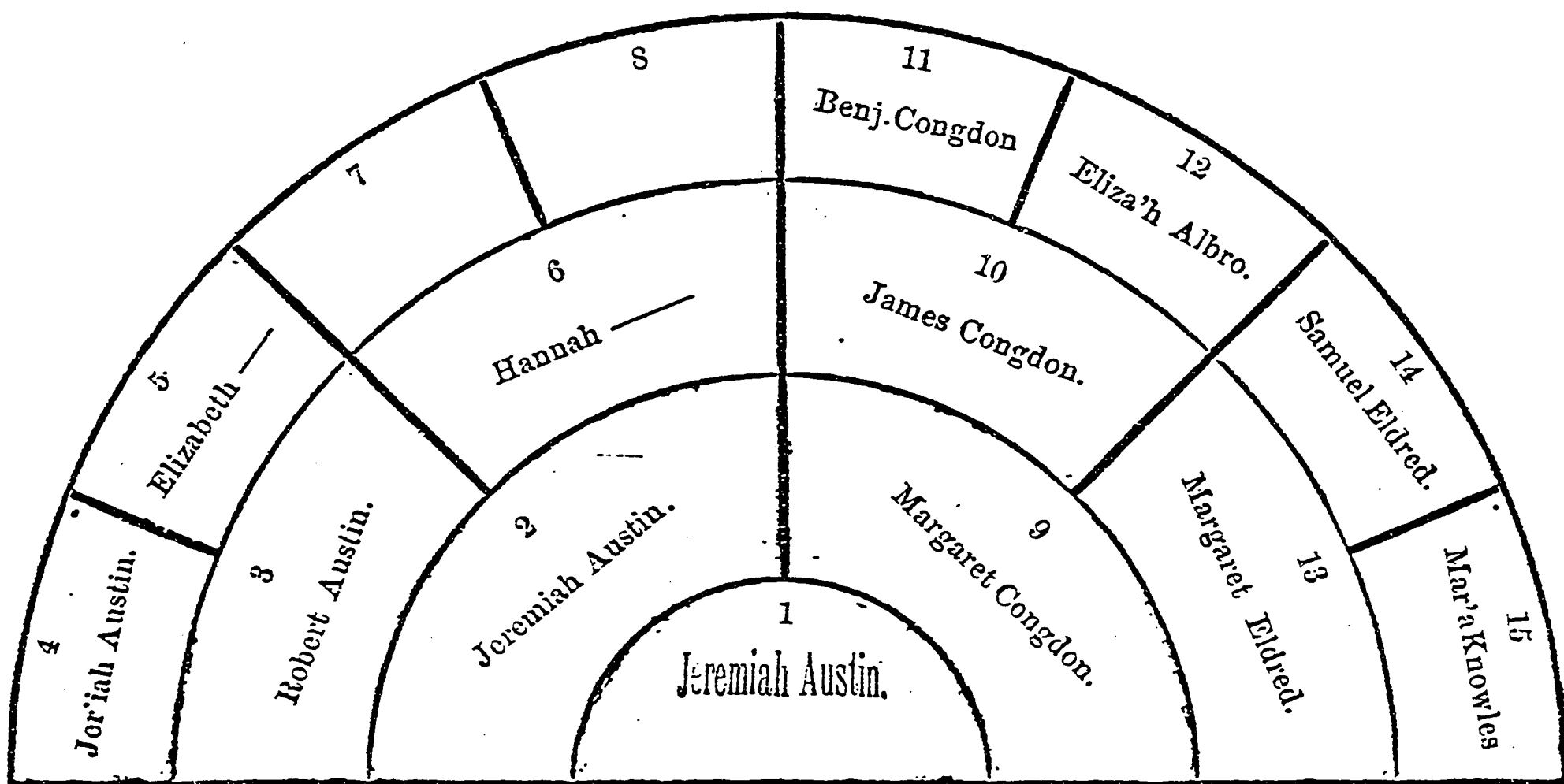


**GENEALOGY**

*Jeremiah Austin*

**FAMILY.**



ANCESTORS OF JEREMIAH AUSTIN, NANTUCKET, MASS.

## ANCESTORS OF JEREMIAH AUSTIN.

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The figures before the principals in the following article, refer to the diagram

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1. JEREMIAH AUSTIN was born 1758, at Charlestown, R. I. Married 1783, Feb. 26, Patience Fish, daughter of David and Jemima (Tallman) Fish. She was born 1753, April 13.

He died 1822, Dec. 11. She died 1831, Dec. 29.

He moved from Rhode Island with his father in early life, and was for some years engaged in the tanning business in town of Rochester, Mass. He moved from there to Little Compton, R. I., about 1796.

1804, Aug. 2, he bought the estate located at 156 Thames street (on the west side) consisting of two tenements and a store used for a grocery, and cellar used for a bakery. He lived in one of the tenements for a time. (He sold the property 1812, March 3, for \$2000).

1808. In this year he bought a place in Ferrisburg, Vt., where his brother James was living, but did not stay there long, removing finally to Nantucket, where his son Joseph was located.

