

NAMES: WATSON, John Henry  
 PLACES: Sharon, Windsor, Vt

ENTER ALL DATA IN THIS ORDER:  
 DATES: 14 Apr 1794

FAMILY  
 GROUP  
 RECORD

To indicate that a child is an ancestor of the family representative, place an "X" behind the number pertaining to that child.

**HUSBAND** JOHN STEELE BROTHER OF GEORGE  
 Born 9P 12 DEC 1591 Place Ca ESSEX?, ENG  
 Chr. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Marr. 10 OCT 1622 Place FAIRSTEAD NEAR BRAINTREE, Ca ESSEX, ENG  
 Died 25 Nov 1665 Place FARMINGTON, HARTFORD, CT  
 Bur. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 HUSBAND'S FATHER \_\_\_\_\_ HUSBAND'S MOTHER \_\_\_\_\_  
 HUSBAND'S OTHER WIVES (2) MARY? SEYMOUR 23 Nov 1657

of Dorches ber 1620? Cambridge 1632/3  
 Freeman 14 May 1634. Rep Mar 1635 and next 2 cts.  
 Appointed w/7 others in 1636 to administer govt.  
 over Great Groves to CT, which continued 2 or 3  
 yrs under that govt. Rep very often from 644  
 First Assembly 1639 to 57. Town Clerk of Hartford  
 until removed to Farmington 1645.

**WIFE** RACHEL TALCOTT  
 Born \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Chr. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Died 1653 Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bur. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 WIFE'S FATHER JOHN TALCOTT WIFE'S MOTHER ANNE SKINNER  
 WIFE'S OTHER HUSBANDS \_\_\_\_\_

SEX M F	CHILDREN		WHEN BORN			WHERE BORN			DATE OF FIRST MARRIAGE	WHEN DIED		
	SURNAME (CAPITALIZED)	GIVEN NAMES	DAY	MONTH	YEAR	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE OR COUNTRY	TO WHOM	DAY	MONTH	YEAR
X		NOT IN ORDER							22 JAN 1645/6			Before Father 1663
M	JOHN		22	JAN	1642		ESSEX	ENG	MARY/MERCY WARNER			15 AUG 1685
M	SAMUEL				1626-7			"	MARY BOOSEY			
F	LYDIA								31 MAR 1657			
F	MARY								31 MAR 1657?			2 OCT 1718
M	DANIEL		29	APR	1645				WILLIAM JUDD			146
F	HANNAH								PROBUNM.			1655
F	SARAH				1638				1658			22 MAY 1695
									THOMAS JUDD			

**SOURCES OF INFORMATION**  
SAVAGE  
WARNER DESC

**OTHER MARRIAGES**

1388

**HUSBAND** JOHN<sup>2</sup> STEELE (JOHN<sup>1</sup>)

Born 22 JAN 16 Place CO ESSEX, ENG

Chr. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

Marr. 22 JAN 1645-6 Place HARTFORD?

Died \_\_\_\_\_ 1653 Place FARMINGTON, HARTFORD, CT

Bur. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

HUSBAND'S FATHER JOHN<sup>1</sup> STEELE HUSBAND'S MOTHER RACHEL TALCOTT

HUSBAND'S OTHER WIVES \_\_\_\_\_

550

1381

**WIFE** MARY/MERCY WARNER

Born \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

Chr. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

Died \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

Bur. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

WIFE'S FATHER ANDREW WARNER WIFE'S MOTHER \_\_\_\_\_

WIFE'S OTHER HUSBANDS (2) WILLIAM HILLS

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		DAY	MONTH	YEAR	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE OR COUNTRY	TO WHOM	DAY	MONTH	YEAR
1 X											
F	MARY	20	Nov	1646			519 1318	24 OCT 1670 JOHN THOMPSON			
2											
M	JOHN	5	Nov	1647				RUTH JUDD			26 AUG 1737
3											
M	SAMUEL	15	MAR	1652				16 SEP 1680 MARY/MERCY BRADFORD DAU OF LT GOV			1710
4											
M	BENONI										
5											
M	HENRY										d. young
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Wm; Bradford

# Steele Family.

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GENEALOGICAL HISTORY

OF

JOHN AND GEORGE STEELE,

(SETTLERS OF HARTFORD, CONN.)

1635-6,

AND THEIR DESCENDANTS.

WITH

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Sanborn ①

John Steele b.p. 12-12-1591

m. 10-10-1622 Rachel Talcott d. 1653

d/o John + Ann (Skinner)

2. Mary (Mercy) Ruscoe/Rescoe  
(on sister of) (seaman)  
wid/o Richard Seymour

d/o Roger of Sawbridgeworth,

Herts + Sarah (? ) -

she b. 1610.

He d. 11-25-1664/5 Farmington

ch: John, Daniel, Samuel,

Hannah, Lydia, Sarah

Mary, Rachel + possibly

another Daniel + Hannah.

George Steele b. 1589 Fairlead

m. 10-8-1608 Marjoria Sorrell

d/o John + Margaret (Buckstone)

Geo. possibly left 2 ch. in Eng: Samuel, John.

