

EARLY RECORDS
OF THE
GRAVES FAMILY
OF ANDOVER

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Samuel(1) Graves, a pioneer of Lynn in 1629, the founder of the Graves' line in the Massachusetts Bay colony, had a grant west of "Floating Bridge", which was known at the time as Graves' End. It was on the site of the present Glenmere. Samuel was father of Thomas(2) of Lynn and Mark (2) of Andover. Samuel was evidently a man of means, for he gave the colony £ 300 in 1655.

According to a deposition, Mark (2) was born about 1620. He was a weaver by trade and came to Andover in 1665, with his wife, Amy. They lived on a homestead at the end of the present High street. Amy died on Feb. 20, the year he arrived here, and Sam took for a second wife, Elizabeth, widow of John Farrington, whom he married Nov. 14, 1667. Elizabeth was a daughter of Wm. Knight and his wife, Elizabeth Ballard, widow of Wm.(1) Ballard of Lynn.

Mark Graves and Elizabeth left Andover about 1684 and went to Manchester, Mass. Elizabeth, according to probate, was dead by 1708. Mark lived to about 1719. His son, Ebenezer, a sea captain, wound up his father's affairs. The estate in North Andover, which Mark and Elizabeth owned together, they gave to Edward Farrington, a step-son of Mark's. The South Parish property went to the Graves' children.

Mark(2) Graves and his 1st wife, Amy----, had:-

Abraham(5), b. 1649; m. in Concord, June 28, 1677, Ann Haywood; she d. and he m. 2nd, Sarah Duntin of Reading, Sept. 12, 1705; she d. at 91, June 21, 1750. Abraham d. in Andover, June 16, 1729. Sarah left personal estate to Wm. Lovejoy, who lived on the site of the present Locke place on Elm street and owned the land down High street, then Lovejoy Lane, to the bounds of the Graves' estate, which went down to Marland Village. There were two houses on the Graves' land.

Children of Mark(2) Graves and wife, Amy, cont.:-

Dorcas(2) Graves , b. ; m. George Abbott, April 17, 1678; she d. Feb. 19, 1740.

Ebenezer(3), b. ; m. Sarah---; was a mariner of Boston; adm. ^{of} ~~father's~~ father's estate 1719. He had charge of old Mark, and sold some of his land in 1702. I think Ebenezer died in Ireland in 1719 and the final adm. came then, of all the Graves' estate left undivided.

Hannah(3), b. in Lynn, Oct. 14, 1657; m. Timothy Abbott of Andover, Dec. 27, 1689; he was brother of her sister's husband, George Abbott, son of Geo. Abbott and Hannah Chandler; she d. Nov. 16, 1726.

Elizabeth(3), b. in Andover, June 20, 1659.

Ruth(3), b. Jan. 6, 1661.

Sarah(3), b. March 9, 1663.

Mark(3), b. Aug. 8, 1664. d.y.

Mark(3) 2nd., b. Feb. 16, 1671; ^{by 2nd wife, Elizabeth Knight:-} had a wife, Rebecca--- 1689; was in Lynn, 1698; in Reading, 1726.

Margaret (3), b. Jan. 15, 1672.

Thomas (3), b. May 7, 1675; was in Lynn, 1714; got £ 20 in Ebenezer's will, 1719.

Abraham (3) Graves (Mark(2) Sam(1) and 1st wife, Ann Hayward, had:-

Samuel(4), b. Dec. 23, 1682;

Thomas(4), m. Dec. 19, 1685.

Eleazer(4), b. March 10, 1689; m. Sarah Duntin, Nov. 9, 1709, a step-sister; lived on hmestead on High Street; she d. April 10, 1723; he m. 2nd., May 28, 1735 Hannah Evans of Reading; she was buried June 3, 1775; 93 yrs. old; South Church yard; he d. March 28, 1745.

Eleazer(4) Graves (Abe(3)Mark(2) Sam(1) and wife, Sarah Duntin, had:-

Abraham(5), bapt. Aug. 6, 1713; d. Nov. 28, 1713.

Abraham(5)2nd., b. Oct. 25, 1714; m. Sarah Frost of Needham, dau. of Sarah Duntin and Timothy Frost, June 1, 1735, in Needham; he d. before 1770; she d. March 6, 1787 at 80, according to South Church records.

Eleazer(5), b. ; d. April 5, 1730.