1818. He published (by Benjamin Lindsey, New Bedford) a pamphlet entitled "Gospel Doctrine Vindicated, and freed from the mist in which it is involved by Oliver

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Bartlett's book, which he calls 'A Vindication of the Two Gospel Ordinances, Baptism and the Lord's Supper.' "

Like his father he placed a high value on education, and he kept the same religious faith, remaining a Quaker through life.

His children were as follows :

- I. David, b. 1784, March 21 ; d. 1818, May 15 ;  
m. Anna Dexter.
  - II. Isaac, b. 1785, Aug. 19 ; d. 1864, Dec. — ; m.  
Anna Easton 1816, Nov. 20.
  - III. Joseph, b. 1786, Nov. 13 ; d. 1817, Aug. 24 ; m.  
Rachael Hussey, 1808, Dec. 7.
  - IV. Jemima, b. 1788, April 29 ; d. 1867, July 5 ;  
unmarried.
  - V. Daniel, b. 1789, March 20 ; d. — ; m. Rachel  
Gardner 1812, May 6.
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2. JEREMIAH AUSTIN was born 1730, March 24, at Westerly, R. I. He married 1748, August 8, Margaret Congdon, daughter of James and Margaret (Eldred) Congdon. She was born 1725, Oct. 1. He died 1815, Dec. 20. She died 1812, Jan. 29. He lived in that part of Westerly which was set off (1738) as Charlestown. 1759, Feb. 26, he joined the Friends (Quakers) at a monthly meeting at South Kingstown. 1761, Jan. 25, he was representative to monthly meeting, and is shown by records of the meeting to have been a very useful member, becoming in later years an Elder. In the book entitled "Memorials of Deceased Friends," (Providence, 1841) there is quite a sketch of his life. His wife's father, James Congdon, died in 1757, and by his will he left her a slave described as a Spanish Indian girl called

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"Flora," but, believing it unjust to keep slaves, Jeremiah freed her. Soon after this he was appointed manager of Thomas Hazard's farm, who was also a Quaker, and preacher for that sect for forty years. His grandson, Isaac P. Hazard, alluding (see Updike's History of Narragansett Church) to Jeremiah Austin's act in freeing the slave when himself a poor man, says that Thomas Hazard placed Jeremiah Austin "highest on the list of distinguished philanthropists." 1765, Dec. 30, he requested a removal certificate from Friends to Rochester, Mass., and this was signed next month, and he soon removed to his new home, where he lived twenty years. 1785, he went to Little Compton, R. I., where he took charge of the Seaconnet Point Farm for Wm. Rotch of New Bedford, for some time. After the death of his wife he visited his children at their different homes, his son James being located at Ferrisburgh, Vt., at that time, and his son Joshua at Easton, N. Y. His grandson, Joshua, Jr., came to live with him at Little Compton, and at this grandson's in Little Compton he died, expressing himself shortly before death as grateful that he owed nothing and had been able to give a good education to his children. He and his wife were buried at Little Compton, as also his daughter Elizabeth, his grandson Joshua, and the latter's wife Diana. His children were as follows:

- I. Joseph, b. 1749; d. 1827, Sept. 11; m. Patience Grinnell.
- II. Hannah, b. ; d. ; m. ——— Cross.
- III. Joshua, b. ; d. ; m. ——— ———.
- IV. Jeremiah, b. 1758; d. 1822, Dec. 11; m. Patience Fish, 1783, Feb. 26.
- V. Margaret, b. ; d. ; m. Moses Bowerman.

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- VI. Dorcas, b.       ; d.       ; m. Jonathan Westgate.
  - VII. Phebe, b.       ; d.       ; m. Paul Bowerman.
  - VIII. James, b.       ; d.       ; m. Ruth Fish.
  - IX. Elizabeth, b.       ; d. 1822, Feb. 28; m. Preserved Fish, 1813, Jan. 27.
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3. ROBERT AUSTIN was born about 1690 at Kingstown, R. I. He married Hannah ———. (Query: Who were her parents?) He died 1752; she died before that date. 1716, June 4, he had moved to Westerly previous to this date, as the records of that town show a vote of Town Council that Robert Austin and two others "be allowed three shillings a piece for conveying of a distracted to the authority of Stonington." This constables service must have been performed soon after his removal from his birth place. 1721, Sept. 29, (acknowledged 1722, Aug. 22) he bought of William and Ellen Davel three acres, more or less, at Westerly, bounded easterly by a fresh pond, "and a small island which is part of said three acres." He paid £15 for this parcel of land, and the deed calls him "Cordwainer." 1727, his name is in a list of all the freemen of Westerly town from the first settlement thereof." 1745, Jan. 16, he bought of George Ninigret, "Chief Sachem of the Narragansett County in New England, Indian," one hundred and thirty acres in Charlestown for £270. (This Sachem was crowned 1735 and died 1746, and was grandson to Ninigret who succeeded to the throne on the death of Canonicus.) 1745, March 12, Robert Austin sold Joseph Dodge three acres more or less in Charlestown, with all the buildings and improvements thereon, for £278. He thus lived for twenty-three years on his three acre piece of ground, pursuing

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his occupation of a shoemaker, and then purchased the larger tract, when doubtless he added farming to his other vocation. 1752, April 13. administration on his estate was given to his son Robert, who brought in an inventory the next month showing £258 17s. Among the items were: Wearing clothes, £5; cash, £7, 12s; one pair of steers, one cow, one heifer, nine goats, two hogs, three sheep, six chair frames, one table, one chest and box, two spinning wheels, one warming pan, ironware, shoemakers tools, etc., etc.

