

The Golwing Family

in

America

Chapters I and II

Ancestors

*If you could see your ancestors
All standing in a row,
Would you be proud of them or not,
Or don't you really know?
Some strange discoveries are made
In climbing family trees
And some of them, you know, do not
Particularly please.*

*If you could see your ancestors
All standing in a row,
There might be some of them perhaps,
You wouldn't care to know.
But there's another question, which
Requires a different view—
If you could meet your ancestors
Would they be proud of you?*

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Foreword

The desirability of preserving the history of a New England family now more than 300 years old no one will dispute. Especially will it be recognized by those who, as descendants and kin of Robert Gowing, the Scottish immigrant of 1634, have attended the reunions of the Gowing Family Association. Especially also will it be recognized at just this particular period of our national history—the summer of 1940—when the English speaking peoples of England, Scotland and the United States feel more than ever bound by their ties of blood and speech.

The officers of the Association are therefore offering to you at this 51st reunion the beginnings of our family history, what may well be Chapters I and II of a much larger book. The chapters here presented were compiled, and all the facts verified, by the late Winfield Scott Ripley. His interest in the family history is well known to members of the Association, and it was one of his ardent wishes that these investigations be put into permanent printed form. In skill and patience he had the characteristics of the true historian. So intensive and so extensive were his investigations, that they may well be regarded as the authoritative words on the subject.

Mr. Ripley compiled data of the family into the 9th generation from Robert, and considered his work complete through generation IV. There is, therefore, ample material for a continuation of the present pamphlet, when Association finances permit.

It is hoped that the contents of this leaflet will be read by all to whom it comes with interest and with a deep consciousness of its import. It is source material of the best and truest kind.

The officers of the Association believe that the members of it will consider the money which paid for the pamphlet well-spent. Their own yearly contributions have made it possible.

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August 24, 1940.

Chapter I

Robert Gowing, Our Ancestor

Robert Gowing, who so far as we know, was the first of that name to settle in America, was born in 1618. The exact date and place are unknown; but we get the year from a deposition made by him in middle life when he gives his age, and by the record of his death, where his age is also given. We may assume that he was born in Scotland, as the earliest record of him that we have states that he came to Massachusetts from Edinboro, Scotland, in 1634 at the age of 16 years. (a)

He lived for two years at Watertown and in 1636, removed with the 50 families from that place to settle Dedham. Some records of the ancestor are given below, while he lived in Dedham.

In July, 1639, "Robert Gowing was received (into the church at Dedham) with very good satisfaction." (b)

"Robert Gowen signed the covenant" at Dedham, (between 1636 and 1639.) (c)

1640, "Graunted to Robte Gowen Sixe acres to have ye same Layd out neare unto John Dwites newe graunt." (d)

"The 29 day of the 10th month 1640 assembled those whose names are underwritten," among others, "Robte Gowen." (e)

At about this time Robert Gowing "signed a call and attended a meeting at Dedham which instituted measures and established what is claimed to have been the first free school in America." (f)

1642, "Graunted unto Robte Gowen Sixe acres of Vpland neere unto the South meadowe & nexte Vnto the West side of Thomas Wight ther: pvided y^t he Relinquish all other graunts made Vnto him formrly."

Notes.

(a) New England Historical Genealogical Register, Vol. 50, P. 100. (1896) also "Who Begot Thee," by Gilbert O. Bent, P. 24.

(b) Record of Baptisms, Marriages & Deaths & Admissions to the Church & Dismissals Therefrom transcribed from the Church Records of Dedham, 1638-1845, by Don Gleason Hill, 1888. P. 21.

(c) The Early Records of the Town of Dedham, Mass., 1636-1659, a complete transcript of book one of the General Records of the Town, by Don Gleason Hill, 1892. P. 3.

(d) as (c) P. 75

(e) as (c) P. 75

(f) Henry A. Gowing's Address before the Gowing Family Association, in 1888.

(g) as (c) P. 87.

"Whereas the Towne hath formerly granted a parcel of land called South hill to be divided Vnto Thomas Wight, Robert Gowinge, Edward Richards & Georg Barber & forasmuch as a smale

pcell lying neere thereunto folleth conveniently within the compass of the most fit place of setting their fence there is therefore granted to the sd grantees formerly named liberty to take in the sd smale pcell of Vpland without their fence: to haue it to themselves & their heyres for euer: this grant to be appointed & directed by the discesion of John Luson & Henry Chickeringe." (no date, 1642?) (h)

1642, "Granted to these psons whose names are Vnder written of Vpland ground fit for improvement with the plough as followeth:" "Robert Gowen," 3 roodes, 27 (rods). (i)

Robert Gowing was admitted freeman at Dedham, May 29, 1644.

He married in Dedham, Oct. 31, 1644, Elizabeth, daughter of Henry and Elizabeth Brock. Elizabeth was born at Stradbroke, Suffolk, England, in 1620, and was admitted to the church in Dedham, Oct. 27, 1643. The brother of Elizabeth, the Rev. John Brock, was born 1620; came over in 1637, graduated from Harvard College 1646, preached first in Rowley, next at Isles of Shoals, and in 1662 in Reading as successor of Rev. Samuel Haugh, whose widow, Sarah, he married. She died in 1681 and he died June 17, 1688. The First Parsonage built in 1681, where he resided until his death stood where is now Bonney & Dutton's drug store at the corner of Main and Albion streets in Wakefield. (Eaton's Hist. of Reading.) 1644. At a meeting the first day of the 11th month assembled those whose names are underwritten, "Robert Gowinge." (j), (k), (l)

1644. "Woodlands granted to divers men as followeth," "Lot 31, Robb: Gowinge, 1 acre $\frac{1}{2}$." (m)

(h) as (c) P. 91.

