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THE CLARKS OF IPSWICH.

William Clark went to Ipswich with John Winthrop, jr., and John Clark was there at an early date. Of William nothing seems to be known except that he had wife Elizabeth, and he perhaps went elsewhere. In 1648, Malachi, Thomas and Daniel were in Ipswich. The latter removed to Topsfield, and of him hereafter. Hammatt tells us that in 1679 there were five Thomas Clarks in Ipswich, and it is a genealogical puzzle to ascertain from the scant records the relationship of these Clarks. The wills and deeds, however, help us somewhat.

I

Thomas Clark, "Tanner," came to Ipswich from Noddle's Island (Savage and Suffolk Deeds). His will was dated June 23, 1688, and proved June 30, 1691; son Josiah, executor.

The children of Thomas, the tanner, were :

2 I Thomas,² b. 1638; d. prior to 1688, probably in 1682.

3 II Sarah,² b.——; m. June 11, 1662, George Hiskett, mariner, of Boston, and had John, Sarah, Abigail and Mercy.

4 III Josiah.²

2 Thomas² (*Thomas¹*), of Ipswich. He married Abigail Cogswell, who died Apr. 2, 1728, aged 87. (See Cogswell genealogy, p. 181.)

The children were :

- 5 I John,³ b. Nov. 13, 1666.
- 6 II Thomas,³ b. ———; perhaps d. June 26, 1727, aged 57.

4 Josiah² (*Thomas¹*), of Ipswich. He married, Dec. 14, 1670, Mercy, daughter of John Boynton of Rowley.

Will made 1691; proved 1691. Brothers-in-law, Joseph and Caleb Boynton, administered on the estate.

Children :

- 7 I Sarah,³ b. perhaps Jan. 3, 1676; m. Nathaniel Bailey of Rowley.
- 8 II Hannah,³ b. perhaps Jan. 1, 1679; living 1722 (Essex Deeds, L. v, f. 41).
- 9 III George,³ b. perhaps Sept. 19, 1686; living 1722. Removed to "Stratton" (Stratham, N.H.?). Was a joiner, and had wife Elizabeth. His mother was wife of John Hovey, of Topsfield, in 1722. He was her third husband.
- 10 IV Mercy,³ b. ———; living 1710.
- 11 V Thomas,³ b. ———; living in Boston, 1715 (Essex Probate, L. 312, f. 227). He was a tailor. His brother George was then (1715) of Ipswich.

5 John³ (*Thomas,² Thomas¹*), of Newbury, a tailor, married, March 15, 1701, Mary Brown, widow of Thomas Lord. She died Feb., 1723. He died before Feb., 1725-6.

One child :

- 12 I Mary,⁴ b. ———; m. ——— Wheeler. (Essex Deeds, L. 49, f. 261.)

II

"Sergeant" Thomas Clark, of Ipswich. What relation he was, if any, to Thomas the tanner, is unknown to the writer.

He made his will 1681, and it was proved 1690. Married Sarah ———.

The children of Sergeant Thomas were :

- 2 I Freeman,² b. ———; went to Barbadoes in 1692 and d. prior to 1697, without issue.
- 3 II Thomas,² b. ———; dead in 1718.
- 4 III Josiah,² b. ———; had a son Josiah³ living in Ipswich 1692.
- 5 IV John,² b. 1639 (deposition); living 1694. Perhaps the John whose son Nathaniel died at Ipswich Oct. 14, 1679.

3 Thomas² (*Thomas*¹). His children were apparently :

- 6 I George³, b. Dec. 30, 1672.
- 7 II Nathaniel,³ b. Nov. 5, 1674. Was of Boston; a cordwainer. In 1736 he had a grant of land at Winchendon, as representative of uncle Freeman and brother George, who served in the war of 1690. His wife Elizabeth died at Ipswich, Sept. 3, 1720.
- 8 III Samuel,³ b. April 30, 1676; probably d. Sept. 22, 1721, at Ipswich. He was of Portsmouth, N. H., in 1718.
- 9 IV Josiah,³ b. ———; of Boston in 1718. Mariner.

III

Daniel Clark, of Topsfield, whither he came from Ipswich.

Will made Jan. 10, 1688; proved 25, 1 mo., 1690. Wife, Mary ———.

