

Bidwell

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Dear Mrs. Fuller,

I have recently joined the S.C. Genealogy Society and receive the "Surname Searcher." I note that you are interested in the Bidwells of Connecticut, and I am trying to locate any additional information concerning the following: (from p. 7 Summer Genealogy)

Abigail Bidwell, married Hezekiah Turner 10 February 1704 & lived at Middletown, Conn; after her husband died in 1749 she married Sam(?) Frary and died 13 May 1772. She had 4 children whose record is given in the Turner Genealogy by Appleton.

I am related to the Summers but would like to trace Abigail's forebears at least to the point they came to this country. Any help you can give me will be appreciated.

Thanking you I am  
Sincerely B. Hutchinson

- ii. FENICE, b. 15 Jan. 1732/3; d. at East Windsor, Conn., in 1808.
  - iii. ELIZABETH, b. 19 May 1734; m. 25 Feb. 1761, Lieut. DAVID BISSELL, of East Windsor, b. 27 Apr. 1732, d. 16 Dec. 1799 at 67, son of Ens. David and Sarah (Grant) Bissell.
  - iv. NATION, b. 13 Feb. 1737/8; d. at Stratford, Conn., 7 Aug. 1823 in 86th yr.; minister at Granby, Mass., and Guilford, Conn.; m. at Glastonbury, 7 Feb. 1763, Rachel Moseley, b. abt. 1745, d. at Stratford, 28 July 1825, dau. of Capt. Abner and Elizabeth (Lyman) Moseley.
  - v. ESTHER, b. 19 Nov. 1739; d. 19 Sept. 1820 ac. nearly 81; m. 1 June 1758, Col. BENJAMIN<sup>2</sup> ELY [Ely Family, No. 5], of West Springfield (Holyoke), b. there 25 Dec. 1730, d. there 25 Dec. 1802, son of Joseph<sup>1</sup> and Margaret (Leonard) Ely.
  - vi. JOSEPH, b. 30 May 1741; d. abt. 1 Jan. 1741/2.
  - vii. JERUSA, b. 13 Jan. 1742/3; m. 8 Jan. 1772, SMITH BAILEY, of East Windsor, Conn.
  - viii. MARY, b. 24 Mar. 1744/5; d. at East Windsor, 27 Dec. 1751.
- a. Franklin Bowditch Dexter, *Yale Biographies*, 1:294; Roger Welles, *Early Annals of Newington* (1871), 33-6; N. Y. Gen. and Biog. Record, 71:323-5.  
 b. Conn. Colonial Records, 9:297, 292.  
 c. Henry R. Stiles, *History of Ancient Wethersfield* (1894), 2:44; Nathaniel Goodwin, *Genealogical Notes* (1830), 56, 383-8.

### MARY BETTS HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT

1. JOHN<sup>1</sup> BETTS, of Claydon, Oxfordshire, England, born and died in England; married MARY ——, born in England, died at Hartford, Conn., shortly before 19 July 1647.

The name of Richard Bett appears at Claydon, Oxford, in a Lay Subsidy for Banbury Hundred in 1546. The will of a John Bett of Kings Sutton, very near Banbury, dated 15 Jan. 1615, named several children, including a son John. The latter may be the husband of the widow, Mary Betts of Hartford, whose daughter married Samuel Boreman, a resident of Claydon. The widow Mary is known to have had a son John, and at Claydon is found a record, "John Bet, the sonne of John Bet and Mary his wylfe was baptised the 5th daye of May 1627." This seems to establish the English origin of the family.<sup>a</sup>

"Widdoe Betts" had land in Hartford "at The Townes Courtesie," being granted four acres in 1639/40. She also bought less than an acre of Seth Grant, adjacent to his dwelling house. On 12 June 1666, lands next to Windsor bounds, east of the Connecticut River, were laid out, and twelve acres were granted on her right. This twelve-acre piece was purchased by Mr. William Pitkin, 22 June 1678, of John Betts, being described as "on the east Side of the great riuer which was his mothers."<sup>b</sup>

In her home next door to Seth Grant she supported her family by keeping a school for young children. "Goody Bets was the School-dame. It appears, then, that Hartford at this early period had at least two schools: the

Children of Daniel and Dorothy (Benton) Bidwell, born at Hartford:

- iii. DOROTHY, b. 18 Aug. 1692; bapt. 21 Aug. 1692; d. July 1708.
- iv. MARY, b. 18 Sept. 1694; bapt. 30 Sept. 1694; d. 18 Jan. 1730; m. her cousin, SAMUEL MEAKIN [No. 1, i, 5], bapt. 27 Aug. 1676, d. 18 Apr. 1733 in 60th yr. (g. s.). No issue.
- v. HANNAH, b. 2 June 1697; bapt. 6 June 1697; d. perhaps 1724 and before 1727; m. before 1719, DANIEL BIGLOW, bapt. 26 Mar. 1693, d. 14 May 1733, son of Jonathan and Mary (Olcott) Bigelow. He m. (2) ELIZABETH RISLEY.
- vi. AARON, b. 5 Dec. 1699; bapt. 17 Dec. 1699; d. 11 Feb. 1712.
- vii. EBENEZER, b. 28 Feb. 1701/2; bapt. 1 Mar. 1701/2; d. 18 Oct. 1702.
- viii. WILLIAM, b. 27 Nov. 1703; bapt. 31 Oct. [?] 1703; d. at East Hartford, in 1777; m. (1) ABIGAIL PITKIN, b. 21 Hartford, abt. 1707, dau. of Ozias and Elizabeth (Green) Pitkin; m. (2) HANNAH (PITKIN) OLcott, b. 8 June 1707, dau. of Nathaniel and Hester (Hosmer) Pitkin, widow of Nathaniel Olcott. His will, dated 10 May 1775, proved 6 Jan. 1778, named his wife Hannah; dau. Elizabeth Burnham, Abigail Belding, Anna Bidwell, Hannah Olmsted; son Ozias, he to be executor with son-in-law Nathan Belding. Children by first wife:
  1. Elizabeth,<sup>a</sup> m. (1) 14 Oct. 1736, Stephen Belden, b. at Norwich, Conn., 13 Dec. 1729, d. 8 Nov. 1764, son of Stephen and Obedience (Copp) Belden, m. (2) Ezra Burnham, b. 16 July 1721, d. 8 Dec. 1776, son of Lieut. Richard and Abigail (Easton) Burnham; m. (3) John Sage, b. at Middlesex, 13 Jan. 1726/7, d. there (before 6 Feb.), 1801, son of John and Mary (Hall) Sage.
  2. William, b. abt. 1732; d. 4 Dec. 1736.
  3. Ozias, b. abt. 1734; d. at Glastonbury, abt. 30 Mar. 1821; m. (1) Penelope Beckwith, b. abt. 1744, d. 30 Aug. 1770 in 27th yr. (g. s.), dau. of Rev. George and Sarah (Brown) Beckwith; m. (2) Esther (Brainard) Brooks, b. at Haddam, Conn., 9 Mar. 1748/9, d. at East Hartford, 3 Nov. 1801 in 53d yr., dau. of Phineas and Jerusha (Towner) Brainard, and widow of John Brooks; m. (3) ——— (Butler) Smith.
  4. Abigail, b. abt. 1736; d. at East Hartford, 6 Feb. 1818 ac. 82 (g. s.); m. Nathan Belden, b. at New London, Conn., 27 Nov. 1736, d. at East Hartford, 23 Aug. 1794 in 58th yr. (g. s.), son of Stephen and Obedience (Copp) Belden.
  5. Anna, bapt. 12 Mar. 1737/8; unm. 1775; according to *Bidwell Genealogy*, m. Daniel Hale, but we do not place him.
- ix. Children by second wife:
  6. William, bapt. 1 Nov. 1743; d. young.
  7. Hannah, b. abt. 1746; d. 14 Feb. 1819 ac. 72; m. 8 Apr. 1774, George Olmsted, b. at East Hartford, 10 Oct. 1735, d. 14 July 1792 ac. 47, son of Ashbel and Hannah (Pitkin) Olmsted.
- ix. LYNN, b. 29 Apr. 1766; bapt. 26 May 1766; opened Covenant at East Hartford, 21 Feb. 1784/5, and admitted to full communion, 31 May 1786; d. at East Hartford, 30 May 1789 ac. 77 (g. s.); m. 20 [Mar. 2] 1754, AARON BENTON, b. at Hartford, 24 Mar. 1704/5, d. at East Hartford, 18 Dec. 1780 ac. 75 (g. s.), son of Joseph and Sarah (Waters) Benton.

a. Manwaring's *Bidwell*, 2:533-4; which erroneously includes a son John.

b. *Bulletin of the Conn. Hist. Society*, 6:28.

g. Glastonbury Deeds, 8:252.

i. Chappel Clibee Kelsey. *The Kelsey Genealogy* (1829), 1:193-6.

l. See conveyance by heirs, 23 Nov. 1798, Glastonbury Deeds, 12:640.

j. Alfred Andrewes, *Andover Memorial* (1872), 201.

k. Samuel served as Corporal, and his brother Jonathan as Private, in the French War; Samuel's sons Thomas and Ephraim saw Revolutionary service. *Conn. Hist. Society Collections*, 9:120, 131, 216; 10:17, 118, 218; 12:188, 208.

l. See conveyance by heirs, 18 Sept. 1811, Glastonbury Deeds, 18:175.

