Descendants of John Briggs Sr As At 2 December 2017 DRAFT

Generation 1

1. **JOHN**¹ **BRIGGS SR**¹ was born in 1609 in Darrington, England². He died in Nov 1690 in Portsmouth, Newport, Rhode Island, United States^{1, 3-4}. He married (1) **SARAH CORNELL(?)** before 1641 in Pr Portsmouth, RI. She was born on 30 Mar 1623 in Saffron Walden, Essex, , England⁵⁻⁶. She died in 1661 in Portsmouth, RI². He married (2) **Constant Mitchell**. She was born about 1611 in Leyden, Holland⁴.

John Briggs Sr¹ died between 19 Apr-16 Nov 1690 in Portsmouth, Rl² (Date of will and date the will was probated).

Notes for John Briggs Sr:

FUGITIVE FOUNDING FATHER-John Briggs Sr. of Portsmouth RI and Dartmouth MA.

For multiple reasons, even with voluminous original docmentary records from the town archives of Portsmouth, RI and from sundry other documents which include court and land office records, (from Plymouth Colony and Rhode Island) and his testimony at a noted murder trial, the details of the life and times of John Briggs Sr has been virtually unnoticed in local history accounts. We have very solid evidence that he was the owner of a dwelling Tucker Road (near Allen St.) in Old Dartmouth and therefore want to spend concerted effort to document the details of his life both in Portsmouth and Dartmouth and also on the curious events of his old age. It is noteworthy that John was a townsman of Portsmouth where the subsequent owner of the old house also was admitted as a freeman. Philip Cummings who purchased the property from John Briggs in 1687 was in Portsmouth as early as 1675 when he was 'admitted to sojurn at William Woddells until the next town meeting". The purchase of the full share in the town of Dartmouth which was accomplished on 16 October 1662 when the original grantee, John Dunham, sold it to our man John Briggs Sr for 42 pounds. The full share, according to the assertions set forth in the Westport Archaelogical Reconnaissance Survey was at least 800 acres. It is significant and interesting to see the continued subdivision of this large real estate holding as the centuries passed. Hence, in an effort to conserve words and time I here present a "TIMELINE" for John Briggs Sr. along with citations for every fact in the events making up this timeline. There are many significant events in John Briggs' life and it seems tragic to me that his rich and resourceful time on this earth ended in the way it did. There are still mysteries awaiiting discovery. These are drivers for further research and I am hopeful we will make a breakthrough in the near future. The major lawsuits in which John Sr and his sons Thomas and John Jr were named defendants need more explanation. I do have John Sr's testimony at the trial of Thomas Cornell for the murder of his mother Rebecca. The discussion of whether Rebecca Cornell was a sibling of John Briggs or not seems to be settled that she was not a sibling but that controversy and her strange manner of death and the trial are most interesting and show us another side of this founding proprietor of Old Dartmouth...John Briggs Sr.

John Briggs Sr.- Summary Biography from Payne-Joyce

Genealogy

"John came to New England in 1635 on the Blessing, living for a short time in Boston before coming to Rhode Island. He was a follower of Anne Hutchinson, who advocated a personal relationshiop with God in guiding one's own conduct, instead of reliance on the Church and State for guidance. The leaders of the Massachusetts Colony were so opposed to this teaching that it became unsafe for Mrs. Hutchinson's followers to remain there. Upon the advice of Roger Williams, John Briggs with some others fled from Massachusetts and purchased Aquidneck Island from the Indians."

Settlement/Plantation Period (1620-1675)

The lands of Old Dartmouth, purchased on behalf of the Plymouth Colony in 1652, included all or part of the present towns of Dartmouth, New Bedford, Westport, Fairhaven, and Acushnet, Massachusetts, and a strip of Tiverton and Little Compton, Rhode Island. John Cooke and Edward Winslow, serving as representatives of the Colony, bought the land from the Wampanoag Chief

Sachem Massasoit and his son, Wamsutta, in consideration of "thirty yards of cloth, eight moose-skins, fifteen axes, fifteen hoes, fifteen pairs of breeches, eight blankets, two kettles, one clock, two pounds in wampum, eight pair stockings, eight pair shoes, one iron pot, and ten shillings" (Grieve 1897:4).

The enormous parcel was divided among 36 proprietors (including William Bradford and Miles Standish) with each individual acquiring at least 800 acres of land. Some of the stone markers designating these plots are still present within the town (N. Judson, personal communication 2003). As with many Native/colonist land transactions brokered in New England during the seventeenth century, the properties were not immediately settled. Most of the first purchasers remained absentee owners and sold off their parcels after the Plymouth authorities began taxing the lands. Only three of the original proprietors are believed to have settled in the area (Gifun 1983).

Ordinary Owner and Operator in Portsmouth

It is noteworthy that John Briggs is documented as having a license to operate an ordinary in Portsmouth Ri long before he came to Dartmouth. Likewise, he was an inspector of ordinaries in the town and served as surety for other operators. As was customary in many colonial towns, town meetings were held in the local taverns and it is extensively documented here that the Portsmouth Ri town meetings were frequently held at the house of Mr John Briggs Sr. See the timeline.

MYSTERY-DEATH OF REBECCA CORNELL AND MURDER TRIAL OF HER SON THOMAS

This curious sequence of events probably explains the troubles encountered in Old Dartmouth by old John Briggs. It should be noted that many of the Cornell family and its kinship group (including Earles, Cornells, Almys etc) were early residents of Old Dartmouth. The outcome of the notorius trial of Thomas Cornell and his hanging after being convicted of the murder of his mother based on a collection of questionable hearsay evidence (including a dream of John Briggs Sr) left a very deep and bad feeling of vindictiveness in regard the Briggs family and most likely will be at the base of the lawsuits which are still in need of explication. I quote below an extensive verbatim summary of the circumstances and the trial and have access to the original trial records which may be put in an appendix to this book.

AN UNSOLVED MURDER

Who killed Rebecca Cornell on the afternoon of Feb. 8, 1673, as she sat alone in her room in her home in Portsmouth? To this day no one knows for certain, yet one man, her son, Thomas, was convicted (on evidence that now seems wholey spurious) and executed for the crime. In those days when a defendant could have no counsel to argue his case, not a few innocent men went to their death, the victims of trumped up charges. Nowdays, a court would insist upon a minute autopsy upon the body and a rigorous investigation of all evidence before deciding the case and declaring a verdict. But let us examine the case in hand.

To begin with, the Cornell's as a family were well known in Portsmouth. Thomas Cornell, the father, had been admitted as a freeman in 1640, he received a grant for 100 acres within the settlement. To this estate his son Thomas succeeded.

Thomas the 2nd, like his father, was a man of honor and consequence in the colony. He was several times a deputy from Portsmouth to the General Assembly in Newport, and was placed in many positions of public trust. In February 1673, we find him living quietly on his Portsmouth farm with his family, made up then of himself, his wife, two sons, his mother (a widow of 73), and two hired men. His mother occupied a first floor room, which contained a fireplace and had both an inside and outside door. Thomas had been married twice, having four sons by his first wife. It was two of these sons who were left at home at the time of the murder, but the wife mentioned was Sarah, the second wife.

To proceed on Feb. 8, 1673, Rebecca, the mother, was found dead on the floor of her room, her cloths burned and her body severely scorched by fire. Taking the first testimony of Thomas Cornell and one of his hired men, Henry Strait, a coroner's jury returned a verdict that she had come "To her untimely death by an unhappy accident of fire, as she sat in her room." However, a further

examination of the body disclosed a wound on the upper part of her stomach, and the jury gave out as a revised verdict that she came to her death because of both fire and the injury, but incriminated no one. As the case stood, it was a mystery until rumors began to circulate concerning trouble in the past between Thomas and his mother. Magistrates took up the inquiry and prosecuted Cornell on the strength of it. He was arrested and bound over to the superior court. Indicted on March 12, tried and convicted on the same day, sentenced to be hanged on May 23, pending the execution of the sentence. He was kept chained, manacled and guarded by four men by day and eight men by night. In the addition, a warrant was issued for the seizure of his estate. There was no chance for him to escape, and he died on the gallows on the appointed day.

Thomas Cornell did not confess anything, but strangely enough, before his execution, his friends presented a petition in his behalf to the General Assembly requesting that he be buried next to his mother. Would a murderer naturally desire to be buried next to his victim? The Petition complicated the mystery. The General Assembly did not grant it, but gave his friends permission to bury him on his own farm, provided they made his grave within 10 feet of the common road where the colony would be at liberty to set up a monument on his grave. Otherwise he would have to be buried near the gallows. As a further mark of leniency the Assembly, released his estate after his death, naming the town council of Portsmouth as executor. Another odd aspect of the case was the vote of the General Assembly after the execution to record all the proceedings and testimonies involved in the case in the "Book of Trials". This was not testimony given at the actual trail, but such information and affidavits as were procured at the inquest or later by magistrates. Some of this testimony was peculiar, as we will go through it briefly.

On Feb. 8, the afternoon of the murder, Thomas Cornell spent two and half-hours with his mother in her room. Engaging her in conversation after which he came out into the adjoining room and began to wind a quill of yarn. Before this was half wound he was summoned to supper with his family and two hired men. After supper he sent his son Edward to ask his grandmother if she would have her milk boiled for supper. The boy went, discovered the fire in the room on the floor. and came running back to get a candle and give the alarm. Henry Strait ran into the room followed by the boy with the candle and then by Thomas Cornell and his wife. The hired man saw the fire and raked it out with his hands, and then in the faint light shed by the candle saw a human body on the floor. Supposing it to be an Indian, drunk and burned, (a rather odd supposition) he shook the body and spoke to it in an Indian language. At that moment Thomas Cornell saw the body and exclaimed, "Oh, Lord! It is my mother!" The body was lying on its left side, with its back to the bed and face towards the window. Its cloths were part woolen and part cotton but only the woolen part was burned. There was no evidence of fire about the bed, except that the curtains and valance were partially burned. Lastly the outer door was fastened. Thomas Cornell maintained that his mother's cloths had caught fire from hot coal falling upon them from her pipe as she smoked in her chair, but no pipe or pieces appear to have been found on the floor. If that happened, she should have been able to extinguish the fire herself or at least call for help. That hypothesis does not consider the evidence of the fire about the curtains and valances. Who extinguished those, things so highly inflammable? Thomas Cornell would hardy have left the room with the fire going unwatched, thus imperiling his own house!

