EARLY RECORDS
OF THE
GRAY FAMILY
OF ANDOVER

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Includes 2 copies.
ROBERT GRAY of ANDOVER, I think, was a descendant of Thomas Gray of Marblehead whose son, Henry (2) Gray, returned to England and sent back to the colonies, his son, Robert (3) Gray, of Andover, who was first, a mariner at Salem. (Abiel Abbott, writer of Abbott History of Andover, had the same idea, and he had the story earlier than I did.)

Old Thomas favored the Quakers and was himself a bit of a sport, and in consequence was not in favor with the authorities. Robert too, was full of eccentricities—possibly had a mind of his own. He was accused of attending Quaker meetings in Salem in 1669 and fined. He was then 35 years old, as he was born 1634, possibly in the colonies or at some place his father Henry (2) was stationed before leaving New England for the old country. He died in Andover Sept. 5, 1718, age 84. (I think he was a cousin or perhaps a nephew of Robert Gray of Salem—some near relative, I'm sure.)

Robert of Andover, married in Salem, March 1668-9, Hannah Holt, daughter of Nicholas Holt and his first wife, Elizabeth Short. She was born in England about 1634 and came over with her parents. I think that on the marriage of her father with a second wife, Madam Preston, Hannah went to Salem to live, perhaps as housekeeper to Madam Preston's son who succeeded his mother as tavern-keeper. I think that Gray met Hannah at her step-brother's,

I think that Nicholas Holt gave Gray a generous share of his farm lot, as he had provided likewise for the husbands of his other daughters.

The children of Robert (1) Gray of Andover and wife Hannah Holt, were:
Katherine (2), b. July 15, 1670; she joined South Church Oct. 3, 1728; died unm. Sept. 28, 1751; she was evidently named for Robert's mother.

Henry (2), b. Jan. 17, 1672; a farmer; m. Mary Blunt in Billerica, May 4, 1699; she was b. 1679, dau. of Wm. Blunt and w. Elizabeth Ballard; born on a farm near Spring Grove Cemetery; she d. Aug. 7, 1733; he d. July 1, 1741; both joined Church here, Feb. 7, 1714.
Children of Robert(1) Gray and wife, Hannah Holt, (cont.):-

Jemima (2), b. Dec. 23, 1673; we find no account of her death nor any notice that she ever grew up. Some think she was the wife of John(3) Abbott, son of George (2) of the Rowley line-- of Sudbury. Savage thought that she died soon. Jemima, daughter of Thomas Johnson and Mary(2) Holt may have been named for her if she died young. No Gray paper yet discovered gives any clue.

Hannah(2) b. Jan. 30, 1675; m. Thomas (2) Abbott, 1697; he was b. 1666, son of George (1) Abbott and w. Hannah Chandler; he d. 1728; Hannah d. Jan. 25, 1763; she was not named by Robert in his will, probably because she had her dowry previously. Jemima may also have been skipped for the same reason.

Edward (2), b. Sept. 12, 1679; died at 80, Sept. 15, 1759; he was a farmer; m. Sarah Osgood, Dec. 2, 1702; she was daughter of Christopher Osgood and w. Hannah Barker; she d. 1718; he m. 2nd., Hannah Barker, who d. 1762 at 81. She was the daughter of Wm. (2) Barker and w. Mary Dix, b. 1681.

Thomas (2), b. Sept. 16, 1681; could find no clue to his fate--either died or moved away; is not mentioned in father's will.

Robert (2), b. about 1680--or rather, I am inclined to place him between Hannah and Edward, so would have him born about 1677; he m. Nov. 9, 1705, Miriam Lovejoy, daughter of Christopher Lovejoy and wife, Sarah Russe, b. 1686; (here is where they get the black eyes and hair and eccentric ways, I think, as well as by Gray inheritance.) Robert was a farmer; d. March 2, 1715, before his father, who d. the following Sept. His widow Miriam, 2nd., Richard Nutting, June 1718; joined Church May 6, 1750 in old age; d. April 21, 1770 at 84. (No account of the death of Nutting; he helped make an inventory for Gray. He may have died at sea, as I have guardianship of a son to Miriam, by him.)
Children of Robert(1) Gray and wife Hannah Holt, (cont.):-

Braviter (2), b. Sept. 29, 1685; a cooper; think that a family name; he m. Dorothy Abbott, 1710, probably daughter of Thomas Abbott and Sarah Stewart, older than he as papers prove; both joined church July 10, 1715. (His marriage favors the belief in the marriage of his sister Jemima to John (3) Abbott, a cousin of Dorothy.) He died Nov. 10, 1724; her 2nd. husband was Benjamin Holt whom she married 1728; I believe he was guardian of the children; she died 1734 and Ben. married for a 2nd wife, Lydia (4) Holt, daughter of Thomas (3); he was a son of Henry (3) and lived on the Eben Jones' estate. (Out Sunset Rock way.) Wrong- crn- son of Oliver 3

Aaron (2), b. April 14, 1692; d. 1711.

Henry (2) Gray (Robert (1) and wife, Mary Blunt, had:–

Elizabeth (3), b. March 28, 1700; m. Paul (3) Abbott, son of Wm. (2) Abbott and Elizabeth Gerry, on Feb. 8, 1720; they lived here on the Deacon Abbott place; he died May 6, 1752; she moved to Windham Co. Conn. and died July 9, 1765.

Jemima (3), b. 1701; m. Samuel Holt 1725; d. 1775; her grand-daughter Hannah Holt, daughter of her son Asa and his wife Dinah, m. William Tucker, and bought the old farm of Stephen from the heirs, so brought a Tucker family in with the Gray and Holt families' estate for many years.

Mary (3), b. 1703; we think d.y.

Mary (3) 2nd., b. between 1705-6; m. Moses Foster, Nov. 26, 1730; joined Church Jan. 28, 1728; went to Boxford 2nd Church, Aug. 10, 1740. She was a 2nd wife. They left for Pembroke, N.H. by 1746; he bought land there 1743 from Samuel Gray of Pembroke; he commanded the garrison in the fort. He made a will Dec. 7, 1766, at Exeter. Ch. were born here,
Children of Henry (2) Gray and wife, Mary Blunt, (cont.):

Henry (3), b. 1706; was a farmer; m. at 48, Alice Peabody of Boxford, 1736; she was daughter of Jonathan Peabody and wife, Alice Pearl; she was b. 1711; Henry is called eldest son in father's will; d. 1754.

Rebecca (3), b. 1707; m. Henry Holt, Jan. 6, 1736; joined Church April, 1753; d. Aug. 1775; (a very droll error in Holt Book of her pedigree and death; a private letter addressed to her years after her alleged death is in possession of the Sylvester Abbott heirs.)

Samuel (3), b. 1711; m. Sarah Abbott, 1736; she was daughter of Ephraim (3) Abbott and Sarah Crosby of Andover; they went to Amherst, N.H.; land was given to him in Pembroke; one child born here.

Aaron (3), b. 1712; bapt. So. Church; probably d.y.

Hannah (3), b. 1715; bapt. So. Ch.; m. Samuel Sessions 1740; he died and she m. 2nd., David Foster of Keene, N.H., then called Ashelot; he was a Deacon; proprietor of Keene; was in French and Indian War, 1748-9; d. 1779; was on Committee of Safety 1776; (Foster Book said he lived in Pomfret, Conn. before he m. Hannah. I think she was there when he m. her. See Sessions.)

