

LOWELL FAMILY I

The Lowell family name is found in the Battle Abbey Roll so must have been of Norman origin. Percival Lowell, lived in Kingston-Seymour, Clevedon, Portbury, Weston-in-Gardano, all in Somersetshire, England, and also in Bristol of Gloucestershire. Most of the early records are lost, but they must have been people of means, as they had an authenticated coat of arms. Percival held a number of positions: Lady Elizabeth Berkeley selected him to be estate bailiff for the outlying manor of Portbury; he became Landlord of the Berkley Arms Inn; he convened the manorial court and acted as permanent foreman of the jury. He moved to Bristol, England about 1600, and established a wholesale trading business in exports and imports under the firm name of "Percival Lowle and Company". He was in partnership with son John, and perhaps son Richard and William Gerrish, who married Percival's sister, Mrs. Joanna Oliver, widow of John Oliver. They came to New England because of high taxes, leaving on the ship Jonathan either from Southampton or Plymouth on Apr. 12, 1639 and arriving in Boston in June 23, 1639. The family settled in Newbury, MA. Percival was about 68 years old.

In a poem called "Elegy", which he wrote upon the death of Gov. Winthroe, he showed fluency in English verse, a working knowledge of classical mythology and enough Latin to warrant lapses into that language. He, therefore, must have had a formal education at a local grammar school in England.

(1) PERCIVAL LOWELL (LOWLE), born in England in 1571. Married Rebecca _____, who died in Newbury, MA Dec. 28, 1645. He died Jan. 8, 1664, also in Newbury at age 93. He is buried in the old Burying Ground, west of Rte 1A just north of the old town green in Newbury.

CHILDREN:

*Richard born ca 1602.

#John born ca 1595.

Joan

(2) RICHARD LOWELL, born ca 1602. M. in England, Margaret _____. She died in Newbury, MA on Jan. 27, 1642. He m. (2) Margaret _____, born Nov. 27, 1604. She was living as a widow in 1685/6. He and his wife were members of the Newbury Church. He was called "gentleman", but in June 2, 1650 was relieved as overseer to an estate because he was "sickly and unable to look after their interests". He died Aug. 5, 1682 and left an estate of L671.15.0.

CHILDREN:

*Percival, born 1639.

Rebecca, born Jan. 27, 1642. She died June 1, 1662, m. in Newbury Dec. 5, 1660 Sergeant John Hale, a housewright.

Samuel born 1644, may have returned to England in 1690.

Thomas, born Sept. 28, 1649, a yeoman, and unmarried.
He was living in Newbury, MA in 1711.

(3) PERCIVAL LOWELL, born in Newbury, MA 1639-40, m. in Newbury on Sept. 7, 1664, Mary Chandler, daughter of William and Mary (Fowler) Chandler. William Chandler was born in 1615 and lived in Newbury. He was called a "Planter". He probably married (2) Sarah _____ in 1709. Mary Chandler died Feb. 5, 1708.

CHILDREN:

Richard, born in Newbury on Dec. 25, 1668, m. Apr. 8, 1695 Sarah Brown. He moved to Rowley MA in 1720, and died in Newbury, MA on May 29, 1749. He signed with a mark.

*Capt. Gideon, born in Newbury, Sept. 3, 1672, m. Miriam Swett in Newbury, MA on July 7, 1692, m. (2) Elizabeth Colby. He died in Amesbury, MA before 1753.

Samuel, born in Newbury on Jan. 13, 1675/6. He was a mariner. Had land in Falmouth, ME.

Edmund, born in Newbury, Sept. 24, 1684, m. Apr. 18, 1706 Abigail Hadlock.

Margaret, born in Newbury, MA.

Johanna, born in Newbury ca 1690; m. Jan. 1, 1715, Stephen Fosdick or Hardwick of Charlestown, MA.

