

To look up the descendants of Mr. Joshua Woodman, and of two or three others who were among his cotemporaries, may well be regarded as comparatively easy; but to continue the *whole* of Mr. Coffin's List and bring it down to the present day—

*Hoc opus, hic labor est.*

It would be a most gigantic undertaking, and I almost shudder at the mere *thought* of it!

Among the gentlemen who have kindly assisted me in these genealogical investigations, I am happy to name the following:

Capt. Moses Woodman, New Gloucester, Me. Elder Samuel Woodman, Cornville, Me. Isaiah Woodman, Esq. Minot, Me.—Ammi Woodman, Esq. E. Auburn, Me. Levi S. Woodman, Raymond, N. H. Joshua F. Woodman, Washington, Vt. Richard G. Woodman, Keene, Mich. Joshua S. Woodman, Compton, C. E.—Col. John Woodman, West Point, Iowa.

Great pains have been taken to render all the dates, herein given, as accurate as possible; and yet it is probable that some slight errors may be detected.

J. H. W.

NEW GLOUCESTER, ME.,  
June 24, 1856.

WOODMAN, Jabez H.  
a list of the descendants of Mr. Joshua Woodman,  
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## THE WOODMAN FAMILY.

ORIGIN OF THE SAME—AND A VIEW OF THE GENEALOGY  
TO THE FOURTH GENERATION.

The ancestor of the Woodman Family in America was Mr. Edward Woodman, who, in company with Mr. Archelaus Woodman, settled at Newbury, Mass., in 1635. The latter was passenger in the ship James, which sailed from Southampton in the month of April of that year. Tradition says that they were brothers.\* Of this we have not the least doubt: and, as Archelaus is known to have come from "Christian Malford," a Parish in Wiltshire, we take it for granted that Edward once lived there too. It is not known whether Edward came in the same vessel,—but it is certain that they both settled at Newbury at the same time.

In view of the probable causes which induced them to leave friends and kindred—to venture across the perilous waves and to seek a new home in these western wilds, we are strongly reminded of the following truthful lines in reference to the Pilgrim Fathers generally:

"Oh! 't was a hard unyielding fate  
That drove them to the seas,  
And Persecution strove with Hate  
To darken her decrees;  
But safe above each coral wave  
Each looming ship did go,—  
And God was on the western wave  
Two hundred years ago."

\* See Appendix, letter D.

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## APPENDIX A.

### WILTSHIRE.

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England is divided into forty counties. Wiltshire is in the S. part. It will be long remembered, if for no other reason, for *this* alone, that in it was born the immortal Addison.

To say nothing of Hobbes, Crabbe and William, the historian, two of whom once lived in Malmsbury, within six miles of that little Parish called "Christian Malford"—to say nothing of the famous STONEHENGE composed of hewn rocks weighing from ten to seventy tons, each—to pass over, in silence, the numerous vestiges of British and Roman camps, of walls, ramparts, castles, cathedrals and celebrated abbeys—and to omit a thousand objects of interest that pertain to Wiltshire—the mere fact that Joseph Addison was born there, shall give it celebrity for ages and ages yet to come!

Wiltshire is bounded N. E. by Berkshire; S. E. by Hampshire; S. by Hampshire and Dorsetshire; W. by Somersetshire, and N.W. by Gloucestershire. These five surrounding counties may be distinguished—even on a common map—by their principal towns. Thus: Newbury, Reading and Windsor, in Berkshire; Winchester, Portsmouth and Southampton, in Hampshire; Dorchester, in Dorsetshire; Bath, Wells and Taunton, in Somersetshire; Bristol and Gloucester, in Gloucestershire.

It is longer N. and S. than E. and W. Its whole perimeter is extremely serpentine: and yet, the general form of the county is that of a parallelogram, or oblong square, the length being about twice the width. The four sides being represented by four straight lines, may be determined as follows:—

1. The N. side coincides very nearly with the parallel of 51° 30' N. and passes through a point about one third of the way from Gloucester to Bath.

2. The E. side, with the meridian of  $1^{\circ} 30' W.$ , and passes near the middle point between Salisbury and Southampton.

3. The S. side—with the parallel of  $50^{\circ} 55' N.$ , and passes a little N. of Southampton.

4. The W. side—with the meridian of  $2^{\circ} 15' W.$ , and passes quite near or through Gloucester.

It may be well known that England has three rivers bearing the name of Avon: the Upper, the Lower and the Hampshire Avon. The Lower Avon is the one with which *we* have to do. There upon the banks of the beautiful Avon—not *Shakspeare's*, but dearer to *us* by far—once lived our English forefathers. Once played there, day after day, the little EDWARD—and gazed, with fond delight, upon its crystal waters. There along its purling stream, how would he catch the varied music of songsters that loved to frequent its overhanging trees—and how would he rove, in conscious security, in that charming vale; and, amid scenery so gay and picturesque, how did he, in the fulness of his heart, admire its unnumbered—its unspeakable attractions!

The place, called "Christian Malford," though probably not over thirty miles in a *direct* course, must have been, by the course of the river, some sixty miles or more, from the mouth of the Avon.

This river is very circuitous in its windings. Its entire length is about eighty miles. Its general course *above* Malmesbury is E.: from Malmesbury to Chippenham, nearly S.; a few miles below Chippenham, it turns to the N.W. Bristol is eight miles, and Bath—to which place it is navigable—is twenty miles from its mouth.

If Malmesbury is not laid down upon the map, please *imagine* its locality thus: Suppose a straight line connecting Gloucester and Salisbury: another straight line passing N.N.E. from Bath: the point where these two intersect, shall represent Old Malmesbury. It is in the extreme N.W. part of the county: about 20 miles from Bath, and about the same distance S.S.E. from Gloucester.

Its bearing from Bath must be about N.N.E.—The map which I have used, is a very large one, published in London: and I can have no possible doubt of its correctness.

