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AND THREE GENERATIONS OF THEIR DESCENDANTS.

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SIMON¹ STONE came to New England from London in the ship "Increase" in 1635. He was then fifty years old. His wife and five children came with him. As ascertained by the persistent efforts of Mr. William E. Stone of Cambridge, and stated in a pamphlet prepared by him and published by the Stone Family Association, Simon Stone was born in Much Bromley, Essex County, England, and was baptized there Feb. 9, 1585-6, and was a son of David and Ursula Stone and grandson of Simon and Agnes Stone. He was married Aug. 5, 1616, to Joan Clarke, daughter of William Clarke. He settled in Watertown on the banks of the Charles river, being the grantee of eight lots, and later being one of the largest land owners of the town. A considerable part of the land now occupied by the Mount Auburn and Cambridge cemeteries once belonged to him. According to tradition it was he who built the large old-fashioned house of colonial style that, with the extensive buildings connected with it, served six generations of his descendants for two hundred years, till it was destroyed by fire. He was made a freeman in 1636 and took an active part in church and town affairs, filling various positions and being on the board of selectmen for several years and a deacon of the church for many years.

One of the pear trees planted by him is said to have borne fruit for two hundred and fifty years, and is still quite vigorous. After the death of his wife he married, about 1654, Mrs. Sarah Lumpkin, the widow of Richard Lumpkin of Ipswich. He died Sept. 22, 1665. His will is published in the New-England Historical and Genealogical REGISTER, vol. iii., page 182. By that it appears that Gregory Stone, who came about the same time, and settled first in Watertown and afterwards in Cambridge, was his brother. Though living in different towns their residences were only a mile apart. By his will he gave his daughters Frances and Mary ten pounds each, and divided his real estate between his sons Simon and John. This disposition of his property did not include "any former lands and conveyances to them." Rev. Nathan⁴ Stone, in his almanac, said his grandfather, Simon² Stone, "had three sisters who m. Messrs. Sterns, Green & Orne. The last died young."

Children:

- i. FRANCES,² bap. Jan. 20, 1618-9; m. about 1645, Rev. Henry Green of Reading. They had two children: *Joanna* and *Nathaniel Green*. He d. Oct. 11, 1648. She seems later to have become the third wife of John Orne (Horne) of Salem.
 - ii. ANN, b. 1624; probably m. John Orne (Horne) of Salem, for his second wife.
 - iii. SIMON, b. 1631; m. Mary Whipple; d. Feb. 27, 1708.
 - iv. MARY, b. 1632; probably m. Lieut. Nathaniel Stearns of Dedham.
 - v. JOHN, b. 1635; m. Sarah Bass; d. Mar. 26, 1691.
 - vi. ELIZABETH, b. in Watertown, April 5, 1639; probably d. young.
2. DEA. SIMON² STONE (*Simon*¹), divided with his brother John, his father's real estate, and held and occupied the paternal homestead.

Like his father he was a deacon of the Watertown church. As the deacons in those days were elected for life there seems to have been a "deacon Simon Stone" in that church continuously for about seventy-five years. A large number of the descendants of Simon Stone, senior, for several generations, were deacons.

Dea. Simon Stone, junior, filled many town offices. He was town clerk for ten years, selectman for several years and representative to the General Court in 1678, '79, '80, '81, '82, '83, '84, '86, '89 and '90. He was one of the original proprietors of Groton, but there seems to be no proof that he ever resided there. In 1662 he had an eighteen acre right in Groton, and in 1670 he owned eighty-seven and a half acres there. He married Mary Whipple, daughter of Elder John Whipple, one of the early settlers of Ipswich. She was born in 1634, and died June 2, 1720.

The three daughters and seven sons of Simon² and Mary (Whipple) Stone met at the old home with their youngest brother, Jonathan, in July, 1724, their average age being nearly sixty years.

