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**JOSEPH AND ANNA (CUNNINGHAM) CHIPMAN,
OF GROTON AND HADDAM, CONN.,
A NEW LINE TO JOHN AND ELIZABETH (TILLEY) HOWLAND**
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JOSEPH CHIPMAN, son of Samuel¹ (*Hope² Howland, John¹*) and Sarah (Cobb) Chipman, was born in Barnstable, Mass., on 10 January 1693/4 and baptized in the West Barnstable Church on 4 March 1693/4.^[1] John Hale Chipman wrote in his standard reference, *A Chipman Genealogy*, that Joseph is the sixth child of his parents but ignores him otherwise. Joseph was not assigned a number, as were his six brothers, and is the only son not followed in the book.^[2] Amos Otis and C. F. Swift gave brief accounts about Joseph's brothers and sisters, and their marriages in *Genealogical Notes of Barnstable Families*, but Joseph's entry supplies only Joseph's birth and baptismal dates.^[3]

Proof that Joseph lived to adulthood and married and had at least two children was found in the probate records of his parents, Samuel and Sarah (Cobb) Chipman. Samuel Chipman's will was dated at Barnstable on 31 August 1722 and probated on 18 July 1723. He gave Joseph £10, and with what he had already received, brought his share to £40.^[4] His widowed mother Sarah Chipman made her will in Barnstable on 27 November 1733 and probated on 8 April 1743. She gave the children of her deceased son, Joseph, a one-seventh part of the balance which remained in her estate after specific bequests had been paid, but she did not name the children or state how many there were or where they lived. Widow Sarah Chipman also said that the £25 that she gave Joseph during his lifetime was to be deducted from his children's share.^[5] Joseph thus died between 31 August 1722 and 27 November 1733. What happened to Joseph? Where did he go? Who was his wife and where did they marry? Who were his children?

At first, finding Joseph seemed to be an impossible task. Eventually, after following many false clues, we located Joseph in Groton, Conn., where he joined his brother, Thomas, about 1716, when he was about 23 years of age. Joseph married ANNA CUNNINGHAM there circa 1716. Anna, daughter of Andrew Cunningham, was probably born in Groton about 1698.^[6] Joseph's wife, Anna,

1. *Mayflower Descendant* [hereafter MD], 4: 121; West Barnstable Church Records, 3a.
2. John Hale Chipman, *A Chipman Genealogy* (Norwell, Mass., 1970), 10-11.
3. Amos Otis, revised by Charles F. Swift, *Genealogical Notes of Barnstable Families, Being a Reprint of the Amos Otis Papers, Originally Published in The Barnstable Patriot*, (Barnstable, Mass., 1888) 1: 163.
4. MD, 16: 65-67, as Barnstable Co. Probate Record, 4: 125-126 (Samuel Chipman).
5. MD, 16: 67-68, as Barnstable Co. Probate Record, 6: 433-434, 436 (Sarah Chipman).
6. Hartford Probate Dist., 11: 306 (Joseph Chipman); New London Probate Dist., C: 179-180 (Andrew Cunningham).

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was called "Anna Chipman" by her father, Andrew Cunningham of Groton, husbandman, in his will dated 9 September 1726. Andrew's wife was not mentioned and must have died earlier. Andrew divided his land between his two sons Samuel and John, and gave each of his daughters £40 worth of his personal estate, naming them as Elizabeth Cone, Mary Cunningham, Anna Chipman, and Jane Cunningham. The witnesses were James Morgan, Thomas Dunbar, and Dudley Woodbridge.^[7] Joseph and Anna's eldest son Sylvanus was probably born in Groton about 1718 before the family moved to Haddam.^[8]

Joseph was called "of Groton" on 15 March 1719/20 when he paid Joseph Smith of Haddam £23 10s for 60 acres of land lying in Haddam near Flag Swamp. The witnesses were James Wells and Joseph's brother, Thomas Chipman. Joseph Smith acknowledged the deed on 15 March 1719/20 and it was recorded the same day.^[9] Joseph Chipman was called "of Haddam" when he bought 31½ acres of land abutting on Benjamin Smith's land from Nathaniel Bailey of Haddam for £16 on 8 November 1720. The witnesses were Joseph Arnold and Nathaniel Tyler. Nathaniel Bailey acknowledged his signature and the deed was recorded the same day.^[10]

On 24 November 1725, Joseph Chipman deeded to William Porter of Haddam two tracts of land totaling 77 acres. The first tract was described as the 4th Division lot on the right of Joseph Stannard, "where I now inhabit with my family," containing 60 acres. The second tract contained about 15 acres and 3 rods lying at Bailey's Swamp, "being half of the 2nd Division lot laid out upon the right of John Baily, dec^d," which Joseph bought from Nathaniel Bailey on 8 November 1720. Joseph also sold William Porter 2 acres of land given to him by the proprietors of Haddam on 24 January 1722 "whereon my dwelling house now standeth." The witnesses were Hezekiah Brainerd and Hezekiah Brainerd Jun^r. In exchange, William Porter deeded to Joseph Chipman his own dwelling house and homestead containing about 20 acres, "nearly all within fence," and 12 acres called "Porter's Farm," together with the house, barn, orchard, fruit trees, and fences on 29 November 1725. Both Hezekiah Brainerds witnessed this deed. William Porter acknowledged his signature on 29 November 1725 and the deed was recorded the same day.^[11] A few days later, Joseph Chipman registered his ear mark for his cattle that was described as "a half cross on the under side of the left ear" on 8 December 1725.^[12]

