THE

WASHBURN

FAMILY

Descendants of John of Plymouth, Mass., and William of Stratford, Conn., and Hempstead, L. I.

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DESCENDANTS OF JOHN OF PLYMOUTH.

This name has been variously spelled Washburn, Washbourne, Washband, Washborn, Washborne and Washburne, but the first is the most common mode of spelling the name.

JOHN WASHBURN, of Plymouth, 1632, Savage supposed came from Eversham, Co. Worcester, on Shakspeare's Avon, Eng., and in 1635, his wife, Margaret, aged 49, with ch. John, aged 14; and Philip, 11, followed him in the ship Elizabeth and Ann from London, as by certificate of the mayor and minister of Eversham. He was of Duxbury side of the water, and became one of the original settlers of Bridgewater, and died before 1670.

JOHN WASHBURN, son of John and Margaret of Bridgewater, Mass., m. in 1645, Elizabeth Mitchell. He lived at Duxbury some years but removed before 1670 to Bridgewater, and made his will in 1686.

John.

Thomas, m. Deliverance Packard. Ch. Nathaniel, Thomas, Timothy, Hepzibah, Patience, Deliverance, Elizabeth. (Per will in 1729).

Joseph,³ m. Hannah Latham; children Joseph, Jonathan, Ebenezer, Miles, Ephraim, Edward, Benjamin, Hannah.

Samuel, b. a. 1651, m. Deborah Packard, d. 1720. Ch. Samuel, b. 1678; Noah, b. 1683; Israel, b. 1684; Nehemiah, b. 1686; Benjamin and Hannah.

Jonathan.3

Benjamin.3

Mary, 1661, m. Wm. Kinsley.

Elizabeth, m. James Howard.

Jane, m. Wm. Orcutt, Jr.

James, b. 1672, m. 1693, Mary Bowden. Ch. Mary, b. 1694; Ann, 1696; James, 1698; Edward, 1700; Moses, 1702; Gideon, 1704; Sarah, 1706; Martha, 1709; Elizabeth, 1710.

Sarah, m. 1697, John Ames.

JOHN WASHBURN, of Bridgewater, son of John and Elizabeth, m. 1679, Rebecca Lapham. Children: Josiah, b. 1680; John, b. 1682; Joseph, b. 1683; William, b. 1686; Abigail, b. 1688; Rebecca.

JONATHAN³ WASHBURN, of Bridgewater, son of John and Elizabeth, m. a. 1683, Mary Vaugh of Scituate. Children: Elizabeth, b. 1684; Josiah, 1686; Benjamin, 1688; Ebenezer, 1690; Martha, 1692; Joanna, 1693; Nathan, 1699; Jonathan, 1700; Cornelius, 1702.

JOHN WASHBAND, m. Mary Gunn, Nov. 5, 1721. Children: John, b. June _____ Anne, b. Feb. 19. 1733.

WILLIAM WASHBURN came to Stratford, about 1655, with two sons, John and Hope. John m. June 7, 1665, Mary, daughter of Richard Butler, and had a son John, b. Nov. 20, 1657. A year or two later Wm. Washburn, with his son John and family, removed to Hempstead, L. I.

HOPE WASHBURN, son of William, m. Mary, dau. of Francis Stiles, about 1660, and resided for a time in Stratford, in 1685 moved to Derby, where he died in 1696. The widow died Jan. 11, 1712. Children:

Sarah, b. Dec. —, 1661.

John, b. May —, 1666.

William, b. Mar. 16, 1668.

Samuel, b. Mar. 1, 1670-1. List in 1718 £62.

Ephraim, b. Aug. 31, 1673.

Mary, m. John Johnson in 1694.

Jane.

WILLIAM WASHBAND, son of Hope and Mary, b. Mar. 16, 1668, m. Haunah Wooster of Derby, Aug. 20, 1696. Bu. Uptown graveyard, Derby. Children:

Ephraim, b. in 1701.

