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Richard Higgins was born in England. How he reached Plymouth is unknown, he arrived there in time to raise or purchase some corn of the crop of 1633. He was then apparently a man of full age, possessing a trade, that of a tailor, but no family.

TABLET,

To the memory of RICHARD HIGGINS
one of the seven founders of the Town and Church of Eastham then called NAUSET. Junior and Selectman of the Town.

Elected Deputy to the General Court of Plymouth
for seven sessions, 1647-1653-1655-1657-1658-1660-1665.

A resident of Plymouth from 1633 to 1644.

A resident at Pochet in Eastham from 1644 to 1669.

A Planter at New Piscataway in East Jersey in 1669.

He died before 1675.

Through five sons and three daughters he became the fore-
father of the Higgins Family on these shores and in New Jersey
Maine and Connecticut.

Many descendants are now scattered abroad in this country,
Courageous, Respected, Trusted, Honored

His Descendants Erect this Memorial

August 26, 1916

Page 27. Having now a good house and 20 acres of land, and being a ti
tailor with an apprentice, Richard Higgins bethought himself
of a wife and his eye fell upon Lydia Chandler, daughter of Edmund Cham-
dler, of Duxbury and Scituate. On December 11, 1634 they were married
(The date of marriage was Nov. 23, 1634, according to Eastham records.)

Page 30, There is no record to show whether Lydia Chandler, the first
wife of Richard Higgins, was living in 1645 or not, but
probably she was living and accompanied him to Nauset.
She was, however deceased by 1650.

(P.32) Married Mrs. Mary Yates widow of John of Duxbury and Eastham.

Richard Higgins and Mrs. Mary Yates were married October 1651.
There were now three boys in the Higgins household Jonathan and
Benjamin, sons of Richard Higgins, and John Yates a little more than
a year old. Mrs. Mary Higgins survived her husband, to marry a third.

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Children of Richard Higgins,

By first wife Lydia Chandler,
Jonathan born July 1637, at Plymouth. Married (1) Elizabeth
Rogers. (2) Hannah Rogers.

Benjamin born June 1640 (Colony records say July),
married Lydia Bangs

By second wife Mary (----) Yates
Mary b. Sept. 27, 1652 m Samuel Oliver

Eliakim b. Oct. 20, 1654 Eastham m. Alice Newbold

William b. Dec. 15, 1654 Plymouth Col. Rec.

Jediah b. Mar. 5, 1656-7 Eastham, m. Mary Newbold

Zerah, b. June 1658 Eastham, m. Elizabeth Oliver

Thomas b. Jan. 1661-2, at Eastham, m. Elizabeth Hull.

Lydia b. July 1664 Eastham, prob. died young.

Rebecca, b. abt. 1666 at Eastham m. Thomas Martin.

Ruth, b. abt. 1668 at Eastham or Piscataway m. Fitz Randolph & Tuttle

Sarah, b. abt. 1670, at Piscataway m. Saml. Moore 2nd.

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Benjamin Higgins (Richard 1) born July-, 1640, at Plymouth;
 "deceased on ye 14th. of March, 1690-1" at Eastham; married
 Dec. 24, 1661, Lydia Bangs, born--, died after Feb. 13, 1706-7; daughter
 of Edward and Lydia (Hicks) Bangs of Eastham.

Benjamin Higgins resided in Eastham, probably on lands which
 had belonged to his father at Pochet, now in East Orleans.

Page 52- Benjamin Higgins was freeman of the Colony probably as early
 as 1675, and very probably a soldier in King' Philip's War.

Jan. 7, 1676 he was one of the Grand Inquest. Other offices, see;

An inventory of the estate of Benjamin Higgins, amounting to 85lbs.
 in real estate and 206.06.00 in personal estate. was rendered June 19
 1691, and sworn to by Mrs. Lydia Higgins, admx. five days later.

Page 53----- Children born at Eastham.

