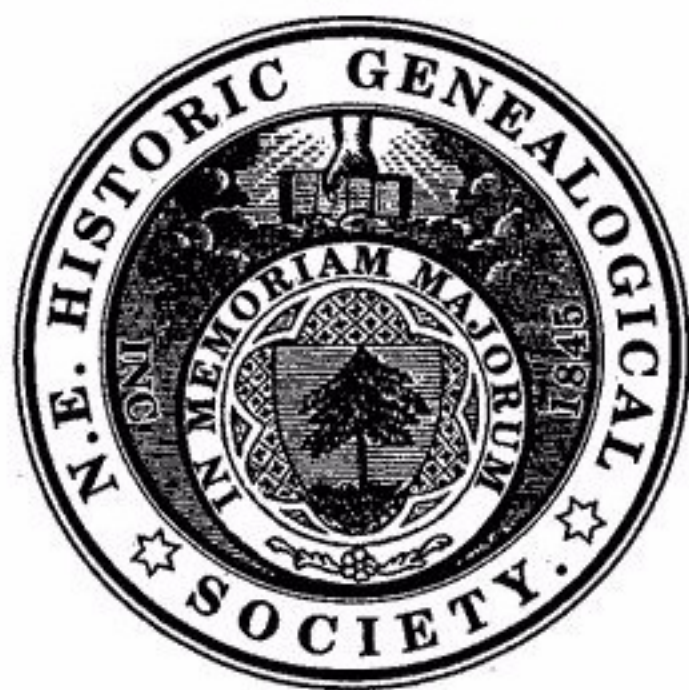


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THE CORRECT ENGLISH ORIGINS OF NATHANIEL DICKINSON AND WILLIAM GULL, SETTLERS OF WETHERSFIELD AND HADLEY

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The dismemberment of a long and cherished family pedigree is never a pleasant task. Consolation often may be found, however, in the knowledge that an accurate, albeit shorter, pedigree has been discovered to replace what was lost. Such is the case with the English origins of Nathaniel Dickinson, an early settler of Wethersfield, Connecticut, and Hadley, Massachusetts.

Frederick Dickinson wrote in 1897 that Nathaniel Dickinson was born in Ely, Cambridgeshire, in 1600, the son of William Dickinson and his wife Sarah Stacey. Nathaniel was said to have married Anna, widow of William Gull, in January 1630 at East Bergholt, Suffolk. A line of descent from John Dykonson, a thirteenth-century freeholder of Kingston-upon-Hull, Yorkshire, to the immigrant Nathaniel Dickinson was provided. The Dickinsons were said to descend from Walter de Caen, later Walter de Kenson, a companion of The Conqueror. Wharton Dickinson, "the distinguished Dickinson genealogist of New York City," is given credit as the author of this pedigree.^[1]

Wharton Dickinson published a similar pedigree in 1901 in his *Record of the Lambert-Dickinson Family*, where the family history is further elucidated. Nathaniel supposedly joined the Cambridge Company in 1629 with his brothers John and Thomas and came to New England in 1630. He settled first at Watertown, removing to Wethersfield in 1635. It was also claimed that William Dickinson, Nathaniel's father, was born in Portsmouth in 1570, and that he was a barrister at law who received a B.A. in 1590 and an M.A. in 1595 from Cambridge University.^[2]

More recently, the Wharton Dickinson pedigree appeared in *Descendants of Nathaniel Dickinson* by Elinor V. Smith, published in 1978 by the Dickinson Family Association. In this work, a common descent is proposed for vir-

1. Frederick Dickinson, *The Descendants of Thomas Dickinson, son of Nathaniel Dickinson and Anna Gull Dickinson* (Chicago, 1897), 10-13.

2. Wharton Dickinson, *Record of the Lambert-Dickinson Family together with a Report of the Dickinson Family Reunion at Amherst, Mass., August 8th and 9th, 1883* (Flushing, N.Y., 1901), 98-99.

tually every colonial Dickinson family from Massachusetts to Virginia.^[3] In his review of the book, George E. McCracken considered the 14-generation descent of Nathaniel Dickinson "mostly rubbish," citing the lack of documentation and the family's "jumping about the Island of Britain with ease, with at least one impossible chronology, to wit, in the 6th generation a Thomas (1400-1475) is married in 1430 to the daughter of a standard bearer for Richard III!" McCracken conceded, however, that he would be willing to accept some of the later generations provided that acceptable documentation be furnished.^[4]

But the later generations of Wharton Dickinson's pedigree also have problems. In my own investigation of William Dickinson and his supposed son Nathaniel, four significant inconsistencies were identified. It is admitted that Nathaniel's wife was probably the widow Anna Gull. The will of Nathaniel Dickinson identifies a "son" (i.e., stepson), William Gull.^[5] But the cited marriage of Nathaniel Dickinson and Anna Gull in January 1630 at East Bergholt, Suffolk is not found in the parish registers of East Bergholt, which begin in 1653. And a search of bishop's transcripts found no transcript from the Archdeaconry of Suffolk prior to 1685.

The original settlers of Wethersfield were largely from Watertown, Massachusetts. Wharton Dickinson states that Nathaniel Dickinson came to New England in 1630 and settled first in Watertown before going to Wethersfield in 1635. However, the town records of Watertown mention nothing concerning Nathaniel Dickinson, and there is no record of the family in Wethersfield before 1638.

Wharton Dickinson tells us that John, eldest son of Nathaniel and Ann Dickinson, was born in 1630, "the first Dickinson born in America." However, the lands of John Dickinson of Wethersfield were recorded in 1650, when John could have been no more than nineteen or twenty years old, too young to have received land from the town.^[6] Moreover, John was married to Frances Foote about 1647/8, as John and Frances had a daughter Hannah born at Wethersfield on 6 December 1648.^[7] It seems highly likely that John was born well before 1630.

Besides this chronological improbability, an investigation of William Dickinson, the barrister of Ely, found no degrees bestowed upon him by

3. Elinor V. Smith, *Descendants of Nathaniel Dickinson* (Dickinson Family Association, 1978), 1-5.

4. George E. McCracken, *The American Genealogist* [hereinafter TAG], 56 [1980]: 64.

5. Will of Nathaniel Dickinson of Hadley, Mass., 29 May 1676, proved 26 Sept. 1676, Hampshire Co. Probate, 1:180 (Family History Library [hereinafter FHL] microfilm 879,184). The term "son" might also apply to a son-in-law, but the husbands of Nathaniel's daughters are well accounted for.

6. Wethersfield Deeds, 1:172-73 (FHL microfilm 005,991).

7. *Ibid.*, 1:13.

Cambridge University, as alleged by Wharton Dickinson. Nor did he receive degrees from Oxford University. Clearly, the century-old Dickinson pedigree was at best the result of poor research — at worst an outright fraud.

