

Benoni Sweet and Lydia Dimock Ancestry Report

The Ancestry of Benoni Sweet and Lydia Dimock of Hants and Kings Counties, Nova Scotia

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First Generation¹

Benoni Sweet (2) and **Lydia Dimock (3)**, *see below*, were New England emigrants to Falmouth, Nova Scotia in 1761, and from there on to Newport/Scotch Village, Hants Co., NS. They had the following children, all of whom are considered as first generation in this report:

- 1.1. Sarah. Born on 9 Dec 1772. Sarah died in At Age 102, on 5 Jun 1873; she was 100. Sarah married **John Vaughn**. Born abt 1770.
- 1.2. Benoni (1774-8 Jun 1854). Occupation: Proprietor Of Sweets Inn, Ardois, 1835-1845. Benoni married **Margaret Cochran**. Born in 1782. Margaret died in 1872; she was 90. They had 11 children:
 - i. Benjamin. Born in 1800. Benjamin died in 1873; he was 73. Occupation: Merchant, Crossroads At Wentworth, Hants Co. Residence: Sweets Corner, Named For Him. Benjamin married **Jane Hunter**.
 - ii. George. Born abt 1802. George married **Eliza Smith**.
 - iii. William. Born abt 1803. William married **Martha Smith**.
 - iv. Albro. Born in 1805. Albro died in 1876; he was 71. Albro married **Caroline Sweet**. Born abt 1810. Residence: 1st Cousin Of Husband.
 - v. John. Born on 28 Oct 1807 in Wentworth, Hants Co., NS. John died in Ferndale, California, on 14 Mar 1893; he was 85. Duncanson¹ reports that John, son of Benoni and Margaret Cochran, married "his first cousin" Susan Sweet. According to Joan Jowsey, John and Susan had

¹ This report is in the form of an Ahnentafel report. To find someone's father, double their number. To find someone's mother, double their number and add 1 (i.e., the wife of someone is their number plus 1 - which follows

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three children, all born in NS. Susan died and John married Margaret Hunter, daughter of George Henry Hunter and Eliza Fish. They raised a family of 7 more children, all born in NS. John Sweet and his second wife and all the family removed to California, arriving in Humboldt, Feb. 1, 1883. The funeral of John Sweet was held in the church he helped to establish at Grizzly Bluff, CA.

On 21 Nov 1839 when John was 32, he first married **Susan Sweet**, daughter of James Sweet (5) (abt 1777-2 Dec 1847) & Elizabeth, in Rawdon, NS At St. Pauls. Born abt 1812. Susan died bef 1851; she was 39.

On 15 May 1851 when John was 43, he second married **Margaret Hunter**. Margaret died in Ferndale, CA.

- vi. James. Born in 1809. James died in 1884; he was 75. Residence: Butler Farm, Windsor, NS.
James married **Margaret Redden**.
- vii. Eber. Born in 1811. Eber died in 1861; he was 50.
Eber married **Jane Trefry**.
- viii. Shubael. Born in 1814.
Shubael married **Flossie Dodge**.
- ix. Jane. Born in 1815.
Jane married **Thomas Salter**.
- x. Margaret Ann. Born in 1818. Margaret Ann died on 5 Jan 1884; she was 66.
Margaret Ann married **Thomas Brown**.
- xi. Daniel. Born in 1819. Daniel died in 1871; he was 52.
Daniel married **Margaret Sealis**.

- 1.3. John (abt 1776-). John first married **Jennet Harvey**. Born on 11 Aug 1794. They had the following children:

- i. John Lockhart Sweet (1814-1885). John Lockhart married **Margaret Burton**. Born abt 1820. Margaret died on 29 Sep 1852; she was 32. They had a child John "Walter" Sweet (1848-11 Oct 1877)
- ii. David. Born in 1816.
- iii. Margaret Sales. Born abt 1819.
- iv. Rebecca Elizabeth. Born in 1819.

John second married **Sarah Glassie**.

- 1.4. Eunice. Born abt 1777.

Eunice married **George Mumford**. Born abt 1775.

- 1.5. Albro. Born abt 1779.

- 1.6. Shubael (abt 1779-23 Mar 1845). Shubael married **Amelia Fish**. Born abt 1789. Amelia died on 7 Dec 1881; she was 92. They had a son Eber, born in 1828 in Newport. Eber Sweet, 55, widower, b. Newport, s/o Shubael and Amelia, md. Onnida R. Wellward, 39, widow, Sept. 25, 1883 (NSHVS).

- 1.7. Tryphosia. Born abt 1780.

Tryphosia married **Oliver Dodge**.

- 1.8. Eber. Born abt 1781.

- 1.9. James. Born abt 1777 in Falmouth, NS. James died in Horton, Kings Co., NS, on 2 Dec 1847; he was 70. Residence: Rawdon, NS. James married **Elizabeth Lastname unknown**. They had the following children:

- i. William (1801-26 Feb 1881). Born in 1801 in Rawdon, Hants Co., NS. William died in West Branch, River Philip, NS, on 26 Feb 1881; he was 80. Buried in Williamsdale Cem., Cumb. Co., NS. On 9 Jul 1831 when William was 30, he married Elizabeth Doyle in Rawdon, NS. Born on 22 Oct 1815. Elizabeth died in

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- Wyvern, NS, on 21 May 1911; she was 95. Buried in Wyvern Cem., Cumb. Co., NS. They had 11 children in Cumberland Co.
- ii. Harriet. Born ca 1802. Harriet died in South Rawdon, NS, on 4 Sep 1876; she was 74.
"Mr. Joseph Keating of the Parish of Halifax and Harriet Sweet of the Parish of Rawdon, Spinster, were married by licence with consent of parents this 11th day of February in the year 1825. By me, Henry Hayden, in the presence of James Sweet". St. Paul's Anglican Parish, Rawdon, Hants Co., NS. On 11 Feb 1825 when Harriet was 23, she married **Joseph Keating** in Rawdon, NS. Born in 1807 in Wexford, Ireland. Joseph died in South Rawdon, NS, on 15 Jan 1876; he was 69. They had 7 children.
- iii. Eliza.
- iv. Joseph. Born ca 1810. Joseph died aft 1871; he was 61. On 20 Nov 1833 when Joseph was 23, he first married Rosanna Barron in St. Pauls Anglican, Rawdon, NS. She was the daughter of Hugh Barron and Lydia Potter. They had 6 children: Agnes Rebecca (4 Mar 1835-); Lydia Ann (12 Sep 1837-3 Mar 1912, Lawrence, Essex, MA, m. William Munroe, b. 25 Jan. 1857, Halifax); Anthony (ca 1838-18 Apr 1911, Acton, MS); Isabella (ca 1847-3 Jul 1876); William (1851-), age 20 in 1871 census in Rawdon with father and step-mother; Joseph (1853-), age 18 in 1871 census in Rawdon with father and step-mother. In bet 1859-1861 when Joseph was 49, he second married Rachel Beiswenger. Born ca 1839. I believe that her father was Joseph Beiswanger and Rachael was born in Country Harbor (Phyllis Evans). In the 1871 census of Rawdon with 4 children: Charles L. (ca 1861-); Nelson Maynard (7 Jul 1862-13 May 1913); George Albert (10 Nov 1866-8 Jan 1945); Ermina (ca 1869-). All three boys went to Michagan, USA by early 1900's. Nelson stayed there and raised a family, Charles disappeared, leaving behind a family and George moved on to Washington State. George married for the first time, Carrie GERMAN. Ermina married William Marr and remained in Canada in the Toronto area where she stayed off and on. At some point, her name became LeBeau.
- v. Susan. Born abt 1812. Susan died bef 1851; she was 39.
On 21 Nov 1839 when Susan was 27, she married **John Sweet (1.2.v above)**, son of Benoni Sweet (1774-8 Jun 1854) & Margaret Cochran (1782-1872), in Rawdon, NS At St. Pauls. Born on 28 Oct 1807 in Wentworth, Hants Co., NS. John died in Ferndale, California, on 14 Mar 1893; he was 85. Duncanson reports that John, son of Benoni and Margaret Cochran, married "his first cousin" Susan Sweet. According to Joan Jowsey, John and Susan had three children, all born in NS. Susan died and John married Margaret Hunter, daughter of George Henry Hunter and Eliza Fish. They raised a family of 7 more children, all born in NS. John Sweet and his second wife and all the family removed to California, arriving in Humboldt, Feb. 1, 1883. The funeral of John Sweet was held in the church he helped to establish at Grizzly Bluff, CA.
- vi. Wellington. Born in 1818 in Rawdon, NS. Wellington died in Truro, Colchester Co., NS, on 1 May 1884; he was 66. Residence: Gore, Nine Mile River, McClure Brook, Truro Hts., NS. Wellington Sweet, age 16, son of James, is listed in the School Papers for District #5, Rawdon, 1 June 1834. Maria, 13, daughter of James, is also listed. On 7 Mar 1841 when Wellington was 23, he married **Mary Ann Blois**, daughter of William Blois (7 Jul 1790-27 Sep 1854) & Ann M. Fielding (26 Feb 1801-8 Dec 1828), in St. Paul's Anglican, Rawdon, NS. Born in 1824 in Douglas, Hants Co., NS. Mary Ann died bef 1871.
"Wellington Sweet of this parish (St. Pauls Anglican, Rawdon) and Mary Ann Blois were married in Douglas Church by licence with consent of parents this

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7th day of March, 1841.” (Ralph S. Blois in his history of the Blois family). They had 11 children. They were in Salem, Mass. in 1860 census and Wellington was in Truro in 1871 as a widower with most of the children. His family was mostly in the Truro area (notably son George Fielding Sweet, who married Eunice Wortman and had 16 children, and Elizabeth Sweet who married George Groves and had 10 children²) but several migrated back to the Boston area.

vii. Maria. Born in 1821.

Second Generation

2 Benoni Sweet. Born on 7 Oct 1748 in North Kingstown, RI. Buried in Baptist Cemetery, Scotch Village, Hants Co., NS (?). Residence: Falmouth, NS (1761), Newport (Scotch Village), NS.