James Stelle b. 11.30.1622

(or Eliz or Bethia)

m. 1. Anna Bishop 10.18.1651, she b. 1634

of Guilford, d. 1675 Hartford b. ca. 1635, d. 1695

m. 2. Bethia Hopkins, wid/o

Samuel Stocking, d/o John.

8 ch: James, Hannah

John, Sarah

Mary, Elizabeth

Rachel, Abigail

James Jr. b. 1654/8 m. Sarah

Barnard d/o Bartholomew +

Sarah (Burchard). He d.

5.15.1712/3 Wethersfield.

ch: Stephen 1 + 2, James,

Jonathan, Sarah, Elix.

✓ Mary.

John b. 1660 d. 3.6.1697/8.

wife Mel etiah m. 2. Samuel Stevens.

ch: Bethia, John + Ebenezer

# M. J. Sanborn ②

James Steele b. 1622/3 (s/o Geo.)  
had ch: 'Mary "the eldest"

b. ca. 1652. 2. James

3. Sarah, 4. Eliz.

5. John, 6. Rachel

7. Hannah bp. 3. 6. 1669/70

8. Abigail bp. 1. 25. 1673/4

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James b. 1654 d. 5. 15. 1712 + Sarah  
bp. 3. 20. 1686/7

ch: 2. Mary m. 1. Samuel Goodwin  
she m. 2.

~~3~~ by 1718 Joseph Ashley  
b. ca 1684

1. Sarah m. John Watson, Jr.

3. James bp. 2. 24. 1688/9 d. s. p. 1719

4. Eliz. bp. 12. 1691 m. 1. 27. 1714

Cyprian Watson

5. Jonathan

6. Stephen bp. 4-7-1695, d.y.

7. " b. 4-2-1698

m. 5-2-1720 Ruth Porter

d/o Samuel + Joanna (Cook)

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## P R E F A C E.

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Some ten years since, the writer began, for his own amusement chiefly, to collect genealogical information respecting the Steele family in the United States. To this family he is allied, through both paternal and maternal branches.

While making investigations to this end, he learned that another—A. J. Skilton, M. D. of Troy, N. Y., and also of the same connexion—was zealously engaged in a similar pursuit. On finding that our views and aims were identical, we henceforth united in the prosecution of our inquiries as opportunities presented.

It was not anticipated at first, that the result of these investigations would be such as to warrant publication. But in the course of research, the amount of matter became so full, and the success so complete, that in the autumn of 1857 it was resolved that the manuscripts should be revised, and a copy from them prepared for publication. Of this the charge was committed to Dr. Skilton. In the spring of 1858, Dr. S. was removed from his earthly labors, and the task was left to others.\*

So much of the present volume as relates to the *earlier descendants* of those two pioneers, in the first settlement of the Colony of

\* Of the many virtues of Dr. Avery J. Skilton, it is not our purpose here to speak. These were best known and most highly appreciated by those who knew him best. To Historical and Antiquarian research, few men in this country devoted more time, or with better success. Of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, he was an active, zealous member.

Connecticut, John and George Steele, is mainly due to the researches of Dr. Skilton. Gathered with unexampled perseverance and care from the Colonial, Town, Probate, and other Records in Connecticut, and from Cemetery Inscriptions and Family Registers, they present a true specimen of his accuracy and industry. And in respect to the whole work, while infallibility is not claimed, it is believed that facts, dates, names, and places, are given with as much correctness as it was possible, in such circumstances, to attain.

All varieties of obstacles, which every one engaged in this kind of research must encounter, have been met and overcome. And curious indeed are the phases of human nature in this manner developed. To the inquiries for information, whether from Family Records or from other sources, for the work, some manifested perfect ignorance and indifference. Others indicated suspicion of sinister motives in the inquirer, of some underhand measures in searching for titles to property, or of some other concealed purpose. The idea of any one troubling himself with inquiries of this nature, except for some pecuniary advantage, seemed to them inexplicable. Some, again, would furnish the information desired, if paid for it—and some, if their own names could appear conspicuously in the work. But others, and not a few, appreciated the undertaking, and favored it with an enlightened zeal, and a heartiness of purpose, worthy of all commendation.

In the preparation of this volume, not only information from private sources and unpublished records, but from all known historical works relative to the subject, have been consulted, as Trumbull's Colonial Records of Connecticut, Shurtleff's Records of Massachusetts, Cothen's Ancient Woodbury, Farmer's Genealogical Register, Hollister's History of Connecticut, Hinman's Catalogue of Puritan Settlers, Goodwin's Genealogical Notes, New England Genealogical and Historical Register, &c.

Among the few articles inserted entire, is a copy of the Will of John Steele—and a curious specimen it is—drawn in all due form of the time, with its quaint phrases, causing a smile, and giving some insight into the conditions, habits of life, labors, customs, &c., of those concerned.

With these prefatory remarks, this little volume is offered to

PREFACE.

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the public, with the hope that it will add something to the Genealogical History of the Early Settlers of New England.

D. S. DURRIE.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

The author of this volume feels it to be a duty to tender his acknowledgments to Rev. ASHBEL STEELE of Washington, D. C., author of *Chief of the Pilgrims: or, Life and Times of Elder William Brewster*, for many kind services, particularly in assisting in preparing the Introduction, and collecting historical information respecting the life and public services of John Steele. Rev. Mr. STEELE has been for a long time engaged in preparing the Genealogy of the Brewster Family, which will be a valuable addition to Genealogical History.

