantled gules doubled argent."

A List of Those Families Bearing the Curtis, Curtiss, Curtice Names that Settled in New England Prior to 1700.

John Corteis owned fifteen acres of land in Roxbury, Massachusetts in 1638-40, and had five

persons in his family. No further record is found of him on the records of that town. He is supposed to have been the husband of Elizabeth Curtiss, of Stratford, Connecticut, and the father of John and William.

John Curtis owned land in Wethersfield, Connecticut in 1639-40, but disappears, leaving no trace. In the "Memorial History" of Hartford County it says that he left in 1639-40 for Cupheag (Stratford), Connecticut. He is supposed to be the same person as the above.

Lines, Donald Jacobus. *The Ancestry of Lorenzo Ackley and His Wife Emma Arabella Bosworth*. N.G. Parke, Publisher, Woodstock, Vermont 1960. Pages 204-205:

John Curtis.

John Curtis, baptized at Nazing, county Essex, England, 15 September 1577, died possibly at Wethersfield, Connecticut about 1640; married at Nazing, 19 April 1610, Elizabeth Hutchins, who died at Stratford, Connecticut, June 1658.

He is last of record in England in 1637, when he appears as taxed in the Ship Money list and also sat as a juror in the manorial court of Nazing. Apparently his eldest son John was sent to New England in advance, for a John Curtis, aged 21, embarked in the *Safety*, 10 August 1635, which corresponds with the age of the younger John. By 1639 the rest of the family followed and settled in Roxbury, Massachusetts, where John's nephew William was already living. In the earliest lists of estates drawn up at Roxbury, evidently in 1639, John Curtis is listed with a family of five persons, who would be himself, his wife, and their three sons.

Sherman W. Adams supposes that a John Curtis who owned a home lot in Wethersfield, Connecticut, before 1640 was the younger John of this family, but gives a great deal of misinformation concerning him. Mr. Hoppin thinks it was the older John and that he died in Wethersfield. Certainly John died early in or shortly after 1640. His widow Elizabeth and the three sons were settled in Stratford, Connecticut, soon after. Two of the three sons had children recorded there in 1642.

The will of Elizabeth Curtiss, proved 4 June 1658, remembered four grandchildren (the eldest two of her son John and the eldest two of her son William), and her grandchild Mary Curtiss, daughter of Thomas Curtiss, the residue to go to her sons John and William.

More About John Curtis:

Baptism: Sep 15, 1577, Nazing, Essex, England

Notes for Elizabeth Hutchins:

Curtiss, Frederic Haines. *A Genealogy of the Curtiss Family: Being a Record of the Descendants of Widow Elizabeth Curtiss who settled in Stratford, Connecticut, 1639-40*. Rockwell and Churchill Press, Boston, Massachusetts, 1903. Pages 1-2:

Elizabeth Curtiss, or as she is generally called on the Stratford, Connecticut, Town Records, "Widow Curtiss," first appears on these records, in a list of property owners (about 1650), with her two sons, John and William Curtiss. Her lot was near or adjoining that of Reverend

Adams Blakeman. She died June 1658, and her will was proved November 4, 1658, at Fairfield, Connecticut, and reads as follows:

Fairfield Probate Records, Vol. 1648-56, Page 17.

The Last Will and Testament of Elizabeth Curtiss, . . . being weak yeat perfect in her minde as is . . .

Inp'mis Unto her two Sonns John Curtiss and William doe give my Mare and Coalt . . .

It. Unto John Curtiss & Jonathan Curtiss ye Sonnes of my Sonnes John & William my Grandchildren I doe give the coalt that my young Mare hath; And after the sayd young mare hath up her first coalt, Then I doe give ye sayd young mare to the Rest of my Grandchildren, Sonns and Daughters of my aforesd Sonns John & William:

It. I doe give one house and Lott to my Grandchildren, John Curtiss & Israel & Jonathan & Sarah Curtiss ye children of ye said John & William; And they to enjoy it when they come to ye age of twenty:

It. I doe give unto my Grandchilde Mary Curtiss ye daughter of Thomas Curtiss forty shillings & to bee paid unto her by my sonns John & William Within a yeare after my decease:

It. I doe give unto my Sonns John & William Curtiss my two cowss, one hiefer, one bullock and a calf after my deceas; provided yet if my sayd young mare before given to my Grandchildren should miscarry. Then my Will is if my two sonns John and William Curtiss should give foure pounds each of them to there Children yet have no share in my house and Lott to be payd att ye Age of twentie:

It. I doe give my Bible to John Curtiss my Grandchilde the Sonn of John Curtiss allso my desire is yet there be so much of my Corn sould as may buy a bible for Jonathan Curtiss ye Sonn of my Sonn William and given to him:

The Rest of my goods Within ye house that are moveable goods I doe give to me Sonns John & William Curtiss to be equally divided betwixt them,

My two Sonns John Curtiss & William Curtiss I doe make executors; my will is yet John Burdseye Henry Wakelyn and Joseph hawly shall bee overseers of this my Last Will and Testament.

In ye presence of

John Brimsmaid }
} Elizabeth Curtiss.
John Washborn }

This will is proved by John Curtiss and William Curtiss to bee ye Last Will and Testant of Elizabeth Curtiss of Stratford: And ye Court Approves of it: it being attested to: 4th:4th:(58).

John Minor

Children of John Curtis and Elizabeth Hutchins are:

- i. Sergeant John Curtiss^{288,289,290,291,292,293}, born 1611 in Nazing, Essex, England; died Dec 02, 1707 in Stratford, Fairfield County, Connecticut; married Elizabeth Welles 1682; died Mar 09, 1681/82 in Stratford, Fairfield County, Connecticut.

Notes for Sergeant John Curtiss:

Curtiss, Frederic Haines. A Genealogy of the Curtiss Family: Being a Record of the Descendants of Widow Elizabeth Curtiss who settled in Stratford, Connecticut, 1639-40. Rockwell and Churchill Press, Boston, Massachusetts, 1903. Page 2:

John Curtiss, born in England in 1611. His name appears among the original patentees of Stratford, Connecticut, and also on the list of property owners of 1650. He married Elizabeth Welles (supposed to have been the sister of Governor Thomas Welles). He was made a freeman in May, 1658. He was a prominent citizen, and took an active part in the work of settling the town, but was not as much of a public man as his brother William. In 1678 he and his brother William were on a committee to build a new meeting-house. Sergeant John Curtiss was elected Town Treasurer, December 29, 1675. He served as a soldier in King Philip's War, and attained the rank of Ensign (second lieutenant). He died in Stratford, Connecticut, December 6, 1707, aged 96 years. She died in Stratford, Connecticut, March 9, 1682.

More About Sergeant John Curtiss:

Baptism: Feb 26, 1614/15

- 100 ii. Captain William Curtiss, born Jun 21, 1618 in Nazing, Essex, England; died Dec 21, 1702 in Stratford, Fairfield County, Connecticut; married (1) Mary Bef. 1642; married (2) Sarah Marvin Abt. 1680.
- iii. Thomas Curtis^{294,295,296,297,298,299}, born Mar 12, 1618/19 in Nazing, Essex, England; died 1648 in Massachusetts; married Mary.

Notes for Thomas Curtis:

Lines, Donald Jacobus. The Ancestry of Lorenzo Ackley and His Wife Emma Arabella Bosworth. N.G. Parke, Publisher, Woodstock, Vermont 1960. Pages 205-206:

Thomas Curtis.

Thomas Curtis, baptized at Nazing, county Essex, England, 12 March 1629/30, died at Stratford, Commencticut in 1648; married Mary, who married second, Deputy Governor James Bishop of New Haven.

Nothing was known of Thomas or his wife until the discovery of his inventory, dated 1 December 1648, in the Fairfield Probate Files, said to be the oldest document extant in that source. At the bottom of it, under date of 8 June 1652, "Mary Bishopp wife of James Bishopp maketh oath that this is a trew Inventory of Thomas Curtis her former husband deceased." The only known child, Mary, was remembered in the will of her grandmother, Mrs. Elizabeth Curtis.

More About Thomas Curtis:

Baptism: Mar 12, 1619/20

- iv. Philip Curtis^{300,301}, born 1623 in Nazeing, Essex, England.
- v. Mary Curtis^{302,303}, born 1625 in Stratford, Fairfield County, Connecticut.

204. John Porter^{304,305,306,307,308,309,310,311,312,313,314,315}, born Abt. Jun 21, 1594 in Felsted, Essex County, England; died Apr 21, 1648 in Windsor, Hartford, Connecticut. He was the son of **408. John Porter** and **409. Sibyl Vessey**. He married **205. Anna Rosanna White** Oct 18, 1620 in Messing, Essex, England.

205. Anna Rosanna White^{316,317,318,319,320,321,322,323,324}, born 1600 in Shalford, Essex, England; died May 11, 1647 in Windsor, Hartford, Connecticut. She was the daughter of **410. Robert White** and **411. Bridget Allgar**.

Notes for John Porter:

Jacobus, Donald Lines, M.A. History and Genealogy of the Families of Old Fairfield, Volume I. The Tuttle, Morehouse & Taylor Company, New Haven, Connecticut, 1930. Page 487:

Porter, John. Deputy (Windsor) to Connecticut Legislature, August 1639, October 1646, May 1647.

Of Felsted, county Essex, England, married at Messing, county Essex, 18 October 1620, Anna White, baptized at Messing, 13 July 1600, daughter of Robert and Bridget (Allgar) White. Came to New England with family 1638, probably in Susan and Ellen, and settled in Windsor.

His wife died in 1647 (Windsor Church records); he died at Windsor, 21 April 1648. His will, dated 20 April 1648, mentioned his "sonne Joseph Judgson."

Porter, Arthur Amasa. John Porter and His Descendants. Portage, Wisconsin 1917. Pages 1-2:

John Porter.

Among the early settlers of New England in the great tide of emigration from England subsequent to the granting of the charter for the colony of Massachusetts Bay, in 1628, came John Porter.

The records in England give his descent, in the sixteenth generation from William de la

Grande, a Norman Knight who came in the army of the Norman Duke, at the conquest A.D. 1066, and that he acquired lands at or near Kenilworth in Warwickshire.

His son Ralph (or Roger) became "Grand Porteur" to Henry First A.D. 1120 to 1140 from which he derived the name Porter.

The Windsor church was formed in Plymouth England in March 1630 by people from Devon, Dorset, Somerset, and Warwickshires. The Reverends John Maverick and John Warham being ordained respectively as pastor and teacher.

In 1630 they came to New England, settling at Dorchester, Massachusetts, on the first settlement of that town. In the summer of 1635 the arrivals having become numerous and the settlement "somewhat crowded and hearing ye fame of ye Quinnitukut river" a company was formed to make a settlement there, and on the fifteenth day of October they took their departure, carrying with them their church organization under the Reverend John Warham, the Reverend Mr. Maverick remaining at Dorchester.

Trumbull says, "The journey from Massachusetts was made in about fourteen days' time. The distance being more than one hundred miles and through a trackless wilderness. They had no guide but their compass and made their way over mountains through swamps, thickets, and rivers, which were not passable but with the greatest difficulty. They had no cover but the heavens nor any lodgings but those which simple nature afforded them. They drove with them one hundred and sixty head of cattle and subsisted on the way, in a great measure on the milk of their kine."