Joseph died intestate in Haddam, Conn., on 17 January 1733.^[13] His widow

7. *Ibid.*

8. Sylvanus Chipman was of legal age when he sold property in Haddam, 16 April 1741, Haddam Deeds, 3: 243-245 [FHL #4465].

9. Middlesex Deeds, 2: 217 [FHL #4464].

10. Middlesex Deeds, 2: 223 [FHL #4464].

11. Middlesex Deeds, 2: 171 [FHL #4464].

12. Haddam Deeds, 2: 5.

13. Charles W. Manwaring, *A Digest of Early Connecticut Probate Records* (Hartford, 1906) [hereafter *Manwaring*], 3: 24; Hartford Probate Dist., 11: 306 (Joseph Chipman).

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Anna Chipman was appointed as the administratrix of his estate on 4 September 1733. The same day, Anna was named as the guardian of her minor children: Elizabeth, age 11 years; Abigail, age 9 years; Joseph, age 5 years; and Annah, age 1 year. Widow Anna Chipman posted her bond for £200-00-00 as administratrix, with Samuel Bailey as her bondsman on 2 October 1733. Nathaniel Spencer, John Bailey Jr., and Eleazer Arnold took an inventory of the estate on 17 January 1733[/34]. It amounted to £351 15s 6p and included a house and homestead valued at £150, 22 acres of land, one yoke of oxen, one cow, 13 sheep, 3 swine, axes, chains, shoemaker's tools, taylor's [*sic*] shears, a cane, a gun, plow irons, two bibles, clothes, and furniture.^[14] On 6 December 1737, Anne Shipman [*sic*] was chosen by her son Silvanus as his guardian. His age was given as 9½ years, a typographical error for 19½ years as is proven by the fact that Silvanus was married about 1739 and had a son named Paul born in Durham, Conn., on 16 January 1740[/41].^[15]

Added proof that Silvanus was Joseph and Anna Chipman's eldest son was found in a deed dated 16 April 1741 in which Silvanus Chipman of Durham sold to Richard Bondfoey [*sic*] of Haddam about 20 acres of land in Haddam for £230. It lay on the west side of the Great River and between the two south branches of the Higanum River, "being the homestead of my honored father's, Joseph Chipman, deceased." The dwelling was located east of the dwelling house of Ensign John Bailey, and included a house, barns, fences, and fruit trees. The witnesses were Hezekiah Brainerd and Elijah Brainerd. Silvanus Chipman acknowledged the deed the same day. His widowed mother Anna Chipman did not relinquish her dower rights, indicating that she had probably died previously. Also on the same date, Silvanus Chipman sold 20 acres of land he had inherited from his father to Elijah Brainerd for £150.^[16]

Children of Joseph and Anna (Cunningham) Chipman (first probably born in Groton, Conn., remainder in Haddam, Conn.).^[17]

- 1 i. SILVANUS CHIPMAN,⁵ b. ca. 1717.
- 2 ii. ELIZABETH CHIPMAN, b. ca. 1722; 11 yrs. old in 1733 when her mother was appointed as her guardian.
- 3 iii. ABIGAIL CHIPMAN, b. ca. 1724; 9 yrs. old in 1733 when her mother was appointed as her guardian.
- 4 iv. JOSEPH CHIPMAN, b. ca. 1728; 5 yrs. old in 1733 when his mother was appointed as his guardian.
- 5 v. ANNAH CHIPMAN, b. ca. 1732; 1 yr. old in 1733 when her mother was appointed as her guardian.

14. Hartford Probate Dist. #1197 (Joseph Chipman) [FHL #1020566].

15. Durham Town Records, 360 [FHL #2902].

16. Haddam Deeds, 3: 243-245 [FHL #4465].

17. *Ibid.*; Hartford Probate Dist., #1197 (Joseph Chipman) [FHL #1020566]; *Manwaring*, 3: 24; Hartford Probate Dist., 11: 306 (Joseph Chipman); 338 (Joseph Shipman, [*sic*]). All were mentioned but not named in their grandmother Sarah Cobb's will.

