

OF THE
BRUSH FAMILY
IN AMERICA.

COLLECTED FROM VARIOUS SOURCES WITH
REFERENCES AND NOTES.

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Of the descendants of THOMAS BRUSH
who settled at Southold, L. I., as early
as 1653, and who is believed to be the
first of the name in America.

*From New Haven Colonial Records,
page 159.*

“The last Will and Testament of Mr. Frost,
of Southold, was presented, proved by the oath
of John Conklyn and THOMAS BRUSH before
ye Constable of Southold, the 17th day of
May, 1656.”

*The Map accompanying Volume 1,
Southold Town Records.*

Shows a town lot owned by Thomas Brush
in 1653. The following note is from page 61
of said volume, “THOMAS BRUSH was the first
owner of this home lot; he soon removed to
Huntington.”

*From the History of Suffolk County,
New York.*

Published by Munsell, N. Y., 1882.

TOWN OF SOUTHOLD, page 6, "Thomas Brush owned the next lot but sold it in 1658, and moved to Huntington where his descendants are now to be found."

TOWN OF HUNTINGTON, page 4, "Thomas Brush, who was born about 1610, and came from Southold to Huntington about 1656. He died here shortly after 1670, and left Children THOMAS, JOHN, RICHARD and REBECCA."

REBECCA was married to Jeremiah Hubbard, January 31st, 1682. (See New York Marriages page 53).

The following of the family of Richard Brush was printed at Huntington, L. I., 1846, "RICHARD BRUSH first appears on the town records in 1672, although it is probable he had been here several years before.

He settled in West Neck, where his great great grandson Thomas Brush, now resides. He took two shares in the new patent of 1694.

Children of Richard Brush.

HESTER, born April 25th, 1670.

RICHARD, " September 28th, 1673.

THOMAS, " January 13th, 1675.

MARY, " March 31st, 1677.

BENJAMIN, " October 20th, 1682.

ROBERT, " June 30th, 1685.

Richard Brush conveyed his farm in the West Neck, to his son Thomas, April 1st, 1700, except eight acres on the west side of Millstone Brook.

Children of Hester, Daughter of Richard Brush.

HESTER married Edward Brush, May 10th, 1688, who settled at the West Hills.

Children of Thomas Brush, son of Richard Brush.

REBECCA who married John Roberts, 1730.

THOMAS who had the farm and married Temperance Denton, 1737.

NEHEMIAH who settled at Bread and Cheese Hollow, and married Bathsheba Brush, supposed

to be a daughter of John Brush of the village of Huntington, in 1741, the great grand father of the late Zopher Brush.

Children of Thomas Brush, grandson of Richard Brush.

TEMPERANCE, who married Jesse Ketcham was the mother of Thomas Ketcham.

REBECCA, who married Gilbert Carll, and was the mother of Selah Carll.

MARY, who married Samuel Wood, whose children are extinct.

THOMAS, who married Elizabeth Smith, daughter of Jehial Smith, of the Long Swamp, and whose children that survive him live in New York.

JESSE, who married Dorothea Platt, the daughter of Zephaniah Platt, of Smithtown, and was the father of the present Jeremiah, Thomas, Zephaniah, &c.

Children of Nehemiah, son of Thomas, grandson of Richard Brush.

NEHEMIA BRUSH was the father of the present Henry Brush and Selah Brush. Also of Nehemiah Brush, who was a practitioner of medicine in New York City.

SAMUEL, who was the father of Epenetus, &c.

RHODA, who married Vail.

**Children of Robert Brush, youngest son of
Richard Brush.**

ROBERT BRUSH who married Mary Brush supposed to be a daughter or grand daughter of Jacob Brush, 1734.

JONATHAN BRUSH, who married Elizabeth Smith, daughter of Josiah Smith, of Long Swamp, 1736.

DANIEL BRUSH who married Amy Barto, 1755.

Children of Robert Brush, son of Robert, Sr.
are not known, as his wife's friends all moved off the Island ; it is probable they accompanied them.