From Duncanson, John Victor. 1983. Falmouth - A New England Township in Nova Scotia. Mika Publ. Co. Belleville, ON, Benoni was a grantee at Falmouth in 1761, but sold his lands in 1765 to Henry Denson; it is believed that he moved to Cornwallis, NS where a John Sweet received a grant in 1764. Early Falmouth records report that Benoni Sweet performed medical aid during the early days of the Falmouth settlement; he therefore followed the profession which several of his ancestors had served.

The family of Benoni and Lydia is recorded in a genealogy entitled "The Sweet Saga 1530-1960" (Smiley, Belle, and Young, Iola. West Hants Historical Society, Windsor, NS.). They lived on the Sweet Road, Scotch Village. The children are also listed by Duncanson in his Falmouth and Newport (J.V. Duncanson, 1985, Newport, NS - A Rhode Island Township. Belleville, ON, Mika Publ. Co.), histories.

Abt 1772 when Benoni was 23, he married **Lydia Dimock**.

3 Lydia Dimock. Born on 27 Aug 1748 in Mansfield, CT.

The ancestry of Lydia Dimock was provided to me by Mike Stephens, Jan. 19, 1997, who is a descendent Benoni and Lydia through their son John.

Third Generation

4 Benoni Sweet. Born on 28 Mar 1692 in North Kingstown, RI. Benoni died in Cornwallis, Kings Co., NS. Residence: Nova Scotia (1760).

² The author of this report, Douglas Goff, descends from Elizabeth Sweet and George Groves. For a descendency report of James Sweet of Rawdon, please see <http://www.uoguelph.ca/~dgoff/SweetFamilyColchesterNovaScotia.pdf>

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There were two Sweet immigrants to NS, Benoni, and John, who was granted land in Cornwallis, Kings Co., founding a branch of the Sweet family there. The lineage of the Cornwallis John was John and Mary Periam, John and Elizabeth Jeffrey, Richard and Priscilla Carpenter, John and Lydia Whaley, and John, the immigrant, who married Margaret Congdon (see details in appropriate section of this file).

1692 Benoni SWEET s/o Benoni and Elizabeth SWEET born in RI. He was also a bonesetter, and was the one in our line in RI who with his wife Elizabeth and their family left RI in 1760 with the New England Planters for NS, landing in Falmouth Twsp, disembarking at what is now Newport Landing, Hants Co, NS. This Benoni married when he was about 50 years old. His wife Elizabeth was much younger. However, he possessed the spirit of adventure, when he, at his age, migrated with the Planters to a new country, Nova Scotia. Benonis grant of land was Lot 39, which he shared with Edward Manchester, each receiving one half share. In 1765 Benoni and his wife Elizabeth sold this land to Mr. Henry DENSON. In 1765 Benoni and Isaac LITTLE purchased another grant of land located at Curry's Corner, near Windsor.

Ch: Elizabeth b1742,

Mary b1745 m. Isaac LITTLE,

Jonathan b1746,

Benoni b1748 m. Lydia DIMOCK

And Nancy b1752.

Source: The SWEET SAGA, by Belle Smiley and Iola Young (1960)

MIGRATION OF THE SWEET FAMILY

From New England to Nova Scotia in 1760

In 1758 Britain was engaged in the last round of conflict with the French for the possession of Nova Scotia. The necessity of making Nova Scotia a strong, loyal British colony was obvious to both the Lord of Trades and officials at Halifax. On October 12, 1758, the Governor Lawrence issued the invitation by Proclamation to the people of New England to come to Nova Scotia, and he offered them the cultivated farms left vacant by the expulsion of the French Acadians on Sept. 5, 1755.

A general meeting of the Pilgrim Families was held in Norwich Church in Connecticut, and families from Rhode Island and Mass. also attended. They were keenly interested, as their population had increased and they were faced with the problem of providing new homes and farms. However, they wanted information as to the form of government, the extent of religious freedom, and the payment of taxes.

In September 1759 a committee was appointed to be sent as agents to Nova Scotia to investigate conditions. Upon arrival they were taken by Mr. Charles Morris, a general surveyor, by boat, to the Minas Basin area. These Planters, having responsible government in the New England Colonies would not go to a country where they did not have this liberty. This had been anticipated and the first House of Assembly was established in Nova Scotia in 1758.

Another vital question was religious freedom and inquiries showed that this also would be assured to all Protestants.

The result of this visit was response from New England that more than met the expectations.

About 1,500 in all came to Nova Scotia in 1760, to occupy lands vacated by the Acadians in 1755. The move to Nova Scotia was to have been made in the autumn of 1759, but the threat of an Indian uprising delayed it until the spring of 1760. At that time agriculture was the main occupation and land was in great demand.

Many New England Planters were interested in education, and scores of their descendants have gone forth and become leaders in Education, Medicine, Business and leaders of the churches in Canada and the United States.

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In common with most all of these early settlers or Planters, they possessed a fine integrity of character, they were descendants of the Puritans who migrated from England during the time of religious persecution to a land where they could worship God according to their conscience.

A large number of the Planters who came to Nova Scotia had come from England to Rhode Island on the "Mayflower". They were a friendly group, knit together by their religious faith. They were also bound together by their loyalty to their King, James of England.

Even before the "Mayflower" dropped anchor after her long voyage, those on board knew their leaders' decision to remain in New England rather than go to Virginia, as was their original destination.

Although there were very few who had college training, they brought with them the King James' version of the Holy Bible, then only a few years old. This was the best written book in the English language and no group of people can be described as uneducated who read and knew the "Holy Bible".

On 16 Sep 1739 when Benoni was 47, he married **Isabell/Elizabeth Sweet** in North Kings Town, RI. RI Marriages.

They had the following children:

- i. Elizabeth. Born on 10 Oct 1742 in North Kingstown, RI.
- ii. Mary. Born on 25 Apr 1745 in North Kingstown, RI.
On 10 Dec 1763 when Mary was 18, she married **Isaac Little** in Falmouth, Hants Co., NS.
- iii. Jonathan. Born in 1746 in North Kingstown, RI.
- 2 iv. Benoni (7 Oct 1748-)
- v. Nancy. Born in 1752 in North Kingstown, RI.

5 Isabell/Elizabeth.

Benoni's wife Elizabeth Sweet was identified as a "cousin" of Benoni, perhaps a first cousin, the daughter of Samuel and Bridget Sweet (Elizabeth. b. 1703, see **16.vi** below), or a 2nd cousin, the daughter of Henry Sweet and Mary Andrews, (Elizabeth b. 1704), Henry the son of John and Elizabeth Jeffrey (see **32.i** below). I could see how that could be confusing.

But, Belle Smily had said that she was "much younger" than him (he was b. 1692), and most sources identify her name variably as either Elizabeth or Isabel. I also have a birth record of Isabel as 1720. So I looked at Rhode Island birth records (familysearch.org) and here's what is most interesting. Benoni and Elizabeth Sweet had children b. Oct 1715, 5 Jan. 1716, 17 Aug. 1720, 29 Dec 1721, 2 Nov. 1723, 3 Jan. 1725, 21 Nov. 1727, 30 Mar 1730 and 26 Apr 1733, all male, and all b. North Kingstown. Then there is a marriage record for Benoni Sweet and Isabel, 16 Sep. 1739. Then there are birth records for children of Benoni and Isabel, 10 Jun 1740 (son), 10 Oct 1742 (Elizabeth), 20 Apr 1745 (son), 7 Oct 1748 (Benoni), 3 Oct 1752 (son). So, it sure looks to me like he had two families here, one with Elizabeth Sweet b. 1704 and a second with Isabel *lastname unknown* b. 1720. The latter birth year is much more in line with the ages of the children identified in the Nova Scotia records. If this is the case, then Isabel is the mother of Benoni Sweet (**#2**) rather than Elizabeth Sweet.

Isabell was born in 1720 in North Kings Town, RI and died in Cornwallis, Kings Co., NS.

6 Shubael Dimock. Born on 27 May 1708 in Mansfield, CT. Shubael died in Newport, NS, on 27 May 1781; he was 73. Buried in Scotch Village, NS. Residence: Mansfield, CT, Falmouth, NS (1761).

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Shubael Dimock was a lay preacher in Connecticut. He was a deacon of the Congregational Church, but joined the separatist group. He suffered persecution and served a jail sentence for his religious practices (preaching without a license). He was a grantee of 500 acres in Falmouth Township, NS, on the west side of the Avon River, with the Planter migration of 1760-61. He also received an additional 250 acres. Later, in 1765, he leased his Falmouth lands and joined his son Daniel on the east side at Newport (their farm being in the area now known as Scotch Village). He became persuaded by the evangelical preaching of the Rev. Henry Alline and joined the New Light Church at Falmouth founded by Alline. In 1776, he attended the ordination of Alline. His son Daniel became ordained in the Baptist Church, and together they established one of the first Baptist communities at Newport. Shubael's grandson Rev. Joseph Dimock, son of Rev. Daniel, was the first native born Nova Scotian to be ordained as a Baptist minister.

See biography, ancestry and family in J.V. Duncanson, 1985, Newport, NS - A Rhode Island Township. Belleville, ON, Mika Publ. Co., and also briefly in Duncanson's history of Falmouth, as above.

On 11 Dec 1731 when Shubael was 23, he first married **Priscilla Hovey**, daughter of James Hovey (1674-1765) & Deborah Barlow (1676-15 May 1749), in Mansfield, CT. Born on 11 Dec 1708 in Malden, MA. Priscilla died in Mansfield, CT, on 14 Mar 1747; she was 38.

They had the following children:

- i. Asa (Twin). Born on 14 Aug 1732 in Mansfield, CT. Asa died in Windsor, NS, in 1793; he was 60.
Asa married **Deborah Cooney**.
- ii. Anne (Twin). Born on 14 Aug 1732 in Mansfield, CT. Anne died in Mansfield, CT, on 18 Jul 1749; she was 16.
- iii. Abigail. Born on 16 Jul 1734 in Mansfield, CT.
- iv. Rev. Daniel. Born on 24 Sep 1736 in Mansfield, CT. Rev. Daniel died in Newport, NS, on 5 Apr 1805; he was 68.
On 5 Nov 1767 when Rev. Daniel was 31, he married **Deborah Bailey**, daughter of Joseph Bailey & Hannah Sanford (20 Sep 1725-).
- v. Abigail. Born on 23 Aug 1742 in Mansfield, CT.
Abigail married **Amos Marsh**.

