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Editor's Column

Having served our Order for ten years as its Registrar, and having given up those duties this term, it is my pleasure to continue my service as the new Editor of *The Lively Experiment*. Following behind my dear friends, the late Mary Ruth Northrop and the ever-busy and talented Stephanie Schlick, will be a difficult task. Our readers will agree that Mary's very interesting choices for articles, and Stephanie's outstandingly professional layout of this publication are difficult (if not impossible) to top; and why should anyone wish to try? With that in mind, much of the layout within these pages will emulate that of the last several years' issues, and featured articles now and in the future will take much the same tone.

As the new Editor, and on behalf of the officers of our Order, I express our most sincere thanks to Stephanie, and we remember with fondness our dear Mary Ruth whose enthusiasm and sparkling smile brightened the room so often at our meetings.

We also take the opportunity to thank Jean (Mrs. William) Hacker of Arizona for taking on the duties of Registrar so that I might assume my present duties while also managing the many other lineage society jobs I currently hold – to say nothing of my suddenly very busy acting career.

Finally, taking the liberty of speaking for the entire membership, a special thanks must be extended to all the officers for their contributions to the Order's growth, governance and maintenance. We applaud them for their dedication and hard work.

Now, catching up from our last issue (vol. 7, no. 1, September 2008), in addition to a (hopefully) useful genealogical article and a bit of Rhode Island history, you will find the previously unreported minutes from the last several years' meetings, as well as lists of new members and deaths since that time. Please enjoy this, my first issue. As always, I welcome your feedback, both positive and negative, and encourage members to send genealogical articles for inclusion in this publication.



History

Newport Land Agreement 10 March 1656/7

On March 10, 1656/7 an Agreement was signed by the free inhabitants at Newport for the procurement of Conanicut and Dutch Islands:

An agreement of Severall of the Free Inhabitants of Rhode Island, &c, concerninge the purchasing of A certaine Island (caulled quononaquitt) neare adjasent to Rhode Island in New=England afor=said, which agreement is ratified and confirmed by those of us whose names are herunto Subscribed, for our Selves our Heayres Excequetors, Administrators and Asignes this sayd agreement beinge grownded upon the Reasons and Occations Followinge ...

The agreement was necessary in order that the Newport men might have access to more commonage for livestock, while at the same time preventing it from falling into the hands of “foreigners.” To that end, a committee of seven were appointed to make the purchase; division of the land was assigned based on monetary contribution; a council of sixteen were appointed for management of the land, and several other administrative matters were addressed. The document was ratified approximately one year later, on February 12, 1657/8. In several instances, individuals not present assigned a proxy to affix their signature or mark.

The pages that follow contain facsimile images of the entire agreement,[†] including the signatures thereto. Virtually all of the Newport families of the time are represented. At the end of this entry can be found an alphabetical list of the names affixed to the agreement.

[†] We acknowledge with gratitude the assistance of the Jamestown Historical Society’s staff for providing this document for our use. Our thanks also go to Michael Northup for coordinating that effort.

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Newport on Rhode Island in New England March the 10th 1636

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An agreement of severall of the free Inhabitants of Rhode Island, of Concerning the purchasing of a certaine Island (called quononagutt) neare adjacent to Rhode Island in New England aforesaid, which agreement is ratified and confirmed by those of us whose Names are hereunto subscribed, for our selves our Heayres Extraquitors, Administrators and Assignes this sayd agreement being grounded upon the Reasons and Orations followings

Avis th:

First for as much as it is frequently declared that of late there have beene endeavors used by some who are neither inhabitants of this Island nor members of this Colony, to gitt into their possession and power of

* Secondly Considering how Comediouly the sayd Island lusth for the enlarging the accommodations of some of us, in regard of the Neermap of it to our dwellings, As also Considering the great straight that many of us are in for want of Commonage for Cattell as also for other oration

And for the preventing any hereinafter gittings it into their possession whereby inconveniencies and disturbances might possibly, yea, and probably arise to the Government of this Colony

Who whose Names are here to, subscribed doe as above sayd for our selves our Heayres, &c agree as followith, Vizth:

First that for the purchasing the aforesayd Island quononagutt for the occasion aforesayd we doe hereby authorize and appoynt seven of our owne Number, Namely William Cogington Esq^r, Bonivick Arnold Sen^r, William Brenton or in his absence William Baulston in his stead also Richard Smyth Sen^r or in his absence John Sanford & mythe of Narragansitt also Captⁿ John Cranston, Calob Carr for the purchase of the aforesayd Island quononagutt, for and to them selves and for the rest of us whose Names are in this present writings hereafter in order mentioned, and also hereunto subscribed, and to the End promised, the persons aforesaid are hereby fully and absolutely empowered and authorized (they or the Major part of them after our Notice given to the whole Governor upon any such occasion, from either of them) to meet and confer on the sayd occasion, the Major part of the sayd seven meetings, and agreements, upon any direction to either of them selves, or others as they, see cause to employ about the gittings aforesaid from any, partem of the Indians, shall be lawful and clouthent for or Concerning the sayd Island quononagutt as also for the Island called Butte

* Dutche Island to the intent above sayd, and further, no way one Engage our selves not to doe nor act any thinge concerninge the sayd Island, or either of them, without our Expressly under the hands of the Major part of the afore-saides Trustees, and then to noe other End and purpose, but for the use of the purchasers according to the contents of this present writinge, Whereupon all of us the subscribed doe engage our selves, upon forfeiture of all Right Hereafter, in either of the fore-sayd Island upon what accompt or pretence, soe ever either of us may have grounds of them to any part of the premises, in case of actings Contrary to this present declaration and engagement.

* Secondly, for the preventinge of after differences, about the deviding and Shareinge of the promised intended purchases We agree and resolve that the proportion to each purchaser shall be shared as is hereafter particularly Expressed, Vizt. William Goddington of Newport Vtys and Benedict Innoce of Newport Lon, shall each of them pay one twentieth part of the whole charge, and shall each of them Receive one twentieth part of the promised purchases, And William Branton Merchant. shall pay one fortieth part and one hundred & Eleventh part of the whole charge, And shall Receive one fortieth part and one hundred and Eleventh part of the promised purchases, And Richard Smyth Senr. Capt. John Cranston, Richard Smyth, junr, Robert Carr, Caleb Carr, Hyannis Brinly, James Smyth, John Grosse, James Barker, James Rogers, John Saylor, Ballantine Whitman, and John Sanford shall each of them pay one fortieth part of the whole charge and shall Receive one fortieth part of the promised purchases And John Clarke, Richard Dow, John Reame, and Joseph Clarke, shall each of them pay one fifti fourth part of the whole charge, And shall each of them Receive one fifti fourth part of the promised purchases, And William Baulston, Walter Cunigraue, shall each of them pay one sixtieth part of the whole charge, And shall each of them Receive one sixtieth part of the promised purchases, And James Badger, Richard Knight, and Thomas Bromwell shall each of them pay one Sixty seventh part of the whole charge, And shall each of them Receive one Sixty seventh part of the promised purchases, And Capt. Adam Mox, John Easton, Thomas Clarke, William Vahan, William Wesson, Capt. Thomas Good, Edward Goodman, Daniell Wilkint, John Porter, John Briggs, Henry Bull, havinge promised his Sonne for a share, afore sayd, John Gould, Thomas Gould and Daniell Gould, shall each of them pay one hundred and Eleventh part of the whole charge, And shall each of them Receive, one hundred & Eleventh part of the promised purchases, And Capt. Randall Houdon, and Samuell Sanford shall each of them pay one hundred and fiftieth part of the whole charge, And shall each of them Receive one hundred and fiftieth part of the promised purchases And Emmanuell Wooley, Mathew West, John Groome of Warrinto, junr, Marks Lynde, Stephen Wilkint, William Havens, Joseph Torrey, Edward Thurston, Lucretia Turner, Thomas Waterman, George Loxton, Richard Lard, Toby Saunders, Scrimiah Willis, John Vahan, Thomas Hart, Richard Bulgar, Anthony Low, Christopher Almy, Richard Dunn, Thomas Dunge, Thomas Valtion, John Gooddy, William Jeffery, Henry Timbrell, shall each of them pay one two hundred part of the whole charge, And shall each of them Receive one two hundred part of the promised purchases, And John Cairn, Thomas Wayte, Richard Biston, James

Robert Bennit, Thomas Teoly and John Cook, shall each of them pay one two hundred & fiftith part of the whole charge, and shall receive one two hundred & fiftith part of the promised purchase, and Thomas Norton, William Gorton, William Bartlett, William Case, John Anthony, Robert Taylor, Samuel Hubbard, Robert Birch, Robert Sparks, Robert Hazard, Samuel Billm, Thomas Baber, Thomas Manthriston, William Hall, Thomas Fish, William Casman, Edward Rithmond, Nicholas Brown, Henry Stevens, John Payson, Jeremiah Clark and Latham Clark shall each of them pay one three hundredth part of the whole charge, and shall each of them receive one three hundredth part of the promised purchase, and George Bligh, Marmaduke Wade, Bartholomew Hunt, Elisha Shephard, John West, John Add, and Andrew Langworth shall each of them pay one, four hundred and fiftith part of the whole charge, and shall each of them receive one four hundred and fiftith part of the promised purchase, and Thomas Case, Anthony Ravenscroft, Thomas Oliver, and John Hoanes, shall each of them pay one five hundredth part of the whole charge, and shall each of them receive one five hundredth part of the promised purchase,

* Thirdly We do, jointly agree, that Sixteen persons shall be and stand a perpetual Council or Committee, whoe shall have from hence forwards the power, (that is the major part of them agreeing) to nominate and appoint a Quorum of their own Number and to empower and authorize the sayd Seven with full power to Manage all Matters, concerning the premises from time to time, as occasion shall present, which Sixteen persons have also already nominated the sayd Seven persons, as they are mentioned in the first Article of these presents, and are hereby confirmed, according to the Contents of these presents, untill the sayd Sixteen hereafter Named shall see cause to change any of the sayd Seven, and place another of them selves in his or their Rooms, which may not lawfully be done, but in a Meeting of the sayd Sixteen, on the Major part of them, which Meeting shall not be accounted dutifull, except Every one of them have Notice given him in Season of the time and place of Meetings, by Some other of them selves therto appointed and in case any of the Sixteen hereafter Named this or remove away, or be by breach of any Article enabled to hold his share in the premises, or have his share given away his proportion, or be otherwise disabled to act in the premises, then it shall be and it is in the power of the Remaining Fifteen (or so many as remain Capable to act) or the major part of them presently met as aforesaid from time to time to nominate, And Elect one of the most able of the purchase as may be in their judgment thought fitt to be in the sayd long purchase Rooms, and the Sixteen that are at present appointed and authorized to the intent aforesaid, are William Toddington Esq: Benedict Arnold Son: both of Newport, William Branton of Boston witht ~~Richard Smith~~ ~~Richard Smith~~ or in his absence William Baulston for him, Richard Smyth Son, Richard Smyth Jun: both of Narragansitt, Capt: John Cranston, Richard Tapp, Joseph Clark, John Gerson, Richard Knight, Caleb Carr, James Barber, and Mark Jure, all of Newport, John Roome ~~William Baulston~~ and John Sanford all of Portsmouth.
 Fourthly It is agreed that if any of the before mentioned purchasees do absolutely refuse to accept of being a purchasee, or do not come in at or before the first of April in the yeare 1670 and subscribe their Names unto these Articles of agreement, all such persons shall hold and lose their promised Shares as above Mentioned, And the

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the afore-named Trustees upon Notice thereof Received have full power to Nominate and make choice of an officer or officers in his or their Name, or otherwise to dispose of the said share or shares (see hereto) to the publick and proportionable behoofe of the purchasers

fifthly We agree that the afore-mentioned Trustees are Authorised and impowered to receive and disburse upon all the occasions concerning the promised purchase, and to receive accounts of all the said Disbursements and to exhibit the said accounts to the Rest, and demand Repayment according to each mans proportion, of the promised Disbursements, and any person shall bring in his proportion of all the said charges to that party of these afore-named Trustees, whom the Trustees shall inform through Receive it, and whoe soe may lye of bringing in the said proportion shall have noe dooe for, nor possession of his proportion in the purchase until he hath paid as afore-said, and if any Party of Bringing in his pay, or agreeings with the Trustees, or whom they shall inform, it shall be paid to, within thirty daies after demand or information as afore-said he shall then cleave and pay, together with his proportion, after the Rate of twenty in the hundred, for the forbeareance thereof, and soe shall have the liberty of one whole year after the first demand to pay the same, but if at the year end he alsoe paye to pay as afore-said or paye of agreeings with the Disbursers, then the said payables parties share, shall returne to be disposed of by the Trustees afore-said for the use and behoofe of the purchasers afore-said, provided that the Trustees pay both the principle and the forbeareance to the promised Disbursers, within thirty daies after such share is returned to their dispose as afore-said, or else the said share shall remaine for use in the said Disbursers possession or be at his Disposal and for some proper Benefit to whom the money was due to be paid

Sixthly That if any of these afore-named purchasers, shall not in season as in the Articles above written is specified pay their afore-promised proportions or (though paying it yet) doe not, according to proportion, board and pay their proportion of the charge, that may arise by Reason of Controversies or Suits of law about the promises, or other charges that are necessary for the assurance and Maintanance of all our Rights together in the promised purchase, then such person or persons share or shares shall in case of such default, shall returne to the purchasers behoofe, or shall be ordered by the Trustees as afore-said

Seventhly We agree that it shall not be lawfull for the purchasers or any of them to dispose or make any sale of their or any of their proportions of the promised purchase as mentioned in the second Article but only to a purchaser or purchasers of the premises, ~~and~~ Except the afore-said Trustees beinge orderly Met, or the Major part of them, approve therof and Consent to the sale thereof to any one whom is not a purchaser, by a writing under the hands of the said Trustees or the Major part of them to signify their Consent thereto, and this injunction to be of full force until the afore-named Trustees or the Major part of them shall see cause to alter it, and in case any of the said purchasers shall otherwise dispose of his said purchased part, then as afore-said, then the said proportion is hereby declared to be forfeit to the purchasers, and may be seized on by the Trustees for the use and behoofe of the purchasers only

Only in case of the Death of any of the purchasers aforesaid, his or their proportion shall remain to his or their lawfull Heirs, Executors, and to observe all the orders and injunctions contained in this present Writing. Withly We agree that any grants or fundamentall agreements of the purchasers as also any grants made or made from the saids, and concerning the premises shall be kept in the custody of Benedict Arnold of Newport Son, aforesaid during the time of his being Trustee.