Now for the testimony of the hired men: One said that usually both the children were with the grandmother in the evening but that they had not gone to her room on the evening of the murder. Futher, the grandmother, when well, usually ate with the family, being sent for. Henry Strait testified that he had even asked Thomas Cornell why his mother was not at the table that evening and that the latter replied it was because they were having salt mackerel, which she could not eat. "But," said Strait; "She used to be called at other times when they had mackerel." Further testimony was to the effect that Rebecca Cornell had had a claim against her son for overdue rent. Some said sharp words had passed between them and others that she had been threatened by her son and forced to do menial services. At one time she had hinted at suicide and at another declared that in the spring she was going to live with her other son, Samuel, but feared that she might be made away with before then. Finally, one witness who accompanied by Sarah Cornell, had visited Thomas Cornell while he was in jail asserted that the wife and husband had conversed apart and that he had heard one say to the other "If you will keep my secret, I will keep yours."

Such is the main bulk of the testimony. There is one more episode in the case, however and it

might well be mentioned. Four days after the murder the brother of Rebecca Cornell testified that the ghost of his sister had appeared at his bedside and spoken to him twice, calling attention to her burns and wound and implying that she had been murdered. Strange as it seems, according to the Cornell Family Genealogical records, this bit of flimsy testimony had the most to do with the indictment and sentencing of Thomas Cornell. The case caused a great deal of feelings among the people of the colony, as well it might and its true solution remained a mystery. Two years later it was revived briefly in the indictment of Sarah Cornell, the widow of Thomas Cornell for either perpetrating the crime or "for being abetting or consenting thereto" it may not be wrong to assume that her acquittal was in a large measure due to public sentiment. There had been time to do a whole lot of sane thinking since the hanging of Thomas Cornell. The people had reasoned to question the high handed proceedings, which rushed his execution. Whether Thomas Cornell was actually guilty or not we cannot say. The "Friends Records" say that "Rebecca Cornell, widow, was killed strangely at Portsmouth in her own dwelling house". But they name no murder. Even we, who are not lawyers, would question much of the evidence. While one prominent lawyer, once asked about the case, simply said, "there was no evidence". Sarah Cornell, wife of Thomas Cornell, Jr., probably thought the same, for she named a daughter, born after her husband's death, "Innocent". Undoubtedly as a living protest against her husband's unjust execution, which was rather typical of the time. - Source of Information: John T. Pierce, Sr., 52 Cedar Ave., Portsmouth, R.I., 02871 (As of June 1987) and Steven Alsip, Corbin, KY

SUMMARY FROM "REPRESESENTATIVE MEN AND OLD FAMILIES OF SOUTHEASTERN MASSACHUSETTS"

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GEORGE E. BRIGGS, one of the active, public spirited citizens of New Bedford, Mass., was born in Bakerville, Dartmouth, Aug. 22, 1854.

The Briggs family was early planted in America, the ancestor of many of the name in southern Massachusetts being (I) Hon. John Briggs, who was born in 1609, and who died in 1690. He was one of those admitted as an inhabitant of the Island of Aquidneck in 1638, and was one of the company of thirty-eight who signed the compact for the formation of a "body politick" April 30, 1639, at Portsmouth, where he continued to reside, becoming one of the influential men of the Colony. He was. made a freeman March 16, 1641; assistant in 1648; and in 1649 he was licensed to keep an ordinary and to entertain strangers. This ordinary he kept for many years, and there the court met as well as the town authorities. He was a commissioner in 1654-55-56-59-61-62-63; jurvman in 1656; deputy to the General Court 1664-65-66-68-69. On Oct. 16, 1662, for fortytwo pounds, he purchased of John Dunham, Sr., and Abigail, his wife, his share in the Dartmouth Purchase. A portion of this purchase he sold to Philip Cummings, of Dartmouth, June 20, 1687. He married Sarah Cornell, daughter of Thomas (Leonard's Notes), and their children were: John, who married Hannah Fisher; Thomas, who married Mary Fisher (she and Hannah were daughters of Edward and Judith Fisher of Portsmouth); Enoch, who married Hannah Wilcox; Job, whose wife's Christian name was Eleanor; Susanna, who married a Norway; and William.

RESEARCHER'S COMMENT IN RE 2W CONTENT (MITCHEL)L

FOBES

While numerous writers assert that John Briggs had a second wife, the only transcription I can find of his will, does not mention the second wife as some writers hasve asserted it does. Therefore I would classify the existence of the second marriage as "doubtful". Nevertheless I have included the transcript of his will (really an abstract) as an appendix to this work. It would really be good to find a copy of the original recorded will to get a full transcription. Also, "The Leonard Papers, in the New Bedford Public Library are given as a source for this assertion. Checking these via contact with Paul Cyr might add some light on this issue.

Sarah Cornell(?) died on 06 Sep 1703 in Portsmouth, Newport, Rhode Island, United States⁶. She died on 06 Sep 1703 in Portsmouth, Newport, Rhode Island, United States⁸. She died on 06 Sep 1703 in Portsmouth, RI ("she was 80"²⁴). She died on 06 Sep 1703 in Portsmouth, Newport Co,

Rhode Island, USA⁵. She also went by the name of Sarah Cornell⁶. She also went by the name of Sarah Cornell⁵. She also went by the name of Sarah Cornell⁸.

Notes for Sarah Cornell(?): Note from Payne-Joyce Gen

"The parentage of Sarah Cornell is not known, though she too was probably born in co. Essex, England. It is quite certain that she is a sister to Thomas Cornell of Portsmouth, whose wife Rebecca, called John Briggs 'brother."

John Briggs Sr and Sarah Cornell(?) had the following children:

- SUSANNAH² BRIGGS^{5, 7-9} was born about 1641 in Portsmouth, Newport, Rhode Island, United States (based on inscription "Her slate headstone reads::Susannah Northway decest in the 63rd year of her age, November ye 7th 1704"^{2, 8}). She died on 07 Nov 1704 in Little Compton, RI¹⁰⁻¹². She married (1) WILLIAM PALMER SR. in 1663⁷. He was born on 27 Jun 1638 in Duxbury, Plymouth, Massachusetts, USA^{5, 13-15}. He died in Jun 1675 in Dartmouth, Bristol, MA. She married (2) JOHN NORTHWAY on 21 Sep 1677 in Portsmouth, Newport, Rhode Island, United States⁹. He was born about May 1647 in Islington, England². He died in 1697 in Portsmouth, Newport, Rhode Island, United States^{9, 16}.
- 3. ii. John Briggs Jr was born in 1642 in Portsmouth, RI^{2, 17}. He died on 02 Jul 1713 in Little Compton, RI. He married Hannah Fisher in 1664 in Portsmouth, RI². She was born about 1642 in Portsmouth, RI². She died after 1727².
- 4. iii. Thomas Briggs¹⁸ was born in 1644 in Portsmouth, RI. He died on 12 Jun 1720 in Dartmouth, Bristol, MA². He married Mary Fisher about 1670. She was born about 1650². She died after 1717².
- 5. iv. Job Briggs^{1, 19} was born in 1648 in Portsmouth, RI. He died in 1733 in Little Compton, RI. He married Eleanor. She was born in 1687 in Little Compton, Newport, Rhode Island, United States¹. She died in 1732 in Rhode Island, United States¹.
- 6. V. WILLIAM BRIGGS^{6, 20-21} was born in 1650 in Portsmouth, RI²¹. He died on 12 May 1716 in Little Compton, RI. He married Elizabeth Cook about 1681²⁰ in Portsmouth, Newport County, Rhode Island. She was born in 1653 in Portsmouth, Newport County, Rhode Island²⁰. She died in Aug 1716 in Portsmouth, Newport, Rhode Island, United States⁶.
- 7. vi. ENOCH BRIGGS²²⁻²³ was born about 1652 in Portsmouth, RI. He died in 1734 in Portsmouth, RI. He married Hannah Cook on 02 Mar 1700 in Portsmouth, Newport, Rhode Island, United States²². She was born in 1659 in Portsmouth, Newport, Rhode Island, United States²². She died on 22 Oct 1736 in Portsmouth, Newport, Rhode Island, United States²².

Generation 2

2. **Susannah**² **Briggs** (John¹ Sr)^{5, 7-9} was born about 1641 in Portsmouth, Newport, Rhode Island, United States (based on inscription "Her slate headstone reads::Susannah Northway decest in the 63rd year of her age, November ye 7th 1704"^{2, 8}). She died on 07 Nov 1704 in Little Compton, RI¹⁰⁻¹². She married (1) **WILLIAM PALMER Sr.** in 1663⁷. He was born on 27 Jun 1638 in Duxbury, Plymouth, Massachusetts, USA^{5, 13-15}. He died in Jun 1675 in Dartmouth, Bristol, MA. She married (2) **JOHN NORTHWAY** on 21 Sep 1677 in Portsmouth, Newport, Rhode Island, United States⁹. He was born about May 1647 in Islington, England². He died in 1697 in Portsmouth, Newport, Rhode Island, United States^{9, 16}.

