

THE WATERMAN FAMILY

Volume I

Descendants of Robert Waterman

of Marshfield, Massachusetts  
through seven generations

Based on the public records and several collections  
of family data, notably that of

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## APPENDIX I

### ALLIED FAMILIES

#### THE ALLYN FAMILY

ROBERT ALLYN, born in England about 1616, died at New London, Conn., (before 20 Sept.) 1683; married SARAH ———, born in England, died after 5 Dec. 1683.

The surname in this family was spelled Allen or Allin in most of the records pertaining to Robert, and in signing his name he seems to have preferred *Allen*. The second Recorder at New London spelled it regularly Allyn, and the family ultimately adopted that spelling.

Robert, with his brother William Allen, first appears at Salem, Mass., about 1637. In 1640 they signed a petition with others in reference to a removal to Jeffrey's Creek, later called Manchester. They are said to have been from Manchester, Eng., but whether this is an old tradition or a confusion with Manchester, Mass., we are unprepared to decide.

At a Court held at Salem, Jan. 1641/2, Marmaduke Barton and Robt. Allen were fined for receiving stolen silver; John Devoriux undertook to pay the fine; they were to be whipped, and Allen was to serve his master, Mr. Williams, a month extra time.

This apprentice youth could hardly be our Robert Allyn, whose date of birth by his own statement in an affidavit (New London, 1680, aged about 64), must be placed about 1616. He was therefore at least twenty-five years old at the time of the above trial, and later in that very year joined the Salem church and had two children baptized. His wife Sarah, along with John Devorux, witnessed a document in 1642. His good standing is evident in all records pertaining to his later career. On 4 Feb. 1638/9, the Town of Salem granted 25 acres at "Jeffrys Creeke" [Manchester] to "Robert Allyn," and on 25 Jan. 1642/3 "Granted to Willm Allin & Robt. Allin 10 acres a peice at the great pond." It is inconceivable that a householder and married man could be identical with Mr. Williams' erring apprentice of the 1642 record. This apprentice is probably identical with the Robert Allen who afterwards was whipped and banished for adultery.

William Allen and his brother, as we have seen, settled in that part of Salem which became Manchester. Robert Allen was sworn Constable for Manchester in 1648, and in June 1649 Robert Allen of Manchester was sworn freeman. William continued in Manchester until his death, in 1679, and left children by a first wife Alice and by a second wife Elizabeth, who survived him. In Mar. 1651, Robert joined others of Manchester and Gloucester in an emigration to Pequot, later named New London, Conn.

In New London, Robert Allen was granted one of the house lots on New Street in the rear of the town plot; this street received the name of Cape

Ann Lane, and was divided into nine lots of six acres each. Early in 1653, lots were laid out to Allen and others in the northeastern part of New London in the "Pocketannock Grants," and Allen removed to this quarter about 1656.

In May 1658, "Robert Allyn and John Gager are released frō their fine for not attending ordinary Town training," probably because they lived at such a distance from the center. Miss Caulkins in her New London history states that Allyn was released from training in 1668, but in her Norwich history gives the date 1669, and assuming that he had then reached the age of 60, the date of his birth would be about 1608, a statement that has often appeared in print. It is erroneous, since we have Allyn's own statement of his age as about 64 in 1680, in a deposition made on behalf of Edward Smith.

Robert Allyn became one of the original proprietors of Norwich, Conn., his name appearing on the Founders' Monument there. His home lot was laid out in Nov. 1659. He shared in the various divisions of the common lands of the town, and these lands were inherited by his son John. He was Constable of Norwich in 1669, but remained there only a few years and returned to New London. Allyn's Point, about one mile above Gale's Ferry (the headquarters of the Yale-Harvard boat crews) and the height called Allyn's mountain, were named probably from Robert's son John.

Robert appears in a number of deeds in New London; his own signature, spelled Allen, is in vol. 3, p. 47. He sold land 1 July 1664, being then of "New norwig"; he called himself "formerly living in New London," 16 June 1671, this deed being witnessed by John Bradford and Thomas Tracy. He was still of Norwich in 1674, when Sara Allin was one of the witnesses. He was of New London when he conveyed to his son John, and son-in-law Thomas Rose, in 1681. The settlement of his estate was spread in the Land Records (5-87), the heirs being his widow, and the children, John Allyne, George Geres, Thomas Parke, and Deborah Allyn. This record shows he died before 20 Sept. 1683, and the settlement was made 5 Dec. 1683. Carpenter's tools and cart wheels were mentioned in the inventory. The unmarried daughter Deborah received half the farm; and in 1685 John Gadger Jr. sold to Thomas Rose half of the land which was my father-in-law's, Robert Allyn's.

The inventory of Robert Allyn was exhibited in Court, 23 Nov. 1683. The Court deducted from each portion what the heirs had received in his lifetime, and ordered the following distribution: to the Widow, £100 and a third of the rents of the realty; to John Allyn, £143; to George Geares, £85; to Thomas Roase, £60; to Debora Allyn, £78; and to Thomas Parkes, £72.

Children of Robert and Sarah (——) Allyn, three baptized at Salem, Mass.:

- + i. JOHN<sup>2</sup>, bapt. 22 May 1642.
- ii. SARAH, bapt. 22 May 1642; m. at New London, 17 Feb. 1658/9, GEORGE GEER, of Groton, Conn.

- iii. MARY, bapt. 19 Nov. 1648; m. New London.
- iv. HANNAH, b. [say 1660]; m. Conn.
- v. DEBORAH, m. abt. 1685, JOHN

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JOHN<sup>2</sup> ALLYN (*Robert*<sup>1</sup>), baptized at Groton, Conn., in 1709; married first at BETH GAGER, born Mar. 1649.