His children were as follows:

I. Robert, b. —; d. before 1793; m. —

II. Jeremiah, b. 1730. Mch. 24; d. 1815, Dec. m. Margaret Congdon, 1748, Aug. 8.

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4. JEREMIAH AUSTIN was born about 1665 at Kings Town, R. I. He married Elizabeth —. (Query: Who were her parents?) He died 1754; she died after 1752.

1687, Sept. 6, he was taxed at Rochester, (alias Kings Town), 1 s. under the levy of Sir Edmund Andros, Governor of the United Colonies. The heaviest taxpayer in the list of 138 persons was Major Richard Smith, £1. 19s. 10d. 1720. At about this date he and his son Jeremiah had ear marks granted for their sheep, and two years later he and Jeremiah, Jr. were present at town meeting at Kings Town. The town of South Kingstown was set off this year (1722), the remaining part being called North Kingstown, and the records of the original town remaining there. Twenty years later Exeter was set off from North Kingstown, and thus Jeremiah Austin is found living successively in three towns, yet perhaps always on same piece of land. 1752, Mar. 6, will; proved, 1754;

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Ex., wife Elizabeth; witnesses, Jeffrey Champlin, Wm. Sweet, Wm. Davis. He calls himself "weak in body and well stricken in years." To his wife Elizabeth he gives all his pewter, two iron kettles and iron pot, two feather beds and all movable estate. He had doubtless already deeded his real estate to his children. At the time of his death there were seven Jeremiah Austins living, viz: Jeremiah, Jeremiah, Jr., and Jeremiah, 3d, also three grandsons (sons respectively of Robert, Pasko and Ezekiel), and a grand nephew (son of his brother Joseph's son Robert). His children were as follows:

- I. Robert, b. —; d. 1752; m. Hannah —.
- II. Pasko, b. —; d. 1774; m. Margaret Sunderland, 1725, Oct. 25.
- III. Jeremiah, b. —; d. 1778, m. Sarah —.
- IV. David, b. —; d. —; m. Dinah —.
- V. Stephen, b. —; d. 1752; m. Mary Fish, 1729, Apr. 25.
- VI. Mercy, b. —; d. —; m. Benoni Austin, 1729, Aug. —.
- VII. Daniel, b. —; d. 1737; m. Ann Baker, 1732, Apr. 9.
- VIII. Ezekiel, b. —; d. —; m. — —.

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ROBERT AUSTIN was undoubtedly the founder of the family in Rhode Island, but of him little can be found on the records, though his name has been perpetuated. Two of his sons, (Jeremiah and Joseph) having named sons for him. He must have died early, as in the tax list already referred to (1637) his name does not appear, though his sons Jeremiah and Edward are in the list, and a few years later the names of two other sons, Joseph and John appear on the public records. 1661, Sept. 15, his name



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appears in a list of 65 persons, (residents of Newport, Portsmouth and Kings Town mostly), who were to have lots at the new settlement of Misquamicut (Westerly). Lots measured 80 rods by 12, and every man was to pay £7 or forfeit his right. Lot No. 12 fell to Robert Austin, but neither he nor many of the others ever settled there. His home was Kings Town, doubtless.

His children were as follows:

- I. Jeremiah, b. —; d. 1754; m. Elizabeth —.
- II. Edward, b. —; d. —; m. —.
- III. Joseph, b. —; d. —; m. Mary —.
- IV. John, b. —; d. 1752, Apr. 17; m. Mary —.

10. JAMES CONGDON was born 1686, April 19, at Kingstown, R. I. He married, first, Margaret Eldred, daughter of Samuel and Martha (Knowles) Eldred. He married, second, — Westcott. He married, third, 1739, Nov. 15, Mary Hoxie, widow of Joseph Hoxie, and daughter of Robert and Deborah ( — ) Taylor. He died 1757, Sept. 27. His first wife died about 1728. His second wife died about 1734. His third wife died after 1755. 1706. In this year an ear-mark for sheep was granted him at Kingstown, and three years later he and Samuel Eldred, Capt. John Eldred and John Grownut bought 430 acres of "vacant lands" ordered sold by legislature. 1713, Feb. 11, he bought of his brother Benjamin, for £308, mansion house and sixty acres at "Mashantatask," on the north side of Pawtuxet river, within the then bounds of Providence, and he continued a resident of Providence twenty-six years. 1731-32-33-34, he was a member of the Town Council of Providence. 1739. He married his third wife this year, the ceremony being performed at the residence of the bride, that "being the usual meeting place in Charlestown." He had probably joined