5. Deacon DANIEL<sup>2</sup> BIDWELL (*John*), born at Hartford, Conn., about 1656, died at East Hartford, 29 Nov. 1719 in 63th yr. (g. s.); married first,

ELIZABETH ———; married second,

DOROTHY BEN-

TON, daughter of Andrew and Anne (Cole) Benton.

His will, dated August 1719, codicil 9 Nov. 1719, proved 5 Jan. 1719/20, named his wife; sons Daniel and William; daughters Mary, Hannah and Lydia; wife and son Daniel, executors. Inventory taken by Joseph Olmsted, Ozias Pitkin and Timothy Cowles, amounted to £581.17-7. The widow Dorothy on 4 Sept. 1720 was appointed guardian to her children, William, aged 17, and Lydia, aged 14. The estate was distributed, the same date, to the widow, Dorothy Bidwell, to Daniel, to Mary Bidwell, to Daniel Bigelow and his wife Hannah Bidwell, to Lydia Bidwell, and to William Bidwell.<sup>a</sup>

Children of Daniel and Elizabeth (———) Bidwell, born at Hartford:

1. DANIEL<sup>3</sup>, b. 19 Oct. 1682; bapt. 22 Oct. 1682; d. at East Hartford, 24 Aug. 1765; probably m. (1) by 1706, MARY<sup>4</sup> KILBOURNE [Kilbourne Family, No. 4, iii], bapt. 1 Aug. 1686; m. (2) after 1724, ESTHER<sup>5</sup> (———) BUCKLAND, widow of Charles Buckland (who died 23 Dec. 1751). His will, dated 11 Nov. 1760, proved 23 Sept. 1765, named wife Esther, daus. Elizabeth Loomis, Dorothy Treat; sons Daniel and Samuel Bidwell. Son Daniel and Mr. Joseph Cowles, executors. Witnesses: William Pitkin, Epaphras Pitkin, Ashbel Pitkin. Children by first wife, b. at East Hartford:

1. Elizabeth<sup>6</sup>, bapt. 1 Dec. 1706; d. 26 Feb. 1761; m. 17 Dec. 1729, Moses Loomis, b. 24 June 1696, d. 16 Feb. 1761, son of Moses and Joanna (Gibbs) Loomis.

2. Daniel, b. abt. 1708; d. at East Hartford, 4 Dec. 1777 in 69th yr. (g. s.); m. 5 Dec. 1733, Mary Ellsworth, b. at Windsor, 7 Jan. 1710, d. 26 Feb. 1777 in 67th yr. (g. s.), dau. of Thomas Ellsworth.

3. Samuel, b. abt. 1710; m. (1) Mary Pitkin, b. abt. 1720, d. at East Hartford, 9 Apr. 1756 in 36th yr. (g. s.), dau. of Caleb and Dorothy (Hills) Pitkin; m. (2) Hannah<sup>7</sup> (House) (Benton) Treat (House Family, No. 4, i), b. at Glastonbury, 12 July 1714, dau. of Joseph and Hannah (Porter) House, widow of Ephraim Benton and of Dorotheus Treat. One Mrs. Hannah Bidwell d. at East Hartford, 13 Jan. 1806 ac. 89.<sup>b</sup>

4. Dorothy, m. Matthias<sup>8</sup> Treat [see Treat Addendum, No. 2, i, v], b. abt. 1705, d. at East Hartford, abt. 1776, son of Matthias<sup>8</sup> and Hannah (Warren) Treat.

5. Mabel, bapt. 18 Oct. 1724; d. young.

ii. Elizabeth, bapt. 1 Jan. 1687/8; d. 24 June 1691.

- (10) Samuel, b. abt. 1779; d. at Glastonbury, 1 June 1836 ac. 57 (g. s.); m. 29 May 1800, Betsey Collins, b. at Wethersfield, abt. 1777, d. 19 Apr. 1846 ac. 69 (g. s.).
4. (probably) *Eunice*, m. at Glastonbury, 23 June 1763, Benjamin Curtiss of Hebron. He may be the Benjamin Curtiss of Colchester who m. 2 by jointure dated 15 June 1793, Hannah Hodge of Glastonbury; and whose will, made 25 Dec. 1793, proved 5 June 1794, named wife Hannah, sons Joseph, Benjamin, John, Nathaniel and George, and dau. Eunice wife of David Waters.
5. *Jonathan*, b. abt. 1740; d. at Glastonbury, 25 Nov. 1810 in 71st yr. (g. s.); m. at Glastonbury, 5 Jan. 1770, Hannah Matson, b. 27 Dec. 1745, d. 17 Oct. 1810 in 67th yr. (g. s.), dau. of Thomas and Rachel (Fox) Matson. His will, dated 10 Jan. 1810, proved 6 Dec. 1810, named wife Hannah; sons Jonathan and Russell; daus. Freedom Goodrich, Rachel Goodrich, Hannah Morley, Ruth Wickham, Lydia Bidwell, Nancy Bidwell, and Polly Hunt; two grandsons Rowell Chappell and Hiram Chappell; witnesses Jehiel Goodrich, John Hale, David Robinson, Jr. He served in several campaigns in the French and Indian War.<sup>2</sup> Children:<sup>3</sup>
- (1) Freedom,<sup>4</sup> b. 26 June 1771; m. at Glastonbury, 10 Dec. 1789, Luther Goodrich [Goodrich Family, No. 3, I, 7, (9)], of Chatham.
  - (2) Rachel, b. 18 Apr. 1772; m. David Goodrich [Goodrich Family, No. 6, II, 7], b. 2 Apr. 1769, son of David and Prudence (Benton) Goodrich.
  - (3) Hannah, b. 11 Apr. 1774; m. William Morley, Jr., son of William and Experience (Loveland) Morley [see Loveland Family, No. 3, I, 3, (1)].
  - (4) Ruth, b. 10 Mar. 1776; m. at Eastbury, 8 June 1794, Isaac Wickham, Thes res. (1811) Pawlet, Vt.
  - (5) Jonathan, b. 22 Jan. 1778.
  - (6) Lydia, b. 12 Dec. 1779; living unm. 1811.
  - (7) Russell, b. 22 June 1783.
  - (8) Polly, b. 4 Apr. 1785; m. 26 Oct. 1807, Maj. Sampson R. Hunt, b. [22 Feb. 1761], d. at Glastonbury, 29 July 1826 ac. 63-5-7 (g. s.), son of Robert Hunt of Canaan, Conn.
  - (9) Nancy, b. 24 Feb. 1787; m. Seth Blossom; res. (1811) Wells, Vt.

#### Child of Samuel and Sarah (Harris) Bidwell, born at Middletown:

viii. THADDEUS, b. 5 Dec. 1695; m. 5 Sept. 1716, EDWARD YEOMANS, b. in Stonington, Conn., 28 Mar. 1690, d. 16 June 1758, son of Samuel and Mary (Ellis) Yeomans.

#### Child of Samuel and Abigail (———) Bidwell, born at Middletown:

ix. Moses, b. 9 Jan. 1698/1700; m. 20 May 1729, DOROTHY WARD, b. at Middletown, 25 July 1711, d. in 1772, dau. of William and Abigail (Collins) Ward. Six children. She m. (2) —— Solomon.

a. *Manwaring's Digest*, 1:388.

b. *Ibid.*, 2:336-7.

c. *Ibid.*, 2:406.

d. Middletown Deeds, 10:173.

e. Cleveland Albee and Josephine Gettung Nichols, *Abbe-Abby Genealogy* (1916), II, q. v. for children.

f. Middletown Deeds, 5:471.

vii. NATHANIEL, b. 4 Nov. 1688; d. after 1758; m. at Glastonbury, 22 Dec. 1720, MARY KEENEY, dau. of Richard and Mary (Miles) Keene. On 12 June 1758, Thomas Goodrich, Jr., for £3, conveyed to Samuel Bidwell of Glastonbury, 30 rods with a dwelling house where Nathaniel Bidwell dwells, reserving life use for Nathaniel Bidwell and his wife.<sup>1</sup> Children, b. at Glastonbury (perhaps not a complete list):

