

side of Boston, no New England town can show such a roll of distinguished names as have illustrated her annals, unless Cambridge be an exception.

Nazing, a rural village in Essex County, England, the home of many of the fathers of Roxbury, around which clustered the affections and remembrances of their youth, comprises the northwest corner of Waltham Half-hundred. It is on the river Lee, and is twenty miles east from London. Its gable-fronted cottages, with low, thatched roofs and overhanging eaves, show that this quiet little village has undergone slight changes during the past three hundred years. The manor was given by Harold II to Waltham Abbey.



NAZING PARISH CHURCH.

Its old parish church may be regarded as the parent of the First Church of Roxbury. It is situated on the side of a hill overlooking parts of Hertfordshire and Middlesex, bounded on the west by the river Lee, and on the east and south by Waltham Abbey and Epping. Its parish records contain the familiar names of Eliot, Ruggles, Curtis, Heath, Payson, Peacock, Graves, and others, who, between the years 1631 and 1640, left their beloved homes and, for conscience' sake, braved the dangers of a long ocean voyage in the frail vessels of that period that they might aid in establishing a Christian commonwealth in the wilderness. The accompanying view

of the church represents the building as it appeared when the emigrant fathers worshipped within its old gray walls two centuries and a half ago.

Under the lead of Pynchon, the first-comers to Roxbury settled chiefly in the easterly part of the town, next to Boston. From the town street, now called Roxbury Street, they gradually extended themselves in various directions towards the neighboring towns, notwithstanding the enactment of 1635, designed as a protection against the Indians, that no person should live beyond half a mile from the meeting-house. Jamaica Plain and West Roxbury were settled later. The first mention of the town occurs in the records of the third Court of Assistants, held Sept. 28, 1630, as one of the plantations on which a part of the general tax of £50 was levied, and that day has therefore been fixed upon as the official date of its settlement. Roxbury was the sixth town incorporated in Massachusetts.

In the year 1631 the ship "Lyon," William Pierce, master, left the shores of England with the first batch of Nazing pilgrims on board. Eliot, the apostle, was there, with William Curtis and Sarah, his wife, Eliot's sister and their children, in company with the wife of Governor Winthrop. They were ten weeks on the water. In the summer of 1632 she once more left the Thames for Boston, having among her passengers William Heath, with his wife and children, and several other Nazing worthies. Isaac, his elder brother, did not quit Nazing until 1635. Early in 1633, John Graves, with his wife and five children, left their home for the shores of New England; and in 1635 they were followed by a large number of Nazing Christians who came over in the "Hopewell." Others came later, but emigration from Old to New England ceased about 1640, when the popular cause there began to look hopeful.

The first year was one of great toil and privation. Fuel was scarce, and the cold intense. Few settlers arrived in the

*Curtis Family*

last century. Back of it runs Stony Brook, lined with huge willows. This old house was bought in 1742 by Jeremiah Williams, blacksmith, brother of Col. Joseph and the father of Major Edward Payson Williams. An old mansion, once the residence of Mr. John Amory, now a public house, and styled the "Amory Hotel," is on our left as we approach "Gamblin's End," while on our right a new brick brewery seems sadly out of place in this sylvan retreat. Somewhere in this immediate vicinity was the house and fourteen rods of ground belonging to John May, or Mayes, as it was then written, the ancestor of the well-known family of that name. The book of "Houses and Lands" describes it as "a triangle abutting on R. Gamblin east, the highway northwest, and Thomas Bell's orchard southwest." May, who had been master of a vessel called the "James," sailing as early as 1635 between London and New England, came to Roxbury in 1640, and died on April 23, 1670.

The fine old mansion near the corner of Amory and Boylston Streets, now the residence of Gen. W. Raymond Lee, was



GEN. W. RAYMOND LEE'S RESIDENCE.

built in 1766 on the land given by Thomas Bell in 1672 to the Roxbury Free School, of which he was the most liberal benefactor. Near it stood, until its demolition in 1765, Mr. Bell's

homestead, afterwards that of Capt. Ebenezer Gore, the sound portion of the old materials being made use of in the new structure. The homestead came about 1810 into the possession of Thomas Amory, "London Tom," whose daughter Mr. Lee married. At the bend of the road is a large English elm, and on the grounds in front of the house are many fine specimens of elms, English and American, so disposed as to add greatly to the picturesque effect produced by the low, irregular outlines of the residence itself. The old portion of the house is central, the wings are modern additions.

Mr. Bell bequeathed all his real estate in Roxbury in trust for "the maintenance of a schoolmaster and free school for the teaching and instructing of poore men's children in the town." This gift, a very large one for the time, with its accumulations, renders the school one of the most richly endowed in the country. His lands extended from Stony River, taking in this homestead, across School Street and the turnpike up to Walnut Avenue. The beautiful, smooth field of eighteen acres at the right of Washington Street, on the brow of the hill, on the corner of School Street as you come north, and the great orchard opposite, are embraced in this portion of the princely bequest of Thomas Bell, a merchant, who resided here from 1635 until his return in 1654 to England, where he died in 1672. The apostle Eliot's influence was no doubt exerted to procure this gift for the school, whose establishment he had done so much to promote; and we also find Mr. Bell further sustaining that good man's endeavors by becoming one of the corporators in England of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in New England. The memory of Thomas Bell should be fondly cherished by the people of Roxbury.

A short distance west of the Bell homestead stands the old Curtis house. In 1639 William Curtis built on the margin of Stony Brook a substantial dwelling, supposed to be the one now standing. It is in excellent preservation, and is inhab-

ited by the widow and children of the fifth Isaac Curtis who has occupied it, and who was the seventh in descent from William, the emigrant. The instances of the continuous occupation of the homestead by the same family for a period of two hundred and forty years, are very rare in New England. The neighborhood was originally a forest, abounding in wild animals, and a pair of antlers can now be seen in the old house, taken from a buck that was shot from within it, probably while drinking from the brook. In 1659 twenty



OLD CURTIS HOMESTEAD.

shillings was paid by the town to Philip Curtis, for killing a wolf here. "William Curtis's homestead of ten acres was bounded south on Stony River, north on Robert Pepper, west on John Ruggles and John Totman, and east on George Brand," says the ancient Transcript of Lands.

The house — a good specimen of the second period of New England architecture — stands on Lamartine Street, near the Boylston station of the Boston and Providence Railroad, over which a hundred trains run by it daily, and is probably one of the oldest inhabited dwellings in the United States. Near it, shaded by the magnificent elm seen in the picture, is the spring that doubtless determined the locality of the

dwelling. Tradition says this tree was transplanted a hundred years ago, by one of the family, from a meadow in "Rocky Swamp," a tract lying between Washington Street and Forest Hills Street, then owned by the Curtises. With care it will probably last another century. A large, healthy, fruit-bearing currant-bush grows from a knot-hole on its eastern side.

The timbers of the Curtis house are of unseasoned white oak, doubtless cut from the farm. The nails were all wrought, there being then no machines for cutting them. The building is of two stories, with eight rooms, a garret above, and a small square entry on the lower floor, separating two of the main rooms. It has a pitched roof, sloping down at the rear to within a few feet of the ground, and in the centre stands the enormous square chimney. The windows are small. Originally the glass was diamond-shaped, and set in leaden sashes, but about the beginning of this century these gave place to the small panes of glass they now have, and the lead was converted into spoons. Square blocks of oak, about ten inches across, serve as cellar stairs, and show unmistakable signs of wear from the tread of the generations that have passed over them. Much of the old furniture, handed down for generations, yet remains. Perhaps the apostle Eliot sat at that quaint old table, Winthrop or Thomas Dudley in that antique chair. A company of Rhode Island soldiers were quartered here during the siege of Boston.

William Curtis, a native of the parish of Nazing, was married there to Sarah, daughter of Bennett Eliot and the sister of the apostle, in 1618. They came over with other Roxbury settlers in the "Lion," in 1632, bringing four children. Another passenger was Ann Mountfort, the affianced of Eliot, to whom she was married a month after her arrival. There can be little doubt that the influence of his brother-in-law, Curtis, was potent in drawing Eliot from Boston, where he was so earnestly "labored with" to induce him to remain.



## NAZING.

Hist. of Essex, p. 228, says: "Nazing is, in Domesday book, written 'Nessingham, Nessinga, Nessinges'—may probably be derived from the Saxon word *nase*, or *nose*, a projection, and *ing*, a meadow, as part of the parish stands on a hill."

Situated only 17 miles from London, Nazing comprises the northwest corner of Waltham half hundred. Besides the interest it has for us as the home of our fathers, there is a peculiar feature about this little village and its surroundings, which is strictly characteristic of the many rustic homesteads and picturesque spots for which Old England is so noted. One might imagine from the great number of gabled fronted cottages, with low thatched roofs and overhanging eaves, that abound in Nazing upland especially, and the distance it lies from any line of rail, that it had undergone but little change during the past three hundred years.

The old parish church is situated on the side of a hill overlooking parts of Herfordshire and Middlesex; bounded on the west by the river Lea, and on the east and south by Waltham Abbey and Epping. We can easily imagine the emigrant fathers worshipping within its old gray walls.

It consists of chancel, nave and north aisle, with a square embattled tower containing five bells. The body and aisle are divided into four pointed arches rising on circular clustered columns; behind the first column, which is hollow, is a small door, leading by a narrow winding stair to an aperture in front of the chancel, sufficiently large to exhibit a person nearly at full length to the congregation. This was no doubt the entrance to the rood loft; but whether this was originally intended as a place of penance, is not certainly known. It is evident, however, that at no remote period, it was used for purposes of general thanksgiving, as on a wooden tablet beneath the aperture is inscribed the cxvi. Psalm: "I will Pay my Vows unto the Lord in the sight of all his People."

This church was appropriated by King Harold to his newly founded church in Waltham, and was first supplied by the canons of Waltham, or by persons appointed by them. The vicarage occurs among the small benefices in the taxation of

Nicholas IV., in 1291, and was valued at 30s. The Abbots and convent of Waltham remained patrons of the vicarage till the dissolution of the abbey *temp.* Hen. VIII.

The interior of the church has undergone a slight change. The old oak seats, which were carved at the ends with a variety of grotesque characters, were, in recent years, cleared out with the exception of about five of the best of them, which have since been refixed at the east end of the side aisle. These seats date back to the time of James the First.

The parish registers of Nazing, which yield many an important item in connection with the emigrant fathers, commence in the year 1559. The first register book is headed with the following text of scripture: "O Lord increase our faith." (N. E. Reg.)

In the Nazing and Waltham Abbey Parish Registers are found the following:

NAZING.  
Baptisms.

Thomas Curtis, Aug. 25, 1560  
John Curtis, Oct. 11, 1562  
Nicholas Curtis, January, 1576-7  
John Curtis, Sep. 15, 1577  
Martha Curtis, October, 1587  
Mary Curtis, March, 1589  
Philip Curtis, Sep., 1591  
William Curtis, Nov. 12, 1592  
Mary Curtis, Jan. 20, 1593-4  
Thomas Curtis, July 21, 1594  
George Curtis, October, 1596  
Mary, daughter of Edward Curtis, Nov. 3, 1600  
John Curtis, Feb. 13, 1602-3  
Susannah Curtis, Oct. 6, 1605  
John Curtis, October, 1607  
John Curtis, Feb. 26, 1614-15  
William Curtis, June 21, 1618  
Thomas Curtis, March 12, 1619-20  
Mary Curtis, March 11, 1620-1.  
Thomas Curtis, Jan. 19, 1622-3  
Elizabeth Curtis, daughter of William Curtis, Feb. 13, 1624-5

Ancestry and Desc. of William  
Curtis and Allies 922.2C979

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Sarah Curtis, daughter of William Curtis, Aug. 5, 1627  
Mary Curtis, daughter of George Curtis, Oct. 6, 1628  
John Curtis, July 17, 1629  
Edward Curtis, son of George Curtis, April 20, 1631  
Susan Curtis, daughter of George Curtis, May 16, 1631  
Philip Curtis, March 28, 1632.  
George Curtis, Oct. 20, 1633  
Thomas Curtis, son to George Curtis March 25, 1636  
John Curtis, July 17, 1643.

*Marriages.*

William Tomson and Marion Curtis, May 19, 1561  
John Read and Mary Curtis Aug. 17, 1582  
Thomas Curtis & Mary Camp, Aug. 24, 1585  
John Curtyce & Anne Sansome, June 22, 1608  
Thomas Curtis & Mary Shelley (wid) July 3, 1596  
John Curtyce & Elizabeth Hutchins Apr 19, 1610  
William Curtis and Sarah Eliot, Aug. 6, 1618  
Thomas Ruggles & Marye Curtis Nov. 1, 1620  
John Beech & Marie Curtis Nov. 17, 1627  
Gabriel Curtis & Anne Keyes, May 2, 1642

*Burials.*

Mother Curtis, Nov. 20, 1561  
William Curtis, homo, May 17, 1585  
Mary, wife of Thomas Curtis, Nov. 24, 1594  
Thomas Curtis puer. July 3, 1594  
George Curtis, senex, June 27, 1602  
Thomas Curtis homo, Jan. 6, 1605-6  
Wife of George Curtis, Aug. 14, 1606  
WALTHAM ABBEY OR HOLY CROSS.

*Baptisms.*

Robert Corteys the sonne of William Courteys Aprill 15, 1565  
Jane Courtes, the daughter of George Courtes July 18, 1568  
Madlyng Cortes, the dowghter of George Cortes Oct. 16, 1575  
John Curttes, son of George, March 3, 1638-9  
Robert Curtis, son of George, May 12, 1641  
Thomas Curtis, son of George, June 22, 1645

*Marriages.*

George Curtis of Nazing & Margaret Wells of this parish,  
July 31, 1623.



(Commissary Court of London; an original will, proved on July 9, 1585)  
"In the name of God Amen the xth day of May in the year of o<sup>r</sup> Lord 1585.  
I Willm Curtis of y<sup>e</sup> pish of Nazing in y<sup>e</sup> county of Essex sick of bodie  
but of good memorie God have prays do make & ordeyn this my last Will  
& Testmt in form following first I bequeath my soule into the handes of  
All mughtie god beleiving to be saved by the death of Jhesus Christe & I  
yeald my body to the Earth in hope of the resurrection w<sup>th</sup> the iust in  
the day.

"Concerning my worldly good I geve & Bequeath the as followeth. Itm  
I geve to the poore of the pish of Nazing xx<sup>s</sup> of lawfull english mony to  
be distributed unto them at the discrecon of my Executo<sup>rs</sup>. Itm I geve  
& bequeath to Sara Curtis my daughter the sum of ten poundes of lawfull  
english mony to be payd unto here at the day of her mariadge. Itm I geve  
& bequeath to Edward Curtis my soon x<sup>li</sup> of lawfull english mony to be  
payd unto hym at his adge of xxi<sup>ti</sup> year. Itm I geve & bequeath to  
Gabriell my soon the sum of x<sup>li</sup> of lawfull english mony to be payd to  
him in like mann<sup>x</sup> at his adge of xxi<sup>ti</sup> yeares. Itm I geve & bequeath

to John Curtis my yongest soon xx markes of lawfull english mony to be  
payd also to him at his adge of xxi<sup>ti</sup> yeares. Itm geve to my daughter  
Mary the sum of forty shillinges of lawfull english mony to be payd unto  
her w<sup>th</sup>nn two moneths next after my deceasse. Ite my will & mynde is  
that all these legasies heere before geven shalbe payd out of my moveable  
goodes w<sup>th</sup>hout the house as Corne cattells grain or any such like thing  
whatsoever & I will that the overplus of the sayd moveables (these  
legasies above said being discharged) be equally devyded betweene Agnes  
my wife & Thomas Curtis my eldest son excepting out of my sayd bequest  
two of my best lambes w<sup>ch</sup> I geve to my daughter Maryes two children.

Concerning my howsehold stuff I do whollie geve the same to  
Agnes my wife & I make & ordeyn my said wife and Thomas Curtis my son  
my Executo<sup>rs</sup> to see my will truly fullfilled my debts payd & funeralls  
discharged. And I desire my good freend goodman Bannister & my brother  
Geordg Curtis to be oversears of this my laste will & Testmt.

Witnesses to this last will: John Bannister Geordg Curtis & me  
John Hopkins, Writer.

Probatu cora Commissares nono die mense Juni j Anno Dom 1585 by  
Agnes Curtis relict and George Curtis and Thomas Curtis".

\*The above testator, William Curtis, was buried in the church-  
yard of the parish of Nazing, Essex, England, as per the record in the  
register of burials of that parish viz: "Burials, William Curtis 17  
May 1585.

(The chart, hereinafter, will give the children and grandchildren of the above testator, William Curtis, in formal order with their records. We will also give the will of Thomas Curtis, eldest son of the above testator, William Curtis. This Thomas Curtis was the father of the William Curtis baptized at Nazing Nov. 12, 1592, who emigrated to Roxbury, Massachusetts in the ship "Lion" from London June 22, 1632, with his family. Thus, this William Curtis was the nephew of John Curtis the younger son of the above testator, William Curtis, who died in 1585. We now quote the records in the parish register of the church of Nazing, Essex, England, relating to this John Curtis, his wife, and their three children:

"Baptisms. John Curtis baptized Sept. 15, 1577". His marriage is recorded in the marriage register of the same church viz: "Marriages: John Curtyce and Elizabeth Hutchins April 19, 1610". Their three children are recorded in the register of baptism of the same church viz: "Baptisms John Curtis Feb. 26, 1614".\* "William Curtis, June 21, 1618". "Thomas Curtis, March 12, 1619 (-20)".

(Commissary Court of London: 1603-- 1607, Number 20-142)

The will of Thomas Curtis:

"Thomas Curtis cu coddicillo. In the name of god Amen I Thomas Curtis of nazing in the countie of Essex Yeoman being sick in bodie hole in mind and of pfecte remembrance thanks be the ffather of our Lord Jesus Christe this 13<sup>th</sup> of December An<sup>o</sup> Dni 1604 doe make and ordeine this my laste Will and Testamante in mann<sup>r</sup> and forme followinge viz ffyrst and princepally I Comenomy Sowle to god who gave mee it in assurance of the eternall peace of it throughe fayth in Christ my saviour and my bodey to be buried at the discrecon of my Executrix.



Item I give unto my Daughter Martha one fether bede. Item I give unto my Daughter Mary one other ffeather bede. Item I give unto my Daughter Elizabeth the cubboard in the old parlor. Item I give my table in the old parlor to my Sonne and all that was my first wyves and my Lynnen to be equally devided amongst my iij Daughters. Item I give unto Mary my wyfe my house and lande with all apptinances for xij yeares after my decease uppon Condicon that at the ende of six yeares shee doe paye or cause to bee payde unto every of my sayd daughters fortie pounds in mann<sup>r</sup> and forme followinge viz<sup>t</sup>., I will that shee doe paye unto Martha my Daughter forty pounds with in the Compasse of the seaventh and eight yeare after my decease. Item I give unto Mary my Daughter forty pounds to bee payd unto her in the ix<sup>th</sup> and x<sup>th</sup> yeares nexte after my decease. Item I give to Elizabeth my Daughter forty pounds to bee payd unto her in the xi<sup>th</sup> and xij<sup>th</sup> yeare after my decease. Item my Will and meanning is that if my wife doe not pay the three porcons before menconed accordinge to this my Will that when my three Daughters shall have my howse and land for the last six yeares to rayse them ther sayd porcons. Item I do give unto my sonne my howse and land after the ende of xij yeres uppon condicon that he doo paye unto my wife yearely viij pounds duringe her naturall life and if he refuse to pay the sayd eight pounds that then shee shall have halfe my house and land. Item all the rest of my goods moveable and unmoveable what soever ungiven and bequeathe I give unto my wife whome I make my sole Executrix of this my will. In witness whereof I have setto my hand the day and yeare above written in the presence of us.

Richard ffirian, John Goore, John Grave, John Reade

By me Thomas Curtis

Codicillum Thome Curtis. Whereas Martha, Mary and Elizabeth should have forty pounds a peece, It is now my Will that it should be payd at the entranc of the three two yeares if the Mother dye after shee hath payd this monney if shee Dye before the two yeares bee expired and then it shall be payd backe and if it bee but one quarter and likewise the other two shall paye backe like unto the other sister they shall paye enters of this lande Itye busheyleys by a surrender to them th that the monney should bee payd backe to if it be not payd accordinge.

Thomas Curtis

Probatum fuit hmoi testamentu cu Codicillo subscript cora mro Thoma Rydley legu Dcore Cmiss &c ultimo die mensis Januarij An<sup>o</sup> Dni stilo Anglie 1605 iuram<sup>to</sup> Marie relce et ex<sup>cs</sup> in testo noiat Cui &c de bne &c Jur &c salvo mre &c".

