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Early Inhabitants of Ipswich, Mass

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EARLY INHABITANTS, IPSWICH, MASS

John Staniford Nicho: Woodberry John Harris
Thomas Low, senr Marke Haskell John Burnham
Samuell Ingalls sr William Cleeves Nath'l Rust, sen'r
Robert Lord, jr. William Haskell Andrew Elliot, jr.
Robert Bradford

to them and their heires and Assignes for ever, a Certaine Tract of land, six miles in length and foure Miles in breadth, known by the name of Cokshall in the County of Yorkshiere, in the Province of Maine: and is bounded as followeth, viz: at the South east end partly vpon the line of the township of Wells, and partly vpon the line of the Township of Cape porpus, and on the north east side partly bounded by the line of the land formerly Majr Wm Phillips his land, and partly uppon the Coman land; and on the north west end the said land is bounded on the common land, and bounded on the south west side with the land of the sd Symonds. Acknowledged in Boston:

Symonds "Did make Delivery by Turff and Twig."

William Symonds 2, Samuel 1, was born in England. He has the title of Gentleman, Jan. 4, 1655, under which date he conveys a lot of land to William Story, carpenter.

He and Elisabeth his wife, Nov. 19, 1656, convey to Jno: Woodam a house and about an acre of land in the street called Brook street.

June 29, 1657, hs styles himself of Preston, alias Wells, gentleman, when he sells to Thomas Wells of Ipswich, a farm of 200 acres, and other lands.

He was admitted freeman in 1670, and was the Representative of Wells in 1676. He had the rights of Commonage, 1678. He died May 22, 1679.

He married Mary, daughter of Jonathan Wade, Esq., and had:

Susanna, born Jan 3, 1668, m. Jos. Jacob Dec. 18, 1690
Dorothy, b. Oct. 4, 1670, m Cyprian Whipple Dec. 19, 1695
Mary, b. Jan. 6, 1673, m. Joseph Whipple, Dec. 10, 1697
Elizabth, born July 20, 1678

The two last were minors in 1694, and under the guardianship of their uncle, Col. Thomas Wade.

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There was an agreement entered into by the heirs of Mr. Symonds (1) for the division of the Argilla farm, dated April 10, 1694. They divided it into two equal parts, one of which was assigned to the children of William 2: Susanna, Dorothy, Mary, Elizabeth. The other half to:— John and Ruth Emerson of Gloucester; Thomas and Priscilla Baker of Topsfield; Daniel Eppes of Salem, Symonds Eppes of Ipswich, sons of Daniel and Elisabeth Eppes both deceased.

MARK SYMONDS. Took the freeman's oath at Boston, May 2, 1638; was commoner of Ipswich, 1641.

He died April 28, 1659, aged 75 years. At the time of his decease he possessed a house and twelve acres of land lying in ye common fields on ye north side ye river, and a planting lot at Reedy Marsh. Inventory, dated May 16, 1659, £257, 6, 9.

Joanna Symonds, died April 29, 1666. Her will was dated April 6, proved May 9. She left two daughters:

Priscilla, married John Warner
Abigail, married Robert Pearce

John Symonds made a will August 16, 1671. Wife Elisabeth. Their children:

James, Samuel,
Katherine, married ——— Downe
Ruth

His property, consisting of house, orchard, land, was valued at £230, 14. Personal £100. He is styled John Symonds carpenter.

William Symonds, [also spelled Simmons,] was an inhabitant in 1635.

December 28, 1647. William Symonds, laborer, sells to Simon Bradstreet a planting lot containing seven acres, being on the hill in Ipswich, on the north side of the river. He lived at the upper end of High street, near the Burying Ground, and was for many years herdsman of the town. Several contracts made with him as herdsman are

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SYMONDS

MARK¹SYMONDS
c 1584-1659

M. _____

JOANNA
-1660

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SUSANNA²SYMONDS
-1684

M. _____

CAPT. JOHN¹AYERS
-1675

See Ayers Family.

