

Family History

[of Matthews and Denman Families]

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INTRODUCTORY.

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A brief sketch of ancestors, giving names, births, dates of marriages, important events in their lives, and of left wills, their deaths and where buried. I have searched many old Bibles, graveyards, wills, deeds, church records, and have endeavored to get it correct as possible, having re-searched many times to prove and compare if all was correct. I am still searching, and shall leave some dates blank to fill up later, if I find them, and began it for my only child, Cordelia Catharine, who married Edward N. Crane, June 9, 1875, and for her children, and shall begin it with her parents.

PARENTS:

JOHN EVANS MATTHEWS, born March 8, 1815, at Ragland, Monmouth Co., Wales. He remained home until he was nearly 20 years old, when he left for New York, with his mother's prayers and blessings upon him. His father accompanied him one day's journey on stage coach with his eldest brother James. He never saw his father again, his death having occurred before his son John re-visited his early home; his brother remained until he sailed on ship Kutisoff, Captain Newton, where he arrived April 17, 1835. He soon went to New Orleans and engaged in business; in 1840 he took in as partner John C. Denman. The connection there began with the Denman's lasted his life, for in 1848 he married their only sister; in 1859 he was taken from New Orleans to New Jersey, suffering from an injury. He died in a few days after his arrival there, leaving a will. His remains were interred at Westfield.

MARY REBEKAH DENMAN, born on January 7, 1824, at the old Denman homestead, which had been in the family over two hundred years, at Westfield, New Jersey, married at New Orleans by Rev. Dr. William A. Scott, on April 5, 1848. My husband's death occurred April 30, 1859, leaving two children, Cordelia Catharine and John C. D. Matthews, who died with pneumonia January 27, 1894. He was unmarried and his remains were placed in the family plot at Farview Cemetery, Westfield, beside his father. He was in his 39th year, leaving a will. When my life is ended I shall be laid beside them.

GRANDPARENTS.

JAMES MATTHEWS married Susanna Beven, born at Abergavenny, Wales, 17 , died 1838, at Ragland, Wales, and was buried in Ragland churchyard. He was active in politics and was mayor. In one of the successful campaigns his horses were taken from his carriage and he was drawn by the citizens in their enthusiasm of his success.

SUSANNA BEVEN, born 17 , died 1849, lived at Usk, England, where she was married. She had a large family of ten children, of whom her son John was the sixth, and named after her brother John, who, together with her brother Philip, were Episcopal ministers and went under the auspices of the London Board of [Foreign]? Missionaries to Madagascar, and both died there. She was interred beside her husband in the Ragland churchyard, of which he was an officer.

JOHN DENMAN married Lockey Marsh, born at the Denman homestead February 28, 1783, died September 28, 1849, leaving a will. He was an only son and was twice married. By the first marriage he had no issue; her name was Rebecca High; he then for his second wife married Lockey Marsh, by whom he had a large family of eight children. He lived on the family homestead as a farmer, and was also a contractor by the Government getting ship timber, transporting stores, cannon, powder, and going South as far as Georgia and beyond the Alleghanies by way of the Lakes. He was a large, energetic man with high views of principles, right and justice. Died from a fever.

LOCKEY MARSH, born September 28, 1792, died July 30, 1875, married by Rev. Buckley Carle at her father's house, Rahway, N. J., March 15, 1815. She was the eldest daughter of Captain Isaac Marsh (mariner) and Catharine Terrell his wife; she lived to be very old and to bury seven of her children; she was a woman of superior abilities and very fine conversational powers, and much beloved by every one; died with only a few hours illness and was interred beside her husband in the Fairview cemetery, at Westfield. In the same family plot is laid their youngest son, Rolph Marsh

Denman, unmarried, who died with heart disease, aged 38 years, leaving a will, and also two colored servants, Ann and Jude, who served the Denman family faithfully, one over forty-five, the other nearly sixty years.

GREAT-GRANDPARENTS.