Fourthly We agree, that John Sanford aforesaid shall be Secretary or Scribe for the purchasers and Trustees, until the aforesaid Trustees or the Major part of them see cause to choose an other, and he shall have and be kept in his custody True Copies of all Material Writings and (for such proportionable Satisfaction as shall be appointed him by the said Trustees) give forth Copies thereof to any of the purchasers that desire it, under his hand as such Copies, as likewise shall make and sign to each man deed that desires it, and the aforesaid Trustees making a form of the deed, which shall be given to those that desire it, which shall be an instrument to each man for his proportion.

Fifthly We agree, that the promised Trustees begin the charge committed to them in the overall respects aforesaid, have also full power to Cause the said Island upon agreement to be surveyed and calculated to the nearest proportion that conveniently it can be done, that for the proportions of the several purchases may be knowne, as to the quantity how much each share will be, and the charges of the said Surveying and Calculation, to be paid by the purchasers according to the proportion and this to be done as it shall appear Seasonable to the said Trustees or the Major part of them, and in the Surveying of the Island promised the said Trustees are hereby entrusted and authorized to appoint what high roads, and where they shall see convenient to be left and layed out for perpetuity that for the Remainder may also the better be calculated as in proportion to the division of it, as also the aforesaid Trustees are empowered and authorized to lay out about Sixty two or three shares, in some convenient place, for the situation of a Towne with some common adjoining as they the said Trustees shall judge necessary and convenient and to order the disposing the said shares according to their discretion to the behoofe of the purchasers.

Sixthly We agree as touching the running of lanes on the promised Island upon agreement no man or person shall be compell'd to fence in his land unless he hath occasion and it minds see to do so, and where ever it falls out that any line or Range do divide two parcels of land, the said Single range or line of fence shall be equally made and maintained, by the two parties owners of the said parcels, in case they both make use of the said land, But in case any one have a mind to fence his land, he shall not compell the owner of the share that by the next division on either side, is fence any part against him unless that party have Benefitt of the middle fence betwene them, and then look what Benefitt or Comodity, he Receives by his Neighbours fence for such Benefitt and Comodity, that Neighbour shall Receive, by his the said parties fence in the said line, And further if any one have helped as aforesaid to set up and maintain any such partition fence he is engaged not to Remove or diminish the same or any part of it to his Neighbours damage.

Agreed upon and Confirmed -
 We agree, Concerning the Island Caualled Dutch Island afores. Mentioned which
 Island lyeth on the west Side of and Neere adjoyning to quononagutt, that
 the sayd Island shall Remaine in Common for the use of all the parties afores. East
 of them havinge a proportionall Right in the same according to the propor-
 tion, they shall enjoy of quononagutt, and the sayd Dutch Island shall be only
 for publicke uses as to putt on Calves, Ramer, or other Cattell to Earth once propo-
 -tionall comodity, and shall not be impropriated to any privat person but
 shall remaine at the discretion of the afores. sayd Trustees or Major part of
 them to be improved for the Common behoofe of all as afores. sayd, And therefore
 the seven Trustees Now already chosen, are Not to be altered untill there be
 quiet possession attained of the promises, to which End they are desired
 and Authorized to spare for Not lawfull Costs and Meanes to procure both
 the sayd Island, peaceably from the Indians
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 lastly. It is Agreed and ordered that Joseph Clarke shall Sufferies, Write, in the
 behalfe of his Brother Mr John Clarke in England, which shall be Authentick
 and further Wee agree that this present Writings shall be of full power
 and Authority any writings or agreements formerly made notwithstanding
 and this writings agreed upon March the 10th 1656 Is now Confirmed
 and Relisied by us whose Names are here to Subscribed the 12th day of Feb:
 1657 William Codrington Benedict Arnolds
 For, Walter Anyaxan, James Willis, Amy Selge

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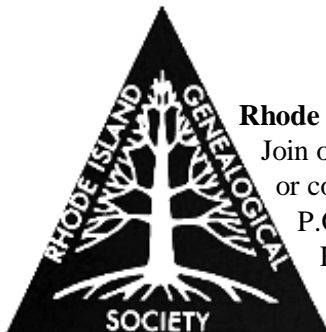
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Genealogy

Ralph¹ and Joan (Savage) Earle of Newport and Portsmouth: Their Ancestry and Some of Their Descendants

Alexander Bannerman

While the information presented in this writing is accessible to anyone who wishes to scour the records to find it, few are likely to have the patience to do so. One of the larger families to inhabit Rhode Island from the earliest time of its settlement was that of Ralph Earle and Joan Savage. As no comprehensive genealogical work about this family has been prepared for many decades, it seems timely to feature a brief article that includes the latest scholarship.

It has been written that the Earle family is of ancient origin, probably Saxon.[†] There was a family of Earles in Beckington, Somerset, in the time of Henry II, and in 1161 John deErlegh paid five marks for scutage[‡] for his lands in that place. The Earles eventually became the Lords of Newton, Lords of North Pelherton and Lords of the Manor of Somerton Erleigh in Somerset. The family name has seen normal change throughout the centuries, its beginnings in the 11th and 12th Centuries being deErlegh and deErle and then much later evolving to the more modern orthologies of Erle, Earl, Earll and Earle. According to modern peerages, there are 11 coats of arms assigned to various branches of the family. Alas, the Earle family with which this sketch is concerned presently does not find proof of its ancestry in any of these noble families. Research continues, however, and perhaps in due course, light will be thrown on the answer to the question of their origin.

[†] Amos Earle Voothies, *The Amos S. Earle Branch of the Ralph Earle Family in America* (Grants Pass, OR: The Daily Courier, 1949), p. 13, citing a letter from the London Genealogical Society to Pliny Earle, referenced elsewhere in this article.

[‡] A tax levied primarily on the gentry and nobility in lieu of military service.

RAULPHE^A EARLE was born in England near the year 1580. According to some historians, the event took place in Exeter, Devonshire,[†] while others maintain he was born at Bishop's Stortford, Hertfordshire.[‡] He is found in the records of Bishop's Stortford at or near the time of his marriage and it has been suggested by family historians that Raulphe came to that place to advance his learning as a student in Margaret Dane's well-known grammar school. The school was located within a block of the shop Raulphe operated on Basbowe Lane in 1642.^Ω

Raulphe Earle married Margaret^A Browne, daughter of George^B Browne and Elizabeth^A Lawe, at St. Michael's Church, Bishop's Stortford, on August 25, 1605.[£] Margaret (together with her twin sister) was baptized at St. Michael's in June 1581.[§] Raulphe and Margaret had a family of at least ten children, all baptized at Bishop's Stortford:[¶]

Ralph¹ (the immigrant of Rhode Island) *of whom we treat below*.

Samuel bapt. 27 Aug 1608.

John bapt. 19 Apr 1610.

† See, e.g., Pliny Earle, *The Earle Family: Ralph Earle and His Descendants* (Worcester, MA: Press of Charles Hamilton, 1888), p. 17, which states this supposition is based on family tradition. This assertion has been repeated in numerous subsequently published genealogical works, including Amos Earle Voorhies, *supra*, p. 17.

‡ Bishop's Stortford, Hertfordshire, is located some 26 miles north of London. The river Stort runs through the village, and nearby may be found Hatfield Forest. The village's Church of St. Michael dates from the 1400s, and the baptismal font found within is Norman and dates from about 1150 A.D.

Inasmuch as Raulphe appears in Hertfordshire at an early date, some historians believe he is almost certainly connected to that family of Earles who may be found in Hertfordshire and otherwise in Essex, England in the late 1500s. He may be the son or nephew of Thomas Erle of Charborough, who was buried March 16, 1597, and his wife, Dorothy, daughter of William Pole. Their children included a son Christopher who married Elizabeth Denny at Bishop's Stortford in 1623 and whose children were baptized in that place. Among those children was a son Christopher (Jr.) whose two marriages and children's baptisms are also recorded at Bishop's Stortford. *The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record* (hereafter, "NYGBR") 67:392. But see Richard A. Earle, *Edward A. Earle: A Family Perspective* (New York: 2002), p. 2., which identifies Raulphe Earle's parents as William Earle and Margaret Madle, who were married at Barkway Parish, Hertfordshire on October 15, 1572. That author further indicates that William was born in 1554, Margaret in 1551, and to their union were born "four children: Stephen, Ellin, Peter, and the youngest, Raulfe, who was born in 1580 in his father's hometown, Bishop's Stortford..." Unfortunately, the author does not cite his source, but simply refers to the "first confirmed record of [the] family." *Id.* Without impugning the integrity of the work in question, at least one egregious error repeated in his work unfortunately calls into question the veracity of statements of fact for which there is no citation to documentary evidence. The error in question concerns the mother of Ralph³ Earle (1660-1757), who's identity has been known for some years, and is discussed below. Still, his assertions should not be dismissed.

Ω Spencer Miller, "Earle Family of Bishop's Stortford, Co. Herts, England," in *New York Genealogical and Biographical Record*, v. 67 (1936), pp. 390-93.

£ NYGBR 67:391; Register of Baptisms, Weddings & Burials from the Year 1561 to 1712, LDS FHL microfilm 991366. The family of George and Elizabeth (Lawe) Brown is treated in NYGBR 67:392-93.

§ NYGBR 67:393.

¶ NYGBR 67:391.

Dorothy bapt. 23 Aug 1612; bur. 2 Sep 1614, Bishop's Stortford.

Margaret bapt. 9 Oct 1614.

George bapt. 25 Dec 1616; bur. 11 Jun 1617, Bishop's Stortford.

Jonas bapt. 18 Jan 1617/8; bur. 2 Nov 1619, Bishop's Stortford.

Elizabeth bapt. 15 Aug 1619.

Richard bapt. 1 Nov 1620; m. ____; ch. Richard (d. young) and Samuel (d. young).

Mary bapt. 9 Nov 1622.

According to English records, Raulphe was one of the organizers of the company for settling the Massachusetts Bay Colony, although records do not shed light on why he never made the journey across the sea.[†] Raulphe and Margaret remained in Bishop's Stortford the rest of their lives. Church records indicate he was buried there March 20, 1657, and Margaret was buried there November 27, 1647.[‡] It is presumed their remains were interred in the churchyard.

RALPH¹ EARLE (*Raulphe*^A) was baptized at St. Michael's Church in Bishop's Stortford on February 9, 1606/7. Also recorded there is his marriage to Joan¹ Savage (*prob. Richard*^A), on June 29, 1631, as well as the baptisms of their two eldest children.^Ω With the records then waning relative to this family, it is likely that soon after May 11, 1634 (the baptismal date of their second son, William), they were bound for American shores.[£]

Early Colonial records of Ralph are numerous. He first appears in Newport in 1638, where on the “first of eighth month” (October 1), he was admitted, together with 58 others, as an inhabitant, they having submitted themselves to the government “that is, or shall be, established.” As stated above, because he seems not to appear earlier in colonial records, we conclude he arrived in America in 1637, and this year does not conflict with the placement order of his later children for whom no baptismal records have been found.

[†] Amos Earle Voorhies, *supra*, p. 16.

[‡] *NYGBR* 67:391, which transcribes the parish register with the death date for Raulphe of 20 Mar, but then states several lines down that he died 10 days later. The latter reference is almost certainly a typographical error.

^Ω *NYGBR* 67:391.

[£] Spencer Miller references the two Earle family genealogists (Pliny Earle and Isaac Newton Earle) both suggesting Ralph Earle and his wife arrived in Boston in 1634. *See also* Amos Earle Voorhies, *supra*, p. 17. From that unfortunate supposition, subsequent family historians presumed this family to have arrived aboard the *Hercules*. However, Robert Charles Anderson, in his *Great Migration: Immigrants to New England 1634-1635* (7 vols., Boston: NEHGS, 1999-2011), does not treat Ralph Earle as having come to New England at that time. Moreover, Samuel G. Drake, in his *Founders of New England* (Boston: NEHGR 1860), shows no Ralph Earle aboard the *Hercules* or any other ship. As the first record of Ralph appears to be in Rhode Island in 1638, the best conclusion for purposes of this article is that he probably arrived in 1636 or 1637.

On April 30, 1639, he joined with 28 others in signing a declaration of loyalty to King Charles I in connection with their establishment of the Portsmouth settlement, they calling themselves "Inhabytants of ye Island now called Aqueedneck..."[†] Ralph acquired much land in Portsmouth and was a prominent citizen of his community.[‡] One parcel of land owned by him consisted of some 40 acres, and, as late as 1854 (and perhaps later), was known as Earle's Field.

On August 26, 1647, the townspeople voted that Ralph should "Ceepe an Inne to sell beer & wine & to intertayn strangers," which license was renewed on November 12, 1650, and again on September 11, 1654.^Ω On June 2, 1649, Ralph was chosen town treasurer and overseer of the poor, a post he again held in 1651. In 1654 he served on the committee of those who were chosen to "oversee the work of the Prison." He was among those listed as freemen in 1655, and in that year and again in 1669, he served on the Grand Jury.

On August 10, 1667 Ralph was one of 19 men who formed a "troope of horse" for the purpose of defending the town in the Colonial Wars with the Indians and the French. Later, Ralph became captain of the troop. In that same year, he brought a suit in Connecticut claiming to have bought "The Dutch House of Good Hope" at Hartford from Capt. John Underhill in 1653.[£] On June 7, 1671, Ralph was appointed to sit at a Special Court to try two Indians who had been imprisoned on a criminal charge.