## APPENDIX B.

Some of the Descendants of JOSEPH WOODMAN, who married Bridget Willey, 1762, and died at Wheelock, Vt. Nov. 1807.

[It is not certainly known whether the said Joseph was Joseph 4, the 5th son of Dea. Archelaus or not.]

*Off. of Joseph and Bridget Woodman.*

1. I. JOHN, b. March 30, 1763, m. Sarah Foy, Dec. 1787; m. 2d wife, Mrs. Hannah Smith; d. at Lyndon, Vt., Dec. 6, 1853, aged 90. 13 ch. [See 2 to 14.]

*Off. of John Woodman:* [See 1.]

[By 1st wife, Sarah.]

2. I. DEBORAH, b. Nov. 1, 1788, m. Samuel Allen of Wheelock, Vt.
3. II. JOSEPH, b. Feb. 12, 1790, m. Tryphena Johnson, Jan. 1, 1810. 10 ch. Paw Paw, Mich. (See 15 to 24.)
4. III. MARY, b. Feb. 12, 1792, m. Nathaniel Bangs of Sweden, N. Y.
5. IV. DAVID, b. July 27, 1793, m. Abigail Gray, May 14, 1821; 6 ch. : Paw Paw, Mich. (See 25 to 30.)
6. V. PETER, b. Jan. 31, 1795, m. Lydia Evans, Vt. 6 ch. : Permelia, William, Harrison, Peter, Emeline and Lydia: the last two, not living.
7. VI. SUSAN, b. Aug. 8, 1796, m. Daniel Morrison. 9 ch. : Paw Paw, Mich.
8. VII. JONATHAN (Elder), b. Mar. 27, 1798, m. 1st wife, Charlotte Jackson, Feb. 1820. m. 2d wife, Mrs. Mercy B. Eaton, [maiden name, Norris] Sept. 1832: 4 ch. Sheffield, Vt. [See 31 to 34.]

Edward and Archelaus were, for a long series of years, among the leading men of Newbury.

Archelaus died Oct. 14, 1702, leaving no children. Edward was living in 1687. The time of his death is not known. His wife's name was Joanna. Edward 1 and Joanna Woodman had seven children, four sons and three daughters. The sons are in the following order: Edward 2, John 2, Joshua 2 and Jonathan 2.— Hence the four great Branches of the Woodman Family.

We now give a general View of the four Branches down to the fourth generation, the names of females being omitted.

1st BRANCH: EDWARD 2, two sons: Edward 3 and Archelaus 3.

EDWARD 3, five sons: John 4, Samuel 4, Joseph 4, Edward 4 and Daniel 4. ARCHELAUS 3, six sons: Edward 4, Archelaus 4, JOSHUA 4 OF KINGSTON, John 4, Joseph 4 and Benjamin 4.

2d BRANCH: JOHN 2, two sons: John 3 and Jonathan 3. JOHN 3, [no record of any sons.] JONATHAN 3, six sons: John 4, Jonathan 4, Joshua 4, Edward 4, Downing 4 and Archelaus 4.

3d BRANCH: JOSHUA 2, four sons: Jonathan 3, David 3, Joshua 3 and Benjamin 3. JONATHAN 3, five sons: Joshua 4, Jonathan 4, David 4, Stephen 4 and Nathaniel 4. DAVID 3, five sons: Moses 4, David 4, John 4, Benjamin 4 and Samuel 4. JOSHUA 3, [no record of sons.] BENJAMIN 3, seven sons: Joseph 4, Benjamin 4, Joshua 4, David 4, Jonathan 4, Nathan 4 and Stephen 4.

4th BRANCH: JONATHAN 2, three sons: Jonathan 3, Ichabod 3 and William 3. JONATHAN 3, two sons: Jonathan 4 and HILTON 4. ICHABOD 3, one son: Ichabod 4. WILLIAM 3, [no record of sons.]

Among the descendants of John 2 [2d Branch] is Prof. John S. Woodman of Dartmouth College. For a List of College Graduates of the Woodman name, see Appendix, letter E.

### THE WOODMAN FAMILY.

A more limited View, embracing only the families of Edward 1, Edward 2 and Archelaus 3, the Deacon.

#### *Off. of Edward 1 and Joanna Woodman:*

1. I. EDWARD 2, settled at Newbury. [See Edward 2, p. 9.]
2. II. JOHN 2, b. about 1630, m. Mary Field, July 15, 1656. Settled at Dover, N. H. She d. July 6, 1698. m. 2d wife, Mrs. Sarah Huckins, Oct. 17, 1700. He d. Sept. 17, 1706; 2 ch., John and Jonathan.
3. III. JOSHUA 2, b. —, 1636, m. Elizabeth Stevens, Jan. 23, 1666. Settled at Newbury. d. May 30, 1703. 9 ch., Elizabeth, Sarah, Mary, Jonathan, Mehetabel, David, Dorothy, Joshua and Benjamin.
4. IV. MARY 2, b. —, m. John Brown, Feb. 20, 1660.
5. V. SARAH 2, b. Jan. 12, 1642, m. John Kent, Mar. 12, 1666.
6. VI. JONATHAN 2, settled at Newbury. [See Jonathan 2, Appendix C.]
7. VII. RUTH 2, b. March. 28, 1646, m. Benjamin Lowle, Oct. 17, 1666.

#### *Off. of Edward 2 and Mary Woodman: [See 1 above.]*

8. I. MARY 3, b. Sept. 29, 1654, m. Jonathan Emery, Nov. 29, 1676.
9. II. ELIZABETH 3, b. July 11, 1656, d. Dec. 27, 1659.
10. III. EDWARD 3, b. —, 1658, d. Dec. 29, 1659.
11. IV. REBEKAH 3, b. Sept. 17, 1661, d. young.
12. V. REBEKAH 3, b. July 29, 1663, m. ——— Leighton.

descendants of Mr. Edward Woodman," the immigrant ancestor. I follow his list for the names of the children of Edward,<sup>1</sup> Joshua,<sup>2</sup> and Benjamin<sup>3</sup>; adding, however, such facts as I have elsewhere obtained, and especially noticing any discrepancies that there may be between his list and the information which I have derived from other sources.