(i) as P. 95

(j) Record of Births, marriages & Deaths & Intentions of Marriage in Dedham, 1635-1845, by Don Gleason Hill 1886. P. 126.

(k) Henry Brock, the father of Elizabeth, was one of the proprietors of Dedham in 1638, was admitted to the church at Dedham Dec. 24, 1641. Both he and his wife died in 1652. There were two other children, Mary and Anna.

(l) as (c) P. 110.

(m) as P. 110.

1646, 11 mo 1 day, "At a generall meeting of the Whole Town assembled: "Robt Gowen," (n)

—23, (16) 48, "Bro. Woodward and Bro. Gaye, Constables brings thier accounts of the Town Rate for ye meeting house charge." The Rate £3-17-1, in Robt. Gowing's hand, £0-0-4. (o)

1648, 7 mo 4, The Countrey Rate, Robt. Gowing, £0-4-3. (p)

The Valuation of the houses in Dedham as they were estimated for the country rate, 1648.

Robt Goweing, £4-0-0, (Most of the houses were rated from £3 to £10.) (q)

1648, "The names of such as were behind in their highway work." Robt Goweing, £0-4-0. (r)

Between 1648 and 1650 Robert Gowing settled in Wenham, Essex County, Mass. His name is given ("Robert Cowan") in a list of the early settlers of the town. "For selling a gun to an Indian, Robert Gowan was in 1650 fined £10-0-0, half of which, however, was remitted upon his humble petition to the General Court." (s), (t)

Sept. 25, 1651, "Rob: Gowing" was on the Jury of Trials at the Salem Quarterly Court. (u)

Apr. 4, 1654, "Robert Gowin" of Wenham was on the Grand Jury.

Sept. 24, 1657, "Rob: Gowen" of Wenham was a member of the Grand Jury but was evidently excused as we find that "Austum Kellum was appointed in room of Robt Gowin."

Sept. 25, 1657. "Robert Gowing" and Thomas White were witnesses against the "Town of Wenham for an insufficient highway where their mill formerly stood."

Feb. 1, 1658. "Robt Gouwin" was witness to the Venire to Constable of Wenham to draw jurors.

In Ipswich Court Records we find that "Robert Gowing" of Wenham deposed "that upon the place where sometimes the mill was I apprehended that the footway was inconvenient and unsafe for travellers on foot." Last of 8th month, 1658.

"Robert Gowen engaged to give £1-0-0 to support the minister Rev. Mr. Newman for the year 1659." (v)

(n) as (c) P. 113

(o) as (c) P. 115

(p) as (c) P. 152

(q) as (c) P. 153/4

(r) as (c) P. 155

(s) The History of Wenham: Civil and Ecclesiastical from the Settlement in 1639 to 1860, by Myron O. Allen, M. D., 1860. P. 28.

(t) as above P. 30 and General Court Record of 1650, "Robert Gowing having sold a gonne to the Indians and in so doing having forfeited tenne pounds, upon a petition hath one half his fee remitted."

(u) as (s) P. 33.

About the year 1660 Robert Gowing settled in that part of Lynn which is now Lynnfield.

There are few records of him in Lynnfield but plenty concerning his descendants.

We cannot tell just where his house was situated, but his son John lived on the spot where the old Town House is at Lynnfield Center and there is a tradition that timbers of John's old house were used in the construction of the Town House. Robert's son Nathaniel we know lived in the house known as "Willow Castle" which was built by him in about 1680. It is still standing.

In the "History of the Town of Lynnfield, Mass., 1635-1895," by Thomas B. Wellman, we find the following reference:—

"1688. The following persons subscribed the sums affixed to their names to build the new meeting-house at Reading, now Wakefield, they all being residents of Lynn End, now Lynnfield."

Robert Gowing,	£3-1-0
John Gowing,	2-0-0
Daniel Gowing,	1-0-0
Nathaniel Gowing,	1-19-0

These were the immigrant and his three sons. As previously stated, Rev. John Brock, brother of Robert's wife, was the minister at Redding from 1662 till his death in 1688.

Robert Gowing died at Lynnfield, June 7, 1698 aged 80.

His wife Elizabeth survived him, but the date of her death is not known.

In Essex County Records, Folio 88-94-95, is to be found the settlement of the estate of Robert Gowing. The articles of agreement for the settlement were signed by the widow, Elizabeth, children, John, Daniel, Nathaniel Gowing, daughter Sarah Jenkins, and daughters' husbands, Samuel Snow, John Wilkinson, William Robbins, and John Felch. The Inventory was as follows:—

Homestead, Houses, Upland & Meadow,	£136-0-0
Cattle,	10-0-0
"Beddin"	8-0-0
Iron, Brass and Pewter,	2-2-0
Books and other things,	2-0-0
Wearing clothes,	2-10-0

161-2-0

Son Nathaniel was administrator and agreed their honored mother should have the use of the west end of the dwelling house, also, "sufficient meat, drink and clothing and to keep a horse suitable for her to ride to meeting or elsewhere as she shall see occasion." (From Henry A. Gowing's address, 1888.)

Chapter II

Children of Robert and Elizabeth (Brock) Gowing, his wife.

- I. John, b. Dedham, Nov. 13, 1645. Married in 1682 Johannah, last name unknown. They lived at Lynnfield Center. John died May 28, 1720. 9 children.
- II. Elizabeth, b. Dedham, Apr. —, 1647. She probably died young since another Elizabeth was born about 1660.
- III. Hannah, b. Feb. —, 1649. No further record of her has been found and her name is not found among the children at her father's death.
- IV. Mary, b. about 1650. married Samuel Snow of Woburn, 6 children. Her death is recorded in Wilmington as of Oct. 1, 1732, there given as daughter of Robert and described as an "antiant woman."

