EARLY RECORDS

OF THE

MARTIN FAMILY

OF ANDOVER

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The MARTIN FAMILY
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(See Habson's GLOUCESTER)

In 1635, Solomon Martin, age 16, a ship carpenter by trade, arrived in Gloucester. He married on March 21, 1643, Mary Pindar, daughter of Henry Pindar of Ipswich and his wife Mary. Mary was a year younger than Solomon, being born 1620. She died on Feb. 9, 1648 and on Jan. 18, 1649, Solomon married widow Alice Varnum of Ipswich.

In 1651 Solomon sold his Gloucester estate and in 1652 she sold the Ipswich property of her late husband, Ralph Varnum, and they came to Andover, putting their money jointly into a farm here—evidently in the Farnham District, the grant of Thomas Varnum and his brothers.

Solomon disappeared in 1662. He may have gone to sea and was lost—or it may be that widow Alice had an uncertain disposition, as Ralph Varnum also seems to have lived apart from her.

Mass. Archives, Vol. CXII, page 292 tells of Sam's absence from the country six or seven years, and states that his property is going to decay, which indicates that he was in Andover for only 4 years.

The children of Solomon (1) Martin and his first wife, Mary, were:-

Samuel (2), b. April 16, 1645 in Gloucester; m. Abigail Morton, March 30, 1676; she was daughter of George Norton of Salem and wife, Mary, b. 1651; d. May 15, 1739; Sam died in Andover, Nov. 16, 1696. Sam was a Corp. and Selectman, 1685; Ensign, 1693.

Mary (2), b. Jan. 9, 1649; no marriage record yet found.

Essex Court Deeds, 30:139, 1679: Thomas Farnum and wife Elizabeth, for £ 40, sell to Sam Martin, a house and home lot, West on John Stevens and East on Sam's first land. (The Stevens homestead near the R.R. track back of Unitarian Church.)

(Edward Dane; John Bradstreet, witness.)
Samuel(2) Martin (Solomon(1) and wife, Abigail Norton, had:

Abigail(3), b. March 29, 1676.

Mary (3), b. June 1678.


John (3), b. July 3, 1685; m. Hannah Steele (not recorded here) before 1730; he d. June 5, 1764.


Hannah (3), b. about 1690; m. Henry Ingalls, July 10, 1718; he was b. Apr. 2, 1689, son of Henry Ingalls and wife Abigail Emery; he d. Aug. 12, 1749; she d. May 31, 1783.

Solomon(3), b. 1695; m. Dec. 25, 1722 Dorothy Lovejoy, dau. of Nath'l Lovejoy and w. Dorothy Hoyt, b. 1703; she d. May 27, 1747; he m. 2nd., widow Sarah Whipple of Salem, in Salem, Oct. 20, 1748; Sol died April 1, 1754.

Joseph(3), b. about 1692; m. Rachel Noyes of Newbury in Newbury, Aug. 5, 1725; she d. here Nov. 15, 1732; he m. 2nd., Elizabeth Annis of Andover, Aug. 9, 1733; she d. and was buried Dec. 8, 1773. I think she was dau. of Abraham Annis and wife Hannah who went later to Haverhill and finally to Salem, N.H. She was b. 1695; Joseph d. April 20, 1760.

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An appraisal of the estate of Samuel(2) Martin gives value: £134; clothes, stock-land (Purgatory Meadow). Debts are only £7. 1705.

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John(3) Martin (Sam(2) and wife, Hannah Steele, had:

John(4), b. June 4, 1730; in North Church record; m. Hannah Eaton, June 11, 1754; she d. Dec. 20, 1769; he m. 2nd., Hannah Marble, Jan. 15, 1772; they left for Wolfboro, N.H. (In 1796, by a deed-162:188, Hannah, widow of John Martin, dec. late of Middleboro, Strafford Co., N.H. sells part of the estate in Andover for £400 from Ben(5)Martin-2 pieces of land 8 acres, and buildings, on the Salem Road by Dan Farnum(s and another 7 acres.)
Children of John(3) Martin(Sam(2) Solomon(1)) and wife, Hannah Steele, cont.

