

1657

**HUSBAND** GEORGE STOCKING

Born 1582 Place STOCKINGHAM, CO. SUFFOLK, ENG?

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

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

Died 26 Sept 25c (101) MAY 1687 Place HARTFORD, HARTFORD, CT

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

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

HUSBAND'S AT AGE 1651 SHOTWELL OTHER WIVES AGNES, WIFE WIDOW OF CAP. JOHN WEBSTER

Cambridge, freeman 6 May 1635  
Removed to Hartford, prob. w/ earliest settlers. On list of freemen 1669  
Excused, prob by reason of age 1660 from com. duty of frein. 2nd ward.

**WIFE** ANNE

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

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

Died < 11 Nov 1689 Place HARTFORD, HARTFORD, CT

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

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

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

ENTER ALL DATA IN THIS ORDER -  
DATES: 14 Apr 1794  
To indicate that a child is an ancestor of the family representative, place an "X" behind the number pertaining to that child.  
NAMES: WATSON, John Henry  
PLACES: Sharon, Windsor, Vt  
1658  
1661  
1660  
166

SEX M F	CHILDREN List Each Child (Whether Living or Dead) in Order of Birth SURNAME (CAPITALIZED) GIVEN NAMES	WHEN BORN			WHERE BORN			DATE OF FIRST MARRIAGE	WHEN DIED		
		DAY	MONTH	YEAR	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE OR COUNTRY	TO WHOM	DAY	MONTH	YEAR
1	NOT IN ORDER						670	27 MAY 1652			31 DEC 1683
M	SAMUEL					prob	ENG 1651	BETHIA HOOKINS			
2								1649	ca		1670
F	HANNAH						ENG	ANDREW BENTON			
3							671				
F	SARAH						1661	SAMUEL OLCOTT			
4							672				
F	LYDIA						1663	JOHN RICHARDS			
5											
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10											
11											

**SOURCES OF INFORMATION**

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**OTHER MARRIAGES**

FAMILY GROUP RECORD

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THE  
STOCKING ANCESTRY

COMPRISING THE DESCENDANTS OF

GEORGE STOCKING  
FOUNDER OF THE AMERICAN FAMILY

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*"It were indeed a desirable thing to be well descended, but  
the glory thereof belongs to our ancestors"—PLUTARCH*

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## PREFACE

The extraordinary stimulus given to genealogical research by the patriotic societies of America is one of the indubitable signs of an advancing and ripening civilization. There is a time in the life of every new country when the energies and ambitions of its people are necessarily absorbed in a struggle for existence and stability, but later on comes a more leisurely period, when people appreciate more fully the importance of rescuing from oblivion men and events that have contributed to the history of their country, and which else would be swept away forever by the swirling tides of a restless social and commercial people. To preserve the records of an old and honorable family that has honored him with its name, the author has devoted much time and pains to the collection of genealogical and historical material, and which is now offered to all who may be interested in it, as an accurate and substantially complete history of his ancestors. Should any errors of dates or of fact be detected, they must be explained by the imperfect or careless chirography of correspondents, or by conflicting statements from different and separated members of the same, or of a collateral, branch.

The author has bound up at the end of each copy several blank pages, on which future records can be entered. And he is confident that all members of this interesting and honorable family will have much pleasure in being thus introduced to nearly all their dispersed kinsfolk.

CHAS. HENRY WRIGHT STOCKING.

*St. James's Parish,  
Vincennes, Indiana,  
February, 1903.*

## THE STOCKING ANCESTRY

The date usually accepted as that on which surnames came into recognized use is A. D. 1000. They were more generally names borrowed from estates on which their wearers resided, and they, therefore, indicate original landed proprietors. In process of time, the use of surnames was extended to natural objects, and later on, to the professions and trades, and even to personal traits and characteristics. On the accession of William the Conqueror to the English crown, he caused to be published, in 1083-86, a survey of the demesnes in his new kingdom, with their metes and bounds, description of lands, varieties of tenures, classes of persons, kinds of money, statistical accounts, and historical matters. From these William ascertained a knowledge of the possessions of the crown, the number of land-holders, the military strength, and best sources of revenue. This publication was known as *Domesday Book*. It was the first record published at the cost of the nation; in two volumes, it forms until the present day the basis of historical records of those ancient times, and fixes the domiciles of all the then families of position and respectability. Among these ancient families was that of Stocking-ha, or Stocking-ham, the suffix *ham* being the old Saxon *heim*, the old English *ham* used by Chaucer, from which comes the modern *home*. Hence Stocking-ham was the home of the Stockings.