What was actually known or conjectured from New England sources is that Nathaniel Dickinson arrived in Wethersfield, Connecticut, no later than 1638. He was probably married to the widow Anna Gull in the mid-1620s, and they produced at least five children prior to their arrival in New England: John, Nathaniel, Joseph, Thomas, and Anna/Hannah. A family matching this exact description was found in the parish of Billingborough, Lincolnshire. The parish lies immediately south of Horbling, the home parish of Governor Simon Bradstreet, and the probable home of Anthony Colby, well-known immigrants of the Massachusetts Bay Colony.^[8]

The parish registers of Billingborough are extant from 1561. Their legibility ranges from good to illegible. A peculiarity of the Billingborough registers, and many others in this part of Lincolnshire, is the dating format used during the period 1561-1598. Unlike most pre-1752 English parish registers, which date each year from Lady Day (25 March), the registers of Billingborough begin the year with Michaelmas (29 September). This method was employed until 1599, when Easter became the annual beginning date. Because of this system, the entries recorded between 1 January and 28 September during a specified year actually took place during the following year, according to the present calendar. When the registers were transcribed to parchment in 1598, it is apparent that the copyist became confused by the system. A comparison of entries in the parish registers with those in the bishop's transcripts and with probate records found many parish register entries advanced a full year; a few were backdated a year. During the transition to the new system in 1599, some entries were actually dropped, and can now be found only in the bishop's transcripts.

The bishop's transcripts of Billingborough are generally more legible than the parish registers. They also commence in 1561 and also begin each year with Michaelmas through 1598. However, there are significant gaps in the available transcripts, including 1563, 1564, 1566-1575, 1577-1584, 1593, 1629-1631, and 1637. The following Dickinson entries were transcribed from the parish registers of Billingborough. Material in bold was supplied from the bishop's transcripts when the parish register entry is illegible, or in cases where the transcripts contain varying, additional, or new information. Dates corrected with probate records are documented in footnotes.

8. Robert Charles Anderson, *The Great Migration Begins*, 3 vols. (Boston, 1995), 1:186-87, 209-14, 413-16.

Billingborough Lincolnshire parish registers^[9] and bishop's transcripts,^[10] 1561-1640 [dates corrected to system then in use in the rest of England, with double-dating only for January - March]:

Baptisms

4 Dec 1564	John, son of Waters Dickinsonne
7 Aug 1573	Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Dickinson
4 June 1575	Robert, son of Thomas Dickinsonne
6 Mar 1578[/9][1579/80] ^[11]	Marie, daughter of Annes Dickinsonne
2 Sept 1581	Elizabeth, daughter of Edward Dickinson
22 Aug 1585	Margerie, daughter of Roger Dickinsonne
1 Nov 1585	Richard, son of Robert Dickinsonne
22 Aug 1586	Robert, son of Edward Dickinsonne
18 Apr 1587	Alice, daughter of Roger Dickinsonne
4 Jan 1588[/9] [1589/90]	Thomas, son of Edward Dickinson
30 Jan 1594[/5]	Ann, daughter of William Dickinsonne
[14] Dec 1596 [1595]	John, son of William Dickinsonne
[17] Mar 1599/1600 [1598/99]	John, son of John Dickinsonne
3 May 1601	Nathaniel, son of John Dickinsonn
20 Mar 1601[/2]	Hugh, son of Roger Dickinson
23 Oct 1602	William, son of William Dickinson
2 Nov 1600	An, daughter of Roger Dickenson
24 Jan 1601[/2]	Robert [Thomas], son of Robert Dickinsonne
1 Jan 1603[/4]	Sara, daughter of Roger Dicconson
9 May 1605	Robert, son of Rauger Dickinsonn
26[30] Dec 1605	Alse, daughter of Marie Dickinsonn
20 July 1606	Robert, son of Roger Dickinsonn
[7 Sept 1606]	[Joseph, son of John Dickonsonne]
5 Aug 1608	Thomas, son of Roger Dicinson
7 July 1611	William, son of Roger Diconsonne
[22 Aug] 1624	[John], son of Nath: Dickinson
18 Mar 1626[/7]	Nathaniell, son of Nath: Dickinson
14 Dec 1628	Elizabeth, daughter of Nath: Dickinson
10 Oct 1630	Joseph, son of Nathaniel Dickinson
21 Oct [Sept] 1632	Thomas, son of Nathanel Dickenson
7 Dec 1634	Samuel, son of Nathaniel Dickenson
30 Aug 1635	Mary, daughter of Samuel Dickenson & Mary his wife
26 June 1636	Ann, daughter of Nath: Dickenson & An his wife

9. FHL microfilm 1,450,460, item 4.

10. FHL microfilm 421,922.

11. Marie is a posthumous child of Thomas Dickinson, whose will was written on 18 Dec. 1578, proved 13 Oct. 1579 (Consistory Court of Lincoln, registered wills, 59/236 [FHL microfilm 198,837]). Therefore, Marie was baptized on 6 March 1579/80. See also the burial entry for Thomas Dickinson, which is misaligned in the parish register.

9 Apr 1637	Ann, daughter of Samuel Dickinson & Mary his wife
1 Mar 1638	Elizabeth, daughter of Samuel Dickinson & Mary his wife
10 Jan 1640[1]	John, son of Samuel Dickinson & Mary his wife

Marriages

1 Sept 1572	Thomas Dickinsonne and Annes Tingle
26 Oct 1581	John More and Annes Dickinsonne
19 Aug 1588	Roger Dickinson & Isabell [Spenser]
2 Aug 1597	William Gull and Elizabeth Dickinsonne
[10] Aug 1612	John Little and Mary Dicinsonne
2 Feb 1619[20]	John Sharples [Sarples] and Jane Dickinson
[27 Nov] 1623	Nathaniel Dickinson and Ann [Gull]
[8] Feb 1624[5]	Robert Tingle and Anne Dickinson

Burials

7 Feb 1569[70]	Gabriel Dickinsone
8 Oct 1578 [1579] ^[12]	Thomas Dickinsonne
[12 June] 1587	Doritie, wife of Roger Dickinsonne
9 Apr 1591	Waters Dickinsonne
19 May 1592	Alse, wife of Edward Dickinsonne
[20 July 1592]	[Thomas, son of William Dickinsonne]
20 Jan 1594[5][1593/4] ^[13]	Edward Dickinsonne
4 Sept 1597[1596]	widow [Alice] Dickinson
[12 Feb 1598(9)] 1599	Isabell, wife of Roger Dickinsonne
6 Aug 1603	William, son of William Dickinsonne
15 May 1605	Robert, son of Roger Dickinsonne
12 Nov 1605	Sarah, daughter of Rauger Dickinsonne
[30 Aug] 1609	Elizabeth, wife of John Diconson
5 May 1610	Elizabeth, daughter of John Dicconsonn
25 Nov 1610	Roger Diconsonn, laborer
19 Feb 1618[9]	Hugh Dickonsonne [son of Roger Dickonson]
8 July 1631	Elizabeth, daughter of Nathaniell Dickinson
19 Apr 1637	John Dickinson, yeoman
2 Mar 1638[9]	Elizabeth, daughter of Samuel Dickinson

Churchwardens from Bishop's Transcripts

1595/6	Willyam Dickinson
1596/7	William Dickinson [signature]
1597/8	William Dickinson

12. The will of Thomas Dickinson was written on 13 Dec. 1578 and proved on 13 Oct. 1579. See note 11.

13. No bishop's transcripts are available for 1593, but Edward Dickinson's nuncupative will was dated 18 Jan. 1593[4] and proved on 5 Feb. 1593[4] (Consistory Court of Lincoln, registered wills, 78/344 [FHL microfilm 198,851]).

