



The Ancestors and Descendants of

Celia Laighton & Levi Lincoln Thaxter

Cedric Laighton & Julia Stowell

An Outline

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An Outline

This genealogical outline originates in two events: the marriage of Celia Laighton and Levi Lincoln Thaxter in the southeast parlor of the Laighton's brand new seasonal resort hotel on Appledore Island among the Isles of Shoals, Gulf of Maine, on September 13, 1851, when Celia was just 16 years old, and that of her brother, Cedric Laighton who married Julia Stowell thirty years later in Cambridge when he was age 40.

The first section records all of the descendants of both Celia Laighton Thaxter and Cedric Laighton. Since their only other sibling, brother Oscar Laighton, never married and had no children, these constitute all of the descendants of Thomas Bell Laighton and Eliza Rymes, the father and mother of Celia, Oscar, and Cedric,

down to the date of this publication.

The second section looks back in time from those two marriages. It presents the Thaxter and Laighton ancestral surname lines and several collateral spousal lines back to the first immigrants from England to America (as they all were), as closely as currently feasible.

A standard genealogy includes summaries of the lives of many of the persons enumerated. If attempted here, a book many hundred pages long would result. Several competent genealogies exist for particular branches of both Thaxter and Laighton families. These and other sources are cited in the list of references for those who wish to dig more deeply into the lives of their ancestors.

The principal authors of this outline are closely involved in these two families. Jonathan Van Hook Hubbard, who got this project started, is a direct descendant of Celia's marriage. He benefited from Rosamond Thaxter's advice, memories, and the genealogical summaries willed to him by her. John Kingsbury is a collateral Cedric descendant and also a direct descendant of immigrant John Thaxter. His files contain an extensive correspondence with Rosamond Thaxter and Barbara Laighton Durant before their deaths. He was also the founding director of the Shoals Marine Laboratory, current occupant of Appledore Island.

The Immediate Family

1-Thomas Bell LAIGHTON (see ancestors p. 19)

b: 2 February 1805, Portsmouth NH

d: 18 April 1866, Appledore Island ME

+Eliza RYMES (see ancestors p. 19)

b: 10 October 1804, Newington NH

m: 13 June 1831, Greenland NH

d: 19 November 1877, Portsmouth NH

2-Helen LAIGHTON

b: 21 July 1833, Portsmouth NH

d: 22 October 1833, Portsmouth NH

2-Celia LAIGHTON

b: 29 June 1835, Portsmouth NH

d: 26 August 1894, Appledore Island ME.

+Levi Lincoln THAXTER (see ancestors p. 21)

b: 2 February 1824, Watertown

m: 13 September 1851, Appledore Island ME

d: 31 May 1884, Boston

2-Oscar LAIGHTON ("Bocky")

b: 30 June 1839, Portsmouth NH

m: not married

d: 4 April 1939, Portsmouth NH

2-Cedric LAIGHTON

b: 4 September 1840, Portsmouth NH

d: 5 June 1899, Medford

+Julia STOWELL (see ancestors p. 27)

b: 16 February 1859, New York NY

m: 25 May 1881, Cambridge

d: 24 June 1926, Cambridge

Important Note: Throughout this publication, all places without state identification are in Massachusetts. All others carry a state or country identifier.

The Descendants of Celia Laighton and Levi Lincoln Thaxter

1 Celia LAIGHTON

b: 29 June 1835, Portsmouth NH

d: 26 August 1894, Appledore Island ME

+Levi Lincoln THAXTER

b: 2 February 1824, Watertown

m: 13 September 1851, Appledore Island ME

d: 31 May 1884, Boston

2 Karl THAXTER

b: June 1852, Appledore Island ME

m: not married

d: 24 July 1912, Worcester

2 John THAXTER

b: 29 November 1854, Newburyport

d: 17 August 1929, Kittery ME

+Mary Gertrude STODDARD (see ancestors p. 24)

b: 26 July 1858, Worcester

m: 1 June 1887, Worcester

d: 9 February 1951

3 Rosamond THAXTER

b: 14 April 1895, Kittery Point ME

m: not married

d: 9 January 1989, Portland ME

2 Roland THAXTER "Lony"

b: 28 August 1858, Newtonville

d: 22 April 1932, Cambridge

+Mabel Gray FREEMAN (see ancestors p. 25)

b: 13 June1858, Springfield

m: 8 June 1887, Cambridge

d: 23 May 1952, Cambridge

3 Charles Eliot THAXTER

b: 31 October 1888, New Haven CT

m: not married

d: 5 May 1906, Cambridge

3 Katharine THAXTER

b: 4 August 1890, New Haven CT

m: not married

d: 10 May 1987, Washington CT

3 Elizabeth Freeman THAXTER

b: 30 June 1894, Kittery Point ME

d: 24 September 1978, Boston

+Eliot HUBBARD Jr.

