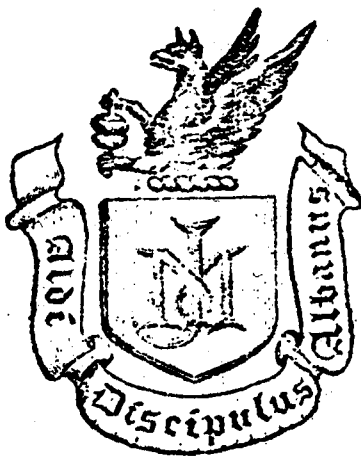


N O T E S  
ON THE  
WINTHROP FAMILY,  
AND ITS  
ENGLISH CONNECTIONS BEFORE ITS  
EMIGRATION TO NEW ENGLAND.

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Notwithstanding the prominent place which the Winthrops have filled in the history of New England, very few biographical or genealogical sketches of the family have been published. Early in the present year, a *Life of John Winthrop*, has been published, compiled from original manuscripts by Hon. Robert C. Winthrop. It has seemed proper to prepare the following abstract of the genealogy of the earlier generations, as a convenient mode of obtaining farther information. It is hoped that hereafter a full genealogy of the descendants of Gov. John Winthrop will be published; but the pedigree of the family in England can only be completed there.



## WINTHROP FAMILY.

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It is said, as a vague rumor, that the family came anciently from Northumberland, and afterwards was settled at Winthorpe in Nottinghamshire; but the authentic history of the family begins with ADAM<sup>1</sup> WINTHROP of Lavenham, Co. Suffolk, who m. Joane Burton or Burnell, and had ADAM<sup>2</sup> WINTHROP, b. Oct. 9, 1498.

ADAM<sup>2</sup> WINTHROP of London, cloth-worker, married, first, 16th Nov. 1527, Alice Henny or Henry, and had:

- i, Thomas, b. 8 Nov., 1528; d. Apr., 1529.
- ii, William, b. 12 Nov. 1529,
- iii, Bridget, b. 1 Jany., 1530-1; d. Jany., 1531.
- iv, Christopher, b. 4 Jany., 1531-2; d. æ. 9 mos.
- v, Thomas, b. June, 1533; d. 1537.

By his second wife Agnes, dau. of Robert Sharpe of Islington, whom he married in 1534, he had

- vi, Alice, b. 15 Nov., 1539, m. Sir Thomas Mildmay, and d. 8 Nov., 1607, leaving issue.
- vii, Bridget, b. 3 May, 1543, m. Roger Alabaster, and d. 4 Nov. 1614, leaving issue.
- viii, Mary, b. 1 Mch., 1544, m. Abraham Veysie.
- ix, John, } b. 20 Jany., 1546. d. aged 6 mos.
- x, Adam, }
- xi, ADAM, b. 10 Aug., 1548.
- xii, Catherine, b. 17 May, 1550 — prob. d. unm.
- xiii, Susanna, b. 10 Dec., 1552, m. D. Cottie and d. 9 Aug., 1604, leaving issue.

He was Master of the Company of Clothworkers, 1551; and in 1554 bought the manor of Groton in Suffolk, whither he retired. He d. 9 Nov., 1562; and his will mentions seven children: William, John, Adam, Alice, Bridget, Mary and Susan. His widow m. William Mildmay of Springfield Barns, and d. 13 May, 1565. Her step-son m. Alice Winthrop, as we have seen.

This will also mentions a sister Whiting, and another sister, wife of Richard Burd of Ipswich.

In 1582, William Dethick, Garter, *confirmed* to John Winthrop, son of Adam, a coat of arms appertaining to his name and ancestors, viz: "visor *d'argent*, three chevrons Gules Crénelé, over all a Lion rampant Sables, armed and langued Azure. And for his crest or cognisance, a Hare proper, running on a mount vert."

ADAM<sup>3</sup> WINTHROP of Groton, was a lawyer, Auditor of Trinity College, Cambridge, &c. He married 16 Dec., 1574, Alice, daughter of William Still, Esq., of Grantham, co. Lincoln, and sister of Dr. John Still, Bishop of Bath and Wells. She d. 24 Dec., 1577, and he married, secondly, Anne, daughter of Henry Browne of Edwardston, clothier. Their children were:

- i, Anne, b. 5 Jany., 1580-1; d. 20 Jany., 1580-1.
- ii, Anne, b. 16 Jany., 1585-6, m. Thomas Fones, 25 Feb., 1604-5; d. 16 May, 1618.
- iii, John, b. 12 Jany., 1587-8.
- iv, Jane, bapt. 17 June, 1592, m. Thomas Gostling 5 Jany., 1612.
- v, Lucy, b. 9 Jany., 1600-1, m. Emanuel Downing 10 Apr., 1622.