Ichabod b. Nov. 14, 1662, m. Melatiah Hamblen (?)

Richard b. Oct. 15, 1664, m. Sarah Hamblen (?)

Page 54-- John b. Nov. 20, 1666; d. June 13, 1689.

Joshua b. Oct. 1, 1668, m. (1) Elizabeth Smith (2) Priscilla
 Bixby (3) Mary Baker)

Lydia, b. "latter end of May, 1670" living June 24, 1691.

Isaac b. Aug. 31, 1672, m. Lydia Collins.

Rebecca b. June 14, 1674, d. Mar. 1675.

Samuel b. March 7, 1676-7 m. (1) Hannah Cole; (2) Thankfull
 Mayo (3) Elizabeth Harding.

Benjamin, b. Sept. 15, 1681. m. (1) Sarah Freeman

(2) Mercy Hopkins.

Page 86- Benjamin Higgins (3) (Benjamin (2), Richard (1)),

born Sept. 15, 1681, died at Eastham between
 July 1, 1760, and Apr. 27, 1761; married (1) May 22, 1701,
 Sarah Freeman born---, died Jan. 21, 1743-4; dau. of Lieut. Edmund and
 Sarah (Mayo) Freeman of Eastham; married 2nd at Truro June 28,
 1749, Mercy (Freeman) Hopkins, born Aug. 31, 1702, died in Dec. 1786;
 daughter of Constant and Jane (Treat) Freeman and widow of Caleb (4)
 Hopkins (Caleb 3, Gyles 2, Stephen 1) She married (3) Dec. 5, 1771,
 Ebenezer Dyer of Truro.

Benjamin Higgins resided at Eastham. Sarah Freeman, first wife
 of Benjamin Higgins, was the mother of all of his fourteen children.

Her grandmother, Mercy Prence, was the daughter of Gov. Thomas and
 Patience (Brewster) Prence, and the grand-daughter of Elder William
 Brewster, who came in the Mayflower in 1620.

He was called Mr. Benjamin Higgins, an indication of better
 social position than usual. His alliance with the Freeman and Prence
 families secured this for him.

Page 87----- Children born in Eastham,

Priscilla b. Nov. 17, 1702 mar. (int. Sept. 15, 1722)

Jonathan Smith of Eastham (Thos. 2, Ralph 1)

Thomas, b. June 24, 1704, m. Abigail Paine.

Sarah, b. July 13, 1706, m. Sept. -, 1724 Jesse Smith
 (more of this)

Page 88--- ----- Paul, b. June 25, 1708, m. Rebecca Mayo.

Reliance, b. May 13, 1710, not mentioned in fathers will.

Elizabeth, b. Apr. 1, 1712, m. Mar. 8, 1731-2 Henry Young
 (more of this)

Experiance b. Jan. 31, 1713-14 m. (1) Coombs (2) Foby,
 (more of this)

Benjamin b. Mar. 1, 1715-6 m. (1) Hannah Higgins
 (2) Margaret Sears).

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Thankful, b. Oct. 28, 1717, m. 1741, Theophilus Mayo Jr.

Not mentioned in her father's will.

Child Theophilus, b. Dec. 30, 1752.

Zaccheus, b. Aug. 15, 1719, m. Rebecca Young.

Page 89---- Solomon, b. Sept. 8, 1721, m/(1) Bethia Chase, (2) Esther Dean(?)

Lois b. Aug. 6, 1723 m.--- "Curkem" (Kirkom; Kirkham ?)

Isaac b. July 12, 1725, m. Rebecca Mayo.

Freeman, b. July 28, 1727 m. (1) Martha Cole (2) Mrs. Thankfull
(Hopkins) Paine.

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Thomas Higgins, (4) (Benjamin (3), Benjamin (2), Richard (1))

born June 24, 1704, at Eastham; died about 1

1789, at Wellfleet; married at Eastham Oct. 12, 1727-8

Abigail Paine, born in Eastham Aug. 3, 1707; died ----, daughter of
Nicholas and Hannah (Higgins) Paine of Eastham.

