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JOHN NORTH

Of

FARMINGTON, CONNECTICUT

AND HIS DESCENDANTS

WITH A SHORT ACCOUNT OF OTHER

EARLY NORTH FAMILIES

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INTRODUCTION

Concerning the antecedents of John North, original proprietor of Farmington, Conn., of whose descendants this book is a record, nothing is known previous to his arrival in this country, save that he sailed from London in 1635. This would indicate that he came either from the south of England, the eastern counties, or from London or its vicinity, for there were frequent sailings to America from the western ports of Plymouth, Hull and Bristol, thus rendering unlikely, if he came from the vicinity of these cities, what was in those days a slow and tedious journey across England, to embark from London.

The ship in which he came to America was owned and fitted out by Sir Richard Saltonstall, one of the original patentees of Connecticut. His son Richard was one of John North’s fellow-passengers. The Saltonstalls came from the parish of Halifax in the West Riding of Yorkshire, England. It is not unlikely that many of the passengers in Sir Richard’s ship came from the vicinity, where North families are recorded during the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. In the records of the parish of Rotherham in the West Riding of Yorkshire, is entered the marriage of a John North and Elizabeth Robinson, Dec. 6, 1614. We give this date as being of interest because John North of Farmington was born in 1615, and hence might be the former’s son. But this is a mere surmise based on the information given above, and on the fact that Richard Saltonstall and John North both settled at Ipswich, Mass., after their arrival in this country, and that John North of Farmington married Hannah Bird, whose ancestors are said to have come from Yorkshire where several generations of Birds are recorded in the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries.

Some future historian may have time to further examine the parish records of Yorkshire, and thereby throw light on what remains an unsolved mystery.

The tradition persists in certain branches of the family in this country that John North was descended from the ancestors of the distinguished family of Guilford Norths who were prominent and influential in English history, but evidence is lacking to substantiate this connection. They were intellectual and cultured even at an early date; many became well known scholars and genuine book-lovers; others entered the active fields of politics or law and became famous. They were always genial and popular, loving ease and luxury, shrewd enough generally to be on the winning side; and although always Tories and Royalists, they escaped serious trouble throughout changes and revolutions.

The two most distinguished members of the family were Francis, Baron Guilford, Lord Keeper of the Great Seal under Charles II and James II; and Frederic, Lord North, Prime Minister under George III during the American Revolution. Both of these famous men have been severely criticized and harshly censured. Their lives may be found in the encyclopedias.

In the English family there is a tradition that the first North entered England with William the Conqueror and married his daughter. Some members of this family have an ancestral tree showing this origin. The first ancestor of the Guilford Norths mentioned in the peerage[[1]](#footnote-1) books is Robert North, who was living in 1470, in the reign of Henry V. His grandson Edward, born in 1496, was the first Baron North of Kirtling, County Cambridge, in 1553-4. A branch of this family comprises the Norths of County Nottingham.

Correspondence with present members of the North family in England who have complied the family records, fails to reveal any who came to America previous to 1700, save one, Roger, who sailed with Sir Walter Raleigh on his fatal last voyage to Guiana in 1617, and who was unmarried.

London genealogists have failed to tell us anything about John North’s parentage or place of birth. Although a common ancestry with the Guilford Norths cannot be proved, such a relationship is not unlikely, in view of the fact that the name North is not common in England. That John North’s parents were not poor, as poverty was reckoned in those days, may be assumed from his being “no subsedy man.”

His fellow passenger, Richard Saltonstall, was said to be related by marriage to the Norths of Kirtling. Whether there is any significance in this and the fact that they both first settled in Ipswich, Mass., owing perhaps to family ties, or whether these were merely coincidences, remains to be determined.

FIRST GENERATION

1. JOHN NORTH sailed from London at the age of 20 in the *Susan and Ellen* and landed at Boston April 16, 1635. Among his fellow voyagers were many of the founders of the sturdy New England families so intimately connected with the development of the colonies and the United States. The ships lists were often headed with the words: “The men have taken the oath of allegiance and supremacie,” or they swear “that they are no Subsedy man.” This is explained by the fact that King James issued a proclamation that no person take passage in any ship to America (being subsidy men or their value) without license from his Majesty’s Commissioners for the plantations, nor any under the degree of subsidy men, without a certificate that they have taken the oath of allegiance and supremacy, and a testimony from the ministers of the parish of the conformity to the orders and discipline of the Church of England.