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## WILL OF WILLIAM CURTIS.

[Communicated by NATHANIEL CURTIS, Esq.]

Know all men by these presents, that I, *Willyam Curtis*, in the county of Suffolk in Newengland, for and in considerashion of mine own and my wife's eage and weakness\*, and our unability by resen thereof to manage that small estate in our hand, so as to attane a Livelyhood thereby; and our incapability to live without some abill person to bee a staffe and guyde, to ous in our eage, and all my children through the goodness of God, being disposed into families of their one excepting my youngest sson, *Isaack*; they not being in so good capacity, haveing habytashons and effeacts of their one, to manig; to be help fful unto me; for and in considerashion of fatherly affection and other good resens, moveing me hereunto, have and by these presents doo ffully and absolutelly, give, grante, make over, and assine and confurme, unto my beloved sone, *Isaac Curtis* of the same place, now living with me, my hole esteate, now in my hands, that is to say, my dwelling hous, barn, and outhousings and all my lands, orchards and yards, catill and moveabill goods, of what sort soever, the severall parssells of land, as it now lyeth in Roxbury, tene acars of it lyeth in Roxbury, by Stoony River, as it now lyeth, be the same more or less, with the aforesayd housings, orchards and yards, and these abutting upon Stoony river Easter, and upon the land of *Isaac*

1866.]

*Will of William Curtis.*

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*Curtis*, lately of *John Curtis*, North, and upon the land of *John Crafts* and *Robert Seaver*, West, and upon the land of *Isaac Curtis*, lately the land of *Willyam Hopkins*, and the hyway leding frome gamblins end south; and two acors of salt marsh, be it more or less in the \*eye-land in Roxbury, as it now lyeth and there abutting upon the river. South, upon the land of *Robert Seaver*. West, upon the heirs of *John Ruggles*. And five acors of woodland, more or less, nere to the town grate lots in Roxbury, and there abutting upon the town grate lots, and the land of *John Mayo* and *Willyam Hopkins* west, and upon the land of *Willyam Hopkins*, south, and upon *Abraham how*, east. And mor, eayght acors of land in the woods in the middle divishion in Roxbury, being part of three and twenty lot as it now lyeth, be the same mor or less, and there abutting land of *John Baker*, east. North, upon the land of *Willyam lion*, west upon the land of, between the middle divishion and the last, South, and together with this my present deed, doe give to my sayd sson *Isaack*, the present and full possession of this estate, to wit, my sayd hous, barn, and out housings, all the above sayd several parcels of lande with all that is upon them, and the appurtenensses and priveleges, belonging to them, together with all my catill and moveable goods, of what sort soever, and I, the sayd *Willyam Curtis*, will and shall forever, hereafter warant my deed of gift, in all the several parcels of it, unto my sayd soon *Isaack Curtis*, his hayres, executors, administrators, or assygns, and all persons whatsoever claiming any right or title hereunto, by, from, or under me, upon these considirations following:—First, that the sayd *Isaack Curtis*, shall always, and at all times provide for me, his sayd father, *Willyam Curtis*, and his sayd mother, *Sary Curtis*, during the term of our naturall life, or the longest liver of ous both; of things necessary for our comfortabill living in this world, of comfortabill housing, lodging, food, clothing and firing, all other things necessary or needful, in health or sickness; and in case he the sayd *Isaack*, doe at any tiem fail herein, so that there be full cass of complaint, that *Willyam Curtis* or *Sary*, his wife, notwithstanding this deed, shall have full power, to will, tak possession and sell or otherwise dispose off, any part of this esteat, for their necessary relief, provided before any alienashion or disposal, the sayd *Willyam Curtis*, or *Sary* his wife, shall inform the rest of their children, and together with them, by the advice of friends, chosen by the sayd *Willyam Curtis*, and *Sary*, his wife. Secondly, that the sayd *Isaac Curtis*, his hayers, assygns, executors or administrators, shall pay or cass to be payd unto my beloved sonne, *John Curtis* and to my beloved sonne-in-law *Isaac Newall*, the full and just sum of forty shillings in some merchantable goods, to each of them, their hayers, assygnes, or executors within three months after the desese of sayd *Willyam Curtis* and *Sary* his wife; and this however found above expressed, together with what tha have already reseaved is their porshion; and for the rest of my children, tha have already reseaved their porshions. And I, the above sayd *Willyam Curtis*, do resarve unto myselfe and to my wife, *Sary Curtis*, during the tiem of our natural life, halfe the fruit the orchard doth produce for our one comfort and use, to dispose off, as the sayd *Willyam Curtis*

\* Pine Island, where was a powder magazine formerly, and at the southerly end of the South Bay.

and Sary his wife shall see fit. In witness fixed wheroff, I, the sayd Willyam Curtis, hath sett to my hand and fixed my seall, this leventh day of Februari, 1669. *Willyam Curtis*. Receaved, sealed and delivered in the presence of us,

*Peleg Heath,*  
*Samuel Crafts.* }

WILL. CURTIS acknowledged this Instrument as his Will, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 1672. *Enos Tyng.*

Entered, Received and Compared April 5<sup>th</sup>, 1673, as attests,  
*Isaac Addington*, Recorder.

[*William Curtis* and *Sarah* his wife were here March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1632, at which date he was made freeman. He probably came from London, bringing four children, and settled in Roxbury, near the station of the Providence Railroad at Boylston Street. He is supposed to be the first of the name who came to New England, except, it may be, his eldest son, *William*, who, it is stated, came in 1631, perhaps with *John Eliot*, in the "Lion," and died young. The fifth *Isaac Curtis* came into possession of the family estate by will from his father, nearly in the same manner as his ancestor *William* bequeathed it to his youngest son, *Isaac*, who gave it to his son *Isaac*, and so down to the present time; the present possessor being of the sixth generation and the fifth *Isaac*, and the only male heir in the lineal descent now living.

The late *Charles P. Curtis* was of the opinion that his ancestor *William* came from Stratford upon Avon, as tradition says a nephew, who came over with him, settled in Connecticut, with other families from his native place, forming a colony and naming the town Stratford after their native place.]

#### A BOND FROM PHILIP TO ISAAC CURTIS.

This testifies that I, *Philip Curtis*, dou own and acknowledge that when my father, *Willyam Curtis*, did give unto me an assynment of his meadow, near Stony River, in the meadow lots, near to land of *John Curtis*, joyning unto myn own land and meadow, baring date. on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of January, one thousand six hundred sixty and nine; he did reserve unto himself, the sayd *Willyam Curtis*, my Father, and to *Sarah Curtis*, my Mother, during the tym of their natural life, or the longest liver of them both, the whole use of the sayd meadow for mowing the first crop on it in the year, constantly, in consideration, wherof I, the above sayd, *Philip Curtis*, doe fully and absolutely covenant and grant to and with my loving brother, *Isaac Curtis*, that he, the sayd *Isaac Curtis*, shal constantly yer by yer, have liberty to mow and make and have a suffisient cart way through my land, without molestashon too carry away such hay as the sayd meadow dus yeld, for the use of my father, *Willyam Curtis*, and my mother *Sarah Curtis*, during the term of their natural life, or the longest lives of them both; also I dou covenant and engag unto and with my sayd brother, *Isaac Curtis*, that whatsoever charge I, the said *Philip Curtis*, shall mak to the meadow for the use of feeding the rowen or after pasture, after mowing it, shall be done at myn own expense, and my sayd brother shall bar no mor charg of fencing than belongeth to him, as lying in common, under the above performance of this fathers

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researved interest in his premises, I doe, bind myself, my heyres, excutors and assigns during the whol tym of my fathers and mothers natural life. In witness wharoff I have hereunto set my hand and seal in the presence of

*Peleg Heath,*  
*Samuel Crafts.*

Dated this twenty-fifth day of January,  
one thousand six hundred sixty and  
nine. *Philip Curtis.*

[Hubbard, in his History of the Indian Wars, states, that Capt. Henchman's company marched out of Boston Nov. 1, 1675, to rescue some youths who had been captured at Marlborough by the savages and carried off. On the fourth day's march the Indian plantations were reached, an attack was made, and the youths were rescued. The Indians finally retreated, but Lieut. *Philip Curtis*, the giver of the above bond, and several of the company, were killed. This engagement took place about ten miles beyond where the town of Mendon is situated.

In the Massachusetts Archives, vol. 69, page 106, date 13:12:'76, may be found a petition of *Obedience Curtis*, of Roxbury, whose husband was killed by the Indians, when under Capt. Henchman. She was the widow of *Philip Curtis*.  
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1. HENRY<sup>1</sup> CURTIS came to New England in 1635, aged 27 years, in the *Elizabeth and Ann*, and settled at Watertown, Mass., where he was a proprietor in 1636, later removing to Sudbury, Mass., where he was a proprietor in 1639. In deeds he is styled "wheelwright."

He married, probably in Watertown, about 1640, Mary, daughter of Nicholas Guy of Upton Gray, co. Southampton, England, who had come to New England in 1638, in the *Confidence*, and settled at Watertown.

The will of Joan Parker of St. Saviour's, Southwark, co. Surrey, England, dated 24 Aug., 1674, proved the following year, gives to her "brother Henry Curtis of Sundbury in New England," and to his wife, and his three sons, Ephraim, John, and Joseph, 20 shillings each. (Register, vol. xxxii, page 337.)

In Dec., 1668, in a lawsuit concerning property stolen from Henry<sup>1</sup> Curtis, there are depositions of his sons, Ephraim aged 26, John aged 24, and Joseph aged 21, and of Richard Wills aged 20, servant of Ephraim. (Middlesex Co. Court files.)

Henry Curtis died in Sudbury, 8 May, 1678; and his widow, Mary, died there, 3 Dec., 1682; administration of their estates being given to the son Joseph.<sup>2</sup> (Middlesex Co. Probate, Nos. 3724, 3731.)

Children, born in Sudbury:

- I. LEWIS. EPHRAIM,<sup>2</sup> b. 31 Mar., 1642; active in King Philip's War; d. before May, 1684, when a committee reported to the General Court that his Worcester property was belonging to his heirs and assigns (Coll. of Worcester Soc. of Antiquity, vol. 3, page 39). There is no probate record of him, nor any mention of a wife or family, and as his property appeared later in the estate of his sole surviving brother, Joseph,<sup>2</sup> it would indicate that he was unmarried. The final adjustment of the trouble which followed his purchase of the Noyes land at Worcester gave him 50 acres of land within, and 250 acres without, that town. (Mass. Colony Records, vol. v, page 10.) Bodge says of him: "Ephraim Curtis was an important personage in the negotiations at this time [1675] and in the subsequent events. He was . . . about thirty-three years old at this time, a notable scout and hunter, well versed in Indian ways, and intimately acquainted with many of these tribes. He was also a trader, and had a house at Quansigamug (Worcester)." (Soldiers in King Philip's War, pages 104-105.)

- II. JOHN, b. in 1644; d. unmarried, in Sudbury, 31 Dec., 1678.

2. III. JOSEPH, b. 17 July, 1647.

2. JOSEPH<sup>2</sup> CURTIS (*Henry*<sup>1</sup>) was born in Sudbury, Mass., 17 July, 1647, and died there, 26 Nov., 1700. In 1675 he served in the Mt. Hope campaign in King Philip's War, under Capt. Thomas Prentice. (Bodge's *Soldiers in King Philip's War*, page 81.)

He married, in Sudbury, 5 Feb., 1677, Abigail, born in Sudbury, 14 Oct., 1655, died there, 28 Apr., 1745, daughter of Capt. John and Sarah (Busby-Cakebread) Grout, of Sudbury.

His will, dated 23 Nov., 1700, probated 16 Dec. following, of which his widow, Abigail, was executrix, names his eldest son Ephraim, to whom was given "all my rights titles and interest that is belonging to me in Woster"; son Joseph; and daughters Abigail, Mary, and Sarah. The inventory shows, besides other real estate, "Two farms lying at Woster, the farm containing 250 acres and a fifty acre lot." (Middlesex Co. Probate, No. 3729.)

Children, born in Sudbury:

- I. ABIGAIL,<sup>2</sup> b. 2 Mar., 1678-9; d. about 1765; m. about 1705, Capt. John Goulding.
  3. II. EPHRAIM, b. 4 Sept., 1680.
  - III. MARY, b. 25 Dec., 1686; m. 14 Dec., 1710, Thomas Stone.
  4. IV. JOSEPH, b. 15 July, 1689.
  - V. SARAH, d. 26 Sept., 1762; m. 28 Dec., 1715, Jonathan Smith.
3. EPHRAIM<sup>3</sup> CURTIS, Esq. (*Joseph,<sup>2</sup> Henry<sup>1</sup>*) was born in Sudbury, Mass., 4 Sept., 1680, and there married, 10 May, 1705, Mary, born in Sudbury, 19 Feb., 1682, died there, 22 Feb., 1761, daughter of David and Susanna ( ) Stone, of Sudbury.

He died in Sudbury, 17 Nov., 1759, and his gravestone, in East Sudbury (now Wayland), states that he was a Justice of the Peace, Major of a Regiment, and many years Representative in the General Court. (Hudson's History of Sudbury, Mass., page 570.) In 1741 he was appointed a Special Justice of the Court of Common Pleas. (Mass. Civil List, page 89.)

Administration of his estate was declined by the widow, Mary, and oldest surviving son, John, and, at their request, the son Maj. Joseph was appointed administrator. On the distribution paper is an endorsement as to the heirs, as follows: Ephraim's heirs, eldest son; John; Joseph; Mary Gleason; Susanna's heirs; Samuel's heirs. (Middlesex Co. Probate, No. 3721.)

Children, all born in Sudbury:

5. I. EPHRAIM,<sup>4</sup> b. 15 July, 1706.
  6. II. CAPT. JOHN, b. 20 Sept., 1707.
  - III. MARY, b. 29 Dec., 1710; d. 1 Dec., 1770; m. 20 Dec., 1732, Ens. Jason Gleason.
  - IV. SUSANNA, b. 9 Sept., 1714; d. 1 Feb., 1756; m. Lieut. Jonathan Carter.
  7. V. MAJ. JOSEPH, b. 22 Dec., 1721.
  8. VI. LIEUT. SAMUEL, b. 1 June, 1724.
4. JOSEPH<sup>3</sup> CURTIS (*Joseph,<sup>2</sup> Henry<sup>1</sup>*) was born in Sudbury, Mass., 15 July, 1689, and died in Medway, Mass., 21 Jan., 1754. He was one of the founders of Medway, 1713. (Jameson's History of Medway, Mass., page 45.)

He married first, about 1716, Hannah ———, who died in Medway, 9 Nov., 1738; and married second, in Medfield, Mass., 12 Mar., 1739-40, Mary, born in Medfield, 26 Feb., 1698-9, died in Medway, 20 Mar., 1779, daughter of John and Judith (Fisher) Bullen, of Medfield.

Children by first wife, all born in Medway:

- I. ABIGAIL,<sup>4</sup> b. 6 Oct., 1717; d. 23 June, 1807; m. as his second wife, 25 June, 1759, William Richardson.
- II. HANNAH, b. 28 June, 1721; d. 10 Oct., 1727.
- III. MARY, b. 24 Aug., d. 25 Aug., 1724.
9. IV. JOSEPH, b. 24 Feb., 1727-8.



Child by second wife, born in Medway:

- v. MARY, b. 19 May, 1742; d. 14 Aug., 1756 (?).

5. EPHRAIM<sup>4</sup> CURTIS (*Ephraim*,<sup>3</sup> *Joseph*,<sup>2</sup> *Henry*<sup>1</sup>), born in Sudbury, Mass., 15 July, 1706, settled in Worcester, Mass., where he died, 1 Jan., 1747-8. His father, 9 Nov., 1731, deeded to him a tract of 250 acres of land bounded north by Worcester, westerly by land of Samuel Boutwell and Gershom How, southerly by Sutton town line, and easterly by land some time past claimed by Capt. Nathaniel Jones. (Worcester Co. Deeds, vol. 5, page 403.).

He, then called of Worcester, married in Sudbury, 23 Dec., 1729, Mary, born in 1706, died in Worcester, 1 Dec., 1745, daughter of Isaac and Sibyl (Collins) Rice, of Sudbury.

Children, all born in Worcester:

10. i. SAMUEL<sup>5</sup> (twin), b. 26 Sept., 1730.
  - ii. JUDITH (twin), b. 26 Sept., 1730; d. young.
  - iii. MARY, b. 5 Mar., 1732; d. unmarried, before 1759.
  - iv. ABIGAIL, b. 21 June, 1734; m. 20 Feb., 1755, Ebenezer Staples.
  11. v. EPHRAIM, b. 6 Sept., 1736.
  - vi. OLIVER, b. 29 Jan., 1740; m. in Sudbury, 7 Apr., 1763, Mary Damon; had *William*,<sup>6</sup> b. in Worcester, 29 July, 1763; no further record obtained. An Oliver Curtis, of Ward (now Auburn), Mass., m. in Sutton, Mass., 29 June, 1797, Judith Chase, and had *Ephraim*, b. in Ward, 27 Mar., 1798, and *Betsy*, b. in Sutton, 17 May, 1800.
  - vii. JUDITH, b. 15 Oct., 1744.
6. CAPT. JOHN<sup>4</sup> CURTIS (*Ephraim*,<sup>3</sup> *Joseph*,<sup>2</sup> *Henry*<sup>1</sup>), born in Sudbury, Mass., 20 Sept., 1707, settled in Worcester, Mass., where he died, 29 June, 1797.

He served as Capt. of a company for the relief of Fort William Henry, in 1757; and was a signer of the Tory Protest in 1774, but afterwards recanted, and was admitted to favor. From 1754 to 1774 he kept a tavern in Worcester.

He married first, in Sudbury, 4 June, 1729, Rebekah, born Jan., 1709, died in Worcester, 24 Mar., 1755, daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Newell) Wight, of Sudbury; and married second, in Lancaster, Mass., 13 Nov., 1755, Elizabeth, baptized in Lancaster, 22 Nov., 1713, daughter of Rev. John and Mary (Gardner) Prentice, and widow of Daniel Robbins, of Lancaster, by whom he had no issue.

Children by first wife, all born in Worcester except the first:

- i. JONATHAN<sup>5</sup> b. in Sudbury, 9 Aug., 1729; d. 4 Jan., 1732-3.
12. ii. JOHN, b. 19 May, 1731.
- iii. JONATHAN, b. 16 May, 1733.
- iv. SARAH, b. 27 Jan., 1736-7; d. young.
- v. ELIZABETH, b. 28 Dec., 1738.
- vi. WILLIAM, b. 8 Feb., 1740-1; d. 16 Apr., 1749.
- vii. REBEKAH, b. 5 Nov., 1742; d. 4 Oct., 1745.
- viii. JOSEPH, b. 31 Oct., 1744; d. 20 Sept., 1745.
13. ix. JAMES, b. 8 Sept., 1746.
- x. MARY, b. 3 Oct., 1747; m. 27 June, 1771, Dea. John Chamberlain.
- xi. SARAH, b. 28 Aug., 1749; m. Capt. William Jones.
- xii. WILLIAM, b. 29 Jan., 1750-1; served in the Revolution; m. in Worcester, 25 Aug., 1771, Sarah, b. in Worcester, 1 May, 1751, dau. of Jabez and Sarah (Gookin) Tatman, of Worcester; had *Mary*,<sup>6</sup> b. 18 Oct., 1772, and *Sarah*; no further record obtained.
14. xiii. JOSEPH, bapt. 21 Mar., 1752; served in the Revolution.
15. xiv. TYLER, b. 28 Apr., 1753.



7. MAJ. JOSEPH<sup>1</sup> CURTIS (*Ephraim*,<sup>2</sup> *Joseph*,<sup>3</sup> *Henry*<sup>4</sup>) was born in Sudbury, Mass., 22 Dec., 1721, and died in East Sudbury (now Wayland), 6 Oct., 1791. In 1757 he was Lieut. of the 1st Foot Company of Sudbury; in 1771 he was Capt. of the 1st Company, Troop of Horse; and 26 Oct., 1778, he appears, with the title of Maj., in Capt. Nathaniel Maynard's muster roll (*Hudson's History of Sudbury, Mass.*, page 406).

He married first, in Sudbury, 11 Sept., 1744, Jane, born in Sudbury, 11 Apr., 1725, died there, 22 Feb., 1748-9, daughter of Peter and Abigail (Thompson) Plympton, of Sudbury; and married second, in Sudbury, 7 May, 1752, Abigail, born in Sudbury, 18 Aug., 1733, died in East Sudbury, 16 Aug., 1805, daughter of Capt. David and Abigail (Jenison) Baldwin, of Sudbury.