He was buried 28 Mch., 1623; his widow d. 19 Apr., 1629.

The diary of this Adam Winthrop notes numerous relatives; some of these evidently belong to his wife's family. Her sister Joane Browne married William Hilles of Holton, who died 4 Aug., 1597, and had children William, who m. Elizabeth Gibson, 15 Jany, 1600, Elizabeth, and Joan who m. Adam Winthrop, nephew of the above Adam. Another of his wife's sisters married Roger Weston, Vicar of Wormingforde, co. Essex, and another probably married — Duckett. There was also a cousin Jeremy Raven, a connection of the Brownes; and I suppose the "brother Snelling," so often mentioned, was thus connected. Anne Snelling married John Duke, 11 Nov., 1596, the "cousin Duke," of the Diary.

Other cousins no doubt may be found among his blood relations. Thus Adam mentions cousin Munning (probably H. Munning of Brettenham), cousin Firmyn of Bocking, co. Essex, cousin Sparrow of Ipswich, cousin Thomas Laister of Ipswich, cousins Brond and wife, Joane Muskett (who d. 21 July, 1597, aged 59). Bulwer, Kayne, Hawkins, Marian Rolfe and Barfut.

Another point is to be considered — who was "father" Michilfield, who d. 26 March, 1607? Evidently this was not a mere title applied to old men, for in 1608, Adam mentions "brother" Stephen Michilfield.

JOHN<sup>4</sup> WINTHROP, Governor of Massachusetts, married, first, April 16, 1605, Mary, daughter and sole heir of John Forth, Esq., of Great Stambridge, Co. Essex. By her he had:

- i, John, b. 12 Feb., 1606.
- ii, Henry, bapt. 20 Jany., 1607-8.
- iii, Forth, b. 30 Dec., 1609; d. unm. and was bu. 23 Nov., 1630.
- iv, Mary, ; m. Rev. Samuel Dudley; d. at Salisbury, Apl. 2, 1643.
- v, Anna, b. 8 Aug., 1614; bu. 26 Aug., 1614.
- vi, Anna, b. 26 June, 1615; bu. 29 June, 1615.

His wife, who was b. 1 Jany., 1583-4, was buried 26 June, 1615.

He m., secondly, 6 Dec. 1615, Thomasine, daughter of William Clopton, Esq., of Castleins near Groton. She died 8 Dec., 1616, and was buried on the 11th; her child which lived but two days was buried with her.

He married, thirdly, April, 1618, Margaret, daughter of Sir John Tyndale of Great Maplested, Co. Essex, and had:

- vii, Stephen, b. 24 Mch., 1618-19.

viii, Adam, b. 7 Apr., 1620.

ix, Deane, b. 16 Mch., 1623.

x, Nathaniel, bapt. 20 Feb., 1624-5; d. young.

xi, Samuel, bapt. 26 Aug., 1627.

xii, Anne, bapt. 29 Aug., 1630; died in infancy.

xiii, William, b. 14 Aug., 1632; d. young.

xiv, Sarah, bapt. 29 June, 1634; d. young.

His wife d. 14 June, 1647, and he married, fourthly, Dec., 1647, Martha Nowell, widow of Thomas Coytmore; and had:

xv, Joshua, bapt. 17 Dec., 1648; died young.

He d. 26 Mrch., 1649, and his widow m., 10 Mch., 1652, John Coggan.

We do not intend to pursue the family history farther. It will be seen that, of his sixteen children, only five survived him, viz: John, Stephen, Adam, Deane and Samuel. Adam was the father of Adam, who had a third Adam who m. Ann Wainwright, 1700, and had John, the distinguished Professor of Harvard College. John of Connecticut, had Wait-Still and Fitz-John, the latter of whom had no son. Wait had an only son, John of New London, who had an only son John-Still. This latter left several sons, among them the late Lieutenant-Governor, Thomas Lindall Winthrop. Descendants in the female line are numerous, and comprise many of the most distinguished families of New England.

