

EARLY RECORDS  
OF THE  
BAKER FAMILY  
OF ANDOVER

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The BAKER FAMILY

John Baker of Norwich, England, was in Ipswich, 1634, with his wife, Elizabeth. He was born in 1592 and she in 1600. John was one of the original grantees of Topsfield, receiving 150 acres in 1661. This bounded on Baker's Pond, later Hood's, which he deeded later to his son, Thomas(2).

John held to his land in Ipswich, and I think, settled there finally. A paper in the Reg. of Deeds, dated 1676, Norwich, England, mentions John's brother Benjamin and his cousin Richard. In 1680, Nath'l Greenwood, attorney in Boston of Thos. Wetherell of Norwich, gave a receipt for money paid by John Baker, Sr., "late of Ipswich, now of Topsfield."

The children of John (1) and his wife, Elizabeth, were :-

Thomas (2), b. Sept. 13, 1636; a freeman 1669; he married, Mar. 26, 1672, Priscilla Symonds, daughter of Deputy Governor Samuel Symonds. Baker compilers claimed that she was the grand-daughter of Gov. Winthrop which is not so. Winthrop married her grandmother for a third wife - a Read, not Winthrop stock... Thomas died in Topsfield, March 18, 1718. He held various important offices, including Rep. to General Court, 1686; 1689; 1696; and was a military officer. Priscilla died Jan. 2, 1734 at 85. Her mother, Rebecca Symonds, died 1695, and left a petticoat to daughter Priscilla.

John Baker(2), b. Nov. 30, 1634; d. 1710. He married Katherine Perkins, May 13, 1667. She was born 1648; they lived in Ipswich.

Elizabeth (2) bapt. in St. Peter's Ch. Norwich, England, 1633, came over with her parents in the "Rose of Yarmouth" - William Andrews, master.

Mary (2), b. about 1638, married Joseph Safford, March 6, 1660.

Sarah (2), b. 1641; d. <sup>Jan. 20</sup> 1709; married John (2) Gould, only son of Zach. (1)

Gould, -so the many descendants of John Gould are descendants also

of John Baker. They were m. Oct. 14, 1660. John was a Capt; b. 1635. Marthe(2), b. 1643; m. Obadiah Antrim, a Salem mariner, who was drowned, 1664; she married 2nd., Thomas Andrews of Boxford, June 22, 1670.

Capt. Thomas (2) Baker and wife Priscilla Symonds, had:-

Priscilla (3), b. 1674; d. 1731; married Major Isaac Appleton. ( This line of Mrs. George Ripley.)

Martha (3), b. 1682; m. Joseph Sargent of Gloucester, 1712; she died <sup>1713</sup> before her father; left a son, Joseph Sargent.

Rebecca (3), b. 1685; m. Deacon Jacob Peabody, 1712; d. 1780; had:-  
John (4) Peabody, M.D.; moved to Leominster.

Thomas (3), b. 1688; m. Mary, daughter of Rev. Joseph Capen of Topsfield, 1709; d. 1725; was a <sup>Capt; also a</sup> husbandman of Ipswich and Topsfield, 1722; bought what is now the Batchelder farm; she m. 2nd., John Griffin of Bradford, 1730.

John (3), b. 1691; m. Hannah Perkins of Lynn, 1715; he was a Cornet; she d. in Ipswich 1717; he m. 2nd., Mary Perley of Boxford, b. 1674; she d. 1738; he d. 1734.

Elizabeth (3) — ; m. Michael Farley of Ipswich 1717; d. 1745.

( Thomas(2) Baker was a partner with Gould and Bradstreet in the iron works, 1681. In 1674 he and Priscilla sold 1/3 their " bloomery" or iron works " near unto Topsfield, newly erected in Rowley Village."

Capt. Thomas(3) Baker(Thos.(2) Jn.(1) and his wife, Mary Capen, had:-

Thomas(4), b. 1710; was a Capt.; m. Sarah Wade of Ipswich, 1729; d. <sup>Nov. 26,</sup> 1777; she d. 1780 at 67.

John (4), b. 1719; m. Widow Anna (Flint) Bradstreet, 1749; moved to Boxford; she d. 1785 at 66.

Mary (4) alive 1729.

Jacob (4), b. 1714; of Boxford; m. Kezia Smith; no ch.

Joseph (4), — ; m. Mehitabel Dodge.

Martha (4) — ; m. John Whipple.

Elizabeth (4), b. 1723; m. John Low of Ipswich, a cooper, 1741.

Priscilla (4) — ; m. Tarrant Putnam of Sutton.

Thomas(3) Baker had the Topsfield estate left him, and a silver tankard and spoon.

