EARLY RECORDS
OF THE
BODWELL FAMILY
OF ANDOVER

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We find the name of this family spelled BODWELL, BADWELL, BARDWELL, BAWDWELL, BCADWELL, BOCLE, BODWEL, BORDWELL, BOWDWILL, etc.

Henry (l) Bodwell, according to tradition, was a runaway schoolboy. Some say he came from Wales, others that his home was in Scotland. Albert E. Bodwell, architect of Lawrence, claims that he was Welsh, and grandson of Henry de Bodville, 3rd son of Hugh Gwyn Bodvel of Bodvel, a Deputy for the Vice Admiral of North Wales.

He is said to have left the paternal roof at Bodvel to live at Anglesey, and had children, one of whom they hope to prove the father of Henry of ANDOVER, b. 1654, who came here as a child.

Every parish church in Wales would have to be searched before the line of descent is established as there are Bodwells all over the country. A dozen families in Wales took the advice of Henry VIII and took the name of their manor for a surname, which is what Hugh Gwyn of Bodvel did. The estate was BODVILLE or BodVEL. The name Henry, is not a Welsh name, but was also adopted after that date by some branches.

Henry Bodwell, whoever he was abroad, was one of the survivors of Bloody Brook fight. (See Bodge and Lothrop Expedition.) He was wounded in the left arm, but by swinging his gun and laying about him with his good right, he fought his way out from the ambuscade, and escaped.

He was the sharpshooter, described by Miss Mailey, in her "Sketch of Andover", who shot the Indian at long distance, across the Merrimac.

One deposition on record states that Henry was 24 in 1678; another says he was 33 in 1684, so I take it he was born between 1651-4.

Apparently no one abroad had any interest in getting him back, and, if the claim is true, that he was placed under guardianship of Rev Thos. Parker, over here, there would be some paper filed to prove it.
Some say that Henry's first farm was near Bodwell's ferry, on the North Lawrence side, just above the dam, up Water street a little. The original farm of Henry (2) and his son, Capt. Henry (3) Bodwell, was No. 31, built between 1693-1700, on East Haverhill street, a yellow house under a big elm, called the Gullishan Elm. Capt. Henry's heirs drew Broxton grants for his services in the Narragansett War.

On Sept. 18, 1675, Capt. Lathrop of Beverly or Danvers left his estate on Sugar Loaf Hill, and with 90 picked men went to guard wheat. They arrived at Bloody Brook, so called since the tragedy at Deerfield. In spite of warnings from experienced men, some of the band lay down their guns and began to pick grapes. Ambushed Indians took advantage of the carelessness. Hubbard spoke of them as the "Flower of Essex Troops meeting a "sad and awful Providence on a black and fatal day."

Henry (1) as we have said, was born between 1651-4; he married, on May 4, 1681, Bethia Emery, daughter of John Emery and Mary Webster, g-daughter on maternal side of John Webster and Mary Shadwell; g-granddaughter of John (1) Emery and his first wife, Bethia was born Oct. 6, 1658; her death has not yet been found.

Their children were born on the Haverhill, or Methuen side of the ferry, but for convenience, attended North Parish Church, in No. Andover, and Henry paid a tax here until the Methuen Church was established, 1725 or 7. In Essex Sessions, 1713, he petitioned for a highway from the farms on the Dracut bounds to Haverhill, over the Spicket. Henry died June 1745 at 94, in Methuen; he is buried in Berkeley Yard. The Bodwells have been prominent in Methuen since 1725. A Bodwell pamphlet was published in Augusta, Maine, 1888 as a memorial of Gov. Joseph R. Bodwell of Maine, by the State printer. It is owned by Mrs. Henry Bodwell of Andover, sister in law of Gov. Joseph.

Arms of the Welsh family are those of the Chief of the tribe, Colwyn ap Tanguo-Sable, a chevron between 3 fleur-de-lis argent.
The children of Henry (1) Bodwell and wife, Bethia Emery, were:

Bethia (2), b. in Newbury, June 2, 1682; m. Nathan Barker, carpenter, May 28, 1711; he was b. in Andover, Sept. 24, 1688. They were dismissed to Boxford church, June 1744; she d. April 24, 1760. Left 2 ch.

Mary (2), b. in Andover, April 1, 1684; m. Nath'1 Simmonds, 1700; she d. Jan. 7, 1717; he m. 2nd., Ann George, 1718.


Josiah (2) twin " " ; d. same year.

Abigail (2), b. Jan. 15, 1687 in Andover; m. Napt. Ladd (see Methuen or Haverhill for more); he was b. Sept. 9, 1684, son of Samuel Ladd and Martha Corlies (some sd. of Dan and Lydia Singletary) 7 ch.; left for Franklin and Coventry, Conn.; she d. Aug. 7, 1798; he d. Jan. 11, 1757. (Transcript 1:1 Ladd; Wid. Hav. 1 ch.)

Henry (2) 2nd., b. in Andover, Nov. 6, 1688; d. Apr. 13, 1773; buried in Berkley St. Yd; m. Ann Pottle, March 25, 1727; (see Hampton rec) she was dau. of Christopher Pottle and Hannah Graves, b. Nov. 16, 1707, Hampton Falls; d. Jan. 30, 1750.

James (2), b. Jan. 10, 1691 in Andover; m. Feb. 6, 1711 Mary Parker, dau. of Stephen Parker and wife, Mary Marston of Andover, b. June 30, 1686; she d. 1738; he m. 2nd., Sarah Astin or AUSTIN of Andover, Nov. 28, 1739; she d. Sept. 18, 1769. (It is uncertain which Sarah Austin married Bodwell. One Sarah, dau. of Samuel Austin and w. Lucy Poor, b. May 22, 1692, then 47 - or the other, daughter of Thomas Austin and w. Sarah Lovejoy of Methuen, b. 1717. I think it was the old maid, nearer his age and a neighbor across the river on the Shawshin bank. She d. over here, apparently childless, with her people. See ANTIQUARIAN under Austin. Who was the widow Sarah Bodwell who m. Dr. Jn. Tybott in Methuen, 1752? James (2) d. 1746; will probate July 7,
Children of Henry(1) Bodwell and his wife, Bethia, (cont.):-

Daniel (2), b. in Andover, Feb. 14, 1693; was a Capt.; pub. to Elizabeth Parker, May 20, 1717; she was dau. of Stephen Parker and Mary Marston, b. Dec. 6, 1692; she d. in Methuen, Feb. 12, 1760; she was of Boston at the time of marriage as her father lived near Boston then; Daniel m. 2nd., Ruth Ingalls, in Andover, April 14, 1761. Dan kept the Bodwell Ferry, and was also a selectman. According to North Church records, 1728, there were some objections made to keep him from admission to full communion.

