

Richard Perceval the fifth and youngest son of William Gouvel de Perceval retained the surname Perseval and handed it down to his descendants.

In the reign of King Richard of England he was a commander in the Holy War in 1191 A.D., the third Crusade and lost a leg in that war in an engagement in Palestine.

He returned to England, died soon after 1194 A.D., and was buried in Weston, Somerset County, England.

From "Early Virginian Immigrants," by George Cabell Greer, is listed the following:

Robert Peirciful 1642 by John Meakes ----- Co.  
Richard Percival 1653 by Thomas Kibby, Northumberland Co.  
Robert Percevale 1649 by Mr. Robert Parker, Northumberland Co.  
Elizabeth Percival 1654 by Richard Kellam, Northumberland Co.  
John Percivale 1650 by John Mattum, ----- Co.

This book contains nearly 25,000 names of early immigrants to Virginia from 1623, when records began, down to 1666.

It is nearly impossible to obtain names of persons who came to Virginia unless they were patentees of land and the great majority of immigrants to the colony do not appear as patentees.

James Percival, the pioneer New England immigrant of Sandwich and Falmouth, MA, came to Sandwich, MA in 1670 from Virginia. He may have been related to some of these early Percival Virginia immigrants, or to Percival Lowell, early Newbury, MA immigrant.

JAMES PERCIVAL, IMMIGRANT  
OF FALMOUTH, MASSACHUSETTS

James Percival, immigrant, begins his Will made January 19, 1691 as follows: "I James Parsivall of Suckeneset," this being the Indian name of that part of the southwestern Cape Cod now known as Falmouth.

This town was incorporated June 4, 1686, but the name Falmouth was first used on March 16, 1693-4.

His permanent home was in much land besides his homestead while in Virginia and Sandwich that he ever owned land in either recorded as an inhabitant of records naming the inhabitants of

He resided at Sandwich at birth of two of his three children

James (who moved to East Elizabeth (who married a

are on the Sandwich town records moved to Barnstable, MA.

The first references to Plymouth Colony Records, Vol.

"Court at Plymouth, March Purseval, for his contempt of the colony according to an escape from one with whom to his going to Verginnia to of having a hand in running away was contanced to pay a fine of

July 5, 1671--(page 68): money was taken away from a son of Sandwich, who run away, to be paid to the constable for and the remainder to be paid

This shows that James Percival, Pioneer, was living in Virginia

James Pursval served on a jury in 1675. He was a constable and witnessed the Will of Thomas

It is probable that he was his wife, Mary (Rainsford) Baine (Boston) in 1632, it is quite probable at a date not far from that.

It appears that James Percival came from Virginia, and from the fact that he lived in Falmouth, MA, he probably was in Virginia if he had lived there. And as his name is not recorded among Virginian immigrants, it seems reasonable that he probably arrived in Virginia at which latter date he arrived