Thomas Higgins settled in the North Precinct of Eastham, now Wellfleet.

March 14, 1747-8 he was chosen on Precinct committee and March 1
19, 1749-50 was assessor.

Page 124..... In 1760, he was selectman and tithingman.

This Thomas is usually called Thomas Jr., on Eastham records.
Abigail Paine, wife of Thomas Higgins, through her mother Hannah (Higgins)
Paine, was a descendant of Thomas and Joseph Rogers and of Stephen
Hopkins, passengers of the Mayflower in 1620. She was also a descendant
of Nicholas Snow, one of the seven founders of Eastham.

----- Children born in Eastham.-----

1- Philip, b. Jan. 28, 1727-8; m. Mary Wiley.

2- Thomas, b. Jan. 1, 1729-30, m. (1) Anne Treat; (2) Ruth Rich

3- Benjamin, b. Feb. 8, 1731-2, m. Hannah Mayo

4- Jonathan, b. Apr. 10, 1734, m. (1) Sarah Coombs (2) Bethia
Snow; (3) Eunice Brown.

5- Jesse, b. Feb. 21, 1736; m. Experience Hinckley

6- Thankful, b. Apr. 9, 1738; d. Jan. 29, 1824, ae. 87 yrs.

m. Nov. 25, 1756, Isaac Freeman, son of Ebenezer
and Abigail (Young) Freeman of Wellfleet
where they were buried. (Children given.)7- Sarah b. July 17, 1740, m. Apr. 13, 1758, Jonas Dean, b.
Oct. 27, 1732, at Barnstable Mass.8- Solomon, b. July 15, 1743; m. (1) Margaret Holbrook
(2) Abigail Pierce.Page 190-- Jesse Higgins (5) (Thomas (4) Benjamin (3) Benjamin (2)
Richard (1))

born Feb. 21, 1736, at Eastham, probably in the North

Precinct, now Wellfleet; died---, at---, married Apr. 28, 1757,
Experience Hinckley.Jesse Higgins and his wife Experience were both of Eastham at
the time of their marriage. Nothing more is known of them from the
Eastham records, or of the family. There was at Georgetown Maine, a
Mr. Higgins with wife Experience. His first name has been read (but
with considerable uncertainty) from the records of that town as John.
But it seems ~~xxxxxxx~~ probable that the name on the records(Page 191---- should be read Jesse, not John. The two names in the
old script would appear much alike to an unpracticed eye.We shall assume that his name is Jesse. There was a Jesse Higgins at
Lewiston, Maine, in 1790., as is shown by the Census of that year,
having a family of himself and two females.

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He may have been the same Jesse of Eastham and Georgetown.

If the three names refer to the same person, it is probable that there were children older than those here given.

Children born at Georgetown Maine.

1- Priscilla b. May 30, 1764

2- John b. June 23, 1766. U.S.Census 1790; Eastham Recd

3- Jonathan b. Mar 17, 1768. Georgetown Records.

see Mayflower Dest. Vol.16,p.202.

NOTE, Page 195 for Thomas & Joseph Rogers of the Mayflower,
father and son.

See Georgetown Maine Vital Records, BIRTHS, Page 63. by M.P.Hill.
HIGENS, James, son of Thomas & Mary b. Nov. 20, 1755 in Georgetown
Hannah d " " " " Mar.20, 1758 " "

" Priscilla, dau. Jese and Experience, b. May 30, 1764 in Georgetown
" Jese son " " " " June 23, 1766 " "
" Jonathin son " " " " Mar.17, 1768, " "

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Wiscasset Court House, Maine.
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Jesse Higgins from Silvester Gardiner.