Children by first wife, all born in Sudbury:

- i. SARAH,<sup>5</sup> b. 23 Mar., 1744-5; m. 12 Oct., 1769, Ephraim Abbot.
- ii. MARY, b. 31 Aug., 1746.
- iii. EPHRAIM, b. 4 Aug., 1748; d. before 1798; m. 23 May, 1770, Relief, b. in Sudbury, 6 Nov., 1751, d. after 1798, dau. of Daniel and Thankful ( ) Putnam; resided in Sudbury and Rutland, Mass.; no further record obtained. Children: 1. *Ephraim*,<sup>6</sup> b. in Sudbury, 20 May, 1771. 2. *Rebecca*, bapt. in Rutland, 27 Dec., 1772. 3. *Jane*, bapt. in Rutland, 12 Feb., 1775. 4. *Lucy*, bapt. in Rutland, 18 May, 1777. 5. *Hannah*, d. in East Sudbury, 10 June, 1798.

Children by second wife, all born in Sudbury:

- iv. COL. DAVID, b. 22 Apr., 1753; d. 27 Oct., 1832; m. 1 May, 1777, Abigail, b. 3 Sept., 1757, dau. of Elijah and Susannah (Stone) Bent, of East Sudbury; resided in East Sudbury; no further record obtained. Children: 1. *Joseph*,<sup>6</sup> b. 18 Aug., 1779. 2. *David*, b. 7 Apr., 1781. 3. *Henry*, b. 20 Apr., 1783. 4. *John*, b. — May, 1785. 5. *Elijah*, b. — Aug., 1787. 6. *Nabby*, b. 11 Mar., 1792.
  - v. ABIGAIL, b. 21 May, 1755; m. 14 Dec., 1774, Rev. Jonathan Barnes.
  - vi. JANE, b. 31 July, 1754; m. 22 Feb., 1780, Trowbridge Taylor.
  - vii. ELIZABETH, b. 11 Aug., 1759; m. ——— Hastings.
  - viii. LUCY, b. 11 Apr., 1761; m. 26 Jan., 1786, John Flagg, Jr.
  - ix. LYDIA, b. 19 Apr., 1763; m. 16 June, 1783, David Baldwin.
  - x. JOSEPH, b. 13 July, 1765; d. 22 Aug., 1770.
  - xi. CATHARINE, b. 22 Apr., 1767; d. 19 Aug., 1770.
  - xii. REBECCA, b. 6 July, 1769; d. 23 Aug., 1770.
  - xiii. JOSEPH, b. 2 Jan., 1771.
  - xiv. CAPT. WILLIAM, b. 14 May, 1774; d. 28 Jan., 1820; m. 14 May, 1807, Hannah Larnard; no further record obtained. Children: 1. *Abigail*,<sup>6</sup> 2. *Catharine*. 3. *William*. 4. *George*. 5. *Hannah Jane*.
  - xv. CATHARINE, b. 9 Dec., 1775.
8. LIEUT. SAMUEL<sup>1</sup> CURTIS (*Ephraim*,<sup>2</sup> *Joseph*,<sup>3</sup> *Henry*<sup>4</sup>) was born in Sudbury, Mass., 1 June, 1724. In 1758 he served as Lieut. under Capt. Samuel Dakin in the expedition against Crown Point, and was killed 20 July, 1758, in the engagement at Half Way Brook, near Fort Edward, N. Y.

He married first, in Sudbury, 20 Feb., 1745-6, Jerusha, born in Sudbury, 18 Dec., 1724, died there, 13 July, 1747, daughter of Robert and Abigail (Sawin) Cutting, of Sudbury; and married second, in Reading, Mass., 25 Aug., 1749, Hannah Nichols, perhaps daughter of Timothy and Hannah ( ) of Reading.

Child by first wife, born in Sudbury:

- i. JERUSHA,<sup>5</sup> b. 14 Nov., 1746; m. 6 Aug., 1769, her cousin Robert Cutting.

Children by second wife, all born in Sudbury:

- ii. HANNAH, b. 10 Mar., 1752.
- iii. SAMUEL, b. 17 Jan., 1753.
- iv. SUSANNAH, b. 23 Mar., 1756.
- v. MARY, b. 21 Sept., 1758.

9. JOSEPH<sup>1</sup> CURTIS (*Joseph*,<sup>2</sup> *Joseph*,<sup>3</sup> *Henry*<sup>4</sup>) was born in Medway, Mass., 24 Feb., 1727-8, and died there, 6 Nov., 1791.

He married, in Medway, 12 Oct., 1757, Rachel, born in Medway, 12 May, 1738, died there, 4 Mar., 1810, daughter of Henry and Hannah (Bullard) Daniels, of Medway.

Children, all born in Medway:

- 16. i. JEREMIAH,<sup>5</sup> b. 25 Mar., 1758.
- ii. ABIGAIL, b. 12 June, 1760; m. 30 Aug., 1777, Asa Adams.
- iii. KEZIAH, b. 16 Aug., 1764; m. 6 June, 1785, Elijah Partridge.
- iv. HANNAH, b. 26 May, 1775; m. 20 Nov., 1798, Henry Bullard, Jr.

10. SAMUEL<sup>5</sup> CURTIS, Esq. (*Ephraim*,<sup>4</sup> *Ephraim*,<sup>3</sup> *Joseph*,<sup>2</sup> *Henry*<sup>1</sup>) was born in Worcester, Mass., 26 Sept., 1730, and died there, 18 Oct., 1814. He was a Justice of the Peace, Lieut. of Militia, a member of important committees in the Revolution, and a Representative in the General Court, 1778-1785, 1802, 1804, 1806.

He married, in Worcester, 30 Mar., 1757, Mary, born in Worcester, 8 Nov., 1735, died there, 3 June, 1830, daughter of Maj. Daniel and Mary (Stone-Coggin) Ward, of Worcester.

Children, all born in Worcester:

- i. SAMUEL,<sup>6</sup> bapt. 21 Jan., 1759; d. young.
- ii. MARY, bapt. 10 Feb., 1760; d. 12 Oct., 1839; unmarried.
- 17. iii. CAPT. SAMUEL, bapt. 11 Oct., 1761.
- iv. EPHRAIM, bapt. 3 Apr., 1763.
- v. SARAH, bapt. 23 June, 1765; m. 1 Dec., 1791, Samuel Boyden.
- vi. LEMUEL, bapt. 4 Oct., 1767.
- vii. LUCRETIA, bapt. 27 May, 1770; m. 1 Jan., 1800, Aaron Flagg.
- viii. LYDIA, bapt. 26 July, 1772; d. young.
- ix. AZUBAH, bapt. 22 Jan., 1775.
- x. LYDIA, bapt. 13 Aug., 1780.

11. EPHRAIM<sup>5</sup> CURTIS (*Ephraim*,<sup>4</sup> *Ephraim*,<sup>3</sup> *Joseph*,<sup>2</sup> *Henry*<sup>1</sup>) was born in Worcester, Mass., 6 Sept., 1736. The record of his death has not been obtained.

He married, in Worcester, 4 Dec., 1763, Sarah, daughter of Nathaniel and Elizabeth (Gallup) Paine, of Worcester.

Children, all born in Worcester:

- i. EPHRAIM<sup>6</sup> (?), d. 9 Oct., 1839, aged 75 yrs.
- ii. DOLLY, bapt. 6 May, 1765.
- iii. SARAH, b. 9 May, 1767; m. 28 Jan., 1790, Ebenezer Mower.
- iv. NATHANIEL, bapt. 16 July, 1769.
- v. ELIZABETH, bapt. 3 Nov., 1771; m. 10 Jan., 1791, William Chamberlain.
- vi. CATHARINE, bapt. 23 Jan., 1774.
- vii. MARY, bapt. 18 Feb., 1776.

12. JOHN<sup>5</sup> CURTIS (*John*,<sup>4</sup> *Ephraim*,<sup>3</sup> *Joseph*,<sup>2</sup> *Henry*<sup>1</sup>) was born in Worcester, Mass., 19 May, 1731, and died there, 13 Dec., 1768.

He married, in Worcester, 15 May, 1755, Elizabeth, born in Worcester, 14 Sept., 1732, died in Shrewsbury, Mass., 16 May, 1777, daughter of Phineas and Elizabeth ( ) Heywood, of Worcester.

## Children, all born in Worcester :

- i. REBECCA,<sup>6</sup> b. 13 Feb., 1756; m. 19 Dec., 1782, Samuel Jennison.
  - ii. ELIZABETH, b. 26 Feb., 1758.
  - iii. JOHN, b. 14 Nov., 1760.
  18. iv. DAVID, bapt. 30 Jan., 1763.
  - v. NATHANIEL, bapt. 18 Aug., 1765; d. 28 June, 1818.
  - vi. DOROTHY, bapt. 26 July, 1767; m. 5 Dec., 1787, David Craige.
13. JAMES<sup>5</sup> CURTIS (*John,<sup>4</sup> Ephraim,<sup>3</sup> Joseph,<sup>2</sup> Henry<sup>1</sup>*) was born in Worcester, Mass., 8 Sept., 1746, and died 19 Jan., 1789, in Princeton, Mass., where he had settled.
- He married, in Shrewsbury, Mass., 24 May, 1770, Sarah, born in Shrewsbury, 25 June, 1749, died in Princeton, 19 Sept., 1787, daughter of Capt. Abraham and Dinah (Rice) Eager, of Shrewsbury.
- Children :
- i. AZURAH,<sup>6</sup> bapt. in Worcester, 29 Jan., 1771.
  - ii. SOPHIA, m. 1 Jan., 1795, Samuel Smith.
  - iii. ELIZABETH.
  - iv. JAMES.
  - v. TYLER, m. 18 Mar., 1802, Maryan Flagg.
  - vi. EAGER.
  - vii. SARAH.
14. JOSEPH<sup>5</sup> CURTIS (*John,<sup>4</sup> Ephraim,<sup>3</sup> Joseph,<sup>2</sup> Henry<sup>1</sup>*) was baptized in Worcester, Mass., 21 Mar., 1752, and settled in Shrewsbury, Mass. The record of his death has not been obtained.
- He married, in Shrewsbury, 1 Aug., 1774, Eleanor, born in Shrewsbury, 22 Feb., 1758, daughter of Dr. Edward and Mary (How) Flint, of Shrewsbury.
- Children, all born in Shrewsbury :
- i. ELEANOR,<sup>6</sup> b. 15 Dec., 1774; m. in Worcester, 19 May, 1796, Jason Fuller.
  - ii. CATHARINE, b. 28 Aug., 1776; d. 15 Nov., 1777.
  - iii. WILLIAM, b. 23 Jan., 1779.
  - iv. MARY, b. 23 July, 1781.
  - v. CATHARINE, b. 19 Sept., 1783.
15. TYLER<sup>5</sup> CURTIS (*John,<sup>4</sup> Ephraim,<sup>3</sup> Joseph,<sup>2</sup> Henry<sup>1</sup>*) was born in Worcester, Mass., 28 Apr., 1753, and died there, 16 Apr., 1807.
- He married, in Worcester, 5 Sept., 1776, Lydia, born in Worcester, 8 Oct., 1755, died there, 5 Oct., 1841, daughter of Jacob and Lydia (Stone) Chamberlain, of Worcester.
- Children, all born in Worcester :
- i. TYLER,<sup>6</sup> b. 15 Feb., d. 23 May, 1777.
  - ii. REBECCA, b. 20 July, 1778; m. as his second wife, 4 June, 1804, Rev. David Long.
  - iii. JOHN, b. 5 Apr., 1781; d. 14 Sept., 1783.
  - iv. JOHN, b. 23 Dec., 1783; d. 3 Aug., 1826; m. 16 Mar., 1807, Nancy Stowell.
  - v. SARAH (or SALLY), b. 2 Apr., 1786; d. 24 July, 1788.
  - vi. DOLLY, bapt. 25 Aug., 1788; d. 20 Jan., 1791.
  - vii. ELIZABETH PRENTICE, b. 17 May, 1791; m. 24 June, 1812, Jonathan Wright.
  - viii. NATHANIEL, b. 29 Aug., 1793; d. 28 Mar., 1810.
  - ix. SAMUEL, b. 12 June, 1796; d. 17 May, 1811.
  - x. TYLER, b. 29 Feb., 1801; d. 17 Mar., 1842.
16. JEREMIAH<sup>5</sup> CURTIS (*Joseph,<sup>4</sup> Joseph,<sup>3</sup> Joseph,<sup>2</sup> Henry<sup>1</sup>*) was born in Medway, Mass., 25 Mar., 1758, and died there, 5 Aug., 1804.



He married, in Sherborn, Mass., 1 May, 1783, Sarah, born in 1762, died in Medway, 10 Nov., 1828, daughter of Jonas and Sarah ( ) Greenwood, of Sherborn.

Children, all born in Medway :

- I. JEREMIAH,<sup>6</sup> b. 17 Oct., 1785; d. 3 Jan., 1798.
- II. JOSEPH, b. 6 Dec., 1787; m. 13 Mar., 1813, Annis Clark.
- III. SARAH, b. 11 Aug., 1790; m. 8 Jan., 1809, Seth Allen.
- IV. JESSE, b. 13 July, 1792; m. 25 Nov., 1813, Lydia Allen.
- V. POLLY, b. 9 Dec., 1794; d. — Jan., 1837; unmarried.
- VI. KEZIAH, b. 12 Sept., 1797; d. 24 Mar., 1798.
- VII. JONAS, b. 25 Nov., 1799; m. (Int. rec. 9 Mar., 1824) Alma Bullard.
- VIII. ACHSA, b. 20 Apr., 1803; m. 14 Sept., 1826, Simeon Clark.

17. CAPT. SAMUEL<sup>6</sup> CURTIS (*Samuel,<sup>5</sup> Ephraim,<sup>4</sup> Ephraim,<sup>3</sup> Joseph,<sup>2</sup> Henry<sup>1</sup>*) was baptized in Worcester, Mass., 11 Oct., 1761, and died there, 29 Jan., 1811. He was a Capt. of Militia.

He married first, in Worcester, 20 Aug., 1785, Eunice, born in Worcester, 16 July, 1762, died there, 22 Aug., 1802, daughter of Col. Benjamin and Abigail (Chadwick) Flagg, of Worcester; and married second, about 1806, Eunice, daughter of ——— Taft and widow of David Stowell, of Uxbridge, Mass.

Children by first wife, all born in Worcester :

- I. SALLY,<sup>7</sup> b. 25 Nov., 1783.
- II. ABIGAIL, b. 23 Feb., 1788.
- III. AARON, b. 5 May, 1790.
- IV. SAMUEL, b. 17 Apr., 1792.
- V. EPHRAIM, b. 8 Apr., 1794.
- VI. LYDIA, b. 22 May, 1796.
- VII. JOHN B., b. 29 Apr., 1798; d. 29 July, 1823.
- VIII. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, b. 7 Sept., 1800; m. in Auburn, Mass., 4 Apr., 1731, Hannah S. Wakefield.

Children by second wife, all born in Worcester :

- IX. ALBERT, bapt. 13 July, 1807.
- X. WILLIAM.
- XI. EUNICE, bapt. 21 Oct., 1810.

18. DAVID<sup>6</sup> CURTIS (*John,<sup>5</sup> John,<sup>4</sup> Ephraim,<sup>3</sup> Joseph,<sup>2</sup> Henry<sup>1</sup>*) was baptized in Worcester, Mass., 30 Jan., 1763, and died there, 12 Feb., 1813.

He married, in Worcester, 5 Dec., 1791, Susannah, born in Rutland, Mass., 7 Jan., 1772, died in Worcester, 16 Dec., 1830, daughter of Lieut. Samuel, Jr., and Dorothy (Fletcher) Stone, of Rutland. She married second, 9 Dec., 1817, as his second wife, Silas Bigelow.

Children, all born in Worcester :

- I. DOLLY FRAZER,<sup>7</sup> b. 16 Oct., 1792; d. 26 Aug., 1796.
- II. SUSANNA, b. 15 May, 1794; d. 1 May, 1795.
- III. BETSEY (Y), bapt. 15 June, 1794.
- IV. GEORGE, b. 23 Feb., 1796; lived in Worcester, Mass., Providence, R. I., and New York, N. Y.; d. in Jacksonville, Florida, 9 Jan., 1856; m. (1) in Providence, 6 Mar., 1821, Mary Elizabeth, b. in Providence, 26 Oct., 1798, dau. of Hon. James, Jr., and Sally (Arnold) Burrill, of Providence; and m. (2) in Providence, 3 Apr., 1834, Julia Bowen, b. in Providence, 17 Nov., 1810, dau. of Hon. Samuel Willard and Elizabeth (Palne) Bridgman, of Providence. Among his children were (by the first wife) : *James Burrill,<sup>8</sup> b. in Providence, 22 Nov., 1821, d. in England, 15 Jan., 1895; George William, L.H.D., LL.D., b. in Providence, 24 Feb., 1824, d. in West New Brighton, Staten Island, N. Y., 31 Aug., 1892, an hon.*

member and hon. vice-pres. of the N. E. Hist. Gen. Soc.; (by the second wife) *Samuel Bridgham*, b. in Providence, 24 Dec., 1834, d. in West New Brighton, Staten Island, N. Y., 29 July, 1887; Lieut.-Col. *Joseph Bridgham*, S.R., b. in Providence, 25 Oct., 1836, d. at Fredericksburg, Va., 13 Dec., 1862; *Edward*, M.D., b. in Providence, 4 June, 1838; and *John Green*, M.D., LL.D., b. in New York, 29 Oct., 1844.

- v. DOLLY FRAZER, b. 1 Jan., 1798; m. 16 Sept., 1823, Dr. John Green.
- vi. SUSANNA (or SUSAN), b. 14 Sept., 1799; m. 24 Oct., 1827, Horatio Rogers.
- vii. JULIANA, bapt. 29 Mar., 1801.
- viii. EDWARD WHITING, bapt. 30 Jan., 1803; d. young.
- ix. EDWARD WHITING, b. 5 Jan., 1806; settled in Rhode Island.
- x. REBECCA JENKINSON, b. 18 Dec., 1808; m. 21 May, 1844, Thornton Alexander Merrick.
- xi. MARY PALMER, bapt. 26 Jan., 1812.

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*Curtis Family*

102. WILLIAM CURTIS, son of Thomas Curtis (102A) and Mary Camp; bapt. 12 Nov. 1592 Nazing (Par. Reg.), Co. Essex, England, as William Curtis; d. 8 Dec. 1672 Roxbury\*, Mass., as William Curtis aged 80 yeares; d. 9 Dec. 1672 Roxbury†, as William Curtis aged 80; m. SARAH ELIOT (103) 6 Aug. 1618 Nazing (Par. Reg.); dau. of Bennett or Bennedict Eliot and Lettys Aggar; bapt. 13 Jan. 1599 Widford (Par. Reg.), Co. Herts, England, as Sarah dau. of Bennet and Lettes Eliot; d. 26 Mar. 1673 Roxbury\*, as Sarah Curtise aged 73 yeares; d. 27 Mar. 1673 Roxbury†, as Sarah Curtis aged about 73.

(The Descendants of John Eliot, by Wilemena Hannah (Eliot) Emerson, Ellsworth Eliot and George Edwin Eliot).

(William Curtis of Roxbury, by Samuel Clark Clarke; and Genealogy of the Curtiss Family, by Frederic Haines Curtis).

William Curtis sailed on the Lyon the 22 June 1632 and arrived at Boston the 16 Sept. following; he owned a farm in Roxbury lying on Stony Brook, not far from the present Boylston Street Station. William Curtis was freeman of Roxbury 4 Mar. 1633.

(Roxbury†) William Curtis he came to this Land in the yeare. 1632. & soone after joyned to the church, he brought 4 children w<sup>th</sup> him. Thomas, Mary, John, Phillip & his eldest son Williā, came the yeare before. he was a hope full scholler, but God tooke him in the end of the yeare 1634.

Sarah Curtis, the wife of Williā Curtis.

(Roxbury†) 1644. Soon after that one william Curtis of Roxbury was cast off fro<sup>m</sup> a cart of loggs vnto the ground w<sup>th</sup> such violence, y<sup>t</sup> his head & one side of his face were bruised, blood gushed out of his eare, his braine was shaken, he senseless divers days, yet by degrees thro' Gods mercy he recovered his senses, yet his cheeke drawne awry & p'altik, but in a quarter of a yeare, he was pretty well recovered, to the wonder of all men.

(N. E. H. & G. R. XX : 230-2) The will of William Curtis.