Children:

4. i. SIMON,³ b. Sept. 8, 1656; m. Sarah Farnsworth; d. Dec. 20, 1741.
 5. ii. JOHN, b. July 23, 1658; m. Mrs. Sarah (Nutting) Farnsworth.
 6. iii. MATTHEW, b. Feb. 16, 1659-60; m. Mary Plympton; d. Aug. 12, 1743.
 - iv. NATHANIEL, b. Feb. 22, 1661-2; d. Feb. 24, 1661-2.
 7. v. EBENEZER, b. Feb. 27, 1662-3; m. 1st, Margaret Trowbridge; d. Oct. 4, 1754.
 - vi. MARY, b. 1665; m. Dea. Comfort Starr of Dedham.
 8. vii. NATHANIEL, b. 1667; m. Reliance Hinckley; d. Feb. 8, 1755.
 - viii. ELIZABETH, b. Oct. 9, 1670; m. Dea. Isaac Stearns of Lexington.
 9. ix. DAVID, b. Oct. 19, 1672; m. Mary Rice; d. Oct. 7, 1750.
 - x. SUSANNA, b. Nov. 4, 1675; m. Hon. Edward Goddard d. Feb. 4, 1754. They lived in Framingham.
 10. xi. JONATHAN, b. Dec. 26, 1677; m. 1st, Ruth Eddy; d. Jan. 7, 1754.
3. DEA. JOHN² STONE (*Simon*¹), resided in Watertown and was a deacon of the church. In 1687 and 1690 he was town clerk, and was a selectman in 1674, '81, '82, '83, '84, '85, '86, '87 and '90. According to the town records, in 1656, 1660 and 1669, the selectmen paid him a bounty of one shilling each for foxes. Jan. 9, 1687, at the age of fifty-two, he was released from training. He married Sarah Bass, youngest daughter of Samuel and Anne Bass of Braintree. After his death his widow married Dea. Joseph Penniman.
- Children.
- i. SARAH,³ b. Oct. 1, 1663; m. Dec. 15, 1681, Munning Sawin.
 - ii. JOANNA, b. Jan. 11, 1664-5; m. May 9, 1693, Simon Tainter; d. 1731.
 - iii. JOHN, b. Dec. 15, 1666; m. Thankful Capen.
 - iv. ANN, b. Aug. 8, 1668; m. Nov. 1693, Samuel Capen.
 - v. MARY, b. Sept. 14, 1670; d. June 25, 1691, unm.
 - vi. ELIZABETH, b. Nov. 13, 1672; m. Nov. 17, 1692, John Barnard.
 - vii. SAMUEL, b. Feb. 14, 1674-5; m. Elizabeth — before 1705.
 - viii. HEPZIBAH, b. May 5, 1677; m. Jan. 7, 1701-2, John Morse.
 - ix. DEBORAH, b. Feb. 25, 1679-80; m. June 9, 1703, Ephraim Cutter.
 - x. REBECCA, b. Aug. 29, 1682; m. John Maddock of Boston.
4. SIMON³ STONE (*Simon*² *Simon*¹), was in the King Philip's war serving in one of the garrisons in Groton, in January, 1675-6, and in Capt. Joseph Sill's company against the Indians in June, 1676. He was also in the King William's war, being in Exeter, N. H.,

when that place was assaulted by the Indians July 4, 1690, and was severely wounded. Cotton Mather, in his *Magnalia*, Vol. II., page 606, said: "there happened at this time a remarkable thing * * * one *Simon Stone* being wounded with shot in *nine* several places lay for dead among the *dead*. The Indians coming to strip him attempted with *two* several blows of a hatchet, at his *neck*, to cut off his *head*, which blows added, you may be sure, more enormous wounds into those *port-holes of death* at which the *life* of the poor man was already running out as fast as it could. * * The English now coming to bury the dead, one of the soldiers perceived this poor man to fetch a gasp * * * [and] lifted up the wounded man and poured a little *fair water* into his mouth at which he coughed; then they poured a little *strong water* after it at which he opened his eyes * * * But *Simon Stone* was thoroughly cured and is at *this day* a very lusty man * * * that nothing may be dispaired of remember *Simon Stone*."

Soon after the King Philip's war was ended Simon³ settled in Groton, and was a citizen there as early as 1680, and was taxed for the support of the minister; the Rev. Gershom Hobart, in 1681. In 1691-2, he and his brother John served in a garrison in Groton, to assist in defending the inhabitants against the Indians. He was a farmer and a deacon of the church, and filled many positions of trust and responsibility in town; and was a representative to the General Court. He married Sarah Farnsworth, daughter of Matthias Farnsworth of Groton, about 1683.