THOMAS MATTHEWS, born 1743, died Dec. 7-1818. His parents lived at Abergavenny, where he was born, the property having been in the Matthews family, of Wales, for several generations, he selling the most of the property to Lord Llanover, who built his mansion on the home spot that had so long been the Matthews house; the rest of the land went for the park. Having lost his wife, Mary, who was buried in the Llanover churchyard, he left in his old age to live with his only son James at Ragland, and was buried in the churchyard early in 1800 in his son James's plot. The Matthews family are all Welsh, and a chapel with several of their early ancestors' marble monuments are in the cathedral at Landaff, Wales. All spoke Welsh, as did Thomas, who never spoke English, one of whom saved his King by rushing between with his sword, saying: "What God wills shall be." In the Welsh language my son had the full account and date and the correct version, which I have not, but think it was at the battle of Tewkesbury, a memorial battle in England, for which bravery he was knighted, as were two more of the Matthews family for their bravery at another time.

WILLIAM BEVEN married Ann Scuddemore; he died young and left her with a family of young children. The Scuddemore was a very old English family of wealth and position of the early days, in the navy and army. The home estate was in Gloucester, and at the present time there known as the Homlacey estate, at which place was written one of "The Canto," by Spencer, of the "Fairie Queen," and Sr. Scuddemore taken as one of the characters. He left an only child, a daughter, who married Duke of Norfolk 7th, who left a will, but her husband destroyed it, as was proved by his having thrown the estate in Chancery to get possession. The King, however, seeing the villiany of it, took possession of Homlacey and gave it as

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a reward to Admiral Stanhope for his bravery in a battle. It passed thence to his only child, Earl Chesterfield's wife, on conditions that the name of Scuddemore should always be kept in the Stanhope family as a prefixed name. Only in 1896 was a death in that family with the name, with three others, prefixed Scuddemore Stanhope of Chesterfield family. Two of the daughters of William Beven and his wife, Ann Scuddemore, married into the Matthews family, thought to open a suit for their rights, but feared a long and expensive litigation and it was abandoned. I have been in the chapel and seen the Scuddemore monuments as well as that of Duchess of Norfolk—a beautiful one. Strange retribution, the heir of the present Duke of Norfolk has but one child, who is blind, dumb and idiotic to all those vast Norfolk estates.

CHRISTOPHER DENMAN was born at the Denman homestead at Westfield, March 5, 1741, and died October 21, 1808, leaving a will. He married Abigail Hendricks, of Westfield, who was born February 17, 1746, and died July 20, 1803. They had a family of five daughters and only one son, John. Their remains were placed in the old churchyard by the Westfield church. In early life he, with his father's family, also his wife's, attended the St. John's Church, at Elizabeth, N. J., but the old war of 1776 came on; their minister, Rev. Mr. Chandler, left the church and went to Nova Scotia to join the royal party. The church was taken possession of by the British, but the Denmans, Hendricks and others joined the patriots, left their church, joined the Presbyterian Church at Westfield and served in the war as soldiers for liberty of this country, and my centennial gift of a hundred years of liberty was to place iron railings around the graves of Christopher Denman and his father, John Denman.

CAPTAIN ISAAC MARSH, (Mariner) born September 14, 1761, and died January 13, 1821, leaving a will. He married Catharine Terrell, who was born December 15, 1769, and died October 27, 1855. They were married by Rev. Benjamin Woodruff February 3, 1788. In eleven days after their marriage he sailed on the bark Jenny for China as first mate. He was absent from his bride twenty-one months. After his return he took a position as captain, which he kept ever after. He followed the sea for nearly thirty years, to Europe and the West Indies. In the war of 1812 he was

captured on the high seas with his vessel, taken prisoner and confined in London many months in prison, but was discharged, returned home without receiving an indemnity for loss of cargo and vessel. Before his marriage he was in the war for independence, and was at the battle of Monmouth, having had that day three horses killed under him. His prayer was granted him to die on land, and at his home. His death was caused by pleurisy, of few days illness. His remains, together with his wife's, are beneath a monument to their memory in the old churchyard at Rahway.

GREAT-GREAT-GRANDPARENTS.

JOHN DENMAN, the first purchaser of the Denman homestead, born at Newton, Long Island, in 1700, and died in March, 1775, leaving a will. He married Mary Williams, who was born in 1700. She died March 27, 1762. Their grave stones are perfect at the present time in the plot of the old yard by the Westfield church, New Jersey. He was a strong Episcopalian, having all his children and grandchildren baptized in that church, and it was at the baptism of a grandson, for whom he stood godfather in March, took cold and died on the fifteenth with pneumonia.