Samuel(4), b. May 19, 1732; lived on the Jonathan Cummings farm (later Eben Jenkins); was in the Revolution, 1775; was with Ben Ames at Bunker Hill; he m. April 24, 1753, Elizabeth Osgood, of the Christophe Osgood line, b. August 20, 1732, daughter of Ezekiel Osgood and wife, Rebecca Wardwell; he was a tanner. He began to sell small parts of his property in 1762. That year he sold to Moses Abbott, an estate with a house on it that he bought from Sara Ames, on the way from John Holt's to the Salem Road. Also sold land on the road to the meeting-house, somewhere over by Millett's or back of Russell's, I think. In 1766 he bought another farm from Abiel Abbott and sold to Jonathan Cummings. This was the Ebenezer Jenkins place, surely.

He sold more property to Pettengill for £230, and seems to have closed out all the land he held here. He left for some place North, where the children went, with the exception of one son/who was here/for a time and then went to Newbury, Vt.

James (4), b. March 23, 1734; (try Beverly records)

Jonathan(4), b. Dec. 15, 1735; was adm. of father's estate; m. Phebe Farnum Feb. 11, 1762; she was dau. of Timothy Farnum and Dinah Ingalls, b. Oct. 10, 1731; they moved to Wilton, N.H.; he d. 1813.

Hannah(4), b. April 11, 1738; m. David Holt, June 26, 1764; he was son of Samuel Holt and Jemima Gray, b. Aug. 28, 1737; d. June 5, 1813; Hannah died Aug. 1831; she left the tale of Hannah Steele to her g-daughter, who told me.

Henry(4), b. Jan. 30, 1740, by No. Church records; m. Esther Kimball, Aug. 27, 1767; think she was dau. of Dan Kimball and Abigail Ingalls, b. March 25, 1743 (neighbors of the Martins); he d. in Concord, N.H. Dec. 12, 1821; sold a pasture to his father in 1769, for £20.
Children of John (3) Martin and wife Hannah Steele, (cont.):

Susanna (4), b. March 27, 1742; d. April 19.

Susanna (4) 2nd., b. April 6, 1743; m. Jeremiah Blanchard, Aug. 1772; he was son of Joseph Blanchard and w. Sarah Abbott, bpt. here June 24, 1733 in South Church; (he had m/ 1st, Dorothy Smith, May 17, 1759) they lived in Wilton, N.H. awhile and possibly in Amherst; he was a prisoner in the French War but escaped; served in the Revolution; left Wilton 1808; he d. in Weston, Vt. Jan. 27, 1826. Do not find Susanna's death.

Sarah (4), b. April 22, 1747.

Solomon (3) Martin (Samuel (2) Sol (1) and wife Dorothy Lovejoy, had:

Nathaniel (4), b. Aug. 29, 1726; m. 1st Hannah Wilkins of Middleton, int. April 17, 1752; he d. 1761; she m. 2nd., Ben Stevens, Dec. 2, 1762; he was b. 1726; d. 1779; was son of Ben Stevens and Mary Poor; Hannah d. Dec. 22, 1772 at 43.

Dorothy (4), b. Feb. 27, 1728; m. Abiel Stevens, June 7, 1750; he was son of Abiel Stevens and w. Deborah Parker, b. Sept. 16, 1720; think he went to London, N.H.

Abigail (4), b. Aug. 14, 1731; m. David Stevens, Jr., Aug. 16, 1749; brother of Abiel, above; he d. Nov. 25, 1752 in his 30th year.


Mary (4), b. Aug. 27, 1737; m. Wm. Hutchinson of Danvers, Jan. 14, 1768.

