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## John Newgate 1

John Newgate or Newdigate, as the name appeared originally, was made a freeman in Massachusetts Colony, 4 March 1634/5. He never signed his name Newdigate, however, but consistently spelled it Newgate. He was related to the Townsend families of Lynn and Boston. He was an important individual and represented Boston at the General Court. He arrived here, in 1632, accompanied by his third wife and three children.

He had been born, according to tradition, about 1580 in Southwark, near London Bridge, however, his parents came from Horningstheath, near Bury St. Edmunds, county Suffolk. He was a son of Philip and Joan (Hoo) Newdigate, who were married, 13 December 1578, in Hasset, county Suffolk. His mother was a daughter of John Hoo.

John's family held manors in the vicinity of Holkham, co. Norfolk. He became a landed proprietor and was descended from heraldic families. He purchased a sizeable estate in nearby Tynworth, 6 October 1631, from Peter and Anne Beck. The same estate was sold, 3 February 1639, to Jane, widow of Sir Nathaniel Bacon. However, shortly before sailing to New England, he was living in London, near London Bridge, in St. Olave's parish.

Prior to returning to England to dispose of his manor in Tynworth, he drew a will, 23 October 1638. In it he gave his lands in Horningstheath, to his son, John and his own wife, Anne. She was to have the entire tract until John reached his majority. He left fifty pounds to his daughters, Sarah and Hannah; his house in Boston to his son, Nathaniel; his house in Romney Marsh (Chelsea) to his son, Joseph; and ten pounds to his married daughter, Elizabeth Oliver.

He had three wives. The first Lidia \_\_\_\_ died in 1620. The second was Thomasine Hayes, whom he married at All Hallows Church, London, 1 November 1620, and who died in 1625. His third wife, Anne \_\_\_\_, whom he married soon after. As Widow Draper, she had been, previously, married to \_\_\_\_ Hunt. It was the third marriage for both. She was born in 1595 and survived him, dying in Boston in 1679.

In Boston, where he was a hatter and merchant, he became a large landowner and held a place of dignity and influence. His residence was on the west slope of Beacon Hill, a little east of Cambridge Street. He kept a shop on Washington Street, located next to Captain Thomas Savage and thirty-six feet in front of the home of a Mr. Wilson. He was a benevolent member of the First Church of Boston. The house is described by the first Chief Justice Benjamin Lynde, a descendant:

The old house my Grandfather Mr. John Newdigate built, standing at the foot easterly of Tremont Hill, where Sister Pordage now lives, unto which my father added, in the year 1672, a fair large Structure, in which Mr. James Bodvine, who married my niece Hannah Pordage, now Bodvine, lives, my sd Sister with them, and have added to the sd house, [and] pul'd down the old house in the year 1730, and in which all we children, with several of sister Pordage's grandchildren, were Born. And there she her self [the Chief Justice's mother Hannah (Newdigate) Lynde] dyed 20th Decr 1684.

Boston's Book of Possessions gives the following description:

One house and garden, containinge about three quarters of an Acre, bounded with Henry Fane northwards: the new field westwards and southwards. Anne Hunne, wid. George Hunne, eastwards.

John Newgate was made a freeman in Massachusetts Bay, 4 March 1634/5. He became active in the government of Boston. He was made a selectman, 16 September 1636, after having been made constable at the 22 August meeting of that year. He replaced William Coulborne as a deputy to the General Court, 9 March 1637/8. At meetings, 1 June and 28 August 1638, he was again made a townsman and deputy to the General Court, respectively. On 26 September 1640, he was again made a townsman for a year.

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Family

## SPEAKER EXPLAINS "HUNGRY HILL" EPITHET

The speaker at our meeting of February 7, Dr. Frank Faulkner, offered what appears to be a logical explanation for the name "Hungry Hill" which has been attached to the "Irish" part of Springfield for more than a century. He also offered many other genealogical research tips and interesting onomastic facts about Irish names.

Readers who live or did live in Springfield have heard the term "Hungry Hill" given to that area of Springfield generally where Carew and Liberty Streets cross, and the adjacent neighborhood. Dr. Faulkner offered a more logical explanation for this name than other legends that have abounded. First, he established the fact that the majority of Irish immigrants residing in the "Hungry Hill" area came from County Kerry, and more specifically from the Dingle Peninsula. On that peninsula in Ireland there is another "Hungry Hill", so named by the British soldiers who were assigned to its peak as artillery "spotters". The assignment denied them from partaking of meals at their regular mess establishment, thus they were hungry. The actual name of the hill, as used by the natives, was "Angry Hill", for what reason it is not known. In any event, when the Irish arrived to settle in Springfield, they gave the name "Hungry Hill" to an elevated area of Springfield that was very thinly settled until after World War I. Dr. Faulkner would like to hear from others who may believe that they may know another explanation for the name of this area of Springfield. Write WMGS.