EPHRAIM WASHBAND, son of Wm. and Hannah, was one of the original members of the Congregational Society of Oxford, and at the first meeting, which was held June 30, 1641, he was appointed collector and treasurer for the parish. The commission appointed by the General Assembly soon after to decide upon the location of the meeting house, chose a place "on land belonging to Ephraim Washbourn," at

the south end of Jack's Hill, where the church yet stands, after the lapse of a hundred and fifty years. He m. Oct. 7, 1724, Miriam, dau. of Samuel Bowers, who died April 16, 1774, aged 70. Children:

Timothy, b. Jan. 20, 1725.

Joseph, b. May

d. Oct. 28, 1737.

Hannah,

d. Oct. 30, 1737.

Benjamin, b. Suly 5. 17-, d. Nov. 4, 1737.

Dorcas,

d. Nov. 13, 1737.

Mary.

Hannah, b. Aug. 23, 1740.

Dorcas, b. Mar. 22, 1742.

Bowers, b. June 18, 1745; d. Nov. 24, 1827.

Benjamin, b. June 6, 1747; bap. Oct. 29, 1752.

TIMOTHY WASHBURN, son of Ephraim and Miriam, and Hannah Curtis of Stratford were married in Oxford, April 22, 1745, by Rev. Mr. Lyman. Children:

Sarah, b. June 11, 1746.

Edmund, b. Nov. 27, 1747, bap. Feb. 7, 1748.

Joseph, b. May 12, 1750.

Ebenezer, bap. Feb. 7, 1759.

BOWERS WASHBAND, son of Ephraim and Miriam, served in the Revolutionary war, and was one of the original members of the Union Episcopal church of Humphreysville. He married Eunice, widow of David Wheeler. Died at Oxford in 1817, and his widow d. in Humphreysville, Feb. 19, 1823, aged 66. Children:

Polly, bap. Oct. 4, 1778, m. James Beardsley of Great Hill; lived in first house west of the Capt. Nettleton place.

Nancy, m. Feb. 27, 1799, Levi Riggs of Rimmon Hill.

SAMUEL WASHBURN, son of Hope and Mary, was one of the 52 among whom were divided "Camp's Mortgage" in 1792. This was a tract of land about three miles square, bounded on the east by the Naugatuck river, north by Little river, west by "a range of swamps near Moose Hill," and south by Derby purchase. In the division of a tract of land on Great Hill in 1756, called the 4th division, land was set off to Samuel and William Washborn.

SAMUEL WASHBAND of Derby m. Susannah Wooster Nov. 30, 1714. His son,

SAMUEL WASHBAND, b. May 4, 1717, m. Sarah Beach, May 9, 1741. Children:

William, b. Aug. 28, 1742.

Mary, b. Dec. 4, 1744, d. Dec. 5, 1749.

Maria or Mary, b. Aug. 15, 1749.

Samuel, b. Jan. 16, 1751, it is said d. in the army, Oct. 24, 1780.

Sarah, b. Feb. 24, 1755, bap. Mar. 30.

Eli, b. Sept 19, 1758, bap. Sept. 21.

JOSIAH WASHBURN, 1st, b. Jan. 27, 1737, d. July 7, 1810. Was living within the bounds of Shrub Oak District at the time it was set off, in 1779; m. Sarah Harger June 2, 1767. She d. June 15, 1790. Children:

Josiah, b. Jan. 9, 1769; bap. Jan. 29.

Mary, b. Feb. 5, 1774; bap. Mar. 27, 1774, m.____ Smith, moved to Vermont. of Oxford, Com.

JOSIAH WASHBURN, Jr., son of Josiah and Sarah, was a member of the 8th company of the 32d Regt. of Conn. Militia in 1793; m May 4, 1793, Catherine Smith, b. Jan. 15, 1773 Children:

Josiah Smith, b. July 31, 1794, d. May 21 or 29, 1823.

Julia Laminta, b. Apr. 6, 1797, m. Robert Wheeler of Oxford, Thursday, Dec. 2, 18—.

George Washington, b. Jan. 30, 1803.

Starr Sterling, b. Feb. 12, 1807.

Staples Seth, b. Feb. 15, 1810.