Ralph and Joan (Savage) Earle had a family of five children, shown below, and each of whose families we treat separately in this article:[§]

[†] Amos Earle Voorhies, *supra*, p. 17; and see John Osborne Austin, *The Genealogical Dictionary of Rhode Island* (Albany, NY: 1887; repr. with revs. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1969), p. 69.

[‡] Except as otherwise noted, evidence of all statements of Ralph's civil service and land ownership are culled from John Osborne Austin, *supra*, p. 69, and Pliny Earle, *supra*, pp. 17-19.

^Ω *The Early Records of the Town of Portsmouth* (Providence: E. L. Freeman & Sons, 1901), pp. 35-36, 46-47 and 64-65. His direct descendants are eligible for membership in the hereditary society Flagon & Trencher – Descendants of Colonial Tavern Keepers.

[£] TAG 19 (1943):135.

[§] The names of the children are culled from his will, as found in *The Book of Land Evidence belonging to ye Town of Portsmouth – 1647* (2nd Book – No. 1; no page numbers). The family data appearing here is assembled from John Osborne Austin, *supra*, pp. 69-70; Amos Earle Voorhies, *supra*, pp. 17-18; Pliny Earle, *supra*, pp. 20-26; NYGBR 67:391-92; and Arnold's Vital Records of Rhode Island. There are many difficulties associated with assembling the families of the daughters of Ralph¹. Research is ongoing, and the author welcomes additional information.

Ralph (Jr.)² bapt. 22 Apr 1632, Bishop's Stortford; d. 1716, Duxbury, MA; m. Dorcas Sprague.

William² bapt. 11 May 1634, Bishop's Stortford; d. 15 Jan 1715/6, Portsmouth, RI; m. (1st) Mary Walker; m. (2nd) Prudence ____.

Mary² b. prob. c. 1638, RI; d. 22 Mar 1718, Portsmouth, RI; m. (1st) William Cory; m. (2nd) Joseph Timberlake.

Martha² b. prob. c. 1640, RI; m. c. 1662 to William Wood.

Sarah² b. prob. c. 1642, RI; d. 1690, Tiverton, RI; m. (1st) Thomas Cornell (Jr.); m. (2nd) David Lake.

Ralph subscribed to the Quaker teachings and passed his religious beliefs to his children and grandchildren. His descendants continued in that faith to a comparatively late date.

Ralph¹ Earle died at Portsmouth, Rhode Island in 1678. He made his will (see illustration at the end of this article) on November 19, 1673, naming his wife the executrix of his estate and providing for her for the remainder of her life. He left his son William the sum of one shilling, but he bequeathed to William's son one-third of his lands. Joan (Savage) Earle was almost certainly the daughter of Richard Savage baptized 18 Feb 1609/10 at Widford, Hertfordshire, England. While her death date has not been learnt, she survived to at least 1699 when the Hon. Samuel Sewall recorded his visit with her.[†]

RALPH² EARLE (JR.) (*Raulphe*,^A *Ralph*¹) was baptized at St. Michael's Church in Bishop's Stortford, Hertfordshire, England on April 22, 1632.[‡] On May 11, 1658, he was granted freehold status at Portsmouth. He married Dorcas² Sprague, daughter of Francis¹ and Lydia (____) Sprague of Duxbury, MA, soon before October 26, 1659, when his father-in-law conveyed to him property located in Dartmouth. It is presumed the new couple soon settled on that property, as it would appear nearly all

[†] His diary entry reads:

Friday Sept^r 15. Mr. Newton and I ride to Newport, see aged Joan Savage, (now Earl), by the way. Her husband, Ralph Earl, was born 1606, and his wife was 10, or 11 years older than he. So she is esteemed to be one hundred and five years old.

George E. Ellis, *et al.*, *Collections of the Massachusetts Historical Society*, vol. 5, Fifth Ser. (Boston: by the Society, 1878), p. 501. As others have speculated, her age is likely exaggerated, but there remains the question of its veracity, and therefore we cannot be absolutely certain of Joan's parentage at present. TAG 19:3 (1943):135.

[‡] NYGBR 67:391.

subsequent records of his life are found there. Four children have been identified:[†]

John³ b. 26 Oct 1659, Portsmouth, RI; d. soon bef. 2 Feb 1727/8, Tiverton, RI; m. Mary Wilcox (b. 25 Feb 1662, Portsmouth, d. 1735, betw. 26 Apr and 28 May, Tiverton; dau. of Daniel Wilcox and Elizabeth Cooke[‡]); ch. (i) John, b. 1687, m. Sarah Porter; (ii) Daniel, b. 1688, m. Grace Wickes [or Hicks]; (iii) Benjamin, b. 1691, m. Rebecca Westgate; (iv) Mary, b. 1693, never marr.; (v) Rebecca, b. 1695; (vi) Elizabeth, b. 1699, m. (1st) George Westgate, m. (2nd) Capt. John Adams.

Ralph b. c. 1664, prob. Dartmouth, MA; d. 14 May 1718, Dartmouth; m. 26 Dec 1692, Dartmouth, to Dorcas Dillingham (b. 31 Mar 1662, Sandwich, MA, dau. of Henry Dillingham); ch. (i) Deborah, b. 1693, m. Adam Hunt; (ii) Barnabas, b. 1698, m. Mrs. Parnel (____) Chase; (iii) Hannah, b. 1701, m. William Brown; (iv) Meribah, b. 1703, m. (1st) Benjamin Slocum, m. (2nd) John Wanton.

William b. c. 1666, prob. Dartmouth; m. 26 Dec 1695, Little Compton, RI, to Hepzibah Butts (b. 1675; dau. of Thomas and Elizabeth Butts); ch. (i) Nathaniel, b. 1705, m. Sarah Adams; (ii) John, b. c. 1710, m. Rachel Adams; (iii) William Jr., m. Elizabeth Miles; *and perh.* (iv) Sarah, b. 1696, m. Samuel Rice; (v) Mary, b. c. 1698, m. John Franklin; (vi) Elizabeth, m. Benjamin Bugbee; (vii) Anna, b. 1700, m. William King; (viii) Joseph, b. 1702; (ix) Thomas, b. 1704; (x) Damaris, b. 1707; (xi) Jonathan, b. 1712, m. Hannah Earl (dau. of Joseph Earl and Hannah Edwards).

Joseph b. c. 1668, prob. Dartmouth; d. 1756, Dartmouth; m. c. 1703, prob. Newport, to Elizabeth Slocum (b. 8 Apr 1671, Dartmouth; dau. of Giles Slocum and Ann Lawton of Dartmouth and Portsmouth); ch. (i) Anne, b. 1704, m. James Kirby; (ii) Dorcas, b. 1705, m. William Tilley; (iii) Joseph, b. 1708, never marr.

On June 13, 1688, Ralph deeded to his son of the same name “half of his land on the westernmost island called Elizabeth Island, to be after my decease.” On October 20, 1689, he conveyed to his son William 100 acres in Dartmouth. On June 10, 1692, he and his wife, Dorcas, conveyed 200 acres at Dartmouth to their son Joseph, as well as the salt marsh, which land had come to Ralph from his father-in-law. Lastly, on July 24, 1693, Ralph deeded ¼ of the island called (by the Indians) “Pocatahunka”

[†] The data for Ralph³ Earle and his family is culled from John Osborne Austin, *supra*, p. 69; Pliny Earle, *supra*, pp. 21-22, 27-29, which errs in its account of the ch. of William²; *Mayflower Descendant* 17 (1915):60-64; *NEHGR* 22 (1868):67, *NEHGR* 21 (1867):265; John G. Hunt, “The Earle (Earl) and Benton Families of Washington and Onondaga Counties, New York,” in *TAG* 38 (1963):175-79; William Herbert Wood, “John Earl of Smith’s Cove, Orange Co., N.Y.,” in *TAG* 25 (1949):247-48; William Henry Jennings, *infra*, p. 566; The Sprague Project, an online database on the Internet at www.sprague-database.org. It has also been asserted that among the children of Ralph² Earle and Dorcas Sprague were two daughters, Elizabeth (m. Robert Havens) and Dorcas (m. John Clapp), but records supporting these assertions are wanting. See Frank J. Doherty, *infra*, vol. 4, pp. 618-619, but this volume must be used with extreme caution, for on the whole, it contains many errors with regard to the Earle family.

[‡] Elizabeth Cooke is the daughter of John Cooke and Sarah Warren, and granddaughter of Francis Cooke of the *Mayflower* and his wife, Hester leMahieu, and of Richard Warren and Elizabeth Walker of the *Mayflower*. Through this descent, the offspring of John Earle are related to Presidents Franklin Delano Roosevelt (six times) and Ulysses Simpson Grant. William Henry Jennings, *infra*, p. 566; Gary Boyd Roberts, *Ancestors of American Presidents, 2009 Edition* (Boston: NEHGS, 2009; rev. 2012), pp. 520-521; and Alexander Bannerman, ed., *Executive Papers* (Washington, DC, Bowie, MD and Charleston, WV: 2004-), vol. 7 (2010), pp. 49, 69.

to his son William. Noticeable is the lack of a similar deed to his eldest son, John, who remained in Rhode Island.[†]

Ralph² Earle died soon before January 6, 1716/7, at Darmouth, when Letters of Administration were granted to his son John.[‡]

WILLIAM² EARLE^Ω (*Raulphe,^A Ralph¹*) was baptized at St. Michael's Church in Bishop's Stortford, Hertfordshire, England on May 11, 1634.[£] His first wife was Mary² Walker, daughter of John¹ and Katharine (____) Walker of Portsmouth. No record of the marriage has been located; however, the event occurred almost certainly at Portsmouth, and by April 2, 1654, when the couple sold their interest in 14 acres that had come to Mary by right of her mother, Katherine Walker, presumably as a dowery.[§] William and Mary parented only one daughter:[¶]

Mary³ b. c. 1655, prob. Portsmouth, RI; d. Jun 1734, Portsmouth; m. 25 Dec 1670, Portsmouth to John² Borden (b. Sep 1640, Portsmouth; d. 4 Jun 1716, Portsmouth; son of Richard¹ Borden and Joan Fowle of Portsmouth); ch. (surnamed *Borden*): (i) Richard, b. 1671, m. Innocent Cornell [*see, infra*]; (ii) John, b. 1675, m. Hannah Allen; (iii) Amey, b. 1678, m. Benjamin Chase; (iv) Joseph, b. 1680, m. Sarah Brownell;

[†] William Henry Jennings, *A Genealogical History of the Jennings Families in England and America*, 3 vols. (Columbus, OH: by the author, 1899), vol. 2, p. 564.

[‡] *Id.*

^Ω Much of the material presented in this article about William Earle previously appeared in the Spring 2003 issue of *The Pine Tree Colonial*, a publication of the National Society Sons of Colonial New England, authored under the Editor's former name, James Raywalt. The present article amends the information contained therein.

[£] He must have been born prior to March 25, 1633/4, in order for him to be a legal party (age 21) to the sale of his wife's property on April 2, 1654. This would be consistent with the religious practice of the English concerning infant baptism usually occurring within three months of birth.

[§] William Henry Jennings, *supra*, p. 565.

[¶] Some genealogists have asserted that William's first wife, Mary Walker, was the mother of Mary, William and Ralph, and others make her the mother of Thomas and Caleb as well. *See, e.g.,* Pliny Earle, *supra*, pp. 29, *et seq.*; and see Frank J. Doherty, *Settlers of the Beekman Patent...*, 11 vols. (Orlando, FL: 1990-2013), vol. 4 (1997), pp. 617, *et seq.* **However**, Jane Fletcher Fiske, *Gleanings from Newport Court Files, 1659-1783* (Boxford, MA: Picton Press, 1998), item 175, reveals a suit brought by Mary Borden, eldest daughter of William Earle by his wife Mary, in which she (Mary Borden) testifies that "Mary Walker took to husband and became the wife of William Earle of Portsmouth yeoman ... and some time after dyed intestate leaving the present plaintiff her **only** child surviving... (Emphasis added.) This statement negates all assertions in prior genealogical works that state William's first wife was the mother of any other than his first daughter, Mary, and his second wife must then be the mother of all subsequent children. However, the language does allude to the possibility there was at least one other child of this marriage who would have died young, but this can only be speculation.

(v) Thomas, b. 1682, m. Catherine Hull; (vi) Hope, b. 1684/5, m. William Olney Jr.; (vii) Mary; (viii) William, b. 1689, m. Alice Hull; (ix) Benjamin.[†]

Mary (Walker) Earle died soon after the birth of her daughter, as indicated in the court item referenced above (p. 20, n. ¶). Soon after, William took a second wife, Prudence, whose family name has not been learned.[‡] Without question, she is the mother of William's three youngest children, and probably of all of his children born subsequent to his daughter Mary, and they are therefore listed here:^Ω

William³ b. [say] 1658, prob. Portsmouth; serv. as constable of Dartmouth, MA in 1695 and 1696; m. Elizabeth ____; ch. (i) Mary, m. Jonathan Borden; (ii) Martha, m. Thomas Shinn; (iii) *unidentified* dau., m. John Webb; (iv) William, m. Mrs. Mary (____) Sharp; (v) Thomas, m. Mary Crispin.

Ralph b. 1660, Portsmouth; d. soon bef. 8 Feb 1757/8 (w.p.), Leicester, MA; m. c. 1688, Dartmouth (or poss. Portsmouth), as her 2nd husb., to Mary² (Carr) Hicks (wid. of John Hicks and dau. of Robert¹ Carr, the tailor of Newport); he swore the Freeman's Oath at Dartmouth bef. 24 Mar 1686/7; ch., all b. at Freetown: (i) William, b. 1690, m. Annah Howard; (ii) Mary, b. 1693, m. Joseph Sheffield; (iii) John, b. 1694, m. Sarah (____) Borden; (iv) Elizabeth, b. 1696, m. Robert Lawton; (v) Sarah, b. 1698/9, m. Thomas Manchester; (vi) Martha, b. 1700; (vii) Patience, b. 1702, m. Benjamin Richardson; (viii) Ralph, b. 1704/5; (ix) Robert, b. 1705/6, m. (1st) Mary Newhall, m. (2nd) Hepzibah Johnson; (x) Mercy, b. 1708 [7/8?], m. Jotham Rice; (xi) Benjamin, b. 1711, m. (1st) Abigail Newhall, m. (2nd) Mrs. Deborah (Buffum) Slade.

