

The PRESTON FAMILY

OF ANDOVER

ROGER PRESTON and his wife, MARTHA were in the colonies in 1639 and were probably in Ipswich until 1657. In 1660 he leased the Emanuel Downing farm on the Salem-Lowell^{R.} Road, very near Proctor's Crossing, and kept an inn there. The estate he called GROTON, from his wife's ancestral home in England. The Downing farm is No. 24 on Upham's map. The farm extended from what is now called Mt. Pleasant to, and beyond, Proctor's Crossing. The inn must have been near the site of the station, and on the old road from Ipswich to Boston.

Roger died Jan. 20, 1666 and widow Martha married Nicholas Holt of ANDOVER on May 21 of the same year, as his third wife. Martha died in 1703, age 80, so was born 1623. Nicholas Holt died in 1685 at 83.

Roger (1) Preston and wife, Martha, had :-

Thomas (2) b. 1643; m. Rebecca Nurse, daughter of Francis Nurse, April 5, 1669; he probably lived on at the inn under a new lease and later lived (1678-) on the Townsend-Bishop farm of Allen, which Francis Nurse bought and his sons and sons-in-law built upon. This was on the road to No. Andover.

Thomas died in 1697.

John (2), b. -- ; m. Nov. 12, 1687, / Sarah Gerry, dau. of Nath'l Gerry of Roxbury and widow of John (2) Holt of Andover; John was in the Narragansett War, as from Andover; he was alive in 1733 and got a grant at Amherst, N.H.; Sarah joined Roxbury Ch., Nov. 2, 1684; joined church in Andover, 1712; John joined 1713; Samuel (2), b. about 1651; m. Susanne Gutterson, May 27, 1672; she d. Dec. 29, 1710; he m. 2nd., widow Mary Blodgett, Sept. 24, 1713; she d. March 11, 1739. Sam owned Preston's Plain on way to Ballardvale.

Children of Roger(1) Preston and his wife, Martha,(cont.):-

Jacob(2), b. about 1658; was bound out to/^aJohnson of Andover; became a mariner after his apprenticeship; was out fishing and was drowned at sea, 1679.

Levi(2), b. 1662; was under guardianship of Thomas, in Salem, 1678; went to Killingly, Conn.

Elizabeth (2), b. ; probably m. Wm. Henfield of Salem, 1671; he was a mariner; he d. in West Indies, 1688; had :-

Elizabeth (3)
Hannah (3)

Thomas(2) Preston(Roger(1) and wife, Rebecca Nurse, had:-

Rebecca (3), b. ; m. Ezekiel UPHAM; had:-
Isabella (4)
Anne (4)
Elizabeth (4)
Ezekiel (4)

Mary (3), b. ; m. Peter Celoyer of Framingham.

Thomas (3), b. ; lived in Reading.

Martha (3), b. ; m. David Judd.

Jonathan (3), b. ; lived in Salem.

John (3), b. ; lived in Salem; m. Elizabeth Voden, whose father came from the Isle of Jersey.

John(2) Preston(Roger(1) and wife, Sarah Gerry, had:-

Rebecca (3), b. 1689, Jan. 23; m. her cousin, Joseph Preston, 1709; after his death, she m. 2nd., Robert Holt, 1718; she joined Church 1714, as widow Rebecca Preston; moved to Windham, with Holt.

John (3), b. and d. March 17, 1691.

Thomas (3) twin, d. March 18, 1691.

John (3) 2nd., b. June 13, 1692; d. 1699.

Children of John (2) Preston and wife, Sarah Gerry, (cont.) :-

Sarah(3), b. Feb. 25, 1695; ; d. 1712.

Hannah (3), b.1698; m. Nath'l Farnum,1719; went to Windham,Conn.

Martha (3), b.1702; joined Church in Windham,Conn. 1738.

Sarah (3),b; d.y.

Samuel(2) Preston(Roger(1) and wife, Susanne Gutterson, had:-

Samuel(3), b. Mar.16, 1672; m. Sarah Bridges,1694;she was dau. of John Bridges and wife, Sarah Howe;he joined Church here, 1713; d.1717; she m. 2nd., Wm. Price of Ashford,Conn.,1722. Essex Ct. 84:143-- Sarah, called widow of ~~Samuel~~ Preston of Andover, dec., alias Sarah Price, widow of Wm. Price, of Ashford, dec.,-a resident of Andover,- 1725, sold to Peter Osgood of Salem, land laid out to Samuel Preston.

William (3), b.1674,Jan.11: d. before 1718.

Susanne (3), b. March 30, 1677; m. James Holt,May 24, 1705;she d.1741.

Mary (3), b.Jan. 5, 1678; m. Ben Russell,^{April 2,}1702; moved to Ashford,Conn.

Jacob(3), b.Feb.24, 1681; m. Sarah Wilson, June 17, 1702; joined Windham Church,1723;moved to Ashford about 1742.

