

EARLY RECORDS
OF THE
PETERS FAMILY
OF ANDOVER

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Tradition has it, that widow, Mercy (Beamsley) Wilborne, a young widow of Boston, was standing one day at her window, watching the passersby wading through the trails, which in those days were the main thoroughfares. Her attention was attracted by a young man, obviously a Dutchman, who was picking his way through the mud. This was young Andrew Peters, who had just arrived in port, doubtless from a Dutch ship, as he was an Englishman, really.

Looking up he saw ^{Mercy} watching him, and, as the story goes, "with a queekness of purpose not characteristic of his nation", he resolved to marry her. He made her acquaintance and carried out his resolution.

After the marriage they lived for a time in Ipswich where Andrew entered on the work for which he had been trained in Bristol, England, and became a distiller. Later the family came to ANDOVER, where, being permitted to become the licenced distiller of YE TOWNE OF ANDOVER, Andrew lived and prospered, despite frequent Indian uprisings and plunderings and destruction of his property.

In the volume of the Essex Institute Collection, page 369, Oct. 1903, there is given the will of old William Peters of Bristol, probate May 20, 1637. He left his estate to his son Simon, Edward, William and Andrew, ^{To the others, 20 sh. each:} "as token of his love, having nothing else". and to a daughter Grace. The will was drawn Nov. 14, 1635 and he is designated "gentleman". The residue of the goods, plate and home stuffs fell to his son, Simon PETRE and he was sole executor.

Wm. Peters had a brother, Edward Peters, a merchant of Bristol who died 1638 in April, and is buried in St. Nicholas' Church. His will was probate the next month. After various bequests to his own brother and sisters, he leaves certain sums "to the children of his brother William, deceased." Grace, 100 Lbs. and 50 Lbs. each to Simon, Wm. and Andrew.

In the same Essex Inst. collection, page 371, Oct. 1903, is given a record of Chancery proceedings against Edward Peters of St. Lucas (seaport near Cadiz, Spain) by Wm. Skelt, a merchant of Poole, Jan. 29, 1649. The controversy dated from Dec. 1648 when Edward Peters, transporting wine from St. Lucas, for Skelt, took a bill of lading in the name of his brother, Andrew, who was his "servant or factor". Evidently both Andrew and Edward tried to collect from Skelt, who brought charges ^{of defraud} against them.

This may be the reason Andrew skipped from St. Lucas and England and landed in Boston in a Dutch ship. He possibly came to New York first, or may have been in Virginia, with his brother Simon, for we lose him for ten years until he appears in Boston, a full fledged distiller, and in Ipswich, April 16, married Mercy Beamsley, 1658.

Mercy was the daughter of Wm. Beamsley and his wife Anne, and was born in Boston, Dec. 9, 1637. She was widow of Michael Wilbourn. She died in Andover, Nov. 6, 1726. Andrew was born 1634 or 5, and died in Andover, Dec. 13, 1713. Mercy had a daughter by her first husband, a Mary Wilbourn, who married Nath'l Chapman of Ipswich and got 10 lbs., from her mother and Andrew, as her share of the Wilbourn estate.

Andrew, for 40 lbs. bought from Bridget Varney the place he had formerly rented in Ipswich, with a shop near one Wm. Norton, Nov. 2, 1663. He held a share in Plum Island, which he sold in 1667 to Ezekiel Woodward, carpenter, for a new barn, leanto and "cyder" mill; ^{and} for a six acre lot of Sam Graves, felt maker, sold his share in any Beamsley estate inherited by his wife, Mercy.

In 1685 Andrew sold an old barn to Philip Fowler, with land and orchard and the house to Wm. Baker, reserving the "cyder" mill and house over it.

In 1689, he had land laid out to him in Andover, near Walter Wright, and lots on a highway leading to John Abbott's and lots near Chandler and Johnson. He paid 30 sh. an acre. Can't tell whether it lay near Haggett's Pond, Den Rock or Frye Village, as it was Division Lots.

After the Indian raid of 1689 when his sons were killed and house burned he gave up his farm in West Andover and came nearer to town and became Towne Distiller. In 1692 he backed up Chandler in his petition for a tavern licence for his inn on the old Ballard site on the Billerica Road, at "The Sign of the Horseshoe."

Andrew was Town Treasurer, 1693. He had a Fishing Right on the Merrimac, one of ten men, and made a dam or "weir", which very likely was Bodwell's Falls, later. He was Town Treasurer again in 1697-8 and in 1699 was Selectman and Treasurer as well as innholder. Was Treasurer in 1702. Two blockhouses were built in 1703; one near Deer Jump ford and one at Andrew Peters' wading-place- both may have been above the Falls, or one was possibly at the present Duck Bridge.

In 1707 he was again Treasurer, and held the office to seat people in church. He was assessor, 1712. He died Dec.13,1713- the gravestone saying Dec.14,1713, age 79. Buried in old North Parish yard, in North Andover.

He alludes in his will to the land he bought on north side of the Merrima^c River from Sgt. Jeremy Belcher, above Major Dennison's farm, where John Peters once lived. This was on the Methuen side and the land was held by the two after Andrew was burned out. Their children were:-

John (2), b. Feb. 28,1660; married in Ipswich, May 28,1680, Mary Edwards, daughter of Jn. Edwards, b. Oct.16,1661 in Ipswich, d. there,Jan.11. 1733. According to tradition, John and his brother Andrew were going from the fields to the garrison house on Aug. 14,1689, when they were attacked and killed by Indians, who were on their way to make a raid on Haverhill. One is said to have ^{fallen dead} on the spot and the other was carried some distance away on his horse. Little John Singletary, a captive, was with the Indians at the time.