b: 22 October 1893, Boston

m: 4 August 1917, Cambridge

d: 28 January 1977, Lexington

4 Eliot HUBBARD 3rd

b: 5 November 1918, Boston

d: 20 September 2001, Lexington

+Margaret VAN HOOK

b: 6 September 1921, Boston

m: 28 November 1942, Washington DC

d: 22 November 2007, Middletown RI

5 Eliot Selznick HUBBARD (birth name Eliot Hubbard 4th)

b: 6 March 1944, Coronado CA

5 Jonathan Van Hook HUBBARD

b: 29 November 1946, Boston

+Ann COULSON

b: 24 July 1949, Chicago IL

m: 29 May 1976, Lincoln

6 Christopher Coulson HUBBARD

b: 7 March 1979, Portland ME

6 Samuel Thaxter HUBBARD

b: 26 May 1981, Portland ME

5 Nicholas Thaxter HUBBARD

b: 1 April 1949, Boston

+Mary CASE

b: 13 June 1949, Tokyo Japan

m: 8 September 1974, Summertown TN

6 Mark Benjamin HUBBARD

b: 19 October 1975, Summertown TN

+Caroline Brook DOWDY

b: 19 August 1978

m: 21 November 2008, Summertown TN

7 Jayden James HUBBARD

b: 31 August 2011, Waynesboro TN

6 Ila Mabel HUBBARD

b: 25 February 1977, Summertown TN

+Derek Jeffress WILLIAMS

b: 9 October 1974

m: 3 September 2006, Summertown TN

7 Solen Scott Hubbard WILLIAMS

b: 25 June 2007, Kailua HI

7 Aleya Margaret Hubbard WILLIAMS

b: 19 April 2010, Kailua HI

5 Nathaniel Evans HUBBARD

b: 1 March 1952, Boston

+Stephanie ALEXIOU

b: 15 October 1962, Boston

m: 15 May 1988, Irvine CA

6 Celia Elizabeth HUBBARD

b: 19 May 1991, Santa Monica CA

6 Katherine Eleni HUBBARD

b: 11 April 1993, Santa Monica CA

6 Lily Margaret HUBBARD

b: 27 July 1995, Torrance CA

4 Celia Thaxter HUBBARD

b: 11 September 1920, Boston

m: not married

4 John Faulkner HUBBARD

b: 9 September 1924, Boston

d: 9 June 1997, Cohasset

+Helen Isabel BELLWOOD

b: 26 October 1924, Wellesley

m: 17 June 1950, Wellesley

d: 7 February 1967, Cohasset

5 Sarah Laighton HUBBARD

b: 9 December 1951, Boston

+David KRIEGER

b: 28 July 1952

m: 18 December 1976

div: October 2006

6 Jennifer Hubbard KRIEGER

b: 25 August 1982, Greenville SC

+Marshall Baker CROOK

b: 3 April 1983, Alexandria VA

m: 29 August 2010, Cambridge

6 Joshua Hubbard KRIEGER

b: 16 June 1986, Boston

5 John Faulkner HUBBARD Jr.

b: 17 July 1953, Boston

+Barbara Rielly

b: 19 January 1955

m: 19 June 1976

6 Jacqueline Scarlett HUBBARD

b: 4 September 1988

d: 17 January 2011

5 Peter Bellwood HUBBARD

b: 2 October 1955, Boston

5 Jennifer Thompson HUBBARD

b: 5 October 1961, Boston

+James ALBA

b: 29 December 1953, Winthrop

m: 15 September 1984, Cohasset

6 Nicholas Gardener ALBA

b: 31 May 1988, Boston

6 Nathan Hubbard ALBA

b: 19 May 1991, Laconia NH

(4) +June Elizabeth SWAIN

b: 4 February 1930

m: 15 June 1968

d: 5 November 2011

3 Edmund Lincoln THAXTER

b: 17 February 1900, Cambridge d: 28 June 1996, Palm Beach FL

+Helen Richardson WARFORD

b: April 1896

m: 21 September 1940

No Descendants of Oscar Laighton

1. Oscar LAIGHTON

b: 30 June 1839, Portsmouth NH

m: not married

d: 4 April 1939, Portsmouth NH

The Descendants of Cedric Laighton and Julia Stowell

1 Cedric LAIGHTON

b: 4 September 1840, Portsmouth NH

d: 5 June 1899, Medford

+Julia STOWELL (see ancestors p. 27)

b: 16 February 1859, New York NY

m: 25 May 1881, Cambridge d: 24 June 1926, Cambridge

2 Ruth Stowell LAIGHTON

b: 17 June 1883, Boston

m: not married

d: 1953

2 Margaret LAIGHTON "Peg"

b: March 1885

d: February 1966

+Edward Waldo FORBES

b: 16 July 1873

m: 29 January 1907, Manila, Philippine Islands

d: 11 March 1969, Belmont

3 Rosamond FORBES

b: October 1908

d: October 2004

+William B. BOWERS

b: August 1906

m: April 1930

d: August 1986

+ Jeffries WYMAN

b: June 1901

d: November 1995

+Carl Emile PICKHARDT Jr.

b: May 1908

m: March 1953

d: November 2004

3 John Murray FORBES

b: July 1910

d: September 1992

+Elizabeth Wenfield BEAN "Wendy"

b: September 1923

m: December 1942

d: November 2000

4 Beryl FORBES "Jacki"

b: February1944

+Gilbert Georges ROTH

b: April 1941

m: November 1963

d: January 2008

5 Natalie O'Hara ROTH

b: April 1964

+Dino Raymond CORTI

b: August 1960

m: October 1997

6 Peter Lelio CORTI

b: August 2001

5 Nicole Emerson ROTH

b: December 1965

+Matthew Richard MILLER

b: March 1963

m: July 1995

6 Alexander Emerson MILLER

b: July 1998

6 Rachael Elizabeth MILLER

b: March 2001

4 Christopher Laighton FORBES

b: December 1947

+Françoise DUPEUX

b: April 1947

m: July 1971

5 Aymeric Waldo FORBES

b: 1 September 1979

3 Mary Emerson FORBES "Marla"

b: October 1912

d: October 1949

3 Elliot FORBES

b: August 1917

d: January 2006

+Kathleen Brooks ALLEN "Kay"

b: May 1917

m: June 1941

d: July 2010

4 Diana FORBES

b: June 1945

+Bruce DROSTE

b: April 1950

m: August 1971

5 Edward Forbes DROSTE

b: October 1978

+Chad McPHAIL*

b: February 1980 m: September 2011

5 William Carl DROSTE

b: July 1981

+Bruce Glidden MacPHAIL*

b: September 1940

m: July 2007

* Not an error; unrelated.

4 Barbara Anne FORBES

b: December 1946

+John Macdonald CAUGHIE

b: May 1944

m: September 1968

5 Colin Forbes CAUGHIE

b: November 1970

+Sarah BRYANT

b: December 1973

m: March 1998

6 Nuala Jane CAUGHIE

b: April 2002

6 Finn Reid CAUGHIE

b: February 2007

5 Judith Anna CAUGHIE

b: October 1972

+Simon SWEENEY "Sweeney"

b: March 1971

m: October 2011

+John Whitley PURSER

b: February 1942

m: October 1987

4 Susan FORBES b: June 1950

+Robert Warren JOHNSON

b: November 1946

m: July 1984

3 Anne FORBES

b: May 1919

m: not married

2 Barbara LAIGHTON

b: 10 November 1891, Boston

d: 19 August 1982, Northampton

+William Bullard DURANT

b: 14 September 1889, Cambridge m: 15 October 1915, Cambridge d: 18 March 1978, Hanover NH

3 Celia Thaxter DURANT

b: 26 May 1916, Greenfield d: 2 June 2004, Bethlehem PA

+Louis BROWN

b: Brooklyn, NY

m: 18 October 1958

d: 17 September 1986, New York NY

4 Lucille BROWN

b: 27 April 1959, New York, NY m: not married

3 William Bullard DURANT Jr.

b: 26 November 1917, Boston

d: 23 December 2000, Hanover NH

+Analee Frances PATTERSON "Pat"

b: 3 August 1922, Davis WV

m: 5 August 1947, Schenectady NY

4 William Bullard DURANT III

b: 28 September 1948, Schenectady NY

+Susan Barbara STODDARD

b: 20 September 1952, Hanover NH

m: 26 June 1976, Hanover NH

5 Edmund Stoddard DURANT

b: 22 July 1981, Hanover NH

+Lorissa Kaye WELLENSTEIN

b: 15 January 1979, Syracuse NY m: 14 June 2003, New Hartford NY

6 Isaiah David DURANT

b: 7 January 2010, Syracuse NY

5 Lydia Rose DURANT

b: 30 January 1983, Hanover NH m: 14 June, London England

+Sathish UMPATHY

b: Chenai India

5 Mary Anne DURANT

b: 31 December 1987, Hanover NH

4 Peter Montgomery DURANT

b: 13 March 1950, Honolulu HI

+Mary Elizabeth NORTON

b: 3 January 1951, New York NY

m: 3 May 1975, Miami FL

5 Joshua Edward DURANT

b: 5 March 1978, Washington DC

5 Fletcher Barton DURANT

b: 6 April 1981, Washington DC

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Cedric Laighton & Julia Stowell

