

**FIRST GENERATION**

1. **Sarah JOHNSON** was born on 5 May 1798 in Cornish, Cheshire (Sullivan aft 1827), New Hampshire<sup>2</sup>

She appeared on the census in 1850 in Homer Twp, Will, Illinois<sup>3,4</sup> [age 52, b. NH]

She appeared on the census in 1860 in Manteno, Kankakee, Illinois<sup>5</sup>. [age 62, b. NH]

She died in Feb 1878. She was buried in Elmwood Cemetery, Manteno, Kankakee, Illinois.

She was a descendent of two Mayflower Passengers, Stephen HOPKINS and Thomas ROGERS, through her grandmother Deborah TOTMAN [a separate page is devoted to her ancestors].

**SECOND GENERATION**

2. **Joshua JOHNSON** was born on 29 Oct 1764 in Greenland, Rockingham, New Hampshire<sup>6,7</sup>

Other events in 1764 included:

02/15/1764 - St Louis founded as a French trading post by Pierre Laclade Ligue

07/23/1764 - James Otis publishes views on taxation without representation

10/25/1764 - John Adams marries Abigail Smith (marriage lasts 54 years)

11/16/1764 - Native Americans surrender to British in Indian War of Chief Pontiac

He filed marriage intention on 14 Sep 1783 in Cornish, Cheshire (Sullivan aft 1827), New Hampshire<sup>8</sup>.

He appeared on the census in 1790 in Cornish, Cheshire (Sullivan aft 1827), New Hampshire<sup>9</sup>.

1 male 16 or over [Joshua]

1 female [Experience]

He appeared on the census in 1800 in Cornish, Cheshire (Sullivan aft 1827), New Hampshire<sup>10</sup>.

1 male 10 thru 15: [Joshua Jr-6]

1 male 26 thru 44: [himself-35]

1 male 45+: [his father Abraham-70?]

3 females under 10: [Experience 2nd-3 months, Sarah-2, Ruhama-4, Melissa-8, and/or Mercy-9]

1 female 16 thru 25: [??]

1 female 26 thru 44: [wife Experience-34]

1 female 45+: [his mother Mercy-60?]

He appeared on the census in 1810 in Irasburg, Orleans, Vermont<sup>11</sup>. Head of household. He was living near his brother-in-law Moses BARROWS.

2-0-1-0-1

0-0-0-0-0

2 males under 10 [Abraham and John]

1 male 16-25 [Joshua Jr.]

1 male over 45 [Joshua]

0 females [Where were Experience and the girls when this census was taken?]

He appeared on the census in 1820 in Irasburg, Orleans, Vermont<sup>12</sup>. He was living next door to a Stephen JOHNSON, relationship unknown at this time. There was also a Moses BARROWS living nearby. It is interesting to note that one of his neighbors was Jonathan PHILBRICK, who's son Nathaniel would marry Joshua's granddaughter

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Mercy Ann Beedy about 1844.

0-1-1-0-0-1

0-2-0-0-1

Males

0...<10

1...10-15 [John-13]

1...16-18 [Abraham-18]

0...16-25

0...26-44

1...45+ [Joshua-55]

Females

0...<10

2...10-15 [??? ]

0...16-25 [I think daughters Experience-20 & Huldah-16 are marked in the wrong column]

0...26-44

1...45+ [Experience-54]

He appeared on the census in 1830 in Albany, Orleans, Vermont. Head of household.

0-0-0-0-2-0-0-0-1-0-0-0-0

0-0-0-0-0-1-0-0-1-0-0-0-0

1 males 20-29: [Abraham-28 & John Lorenzo-23]

1 male 60-69: [himself-65]

1 female 30-39: [Experience 2nd-30]

1 female 60-69: [Experience-wife-63]

He was living near his daughter and son-in-law Sarah and Daniel Beedy.

He was listed on the Pension Roll in 1835 in Vermont.["Pension Roll of 1835", Vol. 1, VT, page 957]

Rank - Private

Annual Allowance - 20 44

Sums Received - 61 32

Description of Service - NH militia

When Placed on Pension Roll - May 20, 1833

Commencement of Pension - March 4, 1831

Age - 70

He was listed on the "Census of Pensioners" in 1840 in Albany, Orleans, Vermont. He was listed as age 76 and head of household as of 1 June 1840.

He appeared on the census in 1840 in Albany, Orleans, Vermont. 0-0-0-0-0-1-0-0-0-1-0-0-0

1 male 30-39: [John Lorenzo (33)]

1 male 70-79: [Joshua (75)]

0-0-0-0-0-0-1-0-0-1-0-0-0

1 female 40-49: [Ruhamah? (43) Melissa? (47)]

1 female 70-79: [Experience (74)]

He was living next door to his son Abraham. [see Abraham for details]

He appeared on the census in 1850 in Albany, Orleans, Vermont.<sup>1</sup> He listed as 87 years old, born VT. He was living in the household of his grandson, Enoch ROWELL, which included several people, listed below. They were living next door to his son Abraham and his household, also listed below. The relationship to Joshua will follow the state of birth, if known.

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907	Enoch Rowell	29 m	Farmer	NH	grandson
	Caroline	33 f		VT	grandson's wife
	Ugene A. [Eugene]	2 m		VT	great grandson
	Mercy Rowell	59 f		NH	daughter
	Lodosca	33 f		VT	Enoch's sister
	Madison Cole	17 m		VT	?
	Joshua Johnson	87 m		VT	himself
908	Abram Johnson	48 m	Farmer	NH	son
	Aurilla	42 f		VT	son's wife
	Emeline S.	16 f		VT	granddaughter
	Oscar E.	14 m		VT	grandson
	Orreille [?]	11 f		VT	granddaughter
	Ellen	3/12 f		VT	granddaughter
	Mercy Rowell	18 f		VT	granddaughter
	Lucy E. Chamberlin [?]	15 f		VT	?
	Nalet / Nolet [?]	10 f		VT	?
	Oliver M. Hidden [?]	7 m		VT	?

He was NOT found on the census in 1860. Albany and Irasburg, Vermont were both searched. Where was he? Is his date of death wrong?

He died on 5 Jan 1865 in Albany, Orleans, Vermont!<sup>12</sup> Age 100 years, 2 months, 7 days.

"Joshua Johnson, a native of Maine, was born in 1764, and came to Irasburgh in 1806, where he resided a great many years and reared a large family of children. During the war of 1812, he served in the American army. During his absence, a tory neighbor at one time attempted to drive off a fat cow from Mr. Johnson's farm, for the use of the enemy. Mrs. Johnson raised a window and pointed a gun at the intruder, warning him to depart, which he did. Mr. Johnson died in Albany, aged ninety-three years." (Source: Gazetteer of Lamoille and Orleans Counties, VT.; 1883-1884, Compiled and Published by Hamilton Child; May 1887, Page 2882- to 2885) He was married to Experience BARROWS about Sep 1789 in Cornish, Cheshire (Sullivan aft 1827), New Hampshire.

3. **Experience BARROWS**<sup>13</sup> was born in 1766 in Cornish, Cheshire (Sullivan aft 1827), New Hampshire.

Other events in 1766 included:

04/08/1766 - 1st fire escape patented, wicker basket on a pulley & chain

05/09/1766 - John Byron back in England after trip around the world

07/09/1766 - English premier Rockingham resigns

She died on 7 May 1850 in Albany, Orleans, Vermont!<sup>14,15</sup> She was buried in Albany, Orleans, Vermont!<sup>16</sup> She, aged 72 and residing in Albany, Vermont, wife of Joshua Johnson, gave a deposition, dated 17 Oct 1838, for Elizabeth (Colby) Barrows, widow of Moses, of Irasburgh, saying " . . . that I was a sister to Moses Barrows late of Irasburgh deceased and that my brother was two years older than myself . . . and we were living in Plimtown [sic] . . ." at the time of the Revolutionary War. Joshua Johnson, aged 74, also gives a deposition stating that he had married his wife, Experience Barrows, who was a sister of the said Moses Barrows, forty-nine years ago last September [deposition dated 17 Oct 1838] (Rev. War Pens. Recs. for Moses Barrows, file W1856). In his own pension application records, Joshua Johnson, of Albany, VT, deposed that he was b. in Greenland, Rockingham Co., New Hampshire, 29 Oct 1763, lived in Greenland, then Portsmouth, where he enlisted, Kittery, ME, Cornish, NH, Irasburgh, VT, and then to his present town of residence (Rev. War Pens. Recs. for Joshua Johnson, file S21323 roll 1426). Experience was the name of Deborah Totman's mother. Joshua and Experience named a daughter Ruhamah Thompson Johnson. (Hist. of Cornish, 2:232). Ruhamah was the name of Deborah Totman's grandmother.

Joshua JOHNSON and Experience BARROWS had the following children:

- i. **Mercy JOHNSON**<sup>17,2</sup> was born on 28 Nov 1790 in Cornish, Cheshire (Sullivan aft 1827), New Hampshire.<sup>18</sup> [her name has appeared as Marcy or Mary on some documents.] She appeared on the census in 1850 in Albany, Orleans, Vermont. Age 59, b. NH, living with son Enoch ROWELL [head of house] and her father Joshua.

She appeared on the census in 1860 in Albany, Orleans, Vermont.<sup>8</sup> Age 69, b. NH, living with son Enoch ROWELL.

She died on 20 Sep 1863.<sup>18</sup>

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- ii. **Melissa JOHNSON** was born on 23 Jul 1792 in Cornish, Cheshire (Sullivan aft 1827), New Hampshire.<sup>18,2</sup>
  - iii. **Joshua JOHNSON Jr.** was born on 18 Jun 1794 in Cornish, Cheshire (Sullivan aft 1827), New Hampshire.<sup>18,2</sup>
  - iv. **Ruhamah Thompson JOHNSON**<sup>2</sup> was born on 23 Jul 1796 in Cornish, Cheshire (Sullivan aft 1827), New Hampshire.<sup>18,2</sup>
  - v. **Sarah JOHNSON.**
  - vi. **Experience JOHNSON** was born on 11 May 1800 in Cornish, Cheshire (Sullivan aft 1827), New Hampshire.<sup>18,2</sup>
  - vii. **Abraham JOHNSON** was born on 9 Dec 1801 in Cornish, Cheshire (Sullivan aft 1827), New Hampshire.<sup>18,2</sup>

He appeared on the census in 1840 in Albany, Orleans, Vermont.<sup>9</sup> He was living next door to his father.

1-0-0-0-1-0-0-0-0-0-0

1 male 0-5: Oscar (4)

1 male 30-39: Abraham (38)

0-1-0-0-1-0-0-0-0-0-0

1 female 5-9: Sarah Emeline (6)

1 female 30-39: Aurelia (?)

Where was daughter Oriel (9/12)? She was on the 1850 census as an 11 year old?

- viii. **Huldah Wyman JOHNSON** was born on 22 May 1804 in Cornish, Cheshire (Sullivan aft 1827), New Hampshire.<sup>18,2</sup>
- ix. **John Lorenzo JOHNSON** was born on 29 Dec 1806 in Cornish, Cheshire (Sullivan aft 1827), New Hampshire.<sup>2</sup> [an undocumented source says that his middle name was Langdon]

## THIRD GENERATION

4. **Abraham JOHNSON**<sup>19</sup> was born on 13 Jun 1730 in England.<sup>20</sup>

Other events in 1730 include:

05/15/1730 - Robert Walpole becomes England 1st prime minister (was: chief min)

08/04/1730 - Crown prince Frederik of Prussia escapes to England

09/01/1730 - Benjamin Franklin marries Miss Read

He came early in life to Portsmouth (now NH) and soon after settled in Greenland where he married.