ISAAC HENDRICKS, born _____ and died 1785, married Lydia Craig, born _____ and died _____. He lived in Westfield township, now Cranford. He was one who left his Episcopal Church and joined the Presbyterian when his country fought for liberty, and he offered his services and was one of the heroes who lived to enjoy the honor given him as a Revolutionary soldier. His and her remains are in the Westfield old yard, with stones standing to their memory perfect.

JOHN MARSH, born _____ and died 1775, leaving a will. He married Elizabeth Dunham, who died 1807. She was a daughter of David Dunham, of Woodbridge. They were interred in the old churchyard at Rahway, N. J.

ABRAHAM TERRELL, born January 30, 1735, and died April 7,

1791. He lived and died on the Terrell homestead. He married February 23, 1763, Mary Dunham, daughter of David Dunham, of Westfield, N. J., who was born December 11, 1746, and died September 8, 1812. He and his wife were interred in the old yard at Rahway. Her will was recorded at Newark, N. J. Abraham Terrell was a patriot devoted to his country's cause, even having a recruiting office in his house from which men went fully equipped for the war, and he also was a soldier and went into the army. I have seen the original roster with both his name and Christopher Denman's upon it. How proud I am to say I had two grandfathers and two great-grandfathers who fought in the Revolutionary war for their country's liberty and independence. Their gravestones are still standing perfect.

GREAT-GREAT-GREAT-GRANDPARENTS.

JOHN DENMAN, of Newton, Long Island, where he lived and died in 1713, leaving a will, recorded in 1714, which I was seven years searching for, and found it at Jamacia, Long Island. He married Mary Gannugh, a Huguenot, whom he left with four sons and three daughters, all young. The will appointed his widow and her brother Jeremiah Gennugh executors. He was named as a land holder at Maspat, afterwards called Newton, in 1662. History says he was one of those appointed to treat with the Indian chiefs, Potumka and others, for the right of land by purchase. He was often referred to in records at Newton in the management of town affairs. After his death his family sold all their property and settled in New Jersey, they receiving £350 for one plot, of which I have a copy of the sale.

DANIEL MARSH, son of John Marsh, died about 1774. He married Mary Rolph, daughter of Henry Rolph. They had eleven children. I think they were interred in the first churchyard at Woodbridge, N. J., where her father's home was.

DAVID DUNHAM, of Woodbridge, son of David, born, lived and died there. His birth is supposed to have been in 1705. He married

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Mary Freeman, daughter of Henry Freeman. They were buried probably in the first churchyard, but no stones can be found. He was an officer, civil and military, to enforce existing laws against non-combatants. He left no will. His wife administered for his estate June 5, 1758.

JOSEPH WILLIAMS came with his father, Samuel Williams, to Elizabethtown, N. J., early in 1700. He died in 1738, leaving a will. He married Mary , whom he left a widow and executrix with her two sons. I think they were buried in the First Presbyterian yard. The family attended that church at Elizabeth, but no stones can be found.

ABRAHAM HENDRICKS, son of Daniel, came from Newbury, Mass., August 2, 1663; his will was recorded in 1722; married Abigail Clark, daughter of Richard Clark, of Elizabeth, N. J., whom he appointed his executrix with his honored father-in-law, Richard Clark. From this family were four children, Isaac, my ancestor, Abraham, Jacob and Hannah. Thomas A. Hendricks, who was Vice President under Grover Cleveland in his first term, came from Abraham, who went West. I have never found any gravestones, but suppose they were interred in the first churchyard at Elizabeth, N. J.

DANIEL TERRELL, son of Thomas, born 1718, died 1793, leaving a will. He married Catharine Craig, who died in a few weeks after the birth of her son, Abraham Terrell, in 1735. She was a daughter of Andrew Craig (1st). Daniel married a second time and had several children. As he was warden of St. John's Episcopal Church at Elizabeth, he and his wife Catharine were buried there. I have seen the stones before their removal.

DAVID DUNHAM, of Westfield; will recorded September 1, 1772; married Esther Crane, daughter of John Crane; her will recorded March 2, 1773. They had a large family of children; their eldest son was baptized in St. John's Church in 1751. I suppose they were buried at Westfield, in the old graveyard by the church, as there are many stones found there with the name of Crane family, also Dunhams.