1. Mary,<sup>2</sup> b. 15 Dec. 1721; d. at Berlin, Conn., 27 Jan. 1798; m. at Wethersfield, 30 Aug. 1744, Enoch Kelsey, b. at Wethersfield, 27 Aug. 1717, d. at Berlin, 2 June 1788, son of John and Mary (Buck) Kelsey; twelve children.<sup>3</sup>
2. Joseph, b. abt. 1726; d. at Glastonbury, 8 May 1796 in 70th yr. (g. s.); m. Ruth [probably Kelsey, b. at Wethersfield, 6 Dec. 1727], d. 14 Jan. 1794 in 67th yr. (g. s.), probably dau. of John and Mary (Buck) Kelsey. Administration on his estate was granted, 19 May 1796, to Barnabas Flanagan of Glastonbury and Charles Goodrich, Jr., of Chatham, who gave bond with John Hale. Children:<sup>4</sup>
  - (1) Ruth,<sup>5</sup> b. abt. 1749; d. 12 Jan. 1771 ae. 20 (g. s.).
  - (2) Lucy, b. abt. 1750; d. 29 Sept. 1769 ae. 18 (g. s.).
  - (3) Chloe, b. abt. 1752; d. 21 Sept. 1836 ae. 84; m. at Glastonbury, 5 Dec. 1770, George Butler, b. at Wethersfield, 22 Feb. 1740/50, d. 19 Aug. 1837, son of Daniel and Arimel (Churchill) Butler. They res. (1796) Pittsfield, Mass.
  - (4) Joseph, b. : d. 1 Oct. 17[—] ae. [—] (g. s.).
  - (5) Dorcas, m. Barnabas Flanagan.
  - (6) Anne, m. at Glastonbury, 30 Oct. 1783, Charles Goodrich, Jr., of Chatham [Goodrich Family, No. 3, i, 6, (1)].
  - (7) Lois, m. at Glastonbury, 6 Mar. 1783, Stephen Goodrich [Goodrich Family, No. 5, ii, 4], b. 28 Dec. 1766, son of Stephen and Dorothy (—) Goodrich. They res. (1796) Middlebury, Vt.
  - (8) John, b. abt. 1762; d. 9 Oct. 1777 in 16th yr. (g. s.).
  3. Samuel, b. abt. 1728; d. at Glastonbury, 14 Apr. 1799 in 71st yr. (g. s.); m. at Glastonbury, 7 Nov. 1751, Sarah Sparks, b. abt. 1731, d. 26 Aug. 1822 ae. 88 (g. s.), dau. of Thomas and Sarah (Keene) Sparks.<sup>6</sup> She m. (2) 5 Jan. 1806, Samuel Stratton. Children:
    - (1) Sarah,<sup>7</sup> b. 15 Jan. 1753; m. 11 May 1777, William Tryon, Jr., b. abt. 1752, d. at Glastonbury, 31 Aug. 1825 ae. 73 (g. s.), son of William and Phebe (—) Tryon.
    - (2) Thomas, m. 30 Apr. 1778, Elizabeth Brooks, b. 22 May 1759, dau. of John and Mary (Crofoot) Brooks.
    - (3) (probably) Eunice, m. at Glastonbury, 15 Dec. 1785, Thomas Tryon, son of William and Phebe (—) Tryon.
    - (4) Ephraim, said to have become insane and hanged himself; m. 6 Jan. 1783, Dorcas Andrus, b. abt. 1762, d. 24 May 1835 ae. 73, dau. of Daniel and Anna (Eddy) Andrus.<sup>8</sup>
    - (5) David, b. abt. 1765; d. at Glastonbury, 26 Dec. 1841 ae. 76 (g. s.); m. at Glastonbury, 15 Mar. 1787, Mabel Taylor, b. abt. 1759, d. 21 Oct. 1840 ae. 81 (g. s.), dau. of Stephen and Elizabeth (—) Taylor.
    - (6) Joseph.
    - (7) Jonathan.
    - (8) Prudence.
    - (9) Betsey.

Abigail Sumner, Mary Bidwell, Hannah Bidwell, and Thankful Bidwell; wife Abigail and son Moses Bidwell to have house and homestead, and wife to be sole executrix. He also refers to his brother-in-law, Thomas Stow, and the will of his father Stow. Witnesses: Daniel Harris, Sr., Samuel Miller. Inventory taken 25 April 1715; £977.5.6.<sup>b</sup>

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Children of Samuel and Elizabeth (Stow) Bidwell, born at Middletown:

- i. ~~SARAH~~<sup>3</sup>, b. 20 Sept. 1674; d. after 2 Mar. 1759; m. 15 Dec. 1698, WILLIAM<sup>2</sup> BRAINERD (*Daniel*<sup>1</sup>), b. at Haddam, 30 Mar. 1673/4; d. after 10 Sept. 1747; res. Haddam Neck. Seven children, one of whom, Rev. Chiliah (1708-1739, Yale Coll. 1731) was minister at Eastbury in Glastonbury, 1736-38.
- ii. SAMUEL, b. 10 June 1677; d. at Middletown, Mar. 1726/7; m. (1) 1 Nov. 1707, ANN STANBOROUGH, b. at Southampton, L. L. abt. 1688, d. between 1711 and 1715, dau. of Peregrine and Sarah (James) Stanborough; m. (2) 2 Dec. 1715, MARY BARNES, b. at New Haven, Conn., 21 Nov. 1679, d. by 1731, dau. of Thomas Barnes. Records of his estate mention the widow Mary and the four children; the son Daniel, aged 15, on 17 May 1733 chose his uncle, Lieut. Hezekiah Sumner, for guardian; and Mary may possibly have died by then, though administration on her estate was not granted until 13 Sept. 1731, to Hezekiah Sumner.<sup>c</sup> Children by first wife, b. at Middletown:  
 1. *Samuel*,<sup>1</sup> b. 24 Oct. 1708; weak-minded.  
 2. *Ann*, b. 2 May 1710; d. before 1744 when John Crowell and wife Sarah conveyed to brother Daniel Bidwell, right of sister Ann Bidwell in estate of father Samuel Bidwell.<sup>d</sup>
- Children by second wife, b. at Middletown:  
 3. *Daniel*, b. 18 Nov. 1717; d. at Portland, 28 Feb. 1791 ae. 75 (g. s.); m. at Middletown, 25 Dec. 1740, Agnes Abbe, b. abt. 1717, d. at Middletown, 30 Aug. 1765 in 48th yr. (g. s., Portland), dau. of Benjamin and Mary (Tryon) Abbe.<sup>e</sup>  
 4. *Sarah*, b. 29 Jan. 1718/19; m. 27 Feb. 1739/40, John Crowell, who d. at Middletown, 26 Nov. 1749.
- iii. MARY, b. 8 Jan. 1679/80; living 1733, unm. On 19 May 1733, she conveyed, in return for maintenance, to her brothers-in-law and sisters, William Brainard and wife Sarah, Caleb Brainard and wife Elizabeth, all of Haddam, and Lieut. Hezekiah Somner and Abigail his wife of Middletown, lands received by will of father, Samuel Bidwell.<sup>f</sup>
- iv. ELIZABETH, b. abt. 1682; d. at Haddam, 20 Oct. 1758 in 78th yr.; m. 1 May 1701, CALEB<sup>2</sup> BRAINERD (*Daniel*<sup>1</sup>), b. 20 Nov. 1676, d. 11 Aug. 1742 in 66th yr. Six children.
- v. ABIGAIL, b. abt. 1684; d. at Middletown, in 1773; m. (1) 10 Feb. 1703/4, Lieut. HEZEKIAH SUMNER, b. at Boston, Mass., 21 Feb. 1682/3, d. at Middletown, 7 May 1749 ae. 65 (g. s.), son of Dea. William and Hannah (———) Sumner; m. (2) at Cromwell, 1 Nov. 1753, Lieut. SAMUEL<sup>2</sup> FRARY [Frary Family, No. 3], b. 15 Apr. 1674, d. 1 Aug. 1762.
- vi. HANNAH, b. abt. 1686; d. at Middletown, 22 Aug. 1725 ae. 40 (g. s.); m. at Middletown, 18 July 1717, RICHARD TURNER, b. at Middletown, 4 Mar. 1677/8, d. there in 1769, son of Edward and Mary (Sanford) Turner. He m. (2) 2 July 1735, Sarah Hubbard. Three children, all by Hannah. His will, dated 21 Feb. 1767, proved 3 July 1769, mentions his "late wife," and granddaughter Hannah Turner, only child of his son Sanford Turner dec'd.

- (8) Ephraim, b. abt. 1775; on 16 Mar. 1791, ae. 15, he chose Benjamin Bidwell for his guardian. He is called son of Ephraim of Glastonbury, dec'd and it must be concluded that his guardian was an older brother.
6. Son (twm), b. 21 Oct. 1720; d. 2 Nov. 1720.
7. *Jonathan*, b. 24 Aug. 1722; d. 17 Apr. 1725.
8. *Hezekiah*, b. 1 Apr. 1725; d. before 9 June 1795, when Eunice Bidwell and Jacob Humason gave bond as administrators, with John Howe surety; m. Eunice ——. He conveyed, 23 June 1774, to his sister, Hannah Smith.<sup>10</sup> Distribution of his estate was made to the widow, the heirs of Joseph Bidwell, and the heirs of Ephraim Bidwell. Child:
- (1) Elmice,<sup>11</sup> b. in 1757; apparently d. young.
9. *David*, b. [say 1727]; served in the French and Indian War;<sup>12</sup> d. before 5 June 1769, when Hezekiah Bidwell was appointed administrator and gave bond with David Smith. Distribution was made 15 Apr. 1770 to brothers Ephraim Bidwell and Hezekiah Bidwell; sister Hannah Smith; and Rachel Wolcott and Mary Peas, heirs of Joseph Bidwell dec'd.
- vi. *Lamx*, b. 15 May 1689<sup>13</sup> d. at Springfield, Mass., 9 Feb. 1718/19; m. 24 May 1717 *ELEAZER FOOTE*, b. at Hatfield, Mass., 5 Sept. 1684, d. at Brimfield, Mass., 17 Nov. 1758, son of Samuel and Mary (Merrick) Foote.
- vii. *Mary*, b. 18 Mar. 1692. On 27 Mar. 1719, Marah Bidwell of Glastonbury, daughter of Joseph Bidwell of Glastonbury Sen<sup>14</sup> Dec<sup>15</sup>, conveyed to brother Ephraim Bidwell of Glastonbury; recorded 1753.<sup>16</sup>

a. *Manwaring's Digest*, 1:1089-10, 158.

b. *Ibid.*, 1:103.

c. *Glastonbury Deeds*, 3:140.

d. *Ibid.*, 3:599.

e. *Manwaring's Digest*, 3:509-11.

f. *Glastonbury Deeds*, 3:256.

g. *Chandler Wolcott, Wolcott Genealogy* (1912), 92.

h. *Conn. Hist. Society Collections*, 10:186.

i. *Ibid.*, 10:190.

j. *Ibid.*, 8:122-1227.

k. *Ibid.*, 8:202.

l. *David Pease: Descendants of John Pease* (1860), 12, 26, 338.

m. *Glastonbury Deeds*, 8:132.

n. *Conn. Hist. Society Collections*, 9:227, 243; 10:199, 211.

o. Lydia Bidwell of Wethersfield had a child born 14 Apr. 1718, and named Leonard Dyx, son of John Dyx, but Leonard could not appear, being absent in the Expedition against Port Royal (Hartford County Court Records).

p. *Glastonbury Deeds*, 6:6.