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the Friends Society by request shortly before this marriage. Henceforward Charlestown, R. I., became his home. 1745. He was Moderator of town meeting this year, and again in 1755. 1745-47-48-49-50, Deputy to represent Charlestown in Legislature. 1747, 48, Town Council, and Ratemaker in the latter year. 1755, Sept. 11, will; proved 1757; executors, sons Benjamin and John; witnesses, Joseph Hoxie, Mary Hoxie, Benjamin Peckham, Jr. He gives wife Mary the negro woman named Sall and negro girl Phillis, and use and improvement of five cows and fifty sheep, and three beds while his widow. Also for support of herself and three youngest children, she to have use of negro man Cæsar, and Spanish Indian girl Satira, during her widowhood. His wife was given her choice of a riding horse, saddle, etc. To son James one hundred acres in South Kingstown and a dwelling house in Charlestown, where he was living, with twenty acres of land, and a mulatto woman named Cuff. To son Samuel a bond for £150, held against him, with accrued interest. To son Benjamin all lands and houses in Cranston in place called "Shantacott." To son William land in South Kingstown, and south half of a dwelling house in the town which son Joseph lives in. To son John, forty acres in Charlestown and land in South Kingstown. To son Joseph north half of house where he lived, and 30 acres. Son Robert (under 21) land in Charlestown under certain conditions. He gives other lands to sons, and gives £50 to his son Ephraim, and to his daughter Martha he gives Spanish Indian girl Hannah for life and then to her children, also two beds, riding beast, saddle and bridle and £100, and two cows. To daughter Margaret Spanish Indian girl Flora for life and then to her children, two beds and household goods in house where she lives, and two cows. To daughter Dorcas Spanish

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Indian girl Grace for life, and then to children, household goods, horse, &c., and 2 cows. To daughter Susannah, a negro girl Lettice, 1 bed and £100, &c. To daughter Phebe £500 when 18. To daughter Elizabeth, Spanish Indian woman Dinah, and £100, &c. To daughter Penelope £50. His daughters Elizabeth, Martha and Susannah were to have use of a room in house given Joseph and Willam while said daughters remained single, with privilege of dressing victuals in the kitchen, and keep of 2 cows. All rest of estate to sons Benjamin and John equally. His children were as follows:

1ST WIFE.

- I. James, b. —; d. —; m. (1st) Silence Holway, 1732, May 2; (2d) Elizabeth Pike, 1745, Jan. 30.
- II. Penelope, b. ; d. ; m. Nicholas Sheldon.
- III. Benjamin, born 1711; d. 1799; m. Barbara Williams.
- IV. Samuel, b. ; d. ; m. Mary Eldred, 1732, Feb. 15.
- V. William, b. ; d. ; m. Rebecca Taylor.
- VI. John, b. ; d. ; m. (1st) Sarah —; (2d) Sarah Hoxie, 1745, Oct. 6.
- VII. Eliza, b. ; d. ; m. Samuel Burlingame, 1742, June 13.
- VIII. Martha, b. ; d. ; m. Jonathan Hoag, 1768, Apr. 25.
- IX. Margaret, b. 1725, Oct. 1; d. 1812, Jan. 29; m. Jeremiah Austin, 1748, Aug. 8.

2D WIFE.

- X. Ephraim, b. ; d. ; m. — Sheldon.
- XI. Dorcas, b. 1729, Dec. 14; d. ; m. Gideon Hoxie.
- XII. Joseph, b. 1733, April 20; d. 1805, June 16; m. Susannah Cross about 1751.

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## 3D WIFE.

XIII. Robert, b.       ; d. 1805; m. Abigail Brownell.

XIV. Susannah, b.   ; d.       ; m. Timothy Peckham,  
1759, March 11.

XV. Phebe, b.       ; d. young; unmarried.

11. BENJAMIN CONGDON was born about 1650 in England, and early came to R. I. He married Elizabeth Albro, daughter of John and Dorothy (   ) Albro. He died 1718, June 19. She died 1720, Nov. 15.

1671, Sept. 20, Portsmouth, R. I., he received a deed from Wm. Brenton, &c., of 230 acres in Narragansett, near Pettacomscott, but lived some years at Portsmouth before moving to the other side of the bay, where ultimately he made his home.

1679, his shop at Newport was ordered moved to another lot, or else it would be pulled down; the same year he received a grant of 200 acres at Narragansett.

1683, Oct. 20, Kings Town had now become his home, as is seen by deed of this date, wherein "Benjamin Congdon, late of Portsmouth, planter," sells John Sheldon 230 acres in Narragansett for £7. Henceforward he lived at Kings Town.

1687, Sept. 6, taxed at Kings Town under Sir Edmund Andros. Estate 2s, ½d, Poll 1s.

1714, June 15, his wife Elizabeth signed receipt with him for legacy from her father, John Albro's estate (viz. 50s, 1 bolster case, 2 pewter platters, 1 pair sheets).

1718. Will proved in this year. Ex.; wife Elizabeth. Witnesses—Theophilus Whaley, David Northup, Christopher Fowler. To sons William, John, Benjamin and James, he gave 5s. each, they having had their portion before. To daughters Elizabeth Wells and Susannah Northup, and granddaughter Elizabeth Wells he gives cows,