The children of Daniel were :

- 2 I Mary,² b. Nov. 1, 1645; m. at Salem, Oct. 30, 1667, John Horne, and had Mary.³
- 3 II Elizabeth,² b. Nov. 10, 1647.
- 4 III Dority,² b. Jan. 10, 1649.
- 5 IV Sarah,² b. Jan., 1651.
- 6 V Martha,² b. Nov. 22, 1655.
- 7 VI Daniel,² b. Oct. 26, 1657; probably d. young.
- 8 VII Samuel,² b. Dec. 5, 1663; was in England in 1688.
- 9 VIII Daniel,² b. 1665; d. 1746.
- 10 IX John,² b. ———; d. Aug. 6, 1703.

- 11 X Humphrey,² b.——; of Topsfield, weaver, 1693.
 12 XI Daughter, b.——; m. — Howlett, and had John and others.

A daughter, Elizabeth, m. Oct. 24, 1669, Wm. Perkins.

9 Daniel² (*Daniel¹*), of Topsfield. Innkeeper. (See Poore's Researches of Merrimac Valley.) Will made June, 1746. Married Damaris Dorman. Thomas and Judith Dorman, of Topsfield, had daughter Damaris, born Aug. 3, 1666. Daniel married 2d, Hannah —— a widow.

Children :

- 13 I Daniel,³ b.——; d. intestate at Georgetown, York Co.
 Father adm. 1721.
 14 II Samuel.³
 15 III Jordel.³
 16 IV { Dann,³ b. Jan. 1, 1705-6.
 17 V { Sarah,³ b. Jan. 1, 1705-6. Not named in her father's will.
 18 VI Jacob,³ b.——; d. prior to 1746.
 19 VII Mercy,³ b.——; m. — Dorman.
 20 VIII Anna,³ b.——; m. Apr. 3, 1722, Samuel Bradstreet of T., and had children.

Daniel is said to have had four other children, who died young.

10 John² (*Daniel¹*), of Topsfield, married Hannah, who was his administratrix in 1703.

Only two children :

- 21 I John,³ b.——; d. 1756.
 22 II Hannah,³ b.——; m. — Johnson.

16 Dann³ (*Daniel² Daniel¹*). Innkeeper of Topsfield. Will dated Nov. 19, 1764. Married June 17, 1731, Martha, daughter of Lieut. Daniel and Elizabeth (Daverson) Reddington.

Children of same :

- 23 I Mary,⁴ b. 1732; m. 1755, Deacon Stephen Symonds of Boxford, and had Martha.⁵

24 II Daniel,⁴ b. Feb. 4, 1733-4; d. Dec. 19, 1788, in Georgetown.

25 III Elijah,⁴ b. 1736; d. 1764; ? m. Joanna —— and had Humphrey,⁵ tailor in Boston, and Mary,⁵ m. Mar., 1783, Daniel Balch of Topsfield.

An Elijah was a Revolutionary soldier from Boxford.

26 IV Dann,⁴ b. ——; d. 1764.

Two other children died young.

18 Jacob³ (*Daniel,² Daniel¹*), of Topsham, York Co. Dead in 1746.

His children were :

27 I Humphrey.⁴

28 II Dority.⁴

29 III Hannah,⁴ } minors under 14 in 1751.

30 IV Sarah,⁴ }

21 John³ (*John,² Daniel¹*), of Topsfield, made his will Apr. 14, 1756; and died that year. Inventory, £116-4-11. Widow was Mary.

Two children survived him :

31 I Hannah.⁴

32 II Mary.⁴

24 Daniel⁴ (*Dann,³ Daniel,² Daniel¹*), of Georgetown. Innkeeper till 1784. Married Mar. 12, 1771, Hannah, born April 14, 1745, daughter of Moses Perley of Boxford. She married, second, John Perley. Daniel died Dec. 19, 1788.

His children were :

33 I Elijah,⁵ b. ——; d. young.

34 II Daniel,⁵ b. ——; d. young.

35 III Daniel,⁵ b. ——; m., 1st, Olive Nelson. He married, 2d, Hannah, dau. of John Curtis, and had one daughter, Olive N.⁶

36 IV Elijah,⁵ b. Jan. 29, 1779, in Topsfield; d. Mar. 28, 1857, in Groveland. (For family see Poore's Researches of Merrimac Valley, pp. 13 and 14.)