Sarah (2), b. Dec. 1, 1694; m. Abel Merrill, Nov. 15, 1714; he was son (3) of John Merrill and Lucy Webster. His father was a housewright of Newbury or Haverhill, who came up river about 1700; they lived in Haverhill 1718. (See Transcript Sept. 14, 1898.) Died in Methuen, 1705.

Hannah (2), b. Sept. 1, 1696; m. Henry Hills of Newbury, Nov. 3, 1721; he had 2 more wives and d. in Hudson, N.H., Aug. 20, 1757. He had a son Ezekiel (3) Hills named in Henry (1) Bodwell's will; do not have her death or children.

Judith (2), b. in Andover, April 4, 1698; m. John Harris, Sept. 28, 1721; he was a wheelwright who dropped on Methuen with John Wallace and held an estate on Pelham line in W. Methuen. We know a lot about him after he m. Judith, but nothing before.

Ruth (2), b. in A., Dec. 2, 1699; m. Israel Hewes, Aug. 1, 1715, in Methuen; he was of Newbury; a farmer; went to Kingston, N.H., 1732.

Phebe (2), b. July 10, 1701; d. Sept. 10, 1738; m. Sam Stevens of Methuen, Dec. 19, 1729; he was son of Joshua Stevens and w. Mary Frye, b. in Methuen, March 1712, he m. 2nd., Ann - who d. Aug. 23, 1756 at 57. His death not yet found.
Henry (2) Bodwell (Henry (1) and his wife, Anne Pottell, had:—

Anne (3), b. Feb. 25, 1727 in Methuen; m. Nath'l Gage; (see Haverhill Gage line for his parentage and her death.) She m. in Methuen on or before 1770.

Henry (3), b. in Methuen, July 26, 1729; Capt.; m. Mary Robinson of Andover, Sept. 20, 1759; she was dau. of Joseph Robinson and W. Mehitabel Ames; original homestead on W. Haverhill St. The old elm was planted the day he was born; he d. April 2, 1816; buried in Berkley Yard; she d. Nov. 16, 1811 at 73.

Phoebe (3), b. Feb. 16, 1732 in Methuen; m. Wm. (4) Morse of Newbury, May 13, 1756; he was son of Jos. Morse and W. Sarah Merrick, b. in Newbury 1726; moved to Methuen; d. in Andover with son-in-law Aaron Noyes and was buried in Noyes' Lot West Yard. He lived with his son Henry in Lindon, N.H. until he was 70; then went to Methuen and came across with the Noyes family. He gave his estate away before his death, hence no probate. Both were over 90 at death.

Bethia (3), b. May 25, 1734 in Methuen; unm. in 1773.

Joshua (3), b. Oct. 4, 1736 in Methuen; m. Priscilla Parker, June 20, 1761; she was dau. of Timothy Parker and W. Priscilla Carleton, b. Feb. 24, 1738 (see the Reading line); he was in the Revolution; he and his brother got land in Methuen on the Dracut end, and came into market here. Joshua was in the French War; was on Boston payroll, Feb. 6, 1761, private of Methuen under Capt. W. Barron; April 11 to Dec. 17-35 weeks; 100 miles travel; and he was with Capt. Daniel Bodwell's Co., April 19, 1757, a soldier in the Train Band. 95:297.

Mary (3), b. July 21, 1740 in Methuen; m. Pierce Gage of Felham, N.H., Nov. 29, 1764; he was b. Mar. 29, 1741, son of Daniel Gage and W. Ruth; Mary d. 1781; he m. 2nd Eunice Eaton who d. 1786 at 44; m. 3rd in Andover, Susannah Noyes, Jan. 23, 1787.
Children of Henry (2) Bodwell and wife, Anne Pottell, (cont.):

William (3), b. March 1743 in Methuen; bapt. March 27; d. y.

William (3) 2nd., b. May 18, 1747 in Methuen; (d. Sept. 4, 1753. ?) I think this was son of Stephen, the entry of death is an error. I had a Wm. b. 1754, who died 1824, according to the grave-stone. Had a wife, Sarah Annis, b. 1740; d. 1840.

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James (2) Bodwell (Henry (1) and wife, Mary Parker, had:

Mary (3), b. not known, probably soon after marriage; m. Timothy Merrick, Dec. 5, 1728 in North Church, Andover, at 16 or 17; (query about her in Transcript was never answered) (did she m. 1st a Hazeltine and 2nd a Myrich? (see the will.)

Hannah (3) b. June 25, 1715; in Haverhill; m. Samuel Pottelle, Nov. 21, 1734; he was b. in Hampton Falls, April 21, 1710, bapt. June 11, 1711; he lived awhile in Bradford with bro-in-law Richardson, after 1730; she is sd. to have m. 2nd., before 1745, John Hibbard, Jr.

Stephen (3), b. July 12, 1720; m. Sarah Lancaster early in 1742; she was dead Dec. 7, 1742, age 23; he m. Ruth Gutterson, Feb. 7, 1745; she was dau. of Wm. Gutterson and W. Ruth Moore, bapt. Sept. 24, 1727.

James (3), b. in Andover, Feb. 1, 1713; m. Elizabeth Roberts of Newbury, June 13, 1734. He was a cooper in Methuen. See Berkley Yd.

David (2) Bodwell (Henry (1) and wife, Elizabeth Parker, had:

Tryphena (3), b. Sept. 28 1718 in Haverhill; known as "Tiffin"; m. Caleb Richardson, May 13, 1736; he was son of Jos. Richardson and w. Margaret Godfrey of W. Newbury, b. Jan. 19, 1704; he d. Jan. 7, 1782, probably in Methuen; her death not yet found.

Elizabeth (3), b. Feb. 17, 1720 in Haverhill; m. Richard Whittier, Sept. 24, 1741; see Haverhill records; she was b. in the old house near where the pumping station stood on side off hill Glen Forest.
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(Children of David (2) Bodwell and Elizabeth Parker (cont.):-

Her father kept a ferry which ran from the foot of Ames street. It was the
turnpike then to Canada, before Andover bridge was built at Bodwell's
Falls - now the Essex Dam. The old homestead at Bodwell's ferry is all
gone now, save the doorstone, which is a doorstep of the old house there.

Daniel (3), b. Jan. 22, 1722; m. Abigail Ladd of Haverhill before 1747;
full date not yet found. (I think she was his cousin,
daughter of Abigail Bodwell and Nath'l Ladd, and they left
for Conn.

John (3), b. in Methuen, Dec. 27, 1723; m. 1st Elizabeth Messer, Dec. 22,
1748; she d. June 26, 1785; she was b. March 31, 1732,
daughter of Nath Messer and w. Elizabeth Gutterson; d. June 26,
1785; he m. 2nd Elizabeth Bowers, of Merrimac, April 26,
1788; he was a Capt.