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The first day of May 1637 Genall Corte att Hartford  
 It is ordered that there shalbe an offensive warr agt the Pequoitt,  
 that 90 men be levied out of the 3 Plantacons Hartford  
 Windsor & Weathersfield (vizt) out of Hartford 42, Windsor 30,  
 Weathersfield 18: vnder the Comande of Captaine Jo: Mason  
 in Case of death or sicknes vnder the Comand of Rob'te Seeley  
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 these miscary.  
 It is ordered that Hartford shall send 14 Armour in this  
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 It is ordered that there shalbe 1<sup>bb</sup> of good beare for the  
 Captaine & Mr & sick men, if there be only 3 or 4 gallons  
 of stronge water, 2 gallons of sacke.

John Steel. (Secretary, 1636-1639.)

[REPETITION OF THE ABOVE.]

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A BRIEF MEMOIR  
OF  
JOHN STEELE, ESQ.,  
ONE OF THE PIONEERS IN THE FIRST SETTLEMENT  
OF CONNECTICUT.

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It has in all ages been esteemed a duty and privilege to honor the memory of those whose labors and self denial have resulted in good to their country and to their race. Such tribute is justly due to those, whose labors and sore trials laid the foundations of colonies in this western world—colonies that have resulted in comparatively happy states, of which we ourselves have the privilege of being members. Accordingly, we here bring to view, acts or traces of one, who, in all these respects, deserves a memorial at our hands.

Among the early pioneers from England, in the settlement of a *New England*, particularly in founding the colony of Connecticut, the subject of this memoir acted no unimportant part.

Mr. John Steele was a native of England, probably of the county of Essex, and of some town near London, "from whence" (says he with others) "we had our transportation." Of his immediate connections there, as of the place of his nativity, we have no reliable information.

Among those of the name, cotemporary with him, was William Steele, Esq., Magistrate, Counselor, and not long after Recorder of London, then created Baron, and Lord Lieutenant of Ireland. A namesake, also, John Steele, Esq., was purchaser of the Leicestershire estates, and married the daughter of Edward Nichol, Esq. of Henderson, county of Middlesex, whose daughter married Sir Charles Bromfield, Bart., of Barton-under-Needwood, county of Stafford.

Baron Steele of London, took a lively interest in the settlement and progress of the colonies, and was the active President of the first corporation or society, organized in 1649, "to aid in publishing the Gospel among the indians in New England." In the formation and success of this society, Winslow of the Ply-

mouth colony, when in England, was a most zealous and efficient agent.\*

Our John Steele, like the other two of the name just mentioned, appears to have been educated for the duties of the Magistracy, and his apparent rank in life seems to have been well calculated for his advancement in that calling. Qualified by education, energy of character, and all the requisites for founding *new* settlements in a *new world*, and active and self-denying as he was in the enterprise, it is to be regretted that such limited information has been preserved respecting him. Even most of the particulars recorded would be passed over, were it not "that *small things*, in the beginnings of all communities, are of far higher importance, and more worthy of being noted, and have a more enduring influence, than far greater matters, when a people or nation has become established."

Mr. John Steele's name appears *first* in connection with Dorchester, one of the earliest settlements of the colony of Massachusetts, in the year 1630,† ten years only after the arrival of the pilgrim company in the Mayflower.

Next, he is found to have been one of the *proprietors* of Cambridge (first called Newtown), in 1632. Two others, George and Henry Steele, were also proprietors at the same time. Mr. John Steele, having been made freeman or elector by the court, in 1634, was elected a representative from Cambridge in 1635; Cambridge being designed to be the capital of the colony, as it was soon after the seat of the university.

During this period, however, the numerous arrivals at Cambridge, and the want of pasture lands in the vicinity, induced a portion of the people, including a number of their chief men, with the Rev. Mr. Hooker, their pastor, to seek another location. Another inducement for their removal was, a dislike of some regulations, which were thought to circumscribe their rights as freemen. The proposed enterprise met with strong opposition, but at length its advocates obtained the consent of the majority; and Mr. John Steele, in the autumn of 1635, led the pioneer band through the rugged, pathless wilderness, to a new location on the Connecticut river. As Leader and Magistrate, he appears to have conducted the expedition safely and wisely. Arriving late in the season, they had to endure all the hardships and trials of a severe winter, with the labors of clearing the forest, constructing their rude dwellings, securing food, and of protecting themselves against cold and wet, the ravages of wild beasts, and the warlike savage. Bravely persevering, while other expeditions during the same season failed, and many perished, they succeeded. And in the ensuing summer came the main portion of their com-

\* Mass. Hist. Collection.

† Farmer's Biographical Dict.

pany—men, women and children, with their minister—to their new home.

