

WIGGIN - SMITH - ROBINSON

DESCENT

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WIGGIN

1. Gov. THOMAS WIGGIN (Also called Capt.)

Came to New England from England (probably Shrewsbury) in about 1630, as agent for the proprietors of the Upper Plantation, so-called. He went back to England in 1632-1633, returned with a company of about thirty people and settled in Dover. At a later date, said in some genealogies to be about 1640 and in any event by 1650, he moved to Squamscot, where he acquired a tract of land (a part of the "Squamscot patent" so-called), and there he established his home, on Sandy Point on the southern shore of Great Bay. Squamscot for a time was under the government of Exeter, but in 1716 was incorporated as a township under the name of Stratham. See History of Exeter - Bell, pp. 120-121; N.H. Geneal. Record, vol. 1, p. 183.

b. abt. 1592*; d., Squamscot, abt. 1667.

m. London, England, July 11, 1633, Catherine Whiting (sister of Major William Whiting of Hartford, Conn.),

b. abt. 1601.*

Children:

- i. Andrew, m. Hannah Bradstreet.
- ii. Thomas, m. Sarah Barefoot.**
- iii. Mary, m. George Veasey, (2) William Moore.

The location of the Wiggin homestead in Squamscot was south of the railroad track and near the building which was

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formerly a station. The site of the original house is indicated by a depression. Gov. Thomas Wiggin and members of his family were buried on the place, in a field now overgrown, sloping towards the bay. The gravestones are gone, but his grave is marked by a boulder, placed there some forty-five years ago.

After the original, another house was built, further up the slope away from the bay, which has since disappeared. A third house, built later still further up, has been enlarged and is now occupied as a residence. The entire property remained in the hands of descendants until it was sold by Mrs. Anne (Wiggin) Scammon, who now lives in Stratham. She was born and lived for years in the house now occupied by the present owner of the place.

*The approximate date of birth and the data as to the marriage are on the authority of a note published in New Eng. Geneal. Register, vol. 100, p. 336, which refers to a record found in the "Bishop of London's Marriages Licenses," dated 11 July 1633. The record is quoted, as follows:

"Peter Lole of St. Matthew, Friday Street, yeoman, Allegation. Thomas Wiggins of the same place, gent., and a widower, aged about 41 years, and Catherine Whiting of the same parish, spinster, aged about 32 years; to be married at St. Margaret, New Fish Street.

Peter Lowle."

In History of Dover-Scales, vol. 1, p. 102, it is said

that Capt. Thomas Wiggin was born about 1600. Other genealogies seem to be silent on the subject. In Colonial Gravestone Inscriptions (N. H.), p. 136, dates on the boulder marking his grave are given as "1603-1667." This is a mistake. The earlier date, as plainly appeared from a personal inspection, is 1633, presumably intended to record the time of Wiggin's second and permanent arrival in New England. As to the date of his birth, evidence from the record quoted above would seem to be convincing.

The statement appears frequently in genealogies that the wife's first name was Catherine but that her maiden name is not known. However, it seems to be now established, independently of the quoted record, that she was Catherine Whiting.

**It is sometimes said that Thomas married first Anne Bradstreet, but it seems that this is a result of confusion with the marriage of Andrew and Hannah. The Bradstreets had no daughter Anne. See New Eng. Geneal. Register, vol. 9, p. 143.

References:

- Chas. E. Wiggin Memorial, pp. 78-87, 99-101
- Savage Geneal. Dict., p. 540
- Geneal. Dict. Me. - N.H., pp. 752-753
- N.H. Genealogy, vol. 3, pp. 1109-1110
- History of Newfields, pp. 673-674
- History of Dover - Scales, vol. 1, pp. 5, 7, 92-95,
101-104, 185, 420
- History of Hampton, vol. 2, p. 1042
- History of Exeter - Bell, pp. 4, 120

New Eng. Geneal. Register, vol. 9, p. 143;

vol. 100, p. 336

Colonial Gravestone Inscriptions (N.H.), p. 136

New Hampshire Wills, vol. 1, pp. 77-78

As will appear, the descendants of James Wiggin Smith and Eliza Folsom Robinson, his wife, are descended from Andrew Wiggin and his three sons Simon, Andrew, Jr. and Bradstreet, and also from the two other children of Gov. Thomas Wiggin, Thomas and Mary.