We will now revert to the earlier portions of the genealogy which have been left untraced. Adam,<sup>2</sup> grandfather of John, had a sister Whiting and a sister, the wife of Richard Burd of Ipswich. Besides Adam, he had, as we have seen, a son William, who d. 1 Mch., 1581, and was buried at St. Michael's Church, Cornhill, London; by w. Elizabeth he had Jonathan, Adam, William, Joshua, Elizabeth, and Sarah who m. John Frost, 26 Feb. 1595, and d. Oct., 1603.

Adam,<sup>4</sup> son of William,<sup>3</sup> we know married Joan Hilles, and had Adam, b. April, 1601. A letter quoted in the *Life of John Winthrop*, p. 16, (note) shows that this branch of the family settled at Bandon Bridge in Ireland, where Joane was living in 1637. There is a record extant, probably incorrect, which says a Benjamin Winthrop of Cork, had sons Samuel, Benjamin and Stephen, which Stephen was of Brandon.

It seems more probable that Stephen, a grandson of Adam, lived at Bandon, and by wife Mary, had Stephen, b. 24 March, 1658, d. young; Mary, b. 4 Oct., 1661; Thomas, b. 1664; Jonathan, b. 23 Dec., 1666, d. 1736; Elizabeth, b. 23 July, 1669; Stephen, b. 23 Sept., 1672, d. 1744; Joseph, b. 1675, d. 1744, and Benjamin, b. 23 Dec., 1678, who m. Bridget Pembroke.

This last had Mary b. 16, Nov., 1743, m. Richard Baldwin of Bandon, and d. 16 Feb., 1761; Stephen and William, the former perhaps the eminent merchant who d. 30 June, 1758, the latter m. Alicia, dau. of Robert Wixen of Cork, d. Nov., 1765; Benjamin, b. 28 Aug., 1707, d. young; Bridget, b. 28 Oct., 1709; Elizabeth, b. 17 June, 1711; Bridget, who m. Wm. Shays, and d. Jany, 1775; Jonathan, b. 29 Dec., 1714, d. 5 Nov., 1730; Elizabeth b. 3 June, 1716; Samuel, b. 9 Sept., 1718, and Benjamin, b. 11 Sept., 1721.

John Winthrop must have had numerous connections, owing to his three marriages in England; perhaps through the Cloptons will

be found the relationship claimed by Herbert Pelham, when styling him "cousin." Herbert was grandson of Herbert Pelham and Katherine Thatcher, and no doubt son of Herbert Pelham and Penelope West. It is probable that he married first a Waldegrave of Higham. Thomasine Clopton was the granddaughter of Edward Waldegrave of Lawford, co. Essex, whose brother was George Waldegrave of Higham.

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Among the Winthrop papers already published will be found the will of Edmund Reade of Wickford, co. Essex, whose widow married Hugh Peters, and whose daughters were Margaret, wife of John Lake; Martha, who married first John Epps, and secondly Samuel Symonds of Yeldham, co. Essex, and Ipswich, Mass.; and Elizabeth, second wife of Gov. John Winthrop of Connecticut.

Much more remains to be traced of the pedigrees of the Lake, Reades, Symonds and Eppes families.

Symonds Epps of Ipswich, in 1713, used a seal of arms, viz.: a lion rampant between three crosses; crest, a demi-lion.

There was a Lydia Bankes who had been to New England, who writes in 1672, to Daniel Epps, "I do not remember that I ever saw you above once, which was at your mother's house in New England; but I very well remember you from a child, and when you were in Holland, you and your cousin John Lake, with us, and rejoice you were under soe worthy a person for tuition as your grandfather; besides I well remember your family of y<sup>e</sup> Eppes, for I was brought up with them from my youth, and received many kindnesses from them, they being worthy persons. I know not any that came from thence, but I made inquiries after you; while your mother lived, we constantly wrote one to another, and she always gave me an account of her children, and y<sup>e</sup> blessed condition of your sister Est —, who was a precious christian, and of your sister M——." "My sister Reade and coussen Samuel present their service to you."

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As this pamphlet was being printed, a document has been found which gives the following items: William Winthrop of London, uncle of Gov. John, married Elizabeth, dau. of Mr. Norwoode, a gentleman of Kent. His son Joshua m. Anne, daughter of Vincent Norrington, a mercer of London; Adam married as already noted Elizabeth Hilles, dau. of William H. of Holton, co. Suff., and had issue two sons. Elizabeth, dau. of the same William Winthrop, m. Humphrey Munyinge, preacher of Brillenham, co. Suff.

