

THE CROSBY FAMILY

of ANDOVER

SIMON CROSBY, age 26, with wife, Ann, 25, sailed on April 18, 1634, in the "Sara and Ellen" for the Colonies. He took oath March 3, 1635. He was a Selectman from 1636-8 and had a home on Brattle St., Cambridge, near the Square, in Aug. 1837. He died at 31, in Sept. 1639. Widow Ann, took for a second husband, Rev. W. Thompson of Braintree, before 1646. (Rev. Thompson was a missionary to the Indians of Virginia, and his first wife died while he was away.) Neither were thrifty, and he had a difficult time collecting back salary. The church had to help him collect his debts. Ann died Oct. 11, 1675 at 66 and was buried in Hancock Cemetery, Braintree. Rev. Thompson died Dec. 10, 1666 and was buried in Quincy. In 1707, the Crosby estate passed to the Rev. Wm. Brattle, and the Brattle House stood on the site of the Crosby home.

Simon (1) and wife, Ann, had:-

Thomas (2), b. 1634; m. Sarah---; grad. from Harvard, 1653; was a preacher at Eastham; but was never ordained. He died while on a visit to relatives in Boston, 1702. She m. 2nd., Jn. Milln of Yarmouth.

Simon (2), b. in Cambridge, Aug. 1637; lived in Billerica where he was 1st inn keeper. He m. Rachel Brackett, July 15, 1659. She was dau. of Capt. Richard Brackett and w. Alice, of Braintree. Simon was

Selectman, 1668; 88; 1697; 99; 1701. According to records, "1686-- Simon Crosby, who formerly hath kept a house of public entertainment doth now refuse to hold it any longer, and Nathan Tory is allowed." But Crosby accepted again in 1688 and electmen continue victual with him. His inn-holder's license was filed at Cambridge. Some of the charges in the Town books for refreshment at his inn were :- "14 pt. syder; 2 pt. liquor; 4 suppers 10d.; drink, 4 d.; 2 pott cyder; pot of roasted cyder; half pt. of Rhum. He was first chosen to be inn keeper in 1672. In Jan. 24, 1675, Wm. Hamblett deposes that Simon Crosby was too ill to serve in the Indian War and full symptoms are described. (Looks like a plain belly-ache to me.) Savage said that his line spread to Me., N.H. and Mass.

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Children of Simon(1) Crosby and wife, Ann-- -, ( cont.):-

Joseph (2), b. Feb.1638; lived in Braintree with his mother; m. Sarah Brackett, 1675; she was sister of Simon's wife, Rachel; He is said to have had a 2nd wife, Elin --(rest gone) about 1693. He was a trooper; petitioned-see Archives,67;165--to be exempt. He d. 1695.

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Rev.Thomas(2) Crosby(Simon(1) and wife, Sarah, had:-

Tom (3), b. 1663; lived in Eastham; m. Hannah-- -; she d. 1729; he d. 1731.  
John (4), d. 1714.

Simon (3), b. 1665; m. Mary Nickerson, 1691; m. 2nd., Susanna Clark; d. 1718.

Sarah (3), b. 1667; m. Silas (3) Seare, Jr.;-

James (4) Sears, had:-

Rebecca (5) Sears, who m. Eli(5) Crosby, son of David(4),  
Jn.(3) Tom(2) of So. East, N.Y.

Joseph(3), b. 1669; m. Mehitabel Miller, dau. of Jn. Miller and w. Margaret Winslow; he was Rep., 1689; d. 1695.

John (3), b. 1671; m. Hannah Miller, sister of Mehitabel, wife of Jos.(3)  
he went to Harwich; he d. 1714.

William (3), b. 1673; m. widow Mercy Hinchley, 1711.

Ebenezer(3), b. 1675.

Ann Mercy Increase (3), b. 1678; prob. m. Wm. Luce.

Eleazer (3), (according to Savage) b. 1682; m. 1706, Patience Freeman; lived in Harwich; she was dau. of Jn. Freeman and g-dau. of Maj. Freeman and Mercy Prince, whose mother was Patience Brewster.