Joseph (3) Martin (Sam (2) Sol (1) and wife Rachel Noyes, had:

Joseph (4), b. Oct. 31, 1729; m. Phoebe Chandler, daughter of Philemon Chandler and w. Elizabeth Rogers, b. July 3, 1729; he was raised as a child on the David Hidden estate; site, death unknown.

Timothy (4), b. Oct. 18, 1732 -
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Children of Joseph (3) Martin and 2nd wife, Elizabeth Annis:

Stephen (4), bapt. July 7, 1734; was in Brookfield, 1760.

Abraham (4), b. Sept. 15, 1736; in Brookfield, 1760.

Elizabeth (4), b. Oct. 7, 1738; m. Joseph Parker, 3rd., April 26, 1757; he was son of Joseph Parker and Martha Barker, b. here Oct. 9, 1735; (we have tried for years to bury this man and have placed him in several out of the way places—a long correspondent still leaves him above ground.)

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John (4) Martln (John (3) Sam (2) Sol (1) and wife, Hannah Eaton, had:


John (5) 2nd., b. Sept. 21, 1764.


Timothy (5), b. June 26, 1769; d. in Brookfield, N.H. by 2nd wife, Hannah Marble:

Isaac (5), b. June 26, 1774; m. Lois Fernald of Wolfboro.

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Sam (4) Martin (John (3) Sam (2) John (1) and Elizabeth Osgood, had:


Christopher (5), b. May 31, 1757, bpt. So. Ch.; perhaps m. Sarah Gray of Hollis, N.H.

Peter (5), b. Feb. 22, 1759; m. Hannah Dane, int. Jan. 4, 1786; he was here in Andover for a time after the family went North; he was in the War in 1775. Hannah Dane was b. 1764 dau. of Jos. Dane and Elizabeth (Wyman) widow of Sam Abbott. Peter went to Claremont, N.H. and Newbury, Vt. His wife Hannah d. 1840; he d. June 23, 1820.
Children of Sam(4) Martin and w. Elizabeth Osgood, (cont.):
Mary (5), b. June 22, 1760.
Nathan (5), b. April 13, 1763; went to Newbury, Vt. did he m. Hannah Boynton there, 1792?
Hannah (5), b. Sept. 15, 1764.
Micajah (5), b. Sept. 6, 1767.
Lydia (5), b. March 11, 1769; buried by So. Ch. records, July 24, 1776. she was a sickly child so they named a 2nd. before she died.
Lydia (5) 2nd., b. March 6, 1773.
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Jonathan (4) Martin (John 3) Sam (2) Sol (1) and wife, Phebe Barnum, had:
William (5), b. March 31, 1763;
Phebe (5), b. July 14, 1764; did she m. John Boynton of Rockingham, Vt.?
Daniel (5), b. March 30, 1768.
( More on Jonathan and Phebe in History of Wilton.)
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Henry (4) Martin (John 3) Sam (2) and wife, Esther Kimball, had:
John (5), b. July 30, 1768; m. 1790 Hannah Wheeler; d. 1805; had
John Kimball (6), b. 1804; m. Arvilla Abbott, 1831:-(7) Melsenseer Abbott, b. 1840.
Daniel (5), b. July 26, 1772; m. Betsy George; d. 1862.
Kimball (5), b. Dec. 7, 1774; m. Rachel Godwin; d. 1851.
Solomon (5), b. Feb. 11, 1777; left home and no one knew what became of him.
Henry (5), b. Aug. 7, 1779; m. widow Polly Ferrier.
Hannah (5), b. Sept. 6, 1781.
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Nathaniel (4) Martin (Sol(3) Sam(2) Sol(1) and wife, Hannah Wilkins, had:—

Solomon (5), b. Aug. 14, 1753; was in the Revolution, 1775; m. June 5, 1783, Phebe Abbott; I think she was dau. of Ebenezer Abbott and w. Martha Frye of Shrewsbury of Thomas (1) Abbott line; she was b. Aug. 22, 1755; d. in Portland, 1843; Sol probably left for Portland after 1790, when in a deed—155:90— he sells his pew in North Meeting house to Peter Osgood, gentleman, for £ 21.