Silvester Gardiner of Boston for 26lb.135.4 p
Paid by Jesse Higgins of Georgetown, Lincoln County, Marriner, give,
grant etc., to him the said Jesse Higgins land
in Georgetown containing 100 acres east of New Meadows River- bounded--
stake northerly side of land laid out for Joshua Coombs, then east and
by south, half south across land to Long Cove, thence up said Cove
to the Northward 58 poles, thence west by north half north across land
to said New Meadows River, allowing one pole and a half wide from the
Country Road to said River for a road and Landing place, and from
thence a Southward by said River to first mentioned bounds.

January 18, 1762.

Vol.7 Page 102, same as above,
Higgins to Higgins,

Jesse Higgins, in consideration of one hundred pounds
paid me by Philip Higgins of Georgetown aforesaid coaster, the receipt
I do hereby acknowledge and do hereby give, grant, etc. unto the said
Philip Higgins one lot of land lying and being in Georgetown containing
100 acres, bounded West by Stevens River 58 rods South by land now in
possession of Joshua Coombs Jr., east by Long Cove, so called,
North by land now in possession of Stephen Coombs.

Land together with dwelling House and Barn.

All other claims void.

Sept. 22, 1769, (10th., year of H.M.'s reign.)
(Signed)

Aaron Hinckley, Justice Peace
Sept.30, 1769, by Thos.Rice Reg.

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Higgins to Buber,

Indenture of two parts made and conhded Jan.9, 1806.

Between Jesse Higgins of Lewiston, County of Lincoln etc., and
Andrew Buber of Lewiston.

Tenants in common equal shares of two lots of land in
Lewiston known by the number 5 & 6 in the eighth range.

Whereas the said parties have concluded to have and to to hold
their respective parts, it is therefore agreed that the said Andrew
Buber shall henceforth have the northerly side of the lots aforesaid.

Beginning at the northeast end of Lot # 6, at the middle
of the said lot, running southwest one mile, thence northwest fifty
rods, thence northeast one mile, thence southeast fifty rods to the
first mentioned bounds; and Jesse Higgins, for himself, heirs etc.
do grant etc., the same to Andrew Buber as the aforesaid Andrew Buber's
share.

January 9, 1806, (signed) Jesse Higgins (seal)

Naah Jordan

Thomas Renn Witnesses,

Recorded Jan.13, 1806, Thos.Rice Reg.

Vol. 109, Page 35, of above Deeds,
Jeremiah Clough of Lewiston, County Lincoln, Yeoman, for \$100. paid me
by Jesse Higgins of Monmouth, Co, Kennebec, Yeoman, land in
Lewiston, Lot # 6, in the 8th., Range of Lots in South Lewiston.
Plan of Amos Davis, 100 acres.

January 3, 1820.

Vol. 110, Page 145, of above Deeds.

Jesse Higgins of Monmouth, Co. Kennebec, Yeoman, for \$100.00
paid by Jeremiah Clough of Lewiston, land in Lewiston
Lots # 5 & # 6, in the 8th., Range--- next to land of Barzella Rand
and Josiah Straw etc., 100 acres....
signed Jesse Higgins & my wife, Jerusha Higgins.

January 4th., 1820.

Monmouth Center Cemetery,

(Maine Hist.Soc.)

Mr. Jesse Higgins died

Mar.20, 1825,

in the 59th., year of his age.

Mrs. Jerusha, wife of Jesse Higgins,

died Jan.15, 1824, in her 49th., year.

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SUPPLEMENT, Page 62.

Philip Higgins and Jesse Higgins, brothers of Benjamin Higgins,
both lived at Georgetown Maine for a time.

U.S. Census, Maine, 1790.
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Lewistown Town and the Gore Adjoining.

Jesse Higings, 1 male upwards of 16 yrs.
0 " under " "
2 females

Lewiston Early Records,
Collected by J.G. Elder, now in possession
of his son, Mr. George K. Elder, Lewiston Maine.