He was living in 1781 in Greenland, Rockingham, New Hampshire.<sup>2</sup> He removed in 1782 to Cornish, Sullivan, New Hampshire.<sup>2</sup> He died on 24 Oct 1803 in Cornish, Sullivan, New Hampshire.<sup>21</sup> He was married to Mercy HUGGINS about 1760 in Greenland, Rockingham, New Hampshire.<sup>22</sup> They came to Cornish in 1782, when he was 52 years of age and settled on the farm, ever since kept in the same name, and now (1910) owned and occupied by his great-grandson, J. Faris Johnson.

5. **Mercy HUGGINS** was born on 15 Sep 1739 in Greenland, Rockingham, New Hampshire.<sup>2</sup> She died on 22 Apr

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1815 in Cornish, Sullivan, New Hampshire.<sup>2</sup> Abraham JOHNSON and Mercy HUGGINS had the following children:

- i. **Sarah JOHNSON** was born on 2 Dec 1762 in Greenland, Rockingham, New Hampshire.<sup>2</sup> She died on 30 Aug 1830.<sup>2</sup> She never married.
- 2 ii. **Joshua JOHNSON**.
- iii. **Hannah JOHNSON** was born on 23 Dec 1766 in Greenland, Rockingham, New Hampshire.<sup>2</sup>
- iv. **John JOHNSON** was born on 7 Feb 1768 in Greenland, Rockingham, New Hampshire.<sup>23</sup> He removed to Cornish with his father when he was 14 years old. He died on 10 Mar 1816 in Cornish, Sullivan, New Hampshire.<sup>2</sup> Aged 97 years, 3 months, 16 days.
- v. **Margaret JOHNSON** was born on 5 Mar 1770 in Greenland, Rockingham, New Hampshire.<sup>24</sup>
- vi. **Rebecca JOHNSON** was born on 17 Feb 1772 in Greenland, Rockingham, New Hampshire.<sup>25</sup>
- vii. **Elizabeth JOHNSON** was born on 1 Oct 1779 in Greenland, Rockingham, New Hampshire.<sup>26</sup>
- viii. **Mercy JOHNSON** was born on 30 Apr 1781 in Greenland, Rockingham, New Hampshire.<sup>27</sup>
- ix. **Mary JOHNSON** was born on 6 Aug 1784 in Cornish, Sullivan, New Hampshire.<sup>28</sup>
- x. **Abraham JOHNSON Jr.** was born on 6 Nov 1793 in Cornish, Sullivan, New Hampshire.<sup>29</sup>

6. **Moses BARROWS Jr.**<sup>13</sup> was born about 1720 in Plymouth, Plymouth Co., Massachusetts. He filed marriage intention on 5 Nov 1748 in Plympton, Plymouth, Massachusetts.<sup>30</sup> He died on 23 Feb 1795 in Cornish, Sullivan, New Hampshire. He was married to Deborah TOTMAN on 29 Dec 1748 in Plymouth, Plymouth Co., Massachusetts.<sup>31</sup> He was of Plympton and she was of Plymouth. They remained in Plympton until probably the late 1780's or early 1790's, and then removed to Cornish, New Hampshire.

7. **Deborah TOTMAN**<sup>13</sup> was born on 23 Mar 1731/32 in North Yarmouth, Cumberland, Maine.<sup>32,33</sup>

Other events in 1731/32 included:

11/08/1731 - In Philadelphia, Benjamin Franklin opens 1st US library

12/30/1731 - 1st US music concert (Peter Pelham's great room in Boston)

02/26/1732 - 1st mass celebrated in 1st American Catholic church, Philadelphia

11/14/1732 - 1st US professional librarian, Louis Timothee, hired in Phila

12/19/1732 - Benjamin Franklin under the name Richard Saunders begins publication of "Poor Richard's Almanack"

12/28/1732 - 1st known ad for "Poor Richard's Almanack" (Pennsylvania Gazette)

She was baptized on 21 May 1732 in North Yarmouth, Cumberland, Maine.<sup>34</sup> She died on 28 May 1813 in Cornish, Sullivan, New Hampshire.<sup>35</sup> A record of deaths kept by a resident of Cornish contains the following entry for 28 May 1813: "the Widow Deborah Barrows aged 81, a member Bapest [sic] church". She was buried in School Street Cemetery, Cornish, Sullivan, New Hampshire.<sup>36</sup> In the School Street Cemetery in Cornish (which is adjacent to the old Baptist Church, according to the town clerk, Mrs. Bernice Johnson [1985], immediately to the left of the gravestone of "... Moses Barrows who died Feb 23rd 1795 in the 70 first [sic] year of his Age" is a rough fieldstone marker protruding several inches above ground level, without apparent inscription. This may be her grave. No probate records for Moses or Deborah have been found in either Cheshire or Sullivan County, New Hampshire, or in Plymouth County, Massachusetts. Because of their age and the fact that they were living with their children, Moses and Deborah may not have owned any real estate or significant amount of personal property at their deaths.

Moses BARROWS Jr. and Deborah TOTMAN had the following children:

- i. **Asa BARROWS**<sup>13</sup> was born on 28 Jul 1751 in Plymouth, Plymouth Co., Massachusetts. He was living in 1782 in North Yarmouth, Cumberland, Maine.<sup>37</sup> He died on 13 Sep 1850 in South Woodstock, Oxford, Maine.
- ii. **Ruhamah BARROWS**<sup>13</sup> was born in Jul 1758 in Plymouth, Plymouth Co., Massachusetts.<sup>38</sup> Ruhamah was the name of Deborah Totman's maternal grandmother, Ruhomah Willis, wife of Eleazer Rogers.
- iii. **Malachi BARROWS**<sup>13</sup> was born in 1760 in Plymouth, Plymouth Co., Massachusetts.
- iv. **Deborah BARROWS**<sup>39</sup>.
- v. **Moses BARROWS 3**<sup>13</sup> was born on 10 Jan 1765 in Plymouth, Plymouth Co., Massachusetts.

[The IGI says 22 Jun 1755] He appeared on the census in 1810 in Irasburg, Orleans, Vermont.<sup>9</sup> Head of household. He was living near his brother-in-law Joshua JOHNSON.  
1-1-3-0-1  
3-2-1-1-1

1 male under 10 [ Jesse(4) ]  
1 male 10-15 ?  
3 males 16-25 [ Moses(18) & Aaron(16) & ? ]  
0 males 26-45  
1 male over 45 [ Moses(45) ]

3 females under 10 [ Eshter(5) ]  
2 females 10-15  
1 female 16-25  
1 female 26-45  
1 female over 45

Who were all the females in this household in 1810? Might some of them have been the wife and daughters of Joshua JOHNSON?

He died on 16 Jan 1813 in Irasburg, Orleans, Vermont.

- 3 vi. **Experience BARROWS**.  
vii. **Charity BARROWS**<sup>13</sup> was born on 12 Sep 1768 in Plymouth, Plymouth Co., Massachusetts. She died on 18 Jun 1868 in Cornish, Sullivan, New Hampshire.  
viii. **Ansel BARROWS**<sup>13</sup> was born in 1770 in Cornish, Sullivan, New Hampshire. He died in 1793 in Cornish, Sullivan, New Hampshire.  
ix. **Hannah BARROWS**<sup>13</sup> was born in 1775 in Cornish, Sullivan, New Hampshire. She died in 1856.<sup>40</sup>

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10. **John HUGGINS** was born in 1712 in Greenland, Rockingham, New Hampshire.<sup>41</sup> He died on 16 Dec 1781 in Cornish, Sullivan, New Hampshire.<sup>42</sup> He was buried in Cornish, Sullivan, New Hampshire.<sup>2</sup> He was a Selectman when he died. He was married to Hannah AYERS.<sup>43</sup> They went to Cornish accompanied by nearly all of their children.

11. **Hannah AYERS**<sup>44</sup>. John HUGGINS and Hannah AYERS had the following children:

- 5 i. **Samuel HUGGINS** was born in 1737 in Greenland, Rockingham, New Hampshire.<sup>2</sup> He died on 12 Mar 1809 in Cornish, Sullivan, New Hampshire.<sup>2</sup> He was buried in Cornish, Sullivan, New Hampshire.<sup>2</sup>  
ii. **Mercy HUGGINS**.  
iii. **Jonathan HUGGINS** was born about 1741 in Greenland, Rockingham, New Hampshire.<sup>2</sup> He died on 7 Jan 1809.<sup>2</sup>  
iv. **David HUGGINS** was born about 1744 in Greenland, Rockingham, New Hampshire.<sup>2</sup> He died on 21 Jul 1821.<sup>2</sup>  
v. **Rebecca HUGGINS** was born about 1747 in Greenland, Rockingham, New Hampshire.<sup>2</sup> She died on 5 Dec 1824.<sup>2</sup>  
vi. **Bridgett HUGGINS** was born about 1751 in Greenland, Rockingham, New Hampshire.<sup>2</sup> She died on 15 Mar 1822.<sup>2</sup>  
vii. **Nathaniel HUGGINS** was born on 10 May 1754 in Greenland, Rockingham, New Hampshire.<sup>2</sup> He died on 1 Jun 1828 in Cornish, Sullivan, New Hampshire.<sup>2</sup> He was a farmer in Cornish, Sullivan, New Hampshire.<sup>2</sup>  
viii. **Hannah HUGGINS** was born about 1757 in Greenland, Rockingham, New Hampshire.<sup>2</sup> She died on 22 Aug 1788.<sup>2</sup>

12. **Moses BARROWS**<sup>13</sup> was born on 14 Feb 1696/97 in Carver, Plymouth, Massachusetts<sup>45</sup> He died in Jul 1769 in Plymouth, Plymouth Co., Massachusetts. He was married to Mary CARVER on 4 Dec 1717 in Plympton, Plymouth, Massachusetts.<sup>46</sup>

13. **Mary CARVER**<sup>13</sup> was born on 4 Oct 1696 in Plymouth, Plymouth Co., Massachusetts<sup>47</sup> Moses BARROWS and Mary CARVER had the following children:

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  - i. **Seth BARROWS**<sup>13</sup> was born on 30 Apr 1719.
  - ii. **Moses BARROWS Jr..**

14. **Samuel TOTMAN**<sup>13</sup> was born on 20 Jul 1693 in Scituate, Plymouth, Massachusetts<sup>48</sup> He filed marriage intention on 25 Mar 1727 in Plymouth, Plymouth Co., Massachusetts<sup>49</sup> He died on 16 Feb 1749/50 in Plymouth, Plymouth Co., Massachusetts<sup>50</sup> He was married to Experience ROGERS on 17 Apr 1727 in Plymouth, Plymouth Co., Massachusetts<sup>51,52,53</sup> The marriage was solemnized by the Reverend Nathaniel Leonard.

