

EARLY RECORDS
OF THE
BRAGG FAMILY
OF ANDOVER

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Edward (1) Bragg, born about 1616, was in Ipswich, 1642. His first wife, Elizabeth---. died May 28, 1691; on October 28, the same year he married widow Sarah Redington. Edward's will was made in 1705 and recorded 1708.

The children of Edward(1) Bragg and wife, Elizabeth, were :-

Debora(2), b. 1658; m. a Searls of Rowley; she was dead before 1708

when her children are mentioned in their grandfather's will as heirs of all the available moveables, as their mother did not receive as much as the rest, at her marriage. They are also to have John Todd's farm, which he bought for her.

Thomas (2), b. ; m. Phebe Redington, August 1675; he d. in Sept. the same year.

Mary (2), b. ; m. Joseph Eveleth.

Timothy(2), b. ; m. Lydia Gott, 1685; she was daughter of Charles Gott of Wenham and wife, Lydia Clark. (Charles Gott was son of Chas. Gott of Salem; Lydia Clark was dau. of Wm. Clark and wife, Margery-- of Watertown and Woburn.)

Nath'l Bragg (ancestry unknown) was in the Port Royal Expedition; died Mar. 18, 1711; was in service 159 days in Capt. Sam Temple's Co.; £ 7 due him. May have been an English regular.

Edward(1)
Timothy(2) Bragg and Lydia Gott, had:-

Lydia (3), b. 1686.

Tim(3), b. 1690; m. Martha Kilham of Wenham, 1714;-

Edward (3), b. 1692; did he m. Marcy Bridges in Wenham, 1715?

Thomas(3), b. 1696; d. 1699.

Ebenezer(3), b. 1699; went to Marlboro; alive 1724; m. 1st Zerviah Brigham; m. 2nd., Sarah Redington; had 20 children.

Children of Timothy(2) Bragg and wife, Lydia Gott, (cont.):-

Nath'l (3), b. 1694; d. 1699.

Nath'l (3) 2nd., b. 1701; lived in Wenham; did he m. Mary Trow? O.K.

John(3) ; was of Scarboro, 1724; in Sgt. Nathan Knight's Co.

Elizabeth(3), b. 1704; m. Josia Kimball, 1723. / 1724-5./

Abiel(3), b. 1706; burned in home in Shrewsbury, 1723, in house he helped build. /

Edward(3) Bragg(Timothy(2)Edward(1) and wife, Mercy Bridges, had:-

Edward(4), b. 1716; in Wennam; prob. married Ann---, before 1744.

Sara(4), b. 1718.

Thomas (4), b. in ANDOVER, 1720; m. 1746 Dorothy Ingalls; he was the tavern keeper, between Phillips Manse and Johnson H.S. site.

Lydia (4), b. in ANDOVER, 1723.

Josia (4), b. in Andover, 1726; was in Lynnfield 1760-88.

Ruth(4), b. in Reading or Lynn end, 1729.

John(4), b. 1731; probably at Lynn end; m. Ann Parker, 1753. (An Alta

Frost Upton m. here to a John Bragg, 1792; she was a widow; it may have a been a 2nd marriage for our John.)

Edward (4), b. ; m. Anna Smith in Andover, 1744; had:-

Anna (5), b. in Andover , April ,1744.

Sara (5), b. in Reading near the line, 1745.

Edward(5), b. in Andover, 1748.

Edward (5) 2nd., b. June 1751.

Nathaniel(3)Bragg(Tim(2)Edward(1) and wife, Mary Trow, had:-

Mary(4), b. Nov.6,1722; d. Nov. 10.

Mary(4) 2nd., b. Oct. 24,1723; probably m. Israel Herrick; came to Andover,

Ben(4), b. Nov.22, 1726. / from Wenham./

Sarah(4), b. May 20, 1729; m. Ephraim Towne of Topsfield, 1748.

Lydia (4), b. Sept. 12,1730.

(I think there was also a Nathaniel(4) who was born about 1724 and married Deborah Patch, 1751, and had:-

Mary(5), b. 1752.

Mary(5) 2nd., b. 1754.

Thomas(4)Bragg(Edward(4)Tim(2)Ed.(1) and Dorothy Ingalls,nad:-

Dorcas(5), b. 1747; d. 1748.

Ruth(5), b. 1748; m. Nov. 1768 Jonathan Abbott.

Dorcas(5), b.1751; m. 1775 Sam Farnum.

