

WILLIAMS FAMILY

(1) WILLIAM WILLIAMS was born in 1597 in Yarmouth Parish, Norfolk, England. He came to New England on the ship JOHN AND DOROTHY to Watertown, MA. He was in Oyster Bay, NH (Durham) by 1646. His first wife is not known; he married (2) Agnes Field, a widow; m. (3) widow Mary Beard on Mar. 23, 1686. He had a grant of 20 acres in 1651; 5 acres in 1660; and 100 acres in 1662. On Mar. 23, 1686/7 he and his wife Mary gave a joint deed to Samuel Hill and his wife, granddaughter Elizabeth, of 40 acres of land. They apparently went to live with the Hills who in 1713 were the executors of his will. "Old Sister Williams, ill and crazy three years, died in June 1704."

CHILDREN:

Matthew, born ca 1625.

*William, born ca. 1630, m. Margaret Stevenson.

Mary ?

Elizabeth ?

(2) WILLIAM WILLIAMS, born ca 1630, was granted 10 acres of land in 1653, a small lot between Matthew and William Williams in 1658; and 5 acres in 1660. He and his father were constables in 1657, and served on the jury in 1696. He married Margaret Stevenson. In Dec. 12, 1701 he made over all of his estate to son John for their support. Will dated Aug. 28, 1713; probated Mar. 28, 1823.

CHILDREN:

William born Dec. 22, 1662; died before 1707.

John born Mar. 30, 1664.

*Elizabeth, born Oct. 25, 1665, m. Samuel Hill, Oct. 28, 1680.

Thomas

Samuel, m. Elizabeth Stevenson by 1712.

WILLIX FAMILY

(1) BALTHASAR WILLIX was the son of Balthasar and Anne Willex. He was baptized in Alford Lincolnshire on July 27, 1595. He had two brothers as follows: Peregrinus, baptized July 22, 1593, and Eduardus, baptized April 30, 1598. It appears that he was not English, as it is mentioned often after he came to America, that he was a "foreigner". He apparently was a learned man for the times, and was mentioned that he had a good strong hand-writing, and seemed to be well educated. He came to Exeter, NH about the year 1644. He had married Mary (sometimes called Hannah or Annah), widow of Thomas Hawksworth. He was one of the signers of the Exeter Petition of 1643 to the General Court of MA, to be taken under their government. One of the smaller shares of lands was allotted him in the beginning of 1640.

In the month of May or June, 1648, Mrs. Willix went by water from Exeter to Oyster river in Dover, to dispose of some cattle. She seems to have been a woman of business capacity, and it may be that her husband, who was apparently a foreigner, thought her more likely to be successful in her dealings than himself. Robert Hethersay or Hersey, rowed her to Dover in his canoe, and engaged also to return with her in the same conveyance, when her business was accomplished.

She sold the cattle, and received payment partly in corn, and the residue, three pounds, in money. Then she proceeded to the landing at Oyster river, to meet and return with Hersey, but he was not to be found. He must have gone off with his canoe without waiting for her, for what cause we do not know.

Then what happened can only be conjectured. When she attempted to return home by land or employed some person to transport her in a boat is not known. The fact that she had a considerable sum of money with her must have been known. Her dead body was found in the river, bearing marks of brutal violence. Her shocked husband charged Hersey with negligence, and he in turn made insinuations against the character of the murdered woman. Willix brought two suits against Hersey - one of breach of contract for failing to return with his wife and one of defamation of his wife's character. However, he eventually dropped the suit. The murder was never solved.

Not long after this Willix moved to Salisbury, MA and there married Mary, the widow of Thomas Hauxton. He died in Salisbury on March 23, 1655. His widow became insane and was under a guardianship in 1667. She died in July 1675.

CHILDREN: (By 1st marriage)

Haselphena (Hazelpony) , m. John Gee, m (2) Obadiah Woods

Annah, m. Robert Roscoe, 2-James Blount, 3-Seth Southel,
governor of NC, 4-Col. John Lear.

Susannah, m. Francis Jownes.

(2) HASELPHENA (HAZELPONY) WILLIX, born ca 1636. Married John Gee of Boston. Haselphena married(2) Obadiah Wood of Ipswich MA on Nov. 19, 1671. She was baptized in First Church of Boston on Sept. 19, 1671. She was a servant to Henry Waltham of Weymouth. CHILDREN: (1st marriage)

* Mary, m. Thomas Pickering

John, b. May 27, 1662 in Boston, MA.

Anna, m. Samuel Hodgkins of Gloucester

Martha, m. Thomas Cotes

There may have been a divorce with Haselphena and John Gee, as he was still living when she married Obadiah Wood. It was remarked by a William Harris that Obadiah Wood brought her from Boston to Ipswich, that her former husband was living in Martha's Vineyard. She had lived there also in Edgartown, where daughter Mary Gee had gone to school. She is buried in the Ancient Burying Ground in Ipswich, MA, where she died Nov. 27, 1714 age 78.

SEE GEE FAMILY

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WOODMAN FAMILY

(1) EDWARD WOODMAN, came to New England on the ship James of London, sailing from Southampton on Apr. 6, 1635 and arriving June 3, 1635. He brought his wife and sons, Edward and John. He settled in Newbury, MA and his son Joshua, was the first English male child born in the town. He held many town positions beginning in 1636, when he chose selectman; he was chosen Lieutenant in the war against the Pequods; in 1638, he was chosen commissioner of small causes; 1647 moderator of the town assembly; and was the leader of one faction during a split in the church.

CHILDREN:

Edward, born in England in 1628, m. Dec. 20, 1753, Mary Goodridge.

John born in England, m. July 15, 1656, Mary Field. They moved to Dover, where he was a freeman in 1666. Was a captain, and died in 1707.

Joshua, born in Newbury in 1636/7, died May 30, 1703, age 67, m. Elizabeth Stevens Jan. 22, 1666.

Sarah, born Jan. 12, 1642, m. John Kent Jr.

Jonathan, born Nov. 1643, m. Hannah Hilton July 2, 1668. He was a shipbuilder.

*Ruth, born Mar. 28, 1646, m. Benjamin Lowell, Oct. 17, 1666.

Mary, m. John Brown.

Edward Sr. came from Malford, England. In Newbury, MA, he was licensed to sell "wine and strong water" March 12, 1637. His wife was named Joanna _____, and was alive in Nov. 1653. The date of his death is unknown, but before Nov. 9, 1653.

SEE LOWELL FAMILY II (3)
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