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4. *Dacon SAMUEL Bidwell (John)*, born at Hartford, Conn., about 1654, died at Middletown, Conn., 5 Apr. 1715, aged 61 (gravestone); married at Middletown, 14 Nov. 1672, *ELIZABETH STOW*,<sup>17</sup> who died probably between 1690 and 1694, daughter of Thomas and Mary (Griggs) Stow;<sup>18</sup> married second, by 1695, *SARAH HARRIS*, born at Middletown, 30 Sept. 1673, died between 1695 and 1699, daughter of Capt. Daniel and Mary (Weld) Harris; married third, by 1699, *ANGAIL* ——, who died at Middletown, 8 Mar. 1732/3.

The will of Samuel Bidwell, dated 23 March 1715, named sons, Samuel and Nathaniel Bidwell; daughters, *Sarah Brainard*, Elizabeth Brainard,

conveyed for love to her minor sons, Joseph and Benjamin, reserving life use of a third.<sup>2</sup> Administration on the estates of Joseph and Benjamin Bidwell of Glastonbury was granted, 1 Feb. 1763, to Justus Wolcott of Wethersfield, Gamaliel Deming surety. He complained that Ephraim and Hezekiah Bidwell of Glastonbury had some of the movables in their hands. Children, b. at Glastonbury:

- (1) Rachel,<sup>3</sup> b. 27 Mar. 1737; d. 29 May 1778; m. at Newington, Conn., 24 Mar. 1760, Justus Wolcott, b. 1 Feb. 1753, d. at Painted Post, N. Y., 29 Apr. 1831, son of George and Mary (Hartwell) Wolcott. Res. Newington, and Painted Post, N. Y.<sup>4</sup>
- (2) Joseph, b. abt. 1738. He enlisted 22 Apr. 1760 in the Company of Capt. Samuel Gaylord and was reported dead 25 Sept. 1760.<sup>5</sup>
- (3) Benjamin, b. abt. 1741. He enlisted 26 Mar. 1760 in the Company of Capt. David Hubbard, Jr., and was entered under "Time of Death or Discharge" 10 Sept. 1760, probably date of death, as most of the men were discharged 25 Nov.<sup>6</sup>
- (4) Mary, b. abt. 1743; d. probably at Ellington, Conn.; m. 17 Nov. 1765, Jonathan Pease, b. at Enfield, 11 Sept. 1740, son of Joseph and Mary (Spencer) Pease.<sup>7</sup>

4. Benjamin, b. 10 June 1719; d. s. p.

5. Ephraim (twin), b. 31 Oct. 1720; d. before 27 May 1777, when Elizur Hubbard gave bond as administrator, with John Welles, Jr., surety; m. Rebecca Burnham, mentioned 1784 in probate testimony and listed at Glastonbury in the 1790 Census with a family of two females, doubtless herself and her unmarried daughter Elizabeth. Children (Allen and Elizabeth named in probate testimony in 1784):

- (1) Joseph,<sup>8</sup> served in the Revolution under Capt. Samuel Welles of Glastonbury in 1776;<sup>9</sup> d. of smallpox at Milford, Conn., 12 Jan. 1777. His father went to nurse him, contracted the disease and died.
- (2) Allen, b. abt. 1759; d. at Langdon, Sullivan Co., N. H., 2 Aug. 1822; m. Anna Wood, b. abt. 1759, d. at Langdon, 10 July 1840. Nine children. He enlisted 21 Apr. 1779 for service on the ship *Oliver Cromwell* and is entered as deserted.<sup>10</sup> He moved in 1808 to Charlestown, N. H., later to Langdon. At Glastonbury in the 1790 Census, he then had a boy under 16 and three females in his family.
- (3) Elizabeth.
- (4) Daniel, said to have moved to Vermont or New Hampshire; given solely on the authority of the *Bidwell Genealogy*.
- (5) (possibly) Joanna, b. [say 1763]; called "cousin" in the will of her aunt Hannah (Bidwell) Smith; m. at Wethersfield (but called of Glastonbury), 27 Oct. 1783, Abel Lewis of Wethersfield. He was listed at Glastonbury in the 1790 Census with a boy under 16 and two females.
- (6) Benjamin, b. abt. 1767; d. s. p. at East Hartford, 1827-32; not listed in Conn. in the 1790 Census and given on the authority of the *Bidwell Genealogy*.
- (7) Salmon, is said by the *Bidwell Genealogy* to have m. Elizabeth McClen at Wethersfield and to have moved to Middletown, but he had a wife Katharine at Stepney [Rocky Hill] in 1809.

Keeney took the inventory, and the Court ordered him to hold the estate until further order. The Court found, 20 Apr. 1681, that Henry and Elizabeth Arnold, and Joseph and Mary Bidwell, had assigned their right in the estate of their brother, John Colefax, to Jonathan Colefax.<sup>8</sup>

The will of Joseph Bidwell of Wethersfield, dated 2 June 1692, gave his wife the entire estate for maintenance and bringing up the children; if she remarries, the children to receive equal shares except wife's dower; his wife to be executrix; Deacon Samuel Butler and "my brother" Jonathan Colefax to be overseers. Witnesses: Sarah wife of William House and Elizabeth wife of Henry Arnold. Inventory taken 17 June 1692: £254.4.0. The names and ages of the six children are appended.<sup>9</sup>

Children of Joseph and Mary (Colefax) Bidwell, born at Wethersfield:

- i. MARY,<sup>2</sup> b. 12 Mar. 1675/6; bapt. 19 Mar. 1676; d. young.
- ii. ASSEY, b. 2 Oct. 1678; bapt. 17 Oct. 1678; d. at Middletown, Conn., 29 Mar. 1748; m. (1) 1 Nov. 1705, JONATHAN SAGE of Middletown, b. there abt. 1674; d. there 10 Dec. 1712, son of David and Mary (—) Sage; m. (2) at Middletown, 6 Jan. 1714/15, WILLIAM WATTS.
- iii. JOSEPH, b. 20/21 Jan. 1680/1; bapt. 10 Apr. 1681; no further record.
- iv. BENJAMIN, b. 15 Sept. 1683; no further record.
- v. EPHRAIM, b. 16 Aug. 1686; d. at Glastonbury, in 1753; m. at Wallingford, Conn., 3 Nov. 1713, ELIZABETH LEWIS, b. at Wallingford, 15 Oct. 1695, dau. of Ebenezer and Elizabeth (Merriman) Lewis. His will, dated 15 Dec. 1753, proved 1 Feb. 1754, named sons Ephraim, Hezekiah and David; daughter Hannah Bidwell; grandchildren, Joseph, Benjamin, Rachel and Mary Bidwell. Witnesses: Jonathan Hale, Benoni House, Hannah Fox. Children, b. at Glastonbury:
  1. Mary,<sup>3</sup> b. 19 Sept. 1714; d. 15 Apr. 1742; m. 17 Oct. 1711, Job Risley, b. 1714 (g. s.), d. 1797 (1798 by g. s.), son of Samuel and Rebecca (Gaines) Risley. No surviving issue.
  2. Hannah, b. 6 May 1716; d. at Glastonbury, in 1786; m. 2 May 1754 (as his second wife), Richard Smith, b. 8 Aug. 1705, d. 16 May 1774; no issue. Richard Smith and his wife Hannah conveyed, 31 Jan. 1775, to their brother, Hezekiah Bidwell.<sup>10</sup> Her will, dated 7 Oct. 1785, proved 9 Mar. 1786, named her cousin Joanne Bidwell of Glastonbury, and cousins Hannah Wolcott, Sabra Wolcott and Rachel Wolcott; residue to be equally divided among these four by Mrs. Mary Wright and Mrs. Mercy Wright.
  3. Joseph, b. 20 Aug. 1717; d. at Glastonbury, in 1745; m. Mary Wright. She m. (2) — Bartlett. James Wright of Wethersfield conveyed for love, 15 Dec. 1742, to his daughter Mary Bidwell of Glastonbury; recorded 3 Oct. 1745.<sup>11</sup> Administration on Joseph's estate was granted, 6 June 1746, to his widow Mary, with James Wright, Jr., surety. Inventory taken 30 Oct. 1745: £115.13.6. Ephraim Bidwell was appointed guardian, 3 June 1746, to the four children, Rachel, aged 8, Joseph, 6, Benjamin, 3, and Mary. Gideon Hale of Middletown appeared as attorney for some of the heirs, 5 June 1753. The widow was Mary Bartlett in 1754, and Ephraim Bidwell then became guardian to Joseph, about 15, Benjamin, about 12, and Mary, about 10.<sup>12</sup> On 29 June 1756, Mary Bidwell of Glastonbury