## EDWARD.<sup>1</sup>

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MR. COFFIN prefaced his list with the following statement :

"The town of Newbury, Mass., was settled and incorporated in 1635. In that year came Mr. Edward Woodman, his wife Joanna, and Archelaus Woodman, to Newbury, where they resided till their death. Archelaus came from a place called Christian Malford, a parish in Wiltshire, in the North-west part of the county, about six miles from Malmesbury, the chief town of that part of the country. He came passenger in the ship James, of London, which sailed from Southampton for New England in April, 1635. His name may be found in Vol. VII. of the Third Series of the Mass. Historical Society's Collections, page 319. He is there called Hercules Woodman. A few weeks later than the James came the Abigail, bringing a Richard Woodman, only 9 years old. Whether Mr. Edward Woodman, who was probably brother to Archelaus Woodman, came in the James or Abigail, or some other vessel, no record informs us. Both of them came to Newbury at the same time. Richard died in Lynn in 1647, aged 21. Archelaus, in 1635, is styled a 'mercier.' His first wife, Elizabeth, died 17th December, 1677. His second wife, Dorothy Chapman, whom he married 12th November, 1678, died in 1706. In the Newbury records he is styled Lieutenant, and died 14th October, 1702, aged about 90. He left no children. Of the ninety-one grantees who settled Newbury, fifteen were entitled to the appellation of 'Mr.' One of these fifteen was Mr. Edward Woodman. He was a man of influence, decision and energy, and opposed with great zeal the attempt made by the Rev. Thomas Parker to change the mode of church government from Congrega-

tionalism to something like Presbyterianism. [See History of Newbury, under the years 1669, 1670, &c.] Mr. Woodman was a deputy to the General Court in 1636, '37, '39 and '43. In 1638, '41, '45 and '46, he was one of the three commissioners to end small causes in Newbury, and at various times held other offices of profit and trust in town and State. Among his other commissions he had one from the State, 'to see people marry,' of which, in 1681, he thus speaks: 'An unprofitable commission; I quickly laid aside the worke, which has cost me many a bottle of sacke and liquor, where friends and acquaintances have been concerned.' He and his wife Joanna were living in February, 1687-8. She was then 74. He died prior to 1694. His age is not known."

He was mistaken if he meant to say that Lieut. Archelaus<sup>1</sup> had no children. From a deed made by Archelaus<sup>1</sup> to Archelaus Adams, dated Jan. 6, 1698-9, it appears that this Adams was his grandson, and that he had other grandchildren.

From the will of John Brocklebank, of Rowley, dated Nov. 30, 1665, it appears that his wife Sarah was a daughter of Archelaus<sup>1</sup> Woodman. They were married Sept. 26, 1657. Mr. Brocklebank, at his death (April, 1666), left two children, daughters.

The birth of the children of Archelaus<sup>1</sup> is not recorded in the Newbury records. Mr. Coffin says that he was about 90 when he died, in 1702, and that he and Edward<sup>1</sup> came to Newbury in 1635. If Mr. Coffin states his age correctly when he died, then he was born about 1612, and came to this country when he was about 23 years of age. In 1678 he took the oath of allegiance, and is then stated to have been 60 years old, which makes his birth to have been in or about 1618, and his age 17 when he arrived in New England. It thus appears that he had two daughters married. As there is no record found of the birth of his children, I infer that they were few in number; consisting perhaps of two daughters only. There is no evidence that he had any male children. It is probable that all the male children born in Newbury were either sons or descendants of Edward.<sup>1</sup>

Mr. Coffin says that Archelaus<sup>1</sup> came from Christian

Malford in England, which is probably correct, though I have not found his authority for the statement. His birth is not found recorded at Christian Malford, for "the registers" there "were all destroyed by lightning at the period required till 1702."

Mr. Edward<sup>1</sup> Woodman probably came from Corsham, a village in Wiltshire, about eleven miles from Christian Malford.

There is on record (Vol. XIV. p. 57) in the Registry of Deeds, a long deed and agreement between Lieut. Archelaus<sup>1</sup> and his grandson above mentioned; from which, by tracing down the title to the present day, one may be able to determine, perhaps, where his house stood. The deed is dated Jan. 6, 1698-9.

On the 25th of March, 1681, Edward<sup>1</sup> conveyed to his son Jonathan, "my now dwellinghouse, houses and barns and orchard and pasture and all my plow land lying by and adjoining to the said houses, as also all the plow lands upon the northwest side of the street lying upon the westward side of my house, the said street being vulgarly called the new street." The consideration for this conveyance was "natural and fatherly love and affection" and "twenty pounds which is yearly to be paid during the time of my own and my wife's natural life." This was in his old age, and was evidently an arrangement under which he and his wife were to have a home with and be provided for by their son Jonathan during their lives. He disposed of his property before his death, for there was no will proved and no letters of administration taken.

Where his dwelling-house thus conveyed was situated I do not know; but a mortgage made by Jonathan<sup>2</sup> in 1695, conveys "all my housing and land and orchard where I now dwell in Newbury." One of the bounds mentioned in the mortgage is "Woodman's lane," a name which is not yet entirely forgotten in Newburyport; within the limits of which town Edward<sup>1</sup> and Archelaus<sup>1</sup> both dwelt, as I suppose. I am inclined to the belief that the premises so mortgaged, covered the same or a portion of the same property which was given to him by his father, and that the "new street" and "Woodman's lane" were identical. If so, Edward<sup>1</sup> lived in 1681, and proba-

bly for years before and at the time of his death, in what was afterwards and for a long time known as "Woodman's lane."

