

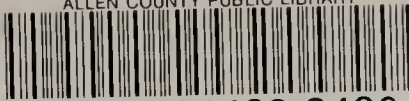


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This is a record of some of the ancestors and descendants of Willis Johnson Ripley (1822-1869) and his wife Delite (Post) Ripley (1829-1900). There are doubtless many more ancestors that can be added to the list by a search of early New England Histories and genealogies, but this is at least a start.

The record of the Ripley family in England was obtained from the Wymondham, England Baptism Register and was furnished by Miss Anne Eden, daughter of Rev. Canon Eden of Wymondham, Norfolk, about forty-five years ago.

Authority for most of the other data is as follows:

History of Hingham, Massachusetts  
Mitchell's History of Bridgewater, Massachusetts  
History of Roxbury, Massachusetts  
Plumb Family Genealogy  
Records of Herman Post, Buffalo, N. Y.  
Records of Rev. G. H. Post, Jellico, Tennessee  
Various Town Records

The authority for the Francis Cooke line may be found in the Mayflower Society files, and, of course, the more recent data is from family recordings.

The arrangements is by families. The start is made with the Ripley line which is brought down to date. Then the Hobart line is brought down to Elizabeth Hobart, third generation, who married John Ripley, second generation, and so on. Then Delite (Post) Ripley's ancestry starts with Stephen Post, 1634, and follows the families that married into the Post line.

The variation in the spelling of names may be largely due to the recording of Town Clerks.

The work has required a great deal of time and care, and it is sincerely hoped that a minimum of errors have crept in. The task has been an enjoyable one.

Willis Johnson Ripley, II  
Grand Rapids, Michigan

January, 1941



The will of WILLIAM RIPLEY, glover of Wymondham, Norfolk County, England, dated August 31, 1619 is on file in the Archdeaconry Court of Norfolk (Original will No. 139 of File for 1619). He bequeathed "All my houses, lands and tenements, both free and bond, in Wramplingham in the County of Norfolk" to his son Richard Ripley; and there are other bequests to his children Elizabeth, ffrauncys, Robert, William and Abraham - a copy of the will may be found later in this record.

Wramplingham is a small town, and it may be that William Ripley moved to Wymondham (pronounced Windham), a larger nearby town where there would be more business for his trade of glover.

The Wymondham Baptism Register shows the following baptisms of the children of William Ripley, doubtless the son of the William, whose will is noted above:

John Ripply, January 1, 1621/22

Abraham Ripply, May 9, 1624

Sarah Ripply, October 28, 1627.

The town history of Hingham, Massachusetts states that William Ripley came to Hingham in 1638 with his children John, Abraham and Sarah; and that the towns of Hingham and Windham, Conn. were settled very largely by people from Hingham and Wymondham, England, which were a few miles apart.

WILLIAM RIPLEY born and married in England. The name of his wife, the mother of his children is unknown. This William settled in Hingham, Massachusetts with his children 1638 and he was the first of the name in New England. His children were:

JOHN, bt. Jan'y 1, 1621/2 m. Elizabeth Hobart

ABRAHAM, bt. May 9, 1624 m. Mary Farnsworth

SARAH, bt. October 28, 1627 m. Jeremiah Beal

A DAUGHTER name unknown.

William married 2nd Mrs. Elizabeth Thaxter, widow of Thomas Thaxter, Sept. 29, 1654. The family lived in Hingham, and William's will, dated June 30, 1656 will be found later in this record. The inventory of the estate taken July 20, 1656 shows a value of 332 Pounds, which was a modest fortune in those days.

JOHN RIPLEY (William) was baptized in Wymondham, England January 1, 1621/22 and came to Hingham, Mass. with his father in 1638, where he lived and died.

He married Elizabeth Hobart, who was born in England in 1632. She was the daughter of Rev. Peter Hobart, the first minister in Hingham. She died March 26, 1692.



John had land granted him at Hingham in 1655, Freeman May 14, 1656. He resided in the paternal homestead in Hingham. Served in King Phillip's War in garrison at Punckapauge, roll dated June 24, 1676. His will, dated Jan. 21, 1683/4, proved March 27 following. They had seven children - JOHN, Joshua, Jeremiah, Josiah, Peter, Rebecca and Hezekiah.

JOHN RIPLEY (John - William) was born in Hingham February 20, 1655/6; married Oct. 13, 1686 Jane \_\_\_\_\_. Resided on Main St. near Bull's Pond, Hingham. Served in King Phillip's War, in garrison at Punckapauge at the same time as his father. Roll dated, June 24, 1676. Also in same year in cavalry troop of Capt. Thomas Prentice. He died at Hingham Sept. 27, 1720. Children, all born in Hingham, were John, HEZEKIAH, Jael, Bathsheba, Charles and Deborah.

HEZEKIAH RIPLEY (John - John - William) born in Hingham, March 29, 1693; married February 16, 1715/6, Sarah, daughter of Stephen and Sarah (Warren) Garnett - the name has been modernized by some into Garner and Gardner. Sarah was born in Hingham, July 31, 1691. Hezekiah died in Hingham, June 20, 1736. Children, all born in Hingham, were Hezekiah, Joshua, John, Abner, Sarah, Mary, Lemuel, Jane and WILLIAM.

WILLIAM RIPLEY (Hezekiah - John - John - William) baptized in Hingham, April 6, 1735; married in 1758 to Lydia Hunt of Duxbury, Mass., daughter of William and Sarah Hunt; she died Dec. 23, 1774. He lived in Duxbury and was "cast away on Duxbury beach Nov. 17, 1766 and drowned, age 32". Their children born in Duxbury were Rebecca (who married Nathaniel Alden, a descendant of John Alden and Priscilla Mullins), PIRAM, William and Pelham.

