EARLY RECORDS
AND NOTES
OF
THE MARBLE FAMILY
OF ANDOVER

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The MARBLE FAMILY
of ANDOVER

In 1673 the town of ANDOVER granted to Samuel Marble, the privileges of a townsman, he to pay 4 sh. annually for herbage and firewood. The site of his grant was later known as MARBLE RIDGE. Joseph (2), and Jacob (2) as well as Sam(2) were here on the tax lists in 1678. Of the origin of the family nothing is definitely known, although one of the Malden lines believes that the family was French. We think that Sam was born about 1648, and was younger than his brother John, who did not come here.

On Nov. 26, 1675, Sam married Rebecca, daughter of Robert and Grace Andrews, of Boxford, near Topsfield line, born 1654; Sam d. in 1720.

Joseph (2) Marble married Mary Faulkner, daughter of Edward and Dorothy Faulkner, born in Andover. Their marriage was on May 30, 1671. They went later to Sudbury.

Samuel (2) Marble and Rebecca Andrews had:

Elizabeth (3), b. Apr. 25, 1677; m. Dec. 25, 1712 John Slap (?)

Mary (3), b. Aug. 31, 1678; m. Joseph Osgood, May 8, 1700, son of Stephen Osgood and Mary Hoskin, b. 1673

Sam (3), b. Nov. 17, 1680; insane 1714; d. Aug. 30, 1764; Noah (3) and John (3) appointed guardians in Sessions Ct., 1718. Dr. Dan Wood of Boxford, James Bridges of Andover and Lt. Jn. Osgood of Andover were appointed to appraise and divide his estate.

Freegrace (3), b. June 15, 1682; d. April 21, 1779 in Sutton; m. Mary Sibley, 1720; she dau. of Sam'l Sibley of Danvers and Mary Cutler of Sutton. It is a tradition that Freegrace was the mason employed in building the Old State House in Boston, the one down State St., now headquarters of the Boston Society.

Hannah (3), b. May 5, 1684; d. 1717
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Children of Sam (2) Marble and Rebecca Andrews, (cont.)

Enoch (3), b. Mch. 27, 1686; d. by 1717
Sarah (3), b. April 6, 1688; " " "

Noah (3) b. Mch. 12, 1689; m. Mary Ingalls Jan. 12, 1721; did he d. Dec. 16, 1752.
Daniel (3), Feb. 5, 1693; d. 1756; m. June 22, 1721 Esther Putnam, daughter of Jonathan Putnam and Lydia Potter; died June 27, 1789, at 95.
Jonathan was son of John Putnam and Rebecca Pierce; Esther, the daughter of Anthony Potter and Sarah Whipple.

Rebecca (3) b. Feb. 10, 1695; twin to John; d. Oct. 24, 1705.

Freegrace (3) Marble (Sam (2) and Mary Sibley, had:

Mary (4), b. April 4, 1721; did she m. Joseph Cummings in 1741 and d. 1797?
Sam (4), b. Apr. 27, 1723; father and g-father went with him to French War, 1757.
Enoch (4), b. Nov. 25, 1726; did he m. Abigail Holland of Sutton, 1750?
Rebecca (4), b. Mch. 10, 1729.
Malachi (4) b. Sept. 28, 1736; French War, 1759; from Sutton.
Freegrace, it is said, bought at auction in Sutton, an old house that had been the garrison. He built a nearby a private cemetery where the Marbles are buried.

Noah (3) Marble (Sam (2) and Mary Ingalls, had:

Joseph (4), b. Jan. 11, 1728; d. at Louisburg, Jan. 29, 1746.
Jerre (4), b. Apr. 25, 1728;
child (4) b. Aug. 11, 1730 -no baptism- may be Polly, who d. Sept. 27, 1807.
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Children of Noah (3) Marble and Mary Ingalls, (cont.)

Hannah (4) b. April 28, 1732; did she m. John Martin, 1772 as his 2nd wife?(his 1st wife Hannah Eaton.)
doughter (4), b. April 4, 1734 probably Jerusha, bapt. in April; probably m. to Moses Day of Boxford or Bradford, 1754.

son (4), b. April 7, 1736.

Cyrus (4), b. May 5, 1738; Lieut., d. suddenly Aug. 26, 1813; service in French near Deerfield; War (Capt. Isaac Herrick); m. Hannah Parker, Sept. 25, 1760; lived in Sutton 1757 for a while.

Isaac (4), b. June 9, 1740; service in French War.

Abigail (4)

son (4), b. Feb. 5, 1744; could be a 2nd Enoch named for one who died 1738; an ENOCH d. Aug. 14, 1810.

Who was Sarah Marble who married Asa Parker, Feb. 27, 1752?