2. *Abigail*, b. 18 Aug. 1713; bapt. 23 Aug. 1713.
3. *Jonathan*, b. 12 Jan. 1714/15; bapt. 16 Jan. 1714/15; d. at Windsor (Bloomfield), 10 June 1787 in 73d yr. (g. s.); m. 6 Aug. 1740, Hannah Hubbard, who d. 26 Feb. 1794, dau. of John and Agnes (—) Hubbard.<sup>4</sup>
4. *Adonijah*, b. 18 Oct. 1716; bapt. 28 Oct. 1716; d. 2 June 1784; thrice married.
- v. *JONATHAN*, b. 15 Mar. 1683/4; bapt. 16 Mar. 1683/4; d. at Hartford, between 4 Nov. and 17 Dec. 1712; m. 25 Dec. 1711, *MARHTA BUTLER*, b. at Southampton, N. Y., 18 Jan. 1687/8; d. 26 Feb. 1725 ac. 46 (g. s.), dau. of Samuel and Sarah (—) Butler. Child, b. at Hartford:
1. *Martha*,<sup>5</sup> bapt. 2 Nov. 1712; d. 19 May 1790. She lived in Boston, Mass., 1749 and 1757.<sup>6</sup>
- vi. *ABIGAIL*, bapt. 4 Apr. 1686; d. young.
- vii. *DAVID*, bapt. 25 Feb. 1687/8; d. at Hartford, 21 June 1758 ac. 70 (g. s.); m. at Hartford, 8 July 1713, *MARYWEBSTER*, b. 8 Mar. 1690/1, dau. of Jonathan and Dorcas (Hopkins) Webster. Eight children.\*
- viii. *JAMES*, bapt. Dec. 1691; d. at Hartford, 7 May 1718 ac. 26 (g. s.); m. 3 Dec. 1713, *RUTH STANLEY*, b. at Hartford, 1 July 1696, d. 8 Aug. 1778[?], dau. of (Capt.) Caleb and Sarah (Foster) (Moore) (Long) Stanley. She m. (2) at Coventry, Conn., 14 Nov. 1726, Benjamin Palmer. Child:
1. *James*,<sup>7</sup> b. 26 July 1716; bapt. 29 July 1716; d. Jan. 1782; m. at Hartford, 12 Jan. 1746/7, *Mary Norton*, b. 20 May 1730, d. 1 Jan. 1761.

a. *Conn. Hist. Society Collections*, 11:104-2.

b. *Manwaring's Digest*, 1:104-5.

c. *Ibid.*, 2:19-21.

d. Martha Bidwell of Hartford conveyed 2 Sept. 1724 to William House of Glastonbury, land that came to my late husband, Jonathan Bidwell, by descent from his father, John Bidwell; and 23 Feb. 1733/4, Martha Bidwell, Jr., of Hartford, conveyed to William House of Glastonbury, right from father, Jonathan Bidwell dec'd [Glastonbury Deeds, 4:154, 155]. Martha Bidwell, "Resident in Boston," daughter and heir to Jonathan Bidwell formerly of Hartford, sold 14 Feb. 1718/9, for £60, to John Bidwell, Jr., of Hartford, land laid out on the right of her grandfather, John Bidwell, formerly of Hartford, dec'd, being a fifth of 16 acres; and 21 Nov. 1737 she sold to John Bidwell a fifth of 3½ acres laid out to John Bidwell, also 1/25 of 18 acres laid out in the right of Mrs. Hannah Wells, formerly of Hartford, dec'd. [Hartford Deeds, 7:20; 9:212.] Martha was the only child mentioned in the will of Jonathan,<sup>8</sup> the only child baptized to him, and the above deeds prove she was his only heir. The *Bidwell Genealogy* and the *History of Windsor* (2:52) err in making Jonathan's son of Thomas,<sup>9</sup> another child of Jonathan.<sup>10</sup>

e. For whom see W. H. and M. R. Webster, *The Webster Genealogy* (1913), 22, 96-8.

3. *JOSEPH<sup>2</sup> BIDWELL (John<sup>1</sup>)*, born [say 1650], died at Wethersfield, Conn., June 1692; married at Wethersfield, 18 May 1675, *MARY COLEFAX*, born at Wethersfield, February 1656, daughter of William and Alice (—) Colefax.

William and Alice Colefax had four children born at Wethersfield: Elizabeth, April 1653; John, February 1654/5; Mary, February 1656/7; and Jonathan, February 1658/9. William Colefax died before 20 Sept. 1660, when his estate was inventoried. The widow was instructed, 6 June 1661, not to marry again before security be given for the children's portions. Evidently she was then about to marry Alexander Keeney, as the eldest of her seven children by him was born about 1662. She did marry him and died 23 Feb. 1682/3. The son, John Colefax, died before 1 Dec. 1676, when Alexander

## Children of John and Sarah (Welles) Bidwell, born at Hartford:

- i. JOHN,<sup>3</sup> b. 1 Sept. 1679; bapt. 8 Aug. [?] 1679; d. at East Hartford, 30 Sept. 1751 ae. 72 (g. s.); will dated 23 Oct. 1747, proved 22 Nov. 1751; m. HANNAH PITKIN, b. 30 May 1684, d. 14 Jan. 1751 ae. 66 (g. s.), dau. of Capt. Roger and Hannah (Stanley) Pitkin. His will, dated 25 Oct. 1747, proved 22 Nov. 1751, named wife Hannah; son John; grandson Stephen Bidwell, only son and heir of son Zebulon dec'd; son Joseph; son Roger; dau. Ruth Loomis; daus. Sarah, Hannah and Jerusha Bidwell. Children:
- 1. Ruth,<sup>4</sup> bapt. 13 Aug. 1704; m. 13 Apr. 1727, Henry Loomis, b. 14 Sept. 1701, d. at Windsor, Conn., 8 Aug. 1778, son of James and Mindwell [2, 2, 2, 2] Loomis.
  - 2. John, bapt. 16 Feb. 1706/7; d. 14 June 1765 in 59th yr. (g. s.); m. Mabel Gilman, b. 1711, d. 1 Oct. 1776 ae. 65 (g. s.), dau. of Solomon and Hannah (Kilbourn) Gilman. His will, not dated (signed in the winter of 1763 according to the witnesses), proved 12 July 1765, named wife Mabel; sons John, Zebulon and Elisia; daus. Mabel, Luerema and Ruth (unn. and under age); witnesses, Josiah Gilman, William Pitkin, Jr., Abigail Pitkin.
  - 3. Zebulon, b. abt. 1708; d. 28 Mar. 1731 ae. 23 (g. s.); m. in 1730, Mary Gilman, b. abt. 1707, d. 25 July 1750 ae. 43 (g. s.), dau. of Solomon and Hannah (Kilbourn) Gilman. She m. (2) Jonathan Rose. Only child:
    - (1) Stephen,<sup>5</sup> b. abt. 1731; d. at Manchester, 26 May 1806 ae. 75 (g. s.); m. Rebecca Keeney, who d. 6 Oct. 1813. Their son, Zebulon,<sup>6</sup> m. Sarah Hale [Hale Family, No. 22, v].
  - 4. Joseph, b. abt. 1710; d. 3 Oct. 1798 ae. 88 (g. s.); Dr. and Deacon; m. Hannah Rockwell, b. 23 Dec. 1717; d. 13 Jan. 1806 ae. 89 (g. s.), dau. of Joseph and Hannah (Huntington) Rockwell.
  - 5. Sarah.
  - 6. Roger, b. 1714; d. 28 Dec. 1782 in 68th yr. (g. s.); m. Rhoda Easton, b. 1721, d. 24 Aug. 1782 in 61st yr. (g. s.), dau. of Timothy and Prudence (Buckland) Easton.
  - 7. Hannah.
  - 8. Jerusha.
  - 9. Susannah, bapt. 19 Jan. 1723/4; d. young.
- ii. HANNAH, b. 31 Aug. 1680; d. at Farmington, 8 Apr. 1707; m. 11 Apr. 1706, JOSEPH JUDD, b. 1652; d. at Farmington, in 1757, son of Lieut. John and Mary (Howkins) Judd. He m. (2) 5 June 1713, Sarah Winchell.
- iii. SARAH, b. 19 Aug. 1681; bapt. 23 Oct. 1681; d. at Wethersfield, 3 Dec. 1744 in 63d yr. (g. s.); m. (1) at First Church, Hartford, 20 Sept. 1707, Capt. JOSHUA<sup>3</sup> ROBBINS [Robbins Family, No. 1, v. 1], b. at Wethersfield, 21 Oct. 1681, d. there 30 May 1733 in 52d yr. (g. s.), son of Joshua<sup>2</sup> and Elizabeth (Rose) Robbins; m. (2) Capt. THOMAS<sup>4</sup> WELLES (Robert,<sup>2</sup> John,<sup>2</sup> Thomas<sup>1</sup>).
- iv. THOMAS, b. 27 Dec. 1682; bapt. 31 Dec. 1682; d. at Hartford (before 17 Sept.) 1716; m. at First Church, Hartford, 23 Mar. 1709/10, PRUDENCE SCOTT, b. abt. 1683, d. at Bloomfield, Conn., 14 Feb. 1763 ae. 80, dau. of Edward and Elizabeth (Webster) Scott. Children, b. at Hartford:
- 1. Thomas,<sup>5</sup> b. 16 May 1711; bapt. 20 May 1711; d. at New Hartford, Conn., between 7 Dec. 1746 and 14 Jan. 1746/7; m. at Simsbury, Conn., 21 Jan. 1738/9, Ruhamah Pinney, b. at Windsor, 3 Mar. 1725/6, dau. of Nathaniel and Elizabeth (———) Pinney. She m. (2) Ephraim Wilcocks.