The place where his house stood may, perhaps, be ascertained very nearly by any one who will trace Jonathan's title down to the present day.\*

He was one of the first selectmen of Newbury, having been elected in 1636, and his name heads the list as given by Mr. Coffin. Thereafter, for many years, he was one of the leading men in town. In Coffin's History of Newbury, p. 73, he is called "a man of talents, influence, firmness and decision."

I have not ascertained the date of his death nor the place of his burial. He was probably buried in the grave-yard opposite the old Coffin mansion, in Newburyport.

The children of Edward,<sup>1</sup> according to Coffin's list, were :

- i. EDWARD,<sup>2</sup> b. —, 1628 ; m. Mary Goodridge, 20 Dec. 1653.
- ii. JOHN,<sup>2</sup> b. about 1630 ; m. Mary Field, 15 July, 1656.
- iii. JOSHUA,<sup>2</sup> b. —, 1636 ; m. Elizabeth Stevens, 23 Jan. 1666. She died in 1714.
- iv. MARY,<sup>2</sup> b. — ; m. John Brown, 20 Feb. 1660.
- v. SARAH,<sup>2</sup> b. 12 Jan. 1642 ; m. John Kent, 12 March, 1666.
- vi. JONATHAN,<sup>2</sup> b. 8 Nov. 1643 ; m. Hannah Hilton, 2 July, 1668.†
- vii. RUTH,<sup>2</sup> b. 28 March, 1646 ; m. Benjamin Lowle, 17 Oct. 1666.

This list is correct, so far as I know. Edward and John, it seems, were born before their father came to this country. The date of Joshua's birth is not found in the town records, nor of Mary or Jonathan.

The date of Sarah's birth in the records is 1641. It was doubtless 1641-2. He is not known to have had any trade. In a deed dated in 1687, he is styled husbandman. Of his personal appearance nothing is known.

\* Since writing the above, I have learned that Woodman's Lane is now known in Newburyport as Kent Street.

† 1668, in Coffin's list, is misplaced, but here placed correctly.

## JOSHUA<sup>2</sup> (*Edward*<sup>1</sup>).

JOSHUA,<sup>2</sup> the son of Edward,<sup>1</sup> was, as his grave-stone tells us, the "first man child borne in Newbury." Took the oath of allegiance 1678. Then called 41.

He married Elizabeth, daughter of Capt. John Stevens, one of the first settlers of Andover, Jan. 22, 1665, probably 1665-6.

He seems to have lived both in Andover and Newbury, for the record of the births of the four first and three last of his children is recorded in Andover, and of the others in Newbury.

He owned land in Haverhill, and as he built a house there between 1660 and 1668, it is probable that he for a time resided there. [See Chase's History of Haverhill, p. 93.] I find nothing to indicate where his homestead was, nor what his occupation was. I find no evidence that he owned land in Andover, where he probably spent the most of his married life, nor that he owned any in Newbury, except twelve acres bought of Benjamin Lowle in 1698, in the tract called the freehold lots, in the upper woods, which was bounded "northerly by the highway upon Merrimack River." I do not suppose that this was his homestead. It was bought after he was sixty years old. After his death it was conveyed by his children to Thomas Williams.

By his will he devised his land in Haverhill to three of his sons. It included a part (120 acres) of 220 acres which his father Edward<sup>1</sup> bought of Stephen Kent, Nov. 21, 1662, and of which he gave or sold 100 acres to his son Edward<sup>2</sup> and 120 acres to his son Joshua.<sup>2</sup> I am informed that this land probably lies where the city of Lawrence now is. It was sold to Benjamin Stevens, of Andover, by Joshua's three sons, to whom it was given by will

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Mr. Edward<sup>1</sup> Woodman, bpt. Dec. 27, 1606 at Corsum, Co. Wilts, Eng.; d. 1694; m. bef. 1628 Joanna Bartlett. She was b. abt. 1614 (was 74 in 1688).

Mr. Edward<sup>1</sup> Woodman, his wife and two sons, Edward and John, came in the "James" of London in 1635. He was one of the 91 grantees who settled Newbury, Mass., and one of the 15 of that number entitled to be called "Mr." Edward<sup>1</sup> Woodman, Husbandman, was a man of influence, decision and energy; was Freeman May 25, 1636; Deputy to Gen. Court 1636-1639, 1643, 59, 60, 64; appointed one of three Commissioners in Newbury to end small causes, by Gen. Court, May 6, 1646; Granted 300 acres of land by Gen. Court 1660.

Children:

Edward<sup>2</sup>, b. 1628; d. (will) Dec. 16, 1693 at Newbury; m. Dec. 20, 1653 at Newbury, Mary Goodridge.

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→ John<sup>2</sup>, b. 1630 or bef. in Eng.; d. Sept. 17, 1706, at Dover, N. H.; m. (1) Mary Field at Oyster River, N. H. July 15, 1656; m. (2) Oct. 17, 1700, Sarah Huckins.

Joshua<sup>2</sup>, b. Jan. 12, 1636 (1st Eng. male child b. at Newbury); d. May 30, 1703, Newbury, Mass.; m. Elizabeth Stevens at Andover, Mass., Jan. 22, 1665-66.

→ Sarah, b. Jan. 12, 1641 at Newbury; m. John Kent, Jr. Mar. 13, 1665.

Jonathan<sup>2</sup>, b. Nov. 5, 1643; d. Nov. 21, 1706 (will Nov. 15, 1706); m. July 2, 1668 at Newbury, Hannah Hilton. He was a Shipbuilder and resided at Newbury.

Ruth, b. Mar. 28, 1646; m. Oct. 17, 1666, Benjamin Lowle at Newbury.

Mary, m. Feb. 20, 1660, John Brown at Newbury.