[†] John Osborne Austin, *supra*, p. 23; TAG 36 (1960):56; William Henry Jennings, *supra*, pp. 566-67; William Richard Cutter, *New England Families: Genealogical and Memorial...*, Third Series, 4 vols. (New York: Lewis Historical Publishing Co., 1915), vol. 1, p. 415. A brief article focused on the descendants of Richard Borden and Joan Fowle through their son Benjamin appeared in *The Lively Experiment*, vol. 4, no. 2 (2001), pp. 13-20.

[‡] She perhaps belongs to the Hall family, but additional research is required.

^Ω More research may shed light on new questions as a result of the discovery of Mary (Earle) Borden's deposition. William³ is presumed to be the eldest son, as he is mentioned first in his father's will. With his brother Ralph³ born in 1660, William³ would then have been born no later than about 1658. As Thomas³ was not born until 1665, it is possible the children in this generation are slightly out of order or there is an unaccounted-for deceased child about whom we have no information. But then we must consider the birth of the fifth child listed, Caleb,³ in 1673 – 8 years after his brother Thomas.³ Assuming the children to be in correct order, unless William² had other children who died young, it is possible he may have had a wife between Mary and Prudence about whom we presently have no information.

The data for William and Prudence Earle's children and their families is culled from Pliny Earle, *supra*, pp. 31-35; Helen Gurney Thomas, *Vital Records of the Town of Freetown, Massachusetts, 1686 through 1890* (Berwin Heights, MD: Heritage Books, 1988), unpagged; *Freetown Records*, vol. 1 (actual), LDS FHL Microfilm #904379; Amos Earl Voorhies, *supra*, pp. 20-21; the will of William Earle, *Rhode Island Genealogical Register* 3 (1981):366; James N. Arnold, *Rhode Island Vital Records* (Providence, RI: Narragansett Historical Publishing Co., 1893), 3:101, 4:72; Clarence Almon Torrey, *infra*; *Executive Papers*, *supra*, 7:69; Henry H. Earl and Frederick M. Peck, *Fall River and Its Industries...* (Fall River, MA: Atlantic Publishing and Engraving Co., 1877), p. 268; Benjamin Franklin Wilbour, *Little Compton Families*, 2 vols. (Baltimore: Clearfield Publishing Co., 1967), p. 95, and this last source should be used with caution.

Thomas b. 28 Apr 1665, Portsmouth; d. 28 Apr 1727, Warwick; m. bef. Nov 1693 to Mary Taber (b. 28 Jan 1669/70, Dartmouth, MA; d. 1759; dau. of Philip Taber and Mary Cooke, and granddau. of John Cooke and Sarah Warren);[†] ch. (i) William, b. c. 1693, m. (1st) Mehitable Brayton, m. (2nd) Mrs. Abigail [Abbott ?] Lawton; (ii) Thomas; (iii) Mary, m. Elisha Baker; (iv) Oliver, b. c. 1695, m. Rebecca Sherman; (v) Sarah; (vi) Lydia; (vii) Rebecca.

Caleb b. 1673, Portsmouth; d. bef. 13 Nov 1713; m. by 1698, prob. Warwick, as her 1st husb., to Mary _____ (she m. 2nd to Joseph Hicks); ch. (i) Caleb; (ii) Joan.

John b. 1675, Portsmouth; d. 12 Aug 1759, Portsmouth; m. 27 Feb 1699/1700, Portsmouth, to Mary Waite (b. c. 1680; d. aft. 1759; dau. of Thomas Waite and Sarah Cooke); ch. (i) Prudence, b. 1701; (ii) Mary, b. 1702/3, m. Job Durfee; (iii) Oliver, b. 1705/6, m. Ruth Hall; (iv) Martha, b. 1708, m. Stephen Brownell; (v) William, b. 1710, m. Mary Lawton; (vi) John, b. 1717, m. (1st) Elizabeth Hall, m. (2nd) Tabitha Hall, m. (3rd) Mrs. Deborah (Dennis) Brownell.

Prudence b. 1681, Portsmouth; d. 12 Mar 1733/4, Westport, MA; m. by 1699, prob. Portsmouth, to Benjamin Durfee (b. 1680; d. 6 Jan 1754; son of Thomas Durfee and Elizabeth Tripp); ch. (i) James, b. 1701, d. soon; (ii) Ann, b. 1703, m. Thomas Cory; (iii) Pope, b. 1705; (iv) William, b. 1707, d. unmarr.; (v) Benjamin, b. 1709, m. Amy Chase; (vi) Mary [or Mercy], b. 1711, m. Samuel Durfee; (vii) Susannah, b. 1713, m. Matthew Wright; (viii) Martha, b. 1719; (ix) Thomas, b. 1721, m. Patience Borden; (x) Richard, b. 1723, m. Rebecca Cole.

On May 11, 1658, William's name is found in the list of Freemen at Bristol, and on June 8 following, he was appointed a jurymen to represent Bristol at the General Court in Newport. At the town meeting held May 1, 1665, it was ordered that William Earle and William Cory should receive certain parcels of land for their use so long as they maintain a windmill for the town's usage. The mill was erected in 1668.[‡]

It is clear from Bristol's records that in addition to maintaining the mill, William farmed, for on December 5, 1667, he registered his brand with the town clerk, having used the brand for more than a decade: "The Eare marke of William Earl's cattell is a hapeny under the side of ye further Eare and a Slit on the Nere Eare, of 12 yeares standing."^Ω

In about the year 1670, William removed his young family to Dartmouth where they remained for several years, as evidenced by his ownership of some two thousand acres of land.[†] However, by 1691 he had returned to Portsmouth where the General Assembly held its election of General

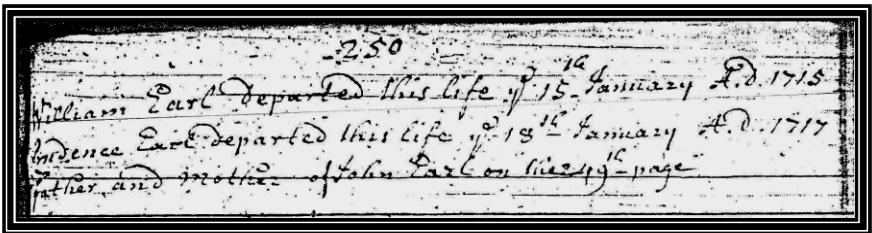
[†] Her *Mayflower* ancestry is discussed on p. 19, *supra*, at n. ‡.

[‡] John Osborne Austin, *supra*, p. 69.

^Ω Francis Bazley Lee, *Genealogical and Memorial History of the State of New Jersey* (New York: Lewis Historical Publishing Co., 1910), vol. 2, p. 496.

Officers of the Colony “at the house of William Earle, it being removed from Newport by reason of the distemper.” During the years 1704 and 1706 William was appointed a deputy from Portsmouth to the General Assemblies held at Providence and Newport.

William passed from this life at Portsmouth on January 15, 1713/4 (see illustration). He signed his will on November 13, 1713 as “William Earll.” It was proved February 8, 1713/4. His bequests included a brass milk pan to each of his daughters and daughters-in-law.[‡] His widow, Prudence, died at Portsmouth January 18, 1717 [6/7?].



MARY² EARLE (*Raulphe*,^A *Ralph*¹) was born probably about 1638, and almost certainly at Newport, Rhode Island, as there is no record of her baptism at St. Michael's Church in Bishop's Stortford, Hertfordshire, England.^Ω She married by about 1659, as her first husband, to (Capt.) William Cory who occupied himself as a carpenter and miller. Cory had a grant of eight acres at Portsmouth on December 19, 1657, and the following May 18 he was made a Freeman.[£] To their union were born ten children, surnamed *Cory*.[§]

† The assertion that he was a large land-owner is made in Amos Earle Voorhies, *supra*, p. 19, which states, “[c]opies of many conveyances both to and from him are upon record.” But this is an unusually large amount of land to be held by one person in colonial New England, and it seems more likely that William did not own all the property at the same time. Certainly at his death he was not possessed of such a large quantity of land holdings, as evidenced by the provisions of his will.

‡ His death date is from The Town Book of Records (Marriages, Birth & Deceases), Portsmouth, RI, p. 250 (LDS FHL Microfilm #946795), which, as seen in the illustration above, states erroneously, “William Earl departed this life ye 15th January A.D. 1715.” However, *Rhode Island Genealogical Register*, Vol. 3, No. 4 (April 1981), p. 366, indicates his will was written in 1713 and proved “8 of 12 month 1713/14,” and is correct. This author is in possession of a copy of the will, which clearly shows the dates as 1713 (will written) and 1713/4 (will proved).

Ω NYGBR 67:392.

£ John Osborne Austin, *supra*, p. 56

§ See n. † on next page.

John³ b. Portsmouth; d. betw. 12 May 1712 (will dtd.) and 14 Jul 1712 (w.p.), Kingstown, RI; m. by 1691 to Elizabeth ____ (d. aft. 15 Dec 1713); ch. (order uncertain): (i) William, b. c. 1682, m. Elizabeth ____; (ii) Anne, b. 16--., m. ____ Allen; (iii) Elizabeth, b. 16--.; (iv) John, b. c. 1687, m. Elizabeth ____; (v) Elisha, b. c. 1689, m. (1st) Ellen ____, m. (2nd) Mary ____; (vi) Dinah, b. c. 1691, m. Edward Card; (vii) Hopestill, b. c. 1692, m. Joseph Card; (viii) Anthony, b. bef. 1693, never marr.; (ix) Joseph, b. c. 1695, m. (1st) Rebecca ____, m. (2nd) Mary Baker; (x) Thomas, b. 1697, m. Elizabeth ____.

William d. betw. 14 May 1704 (will dtd.) and 4 Jun 1704 (w.p.), Portsmouth, RI; m. by 1687 to Martha Cook (d. 1704; dau. of John and Mary (Borden) Cook); ch. (i) Michael, b. 1688, m. Martha Moon; (ii) William, b. c. 1690, m. Deliverance Durfee; (iii) Thomas, m. Sarah Moon; (iv) Patience; (v) Mary; (vi) Amey; (vii) Sarah.

Mercy m. (1st) by 1693 to Cornelius Jones; m. (2nd) 17 Nov 1704 to Charles Gonzales; ch. (1st marr.), surnamed *Jones*: (i) Cornelius, b. 1693, m. Abigail ____; (ii) Ichabod, b. 1693; ch. (2nd marr.), surnamed *Gonzales*: (iii) Charles, b. 1705.

Anne m., as his 1st wife, to Robert Bennett (Jr.) (b. Mar 1650; d. 1722; son of Robert and Rebecca (____) Bennett); ch. (i) Caleb; (ii) Robert, m. ____ Almey;[‡] (iii) Joseph; (iv) John; (v) Anne; (vi) William; (vii) Mary; (viii) Job; (ix) Jonathan.

Thomas d. betw. 23 Sep 1734 (will dtd.) and 21 Mar 1738 [9?], Tiverton; m. (1st) ____; m. (2nd) 24 Feb 1732, Tiverton, to Susanna Taber (d. aft. 1734); ch. (1st marr.): (i) William; (ii) Philip, b. c. 1700-05, m. Hannah ____; (iii) Thomas Jr.; (iv) Patience, m. Samuel Cook; (v) Mary, m. Thomas Durfee; (vi) Sarah, m. Abraham Brown.

Margaret d. young.

Mary d. aft. 1726; m. Thomas Cook (d. 1726; son of John and Mary (Borden) Cook); ch. (dau. under 18 at father's death): (i) Stephen; (ii) Joseph; (iii) Chaplin; (iv) Deborah; (v) Mary; (vi) Amey.

Caleb d. soon bef. 19 Apr 1704 (inv.), Dartmouth, MA; m. by 1701 to Sarah ____ (d. aft. 1704); ch.: (i) Caleb.

Roger d. betw. 6 Jan 1753/4 (will dtd.) and 3 Jun 1754 (w.p.), Richmond, RI; m. (1st) by 1699 to ____; m. (2nd) 1 May 1718, Little Compton, to Remembrance (Potter) Dye, wid. of John Dye; ch. (1st marr.): (i) William; (ii) Caleb, b. 1699; (iii) Roger; (iv) Thomas; (v) Patience; (vi) Deliverance; ch. (2nd marr.): (vii) Samuel, b. 1720; (viii) Sarah, b. 1722; (ix) Rosanna, b. 1723, m. 1744 to Clement Weaver of Middletown, MA; (x) John, b. 1727; (xi) Content, b. 1729.

Joan m. ____ Taylor; *iss*.

† Information regarding William and Mary (Earle) Cory's children and their families is culled principally from Pliny Earle, *supra*, p. 25; John Osborne Austin, *supra*, pp. 56-57; William Field Reed, *The Descendants of Thomas Durfee of Portsmouth, RI*, 2 vols. (Washington, DC: Gibson Brothers, 1902), vol. 1, p. 38; William Richard Cutter, *supra*, vol. 1, p. 228, and vol. 4, p. 2286; Clarence Almon Torrey, *New England Marriages Prior to 1700* (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1985); Wayne Howard Miller Wilcox, "Five Unknown Children of John² and Elizabeth (____) Cory of Portsmouth and Kingstown, Rhode Island," in *Rhode Island Roots*, vol. 18, pp. 100-106; Benjamin Franklin Wilbour, *supra*, p. 252; *NEHGR* 48 (1894):75; *Abstracts of Bristol County, Massachusetts Probate Records, 1687-1745* (Baltimore: Clearfield Pub. Co., 1987), pp. 135, 283-284.

‡ It is unclear whether "Almey," wife of Robert Bennett (III), is her first or last name, or whether the name is a deviation of the forename "Amy," one that appears throughout this family.