I willyam Curtis . . . Co. Suff., in New England, for and in consideration of mine own and my wife's eage and weakness\*, and our unability by resen thereof to manage that small estate in our hand, . . . and all my children . . . being disposed into families of their one excepting my youngest sson, Isaack, . . . to be help fful unto me; for . . . fatherly affection . . . give . . . unto my beloved sone, Isaac Curtis . . . now living with me, my hole estente, . . . that is to say, my dwelling hous, barn, and outhousings and all my lands, . . . as it now lyeth in Roxbury, tene acars of it lyeth in Roxbury by Stoony River, . . . abutting upon stoony river East, and upon the land of Isaac Curtis, lately of John Curtis North, and upon the land





of John Crafts and Robert Seaver, West, and upon the land of Isaac Curtis, lately the land of Willyam Hopkins, and the hyway leding frome Gamblins end south; and two acors of salt marsh . . . in the eyeland in Roxbury . . . abutting upon the river south, upon the land of Robert Seaver. West, upon the heirs of John Ruggles. And five acors of woodland, . . . nere to the town grate lots in Roxbury, and there abutting upon the town grate lots, and the land of John Mayo and Willyam hopkins west, and upon the land of willyam hopkins south, and upon Abraham how, east. And mor, eayght acors of land in the woods in the middle divishion in Roxbury, being part of three and twenty lot as it now lyeth, . . . and there abutting land of John Baker, east. North upon the land of willyam lion, west, upon the land of, between the middle divishion and the last, South and together with this my present deed, doe give to my sayd son Isaack, . . .; that the sayd Isaack Curtis shall always and at all times provide for me, his sayd father, Willyam Curtis, and his sayd mother, Sary Curtis; . . . that the sayd Isaac Curtis, his hayes . . . shall pay or cass to be payd unto my beloved sonne John Curtis and to my beloved sonn in law Isaac Newall, . . . forty shillings . . . to each of them. Dated 11 Feb. 1669.

In presence of us Peleg Heath, Samuel Crafts.

Will. Curtis acknowledged this Instrument as his Will, May 5th. 1672.

Enos Tyng.

Rec. 5 Apr. 1673.

#### Children of William Curtis (102) and Sarah Eliot (103).

- I. WILLIAM, bapt. 21 June 1618 Nazing (Par. Reg.), Essex Co., England, as William Curtis; came to New England in 1631 with the Rev. John Eliot; d. in the end of the year 1634 Roxbury†.
- II. THOMAS, bapt. 12 Mar. 1619-20 Nazing (Par. Reg.), as Thomas Curtis; d. prob. young.
51. III. MARY, bapt. 11 Mar. 1620-1 Nazing (Par. Reg.), as Mary Curtis; d. 29 Dec. 1713 Roxbury\*, Mass., as the widow Mary Devotion; m. EDWARD DEVOTION (50) about 1646-7.
- IV. THOMAS, bapt. 19 Jan. 1622-3 Nazing (Par. Reg.), as Thomas Curtis; d. 26 June 1650 Roxbury†, as Thomas, the son of William Curtis, dyed of a long and tedious Consumption; bur. 26 June 1650 Roxbury\*, as Thomas sonn of William Curtis.
- V. ELIZABETH, bapt. 13 Feb. 1624-5 Nazing (Par. Reg.), as Elizabeth daughter of William Curtis; d. after 1680; m. Isaac Newell 14 Dec. 1659 Roxbury\*; son of Abraham and Frances (—) Newell (Hotten's Lists); b.



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about 1632 England, aged 2 y. 30 Apr. 1634, came in the ship Francis; d. 8 Dec. 1707 Roxbury\*, as Isaac Newel sen.

(Roxbury†) Abraham Newell he came to N. E. in the year 1634. He brought 6 children, Ruth, Grace, Abraham, John, Isaak, Jaakob.

(Suff. VII : 220-22) The will of Abrahā Newell dated 8 Feb. 1669, mentions having formerly disposed of the greatest part of my lands unto my children by reason of my age; eldest son Abraham, rest of my sones, wife Frances, son John; sons Abrā, Isaac, Jacob; sone in law William Tay; friends John Boales & William Gary overseers. In prsence of Samuell Gary, John Bennit. Proved 4 July 1672.

VI. SARAH, bapt. 5 Aug. 1627 Nazing, Essex Co., England (Par. Reg.), as Sarah dau. of William Curtis; d. prob. young in England, as she is not among the children of her father enumerated in the Roxbury church record in 1632.

VII. JOHN, bapt. 17 July Nazing (Par. Reg.), as John Curtis; both John and his wife Dorcas Curtis were living 21 May 1707 at Roxbury (Suff. Deed XXX : 110), which was recorded 23 Dec. following; d. —; m. 1st Rebecca Wheeler 26 Dec. 1661 Boston\*, Mass., called in marriage record, daughter of the late Thomas Wheeler of Boston; b. 17 June 1643 Boston\*, as Rebecca dau. of Thomas and Rebecca Wheeler; bapt. 25 June 1643 Boston\* (First†), as Rebecca dau. of Thomas Wheeler aged about 9 d.; d. 16 May 1675 Roxbury†, as Rebecca, wife to John Curtis, dyed of hydropycal humors w<sup>h</sup> occasioned the more speedy buryal of her, on the Sabath evening.

John Curtis m. 2nd Dorcas Peake after 1675 and before 1682; dau. of Christopher and Dorcas (French) Peake; see records under Dorcas the third child of Thomas French (86); b. 1 Mar. 1639-40 Roxbury\*, as Dorcas dau. of Christopher Peake; d. —.

(John Curtis of Roxbury, by Howard Redwood Guild).

(Suff. I : 101) The will of Thomas Wheeler of Boston, mentions wife Rebecca sole exex. my whole estate for life if she continue a widdow, but if she shall mary, then I doe give unto my sonne Joseph Wheeler my house & land only reserving unto my wife her thirds; dau. Rebecca £20 at her marryiage or at 19 yeares. Brethren & friends Richard Trusdall & Nathaniel Williams & Edward fletcher to see my will pformed. Made 6 May 1654. Witnes W<sup>m</sup> Colbron, Nathaniell Williams. Proved 25 July 1654.

(Suff. Deed XV : 170) John and Dorcas Curtis of Roxbury sold land to Samuel Dunkin Jr. Dated 7 Nov. 1682. In presence of Philip Searle, William Gary, Ack. by John Curtis 17 Aug. 1683. Rec. 25 Mar. 1692.

(Suff. Deed I.VII : 2) John Curtis of Roxbury, yeoman, Co. Suff., for five hundred and seven pounds paid by Robert Newell of Roxbury, yeoman, sold seventy eight acres of land in Roxbury, Dorchester, and Dedham. Dated 24 Apr. 1730. In presence of W<sup>m</sup> Burroughs, Jacob Chamberlain. Ack. 24 Apr. 1730. Rec. 22 Sept. 1738.

This John Curtis appears to be too old to be John Curtis bapt. 17 July 1629.

- VIII. PHILIP, bapt. 28 Mar. 1632 Nazing (Par. Reg.), as Philip Curtis; d. 9 Nov. 1675 Roxbury\*, Mass., as Lt. Philip Curtiss was slain by the Indians at Hassanameset; m. Obedience Holland 20 Oct. 1658 Roxbury\*; dau. of John and Judith ( ) Holland of Dorchester, Mass.; bapt. 4 mo. vicessimo 6<sup>th</sup> 1642 Dorchester†, (wife to Benj. Gamline); d. after the 16 Apr. 1720, and prob. before the 23 Dec. 1729 (Suff. Deed XLIV : 31).

Obedience Curtiss m. 2nd Benjamin Gamblin 11 Feb. 1677-8 Roxbury\*; son of Robert Gamblin 2nd and wid. Elizabeth Mayo; b. 20 Aug. 1639 Roxbury\*, as Benjamin sonn of Robert Gamblin; d. — 1718 Roxbury (P. R.).

(Roxbury†) 1632-4. Robert Gamlin junio<sup>r</sup> he arrived at N. E. the 20<sup>th</sup> of the 3<sup>d</sup> month he brought only one child which was the soñe of his wife by a former husband, his name is John Mayo, he was but a child. Elizabeth Gamlin the wife of Robert Gamlin junior.

(Suff. I : 67) The will of John Holland of Dorchester in New England, bound for Virginia, mentions wife; my Iland of Munings Moone to eldest sonn John Holland; Elder Minett, Elder Witherington, John Smyth, and Will<sup>m</sup> Robinson. Made 16 Dec. 1651. Witnes, Mathew Ball. Proved ult. Sept. 1652.

(Suff. I : 419) The will of Robert Gamlen late of Roxbury, mentions son Benjamin Gamlen, wife Elizabeth sole exex., son in law Isaack Chever; friends William Parke & John Bouls to be overseers. Made 3 Aug. 1663. In y<sup>e</sup> p'sence of Christopher Peake, Edward Morris. Proved 28 Jan. 1663.

(Suff. Deed XXXIII : 176) I Benj<sup>a</sup> Gambling of Roxbury, Co. Suff. and Obedience my wife for love towards our son Benjamin Gambling of Portsmouth New Hampshire, sell the Rock pasture by estimation

twenty three acres, [to said son]. Dated 1 Aug. 1713. Ack. by both in Aug. 1713. Rec. 25 Dec. 1718.

(Suff. XXI : 102) Adm. granted to Benjamin Gambling of Portsmouth, Esq., & Caleb Sever of Roxbury on Estate of father Benjamin Gambling late of Roxbury. Dated 4 Oct. 1718 at Boston.

(Suff. Deed XLIV : 31) I Obedience Gamblin of Roxbury, widow, sell to Benjamin Child of Woodstock, Co. Suff., lands in Woodstock the sixty fifth Lot in the Third Range. Dated 22 July 1719. In presence of John Weld, Hannah Sever, Mary Gay. Ack. by Obedience Gamblin, at Roxbury 16 Apr. 1720. Rec. 23 Dec. 1729.

- IX. HANNAH, b. about 1633 Roxbury, Mass.; d. before 1677 Roxbury; m. William Gary 25 Aug. 1651 Roxbury\*; son of Arthur and Frances ( ) Geary of Roxbury; b. about 1629 England; d. 4 Sept. 1712 Roxbury\*, as Deacon William Gary, aged about 83 y.

(Roxbury†) 23 Nov. 1651. William Garee, sonne to broth<sup>r</sup> Arthur Garee, confirmed.

26 June 1653. Hannah Garee y<sup>e</sup> wife of Will Garee confirmed.

29 July 1677. Elizabeth the wife of Willia Gary, received to full comunion.

William Gary m. 2nd Elizabeth Parker before 1677; dau. of Capt. James and 1st wife Elizabeth (Long) Parker of Groton and Woburn\*, Mass. (N. E. H. & G. R. XXX : 236); b. 12 Mar. 1645 Woburn\*, as Elizabeth dau. of James Parker; d. after 1712.

(Suff. I : 480-1) The will of Arthur Gary mentions sonn Samuel Gary; two sons William Gary, sole exor., and Nathaniell Gary; wife frances; fireinds Edward Dennison and Edward Bridge overseers.

Dated 8 Nov. (16)64. Wittness: Robert Seaver, Robert Pepper. Proved 30 Jan. 1666 at Boston.

(Midd. X : 149-54) Probate of the Will of Capt. James Parker late of Groton, Co. Midd., deced, admcon allowed to Josiah Parker son of the said deced, exor in the said will. 7 Aug. 1700.

I James Parker Sen<sup>r</sup> of Groton, Co. Midd. the 25 May 1700 being weak of body . . . give my wife Eunice Parker forty pounds . . . and her own thirds of her former husbands Estate; . . . to Dau. Sarah till she is eighteen . . . or till marriage; . . . to Dau. Elizabeth Gary twenty pounds; . . . to my Dau. Anna Blood five pounds; . . . to Elizabeth Parker the Dau. of my son Zechariah Parker deced; . . . to Abiel Parker the



Dau. of my son Joshua Parker deced . . . at Eighteen or marriage; to my grandchildren . . . ; Sonnes James, Josiah, Samuell, Zechariah and Eleazer Parker; son Josiah Parker of Cambridge sole exor. In prsence of Jonas Prescott, Thomas Tarbell, James Blanchard.

Inventory apprized 12 July 1700, and sworn to by Mr. Josiah Parker of Cambridge 7 Aug. 1700 at Charles-town.

(Original papers) 24 July 1701. Among other legacies paid.

To my sister Gary her legacy . . . £20.0.0.

Final Date 27 Aug. 1711.

(Suff. XVII : 501-2) Adm. on the Estate of William Gary late of Roxbury, yeoman, dec'd, was granted to his kinsman William Abbott Jun<sup>r</sup> sole exor. Dated 12 Sept. 1712.

The will of William Gary of Roxbury, Co. Suff., being aged & infirm, mentions kinsman William Abbott the son of William Abbott of Andover, Co. Essex; wife Elizabeth; Anna Parker; to Nathaniel, William and Samuel sons of my brother Nathaniel Gary dec'd; to Elizabeth Abbott, Sarah Holt and Hannah Phillips daus. of my said brother dec'd; sd William Abbott sole exor. Made 1 Apr. 1708. In presence of Jacob Newall, Ebenezer Newall, Isaac Curtis. Proved 12 Sept. 1712.

Elizabeth Geery m. William Abbott 19 June 1682 Andover\*.

Sarah Geery m. John Holt 3 July 1685 Andover\*.

- x. ISAAC, b. 22 July 1641 Roxbury\*, as Isaack soon of William Curtis; d. 31 May 1695 Roxbury\*, as Isaac Curtiss; d. same date, as Isaac Curtis aged 55 years by his gravestone in the Eustis Street Burial Ground; d. 1 June 1695 Roxbury (Suff. P. XIII : 625); m. Hannah Poly 10 May 1670 Roxbury\*; dau. of John and 1st wife Susanna ( ) Polley; bapt. 15 Feb. 1651 Roxbury\*, as Hanna dau. of John Polly, also; d. 6 Feb. 1719-20 Roxbury, as Hannah widdow of Isaac Curtis in y<sup>e</sup> 68th year of her age, by her gravestone in the Eustis Street Burial Ground.

(Roxbury†) Susanna Polly the wife of John Polly. Hannah wife of Isaac Curtis admitted to full Comunion, the 25 Oct. 1674.

(Suff. VIII : 38) The will of John Polley of Roxbury made 17 Dec. 1686, mentions my only son John Polley exor, to whom I give all my housen & lands when my son shall come of age of Twenty one yeares, in the meantime I constitute my son in law John Peelom of Reho-

both to be my exor., or my son in law John Lyon of Roxbury exor.; wife Jane shall have every part of that contract before marriage; my seven Dafters which I had by my first wife Susannah, they have received twenty pounds a piece as their full portions except my Dau. Sabin but fifteen pounds; son Benjamin Saben; my six daus. that I had by my third wife Hannah, namely Rebekah, Johannah, Mehetable, Rhoda, Patience, Sarah; the four motherless children of my Dau. Saben; (Mary Pelom eldest dau.). In presence of Nathaniel Brewer Sen<sup>r</sup>, Nathaniel Brewer Jun<sup>r</sup>, Samuel Peren.

(p. 195) Inventory of Estate of John Polley late of Roxbury who d. 2 Apr. 1689 was taken 16 Apr. 1689 by Nathaniel Brewer, Jabez Totman, Samuel Gore.

Among other items, "Paid to Samuel Perrin for wages in his service".

(Suff. XIII : 120) Letters of adm. on the estate of John Pollee late of Roxbury deced, were granted unto Henry Bowen and Joseph Weld, as John Pelom exor. was deced and John Lion refused. 16 Feb. 1692-3.

(Suff. VIII : 38 & 195) Adm. granted on will of Isaac Curtis of Roxbury dec'd unto Hannah Curtis his widow and sole exex. Dated Boston 20 June 1695.

The will of Isaac Curtis of Roxbury, Co. Suffolk, mentions wife Hannah Curtis shall have the whole estate for life if she remain my widow; son Isaac & other children (some minors); friends Edward Morris and William Gary to be overseers; dated 2 Oct. 1682, the above Morris being dec'd, I desere my frend John Watson to supply his place. In presence of Daniel Bruer, Samuel Gay; Isaac Newell, Elizabeth Phillips. Subscribed [16]94 in the latter end of August or in September.

102A. THOMAS CURTIS, son of William Curtis, homo, who was bur. 17 May 1585 Nazing (Par. Reg.), Essex Co., England; prob. bapt. 25 Aug. 1560 Nazing (Par. Reg.), as Thomas Curtis; prob. bur. 6 Jan. 1605-6 Nazing (Par. Reg.), as Thomas Curtis, homo; m. 1st MARY CAMP 19 Aug. 1585 Nazing (Par. Reg.); bur. 24 Nov. 1594 Nazing (Par. Reg.), as Mary wife of Thomas Curtis.

Thomas Curtis m. prob. 2nd wid. Mary Shelley 3 July 1596 Nazing (Par. Reg.).

There was a Mother Curtis bur. at Nazing 20 Nov. 1561 (Par. Reg.).

(Genealogy of Curtiss Family, by Frederic Haines Curtiss).

Children of Thomas Curtis (102A) and 1st wife Mary Camp.

- I. MARTHA, bapt. — Oct. 1587 Nazing (Par. Reg.), as Martha Curtis.
97. II. MARY, bapt. — Mar. 1589 Nazing (Par. Reg.), as Mary Curtis; MARYE CURTES m. THOMAS RUGGLES (96) 1 Nov. 1620 Nazing (Par. Reg.).
- III. ELIZABETH, bapt. 14 Mar. 1590-1 Nazing (Par. Reg.), as Elizabeth Curtis.
- IV. PHILIP, bapt. — Sept. 1591 Nazing (Par. Reg.), as Philip Curtis.
102. V. WILLIAM, bapt. 12 Nov. 1592 Nazing (Par. Reg.); m. SARAH ELIOT (103) 6 Aug. 1618 Nazing (Par. Reg.).
- VI. THOMAS, bapt. 21 July 1594 Nazing (Par. Reg.), as Thomas Curtis.