1599/1600	William Dickinson
1613/4	William Dickinson
1620/1	John Dickinson
1633/4	Nathaniel Dickinson [signature]

Among the above entries are found the marriage of Nathaniel Dickinson to Ann Gull, and the baptisms of all five of their children born prior to the family's arrival in New England. The eldest son, John, was baptized in 1624, a date much easier to accept for one married by 1648. Moreover, the Dickinson family was obviously still in England as late as 1636, proving that they did not come to New England with Winthrop in 1630. Obviously, they arrived sometime between 1636 and 1638. As will be shown below, William Gull, Nathaniel Dickinson's stepson, was also baptized at Billingborough. Two additional generations of the Dickinson family and two for the Gull family are evident in the parish of Billingborough. The Gull family also has a Dickinson descent.

DICKINSON FAMILY

1. _____^C DICKINSON, perhaps the Gabriel Dickinson who was buried at Billingborough 7 February 1569/70, was the father of at least the following three sons:

Children (probably others):

2. i. WATERS^B DICKINSON, b. say 1530; m. ALICE _____. Ancestors of New England immigrant Nathaniel Dickinson.
- ii. HENRY DICKINSON, identified in the wills of his brothers Waters and Thomas. No further record.
3. iii. THOMAS DICKINSON, b. say 1547; m. ANNIS TINGLE. He is mentioned in the will of his brother Waters. Thomas is the ancestor of New England immigrant William¹ Gull. See "Gull Family," below.

2. WATERS^B DICKINSON, of Billingborough, Lincolnshire, was born say 1530. He was buried at Billingborough on 9 April 1591. Waters married ALICE _____, who is mentioned in his will. She was buried on 4 September 1596. Evidence that she is the mother of Waters's children is found in the will of Edward Dickinson, probably the eldest son, who refers to her as his mother. The will of Waters Dickinson shows that he was a yeoman engaged in husbandry. He apparently had the means to educate his sons, for his son William signed the Billingborough bishop's transcript of 1596/7 as a churchwarden with a firm, well-formed signature. Waters Dickinson of Billing-

borough, yeoman, executed his will on 30 December 1590, and it was proved on 20 April 1591:^[14]

Item I give to Alice my wief v of my best kyene^[15] an awmbling maire and a foale and halfe of all my houshold stufte excepte a bed ij tables and formes in the hall and every quarter of a yeere vi s viii d and my will is that she have the rule and govermente in my house with my sonne Willyam as before time and he to finde her sufficiente manteyninge of meate and apparell provided always that yf my sonne Wm doe marrie and my wief doe not like to be in the house with him then my will ys that she have the ij next her parlor where the chimnay ys and then my sonne Willyam to give her yeerly for her mantenannce a seame^[16] and a halfe of mawlte a seame and a halfe of barlye halfe a seame wheate and halfe a seame rye and a seame of pease with the said vi s quarterly duringe mye lease yf she so longe doe live. Item I give unto her the geese and pullen in the yarde and halfe the swyne and my cloake. Item I give unto my sonne John the other halfe of my household stufte excepte before excepted ij kye [kyne?] ij steares ij mayres or fil-lies ij acres barlie and one ridge beneath carsonicke an acre pease a wayne^[17] and a plowe redie furnished and my parte in the rowegate close for iiij yeeres. Item I give to Edward Dycconson my sonne my best dublett ij lands of barlie at Onsbie ende nexte yeere and to everye one of his children vj s viij d to Ric Dyckonson my nevie I give xx s. To Edwarde his brother vj s viij d to Waters his brother x s. I give to my brother Henrie all my other apparell not bequeathed to everyone on of my brother Thomas his children a lambe and to everyone of my servants. The rest of all mye goods cattell and leases not given I give and bequeathe to Willyam mye sonne whome I make mye executor of this my last will to paie mye debts and legacies and severall charges and to se my bodie honestly buried and I ordaine and appointe Mr Bew^rley mye maister and Edward Dycconson my sone sup[er]visors of the same for the better performance therof and I give to Mr Bewerley an Awngell^[18] and to my son Edward vj s viij d for there paines taking therein. These being witnesses Richard Hane Willm Morres William Baite and John White.

Children of Waters and Alice () Dickinson:

- i. EDWARD DICKINSON, probably the eldest son, considering the projected date of his marriage, was born say 1555. He was buried at Billingborough 20 Jan. 1593/4. Edward had a wife ALICE _____, who was buried on 19 May 1592. The nuncupative will of Edward Dickinson of Billingborough, yeoman, was made on 8 Jan. 1593/4 and proved 5 Feb.

14. Consistory Court of Lincoln, registered wills, 75, pt. 1: 315-16 (FHL microfilm 198,848). A tight binding on this volume obscures some words in film copy, but these were supplied by the Lincolnshire Archivist.

15. Kine: Plural of cow.

16. Seam: A measure of eight bushels.

17. Wain: A wagon.

18. Angel: An English gold coin current in the 15th, 16th, and 17th centuries; so called from bearing on its obverse a figure of the archangel Michael piercing a dragon.

1593/4. Bequests were made to his mother Alice and to children Richard, Robert, Thomas, and Elizabeth. His brothers William and John witnessed the instrument.^[19] Billingborough parish registers include the baptisms of three of the four children mentioned in the will: *Elizabeth* (bp. 2 Sept. 1581), *Robert* (bp. 22 Aug. 1586), and *Thomas* (bp. 4 Jan. 1589/90).

- ii. WILLIAM DICKINSON, born say 1560, just prior to the inception of the Billingborough parish register; d. after 1613/4 when he signed the parish register as churchwarden. William was churchwarden also from 1595 through 1599. No wife has been discovered for William, but he had the following children recorded in Billingborough: *Thomas* (bur. 20 July 1592), *Anne* (bp. 30 Jan. 1594/5), *John* (bp. 14 Dec. 1595), *William* (bp. 23 Oct. 1602; bur 6 Aug. 1603), *Samuel* (bp. 21 Dec. 1606). His signature as churchwarden in 1596/7 bears the mark of an educated man.

- 4. iii. JOHN^A DICKINSON, bp. at Billingborough 4 Dec. 1564; m. ELIZABETH ____.

3. THOMAS^B DICKINSON was born say 1547. He was buried at Billingborough on 8 October 1579. Thomas married at Billingborough, 1 September 1572, ANNIS/AGNES TINGLE, whose parents have not been learned. She married, second, 26 October 1581, John More. The will of Thomas Dickinson, laborer, of Billingborough, dated 18 December 1578, proved 13 October 1579, contains the following passages:^[20]

Item I give to my brother Waters Diconson a chaire & to my syster his wiffe a great hutch. Item I give to my brother Henrie Diconson apaire of russet hose apaire of bootes and a lether dublet. The rest of my goods I will to be devided into ij ptes whereof I will that my children have the one pte devided equally between them and the other pte I give to Agnes my wiffe whom I make my sole executrix of this my last will to se my bodie buried debts paid & legacies discharged. And I ordain & appointe my brother Waters Dicconson and Robt Ganthern to be the supervisors to this my last will and I will that thei shall take sufficient bonds from tyme to tyme of him wth whomsoev^r my wiffe shall marrie that suche persons of goods maie come to my children as I have geven them provided always that if anie of my children depte this life before thei come of age to receyve their pte wth I have geven them that the pte of him or them so decessed to remane to the elder lyvers of them, Thes beinge witnes John Clarke Hughe Taverner wth others.