"This adventure was the more remarkable as many of the company were persons of figure, who had lived in England in honor, affluence, and delicacy, and were entire strangers to fatigue and danger."

This company reached the Connecticut river at a place called by the natives Matteneang but to which the settlers gave the name of Windsor, many of their numbers being natives of the place of that name in England.

In 1639 the Reverend Ephram Hewett of Wraxhall in Kenilworth, England, was called to assist Mr. Warham and it is probable that John Porter accompanied him, as at about that date his name first appears upon the public records.

John Porter's residence in Windsor appears to have been located near the "Little River" at its junction with the Connecticut and between the residences of George Phelps and Joseph Loomis, and nearly opposite those of Henry Wolcott and Matthew Allyn.

He was for that period a man of considerable substance as appears by his will printed in the public records of Connecticut.

He died in Windsor April 22, 1648, his wife Rose having died in July 1647.

Boardman, William F.J. The Ancestry of William Francis Joseph Boardman, Hartford, Connecticut. Hartford, Connecticut, 1906. Pages 306-307:

John Porter of Windsor, Connecticut, is the emigrant ancestor of this line. It is said that "he came to New England with his wife and nine children from Felsted, County Essex, England, probably in the ship 'Susan and Ellen,' 17 July 1638," and in company with his brother-in-law Joseph Loomis. He appears at Windsor in 1639, being present at the General Court August 8th as a member of the town committee. In 1640 he is a juror and in 1646 and 1647 Deputy to the General Court. He was a man of some property, as well as ability and character. His home lot was on the "Island" extending east and west of the road, and included part of the "Plymouth Meadow." His house was east of the road.

John Porter died the 21st and was buried the 22nd of April, 1648. In his will dated April 30, 1648, he names sons John, James, Samuel and Nathaniel, daughters Rebecca, Rose, Mary and Anna (Hannah) and a son-in-law Joseph Judgson. Two older daughters, Anna and Sarah, had received their portions at their marriage, and the portion of Rose, who died the following month, was subsequently divided among them. His inventory amounted to 470 pounds 17 shillings (Manwaring's Hartford Probate Records, I: 29, 30; Connecticut Colonial Records, I: 475-477).

John Porter married in Messing, Essex County, England, his marriage being there recorded as follows: "1620, October 18. John Porter of Felsted and Anna White of Messing." She was the mother of his older children at least and probably his only wife, whose death is recorded in 1647 as "John Porter, Sen'rs wife." Anna White was the daughter of Robert White of Messing, a village about ten miles from Bocking in Essex. Her baptism is recorded in the Messing Parish Register, July 13, 1600. The mother of Anna White was Bridget Allgar, daughter of William Allgar of Shalford, Essex County, England. Robert White died in 1617 and it has been said that "he cannot have been an old man at the time of his death, for he had at least five children unmarried, and apparently only one of them over twenty-one." His daughter Elizabeth married William Goodwin, and his daughter Mary married Joseph Loomis, both of them coming to New England, and well-known in its history. Anna is mentioned in her father's will in the following clause: "I give and bequeath unto my daughter Anna White the summe of one hundredth markes of like lawfull mony: to be paid unto hir upon ye day of hir marriage; yf soe be she shall bestow hir selfe in marriage, accordinge to the likings and consent of my two fornamed sonnes in law, and my wife, as is aforesaid. But yf soe fall out, as that she my said daughter Anna shall marrye without the consent and approbation formerly mentioned, then I give and bequeath hir only the summe of thirtey pounds of like lawfull monie." There is no doubt that the necessary approval was given and that three years later the bequest constituted her marriage portion. (Will - Goodwin Genealogy, pp. 68-71.)

More About John Porter:

Burial: Apr 22, 1648

Notes for Anna Rosanna White:

White, Almira Larkin. Ancestry of John Barber White and his Descendants. J.B. White, Kansas City, Missouri, 1913. Page 238:

Married in Messing October 18, 1620, John Porter of Felsted, Essex, England, where they lived and had 9 children baptized, and one later in Messing, before coming to New England in 1638.

More About Anna Rosanna White:

Baptism: Jul 13, 1600, Shalford, Essex, England

Burial: May 12, 1648, Windsor, Hartford, Connecticut

Children of John Porter and Anna White are:

- i. Anna Porter^{325,326,327}, born Sep 22, 1621 in Felstead, Essex, England; died Jul 21, 1653 in Windsor, Hartford, Connecticut; married William Gaylord Feb 24, 1644/45; died in Windsor, Hartford, Connecticut.
- ii. John Porter^{328,329,330}, born Feb 09, 1621/22 in Felstead, Essex, England; died Aug 02, 1688 in Windsor, Hartford, Connecticut; married Mary Stanley; died Sep 13, 1688.
- iii. Sarah Porter^{331,332,333,334}, born Mar 15, 1623/24 in Felstead, Essex, England; died Mar 16, 1695/96 in Woodbury, Litchfield, Connecticut; married Joseph Judson Oct 24, 1644; died in Milford, Connecticut.
- iv. James Porter^{335,336,337}, born Feb 20, 1627/28 in Felstead, Essex, England; died Sep 27, 1727 in London, Middlesex, England; married Sarah Tudor.
- v. Rebecca Porter^{338,339,340}, born Sep 16, 1630 in Felstead, Essex, England; died Jan 09, 1681/82 in Saybrook, Middlesex, Connecticut.
- vi. Samuel Porter³⁴⁰, born Bef. May 26, 1632; died Jul 15, 1632.

More About Samuel Porter:

Burial: Jul 15, 1632

- vii. Rose Porter^{341,342,343}, born Jun 24, 1633 in Felstead, Essex, England; died May 12, 1648 in Windsor, Hartford, Connecticut.
- viii. Samuel Porter^{344,344,345,346}, born Jun 02, 1635 in Felstead, Essex, England; died Sep 06, 1689 in Hadley, Hampshire, Connecticut; married Hannah Stanley Abt. 1659; died Dec 18, 1708.
- ix. Mary Porter^{347,348,349,350}, born Oct 01, 1637 in Messing, Essex, England; died Dec 16, 1681 in Windsor, Hartford, Connecticut; married Samuel Grant May 27, 1658; born Nov 12, 1631 in Dorchester, Massachusetts; died Sep 10, 1718.
- 102 x. Sergeant Nathaniel Porter, born Jul 19, 1640 in Windsor, Hartford, Connecticut; died Jan 14, 1679/80 in Stratford, Fairfield County, Connecticut; married (1) Hannah Groves; married (2) Elizabeth Baldwin 1673 in Milford, New Haven, Connecticut.
- xi. Hannah Porter^{351,351,352,353}, born Sep 04, 1642 in Windsor, Hartford, Connecticut; died Sep 20, 1677 in Deerfield, Franklin, Massachusetts; married John Coleman.

206. Philip Groves^{354,355,356,357,358,359,360,361,362}, born 1620 in Banbury, Oxfordshire, England; died Feb 10, 1675/76 in Stratford, Fairfield County, Connecticut. He married **207. Anna Hawley Smith** Abt. 1640 in Stratford, Fairfield County, Connecticut.

207. Anna Hawley Smith^{363,364,365,366}, born Jun 14, 1622 in Banbury, Oxfordshire, England; died in Stratford, Fairfield County, Connecticut. She was the daughter of **414. Reverend Henry Smith**.

Notes for Philip Groves:

Cook, William Grant. *William Grant Cook: His Ancestors and Descendants*. Chicago, Illinois 1942. Page 112:

Philip Groves was an early settler at Hartford, Connecticut, and was representative in the General Assembly. Later he removed to Stratford, Connecticut. Married Ann and had at least Nathaniel and Hannah (married Nathaniel Porter).

Jacobus, Donald Lines, M.A. *History and Genealogy of the Families of Old Fairfield, Volume I*. The Tuttle, Morehouse & Taylor Company, New Haven, Connecticut, 1930. Pages 244-245:

Deputy (Stratford) to Connecticut Legislature, April 1642, May 1648, May 1651, May 1653, May 1654, May 1655, October 1655, February 1657, May 1660, October 1660, May 1661, October 1661, October 1662, May 1663, October 1663, May 1665; Judge (Stratford), May 1654, May 1655, May 1656; war committee for Stratford, May 1653, October 1654.

Goodman Grove, of Milford, shoemaker, testified 1647; leather sealer for Stratford, October 1656; Grand Juror for Stratford, May 1660.

Mr. Philip died at Stratford, 10 February 1675 (1675/6).

Will of Philip Grove, "Ruling Elder," 30 January 1672/3; wife Ann; four motherless grandchildren Nathaniel, Hannah, Sarah, and Ruth Porter; son-in-law Nathaniel Porter; sister Susanna Grant, Widow, at Hanwell near Banbury; brother John Groves in parish of Leget Grove three miles from Bristol; Rebecca Andrews that formerly lived with me; Nathaniel Humiston my servant; overseers, Mr. Israel Chauncey, Captain William Curtis, and Mr. Joseph Hawley. Codicil 25 January 1676; daughter Elizabeth Porter and her child John Porter; friend John Pickett, Sr., to be an overseer. Inventory 14 February 1675/6.

Orcutt, Samuel. *A History of the Old Town of Stratford and the City of Bridgeport, Connecticut*. Fairfield County Historical Society, 1886. Pages 112-113:

Philip Groves was among the first settlers at Stratford and was early appointed the Ruling Elder, and the only one, of the Congregational Church of Stratford. He seems to have married Ann, the daughter of Reverend Henry Smith of Wethersfield, for John Blakeman, Jr., who married another daughter calls Philip Groves "brother." Mr. Groves was prominent in the town. He was, in 1642, the first Deputy of this town, and in 1647 a juryman at Hartford, but living at Stratford; in 1653 he was appointed with William Beardsley by the General Court to settle a question of boundaries between Fairfield and Norwalk/ and the same year was directed as "Goodman Groves with Goodman Thornton," both of Stratford, to assist the Constables in making the draft of soldiers and provisions for the supposed impending war against the Dutch at New York; in 1654 he was appointed by the Court, with others, an Assistant to the Magistrates, which might be sent to execute justice in the town, and reappointed in 1655 and '56, thus showing that at this date this town had no regularly elected Magistrate. In 1655 he

was elected Deputy; in 1656 he was again appointed Assistant; in October, 1656, he, with Robert Rice, was appointed leather sealer for Stratford, perhaps the first in that office; and in May, 1660, he was appointed one of the grand jury for the Colony. He died in 1675, having been a useful, prominent man in the church, town and state.

Children of Philip Groves and Anna Smith are:

- 103 i. Hannah Groves, born Abt. 1643 in Essex, England; died 1671; married Sergeant Nathaniel Porter.
- ii. Nathaniel Groves³⁶⁷

Generation No. 9

256. Griffith Dickinson^{368,369}, born Abt. 1629 in London, England³⁷⁰; died Bef. May 1673 in Virginia. He was the son of **512. John Dickinson** and **513. Frances Ricethe**. He married **257. Elizabeth Springall** Jun 12, 1649 in St. Martin Orgar, London, England.

257. Elizabeth Springall^{371,372}, born 1630 in London, St. Martin Orgar, England; died Feb 06, 1687/88 in New Kent County, Virginia³⁷³. She was the daughter of **514. Thomas Springall**.