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Curtis family

WILLIAM CURTIS = AGNES  
His will proved 9 July 1585 at London. He died at Nazing, Essex, Eng. 17 May 1585. (Survivor)

Thomas == Curtis apt. 25 Aug. 560; at Nazing; xecutor of is father; his wn will dated 3 Dec. 1604; roved 31 Jan. 605; buried Jan. 1605 at azing.	Mary Camp Married at Nazing 24 Aug. 1585; buried 24 Nov. 1594, at Nazing. == (2) Mary Shelley widow; married at Nazing 3 July 1596; executrix of her husband.	Edward ---- Curtis a minor in 1585; buried at Waltham Holy Cross 13 Aug. 1616	== (1) Mary buried 25 May 1612 at Waltham Holy Cross == (2) Wife buried 26 June 1616 at Waltham at Holy Cross Mary Curtis Bapt. 3 Nov. 1600 at Nazing; buried 16 Aug. 1612 at W.H.C.	Gabriel Curtis a minor in 1585	JOHN CURTIS == Bapt. 15 Sept. 1577; at Naz- ing; arrived Roxbury, Mass. between 1637 and June 1639; died 1639, prob- ably at Wether- field, Conn.	ELIZABETH married 1 1610 at died at Conn., d.
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Martha Curtis pt. in Oct. 87, at azing; lega- e 1604. of r father	Thomas Curtis an infant Bapt. & bur- ied in July 1594 at Naz- ing	Mary Curtis Bapt. in March 1589; legatee of her fa- ther 1604; married 1 Nov. 1620 at Nazing, Thomas Ruggles	Elizabeth Curtis Bapt. 14 March 1590; legatee of father at Nazing	William Curtis Bapt. 12 1592 at Nazing; sailed from London 22 June 1632 in the Lion; ar- rived Boston 16 Sept. 1632; died at Rox- bury, Mass., 8 Dec. 1672	== Sarah Eliot married 6 Aug. at Nazing 1618; died Rox- bury, Mass., 20 March 1672	John Curtis Bapt. 26 Feb. 1614 at Nazing; died 2 Dec. 1707, aged 5 at Stratford Conn.	William Curtis Bapt. 21 1618; die Dec. 1702 Stratford aged 84 y 6 months; ried (1) married Sarah Mar of Wm. Go William C 1702, at died in 17
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William Curtis born 1619 at Nazing Essex, Eng.; died 1634 at Roxbury, Mass.	Mary Curtis Bapt. 11 March 1620 (-21) at Nazing	Thomas Curtis Bapt. 19 Jan. 1622 (-23) at Nazing	Elizabeth Curtis Bapt. 13 Feb. 1624 (-25) at Nazing	John Curtis Bapt. 17 July 1629 at Nazing	Philip Curtis Bapt. 28 March 1632 at Nazing; married 20 Oct. 1638 Obedience Holland; he was kill 7 Nov. 1675
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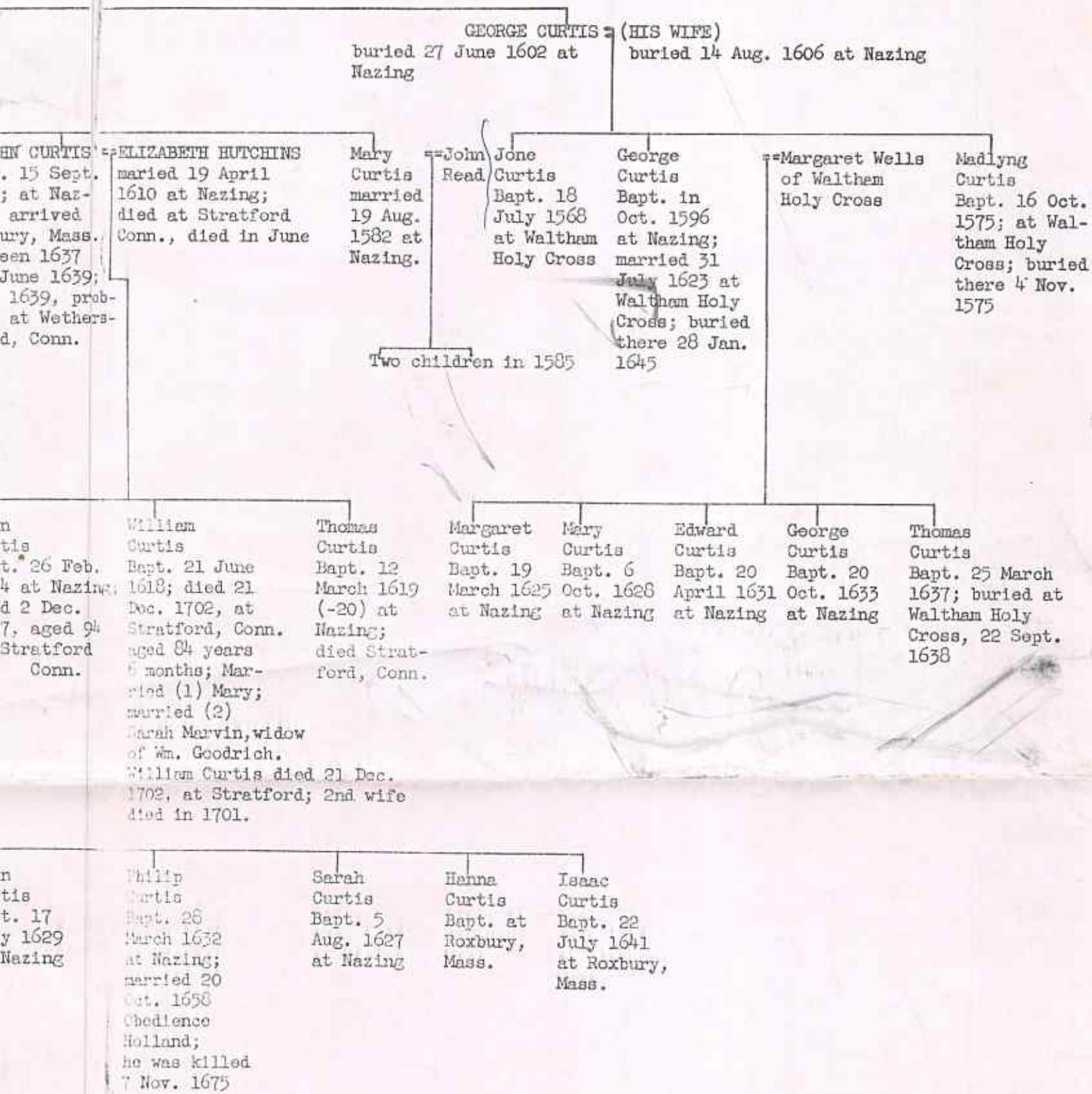
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Sworn and subscribed to this 25th day  
of July 1935 before me





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# FINE

## Descendants of Wm. & Catherine (Sivley) Fine

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Written By Marie (Ball) Wofford

Jonathan Fine was born in Alabama and put down his first tiny footprints in her soil. Two years after his birth his family moved back to Tennessee where they had resided before settling in Alabama. For twelve more years he was to put down more tracks in the beautiful hills of that state. His family moved to Arkansas when he was 14 years old, and it was that state's Boston Mountains with their deep, rich valley lands that were to next bear evidence of Jonathan's traversings. He met and married there, around the year 1836, Rachel Mankins, the daughter of Peter Mankins, Senior and Rachel (Bracken) Lewis Mankins, Washington Co., Ark., now Fayetteville, was his home for about 21 years. He spent 4 years in Texas and the remaining 19 of his 61 years in Crawford Co., Ark., northeast of Van Buren at Fine Springs.

The Jonathan Fine family on leaving Texas planned to return to Washington County. They drove their cattle and horses back into Arkansas and enroute camped one night at a big, beautiful spring. They liked the looks of the lovely hills and big spring so well that they decided against going any further north and settled right there. Turning their cattle loose in the Dyer Bottom came break some 8 to 10 miles below the spring. That was sometime between 1857 and 1859, at which time none of their surviving 10 children were married. Peter Fine, eldest living son, was to visit kinsmen in Washington Co. and there find and marry Ruthy Cosby, youngest daughter of Wiley and Mary Cosby, of Virginia, North Carolina, Alabama and to Arkansas in 1810).

Jonathan Fine is buried at the New Berry cemetery, two miles south of the Fine Springs Community named for him. His wife, Rachel (Mankins) Fine, born 26 Jan. 1819, died 24 Feb. 1897 at the age of 78, rests beside him. Their graves both have grey sandstone, coffin-shaped markers that rise above the graves and run the full length and breadth of them. They are similar in shape, size and height to the old fashion hand made coffin. In 1965 a 92 year old granddaughter (daughter of Millie (Fine) James) was still living and residing in Van Buren, Ark. She told

me at that time it was her father, William James, and another man who cut those coffin shaped stones that were placed on her maternal grandparent's graves. They are cut like some that were cut in the early days of Washington County by a Nathan Tharp. Many of Jonathan and Rachel's 11 children who lived to maturity, their wives, and



WILLIAM & CATHERINE'S son  
JONATHAN with his wife,  
RACHEL (MANKINS) FINE

many of their 70 grandchildren, great-grandchildren and 2nd gr.-gr.children are not far from their place of rest. Also sleeping there are my two small babies who were great-great-great-grandchildren of Jonathan and Rachel two times, for my husband is also a descendant of this couple, we being 3rd cousins. An enlarged picture of Jonathan and Rachel hangs in my dining room today. (Editor's Note — see photo elsewhere on this page) The gate leg walnut dining table that Bracken Lewis made for his sister Rachel to start keeping house with is still in good shape, still beautiful, old and useful, as is the little walnut desk which he also made for his sisters home around 1836 when she married Jonathan. In my bunkhouse is a hand woven coverlet, dyed with native wool, cut, washed, carded and spun into thread by Rachel for her eldest son (my great-grandfather) to start his married life in 1860. I have with it the blanket he carried the four long years that he served the C.S. A.

during the Civil War. I have a tintype of Jonathan, Rachel and all nine of their children who were living in 1865, which was taken when four of the sons had just returned from the war.

Following is a listing of the children of Jonathan and Rachel (Mankins) Fine:

1. WILLIAM RILEY (or WALTER)  
born 1 Nov. 1837 — died in infancy

2. PETER  
born 9 Feb. 1839 — died 4 Dec. 1882  
married 1st Ruthy Cosby — 2nd Rebecca Taylor

3. ALFRED  
born 6 Dec. 1840 — died in 1865 in service of the C. S. A.

4. WALTER "Watt"  
born 15 May 1842  
married Mahalia Wiliford

5. I. HAMILTON  
born 2 Mar. 1843  
(He may be the ISAAC listed below)  
married 1st Margaret Matlock — 2nd Mrs. Mostello

6. JOHN  
born 15 Jan. 1844  
married Mary Ann Van Hoose

7. MILLIE  
born 26 Nov. 1845  
married William James

8. THOMAS JEFFERSON  
born 15 June 1847  
married Laura Rieff

9. ISAAC  
(According to census records he was born ca. 1849, but in all likelihood he and ISAAC HAMILTON, listed above, are one in the same person. If not, this ISAAC probably died in infancy.)

10. GEORGE "Kernel"  
born 1 Dec. 1852  
married Mary Titsworth

11. ELIZABETH  
born 23 Nov. 1854 — died in infancy

12. JAMES CARROLL  
born 3 Feb. 1856  
married Elizabeth Van Hoose

13. CALVIN  
born 3 Aug. 1858  
married Charity Titsworth

14. RACHEL  
born 8 Oct. 1860  
married Alex Taylor



# OCCGS REFERENCE ONLY CURTIS & BOGGS

*Curtis family*

## CURTIS FAMILY BIBLE

Published by Phinney & Co., 1852, presented to Mrs. Nancy (Lucy) Curtis, July 6, A. D. 1833. Later given to her daughter, Nancy Lucy (Curtis) Carson. Now possession of 3rd great grand daughter, Mrs. J. M. Burton, Houston, Texas.

### MARRIAGES

Thomas R. Curtis & Nancy (Lucy) — Mar. 28, 1816  
Elizabeth M. Curtis & I. A. Traweck — Aug. 21, 1834  
Mary E. Curtis & J. W. Dunn — Jan. 20, 1836  
Jane R. Curtis & E. T. Pistole — Jan. 10, 1837  
Nancy L. Curtis & Thomas H. Carson — Mar. 10, 1842  
Amanda R. Curtis & N. F. Carson — Aug. 3, 1842  
Alfred A. Curtis & Margaret M. Sharpe — Jan. 18, 1849  
E. O. Boggs & Anna Smith — Jan. 15, 1888

### BIRTHS

Thomas R. Curtis — Feb. 14, 1796  
Nancy Lucy — Feb. 1, 1797  
Sarah H. Curtis — Mar. 8, 1817  
Elizabeth M. Curtis — Apr. 12, 1818  
Jane R. Curtis — Nov. 7, 1819  
Mary E. Curtis — Dec. 31, 1821  
Nancy L. Curtis — Nov. 8, 1824  
Amanda R. Curtis — Aug. 14, 1826  
Martha T. Curtis — Jan. 24, 1828  
Alfred A. Curtis — Nov. 15, 1829  
Sarah A. E. Curtis — Mar. 6, 1832  
Henrietta L. Traweck — Dec. 8, 1836  
Thomas A. Traweck — Apr. 17, 1838  
Christopher C. Traweck — Nov. 8, 1839  
William P. Traweck — Feb. 12, 1842  
Henry I. Traweck — Feb. 1844  
Sarah A. E. Traweck — Jan. 9, 1846  
John H. Traweck — Feb. 29, 1848  
Alfred I. Traweck — June 20, 1850

Eugene O. Boggs — Aug. 18, 1866  
Corinne Boggs — Jan. 20, 1868  
Stella C. Boggs — July, 1869  
Julian C. Boggs — Feb. 8, 1871  
Inez Y. Boggs — Feb. 16, 1874  
Vivien Earl Boggs — May 11, 1876  
Eric Boggs — Apr. 11, 1878  
Alvah Boggs — Dec. 13, 1881

Eugene DeVotie Boggs — Oct. 17, 1888  
Stella Lee Boggs — Sept. 4, 1890  
Mayme Lucy Boggs — Aug. 23, 1897  
Stevenson V. Boggs — Dec. 24, 1900

### DEATHS

Elizabeth M. Traweck — d. Oct. 18, 1853  
Ignacious A. Traweck — d. Oct. 18, 1853  
Sarah H. Curtis — d. Mar. 30, 1817  
Martha T. Curtis — d. Sept. 28, 1841  
Sarah A. E. Curtis — d. Feb. 1, 1847  
Thomas A. Traweck — d. Nov. 2, 1853  
Nancy Curtis — d. Oct. 1, 1860  
Thomas R. Curtis — d. March 2, 1867  
Thomas Henderson Carson — d. July 9, 1881  
A. D. Boggs — d. Feb. 7, 1902  
Sallie A. E. Boggs — d. August 7, 1915  
Nancy L. Carson — d. Feb. 2, 1920

Capt. Thomas Roe Curtis, son of Samuel Curtis (1750-1846) & Sarah Hicks (1757-1810), was born in Anson Co., N. C. He married Nancy Lucy, daughter of Cadwalder Lucy, in Montgomery Co., Tenn. She was born in Chesterfield Dist., S. C. They lived in Marengo Co., Ala. until about 1848 or 1850 when they moved to Redland, Leon Co., Tex. Both were buried in a private cemetery on the old homestead. Another grave there that is still unidentified is \_\_\_\_\_ Durant, wife of J. W. Durant, 1825-1861.

The first child, Sarah H. died an infant. Elizabeth Malinda married Ignatius Andrew Traweck at Linden, Ala. and they later resided in Demopolis, where their children were born. They both died of yellow fever, as did their first two children. Christopher C. died in a shooting accident at the age of 19 in Marquez, Leon Co., Texas. Nothing is known of Wm. P. or Henry P. Sarah Ann Eliza M. Dr. Alvah DeVotie Boggs, b. 1843, Pontotoc Co., Miss., son of Dr. James Coleman Boggs & Elizabeth Margaret Pegues, Jas. C. was b. 1810, Lexington,

Ky. and settled in Leon Co. in 1845. Elizabeth was b. 18 Chesterfield Dist., S.C. John Henley was married three times and in 1908 in Houston, Texas. Alfred Pascal Ignatius Traweck m. Georgi Oates of Georgia. Capt. Thos. R. Curtis became the guardian of the six living children after the death of his daughter, Elizabeth Malin & Ignatius Andrew Traweck and brought them to his home in Texas. Ignatius A. was the son of Capt. Burwell Traweck, b. Clarke Co., & Isabella \_\_\_\_\_ both buried in the Conner Cemetery near Kosciusko, Miss.

Jane Ritter Curtis m. Edward Travis Pistole, by whom she had 1 children. After his death in 1854, she m. Sanders Riley, by whom had six children. Jane d. May 28, 1871 and Edward T. Jan. 26, 1871. Mary E. m. John W. Dunn in Alabama and they lived in Marengo Co. near her sister Jane, her father, Capt. Curtis, and one of the Lucy's related to her mother. She later lived at Calvert, Texas, as did her daughter, Betty Lee. Nancy Lucy Curtis m. Thomas Henderson Carson, son of John Carson & Sarah Bates of Brazos Co., Texas, in Marengo Co., Ala. They had no issue, but "Nanny" became a second mother to her deceased sister's children. Both are buried in the Marquez Cemetery in Leon Co. Thos. was b. Dec. 31, 1813, Amanda Roe Curtis m. Nathan Franklin Carson, brother of Thos. Henderson, in Ala. she d. Apr. 22, 1892 and Nathan b. May 29, 1813, d. May 26, 1886. Both Nathan & Thomas H. were b. in S. C.

Martha T. Curtis d. at the age of 13 and the youngest child, Sarah Ann Eliza died at the age of 15. Alfred A. Curtis m/1 Margaret M. Sharpe on Jan. 18, 1849 in Marengo Co., Ala. She was b. June 7, 1832 and d. Jan. 5, 1870 and had 11 children, 3 of whom died in infancy. He m/2 Kate Connet Ball on Apr. 13, 1874 at Bryan, Texas. She d. Aug. 13, 1909. No issue. Alfred d. Sep. 27, 1888.

No record of Martha J. Smith entered in birth records of the Bible. Eugene Orleans Boggs, M. D., eldest child of Dr. Alvah DeVotie Boggs & Sarah Ann Eliza Traweck, m. Columbia Anna Smith, dau of Erasmus Smith (b. Oct. 26, 1836, Baldwin Co., Ga.—d. June 2, 1899, Ardmore, I.T., Okla.) & Philistina Antonette Weaver (b. Mar. 20, 1833, Monroe Co., Miss.—d. Jan. 25, 1909, Marquez, Leon Co., Tex. Gram, known to all as "Dr. Orleans", died in Corpus Christi, Texas on Mar. 15, 1944 & my grandmother, b. Dec. 11, 1888, Venetia, Leon Co., Tex. d. Nov. 8, 1948, Corpus Christi. Both are buried in South Park Cemetery, Houston, Tex.

Corinne B. Boggs m. Adolphus Marion Johnson (b. Feb. 9, 1888, Marquez—d. Dec. 30, 1939, Marquez) on Nov. 14, 1888 in Marquez, Tex. She d. Oct. 11, 1947. Both buried in Marquez Cemetery. Child: Julian Marion (Sep. 2, 1889-Oct. 28, 1945) m. Marguerite \_\_\_\_\_ living; Dechard L. (Nov. 1, 1894-Nov. 27, 1918) m. Eila Lanier; R. living, never married; Landon Beauregard (1896-1931) m. Lillie K. \_\_\_\_\_ man, living, now m. to Loyce Moore, Houston, Tex.; Ray, living in Jewett, Tex., m. twice; Vivien (b. Nov. 9, 1903-living in Marquez) m. Joe E. Duke (Dec. 19, 1890-June 15, 1941). Those deceased buried in Marquez Cemetery.

Stella Cornelia Boggs (July 3, 1869-Oct. 6, 1963, Dallas, Tex.) m. Jessie B. Woodward (July 28, 1862-May 27, 1904, buried Marquez Cemetery) on Sep. 28, 1886 in Marquez, m/2 Jim McDonough (1870-1921, Marquez Cemetery). Ch: Heloise (d. in teens); Fanny (m. Elbie Choate); Jessie d. young, buried Marquez Cemetery; Consuela, living, m/1 Carl Gettiger, m/2 Auge (Dick) Larson of Dallas—living; Edgar, in WWI, served with son of Pres. Teddy Roosevelt. Crashed in a balloon with the son, who was killed, Edgar went to see Teddy and brought his son's personal belongings. Married a girl in Europe. Stella Claire, living in Kingsville with her daughter, m/1 Tom Rock, who disappeared, m/2 a jeweler in San Antonio, deceased; Aliene lives in Dallas with Jenny Mae, daughter of 2nd m. to James McDonough.

Julian Carson Boggs m/1 Mary Davis Dec. 12, 1912 in Colon, Panama & is buried in Marquez Cemetery—d. March 5, 1924, m/2 Ada \_\_\_\_\_ One child by 1st m.—Robert Lilburn (March 24, 1914, Ancon, Panama Canal Zone) m. Yolanda Pereda (b. Feb. 24, 1922, Havana, Cuba). Both living.

Effie Boggs d. in infancy—b. 1873.

Inez Y. Boggs (b. Feb. 16, 1874-d. Coleman City, Texas) m/1 Young Beauregard Johnson (b. Dec. 5, 1861-d. July 18, 1896, Marquez Cemetery), brother of A. M. Johnson on Jan. 15, 1896, m/2 Dr. Sam Neal Aston on July 5, 1900. Two daughters by 2d m.—Louise & Dorothy-Louise m. O. B. Manes, Dorothy m. W. O. Manes.



Vivien Earl Boggs (Uncle Bibbie) (b. May 11, 1876-d. Dec 27, 1948, buried Marquez Cemetery) m/1 "Nettie" Coulter (b. April 5, 1886-d. Feb 4, 1906, Marquez Cemetery). Two sons, Eric, living in Nevada, & Jack, who disappeared. m/1 on June 25, 1902. Lottie Virginia (died of TB. Eric Coulter, b. May 25, 1903, m. a French girl. Jack Traweek Boggs, b. Dec 13, 1904, was never heard of after entering service in WWI. Bibbie m/2 Arcola Schmidt (b. March 2, 1894, Palestine, Tex.—living in Lake Jackson, Texas) on Sep 9, 1916. Ch: Corryne Aston (b. Aug 23, 1917, El Paso, Tex.—living, Lake Jackson) m. Wm. Munro Choate (b. April 2, 1915, Beaumont—living) on Sep 1, 1937 at Marquez. Vivian Earl, II, (b. July 8, 1919, El Paso—living at Lake Jackson) m. Mary Frances Keeling. Robert Gannaway (b. Dec 2, 1923, Dublin, Tex.) living at Lake Jackson. m. to Irene Charis.