15. **Experience ROGERS**<sup>13</sup> was born on 28 Apr 1707 in Plymouth, Plymouth Co., Massachusetts<sup>54</sup>

Other events in 1707 include:

05/01/1707 - England, Wales & Scotland form UK of Great Britain

10/17/1707 - German composer Johann S Bach marries his niece Maria Bach

She was born on 27 Aug 1707 in Plymouth, Plymouth Co., Massachusetts<sup>53</sup> She died on 9 Feb 1772 in Plymouth, Plymouth Co., Massachusetts<sup>55</sup> Samuel TOTMAN and Experience ROGERS had the following children:

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  - i. **Joshua TOTMAN**<sup>13</sup> was born on 4 May 1727 in Plymouth, Plymouth Co., Massachusetts<sup>56</sup> He died in Jun 1727 in Plymouth, Plymouth Co., Massachusetts<sup>57</sup>
  - ii. **Samuel TOTMAN**<sup>13</sup> was born on 17 Nov 1729.<sup>58</sup>
  - iii. **Deborah TOTMAN.**
  - iv. **Hannah TOTMAN**<sup>13</sup> was born on 23 Jul 1734 in North Yarmouth, Cumberland, Maine<sup>59</sup>
  - v. **Joshua TOTMAN**<sup>13</sup> was born on 14 Oct 1737 in North Yarmouth, Cumberland, Maine<sup>60</sup> He died on 25 Oct 1808.<sup>61</sup>
  - vi. **Experience TOTMAN**<sup>13</sup> was born on 7 Nov 1740 in Plymouth, Plymouth Co., Massachusetts.<sup>62</sup> She died in Jan 1741 in Plymouth, Plymouth Co., Massachusetts<sup>63</sup>
  - vii. **Experience TOTMAN**<sup>13</sup> was born on 19 Jan 1743/44.<sup>64</sup>

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20. **Nathaniel HUGGINS**<sup>65</sup>. From Child's History of Cornish, NH, vol. II, genealogies, page 209:

"The Huggins were of English descent. About the year 1700, Nathaniel Huggins and John Huggins, brothers, and also a sister (name not known) came to America. John settled in "Old Springfield", Mass., and died there in 1712. He left four sons. These settled chiefly in Connecticut and New York. Nathaniel settled in Greenland (now NH) and died there at an advanced age. He had two sons: Samuel and John. Nothing is known concerning the posterity (if any) of Samuel, but John continued to live in Greenland till advanced in life and then came to Cornish, the year not known." Nathaniel HUGGINS had the following children:

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  - i. **John HUGGINS.**

24. **George BARROWS**<sup>66</sup> was born in 1670 in Plympton, Plymouth, Massachusetts<sup>67</sup> He died on 23 Mar 1758 in Carver, Plymouth, Massachusetts<sup>68</sup> He was married to Patience SIMMONS about 1697 in Plympton, Plymouth, Massachusetts.<sup>69</sup>

25. **Patience SIMMONS**<sup>70</sup> was born in 1676 in Plympton, Plymouth, Massachusetts<sup>71</sup> She died on 30 Oct 1723 in Plympton, Plymouth, Massachusetts.<sup>72</sup> George BARROWS and Patience SIMMONS had the following children:

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  - i. **Moses BARROWS.**

26. **John CARVER**<sup>73</sup> was born in 1661 in Marshfield, Plymouth, Massachusetts.<sup>74</sup> He died in 1747 in Plymouth, Plymouth Co., Massachusetts.<sup>75</sup> He was married to Mary BARNES on 24 Oct 1689 in Plymouth, Plymouth Co., Massachusetts.<sup>76</sup>

27. **Mary BARNES**<sup>77</sup> was born on 14 Aug 1667 in Plymouth, Plymouth Co., Massachusetts.<sup>78</sup> She died in Apr 1696 in Plymouth, Plymouth Co., Massachusetts.<sup>79</sup> John CARVER and Mary BARNES had the following children:

13 i. **Mary CARVER.**

28. **Stephen TOTMAN**<sup>13</sup> was born in 1665 in Plymouth, Plymouth Co., Massachusetts. He was married to Dorothy STODDARD about 1690 in Scituate, Plymouth, Massachusetts.

29. **Dorothy STODDARD**<sup>13</sup> was born in 1660. Stephen TOTMAN and Dorothy STODDARD had the following children:

14 i. **Samuel TOTMAN.**

30. **Eleazer ROGERS**<sup>13</sup> was born on 3 Nov 1673 in Eastham, Barnstable, Massachusetts.

Other events in 1673 include:

01/01/1673 - Regular mail delivery begins between NY & Boston

03/18/1673 - Lord Berkley sells his half of New Jersey to the Quakers

08/08/1673 - Dutch battle fleet of 23 ships demands surrender of NYC

08/09/1673 - Dutch recapture NY from English; regained by English in 1674

He was the town sexton between 1712 and 1742 in Plymouth, Plymouth Co., Massachusetts.<sup>80,81</sup> Ringing the bell at various hours during the day and evening for the convenience of the inhabitants, has so far as Plymouth is concerned, been confined to the town sexton. Since, however, the ringing has been detached from the duties of a sexton proper, who was an officer of the church, the name sexton in our town is now [1906] given to the bell ringer, who continues to be chosen by the town every year, though he has now no connection with the church. The first mention of a sexton in the town records is under date of 1712, when Eleazer Rogers was chosen "to ring the bell, sweep the meeting house, keep the doors and windows of said meeting house shut and open for the congregation's use upon all occasions, and carefully look after said house as above said." In 1714 he was required to ring the bell at nine o'clock every evening. From that time to this [1906] a town sexton is chosen each year, who since the severance of the First Church from the town no longer rings the bell for church, while each church has it's own sexton for that duty.

(Davis, William T., "Plymouth memories of an octogenarian"  
Plymouth, Mass.: Printed by the Memorial Press, c1906, 545 pgs.)

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At A Town Meeting held at Plimouth on ye 9th of May 1709 ...

A lot of land was granted to Eleazer Jacson<sup>1</sup> on the southerly side of the Grat gutter beyond Mer Littles of fifty foot front and sixty back or soe far as the surveyors shall think Convenient leaving the Road 60 fott wide ffrancis Curtice<sup>2</sup> is also granted a lot of fifty foot front and 60 back beyond or to ye Northward of the pound next to him the Widow Martha Weigh is granted a house lot of fifty fott front and 60 fott back to belong to her her life time and then after her decease to belong to her Daughter Mary Weight to her and her heires for Ever and next to her Eliaser Rogers is granted a lott of fifty fott front and sixty back Next to him Joshua Mors is granted 50 fott front and 60 fott back if there be not a Convenience of Comons next his land he had of his father Doty for there is Reserved an open way between the lot granted to Eliaser Jacson and the personage land

At A Town Meeting held at plimouth November 28 1709 for ye Choyce of Jurors and other Town buisnes Imprimis The Jurors Chosen are Stephen barnabee Eliazar Rogers and Job Cushman.

At a Town meeting held at plimouth on ye 21 Day of March 170 10/11 ...

Sergant harlow and Jacob Mitchel are Chosen to survey all sorts of lumber Exposed To sale as the law in yt Case Directs The hog Cunstabls are Joshua Mors Stephen Churchel and Thomas Witherly Eliasar Rogers wood Corder



At A Town meeting held at plimouth on ye 21st of March 170 10/11

Then for and in Consideration of ye sum of pounds Well and Truly paid in to John Watson Town Treasurer of sd plimouth for the Euse of sd Town by Eliasar Rogers of sd plimouth The sd Town hath Granted Bargained sold made over and Confirmed unto him ye sd Eliasar Rogers and unto his heires and assignes for Ever seventeen acrees and 53 pole of land and is laid out by ye surveirs as ffolloweth December 30th 1713 laid out by us The subscribers seveneten acrees and 52 pole of land unto Eliasar Rogers of plimouth lying betwen sparrows hill and lands sometime past laid out to ye Ministrey and is Bounded as ffolloweth (viz) With a small Red oake bush with stones about it Being The Westerly Corner bound of land laid out ye same Day To Richard Cooper and is in ye Rainge of land belonging to Richard Holmes and from sd Bush Twenty Nine pole Southwest by sd holmes Rainge to a small Red oake bush with stones about it and Thence southeast: 88: pole To a Red oake sapling with stones about it standing by ye Roade and then by ye sd Road Easterly to ye bounds of land laid out ye same Day To Richard Cooper being a Red oake sapling with stones about it and Then Northwest by sd Coopers Rainge To ye bounds first mentioned Reserving Wayes Through Gates or Barrs Through sd land Where they may be wanted

Nath Thomas | surveiors  
Abiall Shurtlef |

At A Town meeting held at plimouth on ye 23d Day March 170 12/13 ...

At this meeting The Town A Greed With Eliasar Rogers to Ring ye bell sweep the meeting house Keepe the Doores and Windows of sd meeting house shut and opened for the Congregations use upon al ocasions and Carfully loock after sd house as abovesd and the sd Roggers is to Receive of sd Town threee pounds per year for his sd service and to begin on the first of Aprill next Ensning this Date.

At A Town meeting held at plimouth March 7th 17 14/15 for Choyce of Town officers the Town Clerk chosen was Thomas ffaunce and voted to chose 5 selectmen which are as follows Major John Bradford Capt John Dyer Ensign Benjamin Warren Abiall Shurtlef and Mer John Watson and voated yt ye selectmen shold be ye assessors for ye yeare Ensuing The cunstables chosen James Howland and Joshua Bramhall The Tithingmen chos are Eliazar Rogers Elisha Studson and Joseph Holmes Jun surveiors for ye High ways are Girsham Bradford Ebenazar holmes, Joseph Silvester and Stephen Barnabe Samuel Bates Tithingman and William Swift surveior for Agawame precincts fence vewers Josiah Finney Ebenazar Cobb James Barnabe

At a Town Meeting held at Plymouth in the Court House on the 7th day of March 1725 ...

The Town gave in their voates for a County Treasurer & Comitted them to Sam<sup>11</sup> Bartlett Constable. There was a Voate called whether the swine should run at Large this year under the Regulation of the Law and it passed in the Negative

Notwithstanding the voate that is already made about swine as abovesd upon a motion made by several of the Inhabitants of the Ends of the Town. Voated that the swine shall run at Large all within the North Precinct and so far on the south side of the Town as Ele River, under the Regulation of the Law.

The Hog Reves Chosen are Nathaniel Cobb Eleazer Rogers Nathaniel Thomas Thomas Faunce son of Joseph Faunce Thomas Faunce Elders son Joseph Morton Israel Fearing Samuel Foster John Gray James Clarke son of John Clarke deceased.

At a Town Meeting held at Plymouth on the third day of March 1734/5 ...

The Petit Jurors for ye Superiour Court are Thomas Holmes Samuel Nelson Joseph Morton & Return Waite. William Donham is chosen Constable. Eleazer Rogers is chosen Saxton.

Voted that there be the sum of eight pounds paid out of ye Town Treasury to sd Eleazer Rogers

At a Town Meeting held at Plymouth on the first day of March 1735/6 ...

Saxton is Eleazer Rogers. Voted he shall have the sum of 8.13.4 to be paid him out of the Town Treasury for his years service.

At a Town Meeting held at Plymouth March 14th 1736/7 ...