Elizabeth (2), b. Aug. 24,1662 ; m. John Sady,Nov. 25,1678,in Ipswich.They had:
 John (3), b. ab. 1679; d. 1702, in Andover;unm.
 Sam (3), b. ab.1680; m. widow Mary (Johnson) Harnden of Medfield

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Andrew (2), b. 1664; m. here, soon after they moved to Andover, 1685, Elizabeth Farnum, daughter of Thos. Farnum and Elizabeth Seborne, b. Feb. 19, 1661; Andrew (2) was killed by the Indians Aug. 14, 1689; she m. 2nd., James Johnson, April 26, 1692, son of Tom Johnson and Mary Holt. She d. Jan. 31, 1716.

Mary (2), b. Feb. 28, 1668; d. July 21, 1753; m. May 22, 1686 Thomas Chandler, son of Capt. Thos. Chandler and Hannah Brown, b. Oct. 9, 1664; d. Jan. 20, 1737.

Mercy (2), b. Jan. 27, 1670; d. of small pox, Dec. 25, 1690; m. here May 22, 1686, John Allen, son of Andrew Allen and wife, Faith Ingalls, b. March 10, 1662. He d. of small pox, Nov. 20, 1690.

William (2), b. Feb. 7, 1672; was killed at Blanchard Garrison, near his farm in West Parish, Aug. 13, 1696. He m. Margaret Russe, 1694, daughter of John Russe and Debora Osgood, born in Andover, April 10, 1673. Her father lived on the borders of the settlement near the Merrimac and they were constantly in danger. Her husband left her that August morning saying that he was going to his father's - a mile away - to get a fat lamb. So Andrew lived, in 1696, in the Moose Country near Bodwell's Ford. (See Peters Genealogy where death is described, page 38)

Margaret (3), m. April 1704, Jas. Wilson of Billerica; moved to Lancaster, 1714.

John (3), Oct. 1695; was 10 mo. old when father was killed; m. 1st Mary Marks; 2nd., Abigail Gilbert; 3rd Mary Birdseye.

Samuel (2), b. about 1675; d. in Andover, May 2, 1736; m. Dec. 15, 1696, Phebe Frye, dau. of Ensign Sam'l Frye and w. Mary Aslebe, b. May 28, 1680; d. May 14, 1757.

John (2) Peters and his wife Mary Edwards, had:-

Andrew (3), b. in Ipswich, Dec.1,1682; published to Mary Beare, Oct.30,1708;
family seems to have gone to Portsmouth by 1712.

John (4), b. 1709.

Mary (4) b. in Portsmouth,1712

Ruth (4) ;sd. to have m. Hölle Marshall in Ipswich,1731.

Andrew (4)

Mary (3) ; mentioned in grandsir's will,1702.

Andrew (3), seems to have been near Bloody Pt., Dover section,1713; served
with Exeter men against Indians,1723; not well traced.

Andrew (2) and Elizabeth Farnum, had:-

Andrew (3), b. Dec. 9,1686;probably d.y.;not in g-father's will,1702.

Seborne (3), b. Feb.19,1688; lived near Concord,N.H. ; sd. to have a wife,
Mary;in list of Concord Church members.

James (4), b. 1711;of Salisbury,N.H.;d.Oct.16,1801; m. in AND-
OVER,Dec.31,1736,Elizabeth Farnum; he is recorded as of
Suncook.

Seborne (4), b. appears to have d.1751.

Elizabeth (4), b.ab.1716; m. 1738 Wm.Walker of Concord.

William (4), b. about 1715;

Mary (4), b. ab. 1722; m. 1743 Nath'l Rix. son of James Rix of
Concord and w. Anna Herrick, b. in Preston, Conn.,1714;
d. in Concord. He was in Crown Pt. expedition, 1745;was
on tax list in Andover, as of West Parish.

Obadiah (4), b. ab.1725;killed at Fennacook,1746;prob.unm.

Hannah (4), b. ab. 1726; m. 1747 Ben Tifield,

John (3) Peters, son of Wm.(2), who was a babe of 10 months when his father was killed by Indians, married on April 3, 1717, a North Brookfield girl, Mary Marks, daughter of Joseph Marks and w. Mary, b. 1698; d. in Hebron, Conn. July 28, 1784. They had:-

John (4), b. in No. Brookfield, 1717; d. 1804; m. Lydia Phelps, 1739.

Mary (4), b. 1720; m. Thos. Carrier, Jr., son of Thos. and Martha Carrier, of Colchester, 1741; he was b. 1711

William (4), b. 1722; d. 1760; m. Ruth Chapwell, dau. of Jonathan and Ruth Chapwell, 1744.

Margaret (4), b. 1724; d. 1769; m. 1741 John Mann, son of Nathe and Elizabeth Mann, b. 1720; d. 1806.

Joseph (4), b. 1726; d. 1761 in Chatham, Conn.; m. 1748 Debora Burchard; was a doctor; d. of small pox.

Phebe (4), b. 1728; m. 1744 Moses Case, Jr., b. 1721.

Mercy (4), b. 1730; m. 1751, Timothy Buell, Jr., b. 1732; d. in Canada, a Major in Tory army.

Andrew (4), b. 1732; d. y.

Andrew (4), 2nd., b. 1733; d. 1754; unm.

Samuel (4), b. 1735; d. 1826 in New York state; m. 1760 Hannah Owen, dau. of Silas and Elizabeth, b. 1740; d. 1765; left 3 daughters; one m. a Tory of Canada and was in London awhile; the other 2 d.y.

The 2nd wife of John (3) was Abigail Gilbert, daughter of Sarah Gilbert and his w. Abigail of New Haven, b. 1752; d. 1769, 1 mo. after marriage. In 1773 he married 3rd., Mary Birdseye of Stratford, dau. of Wm. and wife, Eunice, b. 1750; d. 1774 in Hebron a year after marriage and left a son:-

Wm. (5)., b. 1774; d. in Mobile, Ala.,; m. a Miss Jarvis of Stamford, Conn; had 9 children; was a lawyer in Canada and in Mobile, 1817.

Children of John (3) Peters, son of Wm. (2) (Andrew (1), (cont.)

