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CLEMENTS

THE CLEMENTS FAMILY
OF
Dover, N. H.

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Robert Clements (or Clemence) of Haverhill, Mass., was born about 1590. He came from England, and was in Haverhill as early as 1642. He was Representative from that town to the Massachusetts General Court 1647-53, according to Chase's history of that town. He married but his wife's name is not known; he died in Haverhill, Sept. 29, 1658. He made his will Sept. 6, 1658 and it was probated Oct. 11, 1658; he left a wife and several children, of whom the following are a part: possibly, there may have been other children in England, who are not mentioned in the will as he speaks of "My children's children that are in New England"; thus implying that there might be some in Old England. His children mentioned are:

I Job (2), born about 1620; married, 1st, Dec. 25,

1644, Margaret Dummer; 2nd, Lydia —; 3rd, Joanna Leighton, widow of Thomas Leighton, Esq., of Dover.

- II John (2), born ; married June 1, 1648, Sarah Osgood.
- III Robert (2), born ; married Dec. 8, 1652, Elizabeth Fawne.
- IV Abraham (2), born ; living in 1658.
- V Daniel (2), born
- VI Sarah (2), born ; married June 10, 1645 Abraham Morrill; they are great (5) grandparents of John Scales, Dover, N. H.
- VII Lydia (2), born ; married Moses Pengrin or Pengrew.

JOB (2) CLEMENTS

Job (2) Clements, son of Robert (1), was born in England about 1620. He came over to New England before 1640 with his parents and brothers and sisters, all of whom were born in England. It is supposed that they landed at Salem and first settled in Ipswich about 1638 or '39. Job (2) came from Ipswich to Haverhill in 1640, and resided there until he removed to Dover, N. H., about 1652. He was a tanner and was so expert in the business at Haverhill that he was offered a free hold in Newbury, Mass. in 1649 if he would remove to that town and engage in his trade there, but he did not go there. He had a servant, Benjamin Long, in 1651, at Haverhill. He received inducements to remove

to Dover and engage in the tannery business and came here about 1652. He received grants of land, and set up his tannery on the side of the hill next to Fore River, where the spring is, near that very large elm, and a hollow leads down to the river. That tannery was kept in business during all his life, and by his son, Job (3), and grandson, Job (4) Clements, and probably longer, as the writer of this has found no record when it was discontinued. That tannery made leather for all the country around, far and near and was a very profitable business. Mr. Clements knew how to do it and employed good workmen who gave satisfaction to all of his customers.

Mr. Clements was a busy and useful citizen in many other ways. Here are some of the things on record:

In the fall of 1654 Job (2) Clements was witness to the Will of Rev. Daniel Maud, the minister at Dover Neck Meeting House, which office he had held since 1642. Mr. Maud died early in 1655.

In 1661-'64 he was one of the citizens of Dover Neck who had the "right of commonage of the Ox Pasture and Calves Pasture." These pastures were on the low, level ground between the foot of the hill and what west.

In 1665, 1673, 1674, and at other times, he was a grand juryman, then a very important office in the local government.

He was Selectman in 1666 and 1667.

He was Commissioner in 1671 and years following. The commissioners held courts for trial of small cases or disputes between citizens; the judges of the higher courts were called Associates.

In 1660 Capt. Richard Waldron, Ensign John Davis and Mr. Job Clements were a committee appointed by the Massachusetts General Court to determine the boundary line between Dover and Portsmouth; Newington then belonged to Dover, and was called "Bloody Point" in Dover. There had been a quarrel for several years between these two towns. These men settled it, and it has so remained to this day.

As a tax payer in 1675, and later he paid the third largest tax of any in the town; Capt. Walderne was highest and John Roberts was second.

May 9th, 1682, "Charles the Second, by the Grace of God, King of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, etc.", appointed Edward Cranfield, Lieut. Governor of New Hampshire, which had been made a province separate from Massachusetts, by the king in 1679; in the same commission King Charles appointed the following Councillors for the Province, Richard Waldron, Thomas Daniell, Robert Mason, Esq., William Vaughan, Richard Marten, John Gilman, Elias Stileman; Job Clements, Walter Barefoot, and Richard Chamberlain, Esq.

Mr. Clements held this office until his death, at

the age of about sixty-two years, full of honors and greatly lamented by the town of Dover and province of New Hampshire.

MARGARET DUMMER

Job (2) Clement's 1st wife was Margaret Dummer, daughter of Thomas Dummer; they were married December 25, 1644, and she was the mother of his children.

The existence of the Dummer family is directly traced through the public records (in England) to as early a date as the beginning of the 12th century (A. D. 1100). Ralph de Dummera (supposed to be son of Henry Domera living in the time of Henry I, 1107-1123) living in 1148 and dead before 1205, married Agnes de la Penne, heiress of Penne, in the county of Somerset, which place was afterwards known as Penne-Domer, and still exists as Pendomer, and situated about four miles from Yeovil in that county. From their son Henry de Dummer the line of descent is traced complete through 19 generations to Margaret Clement's father, Thomas Dummer. If any one wishes to get the whole story of the family they can find it in the New England Historical and Genealogical Register of July 1881, beginning at page 254 of Vol. 35 in the Public Library.