PIRAM RIPLEY (William - Hezekiah - John - John - William) was born in Duxbury, Mass., Nov. 22, 1762 and resided in Norwich, New London County, Conn., where he first enlisted in the Revolutionary War; then in the winter of 1781 moved to New Lebanon, Columbia County, N. Y., where he lived three years. He was married in 1785 to Hannah Plumb, daughter of John and Dorothy Plumb of Middletown, Conn. (See Plumb Line). She was born in 1769 and died in Franklinville, N. Y. in 1842. She lived to see a family of eighty children, grand-children and great grand-children.

From New Lebanon, Piram went to Coxsackie, Green County; to Middleburgh, Schoharie County; to Richmond, Ontario County and finally after the year 1800 settled in Livonia, Livingston County, all in New York. He resided for a time in Saline, Mich. Later, in the fall of 1839, he lived with a daughter in Franklinville, N. Y. where he died March 23, 1844. He is buried in Franklinville and his monument was



erected by a grandson, Henry Fitch Blount of Washington, D.C. His wife Hannah lies beside him. The inscription reads "A Soldier of the Revolution of 1776". Mr. Blount also erected a Public Library in Franklinville which he gave to the city.

Piram enlisted at the age of 15 years 3 months on the frigate Oliver Cromwell as a powder boy in February, 1778 at Norwich, Conn.; enlisted at Norwich, Conn. in December, 1778 on the frigate Confederacy and was discharged at Chester near Philadelphia, when his enlistment expired in October, 1779. He enlisted for various periods with the land forces in Connecticut and New York state - July 1, 1780, April, 1781 and April, 1782, being finally discharged in January, 1784. His pension vouchers are on file in the office of the Third Auditor of the U. S. Treasury. (Ref.: "Conn. Men in the Revolution"; also "New England History and Gen. Reg." vol. 22)

Piram and Hannah had 12 children;

- I. William Plumb, b. Feb. 26, 1786. m. Cynthia Spencer
- II. TYRANNUS, b. April 26, 1788. m. Rebekah Howe
- III. Fannie, b. May 5, 1790. d. 1792
- IV. Piram B., b. March 22, 1792. m. Harriet Blake
- V. Rebecca, b. Dec. 2, 1794. m. Walter Blount - parents of Henry Fitch Blount
- VI. Dorothy, b. Dec. 31, 1796. m. Mial Mason
- VII. James Plumb, b. July 17, 1799. unmarried
- VIII. Susan, b. Oct. 3, 1801. m. Carver Robinson
- IX. Joseph Staples, b. Oct. 16, 1803. m. Joanna Kneeland
- X. John Fitch, b. April 25, 1806. m. Elizabeth Howe
- XI. Laura, b. Jan. 18, 1808. m. Daniel D. Wallace
- XII. Louisa Elmina, b. Feb. 11, 1813. m. Thomas W. Aldrich

TYRANNUS RIPLEY (Piram - William - Hezekiah - John - John - William) born April 26, 1788 near Albany, N. Y., and died January 4, 1881 at Dansville, N. Y., where he is buried. Married November 24, 1811 by the Rev. S. Goodall to Rebekah Howe - daughter of John and Lydia (Johnson) Howe. She was born in Strafford, Orange County, Vermont, February 13, 1795 and died October 18, 1878 at Lakeville, N. Y. She, also, is buried at Dansville. Their 8 oldest children were born in Livonia, Livingston County, N. Y. and the 2 youngest in Geneseo, Livingston County, N. Y.

Tyrannus took up land on the east side of Conesus Lake in the town of Livonia and was a farmer. He was a soldier in the War of 1812 and served in the infantry. The most important of the engagements in which he participated were the battles of Chippewa, July 5th and Niagara (Lundy's Lane), July 25, 1814.

Of their ten children Rev. Horatio Marsh Ripley, Rev. Merrill W. Ripley, and Rev. Dr. Allen P. Ripley were Methodist ministers in the Genesee Conference in Western New York.





- I. Horatio Marsh, b. Dec. 27, 1812. m. Mary M. Reynolds
- II. Zabad Howe, b. Aug. 25, 1814. m. Maria A. Cotton  
(A physician and surgeon in the Union Army for three years. Died in Washington and buried in Arlington.)
- III. Lemam Gibbs, b. July 22, 1816. m. Sophia Wicks  
(He conducted a jewelry store in Dansville.)
- IV. Allen Plumb, b. June 1, 1818. m. Cornelia Smith  
m. 2nd. Florella Celesta Morse.
- V. Oscar Edwin, b. May 27, 1820. m. Sarah A. Meyers  
(They conducted a female seminary at Alexandria, Va. in 1858-9, at Washington in 1860 and at Gosport, N. Y. later.)
- VI. WILLIS JOHNSON, b. May 13, 1822. m. Delite Post
- VII. Lydia Louisa, b. May 4, 1824. m. Rev. Elias W. Buck
- VIII. Piram Clinton, b. July 23, 1826. d. unmarried,  
Oct. 10, 1863
- IX. Merrill Washington, b. July 14, 1828,  
m. Lucenia Martha Spencer
- X. Mary Jane, b. June 9, 1830. d. May 10, 1892  
m. James Harvey Wells -  
their children
  - I. Florence Amelia, b. Mar. 18, 1854.  
m. William F. Mastin  
The children of Florence and William F. Mastin were Francis W., b. Mar. 8, 1881- Florence Ripley, b. Mar., 1886 - Robert R., Oct. 13, 1887.
  - II. Mary Josephine, b. Nov. 7, 1857. m. Wm. E. Drake

WILLIS JOHNSON RIPLEY (Tyrannus - Piram - William - Hezekiah - John - John - William) was born in Livonia, Livingston County, N. Y. May 13, 1822, married in Saline, Mich. Jan'y 4. 1849 to Delite Post, daughter of Jeremiah and Lucy (Winter) Post. She was born Mary 22, 1829 in Saline, Mich., where, also, was born their oldest child shortly after which they removed to Conesus, Livingston County, N. Y., where the rest of their children, except the youngest, were born.