Josiah Smith Washburn of Oxford, son of Josiah, jr., and Catherine; m. Thursday, Nov. 28, 1822, Sally Maria Wheeler, dau. Samuel, b. Nov. 10, 1797; d. June 14, 1877. Had one dau., Catherine S., b. Aug. 25, 1823.

OSBORN.

CATHARINE S. WASHBURN, daughter of Josiah S. and Sallie M., was bap. in Union Episcopal church, Humphreysville, Nov. 16, 1823; m. June 11, 1846, Joel Osborn of Oxford; d. Feb. 2, 1876. Children:

Orlando Cable Osborn of Oxford.

Betsey Maria Osborn, d. aged 16.

WHEELER.

JULIA LAMINTA WASHBURN, daughter of Josiah, Jr., and Catherine, m. Robert Wheeler of Riggs street, Oxford, near Towantic.

Children:

Betsey Ann, b. Oct. 20, 1821.

George, b. Feb. 3, 1823, d. single, aged 33.

Smith, b. Jan. 30, 1826; m. Fannie, dau. of Geo. W. Washburn. Lives in Huntington.

Robert, b. Mar. 23, 1828, d. Jan. 2, 1891. M. 1st, Mary, dau. John Moshier of Seymour. Children: Anna, m. Frank Gaylord of Union City; George, m. Gabriel Brush.

M. 2d, Sarah, dau. Peter Ward of Oxford. Children: Susan, Harry.

Elisha, b. Oct. 31, 1836. Living in Oxford.

Julia Ann, b. Nov. 26, 1840. M. 1st, George Thompson of Chestnut-Tree Hill, Oxford. 2d, Eugene Hall. Lives in Bridgeport.

STAPLES SETH WASHBAND, son of Josiah, Jr., m. Sylvia E. Davis. Children:

Catherine Roselle, m in Seymour, Oct. 18, 1865, Edwin E. Rose of Wolcottville.

Seth S.

Silvia, m. Nathan Riggs of Oxford. Children: Mary, Florence and Clarence B.

GEO. W. WASHBURN of Oxford, son of Josiah, m. Delia Reynolds of Southbury. Children:

Maria, m. Merritt Baldwin of West Haven.

Sylvester S., died in infancy.

George Henry, m. Hattie G. Hall.

Theresa, m. Lewelyn Andrew of Oxford.

Dwight, now living in Oxford.

Fanny, m. Smith Wheeler of White Hills.

GEORGE H. WASHBURN of Seymour, son of George W., m. Hattie G. Hall, dau. Wm. P. and Hannah, of Bethany, May 10, 1865. Children:

Hattie S., b. Oct. 11, 1867.

Edward H., b. May 18, 1872.

George W., b. April 1876; d. Aug. 21, 1876.

Blanche.

STERLING STAR WASHBURN, son of Josiah and Catherine, m. Samanth Reynolds, who d. Oct. 31, 1838, aged 33. He d. May 24, 1868, aged 61 years. Children:

John Smith.

Mary Ann, m. Noah A. Osborn, d. Sept. 16, 1883, aged 53 years.

JOHN SMITH WASHBURN, of Seymour, son of Sterling Star, married Minerva E., daughter of Joseph and Grace Hawkins, Mar. 8, 1861. He d. Sept. 17, 1874. She died Dec. 25, 1889. They had one daughter:

Martha Grace, b. Jan 9, 1869.

EDWARD WASHBURN, m. Mary Prindle Dec. 30, 1730. Children:

Daniel, b. Nov. 21, 1731.

Ruth, b. April 2, 1738. Eunice, b. April 14, 1742.

Lemuel, b. Nov. 28, 1744.

Mary, b. March 20, 1749.

Hope, b. March 1, 1750.

Hope, D. March 1, 1750.

In the records of Christ church, Derby, is an entry: Hope, daughter of Edward Washburn, bap. April 15, 1748.

Abel, b. Oct. 17, 1753, bap. Jan. 14, 1754.

GIDEON WASHBORN, m. Esther Allen Oct. 6, 1743. Children:

Philene, b. July 6, 1744.