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Innkeeper Simon(2) Crosby and wife, Rachel Brackett, had:-

Rachel (3), b. 1660; m. 1685, Ephraim Kidder.

Simon (3), b. 1663; March 5; m. Hannah; she d. 1702; he m. 2nd., 1703, Abigail Parker, widow of John; she d. a widow, 1755; they lived near the Shawshim.

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Children of Simon (2) Crosby (Simon(1) and wife, Rachel Brackett(cont.) :-

- Thomas (3), b. 1666; Hazen said 1665.
- Joseph (3), b. 1669; m. 1691, Sarah French, b. 1671, dau. of Lieut. Wm. French and w. Mary Lothrop; he was a farmer; lived near Nutting Pond. He was alive 1736. Did he go to Worcester?
- Hannah (3), b. March 30, 1672, according to Savage. I had b. 1673. She m. Samuel Danforth, Jan. 8, 1695; he was b. 1668, son of Jonathan (2)
- Nathan (3), b. 1675; m. Sarah Shedd, 1706; she was dau. of Jn. Shedd; she d. 1746; he d. 1749.
- Josiah (3), b. 1677; m. Mary Manning, 1704.
- Mary (3), b. 1680; m. 1701, John Blanchard.
- Sarah (3), b. 1684; m. William Rawson.

Joseph(3) Crosby(Simon(2-1) and wife, Sarah French, had:-

- Joseph (4), b. 1692; went to Worcester.
- Sarah (4), b. 1694; m. 1st., Thos. Hunt, 1709; had a dau. Sarah (5), b. Nov. 2, 1709; Thos. d. in Sept.; she m. 2nd., Ephraim Abbott of ANDOVER, Jan. 6, 1715. He was son of Jn. Abbott and w. Sarah Parker; he d. 1748; she m. 3rd., John Dane, 1749; she d. 1780.
- Rachel (4), b. 1695; m. Thos Wyman according to some; I had that she m. Samuel Stevens.
- William (4), b. 1697; m. Hannah Ross, dau. of Thomas; he d. 1754; she d. 1756.
- Mary (4), b. 1699-00; m. Eleazer Ellis of Dedham.
- Thomas (4), b. 1701; of Billerica, 1736.
- David (4), b. 1707; m. Sarah Foster; went to Shrewsbury.
- Deborah (4), b. July 13, 1709; m. March 31, 1727, Peter Russell of ANDOVER.
- Robert (4), b. 1711; did he m. Mehitabel Chandler 1732 and go to Townsend Mass.? She was dau. of Jos. Chandler and Mehitabel Russell.
- Pelatihah (4), b. 1713.

Nathan (3) Crosby (Simon(2-1) and wife, Sarah Shedd, had:-

Oliver(4), b. 1716; m. 1st., Rebecca-- -, who d. 1747; had-

Oliver(5), b. 1744; m. 1768, Rachel Stickney, dau. of Deacon Dan-

iel; d. 1825. Had:-

Josiah(6), b. 1777; m. in 1813, Petsy Hartwell of Little  
ton; he d. in Billerica, 1829.

Susanna (7), b. 1809; m. 1832, Thad. Brown, M.D.

Josiah(7), b. 1811; lived in No. Andover in a hut  
across from the Mansion House; his  
wife's family lived in style across  
street. She was Hannah M. Hodges,  
whom he married, Nov. 19, 1838.

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Simon(3) Crosby ( Simon(2-1) and 2nd wife, Abigail Parker, had:-

Solomon (4), b. 1708; m. widow, Catherine --- 1741. They had :-

Simon (5), b. Sept. 14, 1741; m. Dec. 8, 1763, Dorothy Farmer, dau. of  
Andrew , of Chelmsford. Off Chelmsford lists, 1773; joined  
Church in ANDOVER, May 19, 1776. We have the m. of Rebecca  
Haggett to Simon Crosby, of Chelmsford, Feb. 23, 1775. She may  
have been a 2nd wife she d. Aug. 27, 1808; not on our records.

Simon (6), b. May 6, 1769; joined church here, Sept. 7, 1794; ex-  
comm., Feb. 26, 1819.