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4 William Bullard DURANT III

b. 28 September 1948, Schenectady, NY

+ Susan Barbara STODDARD

b. 20 September 1952, Hanover, NH

m. 26 June 1976, Hanover, NH

5 Edmund Stoddard DURANT

b. 22 July 1981, Hanover, NH

+ Lorissa Kaye WELLENSTEIN

b. 15 January 1979, Syracuse, NY

m. 14 June 2003, New Hartford, NY

6 Isaiah David DURANT

b. 7 January 2010, Syracuse, NY

6 Calla Grace DURANT

b. 27 April 2013, Syracuse, NY

6 Rowyn Mary DURANT

b. 19 June 2015, Syracuse, NY

5 Lydia Rose DURANT

b. 30 January 1983, Hanover, NH

+ Sathish UMAPATHY

b. 29 January 1982, Chenai, India

m. 21 April 2012, London England

6 Kayalan Durant UMAPATHY

b. 31 August 2013, London, England

6 Sanna Mae UMAPATHY

b. 10 May, 2017, London, England

5 Mary Anne DURANT

b. 31 December 1987, Hanover NH

4 Peter Montgomery DURANT

b. 13 March 1950, Honolulu HI

+Mary Elizabeth (Mary Beth) NORTON

b. 3 January 1951, New York NY

m. 3 May 1975, Miami FL

5 Joshua Edward DURANT

b. 5 March 1978, Washington DC

+ (Partner): Amy Elizabeth SAWYER

b. 17 January 1973, West Palm Beach, FL

6 Ellory Ingrid DURANT

b. 29 October 2017, Arlington VA

5 Fletcher Barton DURANT

b. 6 April 1981, Washington DC nouth Athenaeum, Portsmouth, N.H.

+ Lauren Elizabeth PEARLMAN

b:12 October 1982, Philadelphia PA

m: 24 July 2010, Luray VA

6 Felix Everett DURANT

b: 22 March 2012, New York NY

4 David Woods DURANT

b: 3 June 1952, Bethesda MD

+Kathy Marita KISLING

b: 15 November 1952, Amarillo TX

m: 1 June 1975, Upper Marlboro MD

5 David Kisling DURANT

b: 16 March 1978, Washington DC

+Ashley Michelle MOORE

b. 17 December 1976

m: 9 June 2010, Purcellville VA

6 Regan Molly SAMPLE

b: 26 June 2009, Knoxville TN

5 Christopher Laighton DURANT

b: 7 January 1981, Washington DC

+ Mairi Brighid GRIZZARD

b: 16 March 1978

m: 5 November 2011, Washington DC

5 Jonathan William DURANT

b: 25 February 1984, Washington DC

+ Stephanie Ann ZACHRICH

b: 28 October 1982, Dallas TX

m: 7 July 2007, Columbus OH

4 Judith Anne DURANT

b: 29 December 1955, Bethesda MD

+Steven Alan LADD

b: 9 November 1955, Providence RI m:29 May 1983, Meriden NH

5 Benjamin Olson LADD

b: 9 July 1984, Lebanon NH

5 Nathan Anderson LADD

b: 18 July 1986, Lebanon NH

5 Bethany Sarah LADD

b: 29 May 1988, Lebanon NH

3 Thomas Laighton DURANT

b: 12 January 1921, Cambridge

d: 6 February 1998, Plattsburgh NY

+Jerolyn Eleanor MURRAY

b: 20 February1927, Plattsburgh NY

m: 12 August 1954, Chazy NY

d: 12 September 2000, Plattsburgh NY

4 Ellen Stowell DURANT

b: 7 October 1956, Plattsburgh NY

m: not married

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+ Lauren Elizabeth PEARLMAN

b. 12 October 1982, Philadelphia PA

m. 24 July 2010, Luray VA

6 Felix Everett DURANT

b. 22 March 2012, New York NY

6 Milo Freeland DURANT

b. 24 November 2015, Gainesville FL

4 David Woods DURANT

b. 3 June 1952, Bethesda MD

+ Kathy Kisling DURANT

b. 15 November 1952, Amarillo TX

m. 21 June 1975, Upper Marlboro MD

5 David Kisling DURANT

b. 16 March 1978, Washington DC

+ Ashley Michelle MOORE (previously married to man named Sample)

b. 17 December 1976, Jackson MS

m. 9 June 2012, Purcellville VA

6 Reagan Molly DURANT (nee Sample, adopted by David K. Durant)

b. 24 June 2009, Knoxville TN

6 George Woods DURANT

b. 19 March 2013, Colorado Springs CO

6 Ralph David DURANT

b. 4 June 2015, Burlington VT

5 Christopher Laighton DURANT

b. 7 January 1981, Washington, DC

+ Mairi Brighid GRIZZARD

b. 26 March 1978, Berkeley CA

m. 5 November 2011, Washington DC

6 Caitlin Morgan DURANT

b. 3 October 2012, Columbia MD

6 Summer Annalee DURANT

b. 14 January 2015, Columbia MD

5 Jonathan William DURANT

b. 25 February 1984, Washington DC

+ Stephanie Ann ZACHRICH

b. 28 October 1982, Dallas TX

m. 7 July 2007, Columbus OH

6 Walter William DURANT

b. 9 September 2012, Alexandria VA

6 Celia Joy DURANT

b. 5 August 2014, Alexandria VA

6 Silas Jonathan DURANT

b. 9 April 2016, Columbus OH

6 Joanna Lily DURANT

b. 9 February 2018, Columbus OH

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4 Judith Anne DURANT

b. 29 December 1955, Bethesda MD

+ Steven Alan LADD

b. 9 November 1955, Providence RI

m. 29 May 1983, Meriden NH

5 Benjamin Olson LADD

b. 9 July 1984, Lebanon NH

+ Renee Elizabeth MAGNAN

b. 22 December 1981, Mesa AZ (Williams AFB)

m. 27 September 2014, Meriden NH

5 Nathan Anderson LADD

b. 18 July 1986, Lebanon NH

+ Trisha Aline HILDRETH

b. 13 February 1985, San Diego CA

m. 4 August 2018, La Jolla CA

6 Adaline Nickey LADD

b. 26 December 2019, Vancouver WA

5 Bethany Sarah LADD

b. 29 May 1988, Lebanon NH

4 Thomas Laighton DURANT Jr.

b: 21 December 1957, Plattsburgh NY

+Theresa Carol POTEETE

b:

m: 18 April 1981, Jackson TN

4 Jacob Laighton DURANT (divorced 1988 now IDEY)

b: 18 September 1983, Alamogorda NM.