- V. Abigail, b. married John Wilkinson of Malden.
- VI. Sarah, b. married Ezekiel Jenkins of Malden.
- VII. Priscilla, b. Wenham, —5, 1655. married in Reading, July 2, 1680, William Robbins of Reading. They had 6 children. Robbins was a soldier in King Philip's War in 1675.
- VIII. Simon, b.
A person of this name was a soldier in Philip's War, but there is some doubt whether he belonged to this family or not. Wounded Jan. 6, 1675.
- IX. Daniel, b. about 1657, married in Lynn, Oct. 15, 1691, Sarah Streeter. He lived in Lynnfield and was a soldier in Philip's War, 1675.
- X. Elizabeth, b. 1660, married, in Reading, May 5, 1685, John Felch of Reading. She died Apr. 10, 1746, one day after husband's death. They lived in Reading and Weston and had 9 children.
- XI. Nathaniel, b. perhaps 1662, married in Reading July 22, 1686 Martha Proctor. They lived in Lynnfield.

Second Generation, Gowing Family

JOHN GOWING² (ROBERT¹

b. Dedham, Nov. 13, 1645. (A)

m. 1682, Johannah ———.

John evidently came to Lynn with his father about 1660. He lived at Lynn End, now Lynnfield Centre, on what is the common at the present time. His dwelling stood near the old meeting house, later used as a town house, which was built in 1715 and is still standing. The land it is built on was part of John's land and a muddy pond near by used to be known as Gowing's duck pond.

John was a member of the church at Reading and when the new church was built there in 1688 he contributed the sum of £2-0-0 towards the project. He was dismissed from the Reading church in 1720 when the Second church of Lynn (now the First of Lynnfield) was formed. (B)

He was on a committee to decide the limits of the precinct (of Lynnfield) in 1711 as appears from the following from Lynn Farms Precinct Book:—

"Lynn Jan. 16, 1711."

"Then ye inhabitants of Lyn-farms so called on ye north side of ye highway yt leads from Reading to Salem having had information yt part of our inhabitants are by part of Reading drawn in a petition with them for the building of a meeting house we then met together at the house of Capt. Bancroft and agreed on a plan for setting a meeting house near John Gowing's where the ways meet and now apply ourselves to ye town that we may be a precinct by ourselves. We then chose Left. Pearson, Left. Pool,

Mister John Gowing, Capt Bancroft, Shoball Stearns, a committee to ye town on our behalf and they did then decide that ye bounds of ye precinct should be as followeth, beginning at Saugust river so called between ye land of John Brintnalls and John Jeffries to ye land of John Hawks, Sen. and ye bounds of ye land now in his possession to ye land of Isaac Larreebee which he bought of John Hawks and by said land to ye south west corner of ye third division of lotts and yt range line to be the bound to the town highway by Nathaniel Newhalls."

(A) Record of Births, Marriages and Deaths and Intentions of Marriage in the Town of Dedham, 1635-1845. by Don Gleason Hill, Town Clerk, Dedham, 1886. Page 3. "John the son of Robert and Elizabeth Gowing, was borne the 13th of the 9 mo."
(B) Wellman's History of Lynnfield, p. 59, and Eaton's History of Reading, p. 35.

Thanks to the preservation of many old family papers by the late Otis Gowing of North Wilmington and his ancestors in the male line we are able to show where the first Gowings settled in Wilmington, the information coming from old deeds and wills still in existence.

John Gowing bought several plots of land in that part of Reading which is now Wilmington and North Reading.

In August, 1709, he bought from "Lidia Pall," of Lynn, widow, and daughter of Joel Jenkins, deceased, of Malden, who gave the land to her, 100 acres in Reading for the sum of £20-0-0 sterling. This piece was bounded on the north by land of John Harnden that Joel Jenkins sold to Richard Harnden; (John Harnden was son of Richard.) easterly by land formerly by land of Matthew Edwards; southerly by land that Joel Jenkins gave to "my cousin Jenkins" in his will; westerly by land of Thomas Stimpson, (excepting the country road that is used through the same.) This deed was witnessed by Thomas Cheever and Mary Cheever.

Nov. 22, 1712, John Gowing bought an adjacent lot of Ezekiel Jenkins of Malden, who indicates the past history of this lot thus, "being part of a lot that my grandfather Jenkins (Joel?) bought of Robert Burnap." The lot was bounded westerly by land of Tho. Stimpson; northerly by land the widow Pall sold to sd Gowing (John): easterly by land of Mathew Edwards; southerly — (deed is damaged here) but continues "except the country road that lyeth over the same." Signed by Ezekiel Jenkins and his wife Margrete Jenkins. The signature of Margrete Jenkins was very ornate with little daisies ending the long lines of the M. This deed was witnessed by Thomas Gowing and Benjamin Hutchinson. (Described as 25 acres in Reading on the north side.)

In 1716 a deed from Thomas Stimpson of — in Middlesex County gives to "John Going of Linn," 9 acres in Reading. The old deed is rather damaged but by supplying a few obvious words we get the following:— (northerly) by John Harnden; easterly

by land formerly of Mathew Edwards; south and west by sd (Gowing's own land). Witnessed by Benjamin Poole, Samuel Gillis and John Nichols.

In Nov. 1719 John Feltch, Yeoman, of Westown, and Elizabeth, his wife, (sister of John Gowing) dedd to him 1/6 of a 40 acre lot in Reading for £8-0-0 bounded southardly by (land by Benj. Harnden, Eastardly by land of Benj. Harnden, North by Woburn line; west by Lubbers Brook. Witnessed by Nathl Feltch.

John Gowing died in Lynnfield May 28, 1720 being survived by his wife and most of his children. His will made May 23, 1720, is still in existence and a copy will be found in later pages. He appointed his son Thomas as Executor which appointment was confirmed by the Probate Court of Essex County, dated Ipswich, June 6, 1720 and signed by John Appleton and Daniel Rogers as Register. This document is also still in existence.