Children:

- i. SARAH,⁴ b. about 1684; m. Sept. 28, 1708, Stephen Farr of Stowe.
 - ii. SIMON, b. August 1, 1686; m. Sarah Farnsworth, [1746.]
 - iii. ABIGAIL, b. 1691; m. Dec. 11, 1718, Nathaniel Holden; d. Sept. 29, 1757.
 - iv. MARY, b. about 1692; m. Abraham Whitney. They lived in Stowe.
 - v. SUSANNA, b. Oct. 23, 1694; m. Jacob Chamberlin of Newton.
 - vi. ISAAC, b. May 4, 1697; d. Sept. 30, 1723.
 - vii. HANNAH, b. 1699; d. Sept. 27, 1723.
 - viii. JOSEPH, b. March 8, 1702; m. May 9, 1728, Mary Prescott; d. Sept. 10, 1777.
 - ix. BENJAMIN, b. Aug. 12, 1706; m. May 13, 1736, Emme Parker; d. Sept. 23, 1758. They lived in Groton.
 - x. LYDIA, b. 1708; d. Sept. 30, 1723.
5. JOHN³ STONE (*Simon*,² *Simon*¹), served in the King Philip's war, in 1676. He settled in Groton as early as 1691, and was prominent in church matters and active in town affairs. He served in one of the garrisons in Groton, 1691-2, against the Indians. Like his brother Simon, he was a farmer. He married Mrs. Sarah (Nutting) Farnsworth, widow of Matthias Farnsworth, jr., of Groton.

Children:

- i. JOHN,⁴ b. Sept. 23, 1699; m. Dec. 26, 1722, Elizabeth Farwell.
 - ii. JAMES, b. Jan. 23, 1701; m. Dec. 28, 1726, Mary Farwell; d. Feb. 27, 1783. She was a sister of Elizabeth. They were daughters of Joseph and Hannah Farwell of Groton.
6. DEA. MATTHEW³ STONE (*Simon*,² *Simon*¹), served in the King Philip's war, in Capt. Daniel Henschman's company, in 1675, when only sixteen years old. With many others from Watertown he went to Sudbury, soon after the war with the Indians was over. For a

short time he lived in Lancaster. He was a deacon in the church at Sudbury, and represented the town in the General Court, in 1710, '11, '12 and '13. His will was proved Aug. 9, 1743. In his will he directed that his house lot in the town of Lancaster and the buildings thereon, and intervale land belonging thereto, and forty-eight acres of woodland, and all his intervale and meadows in Lancaster, and all his personal estate and debts due, be divided into four equal parts, and divided among his four children, viz.: Joseph Stone, Adams Stone, Mary George and Rachel Cobb, part and part alike. All his remaining lands and utensils of husbandry were to be divided between his two sons, Joseph Stone and Adams Stone and their heirs and assigns. Adams Stone was appointed sole executor.

He married Mary Plympton, daughter of Thomas and Abigail (Noyes) Plympton.

Children:

- i. JOSEPH,⁴ lived in Sudbury and Lancaster.
- ii. MARY, m. ——— George.
- iii. ADAMS, m. Sarah Wight, May 22, 1717. They lived in Sudbury, and he was a deacon in the church. Children: 1. *Benjamin*,⁵ b. Feb. 20, 1718; m. Beulah, dau. of Jonathan Fiske. 2. *Bathsheba*, b. Dec. 1, 1721; m. Jan. 19, 1744, Col. Ezekiel Howe, the proprietor of the Red Horse Tavern (Wayside Inn) from 1746 till his death in 1796. Their son Adam was proprietor till 1830, and his son Lyman till 1861. 3. *Elizabeth*, b. Apr. 2, 1723; m. Feb. 23, 1741, Nathaniel Rice. 4. *Isaac*, b. Feb. 18, 1736; m. Sarah Moulton about 1757; d. April 2, 1798.
- iv. RACHEL, m. June 1, 1710, Thomas Cobb of Barnstable.

7. HON. EBENEZER⁸ STONE (*Simon*,² *Simon*¹), settled in Cambridge Village, now Newton, and was a leading and influential citizen, taking an active part in town affairs. He was a selectman for ten years, representative to the General Court in 1720, '21, '22, '23, '24, '28 and '29, and was a member of Governor Jonathan Belcher's Council in 1730, '31, '32 and '33. His estate was appraised at 3502£ 7s. 8d., and was divided between his sons, Ebenezer, John, Simon, James, and children of his deceased son Samuel, and daughters Margaret Hammond, Mindwell Woodward and Experience Ward, and grandsons Ebenezer Stone and Nehemiah Stone. Bibles given to his grandchildren cost 68£ 17s. Gloves for his funeral 12£.