On 10 Nov 1747 when Shubael was 39, he second married **Eunice Marsh**, daughter of James Marsh (1688-6 Apr 1749) & Hannah Shephard (13 Nov 1695-22 Apr 1775), in Mansfield, CT. Born on 14 Apr 1726 in Plainfield, Windham, CT. Eunice died in Nova Scotia, bef 1769; she was 42.

They had the following children:

- 3**
 - i. Lydia (27 Aug 1748-)
 - ii. Eunice. Born on 27 Jun 1751 in Mansfield, CT.
 - iii. Shubael. Born on 24 Mar 1753 in Mansfield, CT. Shubael died in Newport, NS, on 14 Jul 1834; he was 81. Buried in Scotch Village.
Represented Hants County in the provincial legislature 1799-1820.

Shubael married **Susan Macumber**.
 - iv. Eunice. Born on 1 Jun 1755.
Eunice first married **Hugh Smith**.
Eunice second married **John Marsters**.
 - v. Tryphena.
 - vi. Tryphosa.
Tryphosa married **Thomas Baker**.

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On 22 Oct 1768 when Shubael was 60, he third married **Sarah (Knowlton) Marsters**, daughter of Robert Knowlton, in Falmouth, NS, widow of Abraham Marsters. Residence: Salem, MA, Falmouth, NS.

They had the following children:

- i. Timothy. Born in 1769. Timothy died in Rawdon, NS, on 21 Jan 1838; he was 69.
Timothy married **Mary Parker**.
- ii. Hannah. Hannah died bef 1797.

7 Eunice Marsh. Born on 14 Apr 1726 in Plainfield, Windham, CT. Eunice died in Nova Scotia, bef 1769; she was 42.

Fourth Generation

8 Benoni Sweet Capt. Dr. Born on 28 Mar 1663 in North Kingstown, RI. Benoni died in North Kingstown, RI, on 19 Jul 1751; he was 88. Occupation: Bone Setter, "Educated Man Of Polished Manners".

According to Duncanson, Benoni Sweet was a Captain in the British service and has been described as "an educated man of polished manners". He was a bone setter and was called Dr. Sweet.

Benoni inherited the gift of bonesetting and performed some remarkable operations. He practiced extensively in restoring dislocations.

"Died, Capt. Benoni Sweet of North Kingston, in the 90th yar of his age. Dr. MacSparran preached his funeral sermon, and buried him in the cemetery of his ancestors."

Abt 1686 when Benoni was 22, he married **Elizabeth Manchester** in North Kingston, RI.

They had the following children:

- i. James. Born on 28 May 1687 in North Kingston, RI. James died on 19 Jul 1751; he was 64. James' spouse has been identified as Anne Weeton, or as Mary Abigal Sherman.
- ii. Margaret. Born on 22 Sep 1690 in North Kingston, RI. Margaret died in North Kingston, RI, on 27 Oct 1727; she was 37.
Margaret married **John Albro**.
- 4** iii. Benoni (28 Mar 1692-)
- iv. Mary. Born on 8 Dec 1696 in North Kingston, RI. Mary died in North Kingston, RI, in 1775; she was 78.
Mary married **Elisha Sherman**.
- v. Elizabeth. Born on 22 Feb 1700 in North Kingston, RI. On 22 Nov 1722 when Elizabeth was 22, she married **Benjamin Congdon** in North Kingstown, RI. Born on 20 Oct 1702. Benjamin died in 1777; he was 74. Their daughter Margaret was born on 7 Nov 1727 in North Kingstown, Rhode Island. Margaret died in Windsor, NS, in 1777. She married John Sweet (b. 7 Dec 1724), the son of John Sweet and Lydia Whalley and great grandson of John Sweet and Elizabeth Jeffrey (see #32.i).
- vi. Thomas. Born on 12 Aug 1703 in North Kingston, RI. Died 1763.
On 11 Apr 1728 when Thomas was 24, he married **Tabitha Bentley**.

9 Elizabeth Manchester. Born abt 1668 in North Kingston, RI. Elizabeth died in North Kingston, RI, on 27 Oct 1727; she was 59.

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There is some confusion around the identity of Elizabeth. It appears likely that she is Elizabeth Manchester, although she has also been identified as Elizabeth Sweet, a cousin. This may refer to the wife of Benoni Jr.

Elizabeth Manchester, b. 1667, d/o Thomas Manchester and Margaret Wood. Thomas Manchester was born ca1620, the son of Peleg Manchester, probably in Yorkshire, England and died 1691 in Portsmouth, Newport, Rhode Island. He married Margaret Wood in 1650 in Portsmouth, Newport, Rhode Island. She was the daughter of John Wood and Margaret Carter. She died in 1693 in Portsmouth, Newport, RI. They had 9 children, Thomas, b. ca1650 d.1718, George, b. ca1650, William, b. 1654 (m. Mary Cook), John, b. 1656, George, b. 1659, Stephen, b. 1661 (m. Eliz. Woddell), Job, b. 1663, Mary, b. 1665, Elizabeth, b. 1667.

Duncanson stated that Benoni Sr. married his cousin Elizabeth. According to "The Sweet Saga", Elizabeth was a daughter of Benoni's cousin Samuel, son of John. Another suggestion has been Elizabeth Sweet (b. 1704), d/o Henry Sweet (b. 1662, son of John) and Margaret Griffin.

In Savage's Dictionary:

"Benoni SWEET, son of James, had James b. 1688; Margaret, b 1690; Benoni, b1692; Mary, b 1696; Elizabeth, b 1700 and Thomas, b 1703. Perhaps all or perhaps only last two by wife Elizabeth. (No last name)" - This last statement is also a curious one!

12 Timothy Dimmock. Born in Mar 1667/1668 in Barnstable, Massachusetts. Timothy died in Ashford, Connecticut, bef 1719; he was 51. Residence: Mansfield Twp., Tolland, Connecticut.

Abt 1690 when Timothy was 22, he married **Bethia Chipman**. Born abt 1673. Bethia died abt 1692; she was 19.

They had one child:

- i. Jabez. Born abt 1691. Residence: Falmouth, MA. On 5 Dec 1722 when Jabez was 31, he first married **Mary Newcomb** in Boston, Massachusetts. Born on 4 Mar 1700/1701 in Sandwich, Massachusetts. Mary died bef 1734; she was 33. Bef 1734 when Jabez was 43, he second married **Elizabeth**. Born abt 1705.

Bef 1700 when Timothy was 32, he second married (**Wife**). Born abt 1675.

They had one child:

- i. Silence. Born abt 1699 in Connecticut. In 1721/1722 when Silence was 22, she married **Nathaniel Rogers**. Born abt 1695.

On 17 Mar 1701/1702 when Timothy was 34, he married **Abigail Doane** in Massachusetts.

They had the following children:

- i. Timothy. Born on 2 Jun 1703 in Mansfield Twp., Tolland, Connecticut. Timothy died in Ashford, Connecticut, in 1740/1741; he was 36.
On 10 Mar 1725/1726 when Timothy was 21, he married **Miriam Fuller** in Ashford, Connecticut. Born on 10 Mar 1707/1708 in Rehobath, Massachusetts. Miriam died on 4 Dec 1787; she was 80.
- ii. John. Born on 3 Jan 1704/1705 in Mansfield Twp., Tolland, Connecticut. John died in Sullivan, New Hampshire, on 23 Jun 1789; he was 85. Residence: Ashford, Connecticut. On 10 Oct 1728 when John was 24, he married **Hannah Kendall** in Ashford, Connecticut. Born on 24 Jul 1707 in Ashford, Connecticut. Hannah died in Sullivan, New Hampshire, on 23 Aug 1790; she was 83.
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- iv. Daniel. Born on 28 Jan 1709/1710 in Mansfield Twp., Tolland, Connecticut. Daniel died in Windham, Connecticut, abt 1737; he was 27.
On 23 Nov 1732 when Daniel was 23, he married **Mary Tirrell** in Windham, Connecticut. Born abt 1715.
- v. Israel. Born on 22 Dec 1710 in Mansfield Twp., Tolland, Connecticut. Israel died in Windham, Connecticut, on 10 Mar 1788; he was 77.
In 1732/1733 when Israel was 21, he married **Elizabeth Follett**. Born on 6 Dec 1707. Elizabeth died in Windham, Connecticut, in Aug 1778; she was 70.
- vi. Ebenezer. Born on 22 Nov 1715 in Mansfield Twp., Tolland, Connecticut. Ebenezer died in Ashford, Connecticut, on 11 Dec 1802; he was 87.
On 27 Sep 1739 when Ebenezer was 23, he married **Mary E. Keyes** in Ashford, Connecticut. Born in 1721/1722 in Ashford, Connecticut. Mary E. died in Ashford, Connecticut, on 27 Apr 1802; she was 81.

13 Abigail Doane. Born abt 1673. Abigail died in Windham, Connecticut, in Jul 1764; she was 91.

14 James Marsh. Born in 1688 in Plainfield, Windham, CT. James died in Plainfield, Windham, CT, on 6 Apr 1749; he was 61.

On 3 Dec 1711 when James was 23, he married **Hannah Shephard**, daughter of Isaac Shepherd (abt 1669-23 Jan 1747/1748) & Hannah Spaulding (abt 1674-bef 1747), in Plainfield, Windham, Connecticut. Born on 13 Nov 1695 in Plainfield, Windham, Connecticut. Hannah died in Plainfield, Windham, Connecticut, on 22 Apr 1775; she was 79.

They had the following children:

- i. James. Born on 28 Oct 1712.
- ii. Nathaniel. Born on 28 Jul 1715.
- iii. Rachel. Born on 7 Oct 1717 in Plainfield, Windham, CT. Rachel died in Cornwall, Litchfield, CT, on 23 Apr 1790; she was 72.
On 4 Dec 1732 when Rachel was 15, she married **James Douglas**.
- iv. Isaac. Born on 20 Sep 1719 in Plainfield, Windham, CT. Isaac died in Plainfield, Windham, CT, on 15 Mar 1776; he was 56.
On 16 Jun 1742 when Isaac was 22, he married **Mary Gilbert**.
- v. Hannah. Born on 10 Jul 1721.
On 13 Apr 1739 when Hannah was 17, she married **George Palmer**.
- 7 vi. Mary. Born in 1723.
- vii. Eunice (Twin) (14 Apr 1726-bef 1769)
- viii. Lydia (Twin). Born on 14 Apr 1726.
Died young.
- ix. James. Born on 7 Jan 1729.
- x. Sarah. Born on 29 Apr 1731.
- xi. Elias. Born on 26 Nov 1736.