(1)
Priscilla Higgins, daughter of Jesse Higgins and Tamah---, his wife
born 1792, died July 25, 1854,
married John Carville of Lewiston Maine.

(Jesse Higgins' second wife was
Jerusha Wilkins)

Children of John Carville & Priscilla (Higgins)

Carville

Samuel b., mar. Saprionia Wright, Oct. 4, 1836
d- Nov. 18, 1894
R. in Farmington Maine.

Children

John Henry b. Apr. 23, 1837
Charles Ellery b. Feb. 8, 1839
Emma S., b. Oct. 8, 1844.

Carville

Mary Ann b. July 3, 1820
m. Valentine G. Colby of Webster, pub. June 26, 1840.
Removed to Brunswick.

Elizabeth, b.

m. Eben Swett of Brunswick Jan. 31, 1841.

Sarah- b.

m. William F. Marston Feb. 13, 1848.

Orrin S. b.

m. Nancy Dennett, (dau. of Peter Dennett,) Jan. 27, 1847
She died May 12, 1873.

Children;- Almon,

Advestin, m. James Stadman, Mar. 22, 1873

Abbie J., m. Edwin H. Judkins, May 24, 1874.

Alice.

Priscilla, b.- m. Jeremiah Crowley Dec. 18, 1851.

Hannah F., b., m. Charles E. Garcelon, Oct. 28, 1852
d. Nov. 6, 1859.

BIBLE RECORD of Mrs. Sarah (Carvill) Marston,

in possession of her daughter Frostina E. Marston,
179 Lincoln Street, Bath Maine. June 7, 1940.

The BIBLE a wedding present from John Carvill to his daughter
Sarah (Carvill) Marston, wherein he had written the
records of his family.

John Carvill born in Lewiston Maine, May 21, 1789
died in Lewiston Maine, Sep. 6, 1862,
Priscilla-----Carver born in Lewiston Maine March 1, 1792,
died " " " July 25, 1854

Children:-

Samuel Carvill born in Lewiston Me., Feb. 4, 1816
died in Farmington Nov. 17, 1894
Mary Ann Carvill born in Lewiston May 28, 1818
died in Brunswick March-, 1866
Henry Carvill, born in Lewiston July 3, 1820
died in Watertown Mass. Nov. 25, 1894
Elizabeth H. Carvill, born in Lewiston Oct. 13, 1822
died in San Francisco Cal. June-, 1897
Sarah Carvill, born in Lewiston May 20, 1825
died in Bath, April 14, 1902
married William F. Marston
Orrin S. Carvill, born in Lewiston June 20, 1827
died in San Francisco Cal. Apr. 10, 1901
Priscilla H. Carvill born in Lewiston Apr. 29, 1830
died in Auburn Sept. 17, 1903
Hannah F. Carvill born in Lewiston Sept. 7, 1833
died in Lewiston Oct.

Priscilla Higgins was name of wife of John Carvill (above)
her sisters were

Mercy Higgins, married Isaac Sprague of Greene, had 9 children,
Dennis, Orrin, Hulda and others:-
Sally Higgins, married Aaron Bickford of Lewiston, had 11 children,
Mary Ann, James, Jesse, Nathaniel, Seth, Sarah,
Elizabeth, Elmira, & Jane, two died in infancy.

her half brother was

* Jesse Higgins who settled in Hallowell or Farmingdale,
her half sisters were

Tamar Higgins who married Sewall Carvill of Lewiston

Submit Higgins who married Charles Swett of Wales

Mary Higgins who married his brother Eben Swett of Wales.

* Jesse Higgins had a large family, only know of one son
Charles J. who lives in Farmingdale.

{ See Hist. Monmouth V. 1 - P. 426 - for proof that Jesse Jr. was son of Jesse Sr.
Hallowell Marriages

(The last portion of these notes were given by Mrs. Marston to
her daughter Frostina Marston, and are in the Family Bible))