The names Symonds, Symons, Simmons, Symmes and Sims are of English origin. Several of these names were in Ipswich, Mass. in the early days of the Mass. Bay Colony, including Samuel Symonds, who became Deputy Governor. XI-1170 MARK¹SYMONDS, born about 1584 in England was a planter in Ipswich in 1634. He was made a freeman 2 May 1638 and died 28 April 1659. His wife died 29 April 1660. Mark Symonds was constable in 1639 and held other town offices. He was a paternal ancestor of Johnny Appleseed (John Chapman), his daughter Mary having married Edward C. Chapman, third great grandfather of John Chapman. An item of interest is that Johnny Appleseed's maternal line began with William Simonds of Woburn whose son James, married Susanna Blodgett (daughter of Samuel). Thus both of these are ancestral lines of the author.

Children:

1. SUSANNA. See below.
2. Abigail, m. Robert Pierce, or Pearce.
3. Priscilla, m. John Warner.
4. Mary. m. Edward Chapman.

X-585 SUSANNA²SYMONDS (Mark¹) probably born in Ipswich; married Capt. John Ayers who was killed by the Indians at Brookfield 3 Aug. 1675.

See Ayers Family.

Sources:

Ayers manuscript by Graves.

Gen. Dict. of N.E.

Dir. of Heads of N.E. Families.

overseer to see this my will pformed. In wittnes hereof
have sett my hand the 25 June 1669.

ffaith Warner & a marke.

Witnesses: Robert Paine, Robert Lord.

Inventory taken 31 March 1680.

(Essex No. 28948) Daniel Warner of Ipswich made his
will 7 Sept. 1688 and dec'd two days later, mentions wife
Ellen, son Daniel, son John, son William who had a son
Daniel; daughters Elizabeth, Abigail & Susanna; grand-
son Nathaniel and his sister Hannah, and mother Hannah
Batchelder.

90. MARK SYMONDS, b. about 1584 England; perhaps
from Yeldam, Co. Essex: (Essex Ct. Files) Court Held at
Ipswich, 26: 7: 1648: Marke Symonds being sixty four years
of age, discharged from ordinary training; d. 28 Apr. 1659
Ipswich*, Mass. (Ct. R.), as Marke Symonds; m. 1st ———
before 1612 in England, where she was b. and d.; m. 2nd
JOANNA — (91) about 1618 in England; where she was b.;
d. 29 Apr. 1666 Ipswich*, (Ct. R.), as Joanah Symonds.

Marke Symonds appeared first in Ipswich about the year 1634,
he was freeman the 2 May 1638, and Commoner of the town in 1641.
(Ancient Records of Ipswich, by George A. Schofield) 1641.
Robert Andrews, George Giddings, Mark Symonds and Thomas
Treadwell are chosen surveyors for this year.

(Essex Ct. Files) Court Held at Salem 2 Feb. 1641. Mark Symonds
on the Jury. He was also on the Jury of Trials 4 Nov. 1645,
and the 30 Mar. 1647.

Marke Symonds was appointed admr. of the Estate of George
Abott, late of Rowley in 1647.

Marke Symonds was on the Grand Jury the 24 Sept. 1650.
His house and twelve acres of land lay on ye common fields on ye
north side ye river, and a planting lot at Reedy Marsh.

(Ipswich Deed II : 10) Thomas Harrison of the parish of Dun-
stons in the east, in London & Dorithy my wife have with one assent
... constituted ... our very loving bretheren Samuel Symonds
and William Symonds of Ipswich ... in the parts beyond the seas
... our true & lawful ... attorneys joyntly ... sixteenth day of
February Anno Dom 1653.

(Ipswich Deed IV : 340) ... Marke Symonds of Ipswich ... for
... fifty pounds ... Have Granted ... unto John Pickard of
Rowley ... his pcell of ground ... lyeing on the North Syd
of the North River ... at the end of his farme formerly sold to John
Croze containeing seaven acres ... with about halfe an acre bought

of Robert Lord ... having the land of Twyford West toward the
Southwest ... 16 of September 1658 ... Rec. June 9, 1680.