Notes for Griffith Dickinson:

DICKENSONS OF SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA, Manuscript by the late Mary Jane Knisely. (WWW Document. <http://familytreemaker.genealogy.com/users/d/i/c/Donald-R.-Dickenson/FILE0057page.html>)

Griffith Dickenson is a name so common in the 1700's and even up to the present date, that sorting them is no mean task. However, in the 1600's there is only one Griffith Dickenson. Griffith is an uncommon first name; let us examine the records of Griffith Dickenson of the 1600's, and try to locate an earlier link than 1717.

Let us see what we can find on the Griffith Dickenson in Virginia in the 1600's. He did indeed patent land in Virginia on 5 January, 1656, 300 acres on the southwest side of Moses Creek and on the northerly branch of Tomahack Creek above Nickatorinces quarter, for transporting 6 persons, himself twice, Elizabeth Dickenson, William Jones and Susan Crotch. This, of course, is a count of 5, not 6. The author checked this patent with the originals in the Virginia State Library, and it is correct as given above. Therefore, it would seem that his wife Elizabeth is also counted twice. (40) Such grants were given in the amount of 50 acres for each person transported. However, one must not assume that the date of the patent represents the date of arrival. The patent might be based on those who had long since arrived and settled.

This entry does tell us that Griffith had made at least two trips from England before 1656, and the inference is that his wife also made two trips. That she was his wife can also be shown by the records of St. Martin Orgar, London, where the marriage record shows that Griffith Dickenson married Elizabeth Springall on 12 June 1649. (41) No ages or parents are given in this document. The rate lists show that Thomas Springall was a resident there in this period, but no proof of parentage has been found. (42) We can deduce that Griffith and Elizabeth came to Virginia any time between 1649 and 1656, for the first time.

Griffith was apparently not a planter, and seemingly patented the land because he could get it. He was a trader, dealer, speculator or some kind of businessman.

In existing records of Surry County, we find the entry "26 June 1656/7 The balance of the books of Maj. Jno. Westhorpe, dec'd." One of the creditors was Griffith Dickenson. (43) On 16 December, 1664 there is the petition of Griffith Dickinson, entreating his friend Capt. Thomas Pittman to petition the court on his behalf and grant an order against John Dolyes (?) Estate. (44) Also on 3 May 1656, Jno. Baldwin and Griffith Dickson have a suit, which they ask Robert Stanton to defer to the next court. (45)

Then we find Griffith pursuing a proposition frowned upon by the authorities. On 10 September, 1663, an order of the Assembly: Divers persons (5) have erected wares in the Face of the town, contrary to the order of the Assembly. Each was assessed a fine of 2,000 pounds of tobacco and cask. One of these culprits was Griffith Dickenson. (46)

Commentators like McIlwain, familiar with the terminology then current, states that wares refers to weirs, which was the term used for a dam. These five men seem to have built a dam in the James River, at or near Jamestown, which in some way upset the order of things. They obviously did not believe their project would have deleterious effects, but the event proved them wrong.

His business deals must have been profitable. The Assembly apparently knew these men could pay a stiff fine. They probably also had to stand the expense of tearing down the dam.

We do not know the date of Griffith's death, but we know it was before 1673. We find this entry: 28 May 1673. The difference between Tho. Wilkinson as marrying the relict of Griffith Dickeson, and William Towne, is referred to the next county court of New Kent, who are to determine the difference. (47)

Who is William Towne, and what does he have to do with the widow's property? Did William Towne marry a daughter of Griffith and Elizabeth, and is trying to get some of Griffith's estate out of the hands of her step-father, Thomas Wilkinson? Did any sons come into this litigation? We do not know, because the records of New Kent County have been destroyed.

The last record we had on Griffith was 16 December 1664, in Surry County. He may have died in the late 1660's. Since we know the marriage took place in 1649, we now see why Thomas, Griffith and Nathaniel are not likely to be the sons of Griffith, but presumably grandsons. And this would tie in with the presumption that William of King William County is their father. If William was born in the early 1650's and died in 1707, he would have lived a reasonable life span. But to presume that Nathaniel, who died in 1753, is a child of Griffith of Virginia, would be, though not impossible, yet improbable.

Having located the family in New Kent County, where Griffith's estate is to be adjudicated, we look for other entries that might be significant. On the April 16, 1684 charges and levies of New Kent County, John Diggason is awarded 21 pounds of tobacco for carrying a letter to Lt. Story. On Thursday 28 October 1686, in a letter submitted by the clerks to their Lordship, one of the members of the Custom Commission is William Dickinson. (48) The names John and William are too common to assign without proof. But we can bear in mind, since we have still another entry that may or may not be significant. In the next century we find the will of

William Morris of New Kent County, filed on 25 January 1745/6, naming among his heirs, his daughter Eliza Dickenson and his grandsons John and Arthur Dickenson. (49)

We do not know Griffith's origin. In the parish of St. Martin Orgar where he was married in London, no Dickenson families can be found in the records for that period. Considerable work has been done on English records, without finding a clue.

That he was the son of Jeremiah Dickenson, who came over in 1620, can now be disproved. Jeremiah patented land in James Cittie County in 1636 and 1638. (50) There are two entries in the records concerning these lands.

"10 April, 1651, to Robert Taylor, 500 acres in James Cittie County on the Chippoakes, beginning at Swan Bay and north toward the river mouth, formerly granted to Jeremy Dickenson by patent dated 6 May, 1638, and granted to said Taylor by order of the Governor and Council 24 October, 1650, in the right of his wife, the daughter-in-law of said Dickenson." (51)

In other words, there is no male claimant to Jeremiah's land. Nomenclature of the day was not consistent with ours, so that we do not know whether Robert Taylor's wife was a daughter of Jeremiah, or possibly his widow. But the claimant is not a male bearing the name of Dickenson. The other entry is:

"Surry County, Virginia 22 June 1668. Thomas Ludwell, Esq., Escheater General, Writ 5 October 1667 to enquire what lands Jeremiah Dickeson was at the tyme of his death seized of. Jury find that Jeremiah Dickinson was at the time of his death seized of 500 acres in James Citty County (but now called Surry) upon Upper Chipoakes Creeke, commonly known by the name of Swan Bay, which became due unto Jeremiah Dickinson by patt. 6 May 1638 and that Jeremiah Dickenson made noe will, neither is there any heire in the country. We give verdict that the 500 acres is escheated." (52)

Our records show that Griffith's widow, if not Griffith himself, was in the colony in 1667 and 1668. Obviously the old records which claim the Dickensons descend from Jeremiah are in error.

The search continues for some document showing the origin of Griffith.

Dickensons have ever been a prolific as well as adventurous, as is evident to anyone who has made much of a study of English records pertaining to them. In the 1600's they were by no means all living in England, as can be seen by examining the records of Bermuda, West Indies, and New England. A Thomas Dickenson was in Charleston, South Carolina as early as the 1600's. It is no easy problem to locate Griffith's origins.

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NOTES FROM DON DICKENSON'S FAMILY TREE

(<http://worldconnect.rootsweb.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?op=GET&db=dickenson&id=103272>)

January 5, 1656 - James City County, Virginia. Griffith Dickenson patented 300 acres in James City County on south west side of Moses Creek on the northerly branch of Tomahack Creek above Nickatounces quarter, bounded as follows: southerly Capt. Bennett Freeman, William Wolfes, westerly on Wm. Hichman's land, northerly on William Philips land and easterly toward the said Griffith Dickinson's 200 acres on Moses Creek. For transportation of six persons, himself twice, Elizabeth Dickenson, Wm. Jones, and Susan Crotch. (Patents 4, page 73) [This indicates that Griffith already owned 200 acres of adjacent land. Tomahund Creek is located on the north side of the James River near the mouth of the Chickahominy River in the current Charles City County.]

March 3, 1656 - Surry County, Virginia (formed from James City County in 1652). Reference to suit of Griffith Dickson against Charles Gregory. (Surry County Records 1652-1663, page 98.)

April 11, 1656 - James City County, Virginia. James Haley, 593 a. . . . 100 a. being part of a patent for 300 a. granted to Griffith Dickenson, 5 Jan. 1656, and by him sold . . . unto . . . John Shell by deed.

May 3, 1656 - Surry County, Virginia. Jno. Baldwin & Griffith Dickson have a suit, want Roger Stanton to defer it to the next court. (Surry County Records 1652-1663)

June 26, 1656 - Surry County, Virginia. Griffeth Dickenson listed with "335 pounds left in books of Major John Westhorpe, dec'd. left in the hands of Capt. Wm. Thomas at his goeing for England." (Surry County Records 1652-1663, page 86.)

December 16, 1664 - Surry County, Virginia. These are to Sertifie (certify) whome itt may Concerne that I subscribed doe Entreate my friend Capt. Tho. Pittman to pet. for me & in My behalfe to ye worll. Court of Surry County to grant Me an ordr. agt. Joh. Dolleys Estate in ye first place & this shall be his power as witness my hand yis. 16th decem. 1664 Griffith Dickinson. Recorded 14th Mar. 64 [65]. (Surry County Book 2, page 250.)

November 22, 1667 - James City County, Virginia. Griffith Dickenson and four others were fined for having erected weirs in the face of the town (Jamestown) contrary to September 10, 1663 Order of the Assembly and were ordered to pay 2,000 pounds of tobacco to the County of James City.

February 26, 1673 - Surry County, Virginia. Thomas Wilkinson asks Mr. Arthur Jordan to appear for him to prosecute action against Thos. Pittman. "The debt was made by my predecessor Griffin Dickinson." Also confess judgement in my behalf to Wm. Wabard.

May 28, 1673 - New Kent County, Virginia (formed from York County in 1654). Minutes of the Council and General Court of New Kent refer to "the difference between Thomas Wilkinson as marrying the relict of Griffith Dickeson and Wm. Towne is referred to the next county court of New Kent, who are to determine the difference." [This indicates that Griffith Dickenson died prior to 1673 and his widow, Elizabeth Springall, had married Thomas Wilkinson.]

November 20, 1683 - James City County, Virginia. Thomas Wilkerson granted 554 acs. whereon he now dwells on south side of Moses Creek from head of the western most branch of Ware Gutt to Halie's cor., along Phillips like to Hawkes Nest Gutt and, . . . being a part of a devident formerly held by Griffin Dickinson.

April 26, 1684 - James City County, Virginia. Mr. James Haley received land including 100 acs. being part of 300 acs. granted to Griffith Dickinson 4 Jan. 1656 who assigned to John Shell 11 Apr. 1656.

February 6, 1688 - New Kent/James City Counties, Virginia, St. Peter's Parish. Elizabeth, the wife of Thomas Wilkinson, died. (Vestry Book of St. Peter's Parish, New Kent and James City Counties.) [This is Elizabeth Springall who married Griffith Dickinson on June 12, 1649 in London.]

Children of Griffith Dickinson and Elizabeth Springall are:

- 128 i. William Dickenson, born Abt. 1652 in Virginia; died Aft. 1734 in Hanover County, Virginia; married Mary Garland.
- ii. Thomas Dickenson³⁷³, born Abt. 1660 in Virginia; died Abt. Mar 1735/36 in Hanover Parish, King George County, Virginia; married

Alice.

- iii. Colonel John Dickenson³⁷³, born Abt. 1662 in Virginia; died Feb 04, 1748/49; married Rebekah Thomas Jul 23, 1692 in Home of John Dickinson in Talbot County, Maryland; died Jul 01, 1753.