On the return of Edward III. from Palestine in 1273, after the death of his father, Henry II., he caused to be made a fresh inquiry about the demesnes of the crown, and of its rights and revenues, many of which had been usurped by the clergy and laity during the preceding turbulent reign. The inquisition being made on oath of each hundred heads of families, this royal record was called *Rotuli Hundredorum* (Rolls of the Hundreds). In this record is found the name of the Stockings De Stocking, the "De" (of or from) thus fixing the estate of the family, which *Domesday Book* locates in Suffolk, England, and not in Scotland or Wales, as some traditions have asserted.

From this ancient family came George Stocking, the first and only one of the name known to have emigrated to America. His name was spelled Stocken, Stockin, and Stocking, indifferently. As no subject of the English crown could secure the royal permission to cross the high seas without first taking the oath of allegiance to the king and parliament, and that of conformity to the Established Church, together with a certificate from a justice of the peace and from their parish ministers that he

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was "no subsidy man," all who refused to do so were compelled to leave the country in a virtually surreptitious manner. George Stocking, his wife, and four children, were Dissenters, and members of the party of Rev. Thomas Hooker. They sailed from England in the ship *Griffin*, and landed in Boston in 1633. George built a house at Cambridge, and there he lived for two years, when dissensions having arisen among the different congregations of the colony, Hooker organized a new company and congregation of one hundred souls, and struck out for the Connecticut River Valley, the women on horseback, the men on foot. The journey occupied two weeks, in which time their eyes were gladdened by the sight of the noble river, and on its banks they founded beautiful Hartford.

It will be seen from the following records that the Stockings were a hardy, long-lived, and enterprising family, and that the spirit of emigration was inherited by many successive generations. George's only son removed to Middletown, Conn., and became the progenitor of a numerous and vigorous posterity, who swarmed eastward into Massachusetts, and westward through unbroken forests, pioneers of patient courage and fearless perseverance, until their homes were bounded by the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, by Upper Canada and the Gulf of Mexico.

They have been largely interested in religious, educational, and political matters, the majority being Methodists in faith, and Whigs, Free-Soilers, and Republicans in politics. Few families have had so many centenarians, and though some have died in prison, it was as patriots, and not as criminals. Not one of them is thus far known to have been the defendant in a criminal proceeding.

### 1 George Stocking and Anna — had:

- (2) Deacon Samuel, m. May 27, 1652, Bethia Hopkins.
- (3) Sarah, m. Samuel Olcott, of Hartford, Conn.
- (4) Lydia, m. John Richards, of Hartford, Conn.
- (5) Hannah, m. 1649, Andrew Benton.

George was b. in Suffolk, England, about 1582, emigrated to America in 1633, and settled in Cambridge, Mass., where, in 1635, he built a house at the corner of the present Holyoke and Winthrop streets. He was made a freeman May 6, 1635. Joining the company of the Rev. Thomas Hooker, one hundred in number, he traveled on foot through the intervening wilderness to the Connecticut River in 1636, and was one of the original founders of the city of Hartford, and a prominent proprietor. In the general distribution of land, he received twenty acres, "on the south side of the road

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from George Steel's, to the south meadow," other grants being made later on. On the death of Anna, whom he had married in England, he is understood to have m. 2d Agnes (Shotwell) Webster, widow of John Webster, governor of the colony. He took from the first an active part in local affairs; was selectman in 1647; surveyor of highways in 1654, and '62; chimney viewer in 1659, and was excused from military duty in 1660, owing to "great age." He d. May 25, 1683, aged 101 years, and his name is inscribed on a large monument erected to the memory of Hooker's party, and which now stands in the old Center Church burying-ground in Hartford.

Last will and testament of George Stocking:

"15 July, 1673.

"George Stocking of Hartford upon the River of Connecticut planter dos in this my last Will and Testament Give unto Anne my Wife all my housings barn orchards homelott upland and meadow & swamp land cattles and all other estate for her to use during the time of her life, and after her decease to be disposed of as follows. I doe give to my daughter Lidia Richards the wife of John Richards The sum of £14. and do also give to my dau Sarah Olcott the wife of Samuel Olcott the sum of £10. I doe also give unto the six children of Andrew Benton, that is to Andrew Benton, Jr., John Benton, Samuel Benton, Joseph Benton, Mary Benton, and Dorothy Benton, the sum of £12. to be divided among them I doe hereby give unto Hannah Camp one Mare My will is that these legacies be discharged within one year next after my wifes decease. My will also is that my wife shall keep the housing and barn in repair unless something more than ordinary befall any of them. the remainder of my estate to my son Samuel Stocking and make him my executor. The land to pay its due proportion to the Ministry of the New Meeting house. I desire Gregory Wollerton and St Bull to be overseers

"GEORGE STOCKING (SEAL)

"Witness

"GREGORY WOLLERTON

"GEORGE GRAVE, Sen."