Sam (4), received from his father, 1000 lbs. in 1754. He graduated from Yale, 1757; went to England, 1758; was ordained deacon of the English Church, and priest, by the Bishop of Lincoln and the Archbishop of Canterbury. He returned home in 1760 and was rector at Hebron and Hartford, until 1774.

The rebels attacked his home and he fled, sailing in 1774 from Portsmouth N.H. to England, where he stayed 31 years. His only daughter, Hannah, who accompanied him, married in England, two years later. He came back in 1805 and went to Washington to secure a grant at St. Anthony's Falls. In 1818 was in New York and Jersey City.

He was always ill, more or less. Was of marked individuality; had a violent temper; was 6 feet tall and of powerful build. Had an iron will; was arbitrary and felt his own importance.

He wrote a History of Conn., 1781 in which he exposed the peculiarities of the Nutings, which vexed them greatly. He actually lied about his own pedigree.

He was generous to his relatives. Educated Wm. Birdseye Peters in France and at Oxford.

Jonathan (4), b. 1737; d. 1775 in Long Island, of camp fever; m. 1761 Abigail Thompson, b. 1737; d. 1812; had 6 ch.; college men, judges, etc.

Beamsley (4), b. 1743; d. in Kingston, Canada, 1798; m. 1762, Anna Shipman of Hebron; moved to Moncton, Vt., 1774; was a Tory; 1777 sailed from N.Y. to England to join Sam; was a Capt.; lived on half pay; in London ~~xxx~~ 1794 drew land at Toronto and came to Little York, Canada. She is buried in St. Peter's churchyard. Beamsley's fine home is still standing in Gilead and is near the house where Sam's 20 slaves lived.

John Samuel (5) - ; was a physician; member of Congress

Samuel (2) Peters (Andrew (1) and wife, Phebe Frye, had:-

Samuel (3), b. Aug. 14, 1697; m. Mary Robinson, June 11, 1722, daughter of Dane Robinson and Mary Chadwick, b. April 22, 1698; d. June 16, 1747; they lived near the present Wilson's Corner somewhere, though the homestead can't be placed very well. Sam got the Frye lots near the Centre by marriage.

Phebe (3), b. Feb. 10, 1699-00; d. Aug. 10, 1702.

Andrew (3), b. Sept. 26, 1701; d. Oct. 6, 1756; m. Hannah — ; she d. in Woburn, May 15, 1782, at 77; no ch.; Andrew taught school in 1723; was ordained 1729; went to Middletown as a minister.

Phebe (3), b. 1702

William (3), b. May 1703; d. in Medfield, Jan. 19, 1788; m. March 18, 1729, Hannah Cheney, daughter of Ben and Mary, widow of Thomas Clapp, b. in Dedham, Feb. 24, 1707; d. in Medfield, March 30, 1799. He was a cordwainer and left Dedham, 1757 for Medfield. Was drafted for the Revolution and hired a substitute, it is said, but as he would be 74, there is some doubt whether the record is his.

John (3), b. Nov. 6, 1705; d. April 19, 1797; m. Phebe Carlton, March 20, 1733, daughter of John Carlton and Hannah Osgood, b. March 21, 1706; d. March 31, 1752; he m. 2nd., Aug. 7, 1759, Sarah Peabody, widow of James Stevens, b. 1742; d. Sept. 2, 1808. John's gravestone ^{is} in North Yard.

Beamsley (3), b. July 3, 1707; d. July 3, 1708.

Beamsely (3), 2nd., b. June 1710; d. in Woodstock, Conn about 1762; m. June 8, 1735, Hannah Wright, daughter of Joseph and w. Hannah, b. June 20, 1717; d. 1796 age 93; had 1 ch.:

Hannah (4)

Phebe (3) 2nd., b. 1719 in Andover, April 16; m. April 17, 1744, Timothy Perkins of Middletown; he m. 2nd., Hannah Trowbridge ; had 5 ch. by Phebe

Joseph (3), b. May 25, 1723; d. April 27, 1729.

Samuel (3) Peters (Sam(2) Andrew (1) and wife, Mary Robinson, had:-

Mary (4), b. July 4, 1722; d. Nov. 19, 1738; (see Sessions Ct. I had it ~~she~~ was not the child of Sam but he had to m. Mary Robinson after a decision against him.)

Samuel (4), b. May 30, 1726 ; d. June 25, 1738 of distemper.

Ben (4), b. Aug. 25, 1728; d. in Reading, South Parish, April 17, 1812; m. March 22, 1753, Hannah Chickering, daughter of Sam'l Chickering and Hannah Osgood, b. July 13, 1730.

Hannah (4), b. Dec. 14, 1730; d. in Canterbury, N.H., Jan. 11, 1815; m. 1776 Asa Foster, Jr., son of Capt. Asa Foster and w. Elizabeth Abbott, b. Sept. 11, 1733; d. Sept. 30, 1814; no ch.

Joseph (4), b. March 23, 1734; d. Aug. 11, 1736 of distemper.

Lydia (4), b. March 26, 1737; d. June 30, 1738 of distemper.

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William (3) Peters (Sam(2) Andrew (1) and wife, Hannah Cheney, had:-

Joseph (4), b. Dec. 11, 1729; d. Feb. 13, 1800; m. Abigail Thompson, dau. Jona Thompson and Abigail Fowle, b. in Medford or Woburn, July 16, 1729, d. in Halifax, N.S. 1797; Joseph lived in Mendon, then Watertown and finally, Halifax, N.S.; was Postmaster General; Judge of Supreme Ct. and a Free Mason of rank, there; left estate to daughter, Abigail, (5) a spinster, who d. in Medfield, 1829 at 79. Also there were: -

Moses (5), b. in Watertown, 1752 ; lived in Mendon ; was in Army; -

Alexander Abercrombie(5), b. 1764 in Halifax, N.S.; educated abroad; M.D. of Aberdeen University; was a physician of Halifax and Boston; an apothecary in Rutland, Vt.; a surgeon of U.S. Army; d. 1802 in No. Carolina at mouth of Cape Fear River.