1. **SILVANUS⁵ CHIPMAN**, son of Joseph⁴ (*Samuel³ Hope² Howland, John¹*) and Anna (Cunningham) Chipman, was probably born in Groton, Conn., about 1717^[18] and died in February 1743/4.^[19] Silvanus married **ELIZABETH HULL** probably in Durham, Conn., about 1739 as her first husband.^[20] Elizabeth, daughter of Cornelius and Mehitabel (Graves) Hull, was born in Durham on 25 April 1721^[21] and died there on 6 July 1785.^[22]

Silvanus was likely taken to Haddam, Conn., by his parents around 1720 when his father Joseph Chipman bought land there.^[23] Silvanus and his brothers and sisters were given their deceased father's share of the estate of their grandmother, the widow Sarah Chipman of Barnstable. Her will was dated 27 November 1733 and probated on 8 April 1734.^[24] Silvanus' father Joseph died intestate and his mother Anna was named as the guardian of his younger sisters and one brother, Elizabeth, Abigail, Joseph, and Anna on 4 September 1733.^[25] Silvanus was not mentioned there. He was likely over 14 years of age in 1733, and old enough to chose his own guardian. This is further supported by his marriage about 1739 and his son Paul's birth in 1740. A court record dated 6 December 1737 states that "Sylvanus Shipman, a minor, 9½ years of age, son of Joseph Shipman, late of Haddam, chose his mother Anne Shipman to be his guardian."^[26] Silvanus' surname was misspelled and his age should have read "19½ years," because he was of legal age four years later, when he acted as the eldest son and signed a deed in which he sold property in Haddam that had belonged to his father Joseph Chipman of Haddam, deceased, on 16 April 1741.^[27]

Silvanus' first child was born on 16 January 1740.^[28] Silvanus was baptized as an adult on 18 May 1740 by Rev. Nathaniel Chauncey of the Church of Christ in Durham.^[29] Durham town records state that daughter Sarah Chipman was born to

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18. *MD*, 16: 65-67, as Barnstable Co. Probate, 6: 433-434, 436 (Sarah Chipman); Haddam Deeds, 3: 243-245 [FHL #4465].
 19. Haddam Deeds, 4: 214-215 [FHL #4465].
 20. Middletown Probate Dist., 1: 206-207 (Cornelius Hull [Sr.]) [FHL #4832]; William Chauncey Fowler, *History of Durham, Conn.* (Hartford, 1866) [hereafter *Durham Hist.*], 360, birth of son Paul to "Silvanus and Elizabeth Chipman;" 384, lists birth of daughter Sarah to "Silvanus and Mary Chipman." The second entry is apparently a copyist's error. Elizabeth Hull, wife of Silvanus Chipman, was still living as the wife of her second husband, Samuel Parsons, when her father Cornelius Hull died in Durham, 24 March 1756, and called her "Elizabeth Parsons" in his will.
 21. *Durham Hist.*, 346; Mary Walton Ferris, Dawes-Gates Ancestral Lines, *A Memorial Volume Containing the American Ancestry of Mary Beman (Gates) Dawes: Gates and Allied Families* (S.l., 1931) [hereafter *Dawes-Gates*], 2: 463.
 22. As a Parsons, Mary Walton Ferris, *Dawes-Gates* 2:463; Parsons, *Parsons Family*, 94.
 23. Middlesex Deeds, 2: 217 [FHL #4464].
 24. *MD*, 16: 65-67, as Barnstable Co. Probate, 6: 433-434, 436 (Sarah Chipman).
 25. *Manwaring*, 3: 24; Hartford Probate Dist., 11: 306 (Joseph Chipman).
 26. *Manwaring*, 3: 338.
 27. Haddam Deeds, 3:243-245 [FHL #4465].
 28. *Durham Hist.*, 360; Durham Town Records, 360 [FHL #2902].
 29. *Durham Hist.*, 277.

Silvanus Chipman and *Mary*, his wife, on 17 February 1742/3,^[30] seeming to indicate that his wife, Elizabeth Hull, had died. However, Durham records show that Elizabeth Hull survived Silvanus. As a widow, Elizabeth Chipman remarried Lt. Samuel Parsons in Durham on 21 January 1746.^[31] This proves that the name "Mary," as the wife of Silvanus Chipman and the mother of his daughter Sarah was a clerical error.

The identity of Silvanus' wife, the former Elizabeth Hull, was found in the will of her father Cornelius Hull of Durham, which was written after Elizabeth had married her second husband. In his will dated 1 May 1752 and probated on 3 May 1756, Cornelius Hull bequeathed to his daughter Elizabeth, "now wife of Sam^l Parsons," the sum of £50 old tenor.^[32]

Conclusive proof that Silvanus was the son of Joseph Chipman of Haddam was found in a deed dated 16 April 1741. Silvanus of Durham sold for £230 to Richard Bondfoey [*sic*] of Haddam about 20 acres of land in Haddam lying on the west side of the Great River [*Connecticut River*] and between the two south arms at the branches of the Higanum River, "it being the homestead that was my honored father's, Joseph Chipman, deceased." The property was located east of the dwelling house of Ensign John Bailey, and included "the house, barns, fences and fruit trees belonging thereto." The witnesses were Hezekiah Brainerd and Elijah Brainerd. On the same day, Silvanus acknowledged this deed to be his voluntary act.^[33] Silvanus' widowed mother Anna Chipman did not relinquish her dower rights in her deceased husband's property, indicating that she had died before the sale. Also on the same day, Richard Bondfoey mortgaged the same property for £126 13s 4p to Silvanus Chipman, "being a piece of land that formerly belonged to Joseph Chipman, late of Haddam, deceased, father to Silvanus Chipman" with the same witnesses. The mortgage was to be paid on 16 April 1745.^[34] Also on 16 April 1741, Silvanus sold about 20 acres of land in Haddam to Sgt. Elijah Brainerd for £150.^[35]