Here, on the margin of the river, near the head of its navigable waters, and through much toil, patient endurance, and trust in an Almighty arm for success, they laid the foundations of a *new town*, afterwards named Hartford; and of a new colony (Connecticut), the *third* of the colonies of New England. And here, the subject of our narrative, as a faithful head of a family, as an active member of their church, as a magistrate, and as one of the principal members of their legislative—judicial—colony court, aided in establishing a community, the duration, wisdom, and happy influence of whose institutions have been—with few exceptions—the glory of the state. During 23 years elected to the principal colony court, he was present at 88 at least of its sessions, and engaged in its legislation and judicial decisions, and for 4 years its secretary or recorder. For nearly 20 years he was also recorder of the town of Hartford, and for a time recorder of the town of Farmington.\*

During these years, he was likewise called upon to act on various principal committees or agencies, civil, military and ecclesiastical, for determining the contested claims and boundaries of the colony; for the peaceful acquisition of additional territory; for raising troops for special expeditions among the hostile Indians—but especially were his exertions called forth in efforts to heal the sad breach, and to bring to a peaceful termination that long and bitter controversy, occasioned by the requirements for admitting members into their church, and of those who should present their children for baptism—which had caused a separation between their teacher and a portion of the congregation on the one side, and those who were the dissentients, or had withdrawn, on the other. On these points he appears to have taken middle ground, as inclining to a less stringent course, but with others pleading with all the energy of heart and soul for reconciliation and peace.†

Thus—unambitious except to do good, and be faithful to every trust committed to him, did he pass some *thirty* of the active years of his life, in founding with others, according to their views, a new home in the new world. At length, age and feeble health caused him to retire from public duty, and as a Christian, to arrange all his worldly affairs, and to “commit his soul” into the hands of Him who gave it, “and into the hands of the blessed Savior, God ever gracious to him,” and his body “to a decent and comely burial.”‡

\* On the organization of Farmington, and its admission as a town by the court, it is added in the record: “And Mr. Steele is entreated for the present to be recorder there, until the town have one fit among themselves.”—*Col. Records*, 1, 1, 134, &c.

† RECORDS OF CONN., 291, &c., and TRUMBULL'S HIST. OF CONN., I, 297.

‡ See his will.

His closing years were passed in Farmington, and where also he was a member of their church. His residence in Hartford was on the main street, just north of the present Atheneum. His will bears date, January 30, 1663-4. He died November 25, 1665.

#### OF GEORGE STEELE,

Who was also one of the pioneers in the Connecticut colony, we can furnish only a few particulars:

His name appears but a few times on the public records. All the circumstances respecting him compared, seem plainly to indicate that he was an elder brother of John Steele, Esq., whose memorial has just been given. With him he appears to have come to New England; with him was proprietor of lands in New Town (afterwards Cambridge), in 1632; was admitted freeman at the general court of Massachusetts, in May, 1634; was one of the company in the settlement of Hartford, Conn., in 1635 or 6; was one of the proprietors of undivided lands therein in 1639; was a juryman in 1643, and also a plaintiff in three cases, before the general court, in 1644 and 1647. Other and minor notices we omit. His residence in Hartford, was on the lane, now Washington street, south-east of Trinity College. He died in 1663, "very old."

Of his wife we find no record. He had 4 children, and his descendants have been very numerous; many of them having filled prominent stations in military life during the French war, and during the American revolution. Not a few have held respectable positions in civil life, and in the Christian ministry.\*



\* Some 30 at least of the name have been educated in the New England College, 10 of whom are known to have been graduated at Yale; besides others in other parts of the country.



LINEAGE

OF

**John and George Steele.**

## EXPLANATION.

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The first column of figures denotes the number of each individual, and is continuous throughout the book. The second column shows the number in each separate family, the eldest being numbered one. This is designed to be regular, although some families are not arranged correctly. Figures immediately after the first name in each paragraph, in parenthesis, thus (50), refer back to the individual of the family in which he or she is first named. Figures which are found after the name of a member of a family, in parenthesis, indicate to refer forward to that number, when that family is traced out. *Example*—on page 9 you will find next to No. 30,

*“Children of SAMUEL<sup>2</sup> (8) and Mary (Boosey) Steel.”*

By referring back to No. 8, you will find the date of his birth, when married, and other information relating to him and his family. The small figure 2 after his name, shows that he is of the second generation, and his children, which commence with 31, have the figure 3, showing that they are the third generation. The eldest of this family is James, No. 31, and the numeral 1 adjoining, indicates that he is so. After his name occur the figures (64), and by turning forward to that number, the names of his children will be found, with all the information concerning them. The plan adopted in this work is the one recommended by the New England Historical and Genealogical Register, and is presumed to be the best system in use.

### ABBREVIATIONS.

b. born, bap. baptized, chil. children, d. died, dau. daughter, m. married.

## WILL OF JOHN STEEL,

OF HARTFORD.

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From State Records, in Hartford, dated Jan. 30, 1663-4.

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I, John Steel, of Farmington, I being stricken in years, and weakness, do see necessary to sett our small occasions in the world at a stay—I being therefore though sick in body, yet of competent ability for this work, hereby committing my spirit into the hands of God that gave it, and into the hands of our blessed Savior, who ever have been a gracious God to me—and also do commit my body to a comely and decent burial in the common place of burial in Farmington, appointed for that purpose.

I give and bequeath to my dear and loving wife Mary Steel, the house wherein I now dwell, with the appurtenances belonging to it, viz: three little closes thereunto belonging, also one barn, during the term of her natural life.