He married March 18, 1686, Margaret Trowbridge, daughter of James and Margaret (Atherton) Trowbridge, and granddaughter of Gen. Humphrey Atherton. She died May 4, 1710, and he married second Abigail Wilson 1711. She died in 1720, and he married for his third wife, widow Sarah (Nevinson) Livermore, April 8, 1722.

Children, all by his first wife:

- i. EBENEZER,⁴ b. December 21, 1686; m. Sarah Bond; d. Feb. 1, 1784.
- ii. MARGARET, b. Aug. 1, 1688; m. Nathaniel Hammond; d. 1776.
- iii. SAMUEL, b. July 1, 1690; m. 1st Hannah Searle, d. Aug. 30, 1726.
- iv. JOHN, b. Sept. 18, 1692; m. 1st Lydia Hyde; d. 1763.
- v. NATHANIEL, b. Sept. 6, 1694; d. 1713.
- vi. MINDWELL, b. June 26, 1696; m. Ebenezer Woodward; d. 1774. They lived in Newton. Their son Rev. Samuel Woodward was graduated at Harvard in class of 1748, and was ordained minister of the church in Weston, Sept. 25, 1751, and continued till his death, Oct. 5, 1782.

- vii. DAVID, b. May 15, 1698; d. 1725 unm.
 - viii. MARY, b. April 19, 1700; m. Dea. Ephraim Ward; d. Oct. 10, 1732.
 - ix. SIMON, b. Sept. 14, 1702; m. 1732, Priscilla Dyke; d. 1760.
 - x. JAMES, b. June 8, 1704; m. Elizabeth Swift, dau. of Rev. John Swift of Framingham; d. July 28, 1742. He was graduated at Harvard in 1724, and was the first pastor of the church in Holliston, being ordained Nov. 20, 1728, and continued fourteen years till his death.
 - xi. EXPERIENCE, b. 1707; m. 1733, Joseph Ward of Newton; d. 1798.
8. REV. NATHANIEL³ STONE (*Simon*,² *Simon*¹), was graduated at Harvard College in the class of 1690. For a year or more he was employed by the town as a schoolmaster in Watertown, his native town. He was ordained as the minister at Harwich, Oct. 16, 1700, at the organization of the town, but preached there before the church was gathered, beginning March 6, 1697-8. He remained the minister fifty-seven years till his death, though the Rev. Isaiah Dunster was an associate pastor for the last seven years. His church and his residence were in that part of the town that is now Brewster. He was a man of large influence in the town and in the colony. He was also an able divine of fervent piety, and had great firmness of character. Several of his sermons were printed and can be found at the Boston Public Library. Among the number are:
- "The Way to attain to Glory by Inheritance." Boston, 1718.
- Election sermon, preached May 25, 1720, before His Excellency Samuel Shute, Esq., Governor, His Majesty's Council and the Representatives of Massachusetts Bay Colony. "Rulers are a Terror not to Good but Evil Workers."
- "Concio ad Magistra." A sermon preached before the Judges of the Superior Court, at Barnstable, April 24, 1728. "Printed by order of the Court By B. Green for Daniel Henschman at his shop over against the Brick Meeting House Corn Hill 1728."
- "Sermon on the Absolute Freedom of Grace." Printed by B. Green, 1731.
- "Questions and Advice to the Rev. Mr. Whitefield as to his methods," preached at Harwich, Jan. 7, 1744-5.
- He was married to Reliance Hinckley, the seventeenth child of Gov. Thomas Hinckley of Barnstable, by his 2d wife, Mrs. Mary (Smith) Glover, Dec. 15, 1698. She was born Dec. 15, 1675, the day of the Great Swamp Fight, her father the governor taking part in the battle against the Indians. She died May 24, 1759.
- Children:
- i. MARY,⁴ b. Sept. 16, 1699; m. Barnabas Freeman; d. Dec. 22, 1778.
 - ii. KEZIAH, b. April 8, 1701; m. 1729, Isaac Lincoln; d. Nov. 2, 1763.
 - iii. RELIANCE, b. April 26, 1703; m. Joseph Paddock; d. March 26, 1735.
 - iv. HEMAN, b. Sept. 4, 1705; m. Temperance Sturgis; d. April 26, 1779.
 - v. NATHAN, b. Feb. 17, 1707-8; m. 1st, Judith Fox; d. May 31, 1781.
- He was graduated at Harvard in the class of 1726, was ordained minister of Southboro, Oct. 21, 1730, and was the faithful and successful minister of the town for fifty-one years, till his death. His almanac contained much genealogical information which was published in the REGISTER, vol. x., page 229. His son *Nathan*⁵ b. Sept. 30, 1737, was graduated at Harvard in the class of 1762, and was ordained over the church in East Yarmouth, now Dennis, in 1764, his father, Rev. Nathan Stone of Southboro, preaching the sermon. He m. Mary Cushing, dau. of Rev. Job Cushing of Shrewsbury, and continued as the efficient and popular minister of the church for forty years, till his death. His son Nathaniel⁶ Stone