Eric Boggs died in San Antonio in 1946, buried there. m/1 Louise Sarah Erwin (b. July 23, 1877—d. Nov 3, 1928, buried Marquez Cemetery) on Aug 17, 1903. Ch: Alvah Erwin b. May 15, 1904 m. Anna Maria, both living. Two children—Luanne & Susan. Myrl DeVotie, b. May 15, 1907, m. July 3, 1935 in San Antonio to Frances Mathers, b. May 22, 1914. One child. Robert Garrett, b. Sep 11, 1941. All living in Houston.

Eric Boggs m/2 Viola. Two children: Betty Louise, b. 1930, m. Kohutek; Jo Anne, b. 1932. m. Maj. Chas. C. Jones, who d. May, 1967, in Viet Nam.

Alvah DeVotie Boggs, II, d. Dec 16, 1930, Marquez Cemetery. d. in San Antonio. m/1 Jewel Humphries of Oakwood, Leon Co., Tex. Ch: Alvah DeVotie, III, m. Inez Buckley, lives at New Orleans; Geraldine m. Pat H. Holland, lives in Austin. No record of 2d m.

Eugene DeVotie Boggs, son of Dr. E. O. Boggs & Columbia Amma Smith lives in South Houston. Married to Clara Caroline Wedemeier of Victoria, Texas, b. May 20, 1895. Ch: Helen Lee, b. July 22, 1916, Marquez, m. Grady Dewvall on Dec. 1, 1934 at Refugio, Tex. Two children, Nancy & Susan. Now divorced—living in Beeville, Tex. Ammye Rosa, b. Jan 17, 1918, Marquez, m. Wm. D. Antone at Houston (b. Aug 23, 1918 in Clarksdale, Miss.) m. April 24, 1939. Ch: Eleanor Frances, Billye Aleen, & Brian Eugene. Norma Lucy b. Sep 10, 1919 at Marquez, m. Walter Stephen Jackson (b. March 5, 1911 at Seadrift, Tex.) on Dec. 19, 1939 at Refugio, Tex. Div. March 10, 1962. Ch: Elizabeth Clare & Marjorie Jane. m/2 Frederic Joseph Thoms (b. July 2, 1912, Nixon, Tex.) on March 23, 1962. Eugenia, b. Feb 15, 1922, Marquez, m. Carl Windell Lyons, b. Aug 26, 1919 in Garfield, Ky. on June 2, 1941 at Liberty, Tex. One dau, Carlene Wanda. Orleans Henry Boggs, b. March 14, 1926, Pasadena, Tex. m. Nov 25, 1948 at Burke, Tex. to Wanda Bennette Treadwell, b. Oct 19, 1921. Living in Pasadena, Tex. Three ch: Ellen Claire, Eugene Treadwell, Thos. Henry.

Stella Lee Boggs, b. Sep 4, 1890, Marquez, lives in Corpus Christi, b. April 12, 1916, in Houston to Walter Brown Hillegeist, b. Oct 9, 1882—d. March 2, 1955 in Corpus Christi, buried in S. Park Cem., Houston. Ch: Ethel Stephenie, b. Aug 6, 1917, Marquez, m/1 Paul Tally, b. July 27, 1905, Hattiesburg, Miss. on June 10, 1939. One son, Paul Stephen Tally, b. March 11, 1940 at Corpus Christi, m. Dec 15, 1961 to Marilyn Ann Oesterfund in Salina, Kansas while he was in the Air Force there and where they now live. Divorced on Nov. 15, 1945. m/2 Jeff Dee Frost, Jr., b. March 26, 1926, Eldorado, Ark. on Oct 30, 1965 at La Fuerte, Coahuila, Mexico. Mayme Virginia (Gayle), b. Jan 8, 1920, Humble, Texas, m. Walter Ernst E. Heinz, b. Jan 6, 1920, Milwaukee, Wis. on March 29, 1946 at NAS, Corpus Christi. Now living in Greenville, S.C. Ch: Richard Lee & Jenny Lee (twins), b. May 15, 1947, Madison, Wis. & Paula Stel, b. Nov 25, 1952, Corpus Christi. Richard attends Rutgers Univ., N.J. & Jenny, attends Muhlenberg College, Allentown, Pa. Walter Boggs Hillegeist, b. Nov. 15, 1922, Marquez & is living there now, m. Mary Emma (Fitzgerald) Conwell, b. June 8, 1919, Bandera, Tex. One child: Patricia Lee, b. Aug. 23, 1956, Hearne, Tex., Edna Lee, b. Dec. 1928, Spring, Tex. now living in Houston, m. Joseph Milburn Burton, b. March 3, 1918, Mobley, Mo. on April 9, 1950 in Corpus Christi. Ch: Joseph Randolph, Brenda Gayle, Stella Frances & John Alexander.

Mayme Lucy Boggs, b. Aug 23, 1897 in Texas City, lives in Houston, m. Sep 5, 1916 at Concord, Tex. to Wm. Hendrick Lester, b. Dec 30, 1890, E. Barnard, Tex. Ch: Wm. Eugene, b. Aug. 1, 1917, Marquez, lives in Houston, m. Alpha Louise (Wingfield) on Nov 26, 1941 at Centerville, Tex. Ch: Wm. Lynn, Sandra Louise. Joseph Hendrick Lester, b. Aug 10, 1920, Marquez, lives in Houston, m. Hattie Marie McElween, b. June 6, 1920, on Oct 18, 1940 at W. Columbia, Tex. Ch: Joseph Eugene, Jerry Wayne, Janice Marie, Larry James, Patricia

Jean. Leta Joyce, b. Aug 24, 1922 at W. Columbia, Tex. lives in San Antonio, m. April 15, 1943, Humble, Tex. to Donald Edwin Bagby, b. July 18, 1917 at Humble. Ch: Donald Eric, John Steven, Barbara Ann.

Stevenson Vivian Boggs, USN Ret., b. Dec. 24, 1900, Marquez, now living in Jacksonville, Fla., m. Sep 6, 1927, Houston, Tex. to Lucille Barbara Weidemeier, sister of Clara C. She was b. Aug 20, 1905. Victoria, Tex. Two Ch: Winifred Clair, b. July 26, 1928, Houston, living now in Miami, Fla., m. Dec. 27, 1949, Key West, Fla. to Chas. Edward Peace, b. Jan 11, 1929, Ft. Lauderdale. Ch: Pamela Annette, David Wood, Kathryn Sue. Stevenson Vernon, Cdr USN, b. Feb 9, 1930, Houston, living NAS, Pensacola, Fla. m/1 June 8, 1953 at Naval Academy to Frances Mary Strelsick, b. March 30, 1930, Buffalo, N.Y. Ch: Stephen Vernon, Sharon Lee, David Vaughn, Karen Lynn, Lauren Lane. Div. Sept 1965. m/2 Patricia Ann (Sims) Ellis on Sep 25, 1965 at Evergreen, Ala., b. Nov 25, 1938, Montgomery, Ala. She has two children by her 1st m.: Sheryl Rennee Ellis & John Worthington Ellis, Jr.

I discovered that my sister had the Curtis Family Bible during my first year of research (1963) and started putting records together of the past that coincided with those I had of the present. My mother and aunt spoke of "Grandma Curtis" whom they remembered. They got rather put out with me because of my constant questioning, so I went to see Bernice (Brown) Sherman in Centerville, Leon Co., Tex. whom they had so often told me was a cousin, but they did not know just how they were related. Bernice was a descendant of Alfred A. Curtis, son of Capt. Curtis & Nancy Lucy and I found that she had a copy of Alfred's Family Bible, giving some of the same records, but much in addition. It was there I found that "Grandma Curtis" was my gg grandmother, Elizabeth Margaret (Pegues) Boggs, widow of Dr. James Coleman Boggs, who had died in 1854 at the age of 44. She had married Capt. Curtis in 1862, two years after the death of Nancy. She died in 1896 and mother had known her as a child. I was thoroughly puzzled at the relationship this caused in the family, as Capt. Curtis was my 3rd great grandfather and his granddaughter, Sarah Ann Eliza Traweek, had married the son of Elizabeth Margaret, thereby becoming her step-granddaughter as well as her daughter-in-law.

As I began tracing the children of Thomas R. & Nancy Curtis, I found I had cousins that I never heard of and began exchanging records on Lucy, Traweek, Pegues, Chinski, Evans, James, Weaver, Carson and other related families. Jas. Coleman & Elizabeth Margaret Boggs had three children, Dr. Alvah DeVotie, Harriet Cornelia (who m. Isaac Chinski) & Alice Stella (who m. Joseph Alexander Evans). I had the records of "Botie" and as I sought records on the Pegues, I found a cousin, Virginia Pegues Lidwin (now deceased) who lived in Crystal City, Tex. She was descended from Charles Cotesworth Pinckney Pegues, brother of Elizabeth Margaret. Through the Curtis Bible records, I found the name of Grandma Sally's mother and father & the marriage record in Ala. Death records of yellow fever was confirmed by my cousin, "Peck" Williams in Lubbock, who exchanged records with me on the Traweek line. Through a friend in Leon Co., Billie Douthitt, who worked with me on the book of Cemeteries, found a family Bible record of Nancy Ritter Curtis & Edward Travis Pistole. Records of Amanda & Nanny who married Carson brothers, were furthered from family Bible records of the Carson family from Richard R. Royall in Houston. The children of Elizabeth Malinda & Ignatius were not only in the Bible, but also in the guardianship papers of Capt. Curtis. Records of the Boggs given in the Bible were completed through questioning at the Boggs Family Reunion where I gave a talk each year of the records I had found. Many records were available of Jas. C.'s brother, Lilburn Wycliffe Boggs, 5th Gov. of Mo. who married Panthea Grant Boone, granddaughter of Daniel Boone. The diaries of the trip from Mo. to Napa, Calif. were fascinating. A biography of the Boggs family in The Lone Star State that was left by Botie to Vivian Earl Boggs, who had left it to his son, V. E., also furthered records. Bibles provide much information that cannot be found elsewhere. This is the only place one can find the children who died young and are not mentioned in wills or other records. Virginia Pegues Lidwin's family record of the family of Samuel Butler Pegues & Juliet King, which was embroidered on an old Sampler by the daughter, Maria Ann and is the only known complete record of the births of the children of this family.

Happy hunting!

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# SCOGGINS

## MIXED NOTES

### Scoggins' in the 1820 Census of Georgia

#### Heads of Household

#### County of Residence

Henry Scoggin	Jackson
Seaborn T. Scoggin	Jackson
Benjamin Scoggins	Jackson
Gillium Scoggins	Jasper
James Scoggins	Jones
Josiah Scoggins	Washington
Seaborn Scoggins	Jackson
Wiley Scoggins	Oglethorpe
Wright Scoggins	Greene
Franky Scogin	Walton
Gresham Scogin	Putnam
Joshus Scogin	Morgan
Thomas E. Scroggin (Col.)	Oglethorpe
King H. Scroggin	Jones
Smith Scroggin	Baldwin
Thomas Scrogin	Oglethorpe

### Scoggins' in 1790 Census of South Carolina

- William Scoggings — Orangeburgh Dist. —  
1 male over 16, 1 under, 6 females, 1 slave
- Smith Scoggins — 96th Dist. (Abbeville) —  
1 male over 16, 2 females
- William Scoggins — Edgefield Co. (96th Dist.) —  
1 male over 16, 2 under, 1 female
- Willis Scoggins — Edgefield Co. (96th Dist.) —  
1 male over 16, 1 under, 1 female
- Humphrey Scroggins — Greenville Co. —  
1 male over 16, 2 females

### Scoggins' in 1830 Census of Oglethorpe Co., Georgia

- Thomas Scroggins — (males) — 1 under 5, 1 (5 to 10),  
1 (10 to 15), 1 (15 to 20), 1 (40 to 50) — (females) —  
1 under 5, 2 (10 to 15), 1 (15 to 20), 1 (30 to 40) —  
5 slaves.
- Humphrey Scroggins — (males) — 1 (10 to 15), 1 (40  
to 50), — (females) — 2 under 5, 1 (15 to 20), 2 (20 to  
30), 1 (40 to 50)

When I wrote the Oglethorpe County Clerk she informed me that there were no Scroggins Wills on file in that county, but she did find the marriage record of Humphry Scroggins to Lydia Rafferty in 1804. Don't know why this man was not listed as a head of household in the 1820 census of Georgia. He could not have been the Humphrey Scroggins who was in Greenville Co., S. C. in 1790 because of the age differences, but might have been this mans son. The Humphrey of S. C. was a Rev. War soldier and has descendants who are members of the D.A.R. He married Sarah or Sallie Kirby, daughter of David and Elizibeth (?) Kirby. This Miss Kirby was born 1767. and she had a brother named Soloman.

Smith Scroggin of Baldwin in 1820 is probably the same Smith Scogins who married a woman with the maiden surname of Sales sometimes prior to 1819. This information was taken from Pauline Young's two volume set of, "Collection of S.C. Will and Records." The Will of Smith

Scoggin is filed in Baldwin Co. Ga. Will book 1806-1819. A girl by the name of Pamela Scoggin married John Allum in Baldwin Co.

### Scoggins' Receiving Land In 1827 Georgia Land Lottery

Gilliam Scoggin — John J. Scoggin — Phillip Scoggin — Thomas Scoggin — Alexander Scoggins — Benjamin Scoggins — Green B. Scoggins — James Scoggins — John Scoggins — Robert Scoggins — (Orphons Scoggins ?) — George Scroggin — Griffin Scroggin. The Cherokee land lottery, I think, was different lottery. It listed Benjamin Scroggins Sr. and John W. Scroggin. These names were taken from my Mama's list of Scoggins notes

### Scoggins' on Georgia's Roster of the Rev.

George Scoggin — Jones County  
Benjamin Scoggins — Jackson County  
Thomas Scroggin — Pike County

These three all received their land in 1827 lottery.  
This information also from my Mothers notes

A man by the name of Chatton Scroggin was on the grand jury of 1802 in Clarke Co., Ga.

Wm. Ramsey's Will filed in Franklin Co., Ga. mentioned his daughter Nancy as being the wife of David Scroggins.. Will dated July 11, 1843 — March 6, 1848.

My Mama took the following from, "History of Upson Co. Ga., "Alexander Scoggins drew land in other parts of the state in the 1827 land lottery." Also an Alex Scoggins married Eliza Mayborne in 1828. They were married by Colson Moreland — J. of P. Another marriage that of Mode Allison to Nancy Scoggins May 26, 1825. Also mention of a Labon Scoggins.

### Other Scoggins Marriages

- Martha Scroggins to Eli L. Maberry — Nov. 15, 1834 —  
Franklin Co., Ga.
- John Scoggins to Mary Ann Nelms — April 15, 1829 —  
Greene Co., Ga.
- John T. Scoggins to Mary Forrester — Dec. 14, 1826 —  
Greene Co., Ga.
- Cumberland Parrish — Sussex Co., Va. marriage
- William Scoggin to Celia Cotton — 1788

### Oglethorpe County, Ga. Records MARRIAGES

- Gresham Scogan to Winney Watson ..... June 10, 1800
- Humphrey Scoggin to Lydia Rafferty ..... Jan. 13, 1805
- Wm. Jasper Scoggins to Maryann Butler ..... June 10, 1848
- Wylie Scoggins to Polly Elsberry ..... April 25, 1821
- Young Scoggins to Sarah McElroy ..... Nov. 29, 1827
- Chatten Scrogans to Disie Johnson ..... January 24, 1798
- Thomas Scrogin to Nancy Birdsong ..... Nov. 7, 1808
- Hudson Scroggins to

Mrs. Sophia Cunningham ..... March 22, 1845

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the territory. No Zebulon on any stone, other Curtises, not mine. After photographing some general views we left, dampened and disappointed.

The next day after a business meeting, a luncheon was served. This inn is noted for its cuisine if not for its comfort. A gentleman on my right, Robert Curtiss of Torrington empathized with my disappointment, and declared he might be able to help me. He knew the name of the cemetery's historian, a former Girl Scout leader, whose troop's project 25 years ago had been to record and number each gravestone.

Before his letter came, a letter from Gail Kruppa arrived with Xeroxed copies of Curtis births, marriages and deaths derived from vital records at the City Hall. The municipal historian, Ernest Ceder, resident of elderly housing, searched for all the Curtis records for the years 1741-1849. Of course, I sent a donation and hearty thanks.

Then Bob Curtiss' letter of October 31 brought the name of Miss Sylvia Wadhams. Another thank you and check.

In December, Sylvia and her sister, Hazel, made two trips to the cemetery, the first to check the condition of the stone, which was found to be tipped, covered with lichens and partially sunk into the ground. On the second trip, they took soft brushes to remove most of the lichens, and warm water to try and straighten the stone. They took some photos which didn't turn out well because the film was the wrong kind.

Later, I received an excellent color photograph of the stone which reads: "In memory of Capt. Zebulon Curtis who departed this life May 5, 1798 in the 88<sup>th</sup> year - - - the rest is underground."

In the 1930s, a man named Hale was concerned that early records of Connecticut's churches and cemeteries would be lost. At his suggestion, all such records are now in the state library in Hartford. All the gravestones in Connecticut's many cemeteries were catalogued by WPA workers.



Figure 2 Tombstone of Zebulon Curtis

In order to express my gratitude, I have sent donations to the Ecclesiastical Cemetery Restoration Committee, the Yankee Magazine and to Sylvia and Hazel.

So great a reward for so little effort on my part!



## *Serendipity!*

by Grace Eells  
MCGS member and Historian

That's what it was, no long patient searching, just pure luck that I found the grave site of my fourth great-grandfather, Zebulon Curtis.

At the last minute in October, 1998, I decided to attend the Curtis/Curtiss Society Annual Meeting in Woodbury, Connecticut. Luck again—I reserved the last available room at the Curtis House (no relation) where the meeting was to be held.

Traveling by car in Autumn is a pleasure. There is less traffic; and the scenery on the Pennsylvania Turnpike offered rocky steep hillsides with dark green evergreens alternating with orange, brilliant red and yellow deciduous trees.

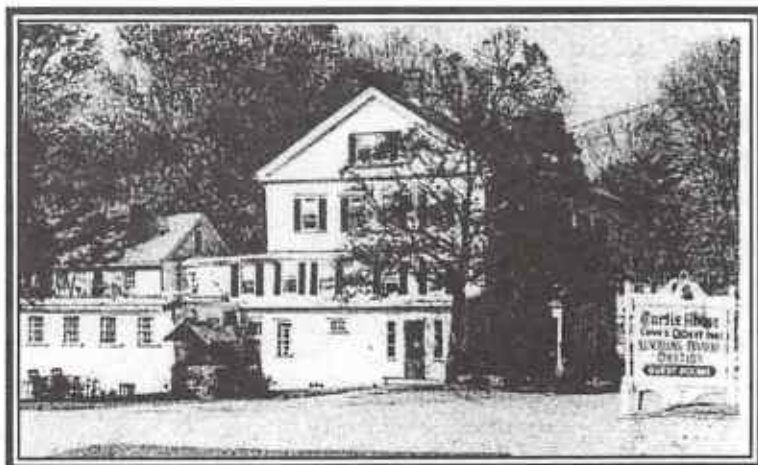


Figure 1 Curtis House in Woodbury, Connecticut

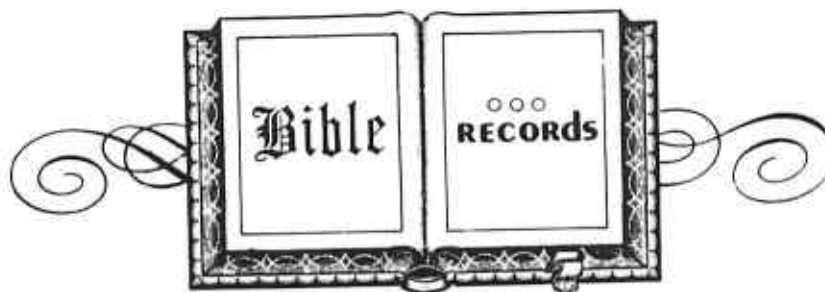
My husband and I arrived on Friday and checked in. Our room was on the second floor, up a creaky staircase (after all, this is Connecticut's oldest inn). Turn to the left, down a step and turn to the right. Our room was large with reproduction "colonial" furniture, including a high four-poster. The bathroom was adequate with nice touches of lotion and special soap.

The sight of our electrical power source was a bit unsettling; an electric wire was laid on one windowsill and out to a larger wire lying on the roof of a porch below!

A curious coincidence: on one wall of the inn lobby was a large framed deed of a Milwaukee property.

Before leaving home, I had noted that Woodbury was a short distance from Torrington, where Zebulon was supposed to be buried. After stowing our gear (my husband had been in the Navy), we set out for Torrington on a gray misty afternoon. Upon arrival, we found the local historical society in the basement of an old house-museum. Curator, Gail Kruppa, kindly gave us a map of the town and directions for finding the possibly correct cemetery called First Ecclesiastical Cemetery.

