

THE BABBITT FAMILY HISTORY

1643—1900

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1

Edward Bobet. Married Sept. 7, 1654, Sarah Tarne, daughter of Miles Tarne, a leather dresser of Boston, Mass. Died June 25, 1675.

Children:—

- 2 Edward, July 15, 1655.
- 3 Sarah, March 20, 1658.
- 4 Hannah, March 9, 1660.
- 5 Damaris, Sept. 15, 1663.
- 6 Elkanah, Dec. 15, 1665.
Dorcas, Jan. 20, 1667. Died April 9, 1674.
- 7 Esther, April 15, 1669.
- 8 Ruth, Aug. 7, 1671.
- 9 Deliverance, Dec. 15, 1673.

2

Edward Bobet (Edward). Born July 15, 1655.

Edward Bobet is styled in his will and in many deeds as of "Dighton." The same is true of many of his sons and all the early settlers of what is now Berkley. In this connection it must be remembered that Dighton was set off from Taunton in 1712 and Berkley was set off from both Dighton and Taunton in 1735.

Died , 1732. Married Feb. 1, 1683, Abigail Tisdale, daughter of John and Sarah (Walker) Tisdale. (This John Tisdale was killed by Indians the day after Edward Bobet was slain.) Married (2nd) Dec. 22, 1698, Elizabeth Thayer, daughter of Nathaniel and Abigail (Harvey) Thayer.

Children:—

- Edward, b. Feb 14, 1684—(Probably died young).
- 10 Erasmus, 1685.
- 11 Sarah.
- 12 Seth, 1692. ✓
- 13 Nathan, Dec. 10, 1695.
- 14 Abigail, July 29, 1700. *2nd wife*
- 15 Waitstill, Nov. 16, 1701.
- 16 Ruth, Aug. 24, 1703.
- 17 Benajah, July 19, 1705.
- 18 Hannah, June 27, 1707.
- 19 Edward, July 13, 1709.
- 20 Nathaniel, July 22, 1712.
- 21 George, Oct. 19, 1715.



GRAVE STONE OF EDWARD BOBIT.
IN HISTORICAL HALL, TAUNTON, MASS.



GRAVE OF DAMARIS SMITH,
IN NECK O' LAND CEMETERY.

item: I constitute and appoint my Loveing wife Elizabeth and my son Benaiah to Be joynt Executors of This my Laft will and Teftament; and in cafe Either of my said Executors happen to Dye Before the Proveing of this my will; That then the fuvivour To Be fole Executor of This my will — in witnefs whereof I have hereunto fet my hand and affixed my feall the Day and year firft above written ——— figned fealled publifhed and Declared
 By faid Edward Babit to Be
 his Laft will and Teftament
 in Prefents of us———
 Edwd Shove. (Signed) Edward Bobet.
 Ifaac hathway
 Abrahaham Waldron"

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Sarah Bobet (Edward.) Born March 20, 1658. Married (1) March 25, 1680, Samuel Pitts, fon of Peter and Mary (Andrews) Hodges Pitts. Born 1655, died about 1696.

Children:—

Sarah, March 10, 1681. Married Ebenezer Paul.
 Mary, March 10, 1683. Married Benj. Willis.
 Samuel, March 12, 1685. Married Rebecca Williams.
 Henry, July 13, 1687. Died before May 5, 1758.
 Abagail, Feb. 3, 1689. Married George Sandford.
 Peter, Aug. 8, 1692. Died before May 5, 1758.
 Ebenezer, Nov. 27, 1694. Married Sarah Hanover and died November, 1777.

She married (2) May 19, 1701, Samuel Blake and outlived him. In 1715 fhe released her right of dower in his efate.

4

Hannah Bobet (Edward.) Born March 9, 1660. Married John Macomber "The Cooper" fon of William and Priscilla Macomber of Marshfield, Maff. He died after 1716.

Children:—

Philip,	
William,	, 1684.
Abiell,	Married Hannah Haskins, daughter of Wm.
Sarah,	Married Wm. Richmond.
Damaris,	Married Josiah Cone (or Cane) Dec. 19, 1712.
John,	
Esther,	
Hannah,	
Ruth,	

5

Damaris Bobet (Edward). Born Sept. 15, 1663. Died (Before 1721-2.)
 March 14, 1721, her sister Deliverance brought suit for 1-7 of the interest of Damaris Smith in the estate of their father, Edward Bobet.
 Married John Smith, son of Francis Smith. He married first Damaris Tisdale and both women are buried in the old "Neck o' Land" burying ground in Taunton—their stones being with one exception the oldest in Taunton.