Capt. Thomas (4) Baker (Thos. (3-2) Jn. (1) and wife Sarah Wade, had:-

Thomas (5), b. 1730; m. Sarah Hale of Boxford; moved to Keene, N.H.; d. 1806.

John (5), b. 1733; m. Mary Emerson, 1761; was in French War; Major in Revolution; d. 1815.

Symonds (5), b. Jan. 6, 1736; m. Susanne Sargent of Methuen, daughter of Rev. Christopher; she and the children all died; he m. 2nd., Lydia Gray of Andover, published 1766; he was a physician of Methuen and Andover. A romantic tale of the death of her brother, soldier Henry Gray, of small-pox, and the care he received from Lydia, who thereby attracted the attention and admiration of the young doctor. He d. 1815; she d. 1821.

William (5), b. 1738; a joiner; m. Martha Low; moved to Gloucester; had:-

Simon (6) .. M.D. of Maine; Thos. (7), Supt. Gloucester Sch. /1854.

Samuel (5)

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Jacob (5) died same day.

Joseph (5), b. 1741; m. Hephzibah Thorndyke, of Beverly, /1762; he was a tailor in Beverly; inn holder and Justice of the Peace ; d. 1801:-

a grandson, Stephen (7) Baker, was Postmaster of Beverly, 1854.

Francis (8) Baker, cashier in Warren Bank of Danvers  
John J. (8) Baker, of Beverly.

Sarah (5), b. 1743; m. John Balch of Topsfield, a currier, 1767; d. 1831.

Elizabeth (5), b. and d. 1745.

Mary (5), b. 1746; m. Dudley Smith, 1767; he of Ipswich; d. 1831.

Jonathan (5), b. 1749; m. Sarah Holt of ANDOVER, 1776; moved to Sullivan, N.H.

(Gilsun), 1778.

David (5), b. and d. 1751.

Rebecca (5), b. 1753; m. Sylvanus Wildes, 1781; he a grad. of Harvard U.;

lawyer and farmer; lived on old homestead; d. 1829; a daughter was Mrs. Waite of Topsfield.

Martha (5), b. 1755; m. Joseph Towne of ANDOVER, 1784; ( think she m. a 2nd. and moved away.)

Symonds(5) Baker(Thos.(4-3-2)Jn.(1) and 1st wife, Susanne Sargent, had:-

Nath'l (6), b. 1760; d. Aug. 1762.

Symonds Eppes(6), b. 1761; d. Sept. 1762.

Susanne(6), b. 1763; d. 1765.

All died of "canker rash". The mother died Aug. 8, 1764.

by 2nd wife, Lydia Gray:-

Henry Gray (6), b. April 1, 1767; m. Deborah Ames of Groton, 1786; he was 19 and she 17. He d. before 1816. She m. 2nd., an old school-mate of her husband's- Caleb Abbott, and went to live on the old Gray place which Caleb bought. She was his 2nd wife;-his first was Lucy Lovejoy.

Susanne (6)bapt. 1767 - ; m. <sup>1799,</sup> Joseph Frye, son of Ben(5) and Alice(Black Frye, b. 1767; had ch. born in Maine; he d. in Canada, at 88; on the Raymond place in No.A., owned by his father. (The old Raymond place was owned 1907 by Hodges) she d. here 1856; had Susanne, who m. a Hinchcliffe; Lucy, who m. an Allen, -whose daughter married Arthur Bean.

Symonds Eppes(6), b. 1779; m. Sarah Holt, daughter of David Holt and Hannah Martin, b. <sup>Dec. 1775,</sup> in South Parish, (where John Harnden lived 1863); Symonds got the farm of Thomas Abbott; had only 1 son:-

David (7), b. March 12, 1803; m. Lucy Frost Mann, dau. Ebenezer Mann and w. Sarah Buffinton; she was b. in Salem, 1813; was sister to the Mr. Mann who lived in B'vale. They had

George Frost(8) b. 1830; d. Aug. 1907; m. Charlotte

Abbott Blanchard, dau. Deacon Joshua Blanchard and w. Eliza Jane <sup>Harnden</sup> Harding.

Sarah Elizabeth(8), b. 1834; m. Ed. Payson Abbott, son of

Henry Abbott and w. Lucy Floyd; he was in War

1863; had:-

Irving Mann(9), b. 1858

Sarah Baker(9), b. 1861

Edward Lincoln(9), b. 1862

Evelyn (9), b. 1865

Grace (9)

one died.

Children of David(7) Baker(Symonds Eppes(6) and Lucy Frost Mann, ( cont.)

Lucy Caroline (8), b. — ; m. Alonzo P. Berry, son of Israel Berry and his wife, an Ingalls girl; was in the Army 1863; had only son:-

Everett (9), b. 1863.

George Frost(8) Baker and Charlotte Abbott Blanchard, had:-

Ina (9), ; m. Herbert White.

