NICHOLS FAMILY
OF ANDOVER

NICHOLAS NICHOLS was on the ANDOVER tax list in 1679, coming, apparently, from the eastward or the N.H. colonies, in Indian War time. In 1718, he and his wife Elizabeth, are recorded as leasing a farm in Groton to W. Bolton, a Scot.

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James (2) Nichols, married Hannah (or Anna) White, 1728. She was the daughter of John and Sarah White, and was bound out to Deacon Joseph Abbott, who lived either on the Coburn Smith place or on the site of the Episcopal Church. Mary had a daughter Mary, by one John Elliott, 1724.

James Nichols married Margaret Gline, in 1735.

Elizabeth (2), b. 1686; d. 1689.

Margaret (2), b. 1688; got 6 lbs. in father's will

Francis (2), b. 1690; not in will; probably d.y.

Elizabeth (2) 2nd., born March 27, 1694; not in will.

George (2) b.; d. 1706

Hannah (2) b. 1697; got 6 lbs. in father's will.

Ruth (2) b. 1703; got 6 lbs. " " " ; m. Wm. Darling of Salem, 1724; he lived here a while; sold 3 acres to Henry Holt for 6 lbs. 1719; a division lot, east end of Aslebe Hill, near land of Abraham Fish and the Carlton path; joined So. Church 1714; d. 1720; Ruth d. 1748.

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The Will of Nicholas Nichols of Andover, husbandman, to wife, Elizabeth; a home for life, 2 cows, 6 sheep; the rest to be sold; his son to be bound out to a good master to learn a trade, until 21; to have the estate at 21, to hold with the widow. To Margaret, Hannah and Ruth, 6 lbs. each; Ruth a warming pan. (Sam Phillips, Jos. Clark Thos. Crau, wits.)
James (2) (Nicholas (1) Nichols and Anna White, had:

Hannah (3), b. 1729
Sarah (3), b. 1731
James (3), b. 1733
Dorcas (3), b. 1735
Anna (3), b. 1737
Elizabeth (3), b. 1738; bpt. 1738
daughter born 1739
son born 1741

Hannah (White) Nichols joined the church, 1728; North Church, 1741.

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Nichols family of Hawthorne.

William Nichols, born about 1599, and his wife, Mary, are the first recorded in this section. William died 1696. They had a son John, born 1641, who married Lydia ---. John is said to have built Ferncroft Inn. The old homestead was 1/3 of a mile north in the valley; the second house on a hill. William (1) reserved the old house for life, and it fell down later. Some say the old home was in South Danvers, the west Peabody part of Salem, and the second on the Topsfield-Middleton line. John (2), died 1700; having left a son:

John (3), b. Jan. 14, 1667; bapt. Jan. 14, 1668; m. Constance; she d. 1737; m. 2nd., Martha ---. Had:

Edward (4), bpt. in Topsfield Ch., June 26, 1692; m. Hannah ---

Sam (4) b. 1715; got homestead; m. Abigail-Elliott;

Nichols' land set off to Middleton, 1728. William said he lived on the Bartholomew farm, 42 years; between the Salem line and Ipswich River. Possibly the land lay by the pond in Topsfield, also.
Edward (4) Nichols (John (3) (2) Wm. (1) and Hannah, had:—

Stephen (5), b. 1716; did he m. in 1753 Elizabeth Hutchins and have a 2nd wife, Hannah Richards?

Stephen (6), b. 1755; did he m. Lois Bradstreet, 1778?

Betsy (7), b. 1784; m. Thos. Moss, Jr., Feb. 20, 1802

NICHOLS FAMILY of Topsfield.

WILLIAM NICHOLS was in Salem, 1637. He was born, 1599, as is evident from a deposition made in 1662, stating that he was then 63. He was given a grant in West Peabody, later part of Middleton, 1651, north of Bartholomew's first homestead. In his Will, made 1693, he mentions his wife, Mary. He built 1/3 of a mile north of Ferncroft Inn, later. He died in 1696, age 96.

In 1694 he made a deposition in Salem, that he had lived for 42 years on a farm he bought from Henry Bartholomew, which lay between Salem and Ipswich River. He paid tax rates in Salem for a time and then in Topsfield, after the line was run between the towns. Children:—

John (2) born about 1641; m. Lydia Pitt; mentioned in father's will, 1700.

Mary (2), b. --; m. Thomas Cave-(CASE later) of Topsfield.

Hannah (2), b. ; m. Thomas Wilkins

John (2) Nichols and Lydia, had:—

William (3), b. 1663

Anna (3), b. 1665; m. Frances Elliott

John (3), b. Jan. 14, 1667-8; m. Constant--; 2nd w. Martha--; got homestead; died 1757.

Thomas (3), b. 1670; went to Sutton
Children of John (2) Nichols and wife Lydia, (cont.):—

Isaac (3), b. 1673; not mentioned in Will, 1700.
Lydia (3), b. 1675; m. Aquila Wilkins
Rachel (3), b. 1677; m. Humphrey Case
Elizabeth (3), b. 1680; m. Thomas Brewer
Ebenezer (3), b. 1685
Margaret (3)

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In 1678 old William (1) had 180 acres. In June, 1679 he deeded 30 acres NW end to Isaac Burton, an adopted son, who lived with him 25 years. Burton built on a lot 40 rds. W of Ferncroft Inn. Two days after the deed to Isaac, William deeded 180 acres of the rest, to his son, John (2) and his wife Lydia, reserving the home he lived in. From all accounts, John built the old Ferncroft Inn. At any rate, his home was on the hill. The old homestead, which fell in, was in the valley. This was set off to Middleton in 1728.