Sylvanus [*sic*] Chipman of Durham, died intestate sometime in February 1743/4.^[36] At a Court of Probate held in Guilford, Conn., on 5 June 1744, administration of the estate of Silvanus Chipman, late of Durham, deceased, was granted to his widow, Elizabeth Chipman. She gave her bond and promised to submit an inventory of the estate before 3 July next and an account of her administration before May 1745. On the same day, the court appointed Elizabeth Chipman, widow, as the guardian of their minor daughter, Sarah Chipman. Her brother Cornelius Hull was given the guardianship of their minor son Paul. In addition, Silvanus Chipman's younger brother Joseph, "minor son of Joseph

30. *Durham Hist.*, 364; Durham Town Records, 364 [FHL #2902].

31. *Durham Hist.*, 365, 374.

32. Middletown Probate Dist., 1:206-207 (Cornelius Hull [Sr.]) [FHL #4832].

33. Haddam Deeds, 3: 242-243 [FHL #4465].

34. Haddam Deeds, 3: 245 [FHL #4465].

35. Haddam Deeds, 3: 243-244 [FHL #4465].

36. Haddam Deeds, 4: 214-215 [FHL #4465].

Chipman, late of Haddam, deceased," chose Joseph Hull of Durham for his guardian. The inventory taken on 27 June 1744 totaled £263 13s 10p. Executrix Elizabeth Chipman filed her accounts on 1 May 1745.^[37]

On 10 January 1745/6, Richard Bonfoey [*sic*] settled the mortgage on the property he had bought from Silvanus Chipman on 16 April 1741 (mentioned above) by paying £126 13s 4p to the administratrix of the estate of Silvanus Chipman, Elizabeth Chipman, who quitclaimed the property to him.^[38] On the same day, Silvanus Chipman's sister, now Abigail Hull, and her new husband Cornelius Hull Jr. of Durham, released their rights in the same land to Richard Bonfoey of Haddam. The witnesses were James Clark and Hezekiah Brainerd. Abigail and Cornelius Hull acknowledged the deed the same day.^[39]

Children of Silvanus and Elizabeth (Hull) Chipman b. Durham, Conn.:^[40]

- i. PAUL⁶ CHIPMAN, b. 16 Jan. 1740; his uncle Cornelius Hull was appointed as his guardian, 5 June 1744; his step-father Samuel Parsons, appointed as his guardian 3 Mar. 1755.^[41] During the French and Indian War, Paul enlisted 5 Mar. 1757 in the 13th Co. under Capt. Ephraim Preston of Wallingford; and 25 Mar. 1760 as a drummer in Capt. Amos Hitchcock's 6th Co.; he died at His Majesty's Hospital, Fort Ontario, 2 Sept. 1760.^[42]
- ii. SARAH CHIPMAN, b. 17 Feb. 1742/3; her mother appointed as her guardian, 5 June 1744; named for her father's grandmother, Sarah Cobb of Barnstable; married JARED WHEDON in Durham, 24 May 1764.^[43]

Children of Jared and Sarah (Chipman) Whedon b. Dunham, Conn.:^[44]

1. *Elizabeth Whedon*, b. 28 Apr. 1765, bapt. 12 May 1765.
2. *Samuel Whedon*, bapt. 27 Dec. 1766.
3. *Concurrence Whedon*, b. 19 Apr. 1769.
4. *Chipman Whedon*, bapt. 17 May 1771.
5. *Jared Whedon*, b. 24 Oct. 1773.
6. *John Whedon*, b. 26 Apr. 1777.

Widow Elizabeth (Hull) Chipman married second Lt. SAMUEL PARSONS in Durham on 21 January 1746.^[45] Samuel, son of Moses and Abigail (Ball) Parsons,

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37. Guilford Probate Dist., 4: 199-200, 240-42 (Sylvanus Chipman, intestate, also guardianships) [FHL #4354].
 38. Haddam Deeds, 4: 214-215 [FHL #4465].
 39. Haddam Deeds, 4: 172 [FHL #4465].
 40. Durham Town Record, 360 (Paul); 364 (Sarah) [FHL #2902]; *Durham Hist.*, 360 (Paul), 364 (Sarah); mother's name given as "Mary," a clerical error.
 41. Middletown Probate Dist. #1755 (Paul Chipman, guardianship) [FHL 1022378]; clerk omitted the name of Paul's father.
 42. *Collections of the Connecticut Historical Society: Rolls of Connecticut Men in the French and Indian Wars, 1755-1762*, 9: 193; 10: 198-199, 224-225; *Durham Hist.*, 350; Durham Town Records, 350 [FHL #2902].
 43. *Durham Hist.*, 384.
 44. *Durham Hist.*, 315, 316, 320, 384 391, 396, 398.
 45. *Durham Hist.*, 365, 374.