2. THOMAS WIGGIN

b. Dover, abt. 1640; d. Squamscot, 1700.

m. Sarah Barefoot.*

Children:

- i. Thomas, m. Sarah _____.
- ii. Catherine, m. Robert Tufton Mason, (2)
 Capt. Simon Wiggin.
- iii. Sarah, m. Henry Sherburne.
- iv. Susannah, m. Ebenezer Johnson.

Thomas lived in Dover, occupying his father's house there, until after his father's death. He was engaged in the sawmill and lumber business there with his wife's brother, Walter Barefoot. Later, at some time before 1685, he moved to Squamscot, where he died. It is probable that the Dover homestead, and perhaps other property as well, had been given to him by his father before he died, for the will of Gov. Thomas Wiggin, disposing of personal property only, recites that he had already given to his two sons their portion.

*Sarah's brother Walter Barefoot was active in many affairs and was at one time Deputy Governor and acting governor of the Province of New Hampshire. He lived in Dover until shortly before 1680, when he moved to New Castle, residing there until his death in 1688. He was in several brawls, including one with Andrew Wiggin and another with his brother-in-law, Thomas. This was in 1685, when Barefoot was Deputy Governor, and received much publicity. It seems that Robert Tufton Mason, a claimant to the whole territory of New Hampshire, was staying with Barefoot at the latter's house in New Castle, when Wiggin and one Nutter called and were invited to stay to supper. Afterwards there was some discussion,

becoming acrimonious, following which Mason ordered Wiggin out of the house. Thereupon Wiggin, "a big strong man," threw Mason into the open fire, scorching a foot and burning his coat, periwig and stockings. Barefoot interfered and Wiggin then threw him in, breaking two of his ribs and knocking out a tooth. Nevertheless Barefoot seems to have remained on good terms with his brother-in-law, Thomas and Sarah being large beneficiaries under his will. See New Eng. Geneal. Register, vol. 95, pp. 213-235; Chas. E. Wiggin Memorial, pp. 95, 100; History of Dover-Scales, vol. 1, pp. 421-422, 430-431; N. H. Wills, vol. 1, pp. 322-325.

Robert Tufton Mason, referred to above, was the father of Robert Tufton Mason who married Catherine, daughter of Thomas Wiggin. See New Eng. Geneal. Register, vol. 95, pp. 223-224.

References:

- Chas. E. Wiggin Memorial, pp. 79, 99-101
- Geneal. Dict. Me. - N. H., pp. 752-753
- History of Dover-Scales, vol. 1, pp. 185-186,
420, 430
- New Hampshire Deeds, bk. 14, p. 556;
bk. 15, p. 30 (identifying children)
- New Hampshire Wills, vol. 1, pp. 77-78
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3. SARAH (WIGGIN) SHERBURNE

b. abt. 1669.

m. Henry Sherburne, b. abt. 1666; d. 1738.

Children:

- i. Henry, m. Mary Larrabee, (2) Margaret Nelson.
- ii. Sarah.
- iii. Thomas, m. _____ Ayres.
- iv. Joseph, m. Phebe Ayres.
- v. Elizabeth, m. John Wilson.
- vi. Susannah, m. Simon Wiggin.
- vii. Catherine, m. Samuel Sherburne.
- viii. Mary.

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Geneal. Dict. Me.-N.H., pp. 629, 753, 761

sister and two brothers to America A.D. 1729, Died at Georgetown Dec. 28, 1761, aged 67 yrs.

Mrs. Susannah, the wife of Patrick, Esq., daughter of the Revd. Robert Rutherford, Died Sept. 12, 1771, in her 49th year.