37 V Moody,⁵ b. ——; d. young.

38 VI Moses,⁵ b.——; physician in Lawrence.

39 VII Jeremiah,⁵ b. Mar. 8, 1786. Had issue.

I wish to acknowledge indebtedness to Alfred Poore's Researches of the Merrimac Valley, for information as to some of the descendants of Daniel Clark of Topsfield.

CLARKS OF HAVERHILL.

Edward Clark had a house lot at Haverhill, in 1650, and, on the division of plow lands, he had four acres assigned him. He was appointed to beat the drum on the "Lord's days and lecture days." He was a carpenter and probably removed to Portsmouth, N. H., in 1663, and died there 1675. He owned a house, barn, and an island where he lived, and also three acres of land in "Little Harbor." (Rockingham Probate.) There was an Edward Clark, described as deceased in 1662, who had owned land in Saco, and in 1672 Edward Clark had land in Kittery. He was living March, 1674-5, but was deceased in September, 1677. The widow's name was Mary, and in 1682 she was the wife of John Smyth (York Deeds, Vols. II and III). This Edward was probably the same that had lived at Haverhill and later at Portsmouth. In Haverhill there was a second Edward Clark, perhaps son of the first, and of his descendants I will now give some account.

Edward Clark, of Haverhill, was aged 40 in 1662 (deposition). He took the oath of allegiance, Nov. 28, 1677. His wife, Dorcas Bosworth, died Feb. 13, 1681, and he married Nov. 1, 1682, Mary Davis, a widow.

He had at least two sons:

2 I Hanniel,² b.——; dead 1718.

3 II Matthew,² b.——; dead 1715.

A Joseph Clark, born March 6, 1653, took oath of allegiance 1677, and died in or before 1705, ~~may have been~~ ^{was} another son. *He married Mary Davis Aug 18, 1685*

2 Hanniel² (*Edward*¹), of Haverhill. He married, Aug. 20, 1678, Mary Gutterson. In 1718, administration of his estate was granted to wife Mary and son Hanniel.

The children were :

- 4 I Mary,³ b. July 15, 1680.
- 5 II Hanniel,³ b. Aug. 28, 1682; living 1724.
- 6 III Sarah,³ b. Dec. 3, 1686; d. Oct. 13, 1689.
- 7 IV William,³ b. Mar. 25, 1689.
- 8 V Josiah,³ b. Mar. 8, 1691.
- 9 VI Edward,³ b. Mar. 29, 1694.
- 10 VII John,³ b. Apr. 23, 1696.
- 11 VIII Samuel,³ b. July 10, 1697; d. 1748.
- 12 IX Timothy,³ b. Apr. 9, 1701; d. Feb. 7, 1735.
- 13 X Elizabeth,³ b. May 29, 1705; d. Feb. 29, 1727.

3 Matthew² (*Edward*¹), lived at Haverhill and at Newbury. He married at Haverhill, April 2, 1679, Mary Wilford, a widow. Administration was granted to wife Mary and eldest son John, June 6, 1715. Estate small.

His children, all born at Haverhill except Dorcas, who was born at Newbury, were :

- 14 I John,³ b. Mar. 30, 1680.
- 15 II Dorcas,³ b. Jan. 25, 1681.
- 16 III Matthew,³ b. Feb. 20, 1683; d. Feb. 22, 1683.
- 17 IV Sarah,³ b. Apr. 4, 1685.
- 18 V Ebenezer,³ b. July 25, 1688.

There are some reasons for thinking that the eldest son John settled at Stratham, N. H. If so, he was the ancestor of a numerous and respectable race. See Runnell's History of Sanbornton, Vol. II.

9 Edward³ (*Hanniel*² *Edward*¹) of Haverhill. He had a house at Concord, N. H., in 1731. His wife was Sarah Stevens.

Administration granted to son Edward, of Methuen, 1746.

Children :

- 19 I Edward,⁴ b. Jan. 15, 1715.
- 20 II Priscilla,⁴ b. Sept. 6, 1718.
- 21 III Joseph,⁴ b. Jan. 18, 1720.
- 22 IV Mary,⁴ b. May 1, 1726.
- 23 V Isaac,⁴ b. Nov. 24, 1727; d. Nov. 30, 1727.
- 24 VI John,⁴ b. Aug. 7, 1730; d. Aug. 15, 1730.
- 25 VII William,⁴ b. July 2, 1732.