was born in Durham on 1 March 1718/9.^[46] Elizabeth (Hull) (Chipman) Parsons died in Durham, 6 July 1785.^[47]

On 3 March 1755, Samuel Parsons of Durham was appointed as the guardian of his wife's son by her first marriage Paul Chipman, "a minor of the Town of Durham." Samuel posted a bond of £50.^[48]

Children of Samuel and Elizabeth (Hull) (Chipman) Parsons born Durham:^[49]

- iii. JOSEPH PARSONS, b. 25 Dec. 1747.
- iv. MEHITABLE PARSONS, b. 5 Mar. 1750/1.
- v. LEMUEL PARSONS, b. 2 May 1753.
- vi. ELIZABETH PARSONS, b. 14 July 1759.
- vii. SAMUEL PARSONS, b. 1 Dec. 1758.
- viii. PAUL PARSONS, b. 17 Jan. 1762.

2. **ELIZABETH⁵ CHIPMAN**, daughter of Joseph⁴ (*Samuel³ Hope² Howland, John¹*) and Anna (Cunningham) Chipman, was probably born in Haddam, Conn., about 1722^[50] and died after 4 September 1733, the date her mother was named as her guardian when she was eleven years old.^[51]

Elizabeth would have been 21 years of age when her brother Silvanus Chipman died in Durham, Conn., in February 1743/4, so she would not have had a guardian. However, at this time, an unmarried woman was required to have a male relative guarantee any deeds she signed when selling property. If Elizabeth had been living on 10 January 1745/6, she would have been required to sign away her rights in the property which had been owned by her father and which Silvanus Chipman had sold to Richard Bonfoey of Haddam on 16 April 1741 before Silvanus died. Note that Elizabeth's sister Abigail and Abigail's husband Cornelius Hull Jr. both signed to release Abigail's rights in the property.^[52]

Elizabeth may possibly have married by 1745. If she had married and later died, her husband would have inherited her share of her father's property in Haddam. No such records have been found.

3. **ABIGAIL⁵ CHIPMAN**, daughter of Joseph⁴ (*Samuel³ Hope² Howland, John¹*) and Anna (Cunningham) Chipman, was probably born in Haddam, Conn., about 1724^[53] and probably died in Durham between 18 June 1800 and 25 March

46. Henry Parsons, *Parsons Family* (New York, 1912) [hereafter *Parson Fam.*], 74-75.

47. *Dawes-Gates*, 2: 463; *Parsons Fam.*, 94.

48. Middletown Probate Dist., 1: 33 (Silvanus Chipman) [FHL #4832]; #1755 (Paul Chipman, guardianship) [FHL #1022378].

49. *Parsons Fam.*, 94-95; *Durham Hist.*, 365, 374. None of these children are descendants of John and Elizabeth (Tilley) Howland of the *Mayflower*.

50. *Manwaring*, 3: 24; Hartford Probate Dist., 11: 306.

51. *Ibid.*

52. Haddam Deeds, 4: 172 [FHL #4465].

53. *Manwaring*, 3: 24; Hartford Probate Dist., 11: 306 (Joseph Chipman, guardianship).

1805.^[54] Abigail married CORNELIUS HULL in Durham, Conn., on 1 January 1746.^[55] Cornelius, son of Cornelius and Mehetable (Graves) Hull, was born in Durham on 31 October 1723, baptized there 3 November 1723,^[56] and died intestate in Durham on 6 October 1799.^[57] Abigail's husband Cornelius was a brother of Elizabeth Hull, who married Abigail's brother Silvanus Chipman.

Abigail's father Joseph Chipman died in 1733 when Abigail was a child. Her mother Anna Chipman was named as her guardian on 4 September 1733.^[58] Abigail was then nine years of age. She inherited a part of her deceased father's share of the estate of her grandmother widow Sarah Chipman of Barnstable. Sarah mentioned the children of her deceased son Joseph in her will dated 27 November 1733 and probated 8 April 1743, but she did not name them.^[59]

Cornelius Hull was mentioned by his father Cornelius Hull [Sr.] of Durham in his will dated 1 May 1752 and probated on 3 May 1756. After gifts to Cornelius' older brothers Joseph Hull (executor) and John Hull in New Jersey, the remainder of the estate was to be shared equally by Cornelius Hull [Jr.] and two of his brothers, Joseph Hull (eldest son) and Jehiel Hull.^[60]

On 5 June 1744, Cornelius Hull was appointed as the guardian of Paul Chipman, the minor son of his sister Elizabeth (Hull) Chipman, after the death of her husband Silvanus Chipman. On the same day, Silvanus Chipman's younger brother Joseph Chipman chose Joseph Hull, another of Abigail and Elizabeth's brothers, as his guardian in place of his deceased brother Silvanus.^[61]

On 10 January 1745/6, Cornelius Hull Jr. of Durham and his wife Abigail quitclaimed to Richard Bonfoey of Haddam all of their rights in a certain tract of land lying in the township of Haddam. The land laid on the west side of the Great River and between the two southernmost branches of the Higanum River "on which said Bonfoey now dwelleth with his family," with the house, barn, fencing and fruit trees standing thereon. This property had belonged to her father Joseph Chipman. Both Cornelius Hull Jr. and Abigail Hull signed the deed that was witnessed by James Clark and Hezekiah Brainerd.^[62]

Cornelius Hull died on 6 October 1799.^[63] On 4 November 1799, Abigail Hull, widow of Cornelius Hull, "for several reasons decline settling my husband's estate." She asked the court to appoint her son Giles Hull as administrator.