References:

N. E. H. G. Reg. Vol. LXXXVI p. 345; Old Fam. Salisbury & Amesbury, Vol. I p. 365, 366, 234; Newbury V. R. Vol. I p. 556, Vol. II p. 522; Little's Gen. of Maine, Vol. I, p. 109; Clemen's M. Rec. bef. 1699, (revised ed. 1967), p. 237; Gen. Dict. Maine & N. H. Part V p. 770.

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Edward<sup>1</sup> Wright, son of Francis and Mary (Wiggins) Wright, of Castle Bromwich, Co. Warwick, Eng., b. abt. 1626; d. Aug. 28, 1691 at Concord, Mass., m. abt. 1653, Elizabeth (Mellows) Barrett, wid. of Thomas<sup>2</sup> Barrett of Concord, Mass. She was a dau. of Oliver and Mary (James) Mellows, bpt. Dec. 10, 1625 at Sutterton, Co. Lincoln, Eng.; d. Feb. 15, 1690/1 at Concord, Mass.

"I also gave four acres and a half of land to set the college on, and twenty Pounds, besides time and expenses for several years together, but whereas, I did sign but three acres in the subscription, so I took a receipt of some of the Trustees only, for the three acres of land to answer the subscription, and also the consideration mentioned in the deed I gave the Trustees for s<sup>d</sup> College land, is one hundred and fifty Pounds, I never did receive one penny of it, that was only to confirm title."

(signed) "Nathaniel Fitz Randolph"

January 25th, 1753, Gave a deed to the Trustees for four and a half acres of land for the college.

Extracts from Minutes placed here this 28th of December 1758 by Nathaniel Fitz Randolph in the 56th year of his age. Princeton was first named at the raising of the first house built there by James Leonard, April 1724.

Whitehead Leonard was the first child born in Princeton in 1725.

8. *Grace*, b. 5 Oct. 1706 [?]; d. in Princeton 26 Feb. 1786; m. in Princeton, 26 June 1728, Stephen Johns, d. 18 June 1785.
  9. *Elizabeth*, b. 31 Dec. 1708 [?]; d. in Princeton 4 Oct. 1759; m. in Princeton, 11 Mar. 1730/1, Ephraim Manning.
- Children by second wife, b. in Stoney Brook:
10. *Mary*, b. 4 Apr. 1734.
  11. *Margaret*, b. 7 Nov. 1736.

[To be continued]

#### NOTE

It having come to the attention of this Society that certain genealogists and publishers have used the name of the Society in connection with their own enterprises, the Society again desires to state that it has NO genealogical representatives in this country or in England, nor is it in any way connected with any publications other than those that it issues over its own name at 9 Ashburton Place, Boston.

It has also been reported to the Society that certain paper salesmen have been telling members of the Society who were seeking durable paper for their publications that the paper used in this periodical is "one hundred per cent wood."

For more than fifty years the paper used for this magazine has been made to order by the same manufacturer, and since 1907 it has been made on the Society's formula and watermarked "N. E. H. G. S. Standard." Sample sheets, selected at random, have been examined by a competent chemist, whose certificates have shown that the paper complies with the requirements of the formula. This formula is in substantial agreement with the recommendations of the Committee on Deterioration of Paper, appointed by the Society for the Encouragement of Arts, Manufacturers & Commerce, whose report (London, 1898) shows an exhaustive study of the subject. The leading German, English, and American chemists who have made a study of the manufacture of paper believe that paper properly made on such specifications will prove sufficiently lasting for publications of permanent value. This Society requires not less than 75% rag fibre, not over 25% wood fibre, freedom from all but the merest trace of chemicals used in the manufacture, and not over 10% clay filler.

#### GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH IN ENGLAND

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##### THE WOODMAN FAMILY

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More than sixty years ago the late Cyrus Woodman, Esq., A.M., of Cambridge, Mass., commissioned Mrs. Harriet de Salis, an English genealogist of those days, to search for the ancestry of his emigrant ancestor, Edward Woodman of Newbury, Mass. The choice of his searcher was unfortunate. This lady was more noted for the exuberance of her imagination than for the accuracy of her deductions and her productions, and while her errors were not so numerous as those of the late Horatio Somerby, still they occasionally arise to plague the present-day genealogist. The pedigree furnished to Mr. Woodman was no exception to the rule and would have done credit to a Dethick or a Cooke as a flowery figment of the imagination.

A clue to the English home of the family had long been known and was in print as far back as 1860 (REGISTER, vol. 14, p. 333); and in the list of passengers who embarked at Southampton for New England in the *James* about 5 Apr. 1635, we find the name of Hercules (Archelaus) Woodman, mercer, of Malford (Christian Malford, co. Wilts.). Archelaus was an early settler of Newbury, where he was admitted a freeman on 17 May 1637.

Edward Woodman, ancestor of those of the name in New England, was admitted a freeman at Newbury on 25 May 1636. He had a wife Joan and children, Edward (born 1628), John, Joshua (born 1636/7, said to have been the first English child born in Newbury), Mary, Sarah (born 12 Jan. 1640/1), Jonathan (born 5 Nov. 1643), and Ruth (born 28 Mar. 1646). Of these children Edward was of Newbury, where he had a son Archelaus, born 9 June 1672; and John moved to Dover, N. H., where the name Archelaus was perpetuated in that branch of the family.

The close association at Newbury of the first Archelaus Woodman and the first Edward Woodman and the repetition of the name Archelaus among the descendants of Edward lend weight to the family tradition that they were brothers, a statement which the contributor expects to show was undoubtedly the case.

Starting at this point, Harriet de Salis furnished the will of Nicholas Woodman of Corsham, co. Wilts. (a parish hard by Christian Malford), dated 1564, and the wills of "Edward" Woodman of Corsham, 1573, and of "Valentine" Woodman of Christian Malford, 1630. She gave no references for these wills beyond calling them "Salisbury" wills. Examination of the Salisbury probate records, preserved at Somerset House, reveals the will of Nicholas Woodman of Corsham, dated 11 Mar. 1563/4 and proved 5 May 1564, but it is entirely different from the version furnished to Cyrus Woodman.

