

WILLIAM HACK AND HIS DESCENDANTS.

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IN the records of Wills and Administrations for Hampshire County, England, the name Hack frequently occurs in the sixteenth and early part of the seventeenth centuries. Its first appearance in this country was about the year 1660 when William Hack, who is supposed to be the ancestor of all the Hacks in New England, became a resident of Taunton, Mass.

He married Mary ———, and had a son William, born November 15, 1663. In 1664 he went to England to settle his affairs there, leaving his wife and son here, and intending to return the following summer; but he never came back. In June, 1667, his wife not having received any letters nor any intelligence from him, applied to the Court at Plymouth “producing divers testimonies to make it manifest to the Court that William Hacke her husband is dead,” and obtained Letters of Administration on his estate, which consisted of personal property appraised at 33£ 08s. 6d. and a dwelling house and nine acres of land.*

His son, William Hack, married and had two sons, William and Seth, and three daughters. He accumulated a large property for those times, consisting principally of real estate, a part of which is still held by some of his descendants. His homestead was in Taunton, on the east side of Three Mile River between Westville and North Dighton. In 1690 he joined the Phipps expedition to Canada. For his services, losses and sufferings in this expedition, the Legislature of Massachusetts, by Acts passed between the years 1732 and 1735, awarded him two tracts of land containing one hundred and fifty acres each, situated on the east bank of the Connecticut river between the towns of Sunderland and Northfield.†

So far as known to the writer, the family record, beginning with the first William, is:

1. WILLIAM¹ HACK, married Mary ———; came from England before 1660, and returned about 1664. They had:
 2. i. WILLIAM.²
2. WILLIAM² HACK (*William*¹), had five children:
 3. i. WILLIAM.³
 4. ii. SETH.
 - iii. HANNAH, m. Joseph Johnson; had child *William*, and probably others.
 - iv. ANNA, m. William Smith.
 - v. A daughter, name not known, m. — Andrews.

* See Plymouth Colony Records, Court held June 5, 1667.

† See Massachusetts General Court Records.

3. WILLIAM³ HACK (*William,² William¹*), married Mary Tinkham of Middleboro'. Had six children:
 5. i. WILLIAM.⁴
 6. ii. NATHAN, b. 1733.
 - iii. ZEPHANIAH.
 7. iv. PETER.
 - v. MARY.
 - vi. SUSANNAH.
4. SETH³ HACK (*William,² William¹*), married Sarah Howell of Bridgewater. Had five children:
 - i. JEREMIAH,⁴ m. Judith Clemens; had one daughter, and d. young. The daughter m. Job Townsend, and had five children.
 - ii. LYDIA, m. Benjamin Stevens; had a number of children. Some of their descendants are still living.
 - iii. KINSLEY.
 - iv. HULDAH.
 - v. SARAH.
5. WILLIAM⁴ HACK (*William,³ William,² William¹*), married Experience Phinney. Had seven children:
 - i. BETHUEL,⁵ m. ———; had several children, who went "up country."
 - ii. ZEPHANIAH, m. Lydia Stetson, and removed to Brandon, Vt., where his descendants now live. He afterwards m. a Miss Rich and had children.
 - iii. WILLIAM.
 - iv. JOSEPH, m. ———.
 - v. SALOMA, m. — Manly of Easton.
 - vi. CYNTHIA, m. ———.
 - vii. EXPERIENCE, m. ———; had one child.
6. NATHAN⁴ HACK (*William,³ William,² William¹*), married first, Kate Lincoln, and had two daughters; married second, Rebecca Haskins, and had five children. Was an officer in the Revolution.
 - i. MARY,⁵ b. Dec. 26, 1760; m. Joseph Richmond; had seven children, all born in Woodstock, Conn.: (1) *Joseph⁶ Richmond*, m. Nancy Sawyer; (2) *Mary⁶ Richmond*, m. Samuel Paul, had children, some of whom are living in Cheshire; (3) *Susanna⁶ Richmond*; (4) *Louisa⁶ Richmond*, m. — McKenzie of Moriah, N. Y., and has children living there; (5) *Zelotes⁶ Richmond*, m. Amy Howland of North Adams, had two sons, *Zelotes⁷* and *Andrew A.⁷*; (6) *John⁶ Richmond*, m. Chole —, lived in Adams, had children; (7) *Kate⁶ Richmond*.
 - ii. KATE, b. Dec. 17, 1762; m. Calvin Fillebrown, and had seven children: (1) *Kate⁶ Fillebrown*, m. Hanover Blake, had two children; (2) *Melinda⁶ Fillebrown*; (3) *Maria⁶ Fillebrown*, m. Edward Blake, had seven children; (4) *Abigail⁶ Fillebrown*, m. Otis Walker, had four children; (5) *Calvin⁶ Fillebrown*; (6) *John⁶ Fillebrown*, m. Joanna Winslow, had seven children; (7) *Susan⁶ Fillebrown*.
 - iii. REBECCA, b. Aug. 18, 1766; m. Edward Thayer; moved to Conway, Mass. Had eight children: (1) *Abigail⁶ Thayer*, m. — Wells; (2) *Lydia⁶ Thayer*; (3) *Nancy⁶ Thayer*, m. Edward Rose, had seven children; (4) *Hassadiah⁶ Thayer*; (5) *Edward⁶ Thayer*, d. young; (6 and 7, twins) *Edward⁶ Thayer*, m. Betsy Trow, *Rebecca⁶ Thayer*, m. — Smith; (8) *Melinda⁶ Thayer*.
 8. iv. NATHAN, b. April 19, 1768.
 - v. LYDIA, b. Nov. 25, 1770; m. Enos Pratt. Had eleven children: (1) *Enos⁶ Pratt*, d. young; (2) *Nathan⁶ Pratt*, d. young; (3) *Lydia⁶ Pratt*, m. Allen Briggs, had five children; (4) *Enos⁶ Pratt*, m. Lovina Skitter, had seven children; (5) *Melinda⁶ Pratt*, m. Levi Hale had eight children; (6) *Cynthia⁶ Pratt*, m. John Richmond,

no children; (7) *Calvin⁶ Pratt*, d. young; (8) *Nathan⁶ Pratt*, m. Lydia Bliss, had two children; (9) *Rebecca⁶ Pratt*, m. Samuel Young, had five children; (10) *Nancy⁶ Pratt*, m. Lloyd Waite; (11) *Calvin Dennis⁶ Pratt*, m. Lucinda Staples, had eight children.