(Essex: File No. 27116) The last will & testam^t of Marke Symons ... I doe appoynt my beloved wiefte Johannah Symons to be sole executrix ... I bequethe to my Daughter Susannah Ayres a fether bed & boulster wth was her mothers wth y^e worst rugg. I bequeathe to Abigaill Pierce a fether bed ... I bequeathe to John Warner junior one ewe lamb ... after ye decease of my said wiefte my estate to be equally devided amongst our three daughters & y^e children of my daughter Mary Chapman deceased ... Also I apoynt my lo^s bretheren Moses Pengrie & Edward Browne to be overseers of this my last will & testament. Dated 25 (2) 1659. Signed in ye prsence of George Smith, Aaron Pengry. Proved in Court held at Ipswich 28 Aprill 1659.

Inventory taken 16 May 1659 by Robert Lord and Robert Day. Mentions "his dwelling house & barne with the ground about it. 18 acres of Land, 2 acres of meddow at M^r wintrips farme & 1 acre of salt marsh."

Amount of estate £257.6.9.

(Essex: File No. 27088) ... I Joana Symonds of Ipswich ... doe make and ordaine this my last will and Testament ... And for my outward estate I ... dispose God haueing given me two daughters which are maryed both and have children my will is equally to dispose of what estate I leave behind ... unto my said two daughters and there children, i. e., namely unto my daughter Prisilla the wife of John Warner and to her children after her decease the one halfe of my estate And to my daughter Abigaill the wife of Robert Pearce the other halfe equally devided ... I doe apoynt my loueing Sons in law John warner & Robert Pearce to be my executors ... and doe declare this to be my last will and testament this sixt day of Aprill 1666. In presents of us William Goodhue, Robert Lord.
Joana Symonds.

Proved in Court at Ipswich the 9th of May.

Inventory taken by Thomas Knoulton Sen. and Robert Lord the 7th of May 1666.

(Ipswich Deed III : 251) ... wheras ther was an estate left by Marke Symonds vnto his children after the death of his wife. And by agreem^t mutually betweene the widdow & them to alow the widdow a certeine Sum yearly dureing her life and for to devyde the estate presently, and by agreement betweene themselves, the lands with some other small things fell to Edward Chapman (who maryed one of Marke Symonds his daughters) for his part of the estate, And the house being by the consent of all hands put into the hands of John Ayres to make sale of ... This therefore wittneseth that I John Ayres for ... four score pounds ... sell vnto my Brother Edward

Chapman of Ipswich the dwelling house, barne & land about it . . . three acres be it more or less . . . wch was lately Marke Symonds . . . In wittness whereof . . . 24 November 1659 . . .

John Ayers

John Baker
Robert Lord

Recorded 1st of Aprill 1673.

Children of Mark Symonds (90) and 1st wife ———.

- I. MARY, b. about 1614 England; d. 10 June 1658 Ipswich*, Mass. (Ct. R.), as Mary wife of Edward Chapman; m. Edward Chapman about 1639 Ipswich; b. about 1612 England; d. 18 Apr. 1678 Ipswich* (Ct. R.), as Edward Chapman; their son Simon d. 23 Aug. 1735 Ipswich* aged 93 y. (Edward Chapman Family, by Jacob Chapman and Dr. W. B. Lapham).

Edward Chapman m. 2nd Dorothy (Swan) Abbott; dau. of Richard Swan (46).

Edward Chapman was prob. from Hull, Yorkshire Co., England; he settled first at Rowley, Mass., but after 1642 he appeared at Ipswich.