Ingalls(5), b. 1753; m. in 1776, Polly (or Molly) Frye, dau.of Col. James, b. 1752; she d. 1796; he m. 2nd. ^{widow/} Dolly Russell of Bethel, Me he a. 1828 in Andover, Maine. Dolly(Shattuck) the widow, m. for her 3rd., Daniel Gage, at Bethel. Ingalls (5) was

a Minute Man at Andover, Mass., enlisted Jan.31,1775;marched on Lexington alarm, in Capt.Thos. Poor's Co., in Regt. of Col. James Frye; was at Battle of Bunker Hill in Capt. Ben Farnum's Co.(Col. Frye was wounded in the thigh and Capt. Farnum badly hit and never entirely recovered.) Phebe Bragg, grand-daughter of Molly (Frye) Bragg saw the wedding clothes of Molly, which were possessed by the Chadwick family of Portland, Me. The dress was of heavy white brocaded silk , stiff enough to stand alone, with flowers in colors, and pink satin, high-heeled boots. No wonder she couldn't stand the hardship of pioneer life at Andover, Me.

Ingalls Bragg was Clerk of the Library at Andover, Me., 1797;

1799;1800-5;1807. His estate was appraised in Mar.1808.

Susanna(5), b. ^{Aug.19.} /1755; m. 1773 Jonathan Stevens (Dec. 15);(ancestors of Hon. Moses T. Stevens). She d. 1840; he d. 1834.

Sara(5), b. 1757; a. 1758.

Sara(5) 2nd., b. 1759; m. 1778 Enoch Adams of Newbury- b. ^{1752; d. /} in Andover, Me.

1819; probably moved to Rumford, Me. Sara a. 1801.

Lydia (5), b. 1763; m. 1791, Isaac Poor.

Hanna (5), b. in Andover, 1767.

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Three children of Jonathan Stevens and wife, Susannah⁽⁵⁾/Bragg went to Andover, Me., as first settlers. Jonathan, Jr.⁽⁶⁾, b. 1774, who married Dolly Poor, lived for a time in Delfast and Cutler. He died in some town on the Penobscott River. he left four children:-

- Isaac T. (7) ; d. in Arizona, 1883.
- James Peabody (7) ; d. in Andover, Maine; m. Mary F. Bragg; lived a-
- Moses B. (7) b. 1815 ; living in Cutler, Me. / while here.
- Dolly (7) ; d. in Dennisville, Me.

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The old tavern, kept by Thomas (4) Bragg, was located for me by Mr. Furber, who died 1897 and was for years in the employ of the Davis & Furber Co. of North Andover. Mr. Furber was born in the house which had been the tavern. It stood between the Phillips' Manse and the site of Johnson High School, at North Parish. It was an unpainted affair, much older than the tavern kept by a Barker, which stood on the site of J.H.S. The latter was the property of Moses Stevens.

--- the inventory of the estate of Thomas (4) showed \$ 180 State paper money. ---

Ingalls (5) Bragg (Thos. (4) Ed. (3) Tim (2) Ed (1) and wife, Molly Frye, had:-

Ingalls (6), b. here 1777; m. 1809 Betty Gardner of Ipswich and Gloucester, b. 1785; they had 12 ch. b. in Andover, Maine; he d. there 1840; she d. 1839.

Molly (6), b. here 1799; m. Stephen Holt of Albany, Me., 1806; he was b. 1771; d. 1817; they moved to Norway, Me., 1794; her baby, 1 mo. old was so warmly wrapped that it smothered on the journey from Albany to Andover in Dec. 1815.

Elizabeth (6), b. 1781; unm.

Dorothy (6), b. 1783; m. Moses Merrill of Andover, Me.,; d. 1849; 8 ch.

Thomas (6), bapt. in South Church here April 10, 1785; m. Sophia Farrington of Andover, Me., 6 ch.; d. 1838.

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Children of Ingalls(5) Bragg and wife, Molly Frye, (cont.) :-

James Frye (6), b. ^{Dec/4,} 1787; m. 1811 in Rumford, Me., Sara Graham, b. in Concord, N.H., 1790; she d. in Errol, N.H. 1868; he d. there 1876.

These below were b. in Andover, MAINE:-

twins (6), b. 1790; daughters; b. last Wed. in January.

Pamela (6), b. 1791; m. Stephen Lovejoy of Andover, Me.; 10 ch.

Sukey(6), b. 1794; d. 1795.

Sukey(6), b. 1795; 1797.

by 2nd wife, Dolly Russell:-

Wm. (6), b. 1804.

Washington I. (6), b. 1808

Ingalls(6) Bragg(Ingalls(5)Thos.(4)Ed.(3) and wife Betty Gardner, had:-

Mary Frye(7), b. at Andover, Me., Jan. 2, 1812; m. Sept. 11, 1831, Jonathan Peabody Stevens; b. at Belfast, Me., July 2, 1805; he d. at Andover, Me., Feb. 2, 1882. (stone has Jan. 30, 1883.)