We almost missed it. There was no obvious entrance, just a simple black on white wood sign. After backing into a slight space that might be called a driveway, we split up to cover



**C**URTIS Bible Records from "The Holy Bible, Old and New Testaments, translated out of the original tongues, and with the Former Translations Diligently Compared and Revised". New York Bible Society, 1857. An inscription: "John E. Curtis from His Dear Father, December 25, 1864." Records furnished by Maude H. Johnson, Los Angeles, California.

#### Births

Father Steven CURTIS, Feb. 22, 1804, State of New York.  
 Mother Susan Cook, Nov. 27, 1808, New York.  
 Stephen Alonzo CURTIS, Jan. 25, 1835, Mich., Thurs.  
 Albert CURTIS, Oct. 22, 1836, Fri.  
 Perry CURTIS, March 17, 1838, Thurs.  
 J. E. CURTIS, Jan. 11, 1841, Mon.  
 Charles R. CURTIS, April 7, 1850, Sun.  
 John E. CURTIS, Jan. 11, 1841, Somnerville, Cass Co., Mich.  
 Eliza J. CURTIS, Dec. 27, 1844, Niles Berrien Co., Mich.  
 Hattie Susan CURTIS, Dec. 19, 1865, Berrien Co., Mich.  
 Perry Cook CURTIS, April 30, 1868, Cass Co., Mich.  
 Mary Adelle CURTIS, Nov. 14, 1875, Newton Co., Ind.  
 Estelle Ruth CURTIS, 1877, Newton Co., Ind.

Clarence Clyde CURTIS, Feb. 3, 1881, Newton Co., Ind.  
 Glenna Pearl CURTIS, Feb. 13, 1885, Blair (or) Oakdale, Nebr.

#### Marriages

John E. CURTIS, married Eliza Jane JENKINS, Dec. 8, 1864, Niles, Berrien Co., Mich.  
 Perry Cook CURTIS, married Princess Bent.  
 Mary Adelle CURTIS, married H. B. Hollingsworth, Arlington, Nebr.  
 Hattie S. CURTIS married March 1, 1888, Robert Horne, Oakdale, Nebr.

#### Deaths

Father Stephen CURTIS, Jan. 23, 1866.  
 Susanna COOK, Feb. 16, 1876.  
 Stephen A. CURTIS, Dec. 19, 1921.  
 Albert CURTIS, Dec. 1916.  
 Perry CURTIS, Jan. 22, 1889.  
 J. E. CURTIS, no date shown.  
 Charles E. CURTIS, no date shown.  
 Grandfather CURTIS, Aug. 25, 1839.  
 Uncle Solomon CURTIS, Jan. 26, 1826.

**J**OHNSTON Family Bible Records of Pearson Washinton Johnston, copied by Mary Virginia Manby of La Grange, Kentucky, in 1968, from the book owned by Ethel In-



*Curtis family*

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## CURTISES AND THE MORMON MIGRATION

This query addressed primarily to readers of the Hartford "Times" for reasons that will become apparent below, but to other papers in various localities in this country concerned with these records, is designed to arouse not only the interest but also the cooperation of people who are personally interested because no funds are available to finance any research and also because it is extremely probable that much of the needed data is not of public record but is very likely to be in private hands where it may be forever lost unless now produced. If non-professional searchers can prove family relationship to these records given below, it is quite possible that information may be secured from sources not usually open to casual query.

The great migrations of the Mormons brought many allied families together and records received by me from the files at Salt Lake City lead me to set down here as brief an outline as possible so that people located in the east where other records may exist that would fill the gaps in the present data may cooperate. The readers of the Times have long known that I have followed the hobby of untangling the many Curtis lineages and that I am not constructing any genealogy to sell and that I am one of the Stratford, Conn. Curtises and so not related to any of the Curtises of these Utah records, therefore having cleared away this underbrush, I set down here the brief outline and request help from Curtis descendants as well as the descendants from surnames of allied lines given.

Joseph Smith, the Mormon leader had a Curtis ancestry and it would seem probable that his oldest Curtis relatives in Hebron, Conn., Peru, Mass., the Hudson River Valley, and Western New York and Southern Mich. knew about it for some of them followed him westward. His line anyone can find very complete in any library but briefly it runs as follows: Joseph Smith, b. Sharon, Vt. in 1865, m. in 1827 at S. Bainbridge, Chenango Co., N.Y. Emma, dau. of Isaac and Elizabeth (Lewis) Hale she b. 1804 at Harmony, Susquehanna Co., Pa. and d. at Nauvoo, Ill. in 1879. He was son of Joseph and Lucy (Mack) Smith, a son of Asahel and Mary (Duty) Smith, a son of Samuel Jr. and Priscilla (Gould) Smith, a son of Samuel Sr. and Rebecca (Curtis) Smith. This was Rebecca (3) Curtis, dau. of John (2) and Mary (Looke) Curtis and granddaughter of Zaccheus (1) and Joanna (1) Curtis of Salem, Mass. The best printed record of Zaccheus (1) Curtis lineage is in Walter G. Davis's "Ancestry of Lieut. Amos Towne", Southworth Press, Portland, Me. This book was published in 1927.

Rebecca Curtis's first cousin James (3) Curtis, son of Zaccheus (2) and Mary (Blake) Curtis, married Eleanor, dau. of Francis Jafford of Yarmouth. James Curtis was b. Dec. 12, 1681; his marriage date is missing but it was doubtless very close to 1700 and his children were probably born in Maine and one of them now appears to be that Francis (4) Curtis, b. about 1700/1 who married at Plymton, Mass. May 12, 1720 Sarah, dau. of Joshua and his 2nd wife Susanna (Garner) Ransom, and had two children recorded at Plympton; William (5) Curtis b. July 9, 1721 and Susanna (5) Curtis b. June 5, 1723. There are indications that this Francis (4) Curtis died there Apr. 24, 1717 ae. 67, so b. about 1650. There are several strong indications that this Francis Curtis who m. Hannah, dau. of John Smith Dec. 21, 1671 was a son of Zaccheus (1) Curtis of Salem. The births of all the children of Zaccheus (1) except his dau. Mary are not on record and their names and births years have been secured from items in the Essex Quarterly Courts and elsewhere and it is quite likely that Francis, b. 1650-53 is missing and that the birth years of the others are not accurate. Essex Quarterly Courts Vol. 6, p. 64 and 215 indicate roughly that Zaccheus' son John was b. 1649, and his son Zachariah b. 1651. Vol. 8, pl 17 shows that the latter was upon charges of improper relations with Elizabeth, widow of Obadiah Bridges in 1680 in Ipswich, and after she married Joseph Parker in Oct. Zachariah appears in the Swansea area



now Bristol, R.I. where Solomon(2) Curtis son of Deodatus(1) of Braintree had just settled and in 1690 Zachariah sails away against the French in Samuel Gallup's expedition. (N.E.H.&G. Reg., Vol 9 p354) Perhaps the presence of his brother Francis in Plymouth may have induced Zachariah to leave northern Mass. Again Francis, son of Francis and Hannah(Smith) Curtis m. in 1700 Hannah Bosworth and named his last child b. 1730 Zaccheus Curtis who m.(int.) Aug. 21, 1742 Lydia Thomas. Again, the last child on record of John, son of Francis & Hannah(Smith)Curtis, by his wife Charity was Sarah b. May 10, 1711, and Marblehead has a record that on Nov. 26, 1712 Charity Curtis married John Bassett. There is no Charity Curtis on any vital record extant except the wife of this John, and it would seem likely that John died in 1711 and his widow went to Northern Mass. where perhaps relatives of John lived. Lastly, the Dudley, Mass. vital records have a Francis Curtis whose wife was Bethia and whose first child Ruth was of John and Charity( ) Curtis, therefore it seems highly plausible that this Francis Curtis is the first born of John and Charity ( ) Curtis b. in 1696 and his brother John b. 1702 was also in Dudley where he married (int.) on Dec. 21, 1734 Sarah Robinson. In an article on the ancestry of Sir Henry Solomon Welcome which I put in the Boston Transcript recently I surmised that this John married in Kingston Apr. 29, 1731 Meroy Delano and I now wish to state that this supposition appears to be untenable. Dudley, Mass. also has the vital records of John(4) Curtis son of Thomas(3) & Phebe(Gould)Curtis(John(2)Zaccheus(1)Curtis) who m. Jan. 16, 1732/3 Hepsibah Hale. This John(4) Curtis is own nephew of Rebecca(3) Curtis, ancestor of Joseph Smith the Mormon leader, and I think that the presence in Dudley of Francis and John, grandsons of Francis and Hannah(Smith)Curtis, and John, grandson of John(2) and Mary(Loocke)Curtis is indicative of the truth of the supposition that the great grandfather of all three was Zaccheus(1)Curtis of Salem, Mass. Reading, Gloucester. Dudley, Mass. is very close to Woodstock, Conn. and Francis's farm was on the boundary line, so say descendants of Edward, his grandson, who m. in Peru, Mass. Esther, dau of Samuel Tyler and removed to New Woodstock, N.Y. eight miles from me. His father, Edward, ran away from his wife Lucy Chamberlain, and took up with a woman by the given name of Thankful, and lived at Monson, Mass. where he had a son Francis and a dau. Thankful. This Francis was b. Dec. 9, 1775 and, strange to say, removed to Woodstock, Vermont, where he m. 1st Lydia Hudson and had a dau. Pamela who m. a Wilcox and removed to New York State and Francis m. 2nd Sarah Emerson and had Lydia, b. Jan. 18, 1803, Joel b. Apr. 5, 1804 who m. Pluma Whitney, ~~Joseph b. Aug. 30, 1805 who m. Elvira M. Kingsley, Lovisa b. Feb. 24, 1807 who m. M.L. Southgate, Francis Jr. b. 1809 d. 1810, Angeline b. Apr 7, 1811 who m. Otis Wood, and Edward b. Oct. 30, 1814 who died single.~~ I place this record here because ~~#####~~ a record of guardianship at Monson, Mass. confirms it and because it conforms with a tradition known to present members of this family, and because it puts one more Francis Curtis as a probable member of the Zaccheus line.

To return to Francis(4) Curtis probably son of James(3) and Eleanor(Jafford)Curtis. It would appear that Eleanor named her first child Francis after her father Francis Jafford. Vol. XI, p 68 of York Deeds states that on Dec. 1, 1719 Eleanor, dau of Francis Jafford and wife of James Curtis, and her sister Elizabeth, dau of Francis Jafford and wife of John Perkins sold to Thomas Cummings of Topsfield all their right to land on Casco Bay, N. Yarmouth and Falmouth. So it would appear that young ~~###~~ Francis Curtis's birth and rearing in such a locality led him to become a mariner, for Vol 15, p 18 of the Boston Commissioners Reports has an item dated Jan. 12, 1736 stating that Francis Curtis, master of the Brig "Sarah"(named after his wife Sarah Ransom, no doubt) swears that he sailed from Phila., Pa. on Dec. 8, 1735 and small pox was raging there but that his men are all well, and his cargo mostly transferred from another ship. His cargo accepted but his men who never had small

pox to be segregated outside the harbor. This is the last record I have seen of Francis(4)Curtis. A possible gap of one generation seems to exist between this record and the birth of Francis(5) or (6) Curtis in 1743, according to D.A.R. data, 1746 according to family record. Whether he was son of William(5) Curtis b. 1731 is not known yet, but I would appreciate any clues from land records in or near Ashford, Conn. for there this Francis Curtis married on Nov. 17, 1768 Elizabeth(called "Betty") Robbins, and beside this records is Ransom Curtis married on Dec. 8, 1768 Ellica Whiton.\* That they were brothers and children or grandchildren of Francis and Sarah(Ransom) Curtis seems extremely likely. If a deed could be found near Ashford telling where these two men came from, we might secure the generation missing. I have received a record of Francis and Elizabeth's family from living descendants and from Salt Lake City and I append here a compilation from both sources supplemented by vital records of Peru, Mass. and probate records of Benessee Co. Francis Curtis d. Aug. 27, 1836 ae. 83 at Warsaw, Wyoming Co., N.Y. His children were: 1. Oliver who married Betsey Webster, no further record. 2. Comfort, b. 1775 who m. April 2, 1793 Priscilla Whitney according to the Peru, Mass. vital records, but private data says Priscilla Fisk. Comfort had land deals with Thomas Fisk and I am inclined to suspect that his wife married 2nd a Mr. Fisk as Comfort died June 4, 1831 and she, b. in 1774, died Oct. 8, 1845. Their son Comfort Jr. b. Apr. 16, 1797 m. \_\_\_\_\_ and his sons David and DeWitt removed to Flint, Mich. Their day. Sally b. Apr. 2, 1799 m. Peter Goodrich and removed to Chautauqua Co. Their son Lyman m. Priscilla \_\_\_\_\_ no further record. I notice I have the wife of Comfort Jr. and she was Bertha Knapp. The data from Utah states Comfort Sr. had a dau. Betsey; this is proved wrong by his probate record. Comfort and Priscilla had a son Ransom B. Aug. 20, 1803, no further record, except that he was alive when his father died in 1831; and Comfort's(Sr) will mentions no son Lyman given above but I am inclined to suspect that his youngest son, Spencer L. whom he does mention, was named Spencer Lyman. Comfort Sr.'s next child was Levi b. Aug. 15, 1804 and died May 23, 1867 ae 61 cemetery record but descendants have death July 22, 1848. He married at Middlebury, N.Y. Mar. 16, 1826 Climena Priscilla Roberts b. June 14, 1804 at Greenfield, Mass. d. Jan. 19, 1890 buried Ceresco, Neb. Levi's children were Adeline who m. Oct. 10, 1851 Daniel G. Sheldon of Madison, Wis.; Clarissa who m. Mar. 1, 1848 Whiting F. Richards of Pendleton, Niagara Co., N.Y.; Lyman b. Feb. 15, 1831 no record; Sarah b. Jan. 22, 1832 no record; Mary b. June 23, 1833 m. Mar. 15, 1865 John W. Hill of Warsaw, N.Y. I notice I have the death of Lyman who d. Mar. 17, 1831 ae. 0-1-3, Emily b. Aug. 16, 1835 m. Oct. 22, 1856 Oscar Nash of Perry, N.Y. and she d. Oct. 5, 1901; Henry b. Sept. 23, 1839 m. his cousin Ellen(Curtis)Catlin, dau. of Levi's bros., but record does not state which one. I notice a cemetery record of Oliver Curtis d. June 27, 1831 ae 47; their son Sylvester S. d. July 1, 1836 ae 9; and their dau. Saloma d. date missing. Of Comfort Sr.'s son Spencer L. I have no record. Of Comfort's dau. Caroline her father's probate records shows that she m. Tunis Cronkhite and that her sister Polly(Mary) was single in 1831 but she m. Joseph C. Leike.

No. 3 Calvin Curtis was b. July 25, 1778 and m 1st at Peru, Mass. Nov. 9, 1802 Jemima Thompson(int.) I have no record of children by her. He m. 2nd at Peru May 11, 1806 Polly Clapp and the cemetery at Warsaw has her son Emera d. Aug. 8, 1811 ae 1. and her son Almeron d. Sept. 20, 1814 ae 2; and her dau. Harriet d. Aug. 21, 1811 ae. 10 mos. He m. 3rd Nancy Hibbard by whom he had 4 ch.: Samanth who d. Jan. 14, 1830 ae 14; Martha M. no record; Daniel Storrs b. Sept. 5, 1829 who m. Jan. 10, 1850 Amanda H. dau. of Clark Eldridge of Canandaigua, N.Y. and had Calvin who d. ae. 3; Frank R. b. Jan. 3, 1857 who m.

Sarah Boyce of Wyoming Village and Lottie B. b. July 3, 1858 who m. Andrew B. Morris of Middlebury; Calvin's 4th child by Nancy was Roger H. Curtis who d. in 1869 no further record. The Salt Lake City data has another child of Calvin named Elvira P. Curtis who m. Alvah Bates. Whose child was she, Jemima Thompson's or Polly Clapps?

No. 4 Amasa Curtis. His birth date I do not have, but his will is dated Nov. 5, 1834. He m. Sept. 16, 1794 at Peru, Mass. Eunice, dau. of Edmund & Abigail (Wood) Richmond, she b. June 12, 1772 at Taunton, Mass. and d. May 9, 1849. They had children: Linus b. Nov. 1, 1795, Betsey b. Sept. 18, 1797 who m. Mr. Webster, Edmund who was b. Mar. 4, 1800 and m. Mary Pierce, Eunice b. Oct. 19, 1802 who m. Isaac Andrus, Francis Waterman, b. May 7, 1805 who m. Sylvia Cronkhite she b. in Stsego Co. Nov. 18, 1806 and they had a son Albrow Curtis b. Oct. 17, 1839 in Wyoming Co., NY who removed to Ionia Co, Mich and d. Aug. 3, 1861; Lydia who m. Nathaniel Frank, and Laura of whom no record. The last two daus. not in Peru, Mass. V.R.

No. 5 Delilah (Dilly) b. m. Dec. 28, 1795 Elisha Watkins

No. 6 Sally (Sarah) b. m. June 18, 1799 Rufus Watkins.

No. 8 Orpah b. m. July 1804 James Webster.

Private records add a ninth child: Hannah who m. Rev. Edward Davis.

The reader will recall that Joseph Smith found the Mormon Bible near Palmyra, N.Y. I wonder if these Curtises from Peru, Mass. were aware of their relationship to him because more of his Curtis relatives came to the same locality. James(4) son of James(3) and Eleanor (Jafford) Curtis born probably in Maine, m. (int) Oct. 1, 1731 Sarah Bushwell and the descendants of three, at least, of their sons settled in this locality. Their son Daniel(5) Curtis b. 1735 m. Mary Goodale and removed to New Salem, Mass. and their son Daniel(6) b. 1764 m. Keziah Smith and settled in old Genesee Co. where he d. in 1838 and here their son Ebenezer(7) d. in 1816, and their son Daniel(7) d. in 1813. Their dau Keziah(7) m. Reuben Rice and had Nancy Rice who m. Enos Reynolds Ganson, another dau. Saloma(7) Curtis m. Seth Johnson. (see Old Northwest Quarterly Vol. 12, p 83-84). I have a record of a Daniel Curtis who served in the War of 1812 and who was born in 1794 and who d. Dec. 13, 1865 at Wethersfield, N.Y. and who m. there Dec. 27, 1818 Elizabeth W. Charles; He was a private in Capt. Love's Co. of N.Y. militia. On one of the papers as a witness, relationship, not given, was Oliver P. Curtis. At one time he lived in Java, Wyoming Co., N.Y. Has anyone any data? Daniel(5) had a brother Asa(5) Curtis b. 1744 who m. 1st Lois \_\_\_\_\_ and removed to New Salem, Mass. and had by Lois a son Asa(6) Curtis b. 1774. Asa(5) Curtis m. 2nd Elizabeth Day in 1777 and had Robert(6) b. 1780 and Lois(6) b. 1781. Asa(5) m. 3rd the widow Hannah Chase in 1786. Now at Gainesville, Genesee Co., N.Y. there died on Oct. 2, 1826 Asa Curtis leaving his son Asa Jr. and two children under 21, Lois and James. If this is Asa(6) possibly the Robert Curtis b. 1780-90 of the 1830 census of Palmyra, Wayne Co., is his half-brother. We need to find a living descendant of this Asa Curtis branch of the family. Daniel(5) and Asa(5) had a brother Moses(5) Curtis b. 1747 at Boxford who m. 1771 Mary b. July 20, 1746, dau. of Jeremiah(4) & Rebecca (Hawkins) Meacham. (N.Y. B&G Rev., Vol 65, p. 108). Moses d. 1815 and Mary in 1818 near Conneautville, Erie Co., Pa. Their son Jacob(6) Curtis who m 1st Lycy Atwater and 2nd Sophronia Lee, the Salt Lake City records say died Nov. 18, 1839 at Warsaw, N.W. On Nov. 16, 1938 the Boston Transcript in No. 3033 Part 2 Erie, Pa. Records, signed A.S.B.E. gave "Feb. 2, 1820 Mr. Jacob Curtis m. Miss Sophronia Lee by Rev. John Way, all of McKean Co., Pa." So we need help from some interested person in McKean Co., Pa. to supply more about Jacob(6). His brothers Jeremiah(6) and Nahum(6) who joined the Mormons went first to Pontiac, Mich. Jeremiah(6) m. 1st Aurelia Meacham and 2nd Ruth Stratton and Nahum(6) m. Millicent Waite. Jeremiah(6) died in Texas Sept. 27, 1845 and his



descendants went to the San Bernadino, Cal. valley in the 1860's. Nahum(6) d. in 1839 at Nauvoo, Ill. and his descendants went to Utah. The most important child of Moses(6) Curtis is omitted from the records at Salt Lake City and he is Elisha(6)Curtis b. 1776 who m. Resign Clark and removed to Manchester, Vt. to Lorraine township, Jefferson Co., N.Y. before 1810 and there his famous son Dr. Harvey(7)Curtis was born who became President of Knox College at Galesburg, Ill. See N.E.H.&G. Register Vol. 49, p 205 and Vol. 4 p 510 of Curry's History of Chicago. Elisha(7)Curtis removed from Jefferson Co., N.Y. first to Greigsville, formerly Kishaway, Allegany Co., N.Y. then to Flint, Mich. There is no doubt in my mind that the Nathaniel Curtis of Early Jefferson Co. was a relative of Elisha Curtis. This Nathaniel m. 1st \_\_\_\_\_ and had Plina and Lucy and he m. 2nd Chloe, dau of Sylvester and Rebecca(Rice) Finney and widow of \_\_\_\_\_ Chase and also removed to Flint, Mich. By Chloe he had Serepta Curtis b. Feb. 9, 1820 who m. Rev. Jonathan Copeland(see Copeland Genealogy); Martha; Chloe, Crandall; and Caroline, all Curtis. Besides the fact that Elisha, Nathaniel and Comfort Curtis Jr. all three removed to Flint, Mich. the given name Crandall which Nathaniel gave to his son is a still stronger link to tie these Curtises together as will appear in the next Curtis of the Zaccheus line to be considered now.