(Essex: File No. 5018) . . . I Edward Chapman of Ipswich . . . do make and ordaine this . . . will . . . there being a covenant and contract between vs vpon marriage my will is that it be faithfully fulfilled . . . that my beloved wife Dorithye Chapman shall have the use of the parlour end of the house . . . My son Symon haveing already done for him beyond my other children my will is that he shall have thirty pounds . . . And for four pound that is comeing vnto him of his Grandfather Symonds gift which is yet behind . . . my son Nathaniel Chapman . . . my Daughter Mary the wife of John Barry . . . I apoynt my sonn Samuall to be my sole executor . . . I give unto him . . . all the rest of my estate as paying and performing all my will unto my wife and brothers and sister . . . my will . . . is that all my children shall rest sattisfied with what I have done for them . . . I have heere vnto put my hand and seale this 9th of Aprill 1678.

Signed sealed . . .

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in presence of vs

of

Moses Pengry Sen^r

Edward Chapman

Robert Lord Sen^r

This will was proved in Court held at Ipswich the 30th of April 1678. . . .

An Inventory . . . of Edward Chapman's Laate of Ipswich desseased taken and aprised by us whos names are under written this 27th April 1678.

John Whipple, Simon Stace,

Samuel Chapman executor.

[Other names mentioned];

John Warner	Samuel Ingalls	John Haines
Doct ^r Rogers	John Denison	brother Simon
Samuell Graves	Good wife Holmes	brother Nathaniell
Nath ^l Rust	John Kimball	Decon Jewet.
Docter David Bennett		

(Essex Deed VII:152) . . . Samuel Chapman of Ipswich . . . (to) Abraham Perkins . . . a certain parcel of upland . . . to have . . . without . . . reservation . . . kept harmless . . . from all former . . . claims . . . and the heirs of his grandfather Mark Symonds . . . Samuel Chapman, Ruth Chapman. Dated 1687.

(Essex Deed XVI:172) The Deposition of Simon Chapman of Ipswich aged 54 years he . . . saith that his vnclc John Aires was Tenant on Mr. John Norton's farm in Ipswich & Improved the forty acres of meadow & upland . . . With ye said farme . . . all ye Time his Vnclc Aires lived vpon it which was about Twenty yeares. Sworn Septemb^r. the 26th 1698.

- II. SUSANNAH, b. about 1617 England; d. 8 Feb. 1682 Ipswich*, Mass. (Ct. R.), as Susannah widow of John Ayres; m. John Ayres about 1642 Ipswich; b. — England; d. 3 Aug. 1675 Brookfield, Mass., killed in the fight by Indians (Bodge). (John Ayres Descendants, by William Henry Whitmore).

John Ayres was in Ipswich in 1648; he went to Quabog about 1672. He had the title of Captain.

(Ipswich Deed III:238) . . . a house lott granted vnto Henry Glover purchased of him by my ffather in law Marke Symonds, and by him the sayd Marke was granted vnto me the s^d John Ayres and by me made vse of while I was a tenant vpon Mr. Norton's farm. Dated Nov. 1672.

(Essex: File No. 1088) An Inventory of the estate

of John Ayres of Brookfeild Deceased taken & Apprized by vs whose names are under written as foloweth

These things aboue weare aprized the 13 of Sept. 1675: These y^t folow wear apprized March 27: 1676.

John Brewer Sen^r
Simon Stace

Susana Ayres Administratrix upon oath testified this to be a true Inventory of her late Husband John Ayres intestate . . . Court held at Ipswich the 28 of March 1676.

I have seven sons & one Daughter my eldest sone hath had of my husband too oxen one cow a fatt hogg one sow & piges one pewter dish a fether bed & bolster one Rug & blanket & a pair of sheet of.

Susanna Ayres

Children of Mark Symonds (90) and 2nd wife Joanna (91).

45. III. PRISCILLA, b. about 1620 England; d. before her husband; m. JOHN WARNER (44) about 1639 Ipswich, Mass.; son of William Warner (88).
- IV. ABIGAIL, b. about 1622 England; d. 28 June 1680 Ipswich*, Mass. (Ct. R.), as wid. Abigaill Pearce; m. Robert Pearce about 1644 Ipswich; b. about 1612 England; (Essex Deed XVIII:54) Robert Pearce aged 60 years or thereabouts saith that the price of marchantable fish was set at the Isle of Shoals. Dated Mar. 1672; (Essex Ct. Files XXIII:134) Robert Peirce aged about 63 y. by deposition, made 23 Sept. 1675; d. 21 Mar. 1678-9 Ipswich (Essex P. File No. 21216).

