

LEMON FAMILY

OF ANDOVER

(Also written Leamond-Leman)- Lemond)

Joseph (1) Lemon, who was in Charlestown in 1662, came from Dorchester, Dorset Co., England, in his youth. He married, June 2, 1690, Mary Bradley . He gave his mother's name as Mary Jenkins, and spoke of his brother Robert, as a cooper, in Dorset. His mother, very likely, came over with him, and married a Jenkins, here.

Joseph (1) and wife Mary Bradley, had a son Joseph (2), born June 26, 1692; he married Elizabeth Phillips in 1713; he was a merchant; joined the church in 1727; died 1750.

Joseph (2) and Elizabeth Phillips, had :-

Joseph (3), b. 1716; of Marblehead; a physician; Harvard College
1735; m. Mary Swett; d. 1772.

Mary (3), b. 1717; m. Joseph Lynde, 1737

Jonathan (3), b. 1723 ;d. 1724

Jonathan (3), 2nd., b. 1726; d.1732

Eleazer (3), b. 1729

William (3), b. 1730

Joseph (3) Lemon (Jos.(2)(1) and Mary Swett, had:-

Ruth (4) ; m. John Prentice, 1770

Mary (4) ; m. Col. W.R. Lee

Elizabeth (4) ; m. Tom Lewis

At the time Joseph (2) died, 1750, he had a large estate.

The 1st inventory made in 1757, gave widow lands in east part of town; 1/3 of house; sone Eleazer and Joseph- 2/3 of house; 2 shops; a small house held by Jos. Phillips; farms in Nottingham and Winchester. 1785 inventory: Lands in Medford; Boston; a house lot in the Square and 654lbs. wharf property.

Augustus Franklin Lemon and brother, William, both book-binders, were here from Boston, 1839-40. Augustus married Hannah Barnard. Ch.:-
 Sarah E., born Dec. 2, 1839 ; died in Adirondacks
 Mary Ellinwood, born Oct. 29, 1848; m. Howard Russell
 Catherine ; m. a Cheney
 Florence ; m. Ed. Pope
 Lilla
 Frank

William Lemon married Elizabeth G. Holt, daughter of Ezra Holt and Elizabeth Gage Wardwell, Nov. 28, 1844. They had:-

Wm. Henry, b. Nov. 10, 1845 ; m. Edith Raymond; had 2 ch. who died;

Wm. died suddenly, Jan. ^{19,} 1909 in N.Y. state; buried in Malden.

Eleazer Giles, b. Sept. 13, 1847; d.; no ch.

Horace Holt, b. Dec. 13, 1850; d.

Edward Rivers, b. Nov. 22, 1855; m. d. Jan. 9, 1920.

had: Edward P. Lemon.

Ella Elizabeth, b. Sept. 15, 1857; lived with brother Edward in

Sudbury, Mass., where he owned Longfellow's Wayside
 Frederick, b. Sept. 15, 1857; a twin; died. Inn.

Winfield Scott, b. March 9, 1860 ; m. ; 1909 d. in New York.

left widow; no ch.

 Wm. H. Lemon, born 1845, in Andover, was educated here, attending Punchard School and Phillips Academy. Later he taught school in Boston for about a year. Served in First Mass. Frontier Cavalry in Civil War.

After the war he returned to Boston and for 15 years was a civil engineer. Entered employ of Otis Elevator Co, then to Rhode Island Elevator Co., as New York agent. Died suddenly in New York city, Jan. 19, 1909, where he belonged to Lafayette Post, G.A.R.

"Edward Rivers Lemon, son of William Lemon and Elizabeth G. Holt, died Jan. 9, 1920. He was born in the Ezra Holt house on Salem St., Nov. 22, 1855, and always cherished a deep affection for this town.

He was an Honorary member of the Sons of the American Revolution, a member of the Bostonian Society, the Boston City Club, the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities and the N.E. Historic Geneological Society.

He was landlord of the Wayside Inn at Sudbury for twenty-three years, and is an acknowledged authority on old furniture.

He is survived by a widow, a son, Edward P. Lemon, and a sister, Ella.

The service was held from the Inn, and was conducted by the Episcopal rector of Marlboro. Burial was in the family lot in Malden." (by Mary Alice Abbot.)

(Copy of letter)

Longfellow's Wayside Inn
Sudbury, Mass.
E.R. Lemon, Landlord.

My dear Miss Abbott:-

First, to correct a geneologist, my name is not Frank, but my full name is Edward Rivers Lemon. I was named for a cousin of my father's, Edward Rivers, of So. Carolina.