Aaron (3), b. 1716; m. Bethia Peabody, 1744; lived on East Side of the Shawshin according to Tax Lists 1768; went I think to Keene, N.H. where he is said to have died, March 30, 1799 at 83; she d. Jan. 21, 1788, at 72.

William (3), b. 1718; m. Margaret McCuthchen 1739; d. same year; she was probably a Scotch woman; no children.

Sarah (3), b. 1723; she was unmarried when her father died, 1751.
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Edward (2), Gray (Robert (1)) and wife, Sarah Osgood, had:

Samuel (3), b. 1704; d. 1721.

Edward (3), b. 1705; m. Sarah--perhaps a Fuller of Middleton, by 1742; may have moved to Middleton; had trouble over land, 1766.

Hannah (3), b. 1707; called eldest daughter in will of her father; m. Daniel Colby of Amesbury, Sept. 2, 1730; Daniel was assessed in West Andover, 1734; a daughter, Hannah (4) Colby, m. Solomon Abbott of Dracut.

Thomas (3), b. 1709; m. Elizabeth Hutchinson 1739; she d. 1740 at 24; he d. 1796. He m. 2nd., Lydia Graves of Reading, 1757; he was fined, 1767 for staying home from church, then was excused. Was a housewright.

Margery (3), b. 1711; m. William Wardwell, 1739; Joined So. Church March 31, 1728; d. Oct. 1798; he was son of Wm. Wardwell and Dorothy Wright and was alive 1751.

Priscilla (3), b. 1713; m. Daniel Carleton, 1735.

Abigail (3), b. 1714; m. Thomas Wardwell, brother of William, above; joined So. Church Oct. 31, 1736 from the North Parish; d. Oct. 17, 1778; ancestor of Dr. Daniel Wardwell.

Lydia (3), b. Aug. 22, 1716; m. John Stevens, Jr., 1737; we think he was son of Abiel Stevens and Deborah Barker, b. 1711.

John (3), b. 1718; d. 1720.

By 2nd wife, Hannah Barker:

Elizabeth (3), b. 1720; m. Ephraim Kimball of Boxford, 1747; joined Church Oct. 24, 1764; d. after 1785.

Sarah (3), b. 1723; did she join Church also, Oct. 24, 1764? Married Thomas Stevens, 1748, son of John Stevens and Elizabeth Chandler.

(The girls of this group seemed to have been named in father's will in the order of their marriage. John Stevens, husband of Lydia is a conundrum. I think he went to Thetford, Vt., or she went there after his death, 1792, by letter from the Church. Her daughter Sarah Stevens, m. Israel Wood of Thetford. Thomas Stevens after 3 years' service in the Army, 1777-76 in Pa. died, I believe in the Army. Sarah d. after 1785.)
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Robert(2) Gray (Robert(1) and wife, Miriam Lovejoy, had:-

Robert(3), b. 1706-7; on Tax List 1728; married Lydia Peabody, May 1, 1728;
she was daughter of Samuel Peabody and Lydia Holt; she joined Ch. Jan. 30, 1763; d. Aug. 24, 1775 at 73; Robert seemed to have been off the Tax List 1768 and on the end of the list as non-resident; held Falls Wood lots, perhaps and meadow. We think he may have gone to Reading. (A Robert Gray, possibly Robert (4) was taxed 1751 for the Chandler property so possibly he took the Chandler farm as tenant. Perhaps his father, Robert(3) died outside somewhere and widow Lydia, lived with her son Robert.)

Mehitabel(3), b. 1707; d. 1708.

Isaac (3), b. Sept. 6, 1709; went to Billerica; m. widow Rebecca (Frost) Blanchard, widow of David, about 1733; was a cooper; d. in Tewksbury, 1770.


Miriam (3), b. Sept. 4, 1713; under guardianship of Nehemiah Abbott; she m. Ben Felch of Boxford, Feb. 28, 1732; joined Church March 30, 1729; dismissed to Boxford, May 13, 1733.

Abiel (3), b. Jan. 26, 1715; had William Lovejoy for guardian; he was in Hartford Co. Conn., 1737; a joiner.

Jonathan (3), b. March 21, 1716; was a tailor; Wm. Lovejoy was guardian; fate unknown.

David (3), b. Oct. 24, 1717; joined Ch. Sept. 11, 1763 with wife, Rebecca Holt; d. Jan. 7, 1767; she d. July; age 76; she was the daughter of Samuel Holt and wife, Jemima Gray, m. June 3, 1756; he was a suicide and was buried at the cross-roads.
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Braviter(2)Gray(Robert(1) and wife, Dorothy Abbott, had:

Braviter(3) b. 1711; d. same year.

Dorothy(3), b. 1712; under guardianship of Nehemiah Abbott, 1734; married Thos. Haggett, according to So.Ch. manual; joined Church May 9, 1736; d. April 10, 1779.

Joseph(3), b. 1715; under guardianship of Ben Holt, his step-father; d.1737.

Braviter(3)2nd., b. 1717; dismissed to Billerica from 1st Ch. of Reading, June 5, 1743; m. Sethia Hall, Sept. 16, 1743, in Billerica- a Charlestown record. She was dau. of Jona. Hall and w. Mary Hartwell, b. July 16, 1718; she d. Jan. 30, 1754. He m. 2nd., Ann Danforth, July 14, 1757; dau. of Jos. of Concord and w. Eliz. Farrell; she d. Aug. 10, 1757; he m. 3rd., Elizabeth Richardson, dau. of Andrew Richardson; (she was widow of Jn. Blanchard; they m. May 23, 1759. He sold home in Andover to step-father, Ben Holt, 1747; was in Tewksbury, a cordwainer. He d. 1764.

Timothy(3), b. 1721; lived in Wilton, N. H.; was a Deacon; m. Elinor Hest, 1748; he joined Ch. Jan. 18, 1756; took letter, Sept. 22; Elinor d. 1775 age 56; he m. 2nd., Abigail--; he was a shoemaker. He d. 1793. Abigail d. 1801. He quit claim to Ben Holt.

Mary(3), b. 1724; d. 1735. (Braviter(2) and family lived out in Sunset Rock District.)

Henry(3)Gray (Henry(2)Robert(1) and wife, Alice Peabody, had:

Henry(4), b. 1738; d. 1760 of small pox.

William(4), b. 1741; d. 1743.

Wm. (4) 2nd., b. 1744; d. 1746.

Lydia(4), b. 1748; m. Dr. Simonds Baker of Methuen. They were published 1760. He was a widower. He treated her brother, the small pox victim, and fell in love with Lydia. She was sole heir to her father's estate so he took Lydia, estate and all. Widow Alice (Peabody) took Jonathan "Peabody for a 2nd. husband, and sold out her share of the Gray property to Dr. Baker.
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Aaron (3) Gray (Henry (2) Robert(1) and wife, Bethia Peabody, had:

Aaron (4), b. 1745; d. 1746.

Aaron (4), 2nd., b. 1747

Mary (4), b. 1751.

William (4), b. 1753.

Joseph (4), b. 1755.

(Parents died in Keene, N.H.; so I conclude we shall get all records there)

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Edward (3) Gray (Edward(2) Robert(1) and wife, Sarah -- had:

Edward (4), b. 1742; d. 1747.

John (4), b. 1745; taxed 1767 on South side Ipswich River- North Parish; m. Beulah Holt, published 1770; she was b. 1744, daughter of Oliver Holt.

Sarah (4), b. 1753.

Edward (4), b. 1756; d. 1763.