Lottie Evelyn(9)

; ~~was~~ m. *Michael Francis D'Arcy*

*He age 55  
She age 29*

*10-29-1908  
~~12-20-1860~~*

Henry Gray(6) Baker(Symonds(5)Thos.(4-3-2)Jn.(1) and wife Debora Ames, had:-

Thomas (7) — ; of Salem.

Priscilla(7), b. 1789; d.1838; m. Nath'l Frye of North Andover; Nat he was 2nd cousin of the Joseph Frye who married Susanne (6), aunt of Priscilla

Debora Bowers(7), b. 1786; m. Daniel Poor; lived in the Wyman Gleason house in Marland Village and in Ballardvale.

Priscilla (7) Frye (above) had Eliza A. (8), who married Henry W. Abbott, and was her g-daughter. They said that Priscilla and Nat he Frye, lived on the Raymond place, which I doubt. Joseph(6) Frye, (John(5), Ben(5), who married Susanne Sargent(6) Baker, was the owner of the old home and was born there. Both men, Joseph (6) and Nath(6) had the same great uncle, Nath'l (3) Frye.

When Joseph(6) Frye left Andover to go to Canada to smuggle horses, after the Revolution and near the War of 1812, he owed his brother-in-law, Symonds(6) Baker, a note. He-Joseph, was caught smuggling in Canada and was hanged there. My father's cousin, David Russell brought the news home.

Before he left, he lived on the Cooper place at the Pond and Susanne grandson, stayed there awhile with the children. Her son Asa Hinchcliffe, John of her daughter Susanne(7), who married/Hinchcliffe, got the idea that his grandfather was murdered, at the instigation of the Bakers who wanted the money he had lent them, -when the truth was, that he never had paid the note he borrowed and they knew nothing of his death until Russell brought the word.

It was said that he was hanged unjustly, not being guilty of a very extensive smuggling business, but feeling ran high at the time and both sides were very severe on anybody caught under suspicion, and he was with a gang that was implicated. The estate was conveyed to the Bakers to secure the note, hence comes the tale of "stealing the estate." Young Hinchcliffe was advised to ask his sister, a Lynn woman, the true tale .

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Priscilla(7) Baker(Henry Gray(6) Symonds(5) and husband, Nathe(6) Frye, had:-

Eliza A. (7) Frye ; who m. Henry W. Abbott, and had:-  
 Helen (8) ; m. Mr. Ingersoll; lived in N.Y.  
 Charles(8)  
 Frederick(8)

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Susanne(6) Baker( Symonds(5)Thos.(4-) and husband, Joseph(6) Frye, had:-

Susanne (7) - ; m. John Hinchcliffe  
 Lucy (7) - ; m. George Allen had:-  
Mary Ann (8) ; m. Arthur Bean  
 Elizabeth (7) - ; m. Abel Blanchard; had:-  
Margaret (9)  
Lydia (9), ; m. Amos Abbott.  
 daughter, who m. an Abbott, father of Ida (9) Abbott.

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Dr. Symonds(5) Baker, who took for a second wife, Lydia Gray of Andover, lived for a while on the Gray estate, in the house just below Henry Gray's. Hannah Gray, the aunt of Lydia's father, widow of Thomas Abbott(4), died 1763 at about 90. Dr. Symonds Baker purchased the estate after her death and it is still held by the great grandson, George Baker. In 1781, Joseph Ballard and his wife, Hannah, sold to Symonds Baker, Holt's Great Meadow on the road to Salem. ( Near Prospect Hill spmewhere).

According to the 1797 record, the northern boundary of his farm was Bixby Abbott's land, and gates were on the line. He paid a tax, 1798, of \$3. signed by Wm. Farnum, Collector of Revenue.

Dr. Symonds Baker, (cont.)

1791 records show payment to Dorcas Dane who kept school for 17 weeks, for £4, 15 sh. 6d. Dr. Baker sent one pupil- Henry G. Baker; Caleb Abbott, one, 2 1/2 <sup>sh.</sup>; David Cummings paid 2sh.; Dane Holt, 1sh.; Joseph Lovejoy, 1sh. Moses Abbott, 2 sh.; Thos. Gray, 2 1/2 sh.; George Smith and Abner Wilkins, 1 ea.

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Henry Gray(6) Baker, son of Dr. Symonds (5) Baker and wife Lydia Gray, married Debora Ames, the daughter of Nathan Ames and his wife, Deborah Bowers. Her grandmother was Debora Farnsworth and her g-grandmother was a daughter of General Prescott of Groton..

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Ct. Records 2:3 .. Symonds Baker was a witness or on the jury on the Ames murder at Topsfield. She, <sup>Mrs. Ames,</sup> was a Blunt, and some connection of his wife's aunt.

