

History of Stamford Connecticut 1641-1868, Including Darien until 1820 By Rev. E.B. Huntington, A.M., page 35, describes *Husted, Robert*. "*Husted, Robert*, was one of the company who received land in October 1642. He had come from Mount Wollaston, now Braintree, Mass. He is probably the father of that *Robert Hustis* who, according to Bolton's Westchester, went from Fairfield to Westchester in 1654. His will, dated July 8, 1652, makes bequests to his son Angel, of all his lands in Greenwich, with housings; to his son Robert all his lands in Stamford, with cattle and housings; to his wife a maintenance and other bequests; and to his daughter Ann, ten pounds. In 1654, his widow Elizabeth, by will makes bequests to her son Angel of Greenwich; to Robert of Stamford, and to her daughter Ann, the wife of Richard Hardy. In the will of Robert the name is Husted, and in that of the widow he name is written Hustis and both are equally distinct, and that they refer to the same family, is also, as clear as the form of the name. The names of the children are also changed from Husted to Hustis, though in the second will the name is spelled both Hustes and Hustis."

Also from the *History of Stamford, Connecticut* - Page 46: "John Whitmore came with the first company of settlers from Wethersfield. He was murdered here by the Indians in 1648. The inventory of his estate, 217 pounds, 4 shillings, 2 pence, was presented at a Court of Magistrates in New Haven, 26 May 1656, which had been made 8 Dec 1648 and prized by Robert Husted (or Hustis) and Jeffrey Ferris." - Page 62 - "James Steward, defendant, and Robert Hustice and Jeffrey Ferris, plaintiffs. He, as it was shown, had engaged to keep the town oxen; to keep them from coming home, and out of the Indians' corn; and that he neglected his duty so that the oxen injured the corn to the extent of twelve and half bushels of corn, and two and one half bushels of peas. He is ordered to pay for the corn and the peas and "to beare the charge of the court," a landholder in 1650."

In The American Genealogist, Volume 32, 1956, page 147, there was "ELIZABETH WIFE OF ROBERT HUSTED OF GREENWICH, CONNECTICUT," by George E. McCracken, Ph.D., F.A.S.G. It was written that, "Among the early settlers of Greenwich, Conn, was Robert Husted whose will was made 2 July 1652, probated 4 November 1652. His wife Elizabeth made her will on 16 October 1654, probated 20 November 1654." Then, a second paragraph reads, "Robert Husted may have been the Robert Husted, husbandman, aged 40, who appears on a passenger list from an unknown ship which bears date 20 March 1635 (1634/5 or 1635/6?) printed in Hotten, Original Lists, page 286, and in C.E. Banks, Planters of the Commonwealth (1930), though most of the passengers on the ship were from the west country." A third paragraph has information about the wife of Robert Husted: "Many contributors to the genealogical department of The Hartford Times have from time to time identified the wife of Robert Husted as Elizabeth Miller, born 1607 at Frome, Dorset, daughter of Lawrence Miller and Joan Smith, the latter daughter of Angel Smith. No evidence for this identification has ever, to my knowledge, been advanced. Who first published the claim, I do not know."

In Volume 14 of Documents relative to the colonial history of New York, page 116, is the text of a letter from Robert Husted and other landowners in Greenwich to Governor Peter Stuyvesant. There is a dispute between the landholders in Greenwich and those in Stamford. This letter indicates an attempt to clear up the matter. Control of this section of Connecticut was in dispute, between New York and Boston. The letter is dated September 18, 1649.



The map on page 9 indicates the present day locations of Frome (which is NOT in country Dorset, but in Somerset), Dorchester, where Robert was reportedly from, and Pilsdon. Frome is actually quite a distance from the Dorchester area (looks to be about 40 miles). Does anyone have an explanation?