Abigail (3), b. Jan. 27, 1726; in Methuen; m. Nath. Ladd of Haverhill,
June 16, 1748; he was son of John Ladd and Mary Merrill,
b. 1724; she d. 1771; he d. 1773.

Ruth (3), b. April 1, 1728; m. Isaac Redington of Lunenburg, Dec. 27,
1789; (try Topsfield.)

Sam (3), b. Sept. 24, 1730; a Major; m. Elizabeth Mansur, Sept. 28, 1758;
Dracut or
(see line of Jn. Mansur of Methuen);

Mary (3), b. in Methuen, Oct. 11, 1733; d. Nov. 4, 1736.

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Capt. Henry (3) Bodwell (Henry (2-1) and wife, Mary Robinson, had:

Henry (4), b. Jan. 8, 1762; in Methuen; m. Sally Lowell, Dec. 12, 1793; she d.
a widow in Andover, June 31, 1851 at 80; he in Revolution.

Isaac (4), b. Oct. 16, 1765; of Methuen; m. Betsy Messer, March 26, 1788.

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Children of Capt. Henry (3) Bodwell and wife, Mary Robinson, (cont.):-

Persis (4), b. July 30, 1769; m. John Pingrey, Nov. 27, 1783.

Joseph (4), b. Nov. 2, 1771; m. Mary Howe, Dec. 17, 1795; she was dau. of Joseph Howe and w. Hannah Carleton, b. May 5, 1775; d. Sept. 30, 1848; he lived on the old homestead in Methuen.

Nathan (4), b. Oct. 12, 1773; one Nath d. Nov. 20, 1840; see probate.

Arnold (4), b. Mar. 22, 1776;

Elizabeth (4), b. June 24, 1778; (I think she m. Joshua Davis, son of John Davis and Hannah Cross, b. April 19, 1773; the ch. were Hannah; Eliz. Bodwell; Nathan and Persis—all family names.)

Joshua (3) Bodwell (Henry (2-1) and wife, Priscilla Parker, had:—

William (4), b. Jan. 21, 1763; m. Rachel French of Haverhill (I had of Atkinson, N.H.) Feb. 8, 1786; went to Antrim, N.H., 1789; later to Ohio; d. 1834; she m. 2nd., Alexander Witherspoon and d. April 12, 1837.

Simonds (4), bapt. Aug. 19, 1764; in Methuen 1787; see deeds.

Mary (4), b. in Methuen, Oct. 11, 1733; d. Nov. 4, 1736.

Parker (4), b. Oct. 18, 1756; in Methuen; d. Nov. 18, 1736.

Anna (4), b. May 27, 1766.

Joshua (4) b. between 1756-70.

(Edith (4), b. Feb. 13, 1770; (Perley called "Edith") m. Daniel Russell Jr. of Bradford; May 12, 1789.

(Enoch (4), b. Dec. 5, 1772; did he m. Abigail Hebbard of Methuen, May 27, 1803?

Anna (4), b. 1776.

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James (3) Bodwell (Jas. (2) Huy.) and wife, Elizabeth Roberts, had:

Hannah (4), b. April 25, 1735; d. July 28, 1736

Hannah (4) 2nd., b. May 18, 1737; m. Ebenezer Barker, March 22, 1759;
he was son of Eben Barker and w. Abigail Morse of Methuen, b.
Nov. 5, 1731; d. Aug. 18, 1805.

Eliphalet (4), b. July 5 1738; was a farmer of Methuen; Capt. in Revolution
m. Hannah Barker, July 24, 1758; she was dau. of Philemon Barker
and w. Mary Lovejoy of Andover, b. Mar. 29, 1733; d. in Methuen;
their lines went to Pelham.

Ben (4) b. Aug. 12, 1741;-

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Stephen (3) Bodwell (James (2) Henry (1) and 2nd wife, Ruth Gutterston;

William (4), b. Oct. 2, 1747; of Methuen; a Deacon; m. Sarah Annis, Dec. 24,
1722 (see Salem, N.H. family of Abraham Annis and 2nd w. Mary
Hilton set off to N.H. He may have had a dau. Sarah, b. 1740/1840.


James (4), 2nd., b. April 25, 1753; sd. to have settled in Bingham, Me.,
with wife and 3 ch. about 1784;
Hannah (5); m. a neighbor; was mother of a Gov. of Me.,
son (5) (according to
daughter (5) (tradition.)

Lydia (4), b. Sept. 19, 1754; m. Solomon Walcott of Brookfield, Mass.,
May 28, 1778.

Mary (4), b. Sept. 4, 1756; m. Silas Brown, Nov. 26, 1777. (See Methuen rec.)

Abigail (4), b. Oct. 12, 1758; of Methuen; unm; d. June 10, 1841.

Olive (4), b. Nov. 12, 1760; m. a Davis of Bakerstown - somewhere out West.
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Children of Stephen (3) Bodwell and 2nd wife, Ruth Gutterson, (cont.):-

Stephen (4), b. Dec. 17, 1762; (no more)


Abiah (4), bpt. June 26, 1768; d. unm. Sept. 12, 1834 in Methuen.

Daniel (3) Bodwell (Dan(2) Henry (1) and wife, Abigail Ladd, had:


Daniel (4), b. Oct. 14, 1748; m. Alice Messer, Jan. 2, 1772; she was dau. of

Wm. Messer and Alice Barker; his estate was adm. Sept. 9, 1808.

She d. Feb. 1, 1843; then called Mrs. Alice Gage.

Parker (4), b. Oct. 29, 1750; was in Revolution; pub. in Andover, Feb. 27-

1776 to Hannah Abbott, dau. of Solon Abbott and W. Hannah Colby;

she was b. May 1, 1757; it was a hasty marriage as he was

in the Army; he d. Aug. 7, 1795; she m. 2nd, David Jones, a

Dracut man who lived on the Methuen line, b. 1741 in Dracut;

his will was adm. Oct. 2, 1827 and she was alive and named in it.

Elizabeth (4) 2nd., b. Dec. 23, 1752; m. John Sargent, Sept. 12, 1771.

Abigail (4), bpt. Dec. 22, 1754; d. y.

Abigail (4), b. Dec. 16, 1755; m. Sam Hildreth of the Dracut line, May 24,

1776.


sd. she was of Hempstead, 1795; had son Daniel Bodwell Chase.

Alpheus (4), b. Feb. 22, 1759; m. Hannah Bodwell, May 1, 1786; dau. Sam Bodwell

and Elizabeth Mansur.