The stones of Patrick Drummond and his wife, Susanna Rutherford Drummond, were brought from an old ruined cemetery at Arrowsic, Georgetown, in 1883, and placed in the Phippsburg cemetery.

Waterville, Maine

SARA DRUMMOND LANG.

MARRIAGE OF THOMAS WIGGIN OF DOVER, NEW HAMPSHIRE: That Governor Thomas Wiggin, of Dover, N. H., married a sister of Major William Whiting, of Hartford, Conn., has long been known. However, the actual record of the marriage had not been discovered.

Recently, Alfred Trego Butler, Windsor Herald, of the College of Arms, London, discovered this important record and communicated it to the contributor of this note, graciously giving permission to make any desired use of it.

"The record is found in the Bishop of London's Marriages Licences: 11 July 1633. Peter Lole of St. Matthew, Friday Street, yeoman, Allegation. Thomas Wiggins of the same place, gent., and a widower, aged about 41 years, and Catherine Whiteing of the same parish, spinster, aged about 32 years: to be married at St. Margaret, New Fish Street.

PETER LOWLE."

The Register of St. Margaret, Fish Street, for this period is not extant. The Register of St. Matthew, Friday Street, is printed as Volume 63 of the series of parish registers issued by the Harleian Society. It, however, includes no entries relating to the Wiggins, Whiting, or Lowle family.

We know that both Wiggins and Whiting were in London on visits from New England, and so were merely temporary sojourners in the Parish.

Peter Lowle has not been identified. What his relationship to either Thomas Wiggins or Catherine Whiteing was, does not appear.

An excellent account of Governor Thomas Wiggin is found in the Noyes, Libby, and Davis "Genealogical Dictionary of Maine and New Hampshire."

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A LINE OF DESCENDANTS FROM THOMAS AND MARTHA (HARRIS) SNELL, WHO WERE MARRIED CIRCA 1668, AT BRIDGEWATER, MASS.—Thomas¹ Snell or Snall, b. England, circa 1625, emigrated from Whitacre, Warwickshire, to Salem Mass., before 1650, probably with his uncle, Deacon Samuel Edson, He was a landowner in Bridgewater, Plymouth County, Mass., from 1668, and died there 25 Jan. 1724/5, aged 99 years. His will dated 10 May 1724, filed at Plymouth, names his widow and nine surviving children, and was contested by his oldest son. He m. circa 1668, Martha (liv. 1726), dau. Arthur Harris of Duxbury, B. and Boston. (Some authorities say her mother was descended from James Chilton of the *Mayflower* party, through the Winslows.) Their children, all b. Bridgewater, were—Martha (d. inf.), Thomas (m. Abigail Kinsley; Faith Fish), *Josiah*, Samuel (m. Mary Almy), Amos (m. Mary Packard), John (m. Susanna Packard), Joseph (m. Hannah Williams), Ann (m. Nicholas Byram), Mary (m. Nathaniel Reynolds; David Ames) and Martha (m. Ephraim Forbes).

Josiah² Snell, b. 5 May 1674, Bridgewater, d. there 14 April 1753. m. 21 Dec. 1699, Anna, d. 1705, dau. Jonathan² and Abigail (Hallett) Alden of Duxbury (Son John¹ Alden of the *Mayflower* party). Their children, all b. B.—Josiah (m. Abigail Forbes), Abigail (m. Isreal Sylvester) and *Zachariah*.

Zachariah² Snell, b. 10 July 1704, Bridgewater, d. 6 May 1768, North Bridge-water (Brockton); m. 11 Mar. 1730, Abigail, 1702-1796, dau. Joseph and Hannah (Mitchell) Hayward (Descendant of Francis Cook of the *Mayflower* party). Their children, all b. No. B., were—Issachar (m. Sarah Hayward), Abigail (m. Robert Howard, Jr.), Zebedee (m. Martha Howard; Mary Hayward), *Ebenezer*, *Zachariah* (d. inf.) and Hannah (d. inf.).

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