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Sarah (2) Baker ( John (1) and her husband, John (2) Gould, had:-

Joseph (3), b. 1677; d. 1753; m. 1713, Priscilla Perkins, b. 1689; d. 1753; she was dau. of Capt. Floyd Perkins and Sarah Dennison. Their son:-

Joseph (4), b. 1726, m. 1751 Elizabeth, daughter of Rev. John

Emerson, whose wife was also a descendant of

Dep. Gov. Symonds, who was father-in-law of

Joseph(4)'s his/ great uncle, Thomas(2) Baker. Jos. d. 1803;

Elizabeth d. 1825.

Zacharius(3) — m. — had:-  
Priscilla(4), m. Samuel Smith, g-g-father of Mormon prophet

Joseph (4) Gould (Joseph(3) Jn.(2) Zach(1) and wife, Elizabeth Emerson, had:-

Cornelius (3), — ; m. 1st., Phebe Foster, dau. of Joseph; m. 2nd.,

1812, Lydia Jenkins of Andover, dau. of Joel. They had a son:-  
Henry Augustus Gould, b. 1816; m. 1837, Sarah Batchelder  
of Reading.

Henry Augustus Gould (grandson of Sarah(2) Baker) and wife Sarah Batchelder, had

Henry E. (7), b. 1838; m. 1861 Sarah Mears, b. 1838.

Sarah A. (7), b. 1839; m. 1858 Ben A. Eaton; had:-

Ella A. Eaton, b. 1864; she, first, Mr. Gibson,  
m./2nd., George Mason; had 1 dau.

Theodore (7).

Milo H. (7).

Asa (7) of Reading,

daughter(7) who m. Henry A. Russell.

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Court Records.

1:110...Dec.27,1715...Capt. Thomas(2) Baker applied to Salem Court for damages, claiming that his meadows were flooded over from the dam of the old mill owned by Isaac Peabody. The claim was not allowed. 1726 old Isaac Peabody died and left the mill to his son, Joseph, so Capt. Thomas again tried to get damages and was awarded 18 shillings a year. For 70 years the Baker family collected this fee, until 1801. Then Joseph and John Batchelder owned the Baker farm and they brought suit against Jacob Peabody, then mill owner, for flooding their meadows and they were awarded \$18 damages and were to have \$3 per year. This they collected until 1870.

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Abbott, Amos .....6  
 " , Caleb .....4  
 " , Edward Payson .....4  
 " , Henry W. ....6  
 Allen, George .....6  
 Ames Deborah .....4.....5.....7  
 Andrews, Thomas .....1  
 Antrim, Obadiah .....1  
 Appleton, Isaac, Major .....2

B

Balch, John ..... 3  
 Batchelder, Sarah .....7...8  
 Bean, Arthur .....6  
 Berry, Alonzo P. ....5  
 Blanchard, Abel .....6  
 " , Charlotte Abbott..4.5  
 Bradstreet, Anna ( Flint).....2

C

Capen, Mary ..... 2

D

Dodge, Mehitabel .....2

E

Eaton, Ben A. ....8  
 Emerson, Elizabeth .....7  
 " , Mary .....3

F

Farley, Michael ..... 2  
 Foster, Phebe ..... 7  
 Frye, Joseph .....4..... 6  
 " , Nathaniel .....5..6

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Gibson, Mr.-- .....8  
 Gould, Henry A. ....7...8  
 " , John .....1.....7  
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 " , Lydia .....3  
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Hale, Sarah .....3  
 Hinchcliffe, John .....6  
 Holt, Sarah .....3...4

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Ingersoll, Mr.-- .....6

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Jenkins, Lydia .....7

L

Lovejoy, Lucy .....4  
 Low, John .....2  
 " , Martha .....3

M

Mann, Lucy Frost .....4...5  
 Mason, George .....8  
 Mears, Sarah .....8

P

Peabody, Jacob, Deacon .....2  
 " , John, M.D. ....2  
 Perkins, Hannah .....2  
 " , Katherine .....1  
 " , Priscilla .....7  
 Perley, Mary .....2  
 Poor, Daniel .....5  
 Putnam, Tarrant .....2

R

Russell, Henry A. ....8

S

Safford, Joseph .....1  
 Sargent, Joseph .....2  
 " , Susanne .....3...4  
 Smith, Dudley .....3  
 " , Kezia .....2  
 " , Samuel .. .....7  
 Symonds, Priscilla .....1...2  
 " , Rebecca .....1

T

Thorndyke , Hephzibah .....3  
 Towne, Joseph .....3

W

Wade, Saran .....2...3  
 Whipple, John .....2  
 White, Herbert .....5  
 Wildes, Sylvanus .....3