15 Hannah Shephard. Born on 13 Nov 1695 in Plainfield, Windham, Connecticut. Hannah died in Plainfield, Windham, Connecticut, on 22 Apr 1775; she was 79.

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Fifth Generation

16 James Sweet Dr. Born on 18 Jun 1622 in Devonshire, England. James died in Ridge Hill, Kingstown, RI, on 18 Jun 1698; he was 76. Occupation: Natural Bone Setter. Residence: Salem, MA (1631), Warwick, Portsmouth, RI.

Children are listed, with birth dates, in Austin. He refers to James as a State Commissioner, 1653, 1658, 1659, a Freeman 1655, and having served on a Jury in 1666. He also describes several land transactions between 1660 and 1695. According to Duncanson, James lived at Portsmouth and Kingstown, RI. Children are listed by Duncanson.

James Sweet was the progenitor of the "celebrated natural bone setters". Job, the son of his son James, was known as the "Great Bonesetter", and was the most famous of all the bonesetter Sweet's.

THE BONESETTER SWEETS

There is a tradition in the Rhode Island branch of the Sweet family, that their ancestors, including James, the immigrant, had long been gifted by nature with the faculty of setting dislocated and broken bones. The inherited ability to set bones was not regarded by the Sweets as a vocation, but rather as an avocation. They were artisans by calling -stonemasons, blacksmiths, wheelwrights, carpenters. Bonesetting was a side-line.

The remarkable part of this family was the fact that they never exploited their natural ability. Not one of them sought fame or fortune through this medium. The Sweets did not deem this a magical thing, but more of an inherited knowledge acquired from their elders. They handled fractures, sprains and dislocations with a skill to be envied by an orthopedic physician. They were known to use massaging with ointments and herbs also. Instances naming local doctors who failed to relieve suffering that later was relieved by one of the Sweets have become folklore.

Benoni, the son of James the immigrant, and Benoni's son, James (the father of Job Sweet), both possessed this natural gift. Benoni was called "Dr. Sweet", but practiced only in restoring dislocations. He was a regular communicant of the historic Narragansett Church and officiated as a vestryman until his death in 1751. He had been a captain in the British service and was described as a man of education and polished manners. He is referred to as the first of a long line of bone-setters. Benoni's grandson, Job Sweet, was known as the "GREAT BONESETTER".

Job Sweet was born in 1724 and married Jemima Sherman in 1750. It is related that during the Revolutionary War, Job Sweet was called to Newport, R.I., to set the dislocated bones of the French officers, an operation which their army surgeons were unable to perform.

After the Revolution, he was invited to New York by Colonel Aaron Burr to restore the dislocated hip of his daughter, Theodosia. This operation had baffled the skill of the city doctors.

Job went to New York by packet boat and was met by Colonel Burr's carriage. He told afterward how he felt at being shut up in the closed carriage. The setting of the bone was to be performed the next day at 10 a.m., when other surgeons would be present. But Dr. Sweet meant to avoid their presence. In the evening he solicited an interview with the family and the girl. Theodosia was in great pain, but Job talked soothingly to her and explained what he was to do. He asked if she would permit him to put his hand on her hip. She consented and in a few minutes he had reset the bone. Then he told her to walk about the room, which, to the surprise of Theodosia and her father, she could do. When the medical team arrived the next morning, Job was well on his way back to Rhode Island.

Spiritualists and clairvoyants will understand the philosophy in accordance with the laws of which Dr. Sweet avoided the presence of learned surgeons while he performed his seemingly miraculous cures. Totally unlearned in

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surgery, Dr. Job seldom, if ever, failed in bone restoring operations.

A skeptical young sprig sent for the doctor to reset his elbow, which he said had been dislocated. The old man found his patient, apparently in great pain, with his bandaged arm in a sling. The doctor had scarcely touched the elbow before he discovered that the fellow was tricking him. The doctor left and was soon overtaken on his way by a messenger, who implored the doctor to return and restore the young man's elbow joint which had been really dislocated by the doctor as a punishment for deceit.

On one occasion Dr. Job was being shown through an anatomical hall in Boston. In glancing at a human specimen, the old man remarked that he had never seen a "tominy" before, but there was a little bone put in wrong side up in the foot of the one before him. This was controverted by his learned friend who was finally forced to admit the correctness of the natural bonesetter's assertion, after permitting him to change the position of the bone in question.

Dr. Job's son, Jonathan (1765-1820) and his son, Job, were blacksmiths. The son, Job, commenced setting bones after the death of his father (Jonathan) and achieved great renown. Thomas Hazard wrote that he had been present many times when Jonathan restored dislocated and broken bones among the employees of his father's family. Once when Jonathan was setting the thigh of a coloured boy, the writer asked him to tell how he could do it. Jonathan answered that he did not know himself, but he was just as certain of the position of all the bones he worked on as if he could see them with his naked eye.

When called from the work of blacksmithing, as they often were, to restore shattered and dislocated limbs, the healing of which would have conferred world renown on any regularly bred surgeon, all either one ever asked for was the "hindrance", charge enough to pay for the time lost in shoeing the horse or other work. The same writer told of shattered bones and cases of compound fractures.

A lawyer friend of Daniel Webster, named Warner, had a leg so aggravated by maltreatment that long care was necessary, so he came to board with the doctor until he was cured. Warner was so impressed that he persuaded the doctor (Job, the younger blacksmith) to move to Boston where there would be unlimited field for his gift. But he did not long survive the change and died in 1827.

Besides bonesetting, the Sweet family possessed, in a remarkable degree, another faculty, scarcely less wonderful - that of compounding linaments or washes from the roots and barks that were to be found in almost any locality. Herbs, ointments, and skunk grease were used in massaging. These were used to prevent infection and to help in the healing. It is said that no two ever practiced in one place, and none ever made any effort to win fame or wealth from the gift.

Another of these natural bonesetters was Edward Harvey of South Kingston, whose mother was Frances Sweet. He was a crossing tender who plied his trade as late as 1917. It is told that a youngster was struck on the leg by a baseball, which resulted in a large painful swelling on his lower leg. After three months of care by the most skilled of local doctors, the boy was still in the same condition. One of the doctors recommended that he consult "Bunk" Harvey, but not to tell of the referral. Forty years later the boy gave the following account of the treatment:

"Bunk ran his hand up the front of my leg from the ankle to the knee, then with one quick snap of his thumb he twisted the bunch on my leg. It hurt like hell for a minute, then the pain disappeared and the lump was gone. Bunk told me that two cords had become twisted, one on top of the other. That leg hasn't bothered me since".

The last of these bonesetters, bearing the Sweet name in South County, was Dr. Benoni Sweet, son of William and Martha (Tourgee) Sweet, who was born in 1840, and lived in Wakefield, R.I. He was a stonemason and on the death of his brother, George, he assumed the family profession of bonesetting. The Rhode Island Medical Society thought enough of Dr. Benoni and his ability to present him with a certificate to practice medicine in Rhode Island. He was unusually successful in his practice and on the very day he died, April 21, 1922, he reduced the fracture of a boy's

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wrist.

In late years the Sweets have gone on to obtain Medical Degrees. One of these, Dr. John Sweet (1884-1950) was a practicing physician in Newport, Rhode Island. He is quoted in an article by P.P. Sweet in the Connecticut Medical Journal for 1946. "It is my belief that the reputation of the Sweet family for skill in setting bones was often deserved". However, he did not credit the natural gift for bonesetting but believed from early childhood they had seen their father operating and that the principles of bonesetting were explained to them in careful detail.

This training may well have been for the exterior treatment with herbs and linaments, but could only supplement the spiritual gift of inner sight, which made those seemingly miraculous cures possible. The Sweets have always been receptive to humane and spiritual values, and to this day are known to be mild and gentle in disposition. This quality was memorialized in the original bestowal of the name, centuries ago, to "John, the Sweet" in recognition of his loving disposition. Thus, the Sweets would be worthy recipients of such a useful spiritual gift.

The mechanical principles which brought success to the Sweets are the same which are found scientifically sound today.

Dr. John Sweet's statement bears out the modernization and conversion of the natural bonesetting Sweets into licensed and reputable physicians, as he became a member of the American Board of Orthopedic Surgeons, thus combining his inherent ability with professional knowledge. So, in north, south, east or west, any orthopedic surgeon named Sweet may well be a descendant of that unusual and fascinating clan of "Bonesetter Sweets", of South County, Rhode Island.

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In 1654 when James was 31, he married **Mary Greene**.

They had the following children:

- i. Philip. Born on 15 Jul 1655 in North Kingston, RI.
Philip married **Elizabeth Blackington**.
- ii. James. Born on 28 May 1657 in North Kingston, RI. James died in 1724; he was 66.
James married **Mary Pierce**.
- iii. Mary. Born on 2 Feb 1660 in North Kingston, RI. Mary died on 2 May 1752; she was 92.
Mary married **Enoch Place**.
- 8 iv. Benoni Capt. Dr. (28 Mar 1663-19 Jul 1751)
- v. Valentine. Born on 14 Feb 1665.
- vi. Samuel (1 Nov 1667-26 Nov 1728). Born on 1 Nov 1667. Samuel died on 26 Nov 1728; he was 61. Newport Historical Society, Town Council Records, Vol. iv. pg. 105. Will of Samuel Sweet inv. dated 6 Jan 1728 mentions wife Sarah, his second wife, and their children. The only record of his wife Bridget is in deed dated 1697. Samuel is buried in the field of the old home of Benoni and James Sweet. Inscription on the stone says: "Here lyeth interred ye body of Samuel Sweet."
Samuel first married Bridget. They had the following children: Sylvester (1690-15 May 1763); Martha (1692-); Ann (1698-); Mary "Elizabeth" (1703-)*; Bridget (1706-); Stephen (1710-).
Samuel second married **Sarah Godfrey**. Newport Historical Society, Town Council Records, Vol. iv. pg. 119. Will of Sarah Godfrey dated 1726, mentions children of her first marriage to John Cranston. They had the following children: Godfrey (1712-); William (1715-); (1716-); John (1717-); Samuel (1720-).