Susannah Briggs^{5, 7-9} was born in 1641 in Portsmouth, Newport, Rhode Island, USA⁵. She was born between 1641-1647 in Portsmouth, Rl²⁵. She was born on 21 Sep 1651 in Portsmouth, Newport, Rhode Island, USA⁹. She died on 07 Nov 1704 in Little Compton, Newport, Rhode Island, USA⁹. She died on 07 Nov 1704 in Little Compton, Newport, Rhode Island, USA⁹. She died on 08 Nov 1704 in Little Compton, Newport, Rhode Island, USA⁵.

Notes for Susannah Briggs:

There is an excellent analysis of the documentation in regards Susanna, the wife of William Palmer of Dartmouth in the Fleming Family History which concludes that she was the daughter of John and Sarah Briggs. This connects more of the Briggs family with Dartmouth, since her father and two of her brothers (John and Thomas) were all Proprietors of the town. I will quote the full discussion.

Because Arthur Hathaway, a close friend of the Palmer family, had assisted Susannah during her appearance at the General Court of Plymouth, 3 June 1679, in petitioning for Letters of Administration to settle her husband's estate, it has been mistakenly assumed by some researchers that she was Arthur's sister, Susannah Hathaway."985

"Other compilers have claimed that Susannah (____) Palmer was an unnamed daughter of John and Sarah (Warren) Cooke because of an 'unfound deed' which had indicated that a William Palmer was a son-in-law of John Cooke (Francis 1). This 'unfound deed' was first mentioned in the "Descendants of Matthew West", published in 1903, and repeated often by various compilers, as well as in the genealogical column of the Boston Evening Transcript. No evidence has been found to sustain this relationship." (From Carlton A. Palmer, Jr., "Susannah (Briggs) Palmer of Plymouth Colony and Little Compton, Rhode Island." Mayflower Quarterly, 50 (4), (November, 1984).)

"Unnoticed by the researchers who worked with these probate records was the appointment by the court of William Briggs as overseer to the widow to assist her in settling her deceased husband's estate [General Court of Plymouth, 3 June 1679, Winslow Governor, 1:13; Shurtleff and Pulsifer, New Plymouth Colony Records 6:13]. An overseer is often a relative of the widow and this case is no exception. This William Briggs was known in Dartmouth as one of the five sons of John and Sarah (Cornell Briggs who also had a daughter, Susannah, born at Portsmouth, Rhode Island, in 1641. It was this Susannah Briggs who actually married William Palmer, Jr., of Plymouth sometime in 1663. They had a son named William Palmer in 1664, followed by John in 1665 and Joseph in 1667. After her husband's death and the 1679 court session, widow Susannah (Briggs) Palmer returned to her hometown of Portsmouth. Rhode Island with her children. While at Portsmouth. Susannah met John Northway, a friend of the Briggs family. John Northway and widow Susannah (Briggs) Palmer were married between 1680 and 1683 and had a son George Northway, born in 1684. Susannah's three sons by her first husband. William Palmer, moved to Little Compton. Rhode Island, after the marriage of their mother. In his will dated 19 Aprl 1690, probated 9th mo. 17th, 1690, John Briggs, Senr., gave the bulk of his estate to his son, Enoch Briggs, and some farm animals to son Job Briggs. To his oldest son John, son Thomas and daughter Susanna Northway, he gave one shilling each because 'they having long since received their portions and are gone from me' (Council Book of Portsmouth, R.I., 2:278, 19 April 1690, as found in Sam Briggs, "Descendants of Walter Briggs of Westchester, N.Y., (1878) p. 14]. Susannah's second husband, John Northway, must have died by 1697 as records show that Susannah Northway was living in Little Compton with her sons, William, John and Joseph Palmer in that year. Susannah Northway, widow, purchased property in Tiverton, Rhode Island from Edward Gray which was located next to that of her son, Joseph Palmer, as recorded 2 Mar. 1702 [Bristol County North District Land Records 10:173]. Additional evidence that Susannah Northway's previous marriage was to William Palmer, Jr., is a notation found in a Richmond family document made by Edward Richmond, a brother-in-law of Susannah's two sons, William and John Palmer, in which Edward referred to his 'Aunt Northway, for a winding sheet.' William and John Palmer had married Mary and Elizabeth Richmond, respectively ['Account of Edward Richmond, Administrator, listing debts of the estate of Capt. Edward Richmond, Sr., 19 May 1697, B.F. Wilbour, Little Compton Families, p. 513]. Susannah (Briggs) (Palmer) Northway was buried next to her son, Capt. John Palmer and his first wife, Elizabeth Richmond, in the Old Commons Cemetery of Little Compton [Benjamin Franklin Wilbour and Waldo Chamerlain Sprague, 'Inscriptions in Little Compton, R.I..' New England Historical and Genealogical Register (Oct. 1961) 115:262]. Her slate headstone reads: Susannah Northway decest in the 63rd year of her age. November ve 7th 1704.

Land records at Taunton, Mass., show that , on the following day, 8 Nov. 1704, William and John Palmer transferred to their youngest brother, Joseph, land in Tiverton 'that our mother purchased from Edward Gray' [Bristol Co. North District Land Records 10:174]. Therefore, these various records prove that the wife of William Palmer, Jr., of Plymouth was not Susannah Cooke, granddaughter of Francis Cooke of the Mayflower, as has been claimed. She was instead the

daughter of John Briggs, one of the early settlers of Rhode Island, a commissioner of Portsmouth and a deputy governor." (From Carlton A. Palmer, Jr., "Susannah (Briggs) Palmer of Plymouth Colony and Little Compton, Rhode Island," Mayflower Quarterly, 50 (4), (November, 1984).)

Discussion of the issue of whether she was the daughter of John Cooke, son of Francis Cook of the Mayflower, to be entered.645

Tombstone visited and photographed by Barbara Fleming, August, 2001. Photos on file. Tombstone read:
"Here Lyeth Bvryed
ye Body of Svsanna
Northway who Decst
In the 63rd year
of her age Novembr
ye 7th 1704"
Footstone reads:
"Susanna
Northway
1704"

William Palmer Sr.⁵ died on 24 Jun 1675 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts, USA⁵.

Notes for William Palmer Sr.: Notes from Horace W Palmer.

born 26 June 1638 (i.e., after his father's death) probably at Duxbury, married SUSANNAH BRIGGS ca. 1663, killed in King Philip's War in June 1675. Susannah was born in 1641 in Portsmouth, R.I., daughter of John and Sarah (Cornell) Briggs. Susannah married (2) John Northway between 1680 and 1683. John died before 1697. Susannah died 7 Nov. 1704 and was buried alongside her son John in the Old Commons Cemetery, Little Compton, R.I. Her headstone reads:

Susannah Northway decest in the 63d year of her age, November ye 7th 1704.[49] [Carlton B. Palmer, "Sarah Briggs Palmer of Plymouth Colony and Little Compton, Rhode Island" (The Mayflower Quarterly, 1984), 50:188-190]

William was a creditor of the estate of William Bradford, Sr., as listed in the inventory dated 22 May 1657.[50][Horace W. Palmer, Palmer Families in America (1973), 3:11]

On 28 Apr. 1659 William Palmer of Plymouth, cooper, son of William of Duxbury, nayler, deceased, acknowledged he had received from the executors "in full of my portion left unto me by my father's last will" and released the executors from any further claims arising from said will. He had received £51 and a three-year-old mare (Fig. 7).[51]

William also received from his father the latter's receipt of land in a place called Acconquesse or Achushnet. This land had been distributed to William Palmer, nailer, and 57 other first settlers of Plymouth by the Plymouth General Court on 3 Mar. 1639/40. Son William selected land on the East side of the Acushnet River in Duxbury.

On 24 Mar. 1661 William Palmer of Accushenah (Dartmouth, Mass.), cooper, sold to Mr. John Barnes, yeoman, of Plymouth "all that my home lott lying and being att Accushenah (25 acres of upland) with all the house, housing and fences thereon with three acres of meadow as yett unlayed out . . . except my right of commonage (Fig. 8).[52][Mrs. John E. Barclay, "Notes on the Palmer Family of Plymouth" (TAG, 1956), 32:44-45; Mayflower Descendant (1912), 14:13-14]

William Palmer was named Constable of Dartmouth 5 June 1666, surveyor of highways 6 June 1671 and again the following year. He was listed as a freeman of Dartmouth 29 May 1670 and was

one of three selectmen (i.e., representatives) from Dartmouth to the General Court at Plymouth on 3 June 1674.[53][Nathaniel B. Shurtleff, ed., Records of the Colony of New Plymouth in New England: Court Orders, 1661-1668 (1855), 123 and Court Orders, 1668-1678 (1856), 5:58, 93, 144 & 279.]

On 5 June 1667 William Palmer and Thomas Roberts, both of Dartmouth, bought from Edward Gray of Plymouth his half share of upland which the latter had purchased from John Russell in Dartmouth.[54][Mrs. John E. Barclay, "Notes on the Palmer Family of Plymouth" (TAG, 1956), 32:44] Thomas was William's stepfather.

The region was devastated by the Indians in the summer of 1675 during King Philip's War. The inhabitants built garrisons for their safety. John Cooke had one east of the river, John Russell had one west of the river and there was one on Palmer's Island in the Acushnet River, probably erected by William Palmer. The settlement east of the river was burned early in June 1675 and most of the inhabitants fled to Cooke's garrison. William Palmer was on his way to this garrison when he was ambushed and killed by the Indians.[55][Horace W. Palmer, Palmer Families in America (1973), 3:11.]

