

The MARSTON FAMILY

of ANDOVER

Wm. Marston, Robert Marston and John Marston came early to the colonies and settled in Salem. Robert went to Newbury in 1637, then to Hampton, N.H. with the first colony in 1638. He died 1643 at the age of 60. Two sons of his brother, William, John(2) and Tom (2), were administrators of his estate for his children, then in England.

This William (1) had three sons here with him, but no mention is made of his wife, who was probably dead in England. The children were:-

Tom(2), b. 1617; age 17 when they came to Salem.

William (2), b. 1622; 12 " " " " "

John(2), b. 1626; age 8 " " " " "; later came

(1664) to Andover; had wife, Martha, m. 1652 in Hampton; she d. Oct. 11, 1723 at 87; he d. April 2, 1708; was Selectman.

Prudence (2), b. 1630

by 2nd wife, Sabrina Page:-

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John (2) Marston (Wm. (1) and wife, Martha, had:-

John(3), b. 1653; m. Mary Osgood, 1689; he was in King Philip's War;

Mary was accused of Witchcraft in 1692; she d. 1700; John was alive in 1737 and he probably had a 2nd wife as he was not likely to live alone all those years; the Town Book has a record of 6 d. due on John Marston's license.

Mary(3), b. 1655; m. Stephen Parker, Dec. 1, 1680; she d. Apr. 12, 1693; they moved to Watertown.

Jacob (3), b. 1658; m. Elizabeth Poor, 1686; he was a farmer and his home was on the road to John Barker's; he got a land grant at Amherst and deeded the homestead to his "nephew" Christopher Carleton, 1737. (Chris. was husband of his niece, (Jacob's) Martha Barker.

Children of John(2) Marston and wife, Martha, ( cont.):-

Sarah (3), b. 1661; m. James Bridges, May 24, 1692.

Joseph(3), b. 1663; m. Martha; had no children; he was a farmer; he d.

1738 at 74; she sold to John Hibbard of Methuen and went to  
Windham, N.H. In 1745, John owed her money and Moody Bridges  
a son or grand-son of /  
her brother-in-law tried to collect it for her.

Hannah(3), b. 1667; Feb. 16; m. Ben Barker, Jan. 2, 1688.

Martha (3), b. 1669.

Bethia (3), b. July 7, 1671; m. Joseph West.

Ephraim(3), b. March 14, 1674; left estate to relatives, when he d. 1706.

Joseph (3) bought them all out in 1711.

Ben(3), b. 1677; d.y.

Martha (3), 2nd., b. Jan. 28, 1679.

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John(3) Marston(John(2) Wm.(1) and wife, Mary Osgood, had:-

Mary(4), b. 1690.

Hannah (4), b. 1692; d. 1703.

John(4), b. 1693; d. 1694.

John(4) 2nd., b. 1694; d. 1699.

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Jacob(3) Marston(John(2) Wm.(1) and wife, Elizabeth Poor, had:-

Elizabeth(4), b. 1687; m. Edmund Faulkner.

Jacob(4), b. 1688; d.y.

Mary(4). b. 1690 ( this may be dau. of John and Mary, above.)

Mary (4), 2nd., b. 1692; m. Ben Akers.

Jacob(4) 2nd., b. 1693; m. Mary Brown of Newbury, 1718/.

Martha (4), b. 1695; unm. 1724.

Sarah (4), b. 1696; " "

Children of Jacob (3) Marston and wife, Elizabeth Poor, ( cont.):-

Daniel(4), b. 1698; d. 1708.

John (4), b. 1700; d.

Sons b. 1703 and 1705; both d.y.

Only 2 of this family had descendants named Marston-John(3) and Jacob (3) and Jacob had only 1 son, Jacob(4), who received 1/2 the homestead, and was to pay legacies to his sisters-Elizabeth Faulkner and Mary Akers, Martha and Sarah Marston, 1724. He moved to Methuen and bought the Israel Herrick place, 1753.

Jacob(4)Marston(Jacob(3)Jn.(2)Wm.(1) and wife, Mary Brown, had:-

John(5), b. 1720; m. Mary Poor in Andover; he was a shoemaker and Town officer; also kept a tavern; held 1/2 interest in Marston's ferry, and owned it outright in 1762; to Methuen in 1753; he d. 1800 at 79; she d. 1807 at 84.