About 1866 the family moved to Grand Rapids, Michigan, where Mr. Ripley engaged in the lumber business. He accidently lost his life May 16, 1869. Delite (Post) Ripley died June 23, 1900, and both are buried in the family lot in Oakhill Cemetery, Grand Rapids, Mich. (See Post Line)

Their children were -

- I. Edith Rebekah, b. Nov. 27, 1850. d. Feb. 8, 1865
- II. Flora Lucy, b. Dec. 2, 1853, m. in Chicago, Ill., Oct. 5, 1875, John Richard Wilson, for many years publisher and proprietor of the Chicago Evening Journal. He was born in Hornellsville, N. Y. April 28, 1852 and died April 7, 1903.



Their children were Charles Ripley Wilson, b. May 17, 1877; Edith Delite Wilson, b. Oct. 20, 1880 and Ripley Wilson, b. Dec. 29, 1887. Charles and Ripley never married. Ripley Wilson was in the American Consular Service and was stationed in London at the time of the first World War. He died Oct. 2, 1917.

Edith Delite Wilson married Lucius Rossiter and resides in Hartford, Conn.

III. Annie Lydia, b. July 3, 1855, died March 8, 1856.

IV. Lelila Delite, b. Nov. 4, 1858, married in 1877, to Samuel Woodruff Odell, a lumberman and real-estate dealer at Muskegon, Mich. He was born June 11, 1824 in Mayfield, N. Y., and died in Muskegon, December 25, 1883. He is buried in Mayfield. Their children were - Ruth, died in infancy - John Ripley Odell born in Shelby, Mich., Sept. 25, 1879 - Samuel Odell, born in Shelby, Mich., Aug. 30, 1881.

John Ripley Odell married Florence Mildred Livingstone in Detroit, June 2, 1908. She was born in Detroit, March 22, 1881. He died Oct. 1, 1936. Their children were John Ripley Odell, born Nov. 25, 1911 - Florence Livingstone Odell, born Dec. 3, 1914, married June 25, 1938 to William Hendrie Ledyard (a son, John Odell Ledyard, b. Apr. 4, 1940) - Susan Delite Odell, b. Sept. 25, 1916 - and Helen Lucenia Odell, b. March 12, 1920.

Samuel Odell married Dec. 21, 1922, Marion McQuarrie. Their daughter, Mary Anna Odell was born July 18, 1926.

V. Cornelia, b. Aug. 20, 1860. Died in Florence, Italy Nov. 14, 1926, unmarried.

VI. Lucenia Martha, b. Nov. 26, 1865, unmarried. A graduate of the University of Chicago. Taught in high schools many years.

VII. Willis Johnson, b. in Grand Rapids, Mich., Aug. 31, 1867; married June 11, 1901, Laura May Wait in Evanston, Ill. She was born in Loda, Ill., Jan. 7, 1869 and died in Grand Rapids, Nov. 25, 1939. She is buried in Oakhill Cemetery, Grand Rapids. Willis Johnson Ripley, who compiled this family history resides (1941) in Grand Rapids, Mich.



HOBART LINE

EDMUND HOBART was born in Hingham, England about 1570; arrived in Charlestown, Mass. 1633 and died in Hingham, Mass. March 8, 1646. His wife was Margaret Dewey.

REV. PETER HOBART (Edmund) was baptized in Hingham, England, Oct. 13, 1604. Was at Charlestown in 1635. He was the first minister of Hingham. The name of his wife is not known. He died in Hingham, Jan. 20, 1679.

ELIZABETH HOBART (Peter - Edmund) was born in Hingham, England in 1632. Married John Ripley (William).



GARDNER LINE

JOHN GARDNER and his wife Mary had a son STEPHEN GARNET (or Gardner) who was born in Hingham, Aug. 14, 1662 and died there Nov. 2, 1715. His wife was Sarah Warren of Boston, who was born 1660 and died Oct. 22, 1761. She was the daughter of John and Deborah (Wilson) Warren of Boston. (John Warren was the son of John and Margaret Warren, who came to Watertown in 1630.) A daughter, Sarah Garnet, was born in Hingham, July 31, 1691 and married Feb. 16, 1715/16 HEZEKIAH RIPLEY (John - John - William).





PLUMB LINE

JOHN PLUMBE, yeoman, of Toppesfield, County of Essex, England, baptized about 1505; married about 1529 to Elizabeth \_\_\_\_\_. He was buried, October 1, 1586. They had seven children, the oldest of whom was Robert Plume.

ROBERT PLUME, yeoman (John), of Great Yeldham, Essex County, was baptized about 1530, married about 1555 to Elizabeth Purcas. They had nine children, the second of whom was ROBERT PLUME. He owned much land in the vicinity and was buried May 18, 1613. Elizabeth was buried June 25, 1596.

ROBERT PLUME, gentleman (Robert - John) of Spaynes Hall, Great Yeldham, baptized about 1558; married about 1586 to Grace Crackbone. He was buried Aug. 14, 1628 and she was buried July 22, 1615. He was seized in fee of the manors of Spaynes and Butlers. They had eight children, the third of whom was JOHN PLUME.

JOHN PLUME (Robert - Robert - John) was born in Spaynes Hall, Great Yeldham parish, baptized July 28, 1594; married about 1616 to Dorothy Wethersfield, and resided after marriage in Ridgewell Hall. In 1635 he is found in Wethersfield, Conn. and was one of the first settlers and proprietors. He removed to Branford in 1644 and died in July, 1648. Dorothy died after 1659. They had nine children the oldest of whom was ROBERT PLUME.