Ruth (4), b. April 17, 1761; m. Josiah Abbott of Andover, May 15, 1784, son

of David Abbott and Prudence Sheldon, b. Dec. 29, 1759; they lived

in Dracut; she d. 1768; he left for Bath, Me. and Lexington,

Vt; m. 2nd., Ann Furbush in Andover, March 30, 1790; he is
called Ensign.
John Ladd (4), b. Sept. 26, 1763; physician of Methuen; m. his cousin, June 17, 1795.

Dorcas Bodwell, dau. of Major Sam and w. Elizabeth Mansur, b. Sept. 13, 1765; she d. July 26, 1811 at 44. (Did John m. 2nd., Mary R. Davis, of Bow, N.H.?

Susanna (4), b.

Fanny (4)

Hannah (4)

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John (3) Bodwell (Dan(2) Henry(1) and wife, Elizabeth Messer, had:

Molly (4), b. Oct. 8, 1749 (from family Bible.)

John (4), b. Jan. 16, 1752

Nath'l (4), b. Feb. 23, 1754; d. April 12, 1754.

Nath'l (4) 2nd., b. Jan. 31, 1755; m. Mary -- or Molly-- ; had an iron foundry in Methuen about 1773. (Perhaps m. a Molly Bailey, b. 1742)

dau. of John Bailey and 2nd wife, Deborah Lovejoy of Andover.)


Elizabeth (4), b. April 15, 1760.

Susanne (4) 2nd., b. Dec. 5, 1762; m. Wm. Hitchcock, Jan. 25, 1787.


Alice (4), b. Jan. 5, 1768; she was 2nd. w. of Col. W. Hitchcock.

Elijah (4), b. May 17, 1770.

Josiah (4), b. Aug. 1, 1772; d. in Methuen, Sept. 15, 1813.

Asa (4), b. July 1, 1775.

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Samuel (3) Bodwell (Daniel (2) Henry (1) and wife, Elizabeth Mansur, had:-


Hannah (4), b. Aug. 25, 1760; eligible for Alpheus Bodwell, pub. May 1, 1786; he was son of Dan Bodwell and w. Abigail Ladd, b. Feb. 28, 1759.

Rhoda (4), b. Feb. 19, 1762; m. Asa Robertson of Pembroke, Nov. 1, 1786.


Dorcas (4), b. Sept. 13, 1765; m. her cousin, Dr. John Ladd Bodwell, June 17, 1795.

Jesse (4), b. May 27, 1768.

Frederick (4) 2nd., b. Aug. 21, 1773; -

Betsy (4), b. March 1, 1777.

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Henry (4) Bodwell (Henry (3-2-1) and wife, Sally Lowell, had:-

Eliza (4), b. April 3, 1794.

Molly Robinson (4), b. Nov. 30, 1795.


Elizabeth (4), b. June 22, 1801; m. as 2nd wife, Cornelius Gray of Andover, son of Daniel Gray and w. Tabitha Allen, b. April 29, 1799. They were m. March 5, 1850; she d. 1881; no ch.

Sarai (4), b. Feb. 28, 1803; m. April 26, 1854 a John Kimball of Derry, NH. (some about this.) See Methuen records.

Susanna (4), b. ---; called dau. of Henry Bodwell, who m. John Kimball at 35. He of Derry; see Kimball book.

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Isaac (4) Bodwell (Henry (3-2-1) and wife, Betsy Messer, had:-


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Children of Isaac (4) Bodwell and wife, Metsy Messer, (cont.):


Ben Franklin (5), b. March 13, 1803; a carpenter; d. Dec. 20, 1844.

Ruth (5), b. Dec. 30, 1804; (did she m. Erastus Goodalepr-Goodell - Oct. 2, 1837?)

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Joseph (4) Bodwell (Henry (3-2-1)) and wife, Mary Howe, had:

Mary (5), b. Sept. 13, 1796; m. Patrick Fleming, June 17, 1819.

Nathan (5), b. Sept. 13, 1798; m. Lucy White of Kelham, N.H. Nov. 10, 1822; she was dau. of John Phillips White and w. Lucy Gutterson.


Hazen (5), b. May 26, 1803; m. Huldah Howe of Methuen; int. May 8, 1829.

Hannah (5), b. June 9, 1807; (did she m. Lieut. Ben Currier of Methuen, Jan. 23, 1828?)

Christopher (5), b. Oct. 14, 1809; m. Eliza Cate, Jan. 24, 1843. Ella (6), who d. unm.

Persis (5), b. Nov. 23, 1811; m. Ebenezer Gage, Mar. 18, 1832.


Joseph Robinson (5) 2nd., b. June 19, 1818; was Gov. of Maine, m. /1848;

Eunice Fox of Dracut, dau. of Josiah and w. Hannah, b. May 3, 1825.

Henry Arnold (5), b. Aug. 27, 1821; in Methuen; lived in Maine awhile; came to Andover as furniture dealer and kept the Mansion House; m. 1st, Myra Day of Boxford; m. 2nd., widow Ruby (Thaxter) Tenny, Aug. 21, 1861; she d. Sept. 19, 1866; she was dau. of Thos. Thaxter and Ruby Bradstreet; at 39 she m. 3rd, Emma Kimball, Oct. 17, 1887; she was dau. of Albert Kimball and w. Elizabeth; he d. May 17, 1891.
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Eliphalet (4) Bodwell (James (3-2) Henry (1) and w. Hannah Barker, had:

Abigail (5), b. March 17, 1759.
Hannah (5), b. May 22, 1762.
James (5), b. May 1, 1764.
Ben (5), b. April 12, 1768.
Andrew (5), b. July 12, 1771.
Judith (5), b. April 12, 1773.
Joab (5), b. May 27, 1778.

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William (4) Bodwell (Stephen (3) James (2) Henry (1) and Sarah Annis, had:

Abraham (5), b. May 5, 1777.
Enoch (5), b. Sept. 4, 1779.
Sarah (5), b. Oct. 21, 1781 (try Pelham.)
Ruth (5), b. Sept. 8, 1784.
Isaak (5), b. " " "; of Methuen; m. Sally Fuller of Danvers-int. Jan. 10, 1813.

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Daniel (4) Bodwell (Dan (3-2) Henry (1) and wife, Alice Messer, had:

Elizabeth (5), b. Jan. 3, 1773; d. at 9 mo.
Elizabeth (5) 2nd., b. Sept. 7, 1774.
Wm. Messer (5), b. Sept. 7, 1777; m. 1st Mary Gage, April 7, 1803; she was dau. of Isaac and Mary of Bradford; he m. 2nd.,

Mary R. Davis, widow of Dr. Jn. Ladd Bodwell of Bow, N.H. int in Methuen, Apr. 20, 1826; he d. Aug. 26, 1842.
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Children of Daniel (4) Bodwell and w. Alice Messer, ( cont.):–

Daniel (5), b. June 20, 1780; (did he m. Abigail Nevins of Pelham, int. Aug. 19, 1810, at Boxford? 2 ch. b. there.)