The list[[2]](#footnote-2) of the *Susan and Ellen* was thus made out:

In the *Susan and Ellen* Edward Payne Mr. for New England Theis pties hereinunder expressed have brought Certificate from the Minister and Justices of their Conformitie and that they are no Subsedy Men.

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Husbandman John Procter | 40 |  | Edward Lumus | 24 |
| Martha Procter | 28 |  | Husb: Richard Saltonstall | 23 |
| John Procter | 3 |  | Merriall Saltonstall | 22 |
| Marie Procter | 1 |  | Merriall Salstontall | 9 Mo. |
| Alice Street | 28 |  | Thos: Wells | 30 |
| Husb: Walter Thornton | 36 |  | Peter Coop (Cooper) | 28 |
| Joanna Thornton | 44 |  | Wm. Lambart | 26 |
| John North | 20 |  | Samuel Podd | 25 |
| Mary Pynder | 53 |  | Jeremy Belcher | 22 |
| Francis Pynder | 20 |  | Marie Clifford | 25 |
| Marie Pynder | 17 |  | Jane Coe | 30 |
| Joanna Pynder | 14 |  | Marie Riddlesden | 17 |
| Anna Pynder | 20 |  | Jo: Pellam | 20 |
| Katherin Pynder | 10 |  | Matthew Hitchcock | 25 |
| Jo: Pynder | 8 |  | Elizabeth Nicholls | 25 |
| Richard Skofield | 22 |  | Tomazin Carpenter | 35 |
| Edward Weeden | 22 |  | Anna Fowle | 25 |
| George Wilby | 16 |  | Edmond Gorden | 18 |
| Richard Hawkins | 15 |  | Tho: Sydlie | 22 |
| Tho: Parker | 30 |  | Margaret Leach | 22 |
| Symon Burd | 20 |  | Marie Smith | 21 |
| Jo Mansfield | 34 |  | Elizabeth Swayne | 16 |
| Clement Cole | 30 |  | Grace Bewlie | 30 |
| Jo: Jones | 20 |  | Ann Wells | 20 |
| Wm Burrow | 19 |  | Dyonis Taylor | 48 |
| Phillip Atwood | 13 |  | Hanna Smith | 30 |
| Wm. Snowe | 18 |  | Jo: Backley | 15 |
|  |  |  | Wm. Battrick | 18 |

Gov. John Winthrop in his “History of New England,” under date of April 16, 1635 says: “A bark of forty tons arrived, set forth with twenty servants, by Sir Richard Saltonstall, to go plant at Connecticut.”

Perhaps reports of trouble with the Indians in Connecticut deterred the party from proceeding thither, and under the guidance of Richard Saltonstall, son of Sir Richard Saltonstall, some turned their steps towards Ipswich,[[3]](#footnote-3) Mass., which was founded in 1634. On the list of proprietors there in 1637 appear the names of both Richard Saltonstall and “John Northe.” The next year there is entered in the town records the following transaction:

Granted to John North in the year 1637, three acres of Land, lying near the Reedy marsh, bounded by a planting lott of William English on the Northwest, and having three acres of the lyke ground formerly granted to Isaac Perkins, on the south east, to enjoy the sayd Land, his heirs and assigns forever. Entered 7th month, 1638 into the Town book folio 15.

Memorand, that whereas John North was lately possessed of three acres of planting ground, lying hear the Reedy marsh, having a plant lott of William English on the Northwest, and three acres of the lyke planting ground formerly granted to Isaac Perkins now in possession of John Warner on the South east, now the said John North hath for a certain sum of money to him in hand payde sould unto forenamed John Warener all the sayd three acres of Land together with all his interest and claim unto the sayd Land with all the fencing timber and all the other apurtenances to the sayd Lands, and the sayd John Warener, to enjoy the sayd Land, to him, his heirs and assigns forever. Entered by their joynt order, the 13th of December, 1638.