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Children of William (3) Peters and wife, Hannah Cheney, (cont.):-

Ben (4), b. Feb. 8, 1731; in Dedham; d. July 13, 1803; m. Marie Van Wagner; was a physician at Marbletown; went to N.Y. state; was in the French War, 1761; buried in Bloomongbury, N.Y.

Mary (4), b. Nov. 3, 1732; d. May 23, 1713 at 80; m. in Medfield, 1757, Hezekiah Allen; had 10 ch.

Adam (4), b. Oct. 30, 1734; m. 1758 Olive Plympton; she d. 1768; he m. 2nd., Margaret Morse, dau. of Samuel and widow of Benj. Dunton; in Dedham, he served in the Revolution; was a Captain; a tanner by trade.

Eve (4), b. Aug. 1, 1737; d. 1823; m. 1759 John Pepalon.

Tahpenes, (4), ^(female) b. June 29, 1740; d. 1817; m. Gersham Dunton, of Wrentham, 1769; left 5 ch.

Andrew (4), b. Jan. 24, 1742; d. in Westboro, 1822; m. 1768 Beulah Lovett of Mendon; left 8 ch.; was a soldier in the French War; was at Lexington; a Capt. 1775; served to 1783; a member of "Cincinnati"; was a school teacher in Mendon and Nova Scotia; also in Stowbridge and Medfield; was Town Treasurer, Surveyor, etc.; retired and bought a farm in Westboro, 1794.

Jethro (4), b. June 13, 1744; d. in Bolton, 1824; m. 1769 Rachel Fairbanks. He was a leather worker in Northborough; Town Clerk to 1802; was in the Revolution.

Nathan (4), b. Aug. 26, 1747; d. 1824; m. in Preston, Conn., 1770, Lois Carey; had 9 ch.; was in Revolution; A Major; was a lawyer.

Finis (4), b. June 4, 1749; a girl; m. 1784, Daniel Gookin of Dedham.

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John (3) Peters (Sam(2)Andrew(1) and w. Phebe Carlton, had:-

Phebe (4), b. Nov. 8, 1733; d. July 3, 1788 of distemper.

John (4), b. June 10, 1735; d. June 23, 1738 "

Sarah (4), b. Dec. 19, 1736; d. June 29, 1738. " .

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Children of John (3) Peters and wife, Phebe Carlton, (cont.):-

Phebe (4), b. May 11, 1739; d. Dec. 5, 1822; at Blue Hill, Me.; m. Aug. 7, 1760

Daniel Faulkner.

John (4), b. Aug. 7, 1741; d. Aug. 20, 1821; lived at Blue Hill, Me. in 1765; m.

Mary Dyer, July 1, 1770, daughter of John Dyer and Mary Marriner of

Cape Elizabeth, Me., and widow of Nath'l Cushing, b. Nov. 19, 1750; d.

June 23, 1826; had 12 ch.; he was Town Clerk of Blue Hill, ~~Selectman~~, --

was on Comm. of Safety in Revolution; was a Surveyor; shipbuilder; had

a grist mill and sawmill; was Justice of the Peace; a Trustee of Blue

Hill Academy; Lawyer; farmer; potash worker; gave a bell to the church

which was rung first on his 80th birthday and tolled first at his

funeral .

Andrew (4), b. March 26, 1744; d. Oct. 6, 1824; m. Oct. 18, 1768, Hannah Kimball,

daughter of Daniel Kimball and wife, Mehitable Ingalls, b. Oct. 29,

1744; d. March 14, 1822; he was at Lexington; helped fortify Charles-

town, and Bunker Hill; took supplies to the Army; was a Sgt.; lived

in Andover.

Sarah (4), b. Oct. 24, 1751; d. at 1770; unm.

By 2nd wife, Sarah Peabody:-

Ariel (4), b. Jan. 31, 1762; d. June 31, 1849; unm.

Joseph (4), b. June 10, 1764 ; d. in Paris, Tenn., July 12, 1843; m. Dec. 24,

1795, Mehitable Adams, daughter of Henry Adams and Sarah Emery, b. in

Newbury, Jan. 12, 1764; d. in Andover, Dec. 25, 1827. He went to live with

his son, Jeremy in Paris, Tenn., I conclude.

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Ben(4) Peters(Sam(3) Sam(2) Andrew (1) and wife Hannah Chickering, had:-

Hannah (5) bapt. in Andover 1753 but b. in Reading; d.y.

Simeon (5) or Simon- bapt.1755 in Andover ; d.y. (think this is error;no

Ben (5) bapt. 1755- ; d. in So. Reading, Aug.25,1815 ; m. Martha Browne, Oct.

9,1783,dau. of Jeremiah and w. Ruth, b. Dec.10,1763;d.June 5,1845;

Patty (6), b. 1785; d. 1845; unm. Ben (5) was an Andover

soldier in Peter Poor's Co.,1775.

Mary (5), b. — ; d. in Middleton,Nov.21,1846; m. Oct.14,1779 Jona-

Richardson, son of Solomon and Abigail, b. March 12,1759; d.March

15,1798; had 8 ch.

Samuel (5), bapt. 1760; d.y.

Sam (5), 2nd., bapt.1763; d. in So. Reading,1830; m. April 21,1791,Elizabeth

Stearns,dau.of Timothy and Lydia, b. April 2,1771; d. Aug.21,1849.

Hannah (5), bapt. 1766.

Elizabeth (5), bapt. 1769; d. 1852; m. April 29,1788, Josiah Hutchinson, son

of Josiah of Middleton, b. 1764;d. 1814; 9 ch.

Naomi (5), bapt. 1774; prob. in North Church.