Dr. Faulkner described "dual citizenship" possibilities if one has a parent or grand-parent who is of *Irish birth*. In fact he has authored the "Irish Citizenship Handbook" which describes the necessary steps to be taken. If you don't find it in your library, contact WMGS for information.

He pointed out that there are County Registry offices in Ireland where vital record copies can be obtained. Also, in Dublin, a computer service is now operating with a very large data base of birth information. The address for any of these can be found in genealogy reference books in most libraries.

An interesting discussion about "anglicization" of Irish names took place. Too many were cited for this reporter to mention, but in my own research on the surname Hughes, I have found that it originates from the ancient O'hAodha, which became O'Hae (in Ireland), then evolved to Hayes, Haes, O'Hugh, Hughes, Hughs and Hewes, both in Ireland and other countries. (*O'Laughlin's Complete Book of Irish Family Names*, Michael C. O'Laughlin, 1986.) The name variations that evolved over many centuries is not uncommon for surnames of every ethnic group. Other authors have also provided information on Irish surnames, the original clan names, and the popularity of certain surnames in a given County of Ireland. And none of the above is "blarney".

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**


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Monday, April 22, 1996. "The Great Migration: The Peak Years 1634-1640", a presentation by Robert Charles Anderson, F.A.S.G. Sponsored by New England Hist Gen Society at Harvard Club, 374 Commonwealth Ave., Boston, 4:30 pm.

Wednesday, May 15, 1996. "Captives Carried To Canada: New Discoveries For 'Lost' New Englanders", by Prof. Roger W. Lawrence, co-founder, American-Canadian Gen. Society. To be held at New England Hist Gen Society headquarters, 101 Newbury St., Boston, 6:00 pm.

Saturday, June 22, 1996. "Researching ME: Northern New England and Canadian Neighbors". 28 presenters. For information write Maine Historical Society, 485 Congress St., Portland, ME 04101. Tel. (207) 774-1822.

MASSACHUSETTS GENEALOGICAL COUNCIL will conduct a seminar on Saturday, March 30, 1996 at the U.S. Corp of Engineers building (adjacent to the National Archives), 424 Trapelo Rd., Waltham, MA. beginning at 9:00 AM. Topics include "Massachusetts Church Records", "Following the Paper Trail in the Deed Books", "The Transcripts: a New Look at Massachusetts Vital Records". Box lunch is included in the \$15.00 fee.

The early Boston records, besides giving the dates that he sat in the assembly, have the following entries:

12 Aug. 1636 - John Newgate among richer inhabitants who contributed towards the maintenance of a free schoolmaster, Mr. Daniel Ward.

22 Aug. 1636 - John Newgate chosen constable for a year and his oath was taken

8 Jan. 1636/7 - John Newgate granted 112 acres in the allotments at Romney Marsh and Pullen Point. His grant was bounded on the south by Gov. John Winthrop and James Penn, on the west by the Charlestown line, on the north by John Sanford, and east by a highway.

9 Mar. 1637/8 - John Newgate was chosen as a deputy in place of William Colburn at the next General Court.

18 Oct. 1639 - John Newgate's former servant John Robinson was accepted as an inhabitant and given a houseplot.

28 Sept. 1640 - John Newgate chosen to be a townsman for the next six months.

10 Jan. 1641/2 - John Newgate appointed to a committee to oversee making of the highway at Romney Marsh.

13 Dec. 1652 - John Newgate appointed to receive several sums for the maintenance of the president and poor scholars at Harvard.

As stated above, John was granted one hundred and twelve acres at Romney Marsh, now the site of the city of Chelsea. Later he bought one hundred and fifty acres there from Governor John Winthrop and other adjoining tracts so that he increased his estate at Romney Marsh to about five hundred acres.

John with his son, Nathaniel, bought a half acre plantation at Kennebec from Thomas Lake, in 1653. They also bought a house in Charlestown in 1653 from Roger Spencer. It was one lately owned by Robert Cooke. Spencer's widow, Garrett, sold the Newgate executors, the house in Charlestown. No explanation is given as to why they did not own the house after the 1653 transaction with Spencer, himself, except, possibly there was a lien on it.