A John Marble, called son of Noah and Mary, was in the Expedition to Canada, and died June 29, 1746.

Daniel (3) Marble, (Sam (2) and Esther Putnam, had:

Esther (4), b. 1723; d. Jan. 19, 1799; m. 1st, Jonathan Osborne, son of Wm. (4) and Margaret(Deby) Osborne; 2nd, John Proctor, son of Ben. Proctor and Debora Hart.

Daniel (4), b. 1726; d. Oct. 30, 1775; served in French War 1762; wife Anne b. 1728; d. Jan. 19, 1779.

Jonathan (4)b. 1730; d.

Jonathan (4) 2nd, b. 1732; d. Mch. 27, 1815; French War 1756; mariner also. John (4) b. — 1734.

Samuel (4), b. Mch. 20, 1729; d. Jan. 7, 1799; m. Abigail Hart; 1756; of Danvers.

Nathan (4) b. 1735;
Jonathan (4) Marble (Daniel (3) Sam (2)), had:

* Jonathan (5), b. abt. 1756; in Mass. near Boston—maybe Danvers. Had a revolutionary record at 19; in 1775 was at Bunker Hill; also at Ticonderoga; m. Christine Bishop, who drew water at a nearby well for the soldiers and saw the battle of Bunker Hill. They left for Fayette Co., Pa., in 1802 and later went to Indiana.

Ephraim (6)

Daniel (6)

Esther (6)

Calvin (6)

David (6)

Jonathan (6)

Nathan (6)

Sally (6)

* Also claimed that name of husband of Christian Bishop was NATHAN.

Josb (3) Marble (Sam (2) and Phebe Barker, had:

Rebecca (4) bpt. Feb. 23, 1729; d. unm. Mar. 13, 1787.


Jonathan (4), b. July 1, 1735; d. Apr. 7, 1742.


Ben (4) 2nd, b. July 12, 1739; d. Nov. 16, 1761.

Sam'l (4), b. Dec. 12, 1742; d. Aug. 25, 1760; did he have a wife Dorcas?

Phebe (4), b. June 18, 1744; m. Peter Parker, Jr. June 5, 1766.

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Cyrus (4) Marble ( Noah (3) Sam (2) and Hannah Parker, had :

Dorcas (5), b. Feb. 24, 1762 ; m. Sam'l Austin, Mch. 2, 1797.

Henry (5) —

Cyrus was perhaps a resident for a while and came back later with more children.

Did the widow of Sam marry Sam Austin, not the daughter of Cyrus, above?

Marriages not yet explained :

Sarah Marble, to Ben Carlton, Nov. 2, 1780.

Hannah Marble, to Jonas Stevens.

Naomi Marble, to Asa Swan Messer, July 8, 1793.

Naomi Marble published to Jn. Britain Custer, 1792.

Persis Marble, to David Whitteman of Danvers, Jan. 1, 1800.

Sam (4) Marble ( Freegrace (3) Sam (2) had :

Stephen, (5) — Lieut; m. — Putnam, dau. of Nathan Putnam; lived in Salem 1776; — had :

Polly (6) — of Sutton; m. James Freeland, son of Dr.

James Freeland; she was a school teacher.

Folmer (6), b. Sept. 24, 1784; saddler and harness maker.

In the old cemetery in North Andover on Academy Road, the following inscriptions are to be found:

Job Marble, died June 27, 1789, in his 95th year.

Mrs. Phebe Marble, widow of Job Marble, died March 2, 1764, in 90th yr.

Mr. Samuel Marble, died Aug. 25th, 1766 in his 25th year.

Benj. Marble, son of Job and Phebe, d. Mch. 16, 1761 in 22nd yr.

Miss Prischall Marble, dau. of Job and Phebe, d. Nov. 14, 1789, in her 53rd yr.
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Joseph (2) Marble and Mary Faulkner, had:
Joseph (3), b. July 28, 1673; m. Hannah Barnard, Apr. 23, 1695, daughter of Stephen Barnard and Rebecca Howe; 2nd m. Ruth--.
Edward (3), b. Jan. 8, 1684; did he go to Sudbury and m. Mary Jewett or Jewell, Sept. 14, 1714?
Nathe (3)
John (3), b. 1699; m. Abigail Merriam, daughter of Samuel Merriam and Elizabeth Townsend of Concord, b. Oct. 19, 1694.
Mary (3), b. June 1, 1691; m. Josiah Howe of Sudbury as 2nd wife.
Alice (3), b. Jan. 1, 1694; single 1730.

An Abram Marble, called son of Edward Marble of Stowe, served in the French War, 1758; b. about 1740; maybe a grandson.