William left no will. An inventory of his estate was dated 30 June 1675 and was presented to the Court at Plymouth on 3 June 1679 by Susannah Palmer (Fig. 9).[56][Plymouth Probate Records, vol. 4, part 1, page 32] The total of the estate was £122/12/6. Letters of Administration were granted to the widow, Susannah Palmer of Dartmouth, on 3 June 1679. The Court appointed John Russell and William Briggs as overseers to the widow to assist her in settling her deceased husband's estate. William Briggs was one of Susannah's five brothers.[57][Carlton A. Palmer, Jr., "Susannah (Briggs) Palmer of Plymouth Colony & Little Compton, Rhode Island" (The Mayflower Quarterly, 1984), 50:188; Horace W. Palmer, Palmer Families in America (1973), 3:11.]

After William's death and the 1679 settlement of his estate, Susannah and her children returned to her hometown of Portsmouth, R.I. Here she met and married John Northway, a friend of the Briggs family. After the marriage of their mother, her three sons by her first husband, William Palmer, removed to Little Compton, R.I. (Fig. 10).[Map of the Townships of Plymouth Colony]

After John Northway's death, Susannah removed to Little Compton and in 1697 was living near her three sons. On 2 Mar. 1702 Susannah Northway, widow, purchased property in Tiverton, R.I., from Edward Gray. This land was located next to her son Joseph Palmer (see ¶c. below).[58][Carlton A. Palmer, Jr., "Susannah (Briggs) Palmer of Plymouth Colony & Little Compton, Rhode Island" (The Mayflower Quarterly, 1984), 50:189]

The children of William and Susannah (Briggs) Palmer were all born in Dartmouth, Mass:[59][Carlton A. Palmer, Jr., "Susannah (Briggs) Palmer of Plymouth Colony & Little Compton, Rhode Island" (The Mayflower Quarterly, 1984), 50:188-190 and Benjamin F. Wilbour, Little Compton Families (1974), 444-447.]

William Palmer Sr. and Susannah Briggs had the following children:

i. WILLIAM³ PALMER JR.^{5, 26} was born in Apr 1663 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts, USA⁹. He died in Nov 1746 in Little Compton, Newport, Rhode Island, USA^{5, 9}. He married MARY RICHMOND. She was born in 1668.

William Palmer Jr.^{5, 26} was born in 1664 in Dartmouth, Bristol, MA. He was born in 1664 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts, USA⁵. He died in 1746 in Little Compton, RI.

Notes for William Palmer Jr.:

Notes from Palmer Families in America, by Horace W Palmer.

William and Mary lived in the east part of Little Compton around Pottersville and Quicksand Pond. On 3 Jan. 1683 William Palmer "of Saronet, alias Little Compton," bought land in Little Compton from John Partridge of Duxbury. He was called "planter" in a deed dated 5 Mar. 1699 by which he sold land to Thomas Brownell in Little Compton. On 27 June 1701 he was deeded land at a place called "quicksand"

pond" in Little Compton by Samuel Bradford. In a deed dated 10 Jan. 1704/5 and subsequent deeds he was called "yeoman" of Little Compton. William's will was dated 13 Jan. 1745/6 and was probated 4 Nov. 1746. "... To son William 5 shillings. To son Joseph one half tract of land I formerly gave to my son William and since bought of him; bounded east on the pond, south and west on land of Charles Brownell, north on land I bought and gave my son Joseph, northerly half of said land all that part of homestead farm which I have already given my son Joseph. To son John 5 shillings. To son Thomas all that part of my homestead farm I have given my son Thomas. To son Sylvester all that part of my homestead farm that I have already given him. To my sons Thomas and Sylvester, the south half of land I formerly gave to my son William by deed, which since I rebought, bounded east by the pond, south and west by land of Charles Brownell, north on land which I have given my son Joseph. To daughters Elizabeth Head and Abigail Shaw 5 shillings each, and to grandson Gamaliel Richmond, son of daughter Patience Richmond 5 shillings. To daughter Susannah Southworth 20 shillings. My son Joseph to be sole executor ... "[61] William and Mary had 12 children, all born in Little Comtpon.

ii. JOHN PALMER⁹ was born on 18 May 1665 in Little Compton, Newport, Rhode Island, United States⁹. He died on 13 Oct 1753 in Little Compton, Newport, Rhode Island, United States⁹. He married (1) ELIZABETH RICHMOND about 1686. She was born on 06 Dec 1666. She died on 09 Feb 1717 in Little Compton, RI. He married (2) SARAH BLOOD. She was born about 1682 in Little Compton, RI. She died on 25 Jul 1766 in

Little Compton, RI.

John Palmer⁹ was born on 18 May 1665 in Dartmouth, Bristol, MA. He died on 13 Oct 1752 in Little Compton, RI.

Notes for John Palmer: Notes from Horace W Palmer

Capt. JOHN PALMER, born 18 May 1665, married (1) ELIZABETH RICHMOND ca. 1686, married (2) SARAH BLOOD 28 Aug. 1718, died 13 Oct. 1752 in Little Compton. Elizabeth was born 6 Dec. 1666 in Little Compton, died there 9 Feb. 1717. She was a sister of Mary (see ¶a. above). Sarah was born ca. 1682, died in Little Compton 25 July 1766. She was a daughter of Gideon Blood. John and his two wives were buried in Old Commons Cemetery, Little Compton. John was a veteran of the Colonial Wars.[62][Benjamin F. Wilbour & Waldo C. Sprague, "Cemetery Inscriptions in Little Compton, Rhode Island" (NEH&GR, 1961), 115:262]

John first appeared in the records under date of 25 Dec. 1688 when he deeded land in Little Compton with his wife Elizabeth. He was a "carpenter" of Little Compton. On 12 Feb. 1693/4 John Palmer of Little Compton deeded to Joseph Allen land in Dartmouth, formerly of William Palmer of Dartmouth, deceased. In several deeds he was called "carpenter" and in later deeds he was called "Gentleman."[63][Horace W. Palmer, Palmer Families in America (1973), 3:14.]

He was a deputy to the General Court in 1702.

John's will was written 10 Apr. 1745 and proved 27 Nov. 1752. "... To wife Sarah two Negroes and all household goods. To son John two 18 acre lots that he now lives on. To sons Edward, Job, Aaron, William, Henry, 10 pounds each old tenor. To son Moses 40 acres of my homestead farm lying on north side near Carr's land on the west side of highway. To son Simeon my executor, my now dwelling house and all land on the west side of the highway excepting 40 acres to son Moses, and two ten acre lots east of highway east from my house that I now live in. To daughters Sarah Wilbor and Elizabeth Southworth 10 pounds each..."

John Palmer married (1) Elizabeth Richmond on 28 Aug 1718 in Little Compton, RI.

iii. JOSEPH PALMER⁹ was born in 1667 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts, United

States⁹. He died on 14 May 1728 in Little Compton, Newport, Rhode Island, United States⁹. He married SARAH ______.

Joseph Palmer⁹ was born in 1667 in Dartmouth, Bristol, MA. He died in May 1728 in Little Compton, RI.

Notes for Joseph Palmer: From Horace W Palmer

JOSEPH PALMER, born 1667, married SARAH [-?-], died May 1728 in Little Compton.

On 13 May 1693 Joseph Palmer of Little Compton deeded to Joseph Allen land in Dartmouth, formerly of William Palmer of Dartmouth, deceased. On 27 Jan. 1695/6 Joseph Palmer of Tiverton, Mass., was deeded land in Tiverton by William Manchester of Tiverton. (Tiverton was in Bristol Co., Mass. until 28 May 1746, when part was allotted to Rhode Island.) On 8 Nov. 1704 Joseph's brothers, William and John, transferred to Joseph land in Tiverton, R.I. "that our mother purchased from Edward Gray." [64] [Bristol Co., Mass., North District Land Records, 10:174.] It is believed that Joseph lived in Tiverton from 1696 until 1724 or 1725. He then moved back to Little Compton. In later deeds he was called "yeoman" and "husbandmen." [65] [Horace W. Palmer, Palmer Families in America (1973), 3:15-16]

John Northway^{9, 16} was born on 02 May 1647 in Little Compton, Newport, Rhode Island, United States^{9, 16}. He died about 1690².

John Northway and Susannah Briggs had the following child:

- 8. i. George³ Northway^{9, 27} was born in Apr 1678 in Portsmouth, Newport, Rhode Island, United States²⁷⁻²⁸. He died on 16 Mar 1773 in Simsbury, Hartford, Connecticut, United States^{9, 27}. He married Hannah North. She was born in 1678 in Farmington, Hartford, Connecticut, United States²⁷. She died on 12 May 1752 in Farmington, Hartford, Connecticut, United States²⁷.
- 3. **JOHN**² **BRIGGS JR** (John¹ Sr) was born in 1642 in Portsmouth, RI^{2, 17}. He died on 02 Jul 1713 in Little Compton, RI. He married Hannah Fisher in 1664 in Portsmouth, RI². She was born about 1642 in Portsmouth, RI². She died after 1727².

John Briggs Jr was born in 1642 in Portsmouth, Newport, Rhode Island²⁹. He died on 02 Jul 1713 in Tiverton, Newport, Rhode Island²⁹. He also went by the name of JOHN, 2, BRIGGS²⁹.

Notes for John Briggs Jr: Biographical information from Payne-Joyce.

"In 1687 John bought 100 acres of land in Punkatest and one eighth of a share in Little Compton of undivided lands with dwelling house from John and Sutton Baily of Newport. In 1682 he lived in Tiverton. In 1703 he gave to son William land in or near Little Compton. He had a farm near Packet Brook in Punkatest, bounded south by the Little Comton line, west by Packet Brook and highway, north by Major Poldings pond, 50 poles wide and a mile in length.58" (Wilbour, Little Compton Families)

Hannah Fisher²⁹ was born in 1642 in Portsmouth, Newport, Rhode Island³¹. She was born about 1642 in Portsmouth, Newport, Rhode Island²⁹. She died in 1727 in Tiverton, Newport, Rhode Island³¹. She died in 1727 in Tiverton, Newport, Rhode Island²⁹. She also went by the name of Hannah Frances Fisher³¹.