Asahel, b. March 30, 1746.

Anne, b. Jan. 30, 1748.

Lucretia, b. Sept. 5, 1750.

Mabel, b. Sept. 16, 1752, bap. Dec. 17.

Eunice, b. May 20, 1755.

William, b. May 1, 1757.

Sarah, b. Oct. 16, 1760, bap. March 15, 1761.

JOSEPH WASHBAND and Anna, his wife, were members of the Oxford Congregational church in 1771 and in 1772 they were recommended to the church in Spencertown for the baptism of their children. Their son Silas was baptized at Oxford, Oct. 6, 1776, and Daniel May 10, 1778.

BENJAMIN WASHBURN (or Washborne), of Bridgewater, son of 2d John, of the same, one of many hundreds whose lives were lost in the expedition of Sir William Phipps against Quebec. He made his will before embarking, but left no children, probably was not married.—Savage's Genealogical Dictionary.

WILLIAM WASHBON is mentioned in the list of estates in Derby in 1718, as having an estate of £90, larger than five-sixths of the preprietors of Derby were then possessed of.

JOSEPH WASHBURN, b. Jan 7, 1703-4; d. Jan. 31, 1741-2. Hannab, d. April 1, 1727, aged about 16 years. Buried in the old Episcopal graveyard, Derby, Conn.

JOHN WASHBAND, d. June 26, 1798, aged 66. Experience, wife of John, d. Aug. 10, 1783. (From inscriptions in the old Episcopal graveyard, Uptown, Derby.) John Washburn was surveyor of highways in the town of Derby in 1764.

Theresa Washband, d. Nov. 1, 1841, aged 4 months.

Experience Washburn m. Nathan Wheeler, who was b. about 1767. Ruth Washburn m. Abiel Canfield Sept. 12, 1717.

Elizabeth, daughter of John Washband, was baptized in Christ church, Derby, Oct. 27th, 1765.

In the New Haven Records, the only entry of this name referred to in Vol. 1 of the index is the following: Ann Washbon of Derby and Timothy Tuttle of New Haven were married Jan. 12th, 1748 9.

STAPLES S. WASHBAND of Oxford, lives where his father, Josiah, and his grandfather lived before him, on the east side of the road between Oxford and Seymour, but a short distance north of the town line. His residence is pleasantly located on elevated ground, overlooking the fertile meadows of the Little River valley. He is a member of Trinity church, Seymour, in which he was baptized Dec. 25th, 1811. He has done a large business in timber cut on his extensive woodlands and is the proprietor of the sawmill formerly known as the croquet factory.

Rev. Ebenezer Washburn preached on the Methodist circuit including Humphreysville and Great Hill in 1804-5-13, and in 1820 was presiding elder of the district.

Joel Osborn and Catherine H. Washband, both of Oxford, were married in Oxford June 11th, 1846, by Rev. G. B. Eastman, Rector of St. Peter's church.

Sally M. Washburn (with Mrs. Osborn, Riggs st.), m. Nov. 28th, 1822, d. June 4th, 1877.

Capt. Israel H. Washburne, of the Marine Corps, U. S. N., is from Maine. He entered the service, Mar. 18th, 1864.

REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIERS.

Azel Washburn was a surgeon of Col. Seth Warner's regiment, was commissioned Jan. 1, 1777, and retired Jan. 1, 1781.

Benjamin Washburn enlisted in the Second Regt. Conn. Line, Jan. 28, 1777, for three years. He was reported "killed or taken prisoner Dec. 7, '77," but he rejoined his company in July, '78, and was discharged Jan. 25, 1780. Another Benjamin Washburn is recorded as having enlisted in the 6th Regt. Conn. Line, July 3, 1777.

Eli Washburn, in Capt. Sanford's company, 8th regiment, "Connecticut Line," enlisted May 12, 1776, for three years, in place of Samuel Washburn. He was on duty at Horse Neck, Sept. 15th to 21st.

Ephraim Washband was in Capt. Hicok's company, 13th regt., Aug. 16 to Sept. 4, 1776.

Lemuel Washburn was a pensioner under act of 1818, residing in New York.