The wills of "Edward" and "Valentine" appear to have been the offspring of Harriet de Salis' vivid imagination—at least no such wills can now be found. After this auspicious beginning she proceeded to construct a wondrous pedigree making Nicholas the ancestor of the two New England progenitors and deducing his descent from the ancient and gentle family of Woodman of Surrey. Concerning all this one can only say that the pedigree is utterly worthless and the production of the, to say the least, peculiar methods of the lady who compiled it.

A good many years ago the writer of this article examined the Corsham parish register and the Salisbury wills for the purpose of compiling a true account of the family of Edward Woodman and Archelaus Woodman. At the end of the sixteenth and the beginning of the seventeenth centuries the parish of Corsham was filled with Woodmans, whose number was so great as almost to constitute a tribe. The wills also are very numerous. Several members of the family appear in the great subsidy of 1524, and it is quite evident that the Woodmans must, at this date, have been residing for several centuries in and about Corsham and during that period have raised large families. This fact, together with lack of wills at vital points, has rendered it impossible to construct a satisfactory pedigree of the family back of the grandfather of Archelaus. In the present article not all the numerous entries from the Corsham parish register will be given, but only such as appear to have a bearing on the immediate family of the emigrants. In like manner only such wills as appear to belong to these people will be given from among the numerous Woodman wills taken from the various probate courts of the Bishopric of Salisbury.

Unfortunately it will not be possible to give the references for these wills for the following reason. A number of years ago a Woodman living in the Middle West announced that he was compiling a genealogy of the family, and this contributor, more trustingly than wisely, loaned him the entire collection of wills. All efforts to secure its return from this gentleman or his widow have proved fruitless. Fortunately copies of the wills were made before they were sent away, but the copyist failed to note the references. These wills were taken from the various probate courts of the Bishopric of Salisbury and will be found in the calendars of those courts now on file, together with the wills themselves, at Somerset House.

The Corsham Woodmans were a numerous group of middle class yeomen and artisans who had long been settled in and about Corsham, so that at the beginning of the seventeenth century they formed a large part of the inhabitants of the parish.

FROM LAY SUBSIDIES \*

Parish of Corsham, co. Wilts.

- 16 Henry VIII [1524-25] John Woodman, [valuation] £8, [tax] 4s. (197/155.)  
Richard Woodman, in goods [valuation] £7, [tax] 3s. 6d. (197/155.)
- 41 Elizabeth [1598-1599] Richard Woodman, [valuation] 20s., [tax] 4s. (198/331.)

William Woodman, [valuation] 20s., [tax] 4s. (198/331, returned 20 September, 41 Elizabeth [1599].)

FROM MISCELLANEOUS BOOK T.R. 46.

Wiltshire Musters, 1539, f<sup>o</sup> 35b Liberty of Corsham.  
Nicholas Woodman an archer.  
William and John Woodman billmen.

WILLS FROM THE PROBATE COURTS OF THE BISHOP OF SALISBURY.

The WILL of NICHOLAS WOODMAN of Corsham, dated 11 March 1563/4 and proved 5 May 1564. To sons Nicholas, Richard, Robert, Thomas and William the younger. To daughters Joan Woodman and Margaret Pinchin. To nephew John Hulbert. To Elizabeth, daughter of young Nicholas Woodman. To son John. Residuary legatee and executrix, wife Elizabeth. Richard Pinchin overseer. Witnessed by Richard Pinchin, William and Robert Woodman *et als*.

The WILL of RICHARD WOODMAN of Corsham, dated 27 March 1567. No probate act. To be buried in Corsham Church [this indicates a superior social position]. To son Robert, son John the elder, sons Richard and Thomas, son John the younger. To my sons' children. To son Robert's children. Residuary legatee and executor son Richard. To daughters Agnes and Alice. Witnessed by Thomas Woodman *et als*.

The WILL of ELIZABETH WOODMAN, dated 30 March 1575. No probate act. To be buried in Corsham churchyard. To sons John, Nicholas, Richard, Thomas and Robert Woodman. To daughters Margaret and Joan, wife of Thomas Becfer. Residuary legatee and executor, son William Woodman, who is to keep the child of John Watts until he is 21 years old.

The WILL of THOMAS WOODMAN of Pickwick in Corsham, husbandman, dated 16 Sept. 1600 and proved 25 Sept. 1601. To daughter Jane and sons Anthony, Thomas the younger, and wife Elizabeth.

The WILL of THOMAS WOODMAN of Corsham, roughmason, dated March 1612/13 and proved April 1613. To sons Robert and Thomas, daughter Jane Hayward and wife Agnes. Witnessed by Nicholas and William Woodman *et al*.

The WILL of PETER SMITH *alias* WOODMAN of Christian Malford, dated 15 Feb. 1566/7 and proved 23 May 1567. To daughters Joan and Alice Woodman, brother-in-law Nicholas Rimell and his daughter Joan. To sister Maud Rimell and brother-in-law William Wellstede. To wife Agnes and son Hugh Woodman.

The WILL of EDWARD WOODMAN "late of Corsham" (nuncupative will). To all his children "now living" 2s. each. To wife Edith, who is residuary legatee and executrix. Witnessed by Edward Dyer, John and David Woodman. Proved 16 July 1654.

FROM THE CORSHAM PARISH REGISTERS (1563-1634)

Baptisms \*

- 1565 Thomas, son of Thomas, 8 April.  
1566 Elizabeth, of Thomas, 3 November.  
1567 Prudence, of Thomas, 25 January [1567/8].  
1568 Maulde, of Thomas, 4 April.  
1574 Joan, of Thomas, 25 July.  
1574 Edward, of Thomas, 9 October.

\* Preserved in the Public Record Office, London.