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Thomas (3) Gray (Edward(2) Robert(1) and wife, Elizabeth Hutchinson, had:

Sarah (4), b. 1740; m. Stephen Ayer of Haverhill, 1769.

By 2nd wife, Lydia Graves, had:

Thomas (4), b. 1758; d. 1823; m. Mary Holt, 1780; she was daughter of Thomas Holt and wife, Dorcas, b. March 11, 1758; joined Church Sept. 28, 1783; dismissed to Baptist Church, Oct. 21, 1828; he sold the estate to Joseph Holt 1787 and went away.

Lydia (4), b. 1759; d. 1786.

Daniel (4), b. 1760; d. July 18, 1833; drew U.S. pension; m. Tabitha Allen of Reading, Oct. 29, 1786; lived on homestead.

Phebe (4), b. 1765; m. Amos Damon, (according to will.)

Hannah (4), b. 1767; m. John Lacey 1786; he was son of Ephraim and Anna.
Robert (3) Gray (Robert(2-1) and wife, Lydia Peabody, had:

Robert (4), b. July 9, 1729; joined So. Ch. July 1, 1750; m. 1st, Mary Tucker, April 23, 1754; she died and he m. 2nd., widow Abigail Chandler, nee Tay of Woburn, published June 1758; he d. Dec. 19, 1806 at the almshouse; she is buried in Andover.

Bridget (4), bpt. So. Ch. March 24, 1737; no more.

Cornelius (4), b. Dec. 11, 1738; " "

Lydia (4), b. Nov. 14, 1732; m. John Batchelder, Nov. 21, 1751.

Mirriam (4), b. Jan 23, 1743; m. John Lovejoy (See Salem Court, 1766).

Debora (4), b. Oct. 8, 1744; no more.

Moses (4), b. March 29, 1747; m. Mary Clark June 29, 1769; she was of Tewksbury and they lived there; at his death she m. 2nd., Jerre Holt.

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Isaac (3) Gray (Robert(2-1) and wife, Rebecca Frost), of Tewksbury, had:

Rebecca (4), b. Aug. 31, 1734; m. 1st Mr. French of Tewksbury; m. 2nd., William Brown.

Mary (4), b. 1737; did she d. in Tewksbury Nov. 16, 1781, unm.? Anne (4), b. March 30, 1743; m. Isaac Foster of Tewksbury for his 2nd wife he was son of Capt. John Foster of Andover.

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David (3) Gray (Robert(2-1) and wife, Rebecca Holt), had:

Sarah (4), b. May 9, 1759; d. Sept. 17, 1836; m. Abraham Shattuck of Temple, N.H. 1807; owned a 1745 edition of the Bible that once belonged to her cousin Cornelius (one b. 1738). She d. here a widow.

David (4), b. Dec. 8, 1762; d. March 7, 1844; m. Sarah Cummings, April 3, 1788; she d. March 15, 1793; he m. 2nd, Rebecca Jenkins, daughter of Samuel, Feb. 23, 1797, who d. April 9, 1840 at 67; he joined Church April 3, 1791 with 1st w. Sarah Cummings; excommunicated Apr. 30, 1830 during grand cleanup of members, at the time the Universalists arose.
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Children of David (3) Gray and wife Rebecca Holt, (cont.):-


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Braviter (3) Gray (Braviter(2) Robert(1) and 1st wife, Bethia Hall, had:--

Joseph (4), b. July 1, 1744; d.7.

Mary (4), b. Oct.29,1745.


Timothy (4) 2nd., b. March 28, 1752.


By 3rd wife, Elizabeth Blanchard:--

Braviter (4), b. March 23, 1760

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Timothy (3) Gray (Braviter(2) Robert(1) and wife, Elinor Best, had:--

Timothy (4), b. in Wilton, 1749; m. Ruth-Bunham in Wilton; had:--


James Best (4), b. 1751; d. in Halifax between July 10 and Aug.20,1777; a prisoner. (See Grays of Wilton.)

Elinor (4), b. 1753

Jonathan (4), b. 1755;

Mary (4), b. 1757;

Sarah (4), b. 1759.

Joseph (4), b. March 19, 1761; d. Aug. 26,1846; was in the Revolution; m. Apr. 11, 1786 Chloe Abbott(6), dau. of Jeremiah(5) Abbott of Andover and wife Chloe; Joseph was a farmer; she d. July 19,1849 at 82.

Dorothy (4), b. 1763.
From the Abbott Book:-

"Jeremiah (5) Abbott and wife, Chloe Abbott of Wilton, N.H. by industry and good management, made a farm in the forest and provided well for their family. Jeremiah loved his farm and was honest and faithful to Sabbath Service. Their daughter:-

Chloe (6), b. June 4, 1767; m. 1786, Joseph Gray of Wilton, b. March 9, 1761; d. Aug. 25, 1845 (?) see other page which gives different date); one of her sons was James Best Gray and was a descendant of Elizabet Best who was a Frye."

Joseph (4) Gray and his wife, Chloe Abbott, had:-

Joseph (5), b. Aug. 14, 1787; m. Mary Spalding, 1815; had 9 ch.
Chloe (5), b. Nov. 3, 1789; d. March 31, 1818; m. Oliver Fletcher.
Sally (5), b. July 11, 1791; m. Seth F. Tyler of Wendell.
Anna Abbott (5), b. April 7, 1793; m. Asa Perham of Lyndeboro, 1817.
Lydia (5), b. March 5, 1795; d. Aug. 23, 1846; m. Russell Upton, 1822.
James Best (5), b. April 21, 1797; m. 1822 Sarah Burns, who d. Nov. 8, 1843; he m. 2nd., 1844 Adeline Gutterson.
Betsy (5), b. Aug. 21, 1799; m. Abbott Smith of Milford, N.H.
Walter (5), b. Oct. 28, 1801; was a Major; m. 1826 Clarissa King.
Matilda (5), b. July 24, 1807; m. Amos Gutterson, 1832.
Elvira (5), b. Dec. 20, 1808; m. Samuel French, 1833.
Emeline (5), b. Oct. 11, 1811; m. 1849, Dr. Israel Herrick as his 2nd wife.
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Thomas(4) Gray(Thos.(3)Edward(2)Robert(1) and wife, Mary Holt, had:

Amos(5), b. 1761; m. Lucy Lovejoy, 1806; she was dau. of Isaac and wife, Ruth(Davis) Lovejoy; she d. March 14, 1864; he d. in West Parish, Nov. 13, 1856. He made sea chests.

Phebe (5), b. 1783; m. Joel Jenkins, Jr., 1806; he was drowned in the Merrimac, at Bradford; she lived on High St., where the Colby house was moved; we called her "old Marm Jenkins"; she went to Universalist Church.

Abiel(5), b. 1786; also called ABIAH or ORLANDO.

Sally (5), b. between 1786-92; also called Patty or Polly, and Sara; m.

Samuel Gunnison(written GULLISON) 1822; had:-
Sarah(6), d. unm.
Abiah (6)
Jenny (6)
Susannah (6) d.y.

They lived many years on homestead in Scotland District, then moved to house near the Catholic Church.

Jacob (5), b. 1792; m. Betsy Leavitt of New Hampshire before 1825; lived on George Harnden place in Scotland or Holt District. Did he go to Lynn or Salem?

Noah (5), b. 1787; m. Elizabeth Simpson before 1818; sd. to d. in Kalamazoo, Mich.