Another piece of property was purchased by John, 20 April 1661, in Boston. It was located on the east side of land he already owned on Sudbury street. He had fenced it in earlier. The town confirmed that the land was his forever.

He first made a will, 2 October 1636, when he was planning to make a trip to England. At that time it would appear that he was intent on selling his property there.

In the name of the Lord God and of our Lord Jesus Christ, I, John Newgate, of Boston in New England, Planter, &c.

I give unto my eldest sonne John Newgate, all those my lands and Tenements being in Horningherth in the County of Suffolk in England, our native Country, To have and to hold the same to him and his heires forever. But my will is that my wife, Anne Newgate, shall have the rents, profits, and all revenues of the said lands & Tenements untill my said Sonne shall attaine the age of Twenty and foure yeares for and towards the educating and bringing up of him and the rest of my Children. Also that my Sonne shall pay out of the said Lands fifty pounds unto my daughter Sarah, and fifty pounds more unto my daughter Hannah at her age of twenty-one yeares or daye of marriage, wch it will please God to be first for wch payments to be made unto them when my said Sonne shall come to his age of Twenty-foure yeares hee shall either pay the same or give bond to my said daughters for payment thereof as soone as he can make sale of the said Lands and tenements, or by any meanes raise the monies out of the same. But if he the said John Newgate, my sonne, shall refuse to give such bond and to make the said paymt, then the said lands shall be sold by my executors and only one hundred and fifty pounds shall be payd unto my said Sonne, and the rest of the money that it shall be sold for, shall be equally divided betweene my other Children and my wife. And yet if my said Sonne shall be stubbornne and rebellious against God or his Church or his mother and will not be reclaimed, then He shall have but thirty

pounds of the said money & the rest to be divided as aforesaid. Item - I give unto my sonne Nathaniel Newgate my house in Boston, aforesaid, wherein I now dwell with that little ground belongs to it, to enter upon the same & enjoy it to him and his heires for ever, when he shall accomplish the age of twenty-four years. And to my sonne Joseph Newgate, I give and bequeath those my house & ground in the Country called Rumney Marsh in N. E., wch hee shall likewise enter upon & enjoy when he shall come to the age of twenty-four Yeares. Their mother shall have the use & profitt of these last mentioned houses in Boston and at Rumney Marsh untill their said respective ages, for and towards their education. But if their mother dye before either of those times, then the same shall presently be in the hands of my sonnes Nathaniel & Joseph respectively, according to my true meaning herein expressed. Itm - I give and bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth Oliver, tenne pounds wch my wife shall pay in money or moneys worth wthin twelve months after my decease. Item - furthermore, my will is, that if any of my Children dye before they come to enjoy or have right to these legacys aforesd, then their & every of their respective porcons, lands & legacys to be equally divided to and among my said other children surviving. Itm - All the rest of my estate I give & bequeath unto my loving wife, Anne Newgate, for the payment of my debts and the bringing up of my children, and I leave it to her discretion to give to any of my children more than I have given & appointed as she shall see cause and when she shall please. Provided allwayes and my will is that if it shall please God that I live to sell off those lands in Suffolke aforesaid, Then I give to my eldest daughter Elizabeth Oliver, twenty pounds to be payd her at the tyme appointed before for payment of the said tenne pounds, and I give my said eldest Sonne John Newgate one hundred and fifty pounds. And to my daughter Sara three score and tenne pounds and to my daughter Hannah three score & tenne pounds to be payd unto them when they shall respectively attaine the age of twenty-one yeares or be married, wch of them shall be first. And if any of my said Children become stubborne and rebellious against God or his Church or their mother, then such child or children shall have only the fourth parte of their respective legacys aforesd wch I have given and bequeathed to them as aforesaid, and the other three parts of the rest thereof to be divided among my other children. And all the rest of my estate, be it more or lesse, I bequeath unto my said loving wife for and towards the educating and bringing up of my children. Provided, also, that if I shall be cast away at sea and all that estate that I shall bring with me out of England, then I entreate the Church to dispose of that estate I have here in New England, according to their wisdome & discretion unto and amongst my children and my wife as they shall thinke fitt anything herein before conteyned to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding. Also, into these parts of New England, then I give & bequeath unto Theodore Atkinson, my servant, twenty pounds; but if it shall be lost by the way, by sea, or otherwise, then only tenne pounds to be payd him when his tyme of service shall be expired. And I make and ordaine my said wife, Anne Newgate, and John Oliver my executors of this my will. And lastly, I doe hereby revoke and annull all former wills & Testaments by me heretofore made whatsoever.

In witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand & seale the 23d day of October, Anno Dmi, 1638. Signed, sealed, published and declared to be the last will and Testament of the said John Newgate in the presence of us,

Thomas Savage

& ME L. [Monogram of Thomas Lechford]

Apparently, he was on his way to Horningheath to sell his property there. In his will he mentioned his lands at Horningherth, Suffolk, which is in the parish of Horningheath, and whose register goes back to 1558. The family had long been established there. It is three miles southwest of Bury St. Edmunds and twelve miles north of Sudbury. He made his final last will and testament later.

John died, 4 September 1665, and his second and later will was, properly, the one probated, 11 September 1665. The wording of his last will and testament follows.

**To be concluded in next issue**

I John Newgate of Boston in the Massachusetts Collony of New England this twenty fifth Day of November in the year of our Lord One thousand six hundred sixty & four being of Reasonable health respecting my age & perfect memory blessed bee god doe willingly & with a free heart Commit my soul unto the mercyfull hands of God my saviour & my Body to earth from whence it came there to Rest until the Day of the Generall Resurrection when we shall appear before the Judgments seat of Christ not Doubting but that I shall receive the same againe by the mighty power of God not a Corruptible mortall weak & vile body as now it is, but an uncorruptible Immortall strong & perfect body. like unto the glorious body of my Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ And my Estate I Dispose of as ffollo-weth -

Imprimis my Debtes being paid & funeralls Discharged I give and Bequeath unto my welbeloved wife Ann Newgate my farme at Rumly Marsh with all my Lands Belonging thereunto & my House at Charlestowne with the Orchard thereunto belonging & my House in wch I now Dwell with the appurtenances thereunto belonging And the House in which my Sonne in Law Symon Lynde now Dwells in, with all the ground thereto belonging. During her naturall Life, shee the said Ann Continuing in the state of widowhood paing the Colledge in Cambridge the summe of ffive pounds P. and During the said time of her widowhood, for the security of wch payment, my said ffarme is already Bound & Ingaged, But if my said wife should happen to marry againe then my will and mind is That she shall have only the thirds of all my said Houses & Lands in Boston, & of my said ffarme at Rumly marshe, but not the thirds of my said house & Land at Charlestowne. ffor that the said annuall pay to the Colledge is after such marriage of her the said Ann to bee paid by others.

Item. I give & Bequethe unto my sonne Nathaniell Newgate, my said ffarme with all the Lands thereunto belonging & my House & ground at Charlestowne. ffor him my sd sonne Nathaniel his Heyres & assignes, to possesse & enjoy them - next & Immediately after such marriage of her the said Ann as is aforesaid, or other wise next & Immediately after her Decease if she Continue in the state of Widdowhood, hees my sd sonne Nathaniell his Heires & assignes paing the sd annuall payment of five pound to the Colledge next & immediately after he shall possesse & enjoy the said ffarme in Lew of wch annuall payment I Doe give him my said house and Ground at Charlestowne as is aforesaid Also yeilding & paying unto hir my said wife on third part of the Rent of ye sd ffarme During her naturall Life after such marriage as aforesaid

Item I give and Bequath into my sd Sonne in Law Simon Lynde my sd House in Boston aforesaid in wch I now Dwell with the appurtenances thereto Belonging & the sd House in wch he the sd Lynd now Dwells with all the ground thereto Belonging, ffor him my said sonne Lynde his heires & assignes to possesse and enjoy, next & Immediately after the Decease of Ann my said wife or otherwise after such Marriage of the said Ann yeilding & paying unto her during her naturall Life, a third part of the annuall Rents or profitts thereof Also two hundred and twenty pounds within six moneths next & Immediatly after he shall possesse & enjoy the sd House & Lands (widelot) One hundred & ten pounds to my sonne in Law Peter Oliver that married with my Daughter Sarah & the other hundred & ten pounds, unto my sonne in Law Jackson or my said sonne Oliver shall Depart this Life before their said Legaciyes shall be payable as aforesaid then my will & mind is yt the same shall bee payd unto my sd Daughters Elisabeth and Sarah each of them a hundred & ten pounds And in Case they shall also Depart this Life before the same shall be payable as aforesaid, then my will is that the one hundred & ten pounds equally Divided between Ye children of ye sd sarah:

Item. I give and Bequathe unto my Grandchildren John Oliver & Thomas Oliver sonnes of John Oliver Deceased the summe of twenty pounds (vizt to the sd Jno Oliver my Grandchild the summe of ten pounds & to the said Thoms Oliver the other Ten pounds to bee paid when they shall accomplishe their severall ages of twenty yeares And in Case either of them Depart this life before he hath accomplished his said age then that sonne which survives shall have the others portion.