Children of Thomas and Annis/Agnes (Tingle) Dickinson:

- + i. ELIZABETH DICKINSON, bp. at Billingborough, 7 Aug. 1573; m. WILLIAM^B GULL. See "Gull Family," below.
- ii. ROBERT DICKINSON, bp. at Billingborough, 4 June 1575. No further record.
- iii. MARIE DICKINSON, bp. at Billingborough, 6 March 1579/80, posthumous, "daughter of Annes Dickinsone." No further record.

19. Consistory Court of Lincoln, registered wills, 78/344 (FHL microfilm 198,851).

20. Consistory Court of Lincoln, registered wills, 59/236 (FHL microfilm 198,837).

4. JOHN^A DICKINSON (*Waters*^B) was baptized at Billingborough, 4 December 1564. He was buried there on 19 April 1637 as John Dickinson, yeoman. He married ELIZABETH _____, who was buried at Billingborough 30 August 1609. John was churchwarden in 1620/21. No will or estate records have been found for him.

Children of John and Elizabeth (____) Dickinson:

- i. JOHN DICKINSON, bp. at Billingborough, 17 March 1598/99. No further record.^[21]
5. ii. NATHANIEL DICKINSON, bp. at Billingborough, 3 May 1601; m. ANN (____) GULL, widow of John Gull. See "Gull Family," below.
- iii. JOSEPH DICKINSON, bp. at Billingborough, 7 Sept. 1606. No further record.
- iv. ELIZABETH DICKINSON, bur. at Billingborough, 5 May 1610.

5. NATHANIEL¹ DICKINSON (*John*^A, *Waters*^B) was baptized at Billingborough on 3 May 1601 and died at Hadley, Massachusetts, on 16 June 1676.^[22] He married at Billingborough, 27 November 1623, ANN (____) GULL, widow of John Gull. Her parentage and death date are unknown, but she was living in Hadley, Massachusetts, as late as 24 March 1670/1, when Nathaniel and Ann Dickinson sold property in Hadley to William Marcum.^[23] Ann had a son, William¹ Gull, who accompanied the family to New England. See "Gull Family," below.

Little is known of Nathaniel's activities in England. He was no doubt educated, signing the Billingborough bishop's transcript of 1633/4 with a firm hand. He was accordingly appointed town clerk both in Wethersfield and Hadley. A facsimile of an original letter of Nathaniel Dickinson, written in 1666, is reproduced in Henry R. Stiles, *History of Ancient Wethersfield*, 2 vols. (New York, 1904), 2:284 (facing page).

21. Wharton Dickinson believed Nathaniel Dickinson had a brother John who was born in Ely in 1602 and settled in Barnstable, Plymouth Colony and Oyster Bay, Long Island. He also made Thomas Dickinson of New Haven and Fairfield a third brother (*Lambert-Dickinson Family* [note 2], 102). It seems doubtful that John of Barnstable and Oyster Bay is the brother of Nathaniel Dickinson. No connection has been found between these two. Moreover, John Dickinson of Barnstable and Oyster Bay married his first wife, Frances, about 1647, when Nathaniel's brother John would have been about 48 years old. For further information about John Dickinson, see, among others, Donald Lines Jacobus, "Dickinson Problems," *TAG*, 21 [1945]: 256-58; "Records of the Society of Friends of the City of New York and Vicinity from 1640 to 1800," *The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record*, 3 [1872]: 184-85; Nathaniel B. Shurtleff and David Pulsifer, ed., *Records of the Colony of New Plymouth in New England*, 12 vols. (Boston, 1855-61), 8:8, 13; John Cox, Jr., *Oyster Bay Town Records*, 8 vols. (New York, 1916-40), 1:178-79. This is not a complete bibliography for John Dickinson.

22. "Births, Marriages, and Deaths, [Hampshire] County Court" [hereinafter Hampshire County Court], 80 (FHL microfilm 760,648).

23. Hampshire County Deeds (Springfield Registry), A:92 (FHL microfilm 844,486). Ann is not mentioned in Nathaniel's will, dated 29 May 1676.

Nathaniel arrived in Wethersfield, Connecticut, between 26 June 1636, when his daughter Ann was baptized at Billingsborough, and July 1638, when his son Samuel was born at Wethersfield.^[24] It is difficult to say what influences led Nathaniel to emigrate. Perhaps he heard the Puritan doctrines from Rev. Simon Bradstreet, vicar of Horbling from 1596 to 1621. Rev. Bradstreet's son Simon went to Massachusetts in 1630 and rose to prominence in the government of the Bay Colony. Twelve miles to the east of Horbling and Billingsborough, Rev. John Cotton expounded his Puritan views from the pulpit at Boston until he fled to New England in 1633. Nathaniel apparently spent little if any time in the Massachusetts Bay Colony, and he was not among the Watertown contingent that settled Wethersfield in 1635.

Nathaniel held many positions of trust in the communities of Wethersfield and Hadley. He served on the jury of the Particular Court in 1642. After several years as *de facto* town clerk of Wethersfield, he was officially appointed to the office in 1645. He held this position until 1659, when he removed to Hadley, Massachusetts. Nathaniel Dickinson served as deputy to the Connecticut General Court from 1646 to 1659. He was elected selectman of Wethersfield in 1646. His homestead consisted of a house, barn, and three acres of land in March 1649. In May 1653 he was a member of the committee to direct a contemplated expedition against the Dutch, and in October 1654 Nathaniel was one of the commissioners appointed to consult with the constables of the various Connecticut towns about "pressing men for the expedition into the Ninigret country." He was also active in church affairs, being a deacon of the Wethersfield church.

When dissension arose in the congregations at Wethersfield, Hartford, and Windsor, Nathaniel Dickinson and his son John were active in the organization of a new settlement under the leadership of Rev. John Russell. Nathaniel was one of the 59 men who signed the agreement to settle Hadley, Massachusetts, on 18 April 1659. He was selected to survey the original 59 home lots of eight acres each. In Hadley Nathaniel was again chosen town clerk in 1660. He took the freeman's oath on 26 March 1661, and the same year was a member of the committee to erect a meeting house.

Soon after the establishment of Hadley, settlers began taking up land on the west side of the Connecticut River. On 21 January 1660/1 Nathaniel was a member of the committee appointed to lay out home lots on the west bank. Twenty-eight lots were surveyed for the original proprietors, among whom were sons Nathaniel, Samuel, and Obadiah, and stepson William Gull. These four were also among the petitioners for a separate township in

24. Wethersfield Deeds, 1:12 (FHL microfilm 005,991).

1667. The town of Hatfield was established in 1669. In his later years, Nathaniel, Sr., settled briefly in Hatfield but returned to Hadley shortly before his death.

Nathaniel was an original member of the Hampshire Troop, organized in March 1663/4 under Capt. John Pynchon. During King Philip's War, 1675-77, Nathaniel lost three sons — John, Joseph, and Azariah. Another son, Obadiah, was captured by the Indians and taken into Canada but escaped and returned in 1679. Nathaniel served as selectman, assessor, and school trustee at times and was a deacon in the Hadley church.^[25]

Nathaniel Dickinson died in Hadley on 16 June 1676. He wrote his will on 29 May 1676, ten days after his son John was killed in the Turner's Falls battle. The will was proved the following 26 September, and an inventory of his estate, totaling £502 2s 6d, was taken on 22 December 1676.^[26]

I Nath^{ll} Dickenson Sen^r late of Hadfeyld now of Hadley in y^e County of Hampshire upon Conecticut do make & ordane this my Last will & testement as followeth.