Abigail (5), b. April 5, 1758.

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Joseph (4) Martin (Joseph (3) Sam (2) Sol (1) and w. Phebe Chandler, had:—


Hephzibah (5) not recorded; doubted.


Mary (5), b. May 4, 1763; probably m. Lawrence McLaughlin, July 15, 1792.

Joseph (5), b. Dec. 17, 1766; m. Sarah Noyes, Sept. 4, 1793; they left for Norway, me.

Phebe (5), b. May 19, 1769; did she m. Joseph Dale of Danvers, July 16, 1795?

Elizabeth (5), b. April 30, 1771; probably m. Zebadiah Shattuck, May 13, 1792; he was bpt. Jan. 27, 1771, son of Jos. Shattuck and w. Anne Johnson; did they go to Nashua, N.H.?

Ben (5), b. Nov. 16, 1774; was a joiner; m. Mary—— probably a Lynn girl. When a res. of Lynn he sold his property in Andover to Jedediah Farnum—165:236, 1800— buildings, mowing and pasturage, 8 acres—West side Salem Road and pasture E side Salem Road for $ 500.
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Peter (5) Martin, (Sam (4) Jn. (3) Sam (2) Sol (1) and wife, Hannah Dane, had:

- Peter (6), b. March 25, 1787; Deacon John (7) of Piermont, N.H. or Vt., and Henry (7)

- Hannah (6), b. Aug. 17, 1789; m. a Hunkins (Archer); had no children; left a Bible and records.

- Elizabeth Wyman (6), b. June 29, 1791; m. James Abbott, 1820, he was of Newbury, (6) from George (1) Abbott, and was b. 1792.

- Dorcas (6), b. Nov. 19, 1795, bapt. in Andover, May 22, 1796.

- Clarissa (6), b. Feb. 27, 1798; did she m. John Johnston?

- Samuel (6), b. April 2, 1800.


- Charles (6), b. Sept. 15, 1807.

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Solomon (5) Martin, (Sol (3) Sam (2) Sol (1) and wife, Phebe Abbott, had:

- Mathil (6), b. Oct. 28, 1783. March 31, 1805 /

- Phebe (6), b. Feb. 28, 1785; m. Ebenezer Jacobs, b. 1783, of Danvers.

- Martha (6), b. Dec. 22, 1787; think she m. Samuel Trask of Danvers, Nov. 8, 1820; she d. in Portland, June 17, 1839.

- Susanne (6), b. Aug. 7, 1788; d. June 10, 1792.

- Hannah (6), b. June 11, 1790; d. unm. in Portland.

- Sarah (6), b. April 3, 1792.


- Susan (6) twins, b. Feb. 14, 1796; lived in Portland.

- Pamela (6)

- David (6), b. Feb. 12, 1798; d.y.

- Clarissa (6), b. July 20, 1801; lived in Portland with sisters.

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Daniel (5) Martin (Henry (4) John (3) Sam (2) Sol (1) and wife, Betsy George:—

Esther (6), b.  ; m. Moses Davis.

Dorothy (6), b. 1801; d. 1823.

Hannah (6), b. 1802; m. Hazen F. Abbott.

John (6)

Mehitabel (6), b.  ; m. Henry Willard.

Betsy (6), d.y.

Daniel (6), b  ; m. Isabel Brown.

David (6), d.y.

Betsy (6) 2nd.,  ; m. Phineas Stearns.

Polly (6)

David (6)

Hannah (6)  ; m. a Thresher.
From the Ipswich Book: May 7, 1652.


Robert and Mary Lord, witness.

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From same book—page 95...May 8, 1652...Alice Martin consents to the sale of her husband's house in Gloucester to Rich. Beefer.