ANDREW CRAIG (2nd) was the father of Lydia, who married Isaac Hendricks. Andrew left a will, recorded in 1763, in which he speaks of his wife Hannah. He was baptized at the same time

as his sister Catharine, who married Daniel Terrell. They were interred in the old Westfield churchyard. His home was what is now called Cranford, N. J.

GREAT-GREAT-GREAT-GREAT-GRANDPARENTS.

JOHN DENMAN, born 1621, in England, when fourteen years old sailed in ship Dorset, Capt. John Flower, from Gravesend, near London, England, September 3, 1635, with his widowed mother, his sister Mary, who married Clement Maxfield, and a half brother, a little boy named William Smead, for his mother, Judith Stoughton, (Stough-ton Denman) had married a second time and was left again a widow—Smead. They settled in Dorchester, Mass.—his mother's death occurred there in 1639. In the settlement of her estate the three children are referred to as having received their money by settlement of court, 1652-3; again by sale of his property at Salem and Wenham, of forty acres of land, to Walter Rice, and other lots adjoining Mark Bachelor and James Moulton, August 25, 1657. He is spoken of as a tailor and living at Munabbes, New Netherlands, which is now New York. Tradition of family says he was engaged in merchandising in that city, and his sons settled near the present city, in New York jurisdiction.

RICHARD CLARK came from Long Island to Elizabeth, and was a son of Samuel, of Southampton; he was the father of Abigail, who married Abraham Hendricks. I think that Abraham Clark, the signer of the Declaration of Independence, was named after Abraham Hendricks, his uncle by marriage, he being a son of Thomas, brother of Abigail—the name not appearing in the Clark family before that marriage. In the will of Richard Clark, recorded May 23, 1743, he refers to his wife Hannah. He lived to be very old. All buried in the old yard at Elizabeth.

FRANCIS GERNEAUX, born in France, but escaped from his home Island of Guernsey to England. He was a Huguenot, and to save his life was carried in a closed hogshead as freight on a vessel to England, from whence he came with his family to New York and

settled at New Rochelle, N. Y. When told his estates had been confiscated, for he was very wealthy, he said, "let it go with the name, let us hereafter be known as 'Gano,'" which name was carried out by his descendants; but in the will of John Denman the name was spelled two ways. Mary and her brother Jeremiah were executrix and executor to the will probated in 1714. He lived to a great age, bordering on one hundred years.

DAVID DUNHAM was a son of Jonathan Dunham; he lived, died and was buried at Woodbridge. He was married three times, and was for years Town Clerk, writing wills and deeds for Woodbridge.

ANDREW CRAIG came direct from Aberdeen, Scotland, with a company of Scotch immigrants to Amboy, N. J. In about 1700 he came from there to Elizabeth; he was born in 1662 and his will was recorded on October 24, 1739. He married Susanna at Aberdeen. She died April 6, 1728. At their house at Elizabeth was preached the first Episcopal sermon in that part of New Jersey, by this old friend and neighbor from Aberdeen, Rev. Mr. Keith, on November 3, 1703, whom they entertained at their house. The text was from 2nd Peter, 1st chapter, 5th verse, and at that service they had four of their children baptised, Catharine and Andrew, two direct ancestors on both my parents' lines. From that meeting was formed St. John's Church; the foundation was dedicated on St. John's Day, hence the name, in 1706. St. John's Church founded and grew. They were all buried in the churchyard. I saw the perfect gravestones previous to their removal.

DANIEL HENDRICKS, born about 1610, received a lot of land at Hampton, Mass., in 1639; from there he went to Piscataway, New Jersey, and married Dorothy Pike, who was the mother of Abraham Hendricks. He married for his second wife a Mary, widow of John Stockbridge.

SAMUEL WILLIAMS, son of Matthew, was born , 1653; will recorded November 1, 1706; married Esther Wheeler, daughter of Nathaniel Wheeler. He came to Elizabeth, N. J., early in 1700, bringing a family with him. From whence all those of the name, in that part of New Jersey are his descendants, who settled near together and called Williams Farms.

They attended the Presbyterian Church there, and were buried there also, but have never found any gravestones to him or his wife.

HENRY ROLPH, son of Benjamin, born October 12, 1677, at Newbury, Mass.; his will recorded August 17, 1723. He married Margaret Cenrelly, also from Newbury, Mass., at which place they removed shortly after their marriage. They were buried in Woodbridge, N. J.