260. Peter Garland^{374,375}, born Bef. 1650 in Wales.

Child of Peter Garland is:

- 130 i. Edward Garland, Sr., born Abt. 1664; died 1719; married Martha Jane Hensley.

392. Robert Rose^{376,377}, born 1573 in Rye, Suffolk, England; died Abt. 1592 in Rye, Suffolk, England. He married **393. Mary Evered** Abt. 1592 in Rye, Suffolk, England.

393. Mary Evered^{378,379}, born 1575 in Rye, Suffolk, England.

Child of Robert Rose and Mary Evered is:

- 196 i. Robert Rose, born Abt. 1594 in Elmswell On Rye, Suffolk, England; died Apr 04, 1665 in Branford, New Haven, Connecticut; married Margery Evered Bef. 1619 in Watertown, Litchfield, Connecticut.

394. Thomas Gawdy Everard^{380,381}, born 1568 in Linsted, Suffolk, England. He married **395. Agnes Mannock**.

395. Agnes Mannock^{382,383,383,384}, born 1572 in Elmswell, Suffolk, England. She was the daughter of **790. Francis Mannock** and **791. Mary Fetch**.

Child of Thomas Everard and Agnes Mannock is:

- 197 i. Margery Evered, born Bet. 1589 - 1594 in Elmswell, Suffolk, England; died Bef. 1664 in East Hampton, New York; married Robert Rose Bef. 1619 in Watertown, Litchfield, Connecticut.

400. William Curtis^{385,386,387,388}, born May 17, 1540 in Nazing, Essex, England; died May 17, 1585 in Nazing, Essex, England. He was the son of **800. John Curtis** and **801. Elizabeth Welles**. He married **401. Agnes** 1555 in Nazing, Essex, England.

401. Agnes^{389,390,391}, born in Nazing, Essex, England; died Jul 09, 1585 in Nazing, Essex, England.

Notes for William Curtis:

Jacobus, Donald Lines and Parke, N. Grier. The Ancestry of Lorenzo Ackley & his wife Emma Arabella Bosworth. N. G. Parke, Woodstock, Vermont, 1960. Page 204:

William Curtis of Nazing, County Essex, England, born about 1535, buried 17 May 1585; married Agnes, who survived him. His will (Commissary Court of London), dated 10 May 1585, proved 9 July 1585, gave 10 pounds to his daughter Sarah Curtis; 10 pounds to son

Edward Curtis; 10 pounds to son Gabriel Curtis; 20 marks to youngest son John Curtis; 40 shillings to daughter Mary and a lamb to each of her children; household stuff to wife Agnes and the residue of movables equally to his wife and eldest son Thomas Curtis; overseers and witnesses, John Bannister ("my good freend") and George Curtis ("my brother"). The brother George was buried at Nazing 27 June 1602 and had children and grandchildren of record in that parish.

Children of William Curtis and Agnes are:

- i. Thomas Curtis^{392,393,394}, born Aug 25, 1560 in Ash Juxte, Sandwich, Kent, England; died Dec 11, 1631 in Nazing, Essex, England; married (1) Mary Camp Aug 24, 1585 in Nazing, Essex, England; born Dec 01, 1560 in Nazing, Essex, England; died Nov 24, 1594 in Nazing, Essex, England; married (2) Mary Shelley Jul 03, 1596.

More About Thomas Curtis:

Burial: Dec 11, 1631, Nazing, Essex, England

More About Mary Camp:

Burial: Nov 24, 1594, Nazing, Essex, England

- ii. Mary Curtis^{395,396}, born Abt. 1565 in Nazing, Essex, England; married John Read in Nazing, Essex, England.
- iii. Edward Curtis^{397,398}, born Bet. 1565 - 1569 in Nazing, Essex, England; died Aug 13, 1610 in Nazing, Essex, England.

More About Edward Curtis:

Burial: Waltham Abbey, Essex, England

- iv. Gabriel Curtis^{399,400}, born 1567 in Nazing, Essex, England; died Aft. 1585 in Nazing, Essex, England.
- v. Sarah Curtis^{401,402}, born 1572 in Nazing, Essex, England.
- 200 vi. John Curtis, born Bef. Sep 15, 1577 in Nazing, Essex, England; died 1639 in Wethersfield, Hartford, Connecticut; married Elizabeth Hutchins Apr 19, 1610 in Nazing, Essex, England.
- vii. William Curtiss^{403,404,405,406,407,408}, born Sep 15, 1577 in Nazing, Essex, England; died Dec 08, 1672 in Roxbury, Massachusetts; married Sarah Eliot Aug 06, 1618 in Nazing, Essex, England; born Abt. 1600 in Nazing, Essex, England; died Mar 26, 1672 in Roxbury, Massachusetts.

Notes for William Curtiss:

Curtiss, Frederic Haines. A Genealogy of the Curtiss Family: Being a Record of the Descendants of Widow Elizabeth Curtiss who settled in Stratford, Connecticut, 1639-40. Rockwell and Churchill Press, Boston, Massachusetts, 1903. Page xxx:

William Curtiss (so spelt on the Roxbury records), born Nazing, England, November 13, 1592; married Sarah, daughter of Bennet Eliot, of Nazing, England, August 6, 1618. He sailed for this country in the ship "Lyon" on

June 22, 1632, and landed at Boston, Massachusetts, on Sunday, September 16, 1632. He settled in Roxbury, Massachusetts, where he was made a freeman, March 4, 1633. He died in Roxbury, Massachusetts, December 8, 1672. She died in Roxbury, Massachusetts, March 26, 1672. He was probably the brother of John Curtiss, of Wethersfield, who was supposed to have been the husband of widow Elizabeth Curtiss of Stratford, Connecticut. His descendants are found in Boston and Sharon, Massachusetts.

Cothren, William. History of Ancient Woodbury, Connecticut. Clearfield Publishing. Page 531:

The arms of the London family are Azure a fess dancettes between three ducal coronets, or; as borne by the name of Curtis, and was confirmed to John Curtis, of London, Gentlemen, son of William Curtis, of Hatton, in the county of Warwick, Gentleman, son of Eustace Curtis, of Malestack, of said county, Gentleman, son of William Curtis, who was son and heir of John Curtis, or Malestack, Gentleman. This bearing was confirmed the 9th of May, 1632, in the 8th year of the reign of Charles I.

William Curtiss embarked in the ship Lion, June 22, 1632, and landed December 16, 1632, at Scituate, Massachusetts.

- viii. Mary Curtis⁴⁰⁹, born 1579 in Nazing, Essex, England; died Feb 1673/74 in Nazing, Essex, England.

408. John Porter^{410,411,412,413}, born Sep 12, 1563 in Felstead, Essex, England; died Nov 26, 1625 in Commessary Cart, London, Essex, England. He was the son of **816. Thomas Porter** and **817. Ann**. He married **409. Sibyl Vessey** Sep 12, 1587 in Little Baddow, Essex, England.

409. Sibyl Vessey^{414,415,416}, born Nov 15, 1561 in Little Baddow, Essex, England; died Nov 26, 1625 in Felstead, Essex, England. She was the daughter of **818. Thomas Vessey** and **819. Elizabeth Church**.

Children of John Porter and Sibyl Vessey are:

- i. Francis Porter⁴¹⁷, born Abt. 1588 in Felstead, Essex, England; died Bef. May 26, 1635.
- ii. Frances Porter⁴¹⁷, born 1588 in Felstead, Essex, England; died May 26, 1635.
- iii. Thomas Porter⁴¹⁷, born 1590 in Felstead, Essex, England; died Dec 20, 1638 in Felstead, Essex, England.
- iv. Margaret Porter⁴¹⁷, born May 17, 1593 in Felstead, Essex, England; died Apr 21, 1648 in Holy Cross, Felstead, Essex, England.
- v. William Porter⁴¹⁷, born 1596 in Felstead, Essex, England; died 1635 in Felstead, Essex, England.
- vi. Rose Porter⁴¹⁷, born 1598 in Felstead, Essex, England.

- 204 vii. John Porter, born Abt. Jun 21, 1594 in Felsted, Essex County, England; died Apr 21, 1648 in Windsor, Hartford, Connecticut; married Anna Rosanna White Oct 18, 1620 in Messing, Essex, England.

410. Robert White^{418,419,420,421,422,423,424}, born Abt. 1558 in Shalford & Messing, Essex, England; died Jun 17, 1617 in Shalford & Messing, Essex, England. He was the son of **820. Robert White IV** and **821. Alice Rich**. He married **411. Bridget Allgar** Jun 24, 1585 in Shalford, Essex, England.

411. Bridget Allgar^{425,426,427,428,429,430,431}, born Bef. Mar 11, 1561/62 in Shalford, Essex, England; died Aft. Jun 24, 1605 in Shalford & Messing, Essex, England. She was the daughter of **822. William Allgar** and **823. Margaret White**.

Notes for Robert White:

White, Almira Larkin. Ancestry of John Barber White and his Descendants. J.B. White, Kansas City, Missouri, 1913. Pages 234-238:

Robert White married in Shalford, Essex, England, June 24, 1575, Bridgette Allgar, baptized in Shalford, March 11, 1562. They lived in Shalford and Messing where he died June 17, 1617. His will was written May 27, 1617.

Will of Robert White of Messing.

"In the name of God Amen, May the seaven and twentyeth in the fifteenth yeare of the raigne of our Sovereigne Lord James by the grace of God King of England France and Ireland defender of the faith, etc. and of Scotland the fiftyeth. In the year of our Lord god 1617 I Robert White of Messinge in the countye of Essex Yeoman, being of good and p'fect remembrance, doe make this my last will and testament, in manner and forme followinge. Imprimis. I commend my soule unto the hands of God almighty my most faythfull creator redemer and sanctifier and my bodie to be buryed in the parish church or church yard of Messinge, at the discretion of mine executors.

Item I give and bequeath unto the poore people of Messinge fortye shillings of lawful money of England, to be distributed amongst them, at ye discretion of mine executors and the minister of Messinge, within one month next after my departure from this natural life.

Item I give and bequeath unto Mr. Richard Rogers preachere of gods word at Wethersfield in Essex aforesaid; and to Bartholomew Scrivener minister of the church of god in Messinge aforesaid to each of them the severall summe of forty shillings of the lawful monie to be payed unto them within two months next after my departure.

Item I give and bequeath unto my eldest daughter Sarah, the wife of James Boutell of little Salinge, the summe of fifteene pounds of lawfull mony of England, to be payed within fower years next after my departure. Item I give and bequeath unto Jeamas Bowtell the younger, sone of my said daughter Sarah Boutell, the summe of five pound of good and lawfull money of England, to be payed unto him when he shall come to ye sixteenth year of his age. Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Marie the wife of Joseph Lumis of Branetree, one pewter platter.

Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth the wife of Willm Goddinge of Bocking the summe of fortye marks of like lawfull monye within one yeare next after my departure, to be paid unto hir.

Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Bridgett White the sume of one hundred marks of like lawfull moneye, to be payd unto hir upon the day of hir marriage, provided that she my said daughter Bridgett shall not bestow hir self in marriage without the approbation and consent of my two sonnes in law Joseph Lummys and William Goodinge formerly mentioned and of my wife Bridgett White or the consent of two of them whereof my wife to be one of the twaine. But if it happen that shee marrye without the consent aforesaid then I give hir only the summe of thirtye pounds of like lawfull monie. Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Anna White the summe of one hundred marks of like lawfull mony, to be paid hir upon ye day of hir marriage, if soe be she shall bestow hir selfe in marriage, accordinge to the likinge and consent of my two forenamed sonnes in law, and my wife as is aforesaid. But if it soe fall out, as that she my said daughter Anna shall marrye without the consent and approbation formerly mentioned then I give and bequeath hir only the summe of thirty marks of like lawfull monie.

Item I give and bequeath unto my sonne Nathaniel White the summe of fortie pounds of like lawfull monye, where of my will is that twenty pounds shall be paid within one year next after my departure, and the other twentye pounds to be paid unto him within two years next after my departure oute of this natural life. Item I give and bequeath unto my sonne John White the summe of two hundredth pounds of like lawfull monie to be paid him when he shall come to ye years of one and twentye of his age; yett provided that my said sonne John shall not bestow himself in marriage with the approbation and consent of my aforesaid two sonnes in law, Joseph Lummys and William Goodinge, and my wife his mother. And yf it soe fall oute that this my sonne John shall match him selfe contrarye to the good liking and consent aforesaid, then I give and bequeath unto him onely as his full portion the summe of one hundred pounds of like lawfull monye.

Item My mind and will is that yf any of my aforesaid children that are unmarried shall depte this natural life before the tymes appointed for the paymt of their portions; or yf any of them shall marrye contrarye to the consent and approbation mentioned then such summe or summes (as shall remaine and accrew, eyther by their death or disobeydience), shall be equally devided amongste the rest of my children, whither married or unmarried, pte and parte like.

Item I give and bequeath unto my said son John White the joyned standinge bedstead which is in the parlour, with the featherbed flock-bed bolster coveringe with other furneyture thereunto belonginge; also the presse cupbourd the cupbourd table and newest chest, all which are in the said parloure to be delivered to him after the death of said wife Bridgett White, or thereof the summe of twentye marks of like lawfull monye. Item I constitute and ordaine my aforesaid sonnes in law Joseph Lumys Willm Goddinge supervisors of this my last will and testament and doe give unto each of them the severall summes of forty shillings of like lawfull mony; towards their charge and pains in seeinge this my last will executed according to my minde.

Item I give and bequeath unto Ralph Bett the younger my kinsman and servant the summe of five pounds of like lawfull monye to be payed unto him within one yeare next after my departure.

Item All the rest of my goods unbequeathed I give and bequeath unto my wife Bridgett White; and my sonne Daniel White whome I constitute and ordayne joynte executors of this my last will and testament, hoping they will faithfullye execute this my will accordinge to the trust reposed in them.

In witness whereof I have hereunto sett myne hand and seale the day and year first mentioned.

In presence of us

John Christmas ye elders (marke)
Willm Levett.

Probatu fuit Testamtu apud Kelvedon vicesimo Die mensis Junii 1617.

Bassette, Buell Burdett. One Bassett Family in America (with all connections in America and many in Great Britain and France: principally an outline of what the ancestors did to help make America, mainly from original records heretofore unpublished). New Britain, Connecticut 1926. Page 796:

The Robert White Family.

Robert White, born 1561, married June 24, 1585 Bridget Allgar, buried June 17, 1617, age 56.

Brydgett Allgar, baptized March 11, 1562.

1561. Vol. 55, p 22 N E H & G: Robert White was born probably at Messing, Essex County, England, at about this time. The fact that in his will he leaves 40 shillings to the poor of Messing while nothing to the poor of Shalford where he lived most of his life suggests Messing as the place of his early youth. The "Elder John White Memorial" and the "Loomis Genealogy" treat further of this family. The will (above) for instance, appears on p. 103 of the latter.

1562, March 11. Vol. 55, p 28 N E H & G: This baptismal date of Brydgett Allgar is clearly listed with those of two sisters and two brothers in the Parish Register at Shalford, England.

1575, August 2. P 29 Do: When she was thirteen years old her father William Allgar the elder was buried at Shalford.

1585, June 24. P 28 Do: This is the second wedding day, this time at least, at Shalford, Essex County, England, the names reading in the register there "Robert Whighte and Brydgette Allgar." Shalford is two miles south of Wethersfield. Since son Daniel is named, in Robert White's will, executor it is fair to assume him to be the oldest son. If so, he must have been the child of a former marriage. It is probable that Robert White first set up housekeeping at Messing where probably the first child Daniel was born and the first wife died; but soon, before or after the second marriage, the residence was at Shalford, where the rest of the children were born and baptized. Even as late as November 7, 1616, when daughter Elizabeth and William Goodwin were married at Shalford, the parents were presumably living there. Very shortly after, however, before May 1617, in fact, when Robert's will was made, they were again in Messing. Robert White, Yeoman, was a rich man for those times, as the will shows.

He had vision, too. His bequest of 40 shillings "to Mr. Richard Rogers, preacher of God's word at Weathersfield in Essex" renders it probable that he was friendly to non-conformists and that he had often listened to his awakening preacher; while a like bequest to Bartholomew Scrivener, minister of the Church of God in Messing, implies his continued interest in the established church. See Matthews' American Armory and Blue Book for White family Coat of Arms. Robert and Bridget were married in the heroic age of England. Bold navigators were pushing out for new worlds to conquer. John Davis, English Navigator, was one of these and, in this very year of marriage (1585), was making one of three attempts to find a Northwest passage through the Arctic to the Orient. Sailing to the 73rd degree of latitude he discovered the strait which bears his name.

1617, May 27. Her husband, Robert White, makes will remembering his wife in these words: 'Item all the rest of my goos unbequeathed I give and bequeath unto my wife Bridgett White, and to my sonne Daniel White whome I constitute and ordayne the joynte executors of this my last will and testament, hopinge they will faithfullye execute this my last will accordinge to the trust reposed in them.'" According to his she had the use of the dwelling and any real property left during life.

1623, June 9. P 27 Do; from Vol. 1623-4, p 158 Commissory Court of London for Essex & Herts: The will of Nathaniel White of Fering, proved 31 July, 1623, mentions his mother Bridget White and gives her an annuity of ten pounds. Fering is four or five miles from Messing.

More About Robert White:

Baptism: May 17, 1560, Shalford & Messing, Essex, England

More About Bridget Allgar:

Baptism: Mar 11, 1561/62, Shalford, Essex, England

Children of Robert White and Bridget Allgar are:

- i. Daniel White^{432,433}, born 1583 in Shalford, Essex, England.
- ii. Sarah White^{434,435,436}, born Bef. Mar 08, 1584/85 in Shalford, Essex, England; died 1623 in Shalford, Essex, England; married James Bowtell 1613 in England; born in Little Salinge, England.

More About Sarah White:

Baptism: Mar 08, 1584/85, Shalford, Essex, England

- iii. Nathaniel White^{437,438,439}, born Bef. Apr 30, 1587 in Shalford, Essex, England; died Jul 31, 1623 in Feering, Essex, England.

More About Nathaniel White:

Baptism: Apr 30, 1587, Shalford, Essex, England

- iv. Mary White^{440,441,442}, born 1590 in Shalford, Essex, England; died Aug 23, 1652 in Windsor, Hartford, Connecticut; married Joseph Loomis; born in Braintree, Essex, England; died Nov 25, 1658 in Windsor, Hartford, Connecticut.

Notes for Mary White:

White, Almira Larkin. Ancestry of John Barber White and his Descendants. J.B. White, Kansas City, Missouri, 1913. Page 239:

Mary White baptized in Shalford, Essex, England, August 24, 1590; married in Messing, Essex, England, June 30, 1614, Joseph Loomis of Braintree, Essex, England. They came to New England and settled in Windsor, Connecticut, where she died August 23, 1652; he died November 25, 1658.

More About Mary White:

Baptism: Aug 24, 1590, Shalford, Essex, England

- v. Elizabeth White^{443,444,445}, born Bef. Mar 05, 1590/91 in Shalford, Essex, England; died May 17, 1676 in Shalford, Essex, England; married Elder William Goodwin Nov 07, 1616 in Shalford, England; born in Bocking, Essex County, England; died Oct 15, 1689 in Connecticut.

Notes for Elizabeth White:

White, Almira Larkin. Ancestry of John Barber White and his Descendants. J.B. White, Kansas City, Missouri, 1913. Page 238:

They came to New England in the ship "Lion," and settled in Hartford, Connecticut, where their only child married John Crow.

More About Elizabeth White:

Baptism: Mar 05, 1590/91, Shalford, Essex, England

- vi. Bridgett White^{446,447,448}, born Aug 18, 1594 in Shalford, Essex, England; died in England; married John Christmas Sep 28, 1618 in Messing, Essex, England.

More About Bridgett White:

Baptism: Aug 18, 1594, Shalford, Essex, England

- vii. Elder John White^{449,450,451}, born 1598 in Shalford, Essex, England; died Jan 23, 1683/84 in Hartford, Connecticut; married Mary Levitt Dec 26, 1622 in Messing, Essex, England; died Bef. Jan 1683/84 in Connecticut.

Notes for Elder John White:

White, Almira Larkin. Ancestry of John Barber White and his Descendants. J.B. White, Kansas City, Missouri, 1913. Page 239:

John White (Elder John of Cambridge, Massachusetts and Hartford, Connecticut). His baptism is not found, but he is mentioned in his

father's will; and married in Messing, December 26, 1622, Mary Levit. Also three of his children were baptized there before they came in the "Lion" in 1638.

- 205 viii. Anna Rosanna White, born 1600 in Shalford, Essex, England; died May 11, 1647 in Windsor, Hartford, Connecticut; married John Porter Oct 18, 1620 in Messing, Essex, England.

414. Reverend Henry Smith^{452,453}, born 1588 in Norwich, England; died 1648 in Wethersfield, Connecticut.

Notes for Reverend Henry Smith:

Adams, Sherman W. and Stiles, Henry Reed. The History of Ancient Wethersfield, Connecticut. Grafton Press, New York 1904. Volume I, pages 150-156:

First Settled Pastor at Wethersfield.

