

SWIFT FAMILY

OF ANDOVER

Thomas Swift, son of Robert Swift of Yorkshire, Eng., was given his first grant in 1634, in Dorchester, Mass. He was a free man in 1635. Public offices he held were supervisor of highways<sup>1658,</sup> and fence viewer. A malster by trade, he is thought to have kept a tavern, where the Justices of the Peace and Selectmen used to meet. He was a member of a troop of horse from 1659-62.

Tom and his wife Elizabeth, were church members in 1636. He had a large estate, adding by purchase to his first grant, which was at Great Hill, between Roxbury and Dorchester. Their children were :-

Joan (2), b. in England; d. 1657; pub. 1647 ; m. John Baker of Boston.

Thomas (2), b. 1635; a deacon; lived in Milton; m. 1657 Elizabeth

Vose, daughter of Robert Vose of Milton; she d. 1676; he m.

2nd., at close of year, Sarah Clapp, of Dorchester, dau. of

Roger Clapp.

Obadiah (2) b. 1638; d. 1690; m. 1661 Rest Atherton,

Elizabeth (2), b. 1640; d. 1642.

Ruth (2), b. 1643 ; m. 1660 Capt. Wm. Greenough, shipwright of Boston;

d. before 1680; he d. 1693 Copper Hill Ground; 2nd w. Eliz.

Rainsford; 3rd w. Sara Shore of Chelmsford.

Mary (2), b. 1645; m. 1663 John White of Boston, joiner; he d. at 30, in

1690; son of Ed. White and Martha King of Kent.

Anna (2), b. 1647; m. 1664 Obadiah Read of Boston; housewright; d. 1680;

2nd w. Elizabeth--; sons had land at Kittery, Me.; in will.

James (2), b. 1649; d. 1657

Susanna (2), b. 1652; d. 1732; m. 1672 Hopestill Clapp, elder.

Our Andover line of Swifts comes through Thomas (2)



Children of Col. Samuel (3) Swift and Ann Holman, ( cont. ):-

Ebenezer (4), b. 1716; 1717.

Patience (4), b. 1718; m. 1739 Ebenezer Wadsworth.

Nathaniel (4), b. Sept. 25, 1719; of Milton; yeoman and gentleman;  
pub. 1742 to Rebecca Tucker; she d. 1793; he was constable  
and fence viewer; d. 1767.

John (4), b. 1721; housewright of Milton; d. unm.

Abigail (4), b. 1722

Ebenezer (4), b. 1724; m. Judith Clapp, dau. of Nehemiah, 1747; she b.  
1729; d. 1784; he d. 1805; he was Surveyor of Highways,  
1758-1778.

Nath'l (4) Swift( Col. Samuel(3)Thos.(2)(1) and Rebecca Tucker, had:-

Rebecca (5), b. 1742; m. James Tucker, 1763.

Sarah (5), b. 1745; m. 1777 Sam Henshaw, son of Sam and Waitstill, of  
Milton, b. 1744; Harvard Unlege; went to Northampton; she  
d. 1781

Eliphat (5) b. 1747; m. John Baker, Jr., of Dorchester, 1777.

Patience (5), b. 1748; d. y.

Mary (5), b. 1751; m. Jos. Bennett, 1775.

Patience (5), 2nd. b. 1749; m. 1799 Daniel Newell of Lynn.

Nath'l (5), b. June 12, 1754; of Dorchester; b. in Milton; d. Nov. 16, 1831; m.  
Sept. 25, 1777 Mary Baker, b. Feb. 7, 1756.

Abigail (5), b. ; m. Reuben Ferry, 1781; d.

Jonathan (5), b. <sup>Feb</sup> 1759; m. Silence White of Weymouth, who d. in Boston,  
July 16, 1817; he d. in ANDOVER, 1808, March 4; No Ch.

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Nath'l (5) Swift (Nathe (4) Sam(3) Tom(2) (1) and Mary Baker, had:-

Nath'l (6), b. July 15, 1778; physician; m. Nov. 27, 1803 Sarah Abbott, daughter of Timothy; b. May 22, 1783; d. Sept. 11, 1858; he d. in Andover, Dec. 7, 1840. He was Justice of the Peace; coroner; Postmaster; Notary Public; Director of Essex Bank.