ROBERT PLUME (John - Robert - Robert - John) was born Dec. 30, 1617 in Ridgewell, England; came with his father's family to Wethersfield, Conn. and was one of the first settlers of Milford, Conn. He married Mary Baldwin, Jan. 9, 1642. She was born Feb. 19, 1625/6 and died Feb. 1, 1707/8. He died May 12, 1655. They had six children, the second of whom was JOHN PLUME.

JOHN PLUME (Robert - John - Robert - Robert - John) was born in Milford, Conn. Aug. 12, 1646 and was married Nov. 24, 1668 to Elizabeth Norton. He lived all his life in Milford, where he owned much land. He died in March, 1728. They had ten children, the seventh of whom was JOSEPH PLUMB.



JOSEPH PLUMB (John - Robert - John - Robert - Robert - John) was born in Milford, Conn. in 1683. He married Elizabeth Bailey, Dec. 5, 1709 by whom he had nine children. She died November 17, 1726 and he married (2nd) Thankful Gaylord by whom he had seven children. He died May 27, 1742. The fourth child of Joseph and Elizabeth was WAITSTILL JOHN PLUMB.

WAITSTILL JOHN PLUMB (Joseph - John - Robert - John - Robert - Robert - John) was born in Milford, Conn., June 8, 1718; married Rhoda Curtis, July 28, 1737 in Wallingford and removed to Middletown, where he lived until he was 95 to 100. They had nine children, the third of whom was JOHN PLUMB.

JOHN PLUMB (Waitstill - Joseph - John - Robert - John - Robert - Robert - John) was born June 26, 1742 in Middletown; married Dorothy Gilbert, May 9, 1764 and removed to Albany, N. Y. They had thirteen children, the third of whom was HANNAH PLUMB who married PIRAM RIPLEY (see Ripley Line)



JOHNSON LINE

CAPT. JOHN JOHNSON. According to "Savage" Capt. John Johnson probably came in the fleet with Winthrop, bringing his sons Isaac and Humphrey, and his wife, Margery, who died June 9, 1655. He married (2nd) Grace, widow of Barnabas Fawer. The history of Roxbury, Mass. states that he was made freeman in 1631 and was generally in public life.

He represented Roxbury in the first general court and for fourteen years afterwards. He was active in military affairs and was "appointed Surveyor Generall of all ye armyes". The public stores were placed in his house, and it was when that was burnt and blown up, that the town records were destroyed. He kept a tavern and many public meetings were held at Brother Johnson's. He died Sept. 29, 1659, leaving an estate of 660 Pounds.

According to the History of Roxbury, his son Isaac Johnson was made freeman in 1635 and in 1636 he married Elizabeth Porter. They had six children. Isaac was a representative and captain of the artillery company. He and five other captains were killed by the Indians at the taking of Fort Naragansett, Dec. 19, 1675.

Captain John Johnson's other son HUMPHREY is the ancestor of the families of this record.

SERJ. HUMPHREY JOHNSON (John) came from England with his father; married in 1642 to Eleanor (or Ellen) Cheney. They had nine children. Eleanor died in Hingham, Sept. 28, 1678. He married (2nd) Abigail \_\_\_\_\_, by whom he had two children. His name appears as the son of John Johnson in a mortgage deed dated July 22, 1643, and he was a resident of Scituate in 1651, says Dean's History.

He seems to have been a man of ability and shrewdness, but inclined to make trouble both with the town and colony officials, as will be seen by the following extract from the Colony records: "1673, Humphrey Johnson having come into this government without leave of the Governor and two of the assistants (contrary to law) is now ordered to remove his dwelling and cottage, erected within the town of Scituate, within one month from date hereof or else order shall be given for pulling down thereof."

He shortly after became a resident of Hingham, as will be seen by the following: "The 30th day of March, 1674, upon request of Humphrey Johnson of Hingham, the selectmen of Hingham, on behalf of the Towne granted the said Humphrey Johnson liberty to remove his house off Scituate Land unto Hingham Towne Common Land, and he is to remove it off Hingham Land againe at three months warning." On the 22nd day of April, 1675, he was granted certain privileges for improvements by the Selectmen and admonished concerning the establishing of certain fence lines "to regard the matter quietly". He died July 24, 1693.



CAPT. ISAAC JOHNSON (Humphrey - John) son of Humphrey and Eleanor was born in Hingham, Feb. 18, 1667-8; married about 1688 to Abiah or Abial or Abihial or Abigail, widow of Isaac Lazell and daughter of John Leavitt and his wife Sarah. (John was at Dorchester in 1634 and at Hingham in 1636). Abigail was born in 1667.

Isaac Johnson was a Captain, a Representative and a Magistrate. He died in 1735.

They had thirteen children, the first five being born in Hingham, and the eight that followed in Bridgewater. Their second child was DAVID JOHNSON.

CAPT. DAVID JOHNSON (Isaac - Humphrey - John) was born in Hingham, Oct. 16, 1692; married in 1719 to Rebekah, daughter of John Washburn. They had five children, the second of whom was DAVID JOHNSON.

DAVID JOHNSON (David - Isaac - Humphrey - John) was born in Bridgewater in 1724; married in 1743 to Susanna Willis, daughter of John Willis. She was born in 1727 and died in 1750. They had three children; WILLIS, Daniel and Susanna. He married (2nd) in 1751 to Parnel, daughter of Joseph Packard. He moved to Brookfield and his sons to Westmoreland, N. H.