The Saxton who was chosen was Eleazer Rogers and he is to be paid for his service as he was the last year

# Ancestors of Sarah JOHNSON

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At a Town meeting Regularly assembled and held at Plymouth In the Court House The Sixteenth day of April A D 1740 ...

At said meeting Timothy Burbanks Nathaniel Foster Eleazer Rogers Nath<sup>11</sup> Thomas Esqr Capt Churchel & Timothy Morton were Chose a Committe To take Care of the Herrin brooke and the Herrins.

At a Town Meeting Regularly assembled and held at ye Court house In Plymouth on Monday ye 7th day of March A Dom 1742 ...

At sd Meeting a Vote was Called Whether or no the Town would allow to Eleazr Rogers for his Extraordinary services as Saxton more than his Settled Salary. Voted in ye affirmative. At sd Meeting the Town Voted to Reconsider sd Vote Respecting ye Saxton and Voted to act no further on that affair at this meeting.

(Records of the Town of Plymouth 1705 TO 1743: Volume II. 1892. Reprint, Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1995.)

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He deeded property to Hezekiah Bosworth on 24 Apr 1719 in Plymouth, Plymouth Co., Massachusetts<sup>82</sup>. Apr. 24, 1719, Eleazer Rogers, for 55s. deeds to Hezekiah Bosworth of Plymouth, fisherman, 35 acres of land, being a part of a 60 acre lot granted by the Proprietors of Plymouth, "which sd. Hezekiah laid out with some other land of his own in Plymouth."

He died about 10 Dec 1739 in Plymouth, Plymouth Co., Massachusetts. He was married to Ruhamah WILLIS about 1697 in Eastham, Barnstable, Massachusetts<sup>83</sup>.

31. **Ruhamah WILLIS**<sup>13</sup> was born in 1672. She died after Dec 1739 in Plymouth, Plymouth Co., Massachusetts. Eleazer ROGERS and Ruhamah WILLIS had the following children:

- i. **Willis ROGERS**<sup>13</sup> was born in 1698.
- ii. **Elizabeth ROGERS**<sup>13</sup> was born on 15 Oct 1698 in Plymouth, Plymouth Co., Massachusetts.
- iii. **Thomas ROGERS**<sup>13</sup> was born on 8 Oct 1701 in Plymouth, Plymouth Co., Massachusetts. He died in Jun 1764.<sup>84</sup>
- iv. **Hannah ROGERS**<sup>13</sup> was born on 26 Feb 1702/3 in Plymouth, Plymouth Co., Massachusetts. She died before 1736.
- 15 v. **Experience ROGERS**.
- vi. **Eleazer ROGERS**<sup>13</sup> was born on 2 Oct 1710.
- vii. **Willis ROGERS**<sup>13</sup> was born on 22 Apr 1711. He died on 27 May 1713.
- viii. **Abijah ROGERS**<sup>13</sup> was born on 4 Aug 1714. She died after 1755.
- ix. **Moriah / Meriah ROGERS**<sup>13,85</sup> was born on 21 Oct 1716. She died on 23 Jan 1722/23.
- x. **Ruth ROGERS**<sup>13</sup> was born in 1718.<sup>86</sup> She died on 18 Apr 1720.

## SIXTH GENERATION

48. **Robert BARROWS**<sup>13,87</sup>. He was married to Ruth Sarah BONUM on 28 Nov 1666 in Plymouth, Plymouth Co., Massachusetts.<sup>88</sup>

49. **Ruth Sarah BONUM**<sup>13,89</sup> died about 1685. Robert BARROWS and Ruth Sarah BONUM had the following children:

- 24 i. **George BARROWS**.

50. **Moses SIMMONS**<sup>90</sup> died on 18 Mar 1676/77 in Duxbury, Plymouth, Massachusetts<sup>91</sup>. He was born in Duxbury, Plymouth, Massachusetts.<sup>92</sup> He was married to Patience BARSTOW in 1662 in Duxbury, Plymouth, Massachusetts.<sup>93</sup>

51. **Patience BARSTOW**<sup>94</sup>. Moses SIMMONS and Patience BARSTOW had the following children:

25 i. **Patience SIMMONS.**

52. **John CARVER**<sup>95</sup> was born between 1635 and 1637 in Duxbury, Plymouth, Massachusetts<sup>96</sup>. He died on 23 Jun 1679 in Marshfield, Plymouth, Massachusetts<sup>97</sup>. He was married to Millicent FORD on 4 Nov 1658 in Marshfield, Plymouth, Massachusetts<sup>98</sup>.

53. **Millicent FORD**<sup>99</sup> was born about 1637 in Duxbury, Plymouth, Massachusetts<sup>100</sup>. She died before 4 May 1696 in Plymouth, Plymouth Co., Massachusetts<sup>101</sup>. John CARVER and Millicent FORD had the following children:

26 i. **John CARVER.**

54. **Jonathan BARNES**<sup>102</sup> was born on 3 Jun 1643 in Plymouth, Plymouth Co., Massachusetts<sup>103</sup>. He died on 20 Aug 1717 in Plymouth, Plymouth Co., Massachusetts<sup>104</sup>. He was married to Elizabeth HEDGE on 4 Jan 1664/65 in Plymouth, Plymouth Co., Massachusetts<sup>105</sup>.

55. **Elizabeth HEDGE**<sup>106</sup> was born on 21 May 1647 in Yarmouth, Barnstable, Massachusetts<sup>107</sup>. She died on 15 Dec 1731 in Plymouth, Plymouth Co., Massachusetts<sup>108</sup>. Jonathan BARNES and Elizabeth HEDGE had the following children:

27 i. **Mary BARNES.**

56. **Thomas TOTMAN**<sup>13</sup> died on 6 May 1678<sup>109</sup>. He was married to Mary PARKER about 1661 in Plymouth, Plymouth Co., Massachusetts.

57. **Mary PARKER**<sup>13</sup> was born on 1 Jan 1639/40<sup>110</sup>. She died on 24 Apr 1666<sup>111</sup>. Thomas TOTMAN and Mary PARKER had the following children:

28 i. **Stephen TOTMAN.**

58. **Anthony STODDARD**<sup>13</sup> was born about 1614 in Boston Ma. He died in 1687. He was married to Mary DOWNING.

59. **Mary DOWNING**<sup>13</sup> was born about 1620. She died on 16 Jul 1647. Anthony STODDARD and Mary DOWNING had the following children:

29 i. **Dorothy STODDARD.**

60. **Thomas ROGERS II**<sup>13</sup> was born on 29 May 1638 in Duxbury, Plymouth, Massachusetts<sup>112,113</sup>.

Other events in 1638 include:

03/29/1638 - 1st permanent white settlement in Delaware (Swedish Lutherans)

06/01/1638 - 1st earthquake recorded in US, at Plymouth, Mass

06/25/1638 - Lunar eclipse is 1st astronomical event recorded in US

08/09/1638 - Jonas Bronck of Holland becomes 1st European settler in Bronx

He died on 16 Jun 1678 in Eastham, Barnstable, Massachusetts<sup>114</sup>. He was married to Elizabeth SNOW on 13 Dec 1665 in Eastham, Barnstable, Massachusetts<sup>115,116</sup>.

61. **Elizabeth SNOW**<sup>13</sup> was born about 1640 in Eastham, Barnstable, Massachusetts<sup>117</sup>. She died on 16 Jun 1678 in Eastham, Barnstable, Massachusetts<sup>118</sup>. Thomas ROGERS II and Elizabeth SNOW had the following children:

- i. **Elizabeth ROGERS**<sup>13,119</sup> was born on 8 Oct 1666 in Eastham, Barnstable, Massachusetts<sup>120</sup>. She died before 8 Jul 1704<sup>121</sup>.
- ii. **Joseph ROGERS**<sup>13</sup> was born on 1 Feb 1667 in Eastham, Barnstable, Massachusetts<sup>122</sup>. He died on 24 Apr 1696 in Eastham, Barnstable, Massachusetts<sup>123</sup>.
- iii. **Hannah ROGERS**<sup>124</sup> was born on 20 Feb 1669 in Eastham, Barnstable, Massachusetts<sup>125,126</sup>. She died on 19 Jul 1733 in Eastham, Barnstable, Massachusetts<sup>127</sup>.
- iv. **Thomas ROGERS**<sup>13</sup> was born on 6 Mar 1670 in Eastham, Barnstable, Massachusetts<sup>128</sup>. He

- died on 15 Mar 1670 in Eastham, Barnstable, Massachusetts.<sup>29</sup>
- v. **Thomas ROGERS**<sup>13</sup> was born on 6 May 1672 in Eastham, Barnstable, Massachusetts.<sup>30</sup> He died on 23 Sep 1749 in Middletown, Middlesex, Connecticut.<sup>31</sup>
- 30 vi. **Eleazer ROGERS.**
- vii. **Nathaniel ROGERS**<sup>13</sup> was born on 18 Jan 1675 in Eastham, Barnstable, Massachusetts.<sup>32</sup> He died before 8 Jul 1704.<sup>133</sup>

62. **Richard WILLIS**<sup>13</sup>. He was married to Patience BONUM.

63. **Patience BONUM**<sup>13</sup>. Richard WILLIS and Patience BONUM had the following children:

- 31 i. **Ruhamah WILLIS.**

## SEVENTH GENERATION

100. **Moses SIMMONS**<sup>134</sup> was born about 1602 in Leiden, Zuid-Holland, Netherlands.<sup>135</sup> He died on 15 Sep 1691 in Duxbury, Plymouth, Massachusetts.<sup>136</sup> He was married to Sarah about 1640 in Plymouth, Plymouth Co., Massachusetts.<sup>137</sup>

101. **Sarah**<sup>138</sup>. Moses SIMMONS and Sarah had the following children:

- 50 i. **Moses SIMMONS.**

104. **Robert CARVER**<sup>139</sup>. He was married to CHRISTIAN.<sup>140</sup>

105. **CHRISTIAN**<sup>141</sup>. Robert CARVER and CHRISTIAN had the following children:

- 52 i. **John CARVER.**

106. **William FORD**<sup>142</sup> was born about 1605 in South Olave Parish, Southwark, Surrey, England.<sup>143</sup> He died on 23 Sep 1676 in Marshfield, Plymouth, Massachusetts.<sup>144</sup> He was married to Anna in 1632 in Marshfield, Plymouth, Massachusetts.<sup>145</sup>

107. **Anna**<sup>146</sup> was born in 1606 in England.<sup>147</sup> She died on 1 Sep 1684 in Marshfield, Plymouth, Massachusetts.<sup>148</sup> William FORD and Anna had the following children:

- 53 i. **Millicent FORD.**

110. **Capt. William HEDGE**<sup>149</sup>. He was married to Blanch.<sup>150</sup>

111. **Blanch**<sup>151</sup>. Capt. William HEDGE and Blanch had the following children:

- 55 i. **Elizabeth HEDGE.**

120. **Lt. Joseph ROGERS**<sup>13,152</sup> was born on 23 Jan 1602/3 in Watford, Northampton, England.<sup>153</sup>

Other events in 1602 included:

01/02/1602 - Battle at Kinsale, Ireland: English army beats Spanish

05/15/1602 - Cape Cod discovered by English navigator Bartholomew Gosnold

05/21/1602 - Martha's Vineyard 1st sighted (Captain Bartholomew Gosnold)