Children of John² Gowing.

In Lynn Records all the children are recorded as of "John and Johannah Gowinge."

- I. Annis,³ b. Lynn, Mar. 13, 1683. m. Lynn, May 25, 1708, John Bates of Lynn. They lived in Lynn. Annis d. there June 12, 1716. John died 1717. Four children.
- II. John,³ b. Lynn, May 1, 1686. "John Gooing" m. Reading June 2, 1712 Hannah White of Reading. John probably died soon after as widow Hannah Gowing m. Lynn, as 2nd wife, Sep. 21, 1715 Thomas Blanchard of Andover. She had children by Blanchard 1716-1719-1723 and died July 10, 1725. See Essex Antiquarian, Vol. 9, pp. 26-27. Some think she may have been Hannah, dau. of Domingoe Wight and b. Lynn Sep. 5, 1679.
- III. Daniel,³ b. Lynn, Sep. 2, 1688. m. Charlestown Mar. 20, 1709-10 Esther Damon of Reading. Lived in that part of Reading which in 1730 became Wilmington. He d. Wilmington, Aug. 5, 1764. Nine children.
- IV. Thomas,³ b. Lynn, Oct. 30, 1690. m. Lynn, Dec. 27, 1720 Sarah Hawkes of Lynn. He d. Lynn Dec. 19, 1769. Five children.
- V. Elizabeth,³ b. Lynn, Apr. 26, 1694. m. Lynn Apr. 24, 1729 Ensign Samuel Parker of Lynn. He b. Lynn Jan. 10, 1690, son of Samuel & Martha. Elizabeth d. Lynn (widow) Oct. 28, 1768, "after some linering indisposition in her 75th year." No children recorded in Lynn.
- VI. Samuel,³ b. Lynn, Mar. 10, 1695-96. m. (Int. pub. Dec. 21, 1729) Lynn, Patience Bancroft. He d. Lynnfield, Sep. 3, 1773, "after a tedious sickness of 11 years." She d. Lynnfield Aug. 22, 1759, 52nd year. Five children.

- VII. Johanna,³ b. Lynn, Aug. 30, 1699, m. Lynn Feb. 23, 1724-25, Peletiah Crocker of Lynn. One child recorded in Lynn.
- VIII. Lois,³ b. Lynn, Dec. 29, 1700. m. Lynn Apr. 5, 1722, John Darling of Lynn. Removed to Lunenburg. Six children.
- IX. Timothy,³ b. Lynn, Sep. 22, 1704. d. Lynn Aug. 16, 1720. Inherited land from his father in Reading, now Wilmington. See John's Will and deeds of Timothy's brothers and sisters to Daniel above.

An Old Gowing Homestead

(Nathaniel Gowing house, erected 1686.)

Thomas B. Wellman, in the Essex Antiquarian,
Vol. 2, 1898. Page 141.

Should my reader be passing through the quiet village of Lynnfield Centre, about a fourth of a mile from its green he may see a triangular-shaped common, whereon for 182 years has stood the old meeting house, built by the fathers and mothers of the hamlet, and near which they repose in peace. As the junction of Main and Essex streets is reached, he may see a specimen of ye olden time, excellently preserved, a colonial house, its erection dating back perhaps 240 years. It is a flat roofed, long irregular building with massive chimneys. Some of the hearths contain tiles brought from England.

The house fronts on a spacious lawn which is shaded by one of the largest willow trees in the United States. This big tree gave the name to the house, Willow Castle. It was brought as a walking stick, from the lands north of the house by one who was born there, while returning from courting, and is large enough to seat a dozen people upon a section of its trunk. The ponderous branches constantly sway to and fro to a great extent.

The house was built by Nathaniel Gowing, and remained in the family more than a century and a quarter. During the Revolution it was the Norwood house, and for the last 60 years has belonged to the present occupants and their kindred.

In the present limits we cannot mention the interesting events in the life of the patriarch which has so long withstood the elements. The lightning has struck its protecting tree, the fire has burned off its roof, and other portions have been similarly devoured, but it still stands. Within its comfortable but not elegant rooms, events have transpired worthy of record and could the old house speak we would be glad to listen. Every war (Mexican not excepted) has seen its sons go forth to fight for their country, and many others have gone to distant lands who were an honor to their birthplace. How often have these portals been swung open

to receive a new inmate or to carry forth one never to return, and to admit a guest to a wedding. Many a time has someone devoid of a home been tenderly cared for till they were called to the home above. What large-sized families have been reared here! Sometimes a score of people have called it "home."

The old house is repository of enough articles of the past to fill a small museum. Of late an old chair of perhaps a century and a half in age has been brought down from the attic and polished till its first mistress would hardly recognize it. This house has also the distinction of being the one where the history of the town was written.

Tradition says that it is the third frame house in town. Its peers are still well preserved and bid fair to stand another century. Hundreds of acres used to belong to the old homestead. Could "Sir Nathaniel Gowing," who built these walls, with oaken corner posts more than a foot square, come from his sleep, probably on some portion of his fair and large domain, and behold on part of it the railroad, the meeting house, the school house, and instead of dwellings a "Sabbath day's journey" apart, find buildings near together and see the "improvements" of some of his descendants, would he not say "Verily, verily."

In front of the house are the ancient hollyhocks, peonies, and roses and the sweet clover, mock orange, lilacs, etc., of later date. In the rear are the peppermint, horsemint, catnip, sage and horse-radish, so plentiful in the olden time. Here where the Jewsharp was heard is now the grand piano, where the little maiden played with broken crockery, blocks and rag babies, the little ones today have china and wax dolls with real hair, movable eyes and screeching voice. In the old brick ovens are no longer cooked the savory viands for the Thanksgiving and Sunday dinner, but the water still comes from the deep well, so well remembered by friends far away.

