

The HEARD (or HURD) FAMILY  
of ANDOVER

An Essex County deed, recorded Dec.16, 1686, 10:6., states that Nathan Stevens of Andover, husbandman, sold to John Heard of Andover, for 11 £, 1/2 of four score acres of upland, 5 miles from the Meeting House, near Blancher Pond (Blanchard's) "part of my last division"; E end joins Moses Haggett's land; bds. on a stooping black oak, and an Elm, standing on Wright's Brook. Witnesses were Thos. Chandler and Jos. Chandler.

This tract was obviously in the vicinity of the Garrison house at Blanchard's Pond and the scene in 1689 of the attack by Indians, in which John Hoyt and Andrew Peters were killed and scalped. That the Ipswich members of the Heard family had no desire to settle in Andover is known by the deed recorded Dec.28, 1715:-

37:279..Edmond, Nathaniel and Daniel Heard, all of Ipswich, adm. of the estate of their father, Edmond Heard, late of Ipswich, dec., for 18 £ sell to David Blanchard of Andover, weaver, a parcell of 40 acres, 5 miles from Andover Meeting House, near Blanchard's Pond, all as before described.

Debora, wife of Edmond; Agnis (Hunt) wife of Nath'l and Mary, wife of Daniel, agree. Witnesses were John Warren and Sarah Heard.

John Heard is said to have been killed by Indians near his land in Andover in 1689, although he was taxed here in 1695. However, according to 306:49, in June 1696, Edmond Heard of Ipswich was adm. of the estate of his brother, John Heard of Andover. Edmond and John appear to have been sons of Luke (1) Heard, of Ipswich, son of Edmond of England, a linen weaver.

Luke was also a linen weaver. He was born 1617 and came to the colonies in 1634. He was in Newbury, 1638; Salem, 1639 and Salisbury from 1640-5. He then went to Ipswich, where he d. in 1647.

John (2) was b. about 1644; m. Sara Wyatt, dau. of Jn. of Ipswich. She m. 2nd., Daniel Bixby, later of Andover.

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The will of Luke (1) Heard, made in Ipswich, July 28, 1647, leaves to his eldest son, John (2), 10~~1~~ to be given to him at 21. To his son, Edmond (2) 5 ~~1~~ to be given when he is 21. His books are to be equally divided between the two sons and they are to be brought up to read, write and trade. Widow Sarah is sole exec. John Wyatt and Simon Tompson, sign.

Essex Ct. Deeds 161:47.. July 30, 1796... Wm. Hawley of Andover, cordwainer, for \$ 2,000 from Joseph Herd of Charlestown, merchant, sells farm and land and buildings in South Parish of Andover- W part of said parish- near the farm belonging to Dr. Nehemiah Abbott, dec.- East side the road from Andover to Billerica- 5 pieces of land on one of which is the building; 20 acres on road also a 2nd road leading to Timothy Mooar- Timothy Frye on bds., Hon. Samuel Phillips, Wm. Foster of Boston, Jeremiah Lovejoy.

The 2nd lot opposite house-W side road-10 acres on Jere lovejoy..3rd lot -Maple Meadow W side 2nd road leading to Tim Mooar- 16 acres- bds. on David Wood, Esq. and brook out of Crane meadow-Jere Lovejoy and road.

4th lot-So. side 1st road opposite 1st lot -on Tom Boynton's land-Jos. Burt, a lane- 28 acres. 5th lot, S.W. of 4th- 33 rds. distant- on Asa Towne, Ben Browne, J. Lovejoy.

Chloe, joins.

Peter Shattuck; Joshua Holt, witnesses.

A JEREMIAH HURD came to Andover in 1842, from New Hampshire, and bought the old Abiel Chandler place from John Burnham. He was a cabinet maker. He moved to Boston about 1844 and sold the place to Ezra Abbott. Hurd had no children.

Rev. JOHN W. HIRD, born in Bradford, Eng., Dec. 27, 1841, came to Mass., July, 1856. Went to Maine the next year. Enlisted in 1862 in 28th Rgt., Maine and served to 1863. Entered Phillips Academy 1864; graduated 1867. Yale, 1871; Theo. Sem. Andover, 1874; ordained at No. Brookfield Cong. Church, 1879. Married Adeline W. Luce of North Tewksbury, 1879. She was b. 1858, dau. of Capt. A.E. Luce. They had:-  
Mary Adeline, b. 1880.  
Emerson Freeman, b. 1883.