In 1641, after Pruden, Sherman and Denton had, one after another, ministered to the people, and had each passed away to more quiet fields of labor, Wethersfield, for the first time, became possessed of a settled minister in the person of the Rev. Henry Smith, who is described as "a gentleman of good family," and who, "as the patriarch of one of the best sustained and accomplished families in New England, is entitled to our regard as a gentleman of uncommon culture, refinement and firmness." With his wife and several small children, he is supposed to have come hither in 1639, if not earlier - probably from Charlestown, Massachusetts, where he had arrived in 1637 (he and his wife were admitted to the communion of the Watertown, Mass. church December 5, 1637), from England. Whatever may have been his character and qualities, however, his life at Wethersfield was by no means a happy one, for there were still left some restless spirits among his church and congregation, and "from the very beginning of his ministry he was the victim of suspicions most unfounded and accusations the most bitter." (Chief among his calumniators was Mr. Clement Chaplin, who seems to have come to Wethersfield from Hartford, in 1636, where he had been the "ruling Elder" of the Church since 1639, according to all indications. ("The 'Ruling Elder' represented that part of the executive power that did not fall specifically within the province of the pastor. He was a kind of vice-executive officer. His business was to keep strict watch over all the brethren and sisters, and see that they demeaned themselves in an orderly and Godly manner. It was his duty to warn the careless, admonish the wayward, and to present the incorrigible before the proper tribunal for discipline. He was also to go from house to house, like a ministering angel, and visit the sick and afflicted, and pray with them. In the absence of the pastor and teacher he was also to pray with the congregation on the Sabbath, and other stated days of worship, and expound the Scriptures to them." Hollister's History of Connecticut, I, 449.) He was quite a large land holder, and both he and Mr. Smith had lands allotted to them, on both sides of the River, in the general distribution of 1639. (Rev. Smith's earliest recorded date at Wethersfield is in 1639-40, when he shared in the division of lands on the east side of the Connecticut River. The following court record of March 5, 1639, may refer to these lands; or more probably to some land dispute between him and Ruling Elder Chaplin: "Whereas a difference hath arisen between Mr. Smith and some others of Wethersfield about the measure of some ground being long debated it was thought fitt that it

be referred to some indifferent men to view, and Mr. Wells and Mr. Webster are intreated by the Court, in the first and fittest season to goe downe to Wethersfield and to settle the same as in equity and justice they shall see fitt, that peace and truth may be continued. But it was judged very equall and reasonable, in regard Mr. Smith in setting up his posts proceeded in a legall and just way, that he be not put to the charge of taking up and setting downe his posts againe.")

Mr. Smith's house was on the corner bounded west by High Street and east by the Meeting-house square. Mr. Chaplin's was where the houses known as the Col. Webb and the Silas Deane houses now are; he owning the land now covered by both of them. Chaplin seems to have been something of a disturbing element, in the Church and Town; for he quarreled with Matthew Mitchell, the Town Recorder in 1640; and, through the General Court, compelled that worthy gentleman to apologize publicly to him. Chaplin was, at this time, Colonial Treasurer, an office to which he had been appointed in February, 1637-8. In November 1643, it was his turn to be treated as an offender, for the General Court fined him 10 pounds "for divulging and setting his hand to a writing cauled a declaration, tending to the defamation of Mr. Smith," the minister. In 1643, so much difference existed between Mr. Smith and some members of his Church, that the General Court appointed a committee to take the matter "into serious and sadde consideration." Their report, submitted April 13th of that year, finds the difference to be "exceeding great;" and, whilst it exonerates Mr. Smith, apparently, it recommends that he, in the interest of "publique peace" "lay downe his place, if it be done according to God." It also says, "We find, also, that many of those who put up their names for removal were not induced thereunto by any dislike or engagement they have in the present quarrels, but for want of lotts and other considerations." In November 1643, the General Court itself cleared Mr. Smith from the unjust "accusations" against him "both in Church administration & in acting the civell occasions of the Towne;" and it proceeded to impose the following penalties upon the signers of the "declaration" above mentions, and other acts in connection therewith - Clement Chaplin, 10 pounds; Francis Norton, 5 pounds; John Goodrich, 40 shillings; Mr. John Plumb, "for preparing a roll of grievances against Mr. Smith and failing of proof in the prosecution thereof," 10 pounds; Robert Rose, 40 shillings; and it made it an offense punishable by a fine of 10 pounds upon any person who should thereafter "renewe any of the former complaints."

(The unveracious Rev. Samuel Peters, in his burlesque, *General History of Connecticut*, 1781, a work saturated with High Church prejudice against Puritans and dissenters, says that "Wethersfield was settled in 1637, by the Rev. Mr. Smith and his followers, who left Watertown, near Boston, in order to get out of the power of (Rev.) Mr. Cotton, whose severity in New England exceeded that of the bishops in Old England. But Mr. Smith did not discard the spirit of persecution, as the sole property of Mr. Cotton; but carried with him a sufficient quantity of it to distress and divide his little flock."

It is not known what was the gravamen of the accusations against Mr. Smith; but there are indications that the title to certain real estate in the Great Meadow had an important place in the controversy; and, so far as Mr. Smith's interest therein was concerned, it was not fully settled until many years after his death, which occurred in 1648.

In the diary of Juliana Smith, 1779-81 (quoted in Miss Helen Evertson Smith's *Colonial Days and Ways*, published 1900), there exists a copy of a fragment of a reminiscent letter, written in 1699, by the Rev. Henry Smith's son, Samuel Smith, of Hadley, Massachusetts, to his his son,

Ichabod Smith, Residing in Suffield, Connecticut, apparently in reply to some inquiries which the latter had made. Juliana writes, "Today my Grandmother Smith gave me to read what is left unburnt of a Letter which was written to my Great-Grandfather by his Father and has permitted me to copy it. The Letter itself belongs to my Uncle Dan, because he is my Grandfather's eldest son. A large part of it was burnt when my Grandfather's house in Suffield took fire, and was barely saved from destruction, with the loss of many things, especially Books & Papers. The Bible in which this Letter was kept was found on the next day still smouldering, with more than half of its leaves burnt away, including a part of the Family Record and this Letter:

"Hadley, Massachusetts Colony,
January ye Firste, 1698/99

My Dear & Dutiful Son: I was of so tender an Age at the Death of my beloved Father, that I am possessed of but little of the Information for which you seek. My Revered Father was an ordained Minister of ye Gospelle, educate at Cambridge in England, & came to this Land by reason of ye Great Persecution by which ye infamous Archbishop Laud and ye Black Tom Tyrante (as Mr. Russell was always wont to call ye Earl of Strafforde) did cause ye reign of his Majestie, Charles ye First, to loose favor in ye sight of ye people of England. My Father & Mother came over in 1636/37, firste to Watertown which is neare Boston, & after a yeare or two to Weathersfield on ye great River, where he became ye firste settled Pastor. Concerning of ye earlie days I can remember but little save Hardship. My Parents had broughte both Men Servants & Maid Servants from England, but ye Maids tarried not but till they got Married, ye which was shortly, for there was great scarcity of Women in ye Colonies. Ye men did abide better. Onne of em had married onne of my Mother's Maids & they did come with us to Weathersfield, to our grate Comfote for some years, untill they had many littel onnes of their Owne. I do well remember ye Face & Figure of my Honoured Father. He was 5 foote, 10 inches tall & spare of builde, tho not leane. He was an Active as ye Red Skin Men & sinewy. His delighte was in sportes of strengthe, & withe his owne Hands he did helpe to reare both our owne House & ye Firste Meetinge House of Weathersfield, wherein he preacht yeares too fewe. He was well Featured & Fresh favoured with faire Skin & longe curling Hair (as neare all of us have had) with a merrie eye & swete smilinge Mouthe, tho he coulde frowne sternlie enough when need was."

Where can one find a more attractive portrait of a Puritan minister? His son continues:

"Ye first Meeting House was solid mayde to withstande ye wicked onsaults of ye Red Skins. Its Foundations was laide in ye feare of ye Lord, but its Walls was truly laide in ye feare of ye Indians for many & grate was ye Terrors of em. I do minde me it alle ye able-bodied Men did work thereat & ye olde & feeble did watch in turns to espie of any Salvages was in hidinge neare & every Man kept his Musket nighe to his hande. I do not myself remember any of ye Attacks mayde by large bodeys of Indians whilst we did remayne in Weathersfield, but did oftines hear of em. Several Families which did live back a ways from ye River was either Murderdt or Captivated in my Boyhood & we all did live in constant feare of ye like. My Father ever declardt there would not be so much feare iff ye Red-Skins was treated with such mixture of Justice & Authority as they could understand, but iff he was living now he must see that wee can do naught but fight em & that right heavily."

"After ye Red Skins ye greate Terror of our lives at Weathersfield & for many yeares after we

had moved to Hadley to live was ye Wolves. Catamounts were bad eno' & so was ye Beares, but it was ye Wolves it was he worst. The noyse of theyre howlings was eno' to curdle ye bloode of ye stoutest & I have never seen ye man yet did not shiver at ye sounde of a Packe of em. What with ye way we hated em & ye goode money yet was offered for theyre Heads we do not heare em now so much, but when I do I feel again ye younge Hatred rising in my Blood & it is not a Sin because God mayde em to be hated. My Mother & Sister did each of em Kill more than one of ye gray Howlers & once my oldest Sister shot a Beare that came too neare ye House. He was a goode Fatte onne & kept us all in meate for a good while. I guess onne of her Daughters had got ye skinne."

"As most of ye Weatherfield Settlers did come afoat throu ye Wilderness & brought wit em such Things only as they did most neede at ye firste, ye other Things was sent round from Boston in Vessels to come up ye River to us. Some of ye Shippes did come safe to Weathersfield, but many was lost in a grate storm. Amongst em was onne which held all our Beste Things. A goode many Yeares later, long after my Father had died of ye grate Fever & my Mother had married Mr. Russell & moved to Hadley it was found that some of our Things had been saved & kept in ye Fort which is by ye River's Mouthe, (Saybrook) & they was brought to us. Most of em was spoilt with Sea Water & Mould, especially ye Bookes (footnote by Juliana: 'My Father hath one of these books - The Vision of Piers Plowman. It is so ruined with damp and moulte that no one can read ye whole of it.') & ye Plate. Of this there was no grate store, only ye Tankard, which I have, and some Spooones, divided among my Sisteres which was alle so black it was long before any could come to its owne colour agen."

This tankard is now in the possession of Mr. Gilbert Livingston Smith, of Sharon, Connecticut - while Rev. Mr. Smith's seal, bearing the family arms, belongs to his sister, the authoress of the volume from which we have here quoted, and a fac simile of it is given at the head of our Smith Genealogy, in Vol. II.

The incomplete, yet precious, glimpse of Wethersfield's first pastor, which this letter affords us, may be further enlarged by his will, apparently written by himself, while "in health of body and soundness of mind," some months before his death, and with an expressed wish "to leave no occasion of trouble" for his children. The amount to be disposed of was but a little over 370 pounds, but, as Miss Smith observes - "that little is so graciously bestowed that one feels as fully persuaded of the testator's own loving heart as he was persuaded of God's 'unchangeable love and good will both in life and death' . . . according to His covenant, viz." - "I am thy God, and of they Seede after thee." After this profession of faith, which evidently comes from a simple and earnest heart, the will proceeds:

"Then for my outward estate, which because it is but littel, & I have well proved the difficulties of this country, how hard a thing it will bee for a woman to manage the affairs of so great a family as the Father of Mercyes has blessed mee withall, & haue also experience of the prudence & faithfulness of my deare Wife, who shall, in parting with mee, part allso with a great part of her livelihood; I do there fore bequeath & give to her, the full power & disposal of alle that estate which God hath given mee, in houses, lands, cattels & goods whatsoever, within dores and without; only providing that in case shee marry again, or otherwise shee be able comfortably to spare it from her own necessary maintenance, that see give unto my Sonne Samuell that part of my house lott that was intended for my Sonne Peregrine, lyinge next to the burying place, and the land I have beyon great River eastward; & allso, to him & my

second Sonne Noah, five acres apeece of meadow with uplands proportionable thereunto, & to the rest of my children unmarried, 20 pounds apeece, at the age of one & twenty yeares, or at the time of her death, which shall come the sooner. & for my two Daughters that bee married, my desire is that they have 20 Shillings apeece, and every onne of their children five shillings apiece either in bookes, or such other things as my Wife shall best please to part withall."