Alice (5), b. Jan. 4, 1782; (did she m. Sam Hazeltine of Boxford, Mar. 21, 1804?)


Frederick (5), b. April 8, 1787.

John (5), b. June 24, 1792; did he m. Susannah Young of Pelham, Nov. 7, 1818 and live in Pelham? She m. 2nd Bodwell Richardson in Andover, Dec. 1, 1841.


Parker (4) Bodwell (Daniel (3-2) Henry (1) and wife, Hannah Abbott) had:–

Parker Ladd (5), b. March 23, 1776; m. June 24, 1798, Elizabeth Merrill; see Methuen records.

Herman (5), b. Oct. 3, 1777; m. Sept. 7, 1813, Elizabeth Hall-or Hale of Methuen; lived near Andover Bridge; d. in North Andover, on Bolles place. (see below).

Sarah (5), b. Jan. 20, 1780; m. Feb. 18, 1800 Reuben Bolles of Methuen;–

Olive (5) m. a Maloney; lived in Tim Osgood Wardwell's ho. in No. Andover; she was b. 1812; d. 1905. (Bolles was a relative of Jesse Bolles who m. Mary Morse, 1806; one dau. was Mrs. E. Hosmer of No. Andover.)

Susanna (5), b. March 13, 1782; m. Dec. 14, 1800 Math'l Moore of Methuen and Milford, N.H.; he was b. Apr. 3, 1779, son of Paine Moore and Martha Sprague; he d. April 24, 1843; had:–

Herman (6) b. Sept. 16, 1808; d. Apr. 24, 1893; m. Eliza Hoyt of Salem.

Wm. Henry H. Moore (7)

Neva B. Moore (8); lived West.

Fanny (5), b. Feb. 25, 1784; m. Oct. 7, 1802 Trueworthy White of Methuen;–

Appleton (6).
Children of Parker (4) Bodwell and wife, Hannah Abbott, (cont.):-

Charles (5), b. Aug. 25, 1788; m. Sarah Varnum of Dracut, dau. of Thos. (6) Varnum and w. Mary Atkinson; he was Rep. from Middlesex Co., 1821-3; a farmer; most intelligent; Congregationalist.

Samuel Abbott (5), b. April 25, 1791; m. April 24, 1815, Elizabeth Orne of Methuen.

Abigail (5), b. April 25, 1791; a twin;---

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Alpheus (4) Bodwell (Dan (3-2) Henry (1) and wife, Hannah Bodwell, had:


Alpheus (6), b. Feb. 13, 1790; d. y.

Alpheus (6) 2nd., b. Oct. 9, 1791; d. May 11, 1792.


Frederick (5), b. March 31, 1795; d. July 29, 1797.

Hannah (5), b. April 12, 1796; m. Col. Timothy Poor of Andover, Nov. 22, 1823; he was son of John Poor and w. Chloe Lovejoy; he d. in Methuen, Aug. 16, 1845; she d. in Andover, Oct. 7, 1847.

Moses (5) 2nd., b. Nov. 31, 1798.


2nd.

Sam (5), b. April 21, 1806.

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Dr. John Ladd (4) Bodwell (Dan (3-2) Hy. (1) and wife, Dorcas Bodwell, had:

Sophia (5), b. April 9, 1796.


Abigail (5), b. Oct. 9, 1803.

Caroline (5) 2nd., b. Feb. 24, 1805.


Wife Dorcas died July 26, 1811.

Susan (5) by 2nd wife-Mary- was a posthumous ch. b. Jan. 18, 1816.
Bodwell
William(5) Messer/Dan(4-3-2/Henry(1) and wife, Mary Gage, had:

Mary (6), b. 1810; (did she m. Andrew Thompson of Lawrence and d. there 1896?) O.K.; lived on Greenwood St., Lawrence.

Daniel (6), b. 1813; d. in Lynn at 88.

Hiram (6), b. 1815; d. in Lawrence at 70; m. Hannah Simpson in Haverhill, April 7, 1838.

Hannah (6), b. Nov. 22, 1818; d. in Ballardvale, Nov. 9, 1903; lived with her 2nd son, Horace Neale; lived in Lawrence 50 years; born in Middleton Toll-House when father was tollkeeper on Boston turnpike in Andover.

Almira (6), b.; m. a Merrill; d. at 83 in North Andover.

William M. (5) Bodwell kept the Lawrence toll-house. He lived on the site of the flour mill where McCranes and McGowans used to live. The land was held by Bodwells for some time. He kept the toll-house for 20 years and later moved to North Andover and to Middleton and kept the toll-gate at the No. Andover-Middleton line on the Salem turnpike.


Bailey (5), b. Dec. 9, 1777.

Mary (5), b. May 17, 1779; sd. to m. Henry Whittier.

John White (6), b. Feb 29, 1824.

Nathaniel Robinson (6), b. Sept. 19, 1828.

Josiah White (6), b. Nov. 30, 1832.

Christopher Augustus (6), b. Jan. 22, 1836.

Wm. Justin (6), b.
HENRY (5) BODWELL (JOS. (4) HENRY (3-2-1) and wife, HULDIAH HOWE, had:

- son (6), b. July 27, 1845
- daughter (6), b. March 24, 1847.

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HENRY ARNOLD (5) BODWELL (JOS. (4) HENRY (3-2-1) and 1st w. MYRA DAY; -
Edward (6), b. in Boxford, Aug. 23, 1848; went down East.
Eunice J. (6), b. Dec. 14, 1856 in Andover;
Grace (6) by 3rd wife, Emma Kimball; -

(3) Henry (6)
; m. Eva M. Clark; flax manufacturer.

(4) Charles Arthur (6), b. 1861; res. MAVERHILL; m. Oct. 19, 1898, Delia
   JOSEPHINE HOLT, dau. of BALLARD HOLT and w. DELIA EFFERTS, of Andover.

(7) Myra (6)

(8) Helen (6) unm.; lived at home.
( The family lived on Love Lane—I forget the new name of street.)
( Now LOCKE STREET.)

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HENRY (6) BODWELL (HEN. (5) JOS. (4) HENRY (3-2-1) and w. EVA M. CLARK; -
Sarah Elizabeth (7), b. June 5, 1904

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JOSEPH ROBINSON (5) BODWELL (JOS. (4) HENRY (3-2-1) and w. EUNICE FOX; -
son (6), b. in Salem, N.H.
son (6), b. in Boxford, Aug. 26, 1849.
Parker Ladd (5) Bodwell (Dan (3-2) Henry (1)) and wife Eliz. Merrill, had:

John (6), b. Nov. 23, 1798
Charles (6), b. June 3, 1801
Phebe M. (6), b. Nov. 10, 1803; m. Amos Eames, Dec. 2, 1823.
Moses (6), b. in Salem, N.H., Aug. 2, 1807; m. in Windham, N.H.,
Nancy Hemphill, for a 2nd w.