Andrew (4) Peters(John (3) Sam(2) Andrew (1) and w. Hannah Kimball, had:-

Mehitabel(5), b. March 5,1769; d. in Blue Hill, aApril 11,1818; m. Daniel

Faulkner, Nov.12,1795, of Blue Hill; her cousin, son of Daniel and
(Peters) / Aunt Phebe

/Faulkner.

Andrew (5), b. Oct.26,1771; d. in Wiscasset, Me., April 9,1825; m. Nancy Car-

ney, daughter of Mark Carney and Susanna Gored, widow of Wm.

Isbestos, b. June 10,1771; lived in Newcastle, Olna and Wiscasset;

trader and shipbuilder on the Sheepscoot River; mother and 3 dau.

moved to New Albany, Ind.; Nancy d. in Kentucky; oldest son Wm.(6)
 m. an English girl named Silver; had son Wm.(7), b. in Le Havre, Fr.
 located later in Cal.; Cicely Frances(7) in Cal. also; Albert R.(7)
 b. in Le Havre de Grace, France, 1835; in Worcester, 1903; was a Cath-
 olic priest and a Jesuit.

Children of Andrew (4) Peters and w. Hannah Kimball, (cont.):-

John (5), b. Feb. 4, 1774; m. Sept. 21, 1801, Elizabeth Farrington Davis, b. dau. Ezra and Ruth (Farrington) in Walpole, N.H. Dec. 19, 1780; d. here Sept. 29, 1860; had 12 ch.;

John (5) bought the Col. James Frye place; after^{ward} the heirs of Mrs. Grozelier lived there, 1903.

David (5), b. Jan. 3, 1775; d. in Andover, Feb. 2, 1844; m. July 8, 1802, Susan Frye, daughter of Lt. John Frye and Hannah Dolliver, b. May 7, 1782; d. 1837 in West Parish.

Hannah (5), b. Sept. 17, 1781; d. Aug. 12, 1820; m. Nov. 24, 1803 Nath'l Frothingham of Boston; he m. 2nd., Sally Noyes, (my great aunt) dau. of Aaron Noyes and Phebe Morse.

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Joseph (4) Peters (John (3) Sam(2) Andrew(1) and Mehitabel Adams, had:-

Henry Adams (5), b. Aug. 5, 1796; d. Aug. 8, 1827; unm.; Harvard, 1818; taught in Clarksville, Tenn.

John (5), b. Sept. 27, 1797; d. Dec. 31, 1821; unm.

Joseph (5), b. Jan. 21, 1799; d. in Paris, Tenn., July 20, 1830; unm.

Sarah (5), b. June 5, 1800; m. March 20, 1834, David Gray, Jr.; had:-

Henry Peters (6) Gray

Jeremy (5), b. June 14, 1803; d. in Cincinnati, Ohio, Jan. 9, 1883; m. Aug. 27, 1835, Joann Carlton, dau. Capt. Ben Carleton and Hannah Merrill, a widow of a Mr. French of Salisbury. b. in Sanderson, N.H. June 13, 1809; d. in Cinn. Feb. 18, 1893; had 3 ch. Jeremy left \$ 800 to North Andover for repairs to old graveyard.

Sarah Jane (6), b. in Paris, Tenn. 1837; m. 1861, W.

Alex McCall; no ch.

Mary Frances (6), b. 1845; d. 1849.

Joseph Henry (6), b. 1849; d. 1896 at Hot Springs, Ark.; unm.

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John (5) Peters (Andrew (4) John (3) Sam (2) Andrew (1) and Eliz. F. Davis, had:-

Willard (6), b. Jan. 11, 1802; d. in Columbia, Tenn., Oct. 19, 1823; unm.

Louisa (6), b. March 11, 1803; d. Sept. 20, 1881; unm.

John (6), b. April 22, 1806; d. June 11, 1840; m. June 18, 1834 Susanne Thompson, daughter of Stephen and Nancy, b. in Thomaston, Me., March 9, 1808; d. in North Andover, Nov. 1, 1881; had 3 ch.

Andrew (6), b. Oct. 10, 1807; d. Sept. 15, 1831; was a senior at Harvard; studying for Ministry; d. on trip to White Mts.

Clarissa (6), b. Feb. 12, 1809; d. in Boston, Feb. 19, 1839; m. ~~Putnam~~ in Salem Moses B. Russell, b. in Woodstock, N.H., 1810; d. June 30, 1884; 1 son.

Charlotte (6), b. Nov. 30, 1810; d. Sept. 14, 1886; m. Jan. 22, 1835, Abiel Stevens, Jr., of Methuen, son of Abiel and Abigail, b. in Boston, Nov. 24, 1811; d. in Galvestown, Tex., Sept. 2, 1884; had 1 dau.

Putnam (6), b. Feb. 18, 1812; was in Mobile, Ala., 1833; think he d. in South in Civil War.

Hannah Kimball (6), b. Dec. 3, 1814; d. July 26, 1856 in Andover; m. July 12 1838, John Howlett of Saugus, Me. d. Nov. 23, 1877; 6 ch.

Nath'l (6), b. Jan. 14, 1817; d. in North Andover, March 16, 1891; unm.; held the estate- the old Frye place, and died there.

Susan (6), b. May 28, 1819; d. in North Andover, May 28, 1840; unm.

Sarah (6), b. May 21, 1821; m. ~~June~~ June 15, 1855 Leopold Grozelier, son of Louis Grozelier and Anne Lecrivain, b. in Beaune, Cote d'Or, France, 1830; d. at Clarendon Springs, Vt., July 27, 1865; no ch.; she lived on Frye place in 1903; painted miniatures; Grozelier was an artist-some say photographer or daguerre typer.

Emily (6), b. Nov. 19, 1823; d. here May 15, 1871; m. June 1, 1847 John Hobart Clark, son of Hobart Clark and w. Elizabeth Farwell, b. here Jan. 12, 1816; d. Dec. 29, 1891; 5 ch.