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- * Note: this may be Elizabeth Sweet who married Benoni Sweet Jr. (#5).
- vii. Jeremiah. Born on 6 Jan 1669 in Prudence Island.
Jeremiah married **Ruth**.
- viii. Renewed. Born on 16 Jul 1671 in Prudence Island.
- ix. Sylvester. Born on 1 Mar 1674 in Potowomut, RI.
Sylvester married **Sarah Tew**.

17 Mary Greene. Born on 19 May 1633 in Salisbury, Wilts., England. Residence: Southampton, Eng., Boston, MA (1635).

Sailed from Southampton, England on April 6, 1635, aboard the "James", arriving June 3, 1635.

18 Thomas Manchester. Born ca 1620 in Yorkshire, England. Thomas died in Portsmouth, RI, on 9 Jul 1691; he was 71.

No English ancestry has been satisfactorily established. It seems to be rather generally accepted that Thomas Manchester came from Yorkshire. It is suggested that he was the son of Henry de Mancestre, grandson of Hugo, Lord of Mancestre, of County Warwick. It appears to be pure guesswork and noted only as interesting speculation. Thomas Manchester was born in England about 1620, on record in Quinnipiac, now New Haven, CT in 1639. It is surmised that he may have been of a company of settlers from Yorkshire, England who came to America in October 1638 with the famous non-conformist minister Ezekiel Rogers. He removed to Portsmouth, RI before 1642 and on 25 Feb. 1642 he was chosen to serve on the next jury. He served as town sergeant from 1674 until his death. He was a considerable landowner, owning in addition to his "mansion and lands in Portsmouth", a portion of Quononoquett Island and Dutch Island.

Ref: RI Families from NEHGR, contributed by Alden C. and Rita C. Manchester of Takoma Park, MD p. 675
Thomas Manchester was first of New Haven, CT, the servant of Mr. Perry on 4 Dec. 1639 and 5 Mar 1639/40. He bought land in Portsmouth on 3 Dec. 1654. Town sergeant at Portsmouth, 7 June 1675, in 1676, 1679, 80, 81, 83, 84, 85, 90. Ear mark recorded 29 March 1669/70.

Ref: The American Genealogist. p. 226, Corrections to Austin's Gen. Dictionary of RI.

Thomas married **Margaret Wood**.

They had one child:

- 9 i. Elizabeth (~1668-1727)

19 Margaret Wood. Born ca 1637 in London England. Margaret died in Newport, RI, in 1693; she was 56. Daughter of John Wood and Margaret Carter.

24 Shubael Dimmock. Born on 16 Sep 1644 in Barnstable, Massachusetts. Shubael died in Mansfield Twp., Tolland, Connecticut, on 29 Oct 1732; he was 88.

In Apr 1663 when Shubael was 18, he married **Joanna Bursley** in Barnstable, Massachusetts.

They had the following children:

- i. Captain Thomas. Born on 4 Apr 1664 in Barnstable, Massachusetts. Captain Thomas died in Canso, Killed During French And Indian War, on 9 Sep 1697; he was 33.
Abt 1684 when Captain Thomas was 19, he married **Desire Sturgis**. Born in 1665/1666. Desire died in Barnstable, Massachusetts, on 29 Mar 1749; she was 84.
- ii. John. Born in Jan 1665/1666 in Barnstable, Massachusetts. John died in Falmouth, Massachusetts, on 16 Dec 1738; he was 73. Residence: Monosmenekecon, Falmouth,

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- Massachusetts.
On 16 Nov 1689 when John was 24, he married **Elizabeth Lumbert** in Barnstable, Massachusetts. Born in Sep 1668.
- 12 iii. Timothy (Mar 1667/1668-bef 1719)
iv. Shubael. Born in Feb 1672/1673 in Barnstable, Massachusetts. Shubael died in Barnstable, Massachusetts, on 16 Dec 1728; he was 56. Buried in Ancient Graveyard, Old Meeting House Hill.
On 4 May 1699 when Shubael was 27, he married **Tabitha Lothrop** in Barnstable, Massachusetts. Born on 3 Apr 1671 in Barnstable, Massachusetts. Tabitha died in Barnstable, Massachusetts, on 24 Jul 1727; she was 56. Buried in Ancient Graveyard, Old Meeting House Hill.
- v. Joseph. Born in Sep 1675 in Barnstable, Massachusetts. Joseph died in Norridgewock, Wounded In Battle, abt 1724; he was 48.
On 12 May 1699 when Joseph was 23, he married **Lydia Fuller** in Sandwich, Massachusetts. Born in 1675/1676 in Barnstable, Massachusetts. Lydia died in East Haddam, Connecticut, on 6 Nov 1755; she was 80.
- vi. Mehitabel. Born in Sep 1677 in Barnstable, Massachusetts.
- vii. Benjamin. Born on 10 Mar 1679/1680 in Barnstable, Massachusetts. Benjamin died in Mansfield Twp., Tolland, Connecticut, on 30 Jun 1751; he was 72.
Abt 1702 when Benjamin was 22, he first married **Mary Thacher**. Born on 8 Mar 1680/1681 in Duxbury, Massachusetts. Mary died in Mansfield, Connecticut, abt 1725; she was 44.
Abt 1727 when Benjamin was 47, he second married **Elizabeth**. Elizabeth died aft 1750.
- viii. Joanna. Born in Mar 1681/1682 in Barnstable, Massachusetts. Residence: Mansfield Twp., Tolland, Connecticut.
On 6 Oct 1709 when Joanna was 28, she married **John Conant** in Windham, Connecticut. Born abt 1677.
- ix. Thankful. Born in Nov 1684 in Barnstable, Massachusetts. Thankful died in Windham, Connecticut, on 13 Dec 1757; she was 73. Residence: Mansfield Twp., Tolland, Connecticut.
On 28 Jun 1706 when Thankful was 21, she married **Edward Waldo** in Windham, Connecticut. Born on 23 Apr 1684 in Dunstable, Massachusetts. Edward died in Windham, Connecticut, on 3 Aug 1767; he was 83. Occupation: Deacon.

25 Joanna Bursley. Born in 1646 in Barnstable, Massachusetts. Joanna died in Mansfield Twp., Tolland, Connecticut, on 8 May 1727; she was 81.

26 Deacon Daniel Doane. Born in 1635/1636 in Plymouth, Massachusetts. Daniel died in Eastham, Barnstable, Massachusetts, on 20 Dec 1712; he was 77. Buried in Jan 1727/1728 in Old Town Grove, Eastham, Massachusetts.

On 28 Jul 1682 when Daniel was 47, he married **Hepzibah Cole** in Eastham, Barnstable, Massachusetts.

They had a child:

- 13 i. Abigail (~1673-1764)

27 Hepzibah Cole. Born on 16 Apr 1649 in Eastham, Barnstable, Massachusetts.

28 William Marsh. Born abt 1653 in England. William died in Plainfield, CT, in 1721; he was 68. Residence: Plainfield, Windham, CT.

Abt 1682 when William was 29, he married **Elizabeth Yeomans**, daughter of Edward Yeomans (abt 1630-) & Mary Button (Feb 1634-), in Stonington, New London, Connecticut. Born on 19 Jan 1659 in Haverhill, Massachusetts.

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They had the following children:

- i. Mary. Born ca 1683.
- ii. William. Born in 1685 in Plainfield, CT. William died in Plainfield, CT, on 23 Jan 1759; he was 74.
- iii. Thomas. Born in 1687 in Plainfield, CT. Thomas died in Mansfield, Tolland Co., CT, on 19 Mar 1753; he was 66.
- 14** iv. James (1688-6 Apr 1749)
- v. Elizabeth. Born in 1692.
- vi. Anne. Born in 1694.
- vii. Matthias. Born in 1695. Matthias died ca 1781; he was 86.
- viii. Joseph. Born ca 1697.

29 Elizabeth Yeomans. Born on 19 Jan 1659 in Haverhill, Massachusetts.

30 Isaac Shepherd. Born abt 1669 in Concord, Massachusetts. Isaac died in Killingly, Windham, Connecticut, on 23 Jan 1747/1748; he was 78.

Lived in Quinnabaug, Connecticut, 1694/1695, Plainfield, Connecticut, 4 DEC 1747. Quinnabaug was changed to Plainfield, Oct. 1700.

Abt 1693 when Isaac was 24, he married **Hannah Spaulding**.

They had a child:

- 15** i. Hannah (1695-1775)

31 Hannah Spaulding. Born abt 1674 in Chelmsford, Massachusetts. Hannah died bef 1747; she was 73.

Sixth Generation

32 John Sweet. Born in 1579 in Traine, Modbury, Devon, England. John died in Providence, Rhode Island, on 15 May 1637; he was 58. Residence: Wales, Salem, MA (1630), Providence, RI (1632).

John Sweet and his wife Mary and their three children came to America on the ship "Mary and John" leaving Plymouth Harbour 20 March 1630 and arriving last day of May in 1630. They settled at Salem, MA. In 1637, the family followed Roger Williams to Providence, RI, where he died shortly thereafter. In 1638, his widow married Rev. Mr. Holliman.

John Sweet's family is found in Austin's Genealogical Dictionary of Rhode Island.

Swete/Sweet Family of England

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Coming to America - the first 50 years

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When John and his wife, Mary first arrived in Salem, they bought land near where present day Norman Street is now located. This land was on the ocean and was called Sweet's Cove, and in later years Knocker's Hollow. There was a creek which ran to the ocean on the property and the street adjacent was named Creek Street. This street was located behind the present day post office, where the creek was filled in about 1829. John Sweet was a follower of Roger Williams, who believed the land should be bought from the Indians, and not taken from them by grant of the King. In 1635 Rev. Hugh Peters arrived from England to be the successor of Roger Williams as pastor of the First Church. John, who was known as "Isaac", died before June 6, 1637. Records in the original "Salem Waste Book" records the last mention of John on March 15, 1637. The next is Widow Sweet on June 19, 1637. At a town meeting during December 1637, in the handwriting of Roger Williams, John "Isaac" Sweet's widow Mary, with four people in the family, was given three acres of land, when new deeds were drawn. In a letter dated July 1, 1639, the Rev. Hugh Peters wrote he had placed The Great Censure on John Sweet's widow Mrs. Holliman. Mary had remarried to Ezekiel Holliman, another follower of Roger Williams, at Providence, Rhode Island. Ezekiel became a Baptist preacher and was one of those who had first baptized Roger Williams.

