

PRINCIPAL FACTS OF INTEREST

CONCERNING THE

BREED FAMILY

IN AMERICA,

WITH THE

GENEALOGY

OF THE

STONINGTON, CONN., BRANCH.

MEMORANDUM OF AUTHORITIES.

Record and Pension Office, Washington, D. C.

“Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors,” compiled from the Archives, by the Secretary of the Commonwealth. Boston: 1896. Wright & Potter, Printers,

“Record of the Descendants of Allen Bread, who came to America from England in 1630.” Hathaway & Bros., Philadelphia, 1892.

Town Records, Stonington, Connecticut.

Town Records, Breedtown, Venango County, Pa.

Monuments in Family Burial Plots, Family Papers, Letters, etc.

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HISTORICAL SUMMARY.

On the 19th of March, 1628, John Humphrey, a brother-in-law of the Earl of Lincoln, John Endicott, and four others, gentlemen from Dorchester, obtained from the Council of New England (a Council established at Plymouth, in the County of Devon, "for the planting, ruling, ordering and governing New England in America." and which held the first Patent issued by King James to forty of his subjects) a grant of the coast between Laconia and Plymouth Patent, including the whole of Massachusetts Bay, and all the land westward to the Pacific Ocean between two parallel lines, the one north of any and every part of the Merrimac River, and the other south of any and every part of the Charles River. These pioneers formed a company known as "The Governor and Company of Massachusetts Bay in New England."

Preparations were made to extend the settlement, which they named "The Londons Plantation in Massachusetts Bay." Every fifty pounds (\$240) contributed to the company's stock by any member entitled him to 200 acres of land. Every stockholder who emigrated at his own expense was to receive 50 acres for each member of his family. The stock

afterwards diminished in value, and as a compensation each stockholder was to receive 200 additional acres for each £50 subscribed. Of this company John Winthrop was elected Governor.

Governor Winthrop was born in Groton, County of Suffolk, England, Jan. 11, 1588. He died in Boston March 26, 1689. He sailed with his company from Yarmouth, England, April 7th, 1630, in the "Arabella" and fifteen other vessels, arriving at Salem June 12th following with eight or nine hundred souls. Winthrop went to Boston, Saltonstall to Watertown, Pyncheon to Roxbury, Craddock's servants to Mystic, Massachusetts, (called Medford); while Allen Brewster with some fifty others stopped at Saugus and founded Lynn, on the north shore of Massachusetts Bay, between what is now Salem and Boston. The town has the river Saugus on the west, the harbor on the south, the ocean on the southeast and the Lakes of Lynn on the north.

Lynn was known as "Saugust" when it was incorporated in 1630. In 1635 Rev. Samuel Whiting (Sec. 47, Breed Family Record) came to Lynn, Massachusetts, from his home in Lynn, England, and in compliment to him, the name Saugust was dropped and Lynn adopted. Lynn in England was called Lynn Regis from being patronized by King John, who in 1215 received great service from the town in his war with France.

In the year 1200, many Hollanders emigrated to England, and it was about that time that the town of Brede in Sussex County was settled. The town now contains a population of 1000, and covers five thousand acres. The register of the town dates back to 1359. In the church there are brasses with Latin inscriptions to Robert Oxenbridge, dated 1487 and 1492. The Attford family mansion, now called Brede Place, was erected in the reign of Edward III. The Manor of Brede was distinct from the Hundred of Hastings up to the thirty-third year of Henry VIII.

The family spread over England, and we know very little of their history until the time of Allen Bread, who sailed with Governor Winthrop for America. All of the family in this country are descendants of this man and his first wife, who brought two sons with them from England, Allen, b. 1626, and Timothy, b. 1628, and had two sons born to them in Lynn, Joseph, b. 1632, and John, b. 1634.

The lists of those who received land are not complete. It may be assumed that Allen Bread was a stockholder, and emigrated at his own expense, as he received 200 acres, 50 for each member of his family, in 1638, when the town lands were divided by a committee appointed "to lay out ffarms."

In September, 1871, John C. Breed, one of this branch of the family, visited Lynn and was shown a house, the timbers of which were taken from the

home of Allen the first. He thoroughly explored "Breed's End," a part of the city proper, which was originally the farm of this ancestor. In the old cemetery was seen the Breed burial lot, in which were two short slate stones over the graves of Allen and John, sons of Allen¹. Soon after the family settled in America, the name was spelled Breed, and this form has since been universally used.

Many of the family were engaged in the War of the Revolution, both as soldiers and sailors. Breed's Hill, where the battle of "Bunker Hill" was fought, and where the monument stands, was named from the large farm, close to the redoubt, of Ebenezer Breed, (gr. gr. grandson of Allen¹, b. July 11, 1742, d. July 13, 1817).

John Breed, third son of Allen², who was eldest son of Allen¹, resided in Lynn until after the death of his first wife and daughter; then removed to Stonington, Conn., where he purchased land of Gershom Palmer, and married his daughter, Mercy, March 11, 1689. He erected a dwelling house and also a bark mill, which he used in his business of a tanner and currier. The lineal descendant, who now owns and occupies the farm, has preserved the nether millstone and it is used as a stepping stone at the house entrance.