Joseph Smith's ancestor, Rebecca(3)Curtis had a cousin Joseph(3) Curtis, brother of James (3)Curtis who m. Francis Jafford's dau. July 4, 1715 Patience Rockett or Rockwood of Wrentham. They removed to Norton, Mass. where their first child, Joseph(4) Curtis was born in 1716. They then removed to Hebron, Conn. They had a son Benjamin(4) Curtis who m. in 1745/6 to whom I do not know but perhaps a son was that Benjamin Curtis of Hebron, Conn. ##### who m. there June 23, 1763 Eunice Bidwell. They had a son Zaccheus(4)Curtis who m.(int) Sept. 2, 1744 Sarah Mansfield. Mr. Davis's book says that Joseph(4) also m. in 1745/6 but doesn't state to whom. Patience, their mother, died there in 1723 and Joseph(3) seems to have m. a Susanna Chubb, possibly a widow but there is no record in my possession of any children by her and Mr. Davis's book does not mention her, but he says that Joseph(3) Curtis did marry July 6, 1728 Hannah Cooper of Oxford and had four children: John(4)Curtis b. Dec. 7, 1739; Thomas(4)Curtis b. Mar. 22, 1732; Mary(4) Curtis b. Oct. 2, 1734; and Patience(4)Curtis b. Jan. 5, 1736/7. In Book 9, p 145 of land records at Taunton, Mass., is a record that states that Benjamin Force and wife Elizabeth of Dorchester, tailor, for a valuable consideration paid by Joseph Curtis of the town of Boxford, Essex Co. sells a house and 67 acres and another 1/2 acre and various rights to common land in Norton, Dated Mar. 4, 1713. Witnesses: Samuel Ray, Joseph Chaplin and James Curtis. Also in Book 10 p. 148 Benjamin Bate and wife Mary of Dorchester, mason, sells Joseph Curtis of Norton 10 acres in Taunton Purchase on May 26, 1713. Book 9 p. 651 states that Joseph Curtis and wife Patience of Norton sell to Joshua Kent of Swansea 67 acres also 40 acres and 1/2 acre on Nov. 22, 1715. Why and when Joseph(3)Curtis removed to Hebron, Conn. is not known definitely but his step-mother Abigail, dau. of Robert Stiles and widow(in 1712) of Zaccheus(2) Curtis removed to Canterbury, Conn. and there married 2nd in 1723 Jonathan Hyde.(N.E.H.&G. Reg. Vol 66, p 261). The 1790 Census at Stephentown, Rensselaer Co., N.Y. has a James Curtis 1-3-2; a Joel Curtis 1-1-3; and his only son Joel Curtis 1-0-2; and Thomas Curtis 3-2-1; and his son Thomas Curtis, Jr. 1-1-2. These Curtises seem to be from Hebron, Conn. and connected with the children of Joseph(3)Curtis and their descendants also settled in Western New York and in Utah. Joel Curtis Jr. was in Capt. Isaac Bogart's Co. in Rev. War He said he was born in Hebron, Conn. May 4, 1764 and was a son of Joel Curtis. He m. Polly Andrews and resided in Colesville, Broome Co., NY and later in Greene, Chenango Co., N.Y. where he died March 29, 1847.(It was

very near here that Joseph Smith, the Mormon leader, was married.) Joel Curtis Sr. died in Stephentown, N.Y. in 1810 and left a widow Thankful and a dau. Thankful Bailey, a dau. Lydia Bailey, a dau. Rachel Griffin, and a dau. Polly wife of Joel Winston, and a grandson Rensselaer Bailey. Witnesses to will: Claudius, Sally and Hosea Moffat, and the appraisers of his estate were Adin Swan and Benjamin Gardner. This Joel Curtis Sr. sold land in 1793 in Stephentown, to Thomas Gardner and witnesses were Hosea Moffat, George Gardner and Joel Curtis Jr. This Joel Curtis Sr. must have been born 1735-40 and is probably son of one of the sons of Joseph(3) Curtis of Hebron, probably by the first wife. There is a possibility that this Joel Curtis is Joel (4) son of Samuel(3) and Mary ( ) Curtis (Caleb(2) Richard(1) Curtis emigrant to Salem, Mass. and Southold, L.I.) This Samuel(3) Curtis settled in Hebron, Conn. about 1703. His son Joel(4) was born there June 16, 1719. If we had the age at death of Joel Sr. who d. 1810 at Stephentown, the matter could be settled. If he was the son of Samuel(3) then he was no relation to Thomas Sr. and Jr. of Stephentown in spite of the connection with the Gardner family in land deals with Joel Curtis. Mr. Carl Curtis of Pasadena, Cal. who collected much data on the lineage of Richard Curtis of Salem, has given as a child of Richard(3) of Hebron, Conn. brother of Samuel(3) one John(4) Curtis b. Dec. 6, 1727. This birth date is suspiciously near Mr. Davis's birth date of John(4) son of Joseph(3) of the Zaccheus lineage, which Mr. Davis gives as Dec. 7, 1729. This man was in the Lexington Alarm and Siege of Boston 10th Co. Capt. Parsons, 4th Regt. Col Minman. Someone should check the Rev. War. data on him to secure data on his parentage.

Thomas Curtis Sr. enlisted in the Rev. War at exactly the same time and in the same Company.. Capt. Isaac Bogart's... that Joel Curtis Jr. did, and at Stephentown. He said he was born in Westerly, R.I. in 1761. He does not give his wife's name. Record from Salt Lake City reveal that he was the first child of Thomas Curtis of Stonington, Conn. who m. in 1760 in Westerly, R.I. Bridgett Crandall. I hope some one can find the records of Curtises at Stonington for it would seem likely that this Thomas is in reality that Thomas b. 1732 in Hebron, Conn son of Joseph(3) and Hannah (Cooper) Curtis. Of course he could be a son of Joseph(4) Curtis b. 1716 were it not for the fact that Mr. Davis's book says this Joseph didn't marry until 1743/6. He did name a son Joseph Curtis who was born in 1869 and he married Alsa ~~#####~~ (b. 1773) first child of ~~Benjamin Gardner~~ Justus and Alsa (Gardner) Brockway. Also Gardner was the dau. of Benjamin Gardner who appraised Joel Curtis's estate in 1810. Also Brockway's sister Lucy (b. 1779) m. 1st Pardon Curtis who died in the summer of 1802 and she m. 2nd Stephen A. Mains. This Joseph Curtis died in Montrose, Iowa and he had by Alsa Brockway: 1. Joseph Jr.; Uriah b. May 5, 1805 who m. Ohebe dau of Fielding and Anna (Dall) Martin from Virginia and Uriah joined the Mormons and his children were: Elsa Ann, Erastus b. 1828, Levi, Elisa Jane, Mary, Uriah Martin and Emeline. Joseph and Alsa's next child was Gardner Curtis who m. Maria Dunn and had Eli and Joseph Henry. Joseph and Alsa had three daus. Diadema, Polly and one with a name wondrous to behold--Lorumhinnia, at least that is what I have tried to make of it. Thomas Curtis Jr. b. July 19, 1788 was in the 1812 War. He m. at Stephentown Feb. 9, 1810 Judy Crandall she b. July 21, 1791, and he d. at Busti, Chautauqua Co., N.Y. May 22, 1868. He had a son David Henry Curtis b. in 1819. To his 1812 war papers is attached an affidavit made Oct. 10, 1879 by Stephen L. Curtis and Constant Nash of Cherry Creek, Chautauqua Co., N.Y. that they were not present but knew of Thomas's marriage to Judy Crandall. Judy d. abt. 1880. The census of 1850 at Stockton, Chautauqua Co. shows clustered about Thomas and Judy Samuel and wife, Silvia, Crandall and wife, Charlotte, Chauncey and wife, Alice, Orrin and wife Sally, John E. and wife Polly Ann, and Jeremiah and wife Susan, probably all related. The Stephen L. Curtis of Cherry Creek and his brother Isaac

Curtis were born in Stephentown, sons of James (b. 1774) and Anna( )Curtis and removed to Cherry Creek in 1834. Their brother James Curtis Jr. was in Leon, Chhattaraugus Co. very close to Cherry Creek. This James Curtis married Joanna Palmer and had Erastus, Lorenzo /William and Helen. There was also a son of James and Anna Curtis named Jeremiah who had a son Orrin. (notice the Jeremiah and Orrin in the census of 1850 at Stockton above given). Steohen L. Curtis had a son John H. Curtis whose son Edgar W. Curtis, an attorney, resides at Cherry Creek. Isaac died in 1851 and two sons and three daus. were in Wisconsin in 1861. These descendants of James of Stephentown (b. 1774) appear to be of the same lineage as Thomas of Stephentown.

In another James Curtis of Machias, Chhattaraugus Co., N.Y. we may have a descendant of that Ransom Curtis who m. in 1868 Ellice Whiton in Ashford, Ct. and may have been brother of Francis who m. Betty Robbins in same place the same year. This James Curttis died in Machias in 1863 ae. 84 so born 1779/80. He came from Willington, Conn. to Marcellus, N.Y., then to Machias. His wife was Mary, dau of Zebediah and Priscilla (Morris) Marcy. (see N.E.H.&G. Register Vol 29, p 306) and this Zebadiah Marcy was born in Woodstock, Conn. This confirms the supposition that the Willington, Conn. Curtises came from the same area that other branches of the lineage of Zaccheus Curtis settled. Mary died in Machiad in 1878. James and Mary had four children: Zebediah Custis who m. Lovice Hall and d. 1840. Nancy Maude Curtis who m. Erastus Mayo and d. 1849 and had seven children. William T. Curtis who m. 1st Charlotte Williams and 2nd her sister, Angeline Williams. Origin D. Curtis b. June 27, 1818 who m. Lucy Mayo and had eight children among whom were Mary, Julia, Dorlantha, Jonathan Vantine, whose wife was Adaline, Henry, Edwin & George. Origin Curtis, called Orra, removed to Edna, Polk Co., Minn. His brother William T. resided in East Aurora, N.Y. where he d. Aug. 20, 1888 leaving his brother Orra, and a nephew Rufus Mayo of Polk Co., Minn. and a nephew William Mayo of Springville, Erie Co., N.Y. and James Mayo his brother of the same place, and a niece Minerva Mayo and her sister Cornelia Mayo of Springville, and their sister Louise Cox of Springville, and William T. also left a niece Adele Horton of Bay City, Mich. These Mayos may be related to the famous physicians of the Rochester, Minn. clinic, I do not know how.

A record of another Comfort Curtis seems to be connected with Willington, Conn. There was a cabinet maker in Hoosick Falls named Comfort Curtis who m. Rachel, dau of Phineas and Rebecca (Mosher) Chase. Phineas came from Quality Hill, Dutchess Co., N.Y. (See N.E.H.&G. Register Vol. 87, p336). Comfort died in Cambridge, Washington Co., N.Y. in 1817. In this same locality near White Creek came the family of Ephraim Curtis b. 1742 who m. Rachel Bishop and had these children in Panton, Vt.: Frederick (whose day. Sarah md Daniel Belden, he b. 1793 and lived in Brockport, N.Y.) John Bishop (b. 1772 who m. Charity Woodworth), James Martial, Martha, Zenas Alanson, Joseph Seymour, Elizabeth D., Timothy Bradford, Rachel, Chas. Clinton. Descendants say this Ephraim was b. in Litchfield Co., Conn. and was son of Matthew(4) Curtis (Josiah(3) William(2) Widow Elizabeth(1) Curtis of Strarford, Conn.) Matthew's children are of record and there is hardly room for this Ephraim. Records at Littleton, N.H. show an Ephraim Curtis connected with a Josiah Kilbourne and we know that Ephraim(2) Custis son of Zaccheus(1) married Elizabeth, dau. of George and Elizabeth( ) Kilbourne. What became of their son Ephraim(3) after he married Lydia Farley of Woburn Jan. 13, 1742 Mr. Davis doesn't state but here is an Ephraim b. 1742 whose family lived next to Curtises of the Zaccheus lineage. Comfort Curtis Sr. had sons born in this order: Comfort Jr., Stephen b. June 14, 1777, David, Solomon, and daus. Rachel wife of Timothy Mosher, Sally, wife of Alexander Whitney, Olive wife of David Doane, and Anna wife of Alexander Annis. We have a record of Stephen only which I put in the Boston Transcript not long ago. He lived in Springfield, Otsego Co., N.Y. and his sons settled in southern Mich. after a short sojourn in Cayuga Co., N.Y. Stephen m. two Sawin sisters who came from Willington, Conn. (See Slafter Memorial p.11) Their aunt Anna Sawin b. 1756 m. Davis



son of Edy Hatch of Tolland, Conn. The N.E.H.&G. Register Vol 59 p 21 has a Rev. Sol. William Curtis of Tolland Co., Conn. served as a private against Burgoyne in 1777 under Capt. Thomas Lawson of Union, Conn. Col. Cook's Regt. Data on this man is needed because Willington, Conn. has a record of a William Curtis b. 1774 d. there 1860 m. Mary Holt and had children: Sanford, William, Horace, Sarah H., Alford, Wilson W., Harvey, Oliver H. and Selden. Oliver H. m. Emily Hills and resided in Amherst, Mass. and had sons Frank O. of Amherst and Samule H. of Hartford, Conn. Selden resided in New London, Conn. Willington also had births of three children of a Joseph and Rhoda( ) Curtis and they named their first child Ransom Curtis b. 1792 who m. Mary Venn who died in 1836 in Painesville, Ohio where his father resided with his 2nd wife Joanna whom he probably married in Canada. His first wife, Rhoda, was dismissed from the Willington church to the church at Cambridge, Washington Co., N.Y. in 1803 where Comfort Curtis resided. This Comfort Sr. and his son Comfort Jr. also went to Canada and resided near Coburgh, Ont. Joseph and Rhoda's 2nd child Joseph b. 1795 m. Lovina \_\_\_\_\_ and had Emily and Emeline, twins b. in 1832 and named after their father's sisters b. in 1817, also twins; and a son Joseph, had a dau. Laura. Joseph and Rhoda's next child Harace b. 1797 m. Harriet Turner on Oct. 13, 1823 in Albany, N.Y. He d. Nov. 1, 1839 in Mentor, Ohio near Painesville. He was drafted for the 1812 War at Schuyler, N.Y. His son Zerah H. m. 1849 Betsey Ann Sweet, hes dau. Mary m. 1850 Alonzo Grover; his dau. Harriet m. 1856 Philip Dodge; his dau. Amanda Malvina m. 1857 Chas. Cady. Joseph and Joanna's son Orlando b. 1812 probably in Lee, Oneida Co., N.Y. m. Martha \_\_\_\_\_ and had Emeline and Louisa. Joseph and Joanne had a son Ira b. 1822 who m. Lavina dau. of Nathan Phillips Goodell and his wife Hannah Mead Griswold, and they resided in Lodi, Ill. where Ira's brother Erastus b. 1836, last child of Joseph Curtis lived, and Erastus's son Byron lived in Loda now(1940). Joseph Curtis, the father was b. Dec. 7, 1771 and d. Dec. 3, 1852 at Painesville, O. It would seem likely from the migrations that this Joseph was related to Comfort Curtis. Comfort Jr. married a widow of Barnebas McCowan who was born Wilson and whose mother was a dau. of Everadus and Anneke Jans Bogardus and they lived in Canada, and at Butler, NY and in Onondaga Co. NY. near Spafford in the 1830 census close to James and Mary(Marcy)Curtis who came from Willington, Conn. as described above. What became of Comfort Jr's. brothers David and Solomon I do not know unless the Cheney Genealogy in its reference on p 80 to Lucy(6) Cheney b. May 7, 1761 dau. of Daniel(5) and Zerviah(Paine) Cheney of Pomfret, Conn. until close of Rev. War then of Pittstown, Rensselaer Co.(near Hoosick Falls)then of Ellery, Chautauqua Co. married one of them. She m 1st a Mr. Cummings and had David, Benjamin and Polly Cummings and then she m. 2nd a Mr. Curtis and resided near Coburgh, Ont. Can. and had Comfort, John, Thomas, and Hiram all Curtis(spelled Cutrice in this book, but I attach no significance to this spelling) Lucy's sister Rebecca b. Killingly, Conn. Aug. 14, 1775 m. Nahum Aldrich and died at Busti, Chautauqua Co., NY where Thomas Curtis from Stephentown and Westerly, R.I. lived. As we do not have his wife's name in his Rev. War record, perhaps this is he. It is possible, as a marriage in 1779 would permit a child David Cummings in 1780, Benjamin Cummings in 1783, Polly Cummings in 1784 and there is room for Comfort and John Curtice before the known birth date of Thomas Jr. July 19, 1788, who m. Judy Crandall. I suspect therefore that Comfort Curtice Sr. is another son of Thomas and Bridget(Crandall)Curtis of Westerly, R.I., however the records at Ottawa show Comfort Sr. and Jr. praying for land in 1792 but the name of Thomas Curtis does not appear. Nevertheless the above Cheney record cannot be of Comfort Jr. as he was b. about 1775 and was the first child of Comfort Sr. Solomon, son of Comfort Sr. may be that Solomon Curtis on p 188 of the Bill Genealogy who m. Persis Bill of Hebron, Conn. and resided in Mil-

ford, Stsego Co. in 1806 but removed to Swanton, Franklin Co., Va. after 1812 where he must have died soon, as Persis, his widow, b. in 1777, m 2nd Isaac Edson and had three more children and died in 1822. If this is that Solomon he was living near his brother Stephen in Stsego Co. His children by Persis Bill were Van Rensselaer Curtis, Solomon Curtis Jr. and Isaac Curtis. The surrogate's office of Genesee Co. has a record of a David Curtis of the town of Castile (south part of Wyoming Co.) who was killed May 6, 1830 by being thrown from his wagon while on a visit to Bethany leaving a widow Polly who states she had lived with him over 14 years, and 4 children: Antoinette, wife of Norman G. Hurd, LeRoy Curtis, Van Rensselaer Curtis and Polly Curtis. Who he was I do not know.

The fact that Francis(4) and Sarah(Ransom)Curtis's first child was William and that there was a family of Curtises in Willington, Conn. which included a William and a Joseph who named his first child Ransom would lead one to think that perhaps the parents of these Curtises may have been Ransom and Ellice(Whiton)Curtis who were married in 1768 in Ashford, Conn. in the same place and year that Francis Curtis m. Betty Robbins. The Root Genealogy p 164 speaks of a Selden Curtis of Marlboro, Conn. who m. Maria, dau of Jonah and Sally(Root)Root she b. 1802. Marlboro has 4 children of a Joseph Curtis: Frances b. 1798, Eliza b. 1800 and Charles Cotesworth Pinckney Curtis b. 1802. Perhaps a Selden was their brother at any rate this Joseph Curtis may be of the same family as the other record of Deoldatus(4) and Elizabeth(Selden) Curtis shows no son William or Joseph and neither givenname occurs in the lineage of Deodatus(1) Curtis of Braintree, Mass. There may have been another Selden Curtis alliance in Tolland Co., Conn. We sadly need some good angel in Conn. to help us clear up this obscure line of Zaccheus(1)Curtis.

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