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From same...page 101...This witnesseth that whereas Solomon Martin, late of Andover, in Co. of Essex, have house and land in said town and he having been gone out of the country six or seven years (since 1655-6) and the house and land going to ruine and decay for want of improvement and repair and there being also a contract at marriage between said Sol. and Alice his wife that she should have the disposing of what estate she brought to him and he having sold land which was hers lying at Ipswich for the value of £16 for prevention of further loss by the house and lands lying idle and not improved and rates continually rising from the land which will in time (if not prevented) eat it out. Now therefore this witnesseth— that Alice Martin, wife unto Sol Martin before named in consideration of £12 secured unto her to be paid within 4 years is willing to resign up all the house and land of her said husband's Sol Maryin's unto the hands of Nathan Parker for the use of Samuel Martin son unto the said Solomon, only reserving liberty to live in sd. house during her life and to have the 3rd part of the fruit of the orchard if she desire it—and the sd. Alice doth declare that the £12 is all her demand for the £16 that the land at Ipswich was sold for or anything else which she might claim by reason of or by virtue of the contract aforesaid only what moveables or household goods she brought with her she is to have by virtue of the aforesaid contract. The Court 1st held at Ipswich Mar. 25, 1662, do allow of this as that which is most expedient judging best for all parties. Robert Lord, CLERIC.
| A | Abbott, Arvilla (Lane) | 6 |
|   | "; Hannah                | 5  |
|   | "; Hazen F.              | 9  |
|   | "; James                | 6  |
|   | "; Phebe                | 7  |
|   | Annis, Elizabeth        | 5  |
| B | Blanchard, Jeremiah     | 4  |
|   | Boynton, Hannah         | 6  |
|   | "; John                 | 6  |
|   | Brown, Isabel           | 9  |
|   | "; Sarah                | 5  |
| C | Chandler, Phebe         | 7  |
| D | Dale, Joseph            | 7  |
|   | Davis, Moses            | 9  |
|   | Deeds                   | 1  |
|   | "; Sarah                | 7  |
| E | Eaton, Hannah           | 5  |
| F | Farnum, Phebe           | 6  |
|   | Fernald, Lois           | 5  |
|   | Ferrier, Polly (widow)  | 6  |
| G | George, Betsy           | 9  |
|   | Godwin, Rachel          | 6  |
|   | Gray, Sarah             | 5  |
| H | Holt, David             | 3  |
|   | Home Sites              | 3  |
|   | Hunkins, A.             | 8  |
|   | Hutchinson, Wm.         | 4  |
| I | Ingalls, Henry          | 2  |
| J | Jacobs, Ebenezer        | 8  |
|   | Johnston, John          | 8  |
| K | Kimball, Esther         | 6  |
| L | Lovejoy, Dorothy        | 4  |
| M | Marble, Hannah          | 5  |
|   | McLaughlin, Lawrence    | 7  |
| N | Norton, Abigail         | 2  |
|   | Noyes, Rachel           | 4  |
|   | "; Sarah                | 7  |
| O | Osgood, Elizabeth       | 6  |
| P | Parker, Joseph          | 5  |
|   | Findlay, Mary           | 1  |
| S | Shattuck, Zebadiah      | 7  |
|   | Stearns, Phineas        | 9  |
|   | Steele, Hannah          | 4  |
|   | Stevens, Abiel          | 4  |
|   | "; Ben                  | 4  |
|   | "; David, Jr.           | 6  |
| T | Thresher, Mr.           | 9  |
|   | Trask, Samuel           | 8  |
| V | Varnum, Alice (widow)   | 1  |
| W | War, French             | 4  |
|   | "; Revolutionary        | 7  |
|   | Wheeler, Hannah         | 6  |
|   | Whipple, Sarah (widow)  | 2  |
|   | Wilkins, Hannah         | 7  |
|   | Willard, Henry          | 9  |
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