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Their Part in Making American History
From 495 to 1934

By Their Lineal Descendant

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"Happy he, who with bright regard looks back upon his father's fathers, who with joy recounts their deeds of grace, and in himself, valued the latest link in the fair chain of noble sequence."—GOETHE.

"Remember the days of old, the years of many generations: ask thy father and he will shew thee: thy elders and they will tell thee."—DEUT., 32:7.

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6. CHLOE SHATTUCK, b. Nov. 22, 1766, Greenfield, Mass., d. Jan. 22, 1845, Enosburg, Vt.; m. Nov. 17, 1785, prob. Greenfield, Mass., Ephraim Leach, b. Dec., 1761, d. Feb. 28, 1840, Enosburg, Vt.
7. TERTIUS LEACH, b. Nov. 21, 1786, prob. Greenfield, Mass., d. Feb. 4, 1864, Waterville, Vt.; m. Jan. 1, 1812, Sheldon, Vt., Sophia Hawley, b. Aug. 17, 1795, Sheldon, Vt., d. Jan. 7, 1879, Waterville, Vt.
8. TERTIUS HAWLEY LEACH, b. March 19, 1813, Enosburg, Vt., d. Sept. 19, 1881, Clinton, Ia.; m. Feb. 28, 1835, Sheldon, Vt., Orissa Fanton, b. May 1, 1812, Sheldon, Vt., d. June 24, 1890, Fairfield, Vt.

From here same as Summary of Descendants of Joanna Arms of Yarmouth, 8th to 10th Generations; Daughters of the American Colonists, 1931, pp. 29-36, No. 2089; ancestry traced by the author of this book.

SHERWOOD ANCESTRY

DESCENDANTS OF THOMAS SHERWOOD OF SHERWOOD FOREST

THOMAS SHERWOOD, born in Sherwood Forest, Nottingham, Eng., 1586. In 1630, he was living in London, as established by the record of the baptism of his son Thomas, in the Parish of St. Michael's, in that city. He sailed from Ipswich, April 21, 1634, in the ship "Francis," John Cutting, Master, and landed in Boston, Mass., in June of the same year.

List of passengers on Ship "Francis:"

Thomas Sherwood, 48 yrs.
Mrs. Alice Sherwood, 47 yrs.
Anna Sherwood, 14 yrs.
Rose Sherwood, 11 yrs.
Thomas Sherwood, 10 yrs.
Rebecca Sherwood, 9 yrs.

He was accompanied by his wife Alice (nee Seabrook) and four children: Ann, b. 1620; Rose, 1623; Thomas, 1624; Rebecca, 1625. They landed on Cape Cod and after several years in Massachusetts, came to Weathersfield, Conn., finally 1648, settled in Fairfield, where Thomas Sherwood bought land, 1650. In 1654, he was Deputy to the General Court. A bill of sale of land to John Hawley by Sherwood, appears on Stamford, Conn. Land Records. In 1650, he bought land at Barlow's Plain, Fairfield, Conn. He was a pioneer of Rippowams, later called Stamford. In 1654, to 1663, Thomas Sherwood is spoken of as Ancient Town Clerk of Stratford. Thomas Sherwood and Thomas Fairchild, Sr., were appointed by the General Court to draft men in 1654, for the proclaimed Narragansett War. He was a Representative from Stratford in 1645. He served as a Deputy with Roger Ludlow, in the General Court, 1650. His wife Alice Seabrook was born 1583, and is said to have married (second) Lieut. John Banks. She was the daughter of Robert Seabrook, who came to America with the Sherwoods, settled at Stratford, and died about 1650, aged 85. Thomas Sherwood brought with him to Fairfield his 2nd. wife, Mary —, by whom he had six more children. His will is dated July 21, 1655, and proved Oct. 26, 1655.

References: "Planters of the Commonwealth," by Banks, p. 123. "Genealogy of Conn.," Vol. II, pp. 67, 68.

Summary of Ancestry:

1. THOMAS SHERWOOD, b. England, 1585, d. Fairfield, Conn., 1655; m. Eng., Alice Seabrook, b. England, 1683, d. prob. after 1655.
2. REBECCA SHERWOOD, b. Eng., before 1634, d. —; m. Angell Husted, b. England, 1620, d. Greenwich, Conn., 1706.
3. REBECCA HUSTED, v. abt. 1645; m. 1665, Jonathan Reynolds, b. 1636, d. 1673.
4. SARAH REYNOLDS, b. Weathersfield, 1665; m. 1687, Joseph Mead, b. abt. 1657, d. 1714.
5. JEREMIAH MEAD, b. Zug. 6, 1702, d. Norfolk, Conn., 1742; m. 1725, Hannah St. John, b. 1703, d. June 30, 1746.
6. STEPHEN MEAD, b. 1728, d. Oct. 18, 1806, of Redding, Conn.; m. Oct. 31, 1751, Rachel Sanford, b. Feb. 12, 1708, d. abt. 1800.
7. ESTHER MEAD, b. Aug. 11, 1760, d. Dec. 22, 1836; m. abt. 1777, Isaiah Hungerford, b. Dec. 26, 1756, d. Sturbridge, Que., June 16, 1833.
8. ELIZABETH HUNGERFORD, b. New Fairfield, Conn., Feb. 7, 1798, d. Jan. 7, 1878; m. April 29, 1821, Nash David Phelps, b. Oct. 4, 1796, d. Stanbridge, Que., April 15, 1884.

From here same as Summary of Arms Ancestry, 8th to 10th Generations; Colonial Daughters of the 17th Century, p. 136, No. 772; and Daughters of the American Colonists, 1931, pp. 26-36, No. 2089; ancestry traced by the author of this book.

SMITH ANCESTRY

In the old records the name is spelled Smith, Smithe, Smeith and Smyth. It is one of the very oldest surnames, giving precedence to none, unless it be King.

There is no doubt that the ancestors were of English origin, and the Matthew which I have designated as 1st came to America from England, in 1637, and in direct descent there appear nine by that name alone, the ninth dying unmarried.

Sir Henry Smith (son of Sir Hugh Smith, of Ashton, Somerset, England) with his wife Elizabeth Gorges came to New England, 1630, as chaplain in charge of fleet with Governor Winthrop. (See "Compendium of American Genealogy," Vol. III, page 683.)

Rev. Henry¹ Smith was born in England. Some say he was the son of Robert Smith of London, while others claim he was the son of Erasmus Smith, born about 1540, at Whitcock, died 1616; married 1576, his second wife, Marjery (Cecil) Cave, widow of Roger Cave, daughter of Wm. Cecil, Lord Burleigh, Lord High Treasurer of Queen Elizabeth. He came to Watertown, Mass., removed to Wethersfield, Conn., and became the first settled pastor of the church there in 1636. He married first in England, but we know nothing about his wife. He married second, Dorothy, who after his death, married John Russell, father of Rev. John Russell, who succeeded Henry Smith as minister at Wethersfield. They moved to Hadley, Mass., where she died in 1694. Henry Smith was appointed by Governor Winthrop a member of the General Court of Connecticut in 1636. He was a soldier in the Pequot War, 1637. He died Aug. 9, 1648. (See "Bassett Preston Ancestry," page 257.)