John Briggs Jr married Hannah Fisher on 24 May 1677 ("daughter of Edward Fisher, of Portsmouth, Rhode Island"²⁹).

John Briggs Jr and Hannah Fisher had the following children:

9. i. EDWARD³ BRIGGS^{2, 30-31} was born on 19 Feb 1665/66. He died on 11 May 1718 in Tiverton, Newport, Rhode Island^{2, 31}. He married Sarah Wilcox in 1692 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts³¹. She was born in 1664 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts³¹. She died on 06 Mar 1751 in Tiverton, Newport, Rhode Island³¹.

- ii. Susannah Briggs was born in Mar 1672².
- iii. WILLIAM BRIGGS was born in 1684². He died on 23 Nov 1751².
- 4. **THOMAS**² **BRIGGS** (John¹ Sr)¹⁸ was born in 1644 in Portsmouth, RI. He died on 12 Jun 1720 in Dartmouth, Bristol, MA². He married Mary Fisher about 1670. She was born about 1650². She died after 1717².

Thomas Briggs and Mary Fisher had the following children:

- 10. i. MARY³ BRIGGS³² was born on 09 Aug 1671 in Dartmouth, Bristol, MA^{2, 33-34}. She died on 13 Oct 1708 in Dartmouth, Bristol Co., Massachusetts, USA^{2, 32}. She married John Akin in 1687 in Dartmouth, Bristol Co., Massachusetts, USA³². He was born in 1663 in Portsmouth,Newport,Rhode Island,USA³². He died on 13 Jun 1746 in Dartmouth,Bristol,Massachusetts,USA³².
- ii. Susannah Briggs³⁵ was born on 14 Mar 1672/73 in Dartmouth, Bristol, MA^{2, 34}. She died on 06 Oct 1719 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts^{2, 35-36}. She married Stephen Wilcox on 09 Feb 1695 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts³⁵. He was born about 1666 in Portsmouth, Newport, Rhode Island³⁵. He died on 13 Nov 1736 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts, USA³⁵.
- 12. iii. Deborah Briggs³⁷⁻³⁹ was born on 16 Oct 1674 in Dartmouth, Bristol, MA^{2, 34}. She died on 25 Nov 1712 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts, USA^{2, 37-38}. She married (1) Henry Howland on 06 Mar 1698 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts Colony³⁷. He was born on 30 Jun 1672 in Darthmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts, USA⁴⁰⁻⁴¹. He died on 16 Sep 1729 in Darthmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts, USA⁴⁰.
- 13. iv. Hannah Briggs was born on 01 May 1676 in Dartmouth, Bristol, MA^{2, 33-34}. She died on 13 Feb 1718/19 in Newport, Rhode Island^{2, 42}. She married William Dyer. He was born in Little Compton, Rhode Island⁴². He died on 21 Apr 1719 in Newport, Rhode Island⁴².
- 14. v. John Briggs⁴³ was born on 02 Oct 1678 in Dartmouth, Bristol, MA^{2, 33-34, 44}. He died on 11 Jul 1753 in Quaker Hill Oblong, Dutchess, New York, United States⁴⁴. He married Patience Weston in 1702 in Dartmouth,,Massachusetts,USA⁴³. She was born in 1684 in Hill,Dutchess,New York,USA⁴³. She died in 1753⁴³.
- 15. vi. Thomas Briggs Jr. 45 was born on 27 Apr 1684 in Dartmouth, Bristol, MA^{2, 34}. He died on 21 May 1734 in Will probated. 45. He married Mary Allen on 25 Apr 1706 in Dartmouth, Bristol Co., MA⁴⁵. She was born on 09 Jun 1682 in ., Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts 45. She died about 1734 in Exec of Thomas' will. 45.
- 5. **JoB**² **BRIGGS** (John¹ Sr)^{1, 19} was born in 1648 in Portsmouth, RI. He died in 1733 in Little Compton, RI. He married **ELEANOR**. She was born in 1687 in Little Compton, Newport, Rhode Island, United States¹. She died in 1732 in Rhode Island, United States¹.

Job Briggs^{1, 19} was born in 1648 in Portsmouth, Newport, Rhode Island, United States¹⁹. He was born in 1648 in Portsmouth, Newport, Rhode Island, United States¹. He died in 1733 in Little Compton, Newport, Rhode Island, United States¹⁹. He died in 1733 in Little Compton, Newport, Rhode Island, United States¹.

Job Briggs and Eleanor had the following children:

- i. Job³ Briggs¹⁹ was born in 1705 in Newport, Rhode Island, United States¹⁹.
- ii. SARAH BRIGGS¹⁹ was born in 1708 in Little Compton, Newport, Rhode Island, United States¹⁹. She died on 02 May 1737 in Portsmouth, Newport, Rhode Island, United States¹⁹.
- iii. MARY BRIGGS¹⁹ was born on 01 Jul 1708 in Portsmouth, Newport, Rhode Island, United States¹⁹. She died in 1785 in Portsmouth, Newport, Rhode Island, United States¹⁹.
- iv. MARY BRIGGS¹ was born on 01 Jul 1708 in Portsmouth, Newport, Rhode Island, United States¹. She died in 1785¹.
- v. AMEY BRIGGS¹⁹.
- vi. JOHN BRIGGS¹⁹ was born in Little Compton, Newport, Rhode Island, United States¹⁹.

- vii. DEBORAH BRIGGS¹⁹.
- viii. JOHN BRIGGS¹⁹.
- ix. WAITY BRIGGS¹⁹.
- x. JEREMIAH BRIGGS¹⁹ was born in Portsmouth, Newport, Rhode Island, United States¹⁹.
- xi. ELIZABETH BRIGGS¹⁹.
- xii. ENOCH BRIGGS¹⁹ was born in Little Compton, Newport, Rhode Island, United States¹⁹.
- 6. **WILLIAM**² **BRIGGS** (John¹ Sr)^{6, 20-21} was born in 1650 in Portsmouth, Rl²¹. He died on 12 May 1716 in Little Compton, Rl. He married Elizabeth Cook about 1681²⁰ in Portsmouth, Newport County, Rhode Island. She was born in 1653 in Portsmouth, Newport County, Rhode Island²⁰. She died in Aug 1716 in Portsmouth, Newport, Rhode Island, United States⁶.

William Briggs^{6, 20-21} was born in 1650⁶ in Portsmouth, Newport, Rhode Island, United States. He was born about 1650 in Portsmouth, Newport County, Rhode Island²⁰. He died on 12 May 1716 in Little Compton, Newport County, Rhode Island²⁰. He died on 12 May 1716 in Little Compton, Newport Co, Rhode Island²¹. He died on 12 May 1716 in Little Compton, Newport, Rhode Island, United States⁶.

Elizabeth Cook²⁰⁻²¹ was born in 1653 in Portsmouth, Newport, Rhode Island, United States⁶. She was born about 1653²¹. She died in Aug 1716 in Little Compton, Newport Co, Rhode Island²¹. She also went by the name of Elizabeth Cooke⁶.

William Briggs married Elizabeth Cook about 1680²¹.

William Briggs and Elizabeth Cook had the following children:

- i. Susanna³ Briggs²¹ was born in 1681²¹. She died (Y²¹).
- ii. JOHN BRIGGS²¹ was born in 1685²¹. He died (Y²¹).
- iii. WILLIAM BRIGGS⁶ was born on 11 Jan 1688 in Portsmouth, Newport, Rhode Island, United States⁶. He died on 23 Nov 1761 in Little Compton, Newport, Rhode Island, United States⁶.
- iv. ELIZABETH BRIGGS²¹ was born in 1689²¹. She died (Y²¹).
- v. Deborah Briggs²¹ was born in 1693²¹. She died (Y²¹).
- vi. Job Briggs²¹ was born on 03 Aug 1696 in Little Compton, Newport Co, Rhode Island²¹. He died on 04 Mar 1727 in Little Compton, Newport Co, Rhode Island²¹.
- 7. **ENOCH**² **BRIGGS** (John¹ Sr)²²⁻²³ was born about 1652 in Portsmouth, RI. He died in 1734 in Portsmouth, RI. He married Hannah Cook on 02 Mar 1700 in Portsmouth, Newport, Rhode Island, United States²². She was born in 1659 in Portsmouth, Newport, Rhode Island, United States²². She died on 22 Oct 1736 in Portsmouth, Newport, Rhode Island, United States²².

Enoch Briggs²²⁻²³ was born in 1651²³ in Portsmouth, Newport, Rhode Island, United States. He was born in 1651 in Portsmouth, Newport, Rhode Island, United States²². He died in 1734²³ in Portsmouth, Newport, Rhode Island, United States. He died in Apr 1734 in Portsmouth, Newport, Rhode Island, United States²².

Enoch Briggs and Hannah Cook had the following children:

- i. SARAH³ BRIGGS²³ was born in 1695²³ in Rhode Island, , New, England.
- ii. Susanna Briggs²³ was born on 21 Sep 1697²³ in Portsmouth, Newport, Rhode Island, United States. She died on 07 Dec 1771²³ in Portsmouth, Newport, Rhode Island, United States.
- iii. ABIGAIL BRIGGS²³ was born in 1698²³ in Portsmouth, Newport, Rhode Island, United States. She died in 1736²³ in Portsmouth, Newport, Rhode Island, United States.

8. **George³ Northway** (Susannah² Briggs, John¹ Briggs Sr)^{9, 27} was born in Apr 1678 in Portsmouth, Newport, Rhode Island, United States²⁷⁻²⁸. He died on 16 Mar 1773 in Simsbury, Hartford, Connecticut, United States^{9, 27}. He married **Hannah North**. She was born in 1678 in Farmington, Hartford, Connecticut, United States²⁷. She died on 12 May 1752 in Farmington, Hartford, Connecticut, United States²⁷.