Hannah (Bentham) Beach; b. at Wallingford, Dec. 1708, widow of Samuel Beach.<sup>a</sup>

- <sup>a.</sup> Conn., *Hist. Society Collections*, 14: 116-8, 476.
- <sup>b.</sup> Charles E. Banks, Items from the Medfield Journal of John Winthrop, Jr.
- <sup>c.</sup> Matherwaring's *Digest*, 1:224-5.
- <sup>d.</sup> *Ibid.*, 2:39-4.
- <sup>e.</sup> The supposition that the eldest son, John, was by a former wife, as set forth in *The Ancestry of William Francis Joseph Bourne* (1909), 127-9, seems to us contrary to the evidence.
- <sup>f.</sup> *Colonial Records of Connecticut*, 5:143, 506.
- <sup>g.</sup> Matherwaring's *Digest*, 2:300.
- <sup>h.</sup> *Ibid.*, 3:345-6.
- <sup>i.</sup> *Colonial Records of Connecticut*, 6:101, 7:223.
- <sup>j.</sup> Matherwaring's *Digest*, 2:84.
- <sup>k.</sup> *Ibid.*, 2:142-4.
- <sup>l.</sup> *Ibid.*, 2:146-7.
- <sup>m.</sup> Harriet Weeks (Wadham) Stevens, *Wadham's Genealogy* (1912).
- <sup>n.</sup> Nathaniel and Susannah Beckwith of East Haddam conveyed 17 Apr. 1777 to Nathan Dickenson, right from estate of brother, Enos Wadham; Glastonbury Deeds, 8:162. *Vide Beckwith* No. 1, 2:36, 372, 6:26.
- <sup>o.</sup> The will of Noah Wadham, dated 10 Feb. 1716, proved 6 May 1788, named sons Jonathan, John, Solomon and Seth; also, "my Loving Children . . . Noah Westham . . . Hannah the wife of Silas Richmond and her children Elizabeth the wife of Zephaniah Beach the children of Mary once the wife of John Hoy which Mary is since Deceased & Anna the wife of John Hoy." The daughter Hannah m. (1) 27 Jan. 1712/3, Timothy Tuttle, and (2) 29 Mar. 1762, Silas Richmond.

<sup>2.</sup> JOHN<sup>2</sup> BIDWELL (*John*<sup>1</sup>), born about 1648, died at Hartford, Conn., 3 July 1692; married at Hartford, 7 Nov. 1678, SARAH<sup>2</sup> WELLES [Welles Family, No. 1, iv, 3], born at Hartford, Apr. 1659, died there about 1709, daughter of Thomas<sup>2</sup> and Hannah (Tuttle) (Pantry) Welles.

The lands of "John Biddoll Junr" were entered in the Hartford book of "Distribution of Lands," beginning with a parcel bought of Joseph Mygatt, 22 June 1676; 3½ acres bought of Samuel Hall [Hale] 10 March 1682/3; 8 acres bought of Joseph Bull; a parcel due to his wife from her brother Jonathan [Welles]'s estate; a parcel bought 26 Aug. 1681 of Thomas Long; and additional land bought of Joseph Mygatt, Sr., and his son Joseph.<sup>a</sup>

Administration on John Bidwell's estate was granted, 28 July 1692, to his widow Sarah. Inventory: £1081.6.0. On 1 Sept. 1692, the Court appointed Ichabod Welles, Daniel Bidwell, and Joseph Mygatt to assist the widow and to be overseers of the children.<sup>b</sup>

Administration on the estates of John Bidwell and Sarah Bidwell, the relict, was granted, 7 March 1708/9, to the sons John and Thomas Bidwell, and another son, James, aged 17, chose his brother Thomas Bidwell for his guardian. Inventory: £462.16.8. Distribution was ordered, 11 Jan. 1710/11, to the eldest son, John Bidwell, and to Thomas, Jonathan, David, James, the heirs of Hannah Judd, and Sarah Robbins. Appeal from the order was taken by Thomas Bidwell, and also by Joseph Judd of Farmington (who married the said Hannah) on behalf of his minor son, Joseph Judd.<sup>c</sup>

2. *Hannah*, b. 25 Oct. 1680; m. 25 Aug. 1698, David Tryon, b. [say 1673], d. at Wethersfield in 1730, son of William and —— (—) Tryon.
3. *Susannah*, b. 3 Jan. 1682/3; m. 3 Apr. 1707, Ebenezer Dickinson, bapt. at Hartford, 7 Nov. 1679, d. at Wethersfield, 19 July 1752 in 72d yr. (g. s.), son of Thomas and Hannah (Crow) Dickinson.
4. *John* (twin), b. 5 Apr. 1687; d. at Glastonbury, in 1742; will 31 Oct. 1741, proved 4 May 1742; m. 2 Apr. 1719, Charity Dickinson [Loveland Family, No. 2, i, 3], b. at Glastonbury, Apr. 1699, d. there in 1781, dau. of Thomas and Mary<sup>2</sup> (Loveland) Dickinson. She m. (2) —— White. The will of Charity White of Glastonbury made 23 Mar. 1778, proved 3 Dec. 1781, named son Caleb's heirs, dau. Susannah Beckwith, John Waddams, "Mary Willkson heirs," grandson Theodore Hollister, son Ichabod Waddams, dau. Charity Hollister's Heirs; son Nathaniel Beckwith, executor. Beckwith refused 6 Nov. 1781, by reason of age and infirmities, and Theodore Hollister gave bond, 4 Mar. 1783, as administrator, with Elizur Hollister, surety. Children, b. at Glastonbury:
- (1) *Caleb*,<sup>4</sup> b. 20 Jan. 1719/20; d. at Pittsfield, Mass., 22 July 1761; m. ——, who d. at Pittsfield, 16 Sept. 1785. Administration granted 25 Nov. 1766, to John Waddams of Sheffield, Mass., with Abraham Skinner, Jr., of Glastonbury surety. Children: Caleb, Abraham, Hannah, Mary, Anna. David Blish had an undivided right with the heirs.
  - (2) *Susannah*, b. 2 Nov. 1721; d. at East Haddam, Conn., 25 Dec. 1809 ae. 88; m. Nathaniel Beckwith, b. at East Haddam, 11 Dec. 1728, son of Nathaniel and Abigail (Huntley) Beckwith.<sup>5</sup>
  - (3) *Mary*, b. 27 Feb. 1725/6; m. 23 Jun. 1745/6, Robert Wilkinson.
  - (4) *John*, b. 25 Apr. 1726; of Sheffield, Mass., 1766; of New Lebanon, Berkshire Co., Mass., 1769; d. at Canaan (Lebanon Springs), N. Y., 3 Aug. 1812; m. at Lebanon, Conn., 3 Nov. 1757, Eunice Porter.
  - (5) *Charity*, b. 1 Aug. 1729; m. 17 Sept. 1749, Charles Hollister, Jr. [Hollister Family, No. 12, i].
  - (6) *Enos*, b. 18 Dec. 1731; d. in 1756. Administration granted, 1 June 1756, to Caleb and John Waddams, with Abraham Forbes of Hartford surety.
  - (7) *Sarah*, b. 9 Nov. 1734.
  - (8) *Daniel*, b. 20 May 1737.
  - (9) *Ichabod*, b. 1742; d. in 1802; m. Lucinda Holmes, b. 24 Apr. 1756, d. 20 Sept. 1811.
5. *Sarah* (twin), b. 5 Apr. 1687; m. 9 June 1709, John Dix, b. at Wethersfield, 17 or 20 Feb. 1684/5, d. there 6 Mar. 1770 ae. 86 (g. s.), son of John and Rebecca (—) Dix.
6. *Daniel*, b. 13 Sept. 1689; an idiot.
7. *Caleb*, b. 1 Nov. 1692; d. 23 Oct. 1711.
8. *Noah*, b. 10 Aug. 1695; d. at Goshen, Conn., 1783 ae. 88; m. (1) 8 Mar. 1716, Elizabeth Sage, b. 26 Oct. 1693, d. 6 Sept. 1716, dau. of David, Jr., and Mary (Coulter) Sage; m. (2) 18 Apr. 1718, Ann Hurlbut, b. at Wethersfield, 2 Aug. 1701, dau. of Nathan and Mary (Blinn) Hurlbut; m. (3)