Daniel(4) Gray(Thos.(3)Edward(2)Robert(1) and wife, Tabitha Allen, had:

Tabby(b), b. 1787; m. Elijah Stiles of Middletown and took the homestead, 1806; had:-

William(6)
Daniel(6) of West Parish; Fred Stiles(7).
George(6) left place to Prescott, 1864.

Tabby m. 2nd., Dr. Jonathan F. Russell of Methuen, Oct. 12, 1865; he was 82.

Daniel(5), b. 1789; m. Abigail Chandler before 1812; she d. Sept. 16, 1851; he disappeared after War of 1812; was heard of in Robinson, Ky., 1847; she was called "widow" at time of her death.

Patty(5), b. 1791; m. John Towne, 1812; had Moses (6) Towne.

Israel(5), b. 1793; m. Lydia G. Lacy, 1818; had Israel(6) who res. in Wakefield.

Ben(5), b. 1795; m. Hannah Simpson of Nottingham, N.H., bef. 1819; she d. in N. Sept. 21, 1855 at 66; he d. May 31, 1865; res. Prescott house.

Henry(5), b. 1797; m. Nancy White; went to Reading; d. there. Had Nancy(6) who m. Frank Bickford of Wakefield.
Children of Daniel (4) Gray and wife Tabitha Allen, (cont.):-

Cornelius (5), b. 1799; m. Maretta—probably a Perley or perhaps a Larrabee by 1822; she d. June 19, 1849; he m. 2nd., Betsy Bodwell, March 5, 1850; she was daughter of Henry and Sarah of Methuen, 48 at marriage.

Lydia (5), b. 1807; d.y.

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Robert (4) Gray (Robert (3-2-1) and 2nd wife, Abigail (Tay had:-

Robert (5), b. 1761; grad. from Harvard 1786; settled in Dover, N.H.; m. Lydia Tufts, March 22, 1787; think his mother died in Dover, but they sent the father back here to the Poorhouse.

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David (4) Gray (David (3) Robert (2) (1) and wife, Sarah Cummings, had:-

Mary (5), b. 1788; m. William Eaton of Reading.

By 2nd wife, Rebecca Jenkins:

David (5), b. 1798; d. July 20, 1870; m. 1826 Emily Abbott, daughter of Caleb and 2nd wife, Debora (Ames) Baker; d. 1833 at 28; he m. 2nd., Sarah Peters, 1835; she d. 1836; joined So. Church Nov. 7, 1830; North Church Aug. 10, 1834; he m. 3rd., Maria Bailey, 1837 and she d. 1843 at 30; he took for a 4th, Sophronia Abbott, daughter of Enoch and wife Nancy (Flint); she d. Dec. 6, 1898; he lived in No. Andover after he m. Sarah Peters, and went to West Andover after he m. Maria Bailey; lived in Bailey home near B. & L. R. R., owned by Pettengill; Sophronia joined Free Church from old South, Sept. 22, 1850.

Samuel (5), b. 1803; m. Martha Lovejoy Abbott 1831; she d. Dec. 10, 1856; no ch. adopted Margaret — (see notes); he d. Sept. 29, 1877; was insurance President.
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Children of David(4)Gray and 2nd wife, Rebecca Jenkins, (cont.):-

Henry Jenkins(5), b. 1806; m. widow Lydia Sawyer, May 14, 1851; she was of Rindge, N.H. daughter of Francis Sawyer and wife Lydia Hibbert; had 2 ch. by 1st husband; he d. July 6, 1881; she d. at 74, Aug. 12, 1887.

(David(4)Gray met Aunt Hannah (Abbott) Harding one day and said, crossly, "I hear that you said my son Sam was a fool." "Yes I did," said Aunt Hanna; "If he hadn't been he would have married me instead of my sister, Martha."... Old Dave went away laughing; liked her-for

Amos(5) Gray(Tom(4-3)Ed(2)Robert(1) and wife, Lucy Lovejoy, had:-

Eliza (6), b. 1807; d. y.

Eliza (6), 2nd., b. 1808; m. Dr. Dalton of New Boston, 1825.

Lucy (6), b. 1812.

Mary (6), b. 1814; m. an Emery; went to Camden, N.H.

Amos (6), b. 1820.

Phebe (6), ; m. a Foster

Ann Maria (6), b. 1822; m. Lyman Flanders; after he died she m. 2nd., a Foster; lived in Lowell on Rock St.

(Amos Gray moved 52 times and lived only three years in his own home in West Andover. His place was near Sylvester Lovejoy's, 1858. His son-in-law, Lyman Flanders remained on the farm 6 months and then went to Lowell)

Jacob(5) Gray(Tom(4-3)Edward(2)Robert(1) and wife, Betsy Leavitt, had:-

William (6), b. 1823; m. April 23, 1848 Rebecca Shattuck, daughter of Sam and Hannah; had

Elmira (7) b. Jab. 2, 1850.

Hiram (6), b. 1825; m. Jan. 30, 1848 Mary Ann Dolan, 21, of Ireland, daughter of John and Mary; he was a shoemaker; had:

Walter (7), b. April 18, 1846.

daughter (6), b. 1826; no more.

Esther(6), b. 1828; m. Moses Spiller of Ipswich, Oct. 17, 1851; called of Salem; possibly Salem, N.H.
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Homesteads--

David (5) Gray left the Farm in West Andover after the old Bailey folks died and came down and turned out Dr. Howarth, and took the tenement. The B. and L. corporation ruined the farm. David got mad and moved away and always declared that he did not receive enough for damages.

Henry (5) Gray, brother of David, was a fine farmer. The old house stood in the yard of the house David (5) once lived in—probably Nich. Holt's place. Henry was a very systematic farmer, orderly, of good taste. He was a scientific farmer also, could turn his hand to anything—made shoes, ox sleds, wagons, was a blacksmith. Had a sawmill; was well read and was generous—a regular Holt in type.

Old David—the one who lived on Chestnut street, couldn't bear trouble—it soured him—made him bad tempered—he was all corners. As a rule, children were very fond of him and haunted his shop.

Sam Gray, the third brother, was 40 years Secretary and Treasurer and 5 years the President of the Merrimac Mutual Fire Insurance Co. of Andover. He was born on the Gray homestead now occupied by Henry J. Gray heirs. He was there until he was 14, then boarded in a minister's family in Reading, to attend school. He was next at "Master Billy"Foster's in the Emery house, and later at Martin Putnam's private school in North Andover. He taught school at times.

In 1820, when he was 17, he went to Bradford under Ben Greenleaf—his compositions, poems, eclipses, mathematical calculations—also astronomical—a poem on Lafayette's visit—also on the visit to Andover of Geo. Washington—are saved with his early papers. He was fond of study but was in ill health a few years after he left Bradford.

He went in 1835 to the above insurance Co., with his uncle Hobart Clark. Many other corporations blew up about that time and probably much business came to the Andover Co. Gay worked like a beaver. He was one of the original members of Christ Church. His health kept him from social functions but he was a representative business man. Had a wonderful memory; was witty in conversation, upright in character. Always interested in politics. Was ill constantly and suffered much. Went South for his health in 1849. His portrait hangs beside old Squire Merrill's.
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Noah (5) Gray (Tom 4-3) Edward (2) Robert (1) and wife Elizabeth Simpson, had:

Noah (6), b. 1818; went to Kalamazoo, maybe.

William (6) sd. one authority.