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In The Original Lists of Persons of Quality by John Camden Hotten, Genealogical Publishing Co., 1962., Robert Husted, aged 40, Husbandman, is on the manifest as number 104 of 106 passengers. Andrew Halle, aged 28, is on the same list as number 102, a servant to Richard Wade of Simstuly. [probably Simsbury]. There is no name of the ship given. In Banks' Manuscripts in the Rare Book Room of the Library of Congress are the following items: "Robert Husted and Andrew Hallett sailed to New England from Weymouth, Dorsetshire, 20 March 1635/6 with Richard Wade of Simsbury. Hallett was baptized in Simsbury, 18 May 1607, son of Andrew Hallett and Beatrice Knot; married at Simsbury, 18 Dec 1598." And "Robert Hewste lived at Pilsden, less than five miles north of Simsbury, and is listed in Dorset (England) Subsidy rolls of 1628."

James Savage, in his *Genealogical Dictionary*, states that Robert Husted, or Husted, in 1640, Boston, had a grant for eight heads that year at Mount Wollaston, (now Braintree or Quincy, Ma.), and removed soon after to Stamford. It is recorded in the SECOND REPORT OF THE RECORD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON that on "The 27th day of the 11th month, January, 1639 [old style, new style would be 1640]. At a meeting this day of Mr. John Winthrop, Governor, etc..granted...Also Robert Hewstead hath a great Lott granted unto him at the Mount for eight heads." [eight people]

But soon after this we find Robert in Greenwich witnessing the Indian deed to the original proprietors of the town of Greenwich Connecticut, Robert Feaks and Daniel Patrick.

Robert A. Heusted was a witness on 18 July 1640 to a deed describing the purchase by Captain Daniel Patrick and Robert Feaks of lands lying between the Asamuch and Patomuck rivers for the purpose of settling the Town of Greenwich. It is believed that with these men were some Dutch and English settlers, namely: Everardus Bogardus, John Bowers, Jeffre Ferris, *Angell Husted*, *Robert Husted*, Andrew Messenger, Robert Williams, and John Winkelman. They immediately located on a portion of the property and proceeded to form a settlement. Thus, Robert Husted finally settled in Fairfield County, Connecticut. The town book of the freeholders of the town of Stamford (Rippowam) contains the names of the first twenty-nine landholders of Stamford. Other names were added until by December 7, 1641 there were forty-two. Immediately following the last record are these: "October 1642, in a general town meeting was given these lots as other men, marsh & woodland, viz: . . . to *Robert Hustice* seven acres; . . ."

There is a historical fiction novel The Winthrop Woman, by Anna (or Anya) Seton which gives a detailed account of the settling of Greenwich. Both Robert Husted and his son Angel are mentioned in the text. Although the book is fiction, it does appear to be quite well documented and may certainly be of interest to Husted descendents. If nothing else it puts some flesh on the bones of all of the hardy soles who found reasons to leave the security of the homes for parts unknown.

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In summary Robert left each as follows:

Angell: All his lands in Greenwich, 1/3 of his cattle, and 1/3 of his corn. 32 Bushels of wheat and 1/2 the tackling for the oxen.

Robert Jr.: All his lands in Stamford, 1/3 of his cattle and 1/3 of his corn. 1/2 of the tackling for the oxen.

Elizabeth - his wife: House in Stamford, household goods, the wheat, and 1/3 of the corn.

Ann - his daughter: - 10 pounds

Last Will an Testement of Elizabeth Hustes
Dated 16 October 1654, proved 20 Nov. 1654

Be known unto all men unto whome this presnt shall com or () concern yt I Elizabeth Hustis (ye widow Robert Hustis d() of Stamford, in the jurisdicthis of New Haven in New In() at this present sick in body, but of perfect mind & und() not knowing how soone my chang may be doe make my last W() in maner & wise following

After my debts payed being lawful () & my funerall expense discharged, I do give and bequeath () Angell Hustis of Grinwich, a steere calf now in the ca() Stamford & also I do forgive and acquit him of a deb() from him in sum, seven pounds x. Item, I do give to my () Robert Hustis, on three year ould heifer, which of the two () best likely, also all my swine wtsoever, also two feth(), also the bed I lye upon, also a paire of sheets of mine wch () maketh use of of, and another in the hands of my daughter, also on red trucking cloath blanket, also two shirts, also ff () & one iron pot & two bras pots, also three of my biggest pu() platters, one wharof was given him formerly, also all my () vesells yt is two milk keelers, three bowls, three small wooden () two bere barrells, a boning tub, a broad keeler, also three pailles & () deepe tub & a churne x.