6

Elkanah Bobet (Edward). Born Dec. 15, 1665. Resided in Berkley. His lands were partly in Dighton as the town boundaries were then located. Died about 1735. Married June 25, 1689, Elizabeth Briggs, born 1672. Daughter of William and Sarah (Macomber) Briggs.

Children:—(Born in Berkley, Mass.)

- 21 Elkanah, April 22, 1690.
- 22 Damaris, June 18, 1691.
 Dorcas, Aug. 12, 1693. Married Ebenezer Harvey and had
 no children.
- 23 Hopestill, Sept. 11, 1695.
- 24 Elizabeth, b. March 6, 1698.
 Mercy, Dec. 30, 1699. Died young.
- 25 Josiah.
- 26 Benjamin.
- 27 Joseph.
- 28 Sarah.

Feb. 14, 1711-1712, Elkanah Babbitt, Senior of Taunton, Husbandman, in consideration of parental love and affection for well-beloved son

other things of me before her marriage: I allfo Give to my five Daughters afore mentioned Demaris Dorcus hopestill Elizabeth farah—fourty fhillings apeace to be paid by my Executors hereafter—mentioned unto Each of my Daughters afore mentioned which fd fum of fourty fhillings is to paid unto my Daughters after ye Deceaf of my wife further my will is If any of my moveable Eftate Remains unfpent or not Difpofed of by my wife as afore fd Excepting what my Executors fhall Improve for ye payment of my Juft Debts and Legaces afore fd; fhall after ye Deceaf of my wife be Equally Divided between my fd five Daughters: I allfo Give unto my beloved wife ye im provement of my Dwelling houfe Dureing my widdow — It if to be underftood that my fd wifes maintenance Dureing her natural Life or Dureing my widdow is to be provided for out of ye ufe and Improvement of my homeftead ye whole of It: Laftly I appoint my two Eldeft fons namely Elkanah and Jofiah to be Joynt Executors of this my Laft will and teftament Inteftamony hear of I ye fd Elkanah Babbitt have hear unto fet my hand and feal this twenty fecond day of December in ye ninth year of ye Reign of our foverigne Lord King George ye fecond over Grate Brittain &c annoqud in one thoufand feven hundred and thirty five 1735.

figned fealed and Declared

to be his Laft will and teftament

In prefents of us ———

Abial atwood

Israel Briggs

John Crane.”

(Signed) Elkanah Bobbitt.

7

Esther Bobet (Edward). Born April 15, 1669. Died Nov. 15, 1751. Married Aug. 23, 1693, Edward Paul, son of William and Mary (Richmond) Paul. He was born Feb. 7, 1664 and died July 15, 1740.

Mary Richmond, daughter of John and Abigail (Rogers) 3, John 2, Thos. 1 of the “Mayflower.”

Children:—

Edward, ————1693-4, married Sarah Sanford of Newport, R.I.

Damaris, ————1695, married Seth Hathaway of Freetown,
Mass.

Marcy, ————1696, died Aug. 1725.

Abigail, ————1696, died Aug. 1725.

Mary, ————1699.

Esther, ————1701, m.(1st) John Dillingham.

(2d) David Walker.

(3rd) (Perhaps) Phillips.

John, b.———

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Ruth Bobet (Edward). Born August 7, 1671. Died ————
Married Samuel Caswell, son of Thomas and Mary (Sanderson)
Caswell. Mary Sanderson was the daughter of John Sanderson, a
silversmith of Boston.

9

Deliverance Bobet (Edward). Born Dec. 15, 1673.

In 1721 Deliverance and Nathaniel Holloway recovered judgment
for 1-9 of the homestead of their father, Edward Bobet. They also
claimed 1-9 of sister Damaris Smith's interest and received 150 acres in
settlement.

Was living March 13, 1734-5, but evidently died before Jan. 1746-7.

Married—Nathaniel Holloway, son of Samuel and Jane (Brayman)
Holloway. He died before 1729. (On Dec. 31, 1728, he was called
"late of Taunton.")

Children:—

Nathaniel	Resided Middleboro. Married Abiah (Crane) Babbitt, widow Benj. Babbitt, No. 26.
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Nathan

Samuel

Josiah

Margaret

Married Benj. Terry of Freetown, Mass.

Sarah

Married John Roundsville of Tiverton.

Deliverance

Married () Pierce.

Marcy

10

Erasmus Babbitt (Edward-Edward). Born August 11-12, 1685.

In 1717 was "of Dighton."

In 1719 in Easton.

In 1721 in Norton.