William Cory was baptized May 21, 1634, at St. James Bristol, Gloucester, England and died February 8, 1681/2, at Portsmouth.[†] Mary took a second husband, Joseph Timberlake, son of Henry and Mary (____) Timberlake of Portsmouth. They were married about the year 1683. On January 23, 1691 [90/1], an agreement was recorded relative to their marriage, which clearly took place several years earlier. To their union was born an only daughter, surnamed *Timberlake*.[‡]

Sarah³ d. 7 Oct 1769, Newport; m. 13 Dec 1699, Portsmouth, to Thomas Jeoffries (b. 11 Apr 1679, Newport; d. 2 Sep 1761, Newport; son of Jethro and Mehitable Jeoffries of Newport); ch. (i) Thomas, b. 1701; (ii) Henry, b. 1703; (iii) Caleb, b. 1707; (iv) Jethro, b. 1709; (v) Mehitable, twin b. 1711; (vi) Mary, twin b. 1711; (vii) Sarah, b. 1714; (viii) Rebecca, b. 1717.

Joseph occupied himself as a cordwainer. In 1691 the family were of Little Compton. Mary (Earle) Cory Timberlake died at Portsmouth on March 22, 1718 [8/9 ?].^Ω

MARTHA² EARLE (*Raulphe*,^A *Ralph*^I) was born probably about 1640, and probably at Portsmouth, as there is no record of her baptism at St. Michael's Church in Bishop's Stortford, Hertfordshire, England, and her father had settled at Portsmouth by that year.[£] In or near the year 1662, she married William Wood of Portsmouth and of Dartmouth, Massachusetts. To their union were born ten children (order uncertain).[§]

[†] Jane Fletcher Fiske, "A Clue to the English Background of the Cor(e)y Family of Rhode Island," in *NEHGR* 145 (1991):122-24; Wayne Howard Miller Wilcox, "Further Notes on the English Home of the Cor(e)y Family of Rhode Island," in *NEHGR* 147 (1993):162-163.

[‡] The data concerning Thomas Jeoffries and Sarah Timberlake is culled from Pliny Earle, *supra*, p. 25; John Osborne Austin, *supra*, pp. 57, 204, 331; Clarence Almon Torrey, *supra*.

^Ω John Osborne Austin, *supra*, p. 204.

[£] *NEHGR* 67:392.

[§] Information regarding William and Martha (Earle) Wood's children and their families is culled from Pliny Earle, *supra*, p. 25; John Osborne Austin, *supra*, p. 69; John Sumner Wood, *The Wood Family Index* (1966), p. 546; *NEHGR* 60 (1906):400; *NEHGR* 56 (1902):321; *NEHGR* 22 (1868):67; *TAG* 19:226, 26:230; Gary Boyd Roberts, *Notable Kin*, 2 vols. (Santa Clarita, CA: Carl Boyer 3rd, 1999), vol. 2, p. 95; Dorothy Wood Ewers, *Descendants of John Wood...* (1978), vols. 4-6, p. 106, 127; George Grant Brownell, *Genealogical Record of the Descendants of Thomas Brownell* (Jamestown, NY: Martin Merz & Son, 1910), p. 48; Josephine C. Frost, *Ancestors of Evelyn Wood Keeler...* (Brooklyn, NY: by the author, 1939), pp. 10-13; Grace Williamson Edes, *William Ricketson, William Ricketson Jr., and Their Descendants* (Boston: by the author, 1917), pp. 12-16; Richard D. Sears, *Ancestors of William Goodell Frost and Eleanor (Marsh) Frost...* (Berea, KY: lulu.com, 2008), p. 400; Raymond L. Olson, *Ancestry of Elihu B. Gifford (1830-1898) and Catherine Sandow Barrows (1835-1917)...* (Baltimore: Gateway Press, 1989), p. 192; *Vital Records of Rochester, Massachusetts to the Year 1850*, 2 vols. (Boston: NEHGS, 1914), v. 2, p. 331; Arnold's *Vital Records of Rhode Island*, vol. 4, pt. 1, p. 164; Benjamin Franklin Wilbour, *supra*, pp. 781-2, which calls William⁴ Wood's wife "Ann Clarke, daughter of Latham and Hannah (Wilbour) Clarke."

Mary³ b. (calc.) 1664; d. 15 Dec 1721, in her 57th yr., Newport, RI; m. (1st) c. 1682 to Samuel Wilcox (d. bef. 9 Jun 1702; son of Daniel Wilcox and Elizabeth Cooke, who is referenced elsewhere in this article); m. (2nd) Thomas Mallet (b. c. 1649; d. 16 Jan 1704/5, in his 56th yr., Newport); m. (3rd) bef. 29 Nov 1715 to John Sanford of Newport; ch. (1st marr., surnamed *Wilcox*): (i) Jeremiah, b. 1683; (ii) William, b. 1685; (iii) Mary, b. 1688, m. Thomas Brooks.

William b. c. 1665; d. betw. 12 Dec 1748 (will dtd.) and 2 Mar 1756 (w.p.), Dartmouth or Taunton, MA; m. 1688 to Mary [Allen ?] (d. bef. 1748); ch. (i) Mary, d. y.; (ii) Rachel, twin b. 1691; (iii) William, twin b. 1691; m. (1st) Elizabeth ____; m. (2nd) Keziah ____; (iv) Isaac, m. Mary Potter; (v) Hannah, b. 1693, m. 1724/5 to Nicholas Davis; (vi) Jonathan, m. 1724 to Peace Davis; (vii) Jedediah, b. 1700, m. 1724/5 to Keziah Summers, dau. of John Summers of Dartmouth; (viii) Abigail, m. 1731/2 to Thomas Youen [or Uen]; (ix) Ruth, b. c. 1702, m. Abraham Stafford; (x) Meribah, m. (1st) Moses Sherman, m. (2nd) John Rone; (xi) Mary (again), b. 1712.

George b. c. 1667, Dartmouth; d. 15 Dec (or 25 Nov) 1742; m. 4 Dec 1717, Little Compton, to Ann Wilbore (b. 8 May 1686; dau. of Joseph Wilbore and Ann Brownell); ch. (i) William, b. 1720, m. Deborah Rogers; (ii) George, b. 1723, m. Sarah Davol.

Daniel d. bef. 7 Dec 1758 (w.p.), Dartmouth; m. (1st) 17 Oct 1705, Dartmouth, to Elizabeth Ricketson (b. 17 Sep 1685, Dartmouth; d. 11 Feb 1731/2, Dartmouth; dau. of William Ricketson and Elizabeth Mott); m. (2nd) 13 Mar 1737/8, Dartmouth, to Phebe Sherman; ch. (1st marr.): (i) William, b. 1706, m. (1st) Hannah Howland, m. (2nd) Mrs. Alice (Sherman) Stafford; (ii) Elizabeth, b. 1708/9, m. (1st) Joseph Smith, m. (2nd) John Stevens; (iii) Martha, b. 1712, m. John Cooke (son of Thomas and Mary Cooke); (iv) Rebecca, b. 1715, prob. never marr.; (v) Daniel Jr., b. 1720, m. Mary Wady; ch. (2nd marr.): (vi) Enos, b. 1739; *poss. others*.

Josiah d. 1711; presum. never marr.

Joseph b. c. 1680; rem. to Dutchess Co., NY.

Sarah

Margaret

John (or Jonathan), a minor under age 14 in 1697; not ment. in the final settlement of his parents' estates in 1701.

Rebecca b. 1689; d. 16 May 1745, Newport; m. (1st) 25 Mar 1708, Newport, to Charles Ware; m. (2nd) 5 Mar 1714/5 to Elisha Sanford (b. 24 Feb 1689/90, Portsmouth; d. poss. by c. 1728, or perh. he is the person of that name who m. 1750, Newport, to Priscilla Cheesborough, unless that be his son); ch. (2nd marr.), all b. Portsmouth, RI: (i) Thomas, b. 1715; (ii) Rebecca, b. 1718; (iii) Joshua, b. 1722; (iv) Francis, b. 1724; (v) Elisha, b. 1726.

William Wood served as a constable at Dartmouth, to which post he was appointed June 2, 1685. He otherwise occupied himself as a shoemaker.[†]

William Wood, who was born by 1634, died at Dartmouth between April 15, 1689 (will dated) and January 4, 1696/7 (inventory). Martha was living as late as 1689, but perhaps died soon after.[‡]

[†] Josephine C. Frost, *supra*, pp. 9-10.

[‡] *Id.* at 9; John Sumner Wood, *supra*.

SARAH² EARLE (*Raulphe*,^A *Ralph*¹) was born probably at Portsmouth about 1642. Her first husband was Thomas Cornell, with whom she had three children (surnamed *Cornell*):[†]

Mary³ m. Samuel Cranston (d. by 1726; son of Samuel Cranson and Mary Hart); ch., the girls perh. who are not of her body but of a subsequent wife of his:[‡] (i) Samuel; (ii) Thomas; (iii) Mary; (iv) Elizabeth.

Sarah b. c. 1668 (calc.); d. 16 Jan 1748/9, *aet* 80, Warren, RI; m. (1st) Zaccheus Butts (d. 1718, Little Compton, RI); m. (2nd) 25 Aug 1712, Swansea, MA to John Cole (d. 25 Jun 1748, Warren, RI); ch. (1st marr.): (i) Sarah; (ii) John, m. (1st) Susannah Wodell, m. (2nd) Mrs. Abigail (____) Moon; (iii) Mary; (iv) Abigail; (v) Elizabeth.

Innocent^Ω b. c. 1673, Portsmouth; m. Richard Borden (b. 24 Oct 1671, Portsmouth; d. 12 Jul 1732) [*see supra*]; ch. (i) Sarah, b. 1694, m. Robert Hazard; (ii) John; (iii) Thomas, b. 1697, m. Mary Gifford; (iv) Mary, m. Christopher Gifford (Jr.); (v) Joseph; (vi) Samuel, b. 1705, m. Peace Mumford; (vii) Rebecca.

Thomas Cornell, who was baptized at Saffron Walden, Essex, England on October 21, 1627, was hanged on May 23, 1673, having been accused, tried and convicted of the murder of his mother, the widow Rebecca Cornell.[£]

Sarah married secondly, probably in the year 1677, to David Lake (son of Henry and Alice (____) Lake of Dorchester, Portsmouth, Warwick and Dartmouth), who was born about the year 1646. In 1667, David enlisted in a troop of horse at Portsmouth, and he was made a freeman at Portsmouth on February 27, 1668/9. He served under Capt. Church in King Philip's War. In 1676, records show he sold Indian captives to the town of Portsmouth.

† Information regarding Thomas and Sarah (Earle) Cornell's children and their families is culled from James Raywalt, "Thomas & Rebecca Cornell of Massachusetts, Rhode Island and New York, and Some of Their Descendants," in *The Lively Experiment* 6:1 (2006):5-6, 15; Ray Greene Huling, "A Genealogical Find," in *Publications of the Rhode Island Historical Society* (New Series, Providence, RI: by the Society, 1894), v. 2, pp. 244-45; *Representative Men and Old Families of Southeastern Massachusetts* (Chicago: J.H. Beers & Co., 1912), vol. 2, p. 1228; John Cornell, *Genealogy of the Cornell Family* (New York: T.A. Wright, 1902), p. 25; John Osborne Austin, *supra*, pp. 34, 60; Arnold's RIVR, 6:2:98; TAG 58 (1982):79; TAG 12 (1935):24 n.

‡ Evidence for the conclusion that Mary Cornell was married to Samuel Cranston is found in the will of Samuel Cranston (Sr.), dated 17 Mar 1726 and proved 1 May 1727. In it, he bequeaths to the "two sons of deceased son Samuel, viz: Samuel and Thomas, having had estate bequeathed by their grandfather, Thomas Cornell..." Later in that same will, he also makes bequests to two daughters of his deceased son. However, the testator refers elsewhere to his "daughter-in-law Elizabeth Cranston, widow of Samuel..." leading us to conclude that if we suppose correctly about the marriage between Samuel and Mary, either Samuel had a second wife or the testator misidentified her by name. See John Osborne Austin, *supra*, p. 60.

Ω She is often erroneously called Innocent Wardwell or Wodell. See, e.g., *Representative Men and Old Families of Southeastern Massachusetts*, *supra*, vol. 2, p. 1228; and see Hattie Borden Weld, *Historical and Genealogical Record of the Descendants as Far as Known of Richard and Joan Borden...* (1899), p. 66.

£ The death of Rebecca Cornell and the circumstances surrounding the accusation, trial, conviction and execution of her son Thomas for her murder are addressed in Elaine Forman Crane, *Killed Strangely: The Death of Rebecca Cornell* (Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 2002).

David and Sarah (Earle) Lake had five children (surnamed *Lake*):[†]

Sarah³ (again) b. 10 May 1678; m. c. 1698 to Josiah Stafford; they were called to court for fornication prior to marriage.

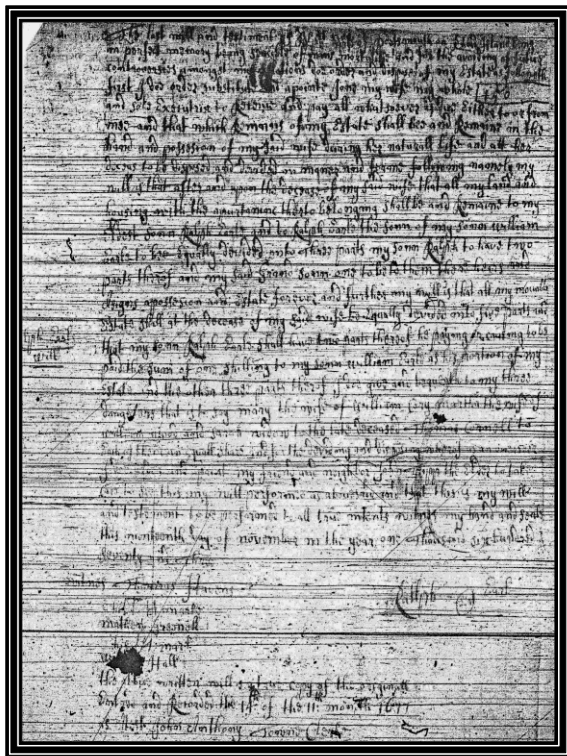
David b. 2 Jun 1679, Portsmouth; d. 4 Aug 1767, Portsmouth; m. c. 1700 to Mary Wilcox (b. 25 Feb 1682/3, Portsmouth; d. aft. 4 Aug 1767; dau. of Daniel Wilcox and Hannah Cook); ch. (i) Hannah; (ii) Sarah; (iii) Amy; (iv) Elizabeth, b. c. 1706; (v) Martha; (vi) Abigail; (vii) Mary; (viii) Ruth; (ix) Innocent; (x) Daniel.