The PETERS FAMILY

David(5) Peters(Andrew(4)John(3)Sam(2)Andrew(1) and Susan Frye, had:-

Hannah (6), b. Oct.23,1802; d. April 13,1879; m. Dec.22,1825, Isaac Wilson,
who d. 1870; had 2 ch.

Mehitabel (6), b. Feb.6,1805; d. Feb.7,1849; m. Dec.25,1834 Daniel Foster; he
d. March 1851.

David Kimball (6), b. June 3,1807; d. here 1852; unm.; one of the owners of
Den Rock.

William (6), b. Aug.25,1810; d. Jan.17,1883; m. Dec.25,1838, Elizabeth P.
Gardner, who d. 1890; had:-

Rebecca Frances(7), b. Dec.31,1848; d. Aug. 2,1864.

John (6) Peters(John(5) Andrew(4)John(3)Sam(2)Andrew(1) and Susan Thompson,-

Susan Elizabeth (7), b. April 19,1835; d/Sept.14,1871; m. June 29,1863, Horace
N. Stevens, son of Nath'l Stevens and Harriet Hale, b. in North
Andover, Dec.14,1837; d. May 1,1876; 5 ch.

Frances Louisa (7), b. July 2,1837; d. in Bedford, July 21,1869; m. July 2,
1858, James H. Howland, of New Bedford, b. in ^{North}Andover, 1836; d. May 1,
1876; he was son of James H. Howland and Elizabeth Lucretia; 1 ch.

John Hugh (7), b. in Andover, April 7,1839; d. April 29,1840.

The last of the family here. The last son died an infant. We never had a
family that died off at such a rate as this. 1839 saw the last male heir on
any homestead here. Quite equal to the Wilsons- another unlucky tribe allied
to the Peters and a near neighbor; also the Frye family and the Lovejoys,
and the old Parker line, all neighbors. All the Proprietors, so long located
here, died out. The Stevens, Abbott and Holt families hold on well- solid
yeoman of South and East England.

From ANDOVER PROPRIETORS' BOOK.. page 519.

Samuel Peters' First Division:-

Dec. 11, 1715... " He, falling short of his, in issue, was allowed a small gore, lying on South end of the land his father bought of Mr. Dudley Bradstreet, Esq. - and 3 acres laid out to Robert Barnard - near Den Hill; bds. North corner with a rock, which is bds. of his other land where it is a point; then turning West, 19 rds, to a S-S- which is Barnard's line-; then 20 rds. to 1st bds. Done by Committee - Wm. Lovejoy; Nehemiah Abbott.

June 7, 1715. Third Division of land . To Samuel Peters, 4 1/2 acres on Den Hill, begins in West corner at a white oak marking former bds.; line ran East 12 rds. to white oak, marking Joseph Osgood's bds., then 63 rds. to a pine of Jos. Osgood's bds., then 49 rds. to 1st bd.; a 2nd parcel lay north of this: SW corner on a pine tree marked; then E to Wright's line - 43 rds to a marked pine; 20 rds. to a Great Rock at NW corner of pasture land he bought of Barnard; then N on his own land to Francis Faulkner's land and Shawshin; then W on River to a great swamp-oak, marked Ebenezer Barker's bds.; then S on Barker's line 48 rds. to a pine marked; then so. 11 rds. to a pine marking Peter's old bds.; S on Peters' land to 1st bds.; laid out with allowance for quality, by

John Frye; Stephen Osgood; Ephraim Foster; Jos. Barnard, surveyor.

Dec. 26, 1718. Third Division of land:

To Samuel Peters, 1/2 acre lying in a lane between his own land and Joseph Wilson's; by ye Den Hills; beginning at SE cor. on a stake at sd. Wilson's corner; running N 1 1/2 rds. by S-S- to sd. Peters' corner bds., then W on Peters' line 32 rds., to other s-s then S 3 rds to a white oak marking Wilson's bds; then E on Wilson's line, 35 rds. to 1st bds.

John Frye; Ephraim Foster.

July 4, 1715; page 223; 5 acres to Sam Peters between lots joining his other land; bds. on Lt. Tom Johnson, etc.

Sept. 15, 1715;-

2 1/2 acres and 8 rds., E side his meadow called New Den Meadow, joins other lands; E bds. between Faulkner's and Barnard's.

Jan. 24, 1716:-

2 acres towards his wood lot between his own land and the way that leads to Paul Faulkner's house. Also, same date, - 5 1/2 acres 8 rds. on " fute" of Wood Lot lying by Den Hills.

Page 520.. April 13, 1719. 3rd Division...

Laid out to Sam Peters, 2 acres of land lying by Billerica line by Billerica Great Meadow, joining his former land. Begins at a black oak marked by former bds.; runs W 35 rds to white oak, both marked; then S 16 rds. to a Walnut, marked; then E 34 rds to a white oak, marked; then N 19 rds. to 1st bds. Allowance for quality, laid put by Committee:

John Frye; Ephraim Foster.

Feb. 24, 1717-8. To Sam'l Peters, a parcel of 8 acres lying in Andover, on S side the way to Wamassadi, near Billerica line (Lowell was former Wamesit) bds. NE corner with a white oak - marked with stones about it; then W 40 poles to a white oak - marked; then S 30 poles to a white oak, marked, standing on side of a ridge with stones about it; then E 40 poles to a black oak, marked with stones about it; then N 32 p. to 1st bds.

"This to the satisfaction of sd. Sam Peters for the damage the Highway doth or may do him". Sam signs before witnesses.. Eph Foster; John Frye.

Feb. 24, 1720.. Third Division :

Laid out to Sam Peters, 3 acres of land, with allowance for quality, lying in Falls Woods, N of Jos. Peabody's farm begins at white oak and runs N 20 poles to stone on a rock; then E 26 pole to a white oak, marked; then S 26 poles to a white oak marked - sd. Peabody farm bds.; W 24 poles to 1st bds. Laid out by Jn. Frye; Eph Foster.