WILLIS JOHNSON (David - David - Isaac - Humphrey - John) was born in 1744 in Bridgewater, Mass., removed to Westmoreland, Cheshire County, N. H. and married Jemima Smith, March 6, 1769.

He was a soldier in the American Revolution. Was a private in Capt. Joseph Burt's Company of Col. Samuel Ashley's Regiment of New Hampshire militia and marched from Cheshire County at the requisition of Maj. Gen. Gates to re-inforce the army at Ticonderoga. Engaged Oct. 21st and returned Nov. 16, 1776. In the twenty-six days service, he traveled 220 miles and received 3 pounds, 11 shillings and 14 pence for his services. (N.H. State Papers. Vol. IV, page 94-5).

They had three children: Willis, Susanna and LYDIA JOHNSON, born Nov. 28, 1777.

LYDIA JOHNSON (Willis - David - David - Isaac - Humphrey - John) was born in Westmoreland, N. H., November 28, 1777 and was married June 23, 1793 at Strafford, Vt. to John Howe of Hopkintown, N. H. by Samuel Bliss, Justice of the Peace.





REBEKAH HOWE daughter of John Howe and Lydia (Johnson) Howe was born in Strafford, Orange County, Vermont, Feb. 13, 1795: married November 24, 1811 in Livonia, N. Y. to TYRANNUS RIPLEY. (See Ripley Line).



WASHBURN LINE

JOHN WASHBURN of Plymouth, 1632, Savage supposed came from Eversham, County Worcester on Avon, England. In 1635, his wife Margaret, aged 49 came with the two children, John aged 14 and Philip aged 11, in the ship "Elizabeth and Ann" as by a certificate of the Mayor and Minister of Eversham. He was in Duxbury in 1632 and became one of the original settlers of Bridgewater. He died before 1670. He was the first Secretary of the Massachusetts Bay Colony.

JOHN WASHBURN (John) of Plymouth, Duxbury and Bridgewater was born in England in 1621 and came with his mother in 1635. He married, Dec. 6, 1645, Elizabeth, daughter of Experience Mitchell and Jane Cooke, daughter of Francis Cooke, who came to Plymouth in the "Mayflower" in 1620. John served in King Phillip's War under Capt. Church.

JOHN WASHBURN (John - John) was married in 1679 to Rebekah Lapham of Scituate, who was born in 1645. She was the daughter of Thomas Lapham, who was at Scituate in 1635, and Mary Tilden. Mary Tilden was the daughter of Elder Nathaniel Tilden who came from Tenterden, County Kent, England before 1628. John and Rebekah had six children, the youngest of whom was Rebekah, who married David Johnson in 1719 (See Johnson Line).



COOKE LINE

FRANCIS COOKE, it is recorded, was from Blythe, a parish adjoining Scrooby, England, and was born in 1577. He joined the Separatists at Scrooby and fled with Pastor Robinson to Leyden, Holland. In the records at Leyden, under date June 30, 1603 is the following: "Franchoy's Couck, a jongman (a single man) from England, accompanied by Philip deVeau and Raphael Roelandt, as witnesses, was married to Hester Mahieu, a young dochter from Canterbuch (Canterbury) England, and she brought her mother Jennie Mahieu and her sister, Jennie Mahieu as witnesses".

Francis Cooke with his son John came to Plymouth, Mass. on the "Mayflower" in 1620 and was one of the signers of the "Compact" on Nov. 11, 1620 in the ship's cabin. His wife Hester, with the rest of the children came to Plymouth on the ship "Ann" in 1623. The family occupied a house on Leyden Street, Plymouth adjoining the homes of Edward Winslow and Isaac Allerton. A tablet now marks the site of the Cooke home. His will was dated Oct. 7, 1659. He accumulated considerable property and his name appears constantly as performing important duties for the government.

A daughter Jane Cooke married Experience Mitchell.

EXPERIENCE MITCHELL was at Leyden, Holland, with the Pilgrims and he came to Plymouth on the ship "Ann" in 1623, on which ship, also came Jane Cooke, daughter of Francis Cooke. They were married in 1628. Experience Mitchell was one of the founders of Duxbury, Mass., and when Bridgewater was set off, he became a leading citizen there. Their daughter, Elizabeth Mitchell married John Washburn in 1645 (See Washburn Line).



WILLIS LINE

"DEACON" JOHN WILLIS was at Duxbury, Mass. in 1637. He was one of the original proprietors and first settlers of Bridgewater, Mass. He represented Bridgewater in the Old Colony Court for twenty-five years. His wife, Elizabeth, was the widow of William Palmer, Jr. Her maiden name was Hodgkins, from Scituate. They had eight children, the oldest of whom was JOHN.

JOHN WILLIS (John) married Experience Byram, daughter of Nicholas Byram and Susanna (Shaw) Byram. Experience was born about 1660-5. Susanna was the daughter of Abraham Shaw, who was at Dedham and at Watertown in 1636. John died in 1712. They had four children, the oldest of whom was JOHN.

JOHN WILLIS (John - John) married Mary Brett, daughter of Elihu Brett and his wife Ann. Elihu died in 1712. He was the son of William Brett from Kent, England, who was at Duxbury in 1645. He was a representative to the Old Colony Court and was an elder of the church.

John and Mary had six children, the second of whom was JOHN.

The estate of John Willis, III, was settled among his heirs in 1733.

JOHN WILLIS (John - John - John) born, 1701; married Patience Hayward in 1724 and died in 1776. (See Hayward Line).

They had two children, the older of whom was Susanna, born 1727. She married David Johnson, Jr. (See Johnson Line) in 1743 and died in 1750.





HAYWARD LINE

THOMAS HAYWARD of Duxbury, Mass., came from England in 1638 and died in 1681.

NATHANIEL HAYWARD (Thomas) married about 1663, Hannah Willis, sixth child of John Willis (1st) of Bridgewater.