- vi. MELINDA, b. April 14, 1772.
 9. vii. DANIEL, b. March 3, 1787.
7. PETER⁴ HACK (*William,³ William,² William¹*), married first, Susannah Pratt, had ten children, five of whom lived to mature age; married second, Judith Clemens, widow of Jeremiah Hack, and had five children, of whom only three grew up:
- i. EBENEZER,⁵ m. Esther Smith; removed to Danbury, Conn. Had one son.
 - ii. PETER, m. Harriet Stevens; had seven children; removed to Danbury, Conn.
 - iii. RACHEL, m. Benjamin Jones. Had one son, who d. young.
 - iv. SUSANNAH, m. Richard Hewett. Had seven children.
 - v. MARY, m. Alvan Robinson; lived in Mansfield. Had five children.
 - vi. JUDITH, d. unm.
 - vii. JEREMIAH, m. Betsy Cobb. Had six children: *Louisa,⁶ Judith, Nancy Jane, Jeremiah Warren, Betsy, Rhoda Emeline*.
 - viii. RHODA, m. James Lee. Had ten children: *James Emery⁶ Lee, William⁶ Lee, Mason⁶ Lee, Alvin Dexter⁶ Lee, Nathan⁶ Lee, Jeremiah Thomas⁶ Lee, Rhoda Emeline⁶ Lee, Nancy Jane⁶ Lee, Sally⁶ Lee, Caroline⁶ Lee, Susan⁶ Lee*.
8. NATHAN⁵ HACK (*Nathan,⁴ William,³ William,² William¹*), born April 19, 1768; died February 13, 1828; married Olive Crossman, born May 28, 1771, d. May 31, 1854. Had eleven children:
10. i. HANAN,⁶ b. Sept. 1, 1792.
 - ii. WILLIAM, b. Sept. 2, 1794; m. Caroline Harris in Alabama, Dec. 20, 1825; d. Dec. 5, 1872, leaving no children.
 - iii. HARRIET, b. March 1, 1796; d. July 28, 1880; unm.
 - iv. CAROLINE, b. July 26, 1798; m. Job Crossman, Aug. 29, 1827; d. Oct. 15, 1889, leaving no children.
 - v. NATHAN, b. July 28, 1800; d. Aug. 24, 1809.
 - vi. REBECCA, b. Aug. 10, 1802; m. Josephus Skinner, June 11, 1820; d. Jan. 3, 1884. Had nine children.
 - vii. ZEPHANIAH, b. June 23, 1804; d. Dec. 26, 1880; unm.
 11. viii. CHRISTOPHER AMORY, b. Dec. 19, 1806.
 - ix. OLIVE CROSSMAN, b. June 8, 1809; m. William Lincoln, Dec. 8, 1832. Had one son: *William,⁷* m. Ellen Marvell. Had three children.
 - x. CHARLOTTE MELINDA, b. April 15, 1813; m. William N. Spinney, Sept. 15, 1839; d. Dec. 14, 1891. Had five children.
 - xi. MARIETTA AUGUSTA, b. Dec. 26, 1815; d. May 30, 1821.
9. DANIEL⁵ HACK (*Nathan,⁴ William,³ William,² William¹*), married Rebecca Whitmarsh. Had seven children:
- i. FRANCIS AMELIA,⁶ m. Solomon Barney. Had one son.
 - ii. DANIEL D'BRUCE, m. Amelia Winter. Had four children.
 - iii. AVIS MARY, d. young.
 - iv. REBECCA AVIS, m. George W. Davol. Had three children.
 - v. SARAH JANE, d. young.
 - vi. MARY VIRGINIA, d. young.
 - vii. GEORGE GORDON BYRON, m. Cymanthia Winter. Had three children.
10. HANAN⁶ HACK (*Nathan,⁵ Nathan,⁴ William,³ William,² William¹*), born September 1, 1792; married Chloe Braman, May 20, 1816; died in Mobile, Ala., October 10, 1824. Left one son:

- i. NATHAN EMERSON,⁷ m. Cordana Fobes of Bridgewater. Had one daughter, *Cordana Augusta*,⁸ who m. T. Preston Burt, and has two children.
- 11. CHRISTOPHER AMORY⁶ HACK (*Nathan*,⁵ *Nathan*,⁴ *William*,³ *William*,² *William*¹), born December 19, 1806; married Sarah Seaver, February 8, 1832. She died June 25, 1870. They had four children:
 - i. MANFRED AMORY,⁷ b. May 8, 1833; d. Aug. 2, 1833.
 - ii. DANIEL, b. Dec. 21, 1834; graduated Harvard College, 1856; d. April 15, 1864; unm.
 - iii. CHRISTOPHER AMORY, b. May 31, 1838; d. Jan. 31, 1860; unm.
 - iv. HENRY SEAVER, b. May 5, 1840; m. Emily F. Wright, Oct. 7, 1868. Has one son, *Harold*⁸ *Wright*, b. Aug. 17, 1877.