William (6), b. Sept. 11, 1779; also a physician; Harvard 1809; Med. Sc. 1812; surgeon in Navy; was on Chesapeake when she fought the Shannon in Boston Harbor; made prisoner and sent to Nova Scotia; was with Lawrence when he died; taken prisoner 1813 on Syren; to Cape of Good Hope 1820; U.S. Consul to Tunis; 1827 on Erie; 1829 on Constitution - to England, France and the Mediterranean and later to N.Y. Naval Hosp. during cholera epidemic 1833-36. On No. Carolina and fleet-surgeon of Pacific Squadron; after 1839 stationed at N. York; Boston and Newport, 1862; in service 51 years; retired; lived in Brooklyn; d. Dec. 27, 1864; m. 1850, Martha Phelps, dau. Luke Phelps and Mary Montague of Westhampton.

Mary (6), b. 1781; d. 1877 unm.

Sarah (6), b. 1782; d. 1877 unm.

Samuel (6), b. Dec. 2, 1785; sea capt. m. 1819 Eliza Hester Wilkings of Wilmington, b. 1800; d. 1866; he was shipmaster 24 yrs.; 1st American to voyage to N.W.; handsome; retired 1836; moved from Dorchester to Geneva, N.Y. 1838; then to Princeton, Ill.; circled the globe 5 times; constructed Stephen Girard's ships.

Nath'l (6) Swift (Nathe (5) (4) Sam(3) Tom(2) (1) and Sarah Abbott, had:-

Nath'l (7), b. 1805; m. 1832 Martha Jane Kidder, dau. of Francis, of ANDOVER, b. 1813; she d. 1843; he m. 2nd., Oct. 13, 1847, Almena Jacobs, dau. of Polycarp Jacobs and Rebecca Coffin, of Dorchester or Milton, b. 1831; d. 1895; he d. 1878; was a merchant in ANDOVER; Andover Bank director; Pres. Abbot Academy trustee of Savings Bank and treasurer.

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Children of Nath'l (6) Swift and Sarah Abbott, ( cont. ) :-

George Baker (7), b. July 30, 1806; grad. Harvard Medical Sch. 1830;  
m. 1831 Mary Bennett Warren of Framingham; practised  
in Manchester, N.H.; Lawrence, Mass., went to N.Y. state.  
died 1872; stone in So. Yard.

Sarah Frances (7), b. Nov. 15, 1807; m. June 19, 1833 Rev. Jeffries Hall;

Constance (8), b. 1834; m. Moses Foster-2nd w.

Edward Percival (8), b. 1836.

Henry K. (8) b.-

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Nath'l(7) Swift (Nathe (6)(5)(4) Sam(3) Tom(2)(1) and Martha Jane Kidder:-

(8) George Francis, b. 1833 ; died in Andover, July 3, 1906; lived in the old  
family homestead, corner of Main and Chestnut, where he  
was born. Went to N.Y. in 1862 on a business career; then  
to the South and West, then to Pennsylvania; finally re-  
turned to Andover . Burial in South Ch. cemetery

Martha Elizabeth (8) b. 1836; died here in family home where she and  
Charlotte lived with brother George F.

Charlotte Harris (8),

Anne Hartwell (8) , b. 1842; m. Dr. J.F. Richards; no. ch. ; lived in  
Andover.

by 2nd wife Almena Jacobs:-

Elizabeth Florence (8), b. 1860; grad. Abbot 1881; lived with sister,  
/Brook St., 1919.

Kate Adams (8), b. 1869; lived with sister.

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George Baker (7) Swift (Nathe (6)(5)(4) Sam(3) Tom(2)(1) and Mary B. Warren:-

Mary (8)

George Warren (8)

Catherine (8)

Frank (8)

"ath'l (5) Swift was Corp. in Capt. Hutchinson's Co.; Col. Gill's Rgt., March 1776; on guard at Dorchester Heights, 1776; on shore at mouth of Milton River ; evidently at Bunker Hill as well, as all men were out then; no pay roll; Ticonderoga, 1776; was the one called "ensign" in Col. Eph's book, and made 2nd Lieut., for Lieut. Patterson. Service from March 1, 1778 to April under Capt. Summer(?); Col. Gill's Rgt; marched to Castle Island, May 1, 1778.

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