He was a Mayflower Passenger in 1620. He was about 10 or 12 years old. He died between 2 Jan 1677 and 15 Jan 1677/78 in Eastham, Barnstable, Massachusetts.<sup>154</sup> He was married to Hannah on 20 Jul 1631.<sup>155</sup>

121. **Hannah**<sup>13</sup> was born in 1615 in Buckingham, England.<sup>156</sup> She died on 2 Jan 1677/78 in Plymouth, Plymouth

Co., Massachusetts.<sup>157</sup> Lt. Joseph ROGERS and Hannah had the following children:

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- i. **Sarah ROGERS**<sup>13</sup> was born on 6 Aug 1633 in Duxbury, Plymouth, Massachusetts.<sup>458</sup> She died on 15 Aug 1633 in Sandwich, Barnstable, Massachusetts.<sup>459</sup>
  - ii. **Joseph ROGERS**<sup>13</sup> was born on 19 Jul 1635 in Duxbury, Plymouth, Massachusetts. He died on 27 Dec 1660 in Eastham, Barnstable, Massachusetts.
  - iii. **Thomas ROGERS II.**
  - iv. **Elizabeth ROGERS**<sup>13</sup> was born on 29 Sep 1639 in Eastham, Barnstable, Massachusetts.<sup>460</sup>  
Other events in 1639 included:  
01/06/1639 - Virginia is 1st colony to order surplus crops (tobacco) destroyed  
01/24/1639 - Connecticut colony organizes under Fundamental Orders  
05/20/1639 - Dorchester Mass, forms 1st school funded by local taxes  
06/10/1639 - 1st American log cabin at Fort Christina (Wilmington Delaware)  
09/25/1639 - 1st printing press in America  
11/05/1639 - 1st post office in the colonies is set up in Massachusetts  
  
She died on 2 Jan 1677 in Eastham, Barnstable, Massachusetts.<sup>461</sup>
  - v. **John ROGERS**<sup>13</sup> was born on 3 Apr 1644 in Duxbury, Plymouth, Massachusetts. He died on 10 Jan 1738 in Eastham, Barnstable, Massachusetts.<sup>462</sup>
  - vi. **Mary ROGERS**<sup>13</sup> was born on 22 Sep 1644 in Sandwich, Barnstable, Massachusetts.<sup>463</sup>  
[another source says Duxbury] She died on 19 Apr 1718 in Massachusetts.<sup>464</sup>
  - vii. **James ROGERS**<sup>13</sup> was born on 18 Oct 1648 in Eastham, Barnstable, Massachusetts. He died on 13 Apr 1678 in Eastham, Barnstable, Massachusetts.<sup>465</sup>
  - viii. **Hannah ROGERS**<sup>13</sup> was born on 8 Aug 1652 in Eastham, Barnstable, Massachusetts. She died on 17 Oct 1690 in Eastham, Barnstable, Massachusetts.<sup>466</sup>

122. **Hon. Nicholas SNOW**<sup>13</sup> was born on 25 Jan 1599 in St. Leonard's Shoreditch, England.<sup>67</sup> He came in the Anne to Plymouth in 1623.<sup>168</sup> He died on 15 Nov 1676 in Eastham, Barnstable, Massachusetts.

Nicholas Snow was one of those who arrived at Plymouth in the Anne in the year 1623, and found the settlers so sadly destitute of food and clothing. He was very young, and must have felt the matter keenly on viewing the poor, ragged and half-fed Pilgrims, but he soon began to lend a helping hand, and his romance with Constance Hopkins started without much delay. He received a share of land in Plymouth in 1624, and was married before 1627. He became a freeman and taxpayer of Plymouth in 1633, and for a number of years was a man of note in that place. In April, 1644, he with six other prominent men of Plymouth, seven families of forty-nine persons, began the settlement of Eastham. Across the bay from Plymouth, and from the beginning became an important person in that place. He was a deputy and selectman for a number of years. In 1646, it was enacted by the Court that every Town within the Government "Shall have a clerk, or some one appointed to keep a register of the day and year of the marriage, birth, and burial of every man, woman and child within the Township. Eastham immediately appointed Nicholas Snow to this important office and he held the place of honor for sixteen years, and his son Mark Snow succeeded him. He was one of Governor Prence's intimate associates, and it was partly through his efforts that the Rev. John Mayo was prevailed upon to settle as Minister in Eastham in 1655.

Nicholas Snow became a large landowner in Harwich, Eastham and Truro. His sons Mark, Joseph, and Stephen came into possession of the land in Harwich; John of Truro and Jabez received the land in Eastham including the homestead.

He was married to Constance HOPKINS before 22 May 1627 in Plymouth, Plymouth Co., Massachusetts.<sup>469</sup>

123. **Constance HOPKINS**<sup>13</sup> was born before 11 May 1606 in England.<sup>169</sup> She was baptized on 11 May 1606 in Hursley, Hampshire, England.<sup>169</sup>

She was a Mayflower Passenger in 1620.<sup>169</sup> She was 15 years old and came over with her parents.

From "Pilgrim Daughter"  
by Dr. Ralph F. Wilson  
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# Ancestors of Sarah JOHNSON

1 Dec 2002

We searched for the ghost of fifteen-year-old Constance Hopkins in the bowels of the reconstructed ship "Mayflower II," rolling gently aside a pier in Plymouth harbor. Where volunteers dressed in period costume answered tourists' questions, Constance had once huddled, miserably cold and damp, as fierce storms buffeted the ship.

"According to the usual manner," the old records relate, "many were afflicted with seasickness." As the ship had only the crudest of conveniences and no sanitary facilities of any kind except the traditional bucket, the air in the narrow, crowded quarters below deck must have been nauseating at worst and at best simply staggering.

Constance and her younger brother were responsible to keep track of their three-year-old sister who was always scampering among the various families camped side by side in the hold's cargo compartments. It was all their mother could do, great with child, to brace herself as the "Mayflower" heaved in the heavy Atlantic storms. As Constance watched a tiny brother was born on the high seas, christened "Oceanus."

Since the "Mayflower" had left England nine weeks behind schedule, the New World's harsh weather threatened their very survival. The men went ashore in December to construct rude shelters; women and children spent the winter aboard ship anchored in the bay.

Winter took its toll. Journal entries feature the same melancholy theme week after week, for months on end:

"... Aboute noone, it began to raine ... at night, it did freeze & snow ... still the cold weather continued ... very wet and rainy, with the greatest gusts of wind ever we saw ... frost and foule weather hindered us much; this time of the yeare seldom could we worke half the week."

That winter more than half the heads of households perished. Aboard ship only five of eighteen wives lived through the ravages of scurvy, pneumonia, and tuberculosis. An entry for March 24th reads:

"Dies Elizabeth, the wife of Mr. Edward Winslow. N.B. This month thirteen of our number die. And in three months past dies halfe our company ... Of a hundred persons, scarce fifty remain, the living scarce able to bury the dead." My daughter Annie, a descendent of Constance, tried to imagine the terrors of that winter for a young teenage girl. When not lying sick herself, she would doubtless be tending whimpering children, preparing food for their stricken mothers, and comforting the increasing number of orphans aboard the "Mayflower."

But spring finally came, and by the third week in March the weakened survivors rowed ashore in the longboat to take up residence in New Plimoth.

How could the Pilgrims talk about thanksgiving in the midst of life's most difficult trials? we wonder. Why not just curse God and die? They gave thanks for God's presence in their adversities because they knew that struggles did not have to make them bitter; struggles could make them better. These remaining Pilgrim daughters and sons, mothers and fathers, placed their trust in their God and laid the enduring foundations of a nation. Thanksgiving Day, 1621, did not just celebrate wild turkey and Indian corn; it celebrated the human spirit reaching out to God in gratitude for the blessings the Pilgrims still did possess.

"Yea, though they should lose their lives in this action," ancient documents say, "yet they might have comforte in the same ... All great & honourable actions are accompanied with great difficulties, and must be both enterprised and overcome with answerable courages."

No, the Pilgrims did not lack for courage.

Our family poked around in a windswept burying yard until we found the tombstone of Constance Hopkins Snow, age 72 years. And as my wife and daughter laid a bunch of hedge row wildflowers on her grave, we stood for a moment of silence, meditating on our brave and very personal link with that first Thanksgiving.

She died in Oct 1677 in Eastham, Barnstable, Massachusetts.<sup>69</sup> Hon. Nicholas SNOW and Constance HOPKINS had the following children:

- i. **Mark SNOW**<sup>13</sup> was born on 9 May 1628 in Plymouth, Plymouth Co., Massachusetts.<sup>470,171</sup> He died before 9 Jan 1695 in Eastham, Barnstable, Massachusetts.<sup>72</sup> He is written about on the Internet at [http://www.mayflowerfamilies.com/mayflower/stephen1\\_hopkins\\_family.htm](http://www.mayflowerfamilies.com/mayflower/stephen1_hopkins_family.htm).
- ii. **Mary SNOW**<sup>13</sup> was born in 1630 in Plymouth, Plymouth Co., Massachusetts.<sup>73</sup> She died on

- 18 Apr 1704 in Eastham, Barnstable, Massachusetts.<sup>174,175</sup> [or the 28th]
- iii. **Sarah SNOW**<sup>13</sup> was born in 1632 in Plymouth, Plymouth Co., Massachusetts.<sup>176,177</sup> She died on 8 Jul 1668.<sup>178</sup>
- iv. **Joseph SNOW**<sup>13</sup> was born on 24 Nov 1634 in Plymouth, Plymouth Co., Massachusetts.<sup>179,180</sup> He died on 3 Jan 1722.<sup>181</sup>
- v. **Stephen SNOW**<sup>13</sup> was born in 1636 in Plymouth, Plymouth Co., Massachusetts.<sup>182,183</sup> He died on 17 Dec 1705 in Eastham, Barnstable, Massachusetts.<sup>184</sup>
- vi. **John SNOW**<sup>13</sup> was born in 1638 in Plymouth, Plymouth Co., Massachusetts.<sup>185,186</sup> He died in 1692 in Eastham, Barnstable, Massachusetts.
- 61 vii. **Elizabeth SNOW.**
- viii. **Jabez SNOW**<sup>13</sup> was born in 1642 in Plymouth, Plymouth Co., Massachusetts.<sup>187,188</sup> He died on 20 Dec 1690 in Eastham, Barnstable, Massachusetts.<sup>189</sup>
- ix. **Ruth SNOW**<sup>13</sup> was born in 1644 in Plymouth, Plymouth Co., Massachusetts.<sup>190,191</sup> She died on 27 Jan 1716.<sup>192,193</sup>
- x. **Constance SNOW** was born about 1646.<sup>194</sup>
- xi. **Samuel SNOW** was born on 28 May 1647.<sup>195</sup> He died in 1654.<sup>196</sup>

## EIGHTH GENERATION

200. **Moses SIMMONS**<sup>197</sup> was born in 1570 in Leiden, Zuid-Holland, Netherlands.<sup>198</sup> He was married to Lydia HOLLAND.<sup>199</sup>

201. **Lydia HOLLAND**<sup>200</sup> was born in 1574 in Devonshire, England.<sup>201</sup> Moses SIMMONS and Lydia HOLLAND had the following children:

- 100 i. **Moses SIMMONS.**

240. **Thomas ROGERS**<sup>13</sup> was born before 1572 in England.<sup>202</sup> He was a Mayflower Passenger in 1620. He died between Jan 1621 and Mar 1621 in Plymouth, Plymouth Co., Massachusetts.<sup>203</sup>

### ANCESTRAL SUMMARY:

The often published descent of Thomas Rogers from John Rogers the Martyr is complete fiction. Thomas Roger's true English origins were discovered in 1989 by Clifford Stott and published with supporting documentation in The Genealogist 10:138-149. Thomas Rogers was the son of William and Eleanor Rogers, and grandson of William and Joan Rogers. Thomas' marriage to Alice Cosford and his children's baptisms are all found in the parish registers of Watford, Northampton, England.