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Chapter III

*In grateful memory
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Foreword

The officers of the Gowing Family Association offer to you at this 58th reunion a continuation of our family history, as Chapter III.

Chapters I and II were offered to you in August, 1940. The interval between the two pamphlets was the result of World War II, when labor and paper shortage made publication seem unwise.

This chapter, like those that preceded it, was compiled, and the data verified, by the late Winfield Scott Ripley. All our members know how deeply interested he was in our family history, and only the undersigned know how his gifts as a skilled amateur genealogist were given without stint, to the gathering of the facts here presented. So accurate and painstaking was his research, that we shall do well to regard it as authoritative.

We express the hope once more that this brochure will be read carefully by all those to whom it comes. Simple as are its annals, it embodies the best in the traditions of a true American family.

In Mr. Ripley's papers is ample material for a third volume. This will be made available, when the Association feels financially able to underwrite it. The yearly contributions of our members make possible these and future publications. We believe that you will believe the money well-spent.

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August 23, 1947.

Chapter III

Gowing Family, Third Generation

ANNIS GOWING³ (JOHN² ROBERT¹)

b. Lynn, Mar. 13, 1683.

m. Lynn, May 25, 1708, John Bates of Lynn. John was b. Lynn Nov. 1, 1686, son of Robert and Sarah Bates. Robert Bates was a yeoman, and owned land at Bass Neck, Nahant. John Bates was a weaver and husbandman, lived in Lynn and died in 1717, after a long illness of 11 years. His estate was appraised for £221-0-0 administration granted Sep. 9, 1717.

Annis, his wife, died Lynn, June 12, 1716.

- I. Annis (Bates)⁴ b. Lynn, May 5, 1709.
- II. Sarah (Bates)⁴ b. 1712, (aged 17 in 1729)
m. Lynn, Apr. 14, 1733 Jeremiah Newhall of Lynn.
- III. John (Bates)⁴ b. (eldest son)
d. Jan. 25, 1730/31.
- IV. Joseph (Bates)⁴ b. (over 14 in 1733)
living 1737.

THOMAS GOWING³ (JOHN² ROBERT¹)

b. Lynn, Oct. 30, 1690.

m. Lynn, Dec. 27, 1720. Sarah, dau. of John and Abigail Hawkes. Sarah was b. Lynn, Dec. 14, 1699 and d. there Mar. 4, 1764. Thomas lived in Lynnfield, was assessed in Lynnfield Parish in 1729, and d. Lynnfield, Dec. 19, 1769, "in his 79th year of an Ill Turn and something of a fever."

- I. John,⁴ b. Lynn, Nov. 16, 1721,
d. Lynn, Nov. 28, 1737.
- II. Timothy,⁴ b. Lynn, May 6, 1727.
- III. Joseph,⁴ b. Lynn, May 7, 1730. m. 1763 Deliverance Gowing⁴ (Ezekiel³ Nathaniel² Robert¹) Joseph was a soldier in the Revolution. 2 children.
- IV. John Timothy,⁴ b. bp. Lynn Mar. 4, 1732/3.
- V. Thomas,⁴ b. Lynn, Feb. 20, 1737.

SAMUEL GOWING³ (JOHN² ROBERT¹)

b. Lynn, Mar. 10, 1695/6.

m. (Int. pub. Dec. 21, 1729) Patience dau. of Capt. Ebenezer and Abigail (Eaton) Bancroft. Patience was b. Lynn, July 14, 1708 and d. Lynnfield, Aug. 22, 1759. Samuel was assessed in Lynnfield Parish in 1729.

He d. Lynnfield, Aug. 22, 1773, "after a tedious sickness of 11 years."

- I. Patience,⁴ b.
bapt. Sept. 23, 1733 in Lynnfield Church.

- II. Mehitable,⁴ b. 1731.
bapt. June 4, 1732 in Lynnfield Church. m. Lynn, Oct. 31, 1765, Abraham Wellman. (She appears in Lynn Records as Mrs. Mehitable Gowing.)
She d. Nov. 24, 1801 aged 70.
- III. Martha,⁴ b.
bapt. July 4, 1736 in Lynnfield Church.
- IV. Sarah,⁴ b.
(Sarah, dau. Samuel Goeing, bapt. between 1736 and 1755 according to Lynnfield church records.)
- V. James,⁴ b. Lynnfield, Jan. 18, 1736.
m. Lynn Jan. 10, 1760, Lydia Wellman.
Served in the French and Indian War and in the Revolution. Ancestor of the Dublin, N. H. Gowings.

"He served in the French and Indian War, having been in Capt. Newhall's company, Col. Plaisted's regiment, which marched towards Springfield, Aug. 15, 1757 on the way to relieve Fort William Henry. He served at the Lexington alarm with the Lynnfield company. In the accounts rendered by the British of the losses incurred on the 19th of April 26 men are reported as missing. These men were undoubtedly taken prisoners, among whom can be quoted Lt. Gould who was later exchanged for Josiah Breed of Capt. Rufus Mansfield's company. On the muster roll of Capt. Nathaniel Bancroft's company a note indicates that James Gowing was detailed to go to Ipswich jail with a number of prisoners. For this service he was given 3 days pay and 67 miles travel allowance, more than that received by any member of his company. James Gowing appears on the town records as warden in 1776, but nothing further is known of him." (Lynn in the Revolution, by Howard Kendall Sanderson, 1909.)

JOHANNA GOWING,³ (JOHN² ROBERT¹)

- b. Lynn, Aug. 30, 1694.
- m. Lynn, Feb. 23, 1724/5 Peletiah Crocker of Lynn.
- I. James (Crocker)⁴ b. Lynn, July 7, 1726.