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On July 7, 1646, John North sold a house and lot on the south side of the river to Robert Kinsman. Perhaps this was preparatory to his removal to Connecticut, for at that time there began a considerable migration westward from the settlements around Boston. One of these was the church party of the Rev. Thomas Hooker, which made its way through the wilderness in 1635-6 and founded the town of Hartford. Of this colony Farmington was the first offshoot, and was settled in 1640. This territory now includes the following towns: Southington, which was the first to be detached as a separate township in 1779; nearly the whole of New Britain and Berlin, 1785; Bristol, 1785; Burlington, 1806; Avon, 1830; Plainville, 1869; and parts of Wolcott, Harwinton and Bloomfield, formerly Wintonbury Parish.

After his sale of land in Ipswich we have no further record of John North until 1652, when his name appears in the Hartford County court records. He had evidently kept in mind the original objective of the *Susan and Ellen’s* party to settle in Connecticut. There is no record that he ever lived in Hartford city, as did most of the early settlers of Farmington.

Under entry of January, 1653, in the Farmington land records (Vol. II, pp.12) are described several pieces of land belonging to John North. One piece of eight acres in the Little Meadow was bought of Nicholas Marson. In that month John North bought of John Steele, original owner, a house and lot of three-quarters of an acre, situated on the east side of the north end of the main street, now occupied by two houses, one recently owned by Sarah Shield, the other by Dorothy Palmer. In the same year he had a daughter baptized there. Trumbull’s “Memorial History of Hartford County” gives a map of Farmington showing the location of John North’s lot and those of his sons, John and Samuel. These three were among the eighty-four men between whom the unoccupied lands of the ancient town were divided in 1672. All those included in this list were known as original proprietors of the town.

John North and his wife were members of the Farmington Church, which she joined in 1656. He was made freeman of Connecticut, May 21, 1657.

John North’s name appears as witness on the will of Elizabeth, widow of William Smith, dated “Nouvember 15th, 1676.” In the year 1684 he had, according to the original act of division, an estate of *£*157.

There is a mystery surrounding John North’s marriage. Did he marry twice? There is no authentic record. He was married before leaving Ipswich, for his first child was born there in 1641. But the vital records of that town contain no births or marriages of any Norths or Birds. Most records state that his wife was Hannah, daughter of Thomas Bird. In the distribution of the latter’s estate, August-September, 1662, portions were set to Mary Northe and to Hanna Scott, again mentioned March 3, 1663, as good wife Northe and Hannah Scott. From this statement is probably drawn the conclusion in the “Goodwin and Morgan Ancestral Lines,” by F. F. Starr, that Mary Bird was John North’s second wife, and that Hannah was probably the first wife of Edmund Scott. Savage does not give the name of Edmund Scott’s first wife and says his second wife was Elizabeth, widow of Thomas Upson. John North’s oldest daughter was named Mary. None bore the name Hannah, but both names occur among his granddaughters.

No satisfactory explanation being obtainable from this meagre information, it perhaps strengthens the reliability of the various old family records, which state that Hannah Bird was John North’s wife.

It is interesting to conjecture when and where the Norths and the Birds came in contact with each other. From Mr. Starr’s book we learn that the first record of Thomas Bird in America was in 1639, when he bought land in that part of Boston later set apart as Braintree, and that by May, 1644, he was in Hartford, and shortly afterward removed to Farmington, where he bought land. But the present compiler believes that the Thomas Bird who was granted in April, 1639, a house and lot in Ipswich, and six acres of planting land in “Reedy Marsh,” according to the Ipswich town records, was this same Thomas Bird, and that he probably went to Braintree later in the same year. His stay in Ipswich therefore probably covers the period when the two families were in contact. But there is always the interesting possibility that the families may have known each other in England, as previously suggested by the fact that early in the seventeenth century there were families of Norths and Birds in Yorkshire, whence both may have come.

John North died early in 1691-2, aged 76 years. Though he is supposed to have been buried in Farmington, his grave cannot be found.

Children of John North:

2. i. JOHN, b. probably at Ipswich, Mass., Nov., 1641; d. at Wethersfield, Aug. 6, 1682.