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to be theirs at decease of wife. To his wife he gives household goods, &c. Inventory, £38. Items included cows, sheep, 4 silver spoons, wine glasses, earthen, pewter and ironware, warming-pan, napkins, towels, wearing apparel, &c. The old Congdon burying-ground at Congdon Hill, near Wickford, contains the grave of this ancestor of the race in America, and the graves of his wife and many descendants. There is a tradition with some of Benjamin Congdon's descendants, that he came to this country with a brother John who settled in New Jersey; and that their father's name was John, and that he married a daughter of the Earl of Pembroke. In support of this, it is claimed that Benjamin's birthplace was in Pembroke-shire, Wales, near St. David's. There seems, however, nothing clear nor definite in this tradition; and the coat of arms claimed for the family bears the following inscription: "The ancient family of Congdon of Willerby in Yorkshire, descended out of Wales, now of Rhode Island, Anno Domini 1811," thus implying a departure from Wales into Yorkshire of a branch of the family. His children were as follows:

- I. William, b.       ; d. 1761; m. 1st, Mary———;  
     2d, Margaret ——.  
     Children by 1st wife :  
     1. Joseph, b.       .  
     2. William, b. 1698, Jan. 25.  
     3. Elizabeth, b       .  
     4. Abigail, b.
- II. Benjamin, b.   ; d.   ; m. Frances Stafford 1701,  
     Dec. 1, of Joseph and Sarah (Holden) Stafford.  
     Children :  
     1. Benjamin, b.  
     2. William, b.

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3. Stukeley, b.

4. James, b.

III. John, b. ; d ; m. Mary——.

Children:

1. Jeremiah.

2. Mary.

3. John.

4. James.

IV. James, b. 1686, April 19; d. 1757, Sept. 27; m.  
(1st) Margaret Eldred; (2d) ——Westcott;  
(3d) Mary Hoxie (widow), 1739, Nov. 15.

V. Elizabeth, b. ; d. ; m. John Wells, of  
John and Mary ( ) Wells.

VI. Susannah, b. ; d. ; m. David Northup  
of Stephen Northup.

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JOHN ALBRO was born in England, 1617. He married Dorothy Potter, widow of Nathaniel Potter, Portsmouth, R. I. She was born 1617. He died 1712, Dec. 14. She died 1696, Feb. 19. 1634. He came in ship "Francis" to Massachusetts in care of William Freeborne, (who four years later was among those who first settled Portsmouth, R. I.) 1639. John Albro's name first appears on records of Portsmouth, he being granted a lot if he would build within one year. 1644, Corporal; 1660-61-64-66-68-70-72, Lieutenant; 1675-77-80, Captain; 1680, &c., Major. 1649. He was chosen to view cattle, and also clerk of weights and measures. He was often member of Town Council, and served frequently as moderator of town meetings during his long life, officiating even in old age. He was soon called to larger duties, but seemed always to keep up his interest in local affairs of his town. 1660-

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61. Commissioner from Portsmouth in these years, and in the latter years was a committee to receive contributions for agents in England. 1666. He was appointed with two others to take care of highways and driftways. 1670. He and three others loaned £7 in aggregate to the colony on account of Portsmouth. 1671-72-77-78-79-80-81-82-83-84-85-86, assistant. 1676, April 4. He and three others had care and disposal of 1 barrel of powder for supply of Portsmouth, and it was ordered that the two great guns now in yard of late deceased Wm. Brenton be pressed for country's service, and carried to Portsmouth and one placed on Ferry Neck, and one near John Borden's. 1676. Appointed commissioner with others to order watch and ward of the Island. In the same year it was voted: "that in these troublous times and straits in this colony the Assembly desiring to have the advice and concurrence of the most judicious inhabitants, if it may be had for the good of the whole, do desire at their next setting, the company and counsel" of certain leading inhabitants (sixteen in all), including John Albro. 1677. On important committee this year concerning the collection of money for the agent in England, and also about intrusions of Connecticut. 1679. On a committee to draw up letter to his Majesty, the King, giving true account of territory of Mt. Hope, and of late war with Indians. Same year he and another were appointed to run westerly line of colony. 1683. He with others prohibited Gov. Cranfield of N. H. from exercising authority in Narragansett.

1685, Jan. 14. Major John Albro, assistant, and coroner summoned a jury in case of an Indian found dead upon Clay Pit lands. Verdict: "that the said Indian being much distempered with drink was bewildered and by the extremity of the cold lost his life the said 12th day of this instant in the night." It fell to him in his office

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as assistant to perform many marriages. 1686, Dec. 30. The first meeting of Sir Edmund Andros' Council was held at Boston, and eight days before the notice to the members (who were commissioned by King James II to represent R. I.) was sent them. There were present Sir Edmund Andros and eighteen of his council, including five R. I. members, viz: John Coggeshall, Richard Arnold, Walter Clarke, Walter Newbury and John Albro. The members were sworn not only to allegiance, but for due administration of justice. The enforced abdication of Andros (upon the accession of William and Mary) occurred three years later. 1697. Though now 80 years of age he journeyed to Boston on business of the colony, and was allowed 20s for the service. 1710, Dec. 28, Will—proved 1713. Executors, son-in-law John Anthony and Susannah, wife of John Anthony; overseers, William Sanford and Giles Slocum.