*Item.* I give and bequeath the said Mary, a certain parcel of household goods that were hers at the time that I married to her, linens and woolen, brass and pewter, and other implements of household goods, esteemed about £18: 10s.

*Item.* I give and bequeath to my loving wife, two cows and one three year old heifer, and also one third part of all the provision for the house, which is one third part of what meat is in my house, which is for the maintenance of our family, as one third part of our meat, and one third part of our malt, and one third part of our butter and cheese, and one third part of our flax, and one third part of our yarn, woolen or linen, as also ten bushels of wheat, and six bushels of pease, and one hive of bees, and two store swine, and one third part of what fowls we have, and three sheep with their lambs, and a pint skillet, as also one bedstead, two mats, one linen and two woolen sheets, and one beer barrel.

*Item.* I give and bequeath to my loving wife Mary Steel, the one half of all the linen cloth that she has made since I married to her—all which parcel of goods, or particular things herein above written, or expressed, excepting the house and barn and three closes, I give and bequeath to my wife forever.

*Item.* I give and bequeath to my loving wife, the parcel of pasture land enclosed, esteemed as three acres, for her to make use of during the time of her natural life.

*Item.* I give and bequeath to my son Samuel Steel, my best bed, with the furniture belonging to it, which is a bed with one green rug, one feather bolster, two good feather pillows, one sett of green serge curtains, and one green serge vallance, as also the great bedstead on which it useth to lie, and the curtain rods belonging to it.

*Item.* I give and bequeath to my son Samuel Steel, a silver bowl, which was mine own, marked with three Guitar Stamps and one S, all on the upper end of the bowl.

*Item.* I give and bequeath to my son Samuel Steel, the one half of all my books, as also my gold scales and weights belonging to them—all which as here above written—the bed with the furniture, the silver bowl and gold scales and weights, I give and bequeath to my son Samuel Steel and his heirs forever, to come to the enjoyment of them, immediately after the departure of my natural life.

*Item.* I give to my son Samuel Steel, a piece of enclosed pasture land, by estimation three acres, abutting by Isaac Moore's land south, and Matthew Woodruff's land west, and Samuel Steel's land north, him and his heirs forever, to come to the enjoyment of it immediately after the decease of mine and my wife's natural life. And to avoid trouble of making other conveyances, of house and lands, to my son Samuel Steel [of somewhat], I give to my son Samuel Steel, at the marrying with his wife Mary Boosey, I here express, as I then did, so here I do, and bequeath to my son Samuel Steel, a parcel of land, with a tenement standing upon it, which parcel of land contains by estimation two acres, abutting of the highway east, and river west, and William Judd's land south, and John Steel's land north—as also a small parcel of land of which his still house stands, containing by estimation nine rods, more or less, abutting on William Judd's land south, and of the highway east, and on John Steel's land north and west.

*Item.* To my son Samuel Steel, one parcel of land in the great meadow, containing by estimation seventeen acres, more or less, abutting on John Norton's land south, and the river west, and on John Wells' land [deceased] north, and on the highway east—one parcel [of land] lying in the third meadow, containing by estimation three acres and a half, more or less, abutting on the river west, and on John Steel's land north—one piece of land lying in Cok's Cronk, which is one third part of all that land which was Cok's Cronk, which whole parcel of land was given by Farmington inhabitants to me, also by the Indian now deceased, which Indian was called by the name of Cok's Cronk, which parcel of land given to my son Samuel Steel, is one third part of this lot, parcel both for quality and quantity, all which parcels or pieces of land, or house and land, herein expressed, given to my son

Samuel Steel, as I have already given, excepting the three acres of pasture, not yet to be possessed by him, so unto the true possession of my son Samuel Steel, so I do here confirm it again, that I do give and bequeath to my son Samuel Steel and his heirs forever.

*Item.* I give and bequeath to my son-in-law William Judd, one third part of my land in Cok's Cronk, lying in Cok's Cronk.

*Item.* I give and bequeath to my son-in-law Thomas Judd, one third part of my land in Cok's Cronk, which is all that was given to me by Farmington inhabitants in that place, and by the Indian called Cok's Cronk—and it is my will that that whole parcel of land shall be divided equally, both for quality and quantity, among my three sons, Samuel Steel, William Judd, and Thomas Judd, for themselves, their heirs forever.

*Item.* I give and bequeath to my son-in-law Thomas Judd, one parcel of land lying in Hartford, in the neck of land, containing by exact measure twenty acres, more or less, abutting on William Wadsworth's land north, and the highway called Windsor highway west, and on a swamp called the Dead swamp east, and on Capt. John Cullick's land east, which parcel of land I give to the aforesaid Thomas Judd and his heirs forever.