Moses Washband was in Capt. Parson's company, third battalion, in = 1776, probably June to Dec. 25.

Samuel Washburn enlisted May 12, 1777, in Capt. Stoddard's company, 8th regt., Conn. Line, for three years. The records also say exchanged for Eli Washburn May, 1778; disc. May. 12, 1780." He is mentioned as a Connecticut pensioner under act of 1818, residing in New York.



WILLIAM DREW WASHBURN.

William Drew Washburn, of Minneapolis, was born at Livermore, Androscoggin county, Maine, Jan. 14th, 1831; was reared on a farm; attended the common schools in the winter and worked on the farm in the summer until twenty years of age; was graduated from Bowdoin College in 1854; after studying law for two years with Hon. Israel Washburn, jr., of Orono, Maine, he removed to the West, locating in Minneapolis in 1857; was appointed Surveyor-General of Minnesota by President Lincoln in 1861, and held the office for four years; has been actively engaged in various manufacturing industries in the city of Minneapolis since that time; was a Director and large owner of the Minneapolis Water Power Co.; was the projector, and afterwards President, of the Minneapolis and St. Louis Railroad; organized and built the Sault line of railway from Minneapolis to Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, of which he was the chief projector, and remained President until his election to the United States Senate in 1889; was elected to the Legislature in 1858 and '71; was elected to the Forty-sixth, Fortyseventh and Forty eighth Congresses, and was elected to the United States Senate as a Republican, to succeed Dwight May Sabin, and took his seat Mar. 4th, 1889. His term of service will expire Mar. 3d, 1895.

ISRAEL WASHBURN, JR.

Born June 6th, 1813, at Livermore, county of Oxford (now Androscoggin), Maine. He received a classical education; studied law, and in October, 1834, was admitted to the bar; he commenced the practice of law in Orono, Penobscot county, December, 1834, where he has since resided. He was a member of the Legislature in 1842, and elected to the Federal House of Representatives, from Maine, for the Thirty second, Thirty-third, Thirty fourth, Thirty-fifth and Thirty-sixth Congresses, serving in the latter Congress as a member of the committee on Ways and Means. In 1860 he was elected Governor of Maine, and in 1863 was appointed, by President Lincoln, Collector of Portland.

WILLIAM B. WASHBURN.

He was born in Winchendon, Massachusetts, Jan. 31st, 1820; graduated at Yale College in 1844; has always been engaged in the manufacturing business; was a member of the State Senate in 1850, and of the lower house in 1854; was subsequently President of the Greenfield Bank; and was elected a Representative, from Massachusetts, to the Thirty-eighth Congress, serving on the committees on Invalid Pensions, and Roads and Canals. Re-elected to the Thirty-ninth Congress, serving on the committees on Claims, and Revolutionary Pensions. He was a delegate to the Philadelphia "Loyalists' Convention" of 1866; and re-elected to the Fortieth Congress.

PATENTEES.

1891.

Albert L. Washburn, Aiken, S. C. Frank L. Washburn, Melrose, Mass. George H. Washburn, Boston, Mass. George W. Washburn, West Brighton, N. Y. Isaac T. Washburn, Sing Sing, N. Y. Washburn & Moen Mfg. Co., Worcester, Mass.

An early volume of the record of baptisms, marriages and burials in the parish of St. Peter's church, Oxford, contained some particulars regarding the Washband or Washburn family, but the book has been lost and after diligent inquiry the writer has been unable to find further account of the family records in this vicinity.



WILLIAM WASHBURN.

William Washburn, whose portrait accompanies this sketch, is one of the lawyers of New York who, while in the practice of law, loves letters. He wrote a novel entitled "A Fair Harvard" when fresh from college, which made him quite famous at the time. Later he published another called "The Unknown City," said city being New York. Two volumes of poems also owe their existence to him. In truth, when it comes to poetry, Mr. Washburn is at once on delectable grounds. He would rather write poetry, talk poetry and read poetry than do anything else in the world. To him there is no joy equal to the construction of choriambic verse.