Pnebe (7)

" Ingalls (6) Bragg was rather migratory and lived at Andover, Mass. at the time of Mary Frye's(7) marriage. He worked for Capt. Nat Stevens as some sort of a boss about the mill, but I understand that he was of such imperious nature, after a time Capt. Nat did not know whether the mill belonged to his cousin Ingalls or himself, so solved the dilemma by dispensing with the former's services. He lived for a time at Canton, Mass., but returned to Andover, Me. There he filled Town offices with ability and ran a farm, for which, his daughter Phebe says, -he was never fitted. He died there Dec. 11, 1840.)

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Excerpts from letters of CHAS.L.CLARKE of New York City, to C.H.A.

" To further aid you in the Bragg line I send the following data taken from Lapham's Hist.Rumford,Me., first called New Pennacook.

Fryeburg,Me.,was first settled by Gen.Jonathan Frye in 1762.Most of the first settlers there were from Concord, N.H. Incorporated Jan.11, 1777. 547 inhabitants in 1790.

Rumford,Me.Incorporated Feb.21,1800, when it had 262 inhabitants. Most of the first settlers were from Concord, N.H.

Andover,Me.,-the first settler was Ezekiel Merrill,who settled there in 1786 coming from Andover,Mass. He was the sole inhabitant for two years. East Andover was incorporated June 23,1804. Andover had 22 inhabitants in 1790.

The original grants are in Mass. Archives, for Maine was a province of Mass. until 1820. Andover and Rumford were in Cumberland County,Me. until 1805 when Oxford county was set off,in which these towns were included. Prior to 1805 the records of these towns,(wills and deeds) will be found at Portland,Me., and at Paris,Me. after that time.

About Lydia Gott, wife of Timothy (2) Bragg. I think she was daughter of Charles (2) Gott of Wenham, by his second wife ,Lydia (2) Clark, to whom he was married Dec.25,1665. Charles (2) Gott was son of Charles(1) Gott of Salem, who came in the ABIGAIL with Endicott,Sept.1628. Charles (1) had Charles (2)(by wife unknown to me)bapt. June 1639; moved to Wenham, and died 1667-8/

I think Lydia(2)Clark, wife of Charles (2) Gott was daughter of Wm. (1) and Margery Clark of Watertown 1631, who had a Lydia Clark, born about 1644, and then removed to Woburn, and had :-

Hannah(2), b.1646.

Wm.(1) Clark died March 15,1682 aged 87, and widow Margery, died Oct. 11, 1694, at 95. Savage says that in his will, dated Dec.10,1681, Wm.(1) then provided for his daughter,Lydia,then a widow, and for her two daughters.

Well, you have found the parents of Dorothy(Ingalls)Bragg- wife of Thomas (4), the inn keeper. I thought it ought to be Moses and Maria (or Mary or Moriah) Ingalls, but thinking isn't proving, and that you have done, for which you have my congratulations and thanks.

I shall write to Mr. Moses Stevens about the Jonathan Stevens graves or tomb, to ascertain what he knows of it. It is now plain where Ruth(5) Bragg gets her name-- from her aunt Ruth (Ingalls) Foote; and does Moses Tyler Stevens get his name Moses from his ancestor Moses Ingalls;or is he a descendant of Moses Tyler who married the widow Sprague, and takes his name?

At Andover,Mass. March 29,1791, Benjamin Poor,Ebenezer Poor, Sam'l Johnson,Ephraim Prescott,Ingalls Bragg,Jonathan Stevens,Abiel Lovejoy and Nathan Adams,jr., petition Hon. Samuel Holton, Esq., Justice of the Peace, to authorize a meeting at the home of Mr.Bimsley Stevens at which the Proprietors(of East Andover,Me.) are to transact certain business specified in the petition. Meetins were held at Andover,MASS.until June 1, 1795, at which date, and thereafter, all meetings were at Andover,ME.

Letters from Chas.L. Clarke to C.H.A.(cont.):-

" It never ceases to be a mystery to me that considering the apparent completeness with which the Andover records have always been kept, the death of Thomas(4) Bragg and his wife Dorothy are not to be found therein if they really died there. I cannot cease from wondering that this omission and other mysterious disappearances of the Braggs. ... is not due to their having skipped over to Reading just often enough and at the proper times, to prevent being recorded at Andover, and from the fact that records were only indifferently kept at Reading, also prevent their being recorded there, and thus lost to the world. I know you think Thomas died at Andover, and await the result of your researches with interest, and I have no proof to the contrary.

I do hope that you can find that old lady, who, as Mr. Moses Stevens thinks, took down a list of those who were buried in the old tombs before they were covered up, or at least that you can find the list. Mr. Stevens has never told me anything of the old tombs and I have not had time to inquire, although that was on my list of future operations."