### 2 Samuel and Bethia Hopkins had:

- (6) Hannah, b. October 30, 1654. d. before 1683.
- (7) Samuel, b. October 19, 1656. d. December 2, 1697. unm. Left an estate of £327 to his brothers, John, George, and Daniel, and two sisters.

- (8) Bethia, b. October 10, 1658. m. October 16, 1675, Thomas Stow, of Middletown, Conn.
- (9) John, b. September 24, 1660. "A distracted person." unm.
- (10) Lydia, b. Jan. 20, 1662. m. Joseph Howell, of Southampton, L. I.
- (11) George, b. February 20, 1664. m. Elizabeth —.
- (12) Ebenezer, b. February 23, 1666. d. before 1697.
- (13) Steven, b. March 23, 1673. d. before 1697.
- (14) Daniel, b. April 14, 1677. m. August 27, 1700, Jane Mould, of New London, Conn.

Deacon Samuel was b. in England; emigrated with his father in 1633, and in 1650 rem. from Hartford to Middletown, Conn., where he became one of its founders, and was one of the three signers of the Indian deed of Middletown. He was the first deacon in the Middletown church, organized in 1668, and was representative in the state assembly in 1658, '59, '65, '69, '74, '77, and '81. His house stood in Upper Middletown, now the town of Cromwell. Deacon Samuel d. December 3, 1683, and his widow m. 2d James Steele, of Hartford. Samuel was a sergeant in King Philip's war. He was an extensive ship builder and owner. His estate, inventoried at £648-08-08, was divided among all his children then living, the land on the east side of the Connecticut River being left to his sons George and Ebenezer, and £3 in cash to his pastor, Rev. Nathaniel Collins.

Bethia was the dau. of John and Jane Hopkins, and granddaughter of Samuel Hopkins, one of the signers of the Mayflower Compact, in 1620. He was a member of Capt. Miles Standish's military company, February, 1621; was sent by Gov. Bradford with Edward Winslow (afterward governor) on a special mission to Massasoit, the Indian chief; member of Governor's Council, 1632-36; volunteer in 1637 in aid of Mass. and Conn. colonists against the Pequots; member of Council of War for Plymouth, 1643. Samuel had two other sons, Joseph and Nathaniel, who d. before 1683.

### 3 Sarah Stocking and Samuel Olcott had:

- (15) Sarah.
- (16) Mary.
- (17) Elizabeth.
- (18) Thomas.
- (19) George.

Samuel d. 1704; will probated April 12, 1704; res. Hartford, Conn.

### 4 Lydia Stocking and John Richards had:

- (20) John, m. 1686.
- (21) Dea. Thomas, b. 1666, d. April 9, 1749. m. 1691, Mary Parsons.
- (22) Samuel, m. 1697, Hannah Henbury. He d. at Hartford, 1732-3.

Lydia "covenanted" with the church at Hartford, and was living July 12, 1712. John Richards was b. 1631, and was living July 12, 1712. They had many descendants, among them being the Richardses of Orange, N. J., of whom were Drs. George and George Herbert Richards, father and son; also Miss Juliette A. Turner, 201 W. 117th St., New York City, in the following line:

- Deacon Thomas and Mary Parsons.
- Abigail Richards (1702) and John Turner.
- Samuel Turner (1730) and Sarah Howe.
- Solomon Turner (1767) and Sarah Jencks.
- Myron Turner (1800) and Louisa E. Sherer.
- Juliette A. T. Turner, 1846.

### 5 ~~Hannah Stocking and Andrew Benton~~ had:

- (23) John, bap. April 14, 1650. d. 1650 "by his mother in ye bed in ye night."
- (24) Hannah, bap. November 23, 1651. m. Joseph Root.
- (25) ~~Andrew~~, bap. August 14, 1653. m. Sarah Chatterton, of New Haven.
- (26) Mary, bap. April 15, 1655. m. Matthew Woodruff.
- (27) John, b. October 7, 1656.
- (28) Samuel, b. August 15, 1658.
- (29) Joseph, b. 1660. m. Mary Woodruff. d. August 12, 1753.
- (30) Dorothy.

Hannah Stocking was the youngest daughter of George and Anna Stocking, of Hartford, Conn. Andrew Benton came from England between 1630 and 1635. He was one of the original settlers in Milford, Conn., in 1639, and was allotted lot 64; admitted to the church in Milford March 5, 1648. Hannah was admitted October 13, 1650. Andrew rem. to Hartford in 1660; was elected viewer of fences in 1663; was creditor of Nathaniel Greensmith, who was executed for witchcraft at Hartford, January 25, 1663; served as juror, 1664; was admitted freeman in Hartford, May 11, 1665.