

PHOEBE IVES, daughter of William and Hannah, was baptized in New Haven, CT 2 October 1642 and married there, about 1669, JOSEPH POTTER.

#### Dickerman Family

THOMAS DICKERMAN was christened at Mears Shelby School, Norwich, Norfolkshire, England 11 March 1605, and died in Dorchester, MA in 3 Feb. 1658. He married in England about 1620, ELLEN (——). He was a tailor by profession, as well as a farmer; and owned land in Dorchester by 1636. He could write his name, his signature has been preserved. (Dickerman, *the Descendants of Thomas Dickerman*). His known children were Thomas and Abraham, both born in England; Isaac b. in Dorchester in 1637 and John, baptized 1644. (Savage, *Genealogical Dictionary of New England* and Pope, *Pioneers of Massachusetts*). It is thought that Hannah was his eldest child, and was born in England before they came to America.

HANNAH DICKERMAN is assumed born about 1621 in England to Thomas and Ellen Dickerman; she married in New Haven, CT 4 June 1739, WILLIAM IVES.

#### Johnson Family

JOHN JOHNSON, the emigrant ancestor of this branch, was born about 1590 in England and died in Roxbury, MA 30 September 1659. He married in Ware, Hertfordshire, 21 September 1613, MARY HEATH, who was baptized there 24 March 1594 and buried there 15 May 1629. He married second, probably in New England, MARGERY (——) who died at Roxbury 4 November 1655. He married third, about 1656, the widow GRACE (NEGUS) FAWER.

He was constable at Roxbury in 1630 and admitted freeman the next year. He was deputy to the General Court for thirty sessions, throughout 20 years. He was #9 on the list of the first comers to the Roxbury Church. He was also Surveyor General in charge of issuing arms and ammunition to each soldier and was Clerk of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company. Savage calls him "a man of estate and distinction."

One event brought him into the limelight. To quote from Winthrop's History (1645:12,16): "John Johnson, the Surveyor General of the ammunition, a very industrious and faithful man in his place, having built a fair house in the midst of the town, with divers barns and other outhouses, it fell on fire in the day time (no man knowing by what

occasion), and there being in it seventeen barrels of the country's powder and many arms, all was suddenly burnt and blown up, to the value of 4 or 500 pounds, wherein a special providence of God appeared, for he being from home, the people came together to help. Any many were in the house, no man thinking of the powder, till one of the company put them in mind of it, whereupon they all withdrew, and soon after the powder took fire, and blew up all about it, and shook the houses in Boston and Cambridge, so as men thought it had been an earthquake, and carried great pieces of timber a great way off and some rags and such light things beyond Boston meeting house."

The ancestry of the first wives of both John Johnson and his son Isaac have been recently researched by Douglas Richardson and published in the *New England Historic and Genealogical Society Register* "The Heath Connection," 146(1992):261 and "The English Ancestry of...Elizabeth Porter, 148(1994):45. John's ten children were all by his first wife. At least four of the ten died before John went to America; five were still living when he died and were named in his will of 1659, Mary, Isaac, Elizabeth, Humphrey, and Hannah.

ISAAC JOHNSON, John's oldest son, baptized in England 31 July 1614, was also notable. He too joined the Ancient and Honorable Artillery and in 1667 was chosen its Captain. Then he was named Captain of the Roxbury Company in the Narragansett Expedition (King Phillip's War) and died leading his troops to victory in the Great Swamp fight on December 19, 1675. *The Genealogy of Captain John Johnson of Roxbury, MA.* by Paul Franklin Johnson, contains a woodcut print showing the scene of his death; the Puritans are all dressed in their knickerbockers and pointy hats; hardly good apparel for warfare.

Isaac married at Roxbury 20 January 1637 ELIZABETH PORTER; they had six children born in Roxbury.

NATHANIEL JOHNSON, youngest child of Isaac and Elizabeth Porter Johnson, was born in Roxbury 1 May 1747 and died in Woodstock, CT 14 February 1698..On 29 April 1667 he married MARY SMITH, who was born 28 February 1642 and died in Woodstock 6 March 1732, daughter of Lawrence and Mary Smith of Dorchester, MA. They lived in Roxbury until 1686, having eight children there, then moved to Woodstock, CT, among the first settlers.