54. Middletown Probate Dist. #1917 (Cornelius Hull) [FHL #1023554].

55. Durham Town Record, 390 [FHL #2902]; *Durham Hist.*, 390.

56. Durham Town Record, 259, 347 [FHL #2902]; *Durham Hist.*, 345, 347; *Dawes-Gates*, 2: 463; Col. Weygant, *The Hull Family in America* (1913), 28, 38, where Abigail is mistakenly called Abigail Chapman.

57. Durham Deaths, 1791-1805, 9.

58. *Manwaring*, 3: 24; Hartford Probate Dist., 11: 306 (Joseph Chipman, guardianship).

59. *MD*, 16: 65-67, as Barnstable Co. Probate, 6: 433-434, 436 (Sarah Chipman).

60. Middletown Probate Dist., 1: 55, 206-207, 219-220 (Cornelius Hull [Sr.]) [FHL #4832].

61. Guilford Probate Dist., 4: 199-200 (Silvanus Chipman, intestate and guardianships) [FHL #4354].

62. Haddam Deeds, 4: 172 [FHL #4465].

63. Durham Deaths, 1791-1805, 9.

Abigail's other sons, Silvanus Hull and Charles Hull, signed the petition stating that they agreed with her decision. Distribution of the estate was made on 26 May 1800 and was recorded 18 June 1800. The widow received the dwelling house and several lots of land, valued at \$531.16. Sylvanus Hull (eldest son); granddaughter Sally Lasell, only heir of Cornelius Hull Jr., deceased, "2^d son of the deceased Cornelius Hull Sen^r;" Samuel Hull (3^d son); Charles Hull (4th son); Giles Hull (5th son); Abigail (eldest daughter); Anna Francis (2^d daughter); and Huldah Norton (3^d daughter); each received land or articles at marriage valued at \$177.21.^[64]

Abigail probably died in Durham between 18 June 1800, the date of the distribution of her husband's estate to his heirs, and 25 March 1805, the date her dower rights in her deceased husband's real estate were distributed to her heirs. The heirs were Silvanus Hull, Samuel Hull, Charles Hull, Giles Hull, Abigail Weeks, Anna Francis, Huldah Norton, and Sally Lassell (only heir to Cornelius Hull Jr.) The distribution was recorded on 25 May 1805.^[65]

Children of Cornelius and Abigail (Chipman) Hull born in Durham, Conn.:^[66]

- i. SILVANUS⁶ HULL, b. 13 Oct. 1746, bp. 19 Oct. 1746.
- ii. CORNELIUS HULL, b. 5 Mar. 1748, bp. 11 May 1748.
- iii. ABIGAIL HULL, b. 26 July 1749, bp. 30 July 1749.
- iv. SAMUEL HULL, b. 10 Dec. 1752, bp. 14 Jan. 1751/2.
- v. ANN HULL, b. 3 Feb. 1755, bp. 9 Feb. 1755.
- vi. HULDAH HULL, b. 6 Mar. 1758, bp. 12 Mar. 1758.
- vii. CHARLES HULL, b. 5 May 1760, bp. 11 May 1760.
- viii. GILES HULL, b. 4 July 1762, bp. 11 July 1762.

4. JOSEPH⁵ CHIPMAN, son of Joseph⁴ (*Samuel*,³ *Hope*² *Howland*, *John*¹) and Anna (Cunningham) Chipman, was born in Haddam, Conn., about 1728.^[67]

Joseph was five years of age when his mother, Mrs. Anna Chipman, was appointed as his guardian, after his father's death, 17 January 1733.^[68] He was 15 years of age when his brother Silvanus Chipman died in Durham, Conn., in February 1743/4. At that time, Silvanus was Joseph's guardian. On 5 June 1744, Joseph Hull of Durham, a brother of Silvanus' widow Elizabeth (Hull) Chipman, was appointed as Joseph's guardian.^[69]

Nothing more is known about this Joseph Chipman. Note that the Joseph Chipman who was supposedly living in Killingly, Conn., when he witnessed a deed on 1 December 1750 and acknowledged it on 12 March 1762, was a

64. Middletown Probate Dist. #1917 (Cornelius Hull) [FHL #1023554].

65. *Ibid.*

66. *Durham Hist.*, 390-391; Durham Town Record, 289, 390 (Abigail); 296, 391 (Ann); 310, 391 (Charles); 390 (Cornelius); 312, 391 (Giles); 307, 391 (Huldah); 293, 390 (Samuel); 286, 390 (Silvanus) [FHL #2902].