LOIS GOWING³ (JOHN² ROBERT¹)

- b. Lynn, Dec. 29, 1700.
 - m. Lynn, Apr. 5, 1722 John Darling of Lynn.
- After 1735 they evidently removed to Lunenburg as John and "Lowas" Darling are given as of that place in 1747 in an acknowledgment of a deed to Daniel Gowing, the brother of Lois.
- I. Benjamin (Darling)⁴ b. bp. Lynnfield Ch. Apr. 28, 1728
 - II. John (Darling)⁴ b. bp. as above,
 - III. Joseph (Darling)⁴ b. bp. as above,
 - IV. Timothy (Darling)⁴ b. bp. Lynnfield Ch. Mar. 21, 1731
 - V. Joseph (Darling)⁴ b. bp. Lynnfield Ch. Aug. 5, 1733
 - VI. Lois (Darling)⁴ b. bp. Lynnfield Ch. Aug. 3, 1735

WILLIAM (ROBBINS)³ (PRISCILLA GOWING² ROBERT¹)

b. Reading, 1681.

m. Hannah Clap.

She was b. Mar. 28, 1679 and d. May 10, 1761.

William d. Walpole, Jan. 7, 1769.

- I. William (Robbins)⁴ b. Dedham, Apr. 9, 1704, d. young.
- II. Mary (Robbins)⁴ b. Dedham, Nov. 6, 1709.
- III. William (Robbins)⁴ b. Dedham, Sep. 20, 1715, d. young.
- IV. William (Robbins)⁴ b. Dedham, Sep. 20, 1716.
- V. Eleazer (Robbins)⁴ b. Dedham, Feb. 25, 1717/18.
- VI. Daniel (Robbins)⁴ b. Dedham, Aug. 17, 1722. m. May 1, 1751 Mary dau. Capt. Eleazer and Mary (Penniman) Fisher. (Descendants given in Dedham Historical Register, Oct. 1897, p. 106.)

EBENEZER (ROBBINS)³ PRISCILLA GOWING² ROBERT¹)

b. Dedham, May 19, 1691.

m. Dedham, Jan. 12, 1719/20, Mary Falls of Dedham.

- I. Mary (Robbins)⁴ b. Dedham, Nov. 12, 1720.
- II. Sarah (Robbins)⁴ b. Dedham, Oct. 23, 1722.

DANIEL GOWING³ (DANIEL² ROBERT¹)

b. Lynn, Oct. 11, 1692.

m. Lynn, Mary Williams. (Marriage Intention pub. Lynn, Mar. 15, 1709/10.)

Daniel Gowing and Mary his wife were members of the First Church of Lynnfield when it was formed, Aug. 17, 1720. Daniel was assessed in Lynnfield Parish in 1729. He d. Albany, N. Y., Sept. 10, 1756.

- I. Daniel⁴ b. 1709.
m. Lynn 1764 Marcy Bowers.
He d. 1787. She d. 1811.
- II. John⁴ b. 1742 (?) Priscilla Gowing³ Nathl² Robert¹
m. 1721
- III. Gideon⁴ b. 1742 (?) Elizabeth Gowing⁴ Daniel³ John²
m. Robert¹. He d. 1775.
- IV. Lydia,⁴ b. Ephraim Sheldon of Reading,
m. (Marriage int. Lynn, July 30, 1738.)
- V. Sarah,⁴ b. Abraham Sheldon of Reading,
m. (Marriage int. Lynn, Apr. 30, 1739.)
- VI. Abigail,⁴ b. William Sheldon of Reading,
m. (Marriage int. Lynn, May 24, 1741.)

NATHANIEL GOWING³ (NATHANIEL² ROBERT¹)

b. Lynn, July 22, 1687.

m. Lynn, Dec. 7, 1719 Hannah Eaton of Reading. The marriage is also noted in Reading records. She d. Lynn, May 1, 1721.
Nathaniel m. 2nd. Lynn, Mary Goodwin of Reading,
(Marriage intention, Lynn, Mar. 13, 1736/7.

Mrs. Mary Gowing, d. Lynnfield, Nov. 18, 1787 aged 82,
hence b. 1705.

Nathaniel was assessed in Lynnfield Parish in 1729. He d.
Lynn Apr. 27, 1775.

I. Hannah,⁴ b. Lynn, Apr. 23, 1721.

m. Josiah Sawyer of Andover,
(Marriage intention published Nov. 5, 1742)

MARTHA GOWING³ (NATHANIEL² ROBERT¹)

b. Lynn, Nov. 11, 1690.

m. Wilmington, Jan. 28, 1732 Joseph Killam. In the Wilmington records they are given as "both of Wilmington."

She was a member of the First Church of Lynnfield when it was formed Aug. 17, 1720.

Martha wife of Joseph Killam, d. Wilmington, May 20, 1732, aged 40 years, 1 month according to the gravestone record.

I. Benjamin (Killam)⁴ b. Wilmington, Apr. 2, 1732.

d. Wilmington, Jan. 29, 1736 aged 3
years and 10 months according to
gravestone.

II. Joseph (Killam)⁴ b.

d. Wilmington, Oct. 3, 1744 (aged according to gravestone 18 years 3 months).

Several discrepancies are to be noted in records above.

JONATHAN GOWING³ (NATHANIEL² ROBERT¹)

b. Lynn, Apr. 1, 1692.

m. Lynn, Apr. 24, 1722 Elizabeth Townsend of Lynn.

Jonathan was assessed in Lynnfield Parish in 1729.

I. Jonathan⁴ b. Lynn, June 23, 1723.

(Lynn records:—Jonathan Gowing, son of Jonatahn and Elizabeth, d. Lynn, July 10, 1723.