Elizabeth (3), b. May 1, 1685; went to Windham, Conn.; m. ^{Mary Heines} of Haverhill ,1707; she was dau.of Jonathan, b. 1687.

Joseph(3), b.Jan.26, 1687; m. 1709 Rebecca Preston,dau. of John(2); he d. 1714; she m. Robert Holt,1718.

Ruth (3), b. Feb.7, 1689; did she m. Hugh Taylor, 1710-he was called " a stranger and a sailor"- and did she m. 2nd., Eliakim Wardwell, 1714?

Lydia (3), b.Oct.8, 1690; -

Priscilla (3), b.March 19, 1696; m. George Holt,1715; d. at birth of 1st child.

Samuel (3) Preston(Sam(2)Roger(1) and wife, Sarah Bridges, had:-

Levi(4), b.Oct.25, 1696; m. Elizabeth Harnden of Reading; quit-claim
1717 to rights to estate; lived in Killingly, Conn.

Mary(4), b.Mar.31,1699; lived in Haverhill; m. Christopher Lovejoy
of Andover,1718.

Jemima (4), b. May 29, 1701; mentioned in will.

Joanna (4), b. ; m. in Killingly, Conn., Samuel Utter; mentioned
in will.

Sarah (4), b. Feb,5,1695; m. John Stacy of Hampton,Conn.,1724; -

Elizabeth (4), b. ; mentioned in will.

Samuel(4), b. 1709; m. Hannah Bridges,1728; she was dau. of James;
moved to Littleton; there in 1744.

Phebe (4), b. 1711; d. unm.

Isaac (4), b. " twin; settled in Littleton;was there 1732.

Ruth (4), bapt. July 25, 1713; m. Nath'l Barnard, 1733.

Joshua (4), bapt.April 8, 1716; was in New Medfield,1737; this was
in Worcester,Co.;sold land to Josiah Holt of Andover,recor-
ded 1754 and transferred to John (4) and James (4) Farnum,
for £ 90- on road from John Russell's to the Meeting House
and road from John Holt's to James Russell.

Caleb (4), b. ^{April 3, /}1716; a twin; d. April 16.

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Jacob(3) Preston(Sam(2) Roger(1) and wife, Sarah Wilson, had:-

Ben(4), b. 1705; prob. m. Deborah Holt in Windham, 1727.

Jacob (4), b. 1710; was a Lieut.; he m. Sarah Foster of Andover,1730;
went to Windham;she d.April 14, 1730 at 43; he m. 2nd.,
Mary Holmes of Woodstock.

Joseph(4), bapt.1712;Sept.14; had wife, Elizabeth---April 1734; moved
to Coventry, 1740; several ch. b. there.

John(4), bapt.April 8, 1716; m. Mary Ford

John (4) Preston (Jacob(3) Sam(2) Roger(1) and wife, Mary Ford, had:-

John (5), b. ; m. Sarah Eastman; had:-

Sarah (6), b. ; m. John Armour in Ashford, Conn.

(The Armours of Chicago are sd. to be descendants of
Jacob(3) Preston and wife, Sarah Wilson of Andover.)

Essex Court Deeds:-

1658.. March 11,.... Roger Preston and wife, Martha, of Ipswich, sold to Reginald Foster, for £ 50, house, lit, barn etc., and another lot with gardens and orchard, which Preston had bought of Robert Wallis, on North side of River- also a planting lot of 3 acres, North side of Town Hill- bds. on land of widow Rose Whipple, Andrew Hodges, John Morse and Thos. Treadwell. (The house was on High street-the east end, near the old house of Rev. Mr. Norton, standing 1876.)

1680.. Vol. 33.. Essex Sessions.. JACOB PRESTON's inventory.. " He in all probability hath departed this life for these several months, having been wanting about 10 months-gone forth in a small ketch upon a fishing design to the Eastward and never yet returned and no certainty heard of-- his goods and what belongs to him are presented unto Court by Thomas Preston, Richard Croad and John King, to appraise, June 1680.... Chest and small suits of clothes; coats, breeches and neck cloths he owes Levi Preston and Sam Preston more than the stuff is worth, as the total value is £5 16 sh. 6d. Thomas Preston gets most of the possessions as Jacob owed him.

1679..... Sam Preston is to change 2 acres he bought of Andrew Foster on the Plain by the Pine tree, going to Ballard's, and lay it out on his new farm.

1678..... John and Sam Preston are on the Tax List as being over 16. Sam owned Preston's Plain. John was on the 1691 Tax List in North Parish; Sam on the South. John Preston went to Narragansett War.. Sam lost a cow in a quarrel with Martha Carrier... Sam, Jr., was on the School Committ of South Parish, 1714... Jacob Preston was bound out to Wm. Curtis of Salem and Thomas Chandler, and learned the blacksmith trade. He borrowed a horse from Wm. Curtis and went to Andover, and was sick at his brother's. Then he went to " his father Holt's." He was bound out for 7 years, and was to learn to "write, cipher, read and keep accts., if smart enough," to have "two full suits at 21."