George Northway and Hannah North had the following children:

- i. HANNAH⁴ NORTHWAY²⁷ was born on 12 Oct 1706²⁷. She died on 25 May 1752 in Fairmont, Hartford, Connecticut, United States²⁷.
- ii. JOHN NORTHWAY²⁷ was born on 02 Dec 1707 in Wethersfield, Hartford, Connecticut, United States²⁷. He died on 27 Jan 1803²⁷.
- iii. Mary Northway²⁷ was born in 1710²⁷. She died in 1784²⁷.
- iv. Mary Northway²⁷ was born on 10 Jan 1710 in Hartford, Hartford, Connecticut, United States²⁷. She died on 08 Aug 1748 in Farmington, Hartford, Connecticut, United States²⁷.
- v. SAMUEL NORTHWAY²⁷ was born on 17 Apr 1715 in Wethersfield, Hartford, Connecticut, United States²⁷. He died on 16 Mar 1773 in Hartford, Hartford, Connecticut, United States²⁷.
- vi. SARAH NORTHWAY²⁷ was born on 24 Apr 1720 in Hartford, Wexford, Connecticut, United States²⁷.
- vii. JOSIAH NORTHWAY²⁷ was born on 31 Aug 1724 in Hartford, Wexford, Connecticut, United States²⁷. He died in 1748 in Farmington, Hartford, Connecticut, United States²⁷.
- 9. **EDWARD**³ **BRIGGS** (John² Jr, John¹ Sr)^{2, 30-31} was born on 19 Feb 1665/66. He died on 11 May 1718 in Tiverton, Newport, Rhode Island^{2, 31}. He married Sarah Wilcox in 1692 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts³¹. She was born in 1664 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts³¹. She died on 06 Mar 1751 in Tiverton, Newport, Rhode Island³¹.

Edward Briggs^{2, 30-31} was born on 19 Feb 1665 in Tiverton, Newport, Rhode Island³¹. Edward Briggs and Sarah Wilcox had the following children:

- i. CHARLES⁴ BRIGGS³¹ was born on 20 Feb 1711 in Tiverton, Newport, Rhode Island³¹. He died on 01 Jun 1745³¹.
- ii. Josiah Briggs³¹ was born on 04 Mar 1703 in Tiverton, Newport, Rhode Island³¹. He died on 19 Nov 1759 in Tiverton, Newport, Rhode Island³¹.
- iii. WALTER BRIGGS³¹ was born on 19 Feb 1701³¹ in Tiverton, Newport, Rhode Island. He died on 31 Mar 1752 in , Westchester, New York³¹.
- iv. Hannah Briggs³¹ was born on 19 Dec 1698 in Tiverton, Newport, Rhode Island³¹. She died on 01 Jun 1745³¹.
- v. Deborah Briggs³¹ was born on 11 Mar 1693 in Tiverton, Newport, Rhode Island³¹. She died on 01 Jun 1745³¹.
- 10. **Mary**³ **Briggs** (Thomas², John¹ Sr)³² was born on 09 Aug 1671 in Dartmouth, Bristol, MA^{2, 33-34}. She died on 13 Oct 1708 in Dartmouth, Bristol Co., Massachusetts, USA^{2, 32}. She married John Akin in 1687 in Dartmouth, Bristol Co., Massachusetts, USA³². He was born in 1663 in Portsmouth,Newport,Rhode Island,USA³². He died on 13 Jun 1746 in Dartmouth,Bristol,Massachusetts,USA³².

Mary Briggs³² was born on 09 Aug 1671 in Dartmouth, Bristol Co., Massachusetts, USA³².

John Akin^{32, 46} was born in 1663 in Portsmouth, Newport, Rhode Island, USA⁴⁶. He died on 13 Jun 1746 in Dartmouth, Bristol. Massachusetts, USA⁴⁶.

John Akin and Mary Briggs had the following children:

- i. ABIGAIL⁴ HATHAWAY⁴⁶ was born in 1687 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts, United States⁴⁶. She died on 28 Apr 1781 in Commonwealth of Massachusetts, United States of America⁴⁶.
- 16. ii. JOHN AKIN⁴⁶⁻⁴⁸ was born in 1687 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts, United

- States^{47, 49}. He died on 13 Jun 1746 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts, United States⁴⁶⁻⁴⁷. He married Hannah Sherman in 1711⁴⁷. She was born on 23 Jul 1682 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts, United States⁵⁰⁻⁵¹. She died in 1741 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts, United States^{47, 50}.
- iii. DAVID AKIN³² was born on 19 Sep 1689 in Dartmouth, Bristol Co., Massachusetts, USA³². He died in 1779 in Quarker Hill, Dutchess Co., New York, USA³².
- iv. Susannah Akin⁴⁶ was born on 01 Jan 1691 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts, United States⁴⁶. She died on 01 Jan 1691 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts, United States⁴⁶.
- V. DEBORAH AKIN⁴⁶ was born on 30 Dec 1692 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts, USA⁴⁶. She died in Nov 1774 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts, USA⁴⁶.
- vi. MARY AKIN⁴⁶ was born on 23 Jan 1697 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts, USA⁴⁶. She died on 04 Apr 1767 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts, USA⁴⁶.
- vii. HANNAH AKIN⁴⁶ was born on 12 Mar 1699 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts, USA⁴⁶. She died in 1793 in . . . USA⁴⁶.
- viii. JAMES AKIN⁴⁶ was born on 01 Aug 1706 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts, USA⁴⁶. He died on 07 Jan 1804 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts, USA⁴⁶.
- ix. JUDITH AKIN⁴⁶ was born on 17 Oct 1708 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts, USA⁴⁶. She died in Jun 1800 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts, USA⁴⁶.
- 11. Susannah³ Briggs (Thomas², John¹ Sr)³⁵ was born on 14 Mar 1672/73 in Dartmouth, Bristol, MA², ³⁴. She died on 06 Oct 1719 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts², ³⁵-³⁶. She married Stephen Wilcox on 09 Feb 1695 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts³⁵. He was born about 1666 in Portsmouth, Newport, Rhode Island³⁵. He died on 13 Nov 1736 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts, USA³⁵.

Susannah Briggs³⁵ was born on 14 Mar 1672 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts³⁵. Stephen Wilcox and Susannah Briggs had the following children:

- i. STEPHEN⁴ WILCOX³⁵ was born on 10 Jan 1708 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts³⁵.
- ii. ELIZABETH WILCOX³⁵ was born on 18 Jan 1705 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts³⁵.
- iii. THOMAS WILCOX³⁵ was born on 12 Oct 1701 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts³⁵.
- iv. DANIEL WILCOX35 was born on 29 Dec 1699 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts35.
- v. Susannah Wilcox³⁵ was born on 14 Feb 1697 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts³⁵.
- 12. **DeBorah**³ **Briggs** (Thomas², John¹ Sr)³⁷⁻³⁹ was born on 16 Oct 1674 in Dartmouth, Bristol, MA^{2, 34}. She died on 25 Nov 1712 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts, USA^{2, 37-38}. She married (1) **Henry Howland** on 06 Mar 1698 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts Colony³⁷. He was born on 30 Jun 1672 in Darthmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts, USA⁴⁰⁻⁴¹. He died on 16 Sep 1729 in Darthmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts, USA⁴⁰.

Deborah Briggs³⁷⁻³⁹ was born on 16 Oct 1674 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts, United States³⁹. She was born on 16 Oct 1674 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts, USA³⁷. She was born on 16 Oct 1674 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts, USA³⁸. She died on 25 Nov 1712 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts, United States³⁹.

Deborah Briggs had the following children:

- i. ABIGAIL⁴ HOWLAND³⁹ was born on 09 May 1708 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts, United States³⁹. She died in Jul 1708 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts, United States³⁹.
- ii. MERCY HOWLAND³⁹ was born on 27 May 1706 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts, USA³⁹.
- iii. MARY HOWLAND³⁹ was born on 27 May 1706 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts, USA³⁹. She died in Dartsmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts, USA³⁹.

Henry Howland³⁷⁻⁴¹ was born on 30 Jun 1672 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts, United States³⁹. He was born on 30 Jun 1672 in Marshfield, Plymouth, Massachusetts, USA³⁸. He died on 03 Jun 1718 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts, USA⁴¹. He died on 16 Sep 1729 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts, United States³⁹. He died in Marshfield, Plymouth, Massachusetts, USA³⁸. He died (Y³⁷).

Henry Howland married Deborah Briggs in 1695 in Marshfield, Plymouth, Massachusetts, United States³⁸. He married Deborah Briggs on 03 Jun 1698³⁹.

Henry Howland and Deborah Briggs had the following children:

- i. EDWARD⁴ HOWLAND³⁹⁻⁴⁰ was born on 10 Mar 1697/98 in Darthmouth, Bristol, MA⁴⁰. He died on 29 Nov 1753 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts, USA³⁹.
 - Edward Howland³⁹⁻⁴⁰ was born on 10 Mar 1698 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts, USA³⁹. He died in 1753 in Darthmouth, Bristol, MA⁴⁰.
- ii. ZOETH HOWLAND³⁹ was born on 02 Nov 1701 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts, USA³⁹. He died in Westport, Bristol, Massachusetts, USA³⁹.
- iii. HENRY HOWLAND³⁹ was born on 03 Apr 1703 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts, USA³⁹. He died on 22 Aug 1815 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts, USA³⁹.
- iv. PRINCE HOWLAND³⁹ was born in 1704 in Marshfield, Plymouth, Massachusetts, USA³⁹.
- v. ELIZA HOWLAND³⁹ was born in 1708 in Marshfield, Plymouth, Massachusetts, USA³⁹.
- vi. ABIGAIL HOWLAND³⁹ was born on 09 May 1708 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts, USA³⁹. She died in Jul 1708 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts, USA³⁹.
- vii. THOMAS HOWLAND³⁹ was born on 06 Jun 1709 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts, USA³⁹.
- viii. HANNAH HOWLAND³⁸⁻³⁹ was born on 01 Aug 1711 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts, USA³⁸. She died on 25 Jul 1792 in Sandwich, Bristol, Massachusetts, USA³⁸.