II. Jonathan⁴ b.

Noted for his wit. The following from Lewis and Newhall's History of Lynn is to the point: "1756. The manuscript of Dr. John Perkins gives a long and particular relation of a singular encounter of wit, had between Jonathan Gowing of Lynn and Joseph Emerson of Reading. They met by appointment at the tavern in Saugus, and so great was the number of people, that they removed to an adjacent field. The Reading champion was foiled, and went home in chagrin. Dr. Perkins says the exercise

of Gowing's wit 'was beyond all human imagination. But he afterward fell into such stupidity, that the expression became proverbial—(you are as dull as Jonathan Gowing.)' Jonathan d. Nov. 2, 1777.

MARY GOWING³ (NATHANIEL² ROBERT¹)

b. Lynn, Apr. 2, 1697.

m.

Thomas Eaton of Reading.

(Marriage intention pub. Lynn, Jan. 24, 1721/22.)

I. Thomas (Eaton)⁴ b. Reading, Jan. 1, 1722/23.

BENJAMIN GOWING³ (NATHANIEL² ROBERT¹)

b. Lynn, Feb. 5, 1700/01.

m. Lynn, May 26, 1725, Abigail dau. of Nathaniel and Mary (Winn) Wyman of Woburn. Abigail was b. Oct. 5, 1695. "Old Mrs. Gowing" d. Sutton, July 5, 1771.

Benjamin was assessed in Lynnfield Parish in 1729. He evidently moved to Sutton, Mass., between 1730 and 1734 and according to Benedict & Tracy's History of Sutton he lived on the lot drawn by Samuel Gowing.

I. Samuel,⁴ b. Lynn, Sept. 17, 1726. (bp. Reading church Mar. 24, 1728.

II. Abigail,⁴ b. Lynn, Apr. 17, 1730, (bp. Reading church, May 3, 1730.

m. Sutton, Mar. 23, 1758 Jeremiah Richardson.

III. Benjamin,⁴ b. Lynn, Oct. 4, 1731. (bp. Lynnfield church, Nov. 28, 1731.) d. young.

IV. Nathaniel,⁴ b. Sutton, Mass. June 26, 1734.

m. Sutton, Mar. 17, 1757 Patience Richardson of Woburn. In Colonial service and Revolution from Sutton.

EBENEZER³ (NATHANIEL² ROBERT¹)

b. Lynn, May 10, 1702.

m. Lynn, Apr. 10, 1724, Elizabeth Eaton of Lynn.

I. Joseph,⁴ b. Lynn, Jan. 24, 1725/26.

II. Elizabeth,⁴ b. bp. Lynnfield church, Mar. 31, 1728.

III. Mary,⁴ b. Reading, May 9, 1731.

IV. Ebenezer,⁴ b.

(Ebenezer, son of Ebenezer Gowing was bp. Reading church, 1733.

Probably settled in Shirley, Mass.

V. Jonathan,⁴

This was probably the Jonathan who settled in Shirley, Mass.

EZEKIEL GOWING³ (NATHANIEL² ROBERT¹)

b. Lynn, Mar. 17, 1703/4.

(m. possibly, Lydia Gowing³ Daniel² Robert¹. Marriage intention pub. Lynn, Nov. 9, 1729.)

m. Jan. 1, 1732, Deliverance dau. of William and Prudence (Putnam) Wyman of Woburn. Deliverance was b. Feb. 28, 1700 and d. Lynnfield, Jan. 10, 1762 aged 62 years.

m. 2nd. June 21, 1763 Mrs. Lydia Norwood of Lynn End.

Ezekiel was a member of the First Church of Lynnfield when it was formed Aug. 17, 1720, was assessed in Lynnfield Parish on 1729, was Parish Clerk 1752/3, 1755/6. In "Lynn in the Revolution by Howard Kendall Sanderson, 1909" we find the following:—"At a town meeting held the 23rd of April, 1775, in the old meeting house, &c &c, Voted that all the men that are aBliged to Bair arms in either of the Lists that they meet and view their arms all in one day viz. the compemey in the North Parish at Mr. Ezekiel Gowings Inholder; all the aBove compenies to meet on thursday the 27th Instant at 3 of the clock afternoon." (Page 52.)

Ezekiel Gowing d. at Lynnfield Sept. 12, 1788 aged 85.

- I. Ezekiel,⁴ b. 1736. (by. Lynnfield Church, Aug. 8, 1736.)
d. Lynnfield, Oct. 30, 1761, aged 25.

- II. Deliverance,⁴ b. 1738.
m. (Lynn Records, Mar. 2, 1763
Joseph Gowing married Mrs. (!) Deliverance Gowing.)
Mrs. Deliverance Gowing, d. Lynnfield, Apr. 17, 1806,
aged 68, hence b. 1738.

The children of Elizabeth Gowing and John Felch are here given as belonging to the third generation.

ELIZABETH² GOWING, (ROBERT¹

b. 1660.

m. Reading May 25, 1685 John Felch of Reading. John was b. Reading Feb. 26, 1659, son of Henry and Hannah Felch. (Henry Felch settled first at Watertown and removed to Reading in 1647, was selectman, d. Reading Nov. 11, 1699. His widow, Hannah d. Reading Dec. 15, 1717 "being nere a 100 years old.")

John Felch removed to Weston soon after 1709. He d. Apr. 9, 1746 and his wife survived him only one day. The gravestones of this pair are at Weston.

"Here lyes buried
ye body of
Mr. John Felch
who departed
this life April
the 9th Anno Domini
1746 in the 89th
year of his age."

"Here lyes buried
ye body of
Mrs. Elizabeth
Felch wife of Mr.
John Felch who
departed Apr. 10th
1746 in the 86th
year of her age."

Information about this family was furnished by Gertrude Beakes Seagers (Mrs. M. W. Seagers of Bloomingburg, N. Y., historian of the Beakes Family Association.)