March 24, 1720;; page 178.:

Latter part of 3rd Division.. 2 acres and allowance for quality, near Billerica line. E side and N end of former land; E as the way on E side is bounded by a way that goes over the hill.

March 25, 1720 :

1 acre and 8 rds near Billerica line at SW corner of Mr. Allen's Great Division; bds. on Wm. Foster; runs on Billerica line to Mr. Peters' dam; E on Peters' swamp lots; Sam Blanchard on bds.

March 25, 1720:

1/2 acre W. end of Den Hill by the Shawshin; Jos. Osgood's meadow on bds. and Ebenezer Barker; runs to bank of Shawshin and S on river.

(This apparently left Den Hill outside all his bounds.)

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Ensign Henry Chandler, Jos. Osgood, John Wright, John Wilson, Stephen Osgood, Sam'l Peters, Capt. John Chandler, lands recorded - the latter part of 3rd Division to the persons above named - 12 rds and 14 ft. of land lying in partnership.

Dec. 21, 1719:

Laid out to Ensign Henry Chandler, Jos. Osgood, John Wright, John Wilson, Stephen Osgood, Sam'l Peters and Capt. Jn. Chandler, certain piece of land lying between a 2 rod way allowed between sd. Jn. Wilson's land that was laid out before, and these lots now laid out and the Country Road - the whole piece of which is laid out to the persons above named - 2 rods wide at the W end; 30 rds. long; 4 rds. wide at the E end., lying between the sd. Country Road that leads from Town along by Capt. Chris. Osgood's and is the way allowed for sd. Jos. Osgood to go from his house to the Town, etc, etc. Each of the seven above named to have equal share - 30 rds. in length and each lot 5 ft wide at the W end and 8 ft. wide at E end. Laid out by

John Frye; Steve Osgood; Eph Foster.

Mrs. Poor said that Den Hill seemed to belong to Sam Peters, 1715 and she thought it was already part of old Andrew's lots in 1689, purchased originally by Bradstreet or Frye. (Really it was owned by Faulkner and Hope Tyler and some was held by Parker.) She felt sure that Andrew was burned out in Andover, about 1689 on some raid and that his first house was some somewhere away from the settlement, (Maybe in West Andover near the garrison and rebuilt for William later) and he built next near Wilson's Corner where he took up new lots, so came near the lane of travel, for liquor dealing. Said no Ipswich Indian raids were ever noted while Andrew lived there.

Andrew Peters, was no deacon, but was a good financier. He was a licensed inn holder and Town Treasurer. He failed to get a licence later because he abbetted the Fellows-Bridges fight and defied a constable. After the loss of his two sons, he became a different man. We have no history of his church life or any evidence that he ever joined it. His wife Mercy belonged.

Notes-

John (2) Osgood and Wm. (3) Chandler were rivals of Andrew (1) Peters, who made and sold liquor. They sold only to the frequenters of their taverns and then by drink; Andrew sold wholesale, by the quart. He succeeded Wm. (2) Chandler as innholder, awhile and his license was extended, 1700-1713. Where was this inn? He paid taxes at the South End of town and I feel sure that he was located near Den Rock.

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From Stiles' Sketch of Middleton:-

The Rev. Andrew Peters, son of Sam (2) of Andover, was a graduate of Harvard and first minister of Middleton, after its incorporation, 1729. While looking for cattle, the Rev. Andrew visited old Willis, the last Indian of the town.

Willis' squaw invited the minister to have dinner, but when he found that they were to eat skunk, he declined, saying that he would stop another time.

Next time he came, she tempted him with what seemed to be his favorite dish-- a dinner of eels. After a hearty meal, the cunning old woman said, "You say you no eat skunk, -but you eat rattlesnake."

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According to the same history- Andrew, the Rev. of Middleton was a very odd man. Some one assaulted his negro servant, and Andrew pulled off his own coat, saying, "Lie there, Divinity, while I chastise this rascal," and he beat the offender well.

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Ipswich Town Records, Jan. 26, 1671:

The selectmen vote to discontinue the license of Andrew Peters in consequence of his misconduct at Mile Brook and at quarter musters, and also before the constable and selectmen. (Seems as though Andrew couldn't hold his own liquor.)

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Essex Court Sessions- 8:52..

of Ipswich,

Andrew Peters/ for disturbance, at the ordinary in Wenham. Andrew threw a cheese at Tom Millett who tried to escape by flight. He said that Peters endeavored to pursue him, but was stopped by John Selado- but Peters abused him, whereon the constable was sent for. Sgt. Pelcher and Jn. Selado were witnesses. March, 1663.

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1667. Ipswich. Andrew Peters was one of the jurymen in the inquest on the death of Patience Roberts, age 7, found dead lying across two logs, with a log 20 ft. long upon her. She, seemingly, had sat on a log under a log fence and her little brother, Ephraim, aged 4, clambered up the fence and a log fell down on her and beat her backward. Little Eph went home and didn't tell of the accident. A sister went out and found her, and then Eph told how it was done. Years after, poor Ephraim, named one of his daughters, Patience.

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Deeds-Essex- 16:58:-

Andrew Peters, of Andover, distiller, for 32 Lbs. 10 sh. from John Abbott, Jr. of Andover, sells all the land and meadow he had of John Stone, formerly of Andover. Catherine Stone's lot was excepted, and privileges, house and orchard, etc. Land borders Ensign Ballard's land, and a little gully joins Ensign B.'s little swamp-
March 8, 1698.

