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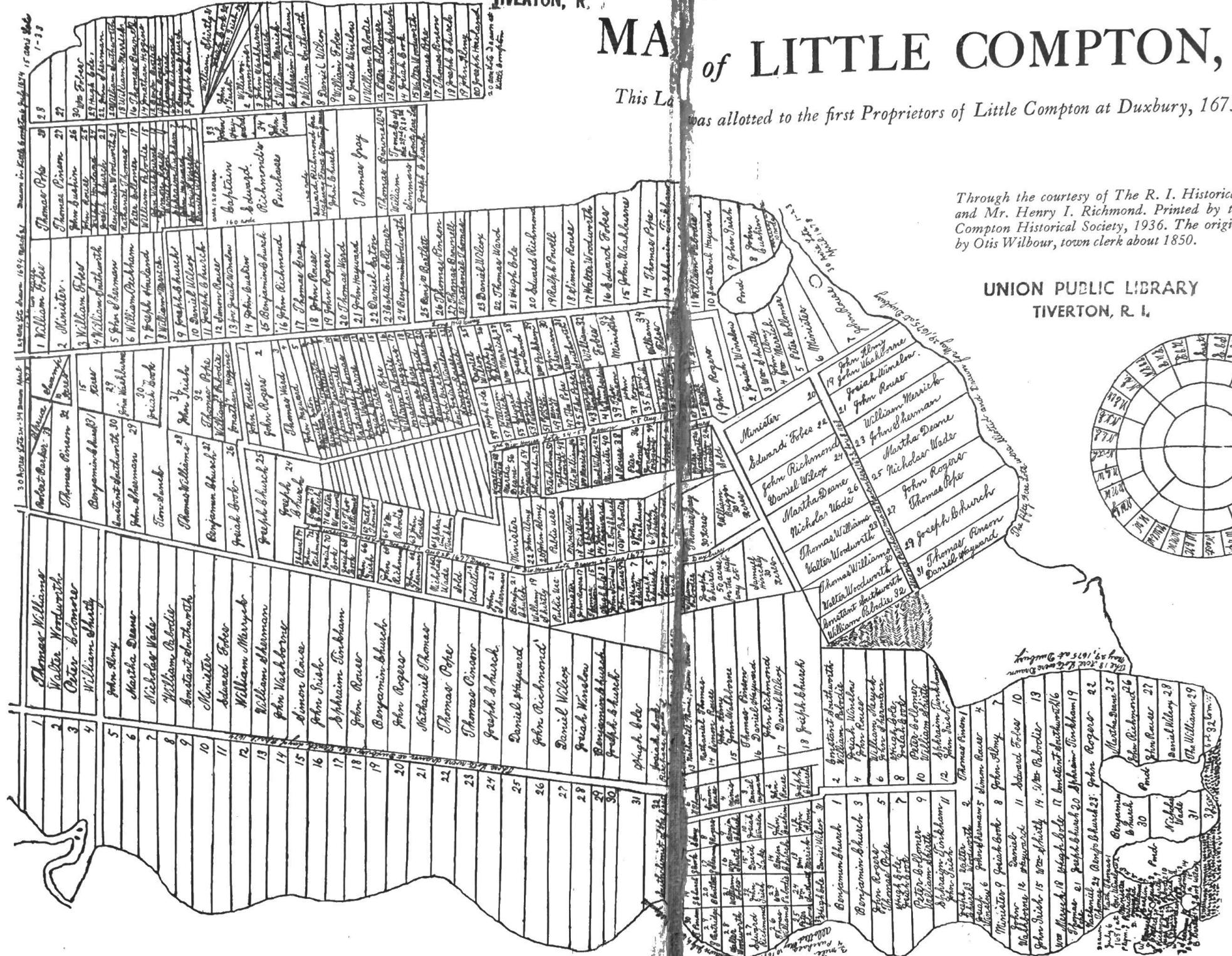
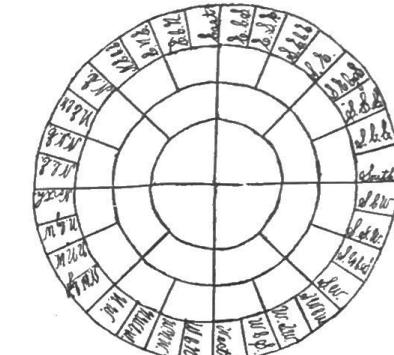
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OLD TIME FERRIES