John Sweet, son of John "Isaac", was found guilty by a Grand jury and fined five pounds on June 6, 1637 for killing a wolf dog belonging to Governor Endicott, while it was in the governor's yard, and his fine was remitted to him September 6, 1638. Also in 1638 he was one of those given land by Roger Williams at Providence, Rhode Island. It is believed that he was born prior to 1610. Once again, in the year 1648 he had to appear in court, according to the summons dated August 24, to answer charges that he and his brother, James Sweet gave a false military alarm in Providence, and that James Sweet beat the drum while John Sweet shot off a gun or two. Early town records Vol. 15, Page 16 - 17 & Town Paper 014 as well as Bartlett RI Colony Records, Vol 1, Page 154 give accounts of this event. The outcome of the court case was not recorded. About this time he married Elizabeth Jefferies. On June 18, 1649 he was quoted by one man, according to records of the times, as a frequent visitor at the home of Roger Williams. On January 23, 1649 John Sweet signed a statement that he had moved to Warwick. On May 5, 1651 he was chosen to be The Commissioner to represent Warwick in the General Assembly, and that same year his sister, Meribah, who her stepfather had renamed Renewed, was married to John Geready. On April 24, 1652 he was chosen to be sergeant at the town meeting and he held that office for one year until April 19, 1653. On June 17, 1662 James and John Sweet and several others, petitioned the court to allow them to purchase from the natives and true owners, a tract of land of four thousand acres, according to the Records of The Colony of RI & Providence Plantations in NE, Vol 1, Pages 483 - 484. In 1675 John Sweet's Grist Mill at Potowomet was burned during King Philip's War and he moved, first to Warwick and then to Newport to escape the Indians. He died while still at Newport, Rhode Island in 1677, before he could return to his mill at Potowomet. His will was then probated on June 28, 1677 in Newport, RI.

John Swett, (the name was changed from Sweet by the poor spelling of a town clerk) was admitted to the freedom of the Massachusetts Bay Colony, May 18, 1642 and was one of the grantees of Newbury, as early as December 7, 1642. That he was a cousin of John Sweet was made quite evident by his grandson, Joseph who gave a silver goblet which bore the same coat of arms as that which is carved in stone over the gateway of Traine, to the First Church in Marblehead, Massachusetts, after the minister Rev. Bernard adopted him.

Abt 1628 when John was 49, he married **Mary Westcott**.

They had the following children:

- i. John. Born in 1620 in Devonshire, England. John died in North Kingston, Warwick, RI, on 16 Jul 1677; he was 57. Occupation: Commissioner (1660), Grist Mill, Potowomut, Naragansett Co. Residence: Salem, MA (1630), Warwick, Newport, RI. In 1653/1654 when John was 33, he married **Elizabeth Jeffrey**. Born in 1629. Elizabeth died aft 1684; she was 55. John and Elizabeth had eight children, one of whom Richard married Priscilla Carpenter and had a son John who married Lydia Whaley. John and Lydia's son was John Sweet, born on 7 Dec 1724 in North Kingstown, Rhode Island and died in Canard, Kings Co., NS, on 7 Apr 1762; he was 37. Residence: Cornwallis (1764). John

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married **Margaret Congdon**, daughter of Benjamin Congdon (20 Oct 1702-1777) & Elizabeth Sweet (22 Feb 1700-) (see #8.v above). She was born on 7 Nov 1727 in North Kingstown, Rhode Island and died in Windsor, NS, in 1777; she was 49. John and Margaret had children Benoni (1751-1820), who married Hannah Rockwell, and Theophilus (1753-1834), who married Eleanor Turner. Both raised families in Cornwallis area, NS.

Another son of John and Elizabeth was Henry Sweet, born on 7 Mar 1662 in Warwick, Kent, RI. Henry died in East Greenwich, Kent, RI, aft 1749; he was 86. In 1681 when Henry was 18, he married **Mary Andrews** in Newport, Hants Co. Born in 1664 in Newport, RI. Mary died in West Greenwich, Kent, RI, on 12 May 1752; she was 88. Buried in Matteson Lot, West Greenwich. There is a deed dated June 10, 1713, where Henry Sweet, wife Mary; William Andrews and wife Ann; and Mary Andrews convey land. Henry received Mary's inheritance from her brother in 1713. In 1724, Henry Sweet and wife Mary sold land that had belonged to John Andrews. They had 13 children, one of whom was Elizabeth, born 25 Feb 1704 in East Greenwich, Kent, RI. This may be the Elizabeth Sweet who married Benoni Sweet Jr. (#5).

- 16 ii. James Dr. (1622-1698)
 iii. Meribah (Renewed). Born in 1625. Meribah (Renewed) died aft 1681; she was 56. Savage says Meribah (Duncanson says Marabel), changed to Renewed by Rev. Ezekiel Holliman before she married. Holliman was Mary Periam's second husband. Meribah (Renewed) married **John Gereardy**. John died aft 1681.
 iv. Abigail (b. 1633, Salem, Mass., died in England). Married George Baldwin in Warwick, RI. Lived in Gravesend, New York – first divorce in New Netherlands due to an affair with Enim Benham. Married Thomas Bradley and removed to England.

33 Mary Westcott. Born abt 1605 in Devonshire, England. Mary died in Warwick, RI, on 31 Jul 1681; she was 76.

Mary Westcott was likely the daughter of Guy Westcott b. Apr 1506, Marwood Parish, Devbvnshire, and Mary Stukely.

She has also been identified as Mary Periam, daughter of John Piriam (b. 1555, Devonshire, son of William Periam, Knight And Lord Chief Baron Of The Exchequer; William also had a daughter Mary who married Sir William Pole. Devonshire) and Margaret Howe (b. 1560, daughter of Robert Howe, b. 1525). However, John Sweet's grandmother was also Mary Periam Sweet, so this may be the source of the confusion.

34 John Greene Dr. Born in 1597 in Bowridge Hall, Gillingham, Dorset Co. John died in Warwick, RI, in 1658; he was 61. Occupation: Surgeon. Residence: Salisbury, Wilts. Co., Eng., Warwick, RI.

Arrived in Boston, MA 3 Jun 1635, aboard the "James", departing Southampton, England, April 6.

On 4 Nov 1619 when John was 22, he married **Joan Tattersall**.

They had the following children:

- i. John (1620-1708)
 ii. Peter (1622-1659)
 iii. Richard (1623-)
 iv. James (1626-1698)
 v. Thomas (1628-1717)
 vi. Joan (1630-)
17 vii. Mary (1633-)

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35 Joan Tattersall. Born in 1600.

Arrived in Boston, MA 3 Jun 1635, aboard the "James", departing Southampton, England, April 6.

She may have been the daughter of George Tattersall 1565 Stapleford, Wiltshire, although she has also been identified as the daughter of Richard Tattershall and Margaret Fox.

48 Thomas Dimmock. Born abt 1610 in England. Thomas died in Barnstable, Massachusetts, abt 1659; he was 49. Residence: Dorchester (1635), Barnstable, MA (1638).

Bef 1640 when Thomas was 30, he married **Ann Hammond.**

They had the following children:

- i. Timothy. Buried on 17 Jun 1640 in Barnstable, Massachusetts.
- ii. Mehitable. Born on 18 Apr 1642 in Barnstable, Massachusetts. Mehitable died on 18 Aug 1676; she was 34.
On 30 Mar 1662 when Mehitable was 19, she married **Richard Child** in Watertown, Massachusetts. Born in 1630/1631 in Watertown, Massachusetts.
- 24** iii. Shubael (16 Sep 1644-29 Oct 1732)
- iv. Suzanna. Born abt 1635.
Abt 1667 when Suzanna was 32, she married **Robert Shelly**. Robert died on 6 Sep 1692 in Barnstable, Massachusetts.
- v. Elizabeth. Born abt 1637. Elizabeth died bef 1686; she was 49.
Abt 1680 when Elizabeth was 43, she married **Knyvet Sears**. Residence: Yarmouth, MA.
- vi. John. Born abt 1639.
- vii. (Son). Born abt 1641 in Barnstable, Massachusetts. Buried on 18 Mar 1640/1641 in Barnstable, Massachusetts.
- viii. (Daughter). Born abt 1641 in Barnstable, Massachusetts. Buried on 18 Mar 1640/1641 in Barnstable, Massachusetts.

49 Ann Hammond. Born in 1616. Ann died bef 1687; she was 71.

50 John Bursley. Born abt 1599 in England. John died in Barnstable, Massachusetts, in 1659/1660; he was 60. Residence: Wessagusset, MA, Sept. 1623.

On 28 Nov 1639 when John was 40, he married **Joanna Hull** in Sandwich, Massachusetts.

They had the following children:

- i. (Child). Born abt 1641 in Barnstable, Massachusetts. Buried on 25 Jan 1640/1641 in Barnstable, Massachusetts.
- ii. Mary. Born in 1643 in Barnstable, Massachusetts.
On 25 Apr 1663 when Mary was 20, she married **John Crocker**. Born abt 1638.
- iii. John. Born in 1644 in Barnstable, Massachusetts. John died in Barnstable, Massachusetts, in 1644; he was <1. Buried on 27 Sep 1644.
- 25** iv. Joanna (1646-8 May 1727)
- v. Elizabeth. Born in 1649.
In Nov 1666 when Elizabeth was 17, she first married **Nathaniel Goodspeed**. Born abt 1644.
Elizabeth second married **Increase Clam**. Born in Oct 1675.
- vi. John. Born on 11 Apr 1652 in Barnstable, Massachusetts.

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- John first married **Elizabeth Howard**. Born abt 1657.
John second married **Elizabeth**. Born abt 1660.
vii. Temperance. Born abt 1655 in Barnstable, Massachusetts.
In Dec 1677 when Temperance was 22, she married **Joseph Crocker**. Born abt 1650.