3. *Mary*, bapt. 4 Feb. 1671/2; d. at Wethersfield, Conn., 17 Mar. 1739/40; m. 27 Oct. 1693, Joseph Belden, b. at Wethersfield, 23 Apr. 1663, d. there 7 Dec. 1724 ac. 62 (g. s.), son of John and Lydia (Standish) Belden.
4. *Sarah*, bapt. 19 Apr. 1674; d. 22 July 1741 in 69th yr.; m. abt. 1694, Thomas Spencer, b. abt. 1668, d. 14 June 1761, son of Obadiah and Mary (Dissborough) Spencer.
- ~~5. *Samuel*, bapt. 27 Aug. 1676; d. at East Hartford, 18 Apr. 1723 in 60th yr.~~
- (g. s.); m. ~~Mary<sup>2</sup>~~ Bidwell [No. 5, iv], b. 18 Sept. 1694, d. 18 Jan. 1730 ac. 35 (g. s.), dau. of Dea. Daniel<sup>2</sup> and Dorothy (Benton) Bidwell. He was commissioned Ensign of the Hartford east side company, May 1718, and Lieutenant, May 1730.<sup>1</sup> Administration on his estate was granted, 5 June 1733, to his brother, John Meakins, who gave bond with Thomas Burr. The estate was distributed by agreement; 2/7 to John Meakins, 1/7 to Mary Belding, 1/7 to Thomas and Sarah Spencer, 1/7 to Thomas and Rebeckah Hurlbut, 1/7 to John and Hannah Arnold, and 1/7 between the children of Joseph Meakins (Mary, Sarah, Joseph, Hannah, Abigail and Rebeckah).<sup>2</sup>
6. *Rebeckah*, bapt. 21 Aug. 1681; d. at Wethersfield, 22 Mar. 1760; m. 11 Jan. 1701/5, Thomas Hurlbut, b. at Wethersfield, 28 Jan. 1680/1, d. there 10 Apr. 1755 ac. 81 (g. s.), son of Stephen and Phebe (Dickinson) Hurlbut.
7. *Hannah*, b. abt. 1683; living 1741; m. at Hartford, 12 Jan. 1709/10, John Arnold, who d. abt. 1741 (will dated 14 Nov. 1741), son of Henry and Elizabeth (Colefax) Arnold. Children, b. at East Hartford:
- (1) *Hannah*,<sup>4</sup> b. 20 Nov. 1710; d. 27 Feb. 1781 ac. 71 (g. s.); m. abt. 1732, Ebenezer Hills [Hills Family, No. 6, iv].
  - (2) *Mary*, b. 3 Mar. 1713; m. 18 Feb. 1729/30 John Vibbert, son of John and Mary (Neal) Vibbert of Saybrook and Hartford.
  - (3) *John*, b. 8 July 1715; d. 20 Nov. 1784 (g. s.); m. at East Hartford, 9 Feb. 1737/8, Lucy Case, b. abt. 1716, d. 7 Dec. 1787 ac. 73 (g. s.), dau. of John and Sarah (—) Case.
  - (4) *Sarah*, b. 1 Dec. 1717; d. 19 Jan. 1778 ac. 61 (g. s.); m. 1 Mar. 1739/40 Thomas Wadsworth, b. abt. 1717, d. 21 Dec. 1783 ac. 66 (g. s.).
  - (5) *Samuel*, b. 16 Mar. 1720/1; d. young.
  - (6) *Henry*, b. 27 July 1722; m. 26 Sept. 1750, Abigail Burnham, b. 3 June 1725, dau. of Lieut. Richard and Abigail (Easton) Burnham.

<sup>2</sup> ii. *JOHN*, b. abt. 1648; d. 3 July 1692.

iii. *JOSEPH*, b. [say 1650]; d. June 1692.

iv. ~~*SAMUEL*, b. abt. 1651; d. 5 Apr. 1715.~~

v. *SARAH*, b. abt. 1653; m. *WILLIAM HOUSE* [House Family, No. 1].

vi. *DANIEL*, b. abt. 1656; d. 29 Nov. 1719.

vii. *HANNAH*, b. abt. 1658; d. at Wethersfield, 17 June 1696; m. 20 Dec. 1677, *JOHN WADHAMS*, b. 8 July 1655, d. 30 June 1718 ac. 63 yrs. wanting 8 days, son of John and Susannah (—) Wadhams. He m. (2) 13 Oct. 1697, Abigail (Baldwin) Baldwin, b. at Milford, Conn., 15 Nov. 1658, d. at North Guilford, 24 June 1739 in 81st yr. (g. s.), dau. of John and Mary (Bruen) Baldwin, and widow of Samuel Baldwin of Guilford. The settlement of the estate names the widow Abigail and all the surviving children.<sup>3</sup> Children, all by Hannah, b. at Wethersfield:

1. *Susannah*,<sup>5</sup> b. 4 Oct. 1678; d. 2 Nov. 1678.

His widow's burial date, often misprinted, is from the record book of William Goodwin, the gravedigger.

Children of John and Sarah (Wilcox) Bidwell, born at Hartford:

1. Mary,<sup>1</sup> b. abt. 1617; d. at East Hartford, 15 May 1725 in 78th yr. (g. s.); m. by 1665, JOHN MEAKIN (also spelled Meekin and Meakins), who d. at East Hartford, 6 Jan. 1705/6. His will, dated 22 Nov. 1702, proved 22 Jan. 1705/6, named his wife Mary, sons John, Joseph, and Samuel, and daughters Mary Belden, Sarah Spencer, and Rebeckah and Hannah Meakins; and mentions brother Daniel Bidwell as the owner of land adjacent to Meakin's homestead, and the half of a meadow lot (by will of father John Bidwell), which he gives to his son, John Meakin.<sup>2</sup> Children, b. at Hartford:
  1. *John*,<sup>3</sup> b. perhaps 1665, the age on his gravestone being apparently an exaggeration; d. at East Hartford, 29 Aug. 1739 ae. 76 (g. s.); unm. He was confirmed Ensign of the Hartford east side company, May 1710, and Lieutenant, May 1716.<sup>4</sup> His will, dated 18 Aug. 1739, named his four sisters Mary Belden, Sarah Spencer, Rebeckah "Holeburt," and Hannah Arnold, and his brother Joseph's children, Joseph, Mary, Sarah, Hannah Olmstead, Abigail and Rebeckah.<sup>5</sup>
  2. *Joseph*, b. abt. 1666; d. at East Hartford, 1 Jan. 1724/5 ae. 55 (g. s.); m. Mary ———, b. abt. 1684, d. 29 Jan. 1724/5 ae. 40 (g. s.). Administration on his estate was granted, 6 Apr. 1725, to his brothers, John and Samuel Meakins. On 5 Apr. 1726, John Meakins was appointed guardian to Joseph, aged 7; Sarah, 11, and Abigail, 4; and Samuel Meakins was appointed guardian to Mary, aged 12; Hannah, 8, and Rebeckah, 2. On 5 July 1733, Hannah, aged 16, chose William Pitkin for guardian; Abigail, aged 12, chose her uncle, Thomas Spencer; John Meakins, brother of the deceased, to be guardian to Rebeckah, aged 12; but Lieut. John Meakins resigned the trust, and 7 Dec. 1738 Rebeckah chose Thomas Huillier of Wethersfield.<sup>6</sup> Children, b. at East Hartford:
    - (1) Mary,<sup>7</sup> b. abt. 1714; d. 1 Aug. 1743 ae. 29; m. abt. 12 Sept. 1736, as second wife, Charles Eddy, b. at Swansea, Mass., 14 Nov. 1705; d. at Glastonbury, 1 Feb. 1771, son of John and Hopestill (Buntingworth) Luther Eddy.
    - (2) Sarah, b. abt. 1715; d. 31 Jan. 1771 ae. 52 (g. s.); m. after 1711, David Porter, b. 27 Sept. 1706, d. 21 June 1755 ae. 48 (g. s.); son of Hezekiah and Hannah (———) Porter. He m. (1) 10 May 1732, Thankful<sup>8</sup> Hills [Hills Family, No. 5, viii].
    - (3) Hannah, b. abt. 1718; d. 27 July 1807 ae. 89 (g. s.); m. 28 Dec. 1738, Jonathan Olmsted, b. at East Hartford, 14 Nov. 1708; d. there 9 Dec. 1770 ae. 64 (g. s.), son of Joseph and Hannah (Marsh) Olmsted.
    - (4) Joseph, b. abt. 1719; d. 4 Sept. 1794 ae. 75 (g. s.); Deacon m. 2 Nov. 1743, Mary Stillman, b. at Wethersfield, 31 Dec. 1721; d. 22 Apr. 1801 ae. 83 (g. s.), dau. of Dea. John and Mary (Wolcott) Stillman.
    - (5) Abigail, b. abt. 1721; d. 8 Apr. 1806 ae. 85 (g. s.); m. Edmund Bement, b. at Enfield, 9 Nov. 1719, d. 12 Oct. 1790 ae. 76 (g. s.).
    - (6) Rebeckah, bapt. 9 Feb. 1723/4; d. at Newington, Conn., 9 Dec. 1814 ae. 91; m. 4 Aug. 1746, Israel Boardman, b. abt. 1721, d. at Newington, 22 Nov. 1796 ae. 75 (g. s.).