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Herman (5) Bodwell (Parker (4) Dan (3-2) Henry (1)) and wife Betsy Hall:
Abigail Ann (6), b. June 2, 1814;
Hannah Augusta (6), b. Dec. 1, 1817; m. Sam Foss of Methuen, Mar. 31, 1840.
Alpheus (6), b. Dec. 16, 1819; m. Abby L. Cluff of Salem, N.H., Sept. 6, 1840.
Hannah Day (6), b. Dec. 4, 1821; m. Jeremiah R. Frye.
Lucy (6); m. Grenville Foss of Methuen.

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Charles (5) Bodwell (Parker (4) Dan (3-2) Hy. (1)) and wife Sarah Varnum, had:
Mary (6)
Sarah Ann (6)
Jane (6), b. Feb. 24, 1815; m. John L. Barrett of Barrett, Vt., May 19, 1836; went to Sterling, back to Dracut and d. there; she m. 2nd., John D. Robbins of Acton, Mass, June 13, 1843
Elizabeth B. (6), b. in Lowell; lived there 1902; was in the old Bodwell house in Dracut for many years until it got delapidated, was sold and pulled down; she died in Lowell after leaving homestead.
Phebe (6) b. d. unm. on Dracut homestead.
Hannah P. (6), b. in Lowell; m. John A. Moore; m. 2nd. Chris. H.
Madeley of Salem, N.H.
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Zadoc (5) Bodwell (Nath (4) Jn. (3) Dan (2) Hy. (1) and w. Olive Barker, had:

Leonard (6), b. Jan. 10, 1801; lived in Andover.

Nelson (6) b. Sept. 25, 1803; d. Oct. 11, 1892; a farmer; m. Selendy Tyler and recorded as of Berwick, Me., Feb. 11, 1826; had:

Nancy Emeline (7), b. 1835 in Rochester, N.Y.; m. George Cole, 1860.

Zadoc (6), b. Feb. 2, 1805.

Nancy E. (6), b. March 3, 1809.

Asa Messer (6), b. March 2, 1812.

Nathl (6), b. May 5, 1814.

George W. (6), b. Nov. 5, 1821.

Stephen A. (6), b. in Methuen, Nov. 13, 1823.

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(Lucinda (?:)

John (5) Bodwell (Dan (4-3-2) Hy. (1) and w. Susanna Young, had:

John A. (6), b. in Methuen, Nov. 25, 1819; d. y.

Lucinda (6), b. 1832 in Pelham; m. John Chandler of Methuen, Oct. 23, 1851.

Horace (6), b. 1831; of Pelham; m. Mary F. Hill, March 3, 1853; she was dau. of Wm. and Phebe, b. in Andover.

John A. (6), 2nd., b. 1836; m. 1857, Susannah Wood of Shrewsbury, dau. of Warren and Hannah, b. in Vt.

1st, Martha C. Shaw of Salem, N.H.;

Fred (6) b. 1827; m. 2nd. Addie A. Murch of Ellsworth, Me. He had:

Eva E. (7), b. 1865; m. Sept. 16, 1893, Allen F. Abbott, son of George Abbott and Susan Farnum.

Carrie (7), b. 1855; m. at 19, Sept. 29, 1874, Joseph F. Cole of Salem, 22; she was dau. of 1st wife.

Emme F. (7) b. ; m. Nov. 23, 1881, Andrew N. Turner of Andover; rubber cutter, b. in Boston; she dau. of 1st w.

Ellen Murch (7), b. 1873; dau. of 2nd w.; m. Dec. 24, 1896, Ford Ed. Dodge, mariner, 37, son of Jos. and Mary, of Methuen.

Horace Chandler (7), b. Jan. 17, 1878; m. Ruth A. Wakefield; had:

Dorothy Isabel (8), b. May 15, 1908.

Ruth Adelaide (8), b. May 23, 1913.

Fred A. (7), b. 1898; d. April 27, 1912; unm.
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Sam (5) Bodwell (Parker(4)Daniel(3-2)Hy.(1) and Elizabeth Ordway:

Catherine (6), b. May 14, 1811.
Salome (6), b. March 5, 1819; m. Joseph H. Drew, Aug. 24, 1839.
Moses (6), b. Jan. 21, 1821.
John Quincy Adams (6), b. Feb. 28, 1825.

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William (5) Bodwell (Wm.(4)Steve(3)Jas.(2)Hy.(1) and w. Ruth White:

Sally (6), b. June 11, 1824
Elizabeth (6), b. Jan. 20, 1798.
Joseph Abbott (6), b. Sept. 27, 1799; m. Abigail Osgood; m. 2nd.
Ruth (6), b. Feb. 10, 1803.
Wm. Caleb Strong (6), b. 1805.

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William (5) Bodwell (Emoch(4)Josh(3)Hy.(2-1) and wife, Dorothy, had:

Wm. (6), b. April 3, 1834; d.y.
Edw. B. (6), b. Feb. 10, 1836; d.y.
George W. (6), b. Jan. 17, 1839

( Note - I can find no list of ch. of Enoch/and Abigail-M. Lam.)

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Isaac (5) Bodwell (Wm.(4)Steph(3)Jas.(2)Hy.(1) and w. Sally Fuller, had:

Abraham (6), b. March 3, 1814.
Eunice (6), b. May 30, 1815.
Sally (6), b. Dec. 3, 1816.
Isaac (6), b. June 27, 1818.

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Joseph A. (6) Bodwell, (Wm. (5-4)Steph (3) Jas. (2) Hy. (1) and w. Abigail Osgood, had:


Jacob Osgood (7), b. May 24, 1832; d. next day.

by 2nd wife, Mary Osgood:


Edward Payson (7), b. May 12, 1838.

Mary Pierce (7) b. " " "

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Hiram (6) Bodwell, (Wm. (5) Dan (4-3-2) Hy. (1) and w. Hannah Simpson, had:

George F. (7), b. Aug. 26, 1848; d. in Andover.

child (7), b. Nov. 17, 1845; (no name or sex on records.)

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Nelson (6) Bodwell, (Zadoc (5) Nath (4) Jn. (3) Dan (2) Hy. (1) and Selendy Tyler:

Nancy E. (7), b. in Rochester, N.Y. 1835; m. 1860, George Cole.

Newman (7), b. March 17, 1828; see Methuen or Boxford.

Ella A. (7), b. in Boxford.

child (7), d. in Boxford

" " " " "

( Nelson d. Jun. 11, 1892.)