3. ii. SAMUEL, b. probably at Ipswich, Mass., 1643; d. at Farmington, Dec. 14, 1682

iii. MARY, b. probably at Ipswich, Mass., 1643 (twin). See “Conn. Probate Records.” Vol. II, pp.341. Other records say she was b. 1645. She d. Nov. 5, 1726; m. Mar. 10 or 30, 1675, widower JOHN SEARLES, son of John and Sarah (Baldwin) Searles. He was b. May 30, 1626, and d. Oct. 3, 1718. They removed to Northampton, Mass. Children; (1) *James*, b. Feb. 1, 1681. (2) *Sarah*, b. Feb. 28, 1684. (3) *Nathaniel*, b. May 3, 1686. (4) *Lydia*, b. Aug. 22. 1688.

4. iv. JAMES, b. 1647; d. at Northampton, Mass., July 25, 1689.

5. v. THOMAS, b. 1649; d. 1712.

vi. SARAH, b. 1653; bapt. at Farmington, Dec.18, 1653; d. about Jan. 1691-2; m. widower MATTHEW WOODRUFF, JR., brother of Hannah Woodruff who m. Capt. Richard Seymour and whose son m. Hannah North, daughter of Thomas North (8). He was b. 1646, and d. before Nov. 18, 1690. Her estate was inventoried Feb. 2, 1691-2, in the same month as that of her father and in less than two months after that of her husband. Children: (1) *Nathaniel*, b. 1687. Removed to Litchfield, where his descendants lived. (2) *Joseph*, bapt. May 19, 1689; Heir to his uncle Joseph North.

vii. NATHANIEL, b. and bapt. at Farmington, June 29, 1656-7. He was a soldier in King Philip’s War and had a soldier’s grant. Probably d. without heirs and is not mentioned in his father’s will. He may, however, be the father of the Capt. Nathaniel North, b. May 1686-7, who m. 1709 THANKFUL WRIGHT, and d. Nov. 13, 1758, and of Joseph North who was bapt. May 18, 1689, m. Oct. 24, 1717, ESTER BROWN, and d. Jan. 23, 1737. (“History of Weatherfield.”)

viii. LYDIA, b. and bapt. at Farmington, May 9, 1658; probably d. unm.

ix. JOSEPH, bapt. at Farmington, Mar. 18, 1659; d. about Jan., 1730-1; m. before Jan. 3, 1686-7, MARTHA PORTER, b. 1666, d. July 11, 1749. She was the daughter of John and Sarah (Hart) Porter. Joseph North had his father’s house in Farmington, and having no children, made his nephew Joseph Woodruff, his heir. His wife m. (2) 1732, John, son of Dr. Daniel Porter. His estate was inventoried Jan. 30, 1730-1, and in his will he speaks most tenderly of his wife.

SECOND GENERATION

5. THOMAS2 NORTH (*John*1), fourth son of John and Hannah (Bird) North, was born in 1649, and died at Northington, now Avon, in 1712, aged 63. He married in 1669, HANNAH, daughter of Thomas and Rebecca (Olmstead) Newell. She was born in 1656, baptized April 14, 1658, and died Nov. 4, 1757. If her dates are correctly given she was married at the age of 13, was the mother of two sons at 17, and lived to be 101. She and her husband were both members of the church.

After his marriage and the birth of two sons, Thomas North enlisted under Captain Henchman in King Philip’s War. He was stationed with Connecticut troops in the vicinity of Boston in 1675, and was with the garrison at Hadley, Mass., in the summer of 1676. (“Soldiers in King Philip’s War.”) He was made freeman there Feb. 8, 1678, and received a grant of land for his military services in or near Northington, now Avon, where he and Joseph Woodford were pioneer settlers. There he lived on the east side of the river near the old Marshall’s tavern, “under the mountain” and north of the Hartford and Albany turnpike. He was a magistrate of the colony of Connecticut.

Children:

1. JOHN, b. \_\_\_\_; d. Feb 2, 1709-10; m. Mar. 19, 1707-8, JANE STEBBINS of Wethersfield, who m. (2) Oct. 12, 1710-1, Thomas Shepard of Hartford. The General Assembly and Court of Election held at Hartford, Jan. 2, 1709-10, acted as follows: “This Court grants letters of administration on the estate of John North late of Farmington, dec. --- who died intestate, jointly to Jane North of Farmington, widow and relict. of sd. dec., and Thomas North, brother of the dec., provided they shall give bond, etc.”