Essex Court Deeds.

- 33:164...1716.. Sam Preston, Sr., to John Frye, Jr., carpenter, for £ 16, 6 lot rights, common and undivided land in Andover also 3 acres West of John Frye. Mary Blodgett signs. Wm. Wardwell; John Frye, Sr., witness.
- 34:2 1717..... Sam Holt/sold land to Wm. Gary of Roxbury, stole monger 20 acres in Andover. The deed was not well executed. Gary sold to Sam(3) Preston, carpenter, and never made any legal conveyance. Sam Preston died 1717. Then, (3) Sam Holt and John Holt, husbandmen of Andover, heirs Sam (2) Holt, for 20 sh. from Sarah Preston, relict of Sam Preston, in behalf of the heirs, convey the above land, which joins the land of Robert Russell's heirs..
 (Thos. Chandler; Wm. Chandler, witness.)
- 35:228..1714..... John Preston of Andover has share in 1st division of rights; 1/2- more to come, for money rec'd.
 (Israel Howe; Josia Chandler).
- 40:265..1717.. Sara Preston, relict of Sam (Bridges) for £5 from Ephraim Abbott, "part of land given me by father-in-law Sam Preston, Sr., - 2 acres in Andover S.E. corner of Eph Abbott's and Jona Abbott's.
 (Thos. Abbott; David Blunt)
- 67:199..1727 John Preston, Sr., of Windham, Conn., gives to John Preston, Jr., of Windham, rights in Narragansett lands. (John, Sr., went in Capt. Gardner's troops from Salem- he was then called John JR., and was recorded as of ANDOVER. He quit-claims to his nephew, John Preston, Jr.^{as}, above.)
- 66:25..1712..... Wm. Wardwell of Andover, weaver, and wife, Dorothy, for £ 5 10 sh. from Sam Preston, Sr., carpenter, sell 3 1/2 acres- a swamp, near Abraham Foster, Jr., (Foster's Pond) and Nathan Abbott.
 Nath Abbott; Sam Wardwell, witness.
- 73;32...1714... Jacob Preston of Andover, blacksmith, for £ 2, 5sh from Jn. Ames of Boxford, yeoman, sells rights in Andover lands.
 Joseph Upton; Eph Foster, witness.
- 83:196...1732... Isaac Preston of Littleton, Middlesec Co., currier for £ 17 from Ebenezer Abbott of Andover, husbandman, sells land- 1/2 of 4 acre lot laid out to late Sam Preston of Andover- South side of road from Tim Holt's to Duck Tail. "Brigg."
- 94:128...1717..... Levi Preston of Andover, for money paid by mother Sarah, quit-claims rights to father's estate. (Wm. Chandler; James Bridges.)

Essex Court Deeds :-

94:12....
1744. Henry Holt, yeoman, and wife, Martha, Ben Barker, 3rd., yeoman, Christopher Carleton, yeoman, and wife, Martha, Job Marble, yeoman and wife, Phebe, Nathan Frye, yeoman and wife, Sara, Joanna Barker, daughter of Ben, all of Andover; Thos. Stoddard, boat builder and wife, Abigail, of Boston, Lt. Dan Bodwell and wife, Elizabeth, of Methuen, Sam Preston, tanner, and wife Hannah, of Littleton, for £ 32 from Moody Bridges of Andover, quit-claim rights in the estate of their uncle, Eph and Joseph Warston, late of Andover.

100:212..1737.. Joshua Preston of New Medfield, Worcester Co., husbandman, for £ 26 from Joshua Holt of Andover, husbandman, conveys land on road from John Holt's to James Russell's.
(George Abbott; Isaac Abbott.)

124:29..1744... Sam Preston of Littleton, currier, for £ 5 from Moody Bridges, yeoman, gives rights in land laid out to James Bridges, dec., and heirs of Sam Preston, dec., near Boxford line- joins Thomas Curtis.
(Nathan Chase; John Peacock).

312:108..1718... Sam Preston's estate adm. by widow; homestead, 20 acres by Sam Holt's; 3 acres by Thos. Chandler; stock, beds, brass, guns and bayonets.. total £70.
(Wm. Lovejoy; Thos. Chandler.)

1724.....

Widow Sara is called PRESSON. In the division she gets 20 acres next John Russell's; South end of the homestead on the County Road leading to Boston (old road to Gould's line) 1/3 of buildings; Levi has 3 3/4 acres Wm. Lovejoy's and Jos. Ballard's; Mary has 2 1/2 acres near John Russell's; Jemima and Joanna, 2 acres at homestead; Sam 2 1/2 East of Mother's; Elizabeth, 2 1/2 acres North of Sam; Sam and Isaac have land West of Holt's Hill laid out to father- wood lot. Phebe, Ruth and John, 3 shares together, by Russell's-2 1/2 acre one near Peter Osgood; one near Ralph Farnum; one North side Gould's Pond meadow, laid out to Sam, dec. etc

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