67. *Manwaring*, 3: 24; Hartford Probate Dist., 11: 306.

68. *Ibid.*

69. Guilford Probate Dist., 4: 199-200, 240-242 (Sylvanus Chipman, intestate; guardianships) [FHL #4354].

mistaken reading of the signature of Joseph *Chapman*.

5. ANNA⁵ CHIPMAN, daughter of Joseph⁴ (*Samuel*,³ *Hope*² *Howland*, *John*¹) and Anna (Cunningham) Chipman, was born in Haddam, Conn., about 1732^[70] and may have died in Chatham, Conn., after 11 July 1773, the date her last child died.^[71] No record has been found either in Chatham, Conn., nor in Ashfield, Mass. Anna married JONATHAN SMITH JR. in the Haddam Neck Congregational Church, Haddam, Conn., on 7 July 1748.^[72] Jonathan, son of Jonathan and Dorothy (Bailey) Smith, was born in Middletown, Conn., on 29 August 1729^[73] and died in Ashfield, Mass., on 23 March 1813, aged 83 years 6 months 17 days.^[74]

Anna's father Joseph Chipman died when she was only one year of age. Her widowed mother Anna Chipman was appointed as her guardian on 17 January 1733.^[75] When Anna was about eight or nine years of age, her brother Silvanus Chipman sold land in Haddam on 16 April 1741 which had belonged to their deceased father Joseph Chipman. Their mother widow Anna Chipman did not relinquish her dower rights, indicating that she had also died and her eldest son had the right to sell the land.^[76] It is not clear who was Anna's guardian during the following seven years.

Jonathan and Anna Smith lived in the eastern part of Middletown that became the Middle Haddam Society, and then the Haddam Neck Society in Chatham. According to Haddam Neck church records, Anna and her husband, Jonathan Smith Jr. were among several married couples who publicly acknowledged themselves guilty of the sin of fornication on 3 March 1754.^[77]

On 7 October 1763, Jonathan Smith Jr. bought from Luther and Dorothy Latimore of Wethersfield for £9 13s 4p, one-third part of two pieces of land in Chatham that they had inherited from Jonathan's step-brother, their deceased father, Hoziel Smith, and his widow, Sarah Smith.^[78]

Jonathan's father gave Jonathan, Jr., 30 acres of land on the east side of the Connecticut River in Middletown for paternal love on 13 February 1765. This land was bounded by nine acres that the father gave to Jonathan's brother Daniel at the same time. Daniel's share included their father's dwelling house and barn.

70. *Manwaring*, 3: 24; Hartford Probate Dist., 11: 306.

71. Haddam Neck Congregational Church Records [hereafter *Haddam Ch. Rec.*], 2: 136 [FHL #4194].

72. *Haddam Ch. Rec.*, 1: 37; Donald Lines Jacobus, "Richard Smith of Wethersfield," in *The American Genealogist*, 25: 132.

73. *Barbour Collection of Connecticut Town Vital Records* (Baltimore, 1994+) (Middletown) [hereafter *Barbour Collection*], 27: 200 (original, 1:39).

74. *Vital Records of Ashfield, Massachusetts, to the year 1850* (Boston, 1942) [hereafter *Ashfield VRs*], 264.

75. Hartford Probate Dist. #1197 (Joseph Chipman) [FHL #1020566].

76. Haddam Deeds, 3: 243-245 [FHL #4465].

77. *Haddam Ch. Rec.*, 1: 35.

78. East Hampton Deeds, 1: 52 [FHL #3873].

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This deed was acknowledged the same day, but was not recorded until 28 April 1781.^[79] On 1 August 1770, Jonathan bought two pieces of land in the first society of Chatham from Sarah Smith of Wethersfield, widow of his step-brother Hoziel Smith, for £9 14s.^[80] On 15 June 1771, Jonathan Smith Jr. of Chatham sold a piece of land on the east side of the Connecticut River to Nathan Brown of Chatham for £5 2s 6p. This land was in the First Parish in Chatham and was laid out in the fourth division of land "when it was Middletown." The witnesses were Nathaniel Freeman and Bethiah Brown. The deed was acknowledged the same day.^[81] On 21 October 1774, Enos and Esther Hunn sold Jonathan Smith land given to them by Esther's father Hoziel Smith, deceased, and Jonathan's step-brother.^[82]

In the middle of the Revolutionary War, Jonathan began selling his property. On 4 October 1779, he was called "of Chatham" when he sold fifty acres of land in the fifth society of Chatham to Abner Pelton of Chatham for £130. The witnesses were Abner Sage and Ebenezer Sage.^[83] On 28 April 1780, Jonathan Smith Jr. sold to his brother Daniel Smith land that was given to him by their father Jonathan Smith, deceased, for £50. The witnesses were Ebenezer White and Samuel Abby. This deed was acknowledged the same day.^[84] Jonathan's last deed in Chatham was dated 16 May 1785. He was called "Jonathan Smith of Ashfield in the Province of Massachusetts," when he sold to Seth Doane of Chatham all of his rights in a piece of land lying between the first society and Middle Haddam that he and Seth Doane had purchased in partnership on 12 November 1784. The witnesses were Jonathan Penfield and Anne Penfield. The deed was acknowledged the same day and recorded 30 September 1785.^[85]