—— (——) Gager; married secondly "Hester Allen" married at New London about 1651, died 14 Sept. 1727, as his widow. John Gager, Sr., of Norwich, acquired by exchange with Robert Allyn, 18 July 17 Mar. 1673/4, to his daughter Elizabeth Town abovesaid." Mr. John Allyn bought Chandler in 1697.

The inventory of the estate of Mr. John Allyn by Mrs. Hester Allyn, the widow. Taken 17 June 1709, to Mrs. Easter Allyn, Widow of my late father in law Mr. John Allyn Elizabeth." Robert Allyn gave a similar agreement On 14 June 1709, an agreement for division between Hester Allyn, widow, Robert Allyn, right of his wife Elizabeth, daughter, and with her mark (a large E); the other Probate, File No. 47.]

Children of John and Elizabeth (Gager)

- i. ELIZABETH<sup>2</sup>, b. 24 Dec. 1669  
WATERMAN [No. 12], q.
- ii. ROBERT, b. abt. middle of 17th c.  
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- iv. HANNAH, b. [say 1660]; m. 16 Sept. 1680, THOMAS ROSE, of Preston, Conn.
- v. DEBORAH, m. abt. 1685, JOHN GAGER, JR., of Norwich, b. Sept. 1647.

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John Gager, Sr., of Norwich, acquired 100 acres in New London by exchange with Robert Allyn, 18 July 1660, and this property he conveyed, 17 Mar. 1673/4, to his daughter Elizabeth, "now wife unto John Allen of the Town abovesaid." Mr. John Allyn bought 350 acres from John and Mary Chandler in 1697.

The inventory of the estate of Mr. John Allyn was presented, 14 June 1709, by Mrs. Hester Allyn, the widow. Thomas Waterman receipted at Groton, 17 June 1709, to Mrs. Easter Allyn, Widow and Administratrix of the estate of my late father in law Mr. John Allyn, "w<sup>ch</sup> I Receiue in right of my wife Elizabeth." Robert Allyn gave a similar receipt at Groton the day before. On 14 June 1709, an agreement for distribution (articles tripartite) was made between Hester Allyn, widow, Robert Allyn, son, and Thomas Waterman in right of his wife Elizabeth, daughter, of John Allyn deceased. Hester signed with her mark (a large E); the others wrote their names. [New London Probate, File No. 47.]

Children of John and Elizabeth (Gager) Allyn, recorded at New London:

- i. ELIZABETH<sup>3</sup>, b. 24 Dec. 1669; d. 15 Mar. 1755; m. 29 June 1691, THOMAS<sup>3</sup> WATERMAN [No. 12], *q. v.*
- ii. ROBERT, b. abt. middle of Sept. 1671; m. at Groton, 29 June 1691, DEBORAH AVERY.

Note

A curious story was handed down to Judge Thomas<sup>3</sup> Waterman (1781-1875) and preserved by his nephew, John Asa<sup>3</sup> Waterman, to the effect that "Elizabeth Allyn was a



granddaughter of Capt. William Hull of Boston . . . who was commissioned . . . . . to coin silver shillings, known as the Pine Tree shilling," whose daughter at marriage was reported to have received her weight in silver; and Judge Thomas Waterman possessed heirlooms believed to have come from this source, among them a Pine Tree shilling bearing date 1652, a spoon, a silver whistle, and buckles. However, the coiner of the Pine Tree shilling was John (not William) Hull of Boston, and his only surviving child Hannah became the wife of Chief Justice Samuel Sewell. The Allyn family had no connection with the Hulls, so far as we have ascertained. The heirlooms may have come from the Allyn family, as supposed, and the Pine Tree shilling may have led to a supposition of descent from Hannah Hull of the famous legend.

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#### THE BARKER-CARY-GL

BENJAMIN SPRAGUE married at Lebanon, 5 Mar. 1713/14. Benjamin proved 8 Jan. 1754, left to "daughter £5 each," stating that he had given [Probate Rec. Windham, File No. 352]

IGNATIUS BARKER and MARY SPRAGUE 1735 [First Lebanon Church, Bailey's born at Scituate, Mass., 1 Dec. 1709, son of Hannah (Cushing) Barker, grandson of John Barnstable, Marshfield and Scituate, Mass. Ann (Williams) Barker of Duxbury a

Child of Ignatius and Mary (Sprague)

- i. Mary, b. [say 1737]; m. (Lebanon), 23 Sept. 1757,

Child of Ignatius and *Grace*,\* born a

- ii. Charles, b. 6 Jan. 1746; m.  
 (1) Hannah.  
 (2) Elizabeth.

Ignatius Barker was commissioned Horse, 12th Regt., Oct. 1751; Cornet same, May 1759; and Captain of the Lebanon, May and Oct. 1762. [Col. 12, 74.]

The will of Ignatius Barker of Lebanon 1774, gave to wife Hannah what she land, mentioning her son Gamaliel; daughter of my Son in Law Darius V granddaughters, Hannah and Elizabeth Charles Barker Deceased; Jemima C my Second Wife Jemima and Daughter his wife; "To my Daughter Mary W man, and To her ten Children, five of Daughters"; Trustees, Capt. Joshua Hyde of Lebanon. Witnesses: Elijah Tisdale, and Deborah Tisdale. He sig shows quite a library for the period. 211.]

\* Perhaps an error for Jemima; the record is from original entry has not been seen. Jemima became wife Grace in 1746, he had four wives in all.