Of the 370 pounds, nearly one-half was in houses and lands; 50 pounds were in live stock (not including any domestic fowls - then quite rare in the colonies). His bees were valued at 8 pounts; "husbandry tools" at 3 pounds, 10 shillings, and arms and ammunition at 4 pounts. "Bookes" are mentioned, but their value not estimated, probably because at the time of his death, proper appraisers may not have been on hand. Ministers were then usually appointed to appraise books. "Three feather beds, with all things belonging to them," are valued at 40 pounds; tables, chairs, stools, cushions, & etc., at 3 pounds 15 shillings; "cob-irons, trammels, fire-iron," at 2 pounds 8 shillings; and "brasse, iron pots, pewter & such like" at 15 pounds; table and other linen and a carpet (i.e. a table cover)," at 14 pounds 10 shillings. And the will concludes thus, "And I desire the Church whose servant I now am, to take the care and oversight of my family that they may be brought up in the true feare of God, and to see that this my Will be faithfully performed. In witness whereof I have subscribed my name the 8th day of May, 1648." (H.R.S.)

Volume II, page 628:

Smith, Rev. Henry, born 1588, near Norwich, England, of whose coming to New England, personality, ministerial career, etc., the reader will find all that is at present known in Volume I of this history (pp. 150-156, 320) - is supposed, married the tenor of his will to have been married twice. Of his first wife nothing is known, and not even her name, and of the second wife, her Christian name only - Dorothy. After his death in 1648, she becomes the second wife of John Russell, the father of Rev. John Russell, who succeeded Mr. Smith in the pastorate of Wethersfield, and who ten years later became the first minister of Hadley, Massachusetts. Mr. Russell died 8 May, at Hadley, 1680, age 83. Mrs. Dorothy Smith Russell, died at Hadley 1694. As to Mr. Smith's land holdings in Wethersfield, see Chapter VII, Volume I.

Children of Reverend Henry Smith are:

- 207 i. Anna Hawley Smith, born Jun 14, 1622 in Banbury, Oxfordshire, England; died in Stratford, Fairfield County, Connecticut; married Philip Groves Abt. 1640 in Stratford, Fairfield County, Connecticut.
- ii. Pergrine Smith^{454,455}, died Bef. 1648.
- iii. Daughter Smith⁴⁵⁵

Generation No. 10

512. John Dickinson^{456,457,458}, born Abt. 1593 in London, England. He was the son of **1024. Richard Dickinson** and **1025. Cecily Bland**. He married **513. Frances Ricethe** Sep 29, 1618 in St. Lawrence Jewry & St. Mary Magdaline Milk Street, London, England.

513. Frances Ricethe⁴⁵⁸.

Notes for John Dickinson:

NOTES FROM DON DICKENSON'S FAMILY TREE

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January 20, 1593. St. Botolph without Aldgate, London, England. John Dickinson, son of Richard Dickinson and Cicely Bland, baptized.

September 29, 1618. St. Lawrence Jewry & St. Mary Magdaline Milk Street, London, England. John Dickinson married Frances Ricethe.

October 31, 1619. St. Botolph without Aldgate, London, England. Philip Dickenson, son of John Dickinson and Frances (Ricethe), baptized.

January 26, 1621. St. Botolph without Aldgate, London, England. John Dickenson, son of John Dickinson and Frances (Ricethe), baptized.

April 7, 1622. St. James - Clerkenwell, London, England. Thomas Dickinson, son of John Dickinson and Frances (Ricethe), baptized.

January 2, 1625. St. James - Clerkenwell, London, England. Katherine Dickinson, daughter of John Dickinson and Frances Ricethe, baptized.

December 5, 1627. London, England. George Dickenson, age 19 (b.c. 1616), and John Dickenson, age 22 (b.c. 1613), left London, England in the ship Thomas and John for Virginia.

January 17, 1654. St. Martin in the Fields Parish, London, Middlesex County, England. Will of John Dickenson, Esq., states to the three children, John Dickenson, George Dickenson, and Thomas Dickenson, and that the lands be equally divided amongst the other children. His widow Frances Dickenson became executor in 1655.

More About John Dickinson:

Baptism: Jan 20, 1593/94, St. Botolph, without Aldgate, London, England

Children of John Dickinson and Frances Ricethe are:

- i. Philip Dickinson⁴⁵⁸, born Abt. 1619 in London, England.
- ii. John Dickinson⁴⁵⁸, born Abt. 1621 in London, England; died 1676 in Bruton Parish, York County, England; married Anne.
- iii. Katharine Dickinson⁴⁵⁸, born Abt. 1625 in London, England.
- iv. Edward Dickinson⁴⁵⁸, born Abt. 1627 in London, England.
- 256 v. Griffith Dickinson, born Abt. 1629 in London, England; died Bef. May 1673 in Virginia; married Elizabeth Springall Jun 12, 1649 in St. Martin Orgar, London, England.
- vi. William Dickenson⁴⁵⁸, born Abt. 1631; died Aft. 1692 in Virginia; married Margaret Harrison Jul 07, 1648 in St. James Clerkenwell, London, England.
- vii. Richard Dickenson⁴⁵⁸, born Abt. 1632; married Elizabeth; died Feb

514. Thomas Springall^{459,460}, born 1600 in St. Martin's Orgar, London, England. He was the son of **1028. Robert Springall** and **1029. Martha**.

Child of Thomas Springall is:

- 257 i. Elizabeth Springall, born 1630 in London, St. Martin Orgar, England; died Feb 06, 1687/88 in New Kent County, Virginia; married (1) Griffith Dickinson Jun 12, 1649 in St. Martin Orgar, London, England; married (2) Thomas Wilkinson Bef. May 1673.

790. Francis Mannock^{461,462}, born Abt. 1529 in Nayland, Suffolk, England; died Nov 03, 1590. He married **791. Mary Fetch** 1571 in Canfield, Essex, England.

791. Mary Fetch^{463,464}, born Abt. 1533 in Canfield, Essex, England.

Child of Francis Mannock and Mary Fetch is:

- 395 i. Agnes Mannock, born 1572 in Elmswell, Suffolk, England; married Thomas Gawdy Everard.

800. John Curtis^{465,466}, born 1515 in Nazing, Essex, England; died Dec 02, 1607 in Nazing, Essex, England. He was the son of **1600. John Curtis**. He married **801. Elizabeth Welles** 1539 in Nazing, Essex, England.

801. Elizabeth Welles^{467,468,469}, born 1518 in Nazing, Essex, England; died Jul 09, 1585 in Nazing, Essex, England. She was the daughter of **1602. John Wells**.

Children of John Curtis and Elizabeth Welles are:

- 400 i. John Curtis⁴⁷⁰, born 1532 in Nazing, Essex, England.
 ii. Thomas Curtis⁴⁷⁰, born 1536 in Nazing, Essex, England.
 iii. John Curtis⁴⁷⁰, born 1538 in Nazing, Essex, England.
 iv. William Curtis, born May 17, 1540 in Nazing, Essex, England; died May 17, 1585 in Nazing, Essex, England; married Agnes 1555 in Nazing, Essex, England.
 v. Thomas Curtis⁴⁷⁰, born 1542 in Nazing, Essex, England.
 vi. John Curtis⁴⁷⁰, born 1547 in Nazing, Essex, England.
 vii. Thomas Curtis⁴⁷⁰, born 1551 in Nazing, Essex, England.

816. Thomas Porter^{471,472,473}, born 1540 in Felstead, Essex, England; died Dec 20, 1614 in St. Mary Virgin, Little Baddow, Essex, England. He was the son of **1632. John Porter** and **1633. Agnes Luscombe**. He married **817. Ann** 1559 in Felstead, Essex, England.

817. Ann^{474,475}, born 1542 in Felstead, Essex, England; died Aug 19, 1614 in St. Mary Virgin, Little Baddow, Essex, England.

Children of Thomas Porter and Ann are:

- i. Ellen Porter⁴⁷⁵, born Abt. 1562 in Felstead, Essex, England.

More About Ellen Porter:

Burial: Dec 24, 1618, Little Baddow, Essex, England

- 408 ii. John Porter, born Sep 12, 1563 in Felstead, Essex, England; died Nov 26, 1625 in Commessary Cart, London, Essex, England; married (1) Mary Standley; married (2) Sibyl Vessey Sep 12, 1587 in Little Baddow, Essex, England.

818. Thomas Vessey^{476,477,478}, born 1530 in Little Baddow, Essex, England; died Aug 09, 1639 in Little Baddow, Essex, England. He was the son of **1636. George Vessey** and **1637. Tryphena Partridge**. He married **819. Elizabeth Church** 1559 in Maldon, St. Mary, Essex, England.

819. Elizabeth Church^{479,480}, born Abt. 1536 in Little Baddow, Essex, England.

Children of Thomas Vessey and Elizabeth Church are:

- i. Samuel Vessey⁴⁸⁰, born Abt. 1560 in Little Baddow, Essex, England.
ii. John Vessey⁴⁸⁰, born Dec 21, 1560 in Little Baddow, Essex, England; died Dec 21, 1560 in Little Baddow, Essex, England.
409 iii. Sibyl Vessey, born Nov 15, 1561 in Little Baddow, Essex, England; died Nov 26, 1625 in Felstead, Essex, England; married John Porter Sep 12, 1587 in Little Baddow, Essex, England.
iv. Mary Vessey⁴⁸⁰, born Abt. 1562 in Little Baddow, Essex, England.
v. Thomas Vessey⁴⁸⁰, born Feb 12, 1563/64 in Little Baddow, Essex, England; died Aug 06, 1639 in Little Baddow, Essex, England.
vi. Susan Vessey⁴⁸⁰, born Mar 10, 1565/66 in Little Baddow, Essex, England; died Aug 02, 1585 in England.
vii. Francis Vessey⁴⁸⁰, born 1568 in Little Baddow, Essex, England.

820. Robert White IV^{481,482}, born Abt. 1542 in South Petherton, Somerset, England. He was the son of **1640. Richard White** and **1641. Helen Kirton**. He married **821. Alice Rich** 1561 in South Petherton, Somerset, England.

821. Alice Rich^{483,484}, born 1542 in South Petherton, Somerset, England; died Aug 22, 1596 in Messing, Essex, England.

More About Robert White IV:

Burial: Sep 07, 1600, South Petherton, Somerset, England

Child of Robert White and Alice Rich is:

- 410 i. Robert White, born Abt. 1558 in Shalford & Messing, Essex, England; died Jun 17, 1617 in Shalford & Messing, Essex, England; married Bridget Allgar Jun 24, 1585 in Shalford, Essex, England.

822. William Allgar^{485,486,487,488,489}, born Bet. 1525 - 1536 in Shalford, Essex, England; died Aug 02, 1575 in Shalford & Messing, Essex, England. He was the son of **1644. William**

Allgar and 1645. Mary Smith. He married **823. Margaret White** 1554 in Shalford, Essex, England.

823. Margaret White^{490,491,492}, born 1540 in Shalford, Essex, England; died Aug 24 in Shalford, Essex, England.

More About William Allgar:

Burial: Aug 02, 1575, Shalford & Messing, Essex, England

Children of William Allgar and Margaret White are:

- i. Mary Allgar^{493,494}, born Bef. Sep 09, 1560 in Shalford, Essex, England; died Sep 27, 1582 in Shalford, Essex, England; married Ralph Betts Sep 27, 1582.