Jonathan b. 30 Dec 1681, Little Compton.

Joel b. 30 Jan 1683/4, Little Compton; d. soon bef. 21 Oct 1735 (w.p.); m. Sarah Bailey (d. aft. 1735; dau. of Edward and Frances Bailey of Newport); ch. (i) David, b. 1705, m. Sarah Craw; (ii) Jonathan, m. Abigail Craw; (iii) Giles; (iv) Jeremiah; (v) Hannah; (vi) Edward; (vii) Joel Jr.; (viii) Caleb; (ix) Joseph; (x) Sarah, m. William Tripp.

Joseph b. 15 Jun 1690, Little Compton.

On August 29, 1696, David purchased 1/8 of a half share at Tiverton from Ralph Earle for £40.[‡] Sarah died at Tiverton after January 28, 1704/5, when she is referred to in a deed as “now wife of David Lake.” David died at Tiverton after June 15, 1709, when he conveyed land at Dorchester to Zaccheus Butts for £3.^Ω



The Last Will and Testament of Ralph¹ Earle, dated November 19, 1673



[†] Information regarding David and Sarah (Earle) (Cornell) Lake's children and their families is culled from Pliny Earle, *supra*, p. 26; John Osborne Austin, *supra*, p. 118; TAG 19 (1942):28, 225-26; TAG 12 (1935):17-24, at 20-21; TAG 27 (1951):220; Benjamin Franklin Wilbour, *Little Compton Families*, vol. 1 (Baltimore: Clearfield Publishing Co., 1967), pp. 391-392, and this source should be used with caution.

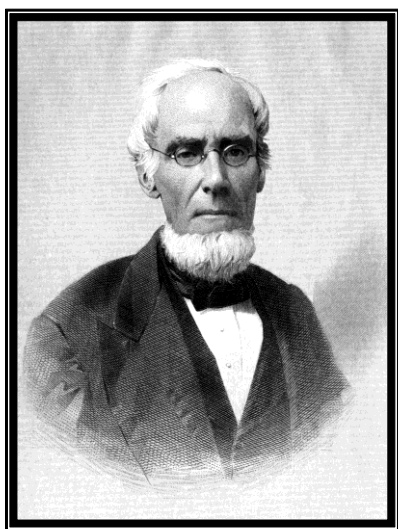
[‡] John Osborne Austin, *supra*, p. 118.

^Ω TAG 12 (1935):17-24, at 21-22.

SOME NOTABLE AMERICAN DESCENDANTS OF RALPH² EARLE AND JOAN SAVAGE

Alexander Bannerman

In addition to some of our members, among the descendants of Ralph¹ Earle and Joan Savage are several notable American figures. They include inventor Gail Borden, First Lady Frances (Folsom) Cleveland (twice descended), screen actress Marilyn Monroe (twice descended), and the infamous Lizzie Borden (descended four times).[†] As with many early colonial families, intermarriage frequently occurred among the Earles. The result is endogamous descent behind a great number of their progeny. Like Marilyn Monroe and Frances Folsom Cleveland, the author is also twice descended from Ralph and Joan. The descents of each of these four notables are treated here.



Gail Borden, American Inventor
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Gail Borden (1801-1874), American inventor, developed condensed milk and the meat biscuit. Beyond his inventions, his career was impressive, to say the least. He served as a delegate to the convention that petitioned the Mexican Government for separation of Texas in 1833. In 1835, he and his brother Thomas established the first newspaper in the Texas colony. His development of the “meat biscuit” won him the Great Council Medal at the 1852 World’s Fair in London. In 1856 he secured his patent to produce “concentrated sweet milk by evaporation in vacuo, the same having no sugar or other

foreign matter mixed with it.” His condensed milk was used extensively by the Army and the Navy during the Civil War. Finally, in 1862, Borden developed a process whereby the juice of fruits such as apples, currants and grapes could be reduced to 1/7 their original volume.[‡]

[†] In addition to those featured, also descended is the late Admiral Ralph Earle, former President of Worcester Polytechnic Institute and an alumnus of the Annapolis Naval Academy. No doubt, there are many other notables as well.

[‡] These facts are culled from James Grant Wilson, *et al.*, *Appleton’s Cyclopaedia of American Biography* (New York: D. Appleton & Co., 1887), vol. 1 (Aaron-Crandall), p. 321.

Gail Borden's descent from Ralph¹ Earle and Joan Savage is as follows:†

William² Earle m. (1st) Mary Walker; their dau. Mary Earle m. John Borden; their son John Borden (Jr.) m. Hannah Allen; their son John Borden (III) m. Mary Peters; their son Gail Borden m. Mary Knowlton; their son Gail Borden (Jr.) m. Philadelphia Wheeler; their son was Gail Borden (III), the Inventor.

When then-bachelor (Stephen) Grover Cleveland moved into the White House in March 1885 as the 22nd U.S. President, he was joined by his sister Rose who served as his White House Hostess for state dinners and other functions. She acted in this capacity for the first year of his Presidency.

In 1885, the daughter of his friend Oscar Folsom visited the President. After returning to school at Wells College in New York, Cleveland received permission from Mrs. Folsom to correspond with her daughter. Soon thereafter, they were engaged, and despite the 27-year difference in their ages, Frances's parents were in favor of the union. **Frances Clara Folsom (1864-1947)** married the President in the Blue Room of the White House on June 2, 1886, making her the First Lady of the United States. At the age of 21, she remains the youngest person in history to hold that office. Among their descendants is their granddaughter, British philosopher **Philippa Ruth Bosanquet Foote**



First Lady Frances (Folsom) Cleveland
credit: Library of Congress

(1920-2010), most noted for her works in virtue ethics. Philippa is the daughter of the Cleverlands' daughter, Esther, by Sir Frederick Albert Bosanquet, Common Sergeant of London.‡

† His descent is culled from Gary Boyd Roberts, *Notable Kin*, 2 vols. (Santa Clarita, CA: Carl Boyer 3rd, 1999), vol. 2, pp. 92, 94, 103; Evylene Anderson Canup, "Family History: Focus on the Borden," in *The Lively Experiment*, vol. 4, no. 2 (2002), pp. 13-19.

‡ These facts are culled from an extensive article on the Internet at www.wikipedia.org.

President Cleveland died in 1908, and in 1913, Frances married Thomas J. Preston, Jr. The mother of five Cleveland children, she died in Baltimore in 1947.

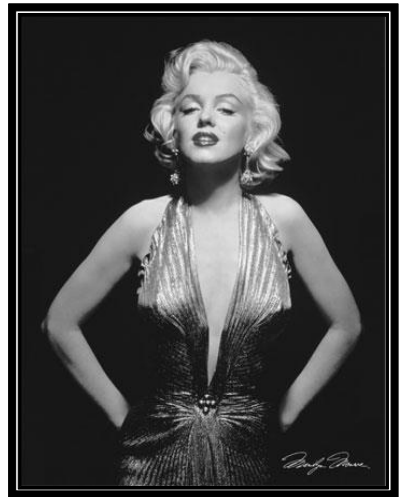
First Lady Frances Clara Folsom Cleveland descends twice from Ralph[†] Earle and Joan Savage, as follows:‡

William² Earle m. (1st) Mary Walker; their dau. Mary Earle m. John Borden; their son Richard Borden m. Innocent Cornell; their dau. Sarah Borden m. Robert Hazard; their dau. Mary Hazard m. Stephen Champlin; their son Stephen Champlin (Jr.) m. Dinah Browning; their son Stephen Champlin (III) m. Elizabeth Perry; their dau. Mercy Champlin m. James Rogers; their dau. Ruth Haywood Rogers m. Elisha Harmon; their dau. Emma Cornelia Harmon m. Oscar Folsom; their dau. was Frances Clara Folsom, the First Lady.

Sarah² Earle m. (1st) Thomas Cornell (Jr.); their dau. Innocent Cornell m. Richard Borden, as above.

Born Norma Jeane Mortenson at Los Angeles, California, “blonde-bombshell” actress, model and singer **Marilyn Monroe (1926-1962)** was baptized Norma Jeane Baker. Her paternity has long been questioned, but in 1990, an article appearing in the *NEHGS NEXUS Magazine* (vol. 7, pp. 64-68) discussed at length her probable paternity through Charles Stanley Gifford.‡

Marilyn rose to fame in the 1950s with her film career, getting her big break with the role of “Miss Casswell” in the movie *All About*



Marilyn Monroe, American Actress
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† Mrs. Cleveland’s descents are culled from Alexander Bannerman, *Executive Papers* (Washington, DC: Bowie, MD and Charleston, WV: 2004 -), vol. 6 (2009), pp. 29.

‡ Her birth certificate, certified 29 years after she was born, indicates her father’s name is Edward Mortenson, a misspelling and misrepresentation of the actual Martin Edward Mortensen. There are several reasons why his being her father is highly improbable, many of which are discussed in a brief biographical study on the Internet at www.wikipedia.org.

Eve, where she played opposite Bette Davis, Anne Baxter, George Sanders and Celeste Holm. Although director Darryl Zanuck initially thought she was more suited to comedy, Marilyn's agent lobbied for her to get the role. Any of us who have seen the movie – and what self-respecting American has not done – know no one could have been more perfect for the part. Among her other notable performances are “Harriet” in *As Young as You Feel* (1951), “Lois Laurel” in *Monkey Business* (1952), “Nell Forbes” in *Don't Bother to Knock* (1952), “Lorelei Lee” in *Gentlemen Prefer Blondes* (1953), “Pola Debevoise” in *How to Marry a Millionaire* (1953), “The Girl” in *The Seven Year Itch* (1955), “Chérie” in *Bus Stop* (1956), and “Sugar Kane” in *Some Like It Hot* (1959).

Marilyn was a presenter at the Academy Awards in 1951, and was nominated for a Golden Globe Award in 1956 and again in 1959 for her performances in *Bus Stop* and *Some Like It Hot*, respectively. In addition, she received an Oscar nomination for her performance in *Some Like It Hot*, and while she did not win the Academy Award, she did take home a Golden Globe Award for that performance.

To these accolades must be added the fact that her face is immediately recognizable. As a model, her image appeared on dozens of magazine covers, including *Look* in 1952 and again in 1953. Even 50 years after her death, any one of several sultry images captured by the camera can occasionally be seen in one form or another in the printed media.

Marilyn was married three times: in 1942 to James Dougherty, a policeman from whom she was divorced in 1946; in 1954 to professional baseball star Joe DiMaggio, whom she divorced later the same year, and in 1956 to American playwright Arthur Miller, from whom she was divorced in 1961. She is also rumored to have had affairs with actor Yves Montand, President John Kennedy, Senator Robert Kennedy and actor Marlon Brando. On August 5, 1962, at the age of 36, her life was lost to suicide from a drug overdose.†

Through her probable father, Marilyn Monroe descends twice from Ralph Earle and Joan Savage, as follows:‡

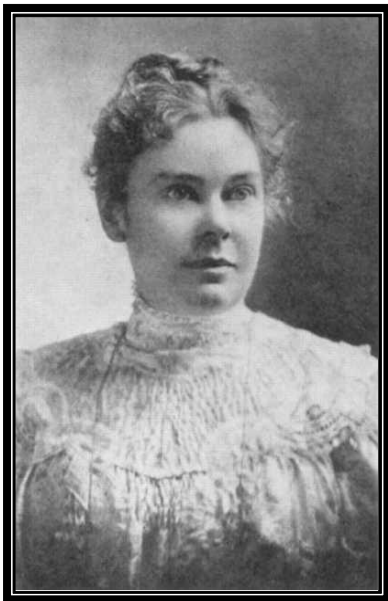
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William² Earle m. (1st) Mary Walker; their dau. Mary Earle m. John Borden; their son Richard Borden m. Innocent Cornell; their dau. Mary Borden m. Christopher Gifford; their son Christopher Gifford m. Deborah Howland; their son Abner Gifford m. Thankful Dunham; their son John Allen Gifford m. Lydia F. Tomkins; their son Charles Adams Gifford m. Susan Almy; their son Frederick Almy Gifford m. Elizabeth Tennant; their son Charles Stanley Gifford who did not m. Gladys Pearl (Monroe) Mortenson; their dau. was Norma Jean Mortenson, aka Marilyn Monroe, the Actress.

Sarah² Earle m. (1st) Thomas Cornell (Jr.); their dau. Innocent Cornell m. Richard Borden, as above.

Lizzie Andrew Borden (1860-1927) was the central figure in the unsolved and brutal murder of her wealthy father and step-mother, whose bodies were discovered in their home in Fall River, Massachusetts. Although she was charged and tried for their murders, Lizzie was found innocent because the court could not prove her guilt beyond doubt. Despite her acquittal, she became a social pariah, and never married. At the time, the event was considered so shocking and significant, even *The New York Times* reported it on August 5, 1892. Speculation about her involvement in the crimes continues to the present day.



Anyone who has studied Americana, even briefly, will recall the children's jump-rope rhyme memorializing the event. It later evolved to be sung to the tune of "Ta-ra-ra-boom-de-ay":

Lizzie Borden took an axe
Gave her mother forty whacks.
When she saw what she had done
She gave her father forty-one.

The notorious Lizzie Andrew Borden, 1889
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† Her descents are culled from Gary Boyd Roberts, *Notable Kin*, 2 vols. (Santa Clarita, CA: Carl Boyer 3rd, 1999), vol. 2, pp. 134-140.