HENRY FREEMAN, the father of Mary, who married David Dunham, lived and died in Woodbridge, and is supposed he came from Massachusetts. He was 95 years old.

JOHN MARSH, baptised May 2, 1661, at New Haven; was son of Samuel and wife Comfort; came with his parents to Elizabeth, N. J., in 1662. He married Elizabeth Clark about 1683; he built the first saw mill at Rahway, and his brother Joseph the first grist mill, near together at that place. The old homestead of John Marsh is standing nearly opposite, and a grist mill on the same place. He and his family are supposed to have been interred in the Marsh burying place on the farm near the mouth of the Rahway River. His will was probated 1744.

THOMAS TERRELL was born at Milford, Conn.; thence to Southold, Long Island, where he was rated as a freeholder and townsman in 1675 to 1683 for £109. In 1684 his first wife, Margaret Dayton, died leaving him and two children, Ephraim and Mary. He came to Rahway with his children in 1698 and purchased a farm near Rahway, part of which is still in the family and name of Terrell (1897). He then married the second time, Mary Hampton, daughter of John Hampton, of Freehold, N. J., by whom he had a large family. My direct ancestor was by the second marriage from Daniel. Thomas Terrell died in 1725; his will probated April 26, 1726. In it he makes his dearly beloved wife to be the sole, whole and only executrix of his last will and testament. What a beautiful compliment he paid her in confidence of love, but she soon passed away, her own being recorded October 16, 1727, appointing her son John the only executor. The Terrells are a very long life family in several generations.

JOHN CRANE was the eldest son of Stephen Crane; his will was probated February 16, 1723; he married Esther Williams, daughter of Samuel Williams. John Crane bought the one hundred acre plot, with mill sites, from the first owners about 1720, of allotments. It now is the town of Cranford, New Jersey. I have read the original deed found by myself in an old trunk of papers belonging to his son-in-law, David Dunham, estate, and hope the present owners will let me present it to the Historical Society of New Jersey, in their name, for a relic to be valued by both the Crane and Dunham descendants for 1897, the present year.

JUDITH STOUGHTON, the mother of John Denman, was daughter of Rev. Thomas Stoughton, rector of Coggeshall, England. She was first married to Denman, who died and left her with two young children, John and Mary. She married the second time to Smead, who died leaving her with a young son named William. On September 3, 1635, she left Gravesend, near London, for Dorchester, America, with her three children. She had two brothers, Thomas and Israel Stoughton, then living in Dorchester. She soon purchased a home for herself, besides having land allotted her. Her daughter Mary soon married Clement Maxfield. In March, 1639, she died from supposed pleurisy. Her young son, William Smead, was adopted by a childless couple named John Pope, who mentioned the boy in his will. He married Elizabeth Lawrence, and the family were nearly all killed in the Deerfield massacre on February 29, 1704. Judith having died without a will, her brother, Israel Stoughton, administered on her estate. A copy of the inventory then made out I have in full. It is nearly ten pages long, including what each child received and final closing of the estate, in 1653, twelve years after her death. Her brother Israel having gone to England in 1641 to enter Cromwell's army as an officer, died there, making his will in 1644. In it he speaks of his mother then living in New England; it is the only reference to Judith's mother I have ever found. Whether she returned to Old England or died here, I have never been able to find. Israel, the brother, was one of the founders of Harvard College, being one of the twelve men who started it in 1633-4.

JOHN HAMPTON was the son of James Hampton, who came

early from Salem to Southampton, Long Island; thence he purchased land in Freehold, New Jersey, December 29, 1687. The name and deed with all transactions were always written with Mr. prefixed, which I have found in only few cases. John Hampton left a will, proved June 23, 1702, and a large family. I have read the recorded will at Trenton, N. J.

JONATHAN DUNHAM came from Newbury, Mass., to Woodbridge in 1667. He was allowed 215 acres of land for his home lot, and erected the first grist mill (in 1670) at Woodbridge. One of the grindstones was to be seen there as late as 1880, and his house, a large brick one, is at present used for a rectory by the Episcopal church. His wife's name was Mary Bloomfield.