8. ii. THOMAS, b. 1673; d. Mar. 2, 1724-5.

iii. HANNAH, b. \_\_\_\_; m. May 10, 1706, SAMUEL, son of Capt. Richard and Hannah (Woodruff) Seymour of Great Swamp Village. They were members of the original church in Kensington. Children: (1) *Hannah*, b. Mar. 26, 1706-7; m. Allen Goodrich, the village blacksmith of Great Swamp Village. (2) *Mary*, b. Nov. 13, 1708. (3) *Eliakim*, m., 1st, Susanna Judd; 2nd Mary Hooker. (4) *Rebecca*, b. June 25, 1711; m. Nov. 21, 1734, Elisha Goodrich. (5) *Mercy*, b. Sept. 11, 1715; m. Feb. 14, 1747, Uriah Judd; and removed to Lenox, Mass.

9. iv. NATHANIEL, b. 1688; d. April 5 1777

v. MARY, b. \_\_\_\_; m. 1709, WILLIAM, son of James and Abigail (Bissell) Eno of Simsbury; He was a lieutenant in the train band. Children: (1) *William*, b. 1710. (2) *Samuel*. (3) *Mary*. (4) *Hannah*. (5) *Abigail*. B. 1740; m. 1760, Martin North (29). (6) *Deborah*, m. Jonah Westover. (7) *Anna*. (8) *Susannah*.

10. vi. JOSEPH, b. 1693; Bapt. Dec. 31, 1693; d. Mar. 20,1781.

vii. REBECCA, b. 1693 (twin); bapt. Dec. 31, 1693; m. Jan. 27, 1713, JOSEPH PHELPS, Jr., of Turkey Hill. Children: (1) *Hannah*, b. May 28, 1714; d. June 3, 1714. (2) *Joseph*, b. Oct. 18, 1716; d. May 14 1775; m. 1740, Deborah Harris. (3) *Hannah,* b. June 7, 1718; m. Abel Forward. (4) *Elijah*, b. May 11, 1720; m. Esther Kent. (5) *Ezekial*, b. Mar. 8, 1723; m. 1744, Elizabeth Gillette. (6) *Rebecca*, b. Jan. 22, 1724; m. Joel Harmon. (7) *Elizabeth*, b. Nov. 27, 1726; m. Moses Holcomb. (8) *Lydia*, b. Sept. 10, 1728; m. Jacob Gillette. (9) *Abel*, b. May 22, 1730; m. Mary Eno. (10) *Hezekia*, b. 1732; m. Hannah Hayden. (11) *Kezia,* b. 1732; m. James Harmon.

viii. LYDIA, bapt. Mar., 1696; d. Aug. 8, 1736; m. Dec. 6, 1714, SAMUEL HUMPHREY of Simsbury. Children: (1) *Lydia*, b. Nov. 7, 1715; m. Capt. Daniel Wilcox. (2) *Elizabeth*, b. Sept. 17, 1717; m. Oct. 27, 1735, Joseph Wilcox. (3) *Ezekial*, b. Aug. 28, 1719; m. Elizabeth Pettibone. (4) *Tryphena*, b. Jan. 29, 1722; d. 1752; m. June 11, 1739, Dr. Samuel Barber, (5) *Mary*, m. April 10, 1746; Sergt. Ezra Wilcox. (6) *David*, b. June 5, 1726. (7) *Phebe*, m. Mattison. (8)*Isaac*, d. Aug. 3, 1732.

ix. SARAH, b. 1696 (twin); unm. Was a minor over 14 in 1713 when her father’s estate was settled.

11. x. EBENEZER, b. 1703; d. Aug. 5, 1789

THIRD GENERATION

8. THOMAS3 NORTH(*Thomas2, John1*), second son of Thomas and Hannah (Newell) North, was born at Farmington in 1673, and died at Christian Lane, now Berlin, Mar. 2, 1724-5. He married (1) Dec. 1, 1698, MARTHA ROYS (spelled also Ryce, Rice, Royce), daughter of Isaac and Elizabeth (Lathrop) Roys. She was born June 1, 1679. After her death he married her cousin MARY ROYS, who married June 10, 1730, widower Matthew Woodruff, and died at Northington, April 23, 1763, nearly one hundred years old.