Daniel (5) Gray (Dan 4) Tom (3) Edw. (2) Robert (1) and wife, Abigail Chandler, had:

Martha (6), b. 1813; m. John Kneeland Shattuck of Wilmington, 1835; he d. 1863
Abby (7), m. Abiel Woodbridge of Marblehead.

Martha (7) disappeared after War of 1812; sd. to have m. again and had 6 children in Smithland, Ky. and was later in New York state. (1855)

Ben (5) Gray (Daniel 4) Tom (3) Edw. (2) Robert (1) and wife, Hannah Simpson, had:

Mary Ann (6), b. 1819; m. 4 times; one husband was James Perry; had illeg. son, Alfred Adams, son of Principal Adams of Phillips Academy lived here awhile and d. in Methuen; Alfred Adams m. a No. Reading girl and lived on Hill past Charles Blunt's.

Ben Osgood (6), b. 1829; m. Hannah Maria Woodbridge before 1854; really lived on farm in North Andover side/at time the town was set off; not the oldest site, as Prescott holds that. Home of Ben (6) was new; a butternut tree in yard; sd. to have been a Farnham place.

Hannah Maria (6), b. 1831; m. Putnam Baton of North Reading.

Cornelius (5) Gray (Ivan 4) Tom (3) Edw. (2) Rob (1) and wife Marietta; had:

William (6), b. 1823.

Mary Ann (6), b. 1825; m. Jan. 21, 1850 Samuel S. Atwood, 28, a carpenter of Cambridge.

Catherine (6), b. 1826.
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Children of Cornelius (5) Gray and wife, Marietta, (cont.)

Henry (6), b. 1829; carpenter of North Andover; m. Nov. 14, 1855, Nancy G. Towne, age 27, b. in Andover, daughter of John and Martha; she d. 1868; he inherited the farm from Cornelius as he was the only son who lived; he m. 2nd., Caroline E. Stiles, 29, daughter of Wm. and Elizabeth, May 23, 1870.

Samuel (6) b. 1831; d. Nov. 2, 1854.

Hannah M. (6), b. 1832; d. 1834.

Hannah M. (6) 2nd., b. 1835; d. young.

David (5) Gray (David (4) (3) Robert (2-1) and wife, Emily Abbott, had:—

Emily (6), b. 1826; m. Aug. 20, 1850, James Freeman, 37, son of Obed and Abigail; he was Deputy Collector of Fairhaven; she was his 2nd wife.

Rebecca (6), b. 1828; d. unm. at Fairhaven with Emily; was a teacher.

Emily (6), b. 1833; d. in 3 weeks.

By 2nd wife, Sarah Peters:—

Henry Peters (6), b. 1836; d. of T. B.; no ch.

Sarah M. (6), b. 1838; m. Sept. 29, 1869 George H. Doyle of Charlestown, age 30, a leather dealer, son of Michael; lived in Providence with brother; U. Ch. people; she d. Feb. 9, 1906.

Jerre (6), b. 1840; lived in Providence.

Samuel (6) ; Civil Engineer of Providence.

Henry (5) Gray (David (4) (3) Robert (2-1) and wife, Lydia Sawyer, had:—

Henry (6), b. July 6, 1852; unm.

Alice (6), b. Aug. 28, 1854; unm.
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Ben(6) Gray (Ben(5) Dan(4) Tom(3) Edw.(2) Robert(1) and Hannah M. Woodbridge -
Ira Osgood(7), b. Sept. 17, 1853; shoemaker; m. Sarah E. Melinde(5) of Reading,
dau. of Dudley and Elizabeth, age 24; lived on Washington Ave.

Herbert (7) b. in North Andover; blacksmith; m. Emma C. James of Charlestown,
daughter of Francis P. James, Oct. 13, 1881; lived once with Andrew McTerhan.

Grace M. (7), b. 1869; adopted by Ira Gray.

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Ira Osgood (7) Gray (Ben(6-5) Dan(4) Tom(3) Edw.(2) Rob(1) and Sarah Melinde had:

Anna Elizabeth(8), b. in North Andover, d. in Reading.


George Osgood (8), b. Feb. 12, 1884; d. March 15, 1884.

Alice M. (8), b. Nov. 20, 1885.

Arthur Leslie (8), b. Feb. 3, 1893.

Ira Nelson,

Claremont (8), b. Sept. 2, 1896

Essex Deeds: -


Jan. 1, 1668: Robert Gray, seaman, bought of Thomas Oliver of Salem, land 12 rds. of Thomas Oliver's estate-North side house next street; joins Endicott land to South and East, and street on West. Robert is to put up a new pale fence on his own account and repair for 9 years after that, bear 1/2 the expense. Bridget Oliver makes her X. Recorded 1679.

May 10, 1679: Nicholas Holt, for love of son-in-law Robert Gray, now resident in Andover, 5 acres of land which-or ought to be by this time laid out by More and recorded according to Nathan Parker's mms., butts on South on son Nicholas Holt's land, which he bought of Towne-SE corner a marked white oak; SW a black oak; NW heap of rocks; NE black oak. This 5 acres of land is laid out for me for street division. Robert Gray was to pay 1 sh. minister's tax for a year. Recorded April 4, 1684.

Feb. 8, 1689: Henry Holt, Sr., of Andover, farmer, for 8£ from Robert Gray, Sr., mariner, sells 3 parcels of meadow in Andover; 1st.-between Col. Bradstreet's upper Fall's Meadow and Lieut. Osgood's Gibbet Plain meadow-3 sides a swamp-S and W seem to be on bds. on rocks and hills and upland; 2nd parcel: W of 1st has a small brook through it at S end; 3rd parcel: W of 2nd., bds. on it and upland and a "little runne of water out of SW corner". Recorded 1701. Dudley Bradstreet, Jr. and Margaret Bradstreet, witness.

Nov. 12, 1711: Robert Gray, mariner, for good will and affection of loving son, Robert, husbandman, gives parcels of plain lands and meadow-27 a. where he now dwells-oaks and stones on bds.; 1/3 part of Falls Meadow woods-bds. on part to come to his brother Henry Gray-1/3 of the Sponge belongs to it-also swamp on "CHIBBET(Gibbet)plain"-Falls Woods-bds. on Rocky Hill-Swamp between Henry Gray and Jn. Carleton's meadow. Nov. 12, 1711. Andrew Peters; John White, witness. (Gruesome region!) (Was our John White on Reading line then?)

Nov. 11, 1711: Robert Gray, mariner, leaves son Henry, 25 acres bds. on rocks and trees-also a part W on old Way, formerly road to Salem-10 acres of swamp and upland; brook and great rock near old highway-meadow on way that now goes to Salem-bds. on Rocky Hill; other pieces other side of Osgood's Hill(probably Aglebe's); bds. on Rocky Hill 1/3 part Falls' Woods Meadow; 2 parcels-1/3 of sponge-meadow between
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26:42 (cont.)...Henry Gray and brothers—Edward and Robert Gray; divided between 3 sons—swamp near Jn. Carleton's meadow—4 acres—all the stock—oxen, horses, cows, swine, sheep, husbandry tools and tackle; personal estate.

Andrew Peters and John White, witness.

This is evidently the homestead of old Robert and Henry was heir. Recorded 1712.

30:76. July 16, 1715. Robert Gray, mariner, for love and good will to son Braviter, cooper, for 20 sh. to be paid to daughter Catherine Gray of Andover; on demand, 9 1/2 acres and as much as covers to 5 sh. reckoning 5/ to an acre—land laid out from Common Land of Andover—E end of Braviter's house—bds. on rocks and stakes and trees, etc.; another piece of land from Commons, in consideration of the meanness of the 1st lot—S end of Ralph Parnum's land.