Imp^r making a full surrender of myself Soul & Body unto y^e handes of God my Creator & Jesus Christ my alone Saviour & Redeemer relying on him for all y^t I need & hope for in this world & y^t which is to Come & leaving my body to decent Buriall in hope of a Blessed Resurrection I doe Bestow y^t Portion of Outward estate which y^e Lord in his fatherlie mercy hath Blessed me with in manner following my debtes & funerall expences being first payd I doe give unto my son Nehemiah my house & Barn & homelott with all the preveledges & Appurtenances thereto belonging as alsoe one half of my meadow land in Hadley (except what is after accepted [excepted]) with the preveledgs and Apputenances thereto belonging to be to him & his heirs forever besides what was Thomas Websters.

I give to my Daughter in Law Dorcus Widow to my son Azariah four acres & a half of meaddow Land Bounded by my son Thomas his Land East, Francis west, John Hubbard North & y^e highway South to be to her & her heirs for Ever. Further I give or abate to her all y^t was my due for y^e Rent of the rent of my Land from her & Also Doe give to her y^t money y^t was due to me for my oxen, and also three Pounds y^t was Due for a barrell (unpayd) of pork, all & every of y^e premises I give to y^e sd Dorcus as her own to be her & her heirs for Ever.

The rest of my meadow in Hadly I doe give to be equally Divided betweene all my sons (except Nehemiah) and my Daughters Francis Dickenson and Hannah Clary which my executors shall either equally divide to all my aforesayd Children or else pay to Each their proportion of y^e sayd Landes as it shall be

25. The New England history of Nathaniel Dickinson was taken largely from Louis Effingham de Forest, *Our Colonial and Continental Ancestors* (New York, 1930), 84-87; Daniel White Wells and Reuben Field Wells, *A History of Hatfield, Massachusetts* (Springfield, Mass., 1910), 41-43, 51-52; and Henry R. Stiles, *The History of Ancient Wethersfield*, 2 vols. (1904; repr. Somersworth, N.H., 1974), 1:266, 2:284-86.

26. Hampshire County Probate, 1:180, 187 (FHL microfilm 879,184).

Prized on Country Pay within too yeares after my Decease to y^m and their heirs for Ever.

To my son Thomas I give my house & Lot I Bought of M^r Wattson he paying to M^r Wattson y^e thirty pound[s] y^t is yet Due for y^e same or if like it not on those termes then it shall be Cast in among my Devidable Estate to my Children.

I give to my son Sam^{ll} my house & homelott in Hatfeild to be to him & his heirs for Ever together wth y^e Preveleges & Appurtenances thereto belonging.

To my son Obadiah I give all y^e Rest of my land in Hatfeild wth y^e preveleges & Appurtenances thereto belonging to be to him & his heirs for Ever. And my meaning & will is that these my two sons Samuel & Obadiah shall not come in for a share of my Land in Hadley But given them in Hatfeild shall be instead of it.

To my son William Gull I give y^t three poundes w^{ch} he oweth me for a bar^{ll} of Pork. All y^e Rest of my estate I give to be equally devided amongst all my sons my Daughters Francis Dickinson & Hannah Clary having herein equall shares with there Brethren.

I do hereby make & ordane my two sons Thomas & Nehemiah Executors of this my Last will & testement hereunto as my Last will & testement have sub-joyned my hand & seal this present 29th May 1676.

Nathaniel Dickenson

In the presence of Joseph Kellogg [and] John Russell, Ju^r

The Desire of y^e testator is y^t y^e share given unto Francis Dickenson may if she see meete be given to Sam^{ll} Gillits Children.^[27]

Children of Nathaniel and Anna (____) (Gull) Dickinson:

- i. JOHN² DICKINSON, bp. at Billingsborough, 22 Aug. 1624; killed by the Indians during King Philip's War at Turner's Fall, Mass., 19 May 1676.^[28] He m. about 1647/8 FRANCES FOOTE, dau. of Nathaniel and Elizabeth (____) Foote of Wethersfield.^[29] Frances m. (2) Francis Barnard of Hadley.^[30]
- ii. NATHANIEL DICKINSON, bp. at Billingsborough, 18 March 1626/7; d. at Hatfield, Mass., 11 Oct. 1710.^[31] He m. (1) ca. 1661, HANNAH BEARDSLEY, dau. of William and Mary Beardsley of Fairfield.^[32] She is first of record as the

27. The "daughter" Frances was clearly the widow of Nathaniel's son John, recently killed at Turner's Falls. Samuel Gillett, son-in-law of John and Frances, was also killed at Turner's Falls the same day.

28. George M. Bodge, *Soldiers in King Philip's War* (Boston, 1906; repr. Baltimore, 1991), 241-47. Also see the estate records of John Dickinson, Hampshire County Probate, 1:181-82, 187, 194, 197; 3:7, 53 (FHL microfilm 879,184).

29. Wethersfield Deeds, 1:13 (FHL microfilm 005,991). Marriage date is based on the birth of their dau. Hannah at Wethersfield, 6 Dec. 1648. Frances is identified in the inventory of estate of her father, Nathaniel Foote of Wethersfield, 20 Nov. 1644, and in the will of her mother, widow Elizabeth [Foote] Welles of Wethersfield, 28 March 1678 (no probate act, Hartford District Probate, abstracted in Charles William Manwaring, ed., *A Digest of the Early Connecticut Probate Records*, 3 vols. [Hartford, 1904-1906], 1:12, 379-81).

30. Prenuptial agreement, 20 Aug. 1677, Hampshire County Deeds (Springfield Registry), A:87 (FHL microfilm 844,486).

31. Hampshire County Court [note 22], 111.

32. Hannah Dickinson, deceased, is referred to in the distribution of estate of her brother, John Beardsley of Stratford, Conn., 22 March 1718/9 (Fairfield District Probate file 481 [FHL microfilm 1,018,732]). See also Donald Lines Jacobus, *History and Genealogy of the Families of Old Fairfield*, 2 vols. (Fairfield, Conn., 1930, 1932), 1:45-56.

wife of Nathaniel Dickinson when their son Nathaniel was buried, 25 Dec. 1663.^[33] She d. at Hatfield 23 Feb. 1679.^[34] He m. (2) at Hatfield, 16 Dec. 1680, ELIZABETH (HAWKS) GILLET, widow of Joseph Gillett, and dau. of John and Elizabeth (Browne) Hawks.^[35] Elizabeth d. at Hatfield 11 Oct. 1681.^[36] He m. (3) at Northampton, 26 Sept. 1684, ELIZABETH (BURT) WRIGHT, widow of Samuel Wright and dau. of Henry and Eulalia (March) Burt of Springfield.^[37]

- iii. ELIZABETH DICKINSON, bp. at Billingborough, 14 Dec. 1628; bur. there 8 July 1631.
- iv. JOSEPH DICKINSON, bp. at Billingborough, 10 Oct. 1630; killed by the Indians during King Philip's War at Northfield, Mass., 4 Sept. 1675, while serving under Capt. Richard Beers.^[38] He m., before 26 April 1661, PHEBE BRACEY, dau. of Thomas and Phebe (Bisby) Bracey.^[39]
- v. THOMAS DICKINSON, bp. at Billingborough, 21 Oct. 1632; d. at Wethersfield, Conn., 17 Jan 1712/3.^[40] He m. at Hadley, 7 March 1667/8, HANNAH CROW, dau. of John and Elizabeth (Goodwin) Crow.^[41]
- vi. SAMUEL DICKINSON, bp. at Billingborough, 7 Dec. 1634; d. probably before July 1638 when his brother Samuel was born.
- vii. ANN/HANNAH DICKINSON, bp. at Billingborough, 26 June 1636;^[42] d. at Northampton, Mass., 16 July 1723.^[43] She m. (1) at Hadley, 16 June 1670, JOHN CLARY, son of John and Sarah (Cassell) Clary of Watertown, Mass.^[44] John Clary d. 10 Feb. 1690/1, and she m. (2) ENOS KINGSLEY.^[45]

33. "Hampshire Records of Births, Marriages, and Deaths," private manuscript of William and John Pyncheon [hereinafter Pyncheon Record], 223 (FHL microfilm 014,766).