Settled near his brother, Seth, in S. W. part of Easton and in 1718 was a joyner by trade. The cellar of his old home can be seen in a sterile field north of the old Goward house.

Died August 11-12, 1730.

Married April 25, 1717, Abigail Burt, daughter of Thomas Burt. (See note below.)

Children:—

Thomas, April 19, 1718, died Jan. 25, 1731-2 (Born at Easton).

29 William, April 20, 1720.

Abiel, Oct. 11, 1722, died April 2, 1723.

30 Abigail, Jan. 25, 1725.

31 Seth, April 20, 1730.

In view of the fact that Erasmus Babbitt did not marry Abigail Burt until 1717 when he had reached the age of 32—it is considered very probable that he had a first wife. From certain deeds and transactions some color is given the supposition that his first wife was a Barney. Erasmus Babbitt might possibly have been father of Jacob No. 60, but after long deliberation the weight of evidence seemed to place him as son of Elkanah, No. 21.

11

Sarah Babbitt (Edward-Edward). Born———. Died Aug. 26, 1768. Married May 29, 1710, William Thayer at Taunton, Mass. Died Jan. 17, 1762.

Children:—

Mary, Sept. 13, 1717; married Joseph Babbitt No. 27.

William

Samuel

Thomas

Sarah

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✓ Seth Babbitt (Edward-Edward). Born ———, 1692. Settled in Easton, Mass., about 1715, and made his home in the extreme South West part of the town. His home was very near the old Francis Goward place—probably on the site of the house now there. Died Sept. 15, 1751. Married——(1st) Sarah Crossman, daughter of John and Johannah (Thayer) Crossman, born Aug. 27, 1692 and died April 11, 1725; (2nd) January 27, 1726, Sarah Cooper, daughter of Timothy and Elizabeth (Whitman) Cooper. She died Sept. 11, 1766.

Children:—

- 32 Elizabeth, Feb. 29, 1714; married Isaac Babbitt No. 61.
- 33 Abiathar, Oct. 13, 1716.
- 34 Sarah
Johannah ——— married Sept. 16, 1748, Benj. Macor.
- 35 Simeon, Oct. ——— 1721.
- 36 Tabatha, Oct. 29, 1728.
- 37 Nathaniel, Sept. 13, 1729.
Lydia, April 15, 1733.
- 38 Erasmus, March 5, 1732.
Thomas, April 8, 1735, "Centinel" Capt. Perry's Co., Col.
Winslow's Regt., 1754.

WILL OF SETH BABBITT.

Bristol Co. Probate Records, Book 12, Page 635.

"In ye name of God Amen ye 31ft Day of Auguft A. D. 1751 I Seth Babbitt of Eafton yeoman Being verrey fick & weake in Bodey but of perfect mind & memory Thanks be given unto God therefor coling unto mind ye mortalety of my Bodey & knowing that it is appointed unto all men once to dye do make and ordain this my Laft will & teftement that is to fay principely & firft of all I give & Recommend my foule into ye hands of God that gave it & my Bodey I Recommend to ye earth to Buried in decent Chrifftian Burial at ye difcretion of my executors nothing doubting but at ye General Refurrection I fhall Receive ye fame again by ye mighty power of God and as touching fuch worldly eftate where with it hath pleafed God to Bless me in this Life I give and Demife and difpofe of ye fame in ye following manner



BABBITT HOUSE, EAST NORTON.
HOUSE OF NATHAN BABBITT³.



GRAVES OF NATHAN AND MARY BABBITT,
NORTON, MASS.

and fix pence to each of them within three-munths after my Decefe to be paid at the Houfe whare I now Dwell.

Forthly I Give and Bequeith to Simeon Babbit Son of my late Hufband Seth Babbit Decd the Bed that I have at the Dwelling Houfe whare I now live and all the Beding that do belong to it—it being the Bed that I ufualy Lye on I alfo give him my cheme gown and a grate chare and a chift with one draw to it and I do hereby order him to pay to each of my fons the sd Nathaniel Babbitt and Erafmus Babbit two fhillings and fix pence Lawfull mony to each of them within three munths after my Decefe to be paid at the Houfe whare I now Dwell—and all the Eftate that I have which is not above mentioned of what name or nature so ever I Give to the fd Jabez Briggs and Tabitha Briggs and I do hereby order them to pay all my Juft Debts and Funeral chargefes—and I do hereby appoint the fd Jabez Briggs to be Sole Executors to this my Laft Will and Teftament ordering and Impowering him to afk for Demand Recover and Receive all that is any wais Due or owing to me from any perfon or perfons whomsoever and to pay all my Juft Debts and Funeral Chargefes—and I do hereby Revoak and Disalow of all and any other Wills heretofore by me made Rattefying confirming and Declaring this and none but this to be my Laft Will and Teftement in witnefs whare of I have here unto fet my hand and feal this —————

tenth day of Novembor in the Fifth year of his Majeftys Reign annoque Domini 1764 —————

Signed fealed publifhed and Declared by Sarah Babbit to be her Laft Will and Teftament in prefants of us

Edward Soullard

Elizabeth Babbit

Ephm Leonard

(Signed) Sarah Babbit.