It also adds "John Winthrop and his two sisters, children of John Winthrop in Ireland. John W. Senr. died at Affahdown in Ireland."



## FAMILY OF FORTH.

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William<sup>1</sup> Forth of Hadleigh, Co. Suffolk, who d. 1505, had Robert<sup>2</sup> and Alice,<sup>2</sup> wife of Roger Martin of Long Melford. Robert<sup>2</sup> m. an Oduerne, and dying, 1541, left William,<sup>3</sup> Anne, w. of Oliver Dawbury, and Dorothy who m. John Warren alias Baker, of Newtown.

William<sup>3</sup> Forth had a grant of Butley Abbey, 1544; m. Elizabeth Powell, and had Robert,<sup>4</sup> Philologus,<sup>4</sup> Edward,<sup>4</sup> Israel,<sup>4</sup> William<sup>4</sup> and John,<sup>4</sup> and daughters Mary,<sup>4</sup> w. of Giles Brewse of Denton, Co. Norfolk, Catherine,<sup>4</sup> w. of Edward Mannock of Holton, Co. Suffolk, Elizabeth<sup>4</sup> and Anne.<sup>4</sup>

John<sup>4</sup> Forth, of Great Stambridge, m. ——— dau. of ——— Hilles. She is said to have m., first, ——— Grimble; secondly, ——— Bode, and thirdly, as above. His only child was Mary, who m. John Winthrop.

Several of the other branches of the family have been traced.

## CLOPTON FAMILY.

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William Clopton of Clopton Hall in Wickham Brook, temp Henry,<sup>1</sup> was the progenitor, through Walter, William, Walter and William, of Walter Clopton, living, 1298, who m. Alice, dau. of Warrin Fitz-Hugh and had Sir William of Hawksted, and Sir Thomas who died in 1382. The latter m. Catherine, dau. of William Milde of Clare, and had William of Long Melford, who d. 4 Aug., 1446. William m. Margery dau. of Elias Francis and had John of Kentwell, who was sheriff of Suffolk, 1452, and m. Alice, dau. of Robert Darey of Malden in Essex.

John and Alice Clopton had Sir William of Melford, who, by his third wife Thomasine, dau. of Thomas Knyvet of Stanway, had Richard of Melford and Groton.

This Richard m. Margery, dau. of William Playters of Sotterly, and had William; Richard; Mary, who m. — King; Francis, wife of Martin Bowes; Elizabeth, w. of Nicholas Hobart; Julian, w. of — Throgmorton; Thomasine who m. Thomas Aldham, and Thomas Keggley; and Emma, who m. George Smith.

William Clopton, oldest son, of Castleton in Groton, 1636, married Margaret, dau. of Edward Waldegrave of Lawford, Co. Essex, and had:

William m. Alice, dau. of Edmund D'Oyley.

Walter m. Margaret Mateston.

Waldegrave m. Elizabeth Wincott.

Anne m. John Mateston.

Bridget m. John Sampson.

Thomasine m. John Winthrop.

Mary m. George Jenny.

Margery m. T. Dogget.

Elizabeth m. George Cock.

## TYNDALE FAMILY.

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The Tyndale pedigree commences with Robert<sup>1</sup> Tyndale, who lived during the reign of Edw. I, and had Robert,<sup>2</sup> father of William,<sup>3</sup> who m. Elizabeth Dene and had John,<sup>4</sup> lord of Taneover and Dene who married Catherine Zouch.

Their son, Sir William<sup>5</sup> Tyndale of Dene, married Helen, daughter or grand-daughter of Sir Simon Bigod *alias* Felbrig, who had for wife the daughter of Semonitu, is Duke of Silesia.

Thomas<sup>6</sup> Tyndale, son of Sir William, married Margaret, daughter of Sir William Yelverton (who was Justice C. C. P. in 1470), and had Sir William,<sup>7</sup> who married Mary, daughter of Osbert Montford.

Their son, Sir John<sup>8</sup> Tyndale, married Amphillis Coningsby, of an old and distinguished family, and had Sir Thomas<sup>9</sup>, who m. Anne, daughter of Sir Henry Fermor.

Sir Thomas<sup>9</sup> had several children, of whom SIR JOHN,<sup>10</sup> married Anne Egerton, widow of William Deane; Thomas<sup>10</sup> was of Eastwood, Co Glouc.; Humphrey<sup>10</sup> was master of Queen's College, Cambridge, and Dean of Ely; and Francis died 1633, aged about 80 years.