Robert Pearce was freeman 18 May 1642. His daughter Abigaill Pearce m. Josiah Linden 27 Dec. 1671 Ipswich* (Ct. R.).

(Essex: File No. 21216) The Last Will and Testament of Robert Pierce Senior Made y^e 8th of March 167 $\frac{1}{2}$. . . I Robert Peirce Senior . . . doe make this my last will and Testament . . . I give . . . unto my dear . . . wife Abigall Peirce all my lands goods . . . at present in my posession . . . my gd wife paying these after mentioned Legacyes . . . I give . . . unto my Eldest sonne Samuell . . . that peice of land . . . that was formerly the land of Thomas Lord . . . I give . . . unto my daughter Abigall Lyndall . . . I give . . . unto my sonne John . . . I give . . . unto my daughter Johanna . . . I give . . . unto my sonne Robert

. . . I give . . . unto my sonne Moses . . . I give . . . unto my daughter Mary . . . My wife I doe ordaine . . . my sole Executrix . . . my Louing fireinds Deacon Knowlton, Jacob foster, John Staniford to bee overseers . . . in witness whereof I have hereunto sets my markes.

Thomas Knowlton, John Staniford, Jacob Foster, Witnesses.

. . . In Court held at Ipswich the 1st of April 1679 vpon oath testified.

An Inventory of the Estate of Robert Pearce who Deceased y^e 21st of March Taken y^e 1st of April 15 Acres of Marche at plum island.

1 farme at Rowly Villidge.

Thomas Knowlton Sen, Jacob foster, John Staniford.

Abigaill Perice executrix in court held at Ipswich the 1st of April 1679 gave in this Inventory upon oath to be a true Inventory of her husbands estate . . .

(Essex: File No. 21217) An Inventory of thee estate of Roburt Pearce . . . Deceased thee twenty eight day of Sept. 1680 . . . the Administrator is to pay to his two brothers nine shillings apeice & to his two sisters nine shillings apeice the remainder to himselfe.

Robert Pearce being deceased, Samuell Pearce administrator.

(Essex: file No. 21138) In the name of God Amen I Abigaill Pearse of Ipswich . . . widdow . . . doe make & ordaine this my last will & testament . . . I give . . . unto my sonn Samuell the house and land . . . which I purchased of Thomas Lord . . . I give . . . unto my sonn John the house wherein I now live . . . I give . . . unto my daughter Joannah my best fether bed . . . I give . . . vnto my daughter Mary Pearce my other fether bed . . . Then I give unto my two sonns Robert and Moses Pearse all my meadow and marsh att plumb lland . . . I give unto my son in law Josiah Linden ten shillings and grand children his two sons twenty shillings a peace and Abygaill Linden forty shillings, And further my will is that the rest . . . be equally devided betweene my two daghters Joannah and Mary Pearse . . . And . . . to be equally devided among all my children only my eldest sonn Samuell to have thirty pounds mor in his share . . . And my will . . . is that all those . . . things before mentioned given in pticular to any & all my children viz Samuell, John,

Robert, Moses and Joannah and Mary . . . be all valued & disposed . . . and my meaning is that my grandchildren receive there legasies when they come to age. further I constitute & ordaine my eldest sonn Samuell to be my sole executor . . . In wittnes hereof . . . I have heer vnto put my hand & seale the 24 day of June . . . 1680. Signed, sealed & published . . . in presence of vs Robert Lord se^a, Jacob foster.

Abigail Parce.

In Court held at Ipswich the 28 of Sept. 1680, this will was presented.

An Inventory of y^e Estate of Abigall Peirce who Deceased y^e of the 28th of June 1680.

15 Acres at plumb Island.

A ffarme at Rowley Village.

Wittnessed by Thomas Knowlton Sen., Jacob foster, Jn^o Staniford.