John Breed³ was the founder of the Stonington branch of the family, and, with his wife, Mercy

Palmer, is buried in the ancient Wequetequoc burial place with the Palmer family, about two miles south of their home. The inscription on a tombstone of blue slate is well preserved and reads thus: "In memory of a pious pair, this carved stone is erected here, viz., of Mr. John Breed and his wife Mercy, who lived together in y^e marriage state, in a most religious manner, about sixty-four years, and then deceased, leaving a numerous offspring, he in 1751 about ninety years of age, and she in 1752 about eighty-three years. Erected in y^e year 1772 by 6 of their children then Living.

'Behold the righteous live long in the earth,
'And in old age resign their breath;
'They and their offspring here are blest;
'When done with life they go to rest'."

John⁴ and his wife, Mary Prentice, with Nathan⁵ and his wife, Lucy Babcock, are buried in the family burial place on the home farm. Thus are located all the graves in this line of descent. Allen¹ and Allen,² with the first wife of John³ and her only child, lie in Lynn, Mass; John³ in the Wequetequoc burial place; John⁴ and Nathan⁵ in the home ground; Joseph⁶ in Breedtown, Penn.; and Anna⁷ in Mystic, Conn.

The dwelling house built by John³ in 1689, was recently taken down, after standing 211 years, to be re-built. Much of the material has been carefully

preserved to be used in the construction of the new house. The property is not now owned in the family ; but in that of the wife of Joseph⁶, Mercy Holmes.

The Breed coat of arms has not as yet been fully identified. The necessary expenditure for a search in England is, however, all that is necessary to establish the claim of the American descendants.

Nathan Breed, b. 1731, d. about 1800, served as corporal in the Connecticut militia, Col. Parson's regiment, Capt. Ely Avery's company, in the Revolutionary War. Joseph Breed, his son, b. July 9, 1758, d. Jan. 2, 1839, served in the Massachusetts militia as private in Col. Poor's regiment, Capt. Caleb Moulton's company ; Eliphalet Hastings, Lieut. He was wounded in the leg and carried the bullet to his grave. In the spring of 1818 he removed from the Stonington Homestead to Cherrytree, Venango County, Penn., (afterward called Breedtown) being forty days on the journey. From an autograph letter of his, with his wife's name attached, dated March 2, 1833, is learned that he applied for a pension. From his grandson, Franklin Breed, is learned that he was granted one of \$8 per month from that time

GENEALOGY.

Direct lineal descent, from father to son, from the emigrant ancestor ALLEN BREAD, to and including the children of SILAS BEEBE and ANNA BREED his wife.

	BORN	DIED
ALLEN BREAD (1).....	In England, 1601.....	.....In Lynn, Mass., March 17, 1692
married :		
(Wife's name unknown)	In England .....	.....In Lynn, Mass.
ALLEN.....	.....1626.....	.....In Lynn, Mass.
TIMOTHY.....	.....1628.....	.....
JOSEPH.....	.....1632.....	.....
JOHN.....	.....1634.....	.....In Lynn, Mass., June 28, 1678
Married second wife :		
Elizabeth Knight.....	.....	.....
daughter of Wm. Knight		
ALLEN BREAD (2).....	In England, 1626.....	.....In Lynn, Mass.
married :		
Mary ——— .....	.....	.....November 30, 1671
JOSEPH.....	February 12, 1658.....	.....November 25, 1713
ALLEN.....	August 30, 1660 .....	.....
JOHN.....	January 17, 1663.....	.....1751
MARY	August 24, 1665.....	.....
ELIZABETH.....	November 1, 1667.....	.....
SAMUEL.....	September 25, 1669.....	.....

GENEALOGY—Continued.

	BORN	DIED.
JOHN BREED (3)	January 17, 1663.....	.....1751
married April 28, 1686 :		
Mary Kirtland.....	.....	.....
SARAH.....	July 15, 1687.....	.....
married second wife, April		
11, 1860: <i>1689</i>		
Mercy Palmer.....	.....	.....About 83 years of age—1752
ANNA	November 8, 1693 .....	.....
MARY	January 8, 1697.....	.....
JOHN.....	January 26, 1700.....	.....January 24, 1781
ELIZABETH	January 28, 1702.....	.....
SARAH	February 1, 1704.....	.....
ZERUIAH	August 27, 1706.....	.....
JOSEPH	October 4, 1708 .....	.....
BETHIA.....	December 30, 1710.....	.....
ALLEN	August 29, 1714.....	.....
GERSHOM	November 15, 1715.....	.....1777