Item. I give & Bequathe to all the children now Living that my Daughter had by sd Edward Jackson her now Husband the summe of ten pounds apeice to bee paid as unto the sd Edward their ffather or Elizabeth their Mother, wch of them shall bee then Living withine One year after my Decease & they to Improvee it for their sd Children untill they shall Accomplishe their severall ages of eightene years or Dayes of marriage which shall ffirst happen. And in Case any of them shall Depart this Life Before they shall attayne

their severall ages of eighteen yeares or Days of marriage, as is aforesaid then those children which survive, shall have the others portion proportionably divided amongst them.

Item. I give and bequathe to all the Children now Living that my Daughter Sarah had by the sd Peter Oliver her now Husband, the summe of the pounds apeece to be paid unto the said Peter Oliver If then Living or Sarah their Mother within one year after my Decease & they or either of them to improve the same for their Children untill they shall accomplishe their severall ages of eighteene yeares, or Dayes of Marriage wch shall first happen. And in Case any of the Depart this life before they shall accomplishe their severall ages of eighteen yeares or Day of Marriage, then those children which survive, shall have the others portion proportionably Divided amongst them.

Item I give & Bequathe unto all ye Children now Living that my Daughter Hannah had by my sd sonne In Law Simon Lynd ten pounds apeece to be paid unto the said Simon Lind their ffather If then Living or Hannah their Mother within one year after my decease & they or either of them, to improve the same for their said Childrens use, untill they shall accomplishe their severall ages of eighteen yeares or Dayes of marriage, then those Children which survive have the others portion proportionably Divided amongst them.

Item I give & bequathe to the child now Living of my sonne Nathaniel Newgate the summe of ten pounds to be paid unto the said Nathaniel within two year after my Decease & he to improve the same for his sd Childs use untill he shall accomplishe ye age of Eighteen years or Day of Marriage which shall first happen

Item I give & bequathe unto my Brother In Law Thomas Townsin of Linne to bee paid unto him within three yeares after my Decease.

Item I give and Bequathe unto my wife's sister that married with William Newgate my Uncles sonne living in London the summe of ffive pounds to bee paid within one year after my Decease.

Item I give & Bequath to Jonathan Jackson sonne of ye said Edward Jackson the summe of ffive pounds to be paid unto him within halfe a year after my Decease.

Item I give unto ye ffree scoole of the towne of Boston to bee improved towards the yearly maintenance therof the summe of ten pounds, to be paid within three moneths after my Decease.

Item I give & Bequathe to Mr. Jno Willson Pastor of the Church at Boston the summe of eight pounds to bee paid unto him within three moneths after my Decease.

Item I give & Bequeathe unto such Ministers within this Jurisdiction as are Conscionable in their places & yet have But small maintenance the summe of thirty pounds to bee paid to the said Mr Jno Willson & hee to Dispose therof as hee shall see meete, to the Intent aforesaid within three moneths after my Decease.

Item I give & bequothe to the poor of the Church of the said Boston the summe of ten pounds to Be Disposed of by the Deacons of the said Church as they shal see needs.

Item I give & Bequathe to my sd Daughter Jackson a gilt Salt & a gilt wine cuppe -

Item I give & bequathe to my sd Daughter Oliver a silver beer boule & a silver wine cuppe.

Item I give & Bequath to my sd Daughter Linde a silver pottinger and four silver spoones the Rest of my plate I Leave to my said Wife to dispose thereof as she please.

Item I will that wtsoever goods of myne there shall appeare to be more then is to be bequathed as aforesaid be equally Divided between her my said wife & my four Children namely Nathaniel Elizabeth, Sarah & Hannah And hoping of the faithfulness of my sd sonnes In Law Edward Jackson & Simon Lynde to per for me the trust herein Committed unto them. I Doe make ordaine & appoint them Executors of this my Last will and testament. And also my said sonne In Law Peter Oliver my overseer of this my Last will and Doe give unto him my said sonne Oliver for his Care & oversight therof the summe of ten pounds over & above what is before unto him bequathed the same to be paid unto him by my executors. Heereby Ratifying & Confirming this my said Last will & Testament. And all other former wills Testaments, gifts & Bequests I uttlerly revoke & make voyd for ever by these presents. In Witness whereof I the said John Newgate hath heer unto put my hand and seal the Day & year first written

Before sealing in presence of

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& Mary Howard

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