3 Richard DURANT

b: 18 September 1925, Boston

d: 17 September 1972, Ithaca NY

+Katherine Ada DARROW

b: 19 February 1925, Cambridge

m: 13 May 1950, Belmont

4 Meredith Gay DURANT

b: 22 August 1956, Needham

4 Alison Woods DURANT

b: 4 March 1959, Newton

+Howard Stolpp BUNN II

b: 3 February 1960, Orange NJ

m: 11 June 1988, Short Hills NJ

5 James Laighton BUNN

b: 24 November 1989, New York NY

5 Richard Freeman BUNN

b: 8 March 1992, Summit NJ

5 Addison Darrow BUNN

b: 21 October 1995, Summit NJ

4 John Laighton DURANT

b: 1 February 1961, Newton

+Elizabeth Milburn SIMONS

b: 6 May 1964, Ithaca NY

m: 18 July 1992, Chatham

5 Harrison Pearce DURANT

b: 3 November 1994, Boston

5-Liam Woods DURANT

b: 30 June 1998, Boston

5 Myles Laighton DURANT

b: 14 August 2004, Boston

4 Neal Darrow DURANT

b: 26 December 1964, Ithaca NY

+Liza Price WILSON

b: 22 May 1965, Washington DC

m: 21 March 1998, Washington DC

5 Ava Darrow DURANT

b: 2 May 2000, Silver Spring MD

5 Alexander Wilson DURANT

b: 23 June 2002, Silver Spring MD

Additions and Corrections:

4 Thomas Laighton DURANT Jr.

b. 21 December 1957, Plattsburgh NY

+ Theresa Carol POTEETE

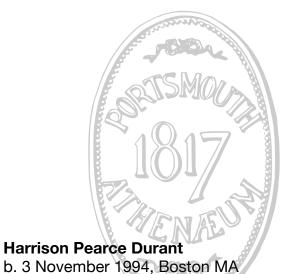
b. ?

m. 18 April 1981, Jackson TN

(divorced Tom Jr in 1988, later married a man named Idey)

5 Jacob Laighton DURANT (now IDEY)

(changed his name to IDEY; he's married and has a son)



5 Harrison Pearce Durant

- d. 8 December 2017, Elon NC

Origins

With this publication, every person named in the above genealogical outline (other than spouses) can trace his or her ancestry in one or more lines back to the first English settlers of the New England coastal area from Massachusetts to Maine before 1650. The English backgrounds and occupations of these initial pioneering settlers, our ancestors, are worthy of recognition and appreciation.

English colonization of coastal New England, often called "the great migration," began in earnest in 1629 and 1630, and was at its height for about two decades. Immigrants in the thousands came from individually varied circumstances, but can be sorted loosely into a few main groups: first the yeoman farmers with some schooling and usually some form of heritable land rights in England; second, the more commercially motivated seacoast settlers also with a basic education, who commonly possessed maritime skills; and third, a much smaller number of gentry, the more highly educated literate religious leaders, political office holders, and business men, often persons of inherited wealth or position. All three of these groups are represented in the Laighton-Thaxter ancestry.

Yeoman farmers

The great majority of the first settlers of the Massachusetts Bay Colony (nominally Puritans of the established Church of England) were yeoman farmers from the agricultural lands of East Anglia, (Norfolk and Suffolk Counties, northeast of London in England). By then, as rural populations had increased in number, agricultural land previously held in common ownership open to all had become increasingly privately owned, fenced, inherited, and defended. By 1600, livable farms could be divided no further, and the principal source of agricultural wealth at that time in East Anglia, the wool industry, had collapsed. Yeoman sons could no longer expect to inherit and divide their parents' land gainfully, and many had either to seek a different occupation or find some entirely new source of land. These were middle class people, able to read and write, but not fluently, who possessed some heritable land rights by title or as feudal tenants. By selling these rights, they could hope to raise the necessary cash to cross the ocean, register title to new lands granted them, and use these new lands with livestock and farm tools, to create the necessities of life: food and shelter. Here in the new world, they joined together and created villages in discrete agriculturally suitable places connected by navigable water or early trails. Most of the first yeoman settlers took up available homestead lands in what is now the greater Boston area.

In a few cases, a cohesive group of yeomen settlers from a single English town moved across the ocean *en masse*, staying together to create a discrete settlement in the new world. The Thaxter family was of

this kind. They came as members of a group of settlers from Hingham, (a small town just south of the exact geographic center of Norfolk County, England) who stayed together in crossing the Atlantic and in creating a new town on the seacoast immediately south of Boston. Not surprisingly, they named it Hingham. Close knit, these yeomen settlers of the new Hingham had been intermarrying in their hometown in England for some generations, and mostly continued the practice for two or three generations longer on this side of the Atlantic. Marriage distances in those days were rarely as much as ten miles.

Among the new world Hingham people, the family surnamed Thaxter stayed put to an extreme. For a full six generations after immigrating, the Thaxters of Celia's line, starting with immigrant Thomas Thaxter (64*) who married Elizabeth (65) of unknown surname, all lived and married only in Hingham. It was not until Levi Thaxter (2) (Celia's father-in-law) six generations later went from Hingham to Watertown, met a woman (Lucy White (3)) there, married her, and resided in Watertown for the rest of his life, that this geographic bond was broken.

Early on, Samuel Thaxter (32), Levi's great³ grandfather, married Abigail Church (33) of Hingham. She was the granddaughter of Richard Warren (134) who came over on the first voyage of the *Mayflower* in founding the Plymouth Colony in 1620. Richard Warren settled to the north of Plymouth and his line of descent in the first generation of Warrens moved once, a little further north to Hingham, about 20 miles north of Plymouth. Incidentally, by this marriage, all of Levi Thaxter's descendants today can claim to be Mayflower descendants. To be specific the Thaxter *Mayflower* line is 1) Richard Warren, 2) Elizabeth Warren m. Richard Church¹, 3) Abigail Church m. Samuel Thaxter, 4) David Thaxter, 5) David Thaxter, 6) Jonathan Thaxter, 7) Levi Thaxter, 8) Levi Lincoln Thaxter m. Celia Laighton.

Another yeoman line of Laightons goes back to the Bullards of Suffolk County, England. Cedric Laighton's daughter Barbara (Celia's niece) married a person named William Bullard Durant. He was the son of a person who had been named William Durant Bullard at birth but had legally changed his name by reversing Bullard and Durant. He did this to honor his own mother, Marianne Durant, and also to ensure the continuation of the distinguished Durant name, since Marianne had no brothers to carry it on. By reversing his middle and last names, Marianne's son William thus

prevented the Durant surname from disappearing.

William Bullard Durant (1848-1911, the first of that oft-repeated name) on his father's side was the great grandson of Henry Bullard (1723-1799) through his father Rev. Amos Bullard (1807-1850), and his grandfather Amos Bullard (1780-1850). Henry Bullard built the house and barn that are owned today by his direct descendants organized as the Bullard Memorial Farm Association of Holliston MA. The Association owns 150 acres of land first put to the English plow and since farmed continuously solely by Bullards from about 1658 to the present. John Kingsbury, (the author of these notes), a great⁴ grandson of said Henry Bullard, has recently published a two volume genealogy of Bullards that

^{* -} See ancestor lists.

presents the full male and female ancestry of Henry Bullard in detail. The Durants named in this pamphlet will find their yeoman Bullard ancestry taken back in the first of these volumes to England around 1300².