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NOTES: -

General Sessions, 1719-1727. Boston, page 215.) -

April 11, 1727. Henry Bodwell of Methuen (probably Henry (2)), husbandman, on Feb. 13, 1727, with force of arms, committed assault on constable Thomas Silver, who was collecting tax rates, and took away 30 sh. from him and tore the tax bill. Henry pleaded NOT GUILTY and paid 20 sh. to the King and was under bonds for 20 L for good behaviour for the rest of the session. James Bodwell and John Harris were securities.

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Essex Ct. Records. Will of HENRY (1) BODWELL.

326:471. 1746. He is called yeoman. Commits his soul to God—his body to the earth, to be decently buried. The debts and funeral expenses are to be paid by the executor. He left, to his dear son Henry, clothes, cattle, sheep and house goods,—save 2 feather beds,—which were to go to his daughters,—all bills of money and notes of hand, iron bars and iron cranks, uplands and meadow "I have not already given away."

To son James, 5 sh. in 6 mo. added to his shares already given him. To son Daniel, 5 sh. added, in 12 months...To his daughter Bethia Parker, (wife of Nathan of Newbury), to dau. Judith Harris, (wife of John), to dau. Ruth Huse, (w. of Israel), a feather bed a piece, with the furniture for same... To dau. Abigail Ladd, 5 sh. added. To grand-daughter Mary Hazeltine, 25 sh. in 12 m. her mother had her share already; to g-dau. Sarah Merrill, 5 sh. in 12 m. added to her mother's share; to g-son, Ezekiel Hill, 5 sh. in 6 mo. added to his mother's share; to g-son Samuel Stevens, 5 sh. added to his mother's share; the remainder to go to son, Henry, sole executor.

Jan. 5, 1743. probate Jan. 6, 1745. (Joseph Cross; Jonathan Griffin)

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In 1713 Sessions, Henry Bodwell petitioned for a highway from his farm- to pass over it,—from Dracut bounds to Haverhill, over the Spicket river. Part of the farm was evidently the Division Lots, lying on the Merrimac...

From a letter written to Miss Abbott by E. Grace Bodwell, Brunswick, Maine, July 11, 1909. "One tradition is that the 1st Henry first lived in a log-house near the old Davis Foundry. (East of Duck Bridge near Canal Street.) My father was, I think, the last of the Bodwells to be born on the old East Haverhill St., homestead. My cousin has an old brick that came from the chimney of that house, with the date 1660 on it"

He is of Methuen; leaves to his son, Henry, all the homestead lying between the Spicket River and my brother Daniel's, and from the Merrimac River to the Road, and all privileges. To dau. Bethia, 1/2 a piece of land I lately bought from my father, Henry, dec., on East side of Spicket River, the south half of it and all sd. land in Methuen. Henry is to pay his sister a legacy... To son Josia, the other half of the land he bought from his father—the North half—and some he bought from Robert Swan (or Richard) dec., adjoining, between the Road and the Spicket—and adjoining a meadow he lately sold to his son, Henry, lying West of a path from sd. meadow to the Road, near the house of Abel Meritt, all in Methuen... Also the use and privileges in 1/4 of a sawmill, where the old one stood—on Spicket River, only during the continuance of one mill, and no longer. He is to have the apples from my orchard to make 4 bbls. of cider, 3 years after my death."

To Anne, wife of Nath Frye, Rhea, wife of Wm. Moore, 1356 sh. 8d. to be paid by Joshua, and 62, 13 sh. 4 d. to be paid by Henry, in 18 mo. added to what they already have, and what son, Henry, and I have given them to furnish their homes."

To daughter, Bethia Bodwell, 13 & 6 sh 8d. from Henry, 1 cow, to be kept for her, summer and winter by Henry, while she is single; the use of the West room in the house" where I now dwell" and the use of one chamber, during the same time, and the use of "my furniture". To Mary, wife of Perce Gage, 13 & 6 sh. 8d. from Henry, added. His two sons, Henry and Joshua were executors.

March 27, 1773. Moses and Eliz. (or Elijah) Sargent

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FRENCH WAR RECORDS

95:287. Michael Bodwell of 1st Co. of Haverhill; Lt. Ben Male of Haverhill, April 18, 1757; Sam Appleton, clerk. Train Band.

95:297. Daniel Bodwell of Methuen; Capt.; attested April 19, 1757; Jn. Bodwell, clerk. Captain, a rank; no service; Col. Osgood.


95:299. Daniel Bodwell; Train Band; Alarm List; Capt. Bodwell's Co. 1760.

95:297. Stephen Bodwell of Methuen; Capt. of Co.; April 19, 1757; Alarm List.

95:298. Samuel Bodwell of Methuen; Capt. Dan Bodwell; Apr. 19, 1757; Alarm List.

94:410. Ebenezer Bodwell, Sept. 9—Nov. 15, 1754—(copy torn.)—""

""", Suffolk Co., March 16, 1756; Capt. Moses Porter; Sgt.; May 8 to Sept. 8, 17 wks. 8d. Crown Point.
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FRENCH WAR RECORDS (cont.)

95:474...Eliphalet Bodwell, Boston, March 18, 1758; Pvt.; Capt. Richard Saltonstall; of Methuen; March 7, 1757- Oct. 23-33 wks.; to roll of that part of Co. that was in capitulation of Ft. Wm. Henry, Aug. 9, 1757; 19 days travel allowed. Son of James Bodwell.

98:255...Eliphalet Bodwell, Boston, Feb. 6, 1761; Capt. Wm. Barron; Pvt. of Methuen; April 11-Dec. 12--35 wks; 1 day; 100 miles travel--allowed horse. Endorsed 1760.

95:298...Eliphalet Bodwell, of Methuen; in Capt. Dan Bodwell's Co.; Jn. Bodwell, clerk; Lt; Col. Osgood; soldier of Train Band.

99:119...Eliphalet Bodwell, Boston, April 2, 1762; Capt. Edmond Moore; Dec. 6-- 19 wks. 6 days; endorsed.


95:297...Henry Bodwell, Jr., of Methuen; Dan Bodwell's Co. (Capt.) April 19, 1757; soldier; Train Band.

96:10...James Bodwell, March 1. 1759; Lt. Nathan Chandler's Co.; Col. Jn. Osgood; marched to Ft. William Henry; private of Methuen; Aug. 15 to Worcester; travel 60 miles, 10 days. Andover, 1757.

95:295...James Bodwell, of Methuen; Capt. Dan Bodwell; soldier; Train Band of Methuen; April 19, 1757.

95:298...John Bodwell of Methuen; Capt. Dan Bodwell's Co.; Col. Jn. Osgood; clerk; Train Band; April 19, 1757.

