

The PUNCHARD FAMILY

of ANDOVER

WILLIAM (1) PUNCHARD, who married Abigaik Waters in Salem, 1669, (Oct. 26 is believed to have been from the Isle of Jersey, and of French descent. Abigaile may have been the daughter of Richard Waters, -bapt. March 18, 1645 at First Church, Salem. The children of Wm. and Abigail were :-

William (2), b. Nov. 11, 1677

John (2), b. April 2, 1682; m. Martha Hooper, dau. of Ben (2) Hooper, Nov. 6, 1706. John (2) d. about 1740. They lived in the house built by Ben Hooper on Endicott field, which is now Washington St., and the building, now an old bakery, is standing, near the Court House. (Ben (1) Hooper, a cordwainer, built the house, and at his death in 1693 willed it to his son, Ben (2). He died in 1718 and left the property to his dau. Martha and her husband, John PUNCHARD. Later this estate was sold to James Hooper, boat builder and finally it went to George Hathaway.)

--- Abigaile Waters inherited her father's estate at Pt. of Rocks, ---

John (2) PUNCHARD (Wm. (1) and wife, Martha Hooper, had:-

John (3), b. Feb. 20, 1708; m. Hannah Marstin, Oct. 22, 1730; lived in house on Essex St., known as Woodwell place, which was held by heirs until 1791 and then sold to John (5) PUNCHARD, "gent." Hannah d. Nov. 10, 1788, age 77. He d. Dec. 30, 1767.

Ben (3), b. July 25, 1712; m. Hannah Eppes, Dec. 27, 1739.

William (3), b. April 11, 1715; d. Jan. 12, 1724.

James (3), b. Sept. 19, 1720; (no more found.)

John(3)Punchard(John(2)Wm.(1) and wife,Hannah Marston,had:-

John(4)b.July 17,1731;m. Sarah Bickford,March 22, 1753. She was dau. of George Bickford and w. Elizabeth(Butler) of Salem; b. about 1733. Had:-

William (4), b. Sept. 13,1733; John(5), b. ;m.Keziah Manning,July 26,1783.

Ben(4), b. Sept. 20,1735; m. Priscilla Bickford,Sept.6,1757; she was his sister-in-law,Sarah's, sister.She d. in Lyndeboro,N.H., 1775; he m. 2nd., her cousin,Rebecca Bickford, dau. of John Bickford and w. Elizabeth Hayward;b.1738; she d. 1800. Ben(4) was Inspector of the Port,at Salem.

James (4), b. March 14, 1737;m. Dorcas Townsend of Lynn,July 30,1760; she d. in Lyndeboro, N.H.,June 6,1777; he m. 2nd.,Elizabeth Sprague of Malden,Dec.3,1777.

Samuel (4), b. June 18, 1740; m. Susanne Bickford,Apr.16,1762; also dau. of George Bickford and Elizabeth;he m. 2nd. wid.Alice Poor, / 1788.

Tim (4), b. Jan.26,1744;d.Sept.8,1746.

Hannah (4), b. ; m.Richard Averson,Dec.9,1762.

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Ben(4)Punchard(Jn.(3)(2)Wm.(1) and wife,Priscilla Bickford,had:-

William (5), b.Dec.7,1758; m. 1st, Sarah Sprague of Malden ,Dec.6,1785; he m. 2nd., Sarah Hanover, April 9, 1795; she was dau. of Ben, of Marblehead; she/d.Aug.10, 1838 and was the first person buried from the Episcopal Church here in Andover. Wm.(5) was a sea capt-ain; commanded merchant vessels, very likely to East Indies; he d. at sea;buried at Martha's Vineyard, Sept.5, 1810.

Ben (5), b. July 10, 1760; d. Nov. 1762.

--- (Ben (4) Punchard lived on River street; d. of palsy, July 24,1820, age 83.) ---

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Wm. (5) Punchard (Ben (4) Jn. (3-2) Wm. (1) and 1st wife, Sarah Sprague, had:-

Sarah L. (6), b. ; m. Jonathan Millett of Salem, 1814.

Mary (6) or Polly, b. ; m. Ebenezer Worcester, 1804.

by 2nd wife, Sarah Hanover:-

Rebecca (6), b. ; m. John Derby, in Salem, July 7, 1819.

Ben H. (6), b. Dec. 16, 1799; m. Martha Lawton Marland, Oct. 14, 1829.

She was daughter of Abraham Marland, business man of Andover; he d. April 4, 1850.