- 1576 Anthony, of Thomas, 13 May.  
 1577 John, of Thomas, 11 August.  
 1578 Jane, of Thomas, 25 October.  
 1578 Robert, of Thomas, 1 November.  
 1581 Jane, of Thomas, 18 March.  
 1583 Jane, of Thomas, 8 March [1583/4].  
 1585 Agnes, of Thomas, 1 August.  
 1588 Anne, of Thomas, 27 May.  
 1591 Thomas, of Thomas, 26 September.  
 1601 Mary, of Edward, 24 January [1601/2].  
 1604 Elizabeth, of Edward, 1 July.  
 1606 Edward, of Edward, 27 December.  
 1612 Edward, of John, 28 October.  
 1613 Archelaus, of Edward, 23 January [1613/14].  
 1616 Rebecca, of Edward, 15 December.  
 1617 Thomas, of Thomas, 2 July.  
 1620 Walter, of Edward, 25 March.  
 1621 Jonathan, of Edward, 12 August.  
 1623 Anna, of Edward, 23 November.  
 1625 Ruth, of Edward, 27 December.  
 1628 David, of Edward, 17 August.

*Marriages*

- 1566 Thomas Woodman and Jane Champion 12 September.  
 1574 Thomas Woodman and Elizabeth Pryor 24 April.  
 1600 Edward Woodman and Collet Mallet 30 June.  
 1615 Thomas Woodman and Sarah Bolwell 7 January [1615/16].

*Burials \**

- 1563 Nicholas Woodman 27 March [1563/4].  
 1567 Richard Woodman 9 April.  
 1568 Jane Woodman wife of Thomas 20 April.  
 1568 Alice Woodman wife of Thomas 18 May.  
 1575 Elizabeth Woodman 1 April.  
 1577 John Woodman son of Thomas 6 December.  
 1581 John Woodman son of Thomas 27 December.  
 1586 Mary Woodman daughter of Thomas 9 March [1586/7].  
 1611 Collice Woodman wife of Edward 5 July.  
 1612 Thomas Woodman 17 March [1612/13].  
 1614 Edward Woodman 21 April.  
 1633 Jane Woodman daughter of Edward 4 July.

From the above records it will appear that early in the seventeenth century there were two Edward Woodmans in Corsham. One of these was buried there on 21 Apr. 1614, the other was the father of Archelaus (baptized 23 Jan. 1613/14), and this latter Edward evidently had children down to 1628 when David, son of Edward Woodman, was baptized on 17 Aug. 1628. It may be suggested that this latter Edward is identical with the Edward Woodman who married Collet Mallet on 30 June 1600 and had Edward, baptized 27 Dec. 1606 (who is undoubtedly the Edward Woodman who settled in Newbury, Mass.). Collet Woodman was buried at Corsham on 5 July 1611. Edward remarried and had Archelaus, baptized 23 Jan. 1613/14 (Archelaus deposed on 9 Nov. 1695, aged 80 years, Suffolk County, Mass. Old Supreme Jud. Ct. Files, no.

\* These are all of the name of Woodman.

3217). It would seem that the elder Edward is the testator of Corsham of 1654, who was evidently, from the wording of his will, which left to each of his children "now living", an old man. He was, then, the father of the two settlers of Newbury, who were evidently half-brothers. He, in turn, was probably the Edward Woodman, baptized at Corsham on 9 Oct. 1574, the son of Thomas Woodman. It is impossible to say whether this Thomas Woodman was the Thomas, son of Nicholas, the testator of 1563, or the Thomas, who was the son of Richard, the testator of 1567. Nicholas and Richard may have been brothers and the sons of either John or Richard Woodman, who appear in the Subsidy of 1524. Nicholas occurs in the Muster Roll of 1539. As there were two Thomas Woodmans living in Corsham around 1575, each with families, we are not able to give with certainty the brothers and sisters of Edward, the father of the emigrants, but it seems probable that Edward was the son of the Thomas Woodman who married Elizabeth Pryor on 24 April 1574.

1. THOMAS WOODMAN, of Corsham, co. Wilts., England, was born about 1545. He is probably the Thomas Woodman who married at Corsham, 24 Apr. 1574, Elizabeth Pryor.

Child:

2. i. EDWARD, bapt. at Corsham 9 Oct. 1574.

2. EDWARD WOODMAN (*Thomas*), was baptized 9 Oct. 1574, and is probably the Edward Woodman whose nuncupative will was proved 16 July 1654. He married first, at Corsham, 30 June 1600, COLLET MALLET, who was buried there 5 July 1611; and secondly EDITH ———.

Children by first wife, baptized at Corsham:

- i. MARY, bapt. 24 Jan. 1601/2.  
 ii. ELIZABETH, bapt. 1 July 1604.  
 3. iii. EDWARD, bapt. 27 Dec. 1606.

Children by second wife, baptized at Corsham:

4. iv. ARCHELAUS, bapt. 23 Jan. 1613/14.  
 v. REBECCA, bapt. 15 Dec. 1616.  
 vi. WALTER, bapt. 25 Mar. 1620.  
 vii. JONATHAN, bapt. 12 Aug. 1621.  
 viii. ANNE, bapt. 23 Nov. 1623.  
 ix. DAVID, bapt. 17 Aug. 1628.

<sup>2742</sup> → 3. EDWARD<sup>1</sup> WOODMAN (*Edward, Thomas*), of Corsham, was baptized there 27 Dec. 1606. He married JOAN ———, living 9 Nov. 1653.

Edward Woodman moved to New England and settled at Newbury about 1635, where he was admitted a freeman on 25 May 1636. He was conspicuous and active in the affairs of the Newbury Church, and was usually styled "Mr.", thereby indicating his good position in the community. On 8 Sept. 1636 he was chosen the deputy from Newbury to the General Court, and was thereafter frequently the deputy from that town. On 17:3:1637 he was a lieutenant of the Newbury

company; on 6 Sept. 1638 he was a commissioner to end small causes; and thereafter he frequently held these offices. On 12:1 mo.: 1637/8 he was licenced to sell strong drink. As his name last appears in the Colonial records on 11 May 1670 as the deputy from Newbury, he evidently died not long afterwards.