To son John Albro he gives lands south-easterly of a line, "beginning at a white thorn bush", &c.; to grandsons John and Albro Anthony, lands north-west of said line, 30 acres in extent, with housing, orchards, &c., they paying legacies. To granddaughter Sarah Anthony, £80. If daughter Susannah outlived her husband she was to have equal privileges with her sons in house and lands, and not to be turned out of same. Grandson John Anthony to have a bed and chest, five sheep and great bible, and grandson Albro Anthony, bed, chest, &c. To granddaughter Sarah Anthony, looking glass, chest, two pewter platters and five sheep. To son John Albro one cow and two napkins, and to children of John 40s, equally. To children of son Samuel 50s equally. (Silver to be reckoned in both cases at 17 pwt.) To daughter Mary Hicks one cow and two napkins. To daughter Elizabeth Congdon 50s in silver money, one bolster case, one pair sheets, two pewter platters. To daughter Susannah An-



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thony, five cows, one heifer one feather bed, upon which she lieth, and warming pan, steelyards, spice mortar, brass kettle, lantern, &c. To granddaughter Dorothy Bentley, of son Samuel 16s. All rights in Misquamicut purchase (Westerley) he gave equally to two sons. All rest of moveable estate to daughter Susannah. The friends records state that he "was buried in his own orchard." From him descends all of the name in the country, (unless of recent emigration). John Albro's son John has quite numerous descendants at Portsmouth, (where he died) and Kings Town, &c. Samuel Albro, the other son went to Kings Town as early as 1671. He was treasurer of Kings Town 1683, overseer of poor 1687, and taxed in that year under Gov. Andros, 9s. 7 1-2d. He was selectman also, and in 1718 was warden of Episcopal church at Narragansett, his son John being vestryman. He was buried 1739, April 17, in his 95th year, as the records of the Narragansett church tell us. His descendants are quite numerous in Rhode Island and elsewhere.

John Albro (first ancestor of the race in America), had children as follows:

I. Samuel, b. 1644; d. 1739, April —; m. Isabella —.

Children:

1. Samuel, b.
2. John, b.
3. Dorothy.

II. Elizabeth, b. —; d. 1720, Nov. 15; m. Benjamin Congdon.

Children:

1. William, b.
2. Benjamin, b.
3. John, b.
4. James, b. 1686, April 19.

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5. Elizabeth, b.

6. Susannah, b.

III. Mary, b. ; d. ; m. Thomas Hicks, of  
Samuel and Lydia (Doane) Hicks.

Children :

1. Thomas, b.

2. Samuel, b.

3. Ephraim, b.

4. Susannah, b.

5. Abigail, b.

6. Elizabeth, b.

IV. John, b. ; d. 1724, Dec. 4; m. Mary Stokes,  
1693, April 27.

Children :

1. John, b. 1694, March 23.

2. Samuel, b. 1701, June 13.

3. Sarah, b.

4. Mary, b.

V. Susannah, b. ; d. ; m. John Anthony,  
Jr., 1694, January 3.

Children :

1. Albro,\* b. 1694, September 25.

2. Sarah, b. 1697, August 1.

3. John, b. 1699, February 16.

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14. SAM<sup>(2)</sup>UEL DRED was born 1644, Oct. 26, at Cambridge, Mass. He married Martha Knowles, daughter of Henry Knowles, of Warwick, R. I. He died about 1720. She died 1728. His father moved first to Stonington, Ct., and

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\*Gilbert Stuart<sup>5</sup> (John Albro<sup>4</sup>, Susannah<sup>2</sup>, Albro Anthony<sup>3</sup>, Elizabeth<sup>1</sup>). The celebrated portrait painter had his descent as indicated, his father, Gilbert, Sr., (a Scotchman) having come to this country a young man, and married Elizabeth Anthony, daughter of Albro Anthony.

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later to Wickford, R. I., and Samuel, Jr., was for most of his life therefore, a resident of Kings Town. 1670, April 16, he was on a jury summoned by his father in a murder case. 1687, Sept. 6, he was taxed at Kingstown 3s.  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. under Gov. Andros' levy. 1709, he and his brother John, with James Congdon and John Grownut, bought 430 acres of the "vacant lands" ordered sold by legislature. 1717, Oct., he deeded above tract of land to daughters Penelope and Mary, giving each one-half of same, and calling them wives respectively of Ephraim Gardner and Robert Brownell. 1721, Aug. 3, Martha Eldred, relict of Samuel, lately deceased, quitclaimed all her interest in above lands to sons-in-law of Robert Brownell and Eph. Gardiner. 1727, Jan. 24, Will; proved 1728, Oct. 14. Martha Eldred, widow of Samuel, of North Kingstown. Exrs., sons-in-law Ephraim Gardner and James Congdon. To well beloved daughters Penelope Gardiner and Margaret Congdon, £37 in Bills of Public Credit of New England, with interest thereon at 8 per cent, this sum to be divided equally, To daughter Mary Browning, all apparel whatsoever. To much esteemed and beloved sons-in-law, Ephraim Gardiner and James Congdon, a tract of land of about 9 acres, that was formerly part of son-in-law Robert Browning's land. This land to be divided equally between James Congdon and Ephraim Gardner, and they also to have £12 to divide equally. (Robert Browning as given in will should be Robert Brownell, as plainly given in deeds.)

His children were as follows:

- I. Penelope, b.       ; d.       ; m. Ephraim Gardiner,  
1713, April 28.
- II. Margaret, b.       ; d. 1728 about; m. James  
Congdon.
- III. Mary, b       ; d.       ; m. Robert Brownell.