### BIOGRAPHICAL SUMMARY:

Thomas Rogers became a citizen of Leyden on 25 June 1618 with sponsors William Jepson and Roger Wilson, and is called a Camlet-merchant. And just two years later, on 1 April 1620, he sold his house in Leyden before coming to America on the Mayflower.

Thomas Rogers brought his son Joseph on the Mayflower. He died the first winter, but his son Joseph survived. William Bradford in his Of Plymouth Plantation writes of Thomas Rogers: "the rest of Thomas Rogers' [children] came over and are married and have many children."

In the 1622 poll tax for Leyden are listed his wife Elsgen (Alice), and daughters Lysbeth (Elizabeth) and Grietgen (Margaret), and son John. John Rogers is known to have come to America and married, but unfortunately the whereabouts of Elizabeth and Margaret remain unknown, though Bradford seems to suggest they came to America and married.

## SOURCES:

Clifford Stott, "The English Ancestry of the Pilgrim Thomas Rogers and His Wife Alice (Cosford) Rogers", *The Genealogist*, 10:138-149.

Robert S. Wakefield, "Mayflower Passengers Turner and Rogers: Probable Identification of Additional Children," *The American Genealogist* 52:110-113.

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He was married to Elsgen (Alice) COSFORD on 24 Oct 1597 in Watford, Northampton, England:<sup>204</sup>

241. **Elsgen (Alice) COSFORD**<sup>13</sup> was born about 1586/87 in England:<sup>205</sup> She died in Leiden, Zuid-Holland, Netherlands.<sup>206</sup> Thomas ROGERS and Elsgen (Alice) COSFORD had the following children:

- 120
- i. **Thomas ROGERS** was born on 24 Mar 1598/99 in Watford, Northampton, England:<sup>207</sup> He was buried on 27 May 1599 in Watford, Northampton, England:<sup>208</sup>
  - ii. **Richard ROGERS** was born on 12 Mar 1599/1600 in Watford, Northampton, England:<sup>209</sup> He was buried on 4 Apr 1600 in Watford, Northampton, England:<sup>210</sup>
  - iii. **Lt. Joseph ROGERS.**
  - iv. **John ROGERS**<sup>13</sup> was born on 6 Apr 1606 in Watford, Northampton, England:<sup>211</sup> He came to New England in 1622. He died between 26 Aug 1692 and 20 Sep 1692 in Duxbury, Plymouth, Massachusetts:<sup>212</sup>
  - v. **Lysbeth (Elizabeth) ROGERS** was born on 26 Dec 1608 in Watford, Northampton, England.<sup>213</sup> She was living in 1622 in Leyden, England:<sup>214</sup> No further record.
  - vi. **Grietgen (Margaret) ROGERS** was born on 30 May 1613 in Watford, Northampton, England.<sup>215</sup> She was living in 1622 in Leyden, England:<sup>216</sup> No further record.

244. **Nicholas SNOW** was born about 1578 in Bowe, England:<sup>217</sup> He died in 1644.<sup>218</sup> He was married to Elizabeth ROWLLES on 9 May 1599 in St. Leonard's Shoreditch, England:<sup>219</sup>

245. **Elizabeth ROWLLES** was born between 1574 and 1580 in Stepney, England:<sup>220</sup> She died in 1644.<sup>221</sup> Nicholas SNOW and Elizabeth ROWLLES had the following children:

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- i. **Hon. Nicholas SNOW.**
  - ii. **Anthony SNOW** was born about 1602.<sup>222</sup>
  - iii. **William SNOW** was born about 1604.<sup>223</sup>

246. **Stephen HOPKINS**<sup>224,13,225</sup> was born about 1578 in Hampshire, England.<sup>169</sup> The name of his first wife was Mary. He married the second time to Elizabeth Fisher, February 19, 1617/18, as recorded in St. Mary's Church, Whitechapel, London, England. She came over with her husband on the Mayflower, and died at Plymouth, Massachuttes, before 1640. Stephen and Elizabeth had seven children.

He was a Mayflower Passenger in 1620.<sup>226,169</sup>

Stephen Hopkins was a many-sided character. He and Miles Standish had a number of points in common, and were close friends. In fact, Standish was executor of Stephen Hopkins' will. They had both been something of adventurers before making the voyage in the Mayflower.

One historian describes him as follows:

"Stephen Hopkins was a man of weight in the Colony. Like many another man he had faults and virtues. He was intelligent, robust, enterprising, practical, quick to see the point, and fertile in expedients, but he was a bit touchy and not at all averse to a setto with anybody who crossed his path."

The Pilgrims, Nobles, 1907, p. 181.

The history of his family in England is not determined, but then can be no doubt of its respectable standing. It is



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known he resided in London for some time, and was probably a merchant with some means, and a staunch "Separatist", which kept him on the defensive with the authorities.

Some writers claim that he was a great-grandson of Stephen Hopkins, Fellow and Professor in Kings College 1532, and Rector of Norfolk, Eng., 1551, and that his parents were Nicholas Hopkins and Mary Poole, sister of Sir Giles Poole.

The church register of St. Marys, Matfellow (Whitechapel) records the marriage of Stephen Hopkins to Elizabeth Fisher February 19, 1617/8. This places him in the parish on the high road entering London at Aldgate, near which Bradford, Carver Cushman and Southworth lived, in or near Heneage House, Aldgate ward.

It appears he was a born fighter, leader and of an extremely adventurous disposition.

The Mayflower voyage was not the first exploit of Stephen. As a matter of fact, when that trip was made in 1620, he was an experienced traveler, and could be useful in many directions, especially in the founding and settlement of new lands, where hardship and danger prevailed. He was well known to the Merchant Adventurers and Thomas Weston of London. They probably felt he was a good type of person for the colony, and encouraged him to make the voyage.

On previous occasions Stephen had visited the Virginia Colony. In one instance, on May 15, 1609, the ship "Sea Adventure" set sail from London bound for the Virginia shores. Perhaps the name appealed to Stephen for he is on board. It was intended to make Virginia by way of the Bermuda Islands. After many days of peaceful sailing a severe storm wrecked the good ship Sea Adventure on the treacherous coast of Bermuda. Stephen immediately made himself useful.

Among other duties he was chosen to read the Psalms on Sunday, for it is recorded that he "had much knowledge of the Scripture and could reason well therein".

After some time on the Islands a certain portion of the party became restless. They desired to continue the voyage in some manner. A meeting was held of those who were not content to lead a peaceful life among the beautiful Bermudas, where the days come and go under a lazy semi-tropical sky, and no hope of anything happening.

The restless souls had a meeting, but it was marked with discord. Stephen Hopkins was a ringleader and outspoken in his opinion.

Sir George Summers, leader of the expedition, could not overlook the matter. He ordered the arrest of the leaders, and Stephen, together with his associates, was tried and found guilty of rebellion.

At last something had happened. Stephen found himself face to face with possible execution for insubordination.

Apparently the predicament did not discourage him, for he is soon petitioning for a pardon. It is recorded that-

"so penitent hee was and made soe much moane alledging the ruine of his wife and children"

that upon the plea of the rest of the party, the Governor pardoned him.

Following this exciting experience, a bark was fitted up and the company continued the voyage to Virginia.

After spending some time in the colonies Stephen returned to England, where he seemed to prosper. Probably while a small merchant in London, he became closely affiliated with the "Merchant Adventurers", that famous group of English business men who were actively engaged in promoting the settlement of the Virginia Colonies, and most of whom were "Separatists", or, at least, in sympathy with that movement.

Just when or how Stephen became attached to the contemplated Mayflower voyage of 1620 is not clear. No doubt it was due in part to the influence of Mr. Thomas Weston, manager for the "Merchant Adventurers", who were to finance the Mayflower expedition, and, naturally, were seeking substantial "Planters" for the colony.

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Evidently the appeal was strong enough to convince Stephen, for bright and early on embarkation day he appeared at the wharves to board the Mayflower.

His party was the largest, and brought much baggage. Bradford in 1646 enumerates it as follows:

"Mr. Steven Hopkins & Elizabeth his wife, and .2. children, caled Giles, and Constanta a daughter, both by a former wife. And . 2. more by this wife, caled Damaris & Oceanus, the last was borne at sea. And .2. servants called Edward Doty and Edward Litster."

The embarkation of this family group must have been a lively event, and probably taxed the "touchy" temper of Stephen to the limit. Getting all parties and baggage aboard a ship in those days was a testy job, especially when the party included women and children.

No doubt, the two "servants" (Ed. Doty and Ed. Litster, boys working way over) were of some help in the matter. These two "servants", by the way, were continually quarrelling with each other, perhaps over division of duties, and soon after landing at New Plymouth fought a duel, drawing blood. It had the distinction of being the first recorded duel in the colonies. Just what part, if any, Stephen had in starting the fight is not clear. However, the records show that Stephen appeared in court at Plymouth and pleaded for the young men.

The Pilgrims were supposed to have been a peaceful group, averse to fighting. However, the record appears to show that they were quite free with fists and other weapons on occasion. This, of course, could not be otherwise, as the venture had no appeal for weaklings.

We are not informed in detail how Stephen managed to get his family and belongings, consisting of an ill wife, baby Damaris, 2 years old (there was another youngster, Oceanus, born on the Mayflower), his thirteen-year-old son Giles, and daughter Constanta, aged fifteen years, deposited in the little rowboat at the wharf, and safely transported to the Mayflower, which was lazily riding at anchor, probably off "Blackball" or "Wapping" near London, in the Thames, on that momentous mid-July day of the year 1620.

There were eight persons in Stephen Hopkins' party, including the two "servants".

Very likely Giles and Constance, two strong, healthy children, were of great aid to the parents in getting everything snugly on board. All members of this particular party were healthy enough to survive the "first sickness" in New Plymouth, which was an exceptional record, indeed.

To the children of the Mayflower, the confusion of embarking was exciting, with wide-eyed interest they watched the preparations for departure. Neither the children nor their elders realized at the time the historical significance of the event, or the great parts they were to play in the drama of founding and building a nation.

"With everybody aboard, the Mayflower, on Saturday, July 15, 1620 (O.S.), weighed anchor and dropped down with the tide to Gravesend. Owing to numerous delays at Southampton and other English ports, the ship did not leave Plymouth, England, for the New World until September 6, 1620 (O.S.), and after sixty-five days out sighted Cape Cod.

During the voyage Stephen became a great favorite of the children. He had many stories of adventure, which he was fond of telling and even the older persons were greatly interested in practical instruction which he gave in the art of building houses. He illustrated the constructions on the deck of the Mayflower by means of a series of sticks having suitable notches in them. "With these sticks he made different types of "log-house" designs.