SAMUEL HAYWARD (Nathaniel - Thomas) married about 1700, Elizabeth . Their daughter, Patience Hayward married John Willis (4th) in 1724. (See Willis Line).



POST LINE

STEPHEN POST was a member of the congregation of the Rev. Thomas Hooker, a non-conformist minister of Chelmsford, Essex, England. Essex adjoins Kent where the Posts lived. Part of the congregation came to Massachusetts Bay, then sent word inviting Hooker to come to them, which he did with the remainder of his congregation, coming in the "Griffin" and landing at Boston, Sept. 4, 1633. Whether Stephen Post came with the first party or with Hooker is not known. His name first appears of record in this country in 1634, when he was enrolled as free-man of New Town, now Cambridge, Mass.

Hooker and his people apparently did not agree with the colonists of Massachusetts Bay and about 1636 made their way to the Connecticut River, where they founded the city of Hartford. Stephen Post was one of the party and one of the original proprietors, his name being recorded on the monument at Hartford, erected to the memory of the founders of the city. In 1649 he sold his land at Hartford to Thomas Gridley, and removed to Saybrook. He settled on a farm at Oyster Bay and there died August 16, 1659, leaving his widow Elenor and four children, - John, Thomas, ABRAHAM and Catherine. John and Thomas were among the founders of Norwich. Abraham lived and died in Saybrook. Elenor died, Nov. 13, 1670.

A strong friendship existed between Stephen Post, his sons and grandsons on one side and the Mohican Uncas and his sons on the other.

ABRAHAM POST (Stephen) probably born in Saybrook, where he lived, and he died in 1690. He married Mary Jordan, who died in Saybrook, March 23, 1683-4. They had ten children, the oldest of whom was STEPHEN.

Abraham was enrolled freeman in 1669, was commissioned Ensign (2nd Lieut.) of the Saybrook train band, May 9, 1667; was commissioned Lieutenant in command of Saybrook Fort in 1680; was deputy in the Colonial Legislature at the Oct. 1685 session.

STEPHEN POST (Abraham - Stephen) was born in Saybrook, Dec. 3, 1664; and married Hannah, daughter of Stephen Hosmer. He died at Hebron, Conn., Jan. 25, 1750. They had eleven children, all born in Saybrook, except the youngest, who was born in Hebron.

Hebron was given to Stephen Post and three associates by Joshua, son of Uncas. His first residence in Hebron was a log cabin on Post Hill.



THOMAS POST (Stephen - Abraham - Stephen) was born in Saybrook, Feb. 10, 1701-2; married at Hebron, July 1, 1730, Dianah Brown, who died Oct. 28, 1775. He died at Hebron, Dec. 2, 1782. They had three children, all born in Hebron - Thomas, Eldad and PETER.

PETER POST (Thomas - Stephen - Abraham - Stephen) was born in Hebron, April 22, 1736; married, March 10, 1757, Mary, daughter of John and Mary (or Sarah) (Otis) Thompson of Hebron. She was born in 1741 and died May 18, 1770. They had six children, the oldest of whom was JOHN. He married (2nd) Ruth Walker.

JOHN POST (Peter - Thomas - Stephen - Abraham - Stephen) was born in Hebron, Conn., March 28, 1758; married in Hebron, Oct. 19, 1780, Mary Pratt of Middletown, Conn. (See Pratt Line). After the birth of their eldest son, John, they removed to Fairlee, Vt. for a short time for in purchasing land in Thetford Centre, Vt. in 1785, he gave in the deed his place of residence as Fairlee. Their second and third children, Jonathan and Mary were born in Fairlee and the other six (nine altogether) were born in Thetford Centre.

JEREMIAH POST (John - Peter - Thomas - Stephen - Abraham - Stephen), fifth child of John and Mary was born in Thetford Centre, Vt. March 7, 1789; and married Jan. 5, 1811, Lucy, daughter of Abner and Annie (Miner) Winter. She was born Nov. 12, 1791 in Norwich, Conn. and died at Wacouta, Minn., June 14, 1885. The family emigrated to the (then) Michigan Territory in 1828, and resided in Saline, Washtenaw County, and later removed to Wacouta, Minn. Jeremiah was a farmer at Wacouta, and died there, Oct. 10, 1859. They had eleven children - Annie, Joel Seth, Abner Winter, John Pratt, Jeremiah, Emily, Jared Latham, Columbus, DELITE, Charles Carroll, and Lucy.

There follows a brief record of a few of the children of Jeremiah and Lucy (Winter) Post:

Joel Seth Post was admitted to the bar in 1841, and practiced law in Decatur, Ill. He enlisted for the Mexican War, and had the rank of Captain in 4th Regt. Illinois Volunteers. He was a member of the Illinois State Senate two sessions.

John Pratt Post was a Lieutenant during the Mexican War; was Postmaster at Decatur, Ill. from 1853 to 1859; from 1861 to 1864 during the Civil War, he was Major, Lieutenant Colonel and Colonel in 8th Illinois Volunteer Infantry. He later removed to Georgetown, Colo., where he was Justice of the Peace for many years.



Jared Latham Post enlisted in the Union Army, Oct. 18, 1861 in Michigan 1st Engineers and Mechanics Brigade; was Sergeant and 2nd Lieutenant; was with Sherman on his "March to the Sea"; mustered out July 1, 1865. Resided in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Charles Carroll Post was a lawyer; resided in Denver, Colo.; and served one term as Attorney General of the State.

DELITE POST born in Saline, Mich., May 22, 1829 married Willis Johnson Ripley. (See Ripley Line).