Jacob(5), b. 1724; was at siege of Louisburg; brought home sick, to Boston; d. 1746.

Ben(5), b. 1735; moved to Methuen, 1753; m. Elizabeth Chandler; he was at Lexington 1775 with Maj. Sam Bodwell and his son, Jack(6) was in the same Company; in 1766 they went to Sutton, N.H.; he and wife and daughter, Elizabeth d. in Sutton, 1776 and were the ~~first~~ first to be buried there.

Mary (5), b.1722;d.1723.

Mary(5) 2nd., b. 1726; probably m. John Symonds of Haverhill, 1757.

John (5) Marston (Jacob(4-3) John(2) Wm.(1) and wife, Mary Poor, had:-

Hannah (6), b. 1747; m. Ebenezer Webster of Haverhill.

John(6), b. 1749; m. Olive Sargent of Methuen; founded the 1st Military Co. there; d. Feb. 8, 1795; buried in Methuen, Old Yard.

Samuel(6), b. 1751; m. Eunice Runnels of Boxford, 1779; she was b. 1761; moved to East Andover, Me., 1794 and bought a farm from Thomas Poor.

Mary (6), b. 1753; m. Abraham Russell of Bethel, Maine.

Peter(6), b. in Methuen, 1755; m. Mary Chickering of Andover, 1778; he was a blacksmith and farmer; lived three miles from Marston ferry.

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Ben(5) Marston (Jacob(4-3) John(2) Wm.(1) and wife, Elizabeth Chandler, had:-

Jacob(6), b. in Methuen, 1758; served in the Revolution, 1775; went to Sutton, N.H., 1776 and took care of his father's family, after father, mother and sister Elizabeth died; he m. twice and had 12 children.

Elizabeth(6), b. 1760; d. 1776 at Sutton.

Thomas(6), b. 1762; went to Sutton, Vt., Canada and disappeared.

Asa (6), b. 1766; went to Marlow; d. at 96; had 3 ch.

Phabe (6), b. 1766.

Isaac(6), b. 1769; lived in Sutton, N.H.; m. Hannah Messer.

( Poor Jacob (6) always had a hard time. Two of his 12 children had spotted fever. He owned two lots at the foot of Mt. Kearsarge, and gave one to Peter Cheney, because he was so lonesome he wanted a neighbor; he was a good farmer.

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John(6) Marston(John(5)Jacob(4-3)John(2)Wm.(1) and w.Olive Sargent, had:-

Olive(7), b. Aug. 5, 1787; m. Samuel Huse of Methuen.

James(7), b. 1785; went from Methuen to Bath, Me; m. Jemima Morse, 1806;  
he d. 1826; she d. 1821.

Mary (7), b. 1794; m. Elbridge Griffin.

Joshua (7), b. 1790; was a carpenter and musician; worked for Tudor  
Ice Co.; d. in Havana 1817.

John (7). - had:-

Joseph(8), b. in Jefferson, Me; m. H.L. Frost, 1879; lived in  
So. Lawrence on the Merrimac; made fish lines; also  
lived for a time in North Parish; no children.

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Samuel(6)Marston(Jn.(5)Jacob(4-3)Jn.(2)Wm.(1) and w.Eunice Runnels:-

Samuel(7), b. in Methuen, 1785; went to Andover, Me.; m. Hannah Gage of  
Pelham, N.H.; ch.:-

Hannah (8), b. 1819; m. Thos. Howarth of Andover, a manufact-  
urer; moved to Virginia; (he was bro. of Dr. H.)  
Elizabeth(9), lived in Andover with Mrs. Thompson Abbott,  
for awhile.

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James(7)Marston( Jn.(6-5)Jacob(4-3)Jn.(2)Wm.(1) and Jemima Morse, had:-

Jemima(8), b. 1809; m. Daniel Ayer 1832.

Catherine (8), b. 1811; d. 1813.

John(8), b. 1812; alive 1905.

Catherine(8), b. 1814; m. Jonathan Poor of Andover; alive 1905.

James (8)

George (9), lived awhile in Lawrence; moved to Albany.

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John(2) Martin changed his grant, to the East side of Bear Hill, in  
1677. He had 20 acres.

In Oct. 1766, John Marston and others, complain that the fares on Merr-  
imac ferry are too low, and a committee is appointed to decide matters.

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