Hannah Howland³⁸⁻³⁹ was born on 17 Sep 1711 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts, United States³⁹. She died on 21 Aug 1746 in Sep, Swietokrzyskie, Poland³⁹.

13. **Hannah** Briggs (Thomas², John¹ Sr) was born on 01 May 1676 in Dartmouth, Bristol, MA², 33-34. She died on 13 Feb 1718/19 in Newport, Rhode Island², 42. She married **William Dyer**. He was born in Little Compton, Rhode Island⁴2. He died on 21 Apr 1719 in Newport, Rhode Island⁴2.

Hannah Briggs was born on 01 May 1676 in Dartmouth, Massachusettes⁴². She also went by the name of Hannah Briggs*⁴².

William Dyer and Hannah Briggs had the following children:

- i. WILLIAM⁴ DYER⁴² was born on 15 May 1705 in Newport, Rhode Island⁴². He died in Sep 1797 in Newport, Rhode Island⁴².
- ii. CHARLES DYER⁴² was born on 02 Mar 1706/07 in Newport, Rhode Island⁴².
- iii. Mary Dyer⁴² was born on 05 Nov 1709 in Newport, Rhode Island⁴².
- iv. SAMUEL DYER⁴² was born on 04 May 1712 in Newport, Rhode Island⁴².
- 14. **John**³ **Briggs** (Thomas², John¹ Sr)⁴³ was born on 02 Oct 1678 in Dartmouth, Bristol, MA^{2, 33-34, 44}. He died on 11 Jul 1753 in Quaker Hill Oblong, Dutchess, New York, United States⁴⁴. He married Patience Weston in 1702 in Dartmouth,,Massachusetts,USA⁴³. She was born in 1684 in Hill,Dutchess,New York,USA⁴³. She died in 1753⁴³.

John Briggs⁴³ was born on 02 Oct 1678 in Dartmouth,Bristol,Massachusetts,USA⁴³. John Briggs and Patience Weston had the following children:

- i. MARY⁴ BRIGGS⁴³ was born in 1710⁴³.
- ii. Ruth Briggs⁴³ was born on 17 Oct 1708⁴³.

- iii. THOMAS BRIGGS⁴³ was born on 02 Oct 1704 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts, United States⁴³. He died in 1729⁴³.
- 17. iv. Weston Spooner Briggs 52 was born on 04 Mar 1702 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts $^{44, \, 52}$. He died in 1729 43 . He married Content Howland. She was born on 20 Dec 1702 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts 52 . She died in 1802 in , , USA 52 .
 - v. Jeremiah Briggs⁴³ was born in 1706 in Hill, Dutchess, New York, USA⁴³. He died in Jan 1761 in Hill, Dutchess, New York, USA⁴³.
- 15. **THOMAS**³ **BRIGGS JR**. (Thomas², John¹ Sr)⁴⁵ was born on 27 Apr 1684 in Dartmouth, Bristol, MA², ³⁴. He died on 21 May 1734 in Will probated.⁴⁵. He married Mary Allen on 25 Apr 1706 in Dartmouth, Bristol Co., MA⁴⁵. She was born on 09 Jun 1682 in ., Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts⁴⁵. She died about 1734 in Exec of Thomas' will.⁴⁵.

Thomas Briggs jr. 45 was born on 27 Apr 1684 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts 45 . He died before 21 May 1733 2 .

Thomas Briggs ir. and Mary Allen had the following children:

- i. Thomas⁴ Briggs⁴⁵ was born on 12 Mar 1706⁴⁵.
- ii. EBENEZER BRIGGS⁴⁵ was born on 15 Oct 1708⁴⁵.
- iii. BENJAMIN BRIGGS⁴⁵ was born on 16 Dec 1710⁴⁵.
- iv. EDWARD BRIGGS⁴⁵ was born on 04 Oct 1712 in Dartmouth, Bristol, MA⁴⁵.
- v. Thankful Briggs⁴⁵ was born on 19 Oct 1714 in Dartmouth, Bristol, MA⁴⁵.
- vi. Job Briggs⁴⁵ was born on 28 Nov 1717⁴⁵.
- vii. Paul Briggs⁴⁵ was born on 14 May 1721⁴⁵.
- viii. Daniel Briggs⁴⁵ was born on 09 Nov 1723 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts⁴⁵. He died on 14 Jul 1801 in White Creek, Washington, New York, USA⁴⁵.
- ix. Mary Briggs⁴⁵ was born on 26 Jun 1727⁴⁵.

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16. **JOHN⁴ AKIN** (Mary³ Briggs, Thomas² Briggs, John¹ Briggs Sr)⁴⁶⁻⁴⁸ was born in 1687 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts, United States^{47, 49}. He died on 13 Jun 1746 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts, United States⁴⁶⁻⁴⁷. He married Hannah Sherman in 1711⁴⁷. She was born on 23 Jul 1682 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts, United States⁵⁰⁻⁵¹. She died in 1741 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts, United States^{47, 50}.

John Akin⁴⁶⁻⁴⁸ was born in 1663 in Portsmouth, Newport, Rhode Island, USA⁴⁸. He died on 13 Jun 1746 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts, USA⁴⁸.

John Akin and Hannah Sherman had the following children:

- i. Benjamin⁵ Akin⁴⁷ was born on 18 May 1715 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts, United States⁴⁷. He died on 10 Apr 1802 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts, United States⁴⁷.
- ii. EBENEZER AKIN⁴⁷ was born on 03 Dec 1716 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts, United States⁴⁷. He died on 16 Nov 1770 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts, United States⁴⁷.
- iii. Susannah Akin⁴⁷ was born on 27 Sep 1718 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts, United States⁴⁷. She died in 1803⁴⁷.
- 18. iv. ELIHU AKIN^{47-48, 50, 53} was born on 06 Aug 1720 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts, United States^{47, 50}. He died on 07 Mar 1799 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts, United States^{47, 50}. He married RUTH PERRY on 12 Jul 1744 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts, USA⁵³. She was born on 30 Jan 1728 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts, USA⁵³. She died in 1790 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts, USA⁵³.
 - v. JOSEPH AKIN⁴⁷ was born in 1722 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts, United

- States⁴⁷. He died in 1748 in Span, Johnson, Georgia, United States⁴⁷.
- vi. ABIGAIL AKIN⁴⁷ was born in 1724 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts, United States⁴⁷. She died in No, Ringkobing, Denmark⁴⁷.
- 17. **Weston Spooner**⁴ **Briggs** (John³, Thomas², John¹ Sr)⁵² was born on 04 Mar 1702 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts^{44, 52}. He died in 1729⁴³. He married **Content Howland**. She was born on 20 Dec 1702 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts⁵². She died in 1802 in , , , USA⁵².

Weston Spooner Briggs⁵² also went by the name of Weston Briggs⁴³.

Weston Spooner Briggs and Content Howland had the following children:

- LYDIA⁵ BRIGGS⁴⁴ was born on 22 Aug 1725 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts, United States⁴⁴.
- ii. WALTER BRIGGS⁴⁴ was born on 25 Nov 1727 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts, United States⁴⁴. He died in Aug 1765 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts, United States⁴⁴. He married Hannah Russell on 10 Mar 1754 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts⁵². She was born on 16 Jul 1726 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts, United States⁵².

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18. **ELIHU**⁵ **AKIN** (John⁴, Mary³ Briggs, Thomas² Briggs, John¹ Briggs Sr)^{47-48, 50, 53} was born on 06 Aug 1720 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts, United States^{47, 50}. He died on 07 Mar 1799 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts, United States^{47, 50}. He married RUTH PERRY on 12 Jul 1744 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts, USA⁵³. She was born on 30 Jan 1728 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts, USA⁵³.

Elihu Akin^{47-48, 50, 53} was born on 06 Aug 1720 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts, USA⁴⁸. He was born on 06 Aug 1720 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts, USA⁵³. He died on 07 Mar 1799 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts, USA⁴⁸. He died on 07 Mar 1799 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts, USA⁵³.

Elihu Akin and RUTH PERRY had the following children:

- i. Rhoda⁶ Akin⁵⁰ was born on 15 Dec 1741⁵⁰. She died in 1810⁵⁰.
- ii. JOHN AIKEN⁵⁰ was born on 12 May 1745 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts, United States⁵⁰. He died on 14 Jan 1801 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts, United States⁵⁰.
- iii. Phebe Akin⁵⁰ was born in Jun 1747 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts, United States⁵⁰. She died in Westport. Fairfield. Connecticut. United States⁵⁰.
- iv. JOSEPH AKIN⁵⁰ was born on 23 Sep 1749 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts, United States⁵⁰. He died on 17 Jan 1750 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts, United States⁵⁰.
- v. WILLIAM AKIN⁵⁰ was born on 10 Dec 1750 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts, United States⁵⁰. He died in 1823 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts, United States⁵⁰.
- vi. RHODA AKIN^{50, 53} was born on 31 Jul 1751 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts, USA⁵³. She died on 23 Jun 1844 in Frankfort, Herkimer, New York, USA⁵³.
 - Rhoda Akin^{50, 53} was born on 31 Jul 1751 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts, United States⁵⁰. She died on 23 Jun 1844 in Frankfort, Herkimer, New York, United States⁵⁰.
- vii. JONATHAN AKIN⁵⁰ was born on 07 Mar 1753 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts, United States⁵⁰. He died on 11 Sep 1813 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts, United States⁵⁰.
- viii. JACOB AKIN⁵⁰ was born on 12 May 1758 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts, United States⁵⁰. He died on 20 Nov 1822 in Mar, Wayne, North Carolina, United States⁵⁰.
- ix. EBENEZER AIKIN^{48, 50} was born on 07 Feb 1761 in Dartmouth, Bristol,

Massachusetts, USA⁴⁸. He died on 29 Sep 1836 in Schenectady, New York, USA⁴⁸.