Dudley Bradstreet; Walter Wright. (Perhaps Andrew sold rum to Hugh Stone and Jn. paid bill by transfer of estate

Notes-

Will of Andrew (1) Peters, made in 1702; probate 1713:

I, Andrew Peters, of Andover, of good health and memory through the goodness of God, and willing to settle the estate the Lord hath given me- after my decease, give my wife, Mercy Peters the whole estate, cattle, goods and houses, during her life or while a widow, for her comfortable subsistence. After her decease, my son Samuel is to enjoy the whole estate, and my reason- whereas I was burned out by ye heathen enemy, ye sd. son Sam'l Peters hath been my co-partner ever since, and also hath purchased a great part of sd. land for himself of Col. Dudley Bradstreet. Only I make this exception- I give my daughters 10 Lbs. each-Elizabeth Wright and Mary Chandler; 2 grand children, Andrew and Mary Peters, children of John Peters, 5 lbs. each and the land I bought of Dr. Jeremy Belcher on North side Merrimac River above Major Dennison's farm where their father dwelt.

To grandson Severy (really Sebonns) Peters, pr. of oxen worth 10 Lbs or 10 Lbs., as he shall agree when 21. To g-son John, son of Wm. dec., 10 Lbs. when of age.

To Mary Chapman, 40 sh.; (step-daughter of Andrew who m. Nath Chapman); to g-daughter Annis Chandler, a present as executor shall see cause

To g-children John and Hannah Allen who have been under my care, the Allen farm which was their father's and had been reserved for them. To John and Hannah this house goods, bed and pewter, etc., I gave his mother, and 10 Lbs. in hands of their uncle Sam'l Holt, according to an instrument under Sam Holt's hand.

If Sam'l Peters die before his mother, the estate is to go to Sam's male children and whereas I have taken the maintenance of Walter Wright, Jr., I bid son Sam to do the same, according to instrument I exchanged with his father, Walter Wright.

Sam'l Peters, sole exec. Thos Barnard; Theophilus Cotton; Mary Farnum.

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355:89..

Phebe Peters of Andover, widow of Samuel Peters, late of Andover, dec., with weakness in body, and of disposing mind and memory, to son, John Peters, who is to bring me 6 Lbs. 13 sh. 4 d. - all my estate- my share of which was my son's estate, Andrew (3) Peters. To son Wm. (3), a large pewter dish; to Beamsley (3), 10 sh., to be paid by Sam(3); to daughter Phebe (3) Perkins, wife of Timothy, clothes and house stuff except that reserved; to g-daughter, Phebe (4) Peters, dau. of son John(3), 3 Lbs.

Books not disposed of to be shared- those not given away to go to g-son John (4), son of John(3) and his dau. Phebe (3) Perkins.

" Any not of hand I have against any person, to son John, to pay funeral expenses." Rest of estate to sons: Sam, John and Wm. (3) and dau. Phebe (3), equally divided.

Sam the exec.

May 6, 1757.

probate Oct. 15, 1757.

Phebe makes her X.

John Wilson, Jr; Asa Foster, Jr. witness.

Daniel Foster, Jr.

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Probate-

Land in Middleton; a wood lot; clock; Greek and Latin Testament; notes; clothes; house goods, old Bible. Jn. Martin's note. Dan Ingalls, Ben Barker, Jn. Johnson, Jr., Comm.

1757. Land appraised and divided.

339:11-- Beamsley Peters, late of Woodstock, Windham Co. Conn. adm. to Hannah Peters, gives bonds with Thos. Betterby and Daniel Burt, surities. Land in Essex County, appraised by Sam'l Bradford, Frances Peabody and Elijah Porter: 20 acres and a house, in part; 3 doz. Buttons; Timothy Goodwin's works; book -Body of Divinity; case of drawers; 40 bound books; a wig; debts due. Property lay in Middleton.
1762. (Hannah Peters is not defined. Maybe widow of the Rev. Andrew who lived there.)

21:100.. Ben Stevens of Andover, adm. of Col. Dudley Bradstreet, for money paid by Ensign Wm. Lovejoy, Sarah Abbott, widow and relict of Bar. Abbott, and Sam Peters of Andover, -for 150 Lbs. sells upland beyond the Shawshin, West of Simon Bradstreet's grant-4th Division- 400 acres divided in equal proportion. Sam P.'s share part of 3rd and 8th lot-54 rods wide at river-46 rds. in middle; 37 rds. at south end; 1/4 of the 400 acres; Johnson's Brook lay in the division-the Merrimac was to the north of it.
 Christopher Osgood; John Aslebe.

1719. -- -- --
 53:201-- Sam'l Peters of Andover for 100 Lbs. to David Abbott, part of the Bradstreet division. 1726; recorded 1729. (Andrew Peters; Nathe Abbott.)

56:193: .John Wright, Sr. of Andover, cordwainer, husbandman, for 200 Lbs. from Wm. (3) Peters, of Andover, cordwainer, land on N side Country Road, bds on land of Sam(3) Peters. 1726.

69:179: .Sam'l Peters of Andover, yeoman, for 70 Lbs. sells to John Foster of Andover, yeoman, land W side of Shawshin, part of Allen farm, 25 acres- on Billerica Road on bds. of Jn. Foster. Includes an old cellar.
1733. (I feel sure that Wm. Peters may have lived in the farm over there on the Billerica Road, 1696.) (Ebenezer Abbott; Joseph Gray, witness.

page 81- Sam Peters to Asa Foster, for 50 Lbs. upland and swamp on Blanchard Plain -Allen farm- 35 acres; bds. on Jn. Foster's. 1734.

page 184:- Sam Peters to Asa Foster for 80 Lbs. land on Blanchard's Pl., 31 acres of Allen farm. 1734.

page 168:- Sam Peters to Jn. Lovejoy, for 25 Lbs. 10 acres on Blanchard's Plain- Allen farm-Billerica Road. 1732.

page 166:- Hannah Allen, single woman, only surviving child of John Allen late of Andover, dec., for 60 Lbs. from uncle, Sam Peters, 1 acre; and house goods delivered by her g-father Andrew Peters to her- conveys real estate, meadows, etc. and all rights in father, Jn. Allen's estate. 1713.

(Was she the wife of the Joseph Abbott who was disciplined when he joined the North Church? Took after grandsir Peters, to be sure.)

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