During the various landing "explorations" around Cape Cod, Stephen was much in evidence. His name and duties are frequently mentioned.

He became one of the "wealthiest" Planters of New Plymouth, and, in addition to much land, many cattle, and other possessions, he appears to have run a general store or "tavern".

For many years he was a member of the Governor's Council, but did not seek a high public office.

He built the first wharf in New Plymouth and was financially interested in shipping.

His services were called upon quite frequently in dealings with the Indians. He seemed to understand their ways and language, and had no fear of them. At one time it became essential for the colony to negotiate with Massasoit. Stephen, with an Indian named Squanto as a guide, was sent through the forest to see him. No timid man would have undertaken that job.

As previously stated Stephen made himself useful during the voyage, and in various contacts of a diplomatic nature with the Indians. He was a member of exploring parties, especially the Third Expedition which started out on Wednesday, December 16, 1620 (N.S.), to locate the place for settlement. "Mourt's Relation" 1622, states:

"So ten of our men were appointed who were of themselves willing to undertake it, to wit, Captaine Standish, Master Carver, William Bradford, Edward Winsloe, John Tilley, Edward Tilley, John Howland, and three of London, Richard Warren, Steeven Hopkins, and Edward Dotte."

Not only was Stephen in the Third Expedition, but he was an important member of the First Expedition, in which, from past experience, he identified a small tree bent over and attached to boughs and grasses woven together and covering a deep pit, as a trap used by Indians to catch deer.

When Samoset came to Plymouth to welcome the Pilgrims he was lodged over night at Stephen's house. Apparently he could understand him

When the messenger of Canonicus brought the snake skin full of arrows to Plymouth, Standish and Hopkins had charge of him, Stephen acting as interpreter, which was his usual job.

The high position held by Hopkins in the little community, especially in "trade", and the rules governing that important occupation is shown in the following court orders, where there are appointed :

"at the general court held at New Plymouth the 3d of January 1636 in the xijth years of the Raigne of or sovaigne Lord Charles by the grace of God, of England, etc, King defender of the faith etc before Edward Winslowe gent. Gounour, Wm Bradford, Thomas Prynce, John Alden, Steeven Hopkins, Wm Collier, Tymothy Hatherly, and John Brown Gentle, assistants"

"It is ordered by the court that Mr Collyer, Mr Hopkins, Mr Brown, Mr Done, John Jenny, Jonathan Brewster, John Winslow, Thomas Willet shall treat with those that have the trade in their hands & to prpare such conclusions concerning the same, that the Court being made acquainted therewith and approveing thereof may conclud the same with them."

Some historians have stated that Weston selected Hopkins to accompany the Mayflower Planters because of his previous experience in Virginia.

That Stephen had a fiery temper is amply borne out by the records of Plymouth. They also disclose him to be a man of wealth for that day, owning much land, many cattle, and employing considerable help, which were noted as "servants", but more aptly were plain "hired men".

He apparently maintained also a general store or tavern, and was a merchant to the colonists in some degree. His cattle and lands after a time spread into what is now Kingston and Yarmouth.

Some court orders are illuminating:

June 7, 1636-"John Tisdale, yeoman, entreth an accon. Of battery against Steven Hopkins, assistant to the Govrn't by whom the said John was dangerously wounded, as he affirmeth."

"An accon. of battery was tried between John Tisdale, yeoman, plaintiff, & Stephen Hopkins, assistant to the government deft. Wherein the deft Stephen Hopkins, was cast in five pownds starling to our Sov. lord the King, whose pease he had broken, wch he ought after a special manner to have kept, and also in forty shillings to the plaintiffe, both wch he was adjudged to pay."

October 6, 1637-"Mr Steephen Hopkins psented for suffering servants and others to sit drinking in his house (contrary to the orders of the court), and to play at Shovell board, & such like misdemeanors is therefore fined forty shillings."

January 2, 1637/8-"William Renolds is psented for being drunck at Mr Hopkin's his house."

"Mr Hopkins is psented for sufferinge excessive drinking in his house."

In this instance he was acquitted, but it clearly discloses the problem of strong drink is very old, and still unsolved in the year 1936.

That Stephen sold liquor with an eye to profit seems clear from the following court order. In those days the "general store" sold rum of various types, and almost everybody used or drank a fermented beverage of some kind. For the most part it was home brew, and very mild.

June 5, 1638-"Mr Steephen Hopkins is psented for selling beere for ijd the quart, not worth jd a quart." He was fined "for selling beere at such excessive rates to the oppressing & impouising of the Colony."

From this it would seem that Stephen catered to quite a large portion of the Colony.

However, Hopkins sold other things besides rum, and here again he exhibited his "genius" for trying to make a profit. Apparently, Stephen lost the good will of the court, and perhaps his neighbors, whenever he sold anything for much more than he paid for it.

No doubt, he developed the idea of buying at "wholesale," so that he could hide some of his profits. However, even that was not a sure solution, for we have the following court order:

October 7, 1639-"Mr Stephen Hopkins, upon his presentment for selling a looking glasse for 16d the like whereof was bought in the Bay for ixd (9d) is referred to further information."

Apparently, Mr. Hopkins sold the article for about twice what he paid for it. His "misdemeanor" occurred 300 years ago, but the lesson of the "presentment" seemingly has been lost, for modern merchants are still doing the same thing whenever they can get away with it.

After a busy and useful life in New Plymouth of about twenty five years, Mr. Hopkins died, probably in June, 1644, leaving a large estate, and a very interesting will, below.

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**SOURCE:**

Hills, Leon Clark, History and genealogy of the Mayflower planters and first comers to ye olde colonie (Washington, D.C: Hills Pub Co., c1936-c1941)  
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Stephen Hopkins was one of only a few passengers on the Mayflower to have made a prior trip to America. He came in 1609 on the Sea Venture headed for Jamestown, Virginia. But instead, they were marooned on an island following a hurricane, and the 150 passengers were stranded for nine months. Hopkins led an uprising, challenging the governor's authority, and was sentenced to death. But he begged and moaned about the ruin of his wife and children, and so was pardoned out of sympathy. The company eventually managed to build a ship, and escaped the island. After spending several years in Jamestown, Hopkins returned to England sometime between 1613 and 1617.

Stephen Hopkins brought with him on the Mayflower his wife Elizabeth, children Giles and Constance by his first marriage, and Damaris by his second marriage. A son Oceanus was born while the Mayflower was at sea. Stephen participated in the early exploring missions and was an "ambassador" along with Myles Standish for early Indian relations.

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Stephen Hopkins is mentioned in a letter written by William Bradford and Isaac Allerton on 8 September 1623, which was found in uncalendered papers at the Public Records Office in London. The letter was presented as evidence for the defense in the 1624 court case Stevens and Fell vs. the Little James. The letter is published in American Historical Review, 8(1903):294-301. The short section about Stephen Hopkins reads as follows (spelling modernized):

"About Hopkins and his men we are come to this issue. The men we retain in the general according to his resignation and equity of the thing. And about that reckoning of 20 odd pounds, we have brought it to this pass, he is to have - 6 - " - payed by you there, and the rest to be quit; it is for nails and such other things as we have had of his brother here for the companies use, and upon promise of payment by us, we desire you will accordingly do it. "

Another little-known reference to Stephen Hopkins, which also alludes to his two servants (Edward Doty and Edward Leister), is found in the Minutes for the Council of New England, on 5 May 1623 (reprinted from Proceedings of the American Antiquarian Society, April 1867, pp. 93-94):

"Touching the difference between Mr. Hopkins and Mr. Peirce, Mr. Hopkins alleadgeth that hee hath paid to Mr Peirce for Transportation of himselfe and two persons more, and Likewise for ihs goods, wch Peirce acknowledgeth, but alleadgeth, that by reason of his unfortunate returne, the rest of the passengers that went upon the Like Conditions have been contented to allow unto 40s a person towards his Loss, and therefore desireth that Master Hopkyns may doe the like, which Mr. Hopkins at length agreed unto, soe as Mr. Peirce and his Associates will accept of £6 for 3 passengers out of £20 his Adventure wch he hath in their Joynt Stock. And therefore they both pray that the Councill will bee pleased to write to the Associates to accept thereof, which they are pleased to doe. "

In 1636, Hopkins was fined for the battery of John Tisdale, in 1637 he was found guilty of allowing men to drink on a Sunday at his house, and in 1638 he was fined for not dealing fairly with an apprentice-girl, Dorothy Temple. He was also charged with several other minor crimes, including selling glass at too high a price, selling illegal intoxicants, and allowing men to get drunk at his house. However, this in no way indicated he was disloyal to the Colony--in fact he was Assistant governor from 1633 until 1636, and he volunteered to fight in the Pequot War of 1637.

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He signed a will on 6 Jun 1644.<sup>227</sup>

Will of Stephen Hopkins

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The will and inventory are recorded in the Plymouth Colony Wills and Inventories, Vol. I, folios 61, 62 and 63.

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The last Will and Testament of Mr. Stephen Hopkins exhibited upon the Oathes of mr Willm Bradford and Captaine Miles Standish at the generall Court holden at Plymouth the xxth of August Anno dm 1644 as it followeth in these wordes viz.

The sixt of June 1644 I Stephen Hopkins of Plymouth in New England being weake yet in good and prfect memory blessed be God yet considering the fraile estate of all men I do ordaine and make this to be my last will and testament in manner and forme following and first I do committ my body to the earth from whence it was taken, and my soule to the Lord who gave it, my body to b eburied as neare as convenyently may be to my wyfe Deceased And first my will is that out of my whole estate my funerall expences be discharged secondly that out of the remayneing part of my said estate that all my lawfull Debts be payd thirdly I do bequeath by this my will to my sonn Giles Hopkins my great Bull wch is now in the hands of Mrs Warren. Also I do give to Stephen Hopkins my sonn Giles his sonne twenty shillings in Mrs Warrens hands for the hire of the said Bull Also I give and bequeath to my daughter Constanc Snow the wyfe of Nicholas Snow my mare also I give unto my daughter Deborah Hopkins the brodhorned black cowe and her calf and half the Cowe called Motley Also I doe give and bequeath unto my daughter Damaris Hopkins the Cowe called Damaris heiffer and the white faced calf and half the cowe called Mottley Also I give to my daughter Ruth the Cowe called Red Cole and her calfe and a Bull at Yarmouth wch is in the keepinge of Giles Hopkins wch is an yeare and advantage old and half the curld Cowe Also I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth the Cowe called Smykins and her calf and thother half of the Curld Cowe wth Ruth and an yearelinge heiffer wth out a tayle in the keepinge of Gyles Hopkins at Yarmouth Also I do give and bequeath unto my foure daughters that is to say Deborah Hopkins Damaris Hopkins Ruth Hopkins and Elizabeth Hopkins all the mooveable goods the wch do belong to my house as linnen wollen beds bedcloathes pott kettles pewter or whatsoevr are moveable belonging to my said house of what kynd soever and not named by their prticular names all wch said mooveables to be equally devided amongst my said daughters foure silver spoones that is to say to eich of them one, And in case any of my said daughters should be taken away by death before they be marryed that then the part of their division to be equally devided amongst the Survivors. I do also by this my will make Caleb Hopkins my sonn and heire apparent giveing and bequeathing unto my said sonn aforesaid all my Right title and interrest to my house and lands at Plymouth wth all the Right title and interrest wch doth might or of Right doth or may hereafter belong unto mee, as also I give unto my saide heire all such land wch of Right is Rightly due unto me and not at prsent in my reall possession wch belongs unto me by right of my first comeing into this land or by any other due Right, as by such freedome or otherwise giveing unto my said heire my full & whole and entire Right in all divisions allotments appoyntments or distributions whatsoever to all or any pt of the said lande at any tyme or tymes so to be disposed Also I do give moreover unto my foresaid heire one paire or yooke of oxen and the hyer of them wch are in the hands of Richard Church as may appeare by bill under his hand Also I do give unto my said heire Caleb Hopkins all my debts wch are now oweing unto me, or at the day of my death may be oweing unto mee either by booke bill or bills or any other way rightfully due unto mee ffurthermore my will is that my daughters aforesaid shall have free recourse to my house in Plymouth upon any occation there to abide and remayne for such tyme as any of them shall thinke meete and convenyent & they single persons And for the faythfull pformance of this my will I do make and ordayne my aforesaid sonn and heire Caleb Hopkins my true and lawfull Executor ffurther I do by this my will appoynt and make my said sonn and Captaine Miles Standish joyntly supervisors of this my will according to the true meaneing of the same that is to say that my Executor & supervisor shall make the severall divisions parts or porcons legacies or whatsoever doth appertaine to the fullfilling of this my will It is also my will that my Executr & Supervisor shall advise devise and dispose by the best wayes & meanes they cann for the disposeing in marriage or other wise for the best advancnt of the estate of the forenamed Deborah Damaris Ruth and Elizabeth Hopkins Thus trusting in the Lord my will shalbe truly prformed according to the true meaneing of the same I committ the whole Disposeing hereof to the Lord that hee may direct you herein