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SAMUEL ELDRED, Sr., was born in England. He married Elizabeth ———. He died after 1687. 1646. In this year he was living at Cambridge, Mass. 1659, Oct. 18, ordered that Sergeant Eldred should pay Edward Lane of Boston for two years' rent of farm and stock at Rumney Marsh (Chelsea). 1668, May 4. He was at Wickford at this date, having probably lately arrived from Stonington, Ct., where he had lived for a time, and whose interests he represented as constable later. In a letter of this date, signed by him and 18 others of Wickford, to the General Court at Hartford, they desire the protection of Connecticut as promised four years before, for if not, "that so we may look for government and protection elsewhere, being not able to live either in our civil and ecclesiastical matters without government, which both the honor of God and the good of the country now calls upon us to seek after." 1670, June 22, he took constable's oath at Wickford under appointment of Connecticut, which claimed jurisdiction over all the country west of Narragansett Bay, a claim disputed by Rhode Island, and a contest which was finally, after years of strife, decided in favor of Rhode Island. He was imprisoned this year by Rhode Island authorities for assuming to call a jury on behalf of Connecticut in case of the murder of Walter Howes at Wickford, by Thomas Flounders. 1670, July 13. Under this date he writes from Wickford to Thos. Stanton, who lived at Stonington: "Sir, this is to inform you how the case stands with the town of Wickford in respect of Rhode Island. This very day there came down Mr. Samuel Wilson and Mr. George Bull, and Thomas Mumford with his black staff, and ——— upon this sad accident; and would have panelled the jury, whereupon I told them that they had nothing to do here to panel a jury; but if they would look upon the corpse they might, which several of them did. Then they commanded in his Majesty's

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name some to serve, and commanded myself to serve as a juryman upon the inquest, and commanded John Cole and several others who did refuse. I also warned them to serve in a jury for us, as we were under Connecticut, but they would not, but commanded us not to bury the man till a jury had passed on it by virtue of their power. So there was mighty commanding in his Majesty's name on both sides, and mighty threatening of carry to jail, insomuch that neither party could get twelve on a side. But at last they commanded all that were on their side to come out and they would panel a jury if there were but six. Upon that account the doors were shut where the corpse was, so they called the people to bear witness that they were obstructed in their power, and commanded us in his Majesty's name not to bury the man, and told us that they would return our answer to their masters. We told them we would return their actions and words to our magistrates. So they commanded all their party to go with them. And so we proceeded and buried the man, and have searched for the murderer, but cannot find him, and therefore would entreat you to send out after him, and send some this way, for we have never an officer here to grant me one. Sir, I would entreat, be strong and send away word to Connecticut by the first—, for we are in greater trouble than ever we were, and like to be in worse, therefore mind your promises and stand by us. John Cole stood to it and assisted as much as could be, not having taken the oath. Captain Hudson has not been here since. Sir, the people will fain be doing, and beg to find that if it be not mended suddenly, it will be bad times here. Not more at present, but remain yours to serve,

SAMUEL ELDRIDGE."

. 1670, July 21. A letter from Hartford from the Connecticut authorities to Rhode Island, complains of the seizure of Mr. Samuel Eldred and John Cole, the former

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of whom was carried from Wickford to the island of Rhode Island. 1674, Oct. 8, the General Court setting at Hartford "grants Samuel Eldred the sum of twenty robes for his good service in doing and suffering for this colony." 1676, March 7, the Council at Hartford granted permission as follows: "John Sweet and Samuel Eldred have liberty to transport 10 bushels of Indian corn apiece for their distressed families." (At this time all of Samuel Eldred's family appear to have been in R. I., but after 1687 his son Daniel returned to Stonington for a time, and though Daniel died at Kings Town, yet his sons Daniel, Jr., and James both lived at Stonington and there died, leaving families.) 1687, Sept. 6, Samuel Eldred was taxed at Kings Town under Sir Edmund Andros' levy, 2s. 4½d. His sons were taxed as follows: Samuel, Jr., 3s. ½d.; Thomas, 9s. ½d.; Daniel, 1s. 8d.; John, 2s. 5½d. Another son, James, who was alive 1671, had perhaps died. Samuel Eldred's son, Capt. John Eldred, was a prominent man in the colony. He was licensed at Kings Town, 1688. Ensign in 1692; Town Treasurer in 1697; Assistant, 1699, 1700-1-3-4-5-6-7-9-10-11-12-13-15-16. He was captain 1703, and subsequently always so called. He was Moderator of Town Meeting 1703, and member of committee to audit colony's debt. He was member of Town Council 1707 and 1708, and in latter years his house was meeting place of Commissioners on Narragansett Vacant Lands. He was on committee same year to confer with Ninigret, Indian Sachem, about setting off lands to him in Narragansett. He was Deputy 1708-9-19. In 1716 Gabriel Bernon signed an acknowledgement and asked forgiveness of Capt. John Eldred and several of the Assembly for causeless slanders uttered against John Eldred. His inventory showed £177.8s. Admx., widow Margaret. Samuel Eldred, Jr.'s children were as follows:

- I. Elizabeth, b. 1642, Oct. 26.