Thomas North was a pioneer settler in that part of Berlin known as Christian Lane, where he owned much land, possibly a part of the grant made to his father. His name appears among those who petitioned the General Assembly at Harford, Oct. 16, 1705, to settle in Great Swamp, now Berlin, and to have a meeting house there. He was one of the seven pillars of the original Congregational Church of Kensington, which was formed in 1712. The other six were William Burnham, pastor, Stephen Lee, Dr. Anthony Judd, Samuel Seymour, Thomas Hart and Caleb Cowles.

Thomas North was a man of wealth and influence. Attempts to find his dwelling place have failed. Records give it as Kensington and Farmington, but we know that he lived near the Seymour Stockade in Christian Lane just back of the residence of the late Mr. John Goodrich of Berlin. It was built of sixteen foot palisades, sharpened to points and stuck in the ground, and affording protection against the Indians. Around this stockade clustered many families, including the Harts, the Standleys (Stanley), the Nortons, Cowles, Porters, Gridleys, Newells and others less closely connected with the Norths.

Thomas North and Thomas Hart were a committee to whom Rev. William Burnham deeded land Jan. 7, 1716-7, for a burying place in Christian Lane “To be theirs and their heirs forever, for the above said use.” This graveyard, fallen into a condition of sore neglect, was restored in 1909 by the Emma Hart Willard Chapter of the D.A.R.

By deed of Jan. 24, 1709, Thomas North conveyed to William Burnham two parcels of land, one of 18 acres, the other of 22 acres, described as being in Great Swamp. By deed of Feb. 1, 1709, he sold land in Beach Swamp, Great Swamp, to Samuel Seamore, who married his sister Hannah North.

Children:

1. MARTHA, b. June 30, 1700; m. Aug. 6, 1719, DANIEL, son of Nathaniel and Comfort (Deming) Beckley, and grandson of Sergt. Richard Beckley, the first settler in Berlin. Children: (1) *Martha*, b. Oct. 27, 1720; m. Aug. 4, 1742, John Savage. (2) *Daniel*, b. Nov. 29, 1724; m. Ruth Hart. (3) *Lois*, b. Nov. 17, 1730; m. Pete Galpin.

18. ii. ISAAC, b. Sept. 27, 1703; d. Dec. 20, 1788.

19. iii. THOMAS, b. Oct. 27, 1705

20. iv. JAMES, b. April 17, 1709; d. 1758.

v. SARAH, B. Feb. 24, 1711; d. Jan. 3, 1777; m. May 17, 1727-8, JOSHEPH WOODFORD, Jr., of Northington, b. Aug. 22, 1705, and was a church member.

vi. SAMUEL, b. July 28, 1715; d. April 11, 1725.

vii. JOSEPH, b. 1720; d. 1737; m. HANNAH ----. No children.

Viii HANNAH, b. Sept. 17, 1722; d. Feb. 23, 1811; m. 1739, TIMOTHY NORTH (17).

FOURTH GENERATION

18. DEA. ISAAC4 NORTH (*Thomas3, Thomas2, John1*), oldest son of Thomas and Martha (Roys) North, was born at Berlin, Sept. 27, 1703, and was baptized by Rev. Samuel Goodrich (the father of “Peter Parley”), who preached solid doctrinal sermons under an antique sounding board. He died in Berlin, Dec. 20, 1788, aged 86 years. In 1728 he married MARY, daughter of Joseph and Lydia (Smith) Woodford, with which family the Norths were very intimate. She was born Mar. 2, 1708, and died Aug. 25. 1798, aged 90 years.

Dea. Isaac North was the first enrolled member and the first deacon of the Second Congregational Church of Berlin, organized Feb. 9, 1775. He lived in a house still occupied and in good condition, situated one mile north of Berlin village, and later known as the Abijah North place. The highway was later changed from the front to the rear of the house so that the back door now faces the street.

Dea. Isaac North and his wife are both buried in the Beckley Cemetery, where their gravestones may be seen.

Children, b. at Beriln:

43. i. ISAAC, B. Aug. 4, 1729; d. Nov. 17, 1804.

ii. MARY, b. Aug. 27, 1732; m. at Berlin, April 24, 1760, THOMAS GILBERT, b. Oct. 4, 1738, son of Moses Gilbert. She became a church member in 1758.