was graduated at Harvard in 1795, and was ordained pastor of the church at Windham, Maine, Oct. 31, 1798. He resigned at the end of six years, but had a pastorate of nearly twenty years in Provincetown. The aggregate years of service of these four generations of ministers were over one hundred and seventy years.

- vi. THANKFUL,³ b. March 2, 1708-9; m. Seth Bangs, Jan. 4, 1756, for his 2d wife.
 - vii. EUNICE, b. June 23, 1711; m. David Bangs, Sept. 23, 1731; d. Feb. 5, 1816. When she was 100 years old she attended church and listened to a sermon preached in memory of her completed century. They lived in Harwich till 1768, when they removed to Hardwick, Worcester County. She was the mother of fifteen children.
 - viii. NATHANIEL, b. Nov. 29, 1713; m. Mary Bourne; d. Jan. 7, 1777.
 - ix. ACHSAH, b. Sept. 5, 1715; m. Elijah Hersey.
 - x. HANNAH, b. June 30, 1718; d. July 30, 1718.
 - xi. HANNAH, b. March 26, 1720; d. June 7, 1720.
 - xii. HULDAH, b. July 6, 1722; d. Jan. 24, 1726-7.
9. DAVID³ STONE (*Simon*,² *Simon*¹), remained in Watertown. He is said to have become blind at the age of twenty-four, and remained blind for the remaining fifty-six years of his life. Notwithstanding this great misfortune he was able to do his work and care for his family. He was married Dec. 12, 1710, to Mary Rice.
- Children:
- i. MERCY,⁴ b. Feb. 2, 1713-14; m. Aug. 19, 1736, Rev. David Goddard of Leicester, her cousin, son of Edward and Susanna (Stone) Goddard, H. C. 1731.
 - ii. MARY, b. Dec. 9, 1715.
 - iii. RUTH, m. Dea. Nathaniel Stone (*Ebenezer*,⁴ *Hon. Ebenezer*³).
10. JONATHAN³ STONE (*Simon*,² *Simon*¹), lived on the home place in Watertown. He was one of the proprietors' committee, selectman in 1724 and '27, and ensign of the military company in 1730. Nov. 15, 1699, he was married to Ruth Eddy. She died Oct. 7, 1702, and he married Mary ———, who died June 24, 1720. Nov. 15, 1720, he was married to Hepzibah Coolidge, daughter of Nathaniel and Mary (Bright) Coolidge. She died in 1763.
- Children:
- i. JONATHAN,⁴ b. in. 1702; m. Feb. 25, 1724, Hannah Jennison.
 - ii. HEPZIBAH, b. Aug. 9, 1722; d. Apr. 14, 1723.
 - iii. ANN, b. Aug. 9, 1722; m. Jonas Stone (*John*,⁴ *Hon. Ebenezer*³).
 - iv. MOSES, b. Dec. 16, 1723; m. Hannah Tainter, dau. of Capt. John Tainter of Watertown. He lived on the ancestral place in Watertown.

As stated in the foregoing pages, seven of the early descendants of Simon² and Mary (Whipple) Stone were graduates of Harvard College, viz.: Rev. Nathaniel Stone in 1690, Rev. James Stone in 1724, Rev. Nathan Stone in 1726, Rev. David Goddard in 1731, Rev. Samuel Woodward in 1748, Rev. Nathan Stone in 1762 and Rev. Nathaniel Stone in 1795.

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