34. Hampshire County Court [note 22], 110.

35. *Ibid.*, 70, 105; Imogene Hawks Larz, *John Hawks [:] A Founder of Hadley, Massachusetts* (Baltimore: Gateway Press, Inc., 1989), 8, 16.

36. *Ibid.*, 110.

37. Northampton vital records, 1:101 (FHL microfilm 186,161). Samuel Wright and Elizabeth Burt were married at Springfield, 24 Nov. 1653 (Springfield vital records transcript, 1:118 [FHL microfilm 186,414]). He died before 29 March 1676, when his widow Elizabeth was granted administration of his estate (Hampshire County Probate, 1:170 [FHL microfilm 879,184]).

38. Bodge, *Soldiers in King Philip's War* [note 28], 130-33. See also the inventory of estate of Joseph Dickinson of Northfield, presented 29 March 1676 (Hampshire County Probate, 1:172).

39. On 26 April 1661, Thomas Bracey, John Bracey, Constance, wife of John Morray, and Phebe, wife of Joseph Dickinson, sold their interest in the estate of their grandfather, William Bisby of London, to their stepfather, Samuel Martin, who married the widow Phebe Bracey (Wethersfield Deeds, 2:43-53). Phebe's parents are identified in Walter Goodwin Davis, *The Ancestry of Sarah Stone, Wife of James Patten of Arundel (Kennebunkport), Maine* (Portland: Southworth Press, 1930), 106.

40. Manwaring, *Digest* [note 29], 2:189-90.

41. Pyncheon Record [note 33], 223.

42. She is called Ann on records of baptism, first marriage, and death, but she is called Hannah in her father's will. The names were sometimes used interchangeably during this time.

43. *Register of Deaths in Northampton* (Northampton, Mass., 1924), 17.

44. Hampshire County Court [note 22], 70; Pyncheon Record [note 33], 223.

45. Sylvester Judd, *History of Hadley...with Family Genealogies by Lucius Boltwood* (Northampton, Mass., 1863), 475. The marriage has not been confirmed in original source records.

- viii. SAMUEL DICKINSON, b. at Wethersfield, Conn., "about the middle of July" 1638;^[46] d. at Hatfield, 30 Nov. 1711.^[47] He m. at Hadley, 4 June 1668, MARTHA BRIDGMAN, dau. of James and Sarah (____) Bridgman of Northampton.^[48]
- ix. OBADIAH DICKINSON, b. at Wethersfield, "about" 15 April 1641; d. there, 10 June 1698.^[49] He m. (1) at Hadley, 8 Jan. 1668, SARAH BEARDSLEY, dau. of William and Mary Beardsley of Stratford, Conn.^[50] He m. (2) before 20 Sept. 1692, MEHITABLE (HINSDALE?).^[51]
- x. NEHEMIAH DICKINSON, b. at Wethersfield, "about the middle of August" 1643; d. at Hadley 9 Sept. 1723, "in his 79th year."^[52] He m. ca. 1671, MARY COWLES, dau. of John and Hannah Cowles of Hatfield.^[53]
- xi. HEZEKIAH DICKINSON, b. at Wethersfield "about the last of" Feb. 1646[/7?]; d. at Springfield, Mass., 14 June 1707.^[54] He m. at Stratford, Conn., 4 Dec. 1679, ABIGAIL BLACKMAN, dau. of Rev. Samuel and Elizabeth (Wheeler) Blackman of Stratford.^[55]
- xii. AZARIAH DICKINSON, b. at Wethersfield, 10 Oct. 1648; killed by the Indians during King Philip's War at the Swamp Fight about ten miles north of Hatfield, 25 Aug. 1675.^[56] He m. DORCAS _____, who is identified in his estate records.^[57]

46. Wethersfield Deeds, 1:12 (FHL microfilm 005,991). This is the source for all the children of Nathaniel Dickinson born at Wethersfield.

47. Hatfield vital records, interleaved with records of the Hampshire County Court [note 22], 111.

48. Hampshire County Court [note 22], 70; Pyncheon Record [note 33], 223.

49. "Connecticut Vital Records - Wethersfield Births, Marriages, Deaths, 1634-1868," Barbour Collection (typescript, 1927; Connecticut State Library, Hartford), 95. See also the will of Obadiah Dickinson of Wethersfield, 7 June 1698, proved 1 Sept. 1698, abstracted in Manwaring, *Digest* [note 29], 1:549-50.

50. Hampshire County Court [note 22], 70; Pyncheon Record [note 33], 223, where the date is recorded as 8 "June" 1668.

51. Hampshire County Deeds (Springfield registry), A:147 (FHL microfilm 844,486). She was possibly the daughter of Samuel Hinsdale (Judd, *History of Hadley* [note 45], 476).

52. Judd, *History of Hadley* [note 45], 476.

53. No marriage record seems to have survived for this couple. Nehemiah and Mary Dickinson had children recorded in Hadley as early as 5 June 1672. She is apparently the daughter Mary Dickinson identified in the will of John Cowles of Hatfield, n.d., proved 29 March 1676 (Hampshire County Probate, 1:177 [FHL microfilm 879,184]).

54. Springfield vital records transcript, 1:193 (FHL microfilm 185,414). See also the estate records of Hezekiah Dickinson of Springfield (Hampshire County Probate, 3:175, 186-87, 218 [FHL microfilm 879,184]).

55. "Connecticut Vital Records - Stratford Births, Marriages, Deaths, 1639-1840," Barbour Collection (typescript, 1925; Connecticut State Library, Hartford), 54.

56. Bodge, *Soldiers in King Philip's War* [note 28], 128-30; Hampshire County Court [note 22], 80, "slaine by ye Indians."