(4) CAPTAIN GIDEON LOWELL, born in Newbury, MA, born Sept. 3, 1672, and died in Amesbury, MA before 1753. He m. (1) July 7, 1692, Miriam (Mary) Swett of Newbury, born April 10, 1672, died in Amesbury, MA., Nov. 27, 1734 age 63 years. He m. (2) in Amesbury, June 4, 1735, widow Elizabeth Colby. He was called a cordwainer, mariner and coaster. He called himself a yeoman. He moved about 1719 to Amesbury when he sold his land in Newbury. Tradition says he built a street through his land in Amesbury, and built a house for each of his seven sons and the street was known as Lowell St.

He was a sea captain; built, owned and commanded his vessels - one a "sloupe" or 50 or 60 tons, sailed widely; took his wife Miriam with him often, and probably some of his children were born on these voyages. His son John was said to have been born in South Carolina, while there with his ship. In 1690 he was a soldier in the 1st expedition to Canada. Tradition says he may have been a privateer. He owned a wharf near "Ames' wharf", where he landed his cargos of "Rhum" and "Shugar".

CHILDREN:

Mary, born Mar. 1, 1692/3, m. July 9, 1715 Zechariah Philbrook of Hampton, MA.

Lieutenant John born in South Carolina Feb. 1, 1696/7, died before 1748. He m. in Amesbury Jan. 4, 1722/3, Rachel Sargent.

Capt. Samuel G., Born probably in 1698, m. in Amesbury on Oct. 26, 1721 Hannah Currier. He was also a sea captain, and was called an "inn-holder" in Amesbury, MA. He was a soldier from Dec. 1755 to Jan. 1756.

Gideon, born probably 1700, died before Oct. 28, 1765. He m. at Amesbury, MA on Jan. 3, 1723 Mary Blaisdell, He probably served in the French and Indian War in Col Williard's Regiment. He was a mariner and lived in Amesbury, MA.

Stephen, born in Newbury, MA on Feb. 19, 1703, died Oct. 27, 1776. He m. in Salisbury, MA Dec. 22, 1727, Miriam Collins of Salisbury, he was a mariner.

*Corporal Moses, born probably in 1705, m. in Amesbury, MA on Aug. 6, 1730, Frances Colby, daughter of Thomas and Frances Colby. Moses was a yeoman and lived in Amesbury. He was a soldier; corporal, in the expedition to Crown Point and at Fort William Henry 1756.

Hannah, born Apr. 11, 1707 in Amesbury, MA, m. Thomas Cottle Jan. or Nov. 6, 1725.

Abner (Capt.), born Nov. 29, 1711.

Jonathan, born Mar. 24, 1714, m. Hannah _____.

Joseph

(5) CORPORAL MOSES LOWELL, born probably in 1705, m. in Amesbury, MA on Aug. 6, 1730, Frances Colby of Amesbury.

CHILDREN:

Thomas, born in Amesbury, MA on Feb. 15, 1732/3, m. in Amesbury Mar. 30, 1754 Sarah Brackett.

Moses Jr., born in Amesbury, MA on Feb. 2, 1736, died in Grove, NY, m. in Amesbury, perhaps in 1760, Miriam Knowlton. In about 1778, he and his brother Daniel settled in Standish and Hiram, ME. He was a shipwright. He moved to New York with his family and settled in Grove, Allegheny Co., NY. He is said to have been in the Revolution in the Battle of Bunker Hill with his oldest son and perhaps other sons; the oldest son, tradition says, was killed in that battle.

Affia, born in Amesbury, MA on Apr. 21, 1741.

*Daniel, born in Amesbury, MA on Feb. 20, 1744, died in Standish, ME on Mar. 14, 1828, m. in Amesbury on Aug. 29, 1765

Mercy Davis of Newbury, MA, who died in Standish on Sept. 11, 1817. He was a corwainer and bought land in Epping, NH. He also had land in Brentwood, NH and lived there in 1777. He was in the war from Amesbury, MA, probably at Crown Point NY in 1759 and 1760. He was a farmer.