The maritime settlers

In contrast to the yeoman lines above, many of Celia Laighton's own direct immigrant ancestors were seafaring, more commercially motivated people, less attached to particular agricultural land than were the veomen, although they usually undertook some subsistence farming at their homestead lots. Working out the scattered history of both the first Laightons and the first of the Rymes name (Celia's line) is more difficult than for the more stable yeomen. Some of the following is conjecture derived from conflicting records.

Geographically distinct from the settlers from East Anglia was a maritime group of settlers loosely identified as from "the west of England", or "the Bristol group." The wide mouthed ocean bay named "Bristol Channel" separates the southern shores of Wales from the northern shores of the far western peninsula of English land that ends to the west at "Land's End." The Bristol Channel narrows eastward and the embayment begins in the mouth of the River Severn. The port of Bristol, itself, lies on the southern shore of the Bristol Channel in a well-protected embayment at the mouth of the River Avon not far southwest of the Severn River mouth. In the early 1600s, Bristol was a major center for management of cargoes and shipping, and a focus of investment activity.

Thomas Layton (128) as he spelled it who settled on Dover Neck NH in 1633, probably came from the small town of Lawton, Shropshire, just east of, and about half way up the English north-south border with Wales. Spelling of names, either place or family, was plastic and variable in those days3, and it is likely that "Lawton" is the same basic word as "Laighton" of today. Lawton is about 50 miles north of the port of Bristol, where a group of investors (including Sir Richard Saltonstall, who was among the first settlers of Watertown in 1630) and other prospective settlers had organized as a business venture under Capt. Thomas Wiggins. A first attempt at settlement in 1623 from Bristol England was deficient. A decade later, a second Bristol Group under Capt. Wiggins, who was a personal friend of John Winthrop, the first resident governor of the Massachusetts Bay Colony, crossed in the ship James in 1633 and settled at Dover Neck NH. They named their new settlement "Bristol," but the name did not last. It is generally believed (as postulated by genealogist Perley Leighton) that the first Thomas Laighton was in that group of New Hampshire settlers. So was Hatevil (pronounced "hate evil") Nutter (130), whose daughter Elizabeth (65) married the second Thomas Laighton (64), son of Thomas above. These settlers were not closely subservient to the colonial government in

Boston, and many of them made their primary living in sea-related occupations such as providing shipbuilding lumber and necessities locally or in moving specialized exports to and from the Caribbean islands. Their lives were much more international than were those of the more numerous settled yeomen of Massachusetts Bay.

Some of the early settlers in the Portsmouth area, including Laightons, are known to have had business relations with the English settlers of Barbados Island in the Caribbean. Christopher Rymes, ("Rymes Genealogy") postulated that Master Mariner Samuel Rymes, the first settler of that surname in Dover NH, was a close descendant (perhaps son or grandson) of the Henry Rymes who was a passenger in the Bonaventure from London to Barbados (English territory) in January 1635. If so, the New Hampshire seacoast Rymes line departed England in the early 1630s. The first New Hampshire settler named Rymes in the known ancestry of Celia and Cedric Laighton one or two generations later was Samuel Rymes (48), born about 1671 and was known to be in Portsmouth in 1690. His exact parentage is as yet unproven. The maritime relationships of Luke Mills (18) of Virginia to Hannah Lang (19) of Portsmouth are described in a recent publication (see footnote p. 19.)

Similar uncertainty exists about the possible connection of Samuel Ham (34) to the earliest settlers of the surname Ham in the Dover NH area. English immigrant William Ham arrived there on the *Speedswell* in 1635. His descendants of suitable age include three known Samuels. At least two of these Samuels married women of the name Elizabeth, but none of the Samuels (nor anyone else) has yet been definitely identified as Samuel Ham (34) who married an Elizabeth (35) and was the father of Abigail Ham (17) who married John Laighton (16). Despite these uncertainties, it seems probable that both the New Hampshire seacoast Rymes and Ham⁴ lines do trace back to immigrants from England in the middle 1600s.

The same is true for the Seavey line. The immigrant William Seavey was born in 1601 in Stokeinteignhead, County of Devon, just north of Torbey on England's south coast, about 70 miles south and a bit west of Bristol. He came to the Portsmouth NH area in 1632 and engaged in fishing at the Isles of Shoals where he had a large fishing stage (wooden frame structure for drying and processing fish). Over a period of many years he also owned land in Portsmouth. During the first few generations the Seavey name increased markedly. One of William's grandsons named John was born at about the right time to have been John (10) of this list, but John is a very common name, and it has been impossible as yet to make this connection firmly. Suffice it to say that John Seavey (10) was almost certainly related back to William Seavey, known descendant of the immigrant William, who moved from Kittery to Kennebunk in 1720. It is known that John (10)'s daughter Deborah died in Kennebunk in 1862. The Portsmouth Seaveys gave their name to two islands, one in Portsmouth Harbor and the other connected at low tide to White Island at the Shoals.

The gentry

Of the three groups of settlers, these were the most affected by religious pressures and persecution in England. They were also the people who wrote the records and recorded the English history in the new world.

Samuel Rymes (48) married well. His wife Mary's (49) grandfather, Elder William Wentworth (196), was of a family distinguished as gentlemen of wealth and position in York, a county in northeastern Among immigrant William England well north of East Anglia. Wentworth's descendants in America were governors, noted clergy, and educators. Despite this, the published genealogies of the Wentworth family running to several volumes and literally thousands of pages of careful enumeration, fail to capture some key identities securely, such as the parents of the Elizabeth (197) whom William married. Some have suggested she was Elizabeth Kenny, and the Kenny surname was present in the Dover area in the 1600s, but I have been unable to find any well substantiated linkage of the Kenny name to Elizabeth It is similarly possible to link the name Catherine Wentworth. Chadbourne (51) back four generations tentatively to Humphrey Chadbourne who was settled in Portsmouth NH as early as 1631, but key connecting identities are not yet proved. Of historic note, Humphrey Chadbourne came there at the invitation of Sir Ferdinando Gorges and Capt. John Mason, the original royal patentees (grantees), who drew the first political line in 1635 separating the current Maine and New Hampshire islands of the Shoals. That geographic line, essentially intact, exists to the present day, almost four centuries later.

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Footnotes:

- ¹ See Anderson, Robert Charles. 1995. The *Great Migration Begins: Immigrants to New England 1620-1633*. Vol. 1:360 and Vol. III:1935. New England Historic Genealogical Society, Boston.
- ² The Bullard Memorial Farm Association, (now 501 (c) 3), can be addressed at www. bullardmemorialfarm.org. or by mail at 7 Bullard Lane, Holliston MA 01746. Bullard-Durants are especially invited to join.
- ³ The family surname, regularly spelled Laighton as adopted by fourth generation Paul Laighton and used consistently since, has over time been expressed as Leighton, Laiton, Layton, Laton, Laughton, and Lawton.
- ⁴ The handsome polyurethane chip floors in most of the new buildings on Appledore Island were created by Bert Ham, recently deceased, a descendant of the New Hampshire seacoast Hams and therefore a cousin of the Laightons, but he did not know it.