He is also well known as a newspaper writer. He has written some of the brightest things in John Swinton's Paper, and his contributions to the newspapers of the country, through the different syndicates, have made him known to a large circle of readers.

He is a native of Marlboro, Mass., and a graduate of Harvard, yet thoroughly western in many respects. He is a good lawyer, a good talker, a good writer and a good friend, and quite good looking and also one of the best bred men in the world. He is also a close student of life. He knows New York and its many interesting phases better than any man not a newspaper reporter. His stories of New York life are true transcripts from nature.

Unlike a large portion of the rythmic guild, Mr. Washburn's is extremely modest about his achievements. He has a kindly and sunny nature, and is a great favorite with the literary people of that city.



HEMSTEAD WASHBURN, MAYOR OF CHICAGO IN 1892

ORIGIN OF THE NAME.

FROM PATRONYMICA BRITTANNICA.

Washburn—Washburn.—Washbourne, co. Worcester, gave name to this family, and was their seat until 1582. A Walter de Warseburne occurs in the H. R. of co. Devon, temp, Edward I.

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Capt. Washburne is mentioned in the report of the Secretary of State on the French Spoliations, as having been in command of the Schooner Gravenhorst, list of May 23, 1798.



JOHN D. WASHBURN

John D. Washburn, Minister to Switzerland, belonged to the Massachusetts family of Washburns. He was born in Boston in 1829 and graduated at Harvard. He was a friend of Senator Hoar, who secured his appointment as Minister to Switzerland. He was at one time in the insurance business, was in the legislature 1876-1880 and was elected Senator in 1884. His health failed and he went abroad. He was a prominent Republican and fought bitterly against General Butler in 1878. He was an original member of the American Historical Society and of the board of trustees of Clark University.

MEN OF MARK.

Rev. John H. Washburn of Rhode Island College.

President Richard C. Washburn of the Hudson County (N. Y.) National Bank.

L. J. Washburn of New York City, candidate for U. S. Public Printer.

Rev. Daniel Washburne was pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Watkins, N. Y., in 1871; and Rev. Ebenezer Washburn was one of the faculty of Centennial College of Ohio.

Clark P. Washburn of Herkimer, N. Y., son of Elisha P. Washburn of Bloomfield, Otsego county, N. Y., b. in 1836, married in 1885. Emma, daughter of Dr. W. P. Cleaveland of Waterville; in 1882 moved to New York City and was in the wholesale trade until the death of his wife Dec. 16th, 1892 where he returned to Herkimer-He died March 20th, 1893.

S. S. Washburn became a member of Morning Star Lodge, F. & A. M., of Oxford, in 1833.

Eli Washburn, a soldier of the Revolution, died at Hanover, N. H., June 30, 1849, aged 90 years

Lieut. Israel H. Washburne, of the U. S. Army, from Maine, was commissioned as Second Lieutenant Mar. 18, 1864; and as First Lieutenant Aug. 29, 1867.

Henry Lucius Washburn, b. Jan. 22, 1847, in Windsor Locks, Ct., studied at Yale, practiced law in Burlington, Vt., and Boston, Mass. He married Cornelia S. Clark.

Sandford Battershall Washburn, b. Nov. 15, 1849, in Pittsfield, Mass., studied at Yale, d. Sept. 16, 1870, at Fort Edward, N. Y. He was son of Rev. Sandford Washburn of Esperance, N. Y.

Bowers Washburn is mentioned in the History of King Hiram Lodge, F. & A. M., of Derby, as a charter member, Jan. 3, 1783. In some other local records his name is spelled Washband. See page 5.

Capt. Abraham Washburn of Hinsdale, Mass, b. Dec. 20, 1753, m. 2d, in April, 1806, Olive, daughter of Rev. Ebenezer Wright. Children—Abraham, d. young; Mary N., b. May 9, 1808, m. Elijah Hi Goodrich, of Hinsdale, had seven sons, two of whom were college graduates; and Olive, b. June 4. 1810. Mrs. Olive Washburn d. June 22, 1842, and her husband Aug. 23, 1851, aged nearly 98 years.

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