NATHANIEL WHEELER was the son of Thomas Wheeler, born at Milford, but came with the first colony from Branford, L. I., to Newark, N. J., in 1666. His home lot was on Broad street, in Newark, near where Grace Church now stands. He held many important trusts in the colony. By allotments he received over 300 acres of mountain land, now Orange; he moved there and was among the first to form what was called the Mountain Society, now First Church, Orange. He also set aside a portion of his farm for a burial place for ever, and in that place he was buried, and his and his wife's gravestones are there now standing, in the old burying ground now abandoned at Orange, and his grave is the only one that now can be located of all those early settlers that came as a colony in 1666. He married Esther, daughter of Henry Botsford, of Derby, Conn., June 27, 1665, who was one of the early settlers of Derby, but he in his old age came to Newark to live. Nathaniel's will was probated February 24, 1726. He lived to be very old, as did his wife, also dying.

MATTHEW WILLIAMS was born about 1625; he lived at Wethersfield, Conn., in 1640. He married Susanna; they had several children, among whom was their son Samuel.

JOHN PIKE came from Lanford in ship James from London; shipped from Southampton about April 5, 1635. He was in Ipswich, Mass., and at Piscataway, N. J., but died at Salisbury, Mass. In his recorded will of May 26, 1654, he speaks of his daughter Dorothy, wife of Daniel Hendricks.

RICHARD CLARK, of Elizabeth, said in his deposition, when an old man of 86, that he was a son of Clark, of Southampton, Long Island. I find a family there who came from Boston, and in 1644 Israel Stoughton refers to a sister and brother Clark in his will as well as in the settlement of his sister Judith's estate. He refers to them also as sister and brother Clark. From Southampton records I find that Samuel Clark was there as a townsman of the early days. He may have been the father of this Richard, for many came from there to live in Elizabeth, among whom was John Ogden, as one of the owners, with deeds from Gov. Nichols for both places. Samuel Clark's will was dated 1675, proved 1678.

SAMUEL MARSH came from Boston to New Haven, where he took the oath of allegiance in 1642, and was in the Infantry service. His seat in the church was twice advanced nearer to the pulpit, his wife sitting on the side for the women and he that of the men. I think his number was sixth and hers eighth. With him came his sister Hannah, who on the journey from Boston displeased the church officers. She was summoned, on arrival at New Haven, before the church. She plead her own case and won it. Again it was brought before the church, and she again plead her case and won it. She was then only 19 years old, and came off triumphantly. Her accusers were Gov. Newman and wife, with one or two others. I give this to show how fearless she was in her right of justice and honor. Samuel married about this time (1642) Comfort. They remained in New Haven several years, then came to Elizabethtown, New Jersey, in 1662. He purchased his home lot there, but soon sold and went to live on his allotment right at mouth of Rahway River, of over two hundred acres of land. The Indians were troublesome, and he with his sons had to build a stone fort to protect themselves. Some of the stones were to be seen as late as 1825. He is supposed to have been buried in the graveyard on the farm, with others, and in 1892 I saw the spot filled with locust trees. Over two hundred and twenty years, and it is just as he found it, never been disturbed by a plow or desecrated in any way.

ROGER TERRILL came to Boston 1639, thence to Milford, Ct., of which place he was one of the founders. He married Abigail

Ufford, daughter of Thomas Ufford, and named a son Thomas Terrill, after his grandfather, Thomas Ufford. He was married twice, Sara being the second wife's name.

BENJAMIN ROLPH lived at Newbury and died there in August, 1710. He married Apphia Hale, whose death occurred December 24, 1708. They had a large family of children of whom Henry was their seventh child, who with others of the Rolph family went to Woodbridge, N. J. His second brother, Benjamin, graduated at Harvard as a minister. He with his wife and two children were killed by Indians at Haverhill. Elizabeth, one daughter, was saved by the heroism of a negro girl, Hager. Elizabeth married Rev. Samuel Clitchley, from whom have descended distinguished persons, Motley, the historian, being one.

THOMAS WHEELER was father of Nathaniel; took freeman's oath April 17, 1637. Came first to Boston, Mass., and thence to Concord, the father going in 1638. In 1640 the son went to Milford with his wife Joan *a sea man's daughter of Robert Seabrook* joined the church there, and had two children baptised in the year 1640. In 1653 he was at Stratford, but went back to Milford, from which place he was Representative to the Legislature of Connecticut in 1670 and 1671. He died at Milford, November 26, 1672, and his widow Joan died in January, 1673. His will speaks of his son Nathaniel and his wife Esther, of Newark, New Jersey. Thomas was known as Lieut. Thomas Wheeler, and with his father is supposed to have come about 1638, and married his wife in England.