PRATT LINE

JOHN PRATT - In the "Pratt Family" published in 1864 by Rev. F. W. Chapman it is stated that John Pratt appears on the records of Cambridge, Mass., as the owner of a home lot and as one of the original members of Rev. Thomas Hooker's church. He was evidently one of the company, who came across the wilderness with their Pastor and laid the foundations of Hartford, Conn. He was assigned a lot in 1639. From him "Pratt Street" derives its name.

He represented Hartford in the first General Court, 1639 and several years afterwards.

It is not known whom he married - her given name was Elizabeth. There were, at least, two children - John and Daniel.

JOHN PRATT (John) married Hepsibah \_\_\_\_\_. He lived in Hartford and died Nov. 23, 1687. Hepsibah died in 1712. They had eight children, the oldest of whom was Hannah, born, Nov. 25, 1658 and the youngest was JONATHAN.

JONATHAN PRATT (John - John) born Oct. 6, 1683 in Hartford, married twice, but the dates of his marriages and death have not been found. He resided in East Hartford. The name of his first wife is not known, but his second wife was Mary Benton. His will is dated Aug. 21, 1751. He had nine children, the fifth of whom was JONATHAN. (It is not known if Mary Benton was his mother).

JONATHAN PRATT (Jonathan - John - John) married Mary Latham, who was born at New London in 1735. They had seven children, the oldest of whom was baptized in 1754 and the youngest in 1765. The fourth, MARY was baptized in 1759 at Middletown. She married John Post. (See Post Line).



LATHAM LINE

CARY LATHAM. Mitchell's History of Bridgewater, Mass. states that he was possibly a brother of William Latham, who came in the "Mayflower" in 1620. John Winthrop, the younger, says of Cary Latham, that he was with him in the beginning of the plantation (New London) in 1645. He was residing in Boston in 1639 and in Cambridge in 1642. He appears to have taken a prominent part in the early affairs of New London. Two sons are recorded in Boston - Thomas, Sept., 1638 and JOSEPH, Oct. 10, 1642. There was possibly another son, John, who died in New London about 1684, and four daughters.

Cary married Elizabeth, daughter of John Masters and relict of Edward Lockwood and died in 1685.

JOSEPH LATHAM (Cary), born in Boston, Oct. 10, 1642, had a numerous family. His marriage is not recorded in New London. His first child, Cary, was born in Newfoundland, July 14, 1668. Joseph died in 1706 leaving seven sons and a daughter.

CARY LATHAM (Joseph - Cary) born in Newfoundland, July 14, 1668; married Dorothy (Otis) McLane, daughter of Judge Joseph Otis. (See Otis Line). Their daughter Mary married Jonathan Pratt. (See Pratt Line).



OTIS LINE

JOHN OTIS, born in Barnstable, County Devonshire, England, 1581, probably came to Hingham, Mass. with Rev. Peter Hobart and his company, and on Sept. 18, 1635 drew a house - lot containing five acres on Town (north, near Ship) Street. His wife was Margaret \_\_\_\_\_, who was born in England, and died in Hingham, June 28, 1653. He removed to Weymouth, where he died May 31, 1657.

JOHN OTIS (John), born in Barnstable, England in 1620, came to New England with his parents. His second wife was Mary, daughter of Nicholas and Mary Jacob.

Nicholas was born in Hingham, England, and settled in Hingham, Mass. in 1633, where he died in 1657.

In 1661, John Otis, removed to Scituate, to Barnstable in 1673, but returned soon to Scituate where he died Jan. 16, 1682-3. His son John was the father of James Otis, "The Patriot".

JOSEPH OTIS (John - John), born in Scituate in 1665. He was Judge of the Court of Common Pleas for Plymouth County, 1703 to 1714. In 1710 he was elected, under the Governor's order, representative to "The Great and General Court" and again in 1713. His wife was Dorothy Thomas (See Thomas Line). He removed with his family to New London, Conn., where he died in 1754. His daughter Dorothy married first, \_\_\_\_\_ McLane; second, Cary Latham (See Latham Line); third, \_\_\_\_\_ Bissell.



THOMAS LINE

WILLIAM THOMAS of Marshfield. Name of wife not known; died 1651. His son -

NATHANIEL THOMAS (William) lived in Marshfield. Name of wife not known. He was born in 1606 and died in 1675.

NATHANIEL THOMAS (Nathaniel - William) resided in Marshfield; born in 1643 and died in 1718. He married in 1664, Deborah Jacob, daughter of Nicholas Jacob of Hingham. She was born in 1643 and died in 1696. Their daughter, Dorothy Thomas married Judge Joseph Otis. (See Otis Line).





WILL OF WILLIAM RIPLEYE OF WYMONDHAM

William Ripleye of Wymondham, in the County of Norfolk, glover, the last day of August, 1619.

To be buried at the discretion of my executor.

To Richard Ripleye, my son, all my houses, lands and tenements, both free and bond in Wrampingham, in the County of Norfolk, to hold to him and his heirs forever, with such limitations and conditions as hereafter followeth: that is to say, he shall pay to Elizabeth, my wife, yearly during her life, in the porch of the Parish church of Wymondham, the sum of twenty shillings of lawful money of England half yearly; and also the said Richard shall pay to Elizabeth and ffrauncys, my daughters, and to Robert Ripleye, William Ripleye and Abraham Ripleye, my sons, to every of them Ten pounds of lawful money of England in the manner following at the place above mentioned; that is to say to Elizabeth, my daughter upon the Feast of All Saints (November 1) twelve months next after my decease, Five pounds and at the end of one year then next following to ffrauncys, my daughter, other Five pounds, and at the end of one year then next following to Robert Ripleye, my son, other Five pounds, and at the end of one other year next after unto the said William Ripleye other five pounds, and the next year after to the said Abraham Ripleye, my son, other Five pounds; And at the end of the next year then next after ensuing to the said Elizabeth other Five pounds; and the next year after to the said ffrauncys other Five pounds; and the next year after to the said Robert other Five pounds; and the next year after to the said William other Five pounds; and the next year after to the said Abraham other Five pounds in full satisfaction of their said several legacies of Ten pounds apiece.