(6) DANIEL LOWELL, born in Amesbury, MA on Feb. 20, 1744, died in Standish, ME on Mar. 14, 1828, m. in Amesbury on Aug. 29, 1765 Mercy Davis of Newbury, MA.

CHILDREN:

Sylvanus, born in Epping, NH on Feb. 20, 1767, died Mar. 20, 1826; probably m. Patty Fuller; m. (2) Mrs. Jones.

Nathaniel, born in Epping, NH, May 7, 1769, died July 20, 1858; m. Feb. 23, 1788, Dorcas Meserve; m. (2) Betsey Low.

Marcy, born in Epping, NH, Dec. 10, 1771, died Jan. 30, 1858, m. at Fryebury, ME, Feb. 17, 1793 William Lamson. (She is sometimes called Mercy).

John, born in Brentwood, NH, July 4, 1774, died at Standish, ME, Sept. 28, 1835, m. 1807 Abigail M. Sewall. He was a trader and farmer, and lived in Standish.

Daniel, born in Brentwood, NH on Aug. 5, 1776, died Mar. 30, 1828. Intentions published on Jan. 17, 1799 with Marcy Higgins of Gorham, ME; m. June 12, 1812, Experience Higgins of Buxton, ME. He settled in Bridgton, ME and resided there until he died.

*Mary (Polly), born in Standish, ME, Apr. 8, 1779, died Mar. 15, 1872 age 92 yrs, 11 mos, m. Apr. 23, 1797, Samuel Dennett Jr., formerly of Saco, ME, died Feb. 22, 1844, age 74 yrs, 2 mos.

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LOWELL FAMILY II

Follow Lowell Family I through the first generation.

(2) JOHN LOWELL, born in England in 1595, m. in England Margaret _____, who died Nov. 28, 1639, and m. (2) in 1639 in Newbury, MA Elizabeth Goodale, who died in April 1651. He was a constable in 1641, a deputy in the General Court in 1644; town clerk in 1645; court commissioner for Newbury 1642-46. Was a glover in Eng.

CHILDREN: (By first wife)

John, born in England in 1629; died in Boston, MA Jan. 7, 1694, m. Jan. 3, 1653 Hannah Proctor; m. (2) Elizabeth Sylvester on Jan. 23, 1644. He was a cooper, and lived in Scituate, MA; Rehobath, MA and Boston, MA.

Mary, born in England in 1633, m. Thomas Wyburn of Boston, MA.

Peter, born in England about 1635.

James, born in England about 1637.

Joseph, born in Newbury, MA Nov. 28, 1639, died in Boston, MA Aug. 19, 1705, and is buried in the Old Granary Cemetery. He m. Mar. 8, 1660, Abigail Proctor. He was a cooper

(By second wife)

#Benjamin, born in Newbury, MA Sept. 12, 1642, died in Newbury, MA Oct. 22, 1714. M. Ruth Woodman, and was made a freeman on May 19, 1669. He was called Sergt, and was a blacksmith.

Thomas, born in Newbury, MA June 4, 1644, probably died young.

Elizabeth, born in Newbury, MA Feb. 16, 1646, died in Rowley, MA Dec. 14, 1731. She m. Capt. Phillip Nelson on Jan. 1, 1667.

(3) BENJAMIN LOWELL, born in Newbury, MA Sept. 12, 1642, died in Newbury, MA on Oct. 22, 1714; m. Ruth Woodman, daughter of Edward Woodman and Joanna.

CHILDREN:

Ruth, born at Newbury Sept. 4, 1667.

Elizabeth, born at Newbury, Oct. 16, 1669, m. Francis M Willet on Jan. 29, 1696.

Mary, born at Newbury, Nov. 18, 1671, died young.

Benjamin, born at Newbury, Feb. 5, 1674.

Sarah, born at Newbury March 15 or 19, 1676, died soon.

Sarah (again), born at Newbury May 6, 1678, m. Ebenezer Knowlton Feb. 14, 1699.