44. iii. JEDEDIAH, b. Jan. 16, 1734; d. Dec. 16, 1816

iv. LYDIA, b. Dec. 16, 1736; d. Oct. 1, 1741

45 v. SAMUEL, B. Sept. 19, 1742; d. July 19, 1814.

vi. SETH, b. May 4, 1744; d. in infancy.

vii. RUTH, b. 1747; d. in infancy.

46. viii. SETH, 2ND, B. 1749; D. Feb. 29, 1820

FIFTH GENERATION

43. LIEUT. ISAAC5 NORTH, JR. (*Isaac4, Thomas3, Thomas2, John1*), oldest son of Dea. Isaac and Mary (Woodford) North, was born at Berlin, Aug. 4, 1729, and died there Nov. 17, 1804. He married Jan. 18, 1753, Hepzibah, daughter of Hesekia and Martha (Beckley) Hart of Berlin, and a descendant of Stephen Hart, original proprietor of Harford. She was born April 16, 1732, and died Nov. 3, 1817. He married (2) ELIZABETH ---- [?].

Isaac North, Jr., lived in a large brown house in Berlin, long since gone to decay, that stood on the opposite side of the road from that of his father. In 1786, for the consideration of *£*22, he deeded six acres of land to his son Abel. This land lies on the north side of the road coming toward the village from Christian Lane, and the house thereon standing, long known as the Pollard place, was built by Abel North.

The Connecticut Colonial Assembly, Oct. 13, 1763, appointed Isaac North, Jr., “to be Ensign of the eighteenth company or train band in the 6th Regiment in this Colony.” He was also a soldier in the Revolution, with the rank of second lieutenant in Capt. Wells’ Company, Brig.-Gen. Wolcott’s Brigade, Connecticut Militia, April 10-22, 1777. The Federal Census of 1790 records Isaac North, Jr., as head of a family in Berlin.

Children, b. at Berlin:

1. SELAH, b. Oct. 22, 1753; d. at Wethersfield, Sept. 6, 1786-7; m. MARY ----. No children. Marched from Wethersfield for the relief of Boston in the Lexington alarm, 1775, and served six days. In 1778 he was sergeant of Capt. Wright’s Company, Col. Enos’ Regiment, Connecticut Militia, on the Hudson River.

95. ii. JOSEPH, B. April 16, 1756; d. Sept. 18, 1819.

iii. HEPZIBAH, b. Nov. 10, 1757; d. Feb. 25, 1819; m. ISAAC PORTER, b. 1755, son of Aaron Porter and a descendant of John Porter, original proprietor of Windsor.

96. iv. ABEL, b. April 8, 1761; d. May 22, 1839.

v. LYDIA, b. May 31, 1764; m. DAVID DEMING

97. vi. SALMON, b. Oct. 25, 1767; d. May 25, 1817.

98. vii. ISAAC, b. 1771; d. Sept. 13, 1823

SIXTH GENERATION

96. ABEL6 NORTH (*Isaac5, Isaac4, Thomas3, Thomas2, John1*), third son of Lieut. Isaac and Hepzibah (Hart) North, was born at Berlin, April 8, 1761, and died there May 22, 1839, aged 78. He married in 1788, SARAH, daughter of John and Hannah (Wilcox) Wilcox. She was born Feb. 7, 1760, and died Oct. 28, 1842. They lived in Berlin.

Children, b. at Berlin:

1. HANNAH, b. July 19, 1789; d. Feb. 26, 1870; m. DAVID HOWELL, Hadlyme.
2. HEPZIBAH, b. Feb. 7. 1791; d. Feb. 7 1791.

199. iii. LYMAN, b. Jan. 3, 1793; d. Dec. 21, 1860.

200. iv. ORRIN, b. Dec. 20, 1794; d. Dec. 8, 1877.

201. v. JOHN, b. Dec 25, 1796; d. Aug. 8, 1872.

SEVENTH GENERATION

199. LYMAN7 NORTH (*Able6, Isaac5, Isaac4, Thomas3, Thomas2, John1*), oldest son of Abel and Sarah (Wilcox) North, was born at Berlin, Jan. 3, 1793, and died in Champaign Co., Ohio, Dec. 21, 1860. He married at Kensington, May 31, 1815, LUCY COWLES, daughter of Ozias and Sarah (Belden) Cowles of Kensington, where she was born April 27, 1796.