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Joseph (3) Marble (Joseph (2) Sam (1) and Hannah Barnard, had:
Joseph (4), b. Aug. 15, 1699
Dorothy (4)? b. Nov. 1701; d. 1706, Oct. 9
John (4) (by some); who m. Deliverance Bond of Haverhill, 1722; did he go to Stowe and have Judith (5) and John (5) or was it a Malden line?
Robert (4)
Jonathan (4), b. Mch. 22, 1713
Mary (4), b. June 9, 1714
Rebecca (4), b. Mch. 10, 1715
David (4), b. Apr. 21, 1718
Asa (4) m. Hannah Wheeler; d. 1782.
Jonathan (3) Marble (Joseph (2) and Sarah Dudley, had:
Mary, (4), b. 1717
Joseph (4), b. 1719
Jonathan (4), b. 1721
Jedediah (4), b. 1722
Elizabeth (4), b. 1724
Samuel (4), b. 1726
Sybil (4), b. 1730
Jotham (4), b. 1732
Sarah (4), 1734
Nathan (4), 1735

Edward (3) Marble (Joseph (2) and Mary Jewell, had:
Daniel (4), b. --- d. 1756 unm.
Dorothy (4), b. ;sd. to marry Moses Chandler of Westford, while a resident of Andover, Jan. 29, 1742.

John (3) Marble (Joseph (2) and Abigail Merriam, had:
Judith (4) — m. Silas Brown of Stowe.
Mary (4) — alive in 1729; m. Joseph Spofford of Lunenburg, Feb. 11 1757; d. June 25, 1801.

Joseph and Mary
David, b. 1758
John, b. 1760
Sam'l, b. 1761
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MILITARY SERVICE from STATE ARCHIVES
Isaac Marble, 1761; residence Andover; under Capt. Peter Parker and Lieut. John Osgood Trainband; sgt. 1761.
Benjamin Marble, 1757; residence Andover; Train band under Lieut. Jn. Farnham.
Daniel Marble, 1762; residence Andover; under Capt. Edmund Moore.
Cyrus Marble, residence Boston and Andover, under Capt. Israel Herrick at Western frontier.
(Many of the Salem, Andover, Haverhill, etc., Marbles served on the Western frontier up toward Deerfield and those towns and probably took lands and settled there.)
Hiram Marble, born in 1803 in Charlton, Worcester Co., Mass., came, with his wife, a son of 20 and a young daughter, to Lynn, in 1852. He bought 5 acres of land and the landmark known as Old Dungeon Rock. Here he built a rude cabin, cut a road through to the town, and proceeded to tunnel into the rock, in search of buried treasure.

He insisted that he was impelled to search by the spirit of one Thomas Vial, ex-pirate, one of a band which had hidden gold and jewels in the woods near the site of the rock.

The story goes back to the years prior to the earthquake of 1658, which rocked the greater part of eastern New England, and altered the face of Mother Earth considerably. According to legend, one evening just before the quake, a small vessel anchored in Saugus River. After sunset, a small boat with four men aboard, put off for shore, and after landing, the men headed for the deep woods, observed to be sure, by a few timid and suspicious townsmen.

In the morning, the vessel was gone, but a man going early to his work at the Iron Foundry, found a letter on the door, saying that if shackels, hatchets and handcuffs of iron were made by the company, and placed at a certain spot in the woods, silver money would be left there in payment.

This was done and a watch kept, but no clue to the buyers was obtained.

Four months later, four men returned in a boat, and squatted in a valley surrounded by thick woods. Pirates' Glen it is called now. They had a garden and a well, the remains of which are yet visible. From the height on the East, they had a splendid view of the bay and surrounding country, and here they maintained a lookout.
One day, however, the watch must have been lax, for a Kings cruiser entered the Bay, discovered their hideout, and captured three of the men, who, to the astonishment of the townsfolk, were said to be pirates.

One man, the Thomas Vial, above, escaped and hid in a hollow rock, now Pirates' Dungeon - about two miles to the north.

He later became a shoemaker, and used to trade in the village.

The great earthquake loosened the roof of his shelter, and imprisoned him forever.

His spirit haunted Hiram Marble and insisted that if Hiram would obtain drills and powder and break up the rock, he would discover not only gold and jewels but a Spanish princess and another maiden, who had been held captive by Vial and shared his fate when the stone fell upon them.

Marble wore himself with the futile task, and died in 1868, age 65. His son Edwin, then 36, went ahead with his father's work, but after 12 years, he too died, weakened by exposure to the dampness, as water dripped constantly from the rock. He was buried near the foot of the rock, on the southwest slope, in January, 1880.

Mediums and spiritualists from cities near and far, came to his funeral, as they had also attended his father's.

Some excavations have been made on the site since that time, but so far as is known, nothing ever came of it.

Maybe our poor Sam (3), was haunted by spirits, also.

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