The story of the ferries plying between Aquidneck Island and the mainland is a fascinating bit of history. Anna Augusta and Charles Chapin, Rhode Island historians, who made a detailed study into colonial and later records, conclude from their research that the ferry established in all Rhode Island was in 1640, and was known as Howland's. It also was known as Pocasset, Sanford's, and Wanton's, and by the French during their occupation as Passage Americaine. It was about at the site of the present Stone Bridge.

A mutilated Portsmouth record made about two years after the settlement, discloses that on "the 7th of the 7th month 1640 Thomas Gorton is chosen ferryman, and at the discretion of Mr. Porter, his rates be 6d a man and 3d if above three at once goates and ant, his rates be 6d a man and 3d if above three at once goates and ant. This was for the Howland's ferry.

It frequently happened that the opposite sides of a ferry were owned or controlled by different persons and operated under different laws. So the colonial law recognized two ferries on one route. This fact caused much inconvenience to travelers, annoyance to the owners, and to political intrigue and legislative discussions, the latter because ferries could operate only under governmental permission, even then.

Ferrymen in those early days were licensed to maintain "houses of entertainment" on their own sides of the crossing. One record shows that Richard Bulger, from whose name the present Bulgarmash Road was licensed "to sell beer, vittles and liquors to strangers that pass the ferry." Another ferryman, Thomas Durfee, the old records disclose, was licensed to keep a house of entertainment in 1679. At the same time, the Widow Tripp, then proprietor of the Bristol ferry, whom Durfee afterwards married, was also granted a license. Each was forbidden to charge "more than two pence a gill for rum."

The Sakonnet River ferries were more numerous at the narrow north end in the vicinity of the present Stone Bridge, but others were established to the south. Cook's Ferry, often called Fogland Ferry, and later known as Cadman's, ran from Fogland Ferry Farm in Portsmouth, where the wharves could be seen distinctly as late as 1925, to Fog Point in Tiverton. Its opposite number was Almy's Ferry, running from Fogland Point to Portsmouth, near the Glen.

Getting down to Little Compton, William Fobes, later known as Fobes, was granted authority to operate a ferry from "near where the creek Nonquit Pond flows into the bay" to near Sandy Point on the Portsmouth shore.

The Portsmouth-Tiverton ferries, at the narrows, of which there at least six, were the most traveled, of course, as they were part of the great highway from the north and east to Aquidneck Island.

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Benjamin Chase
Samuel Sandford

Stephen Manchester
George Manchester
Josiah Sawyer
Jacob Wilkie
Joseph Palmer
Job Briggs
Thomas Waite
Joel Lake
Joseph Jennings
Robert Bennett

Richard Crow
William Manchester
John Springer
Joshua Dwelly
Josiah Stafford
John Bailey
Samuel Crandall
Garthrom Manchester
Abraham Chase
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Richard Borden



THE LAKE FAMILY

From the American Genealogist (number 12, page 17) by G. Andrews Moriarty.

1. HENRY¹ LAKE, born about 1610, died 21 Feb. 1672/3.

Residence: Dorchester, Portsmouth, Warwick, R.I. and Dartmouth.

He married ALICE (--).

The family came from Childwell, a parish near Riverpool in Lancashire, England.

His wife was arrested for witchcraft. She must have been executed after 4 June 1648. Shortly after the execution of his wife Henry Lake removed to Portsmouth where he was an inhabitant in 1651. He had 33 score acres of land in Portsmouth. Towards the end of his life he lived in Dartmouth.