They removed to Cincinnati Ohio, in 1815, to Jamestown, Greene Co., Ohio, in 1817, and in 1818 to Urbana, Champaign Co., where they finally settled. Mr. North was a cabinet, clock and coffin maker,

Children:

1. SALLY WILCOX, b. Mar. 5, 1816; d. July 28, 1904; m. May 29, 1834, ROBERT LEE GILMORE MEANS.

334. ii. John, b. Dec. 17, 1817; d. Sept. 26, 1872.

iii. LUCY ANN, b. Jan. 26, 1820; m. May 18, 1843. WILLIAM E. AYLESWORTH. Children: (1) *Charles Henry*, b. Aug. 25. 1846; m. Nov. 14, 1869, Jane E. Ruth. (2) *Martha Jane*, b. Aug. 25, 1846; d. Mar. 3. 1904; unm. (3) *Orrin*, b. Nov. 8, 1849; d. Oct. 3, 1918; unm. (4) *Fannie*, b. Sept. 11, 1857; m. Mar. 6, 1877, Alexander Stewart.

iv. WILLIAM, b. Oct. 21, 1821.

v. HIRAM, b. Sept. 2, 1823; d. Sept. 9, 1850; unm.

vi. LOUISA, B. Aug. 2, 1825; d. Aug. 8. 1835.

335. vii. ORRIN, B. Oct. 22, 1827; d. Aug. 18, 1916.

viii. CHARLES, b. Feb. 17, 1830; d. Aug. 17, 1835.

336 ix. ABEL, b. July 26, 1832; d. Nov. 18, 1893.

x. HARRIET, b. Aug. 26, 1834; D. Oct.17, 1834.

xi. MARY JANE, b. Jan. 10, 1836; m. ABRAHAM BRENNAMAN. Children: (1),(2),(3), d. in infancy. (4) *Frank H*., b. May 22, 1858. (5) *Frances*, m. Stanton. (6) *Lulu*, b. May 2, 1864; m. Robinson.(7) *Albert*, b. June 29, 1866. (8) *Carey*, b. Dec. 4, 1871. (9) *Jessie*, b. June 4, 1875; m. Jordan.

337 xii. EDWARD BATES; b. Jan. 10, 1838; d. Nov. 21, 1918.

EIGHTH GENERATION

336. ABEL8 NORTH (*Lyman7, Abel6, Isaac5, Isaac4, Thomas3, Thomas2, John1*), fifth son of Lyman and Lucy (Cowles)North, was born in Champaign Co., Ohio, July 26, 1832, and died Nov. 18, 1893. He married in 1854 ELIZABETH HERR, and engaged in farming on his father’s place near Urbana, Champaign Co., Ohio.

Children:

1. MARY FRANCES, B. Sept. 2, 1855; d. Nov. 9, 1917; m. ALBERT HUNTER.
2. LUCY J., b. Oct. 14, 1857; d. Feb. 12, 1902; m. JAMES S. EWING.
3. ADELAIDE, b. Jan. 8, 1860; m. Dec. 18, 1879, M. REV. JASPER N. FIELD, and resides at 1209 East 99 St., Cleveland, Ohio. Children: (1)*Vinton Ernest*. (2) *Mary E*., m. E. V. Foster. (3) *Lois E*. (4) *Helen M*., m. Harold E. Webster. (5) *Elizabeth*, d. in infancy.
4. ADRE LENA, B. Jan. 8, 1860; d. July 21, 1873.
5. SARAH ELIZABETH, B. Aug. 8, 1862; d. June 18, 1879

476. vi. CHARLES LYMAN, b. Dec. 27, 1863

vii. CORA B., b. Oct. 24, 1867; d. \_\_\_\_; m. JOHN M. HAMILTON.

viii. PRICE GRANT, b. Jan. 5, 1869; d. Mar. 3, 1875.

477. ix. WILLIAM FRANKLIN, b. April 21, 1870,

x. BIRDIE M., b. Oct 28, 1875; m. DAVID C. BRYANT.

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1. Collins’ “Peerage”; Burke’s “Peerage and Extinct Baronets.” [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. 2 Hotten, “Original Lists of Emigrants.”

   3 Pope’s “Pioneers of Massachusetts.” [↑](#footnote-ref-3)