51 Joanna Hull. Born abt 1619 in England. Residence: Dorchester, MA, 7 Jun 1635.

54 Daniel Cole. Born abt 1614. Daniel died on 21 Dec 1694; he was 80. Residence: Yarmouth.

Daniel married **Ruth Lastname unknown**. Ruth was born abt 1627 and died on 16 Dec 1694; she was 67.

They had the following children:

- i. John. Born on 15 Jul 1644. John died in Eastham on 6 Jan 1725/1726; he was 80.
In 1665/1666 when John was 20, he married **Ruth Snow**. Born abt 1646.
- ii. Timothy. Born on 4 Sep 1646.
- 27** iii. Hepzibah (16 Apr 1649-)
- iv. Ruth. Born on 15 Apr 1651.
- v. Israel. Born on 8 Jan 1652/1653. Israel died in Barnstable abt 1724; he was 71.
Occupation: Trader.
In 1678/1679 when Israel was 25, he married **Mary Rogers**. Born abt 1655.
- vi. James. Born on 30 Nov 1655.
- vii. Mary. Born on 10 Mar 1658/1659.
- viii. William. Born on 15 Sep 1663.
- ix. Daniel. Born abt 1666. Daniel died in Eastham on 15 Jun 1736; he was 70.
Daniel married **Mercy**. Born abt 1670. Mercy died on 25 Sep 1734; she was 64.

58 Edward Yeomans. Born abt 1630 in England.

On 6 Dec 1652 when Edward was 22, he married **Mary Button** in Haverhill, Massachusetts.

They had a child:

- 29** i. Elizabeth (1659-)

59 Mary Button. Born in Feb 1634. Residence: Boston, MA.

60 Isaac Shepherd. Born on 20 Jun 1639 in Weymouth, Massachusetts. Isaac died in Killed By Indians, Concord, MA, on 12 Feb 1675/1676; he was 35.

On 11 Dec 1667 when Isaac was 28, he married **Mary Smedley** in Concord, Massachusetts.

They had a child:

- 30** i. Isaac (~1669-1747)

61 Mary Smedley. Born on 7 Jun 1648 in Concord, Massachusetts.

62 Joseph Spaulding. Born on 25 Oct 1646 in Braintree, Massachusetts. Joseph died in Plainfield, Windham, Connecticut, on 3 Apr 1740; he was 93. Will date 12 AUG 1728, probated 10 JUN 1740.

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On 9 Dec 1670 when Joseph was 24, he married **Mercy Jewell** in Chelmsford, Massachusetts.

They had a child:

31 i. Hannah (~1674-<1747)

63 Mercy Jewell. Born on 14 Apr 1653 in Braintree, Norfolk, Massachusetts. Mercy died in Plainfield, Windham, Connecticut, on 17 Aug 1728; she was 75.

Seventh Generation

64 Robert Swete. Born in 1552 in Traine, Modbury, Devon, England. Robert died in Essex, England.

The English ancestry of Robert Sweet is perhaps as follows:

- 1) John Swete, b. ca1530, Modbury, married 1555 to Mary Periam (b. 1531, Hackney, London, d. 1598, Modbury, dau. of John Periam and granddaughter of William Periam and Margaret Hone of Ottery, St. Mary's, England), died ca1613, age 83.
- 2) John Swete, b. ca1504/5, Married 1530 to Johanna Scoos (b. 1508, Modbury, died Old Traine Manor, Modbury, granddaughter of John and Agnes Scoos, who passed the inheritance of Traine to John and Johanne (Scoos) Swete), died 1541, Modbury.
- 3) John Swete, b. 1450, South Milton, Devonshire, married Margaret Nutt (b. 1455, Devon), died 1512, age 62.
- 4) Thomas Swete, b. ca1425, Devon, married Curry Rivel (b. 1425 Westmoreland, dau. of John Rivel and Agnes Burton, d. 1487, Chelmsford, Essex; John Rivel was the son of Simon Rivel; Agnes Burton dau. of Sir Edward John Burton and Florence Darell), d. 1487, Essex.
- 5) Sir John Swete (A Knight of Castron), b. 9 Jan 1390, Sudbury, Suffolk, married Alice (b. 1395), d. 10 Jan. 1479 age 89, Wymendham, Suffolk.
- 6) Sir John Swete (A Knight of Castron), b. 1370 South Milton, Devon, d. 1431 Wymendham.
- 7) Sir John Swete, b. 1347, d. 1431.
- 8) Sir John Swete, b. 14 Feb 1304, Dartsmouth, Devon, married Matilda Wedmund Austyyn (b. 1310).
- 9) Robert Swete, b. ca1278, Dartsmouth, Devonshire.

(Donna Cooley, from her grandmother's book "From Sweet to Sweet", the ancestry of William Marion Sweet and Mable May Sweet.)

Swete/Sweet Family of England

Submitted by Bob Ellsworth

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John Swete of Upton in South Mylton (Milton) was born about the year 1512. In the year 1530, John Swete married Johane Scoos, who was the daughter of John Scoos, lord of the Manor of Traine, who had died August 5, 1520 and their son John was the sole inheritor, through his mother, Johane, of Traine in the ancient town of Modbury, in Devonshire, twelve miles east of Plymouth. Modbury means fortification where meetings are held, and the town has been under that name since 1086. Traine, formerly called De Arberibus is an ancient manor house, which bordered Oldaport, a farm in the south-west part of the parish, anciently belonging to the De La Ports and afterwards the Hele family. On this farm, upon a tongue of elevated land, on the east side of the river Erme, where the stream spreads into an estuary, are the foundations of an ancient fort, the outer walls of which may still be distinctly traced, four to five feet in thickness, and enclosing about twenty-nine acres. When excavating about two hundred years ago, on the south and north-west sides, the foundations of two round towers were found, and also two

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openings in the wall nine feet wide.

John Swete, and son John Swete, born in 1531, inherited Traine in 1550, at the time when his cousin, Richard Swete, was the bailiff of Exter. John married Mary Periam, who was the daughter of John Periam, Mayor of Exter about 1555. They had three sons, John, Adrian and Robert. Their first son John, born in 1557, became a Roman Catholic priest, who was later arrested and imprisoned for continuing religious services in secret, after Henry VIII banned Roman Catholics from England. He was later freed and lived the rest of his life in France. Adrian, the second son of John and Mary Swete, was born in 1559 and married Judith Mayne. They had three sons and four daughters. Maine Sweet, their first son, married Judith Hele, daughter of Sir Thomas Hele, and inherited Traine in 1647. They had three daughters and when Maine died in 1683, the estate was passed to his brother, Adrian II and remained thereafter in his descendants control until about 1830, when it was purchased by John Andrew, a member of the third generation of the Andrew family to be caretakers of Traine. Will Rogers, a descendent of John Andrew, built a new house nearby he also called Traine. Old Traine passes out of the Swete family entirely in 1853, when it became a large farm house, and when the roof began to fall in, it was left empty for some time. Later it was fully restored and Mr. And Mrs. Rogers moved back there from New Traine which had been built across from the entrance to Old Traine. As of 1995 Old Traine and New Train still stand opposite one another, near the crest of a hill, on one of the streets composing the crossroads at Modbury center. The front of Old Traine has a massive doorway in the high stone walls which leads on a part for over a hundred yards on a wide cobblestone entrance to the main courtyard, which is also fully cobblestoned. The manor house is also built of stone, and faces the courtyard on three sides, surrounded by extensive lands of the estate which consists of rolling green pasture fields and hills.

Adrian Swete gave a large silver flagon to the city of Plymouth which is now in the Plymouth City Museum, along with a beautiful chalice cup, according to the writings of the former vicar of the Modbury Church of England, Mr. Leslie Hutchings. He was also the local historian, and claimed some members of the Swete family were buried underneath the floor of the Modbury Church. Robert Sweet, son of John, was born about 1561 and married Johanna Rainham on May 7, 1578 at Rainham, in Essex, and they had a son John Sweet who was born in 1579 in Devonshire, at Modbury, probably at Traine. He lived at Traine and probably married Mary Wescott. This John Sweet was the immigrant ancestor who came to America in December of the year 1630, aboard the ship Lyon, with his wife, two sons, John and James, and his daughter, Meribah, they sailed with Roger Williams and his family, bringing much needed supplies to Salem, Massachusetts Bay Colony.

On 7 May 1578 when Robert was 26, he married **Joanna Rainham** in Essex, England.

They had one child:

32 i. John (1579-1637)

65 Joanna Rainham. Born in 1555. Joanna died in Essex, England, on 31 Jul 1581; she was 26.

68 Richard Greene. Born abt 1560 in Bowridge Hall, Gillingham, Dorset Co. Richard died in Bowridge Hall, Gillingham, Dorset Co.

Richard married **Mary Hooker**.

They had a child:

34 i. John Dr. (1597-1658)

69 Mary Hooker. Born abt 1565.

70 George Tattershall. Born abt 1565 in Stapleford, Wilts., England.

Child:

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35 i. Joan (1600-)

98 William Hammond. Born on 30 Oct 1575 in Lavenham, Suffolk, England. William died in Watertown, Massachusetts, on 8 Oct 1662; he was 86. Residence: MA (1634).

On 9 Jun 1605 when William was 29, he married **Elizabeth Payne**.

They had the following children:

- 49 i. Ann (1616-bef 1687)
ii. John.
iii. William.
iv. Thomas. Born on 17 Sep 1618 in England. Thomas died on 10 Dec 1655; he was 37. Will date 6 NOV 1655. Abt 1654 when Thomas was 35, he married **Hannah Cross**. Hannah died on 24 Mar 1656/1657.
v. Elizabeth. Born abt 1619 in England. Elizabeth married **House**.
vi. Benjamin. Born in 1620/1621 in England. Benjamin died in Rochester in 1702/1703; he was 82. In 1649/1650 when Benjamin was 29, he married **Mary Vincent**. Born abt 1633. Mary died in 1704/1705; she was 71. Residence: Yarmouth, MA.
vii. Sarah. Born abt 1624 in England. Sailed from Ipswich in April of 1634 on the "Francis". Sarah married **Smith**.
viii. John. Born abt 1627 in England. John died on 22 Nov 1709; he was 82. Sailed from Ipswich in April of 1634 on the "Francis". Will date 18 NOV 1709. John first married **Sarah**. Born in 1642/1643. Sarah died on 14 Jan 1687/1688; she was 45. John second married **Prudence**. Born abt 1637. Prudence died in Sep 1711; she was 74.