The Dummer family was one of the noted families of England, and the fact that Job Clements married a daughter of such a family is conclusive proof that his own family was of equal rank. The distinguished Gov-

ernor William Dummer of Massachusetts and founder of Dummer Academy at Byfield was a cousin of Margaret Clements.

Job (2) and Margaret Clements had two children.

I Job (3), born April 17, 1648 in Haverhill; m. 1668 Abigail Shapleigh of Sturgeon Creek.

11 Mary (3), born Dec. 12, 1651, in Haverhill; m. Dec. 5, 1670, Joseph Canney.

Third Generation

Job (3) Clements was a man of distinction in the town and province, as his father had been before him. In 1685, after the death of his father, he headed a petition of Dover citizens to King Charles for the removal of Gov. Cranfield, who had become so tyrannical that the people could not endure him any longer, and the King removed him. Capt. John Wingate, also, was one of the signers.

In February, 1692, Job (3) Clements was elected one of the Representatives from Dover in the Provincial Assembly. When the Assembly convened in March Mr. Clements and two others refused to take the oath with his hand on the Bible, but declaring they would swear by lifting up the hand, but not otherwise, so he was not permitted to serve at that session. When the Assembly met in October, 1692 the Governor and Council changed the order and permitted him to take the oath by raising his right hand. He was Representative

in 1692, '93, '94, '95, '96 and served on important committees.

He married in 1668 Abigail (3) Heard* of Sturgeon Creek, Maine. They had three sons and one daughter Job (4), James (4), John (4), Daniel (4), and Margaret (4), all born on the homestead on Dover Neck. Job (3), died in 1716; he made his Will on October 8 of that year and it was probated December 3rd following, so he probably died in November. His eldest son Job (4) inherited the tannery and the homestead on Dover Neck. His estate was appraised at 698 pounds, 14 shillings.

Fourth Generation

Job (4) Clements was born about 1676; he was a prominent citizen, successful in business, but not so noted as his father and grandfather were in public affairs. His wife's name was Lydia and they had several children, the eldest of whom was Job (5) who inherited the homestead and the tannery on Dover Neck. He died in 1742.

Fifth Generation

Job (5) Clements was born in 1710; he died in 1752; his wife's name was Mary. He was one of the prominent men of the town. He was captain of a company of militia for several years. In 1748 when the Indian War was raging he commanded a company of

* See last page.

Rangers, whose duty it was to keep guard on a line through the forests from Norway Plains, Rochester through Barrington, Nottingham and Chester to Derry. It was expected that a party of French and Indians would come down through there from Canada. They were on duty from March 25 to Sept. 30, 1748. His wife's name was Mary. They had several children, one of whom was Moses (6) Clements.

Sixth Generation

Moses (6) Clements was born in 1746; he died in 1812; he lived on Dover Neck; he served in the Revolutionary War. His wife's name was Elizabeth. They had several children one of whom was William (7) Clements.

Seventh Generation

William (7) Clements was born in 1776; died March 17, 1843, aged 67. He married Nancy Tripe, February 12, 1809. She was born on Dover Neck in 1784; she died Oct. 3rd, 1833, aged 49 years. Children: Thomas, William and John.

Eighth Generation

John (8) Clements, son of William (7) and Nancy (Tripe) Clements, was born in 1810; he died in 1887, aged 77 years. He married Abigail Dow, who was born in 1815 and died in 1899, aged 84.

Ninth Generation

Mrs. Martha Ann (9) Clements-Coleman, their

daughter, Mrs. Arvilla S. Clements-Wingate.

Mr. John Wesley Clements.

Children of John and Abigail (Dow) Clements:

- I. Martha Ann B ; married James H. Coleman.
- II. Thomas; Died at the age of 20 years.
- III. Arvilla Sanborn; married J. Y. Wingate of Dover.
- IV. John Wesley; married Adaline Pinkham.

J. WESLEY CLEMENTS

All that was mortal of the late J. Wesley Clements, well known, much respected and life long resident of this city was laid at rest in the family lot in the Friends Cemetery on Dover Neck, Sunday afternoon. The funeral services were held at the family residence on the Dover Point Road and the house was filled with sorrowing relatives and friends, including delegations from Mount Pleasant lodge, of Odd Fellows, Purity Rebekah lodge, Dover Grange and Dover Point Fire Association, in all of which the deceased was enrolled and always a popular and esteemed member. Rev. Leon Morse conducted the services followed by the Odd Fellows' burial service performed by the officers of Mount Pleasant lodge

The pall bearers were Frank Nason and Roscoe Twombly from the Odd Fellows and James Parle and ex-Alderman Fred L. Morang of the Volunteer Fire Association. There was a large and magnificent floral tribute from relatives, friends and organizations including a beautiful gates ajar from the Dover Point firemen, pillow from the Odd Fellows, standing wreath from the Community Club, pillow from the Dover Grange and a mound from the neighbors, furnished by Meader.