*Item.* I give and bequeath to my two sons-in-law, William Judd and Thomas Judd, my new dwelling house and barn, and house lot, yards, gardens, or orchard, thereto belonging, equally to be divided betwixt these two aforesaid, William and Thomas, to them and their heirs forever, to come to the enjoyment of them immediately after the departure of mine and my wife's natural life—further it is my will that a few small things should be disposed to my loving wife, and children and grandchildren: to my loving wife, the small silver spoons, and some small matter of linen; to Mary Judd, one piece of gold; to Sarah Judd, one piece of gold; to John Steel, son of John Steel deceased, one silver spoon; to Samuel Steel, son of John Steel deceased, one silver spoon; to Benoni Steel, one silver spoon; to Rachel Steel, daughter of Samuel Steel, one silver spoon; to be delivered to them by my son Samuel Steel, at the date of their marriage; only my two daughters shall have theirs immediately after the departure of my natural life—further it is my will, that if at any of these my three grandchildren, John Steel, Samuel Steel, Benoni Steel, shall die before they marry, then the forementioned spoons shall be divided among the surviving; or if all of them shall die, then it is my mind that these forenamed spoons shall return to my son Samuel Steel, and his heirs. And it is my will, that for the remainder of my silver spoons, broken or whole, as also a small gold ring, I give and bequeath to my son Samuel Steel, and his heirs forever; and for the remainder of my estate, as cattle or horses, swine, sheep, fowls, corn, linen or woollen, or whatever movables in my house, brass, pewter, iron, earthen, wooden vessels, or debts owing me, or whatever else is mine, not yet disposed off in this my will, all just dues being paid, I give

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and bequeath to my two sons-in-law, William and Thomas Judd; and do make the aforesaid William Judd and Thomas Judd, my whole and sole executors; and do desire and make choice of my son Samuel Steel, and James Steel, to be overseers of this my last will and testament.

JOHN STEEL.

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## THE STEELE FAMILY.

(1.) ~~John Steel~~<sup>1</sup>, born in Essex county, Eng.; came to New England about 1631-2; settled 1st, at New Town (now Cambridge, Mass.); removed to Hartford, Conn., and thence to Farmington, Conn. He m. 1st, Rachel —, probably in England; she d. 1653; he m. 2d, Mercy, widow of Richard Seamer, or Seymour; he d. at Farmington, Conn., Nov. 25, 1655. *sister? see additions & corrections*

(2.) **George Steel**<sup>1</sup>, presumed to have been an elder brother of John Steel, came to this country with him. He was made a freeman at Cambridge, in 1634; removed to Hartford, Conn.; was a proprietor of lands at the latter place in 1639; he d. in the year 1663, as is said "very old."

### *Children of JOHN Steele<sup>1</sup> (1), of Hartford and Farmington.*

(3) 1. ~~JOHN Jr.~~<sup>2</sup> (13) b. —; m. ~~Mercy Warner~~ in 1645; d. before his father, 1653-4. After his decease, his widow m. Thomas Hill. She was the dau. of Andrew Warner, who came from Cambridge to Hartford in 1635-6.

(4) 2. **LYDIA**<sup>2</sup> (19) b. —; m. March 31, 1657, James, son of Thomas and Mary Bird; he d. 1708; she d. —; his father, Thomas Bird, settled in Hartford in 1645.

(5) 3. **MARY**<sup>2</sup> (26) b. March 31, 1657; m. William, son of Thomas Judd; she d. Oct. 2, 1718. *See additions & corrections*

(6) 4. **HANNAH**<sup>2</sup> b. —; d. 1655, probably unmarried.

(7) 5. **SARAH**<sup>2</sup> (27) b. 1638; m. 1658, at Farmington, Lieut. Thomas Judd; removed to Waterbury, Conn., in 1677; d. May 22, 1695; he was b. 1638, and d. Jan. 10, 1702, aged 65 years. "He was the son of Thomas Judd, one of the earliest settlers of Hartford, who afterwards removed to Farmington, where his two sons, William and Thomas, married two daughters of John Steel. His name occurs frequently on the Records of Connecticut."

(8) 6. SAMUEL<sup>2</sup> (31) b. 1626-7; m. Mary, dau. of Hon. James Boosey; he d. Aug. 15, 1685; she was b. Sept. 10, 1635, and d. 1702, at Farmington. "He was deputy to the General Assembly 1668-9, and 1672 to 1677. He was appointed lieutenant of Farmington train band in 1674. The General Court, held May 9, 1672, granted him 200 acres of land for a farm."

"Hon. James Boosey, the father of Mrs. Steel, was a very prominent man in Weathersfield."

*Children of GEORGE Steel<sup>1</sup> (2) of Hartford.*

(9) 1. ELIZABETH<sup>2</sup> b. ~~1625~~<sup>1645</sup>; m. Thomas Watts, afterwards of Middletown; he was a military man, was appointed ensign, lieutenant, and afterwards captain of the forces of Hartford county, in the King Philip war.

(10) 2. A daughter<sup>2</sup> b. 1640; m. Harrison, or Henderson, who had a daughter Martha, James, Elizabeth, Miriam, Mary, Sarah

(11) 3. RICHARD<sup>2</sup> b. —; m. —; d. in 1639, childless.

(12) 4. JAMES<sup>2</sup> (39) b. —; m. Anna Bishop, probably a dau. of John Bishop of Guilford; she d. 1676; he m. 2d, Bethia, widow of Dea. Samuel Stocking (she had 8 children by Dea. S.); he was a very prominent man. From the Colonial Records, the following notices of him are taken: "In 1657-8, he was a listed trooper in the war against the Pequots. In 1662, appointed by the General Court with Wm Wadsworth, to lay out lands in Hommansett. In 1672, appointed with others, to run the dividing line between the towns of Lyme and New London, for which service, he was allowed by the court six pounds and fifteen shillings out of the public treasury. The court granted him the same year, 150 acres of land for a farm. In 1675, he was appointed commissary in the King Philip war, and was allowed at the rate of fifty pounds per annum, as compensation for his services. His dwelling house was on the old plan of Hartford, south of Little river."