Sarah(5), b. June 15, 1720; I think she d. in almshouse Dec. 12, 1812 at 92; sent back very likely from some town outside, as feeble.

John (5) bapt. Sept. 20, 1722; South Church.
(Eleazer (4) left the estate to Abraham (5).
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Abraham(5) Graves (Eleazer(4) Abe(3) Mark(2) Sam(1) and wife, Sarah Frost:-

Esther(6), b. June 11, 1739; d. Dec. 8.

Sarah (6), b. Sept. 18, 1740.

(Abraham's (5) estate was appraised at £ 180:- 8 acres of pasture on Henry Abbott's orchard; live stock, books, gun; saddle, bridle, yarns, clothes, iron, pewter, wood, bed, provisions, corn, rye, flax, 4 bbls. cider, linen. £ 289. I could not find where the estate went. Probably sold at auction.

GRAVES DEEDS:-

1:92..1658.. Thos. Marshall of Lynn took up a stray horse or mare, prized (appraised) by Mark Graves of Andover and Robert Burgis of Lynn, at £ 12, 26s. 11d.

3:116..1664... Mark Graves of Andover, weaver and wife Elizabeth, for £ 20 from Samuel Blanchard of Charlestown, sell 4 acre house lot mark Graves was possessed of, according (?) to his Great Meadow--East on Sam Blanchard; West on upland; Commons; North and NW by Andrew Allen's land .Jan. 20, 1664.

4:141...1676... Mark Graves to John Peabody and Joseph Peabody of Rowley Village, for 11 £ , 4 acre meadow of 2nd Division, near John Aslebe and Jn. Johnson-East by Johnson-Great Lands and Mr. Dean's meadow; W by upland as by description of Nathan Parker and Thos. Johnson, lawyers, -meadow South side Reading meadow.

Essex Deeds:-

9:36.. 1684..Jan.26.. Mark Graves of Manchester, Mass., weaver, for ~~£~~ £ 18 from son-in-law, George Abbott of Andover, sells 2 parcels of land in Andover, next house of Joseph Wilson- 4 acres laid out in New Fields Division, on bds. of John Aslebe and Joseph Wilson- a meadow lying near; 3 acres on Pine Hill called Graves' Meadow, bds. on common land.

12:126.. 1697... Mark Graves of Lynn, formerly of Andover, with the consent of w. Elizabeth, sells for £ 4,6s. from Major Wm. Brown, Esq., of Salem, merchant, -- parcel of fresh meadow in Andover, 6 acres- bds. on Long Hill-East of Common Up-land- South of Sam Frye-West of Pine Swamp- called Half Moon Meadow. A mortgage, to be paid in a year. (Stephen Sewell; Paul Gerrish.)

13:11.. 1698; June Marke Graves, Sr., of Lynn, weaver, and Elizabeth his now wife, for £ 60 from Edw. Farrington and Thos. Farrnum of Andover, husbandmen, sell 2 parcels and a dwelling house in Andover, piece on which house is, 80 acres- bds. on Well Hole Brook- 6 acres of Meadow- Half Moon-on Town Commons- Peabody meadow East of house. (Robert Burgis; Samuel Bread.)

32:203.. 1702... Simon Bradstreet, late student in Harvard College, now resident in Boston, Gentleman, - in his minority sold Mark Graves of Lynn, weaver, - an orchard in Lynn, 10 acres. He now of full age, confirms it to Mark. Dec. 3, 1702.

May 28, 1726..." Whereas the bounds of Mark Graves, dec., in New Fields and Shawshin Division of land records were lost (Indian raid) and nothing of them can be found in book, and we the witnesses were chosen by Proprietors, and empound to renew books, and-- by Abraham Graves to settle bds. of above sd. land, we did so.. It begins at NE corner with a yellow Oak tree (on High street) reached W line from Deacon W. Lovejoy's homestead to a red oak on East bank of Shawshin River; bds. lay on Lovejoy's corn-mill pond and sd. line- runs to a heap of stones on SW corner of Graves lot- then East to a stump and stones; then North to 1st bds." (The Flint site.)

74:3. Jeremiah Ballard of Andover, husbandman, for £ 10, sold to Eleazer Graves, weaver, land near the Graves' home and inside his fence as fence stands, and adjoining wood that leads to Deacon Lovejoy's home, 3/4 acre.