

# Colonial Families of the United States of America

IN WHICH IS GIVEN THE HISTORY, GENEALOGY AND  
ARMORIAL BEARINGS OF COLONIAL FAMILIES WHO  
SETTLED IN THE AMERICAN COLONIES FROM THE  
TIME OF THE SETTLEMENT OF JAMESTOWN,  
13TH MAY, 1607,  
TO THE BATTLE OF LEXINGTON, 19TH APRIL, 1775

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In 1910 he retired from active business life and thenceforth devoted himself to the collection of a great library. His method, unlike that of most collectors, was to absorb entire collections. Thus he became possessed of many duplicates, which he later disposed of, retaining single copies. Today his library is famous and known as the greatest private collection of English literature and Americana in the world, containing some priceless tomes exceeding in rareness and value those in the British Museum and the Bodleian. Nearly all are first editions, of some of which there are only one or two in existence. Among the exceedingly rare Americana are included the "Hystorie of Virginia, New England and the Summer Isles, with the names of Planters and Governours from their first beginning" (1626), "The Book of Colonial Laws," the Diary and Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin, considered in value next to the Declaration of Independence. He has the first book ever printed in the English language: "The Recuyell of the Historyes of Troye" (1474); the first book in which color printing on wooden blocks was used, viz: "The Boke of St. Albans" (1486); the first book printed in the English Colonies of North America, "The Bay Psalm Book" (1640); the most famous manuscript of English literature, Chaucer's "Canterbury Tales" (1420) and perhaps the most valuable volume in the world, Shakespeare's Plays including the priceless Hamlet (1603). The collection of Shakespeare quartos and folios is the finest in the world. Included in the 400 Incunabula, or books printed before 1501, there are twenty-five Caxtons. There are the original editions of the letters of Columbus announcing the discovery of the New World (1493); the world-famous Guttenberg Bible, the first book, printed from movable type, for which the largest price ever paid for a single book was given. The collection has been made by the acquisition in toto of many celebrated libraries like the Church, Benedict, Beverly Chew, Stow, Halsey, etc., and the most important portions of the Duke of Devonshire, Britwell, Bridgewater, Hoe, Huth, Poor, and other libraries.

### Lineage

This distinguished American family dates its origin from the Puritan, Simon HUNTINGTON, *b.* in England, who with his wife Margaret and children, *b.* in England, emigrated to New England in 1633. Simon *d.* of smallpox in 1633, and was buried at sea, though some accounts state he was brought ashore and buried at the mouth of the Connecticut River. He *m.* in England, Margaret BARRETT, dau. of Peter BARRETT, mayor of Norwich, England. The widow and her children settled first at Roxbury, Massachusetts, where she *m.* (secondly) Thomas STOUGHTON, a man of prominence and several times a Deputy to the General Court of Dorchester, Massachusetts, who *d.* 25th March, 1661. We have no record of any children, if any, by her second marriage.

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- I. Thomas, *b.* in England, settled in Connecticut; *m.* (firstly) William SWAIN; *m.* (secondly) Hannah CRANE, dau. of Joseph CRANE.
- II. Christopher, *b.* in England; *m.* 7th October, 1652, Ruth ROCKWELL.
- III. SIMON, *b.* in England, 1629, of whom later.
- IV. Ann.

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DEACON SIMON HUNTINGTON, of Norwich, Connecticut; *b.* 1629, in England, *d.* 28th June, 1721; settled in Norwich and was a member of Mr. FETCH's Church there; was Deacon until 1696, when his son succeeded him; was a member of the General Assembly in 1674, and had a grant of land in 1686; was townsman in 1690 and 1696; in 1694, he was on a committee to search out and reform the deficiencies in the public records; in 1700 he was on a committee to give deeds and fix titles in dispute or with defective title; *m.* October, 1653, in Saybrook, Connecticut, Sarah CLARK, dau. of Joseph CLARK, of Windsor, Connecticut, who *d.* 1721.

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- I. Sarah, *b.* August, 1654; *m.* 23d November, 1696, Dr. Solomon TRACY, son of Lieut. Thomas TRACY.
- II. Mary, *b.* August, 1657; *m.* ———— FORBES of Preston.
- III. Simon, *b.* 6th February, 1659; *m.* 8th October, 1663, Lydia GAGER, dau. of John GAGER; succeeded his father as deacon.
- IV. Joseph, *b.* September, 1661; *d.* 29th December, 1747; *m.* 28th October, 1687, Rebecca ADGATE, *d.* 28th November, 1748, dau. of Thomas ADGATE.
- V. SAMUEL, *b.* 1st March, 1665, of whom later.
- VI. Elizabeth, *b.* 6th October, 1666; *m.* Joseph BACHUS.
- VII. Nathaniel, *b.* 10th July, 1672; *d.* young.
- VIII. Daniel, *b.* 13th March, 1675-1676; *d.* 13th September, 1741; *m.* (firstly) 31st January, 1705-1706, Abigail BINGHAM; *m.* (secondly) Rachel WOLCOTT.