Ebenezer Aikin^{48, 50} was born on 07 Feb 1761 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts, United States⁵⁰. He died on 29 Sep 1836 in Schenectady, Schenectady, New York, United States⁵⁰.

- x. Ruth Akin⁵⁰ was born on 17 Sep 1763 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts, United States⁵⁰.
- xi. Henry Akin⁵⁰ was born on 20 Jun 1765 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts, United States⁵⁰.
- xii. ABRAHAM AKIN⁵⁰ was born on 03 Jan 1769 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts, United States⁵⁰. He died on 16 May 1770 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts, United States⁵⁰.
- xiii. SILVIA AKIN⁵⁰ was born on 16 May 1771 in Westport, Lincoln, Maine, United States⁵⁰. She died in 1826 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts, United States⁵⁰.
- 19. **Walter**⁵ **Briggs** (Weston Spooner⁴, John³, Thomas², John¹ Sr)⁴⁴ was born on 25 Nov 1727 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts, United States⁴⁴. He died in Aug 1765 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts, United States⁴⁴. He married Hannah Russell on 10 Mar 1754 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts⁵². She was born on 16 Jul 1726 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts, United States⁵².

Walter Briggs and Hannah Russell had the following children:

- REBECCA⁶ BRIGGS⁵² was born on 28 Jul 1756 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts⁵².
- ii. Weston Briggs^{52, 54} was born on 25 Sep 1760 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts, USA⁵². He died on 30 Dec 1859 in Marion, Wayne, New York, United States⁵². He married (1) JUDITH AKIN on 19 Oct 1783 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts, United States⁵⁵. She was born on 04 Jan 1762 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts, USA⁵⁵. She died before 1800. He married (2) RUTH FRANCIS on 11 May 1800 in Dartmouth, Bristol Co., MA.

Generation 6

20. **Weston**⁶ **Briggs** (Walter⁵, Weston Spooner⁴, John³, Thomas², John¹ Sr)^{52, 54} was born on 25 Sep 1760 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts, USA⁵². He died on 30 Dec 1859 in Marion, Wayne, New York, United States⁵². He married (1) **Judith Akin** on 19 Oct 1783 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts, United States⁵⁵. She was born on 04 Jan 1762 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts, USA⁵⁵. She died before 1800. He married (2) **Ruth Francis** on 11 May 1800 in Dartmouth, Bristol Co., MA.

Weston Briggs^{52, 54} died on 30 Dec 1859 in Marion, Wayne, New York, USA⁵⁴.

Weston Briggs and Judith Akin had the following children:

- i. WALTER⁷ BRIGGS⁵⁴ was born on 27 May 1786 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts, United States⁵⁴.
- ii. Humphrey P Briggs⁵⁴ was born in 1788 in Massachusetts, United States⁵⁴. He died in 1875 in New York, United States⁵⁴.
- iii. HANNAH BRIGGS⁵⁴ was born on 14 Mar 1788 in Westport, Bristol, Massachusetts, United States⁵⁴. She died on 24 Aug 1869 in Smithfield, Providence, Rhode Island, United States⁵⁴.
- iv. ELIHU BRIGGS⁵⁵ was born on 29 Apr 1790 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts, United States⁵⁵. He died in 1846⁵⁵.

Weston Briggs and Ruth Francis had the following children:

- V. JOHN WESTON BRIGGS⁵⁴ was born on 27 May 1801 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts, USA⁵⁴. He died on 16 Apr 1878 in Sebewa, Ionia, Mich. (Death Age: 76⁵⁶). He married ELIZABETH CHADWIC. She was born about 1808 in Massachusetts⁵⁶. She died before 1860 in Ohio⁵⁶.
 - vi. DAVID BRIGGS⁵⁴ was born on 18 Aug 1802 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts,

United States⁵⁴. He died on 09 Oct 1851 in Dartmouth, Massachusetts, USA⁵⁴.

Generation 7

21. **JOHN WESTON**⁷ **BRIGGS** (Weston⁶, Walter⁵, Weston Spooner⁴, John³, Thomas², John¹ Sr)⁵⁴ was born on 27 May 1801 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts, USA⁵⁴. He died on 16 Apr 1878 in Sebewa, Ionia, Mich. (Death Age: 76⁵⁶). He married **ELIZABETH CHADWIC**. She was born about 1808 in Massachusetts⁵⁶. She died before 1860 in Ohio⁵⁶.

John Weston Briggs⁵⁴ also went by the name of Weston Briggs⁵⁶.

John Weston Briggs and Elizabeth Chadwic had the following children:

- i. ELIZABETH⁸ BRIGGS⁵⁶ was born about 1833⁵⁶.
- ii. JOHN C BRIGGS⁵⁶ was born in May 1836 in Dartmouth, Massachusetts⁵⁶. He died on 03 Apr 1902 in Sunfield, Eaton, Michigan (Age: 72⁵⁶). He married Susanna H. Gault in 1861⁵⁷. She was born on 13 Oct 1836 in Congress, Wayne, Ohio, USA⁵⁷. She died on 24 Apr 1907 in Lake Odessa, Ionia, Michigan, USA⁵⁷.
 - iii. SAMUEL BRIGGS⁵⁶ was born about 1838⁵⁶.
 - iv. SARAH BRIGGS⁵⁶ was born about 1842⁵⁶.
 - v. EMALINE BRIGGS⁵⁶ was born about 1845⁵⁶.

Generation 8

22. **JOHN C**⁸ **BRIGGS** (John Weston⁷, Weston⁶, Walter⁵, Weston Spooner⁴, John³, Thomas², John¹ Sr)⁵⁶ was born in May 1836 in Dartmouth, Massachusetts⁵⁶. He died on 03 Apr 1902 in Sunfield, Eaton, Michigan (Age: 72⁵⁶). He married Susanna H. Gault in 1861⁵⁷. She was born on 13 Oct 1836 in Congress, Wayne, Ohio, USA⁵⁷. She died on 24 Apr 1907 in Lake Odessa, Ionia, Michigan, USA⁵⁷.

Susanna H. Gault⁵⁷ was born in Oct 1837 in Congress, Wayne, Ohio, USA⁵⁷.

John C Briggs and Susanna H. Gault had the following children:

- i. WILLIAM⁹ BRIGGS⁵⁷ was born about 1857 in Congress, Wayne, Ohio, USA⁵⁷.
- ii. SARIAH BRIGGS⁵⁷ was born about 1860 in Congress, Wayne, Ohio, USA⁵⁷.
- iii. CHARLES BRIGGS⁵⁷ was born about 1863 in Congress, Wayne, Ohio, USA⁵⁷.
- iv. DEDIA BRIGGS⁵⁷ was born about 1867 in Sebewa, Ionia, Michigan, USA⁵⁷.
- v. Dora Briggs⁵⁷ was born about 1870 in Sebewa, Ionia, Michigan, USA⁵⁷.
- vi. Addle Briggs⁵⁷ was born in Oct 1872 in Sebewa, Ionia, Michigan, USA⁵⁷.
- vii. Burtha Briggs⁵⁷ was born about 1874 in Sebewa, Ionia, Michigan, USA⁵⁷.
- viii. MINNIA BRIGGS⁵⁷ was born in Oct 1879 in Sebewa, Ionia, Michigan, USA⁵⁷.

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JOHN BRIGGS. SEN'R, of Portsmouth, for love etc., to my eldest son JOHN BRIGGS of Portsmouth.1/2 of purchaser's share of land in Dartmouth. said land adjoining to land of the Widow Fancy, at Ponagansett. Condition that his wife Hannah, if she survive him, shall enjoy the same during. her life, or while she remains a widow. If she marry again. then to my grandson JOHN, second son of my son JOHN. and his heirs male; and if he die without issue, then to my son JOHN'S next younger son and so on. In rase of failure of all. then to my son JOHN'S eldest son EDWARD, (all to male heirs.) and if he fail, to the nearest heir male of my body. he paying to the daughters of my son JOHN, or their heirs then living, 20 [pounds], and to the others equivalent (in or as money.) Oct. 14, 1679

Edward Lay [his mark]

JOHN BRIGGS

Sen'r [his mark & seal]

JOHN SANFORD,

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A further agreement concerning the above. on p. 205, is as follows:

And it is further agreed, and I. the within named JOHN BRIGGS SEN'R, do give and grant to my said son JOHN BRIGGS, and his heirs as within expressed. that the part or half of my said share of land within given, the bounds thereof shall comprehend and take in all the land iu the said share which my son JOHN hath hroken up and cleared. although the said bounds should extend t he one-half or moiety of the said share. Oct. 14 1679.

JOHN BRIGGS, Sen'r. [his mark & seal] JOHN BRIGGS, Jr. [his mark & seal]

witnesses

Edward Lay [his mark]

John Sanford".

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