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- II. Samuel, b. 1644, Oct. 26 ; d. 1720 (about); m.  
Martha Knowles.  
Children :  
1. Penelope, b.  
2. Margaret, b.  
3. Mary, b.
- III. Mary, b. 1646, June 15 ; d.
- IV. Thomas, b. 1648, Sept. 8 ; d. 1726 ; m. Susannah Cole, of John and Susannah (Hutchinson) Cole.  
Children :  
1. John, b.  
2. Thomas, b.  
3. Daughter, b.  
4. Elisha, b. d. res. Kingston. m. Elizabeth -  
5. Bridget, b.  
6. Elizabeth, b.  
7. Daughter, b.  
8. Daughter, b.  
9. William, b.  
10. Daughter, b.
- V. James, b. ; d. 1697 -
- VI. Daniel, b. ; d. 1726, Aug. 13 ; m. Mary —  
Children :  
1. Daniel, b.  
2. James, b.  
3. Thomas, b.  
4. Abigail, b.  
5. Mary, b.  
6. Freeloove, b.  
7. Hannah, b.  
8. Sarah, b.

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VII. John, b.       ; d. 1724; m. Margaret Holden,  
of Randall and Frances (Dungan) Holden.

Children:

1. James, b.
2. Thomas, b.
3. Samuel, b.
4. Robert, b.
5. Anthony, b.
6. William, b.
7. Margaret, b.
8. Abigail, b.
9. Barbara, b.

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HENRY KNOWLES was born in England. He married  
———. He died 1670, Jan. —. She died after 1670.  
1644, May 27. Portsmouth, R. I. He was ordered to  
cut his lot shorter at discretion of Lieutenant Sanford and  
Goodman Borden, and Goodman Mott. 1654, Jan. 21.  
He sold to Thomas Lawton for valuable considerations  
“my now dwelling” in Portsmouth, with 9 acres, fruit  
trees, privileges, &c. 1655. Warwick, R. I., in list of  
Freeman (38 in all). 1657, Jan. 4. Action of trespass  
brought against him by Randall Holden. 1660. He had  
a six acre lot laid out to him adjoining his in Warwick.  
1663, Feb. 20. Chosen on Grand Jury. 1664, March 23.  
He and three others authorized by town to keep ordina-  
ries for entertainment of strangers during time the King’s  
commissioner kept court in Warwick. 1666, March 3.  
He was on a jury which found the following verdict:  
“We who are engaged to see this dead Indian do find by  
diligent search that he was beaten, which was the cause  
of his death.” 1670, Jan. 2, Will; proved 1670, Jan.  
20. Executor, son William. To wife, (without mention-  
ing her name) he gives northeast half of house in War-  
wick, well fitted for her use, and his son John is to con-



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veniently fit said house for his mother. The meadow in front of house she is also to have, and John is to mow and make the grass annually, and put it in convenient place for foddering. He gives some other land to wife for life. To daughter Mary, £15, and to daughter Martha, £20; both legacies to be paid by son John at certain intervals. To son John one half the house and all the rest of lands and meadows at Warwick and Pootomacut, and at decease of mother. John is to have her part of the house, meadows, &c. To son Henry house and half the lands "of my now dwelling" and to son William the other half, and rest of lands equally to brothers William and Henry "as Robert Hazard and John Albro shall divide it for their convenience." (Probably this house and land were located at Portsmouth.) The stock he divided as follows: To wife, two cows and a hog, and to son Henry a cow and calf, and the rest of cattle, hogs, and a mare to remain to the farm, but eventually to be divided equally between William and Henry, a sum of 40s. per annum being paid wife for life. The household goods to be divided as the wife shall see cause, the best bed at Warwick to be for wife, and the other bed for John "and those which are here", the best to Henry and the other to Martha. He charges William to be careful over Henry till he be of age, and to them give him full and quiet possession of the house and half the land, with liberty to William however of the house and half the appurtenances till two years after Henry come of age, and William to have one half the nursery to plant if he see fit. It was testified by witnesses that they heard deceased say after signing will, that if his son John did not take what he gave him, he was to have his brother William's right, and William to have John's right, except the executorship, and whoever should enjoy the Warwick estate was to provide sufficient wood for their mother during her life. The 40s. was to be

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paid by son William to his mother till Henry was of age, and then he was to pay 20s. of it. Henry Knowles left one son who had issue; (both John and Henry, Jr., as their wills show leaving no children).

Henry Knowles, ~~Jr.~~ had children as follows:

I. John, b. ———; d. 1716, Sept. 16.

II. William, b. ———; d. 1727; m. Alice Fish, of Thomas and Mary Fish.

Children:

1. Henry, b.
2. William, b.
3. Daniel, b.
4. Robert, b.
5. John, b.
6. Alice, b.
7. Rose, b.
8. Martha, b.
9. Mary, b.
10. Margaret, b.

III. Henry, b. ———; d. 1726.

IV. Mary, b. ———; d. 1719, Dec. 28; m. Moses Lippitt, 1688, Nov. 19, of John Lippitt.

Children:

1. Mary, b.
2. Martha, b.
3. Rebecca, b.
4. Moses, b.

V. Martha, b. ———; d. 1728; m. Samuel Eldred, of Samuel and Elizabeth Eldred.

Children:

1. Penelope, b.
2. Margaret, b.
3. Mary, b.