57. Hampshire County Probate, 1:176 (FHL microfilm 879,184).

GULL FAMILY

William Gull came to New England with his stepfather, Nathaniel Dickinson, about 1637. He settled in Hatfield, Massachusetts, where he married and raised a family of four daughters. The following Gull entries were found in the parish registers and bishop's transcripts of Billingborough, Lincolnshire. As above, information in bold was derived from the bishop's transcripts:

Baptisms

5 March 1597[/8]	William, son of William Gull
26 Aug 1599	John, son of William Gull
21 Dec 1600	Alse, daughter of William Gull the younger ^[58]
4[14] Feb 1601[/2]	Edward, son of William Gull
2 May 1603	Johan, daughter of William Gull
9 Sept 1604	Thomas, son of William Gull
28 Nov 1606	Richard, son of William Gull
28 Feb 1612[/3]	Elizabeth, daughter of Wm Gull, laborer ^[59]
[23] Feb 1614[/5]	Symon, son of William Gull
25 Apr 1619	George, son of William Gull
[25] Feb 1620[/1]	Wm, son of John Gull
[18] Mar 1620[/1]	Katteren, daughter of Wm Gull
24 Oct 1624	[John], son of Wm Gull

Marriages

2 Aug 1597	William Gull and Elizabeth Dickinsonne
1 May 1618	William Gull and Joan Silverwood
[27 Nov] 1623	Nathaniel Dickenson and Ann [Gull]
6 Nov 1627	William Atton and Alse Gull
[7 Feb] 1640/1	[Simon] Gull and Grace Wright

Burials

10 Dec 1590	Katherin, wife of William Gull
3 Jan 1608[/9]	Anis[Agnis], daughter of William Gull
3 Mar 1610[/11]	Robt, son of Wm Gull
27 Dec 1612	William Gull
26 Aug 1616	Elizabeth, wife of William Gull
8 July 1621	John Gull, laborer
[22 May] 1622	Elizabeth, daughter of William Gull
20 Apr 1627	Margerie Gull, widow
[8 May] 1639	William Gull

The immigrant William Gull is almost certainly the son of John Gull, baptized 25 February 1620/1. John was buried on 8 July 1621, and it was appar-

58. Entry not in parish register.

59. Duplicate entry, 26 Feb. 1613.

ently his widow, Ann Gull, who married Nathaniel Dickinson on 27 November 1623. As shown in the summary below, William¹ Gull was a cousin of his stepfather, Nathaniel¹ Dickinson.

1. WILLIAM^B GULL, laborer of Billingborough, was born say 1562; he was buried there on 8 May 1639. He was perhaps the son of William Gull, who was buried on 27 December 1612, and his wife Katherine, who was buried on 10 December 1590. He married at Billingborough, 2 August 1597, ELIZABETH DICKINSON, who was baptized there on 7 August 1573, daughter of Thomas^B and Annis (Tingle) Dickinson (see "Dickinson Family," above). Elizabeth was buried on 26 August 1616. A William Gull married Joan Silverwood on 1 May 1618. The timing suggests this was a second marriage of William^B Gull, but it is also possible that the marriage is that of his son William.

Children of William and Elizabeth (Dickinson) Gull, all baptized at Billingborough:

- i. WILLIAM GULL, bp. 5 March 1597/8. He is perhaps the William Gull who married JOAN SILVERWOOD, 1 May 1618, but this is not certain, as this may have been the second marriage of his father.
2. ii. JOHN^A GULL, bp. 26 Aug. 1599; m. ANN ____.
- iii. ALICE GULL, bp. 21 Dec. 1600, "daughter of William Gull the younger." She m. at Billingborough, 6 Nov. 1627, WILLIAM ATTON, laborer. He was bur. 5 Jan. 1627/8, and Alice m. (2) at Billingborough, 14 Oct. 1628/9, WILLIAM WRIGHT.
- iv. EDWARD GULL, bp. 4/14 Feb. 1601/2.
- v. JOHAN GULL, bp. 2 May 1603.
- vi. THOMAS GULL, bp. 9 Sept. 1604.
- vii. RICHARD GULL, bp. 28 Nov. 1606.
- viii. ANNIS/AGNES GULL, bur. 3 Jan. 1608/9.
- ix. ROBERT GULL, bur. 3 March 1610/11.
- x. ELIZABETH GULL, bp. 26/28 Feb. 1612/3; bur. at Billingborough, 22 May 1622.
- xi. SYMON GULL, bp. 23 Feb. 1614/5; m. at Billingborough, 17 Feb. 1640/1, GRACE WRIGHT.

2. JOHN^A GULL (William^B) was baptized at Billingborough, 26 August 1599 and was buried there on 8 July 1621 as John Gull, laborer. He married about 1620, ANN ____, who married, second, at Billingborough on 23 November 1623, Nathaniel Dickinson (see "Dickinson Family," above).

Child of John and Ann (____) Gull:

3. i. WILLIAM¹ GULL, bp. at Billingborough 25 Feb. 1620/1; m. ELIZABETH (SMITH) FOOTE.

3. WILLIAM¹ GULL (*John^A, William^B*) was baptized at Billingsborough on 25 February 1620/1. He died at Hatfield, Massachusetts, between 12 April and 18 December 1701, the dates of the execution and probate of his will. William married, perhaps about 1656, ELIZABETH (SMITH) FOOTE, widow of Nathaniel Foote, who died in 1655,^[60] and daughter of Samuel¹ and Elizabeth (Smith) Smith of Wethersfield and Hadley.^[61] Elizabeth died after 5 January 1701/2, when she swore to the inventory of William Gull's estate.

William Gull is first noticed in Wethersfield town records in 1648, when he was hired with three others to keep the town herd.^[62] He apparently purchased land from William Cross, which he sold to Richard Montague before 22 March 1650[1?], when the latter's lands were recorded in the town books.^[63] His own lands, consisting of five parcels, including a home lot with house and barn, were not recorded until 15 June 1669, all of which had by then been released to John Belding.^[64] William was probably in Hatfield when the lands were recorded under Belding's direction.

It is not clear exactly when William went to Hatfield. As shown above, William Gull had a home lot laid out at Hatfield in 1660/1 and was one of the petitioners for a township there in 1667. But if William went to Hadley with his stepfather in 1659, he must have soon returned because he was appointed hayward at Wethersfield in 1660 and was constable there in 1662.^[65] He is mentioned as taking up a stray horse at Wethersfield on 12 November 1663.^[66] These records suggest that he left Hatfield (then part of Hadley) and did not return until about 1664/5. The birth of his daughter Esther was recorded at Hadley on 21 November 1665.

The will of William Gull of Hatfield was written on 12 April 1701 and proved the following 18 December:^[67]

In the name of God Amen this 12 day of Aprill 1701 in the thirteenth year of y^e Reign of William y^e 3d of England Scotland France & Ireland defender of y^e faith etc. I William Gull of Hatfield in y^e County of Hampshire within the Province of y^e Massachusetts Bay in New England Having many Bodyly infirmities but of

60. Nathaniel Foote of Wethersfield, Conn. was dead by 23 Sept. 1655, when his estate was inventoried by Richard Treat, Samuel Smith, and Nathaniel Dickinson. The document identifies four children: Nathaniel, aged 7; Samuel, aged 5; Daniel, aged 4; and Elizabeth, aged 3 (Manwaring, *Digest* [note 29], 1:113). The son Nathaniel gave a receipt to his "father," William Gull of Hatfield, for his portion of the estate, 19 Jan. 1686 (Hampshire County Probate, 3:85 [FHL microfilm 879,184]).

61. Elizabeth Gull is identified in will of her father, Samuel Smith of Hadley, 23 June 1680, proved 29 March 1681 (Hampshire County Probate, 1:213-14 [FHL microfilm 879,184]).

62. Stiles, *History of Ancient Wethersfield* [note 25], 1:178.

63. Wethersfield Deeds, 1:178 (FHL microfilm 005,991).

64. *Ibid.*, 2:162.