96:10...John Bodwell; Lt. Nathan Chandler; Col. Jn. Osgood; relief of Ft. Wm. Henry; from Methuen to Worcester, 60 miles-10 days-August 15. Andover, March 1, 1759.

98:258...Joshua Bodwell; Pvt. of Methuen; Boston, Feb. 6, 1761; Capt. Wm. Barron; returns; April 11-Dec. 17--35 wks. 1 day; 100 miles travel; endorsed, 1760.

95:297...Joshua Bodwell; Capt. Dan Bodwell's Co.; April 19, 1757; soldier of Train Band.

98:263...Perez Bodwell; Pvt. of Hatfield; Boston returns; Feb. 21, 1761; Capt. Selah Barnard; March 5-Oct. 5-30 wks. 5 d. Endorsed 1760.

""Perez Bodwell, Feb. 21, 1761; Boston; corporal of Hatfield; Oct. 6-Nov. 30; 8 wks. 1760; endorsed.

(We had a PELEG Bodwell on a deed, 1754 or 1756--of Methuen, with Jemima Sprague.)

97:118...Ben Bodwell; Col. Jn. Osgood's Rgt.; Apr. 2, 1759; enlisted.

99:109...Ben Bodwell; Suffolk Returns; April 24, 1761; Pvt. of Methuen; Capt. Ed. Moores; Nov. 2, 1759; father James; served to Jan. 12, 1761 15 mo. 18 d. Col. Bagley's Rev. 28 d.
French War Records (cont.):-

99:114. Boston, April 2, 1762. BEN BODWELL; corp.; Methuen; Capt. Ed. Mooers' Co. June 24- Dec. 6-23 w. 5d. 1761.

99:266. Ben Bodwell; Ticonderoga, June 4, 1763; from Tanill & Lynott, clothing and stores for Capt. Elisha Turner's Co. at the Westward; sd. Bodwell appears with charge. 12s 3sh. 5d.

Ben Bodwell, Jan. 1, 1760 to Jan. 12; Col. Bagley; pvt. Louisburg; discharged.

REVOLUTIONARY WAR.

Daniel Bodwell of Methuen, pvt.; Capt. John Davis' Co.; Col. James Frye's Rgt.; marched April 19, 1775; service 7 d reported; enlisted Feb. 14, 1775; return of men to Cambridge and at Cambridge, May 17, 1775; receipt for advance pay dated Cambridge, June 8, 1775; also Company return dated Cambridge, Oct. 5, 1775. (So at Bunker Hill surely.)

Daniel Bodwell of Methuen; pvt.; Maj. Samuel Boutwell's (?) Co.; 3 1/2 d. Lexington;

Daniel Bodwell; sgt. 1777; in Army 40 d. Out 1778; served 6 1/2 d. (Three men's at one time but not all the same line.)

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Copy of letter.

A Von Hepps Esq.,

Dear Sir:--

I herewith enclose the final report in the Bodwell case of my agent who has visited WALES for that purpose and I hope it will be satisfactory:--

THE BODWELLS OF BODWELL

In the table of Sheriffs of this County(Caernarvonshire) this name appears frequently in the earlier ages. The family occupied a prominent position in the county circles and in its public business.

No representatives of the older line are known to exist in Wales at the present time. Some of the same may have emigrated to America in the 19th century. The ancient house is now occupied by a tenant farmer and is now the property of Mr. Asselm Smith of Vaernol. The Bodwells were of the Clan of Colwyn ap Tanguo, Lord of Erisnodel, founder of one (the V.) of the XV Noble Tribes of North Wales and Powys.

John Wynn ap(son of) Hugh of Bodwell, Sheriff of the County A.D. 1551 and 1560 was a man of great note in his day,- and had married, - according to Lewys Dwyn,- Elizabeth, daughter of Sir John ap Sir John Pulsdon. In the memoirs of Sir John Wynn of Snyder, we find the following, respecting him:--

"The memorable services of Sir John Wynn ap Hugh Bodwell, born at Bodwell -or BODVIL-in Lynn, whereof he was lord are not to be forgotten. He was standard bearer to John, Earl of Warwick, afterward Duke of Northumberland. In the great field fought between him and Keats and the rebels of Norfolk and Suffolk near Norwich in Edward the VI's time, (Aug. 1594) his horse was slain from under him, he himself hurt, yet he upheld the great standard of England for which services the Duke of Northumberland bestowed on him two fine estates in Lynne by the isle of Bardsey, near Aberdavon called the 'Curtwith'.

The name of Bodwell was doubtless taken from the ancient seat of the family, for up to the time of John Wynn ap Hugh, no fixed surname had been adopted, but the ancient Welsh custom of calling a man after his father's first name was followed. John's son, Hugh Gwyn Bodwell, is the first we find after this name and thenceforth the surname was continued.

Hugh's son, Thomas Bodwell, was the representative of the house in 1602. His first wife, Louisa, daughter of Thomas Glyn of Glynllifor, by whom he had two daughters. His second wife was Katherine, daughter and co-heiress of Owen ap Robert, of Bodeon or Bldeor, by whom he had a son, John.

The arms are those of the Chief of the tribe, Colwn ap Tanguo. Arms Sable, a chevron between 3 fleur-de-lis argent. See the ARMS in the preface to Burke's in the portion devoted to the tribes of Wales. I am yours, etc., etc.

( Mr. A.E. Bodwell made me the copy of the original from which this is copied, in 1899. Signed: . . . . A.B.B.)
1. Cumedda Wledig, Breton Cymree Imperator A.D. circa 500. (The Cumbrian British king whose sons conquered Wales in the 6th century and are supposed to have created by their followers the true Cymry, i.e., the landowners—the tribal families of most of Wales.) His son—

2. Einion
3. Lawhir
4. Caswallon
5. Maelgwyn Gwynedd
6. Rheese
7. Bell
8. Lliyod
9. Cadvaél
10. Tanguo
12. ̈erioneedd
13. Gwgan
14. Einion
15. Meredydd
16. Howel
17. Griffith
18. Einion
19. John
20. Madog
21. Howel
22. Madog
23. John
24. Hugh
25. John Wynn
26. Hugh Gwyn Bodvel (or Bodwell) of Bodvel.

27. Henry Bodwel, 3rd son of the above,— was Deputy for the Vice Admiral of North Wales; he died 1636. He left the paternal roof at Bodvel and lived in Anglesey and is supposed to have been the grand father of Henry Bodwell, b. in Wales, 1654, who came to this country as a child and is common ancestor of all those who now bear the name in America. There are now none of the name living across the water. But it is impossible to trace the descent of those who left the main stem without search of every parish record in Wales in the hope of finding something. Etc.

I am,
Most sincerely yours,
Albert Edw. Bodwell.

May 25, 1900.
77 Mackubin St.
St. Paul, Minn.

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