



HERSEY.

ARMS: Gules, a chief argent.

CREST: Out of a ducal coronet or, a man's head proper  
wreathed about the temples.

Nathaniel Hercy of Reading, Berkshire, England.  
His son William Hersey, b.1596, settled at Hingham,  
Massachusetts in 1635.

John Matthews: Complete American Armoury And Blue Book; Part IV, Page 124b.



THE HERSEY OR HERSIE FAMILY.  
Hercy, Hersie, or Hersey.

NATHANIEL HERCY.

Born in England; he died in 1629 at Reading, Berkshire, England.  
Nathaniel Hercy is said to be the father of William Hersie who came to New England in 1635. This William is the ancestor of all of that name in Hingham, Massachusetts, and many more. He had two sons;-

- (1) William Hersie,               born 1596, see following.
- (2) Thomas Hersie,             born 1599.

WILLIAM <sup>1</sup> HERSIE, (or Hersey)

Born, 1596 in England, probably at old Hingham.  
Died, 24 March 1658 at Hingham, Massachusetts. His gravestone gives his death as 22 March 1658, probably 1657/8, as the stone is not the original one.  
Married, Elizabeth \_\_\_\_\_. She died 8 October 1671, Hingham, Mass.

He came to New England in 1635, and early in the autumn of that year located in Hingham with others who were passengers on the same ship.  
On 3 July 1636 he had a house and lot of 5 acres granted to him on what is now South Street, nearly opposite West Street.  
William was assessed a heavy fine for supporting the views of Rev. Peter Hobart and his friends. The family rate towards the erection of the new meeting house was the largest but one, upon the list. In deeds he is described as "Husbandman". He was made Freeman in March 1638, and selectman in 1642, 1647, & 1650, and was a member of the Artillery Company in 1652.

His will was dated 9 March 1658, proved 29 April 1659.  
The inventory of his estate was £ 409; 13 s; 6d.

Children;

- 1) Gregory Hersie
- 2) Prudence Hersie
- 3) Nathaniel Hersie, all three born in England and remained there.
- 4) William Hersey came with his father and two sisters to New England.
- 5) Frances Hersey
- 6) Elizabeth Hersey, married Moses Gilman, with issue.
- 7) Judith Hersey, baptized 15 July 1638 at Hingham, Mass. Married 21 December 1665 at Exeter, New Hampshire, to Humphrey Wilson.
- 8) John Gersey, baptized 9 August 1640 at Hingham, Mass.; died 7 August 1726. Married 18 May 1669 to Sarah \_\_\_\_\_. 11 children.
- 9) James Hersey, born 1642 or 1643; died 22 January 1683/4.

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New England Historical & Genealogical Register; Vol. 79(1925) page 98.  
Libby, Noyes & Davis; Genealogical Dictionary of Maine & N.H. page 326.  
Geo. T. Hittle; Genealogical & Family History of Maine; Vol. 4, page 1907.  
F.T. Runnels; History Of Sanbornton, N.H., page 337.  
Ezra S. Stearns; Genealogy Of New Hampshire; Vol. I, page 71.

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WILLIAM<sup>2</sup> HERSEY.

Born in England.

Died, 28 September 1691, Hingham, Massachusetts.

Married, first;- about 1656 Or 1657

Rebecca Chubbuck, she born April 1641, Hingham, Mass.

died 1 June 1686, age 45.

daughter of Thomas and Alice Chubbuck.

second;-

Ruhumah \_\_\_\_\_

There were 12 children, all of the first wife;-

- 1) William Hersey (see below)
- 2) John Hersey born 27 October 1659.
- 3) James Hersey (see below)
- 4) Rebecca Hersey born 20 August 1663.
- 5) Deborah Hersey born 11 January 1665/6. Married 29 April 1687 to Samuel Lincoln.
- 6) Hannah Hersey born 13 February 1668/9.
- 7) Elizabeth Hersey born 26 May 1671. Married 18 May 1695 to John Beal.
- 8) Ruth Hersey born 10 February 1673/4. Married 4 Feb. 1695 to Caleb Beal.
- 9) Mary Hersey born 4 June 1676.
- 10) Joshua Hersey born 29 March 1678; died 30 Sept. 1740.
- 11) Judith Hersey born 6 Sept. 1680; died 13 Sept. 1681.
- 12) Judith Hersey born 29 August 1686 (is this date wrong? must be if her mother Rebecca died 1 June 1686.