65. Stiles, *History of Ancient Wethersfield* [note 25], 1:274.

66. Wethersfield Deeds, 1:10 (FHL microfilm 005,991).

67. Hampshire County Probate, 3:83-86 (FHL microfilm 879,184).

sound minde & perfect memory Praise be given to god for the same & knowing y^e uncertaintie of this life on Earth & being desirous to sette things in order do make this my last will & testament in Manner & form following that is to say - first & principally I commend my soul to almightie god my Creato^r Assuredly believing that I shall Receive full pardon & free Remission of all my sins & be saved by the precious meritts of my Blessed Saviour & Redeemer Christ Jesus & my Body to the earth from whence it was taken to be buried in such decent manner as my executors hereafter named shall be thought meete & convenyent & as touching such wordly estate as y^e Lord in mercy hath sent me my will & meaning is the same shall be imployed & bestowed as hereafter by this will is Expressed. And first of all I Remake, Renounce Frustrate & make voyde all wills by me formerly made & hereby declare & appointe this my Last Will & testament.

Imp^r I give & bequeath to my deere & loving wife Elizabeth y^e use of my whole estate both Lands & moveables houses homelots with all their appurtenances for y^e full term of her naturall life as alsoe I give to her the full & just vallue of twenty pounds out of my moveable goods such as she shall chuse to be at her own free & absolute dispose for ever.

It[em] I give & bequeath to my Loving daughter Mercy Alverd alias Gull my homestead & housing with all appurtenances as it is situate in Hatfield Bounded by an houselot of Phillip Russell North on a houselot of Sam^{ll} Dickinson Sen^r South on the great River East on the town street West, alsoe I give & bequeath to her my sd daughter Mercy Alverd alias Gull all my accomodations or Out Lands Wood Lands or Common Lands which of right is my due or may grow to be of Right to me within the Bounds of the township of Hatfield all which to be to her & y^e heirs lawfully begotten of her Body & in case she should dye without Issue then my will is that my son in law Jeremiah Alverd surviveing shall have & injoy the aforesd houseing & homestead & Out Lands or Common Lands aforementioned to be to him & his heirs forever. I alsoe give & bequeath to my daughter Mercy abovenamed My yoke of Oxen.

It[em] I give & bequeath to my Loveing daughter Mary Wife to Robert Bardwell my lot in the great Hollow in the meadow comonly called the great meadow in Hatfield as it is bounded by Land of Cap^t John Allis deceased North, on Land of Mr Hope Atherton's heirs South, abutting on the pond West on an high way East conteineing three acres & half more or Less alsoe my upper Lot in the meadow commonly called the Litle meadow in Hatfield part of which I bought of Sam^{ll} Dickinson Sen^r y^e whole being bounded by land of Ltt Daniel Warner deceased Northeast, on Lands of Richard Mortons & Lands of widdow Fellows deceased Southeast, on the River Northwest & on an High way Southwest., alsoe in the Litle meadow aforesd one peice of grass Land as it is bounded by Land of John Graves North, on Land of Mr Hope Atherton deceased his heirs South; abutting on the great River East, & on Land of John Wells & David Whites West conteineing by Estimation five roods more or Less all as to be to her & to her heirs Lawfully begotten of her Body for Ever after y^e decease of my wife Elizabeth abovenamed.

It[em] I give & bequeath to my Loving daughter Anna wife to Jonathan Roote my Lot in the meadow commonly called the South meadow in Hatfield in y^e

upper division of plowing Land conteineing by Estimation four acres more or Less as it is bounded by Land of Jonathan Whites North on Land of John Cowles South abutting on an high way both East & West alsoe my Lot in the tract of Land comonly called y^e Milriver Swamp in Hatfield as it is bounded by Land of Sam^{ll} Belding Sen^r Northerlie & on Land of Sam^{ll} Partriggs Southerlie abutting on an high way both Easterlie & Westerlie conteineing by Estimation Eight acres more or Less to be to her after the decease of my wife & not till then & to the heirs Lawfully begotten of her Body for Ever.

It[em] I give & bequeath to my Loveing Grandchild Elizabeth the daughter of my Loveing daughter Hester deceased sometye wife to Joseph Gillit my Lot in y^e meadow comonly called the great meadow in Hatfield conteineing by Estimation five acres more or Less as it is Bounded by Land of John Wells South by Land of Mr Hope Atherton deceased his heirs North abutting on an high way East & on the pond West; alsoe my Lot in the meadow comonly called the Little Meadow next the gate in Hatfield conteineing by Estimtion three acres more or Less Bounded on the River East on the high way West on Land formerly Zachery Feilds Land South on Land of Ltt Daniel Werners North after the decease of my wife & not till then to be to her & to her heirs forever.

It[em] After my Wifes Elizabeth decease & after the twenty pounds I have bequeathed to her absolute dispose is set out & what wast in sd moveable goods considered the sirplus or remainder of my whole Estate in Moveable goods or otherwise I give & bequeath to my daughter Mercy & to her husband Jeremiah Alverd to be to them & to their heirs for Ever.

It[em] I alsoe will that my just debts be discharged & payd by my Executors hereafter named out of the whole estate.

It[em] I ordeine Constitute & appointe my Loveing Kinsman Sam^{ll} Partrigg Sen^r & my Loveing wife Elizabeth joynt & Sole Executors of this my Last Will & testament In witness of all I have hereunto Subscribed & Sealed this 12 day of April 1701.

William W Gull
his marke

Signed Sealed in the
presence & witness off
Nath^{ll} W Dickinson
his marke
John Coleman
Sam^{ll} Dickinson Sen^r

The estate of William Gull, valued at £263-11-0, was inventoried on 25 December 1701. The widow Elizabeth Gull made oath to the inventory on 5 January 1701/2.

Children of William and Elizabeth (Smith) (Foote) Gull:

- i. MARY² GULL, b. probably at Wethersfield., ca. 1657; d. at Hatfield, 12 Nov. 1726.^[68] She m. ROBERT BARDALL/BARDWELL of Hatfield.

68. Hatfield vital records, interleaved with records of the Hampshire County Court [note 22], 112.

- ii. ANNA GULL, b. probably at Wethersfield, ca. 1661; d. 4 Sept. 1746.^[69] She m. 22 March 1680, JONATHAN ROOT, son of Thomas Root.^[70]
- iii. ESTHER _____, b. at Hadley, 21 Nov. 1665;^[71] m. at Hatfield, 3 Nov. 1687, JOSEPH GILLET, son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Hawks) Gillett of Simsbury, Conn.^[72]
- iv. MERCY GULL, b. at Hadley, 27 June 1668;^[73] m. JEREMIAH ALVORD, son of Alexander and Mary (Vore) Alvord of Windsor, Conn.^[74]

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69. James Pierce Root, *Root Genealogical Records, 1600-1870* (New York, 1870), 105.

70. The marriage is proved by her father's will. The date is from *Root Genealogical Records* [note 69], 105, in which she is called Mary "Hull."

71. Pyncheon Record [note 33], 178.

72. *Ibid.*, 48; *Register*, 101 [1947]: 43.

73. Pyncheon Record [note 33], 179.

74. Samuel Morgan Alvord, *A Genealogy of the Descendants of Alexander Alvord . . .* (Webster, N.Y.: A.D. Andrews, Printer, 1908), 29-34.