- I. Elizabeth (Felch)³ b. Reading, Feb. 23, 1686.
- II. John (Felch)³ b. Reading, Feb. 7, 1687/8.
m. Mar. 7, 1737 Sarah Green. d. 1754.
- III. Samuel (Felch)³ b. Reading Feb. 11, 1689/90.
m. Reading, May 6, 1714 Katherine dau. Dea. Francis Smith. d. 1725.
- IV. Hannah (Felch)³ b. Reading, Aug. 3, 1692.
m. Jan. 4, 1715 Thos. Clapp.
- V. Mary (Felch)³ b. Reading, Mar. 17, 1694/5.
- VI. Daniel (Felch)³ b. Reading, June 3, 1697.
d. July 15, 1703.
- VII. Nathaniel (Felch)³ b. Reading Apr. 27, 1699.
m. Oct. 29, 1732 Mary Hawkes.
- VIII. Ebenezer (Felch)³ b. Reading, July 20, 1701.
m. Mary Bacon.
- IX. Abigail (Felch)³ b. Reading, June 15, 1703.
m. Reading, Apr. 27, 1726. Ebenezer Cutler of Shrewsbury.

Note 1

In addition to strictly genealogical data, Mr. Ripley made numerous notes from early records, legal and otherwise, that furnish additional source material. Such a record is here presented in its original form, with its spelling variants that are of unfailing interest. This one is called the

MILL SITE

Know all men by these presents that there is a-grement between Mr. William Towne an Deacon John Howlet, Mr. John Lamson, Lvt Samuel Kemball, Mr. John Balch as a Committee for the proprietors of the meadow laying upon Ipswich River that is all the proprietors belonging to Ipswich, Wenham, baverly and Topsfield that whereas ther is a mill set up upon said River by Ebenezer Jones or Bought by him and Danill Gowing being proprietors of said mill do agree and promise to let out and no wayes hinder the water that is stoped for said mill by daming said water for said mill any time after the last day of March yearly and every year for the space of seven years next coming after the date here of the said Ebenezer Jones and Danill Gowing being proprietors of said mill the said Jones of Woburne and the said Gowing of Reding, all in the County of Middlesex in the province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England do promise to let out the said water by the time above mentioned and if the said water promptly (?) and deuly let out as above said then if the above said Ebenezer Jones and Daniel Gowing shall (not) be molested or anyways (crossed out)

hindered in the peacable posesion of said mill till the time the Last of March above mentioned by any of the propiretors of said meadow that live in Ipswich, or Wenham, Baverly or Topsfield then the said William Towne, John Howlet and John Lamson and Samuell (Kemball) and John Balch or any of them or Theyer Sucksesors shall pay to the said Ebenezer Jones or Danill Gowing the sum of fifty pounds in good bills of credit of said province to be paid unto the said Ebenezer Jones Danill Gowing by the said persons above mentioned to the true intent here-of and if the said Jones and Gowing or theyer order do pecable injoyd as above exprest then the above said sum to be void or else payable as above as witness our hands and seals on this twenty and fourth day of November in the year of our lord one thousand seven hundred and twenty and four

Signed Sealed and Delivered
in the presents of us
Kendel Parsons
William Rogers

William Towne*
John Howlet*
John Lamson*
Samuel Kemball*
John Balch*
Committee

Date of document circa 1730.

Note 2

We are sure that you will chuckle many times as you read the following document, with its amusing implications of failure to *come to a committee meeting* (sounds quite modern, doesn't it?) and its careful expenditure statements. This document is entitled

COMMITTEE ON TOWN LINE

We whose names are underwritten being a Committee appointed by the Town of Willmington to Settle and State a line between the Township of Reding and Willmington afors^d according to the General Court's grant, whereupon we appointed a Day for that Service and gave the Select men of the Town of Reding Fourteen Days. Notice thereof who likewise Appointed persons to attend that Service and being mett on the Nineteenth Day of this Instant October with Surveyer and Chainemen under Oath in order to Settle a line between the said Towns as aforementioned. But in as much as the persons appointed for the Town of Reding Refused to Settle a line with us according to the General Court's Grant, We with the afors^d Surveyer and Chainemen proceeded and made out a line according to the afors^d Grant of the great and General Court which line is as follows (VIZ) beginning at the South East Corner of Nodd and so running thence on a Strait Line to the South Easterly Corner of Joel Jenkins Land, the monuments on this line first the afors^d Corner, the 2nd a pitch pine tree Standing on a Small Knole, 3rd a Smale Whit Oak near a pond hole, 4th, a Smal Whit Oak on an Island in a Swamp: and so to the afors^d South Easterly Corner of sd Joel Jenkins Land and from thence on a Strait line to the South Easterly Corner of Timothy Townsends Land and the monuments on this Line are first a Stake att Joel Jenkins Corner afors^d, Secondly, a Smal White Oak standing in the fence on the edge of Hundred Acre Meadow so called the third is a Whit Oak near a Cart path the fourth is a White Oak on an Island in a Swamp, the fifth and Last is a Learge Whit Oak att the South Easterly Corner of Timothy Townsends Land aforementioned.

Dated Octo^r 20th,
1731

Daniel Gowing
Ebenezer Jones.
Thomas Rich.

ENDORSEMENTS

Rec^d of the Committe of Willmington Ten Shilling for Running the line between Woburn and Willmington and twenty shilling for Runing the Line between Reding and Willmington I say

Rec^d pr me William Willis Oct^r 20th 1731

Rec^d the Commite of Willmington the sum of fourteen shilling
for Caryin the Chaine on the line between Reding and Willming-
ton

We say Rec^d
pr us
David Róbarts
Stephen Farnam

Oct^r 20th 1731

J Joseph Borenup (Burnap?) reseved the comety of wil-
mington eleven shilinge for the sarves of drang the can betwn
Wobun and Wilmington, October the 20th

1731

The true and gust amount of the expences that we the said
comety were at is 0-16-10 shillings.

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