JAMES<sup>3</sup> HERSEY (William<sup>2</sup>-1).

Born 2 September 1661, Hingham, Massachusetts

Died 23 May 1743.

Married,

Susanna \_\_\_\_\_ She died 10 June 1762, Hingham, Mass.

The "History Of Hingham" mentions two children

Susanna, died at age 16.

James, died at age of 8 years.

A manuscript history of the family lists three sons, James, John, and Peter, and additional data.

References;

Ezra A. Stearns; Genealogical & Family History of the State of New Hampshire; Vol. I, p. 71.

Geo. T. Little; Genealogical & Family History of Maine; Vol. 4, p. 1972-3 & 1967.

Data from Mrs. Harry Bartell (Bart) Hersey.

JOHN<sup>2</sup> HERSEY (William<sup>1</sup>)

Baptized, 9 August 1640 at Hingham, Massachusetts.

Died, 7 August 1726 age 86.

Married, 18 May 1669 at Dedham, Mass.

Sarah \_\_\_\_\_ Born, 1649-50; died, 17 January 1732, age 82.

John Hersey was a tailor.

All eleven children born at Hingham, Mass.

- 1) Sarah Hersey, born 13 March 1669-70
- 2) Judith Hersey, born 28 September 1672; died, 24 December 1672.
- 3) Nehemiah Hersey, 13 December 1673; died, 8 February 1674.
- 4) Abigail Hersey, born 2 February 1674-5.
- 5) Maria Hersey, born 12 January 1677-8.
- 6) Joel Hersey, born, 1 June 1680; died, 20 October 1681.
- 7) Daniel Hersey, see following.
- 8) Peter Hersey, born 20 May 1687.
- 9) Hannah Hersey, born 6 November 1689.
- 10) Betsey Hersey, baptized 18 September 1692; died January 1693.
- 11) Jeremiah Hersey, born 18 June 1697.

DANIEL<sup>3</sup> HERSEY (John<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>)

Born, 23 April 1682, Hingham, Massachusetts.

Died, 20 May 1766

Married, 28 December 1710

Mary May

born, 3 September 1687 at Hingham  
died, 10 January 1760. She was the daughter of  
Jonathan and Sarah (Langlee) May (or Mayo).

Daniel Hersey was a cooper by trade. His oldest child was;-

Jonathan<sup>4</sup> Hersey, a cooper

Born, 2 February 1713-4 at Hingham

Died, 2 October 1760

Married, 19 November 1741 to Sarah Whiton; born 10 Aug. 1720. Hingham  
died, 28 Jan. 1794; daughter of David and  
Elizabeth (Ripley) Whiton.

Their oldest child was:-

Jonathan<sup>5</sup> Hersey, a cooper

born, 28 Oct. 1742 at Hingham

died at an advanced age at Roxbury, Mass.

He was a soldier in the Revolutionary War.

Married first \_\_\_\_\_

Married second, 8 September 1777 to Mary Berry

baptized at Hingham 19 May 1754; died Nov. 1832  
at Roxbury.

Their youngest child was Charles Sherod<sup>6</sup> Hersey.

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New England Historical & Genealogical Register; Vol. 79, page 98.

Ezra S. Stearns; Genealogy of New Hampshire, Vol. I, page 71.

Geo. T. Little; Geneal. & Family History of Maine; Vol. IV, page 1967.

WILLIAM<sup>3</sup> HERSEY (William<sup>2-1</sup>).

Born, 11 October 1657 at Hingham, Massachusetts.