HENRY BOTSFORD and wife Elizabeth lived in Derby, Conn.; had his allotments of land for home, second for cultivation, all of which I have read in the history of Derby, Conn. He was father of Esther, who married Nathaniel Wheeler. He afterwards in his old age came to Newark to live and died there, leaving a will, February 1, 1686.

THOMAS HALE and wife Tammosine and son Thomas arrived early in 1637, and brought a letter to Gov. Winthrop from Frances Kirby. Kirby says my near kinsman, Thomas Hale, has brought with him all the estate he can have during life of his mother, my sister Kirby. These were the parents of Apphia Hale, who married Benjamin Rolph. Thomas Hale is supposed to be the son

of William Hale, Esq., of King's Walden, Herts, England. Was born May 15, 1606; died December 21, 1682; his widow Tammosine just forty days after at a widow's quarantine, both at Newbury, Mass. He was a prominent man in the colony as Commissioner to lay out roads, to act as Constable, etc.

THOMAS BLOOMFIELD came to New England with the early settlers, his daughter Mary having married Jonathan Dunham, of Woodbridge.

REV. THOMAS STOUGHTON was rector of Coggeshall, England, in 1602, and father of Judith, the ancestress of the Denmans. The Denmans, I have read, going back the farthest, but not recorded here. Rev. Mr. Stoughton's wife was Elizabeth, and their sons, Thomas, Israel and John. John, his brother, was pastor of St. Mary's Church, Aldermanbury, London. He was an orthodox preacher, but having touched upon the Popish and Armenian innovations he was prosecuted by the high commission by instigation of Laud, but in three days was reinstated with honor and sent home in Lord Holland's coach. His death took place the same year as his sister Judith, May 4, 1639. He left two daughters, Jennie and Mary, and no son; leaving by will many bequests to the church poor, and a large estate to his family. He never came to New England; all the others did. Israel returned to England to enter Cromwell's army, and was made Lieutenant Colonel under Col. Rainsborow; he died there, his will dated July 17, 1644. He speaks of his mother then in New England living with his wife and family. This is the only reference I have ever found of Judith's mother, who came away from the civil war in England. After the death of her husband and son John, she went to live with her children, Israel and John, in Massachusetts. Elizabeth, a sister of Judith, married John Scudder, September 4, 1613, at St. Mary's, London. This I read from English records, and are the head of the Scudders in this country.

THOMAS UFFORD, whose daughter Abigail married Roger Terrill, who settled in New England in 1638, was one of the twelve men appointed to take charge of town affairs of Dorchester, Mass., he having taken the Freeman's oath in 1630.

STEPHEN CRANE came to Elizabethtown, N. J., in 1662; he is

supposed to be a son of Henry Crane and his wife Tabitha Kinsley, daughter of Stephen Kinsley, and hence the name of Stephen, the first that is found in the Crane family in America, and the opinion is from records I have found that Henry was a nephew, or cousin, of Jasper Crane, who came from England with several sons, born there. Stephen Kinsley was in Dorchester and mentioned among Judith Denman Smead's purchasers of her effects in 1639. He is the ancestor of the Crane family who settled in Elizabeth; had four sons, John, Daniel, Jeremiah and Nathaniel. Among the second generation was a Azariah, showing it to have been a family name, and it was also in Jasper Crane's descending line, which places a relationship between them.

THOMAS WHEELER's wife name was Ann. They were married in Old England, and came here with several brothers, Timothy, George, Obadiah, Ephraim and Thomas, the eldest. They settled earliest at Concord and Charlestown, in 1644. He with his brothers Timothy and Ephraim, with others of early Concord people, went to Fairfield, Conn.; with their minister, Rev. John Jones; his will is dated January 6, 1654, and probated August 23, 1654; his widow Ann's will was dated August 20, 1659, and proved October 20, 1659.

HENRY CRANE was in Dorchester in 1658; he died in Milton, Norfolk, Mass., in 1667-77. He may have descended from Robert Crane, of Coxhall, Essex, England.

STEPHEN KINSLEY was brother to John Kinsley, who took the oath on May 13, 1640.