Lizzie Borden descends four times from Ralph¹ Earle and Joan Savage, as follows:†

Ralph¹ Earle m. Joan Savage; their son William² Earle m. (1st) Mary Walker; their dau. Mary Earle m. John Borden; their son Richard Borden m. Innocent Cornell; their son Thomas Borden m. Mary Gifford; their son Richard Borden m. Hope Cooke; their son Richard Borden (Jr.) m. Martha Bowen; their son Abraham Bowen Borden m. Phoebe Davenport; their son Andrew Jackson Borden m. (1st) Sarah Anthony Morse; their dau. was Elizabeth "Lizzie" Andrew Borden.

Sarah² Earle m. (1st) Thomas Cornell (Jr.); Innocent Cornell m. Richard Borden, as above.

Mary² Earle m. (1st) William Cory; their dau. Mary Cory m. Thomas Cooke; their son Joseph Cooke m. Patience ____; their dau. Hope Cooke m. Richard Borden, as above.

Martha² Earle m. William Wood; their son Daniel Wood m. Elizabeth Ricketson; their dau. Martha Wood m. John Cooke; their dau. Hannah Cooke m. Nathan Bowen; their dau. Martha Bowen m. Richard Borden (Jr.), as above.

Research on the descendants of Ralph¹ and Joan Savage is an ongoing project by the Editor. Should our readers know of other notable figures who find descent from this couple, the Editor would welcome being made aware.



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Meeting Minutes

The 19th Annual Meeting October 11, 2008

Governor General Harold Winthrop Sands called the meeting to order at 12:45 p.m. on Saturday, 11 October 2008 at the Atlantic Beach Club, Middletown, RI. A quorum was declared present.

Those present in addition to the Governor General were Deputy Governor General and Treasurer General Michael Raymond Northup, Secretary General Thomas Edward Bird, Historian General Marilyn Long, Past Governor General Peter Arrott Dixon and his wife, Joan, Founding Governor and Past Governor General C. Owen Johnson, Past Governor General Elmer Hall Palmer and his wife, Ann. Honored guests included Paul Davis, General President of the Sons of the Revolution and his wife, Nancy, Frank Hale, RI State President of the Sons of the Revolution and his wife, Carol, and Bruce C. Macgunnigle, State President of the Sons of the American Revolution.

After the Pledge of Allegiance and the invocation, dinner was served. After dessert had been served, the Governor General welcomed the assembly and thanked Deputy Governor Northup for arranging an extremely varied and interesting program.

On behalf of the membership, Past Governor General Dixon expressed his satisfaction and gratitude to our Editor of *The Lively Experiment*, Mary Ruth Northrop, and our Registrar, James Kevin Raywalt, for the recent issue, Volume 7, number 1, and singled out Theresa Knowles-Northup Caparco for

her efforts in preserving Northup history in New York State, and our Associate Editor and Designer, Stephanie Schlick, for her remarkable article, "From RI to NY: William Northup, Ann Slcoum, and Their Descendants."

Secretary General Bird presented the minutes of the 13 October 2007 Annual Meeting in North Kingstown, RI and of the 15 April 2008 Spring Luncheon at the Army and Navy Club in Washington, DC. Both sets of minutes were accepted unanimously.

Treasurer General Northup presented his report (attached). He proposed donations to the following institutions and organizations: RI Historical Society, John Clarke Society, Newport Historical Society, RI Genealogical Society, Pettaquamscutt Historical Society, Jamestown Historical Society, and Smith's Castle. His proposals were accepted unanimously.

Registrar General Raywalt was unable to be present but submitted his report (attached), indicating nine new members have been approved during the last twelve months and that four deaths and one resignation have been reported. A total of 173 members are currently active. An electronic version of our membership application is available online.

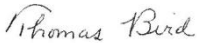
Historian General Long made available to the members a notebook/scrapbook which she has compiled – data, documents and photographs – that was much appreciated by those present.

In addition to those mentioned above, members (and their guests) in attendance were Gayle and Don Coan, Neal Holland Duncan,

Michael and Ruth Lewis Griffin, Jean and Frank Hassell, Josephine and Robert C. Hassard, Mary-Elizabeth and George Marshall, Joyce and Robert Payton.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Thomas E. Bird
Secretary General



The 20th Annual Meeting October 9-10, 2009

The annual business meeting was conducted in two parts, the first at Deputy Governor General Northup's home in North Kingstown, RI and the second at Bay Voyage Inn on Jamestown Island. A quorum was declared present at each session.

The Officers present were: Governor General Harold Winthrop Sands, Deputy Governor General and Treasurer General Michael R. Northup, Secretary General Thomas E. Bird, Historian General Marilyn "Lynn" M. Long, Registrar General James K. Raywalt, Founding Governor General C. Owen Johnson and Past Governor General Peter Arrott Dixon.

Governor General Sands called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, October 9, 2009. He began with warm words of thanks to Deputy Governor General Northup and Darlene Godin for their generosity and organizational skills in putting together such a rewarding weekend. He called attention to the historical notebook compiled by Historian General Long and thanked her for her valuable contribution.

He proposed for the membership's consideration awards to Past Governors, ROTC candidates, National Guard members, citizens who have made outstanding contributions to the community and the state, and societies whose role is to preserve the historical past. He announced that he would nominate a committee to decide on recipients of these awards.

Secretary General Bird presented the October 11, 2008 minutes of the 19th Annual Meeting of the Order. Nancy Ann Davis moved and Sue Ann Shreve seconded a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Accepted unanimously.

Treasurer General Northup distributed several documents (attached) detailing the Order's excellent financial situation. Robert C. Hassard moved and Marjorie Hassell seconded a motion to accept the report with thanks. Accepted unanimously.

At 7:15 p.m. the Governor General pronounced the meeting suspended until Saturday.

The second session was called to order at 7:45 p.m. on Saturday, October 10, 2009. The Governor General offered an invocation and Registrar General Raywalt called to remembrance the members who have died during the last twelve months, viz: Stuart Waterman, Martha Osa Wheeler Cole, Ruth Louise Larsen Aubuchon, Albert Osmond Coates, Thomas Nathan Clark, Ronald Eugene Yielding, Clifton Rowland Brooks, Sr., Cheryl Virginia Moore McCloskey, Barbara Jean Wesslen Davidson and Ralph Carpenter. He announced that two new members have been approved during the past twelve months: John Michael Phelps and Elizabeth Luana Kortum. Two membership applications are pending approval.

The Registrar General noted that since the Order's founding, 242 members have been approved, including 3 founders and 1 honorary member; 164 members are currently

active; 1 member is listed as “missing.” The electronic version of our membership application, printed instructions, and informational brochure have been well received.

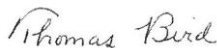
The Order’s fourth membership directory was completed by the Registrar General and mailed to all active members. The Governor General thanked the Registrar General on behalf of the officers and members for his exemplary efforts.

The Governor General introduced several guests who were present and then introduced James Wermuth, Executive Director of John Clark Society, who delivered a most interesting address on the life and career of John Clark, the author of Rhode Island’s royal Charter of 1663, which document, granted by King Charles II, acquired civil protection for religious freedom and separation of church and state for the first time in history.

Members of the Order were invited to stand and announce their Rhode Island ancestor(s).

The Governor General pronounced the second session of the business meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. and dinner was served.

Respectfully submitted,



Thomas E. Bird
Secretary General



The 21st Annual Meeting December 29, 2010

The annual business meeting was conducted by conference call in lieu of the previously scheduled sessions of October 15 and 16, 2010 in Litchfield, CT when a quorum was not present.

Participating officers were Governor General Harold Winthrop Sands, Deputy Governor Michael R. Northup, Secretary General Thomas E. Bird and Past Governor General Peter Arrott Dixon.

Governor General Sands convened the meeting at 11:05 a.m. on Wednesday, December 29, 2010.

- He suggested, in view of our sister New England hereditary societies having scheduled their meetings during the week of October 9, that our 2011 Annual Meeting take place on Friday, September 30, Saturday, October 1, and Sunday, October 2, 2011 and he offered to take main responsibility for local arrangements. Deputy Governor Northup offered to advise and assist as needed.
- The possibility was discussed of a February or March reception being held for potential members in the Rhode Island area.
- Governor Sands will explore the possibility of an advertisement about OFFRIPP being included in the Rhode Island Society of Colonial Wars newsletter.
- He will discuss the development of a website with Mr. Shore.
- He appointed Past Governor General Dixon to chair a Nominating Committee to recommend a slate of officers for the 2011-2013 term.
- He will notify Mrs. Schlick that the material she has in hand for the next issue of *The Lively Experiment* may go to press.

Past Governor General Dixon suggested that our FFRI meeting during Heritage Week in Washington, DC, be held on Friday, April 15, 2001. Governor Sands indicated his intention to attend. He suggested that Friday evening, September 30, 2011, might serve as an opportunity to invite potential members from

the Rhode Island vicinity to join us for dinner. He recommended that Past Governor Owen Johnson's informative brochure be made available for distribution in April and in September. He further recommended that we foregather at the Hamilton Village Inn in Kingstown, RI as we have in previous years.

Treasurer General Northup gave the following report on the Order's financial situation: There is \$15,000 in the FFRI CD account; we have \$2,000 in liquidity; a dues notice will be sent out early in 2011. When the dues have been received, benefactions will be sent out. Governor General Sands proposed that the John Clarke Society be included. The proposal was unanimously accepted. Treasurer General Northup indicated that the pressure of his business will make it necessary for him to relinquish the post of Treasurer General in the Fall of 2011.

Registrar General Raywalt submitted by mail the report he had prepared for our October meeting. Covering the period October 1, 2009 through October 12, 2010, he noted that eleven new members have been approved and that four members have died. A total of 167 members are currently active. He has prepared materials for the next issue of *The Lively Experiment*. He recommended that a committee be appointed to develop and complete a web page for the Order.

Secretary General Bird announced that the Registrar General has indicated he is willing to serve in that capacity until the Fall of 2011. At that time he would like to have a successor in place.

Honorary Member Stephanie Schlick has indicated she is willing to assist the successor-Editor to the late Mary Ruth Northrup, but that she would like to be relieved of her present full responsibility for *The Lively Experiment*.

The minutes of the October 9-10, 2009 meeting, having been previously distributed, were unanimously accepted.

It was agreed that applications will be solicited for the positions of Treasurer, Registrar and Editor and will be included in the dues notice, and further, that attendees will be canvassed during our luncheon and meeting in Washington in April.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Governor General Sands pronounced the meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Bird

Thomas E. Bird
Secretary General



The 22nd Annual Meeting October 1, 2011

The annual business meeting was convened by Governor General Harold W. Sands at the Atlantic Beach Club in Middletown, RI, at 1:35 p.m. on Saturday, October 1, 2011. A quorum was declared present. He led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Those present in addition to the Governor General were Deputy Governor General and Treasurer General Michael R. Northup, Secretary General Thomas E. Bird, Historian General Marilynn "Lynn" M. Long, Registrar General Alexander Bannerman, Founding Governor General C. Owen Johnson and Past Governor General Peter Arrott Dixon.

Secretary General Bird distributed the December 29, 2010 minutes of the 21st Annual Meeting of the Order, conducted by conference call. Robert Hassard moved and Peter Dixon seconded the motion to accept the minutes as presented. Accepted unanimously.

Registrar General Bannerman called to remembrance our members who have died

during the past two years. He announced that new members have been approved during that time and that several applications are pending approval.

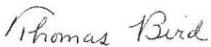
The Governor General introduced the members and guests who were present and then members were invited to stand and announce the name of their Rhode Island ancestor(s).

A discussion ensued, led by the Governor General and Past Governor General Dixon concerning the present status and future plans for the Order.

The Nominating Committee presented its proposed slate of officers, followed by elections. Those elected were: Governor General Harold Winthrop Sands, Deputy Governor General Michael R. Northup, Secretary General Thomas E. Bird, Treasurer General Robert Hassard, Historian General Jean Hacker.

At 2:20 p.m., the Governor General pronounced the 22nd Annual Meeting adjourned and lunch was served.

Respectfully submitted,



Thomas E. Bird
Secretary General



The 23rd Annual Meeting October 1, 2012

The Annual Business Meeting convened at Sonoma Grill, North Kingstown, RI.

The Officers present were: Governor General Harold Winthrop Sands, Deputy Governor General Michael R. Northup, Secretary General Thomas E. Bird, Treasurer General

Robert Hassard, Historian General Jean Hacker, Founding Governor General C. Owen Johnson, Past Governor General Peter Arrott Dixon and his wife, Joan, and Past Governor General Elmer Hall Palmer and his wife, Ann.

Governor General Sands called the meeting to order at 11:50 a.m. on Saturday, October 22, 2012. A quorum was declared present.

The Governor General raised issues surrounding the 2013 Annual Meeting. The decision was taken by consensus that that meeting shall be held at Wakefield, RI.

Secretary General Bird read the October 2, 2011 minutes of the 22nd Annual Meeting of the Order. Michael Northup moved and Robert Hassard seconded the motion to accept the minutes as presented. Accepted unanimously.

Treasurer General Hassard distributed copies of his report. Thomas Bird moved and Jean Hacker seconded the motion to accept the report as presented. Accepted unanimously.

The Treasurer General announced that during the past year we have recorded two resignations, five new Life Members (for a total of 95 Life Members); and 76 Annual Members for a total membership of 171. No applications are pending.

A motion was made to decide on the procedure for dealing with members who have not paid their annual dues. The motion was tabled.

Governor General Sands proposed that the Order purchase \$5,000 worth of gold. Past Governor General Dixon seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

The Deputy Governor announced that a contribution of \$300 has been sent to the Oliver Hazzard Perry Foundation.

The Treasurer General proposed, by motion, that a contribution of \$50 be sent to each of

the following institutions: The John Clarke Society, Cocummcossac (Smith's Castle), Gilbert Stuart's birthplace; The Island of Jamestown, RI Historical Society; Newport Historical Society; Pettaquamscutt Historical Society; Rhode Island Genealogical Society; Rhode Island Historical Society. The motion was seconded by the Deputy Governor General. Approved unanimously.

Governor General Sands asked all present to introduce themselves.