Ancestors

The following ancestor listings use a standard genealogical scheme (Ahnentafel) in which even numbers are males, odd numbers are females. Each father's number is twice that of his son. The mother's number is her husband's number plus one. Her father's number is twice hers. Sometimes all we know about a particular person six or eight generations ago is the name. or nothing at all.

If all ancestral lines of an individual could be followed back for nine generations, the resulting list would include 512 persons, and even this leaves out the siblings in each generation. In past genealogical studies, female lines were commonly dropped, and only the male surnames were followed. In Ahnentafel lists, missing numbers in the continuous sequence from 1 to 512 mean no reliable information on those persons, not even just their name, is at hand at this time. Years expressed as 1689/90, etc., come from the difference between Julian and Gregorian calendars for the years in question.

ANCESTORS OF THOMAS BELL LAIGHTON AND ELIZA RYMES

Generation 1

- 1 Celia LAIGHTON: born 29 June 1835 in Portsmouth NH; died 26 Aug 1894 on Appledore Island, Isles of Shoals.
- 1 Oscar LAIGHTON: born 30 June 1839 in Portsmouth NH; died 4 April 1939 in Portsmouth NH.
- 1 Cedric LAIGHTON: born 4 September 1840 in Portsmouth NH; died 5 June 1899 in Medford.

Generation 2

- 2 Thomas Bell LAIGHTON: born 2 Feb 1805 in Portsmouth NH; married 13 Jun 1831 in Greenland NH; died 18 Apr 1866 on Appledore.
- 3 Eliza RYMES: born 10 Oct 1804 in Newington NH; died 19 Nov 1877 in Portsmouth NH.

- 4 Mark LAIGHTON: born 22 Mar 1780 in Portsmouth NH; married 1 Jul 1801 in New Castle NH; died 2 Aug 1832 in Portsmouth NH.
- 5 Deborah SEAVEY: born 1780; died 1862 in Kennebunk ME.
- 6 Christopher Edwin RYMES: born Dec. 1769; married 31 Dec 1795; died 1834.
- 7 Lucy Maria WALKER.

Note: New information (NEHGR167 (April 2013):105) shows that the ancestors of 18 Luke Mills and wife 19 Hannah Lang (next page) were: 36. Edward Mills; 37 Agnes Moore; 38 John Lang; 39 Grace Brookin; 72 John Mills; 74 Thomas Moore Jr.; 75 Eleanor Gelding; 148 Thomas Moore Sr.; 149 Elizabeth; 150 William Gelding.

Generation 4

- 8 Paul LAIGHTON: born 3 Apr 1739 in Dover NH; married 8 Aug 1765; died 9 Mar 1814 in Portsmouth NH.
- 9 Mary MILLS: born 28 Mar 1747 in Portsmouth NH; died 28 May 1823.
- 10 John SEAVEY.
- 11 Deborah (Jones?).
- 12 Christopher RYMES: born after 1722; died after 1769.
- 13 Eleanor PEAVEY: died 1823.
- 14 James WALKER.

Generation 5

- 16 John LAIGHTON: born 1706 in Dover NH; married 7 Nov 1728 in Portsmouth NH; died Nov 1756 in Dover NH.
- 17 Abigail HAM: born 15 Nov 1710 in Portsmouth NH.
- 18 Luke MILLS. (see footnote previous page)
- 19 Hannah LANG. (see footnote previous page)
- 24 Samuel RYMES: born 30 Jul 1694; married May 1716; died 1755.
- 25 Mary WEYMOUTH: born 5 Jan 1674; died 29 January 1744 in Portsmouth NH.
- 26 Hudson PEAVEY.

Generation 6

- **32 Thomas LAIGHTON:** born about 1671 in Dover NH; died 1744 in Newington NH.
- 33 Deborah: born about 1683.
- 34 Samuel HAM.
- 35 Elizabeth.
- **48 Samuel RYMES:** born 1673/4; married about 1690 in Portsmouth NH; died 6 February 1709.
- 49 Mary WENTWORTH: born 5 February 1674 in Portsmouth NH; died about 1742.
- 50 James WEYMOUTH.
- 51 Catherine CHADBORN: born 5 Jan 1674.

Generation 7

- **64 Thomas LAIGHTON:** born about 1642 in Dover NH; married about 1670 in Dover NH; died 1677 in Dover NH.
- 65 Elizabeth NUTTER: born about 1646 in Dover NH; died before 1674.
- 98 Samuel WENTWORTH: born 1641; died 25 March 1690 in Portsmouth NH.
- 99 Mary BENNING: born 1648; died 1724.

Generation 8

128 Thomas LAIGHTON: born 1604 or 1614 in England; died 22 Jan 1672 in Dover NH.

- 129 Joanna: born about 1617; died 15 Jan 1703/4 in Dover NH.
- 130 Hatevil NUTTER: born 1603; died 1675.
- 131 Anne.
- 196 William WENTWORTH.

ANCESTORS OF LEVI LINCOLN THAXTER

Generation 1

1 **Levi Lincoln THAXTER**: born 2 Feb 1824 in Watertown; died 31 May 1884; husband of Celia Laighton Thaxter.

Generation 2

- 2 Levi THAXTER: born 6 Sep 1778 in Hingham; married 9 Dec 1813 in Watertown; died 10 Dec 1857 in Watertown.
- 3 Lucy WHITE: born 20 Feb 1781 in Watertown.

Generation 3

- 4 **Jonathan THAXTER**: born 14 Feb 1742 in Hingham; married 2 Apr 1767 in Hingham; died 2 Sep 1831 in Hingham.
- 5 Bethiah LINCOLN: born 28 Sep 1746 in Hingham; died 29 Dec 1831.
- 6 **Jonas WHITE**: born 18 Dec 1724; married 2 May 1749; died 22 Dec 1798.
- 7 Lois STEARNS: born 18 Jan 1723; died Nov 1796.

Generation 4

- 8 David THAXTER: born 19 Jul 1709 in Hingham; married 29 Nov 1739 in Hingham; died 2 Oct 1791.
- 9 Deborah LINCOLN: born 11 Feb 1717/8 in Hingham; died 24 May 1769.
- 10 **Enoch LINCOLN**: born 22 Jan 1721 in Hingham; married 30 Dec 1745 in Hingham; died 12 Jan 1802 in Hingham.
- 11 Rachel FEARING: born 1721 in Hingham; died 16 May 1782 in Hingham.
- 12 Andrew WHITE: born 29 Dec 1700; married 12 Dec 1722.
- 13 Jane DIX: born 18 Nov 1704; died 31 Dec 1793.
- 14 John STEARNS: born 24 Jun 1677; died 1729.
- 15 Abigail FISKE: born 12 Jun 1684.