An early settler in Hartford, his lands were entered at the first recording in February 1639/40. His dwelling then stood on two acres which he had bought of Thomas Bunce. He had two rods given him for a tan-yard; two rods bought from Seth Grant; four acres on the east side of the Great River given to John Hall and sold by Hall to William Spencer and by Spencer to Bidwell; three acres of upland bought of Thomas Bunce; two acres on the east side bought of William Hyde; two acres of swamp on the east side; fifty perches bought of John Skinner; five acres on the east side bought of Richard Seymour; four acres of woodland bought of William Blomfield; two parcels acquired by purchase, originally John Sable's; and, recorded 18 Oct. 1655, three acres bought of Thomas Woodford, and three more parcels on the east side; and, 20 Feb. 1666, upland and swamp estimated at 210 acres, bought from several; and 41 acres purchased 26 Apr. 1666 from John Wilcox.<sup>a</sup>

In 1668 Winthrop mentioned John Bidwell's wife, "of Hartford other side of river," as aged 50. In 1669, he named some of the Bidwell children: John, aged 12; Sarah, 7; Dan., 4; Hannah, 1½. In 1665 he mentioned "John Meakins his wife daughter of G[oodman] Bidwell of Hartford."<sup>b</sup>

With his wife Sarah, he was an original member of the Hartford Second Church, 12 Feb. 1669/70; and their children, John, Joseph and Sarah, as "children of the church," owned the Covenant.

✓SH<sup>5</sup> The will of John Bidwell of Hartford, dated 10 Feb. 1680 [1680/1], gave to his son John Bidwell, two acres on the east side of the Connecticut River, and all lands and buildings in Hartford on the west side; to son, Joseph Bidwell, £30, of which £20 is to be paid him within two years of the testator's decease, and £10 after wife's decease for the use of his children; to son, Samuel Bidwell, £20, of which £10 is to be paid within two years of the testator's decease, and £10 after wife's decease for the use of his children; to two daughters, Sarah House and Hannah Waddams, £20 apiece; to daughter, Mary Meekins, half a swamp lot, the other half to testator's wife for life, and then to grandson John Meekins if he live with testator or wife until he is twenty years of age; to wife, Sarah Bidwell, all household goods forever, and life use of half of entire estate not before disposed of; to son, Daniel Bidwell, half of entire estate not before disposed of, and the other half after wife's decease. Wife, Sarah Bidwell, and son Daniel, to be executors, and Mr. John Crow overseer. Witnesses: William Pitkin, Joseph Olmsted. A codicil, dated 22 Aug. 1683, gave his wife in addition, two cows; to son, John Bidwell, four acres, he to pay 20s. to Rev. John Whiting and £20 to testator's son Joseph; and changed the legacy to Sarah House and Hannah Waddams to £30 for the former and £10 for the latter. Witnesses: William Pitkin, John Makins. Inventory taken 4 June 1687: £119-10-6.<sup>c</sup>

much later than 1615. Edwin M. Bidwell, compiler of the *Genealogy* published in 1884, supposes him to be the son of a Richard Bidwell of Windsor; and brother of a younger Richard of Windsor, of Anna [Hannah] wife of James Eno of Windsor, and of an early Bidwell who settled at Marshfield, Mass. These are assumptions and the present compiler finds little to sustain them.

There was a Richard Bidwell in Windsor who was buried 25 Dec. 1647; he had a daughter Hannah born there in 1644, on 22 Oct. 1644 according to Hinman, but on 2 Oct., 1644 according to Stiles in his *History* (under Bidwell) or 22 Oct. 1634 (under Eno), the earlier date evidently being given under the Eno family to make possible the conclusion of Stiles (more probably of his co-editor, Ruth T. Sperry) that James Eno's wife Anna Bidwell, to whom he was married 18 Aug. 1648, was identical with the Hannah daughter of Richard Bidwell who was born by Windsor records in 1644. By setting the date back a decade, she was made nearly fourteen years old when this marriage occurred. Edwin M. Bidwell in his *Genealogy* accomplished the same purpose more ruthlessly by setting back the birth of Eno's wife to 1624 and making her daughter of an older Richard. Unfortunately, no births of 1624, nor of 1634 either, were recorded in Windsor, the one date being earlier than the settlement of the town, and the other earlier than the organization of town government there.

John and Richard Bidwell may have been brothers. Richard had one child, Hannah, born at Windsor in 1644. He was buried 25 Dec. 1647, and it was probably his widow, Anna (or Hannah), who married, 18 Aug. 1648, James Eno, and died in 1657. She was the mother of Eno's three children, and he married twice thereafter, dying 1 July 1682.

It is barely possible that the father of Richard (and perhaps John) Bidwell came to this country and died at Windsor. For under deaths in 1647 Matthew Grant entered "Richard Beddell" and further down "Goodman Bidw[——]." The latter may have been the father, but if so, his name is not known. However, the second entry was crossed out and written over and may be a duplication; the name of Hepzibah Warham is duplicated in the list the same year.<sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup>. See H. R. Stiles, *History of Ancient Windsor* (1892), 272, 240; *Some Early Records and Documents* (Connecticut Historical Society, 1890, containing the Matthew Grant records), 33, 79, 96, 92, 93; Royal R. Hinman, *Early Puritan Settlers of Connecticut*, (1852), 209, 210; Edwin M. Bidwell, *Genealogy of the First Seven Generations of the Bidwell Family* (1884).

1. JOHN<sup>1</sup> BIDWELL, born [ ] died at Hartford, Conn., in 1687; married SARAH<sup>2</sup> WILCOX [Wilcox Family, No. 1, ii], born about 1618, buried in Hartford, 15 Jan. 1689/90, daughter of John<sup>1</sup> and Mary (——) Wilcox.

one taught by William Andrews . . . and another, probably under humbler auspices, as a primary school . . . The mistress of this 'woman's school' held, of course, a somewhat humbler position."<sup>e</sup>

A letter from Rev. Samuel Stone to Rev. Thomas Shepard of Cambridge, written 19 July 1647, tells of the death of Rev. Thomas Hooker on 7 July 1647, and adds: "Goody Bets the school dame is dead with some others."

**Children of John and Mary (—) Betts:**

- i. MARY,<sup>f</sup> b. abt. 1623; d. at Wethersfield, Conn., Aug. 1684, ae. abt. 61; m. abt. 1644, SAMUEL BOREMAN, bapt. at Banbury, co. Oxford, England, 20 Aug. 1615, d. at Wethersfield, Apr. 1675.
- ii. MARTHA, b. abt. 1623; d. at Wethersfield, 13 Apr. 1701 ae. 75 "as some think"; m. at Wethersfield, 16 Jan. 1655, NATHANIEL GRAVES [Graves Family, No. 1, iii]. b. abt. 1629, d. at Wethersfield, 28 Sept. 1682 ae. abt. 53.
- iii. JOHN, bapt. at Claydon, 5 May 1627; d. at Huntington, N. Y., early in 1696/7; m. (1) ABIGAIL ELDERKIN, b. at Dedham, Mass., 13 Sept. 1641, divorced 14 Oct. 1672, dau. of John Elderkin of New London, Conn.; m. (2) 13 Mar. 1672/3, ABIGAIL (SMITH) ADAMS, b. [say 1632], widow of John Adams of Hartford and dau. of Richard and Rebecca (—) Smith. His first wife was tried for blasphemy in 1663 and just escaped with her life. Afterwards she misconducted herself, and Betts was granted a divorce.<sup>g</sup> On 1 Apr. 1673, John Betts produced "a writing subscribed by Rebeckah Boreman, Mary Wright, Martha Smith and Sarah Butler, which signified that the 13 of March John Betts was married to Abigail Betts, & that the sd John Betts took her in clothes of his own providing to her. Shift & Starchless, being Stript as aforesaid by the aforesaid women," and he renounced all claims and interest to her estate, both debts and credits.<sup>h</sup> This was an old English custom. Upon marriage, a man became entitled by coverture to his wife's property, but also became responsible for her debts. By symbolically taking her in marriage without property of her own, even clothes of her own providing, he renounced her assets and (the purpose of the procedure) avoided liability for her debts. John Betts lived in Wethersfield until his purchase of a farm at Huntington, Long Island, 20 Jan. 1680/1.<sup>i</sup>

a. William F. J. Boardman, *The Ancestry of William Francis Joseph Boardman* (1906), 197.

b. Conn. Hist. Society Collections, 14:321, 493, 501, 534.

c. Isaac W. Stuart, *Hartford in the Olden Time* (1893), 459.

d. H. B. Stiles, *History of Wethersfield*, 2:94-9.

e. Mather's *Diary*, 1:182, 327.

f. *Huntington Town Records*, 1:236.

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The surname Bidwell, which often appears in early records in the forms Biddle and Biddell, is undoubtedly derived from the Saxon name, Bid-dulph.

John Bidwell, founder of the Hartford family, was adult by 1610 when he had lands recorded, and it is doubtful whether his birth can be placed