My grandfather, Ezra Holt, married Elizabeth Gage Wardwell. The old Wardwell homestead was on what we called the "back road" or No. Andover Road. My grandfather, Ezra Holt, was born on Salem St. near the base of Prospect Hill, a short distance from a pond once called Pine Hole, and said to be bottomless. His father, Timothy Holt, married Ede Macentire, and went up to Temple, N.H., where now may be seen the slate slabs erected by Ezra Holt, which mark both their graves. (I have been there twice.)

On the death of Timothy Holt, my grandfather Ezra Holt went to Temple, and took his family to live with his widowed mother. He remained there some fourteen years, until the death of his mother, Ede Macintire. During this time he ran his father's farm, and my mother, a twin sister Sarah, (Mrs. Geo. Valpey) uncle Warren and Horace were born in Temple, N.H.

He then came back to Andover. My mother was between 12 -13 years old. He bought the old Blunt farm. The old bar room was there then near the south corner entrance to the house. I think a piazza is there now, covering an immense door rock that I well remember. My grandfather was a farmer, and never ran the tavern. He owned lots of land on the back road;- the old ball ground and meadow opposite, and running up back of Hammond's, now owned by Mr. Frank D. Somers, and down the back road nearly to Rose and Polly Coburn's, and nearly to Maj. Blunt's, including a house near the woods.

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Copy of letter, (cont.)

The house I mentioned was given to my uncle Charles Warren Holt who married Charlott Abbott, daughter of Enoch Abbott, whose daughter is now in Lawrence.

When my grandfather Holt died he left the old place to grandmother, and uncle Warren never owned it. My grandmother sold it, 1866, to Mrs. James Stevens of Claremont, N.H., whose husband was a brother of Paran Stevens of New York and Boston hotel fame. James and Paran Stevens built, ran and owned the Nevere House, Tremont House and the Astor House in New York.

Mrs. Stevens married a Theological student; he turned Episcopalian and they- the Ainsworths- went to Pittsburg, Pa. I met them once since in Buffalo, N.Y. fifteen years ago.

As I said, grandfather Holt was a farmer, and my father and mother lived on the old place for years, when my father ran a book bindery in Andover for a while, and also had a bindery in Cambridge. He came home from Cambridge every Saturday. You spoke of my father having a book bindery job- he never worked for anyone but my uncle Frank. My grandfather Holt set Uncle Warren and my father up in business in Andover and my father continued the business in Cambridge until 1880 and died in Malden aged 76 years, five months.

We were all born in that house but my brother Horace Holt Lemon. He was born in a place owned by my grandfather Lemon at the part of Andover called Scotland District, a story and a half house on the corner of Main street for years owned by an Abbot, and near the old Scotland District school.

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(Copy of letter, cont.-3-)

I always wanted to own the old Blunt Farm and wanted to buy it of the Berry family before I bought this old Inn. We lived there with my grandmother all during the War and we still have some of the nice old furniture that my grandfather had there.

My grandmother came to live with us at Cambridge after she sold the old place to Mrs. Stevens, but died at Uncle Charles Wardwell's near Charles Blunt's at the fork of Salem St. near Daniel Cummings.

My uncle Horace was elected Capt. of the Andover Company on his return from crossing the plains from California, after going around Cape Horn to California. He had seen rough life on the plains in Indian fighting, and thus made a good soldier.

I remember well the stirring incidents that surround our old place during and after the War. Uncle Horace was promoted to Major and our place was the center for a lot of War news.

Major Holt was brought home wounded and thought to be dying, and laid in the old south room- formerly the bar room- for many months. On his recovery he returned to the front. He was one of the chief marshalls at Lincoln's funeral at Springfield, Ill., being picked as an exceptionally fine looking officer, and six feet in his stockings.

My father and mother were married in the parlor of that house by the Rev. Otis A. Skinner, Universalist minister. Grandfather Holt was one of the promoters of the Universalist Church, corner of Punchard Ave., - long since gone. His sister used to plead with him to give up that wicked belief.

Uncle Horace died in Nevada.

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(Copy of Letter-cont.4)

Uncle Stevens Holt who died at **Saratoga** and is now buried in Andover, had a son, Harrsion Holt, who, from a fine record in the Volunteer Service was appointed a First Lieut. in the Regular Army and is buried in Harmony Grove, Salem.

I have about fifty or 75 lantern slides and a lecture on the Wayside Inn and I should like to give it in Andover in a proper hall, for the benefit of the Historical Society, if they would like the idea.

All my brothers are gone now and Ella and I are all that remain. We think a lot of dear Edith and should like her to come and visit us every year, but somehow can't get her to come.

If there are any more questions that I can answer, I shall be pleased to do so.

Yours truly

Edward R. Lemon

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