99 Elizabeth Payne. Born abt 1587. Elizabeth died in Watertown, Massachusetts, on 14 Sep 1670; she was 83.

Sailed from Ipswich in April, 1634, on the Francis.

102 Joseph Hull Reverend. Born abt 1595 in Crewkerne, Somersetshire, England. Joseph died in Isle Of Shoals, New Hampshire, on 10 Nov 1665; he was 70. Occupation: Minister. Residence: Dorchester, MA 7 Jun 1635.

Education: 14 NOV 1614, St Mary's Hall, Oxford Univ., England.

Abt 1618 when Joseph was 23, he first married **Joanne**. Born abt 1598 in England.

They had the following children:

- 51 i. Joanna (abt 1619-)
ii. Joseph. Born abt 1622 in England. Residence: Dorchester, MA (7 Jun 1635).
iii. Tristram. Born abt 1624 in England. Residence: Dorchester, MA (7 Jun 1635), Barnstable, MA. Will date 20 DEC 1666.
iv. Temperance. Born in 1626 in Northleigh, Devonshire, England. Residence: Dorchester, MA (7 Jun 1635). Temperance first married **John Bickford**. Born abt 1609. John died in 1684/1685; he was 75. Residence: Oyster River, NH. Temperance second married **William Hedge**. Born abt 1641.
v. Elizabeth. Born abt 1628 in England. Residence: Dorchester, MA (7 Jun 1635). In 1642/1643 when Elizabeth was 14, she married **Captain John Heard**. Born abt 1623.

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- Residence: Cocheco (Dover), NH.
- vi. Grissell. Born abt 1630 in England. Residence: Dorchester, MA (7 Jun 1635).
 - vii. Dorothy. Born abt 1632 in England. Residence: Dorchester, MA (7 Jun 1635).
Dorothy first married **Oliver Kent**. Born abt 1627.
Dorothy second married **Benjamin Mathews**. Born abt 1627.

Abt 1633 when Joseph was 38, he second married **Agnes** in England. Born abt 1610 in England.

They had the following children:

- i. Hopewell. Born abt 1635 in Weymouth, Massachusetts. Residence: Oyster River, NH.
- ii. Benjamin.
- iii. Naomi. Born on 23 Mar 1639/1640 in Barnstable, Massachusetts.
She may have married Richard Sylvester.
- iv. Ruth. Born on 9 May 1642 in Barnstable, Massachusetts.
- v. Reuben. Born abt 1644 in York.
- vi. Sarah. Born abt 1646. Sarah died in 1646/1647; she was <1.
- vii. Samuel. Born abt 1650.
Samuel married **Mary Manning**. Born abt 1655.

116 Edmund Yeomans. Born abt 1598 in Bristol, Blouncs, England. Edmund died in Haverhill, Massachusetts, abt 1667; he was 69.

Abt 1629 when Edmund was 31, he married **Suzanna**.

They had a child:

- 58** i. Edward (~1630-)

117 Suzanna. Born abt 1602 in Bristol, Blouncs, England.

118 Matthias Button. Born in 1607 in Harrold, Bedford, England. Matthias died in Haverhill, Massachusetts, on 13 Aug 1672; he was 65.

Arrived on the ship "Abigail", 6 Sept. 1628, Salem, Essex, Massachusetts.

Bef 1639 when Matthias was 32, he married **Lettyce**.

They had a child:

- 59** i. Mary (1634-)

119 Lettyce. Born abt 1613. Lettyce died bef 1639; she was 26.

Arrived on the ship "Abigail", 6 Sept. 1628, Salem, Essex, Massachusetts.

120 Ralph Shepherd. Born abt 1606 in England. Ralph died in Malden, Massachusetts, on 11 Sep 1693; he was 87.
Occupation: Tailor.

Arrived on the ship "Abigail", 1634/1635, Massachusetts.

On 21 May 1632 when Ralph was 26, he married **Thankslord Perkins** in St Bride, London, England.

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They had a child:

60 i. Isaac (1639-1675)

121 Thankslord Perkins. Born in 1611/1612 in England. Thankslord died in 1692/1693; she was 81.

Arrived on the ship "Abigail", 1634/1635, Massachusetts.

122 Baptist Smedley. Born in 1609 in Wilne, Sawley, Derbyshire, England. Baptist died in Concord, Massachusetts, on 16 Aug 1675; he was 66.

On 27 Mar 1645 when Baptist was 36, he married **Katherine** in Concord, Massachusetts. Born abt 1614.

They had a child:

61 i. Mary (1648-)

124 Edward Spaulding. Born abt 1613 in England. Edward died in Chelmsford, Massachusetts, on 26 Feb 1669/1670; he was 56. Residence: Wenham, MA 13 FEB 1664/1665.

Edward married **Rachel**. Born abt 1622. Rachel died in Chelmsford, Massachusetts, on 5 Apr 1670; she was 48.

They had a child:

62 i. Joseph (1646-1740)

126 Thomas Jewell. Born abt 1607 in Surry, England. Thomas died in Braintree, Norfolk, Massachusetts, on 21 Jul 1654; he was 47. Residence: Braintree, Norfolk, MA 1638/1639.

Will date 10 APR 1654, probated 21 July 1654.

Abt 1637 when Thomas was 30, he married **Grizell Fletcher**.

They had a child:

63 i. Mercy (1653-1728)

127 Grizell Fletcher. Born abt 1614 in Chelmsford, Essex, England. Grizell died in Chelmsford, Massachusetts, on 9 Jul 1669; she was 55.

Eighth Generation

128 John Swete. Born in 1530 in Modbury, Devonshire, England. John died ca 1613; he was 83.

John inherited the family estate at Trayne (Devonshire), a notable property in existence since 1262, in 1540. He had two sons.

John married **Mary Periam**.

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They had the following children:

- 64** i. Adrian Squire (1550-1646)
- ii. Robert (1552-)

129 Mary Periam. Born in 1531 in Hackney, London, England. Mary died in Modbury, Devonshire, England, in 1598; she was 67. Daughter of John Periam.

136 Richard Greene. Born abt 1520 in Bowridge Hall, Gillingham, Dorset Co. Richard died in Bowridge Hall, Gillingham, Dorset Co., in May 1608; he was 88. Son of **Robert Greene**, born abt 1480, Robert died in Bowridge Hall, Gillingham, Dorset Co.

Child:

- 68** i. Richard (~1560-)

138 John Hooker. Born abt 1524 in Exeter, England. Son of **Robert Hooker**, born abt 1495 in Exeter, England.

Child:

- 69** i. Mary (~1565-)

196 Thomas Hammond. Born abt 1550. Thomas died on 24 Nov 1589; he was 39. Residence: Lavenham, Suffolk, England.

On 14 May 1573 when Thomas was 23, he married **Rosa Tripps**.

They had the following children:

- 98** i. William (1575-1662)
- ii. Elizabeth
- iii. Rose
- iv. Martha
- v. Marie (1583-)
- vi. Thomas

197 Rosa Tripps. Born abt 1555 in England.

204 Thomas Hull. Born abt 1550 in England. Thomas died in Crewkerne, Somersetshire, England, in 1635/1636; he was 85. Residence: Crewkerne, Somersetshire, England.

On 11 Jan 1573 when Thomas was 23, he married **Joan Peson** in Crewkerne, Somersetshire, England.

They had the following children:

- 102** i. Joseph Reverend (~1595-1665)
- ii. George. Born abt 1595 in Crewkerne, Somersetshire, England. George died in Fairfield, Connecticut, in 1658/1659; he was 63. On 27 Sep 1614 when George was 19, he first married **Thamzen Mitchell**. Born abt 1595. George second married **Sarah**. Born abt 1600.

205 Joan Peson. Born abt 1555. Residence: Crewkerne, Somersetshire, England.

236 Thomas Button. Born abt 1557. Thomas died in Harrold, Bedford, England, on 26 Jun 1617; he was 60. Buried on 26 Jun 1617 in Harrold, Bedford, England.

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Child:

118 i. Matthias (1607-1672)

242 Thomas Lord. Born in 1584/1585 in Towcester, Northampton, England. Buried on 23 Feb 1666/1667 in Hartford, Connecticut.

On 23 Feb 1609/1610 when Thomas was 25, he married **Dorothy Bird** in Towcester, Northampton, England.

They had a child:

121 i. Thankslord (1611-1692)

243 Dorothy Bird. Dorothy died on 2 Aug 1676 in Hartford, Connecticut.

244 Francis Smedley. Born abt 1575 in England. Residence: Draycott, Derbyshire, England, 1604/1605.

Abt 1600 when Francis was 25, he married **Ellen**.

They had a child:

122 i. Baptist (1609-1675)

245 Ellen. Born abt 1580. Ellen died in Wilne, Sawley, Derbyshire, England, on 15 Apr 1638; she was 58.

254 Robert Fletcher. Born abt 1591 in Yorkshire, England. Robert died in Concord, Massachusetts, on 3 Apr 1677; he was 86.

Child:

127 i. Grizell (~1614-1669)

Ninth Generation

484 Richard Lord. Born in 1555 in Towcester, Northampton, England. Buried on 16 Oct 1610 in Towcester, Northampton, England.

In 1582 when Richard was 27, he married **Joan** in Towcester, Northampton, England. Born abt 1559 in Towcester, Northampton, England. Joan died in Towcester, Northampton, England, on 22 Sep 1610; she was 51. Buried on 22 Sep 1610 in Towcester, Northampton, England.

They had a child:

242 i. Thomas (1584-)

486 Robert Bird. Born abt 1555 in Towcester, Northampton, England. Robert died in Towcester, Northampton, England, on 22 Jul 1622; he was 67. Buried on 22 Jul 1622 in Towcester, Northampton, England. Robert was the son of Richard Bird, b. 1531 and Joanne in Towcester, (b. 1531), married 1551 in Northampton, England.

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On 14 Apr 1584 when Robert was 29, he married **Amy** in Towcester, Northampton, England. Born abt 1565. Amy died in Towcester, Northampton, England, on 19 Apr 1625; she was 60. Buried on 19 Apr 1625 in Towcester, Northampton, England.

They had a child:

243 i. Dorothy (-1676)

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