LIEUTENANT SAMUEL HUNTINGTON, of Lebanon, Connecticut; *b.* 1st March, 1665, in Norwich, Connecticut; *d.* 10th May, 1717, in Lebanon. Removed to Lebanon in 1700. Before his removal, he held many local offices and was constable in 1692. Ten years after his removal to Norwich, the citizens of Lebanon appointed him on a commission to locate a new meeting house about which a dispute had arisen. He was a large land owner in Norwich and Lebanon and for services as a military officer, was entered in the records as Lieutenant. On 3d February, 1687, the town of Norwich granted him a parcel of land at Trading Cove Brook, "by the father's to be laid out by measure, 30 or 40 rods wide, the length of his father's land." He *m.* 29th October, 1686, Mary CLARK, *d.* October, 1743, probably dau. of William CLARK, of Wethersfield. Her name was entered on a list of Lebanon Churches, 1701.

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- I. Elizabeth, *b.* 24th April, 1688-1689; *d.* 27th December, 1761; *m.* 23d February, 1710, Moses CLARK.
- II. Samuel, *b.* 28th August, 1691; *d.* circa 1785; *m.* 4th December, 1722, Hannah METCALF.

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- III. Caleb, *b.* 8th February, 1693–1694; *m.* 28th January, 1720, Lydia GRISWOLD.
- IV. Mary, *b.* 19th October, 1696; *d.* 30th July, 1717.
- V. Rebecca, *b.* February, 1698–1699; *m.* 20th June, 1717, Joseph CLARK.
- VI. Sarah, *b.* 22d October, 1701.
- VII. JOHN, *b.* 17th May, 1706, of whom later.
- VIII. Simon, *b.* 15th August, 1708; *d.* 22d August, 1753; *m.* 15th May, 1735, Sarah (surname not given).

JOHN HUNTINGTON, of Lebanon, Connecticut; *b.* 17th May, 1706; *m.* there circa 1728, Mehitabel METCALF, *b.* 26th July, 1706, sister of his brother Samuel's wife.

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- I. Anna, *b.* 30th June, 1729; *m.* 1752, Charles COLLENS.
- II. Elizabeth, *b.* 25th March, 1731; *d.* 1st December, 1736.
- III. Eunice, *b.* 25th April, 1733.
- IV. John, *b.* 4th May, 1735; *d.* 14th December, 1736.
- V. John (again), *b.* 12th March, 1737; *d.* 5th March, 1830; *m.* 22d June, 1769, Lucy METCALF.
- VI. JOSEPH, *b.* 6th May, 1739, of whom later.
- VII. Israel, *b.* 6th April, 1741.
- VIII. Daniel, *b.* 16th March, 1743.
- IX. David, *b.* 24th November, 1745; graduated Dartmouth, 1763; A.M., Yale, same year; *m.* 5th November, 1778, Elizabeth FOOTE.
- X. Nathaniel, *d.* soon after birth.

JOSEPH HUNTINGTON, of Harwinton, Connecticut; *b.* 6th May, 1739, in Lebanon, Connecticut; *d.* at Harwinton, circa, 1820; *m.* Rachel PRESTON, *b.* 1st August, 1740; *d.* 1833; both are buried in the old graveyard of Harwinton.

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- I. Joseph, *b.* 1780, was a farmer at River Raisin, C. W.
- II. WILLIAM, *b.* 1784, of whom later.
- III. Lucy, lived and died in Vermont, *m.* Paul BLUZO.
- IV. Rachel, *m.* Andrew FRANK of Starkboro, Vermont.
- V. Rhoda, *m.* William TYRON, of New Hartford, Connecticut.

WILLIAM HUNTINGTON, of Wolcottville, Connecticut; *b.* 1784; *m.* Elizabeth VINCENT.

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- I. Mary, *b.* 13th January, 1812; *m.* 2d June, 1840, Daniel SAMMIS of Warsaw, New York.
- II. SOLON, *b.* 13th January, 1812, of whom later.