June 6th 1644

By me Steven Hopkins

Witnesses hereof

Myles Standish

William Bradford

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He died between 6 Jun 1644 and 17 Jul 1644 in Plymouth, Plymouth Co., Massachusetts.<sup>69</sup> These are the dates his will was signed and his inventory was taken.

An Inventory of the Goods and the cattells of Mr Steven Hopkins taken by Captaine Miles Standisn, Mr Thomas Willet and Mr John Done the xviith of July 1644 xx Cal. Re.

This inventory is too long to insert here in detail, although, exceedingly illuminating.

Broadly, the inventory shows dearly, that Mr. Hopkins must have been one of the wealthiest men of the colony, if not the richest.

He left a large herd of cattle for those days, about thirteen head, including a young "heiffer without a tayle". Also a yoke of oxen, pigges and poultry.

The debts "oweing unto mee, either by booke, bill, or bills" was considerable. Whether the Executor was able to collect these items is not disclosed.

The household articles included many items of interest. These went to his daughters. There was a "greene Rugg" and a "yellow Rugg", many blankets, and much bedding of all kinds. There were "pillow beares", "boulsters", "checkered blanketts", "table clothes".

There are "dymothy Caps", "wrought Caps", and the like.

He left a library consisting of "Divers Bookes", not named, however.

There are many items of clothing in the inventory, including shoes, garters, "Ruffe", "mohaire petticote", "a petticote of phillip & cheney", "a grogorm coate", "a prpetuam coate", "coate & jerkin", "a muffe".

Items for the kitchen and dining room include "a hogshhead", "warming pann", "porringers", "frying pann", "quart potts", "laten candlesticks", "puter candlesticks", "bras pott", "skellets", "1 dozzen & half trenchers", "paire of bellowes", "fire shovell & tongs".

In fact, the inventory discloses that Stephen had a very comfortable home, of which he was very fond, and, as his will clearly indicates, the death of his wife was a great blow to him, as she had been, no doubt, a fine home-maker.

He requested in his will "to be buried as neare as convenyently may be to my wyfe Deceased".

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**SOURCE:**

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He is written about on the Internet at <http://members.aol.com/calebj/hopkins.html>.

He is written about on the Internet at <http://homepages.rootsweb.com/~ahopkins/stephen.htm>.

He is written about on the Internet at <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~bobbistockton/hop.htm>.

He was married to Mary before 1604 in Hampshire, England.<sup>69</sup> [probably]

247. **Mary** died in 1613 in Hursley, Hampshire, England.<sup>169</sup> She was buried on 9 May 1613 in Hursley, Hampshire, England.<sup>228</sup>

Stephen HOPKINS and Mary had the following children:

- i. **Elizabeth HOPKINS** was born before 13 Mar 1604.<sup>169</sup> She was baptized on 13 Mar 1604 in Hursley, Hampshire, England.<sup>169</sup> She was living in 1613.<sup>169</sup> She died before 1620.<sup>169</sup>

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- [probably] She never married.
- ii. **Constance HOPKINS.**
  - iii. **Giles / Gyles HOPKINS**<sup>229,13</sup> was born before 30 Jan 1607/8 in England.<sup>169</sup> He was baptized on 30 Jan 1607/8 in Hursley, Hampshire, England.<sup>169</sup> He was a Mayflower Passenger in 1620.<sup>169</sup> [with his father and stepmother] He signed a will on 19 Jan 1682.<sup>230</sup>

Last Will & Testament of Gyles Hopkins, 1682/1683

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To all Christian people to whome these presents shall com know ye that I Giles Hopkins of Eastham being sick and weak of Body and yet of perfit memory do declare this as my Last will and Testament on this nineteenth day of January in ye year of our Lord 1682

I bequeath my Body to ye grave in decent burial when this Temporal Life of mine shall have an end and my soul to god that gave it in hopes of a blessed Resurection at ye Last day

2ly my will is that my son Stephen Hopkins shall possess and Injoy all my Upland and meadow Lying and being at Satuckit that is to say all my upland and meadow on ye southerly side of ye bounds of ye Towne of eastham that is to say all my Right and title Intrest and claime to all those Lands from ye head of Namescakit to ye southermost part of ye long pond where mannomoyet cart way goes over to Satuckit and from thence to ye head of manomoyet river and so as our Line shall run over to ye south sea all ye Lands between thos bounds and ye westermost bounds of ye purchesers at satuckit river all these Lands I give Unto my son Stephen Hopkins and to his heirs forever: and half my stock of cattill for and in consideration of ye above sd Land and half stock of cattel my will is that after my decease my son Stephen Hopkins shall take ye care and oversight and maintaine my son William Hopkins during his natural Life in a comfortable decent manner.

3ly my will is that all my Lands at Palmet both purchesed and unpurchesed both meadows and upland and all my Lands at Pochet and my third part of Samsons neck and what other Lands shall fall unto me as a purcheser from ye fore mentioned Bounds of my son Stephen Hopkinses Lands and potanomacot all these fore specified Lands I give unto my sons Caleb and Joshua Hopkins to be equally devided between them: further my will is that if either of my sons Joshua or Caleb Hopkins dye having no Issew that then these Lands which I have given them to be equally devided between them fall to him that surviveth.

4ly. I give unto my wife Catorne Hopkins and to my son William Hopkins the improvment of too acres of meadow Lying at ye head of Rock Harbor during my wifes Life and ye one half of that too acres I give Unto my son william during his Life and after ye decease of and after ye decease of my wife and son william I do give this above sd too acres of meadow to my son Joshua Hopkins and his heirs forever: as also after my decease I give Unto my son Joshua Hopkins a parcel of meadow Lying at ye mouth of Rock Harbor according to ye bounds thereof specified in ye Towne Records of Lands: it I give unto my son Caleb Hopkins a parcel of meadow Lying at Little Nameskeket according to ye bounds thereof specified in ye Towne Book of Records of Lands.

It. I give unto my wife my now dwelling House and halfe my Land and halfe my orchard that is by my house: by Land I mean half my Land that is about my house both fenced and Unfenced during my wifes natural Life, and then ye above sd housing and Lands to fall unto my son Joshua Hopkins; the other half of my Land and orchard I give to my son Joshua Hopkins after my death that is to say ye other half of my Lands Liying about my house.

It. I give unto my son Caleb Hopkins one pair of plow Irons.

It. I give Unto my son Joshua Hopkins one payer of plow Irons.



It. I give Unto my son Joshua Hopkins my carte and wheels.

It. I give unto my wife ye other half of my stock and moveables I say to my wife and my son William or what parse of ye moveables my wife shall see cause to bestow on my son William Hopkins.

It. I do appoint my son Stephen Hopkins to be my true and Lawful executor of this my Last will and testament to pay what is payable and Receive what is due.

And to ye truth and verity hereof I have hereunto sett my hand and seal ye day and year above written.

Signed and sealed

in presence of us, ye mark of

Jonathan Sparrow.

Giles Hopkins (seal)

Samuel Knowles.

Jonathan Sparrow and Samuel Knowles witnesses to this will made oath in Court ye: 16 th: of April 1690 that they saw ye above sd Giles Hopkins signe seal and declare this to be his Last will and Testament.

Attest Joseph Lothrop. Clerk.

I ye above sd Giles Hopkins do declare where as by ye providence of God my Life has been prolonged unto me and by Reason of age and disabillity of Body Lam Incapatiated to provide for my owne support and my wifes, my will further is that my son Stephen Hopkins from this time and forward shall possess and Injoy all my stock and moveable estate provided he take effectual care for mine and my wifes Comfortable Support during our natural Lives witness my hand and seal this fifth day of march 1688/9.

Witness Mark Snow

Giles Hopkins (seal)

Jonath Sparrow

The within mentioned Mark Snow and Jonathan Sparrow made oath in Court April ye: 16 : 1690 that they saw Giles Hopkins within mentioned signe seal and declare ye latter part of this will within mentioned to be his Last will and Testament. Attest. Joseph Lothrop, Clerk.

Duly Compared with the original and entered April ye: 22 : 1690. Attest. Joseph Lothrop, Recorder.

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He died about 1689 in Eastham, Barnstable, Massachusetts.<sup>69</sup> [between 5 March 1688/9 and 16 April 1690]

**NINTH GENERATION**

480. **William ROGERS**<sup>231</sup>. He was married to Eleanor.<sup>232</sup>

481. **Eleanor**<sup>233</sup>. William ROGERS and Eleanor had the following children:

240            i. **Thomas ROGERS.**

482. **George COSFORD**<sup>234</sup>. George COSFORD had the following children:

241            i. **Elsgen (Alice) COSFORD.**

488. **Nicholas SNOW** was born between 1530 and 1540 in London, England.<sup>235</sup> He died after 1578.<sup>236</sup> He was married to Katherine HARWOODE on 10 May 1559.<sup>237</sup>

489. **Katherine HARWOODE** was born about 1535 in England.<sup>238</sup> She died after 1578.<sup>239</sup> Nicholas SNOW and Katherine HARWOODE had the following children:

244            i. **Nicholas SNOW.**

490. **John ROWLLES**<sup>240</sup>. John ROWLLES had the following children:

245            i. **Elizabeth ROWLLES.**

## TENTH GENERATION

960. **William ROGERS**<sup>241</sup>. He was married to Joan.

961. **Joan**<sup>242</sup>. William ROGERS and Joan had the following children:

480            i. **William ROGERS.**

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