Children:

1. i. Elizabeth, b. about 1642; m. Thomas Butts of Portsmouth.
2. ii. Thomas, b. about 1644.
3. iii. David, b. about 1646.
- iv. a child, b. about 1648; d. about 1652.

2. THOMAS² LAKE (Henry¹), born about 1644, died after 29 May 1687. Residence: Dartmouth.

Being brought up by his uncle Thomas Lake, he was before the Dorchester church 19 Dec. 1659. He later joined his father and settled in Dartmouth. Under Col. Benjamin Church he was a soldier in King Philip's War. On 1 Nov. 1676 the Plymouth colony granted 100 acres at Puncatest (Tiverton) to Thomas and David Lake for their services in King Philip's War.

Children:

- i. Alice, b. 6 Dec. 1677; m. in 1695 her cousin Moses Butts, son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Lake) Butts of LC.
- 4. ii. Thomas, b. 13 Nov. 1680.
- 5. iii. John, b. 23 Aug. 1683.
- iv. Joseph, b. 17 July 1686.
- v. Mary, b. 19 Sept. 1689; m. in Tiverton 14 Sept. 1720 Richard Borden.
- vi. Benjamin, b. 29 May 1697; probably infirm and did not marry. His guardians Thomas Church and Jonathan Head of LC received for him damages from Peter Horswell and Thomas Dring of LC for injuries inflicted by them at Robert Woodman's husking in 1715.

3. DAVID² LAKE (Henry¹), born about 1646, died after 15 June 1709. Residence: Portsmouth, Tiverton and LC.

He married SARAH (EARLE) CORNELL, widow of Thomas Cornell and daughter of Ralph and Joan (Savage) Earle of Stortford, Herts County, England and Portsmouth, R.I.

He was a saddler under Col. Benjamin Church in King Philip's War. With his brother Thomas he had 100 acres at Puncatest in Tiverton. In 1676 he sold Indian captives to the town and on 4 Jan. 1679/80 he settled at Nanquid, LC. He was one of the LC men who opposed the attempts of the Plymouth colony to establish a Congregational church in LC. In 1689 he was one of the proprietors of Dartmouth. When Tiverton was organized in 1692 he was one of the original inhabitants and he resided on the line between LC and Tiverton. He was town clerk of Tiverton from 1695 to 1698. He was alive on 15 June 1709 when on that date David Lake of LC sold to Zachariah Butts of Tiverton all his rights to land in Dorchester.

Children:

- i. Sarah, b. 10 May 1678; m. in 1698 Josiah Stafford.
- ii. David, b. 2 June 1679 in Portsmouth; d. 4 Aug. 1767; m. Mary Wilcox, daughter of Daniel and Hannah (Cook) Wilcox of Portsmouth and Dartmouth, b. 25 Feb. 1682, d. in 1667.
- iii. Jonathan, b. 30 Dec. 1681.
- 6. iv. Joel, b. 20 Jan. 1683.
- v. Joseph, b. 15 June 1690.

4. THOMAS³ LAKE JR. (Thomas², Henry¹), born 13 Nov. 1680, died before 3 July 1739. Residence: LC.

He was married 14 May 1711 in LC by Richard Billings, justice, to LYDIA FISHER, born in 1692, died in June 1761 in LC.

Children, recorded in LC:

- 7. i. Abigail, b. 13 May 1713; living unmarried 3 July 1739.
- ii. William, b. 4 Aug. 1715.
- iii. Thomas, b. 17 Nov. 1716; m. prior to 10 March 1747/8 Mary (--).
- iv. Mary, b. 11 Sept. 1718; unmarried 3 July 1739.

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5. JOHN³ LAKE (Thomas², Henry¹), born 23 Aug. 1683. Residence: LC.

He was married 13 Oct. 1709 in LC by Richard Billings, justice, to SUSANNA CASE, daughter of James and Hannah Case, born 18 May 1686.