**NATHANIEL JOHNSON**, the second son of Nathaniel and Mary Smith Johnson, was born in Roxbury, MA, 19 March 1670 and died 8 September 1726 at Branford, CT. He married at Branford, about 1790, **HANNAH HOADLEY**, who was born 8 November 1670 and died 15 January 1725, daughter of William Hoadley. They had nine children.

**ABIGAIL JOHNSON**, daughter of Nathaniel and Hannah Johnson, was born in Branford, CT about 1691, and died in Sharon, CT 29 August 1760. On 23 January 1712 she married **BEZALEEL TYLER**. They had nine children in Branford before moving to Sharon with the first settlers about 1738, bringing with them seven sons and daughter Abigail. His eldest daughter REBECCA married Nathaniel Palmer in Branford, and stayed behind.

#### **Heath Family**

MARY HEATH, was baptized at Ware, Hertfordshire, England 24 March 1594 and was buried there 15 May 1629. She married at Ware, 21 September 1613, JOHN JOHNSON and was the mother of his ten children; she herself was the seventh of the ten children of William Heath. The year after he death her husband John emigrated to America.

#### **Porter Family**

ADRIAN PORTER was baptized at Watton-at-Stone, Hertfordshire 13 February 1586 and died after March 1624. He married twice; first 28 April 1696, ELIZABETH ALLOTT, born at Ware 1582 and buried there 1617, and second by March 1618 AGNES (—). By his first wife he had Edward and Elizabeth, who emigrated to America.

ELIZABETH PORTER was baptized in Ware, Hertfordshire, England, 10 February 1611 and died at Roxbury, MA 15 Aug. 1684; she married at Roxbury, MA 20 January 1637 ISAAC JOHNSON. She probably emigrated with her brother Edward who came in 1636 with his wife and two children.

#### **Smith Family**

JOHN SMITH was born about 1595 in England and died in Providence, RI in 1648, age 53. His wife was named DOROTHY.

LAWRENCE SMITH, was born in Rochdale, England in 1610, son of John and Dorothy Smith; christened on 26 December 1619 in Colne,

England, and died in Dorchester, MA on 3 October 1665, age 55. He married in England 17 Dec 1633, MARY CLEGG, who was christened in Rochdale 25 September 1614, and died in Dorchester 11 June, 1683 daughter of Edmund Clegg. They came to America after 1635, when their son Lawrence, Jr. was christened. (Nothing more is known of Lawrence, Jr., he must have died as a child). Lawrence was made freeman at Dorchester in 1643; and bought house and lands there in 1650. He died 3 October 1665, and his will was probated 31 January 1666, mentioning his wife Mary and their daughter, also MARY.

MARY SMITH b. 28 December 1642 ("Early records of Boston," *Register*, 5(1851):333) and died in Woodstock, CT 6 March 1732, age 89 (*Woodstock VRs*). She married NATHANIEL JOHNSON 29 April 1667.

### **Hoadley Family**

**WILLIAM HOADLEY** is first mentioned in Saybrook, Ct in 1666; he was one of the covenant planters of Branford in 1667, and died in Branford in December 1709. He married three times. The name of his first wife, who was the mother of his children, remains unknown. His second wife, whom he married about 1686, was MARY (BULLARD) FARRINGTON, widow of John Farrington. He married, third, in Branford, about 1704, RUTH BOWERS FRISBIE, widow of John Frisbie.

*The Hoadley Genealogy*, by Francis Bacon Trowbridge (New Haven, 1894) provides some interesting details about William. He was a representative for Branford at the general assembly nine times; a selectman several times, a grand juror, and on the committee to procure a minister. He ran the ordinary for a few years. His will was rejected by the probate court and no copy of it remains. However, his inventory shows he had a good estate. Among the things listed were 323 acres of various sorts of land, muslin and silk neckcloths, spectacles, cane and wig, razor, looking glass, silver seal (he signed his name Hoadle), a great number of live stock, a mulatto maid worth twenty-five pounds and an Indian boy worth four pounds, for a total of 1166 pounds. His children were William, Samuel, Elizabeth, Hannah, Abraham, John and Mary.

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