If any of them die before they shall have received their full portions, without issue, then the part or portions of them or any of them so departed, or so much thereof as shall be unpaid shall be satisfied and be paid to the residue of my said children surviving at the several days before limited.

Provision, in case Richard Ripleye make default, giving the legatees power to enter on the lands given to him.

To Elizabeth, my wife, all my implements of household stuff, which I have in Wymondham aforesaid, (except one featherbed which I give unto Thomas Smith, her son).

To Robert Ripleye, my son, all my leather gloves and working tools belonging to a glover.

Residue to William Ripleye, my son, whom I make my sole Executor of this my last will and testament.

\_\_\_\_\_ the m'ke of  
William Ripleye

Sealed, published and delivered in the presence of us, Robert hannby, Thomas Smith and of me, Thomas Hawke, scr.

Rec'd 17 February, 1619

(Archdeaconry Court of Norfolk original Will, No. 139 of File for 1619).

(It should be borne in mind that the year began 25th of March, so that February 17, 1619 came after August 31, 1619).



WILL OF WILLIAM REPLYE, OF HINGHAM

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I, William, being sick and weake, doe make this my Last will. Vnto my eldest sonne, Jno. Replye the dwelling howse he now dwells in, with all ye barns, &c, but my Sonn Abraham shall have liberty to vse ye new barne for his Corne, & other occasions; & ye new leanto for his Cattle for ye terme of fower yeares, wthout molestation. Vnto my sonn John, all ye land wthin that feeld, namely ye lott ye towne gave mee, lying for fower Acres, and ye lott wch I bought of Jno. ffoulsham lying for fower Acres, and ye lott wch I bought of Thomas Thackster lying for five Acres, and ye lott wch I bought of Stephen Payne, lying for fower Acres, with all privilidges belonging to these lotts. Vnto my Sonn Jno. my planting lott wch I bought of Jno. Prince, lying for three Acres vpon ye world's end, next vnto Jno. Tucker, north: next vnto Jeremy Beales, Eastward: butting Vpon ye sea West & South. Vnto my Sonn Jno fower Acres of salt meadow, wch I bought of Jonas Austen, lying at Lyford's Likeing, next vnto Thomas Lincorne, west: next vnto Nathaniel Beales, east, butting vpon ye old planter's hill north, and vpon ye neck South. I give vnto my Sonn Jno of fresh meadow, wch I bought of Thomas Vnderwood, lying in Crooked meadow, with a little peece of meadow belonging to ye same, lying next vnto Samuell Ward, Eastward, and ye River Southward. Vnto my sonn Jno. A peece of Salt meadow lying at Conyehassett: for three acres more or lesse; it is in ye third devisiion. Vnto sonn Jno my horse, ye horse Colt yt Came of my mare: two Oxen, Collier & Buck, fower Cowes, three sheepe Ewes, with 3 lambs: eight goates: halfe ye dry goates and halfe ye kids. Vnto sonn Abraham, ye home lott, which I bought of Thomas Vnderwood, together with the orchyard and fencing and other appurtenances thereto belonging; wch lott lyeth for five Acres, next Vnto Jno Lassell, east: next to Jno Otis, west: Also vnto Sonn Abraham: all ye fresh meadow yt lyeth at ye end of ye said home lott: all ye salt meadow wch I bought of Thomas Vnderwood, lying at ye wear: next ffrancis James, southward and Robert Jeanes, north: ye great lott wch I bought of Thomas Vnderwood, lying for fifteene Acres, next vnto Jno Lassell, South East, & next vnto Cornelius Cantleburry. north west, butting on ye river: ye planting lott, which I bought of Thomas Vnderwood, lying in the neck for thre Acres; next vnto Mathew Cushen, north, and Jno Beales, South: butting vpon the sea westward, and Michaell Pearse, eastward. Vnto Sonn Abraham, two old oxen, Called Broad and Browne, two steers of five years old, one young steere 2 yeares old, three young Cowes, and eight milch Goates, halfe ye drie Goates & halfe ye kids, two Ewe sheepe, two lambs, five wether sheepe and two Rams, my Mare of 3 yeares old, my ffether bed and greene Rug, one blankett and one broad brasse kettle, one Iron Pott and A Chest yt ye Cover is Loose: A little Cofer and three empty Barrell: The Cart and Wheelles, plowes and plow Irons, with all ye Chaynes, shall be equally devided betweene my Sonn Jno & Abraham. Vnto Sonn Abraham one Swine of A yeare old and ye vantage. Vnto Sonn Jno my best Cloake and 2 peeeces of Cloath of ye same, So much as will make a sute of apparrell, one paier of Shooes, a payer of stockins, my best hat, and my great bible. Vnto Sonn Abraham, my book of Masters, and all my other apparell; debts due vnto mee from severall psons, as they doe receive any, they shal be equally devided betwene ye said Jno & Abraham: debts due



for me to pay, John & Abraham Shall pay it equally together. John and Abraham Executors.

30 June, 1656.

Wm. Ripley & a Seale.

Witness

Mathew Cushin

John Thaxter

24 Jan. 1656,

Mathew Cushin and Jno Thaxter deposed

20 July, 1656

Inventory taken by Joshua Hubbard, Mathew Hawke.  
Amount  $\pounds$  322.

29th Jan. 1656/57

Jno Ripleye deposed before ye Court.

(Memo.: As the signature to the will is spelled Ripley it may be assumed that the will was drawn by some one other than the testator).

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