Died, Abington, Mass.

Married, first; 12 June 1683

Mary \_\_\_\_\_ She died 17 October 1690; four children.

second; 2 October 1691 to Mrs. Sarah (Langlee) May, widow of Jonathan May.

Daughter of John and Sarah (Gill) Langlee, born 15 March 1668 at Hingham, Mass. Five children.

Children of the first wife;-

- 1) Deborah Hersey born 13 Aug. 1684.
- 2) David Hersey born 28 January 1685/6.
- 3) Isaac Hersey born 8 October 1689; died 30 January 1688.
- 4) William Hersey born 19 May 1690.

Children of second wife;-

- 5) Sarah Hersey born 26 September 1692.
- 6) Stephen Hersey born 24 December 1694.
- 7) Joseph Hersey born 9 November 1697, see following.
- 8) An infant, born 11 November 1700
- 9) Hannah Hersey born 9 February 1703/4.

??? plus Elisha, John (is one of these the infant No. 8 ?

JOSEPH<sup>4</sup> HERSEY. (William<sup>3-2-1</sup>).

Born, 9 November 1697, Hingham, Massachusetts.

Died, 1770

Married, 17 December 1719 at Braintree, Mass.

Abigail Nash, born ca. 1700 at Weymouth, Mass.

Their sons were;-

- 1) Joseph Hersey (died young).
- 2) Joseph Hersey
- 3) James Hersey born 5 April 1733, Abington, Mass. (see following).
- 4) Jonathan Hersey

JAMES<sup>5</sup> HERSEY. (Joseph<sup>4</sup> William<sup>3-2-1</sup>).

Born, 5 April 1733 Abington, Massachusetts.

Died,

Married, 18 March 1756 at Abington, Mass.

Betty Noyes, born 14 April 1737, Abington; daughter of John Noyes and Elizabeth Poole .

James removed to Maine and settled at New Gloucester, where he spent most of his life.

For his family, see next page.

References;

Geo. T. Little; Genealogical & Family History Of Maine; Pages 1972ff. & 1967.

JAMES<sup>5</sup> HERSEY (continued).

James Hersey had six sons;-

- 1) James Hersey born 12 December 1758, Abington, Massachusetts. See following.
- 2) Noah Hersey
- 3) Amos Hersey See G.T.Little, page 1968.
- 4) Reuben Hersey
- 5) Simon Hersey
- 6) Levi Hersey (his line is given by G.T.Little)

JAMES<sup>6</sup> HERSEY (James<sup>5</sup> Joseph<sup>4</sup> William<sup>3-2-1</sup>).

Born, 12 December 1758, Abington, Massachusetts.

Died, 27 March 1846, West Sumner, Maine.

Married, 11 October 1781

Althea Poole, born 13 Sept. 1761, Abington, Mass (Of Minot, Maine ).

Daughter of Samuel Poole and Ruth Fullerton.

She died 7 May 1845, West Sumner, Maine.

James Hersey served in the Revolutionary War, with the rank of Sergeant.

Children;-

- 1) Simon Hersey born 8 July 1782; married Lois Warren.
- 2) James Hersey born 11 November 1783. See following.
- 3) Samuel Hersey born 14 May 1786, Poland Twp. (near Minot ) Maine.  
died 19 Nov. 1867, West Sumner, Maine.  
Married, ca. 1809, Eunice Bradbury; b. 1788; d. 5 May 1830, W. Sumner.
- 4) Althea Hersey born 29 Dec. 1787; died, 1 August 1788.
- 5) Althea Hersey born 14 May 1789; married John Bradbury.
- 6) Anna Hersey born 3 July 1791; married Meschach Keen.
- 7) Susanna Hersey born 30 March 1793, married John Thayer, resided at Buckfield.
- 8) Ruth Hersey born 13 January 1795; married Benjamin Hammond, resided at Lincoln.
- 9) Olive Hersey born 15 December 1796; married Stephen Cobb.
- 10) Maria Hersey born 28 November 1798; married Ezra Cobb.
- 11) Ira Hersey born 25 January 1802; married Omittee Fletcher.
- 12) Sophronia Hersey born 3 September 1803; married Hiram Heald.