It. I doe give & bequeath unto () of my daughter, Anne, a heifer calfe in ye calf heard at () Item, I dow give & bequeath unto my daughter Ann, the wife of Richard Hardy of Stamford, aforsaid, all my other world () whatsoever of any nature or kinde, making her my whole executris x, only paing & delivering the legacies expressed x. This is my free Will & mind in the disposall a () goodes & wt soever debts is due or shall herafter be ff () be due unto me, is to be demanded & received by my dau() Ann afore.said & therareout to pay my debts law() from me to be due, and to discharge my debts & fune() expenses therwith, if ther be overplus, then the sam to () amoungst my three children according to ther p portis () specified, but if it discharg not my debts & funerall () then each of ym according to the p portis of my gift () is to pay & discharge the same.

In witness, that the () last Will & teste, I, renoucing all other wills () formerly made, doe Sett to my hand this sixteenth of () Anno 1654

The witnesses: Jerimy Jagger, Richard Mills The form of her mark in the Will

CHILDREN OF ROBERT AND ELIZABETH

Ye Historie of Ye Town of Greenwich, by Spencer P. Mead, pages 576 & 577, has : "HUSTED FAMILY." This was "Compiled by Spencer P. Mead, LL.B., with the assistance of the Hon. James W. Husted, A.B., LL.B., of the New York Bar, Peekskill, N.Y." "ROBERT HUSTED, born probably in County Somerset, England, in 1596, sailed for Massachusetts in 1635, where he remained for a few years, and then removed to Stamford, Connecticut. He was a witness in July, 1640, to the Indian deed of Greenwich, Old Town, to Robert Feaks, and Daniel Patrick, and was granted a parcel of land at Stamford in October 1642, and died there in 1652, owning land in both Stamford and Greenwich. His widow, Elizabeth, survived him, and died at Stamford, in 1654. Their children were: Angell, Ann, and Robert.

1. ANGELL, b. in England, about 1620, settled in Greenwich, Conn., where he d. in April, 1706. He was a witness in July 1640, to the Indian deed of Greenwich, Old Town, to Robert Feaks, and Daniel Patrick, and was one of the original patentees named in the patent granted to the Town of Greenwich, in May, 1665.
2. ANN, b. in England, about 1626, d. December 12, 1707, m. at Stamford, Conn., in 1650, Richard Hardy, and had: Sarah, Samuel, Hannah, Susannah, Ruth, Mary and Abigail.
3. ROBERT, b. in England, about 1626, m. at Stamford, Conn., January 9, 1655, Elizabeth Buxton, removed to Westchester County, NY, where he d. November 23, 1704, and had: Robert, Samuel, John, Jonathan, David, Elizabeth, Sarah, and Mary.

WILLS OF ROBERT AND ELIZABETH

The Last Will and Testament of Robert HustedDated 8 July 1652, proved 4 Nov. 1652

Namely I give unto my Sonn Angell all my Lands lying in Greenwich with thee housing upon it. Also I give unto my Sonn Angell a Third part of my Cattle. I give unto my Sonn Robert all my Lands Lying in Stanford & One Third part of my Cattle. With all ye Housing on ye Land this only excepted yt (that) my Wiffe is to have being there in her Lifetime & to her Mantences for her Cattle from Ofe (off) ye Land I give unto my Wiffe, one Third Part of my Cattle with all my household stuff & a Stack of Wheat standing on ye Land at grenwich onely [only] my Sonn Angell is to have 32 bushels of ye sd (said) Wheat. further I give unto my Sonn Angell halfe ye Tackling belonging to ye working Oxen as Cant & plow & other things there unto belonging together with a Third part of ye Corne I have upon ye Ground. I give unto my Sonn Robert ue other halfe of ye above & Tackling together thirde part of ye Corne upon ye ground & I give unto my Wiffe ye other Third part of ye CCorne upon ye ground & I give unto my Dather Ann tenn pounds which my two Sonn are to pay here yt (that) is to saye Angele 5 (pounds) & Robert 5 (pounds) also I give unto my Sonns ale my Deets this Will Said this 8 day of July 1652

Sealed & Delivered in ye presence of these witnesses

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