J. Wesley Clements was a native of Dover and was nearly 71 years old. He was the son of John and Abigail (Dow) Clements. His father was a member of the Board of Assessors for many years. The boy Wesley grew into manhood and was always popular among his associates. He was of a whole souled, genial disposition and made friends wherever he went. He was a most agreeable companion in all his activities, a loving husband a kind father, one of the best of neighbors and a sincere friend, whose death is deeply regretted by all who knew him. Besides a sorrowing and faithful wife, he leaves one daughter, Mrs. Charles A. Nute of this city, and two sisters, Mrs. Martha A. Coleman of Eliot and Mrs. Arvilla Wingate of Dover, who have the sympathy of the community in the hour of extreme sadness. The funeral was under the direction of undertaker Glidden.—Dover Tribune.

Dover, N. H., February 18, 1922.
Resolutions on the death of Brother J. Wesley Clements.
Adopted by Dover Grange No. 225 Patrons of Husbandry.

Once again a loyal member of Dover Grange, Brother J. Wesley Clements, has heard the Divine call of the Master, "Thy labors on earth are finished, come home!"

Whereas: By his death Dover Grange has lost one of its most faithful members whose genial spirit and generous disposition made all who knew him respect and honor him.

Therefore: Be it resolved, that by his death we have sustained a great loss and altho we mourn his absence, we feel he has been called from labor to a just reward. As a Grange, we record our apprecia-

tion for his ever earnest endeavors and our sense of loss in his departure from us and we feel assured that though gone he will continue to speak to us of brotherly love and hope of immortal life.

Resolved: That our charter and implements be draped for thirty days and that a page of our records be dedicated to his memory and the tenderest sympathies of Dover Grange be extended to his family.

“Sometimes when fate frowns darkest,
And deep clouds hide the fair blue sky,
For the tender love of our lost one,
How our souls will vainly cry!
Then sweetly over our spirit,
Hushing the whisper of faith;—
Be patient, dear ones
And soon, in Heaven, you’ll meet your own.”

Tenth Generation

Children of Jerry Y. and Arvilla (Clements)
Wingate.

- I. Florence; married Charles Smith of Dover.
- II. Maud; married Harry Lee of Moultonboro, N. H.
- III. Henry; married Pauline Rehnberg of Huntington, Conn.
- IV. Martha Clements Wingate married Charles Gowen of Dover.

Children of Wesley and Adaline (Pinkham)
Clements:

- I. Grace M.; married (1) William Hale of Barrington, N. H.; (2) Charles Mute of Dover.

Eleventh Generation

Children of Charles and Florence (Wingate) Smith:

- I. Elizabeth Smith.

Children of Harry and Maud (Wingate) Lee:

I. Richard

II. Dwight.

Children of Henry and Pauline Wingate:

I. Alice.

II. Marrian Kay.

III. William.

"O HEART OF MINE BE PATIENT"

At the funeral of Mrs. Abigail Clements, yesterday, her pastor read the following beautiful verses, which were much prized by Mrs. Clements. Having reached the middle of her 84th year it is not strange that she desired to be at rest. Her husband was separated from her Nov. 6, 1887. She passed away gently on the morning of Sept. 6, 1899.

O heart of mine be patient!

Some glad day

With all life's puzzling problems

Solved for aye,

With all its storms and doubting

Cleared away,

With all its disappointments past,

It shall be thine to understand at last.

Be patient! some sweet day

The anxious care,

The fear and trials and the

Hidden snare

The grief that comes upon thee

Unaware,

Shall with the fleeing years be laid aside,

And thou shalt then be fully satisfied.

Be patient! keep thy life work

Well in hand;

Be trustful where thou canst not

Understand;

Thy lot, what e'er it be, is

Wisely planned;

What e'er its mysteries, God holds the key;

Thou well can trust him and bide patiently.

—Selected.

Abigail (3) Heard (Hurd) was the daughter of James (2) Heard and wife of Shuah of Sturgeon Creek, on the east shore of Fore River, opposite the upper part of Dover Neck. Her father died before 1675. Her mother then married Richard Otis and lived in the garrison which stood over the cellar that was found on Mt. Vernon St., April 14, 1911. She was Mr. Otis' second wife, she died about 1684. The garrison was burned by the Indians June 28, 1689.

James (2) Heard was the son of John (1) Heard and wife Isabel. He lived at Sturgeon Creek and is not the John (1) Heard who lived at Garrison Hill, Dover. It is not known that they were any relation. John (1) Heard of Kittery (Eliot) was a member of the court of Saco in 1640. He was selectman in 1648; in 1652 he was one of the signers of the commission that made Kittery (Eliot) come under Massachusetts rule. See page 142 of Old Kittery History. John (1) Heard was born about 1600.

Thomas Dummer's Will

Thomas Dummer returned to England after residing in New England several years. He resided at Checknell, within the parish of North Stoneham in the county of South Hampton. He made his will on the 12th of April, 1650 and it was proved on the 9th of November, 1650, among other bequests was the following:

"To my daughter, Margaret Clements, being my second daughter, and now in New England, I give twenty-five pounds, and to her child (Job) which she now hath twenty-five pounds."