(John and Elizabeth Holt, witness.)


Richard Newcombe; Stephen Sewell, Jr.

44:11 (1724, recorded) made Feb. 6, 1718. Robert Gray, Sr., mariner, to son Henry, 3 1/2 acres laid out W of Boston Hill—joins Henry Gray's land; 1/3 of Common Rights in Andover; 1/2 acre and 8 rds. in such Division as will be laid out; clothes, cane with silver head—at my Death.

(John Holt; Nicholas Holt.)

49:204. Nov. 12, 1717. Robert Gray, cooper, and wife Dorothy, of Andover, for sum not named, sell to brother Thomas Abbott, husbandman, all rights in estate of Thomas Abbott, our father, dec. Dorothy makes her X. (Think this was No. Parish, Thomas Abbott.)

John Osgood; Ben Brown, witness.


Dorothy makes her X. (Think this was No. Parish, Thomas Abbott.)

John Osgood; Ben Brown, witness.


John Osgood; John Parker, witness.

page 77. Timothy Gray of Andover, cordwainer, for 100£ from father-in-law Ben Holt, rights in father Braviter Gray's estate which fell to me out of my mother's 3rd in 1740. Nov. 2, 1740. (Phil Chandler; Aaron Gray)

1745. Dorothy Gray of Andover, spinster, daughter of Braviter Gray—100£ in cash; 40 £ in house stuff from father-in-law Ben Holt for rights in buildings—land, farm, etc. (Henry Holt, Jr.; Parachiuss Abbott.)

56:207. 1729. Edward (3) Gray of Andover, husbandman, for affection for oldest son, Edward, husbandman—3 parcels of land; 1st:—E of my house 40 acres; a 2nd meadow S side road from Andover to Salem, called Flaggy Piece (road went straight through Middleton) joins my brother Henry's meadow; 3rd:—swamp in Fall's Woods meadow.

58:234. Edward (3) Gray, husbandman, exchanges with brother Henry (3)—takes 3 a. for 3 acres of father Robert's land near Carleton's Path. 1730. Henry's 3 acres was E end of Edward's field.
Edward(3) Gray gave to Thomas(4), 3 lots N side road leading from Aslebe's farm to Andover NW house-16 acres- bds. on Tim Holt's reserves 2 acres from Plain lands for life. (I think Caleb Abbott's place was probably near it). The 2nd lot on way from my house to sd. Road, (Edward seems to live on a cross-way.) - 1/2 acre; the 3rd, a meadow- 2 bits in Falls Meadow. (This grant to Thomas appears to be the Cornelius Gray site) of the 1853 map- lot of 1/2 acre with SE cor. on Road W across up the Hill to S-S by Road- NE on Road on left and said Way on right till it comes to SS-where road and way come together. (This indicates Ben Gray's place-just N of Cornelius- fast enough, in the crotch of the roads. The 3rd., is a meadow in Falls Woods; 4th; is upland, also land he bought of Abraham Foster, between Aslebe's farm and Carleton Path, where he cuts hay from Falls Meadow; 5th. 3 acres S of my Great Pasture which joins Road 1st named-joins Tim Ballard's lot .1745. (Once a Gray Lot- Tim B's.)

Tim and Tom Holt witness.

116:1. 1764. Thomas(4) Gray, housewright, for £100 from Daniel Lovejoy, husbandman, sells 3 lots SE part of Town; 1st: upland part of Falls Meadow once Timothy Abbott's; bds. another 3 acres pasture on S side father Edward Gray's Great Pasture-joins road- 3-he bought of Sam Martin (old Russell land) E side Great Meadow, 7 acres- on Tim Holt and Tim Gray. 1764. (Philemon and John Chandler.)


118:119. Thomas Holt, Jr., husbandman, recovers judgment against Edward Gray of Andover, for £133 to sell; Edward's land. Tim Holt, Philemon Chandler and Nehemiah Abbott appraise 46 acres- bds. - a Black Oak on Tim Fuller's land, Tom Gray and a Road- joins Col. James Frye's place-joins Edward Gray's place- buildings appraised 147 £ - to Thomas Holt. 1766. (Stephen and Jacob Holt, witness.)

123:110... 1757. Edward(4) Gray, yeoman, for 258 £ from Tim Fuller of Middleton, gentleman, part of homestead lot-bds. on James Frye, Thos. Gray Road and Fuller-Henry Gray, dec., 93 acres, includes in bds. a piece of Jn. Fiske's land to be reserved. Sara signs. (Sam Jenkins; Abiel Holt.)

128:17. June 1770. Daniel Lovejoy buys of Edward(4) Gray for 146 £ 3 lots 49 acres homestead lot on James Frye- Road called Carleton Path, (rest hot assembled) S and W on Tim Fuller's; 2nd- lot in Falls Woods meadow bds. on land of Ebenezer Calland Richard Whittredge, Capt. Archelaus Fuller and Dan Lovejoy. Sara signs. (John and Beulah Gray witness.)

1755... Alice, widow of Henry Gray sold to Dan Farrington, Jr., for £14, 4 acres of Falls Woods' meadow. (John and Henry Ingalls witness.)


61:97. 1732... Henry Gray to Nicholas Holt for £12 2 acres of land joining Nicholas Holt and Henry Gray. (Tim Holt; Ebenezer Abbott)
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82:70. 1739. Henry Gray, yeoman, for £ 70 of Joseph Frye, Jr., cooper, piece of Falls Meadow, part in Andover and part in Middleton- 5 acres- joins Edward Gray. (Henry and Aaron Gray witness.)

88:273. 1750. Henry Gray, for £ 14 sells to Hezekiah Ballard, Preston Plains lot, 4 1/2 acres-joins Thomas Holt's. (Daniel Wilkins) Ben Bailey witness

1748. Henry (4) Gray to Henry (5) Holt, Jr., for £ 100, and Ben Holt, Jr 5 acres of Falls Woods. (Ben Holt; Daniel Foster witness.)

73:116. 1738. Jonathan Gray of Andover, tailor, for £ 50, of brother Robert Gray, rights in Robert Gray's- and mother Miriam's 3rd. (Think he went to Conn. also.)


57:177. 1730. Ephraim Lacey and Ann Lacey for £ 50, sell 6 acres in Boxford to Thomas (4) Gray of Andover, joins SE end of Russe Meadow near 1 land formerly Ezekiel Ladd's, dec. Eph and Ann make their X. (Ebenezer Stevens; Christopher Carleton).

69:217. 1735. Sam Parker of Littleton and wife Esther, for £ 240 from Thos. Gray of Andover, carpenter, sells 14 acres in Andover, once Jacob Marston's. (Sam Corey; Israel Adams).

Eph Lacey of Andover and w. Ann, to Thomas Gray, joins Boxford land W side- 6 acres he bought before 1730. (Sam Barker; Eph Foster.)

76:139. 1739. Robert Gray, tailor, for 640 £ from Deacon Cornelius Thayer of Boston, leather dresser, 50 acres on road to Ben Holt's from Henry Holt's- Oliver Holt on bds.-joins Henry Gray-Capt. Osgood's farm- usual road to Salem named- dwelling house and corn mill and privileges- formerly estate of my father. (Where was it located?) (Now between Vine St. and Wildwood Rd.) (Dudley Bradstreet; James Peabody). Lydia makes her X.


