

THE WARRINER (WARRENER) FAMILY

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William Warriner, born in England, emigrated to America about 1638 and was made freeman in Springfield, Mass., two years later, 1638. Field records indicate "William Warriner married Joanna Scant 31 July 1638. Actually, research has proven this to be a misinterpretation of the writings, for she was undoubtedly Joanna Searle (See Searle Family). d 7 Dec 1660. To date, birthplace and ancestry of William Warriner unknown. He inherited from his "brother", John Searle, the Searle gun 11 of John Searle in Pynchon Magistrate Book). On 2 Oct 1661 William married 2nd Elizabeth Gibbons (See Gibbons Family) b. in England, widow of Nathaniel Hitchcock. They resided at Wethersfield, Conn. After William Warriner's death Elizabeth Gibbons Hitchcock Warriner mar 3rd 1678 Joseph Baldwin. She d. in Springfield, Mass. 25 April 1696.

This Warriner seems to have been, previous to his marriage in 1639, a person of that name residing in New England. In violation of a law of 1640, William Warriner sold his canoe to some party outside the "plantation" and was fined for this. (Green, History of Springfield). The name spelled both Warroner and Warriner. He sold what is now a considerable part of the heart of Springfield, Mass. His house stood near the spot where the Court House now stands on the north side of the First Congregational Church in front of Court Square. He died in Springfield 2 June 1676, age unknown. He was among the original white settlers of that part of Mass. and was for 38 years a resident of Springfield.

Tradition says that William Warriner about 1600 eloped from Lincolnshire with Lady Clifford, daughter of Lord Howe (or Howard), an English nobleman. Warriner made his escape with other members of his family who would get out of the way of the insulted and offended nobleman, and they settled in Yorkshire. While crossing a river, one or two of the Warriners were drowned. William and another, together with Lady Clifford, were saved, and so formed the Warriner settlement in Yorkshire.

English parish records strongly establish the probability that the Warriner mentioned many times in Canterbury Cathedral registers who had children christened from 1601 to 1614, who buried several children in the churchyard, whose wife Alice was buried there 1619, and of whom no records in the books of Canterbury Cathedral cease at that time, is the same William Warriner who eloped from Lincolnshire about 1600 with Lady Alice Clifford, and suggest to the genealogist that he is the same William Warriner who was among the prisoners of Springfield, Mass. in 1638. If this is the case, he was a widower of about 57 years of age when he married

Joanna Searle 1639, and about 94 when he died 1676. And this is altogether creditable, for some of his descendants have lived beyond that age. There is no discrepancy as to dates. The principal objection to identifying the William Warriner of Lincolnshire, Yorkshire and Kent with the William of Springfield, Mass. is the matter of long distance, but this presents no difficulty if we locate his home in both places at different periods. Cathedral records show two brothers, William and Matthew in or near Canterbury. William is conspicuous by his absence after 1619, whereas Matthew remained there until his death in 1643. The most natural supposition is that, after his wife Alice's death, William Warriner left Kent for Yorkshire and after residing there nearly a score of years (in Yorkshire) he emigrated to New England 1636-1638. He was constable in 1656 and selectman 1658, occupying positions of trust and responsibility in Springfield.

Children of William and Joanna Warriner, born in Springfield:

1. James, b. 21 Jan'y 1640/1, deacon, d. 14 May 1726; mar (1) 1664 Elizabeth, daughter of Joseph Baldwin.
2. Hannah, b. 17 August 1643, d. before 12 May 1721, mar 1 Nov 1660 Thomas Noble
3. Joseph, b. 6 Feb'y 1645, d. 11 Aug 1697 Enfield Conn.; mar (1) Mary, dau of Richard Montague (See Montague Family) on 25 Nov 1668 Hadley, Mass.; Mary was b. abt 1642, possibly at Wells, Me. and d. 22 July 1689 Enfield, Conn.; Joseph mar (2) Sarah, dau of Thomas Tibbals and widow of Daniel Collins. She survived him and married as her third husband Obadiah Abbe. Joseph and Mary (Montague) Warriner had among other children at Northfield, Mass

a) Mary, b. 17 Nov. 1669, d. 12 Apr 1693, mar Sgt. Zachariah Booth 15 July 1691.

b) Joseph jr. Not much is known of him, except that his dau

- 1) Joanna, d. 29 Jan'y 1755, mar Ensign Thomas Colton b. 27 March 1683 Longmeadow, Mass.; d. 4 Aug 1760 (See Colton Family). Among their children was
a) Anna Submit Colton, mar 10 Apr 1733 Joseph Buell (See Buell Family).

DRC--This is pure conjecture and I'm still trying to get the Warriner liner straight here. RRB