Ben H. (6) lived in Salem until he was 15 years old. He went to a common school taught by Mr. Hackett, and later to a private school under the care of Joseph E. Worcester, the dictionary maker. He left school in 1812, two years after the death of his father, and was apprenticed to old John Punchard, a cousin of his father's. He early learned book-keeping and when 18 years old, entered the office of a cousin, Joseph Ballestie of Boston, and supported himself from that time.

At 20, he became a clerk in a wholesale West Indian firm, and the same year was partner to T.W. Trull. In 1827 he had a breakdown and retired from the business, coming to Andover with his mother, where they lived on High Street, in the home of Mr. Haywood.

In 1828 he became a stockholder in Andover Bank and was a director for many years. With his brother-in-law, John Derby, husband of his sister, Rebecca, he went into partnership in the building which Valpey later owned, and engaged in dry goods business there from 1829-1834.

After his marriage to Martha Marland, he entered the company, which consisted of Abraham Marland and sons Wm. and John. The sons withdrew in 1836 to start the Ballardvale Mills.

Ben Punchard helped to establish the Episcopal Church in 1837, and the funeral of his mother, Sarah (Hanover) Punchard, was the first held from that edifice.

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He went abroad in 1843 and spent a great deal of time in studying the school system there, in England and Scotland. On his return in August he sold the Pierson home on High street in which he had lived for nearly 15 years, (it stood on the site of the Barnard place) and built the Tyer home, to live in temporarily. (Now Masonic club). In 1846 he built the house now occupied by Mr. Barnard. (At cor. of High St.)

As Ben and Martha were childless, they adopted Sarah Elizabeth Gleason. She married a Mr. Baldwin and lived in New York state. Their other adopted daughter was Ellen---, whose parentage was never divulged. She became insane.

He went to Philadelphia for his health and to have a surgical operation performed, in 1849. In 1850 he went to Savannah, but hastened home because of severe illness. He died April 4, 1850.

His will was made on Jan. 16, 1849. Beside generous bequests to kinsmen and servants he leaves liberal sums to further educational and religious enterprises. To the Town of Andover, \$ 50,000 for use of the Free School; \$40,000 for teaching expenses and \$10,000 for the building. If the sum is not sufficient, it was to lie until it sufficed. There were to be eight trustees--the rector of Christ Church, the ministers of South and West Parish churches, and the remaining five were to be chosen by the town of Andover, at Town Meeting, and were to serve for three years. Two were to be from Christ Church parish; two from South Church parish; and one from West Parish. (North Parish church was omitted, being Unitarian).

The school was to be non-sectarian and free to all youths of Andover. The Bible and Lord's Prayer were to be repeated audibly every morning. The building was to be erected in South parish and the trustees would decide whether both sexes should be taught.

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After all bequests were filled, the residue was to be shared equally among the Foreign and Domestic Board of Missions, the American Bible Society, American Sunday School Union, the Seamen's Friend Society of New York.

Edward Taylor)
Moses Clement) witnesses. trustees. (Francis Cogswell
W. Gledhill) (Nathan Frye
(John Flint.

Jan. 16, 1849.

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Sarah (6) Punchard (Wm. (5) Ben (4) Jn. (3-2) Wm. (1) and Jonathan Millett, had:-
Wm. P. (7), b. 1825; inherited \$2,000 from his uncle, Ben H. (6) Punched; m. Martha Gledhill, (a niece of Mrs. Punched) who also rec'd \$ 500. Wm. P. (7), d. in Andover, 1869.

^{R.} Joseph (7), b. 1819 ; rec'd \$1,000 from uncle Ben; m. Elizabeth Valpey; daughter of Samuel, Dec. 25, 1845; d. 1856; their son, -- (8) Henry Millett took the name of his step-father, Plato Eames.

Jonathan Hardy (7) b. m. d. 1840.

Ben Hardy (8) m. Lucy S. Clarke.

Amelia Ann (7), b. ; m. J.B. Edwards.

Sarah (7) b. 1822; d. 1839.

William P. Millett (7) and wife, Martha Marland Gledhill, had:-

William Henry (8), b. April 7, 1841.

Martha P. (8), b. March 12, 1843.

Eliza (8), b. March 16, 1845.

Frank E. (8), b. April 24, 1847.

Joseph R. Millett (7) and wife, Elizabeth M. Valpey, had:-

Samuel Valpey (8), b. Feb 22, 1848.

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