**Children of Jonathan Brush, second son of
Robert Brush, Senior.**

JOSHUA BRUSH, who married Margaret Ireland daughter of Joseph Ireland of West Hills, and was father of Abel, Phillip and Joshua.

SMITH BRUSH married Sarah and
was the father of Smith, &c.

DANIEL BRUSH married Hannah Phillips the daughter of Samuel Phillips of Smithtown, and who was the father of Samuel, Isaac, Daniel, &c.

ROBERT BRUSH married Starr of Danbury, and was the father of Starr, &c.

THEODOSIA married John Needham, and was the mother of Elizabeth and Susan.

AMY married Stephen Burtis, and was mother of Isaac Burtis, who is deceased.

who married Daniel Nostrand and was the mother of Mary Rogers.

HEPSIAH who lived unmarried.

Children of Daniel Brush 3d Son of Robert.

He left no Children.

Of Richard Brush and Benjamin Brush, the other sons of Richard Brush : of the first nothing is known ; perhaps they died young and left no children ; nor is anything known of Mary the other daughter.

Philip H. Smith, describing the town of Amenia in his "History of Dutchess County,

N. Y.," states that Lemuel and William Brush, sons of Reuben Brush from Long Island, lived in the west part of the town, not far from the City.

Lemuel had five sons, Parlee, Jesse, Platt, John and Henry. Jesse was an officer in the Revolution. John, was the General John Brush who commanded the Dutchess County troops at the Harlem Bridge in the war of 1812, and who was afterwards Major General of the Militia.

Colonel Henry Brush was captain of the Ohio Volunteers in the war of 1812, and was on his way to Detroit with 230 men, 100 beef cattle, and other provisions and a mail at the time General Hull surrendered, August 16th, 1812. Capt. Brush had arrived at the river Raisin, and was in imminent danger of falling into the hands of the indians under Tecumtha, through the negligence of Hull to send a reinforcement. When notified on the 17th by a British officer with a flag of truce, of Hull's surrender with his army, including his own command, he refused to accept the notice as authoritative, and escaped with most of his stores to Ohio.

*From a History of Greenwich, Fairfield
County, Conn. By Daniel Mead,
N. Y., 1857, Page 315.*

By Emily C. Brush.

Two brothers of this name came from Long Island to Greenwich soon after the year 1700, though the exact time appears uncertain. Of these Edward had a son named Benjamin who married Sumantha Reynolds and had,

I. Fanny, who married William Rundle.

II. Edward, the father of, 1st Rebecca who married John Hoyt, Esq. 2d Elma O. who married John Husted, Esq. 3d Joseph E. who married Miss Mary C. Wright, and has Edward. 4th Shadrach M. who married Emmeline Ingersoll, and has Sumantha, William P. and Shadrach A. 5th Mary who married Mills Hobby Husted. 6th Sumantha.

III. Joseph, who married Sarah Mead, daughter of Richard Mead, Esq., and has Amos M., who married Sarah P. Mead and has Joseph B., Richard M., Amos E. and Augustus. 2d, Richard E. who married Miss Mary Kelly and

lives at Stanwich. 3d, Elizabeth S. who married Dr. James Hoyt, a physician of Greenwich. 4th, Mary Louisa, who married Lewis Howe, Am. Principle of the Collegiate Institution of Greenwich. 5th, Joseph E. B. 6th, Emily C. 7th, Benjamin P. 8th, Stella P. 9th, George W. 10th, Catherine. 11th, Julia, and some others who died young.

IV. Benjamin who married Clarissa Sackett.

V. Sarah who married Deacon Joel Wright.

VI. Sumantha who married David Hobby.

VII. Deborah who married Mr. Fitch of Peekskill.

VIII. Platt who married Maria Close.

IX. Edmund Burke.

The collector of the preceding notes will be pleased to receive further information of the family, from any that may be able and willing to supply the same. Such information together with much already at hand relating to the later descendants of Thomas Brush, may form a second series in the family genealogy. ~~~~~