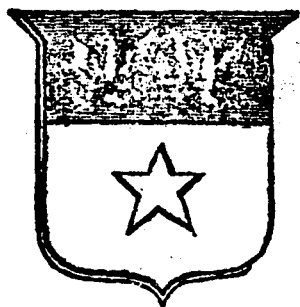
Sir John<sup>10</sup> Tyndale and Anne Egerton had Margaret,<sup>11</sup> wife of John Winthrop; Dene,<sup>11</sup> whose line ended in an heiress; Arthur,\* who probably died unmarried, and Matthew,<sup>11</sup> rector of Boralston, Co. Devon, who m. Anne Halse, and had John<sup>12</sup> of Cornwood, who m. Elizabeth Prideaux, and had Nicholas,<sup>13</sup> whose son, George<sup>14</sup> Tyndale, was father of Robert,<sup>15</sup> which last had Sir Nicholas<sup>16</sup> Conyng-ham Tindale, Chief Justice Ct. Common Pleas.

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\* He came to New England with Gov. Winthrop, but returned in a few months.

## FOWNES.

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"Fownes (Devonshire, resident in that country for more than two centuries, previously of Saxby Saphy, Co. Worcester), also of Cornwall, bear" says Burke, "Azure, two eagles displayed in chief and a mullet in base, argent."

Among the Winthrop papers was found an old manuscript pedigree of the Fownes or Fones family, which we transcribe by permission.

It commences with WILLIAM<sup>1</sup> FOWNES of Saxby, Esq., who m. a dau. of Robert Hyelton, knt., who must have lived about A. D., 1400. His son GEORGE<sup>2</sup> m. a dau. of — Malbanck of Malpas and had WILLIAM<sup>3</sup> FOWNES alias Fones of Saxbie, who m. a dau. of — Telham of Telham. This last had JOHN<sup>4</sup> FONES who m. a dau. of — Bradley of Bedham, and had JOHN<sup>5</sup> who, by his w. dau. of — Lewell, of Lewell, had six sons, viz: Robert,<sup>6</sup> JOHN,<sup>6</sup> Thomas,<sup>6</sup> Humphrey,<sup>6</sup> Nicholas<sup>6</sup> and William.<sup>6</sup>

The pedigree now traces the junior branch of JOHN<sup>6</sup> second son, who was of Dedford in the parish of Bramsgrove (now Bromsgrove?), Worcestershire, who had three sons: William<sup>7</sup> of Bristol, who d. s. p., THOMAS<sup>7</sup> and Richard<sup>7</sup> of Bristol.

THOMAS<sup>7</sup> FONES, son and heir, had THOMAS<sup>8</sup> FONES, citizen and apothecary of London, 1628, who died 15 April, 1629. He married, first, Ann, dau. of Adam Winthrop, Esq., of Groton, by whom he had Elizabeth<sup>9</sup> (who m. Henry Winthrop), Martha,<sup>9</sup> and Samuel,<sup>9</sup> his heir, aged 12 years in 1628. By his second wife Priscilla, daughter of John Burgis, Dr. of Divinity, she had Mary<sup>9</sup> and Priscilla (called dead in 1628).

It will be noticed that Thomas<sup>8</sup> Fones, who married Anne Winthrop, had an uncle Richard<sup>7</sup> of Bristol. This RICHARD<sup>7</sup> m. Joane dau. of — Twidall of the Isle of Axholme in Lincolnshire and had John,<sup>8</sup> George,<sup>8</sup> Richard<sup>8</sup> and Thomas.<sup>8</sup> THOMAS<sup>8</sup> FONES of Plymouth, living 1620, m., first, Prudence, dau. of John Nicholls of Taverstock, Co. Devon, by whom he had Richard,<sup>9</sup> aged 18, in 1620. Prudence<sup>9</sup>, Mary<sup>9</sup> and Joane<sup>9</sup>; by a second wife Joane, dau. of Walter Heale of Knaton, Co. Devon: he had Sampson,<sup>9</sup> John,<sup>9</sup> Thomas,<sup>9</sup> Elizabeth<sup>9</sup> and Susan.<sup>9</sup>

We have copied this document as it is, because, even in England, many pedigrees of this date are wanting from the records. It is endorsed by Gov. John Winthrop, Jr., "Mr. Fones Armes." It has at the top the coat of arms here engraved, and against the marriage of Thomas Fones, a tricking of Fones impaling Winthrop.