Children:

- i. EDWARD, of Newbury, b. about 1628. A son, Archelaus, b. at Newbury 9 June 1672.
- ii. JANE, b. probably about 1630; buried at Corsham 4 July 1633.
- iii. JOHN, b. about 1634; moved to Dover, N. H., where he was an inhabitant 17 June 1657. The name Archelaus appears among his immediate descendants.
- iv. JOSHUA, of Newbury, b. about 1636; d. 30 May 1703.
- v. MARY, b. about 1638; m. JOHN BROWN.
- vi. SARAH, b. at Newbury 12 Jan. 1640/1; m. JOHN KENT, JR.
- vii. JONATHAN, of Newbury, b. 5 Nov. 1643.
- viii. RUTH, b. 28 Mar. 1646; m. BENJAMIN LOWELL of Newbury.

4. ARCHELAUS (HERCULES)<sup>1</sup> WOODMAN (*Edward, Thomas*), of Christian Malford, co. Wilts., England, baptized at Corsham 23 Jan. 1613/14, died 7 Oct. 1702. He married first ELIZABETH ———, who died 17 Dec. 1677; and secondly, 13 Nov. 1678, DOROTHY CHAPMAN.

Archelaus Woodman moved to the neighboring parish of Christian Malford, where he was a mercer. On or about 5 Apr. 1635 he embarked on the *James* at Southampton for New England and settled at Newbury, where he was admitted a freeman 17 May 1637. He was a freeholder in that town in 1642, and in 1645 was granted a house lot there. He does not appear much in the Colonial records until after the decease of his brother Edward Woodman. He is mentioned in the will of John Pemberton of Lawford, co. Essex, England, on 9 Sept. 1653 as "Hercules Woodman of Newbury" (REGISTER, vol. 39, pp. 61-62). He was constable at Newbury on 27 Apr. 1648 and selectman in 1661. In 1670-1 he was a commissioner at Newbury to try small causes and on 31 May 1670 lieutenant of the Newbury company, an office from which he was discharged on 4 June 1685. He was deputy to the General Court from Newbury on 7:8 mo.:1674, 12 May 1675, and 9 July 1675. He was "Prudential Man" at Newbury on 6 Mar. 1674/5 and also a tythingman in 1679. In 1677 he took the oath of allegiance. He was taxed at Newbury in August 1688 (REGISTER, vol. 32, p. 160). He deposed on 9 Nov. 1695 "aged 80 years" (Suffolk Supreme Jud. Ct. Files, old, no. 3217).

Child:

- i. SARAH, b. about 1638; m. (1) 26 Sept. 1657 JOHN BROCKLEBANK of Rowley, who was buried 5 Apr. 1666; m. (2) in 1667 JOHN ADAMS of Newbury.  
A daughter by her first husband, Sarah Brocklebank, m. Lieut. James Putnam of Salem prior to 6 Jan. 1686. A son by her second husband was Archelaus Adams.

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE NEW ENGLAND HISTORIC GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Communicated by EVERETT JEFTS BERDE, Recording Secretary

3 March 1943. A stated meeting of the New England Historic Genealogical Society was held on Wednesday, 3 March 1943, at 2:30 P.M., in Wilder Hall, 9 Ashburton Place, Boston, President Turner presiding.

The minutes of the annual meeting of 3 February were read, and, no objection being made, the President declared that the minutes were approved and had become the records of that meeting.

The Council reported that since the meeting of 3 February eighteen Annual Members (whose names were given in the report) had been elected to membership and that one person had succeeded to Pilgrim Tercentenary Membership.

The Recording Secretary reported that since the annual meeting the deaths of the following members had come to his knowledge:

*Pilgrim Tercentenary Members*

John Mills of Marietta, Ohio, died 14 July 1936.  
George Leary of New York City died 7 May 1942.  
William S. Grant, Jr., of Philadelphia, Pa., died 1 December 1942.

*Annual Members*

William Dexter of Boston died 8 February 1943.  
Ida Belle Dunlap of New Bedford, Mass., died 19 February 1943.  
Hon. Frederick Woodbury Fosdick of West Medford, Mass., died 24 February 1943.

The Librarian reported that during the month of February there had been added to the Library and Cabinet of the Society, by gift, thirteen volumes, twenty-four pamphlets, and eighteen miscellaneous articles, and that among the donations were genealogies of Bowne, Boyse, Everton, Gano, Perry, Prentice, Richards, and Tirrell.

These three reports were accepted.

As the speaker of the day, Archibald Gilchrist, a former member of the Western Australian Parliament, took as his subject *Australia at Work and at War*.

At 3:45 P.M. President Turner declared the meeting dissolved.

7 April 1943. A stated meeting of the Society was held on Wednesday, 7 April 1943, at 2:30 P.M., in Wilder Hall, 9 Ashburton Place, Boston, President Turner presiding.

The minutes of the regular meeting of 3 March were read, and, no objection being made, the President declared that the minutes were approved and had become the records of that meeting.

The Council reported that since the last meeting one Honorary Member, one Life Member, and five Annual Members (whose names were given in the report) had been elected to membership, and that two persons had succeeded to Colonial Memberships.

The Recording Secretary reported that since the meeting of 3 March the deaths of the following members had come to his knowledge:

*Pilgrim Tercentenary Member*

John Peirpont Morgan of New York City died 13 March 1943.

*Colonial Members*

Edwy Rolfe Brown of Dallas, Texas, died 25 January 1942.  
Mrs. Truman Handy Newberry (Harriet Josephine Barnes) of Grosse Pointe Farms, Mich., died 18 January 1943.  
Charles Thomas Main of Winchester, Mass., died 6 March 1943.  
Hon. Frank Orren Lowden of Oregon, Ill., died 20 March 1943.