More About Mary Allgar:

Baptism: Sep 09, 1560, Shalford, Essex, England

- 411 ii. Bridget Allgar, born Bef. Mar 11, 1561/62 in Shalford, Essex, England; died Aft. Jun 24, 1605 in Shalford & Messing, Essex, England; married (2) Robert White Jun 24, 1585 in Shalford, Essex, England.
- iii. John Allgar^{495,496}, born Bef. Apr 06, 1565 in Shalford, Essex, England; died Aug 01, 1565 in Shalford, Essex, England.

More About John Allgar:

Baptism: Apr 06, 1565

- iv. John Allgar^{497,498}, born Bef. Oct 05, 1567 in Shalford, Essex, England; died in England.

More About John Allgar:

Baptism: Oct 05, 1567

- v. Elizabeth Allgar^{499,500}, born Bef. May 05, 1573 in Shalford, Essex, England; died in England.

More About Elizabeth Allgar:

Baptism: May 05, 1583

Generation No. 11

1024. Richard Dickinson⁵⁰¹, born Abt. 1564 in London, England. He married **1025. Cecily Bland** Jul 02, 1590 in London, England.

1025. Cecily Bland⁵⁰¹.

Notes for Richard Dickinson:

NOTES FROM DON DICKENSON'S FAMILY TREE

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July 2, 1590. London, England. Richard Dickinson (skinner of London) married Cicily Bland.

March 31, 1591. St. Botolph Bishopgate Parish, London, England. Richard Dickinson, son of Richard Dickinson and Cicily Bland, baptized.

January 20, 1593. St. Botolph without Aldgate, London, England. John Dickinson, son of Richard Dickinson and Cicily Bland, baptized.

June 10, 1599. St. Botolph without Aldgate, London, England. Sara Dickinson, daughter of Richard Dickinson and Cicily Bland, baptized.

More About Richard Dickinson:

Baptism: Jul 07, 1564, St. James - Clerkenwell, London, England

Children of Richard Dickinson and Cecily Bland are:

- i. Richard Dickinson⁵⁰¹, born Abt. 1591 in London, England.
- 512 ii. John Dickinson, born Abt. 1593 in London, England; married Frances Ricethe Sep 29, 1618 in St. Lawrence Jewry & St. Mary Magdaline Milk Street, London, England.
- iii. Sarah Dickinson⁵⁰¹, born Abt. 1599 in London, England.
- iv. Anne Dickinson⁵⁰¹, born Abt. 1609 in London, England.

1028. Robert Springall⁵⁰², born 1572 in England; died 1638 in Sheringham, Norfolk, England. He married **1029. Martha**.

1029. Martha⁵⁰³.

Child of Robert Springall and Martha is:

- 514 i. Thomas Springall, born 1600 in St. Martin's Orgar, London, England.

1600. John Curtis^{504,505}, born Abt. 1480 in Nazing, Essex, England.

Child of John Curtis is:

- 800 i. John Curtis, born 1515 in Nazing, Essex, England; died Dec 02, 1607 in Nazing, Essex, England; married Elizabeth Welles 1539 in Nazing, Essex, England.

1602. John Wells^{506,507,508}, born Abt. 1487 in Nazing, Essex, England. He was the son of **3204. Thomas Wells**.

Child of John Wells is:

- 801 i. Elizabeth Welles, born 1518 in Nazing, Essex, England; died Jul 09, 1585 in Nazing, Essex, England; married John Curtis 1539 in Nazing, Essex, England.

1632. John Porter^{509,510}, born Abt. 1510 in Felstead, Essex, England. He married **1633. Agnes Luscombe** Bef. 1540.

1633. Agnes Luscombe^{511,512}, born Abt. 1512 in Felstead, Essex, England.

Child of John Porter and Agnes Luscombe is:

- 816 i. Thomas Porter, born 1540 in Felstead, Essex, England; died Dec 20, 1614 in St. Mary Virgin, Little Baddow, Essex, England; married Ann 1559 in Felstead, Essex, England.

1636. George Vessey^{513,514}, born 1504 in Little Baddow, Essex, England. He married **1637. Tryphena Partridge** Abt. 1529.

1637. Tryphena Partridge^{515,516}, born 1506 in Little Baddow, Essex, England.

Child of George Vessey and Tryphena Partridge is:

- 818 i. Thomas Vessey, born 1530 in Little Baddow, Essex, England; died Aug 09, 1639 in Little Baddow, Essex, England; married Elizabeth Church 1559 in Maldon, St. Mary, Essex, England.

1640. Richard White^{517,518}, born Abt. 1516 in Merriott, Somerset, England; died May 06, 1578 in Hill Farrance, Somerset, England. He was the son of **3280. Thomas White** and **3281. Agnes Richards**. He married **1641. Helen Kirton** Abt. 1540 in South Petherton, Somerset, England.

1641. Helen Kirton^{519,520}, born Abt. 1523 in Hill Farrance, Somerset, England; died Aug 22, 1596 in Messing, Essex, England. She was the daughter of **3282. Stephen Kirton** and **3283. Margaret Offley**.

Child of Richard White and Helen Kirton is:

- 820 i. Robert White IV, born Abt. 1542 in South Petherton, Somerset, England; married Alice Rich 1561 in South Petherton, Somerset, England.

1644. William Allgar^{521,522,523,524}, born 1475 in Shalford, Essex, England; died in Lindsell, Essex, England. He was the son of **3288. Robert Alger** and **3289. Margaret**. He married **1645. Mary Smith** Abt. 1535 in Lindsell, Essex, England.

1645. Mary Smith^{525,526}, born 1510 in Shalford, Essex, England; died in Lindsell, Essex, England.

Child of William Allgar and Mary Smith is:

- 822 i. William Allgar, born Bet. 1525 - 1536 in Shalford, Essex, England; died Aug 02, 1575 in Shalford & Messing, Essex, England; married Margaret White 1554 in Shalford, Essex, England.

Generation No. 12

3204. Thomas Wells^{527,528}, born Abt. 1455 in Nazing, Essex, England.

Child of Thomas Wells is:

- 1602 i. John Wells, born Abt. 1487 in Nazing, Essex, England.

3280. Thomas White^{529,530}, born Abt. 1490 in Marriott, Somerset, England; died Bef. 1549 in Swanborne, Hampshire, England. He was the son of **6560. Robert White III** and **6561. Elizabeth Inglefield**. He married **3281. Agnes Richards** Abt. 1515 in Marriot, Somerset, England.

3281. Agnes Richards^{531,532}, born Abt. 1495 in Marriott, Somerset, England; died Bef. 1549 in Hill Farrance, Somerset, England. She was the daughter of **6562. Robert White** and **6563. Daughter Wells**.

More About Thomas White:

Burial: Hill Farrance, Somerset, England

Child of Thomas White and Agnes Richards is:

- 1640 i. Richard White, born Abt. 1516 in Merriott, Somerset, England; died May 06, 1578 in Hill Farrance, Somerset, England; married Helen Kirton Abt. 1540 in South Petherton, Somerset, England.

3282. Stephen Kirton⁵³³, born Bef. 1510 in Thorpe, Manderville, Northumberland, England; died Aug 15, 1566 in St. Andrews, Undershift, London, England. He was the son of **6564. John Kirton** and **6565. Margaret White**. He married **3283. Margaret Offley** Bef. 1523.

3283. Margaret Offley⁵³⁴, born Abt. 1501 in Stafford, Staffordshire, England; died 1574 in England. She was the daughter of **6566. William Offley** and **6567. Elizabeth Dillorne**.

Child of Stephen Kirton and Margaret Offley is:

- 1641 i. Helen Kirton, born Abt. 1523 in Hill Farrance, Somerset, England; died Aug 22, 1596 in Messing, Essex, England; married Richard White Abt. 1540 in South Petherton, Somerset, England.

3288. Robert Alger^{535,536,537}, born 1435 in Lindsell, Essex, England; died Dec 21, 1493 in Lindsell, Essex, England. He was the son of **6576. William Algere**. He married **3289. Margaret** 1470 in Lindsell, Essex, England.

3289. Margaret^{538,539}, born Abt. 1440 in Lindsell, Essex, England; died 1505 in Lindsell, Essex, England.

Children of Robert Alger and Margaret are:

- 1644 i. Agnes Alger⁵³⁹, born Abt. 1470 in Fitch Castle, Widdington, Essex, England; died Bef. Dec 25, 1533 in Widdington, Essex, England.
ii. William Allgar, born 1475 in Shalford, Essex, England; died in Lindsell, Essex, England; married Mary Smith Abt. 1535 in Lindsell, Essex, England.

Generation No. 13

6560. Robert White III^{540,541}, born Bef. 1475 in Swanborne, Hampshire, England. He was the son of Robert White and Margaret Gaynsford. He married **6561. Elizabeth Inglefield** 1489 in Marriot, Somerset, England.

6561. Elizabeth Inglefield^{542,543}, born Bef. 1475 in Southamborrow, Southampton, England.

Child of Robert White and Elizabeth Inglefield is:

- 3280 i. Thomas White, born Abt. 1490 in Marriott, Somerset, England; died Bef. 1549 in Swanborne, Hampshire, England; married Agnes Richards Abt. 1515 in Marriot, Somerset, England.

6562. Robert White⁵⁴⁴, born 1470 in Marriot, Somerset, England. He was the son of John White. He married **6563. Daughter Wells** 1491 in Marriot, Somerset, England.

6563. Daughter Wells⁵⁴⁵, born 1472 in Marriot, Somerset, England.

Child of Robert White and Daughter Wells is:

- 3281 i. Agnes Richards, born Abt. 1495 in Marriott, Somerset, England; died Bef. 1549 in Hill Farrance, Somerset, England; married Thomas White Abt. 1515 in Marriot, Somerset, England.

6564. John Kirton⁵⁴⁶, born Abt. 1474 in Christ Church, Hampshire, England. He married **6565. Margaret White** Bef. 1510 in England.

6565. Margaret White⁵⁴⁷, born Abt. 1474. She was the daughter of Robert White and Margaret Gaynsford.

Child of John Kirton and Margaret White is:

- 3282 i. Stephen Kirton, born Bef. 1510 in Thorpe, Manderville, Northumberland, England; died Aug 15, 1566 in St. Andrews, Undershift, London, England; married Margaret Offley Bef. 1523.

6566. William Offley⁵⁴⁸, born Abt. 1475 in Stafford, Staffordshire, England. He was the son of John Offley and Margery. He married **6567. Elizabeth Dillorne** Bef. 1501 in England.

6567. Elizabeth Dillorne⁵⁴⁹, born Abt. 1480 in Stafford, Staffordshire, England.

Child of William Offley and Elizabeth Dillorne is:

- 3283 i. Margaret Offley, born Abt. 1501 in Stafford, Staffordshire, England; died 1574 in England; married Stephen Kirton Bef. 1523.

6576. William Algere^{550,551,552}, born 1400 in Lindsell, Essex, England; died Mar 03, 1467/68 in Lindsell, Essex, England. He was the son of William Algor.

Child of William Algere is:

- 3288 i. Robert Alger, born 1435 in Lindsell, Essex, England; died Dec 21, 1493 in Lindsell, Essex, England; married Margaret 1470 in Lindsell, Essex, England.

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