13

Nathan Babbitt (Edward-Edward). Born Dec. 16, 1695, at Berkley, Mass.

In 1729 Nathan and Mary Babbitt sold John Pearce, "home and land where we now dwell in Taunton, being partly in Dighton and partly in

Taunton on both sides of the road." The same year he bought a farm in Norton of Thomas Harvey, it being the land on the west side of the road extending from the present Babbitt Cemetery northward. The Babbitt house standing now on this tract was built beyond doubt at the time. The wing of the present house being perhaps of the first construction and the main part built a few years later. In 1745 he bought the land on the east side of the road as far east as the next highway at least. This included the mill right on Canoe River where a dam had been built at an early date, and where a grist mill was erected. Nathaniel Newcomb of Norton had his wadding mill on this same water privilege a hundred years later.

Died Feb. 25, 1759 in Norton Mass.

Married Mary Snallum, daughter of Wm. and Sarah Snallum. Born 1703. Died Dec. 16, 1783.

The name Snallum seems extinct in America but has been perpetuated in the Babbitt family in the Christian name of Snellem.

Children:—

Sarah, Aug. 11, 1724. Died Aug. 8, 1745.

Abigail, Aug. 11, 1724. Married Abiathar Babbitt, No. 33.

39 Elizabeth, Sept. 1, 1726.

40 Nathan, Oct. 8, 1730.

41 Mary, Oct. 16, 1732.

42 Hannah, Oct. 11, 1735.

43 Edward, March 1, 1740.

44 Rachel, Sept. 14, 1745.

14

Abigail Babbitt (Edward-Edward). Born July 29, 1700, at Dighton. Bristol Deeds, Book 17, Page 146.

May 1, 1723.

"Elkanah Bobit of Dighton and wife Mary—deed Joseph Burt—ten acres in Dighton, on east side of great river and easterly of the road leading from Taunton to Rond Island—bounded by lands of Edward Paul, Elkanah Bobit and said Joseph Burt." This deed is from Abigail Burt's brother, Elkanah Bobit, before her marriage to Joseph Burt.

Died Dec. 25, 1774-5.

Married Jan. 27, 1725, Joseph Burt. Died June 30, 1776, aged 81 years.

They are buried in Berkley Common Cemetery.

43

Edward Babbitt (Nathan-Edward-Edward). Born March 1, 1740, in Norton. Styled "Lieut Edward" on deeds and on tomb stone. Died October 2, 1790. Buried in Babbitt lot at Norton, Mass.

Married May, 1764, Rhoda Allen. Born, 1743; died Sept. 28, 1807.

No children.

Edward Babbitt, son of Nathan of Norton—7 months, 27 days, in Capt. Jonathan Eddy's Co., Col. Thomas Doty. Discharged Nov. 3, 1758. In same company, 1759.

Edward Babbitt, Norton—Lieutenant, Capt. Israel Trow's Co., Col. John Daggett's Regt.; service, six days, at Rhode Island, on the alarm of Dec. 8, 1776.

Edward Babbitt, Norton—Private, Capt. Seth Gilbert's (2d) Co., Col. John Daggett's Regt., which marched on the alarm of April 19, 1775; service five days; also, 2d Lieutenant, Capt. Israel Trow's (5th) Co., Col. John Daggett's (4th) Regt.; list of officers of Massachusetts militia, dated Attleborough, March 18, 1776; commissioned March 21, 1776; also, petition for discharge granted in Council, June 16, 1778.

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† Rachel Babbitt (Nathan-Edward-Edward). Born Sept. 14, 1745. Married Nov. 1763, Josiah Gilbert, son of John and Marcy Gilbert. Born Dec. 7, 1740.

Children:—

Nathan, born at Southampton, Mass. Lived at Unadilla, N. Y.

Married Betsey Wilcox; had eleven children. One named, Ira, born at Unadilla, Feb. 11, 1808, married Mary Lowell.

## 45

Edward Burt (Abigail Babbitt Burt) (Edward-Edward). Married 1760 Sarah Paine.

Children:—

107 Abigail, Feb. 14, 1770.