When Jonathan and Anna Smith moved to Ashfield, Mass., they found several of Anna's Chipman second cousins already living there. Rebecca⁵ Chipman, daughter of John⁴ (*Samuel*,³ *Hope*² *Howland*, *John*¹) and Rebecca (Hale) Chipman, married Rev. Nehemiah Porter and moved to Ashfield where the Rev. Porter was ordained as the Congregational minister in 1774.^[86] Another cousin, Mary⁵ (*Thomas*⁴ *Joyce*, *Elizabeth*³ *Chipman*, *Hope*² *Howland*, *John*¹) Joyce married Isaac Taylor and moved to Ashfield before 3 August 1786 when their daughter's marriage to Jonathan Smith was recorded, calling them "both of

79. Chatham Deeds, 3: 486, 533 [FHL #3874]. Note that the Family History Library calls all of these deeds "East Hampton," with a note, "Chatham, incorporated as a town in 1767, had its name changed to East Hampton in 1915."

80. East Hampton Deeds, 1: 198 [FHL #3873].

81. East Hampton Deeds, 1: 265 [FHL #3873].

82. Chatham Deeds, 3: 105 [FHL #3874].

83. Chatham Deeds, 3: 479 [FHL #3874].

84. Chatham Deeds, 3: 487 [FHL #3874].

85. Chatham Deeds, 4: 251 [FHL #3874].

86. Frederick Lewis Weis, *Colonial Clergy and the Colonial Churches of New England* (Lancaster, Mass., 1961), 167; Joseph B. Felt, *History of Ipswich, Essex and Hamilton* (1834), 93, 262, 349.

Ashfield." Rachel (Taylor) Smith died in Ashfield on 15 April 1795.^[87]

Several of Jonathan and Anna's children accompanied them to Ashfield. On their father's side, this Smith family was descended from Richard Smith of Wethersfield, Conn., and should not be confused with the family of Chileab Smith, the Baptist minister in Ashfield, who was a descendant of Henry Smith of Wethersfield.^[88]

No probate records were found in either Hampshire County or Franklin County, Mass., for Jonathan Smith.

Children of Jonathan and Anna (Chipman) Smith born in Middletown/Chatham, Conn., all except Jonathan baptized in the Haddam Neck Congregational Church:^[89]

- i. JOSEPH⁶ SMITH, b. 25 Aug. 1748, bp. 18 Aug. 1754; m. REBEKAH (--?--); d. Ashfield, 3 Jan. 1821, age 73 yrs.^[90]
- ii. GEORGE SMITH, b. 11 Apr. 1752, bp. 18 Aug. 1754.
- iii. ABNER SMITH, b. 1 Apr. 1754, bp. 18 Aug. 1754; m. REBEKAH (--?--).^[91]
- iv. ABIGAIL SMITH, b. 15 July 1757, bp. 28 Aug. 1757.
- v. SILVANUS SMITH, b. 24 Feb. 1759, bp. 6 May 1759.
- vi. JONATHAN SMITH, b. 6 May 1761; m. (1) RACHEL TAYLOR in Ashfield, 3 Aug. 1786; Rachel d. there 15 Apr. 1795;^[92] m. (2) REBEKAH TAYLOR there, 20 Aug. 1795.^[93]
- vii. ANNA SMITH, b. 15 Apr. 1763, bp. 19 June 1763.
- viii. CHIPMAN SMITH, b. 17 Jan. 1765, bp. 21 Apr. 1765; m. MEHITABLE HASKELL in Ashfield, 29 Sept. 1785, she d. there 30 May 1841, age 76 yrs.^[94]
- ix. HANNAH SMITH, b. 16 Nov. 1767; bp. 24 Nov. 1767.
- x. JUSTUS SMITH, b. 7 Nov. 1769, bp. 26 Nov. 1769.
- xi. INFANT SMITH, d. 11 July 1773.^[95]

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87. *Ashfield VRs*, 204, 267.

88. Henry A. Stiles, *History of Ancient Wethersfield, Conn.* (New York, 1904), 2: 630, Fam. #7.

89. *Barbour Collection* (Chatham), 6: 146-150 (orig. 4); *Haddam Ch. Rec.*, 1: 15; 2: 8 [FHL #4194]. Middletown, Conn., became East Hampton first, then Chatham in 1767.

90. *Ashfield VRs*, 102, 264.

91. *Ashfield VRs*, 101-105.

92. *Ashfield VRs*, 204, 267.

93. *Ashfield VRs*, 103-105, 204.

94. *Ashfield VRs*, 101 [as 1764]-102, 202, 263.

95. *Haddam Ch. Rec.*, Deaths, 2: 136 [FHL #4194].