11 Samuel³ (*Hanniel,² Edward¹*) of Methuen. He married Aug. 14, 1721, Abigail Gutterson, and died 1748, leaving a will in which he names his wife and children, who were :

- 26 I Abigail,⁴ b. Sept. 25, 1722.
- 27 II Samuel,⁴ b. ———. Probably removed into New Hampshire, as July 22, 1784, Timothy and Hannah Clark were licensed to sell estate of Samuel, late of Methuen. (Rockingham Probate.)
- 28 III Elizabeth,⁴ b. ———; m. ——— Harris.
- 29 IV Mary.⁴
- 30 V Sarah.⁴

12 Timothy³ (*Hanniel,² Edward¹*), of Haverhill, married Gift Stevens, who died Dec. 8, 1737. Administration was granted his brother Edward, of Methuen, 1736. Inventory, £277.

Timothy's children were :

- 31 I Mary,⁴ b. June 19, 1724.
- 32 II Moses,⁴ b. Jan. 9, 1725-6.
- 33 III John,⁴ b. May 5, 1728.

Ephraim Clark of Methuen, ~~parentage not known~~, married, June 11, 1719, Ruth Whitticker, and had an only child, 2 Ruth,² born Oct. 20, 1724; died prior to 1748. She married Joseph Clark (perhaps number 21, son of Edward), and had Ephraim, only child living at her decease.

Ephraim Clark was born Aug 18, 1694.

Ephraim, the grandfather, was dead, in 1756, and his son-in-law Joseph was his administrator. Inventory, £240.

Joseph Clark married, Sept. 1, 1748, at Haverhill, Judith Sanders. He died 1759, and she was guardian of her stepson Ephraim, then above 14 years of age.

Joseph and Judith were probably the parents of Nathaniel Sanders Clark,² a Revolutionary soldier from Methuen, who married Oct. 28, 1783, at Haverhill, Phebe Mitchell, and had Rev. Jacob Stair,³ born at Landoff, N. H., Jan. 10, 1792; died Dec. 27, 1879. He married Nov. 5, 1819, Sally Merrill, of Lyman, N. H., and had five children.

son of Hanniel and Mary Gatterson Clark
Jonathan Clark, ~~parentage unknown~~, of Haverhill and Amesbury. He married, first, Feb. 23, 1715, Martha Ela, and Dec. 4, 1718, he married for his second wife, Priscilla Whitticker. He was married a third time, as the name of his widow was Elizabeth.

Administration of his estate was granted to son Thomas of Amesbury, May 7, 1753. Inventory £130.

The children were :

- 2 I Amos,² b. Nov. 15, 1716; d. Dec. 12, 1716.
- 3 II Martha,² b. Nov. 3, 1717; d. Dec. 3, 1717.
- 4 III Amos,² b. Jan. 12, 1719.
- 5 IV Jonathan,² b. Oct. 5, 1721; d. 1753.
- 6 V Thomas,² b. July 5, 1724.
- 7 VI Mary,² b. Apr. 15, 1727.
- 8 VII Priscilla,² b. Feb. 18, 1729-30.
- 9 VIII Martha,² b. June 22, 1732; prob. d. young.
- 10 IX Sarah,² b. June 27, 1737.
- 11 X Martha,² b. June 22, 1749.

The four eldest were born at Haverhill, and the others at Amesbury.

4 Amos² (Jonathan¹) of Amesbury. His wife was Sarah. Children :

- 12 I Judith,³ b. Oct. 5, 1740.
- 13 II Thomas,³ b. Mar. 7, 1742.
- 14 III Moses,³ b. Mar. 28, 1746. Probably identical with Moses Clark who m., as second wife, Mary Hale, and lived at Newbury and Newburyport, in which towns he had eight children born.

5 Jonathan² (*Jonathan*¹), of Amesbury. He was deceased 1753, when his wife Mary was administratrix.

Children :

- 15 I Hannah,³ b. Jan. 11, 1746.
- 16 II Lois,³ b. July 12, 1748; d. prior to 1755.
- 17 III Jacob,³ b. June 26, 1750; d. Jan. 19, 1786, of fever, on the passage from the West Indies, leaving a widow, a son and a daughter. (Bentley's Record of Deaths, Essex Institute Hist. Coll., Vol. XIV, p. 130.)
- 18 IV Joseph,³ b. Feb. 1, 1752.

Hannah, Jacob and Joseph had their uncle, Thomas Clark, as their guardian, 1755.