82:259. 1742. Robert Gray, tailor, for £ 25 from Thos. Holt, Jr., sells land near Pine Hole, 1 acre-near Salem Road. (Now, Salem Road was surely Salem St.; Pine Hole was on Prospect Hill. This was surely Geo. Harnden's site as the grist mill went with it and that is the Mill on Pond behind Geo. Harnden's house.)

85:101. 1743. Robert Gray, tailor, for 120 £ sells to Thomas Holt, Jr., 11 acres on Salem Road- a pasture- (all within 3-4 years of his coming into possession of the estate. Only David (3) did not sell to him at all.) Richard Downing; Sam Sebley; Tim Faulkner; Humphrey Holt.)

90:66. Lydia Thayer of Boston, exec. of the estate of Cornelius Thayer, for 1747. £ 640 from Nicholas Holt, Jr., tailor, 50 acres, the estate of Robert Gray, dec. (Thayer never paid taxes on it here. Stephen Holt; Mehitabel Lowell)
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1747. Robert Gray sells for 360 £ to Jonathan Wilkins of Middleton, Falls Woods Meadow. (Richard Downman; David Farrington).

1783. Robert(4) Gray, yeoman, for 300 £ from Ben Goldsmith- homestead, orchard lands and barn-bds. on Sam Coggsowell, Jacob Holt, Jonathan Abbott. Abigail, his wife, signs. (Wm. Tay; Susanna Tay.) (Place in the fields somewhere in Scotland side of the town-down opposite the Waldo place across the street below Jn. Abbott’s. mb geor. Holt to Russell — Jn. Brint — R. Gray etc.

1783. Robert Gray, Jr., student at Harvard, for 100 £ from Wm. Tay of Woburn, sells 20 acres land N side rd. from Asa Abbott’s to Jacob Holt’s that was once in fields across lots and gone now—rest of bds. were on Sam Phillips’ land. It looks as though it was near Asa Abbott’s only we cannot now locate Jacob Holt who went to Albany Me.—nor did Moses Abbott live where his folks do now—as that was a Chandler place then. Where did Moses live in 1783? Asa was across the street so the road could be over back of the house, and not the old road we go over now.

1789. probably getting ready to be married.)

1763. Sara Gray, daughter of Thomas, for 20 £ sells to Mary Bridges, widow of James, land on Cochichewick Brook, 2 acres.

1760. Thomas(4) Gray and wife, Lydia, (2nd w.) he is a housewright, for 30 £ sell to Aaron Gray, 4 acres near Edward Gray.

1789. Wife Mary, signs.

1783. Thomas(5) Gray and wife, Mary(Holt), for 134 £ from Jos. Holt, Jr., blacksmith, sell buildings and land where I dwell—and once owned by Walter Holt, dec., 23 acres—near Sam Phillips—David Holt—a lane. (Now that is certainly out by the reservoir and Newton Holt’s place up by Brownell’s. Thos. probably got it with his wife. Moses Abbott very likely lived opposite—at the Dole place where old Simon Wardwell lives.)

1789. Wife Mary, signs.


1789. Wife Betsy, signs.


1784. Sam Cummings of Topsfield, for 160 £s. from Robert Gray, Jr., student at Harvard, sells 11 acres—farm in Andover, house and barn—South side road from Asa Abbott’s to Barachius Abbott. (This is surely the road past the reservoir and by Bancroft’s—somewhere near Jonas Holt. Susanna Tay; Sam Thompson, witnesses.)
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Essex Deeds, (cont.)

159:202..1795.. David Gray of Andover, cordwainer, guardian to Stephen Holt adm. of dec. father's estate sells to Wm. Tucker of Wilmington, buildings on West side road from Dr. Baker's to Caleb Abbott's, 22 acres - David Gray on North. (Asa Holt was man who owned Tucker place before he died. Lydia signs. (Elijah Stanley; Moses Abbott, witness.)

(This was Thos. (4) Holt's estate. He probably gave it to Asa, son of Thomas (3) - (Nicholas (2). Asa's 2nd wife was Lydia Patten.)

96:270..1755... Nicholas Holt, Jr., for 297 £ sells to David Gray, weaver, 34 acres and buildings "my house and barn - my homestead belongings and my land" all surrounded by Holts in description. Lois signs. (They moved to Blue Hill.)

96:87..1747.. Nicholas Holt sold to Aaron Gray, tailor, for 70 £ - 1 acre and Gray's Mill. (Richard Downing; Barachius Abbott.)

188:299.. Trustees of the Ministerial Fund of South Parish, for 382.95 to Thomas Gray, yeoman, lands in South Parish near Peter Holt, Dan Gray- Dan Cummings, Dr. Symonds Baker- they reserve all timber and liberty to go and cut it within a year - all rights to walls and fences reserved. Jeduthan and Amos Abbott, witness.

page 299... Thomas Gray, for 760 £ silver, (name probably Trustees, above) homestead where he dwells W side of road from South Parish to Salem as described in a deed from Jos. Holt, Jr., Oct. 6, 1787 - vol. 147 - p. 86, except the pasture he sold to David Gray -- also a lot just conveyed by Trustees to pay up a mortgage in 4 years. Nehemiah Abbott; Moses Wood; Sam Cummings.
War Record of ROBERT GRAY—FRENCH WARS.


91:190. Robert Gray, with Capt. Josiah Willard; sentinel; July 18 to Oct. 28; 13 weeks, 2 days; probably Turkey Hill. Endd. 1725.

91:190 1/2. Robert Gray of Andover; Alarm List and Train Band, April 18, 1757. Revolutionary War.

Breviter Gray of Billerica; 7th Middlesex Co. Rgt., etc., 1777-1781.

Daniel Gray, 3rd Andover Co., enlisted June 9, 1779; age 18; 5'7"; Com. Light.

Moses Gray of Tewksbury; Capt. Jn. Trull's Co.; Minute Men; Col. Ebenezer Bridges Rgt.; enlisted April 19, 1775; Capt. Jn. Harnden's; camp at Cambridge, etc.


Thomas Gray, Jr. of Andover; Pvt. Capt. Nathaniel Lovejoy's Co.; Minute Man; April 19, 1775; Col. Sam Johnson's Rgt.

William Gray of Andover; Return of Men, etc., Capt. Benj. Tupper's Co., for Town of Marblehead; enlisted Nov. 7, 1777.
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Essex Ct. Probate


Real Estate valued at £ 250; personal, £ 87.

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Henry (2) Gray of Andover; b. Jan. 17, 1672; d. July 1, 1741. To eldest son, Henry (3), whole estate, land and meadow, divided and undivided in Andover; all stock and buildings, brute creatures; tackle, clothes; barrels and casks; Books; Best Gun; stilliards; he is to pay debts and funeral expenses. To son, Sam, 20 sh. ; Henry to pay in 12 months, and added to it a right of land in Suncook, already conveyed and valued; £ 100 and £ 15; 15 sh. given him in cost and the carpenters' trade which I have helped him to.

Son Aaron to have £ 25 in 6 years and the other gun; he was to have £ 140, cash. The youngest son, William, lately dec., left a widow "if she have a child-begotten- as may be rationally thought", sd. child is to have £ 20 when he is 21 and not before. If she has no child or it should die before 21, son Sam is to have £ 11 and Aaron £ 8 in 12 m. after child's death. "If he is not born they are to have the same 12 m. after my own decease."