*Children of JOHN Jr.<sup>2</sup> (3) and Mercy (Warner) Steel.*

(13) 1. BENONI<sup>2</sup> b. —; d. at Farmington; no issue.

(14) 2. HENRY<sup>2</sup> b. —; d. in infancy.

(15) 3. DANIEL<sup>2</sup> b. April 29, 1645; d. 1646.

(16) 4. MARY<sup>2</sup> (45) b. Nov. 20, 1646; m. Oct. 24, 1670, John Thompson.

(17) 5. Lieut. JOHN<sup>2</sup> (50) b. Nov. 5, 1647; m. Ruth, dau. of Dea. Thomas Judd of Farmington; d. Aug. 26, 1737. "He was made a freeman, May 10, 1677."

(18) 6. SAMUEL<sup>2</sup> (57) b. March 15, 1652; m. Sept. 16, 1680, Mercy, dau. of Major Wm. Bradford; he d. 1710; she d. 1720; had 5 sons and 2 daughters; he resided in Hartford, Conn.



*Children of LYDIA<sup>2</sup> Steel (4) and James Bird.*

- (19) 1. JAMES, Jr.<sup>3</sup> b. — ; d. 1708.  
 (20) 2. HANNAH<sup>3</sup> b. — ; m. Nathaniel Morgan of Springfield.  
 (21) 3. REBECCA<sup>3</sup> b. — ; m. Samuel Lamb.  
 (22) 4. MEHITABLE<sup>3</sup> b. 1682 ; m. Simon Newell, May 22, 1710.  
 (23) 5. ELIZABETH<sup>3</sup> bap. Nov. 23, 1684 ; m. Ebenezer Alvord.  
 (24) 6. THOMAS<sup>3</sup> b. — ; m. Mary Woodford ; she d. Nov. 9, 1725 ; he m. 2d, widow Sarah Smith ; she d. 1737.  
 (25) 7. LYDIA<sup>3</sup> b. — ; m. Pelatiah Morgan of Springfield.

*Children of MARY<sup>2</sup> Steel (5) and William Judd.*

- (26) 1. THOMAS<sup>3</sup> b. 1672 ; m. Sarah, dau. of Stephen Freeman, Feb. 9, 1687-8, of Newark, E. Jersey ; he d. January 4, 1747, aged 75 ; his wife d. Sept. 28, 1738, aged 68 ; they had 8 children.

*Children of SARAH<sup>2</sup> Steel (7) and Lieut. Thomas Judd.*

- (27) 1. THOMAS<sup>3</sup> b. — ; m. Sarah, dau. of Joseph Gaylord, Sen., April 11, 1688 ; settled at Hartford ; they had 9 children.  
 (28) 2. JOHN<sup>3</sup> b. — ; m. Hannah, dau. of Samuel Hickox, April 16, 1696 ; d. about 1716 ; she d. at Waterbury, Conn., July 17, 1750 ; 7 children.  
 (29) 3. SARAH<sup>3</sup> b. at Waterbury, — ; m. Stephen, son of Stephen Hopkins, Nov. 17, 1686.  
 (30) 4. MARY<sup>3</sup> b. 1670 ; d. May 11, 1698, aged 28 years.

*Children of SAMUEL<sup>2</sup> (8) and Mary (Boosey) Steel.*

- ✓(31) 1. JAMES<sup>3</sup> (64) b. Aug. 31, 1644 ; m. July 19, 1687, Anna, dau. of Capt. Samuel Welles ; he d. May 15, 1713 ; she was b. 1668, and d. at Wethersfield, 1739, aged 71 ; she m. 2d, James Judson of Stratford, Nov. 20, 1718 ; he (Judson) d. Feb. 25, 1721, aged 71. "He was for many years a merchant at Wethersfield, and was captain of the train band at that place. Capt. Samuel Wells, father of Mrs. Steel, was made a commissioner, and magistrate ; he was son of Governor Thomas Welles."  
 (32) 2. MARY<sup>3</sup> b. Dec. 5, 1652.  
 (33) 3. RACHEL<sup>3</sup> bap. Oct. 30, 1654 ; m. Jonathan Smith ; lived at Wethersfield.  
 (34) 4. SARAH<sup>3</sup> bap. Dec. 29, 1656 ; d. unmarried.  
 (35) 5. SAMUEL<sup>3</sup> b. March 11, 1658-9 ; d. young.  
 (36) 6. JOHN<sup>3</sup> bap. Dec. 10, 1661 ; unmarried.  
 (37) 7. HANNAH<sup>3</sup> b. 1688 ; m. — Hart.

(38) 8. EBENEZER<sup>3</sup> (70) b. Aug. 13, 1761<sup>1671</sup>; m. Feb. 15, 1705, Sarah Hart; he d. Oct. 6, 1722; she d. Feb. 26, 1751; resided at Farmington. "He inherited his father's large estate in F., and was a prominent man in the Litchfield Land Survey. In his will, he forbade his widow to marry Gersham Lewis, a dissipated physician, and she turned David Steel, his nephew, out of the house, though he was an heir to his property."