Deputy Governor Northup nominated Historian General Jean Hacker to be Registrar General. Secretary General Bird seconded the motion. Mrs. Hacker graciously agreed and was elected unanimously.

Past Governor General Dixon indicated that former Registrar General Alexander Bannerman would serve the Order as Editor of *The Lively Experiment*.

There being no further business, the Governor General pronounced the 23rd Annual Meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m. Luncheon followed.

Respectfully submitted,



Thomas E. Bird
Secretary General



The 24th Annual Meeting October 5, 2013

The Annual Meeting convened at Sonoma Grill, North Kingstown, RI.

The Officers present were: Governor General Harold Winthrop Sands, Secretary General Thomas E. Bird, Treasurer General Robert Hassard, Registrar/Historian General Jean C. Hacker, Past Governor General Peter Arrott

Dixon and his wife, Joan, Past Governor General Elmer Hall Palmer and his wife, Ann.

Governor General Sands called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

Secretary General Bird read the minutes of the 23rd Annual Meeting (2012) of the Order. Sue Ann Gardner Shreve moved and Patricia A. Babbitt seconded a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Accepted unanimously.

Treasurer General Hassard distributed copies of his report. He detailed checkbook balance, CD balance, and total assets. He noted a \$100.00 donation from Life Member Charles W. Neuhauser. Past Governor General Hall moved and Richard Palmer seconded a motion to accept with thanks the report as submitted. Accepted unanimously.

It was proposed that our usual donations be made to: Newport Historical Society, Rhode Island Historical Society, Rhode Island Genealogical Society, Smith's Castle (Cocummcossac). These benefactions were moved by Past Governor General Dixon and seconded by Registrar/Historian General Jean Hacker. Approved unanimously.

Registrar General Jean Hacker reported that eight new members have been approved. Four supplementals have been approved. Nine annual members have converted to Life membership.

The Registrar General called to remembrance six members who have died since our last Annual Meeting, viz.:

Our long-time Chaplain General, Rev.
Donald Gene Patterson
Nadine Lois Campbell Brunhofer
Viola Clara Ivins Kiely
Marion Carson Rood
Ann Elizabeth Louise Dannelly
Jean Fletcher Long Yates

Wesley Wilde Babbitt moved and Thomas Bird seconded a motion to accept with thanks the Registrar's report. Approved unanimously.

The Governor General invited the members to introduce themselves and name their Rhode Island ancestor(s).

Harold W. Sands and Peter A. Dixon presented certificates of appreciation to:

Perry Lewis, Vice-Chairman SSV, Oliver Hazzard Perry

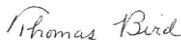
Nancy Parker Wilson, Director, Greenvale Vineyards

A certificate of Honorary Membership in our Order was presented to:

Henry G. Anderson, Jr., who also received an Order tie and rosette.

There being no further business to come before the membership, the Governor General declared the Twenty-fourth Annual Meeting of the Order adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Thomas E. Bird
Secretary General



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Deaths Reported to the Order since the last issue of *The Lively Experiment*

Ralph William Allen, #C69, 4 Jun 2013
Ruth Louise Larsen Aubuchon, #C-68 (Life), 1 Aug 2008
Rev. Dr. Dixon A. Barr, #C-27 (Life), 16 Oct 2009
Clifton Rowland Brooks, Sr., MD, #C-71 (Life), 8 May 2009
Nadine Lois Campbell Brunhofer, #180 (Life), 27 Jul 2012
Thomas Nathan Clark, #C-51, 17 Oct 2008
Albert Osmond Coates, #110, 15 Jun 2008
Martha Osa Wheeler Cole, #C-32 (Life), 26 Jul 2007
Ann Elizabeth Merritt Corson, #161, 11 Nov 2010
Elizabeth Louise Dannelly, #C-84, 9 Jan 2010
Barbara Jean Wesslen Davidson, #C94, Jul 2009
Mary Jean Westcot Doores, #182, 25 Nov 2009
BG Michael Joseph Lenihan Greene, #C18, 15 Jun 2012
Joan Eileen Butts Keller, #159 (Life), 16 Mar 2011
Viola Clara Ivins Kiely, #C-77 (Life), 3 Sep 2009
William Schilling Lutz, #C-79
Cheryl Virginia Moore McCloskey, #237, 11 Jun 2009
Mary Ruth Northrop, #C70, 16 Sep 2010
Rev. Donald Gene Patterson, #C37, 20 Apr 2013
Marion Elizabeth Carson Rood, #121, 2009
C. Dexter Schierenbeck, #C81, 5 Oct 2009
William Leslie Simonds, #114, 7 Feb 2005
Thomas Mayhew Smith, #C47 (Life), 31 Dec 2009
Patricia Jane Scruggs Trolinger, #201, 31 Aug 2010
Stuart Waterman, #141, 27 Mar 2003
Herbert Godfrey Webb, #C-40, 21 May 2009
Jean Fletcher Long Yates, #C-19, 22 Aug 2007
Ronald Eugene Yielding, #160, 19 Mar 2009

Please Help Us Find Our Missing Members!

Florence Habeeb Cordell-Reeh (Mrs. Francis P.M.), #C29 (Life)
Victor John Gaba, #220
Michael Glenn Gaba, #221
Elizabeth Annette Stuart Hadden (Mrs. Raymond D.), #128

Welcome!

to our New Members who have joined our Order since the last issue of *The Lively Experiment*

John Michael Phelps, Esq., 238 (Life) – *William Sabin*
Elizabeth Luana Kortum, 239 (Life) – *Samuel Gorton*
John Waite Hassell, 240 (Life) – *Rev. Roger Williams*
Carita Gayle Moore Curtis, 241 – *Surgeon John Greene*
Scott Richard Driver, 242 (Life) – *Chad Brown*
Sherry Linda Stevens Thurston, 243 – *Joseph Clarke*
Cynthia Karen Moore LeBre, 244 – *Surgeon John Greene*
William Roy Hearter, Jr., MD, 245 (Life) – *Richard Smith*
John Robert Harmon, Jr., 246 – *Thomas Cornell*
David Lawrence Grinnell, 247 – *Samuel Gorton (and 46 Supplementals)*
Robert Darrell Pollock, 248 (Life) – *Pres. John Coggeshall*
Stephen Jonas Hollands, 249 – *Robert Bennett*
Brian Ross Owens, 250 – *Gov. William Coddington*
Leslie Kay Reynolds, 251 (Life) – *Frances Latham*
Sheryl Ann Smyth Romasco, 252 – *John Smith*
Douglass Mather Mabee, 253 (Life) – *Richard Smith*
Joachim Michael Havens, 254 (Life) – *William Havens*
Kent D. Worley, 255 (Life) – *Richard Smith*
David William Medeiros, 256 (Life) – *John Tripp*
SharonAnn Green Loudon, 257 (Life) – *Surgeon John Greene*
Jeannine Alice Sheldon Kallal, 258 – *Thomas Emmons*
Dr. David Wade Morton, 259 (Life) – *Rev. Samuel Newman*
Patricia Ann Wilde Babbitt, 260 – *Rev. Roger Williams*
Wesley Wilde Babbitt, 261 – *Rev. Roger Williams*
Doris Kay Martin Lockhart, 262 (Life) – *Adam Mott*
Jack Darrell Crowder, 263 (Life) – *Rev. Roger Williams*
Matthew Stiles Bowdish, 264 – *Thomas Hazard*
Anne Bernadette Caussin Henninger, 265 (Life) – *Pres. John Coggeshall*
Robert Bruce Kendall, 266 – *Rev. Roger Williams*
Sarah Rose Sherman Sullivan, 267 – *Phillip Sherman*
James Steven Cox, 268 – *Pres. John Coggeshall*
Harold Douglas Ford, 269 (Life) – *Rev. Francis Doughty*
Ronald William Barnes, 270 – *Richard Waterman*
Mary Ellen Greene, 271 (Life) – *Surgeon John Greene*
Richard August James, 272 – *Frances Latham*
Verne Allen Gray, 273 (Life) – *John Coggeshall*
Barry Christopher Howard, 274 (Life) – *Isaac Martin*
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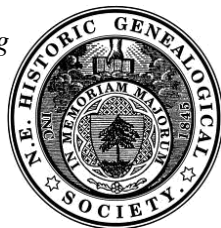
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<u>Volume 1, No. 2</u>	"Samuel Gorton," abstr. by Lilla M. Licht "Robert Williams," Lilla M. Licht
<u>Volume 1, No. 3</u>	"Roger Williams," Lilla M. Licht "Surgeon John Greene," Lilla M. Licht "Settlement of Warwick," Lilla M. Licht
<u>Volume 1, No. 4</u>	"The Rhode Island Historical Society and New Developments in Genealogy," Maureen Taylor "William Arnold," Lilla M. Licht
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<u>Volume 3, No. 1</u>	"From Rhode Island to Long Island," Lilla M. Licht
	"Jeremy Clarke, 'Father' of Rhode Island Governors," Lilla M. Licht
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	"Book Review: The Folkways of Life," Mary R. Northrop
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<u>Volume 4, No. 4</u>	"Family History: Focus on Samuel Newman (Rev. Samuel Newman, Founder and First Minister of Rehoboth, MA, and His Church at Rumford, RI)," James Raywalt
	"Ancestors OnLine: Preserving Our Architectural Heritage," Stephanie Schlick
	"Book Review: Where We Lived," Mary R. Northrop
<u>Volume 4, No. 5</u>	"Family Research: Slave Owners and Slaves in Early Rhode Island and Providence Plantations," Mary R. Northrop
	"Ancestors OnLine: Rhode Island, the Triangle Trade and Abolition," Stephanie Schlick
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	"Family History: Herodias," Robert L. French
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	"Family Research: RI Ancestry of Eleven American Presidents," Mary Ruth Northrop and James Raywalt
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	"Family Research: The Family of Nathanael Greene," Stephanie A. Schlick
	"Family Research: Catherine Littlefield Greene," Stephanie A. Schlick
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	"Rhode Island Wills: Robert Carr, Sr."
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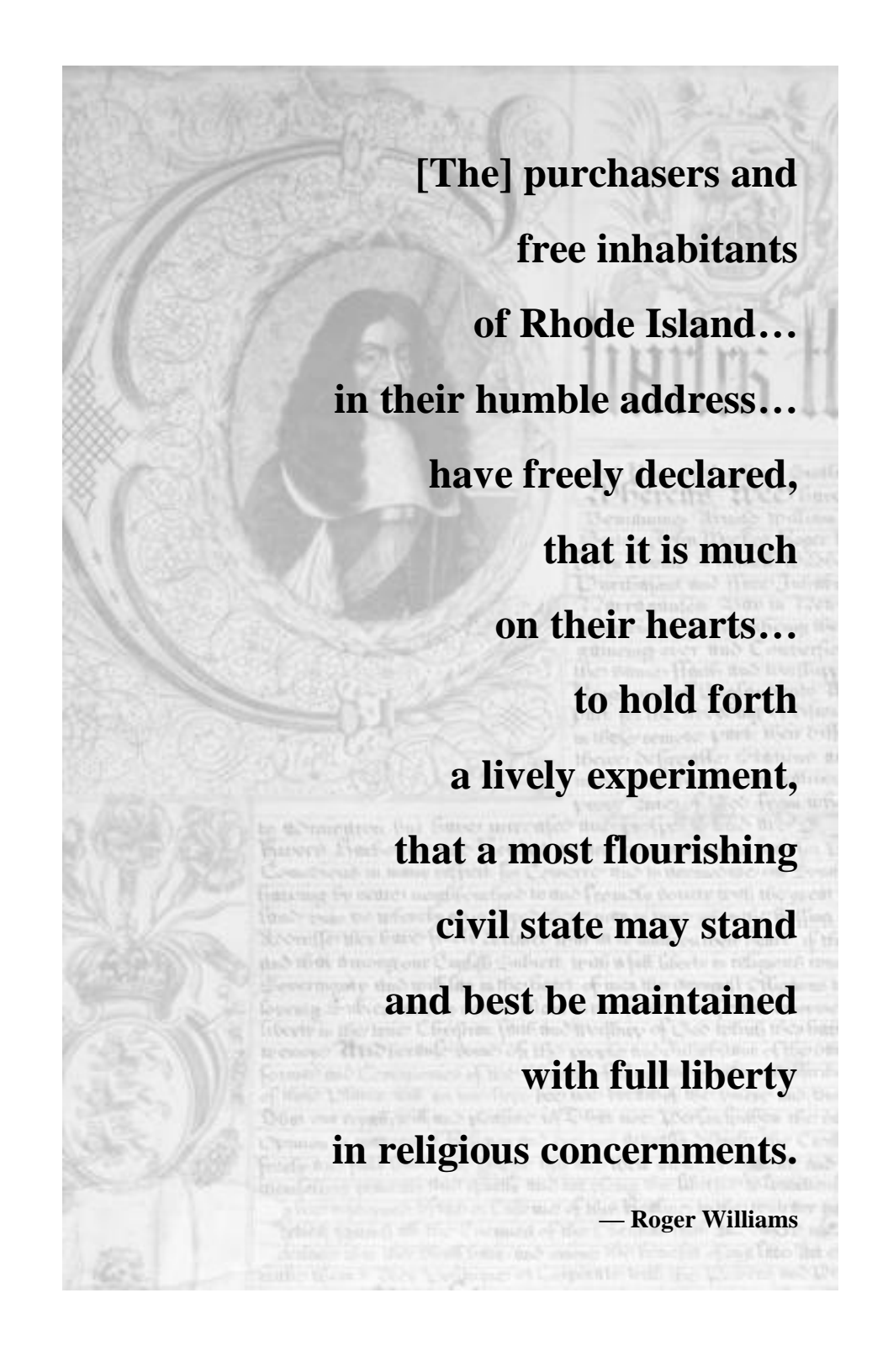
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**[The] purchasers and
free inhabitants
of Rhode Island...
in their humble address...
have freely declared,
that it is much
on their hearts...
to hold forth
a lively experiment,
that a most flourishing
civil state may stand
and best be maintained
with full liberty
in religious concernments.**

— Roger Williams