- 16 **David THAXTER**: born 1 Apr 1672 in Hingham; married 24 Jun 1695 in Hingham; died 14 Jun 1768.
- 17 Alice CHUBBUCK: born 14 Dec 1671 in Hingham; died 9 Jul 1745.
- 18 Samuel LINCOLN: born 1 Feb 1690/1; died 6 Mar 1758.
- 19 Ruth CUSHING: born 22 Jul 1692; died 26 Feb 1736/7.

- 20 **Jedediah LINCOLN**: born 2 Oct 1692 in Hingham; married 9 Jan 1717 in Hingham; died 23 Sep 1783 in Hingham.
- 21 Bethiah WHITON: born 20 Jan 1695 in Hingham; died 24 Sep 1734 in Hingham.
- 22 Nathaniel FEARING.
- 23 Sarah JOHNSON.
- 24 Andrew WHITE: married 4 Feb 1695/6 in Woburn.
- 25 Sarah SANDERSON: born 17 Mar 1668/9.
- 26 John DIX: born 6 Mar 1672/3; married 29 Nov 1697; died 1726.
- 27 Martha LAWRENCE.
- 28 **Samuel STEARNS**: born 24 Apr 1638; married 1 Feb 1663; died 3 Aug 1683.
- 29 Hannah MANNING: born 21 Jun 1642; died 26 Feb 1724.
- 30 John FISKE: born 20 Nov 1655; died 6 Jun 1718.
- 31 Abigail PARKS: born 3 Mar 1659.

- 32 **Samuel THAXTER**: born 19 May 1641 in Hingham; married 19 Dec 1666 in Hingham; died 27 May 1725.
- 33 Abgail CHURCH: born 22 Jun 1648; died 25 Dec 1677.
- 34 John CHUBBUCK: born 30 Dec 1648; married 2 Dec 1668; died 26 Nov 1690.
- 35 Martha BEAL: born 2 Aug 1646.
- 36 Samuel LINCOLN: born Aug 1650 in Hingham; married 29 Apr 1687 in Hingham; died Mar 1721 in Hingham.
- 37 Deborah HERSEY: born 1 Jan 1666 in Hingham; died 28 Apr 1706 in Hingham.
- 38 **Daniel CUSHING Jr.**: born 23 Jul 1648 in Hingham; married 8 Dec 1680; died 5 May 1716.
- 39 Elizabeth THAXTER: born 19 Feb 1661; died 6 Apr 1727 in Hingham.
- 40 Samuel LINCOLN: Same as person number 36.
- 41 **Deborah HERSEY**: Same as person number 37.
- 42 Enoch WHITON.
- 43 Mary LINCOLN.
- 44 John FEARING.
- 50. William SANDERSON: born 1641; married 18 Dec 1666 in Watertown.
- 51 Sarah.
- 52 **John DIX**: born 4 Sep 1640 in Watertown; married 7 Jan 1670/1 in Watertown; died 7 Nov 1714.
- 53 Elizabeth BARNARD.
- 54 **George LAWRENCE**: born 1637; married 29 Sep 1657 in Watertown; died 21 Mar 1708/9.
- 55 **Elizabeth CRISPE**: born 8 Jan 1636/7 in Watertown; died 28 May 1681.
- 56 Isaac STEARNS: died 19 Jun 1671.
- 57 Mary: died 2 Apr 1677.
- 58 William MANNING.
- 59 Dorothy.

- 60 John FISKE: born abt 1619; married; died 28 Oct 1684.
- 61 Sarah WYETH.
- 62 Thomas PARKS: died 1690.
- 63 Abigail DIX: born 2 May 1637 in Watertown; died bef Apr 1690.

Generation 7

- 64 **Thomas THAXTER**: born in England; died 4 Feb 1653/4 in
- 65 Elizabeth: died 17 Jul 1660.
- 66 Richard CHURCH: born abt 1608; married abt 14 Mar 1635/6; died 26 Dec 1668 in Dedham.
- 67 Elizabeth WARREN: died 9 Mar 1669/70 in Hingham.
- 68 Thomas CHUBBUCK: born abt 1606; married 28 Feb 1631/2; died 9 Dec 1676 in Hingham.
- 69 Alice HOBART: died 20 Feb 1674.
- 70 Nathaniel BEAL: died 20 Dec 1708.
- 71 Martha: died 10 May 1692.
- 72 Samuel LINCOLN: born abt 1619; died 26 May 1690 in Hingham.
- 73 Martha: died 10 Apr 1693 in Hingham.
- 74. William HERSEY.
- 75 Rebecca CHUBBUCK.
- 76 Daniel CUSHING.
- 77 Lydia GILMAN.
- 78 John THAXTER: born abt 1626; married 1648; died 14 Mar 1687.
- 79 Elizabeth JACOB: born 1632 in England.
- 84 James WHITON.
- 86 Stephen LINCOLN.
- 87. Margaret.
- 104 Edward DIX: born abt 1610; married by 1637; died 9 Jul 1660 in Watertown.
- 105. Jane WILKINSON: born abt 1615; died 18 Feb 1641/2.
- 106 John BARNARD: born 1631 in England; married 15 Nov 1654.
- 107 Sarah FLEMMING: born 1 Sep 1639 in Watertown.
- 110 Benjamin CRISPE: born abt 1610; married by 1636; died 1683 in Watertown.
- 111 Bridget.
- 122 Nicholas WYETH.
- 124 Richard PARKS.
- 126 Edward DIX: Same as person number 104.
- 127 Jane WILKINSON: Same as person number 105.

- 128 John THAXTER.
- 129 Anne.
- 134 Richard WARREN.
- 138 Edmund HOBART.

- 140 John BEAL: died 1 Apr 1688.
- 141 Nazareth HOBART: died 23 Sep 1658.
- 144 Edward LINCOLN.
- 148 William HERSEY.
- 149 Martha.
- 152 Matthew CUSHING.
- 153 Nazareth PITCHER.
- 154 Edward GIILMAN.
- 156 Thomas THAXTER: died 1654.
- 157 Elizabeth.
- 158 Nicholas JACOB: died 5 Jun 1657.
- 159 Mary.

- 212 **John BARNARD**: born abt 1607; married abt 1632; died 23 Jun 1646 in Watertown.
- 213 **Phebe WHITING**: born abt 1607; died 1 Aug 1685 in Watertown.
- 214 John FLEMMING: married; died 4 Jun 1657.
- 215 Anna: died 11 Nov 1657.

Generation 9

- 282 Edmund HOBART: Same as person number 138.
- 304 Peter CUSHING.
- 305 Susan HAWES.
- 306 Henry PITCHER.
- 426 Anthony WHITING.
- 427 Anne SHERMAN.