Bragg papers:-

1699... Edward(1) Bragg "near his end", (he d. 1708) leaves to

Sarah his wife (2nd.) a dower right in his estate, etc.etc. and privileges in house; Tim (2) is to do thus and so, as is his son(in law) Eveleth; there is a bequest to Debora Searles, a book of Mr. Bancroft's works- to Jo Eveleth, a Bible with Concordance...

1762..... John and Anna Parker, for 14 £ 13s.4d. paid by Thomas(4) 112:38. Bragg, gentleman, alias inn-holder, - well, the dwelling-house in Andover near North Meeting-house on East side Boston road; John Johnson bounds- near land of "our father James Parker": there is a shoe maker's shop on it-west side of road. Sam Phillips, Jr., and Hanna, witness.

1714... Timothy(2) Bragg buys of Sam and Eben Knowlton, a wood lot that is owned in part by James and Thomas Burnham.

1724..May 22... Edward(3) Bragg of Andover, yeoman, for £ 20 paid by Timothy(3) Bragg of Ipswich, quits all claim to estate of grandsir Edward(1) and father Timothy(2). Wm. and Dan Giddings, witness.

1785, May 2.... Thomas (4) Bragg of Andover, for £ 200 paid by Henry Ingalls, sells 6 acres and buildings, bounded on east side by road leading from Sam Phillips to Marstin's Ferry, till it comes to a road leading to Shawshim River-- and from the line described by 1st named road, to extend West to include 6 acre -in a rectangle- - flowing, mowing, orchard. Hanna Bragg and Moody Bridges sign. (Near Johnson High School site.)

SALE OF
TAVERN.

Bragg Papers:-

1785... May 2.... Thomas Bragg of Andover, for £ 400 paid by Jonathan Stevens, Sam Farnum and Ingalls Bragg, sells land on East Tavern estate end of that sold the same day to Henry Ingalls (see p.7)- bounds on parsonage land in possession of Wm. Symmes, clerk.- South East of the Shawshin Road, (Now from corner down to the mill, opposite Mrs. Olive Way's-) on road from Ben Stevens to the river.

On the same day, Henry Ingalls sold his newly purchased 6 acres, to Jonathan Stevens and Sam Farnum.

157:27..... Ingalls Bragg administers the estate of Thomas (4)
Nov. 9, 1791;; Bragg, late of Andover-- dec.; James Tyler of Andover, clothier, buys the land at Swan's Ferry, with a house and barn on it, that Oliver Peabody sold to Thomas (4)-- S.E. side of Merrimac River- S.W. part of Jacob Tyler's land,- N.E. of Men. Porter- N.W. side of Road. (one house he owned at river side.)

152:226. Ingalls Bragg, adm. on estate of late Thomas(4) Bragg.,
1791..... conveys for £ 20 , to Sam Phillips, land and buildings, 1 acre 20 p.- on road from Snawsnin to South Meeting house- near Lieut. Wm. Foster's. (Was this the house bought by Col. Ben. Abbott or is that one too large ?) Lydia Bragg and Jacob Abbott sign the paper for Ingalls and Molly.

1791..... for £ 48 from Lawrence McLaughlin of Hopkinton, Hillsboro Co/, N.H., Ingalls Bragg sells land and house etc.- the same as sold above- the 1st probably on a mortgage-. Bimsley Stevens and Thomas Pevey, witness. Sam Phillips gives up the mortgage.

155:64 for £ 350 from Jonathan Stevens and Sam Farnum, Ingalls
1791.. March 16/ Bragg conveys a farm that Thomas(4) Bragg bought of Sam Chickering(the Way estate) on the road from Bimsley Stevens to the Shawshin NEW BRIDGE and near the land of the late Sam Phillips.

Nov. 9, 1791.... Ingalls Bragg (adm. of Thos.(4) 's estate) sold to Dr. John Kittredge, yeoman, 5 acres West of road from Kittredge's to the Meeting House-NW of James Bridges and North side of road from Stevens-Swan's Ferry- to Meeting House (on the cross road before you get to Kittredges after leaving Mrs. Way's) - the piece he bought of Oliver Peabody. Recorded 1799.

1708... Edward (1) Bragg made will, Aug. 16, 1708. The Church
310:78 had a bequest in silver for plates. Daughter Debora was dead- and her children were to have all available moveables , besides the farm of John Todd, which he bought for her, as at her marriage, Debora did not receive as much as the rest.

Dec:4, 1785... inventory of the estate of Thomas(4) Bragg. ---
£ 1228 ; 1/3 sawmill and 20 acres in Goffstown, N.H.; £ 90 in notes due; £ 180 in Colonial paper money (worthless); 4 pgs. of inventory-very interesting.

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