JAMES<sup>7</sup> HERSEY (James<sup>6-5</sup> Joseph<sup>4</sup> William<sup>3-2-1</sup>).

Born, 11 November 1783

Died, 1 April 1857

Married,

Olive Freeman, a daughter of Samuel Freeman, an officer in the Revolution.

She born 1786, and died 4 April 1836.

James Hersey was a farmer, he resided at Sumner, Maine. He built the first farmhouse at Sumner, where his son Samuel Freeman was born. See following.

References;

History of Penobscot County, Maine. (Cleveland, 1882) pages 777-9.

George T. Little; Genealogical & Family History Of Maine; Vol. 4, pages 1972-4.

(Honorable) SAMUEL FREEMAN<sup>8</sup> HERSEY .(James<sup>7-6-5</sup> Joseph<sup>4</sup> William<sup>3-2-1</sup>)

Born, 22 April 1812 at Sumner, Oxford County, Maine.

Died, 3 February 1875 at Bangor, Maine.

Married three times; issue by second wife only; his third wife survived him.

Married first; 5 January 1835  
Eliza Ann Stowell of South Paris, Maine.  
She died 8 September 1836.

second; 11 July 1839 at Milford, Maine  
Jane Ann Davis, of Sidney, Maine.  
She died 17 January 1862. Five children.

third; 17 March 1871 at Bangor, Maine.  
Emily Mc Clelland Sanborn, of Bangor.

Hon. Samuel Freeman Hersey was a representative of the 4th. district Maine in the 42nd. and 43rd. Congress of the United States. In 1842 he represented Milford in the State Legislature.

He was postmaster of Upper Stillwater, left in 1844 and removed to Oldtown, and in October of that year he made his final home in Bangor.

In 1852-53 he was a member of the Executive Council for the State, and in 1857 again a member of the House of Representatives. Member of the State Senate in 1867 and 1869.

Children of the second marriage;-

- 1) Roscoe Freeman Hersey      born, 18 July 1841 at Milford, Maine.  
died,  
married, 4 January 1864 at Bangor, Maine,  
Celestine Evelyn Wardwell, born 10 March 1843  
at North Bluehill, Maine; dau. of Ira Wardwell.
- 2) Jane Eliza Hersey          born, 4 August 1843 at Upper Stillwater, Maine  
died, 14 February 1847 at Bangor, Maine.
- 3) Dudley Hall Hersey        born, 24 December 1846 at Bangor, Maine  
died,  
married,  
Arvilla Estelle Wardwell, born 14 May 1850 at  
North Bluehill, Maine; dau. of Ira Wardwell.  
She died 13 October 1933 at New York, N.Y.  
One son, Samuel Hersey, died at age 14.
- 4) Eugene May Hersey        born, 10 November 1851 at Bangor, Maine.  
died
- 5) Edward Lewis Hersey      born, 29 April 1854 at Bangor, Maine.  
died,      September 1908 at St. Paul, Minn.

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History Of Penobscot County, Maine (Cleveland, 1882). Pages 777-9.  
Wardwell Family Notes.

ROSCOE FREEMAN<sup>9</sup> HERSEY

Born, 18 July 1841 at Milford, Maine

Died,

Married, 4 January 1864 at The Episcopal Church, Bangor, Maine.

Celestine Evelyn Wardwell, sixth daughter of Ira Wardwell and his wife Mary Jane Dorr of Orland, Maine.

The family was prominent in the lumber business in Maine and Minnesota.

Children;-

1) Jane Hersey

born,  
died,  
married,

*one of the daughters  
married Mr. Mudge,  
with issue*

2) Eva Hersey

born,  
died,  
married,

3) Clinton Burnett Hersey

born,  
died,  
married,

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