To eldest daughter, Elizabeth, 20 sh. in 12 months, added to the money, clothes and house-stuff before given her and since marriage and her share in my books and house-stuff after my death.

Daughter, Jemima, to have 20 sh. added to her portion; daughter Mary to have 20 sh. added to her dower; also the same to Rebecca and Hanna. To the youngest daughter, Sarah, £ 71 paid 12 months after she comes of age and if she dies without issue her share is to go to the other sisters, minus the charges of Henry and his expense.

All books to the 6 daughters; house-stuff among them as soon as convenient after his death. Hanna is to have pewter plates, the largest- and her share of books only, is to go now.

May 20, 1740.

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Edward (2) Gray, b. Sept. 12, 1679; d. Sept. 15, 1759; 2nd wife, Hanna Barker... To Hanna, my wife, an annuity to be paid by executor, beside the house useful for a woman, at her disposal. She is to have 8 bu. Indian Corn, 4 bu. Rye, 1 bu. of Malt, 6 bbls. of Cider; 100 lbs. Pork, 50 lbs. Beef, 30 lbs. Butter, 42 lbs. Cheese, 1 1/2 bu. Turnips. Hanna loved butter and probably used a good deal in cooking, perhaps a fine pastry cook. Also 1/2 by. Potatoes, 5 bu. Apples, all Milk she can EAT, her doctor and nurse to be paid; she to have all necessaries; W'st Room, Cellar, Chamber, Fire-wood, one fire, while a widow; is to be carried to meeting or elsewhere as she chooses.
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Will of Edward (2) continued:

To oldest son, Edward, land and buildings except 4 acres at S end of homestead; all brutes, tools, debts due, clothes except Brown Great Coat, Armour and Guns. He is to pay for the funeral and provide Hanna's comforts and pay legacies. Hanna has power to sell part of the estate if her step-son Edward, above dies not treat her well; the proceeds to make up for the neglect.

To son, Thomas. 4 acres on S end reserved above and the Brown Great Coat added to what he had had.

To eldest daughter, Hanna Colby, £ 13,6sh.8 d. added. Margery Wardwell the same. Priscilla Carleton, Abigail Wardwell, Lydia Stevens, Elizabeth Kimball and Sara Stevens, a similar amount. Edward is sole executor.

Feb.22, 1759. (Aaron Gray; David Gray; Thomas Abbott.)

(Theys thought he was infirm of understanding and incapable of making a will or transacting business. They—the heirs—principally daughters—did not want the estate to go to Edward. Accordingly they desired the executor to present said will and keep it at court until all were ready to appear and look it up. It was put off until Nov. 1759 The Court decided in favor of Edward. On Nov. 13, 1759, the heirs sign acknowledgement of receipt of their legacies.

Priscilla, Abigail, Lydia, Elizabeth and Sarah, make there X. Looks like an X of Hanna, also.

Inventory, page 462. homestead and 40 acres, £ 266; Falls Woods Meadow, 6 acres, 10 acres Wood, lots etc., over £ 400.

338:498. 1760 Hanna Gray, widow of Edward(2) above, d. 1762, age 81. She is recorded as " spinster". Inventory: Clothes, Bedding and H use-stuff, money, etc., to her 2 daughters, Elizabeth and Sara Stevens. She makes her X. (Tim Holt; Aaron Gray; Barachius Abbott.)


314:203. Aug. 22, 1725. Inventory of Braviter Gray, cooper; relict Dorothy; and most of townsfolk owe him money, apparently.

409:154. Tabitha Gray, widow of Daniel Gray, yeoman, pensioner of U.S.—(he d. July 18,1833—) asked for pension due and is so recorded, 1854.

343:357. 1767 David Gray, b. Oct. 24, 1717; d. Jan. 7, 1767. Adm. Robert(3)—his brother 1768 a division seems to be made. Rebecca to have 4 1/2 acres to sell to pay expenses—sold to Sam Jenkins, Sam Holt, 2nd.; Ben Holt bought the Cider Mill; Sam Cummings and Nath Holt also take lots.

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332:386. 1754. Henry Gray, husbandman; b. 1706; d. 1754; m. Alice Peabody. Wife Alice to have 1/3 of house; use of all property except Falls Woods Meadow and Flaggy Meadow and one near Jonathan Abbott's land, which are to be sold...Son Henry to have land and buildings; books and 2/3 creatures; all clothes; 1 GOD BED WELL FILLED FOR LODGING IN COLD WEATHER; 2/3 of Cider bbls...He is to pay dau. Lydia £ 63 at 21, or on her marriage; 1 cow and the rest of goods; she to live in the house in a convenient room for single state.

If Henry dies without issue before 21, brother Aaron is to have £ 56 and brother Sam and sisters, Elizabeth Abbott, Emma Holt, Mary Foster and Hanna Foster, Rebecca Holt and Sara Gray to have £ 15 each; the rest to go to Lydia. The wife is to have 1/2 while a widow.

( Sam Holt, Jr; Thos. Abbott, witness.)
Will of Henry (3) Gray, (cont.). The homestead was 35 acres; SCUG River field, 23 acres; pasture and swamp, pine swamp, 16 acres; new pasture, 29 acres; Falls mead, 5 acres; Flaggy Meadow- 4 acres; Cross-road piece, 2 1/2 acres. Total value, $ 810.

338b;54..Alice (Peabody) Gray, exec. of the will of Henry (3) Gray, (above).

1761.. Tim Ballard bought Flaggy Meadow; Daniel Farrington bt. Cross-road piece; Ebenezer Farnum the Falls Meadow; the Personal Estate was $ 68.

364;387.. Thomas (3) Gray, b. 1709; d. 1796; 2nd wife, Lydia (Graves) Gray.

1792. Thomas Gray, yeoman, to Lydia-house goods for life; provisions while a widow, corn etc.; garden at West end of house where her quarters were.
   To son Thomas, $ 7 and a gun; to Sara, wife of Stephen Ayer, 6 sh.;
   to Phoebe, 6 sh.; Hanna, 6 sh., and house goods after mother's death.
   Son, Daniel's share was real estate in Andover with mother, and
   personal and probate 1796. (Peter Osgood; Patty Stevens; Ben Stevens, Jr.
   Homestead, house and barn, 8 acres tillage and mowing, 6 acres
   pasture by dam- 3 lower pasture; value-$ 510...Stock, $119. (It may
   be $ as I forgot to change marks) Amos and Phoebe Damon and John and
   Hanna LASEY give receipts for house-stuff, 1796. (Ben Farnum; Peter
   Towne; Michael Carleton, appraisers.

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Below is copy of a letter, self explanatory, written by Miss Alice Gray to Charlotte Helen Abbott:-

Andover, Mass.
June 18, 1910.

Dear Miss Abbott,

Will you please look up a date on the records that I want to know? Of course, you know the sad story of my great-grandfather's death and the sentence imposed on his name by Parson Phillips, "His name to be buryd in oblivion." I always felt it unjust, for from what I have learned, he was a good man, and as worthy to be remembered as Parson Phillips, and now, after these many years I am going to have his name and date of death put on one of the old stones, with his wife's name, if there is room.

I think the name was David- the year is 1767...

Sincerely,
Alice Gray.

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Note-- Poor David (3) b. Oct. 24, 1717; died, a suicide, Jan. 7, 1767. His wife was Rebecca Holt, daughter of Sam Holt and wife, emima Gray. They were married June 3, 1756. According to C.H.A.'s notes, he was buried at the cross-roads. (M.LAM.)
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