Children, recorded in LC:

- James, b. 18 July 1710.
- i. James, b. 30 May 1712.
- ii. John, b. 8 Jan. 1715.
- iii. Merebah, b. 30 May 1716.
- iv. Henry, b. 30 May 1719.
- v. Anna, b. 1 June 1721.
- vi. Alice, b. 1 June 1721.

6. JOEL³ LAKE (David², Henry¹), born 30 Jan. 1683, died in 1735.

Residence: LC and Tiverton.

He married SARAH BAILEY, daughter of Edward and Frances Bailey of Newport and Tiverton.

His will, made 18 Feb. 1730 and proved 21 Oct. 1735: "Executrix wife Sarah. To wife use of dwelling house for life and all household goods and other movables. To son David 5 shillings and a table. To son Jonathan 5 shillings and son of Giles 5 shillings. To son Jeremiah 5 shillings and iron pot and a kettle at age. To daughter Hannah . . . To four sons Joel, Edward, Caleb and Joseph all my lands and housing at death of wife. To daughter Sarah all household goods at death of wife . . ."

Children, recorded in LC:

- i. David, b. 17 March 1705.
- ii. Jonathan, b. 13 Nov. 1706.
- iii. Hannah, b. 18 Dec. 1708.
- iv. John, b. 2 Feb. 1711.
- v. Giles, b. 2 Feb. 1711.
- vi. Edward.
- vii. Joel. ✓
- viii. Caleb.
- ix. Joseph.
- x. Sarah. ✓
- xi. Jeremiah.

7. WILLIAM⁴ LAKE (Thomas³, Thomas², Henry¹), born 4 Aug. 1715 in LC, died before 11 Dec. 1760 in Providence. Residence: LC and Providence.

He was married 4 Feb. 1739 in LC by Richard Billings, justice, to THANKFUL CARR, daughter of Ezeck and Susanna Carr of LC, born 27 April 1709 in LC.

Children, recorded in LC:

- ii. Eunice, b. 25 Aug. 1739.
- iii. Mercy, b. 30 March 1741.
- iv. Ruth, b. 20 April 1743.
- v. Reuben, b. 20 April 1745.

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8. JAMES⁴ LAKE (John³, Thomas², Henry¹), born 18 July 1710 in LC. He married 31 Oct. 1734 ELIZABETH CRAPO of Rochester, Mass.

Children, recorded in LC:

- i. Susannah, b. 29 Dec. 1736.
- ii. Alice, b. 28 June 1740.
- iii. Merebah, b. 7 Nov. 1742.

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OTIS LAKE, son of Martin and Susannah (Springer) Lake, born 6 April 1803 in Tiverton, died 23 May 1884 in LC. Residence: LC (census of 1865).

He married MARY M. WILBOR, daughter of Isaac and Lydia (Stoddard) Wilbor of LC, born 22 Feb. 1800 in LC, died there 6 Dec. 1865. He married second MARY JANE BROWN, daughter of Thomas J. and Mary Brown, born 14 Oct. 1846 in Tiverton. Died 22 Sept. 1870 in LC. They are all buried in the Union cemetery.

Children:

- i. Harriet N., b. 5 Oct. 1824; d. 7 Sept. 1857.
- ii. Emily J., in census of 1865 ae 23.
- iii. Harriet Newell, b. 18 July 1869 in LC; d. there 28 Nov. 1874.

CLEMENT LAKE, married HELEN M. PECKHAM.

Children:

- i. Robert Perry, b. in Tiverton 6 Nov. 1921; m. in LC 11 Nov. 1947 Katherine Theressa Wimer, daughter of Harold V. and Margaret (Sullivan) Wimer, b. in LC 15 Jan. 1920. They had a daughter, Janet, b. 10 March 1949.
- ii. Richard P., b. in Fall River 20 Feb. 1926.



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BENJAMIN FRANKLIN WILBOUR

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