JOHN BREED (4).....	January 26, 1700.....	January 24, 1781
married October 14, 1725:		
Mary Prentice.....	1706.....	November 5, 1799
MERCY.....	August 8, 1727.....	
JOHN.....	September 5, 1729.....	
NATHAN	December 13, 1731.....	October 4, 1816
MARY	December 25, 1733.....	
SARAH	December 28, 1735.....	
ESTHER	February 25, 1738.....	
GRACE	June 2, 1740	
EMMA.....	June 2, 1742.....	
AMOS	December 23, 1744.....	
LUCY.....	December 18, 1746.....	
HANNAH.....	October 1, 1748.....	
 NATHAN BREED (5).....	 December 13, 1731.....	 October 4, 1816
married 1751:		
Lucy Babcock.....	1733.....	January 2, 1809
NATHAN.....	March 30, 1752.....	
LUCY.....	May 10, 1754.....	
JOSEPH	July 9, 1758.....	.....In Breedtown, Penn., Jan. 2, 1839
STEPHEN.....	March 15, 1760.....	
ESTHER.....	July 4, 1762.....	
ANNA .....	.....
GRACE .....	.....
THOMAS.....	January 3, 1764.....	.....In Breedtown, Penn., Jan 2, 1839
JOSHUA.....	1770.....	

GENEALOGY—Continued.

	BORN	DIED
JOSEPH BREED (6)..... married Jan. 25, 1781 :	July 9, 1758.....	.....In Breedtown, Penn., Jan. 2, 1839
Mercy Holmes.....	.....1761.....	.....In Breedtown, Penn., Oct. 26, 1844
JOSEPH H.....	July 23, 1781.....	.....
CHARLES	March 17, 1783.....	.....
MERCY.....	February 17, 1785.....	.....
LUCY	January 26, 1789.....	.....
ANNA (called Nancy)	January 6, 1791.....	.....In Mystic, Conn., Oct. 31, 1847
JOHN	November 8, 1792.....	.....
PRUDENCE	November 17, 1794.....	.....In Mystic, Conn., Sept. 24, 1877
SARAH.....	March 4, 1798.....	.....In Stonington, Conn.
ANNA BREED (7)..... married Sept. 19, 1813, in Mystic, Conn.:	January 6, 1791.....	.....In Mystic, Conn., Oct. 31, 1847
SILAS BEEBE (his second wife).....	In Waterford, Conn., Sept. 7, 1781 .....	.....In Mystic, Conn., May 1, 1863
HANNAH	August 16, 1814.....	.....In Mystic, Conn., April 30, 1816
WILLIAM JACKSON.....	May 23, 1816.....	.....In N. Y. City, Oct. 22, 1877
CHARLES EDWIN.....	April 23, 1818.....	.....In N. Y. City, Sept. 15, 1892
EZRA SMITH.....	July 16, 1820.....	.....In Mystic, Conn., Dec. 22, 1846

SARAH ANN.....	July 19, 1822.....	.....In Mystic, Conn., May 10, 1899
EMELINE.....	August 16, 1824.....	.....In New Jersey, Nov. 15, 1861
WARREN	September 13, 1826.....	.....In Mystic, Conn., June 20, 1890
JULIA STODDARD	March 9, 1829 .....	.....In Mystic, Conn., Nov. 11, 1846
HENRY CLAY	March 25, 1831.....	.....In Mystic, Conn., Mar. 28, 1831
HAMILTON.....	July 17, 1832.....	.....In Mystic, Conn., Nov. 9, 1833
LEONARD.....	May 7, 1834.....	.....Living

MARRIAGES OF THE CHILDREN OF SILAS AND ANNA (BREED) BEEBE.

	BORN	DIED
HANNAH .....		.....In infancy
WILLIAM JACKSON .....		.....
married Dec. 5, 1838, in Bridgeport, Conn.		
Elizabeth Hinman.....	Bridgeport, Conn. (?).....	.....N. Y. City June, 1873 (?)
CHARLES EDWIN .....		.....
married Sept. 19, 1843, in Springfield, N. J.		
Jane Blakeney Wade.....	Springfield, N. J., May 11, 1824.....	.....N. Y. City, Jan. 13, 1891
EZRA SMITH.....		.....
married Sept. 20, 1842, in Mystic, Conn.		
Harriette Elizabeth Fish.....	Mystic, Conn., Sept. 20, 1827.....	.....Mystic, Conn., Sept. 20, 1897
SARAH ANN.....		.....
married March 15, 1843, in Mystic, Conn.		
Alden Fish	Mystic, Conn., Aug. 7, 1808.....	.....Mystic, Conn., Oct. 6, 1898

EMELINE.....		
married March 14, 1850, in Mystic, Conn.		
Sands Holme Fish.....	Mystic, Conn., Sept. 19, 1821.....	Brooklyn, N. Y., Nov. 5, 1899
WARREN		
married Dec. 2, 1851, in Rock- ville, Conn.		
Hettie Center Knapp.....	N. Y. City, May 6, 1827.....	Brooklyn, N. Y., Aug. 30, 1880
JULIA STODDARD		In girlhood
HENRY CLAY		In infancy
HAMILTON.....		In infancy
LEONARD.....		
married April 23, 1862, in Great Barrington, Mass.		
Mary Chapin Hecox.....	Buffalo, N. Y., May 23, 1841	Living