*Children of JAMES<sup>2</sup> (12) and Anna (Bishop) Steel.*

(39) 1. SARAH<sup>3</sup> (72) b. 1656; m. Samuel Borman, Jr., Feb. 8, 1682; he d. Dec. 23, 1720, aged 72.

(40) 2. Lieut. JAMES<sup>3</sup> (77) b. about 1658; m. Sarah, probably dau. of Bartholomew Barnard; he d. 1712; she d. 1730; lived at Hartford, Conn. "His estate valued at 878 pounds; his wife's 744 pounds."

(41) 3. JOHN<sup>3</sup> (83) b. about 1660; m. Melatiah, 8th child of Major William Bradford of Plymouth; after his death, she m. — Stevens of Killingworth; her sister Mercy, m. Samuel Steel, No. 18.

(42) 4. MARY<sup>3</sup> b. —; m. — Hall.

(43) 5. ELIZABETH<sup>3</sup> b. —; d. unmarried, 1723.

(44) 6. RACHEL<sup>3</sup> b. —; m. 1st, Edward Allyn; 2d, — Deming.

*Children of MARY<sup>3</sup> Steel (16) and John Thompson.*

(45) 1. JOHN<sup>4</sup> b. Dec. 29, 1671.

(46) 2. THOMAS<sup>4</sup> b. June or Jan. 30, 1674.

(47) 3. SAMUEL<sup>4</sup> b. Dec. 29, 1676.

(48) 4. JOSEPH<sup>4</sup> b. March 25, 1679.

(49) 5. JAMES<sup>4</sup> b. May 30, 1680.

*Children of Lieut. JOHN<sup>3</sup> (17) and Ruth (Judd) Steel.*

(50) 1. Lieut. JOHN<sup>4</sup> (86) bap. March 7, 1685-6; m. Dec. 17, 1716, Mary, dau. of Samuel Newell; he d. April 2, 1751; she d. March, 1779; he lived in Farmington, till all children but Luke were b., then moved to Bethlem Society, Woodbury, and became grantee of one right in the 2d lot, 5th tier in the north purchase of Woodbury, Aug 5, 1736.

(51) 2. EBENEZER<sup>4</sup> b. 1697; d. young.

(52) 3. MARY<sup>4</sup> (96) b. —; m. Joseph Bird, Jr.; 2d — Hart; settled in Northington, Conn.

(53) 4. RUTH<sup>4</sup> b. —; m. June 8, 1724, John Thompson; d. 1751.

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HUSBAND REV. SAMUEL STONE

Born \_\_\_\_\_ Place HERTFORD, HERTS, ENG

Chr. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

Marr. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

Died \_\_\_\_\_ 20 JUL 1663 Place HARTFORD, HARTFORD, CT

Bur. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

HUSBAND'S FATHER \_\_\_\_\_

HUSBAND'S MOTHER \_\_\_\_\_

HUSBAND'S OTHER WIVES (2) ELIZABETH ALLEN

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**WIFE**

Born \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

Chr. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

Died \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

Bur. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

WIFE'S FATHER \_\_\_\_\_

WIFE'S MOTHER \_\_\_\_\_

WIFE'S OTHER HUSBANDS \_\_\_\_\_

1993  
NAMES: WATSON, John Henry  
PLACES: Sharon, Windsor, Vt

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	<u>ORDER?</u>						<u>838</u>				
<u>260</u> F	<u>REBECCA</u>							<u>THOMAS WASH</u>			
<u>2004</u> F	<u>MARY</u>						<u>839</u>	<u>JOSEPH FITCH</u>			
<u>1962</u> X F	<u>SARAH</u>							<u>THOMAS<sup>2</sup> BUTLER</u>			

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1982

**HUSBAND** REV. SAMUEL STONE

Born \_\_\_\_\_ Place HERTFORD, HERTS, ENG  
 Chr. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Marr. 1641 Place BOSTON,  
 Died 20 JUN 1663 Place HARTFORD, HARTFORD, CT  
 Bur. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 HUSBAND'S FATHER \_\_\_\_\_ HUSBAND'S MOTHER \_\_\_\_\_  
 HUSBAND'S OTHER WIVES (1) —

2006

**WIFE** ELIZABETH ALLEN

Born \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Chr. W.D. 6 JUN 1681; W.P. 4 JAN 1682 Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Died L21C 1681 Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bur. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 WIFE'S FATHER \_\_\_\_\_ WIFE'S MOTHER \_\_\_\_\_  
 WIFE'S OTHER HUSBANDS GEORGE GARNER

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1		BP 18	OCT	1646							
M	JOSEPH				HARTFORD		CT				d. young?
2		BP 22	JAN/FEB	1648							d. young?
F	LYDIA										
3		BP 29	APR	1649				Unm			8 OCT 1683
M	SAMUEL										
4											
F	ABIGAIL			9 SEP 1650							
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	Possibly another son b.p. 29 Apr 1649 & Samuel b. & bp unknown										
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	Wife named Elizabeth in will. Savage thinks must be Lydia or Abigail										
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