ANCESTORS OF GERTRUDE STODDARD

Generation 1

1 Mary Gertrude STODDARD: born 26 Jul 1858; died 9 Feb 1951.

Generation 2

- 2 Col. Elijah Brigham STODDARD: born 5 Jun 1826 in Upton; died 26 Sep 1903 in Alfred ME.
- 3 Mary DAVIS: died 19 Jan 1911.

Generation 3

- 4 Col. Elijah STODDARD: born 28 Nov 1785 in Upton; married 18 Aug 1809; died 26 Aug 1865 in Upton.
- 5 Zilpah NELSON.
- 6 Isaac DAVIS.

Generation 4

8 Ezekiel STODDARD: born 15 Aug 1762 in Hingham; married 30 Dec 1784 in Bellingham; died 6 Apr 1822 in Upton.

- 9 Lucy FORISTALL: born 1767; died 28 Jul 1844.
- 10 Isaac NELSON.
- 11 Hannah FISKE.

Generation 5

- 16 Jeremiah STODDARD: born 5 May 1738 in Hingham; died 2 Jun 1811.
- 17 Rebecca BATES: died 2 May 1834.

Generation 6

- **32 Jeremiah STODDER:** born 7 Nov 1709 in Hingham; died 2 Jul 1790 in Hingham.
- 33 Sarah MACFARLIN: died 29 Jan 1775 in Hingham.
- 34 Isaac BATES.

Generation 7

- 64 Jeremiah STODDER: born 3 Nov 1683 in Hingham; died 4 May 1763 in Hingham.
- 65 Elizabeth: died 18 Dec 1775 in Hingham.
- 66 James MACFARLIN.
- 67 Sarah LANE.

Generation 8

- 128 Samuel STODDER: born 14 Jun 1640 in Hingham; married 6 Jan 1666/7 in Hingham; died 16 Sep 1731 in Hingham.
- 129 Elizabeth GILL: born Jun 1647 in Hingham; died 8 May 1693.

Generation 9

- 256 John STODDER: died 19 Dec 1661 in Hingham.
- 257 Hannah: born 8 Oct 1675.
- 258 Thomas GILL.
- 259 Hannah OTIS.

ANCESTORS OF MABEL GRAY FREEMAN

Generation 1

1 Mabel Gray FREEMAN: born 1858; died 23 May 1952.

- **2 Edmund FREEMAN**: born 20 May 1806 in Brewster; married 20 May 1829; died 26 Jan 1879 in Springfield.
- 3 Melita MORSE: born in Ware; died 30 Mar 1845.

Generation 3

- **4 Elkanah FREEMAN**: born about 1756 in Harwich; married 1786 in Harwich; died 2 Oct 1834 in Brewster.
- 5 Mary "Polly" MYRICK: born about 1766; died 25 May 1844 in Brewster.

Generation 4

- **8 Elkanah FREEMAN**: born 31 Mar 1727 in Harwich; married 11 Oct 1750 in Harwich; died 1777 in Massachusetts.
- 9 Abigail MAYO: died 30 May 1818 in Brewster.

Generation 5

- **16 Watson FREEMAN**: born 24 Sep 1704 in Harwich; married 30 Jan 1724 in Harwich; died 17 Feb 1757 in Harwich.
- 17 Sarah GRAY: born 1704 in Harwich.

Generation 6

- **32 Col. Edmund FREEMAN:** born 11 Oct 1680 in Harwich; died 10 Mar 1746 in Harwich.
- **33 Phebe WATSON:** born Jun 1681 in Plymouth; died 10 Mar 1747 in Harwich.
- 34 John GRAY.
- 35 Susanna CLARKE

Generation 7

- **64 Thomas FREEMAN:** born Sep 1653 in Eastham; married 31 Dec 1673 in Harwich; died 9 Feb 1716 in Harwich.
- 65 Rebecca SPARROW: born 30 Oct 1655 in Harwich; died 7 Feb 1740 in Harwich.
- 66 Elkanah WATSON.
- 67 Mercy.

Generation 8

- 128 Maj. John FREEMAN: born about 1622 in Billinghurst, Sussex, England; married 13 Feb 1650 in Eastham; died 28 Oct 1719 in Eastham.
- **129 Mercy PRENCE**: born before 1631 in Duxbury; died 28 Sep 1711 in Eastham.
- 130 Capt. Jonathan SPARROW.
- 131 Rebecca BANGS.

Generation 9

256 Edmund FREEMAN: born 25 Jun 1596 in Pulborough, Sussex, England; married 16 Jun 1617 in Cowfold, Sussex; died 1682 in Sandwich.

- **257 Bennett HODSOLL**: died 12 Apr 1630 in Pulborough, Sussex, England.
- 258 Thomas PRENCE
- 259 Patience BREWSTER.

ANCESTORS OF JULIA STOWELL

Generation 1

1 Julia STOWELL: born 16 Feb 1859 in New York City; died 24 June 1926 in Cambridge

Generation 2

- 2 Leverett Chapel STOWELL: born 30 Jul 1811 in Hartwick, NY; married 20 Jul 1847 in Cooperstown, NY; died 1 Sep 1870 in Cooperstown, NY.
- 3 Abby Coffin CORY: born 5 Jun 1821 in Cooperstown, NY; died 16 Aug 1902 in Cooperstown, NY.

Generation 3

- 4 William STOWELL: born 11 Sep 1780 in Walpole NH; married 11 Sep 1805; died 23 Nov 1844.
- 5 Ruth CHAPEL: born 22 Nov 1778; died 23 Sep 1844.
- 6 Ellery CORY.
- 7 Phoebe COFFIN.

Generation 4

- 8 William STOWELL: born 1759 in Wilmington, CT; married 7 Feb 1779 in Rockingham, VT; died 28 Feb 1822 in Cooperstown, NY.
- 9 Phoebe SAWTELLE: born about 1756; died 21 Jan 1837 in Cooperstown, NY.

Generation 5

- 16 David STOWELL: born 7 Jul 1736 in Pomfret, CT; married 13 Nov 1756 in Wilmington, CT; died 7 Dec 1786 in Rockingham, VT.
- 17 Sarah ROYSE.

- 32 David STOWELL: born abt 1693 in Newton; died bef 5 Sep 1763 in Wilmington, CT.
- 33 Mary FOSTER.
- 34 James ROYSE.
- 35 Mehitable ARNOLD.

Generation 7

- **64 David STOWELL**: born 8 Apr 1660 in Hingham; married 7 Apr 1692 in Cambridge; died 9 Sep 1724 in Newton.
- 65 Mary STEDMAN: died 27 Sep 1724 in Nerwton.

Generation 8

- **128 Samuel STOWELL**: born in England; married 25 Oct 1648 in Hingham; died 9 Nov 1683 in Hingham.
- 129 Mary FARROW: born 22 Sep 1633 in Hingham, Norfolk, England; died 24 Oct 1708 in Hingham.
- 130 Nathaniel STEDMAN.
- 131 Temperance.

Generation 9

258 John FARROW: died 7 Jul 1687 in Hingham.

259 Frances: died 28 Jan 1689 in Hingham.

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