John (2) conveyed to his son-in-law, Humphrey Case, a lot between the ice houses on the turnpike and Ferncroft. The cellar hole, marking the home site, can still be seen.

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John (3) Nichols (John (2) b. (1) and wife Constant, had:

John (4), b. Feb. 25, 1715
Edward (4)
Samuel (4) b. Feb. 25, 1715; m. Abigail Elliott, Nov. 17, 1742; she d. 1759; he m. 2nd Anne White; bought Burton (Bustin') place 1757; 1777 he sold the two houses and 2 barns to Capt. Israel Foster, a Beverly merchant. (Isaac Giddings was once a tenant.)

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Samuel (4) Nichols (John (3) Wi. (1) and Abigail, had:—
Sam (5), b. 1743
Andrew (5), b. ;—
Andrew (6) ; Dr. ; 1st President Essex Institute (Nat'l Historical Society)

William Nichols of Ipswich, (possibly of the Topsfield line)
a gunner in the privateersman "Flying Horse", Capt. Samuel Chadwell, late commander in the expedition to the Eastward, refused to deliver or pay for a barrel of gunpowder to Ben Marsh, 1703.


Ebenezer Nichols married June 11, 1816, Susanne Averill (6), born March 6, 1798, daughter of Joseph Averill (5) of Middleton and Susan Fettingill of Andover.

Widow Abigail Nichols one of the heirs of John Hempton of Salem, 1803, in conveyance of the Estate to John Cabot. (Could be of William's line, somewhere.)

Case of Barling vs. Robert Nichols of Salem, receiver of Stolen Goods. (Who were Robert and his wife Ann?)
Deposition of Mary French as to character of Robert's wife, who wished her to get fruits from her mistress. She told her she (the mistress) would not spare them, and that she, Mary, did not like to steal. Robert's wife said that if she herself lived in such a fine house she would help a friend to many things.
Sam Phillips said that Ann Nichols told him of things Dan Barling stole for her for milk and cake and biscuit she would give him in exchange. She persuaded him to run away if discovered. or else he would be whipped.
RICHARD NICHOLS of READING, free in 1640, is said to have been in IPSWICH before 1663, in READING 1638 to 1648. From there he went to Reading, supposing-
ly on the site of Lambert's farm. His wife was Annie-- who died 1692; Richard died 1674. Their children were:

John (2), b. 1658 ; free 1691; married Abigail Kendall, dau. of Thomas and Rebecca, b. 1655; d. 1721.

Thomas (2), b. ; Capt. in King Philip's War; free 1684; Deacon of Reading; m. Rebecca Eaton 1680; d. 1737

James (2) ; free 1691; did he m. Mary Poole of Reading, 1682? she b. 1662.

Richard (2)

Mary (2), ; m. Samuel Lamson 1676; d. in Reading 1692.

Hannah (2)

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John (2) Nichols (Richard (1) and Abigail Kendall, had:

John (3), b. 1677

Richard (3), b. 1679; d.y.

Richard (3), 2nd., b. 1682

Thomas (3)

Kendall (3), b. 1686; d. in Newport R.I. 1767

James (3), b. 1688

Nathe (3), b. 1691; did he go to Framingham and m. Isabel Hay 1715?

Abigail (3), b. 1694; (good wife for Capt. W. Flint; m. 1728 at 19);

Kendall (4).

Sam (3), b. 1696; did he go to Groton 1742 and did he m. Mary Bancroft or was it a son Sam (4)?

Ben (3), b. 1699

Joseph (3), b. 1702

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Capt. Thomas (2) Nichols (Richard (1) and Rebecca Eaton, had:—

Daniel (3), b. 1707; m. 1729 Elizabeth Batchelder; had

Elizabeth (4)—m. Amos Pierson

Rebecca (3)

Ebenezer (3)

Judith (3)

Abigail (3)

Elizabeth (3) ; (did SHE m. Amos Pierson?)

Timothy (3), b. 1702; did he have a wife Hannah Perkins of Amherst, N.H.

1728?; had—

Timothy (4), b. 1731; m. Mehitable Wister of Amherst, N.H.

Daniel (3) Nichols (Capt. Tom (2) Richard (1) and Eliz. Batchelder, had:

Daniel (4)

Elizabeth (4), b. 1732; m. Amos Pierson.

Sedanian (4)

Amos (4)

Esther (4)

Abigail (4)

Daniel (3) Nichols (Capt. Tom (2) Richard (1) and Eliz. Batchelder, had:

Mephziba (4), b. 1727

Hannah (4), b. 1729

Timothy (4), b. 1731; m. Mehitable Wister 1751; she b. 1727; he was in

cavalry during French War; was at siege of Quebec, where he
died 1789.

Thomas (4), b. 1731; twin to Timothy; was with him in war; m. Charity

Eaton, 1767.

Sarah (4), b. 1737—Lucy (4), b. 1743; m. John Wilkson.

Moses (4), b. 1740; a Doctor; did he m. Lucy Furbush of Andover, 1784? to

Canada later.
Timothy (4) Nichols (Tim (3) Tom (2) Richard (1) and Mehitabel Wister, had:

Mehitabel (5) b. 1752; m. a Cummings of Ware, N.H.

Aaron (5), b. ; m. Sarah Abbott 1782; went to Crown Point.

Timothy (5), b. 1756; m. 1779 Susan Towne, daughter of Capt. Archelaus Towne, b. 1762; d. 1840; went to Norwich, Vt.; he d. 1846.

David Nichols of Reading and Gardner, Mass., m. Rebecca Burnap; d. 1791.